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## Khoo Ee Liam TORTURED

A Malaysian student, arrested in Malaysia last year because of his alleged activities while a student in New Zealand is suffering from the effects of physical and mental torture he has received at the hands of the Malaysian authorities.

Khoo Ee Liam, whose arrest was the focus of massive student protests especially among Malaysian students studying in Australia, New Zealand, Britain and North America, is having 'serious psychological difficulties' and is close to a mental breakdown as a result of the treatment that has been meted out to him during more than one year of life in jail.

Salient reprints below the content of a recent report from the Malaysia News Service (Australia) which outlines what has been happening to Khoo:

*Last month, while being relentlessly interrogated and tortured, Khoo was told by the authorities that they would give him one last opportunity to 'admit his past mistakes.' If he refused to cooperate he was told he would be detained permanently.*

*Eventually under this brute power and violence, Khoo had no alternative but to add his signature to a fabricated statement drafted by the Special Branch. This bogus account of Khoo's supposed motives and actions says that he was 'misled' by progressive local students in New Zealand and Australia. Despite this exaction, reports reaching MNS indicate that Khoo is still being tortured. Obviously the Special Branch still intends to extract further self-denigrating and false statements from Khoo.*

*This excessive inhumanity indicates that the Government of Malaysia has*

*a strong, paranoid desire to discredit and destroy the overseas student movement which has been so vocal and active in its support of the student movement at home and the just struggle of the worker and peasants. The news of Khoo's torture and mental breakdown reaffirms the need to be more determined than ever, in resisting intimidation and surveillance by the Government of its citizens abroad and in strongly opposing oppression of the people at home. MNS calls on all just minded people and organisations to voice their protest to the Malaysian Government regarding the torture and mental breakdown of Khoo and to demand his immediate release. Approaches should also be made to your own Governments to express your concern and to ask them to raise the Khoo question with the Malaysian Government.*

NZUSA has raised the matter of Khoo's continued detention and alleged torture with both the New Zealand government and the Malaysian High Commission. The High Commission has refused to comment. Hopes for action from the NZ Government are not high yet the MNS report indicates once again that Khoo's activities in New Zealand are being used as a basis for his prosecution in Malaysia.

Our so-called progressive government has not been very noticeable in opposing the infringement of our democratic rights arising from the extension of Malaysian legal jurisdiction to this country in cases like Khoo's. The Labour Government should start to recognise its responsibilities in this area and demand that they release Khoo Ee Liam. Malaysia's fascist laws have no place in New Zealand. Perfectly legal activities in New Zealand should not be the subject of arrest, detention and torture in Malaysia.



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### APOLOGY

In the issue of "Salient" for 19th June, 1974 under the heading "Watch for Spies", and in the issue of "Salient" for 3rd July, 1974 under the heading "Malaysian Students: Beware of Spies" letters were published which have been taken to refer to Leong Tang Chong a Malaysian law student at Victoria University. These letters have been taken to infer that Leong Tang Cheong engaged in spying activities on Malaysian Students in New Zealand on behalf of the Malaysian Government. The Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association Incorporated and Wanganui Newspapers Limited, the printers of "Salient", are satisfied that the imputations contained in the published material were entirely without foundation and were defamatory of Leong Tang Chong who has instituted proceedings in the Supreme Court against the Victoria Students' Association Incorporated as publishers of "Salient" and Wanganui Newspapers Limited as printers. The Students' Association and Wanganui Newspapers Limited each unreservedly withdraws these imputations and offers a sincere apology to Leong Tang Chong for the serious injury to his reputation both in Malaysia and New Zealand and for the inevitable injury to his feelings which were calculated to arise from the publication of the defamatory material.

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Applicants should have had some previous experience on an IBM machine although this is not essential. The job is suitable for a young person with an interest in student affairs. Applicants should also be prepared to start immediately if they are selected.

If you're interested in the job drop into the Studass Office or the Salient Office and ask for the Publications Officer or write into the Students Association.

EDITORIAL:

There's been a certain amount of criticism recently that Salient has tended to be dull, boring and lifeless. But apart from that there has not been very much feedback at all this year.

Feedback is always a problem for a Salient editor because most of the time I am too busy working on Salient to get down to lectures and tuts and the cafe and half the time I find myself working instead of playing on Saturday night. So I tend to rely on readers using their initiative and telling me what they do think of Salient 'cause otherwise I just don't know.

What I would like is for Salient readers to write down what they think of Salient and to send it in. Its not too late to get me to change my ways and anyway it will soon be time to elect a new editor for 1976 and the members of Publications Board (six being SRC reps) would like some indication of what sort of set-up you would prefer.

As for the complaints of Salient being dull and boring - they're probably true. Thing is, its pretty hard to get consistently exciting copy and layout when you're understaffed and struggling just to get from one issue to another. If a few more people came in and gave us a hand it would at least give us a chance to liven up the pages of Salient. It would also help if people wrote articles for us. After

everyone wrote in complaining of the style of our Exec and SRC reports we decided that would bow to public opinion and find someone else to write them - which was all well and good but we couldn't find anyone who was willing to take it on. Thats why we've had so few Exec and SRC reports recently.

The final point is that if you want an exciting and dynamic newspaper then you you've got to have a reasonably exciting and dynamic campus. At the moment Salient's dullness is an accurate reflection of the state of affairs on this campus.

But we're not retreating. Salient has decided to make a few changes recently. The layout has been handed over to John Henderson so that it will be more imaginative and for those of you who want to help it will be more organised. We've created and filled several other positions but we still still need someone to take on the job of chief campus reporter. We also have an equally desparate need for photographers (you get payment for all these jobs).

Finally, round about the time that next year's Salient editor(s) is/are selected there should be a Salient Forum where people can come and harangue the present staff and suggest alternatives - see you there.

- Bruce Robinson

wholesale stealing of plants

Peter Butler, VUW Ground Staff

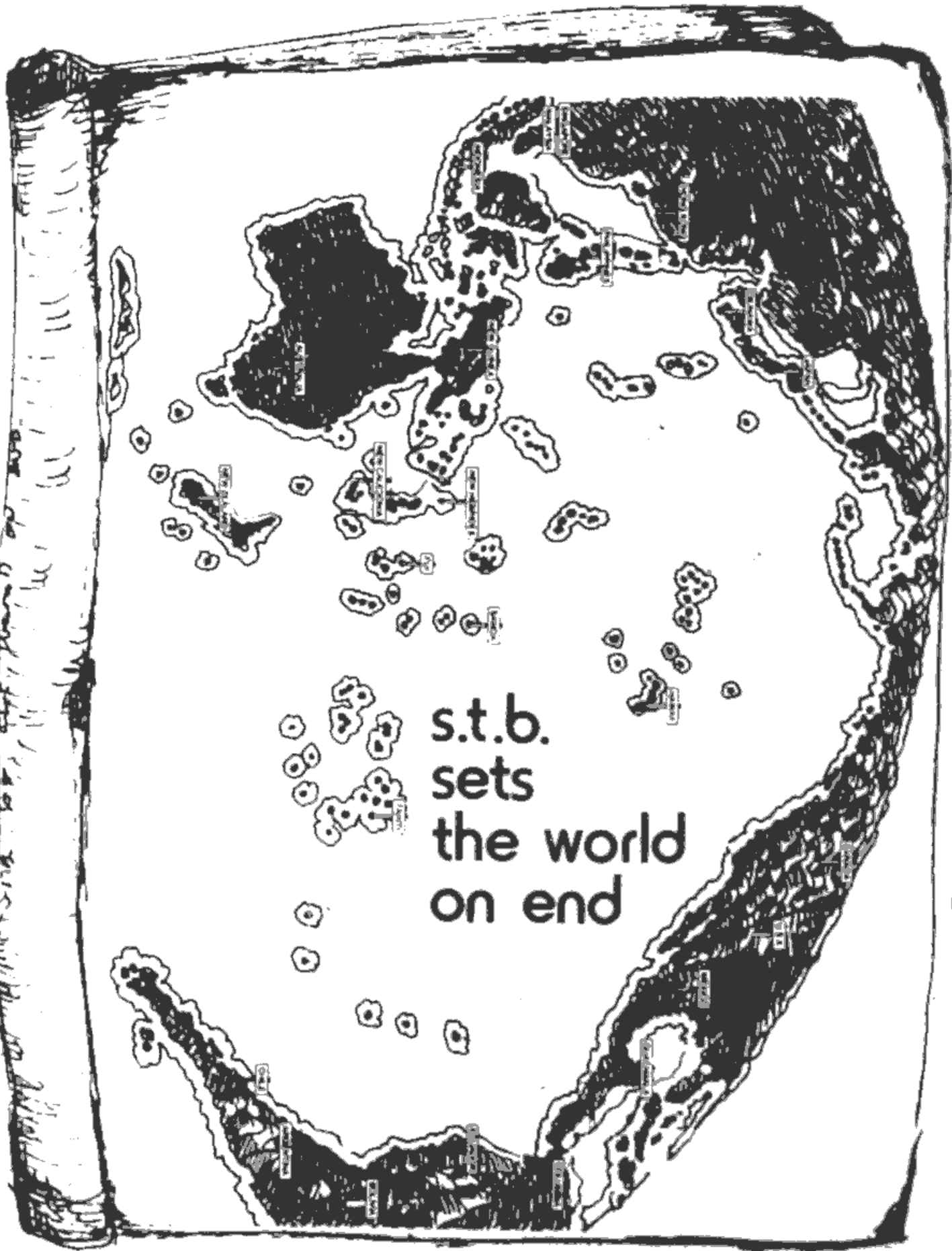
People who have been pleased to see some planting being done around the area between the student union and Rankine Brown should make the most of it while it remains. At the rate at which the plants are being stolen there will soon be little left to see. Over both the past two weekends some property-minded person, or persons, has taken a substantial quantity of plants, probably with the aid of a vehicle. The emphasis of the thief, or thieves, has been on the larger clumps of bronze and variegated flax, the tussocks and the odd fire-finger and camellia.

It seems unlikely that such a wholesale removal could have gone unnoticed. If you saw the theft or you know someone associated with the university who has just added substantially to his or her garden some of the fairly distinctive plant material that we have been using, then you have a responsibility to pass the information on to the grounds staff. A lot of people talk piously about protecting the environment these days, and yet this sort of thing goes unreported and unchallenged. Do you want your university to remain a drab sterile looking place for the sake of someones selfish "perks" or are you going to do something about it?



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2. The Working Party is required to include in its report the following matters:
  - (A) The time-scale for the implementation of any or all proposals it may come to make;
  - (B) The National and Regional Structure of any body;
  - (C) Funding;
  - (D) How the specialised needs of different tertiary students could be met within any body.
3. The Working Party wants to consider the widest range of views, so it would like to hear from anyone with comments on the feasibility or desirability (or otherwise) of NUS. Your comments can be as brief or detailed as you like, and need not necessarily relate to the matters listed in (2) above.
4. If possible, the Working Party would appreciate your comments by 18 July. They should be sent to the above address, from which further information about the Working Party's activities is also available.

John Blincoe,  
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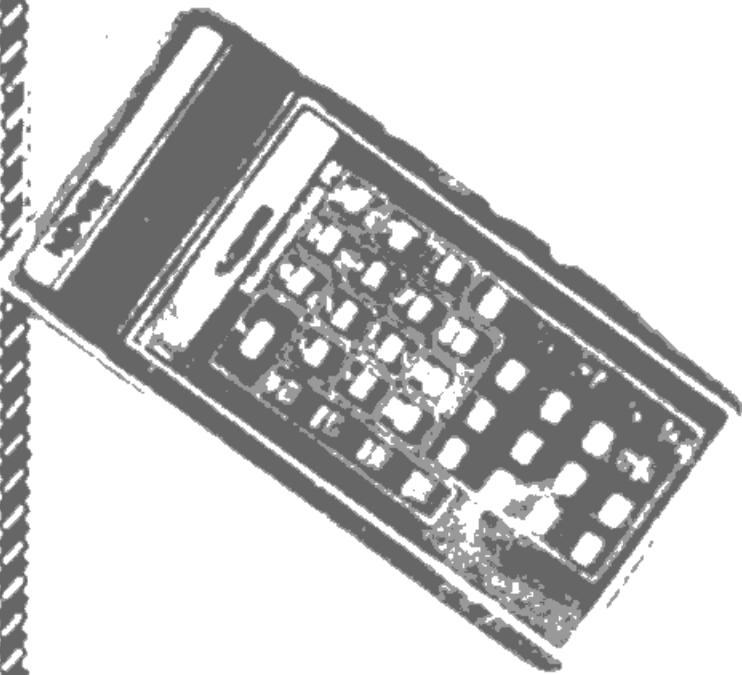
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The details of the programme will be announced later on.

These activities are being organised by the Victoria University Students' Committee for Solidarity Week (VUSCSW). All correspondence from those interested in attending from outside Wellington should be sent to the Convener for VUSCSW, c/- Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association, Private Bag, Wellington.

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# War clouds in Korea

by Terry Auld

Twentyfive years after the United States launched its first great anti-communist war on June 25, 1950, storm clouds are gathering in Korea once more. The situation in Korea is very tense and the danger of war is increasing. Ever since the defeat of US imperialism in Indochina, both Ford and Kissinger have been publically avowing their “commitments” to the fascist dictatorship in south Korea and US clients in the Middle East.

American military and foreign affairs experts have claimed recently that they expect a new Korean war to break out in September this year. State department and Pentagon officials have indicated that any sign of popular revolt in south Korea will be looked upon as “an act of aggression” from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK). The 1953 defence treaty between the United States and south Korea will be used to send the 42,000 nuclear-armed US troops into action against the masses in the south and the north will be invaded.

The U.S. propaganda machine, with “Time” and “Newsweek” in the van, is churning out its usual lies about an imminent invasion of the south to trick the people into supporting U.S. aggression. It’s Indochina all over again.

We are being told that the economy of socialist north Korea is about to collapse under a huge weight of foreign debt and that President Kim Il Sung is a madman fully prepared to destroy his country. In contrast south Korea is allegedly bounding ahead economically.

### Policy of re-unification

Nothing could be further from the truth. The DPRK has repeatedly pointed out that its policy is to achieve reunification of Korea independently and peacefully, not through war or reliance on outside forces. In recent weeks President Kim Il Sung, who rarely travels abroad, has visited several countries to develop international opinion against the new military adventures plotted by Washington. From mid-April to mid-June, Kim visited China, Romania, Algeria, Mauritania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

In addition the Korean leader strived to build support for ending the United Nations command in Korea. Under the flag of the U.N., the United States occupies south Korea and constitutes a grave threat to peace. Kim also built support for his policy of peaceful reunification of Korea and advanced the views of the Korean Worker’s Party on Third World Unity, non-alignment and national independence.

The United States is menacing the Korean people for three reasons. First, Washington wants to dispel any image that it cannot act decisively to prop up its puppets following its heavy defeat in Indochina. Second, the U.S. is warning the south Korean people that it is willing to intervene to keep the Pak regime in power should the national liberation movement threaten it. “Aggression from the north” is the U.S. cover for its actions, just as it was in Vietnam. Third, the U.S. is trying to keep the label “aggressor” on the DPRK so as to prevent the U.N. cover being stripped from its troops in the south.

### South in crisis

Despite glowing reports in “Time” and “Newsweek”, south Korea is in deep crisis. Both the economy and the Pak regime are in deep trouble. In the most repressive of nine edicts he has issued in less than 18 months, south

Korean dictator Pak Jung Hi on May 13 relieved his subjects of their last few civil rights. All unauthorised assemblies are now punishable by fine or imprisonment, as are any political activities in opposition to the fascist regime. Pak outlawed the following activities:

- \* Advocating the revision or repeal of the martial law constitution under which he assumed dictatorial powers.
- \* Broadcasting or publishing any news of any opposition to the constitution.
- \* Holding any unauthorised student demonstrations or assemblies.
- \* Publically opposing the new declaration or passing on any information about opposition to it.

Despite claims to the contrary, south Korea’s economy is going from bad to worse because of its dependence on foreign capital. Inflation is roaring ahead, foreign debts are rising, farm production is declining and small and medium-sized businesses are closing down increasing the huge pool of unemployed.

By the end of June 1974, foreign capital brought in by the Pak regime had exceeded 6,800 million U.S. dollars. Foreign capital now controls south Korea’s major industries, including iron and steel, oil, cement, machine building, electric power, textiles and plywood.

The foreign trade deficit in the first four months of this year was a huge 1,080 million US dollars. South Korea’s foreign debts totalled 7,650 million US dollars at the end of 1974.

### Inflation

The average south Korean worker begins on \$US45 a month for 10 hour day, six day week. Inflation is pushing up prices of all necessities. Rice was up 54% in February compared with a year ago, while other necessities were up 35% to 60%. In Seoul and other cities, rice in 1974 was three times

what it was at the end of 1973. South Korea is only 70% self-sufficient in food.

About 80% of all peasant households are short of food. In Seoul alone 47% of the population of almost 2 million is homeless or without a home of their own, in a country where shacks and dilapidated huts are “homes”.

The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea founded on September 6, 1948, took the socialist road of development. It has made rapid progress in industry, agriculture, and health, science and technology, art and literature, and international relations, becoming an important part of the Third World and the front opposing US imperialism and Japanese militarism in the Far East. For the last ten years industrial production has grown at almost 13% per annum. Grain output has grown twice as fast as the population since 1948. In April 1974 sweeping price reductions averaging 30% were made in consumer goods and income tax was abolished.

### Five point proposal

The root cause of increasing tension in Korea is the occupation of south Korea by US imperialist troops and US interference in Korea’s internal affairs. Just as with Thieu and Lon Nol, Pak would not last a day without US bayonets. The maintenance and consolidation of peace in Korea and the peaceful reunification of the country demands the immediate withdrawal of all US troops.

Following Japan’s defeat in the Second World War, the Russians advanced to the 38th Parallel, while the United States forces occupied Korea south of that line. Despite movements throughout Korea to reunify the whole country the United States installed the Syngman Ree dictatorship in Seoul in 1948. The DPRK never acknowledged the division of Korea — it claimed to (and did) represent all Korea.

President Kim Il Sung has put forward a five-point proposal for the peaceful reunification of the country on June

23 1973. Its essential points are:

- \* The removal of the state of military confrontation and the easing of tension between the north and south.
- \* The realisation of collaboration and interchange in all the political, military, diplomatic, economic and cultural fields.
- \* The convention of a great national assembly composed of representatives of people of all strata, political parties and social organisations in the north and south which will resolve through consultation the question of reunification of the country.
- \* The creation of a north-south confederation under the single name of the state — the “Confederal Republic of Koryo”.
- \* The north and south shall advance jointly in the field of foreign relations and should not enter the United Nations separately.

These propositions reflect the basic national aspirations of the whole Korean people, north and south of the demilitarized zone. But the United States and its puppet Pak Jung Hi have consistently refused to meet these reasonable proposals. Instead they have deepened the repression in the south.

The Marxist-Leninist Party in south Korea the Revolutionary Party for Reunification has put forward a programme of overthrowing the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialism, the formation of a people’s government, the realisation of democratic reforms in south Korean society and the peaceful reunification of Korea. This programme is similar to that of the National Front for Liberation of South Vietnam — a programme which brought a crushing victory over the United States for the Vietnamese people.

The poverty and oppression of the south Korean people are producing a surging movement for national liberation. It is mobilising all sectors of south Korean society — workers, peasants, intellectuals, small and medium businessmen, religious leaders, democrats, etc. — against the Pak regime.

Because Korea has been one country for about 1,000 years it is the bounden duty of the people in north Korea to help their southern brothers and sisters. During his recent tours abroad, President Kim Il Sung has pledged DPRK support for the southern liberation movement. In China, he declared: “If revolution takes place in south Korea, we, as one and the same nation, will not just look at it with folded arms but will strongly support the Korean people. If the enemy ignites war recklessly we shall resolutely answer it with war and completely destroy the aggressors. In this war we will only lose the Military Demarcation Line and will gain the country’s unification.”

Once again the Korean people can rely on the People’s Republic of China to support them to the hilt in their anti-imperialist struggle. In recent weeks the Chinese have repeatedly reaffirmed their support for the Korean people’s struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of their country. China has called for the dissolution of the U.N. command and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from south Korea.

During the Korean war, New Zealand played a dishonourable role of subservience to U.S. aggression, just as it did in Indochina. All progressive people in New Zealand who opposed U.S. aggression in Indochina will undoubtedly extend their aid and support to the Korean people should the United States unleash war in the Korean peninsula.





# From the Courts

A most industrious critic, I am indeed. I have even got around to going to the Supreme Court, although I did for some time suspect that I was viewing an elaborate, stylized play rather than the bastion of out judicial system.

The set was elegantly wood-panelled, with some almost Maori-looking carving extending in dark strips along the walls — the contribution of some past figure with a sense of irony and humour. A large, high wood bench reared up at centre back, with a number of smaller desks scattered nearer to the audience, who were most effectively kept from endeavouring to incite a riot by a barrier with rather incongruously painted-iron battens. The audience theatre is fairly small — evidently intimate theatre is the intention.

Suddenly, a stentorian voice rang out: "Silence! Stand please!" It seems it is not the tradition to applaud the performance. The stentorian gentleman whipped back the side of the lush blue curtain framing the bench and the three main characters paraded in. Their posture was unoriginal, being curiously like that of the three gods in Downstage's production of "The Good Person of Setzuan". Their robes, dull black, were further indication of the dearth of originality and imagination. Fundamental to the play is the impression of great age, and to assist this they wore wigs of a most exaggerated whiteness, with rather silly ribbons tickling their necks.

Distributing themselves with a fine sense of symmetry behind the bench the centre god turned first to the left and bowed

from the waist, and then to the right, the same. Now attention turned to the prisoner, who looked the part admirably with a fine make-up job, close cropped grey hair, and shabby jacket, but rather inconsiderately confused the issue by not standing in the dock (he was in fact a lawyer up for misconduct, conducting his own defence.)

Throughout the play the characters made a strong point of not saying anything of interest out loud. Traditionally, the brilliant minds of the judiciary are crystallized on conversion to words into such familiar summary lines as "viewing the situation in the round". Impetus was lost at climaxes by the gods putting their heads together and whispering "rhubarb, rhubarb, rhubarb". Another favourite option was to declare an interval/teabreak ("adjournment" in legal parlance.)

The gods seemed easily distracted from proceedings and would lean over to each other and discuss odd irrelevant items of greater interest like Thaddeus McCarthy's holiday or Mrs. Rowling's pavlova. Unfortunately, two of them indulging in vigorous conversation left the third to sit alone and look vaguely learned, with his near ear pricked for snatches of the subject. The god in the middle is lucky — he never gets left out.

Observing the finesses in communication enabled by the three-person structure, speculating on possible topics of conversation, and estimating the tea-break per hour of work ratio; it is a wonder to me that the entire Supreme Court bench is not composed of suburban-housewife stereo-types. The deficiencies they are often attributed would surely pass unnoticed in this job.

I am hesitant to say anything more on the subject of the atrocious lawyers one comes across in the Magistrate's Court, in case anyone should start imagining I've got something against some of the greatest rippers-off in history. What a thought! I was interested, however, to

read a practice note to counsel from Mr. Sullivan, Acting Senior S.M.:

"The Registrar advises me that counsel are not co-operating with the operation of the fixture lists." It sets out the procedure: Advise the Registrar three days prior to the hearing whether the fixture is proceeding or not ... only those cases so advised will be heard. And then: "Remaining cases will be adjourned for a further fixture and counsel will not be heard on reinstatement." Evidently all those stories one hears about lawyers not turning up, or giving the wrong time to their clients, are not bleak exceptions after all. The situation has provoked the Court to do some tough talking.

Actually, I heard a good counsel the other day. He was defending a master mariner up for drunken driving, and set out the facts in quite a reasonable manner: just released from hospital, in pain from burns, drank heavily, next day just a couple of drinks, topping-up effect caused high blood/alcohol count, was most reasonable at scene of minor accident ... why, that's basically all one would expect him to have noted in a brief interview and said before the Court. Mr. Bradford S.M., was enraptured. The "eloquence" of counsel has saved you an "almost automatic term of imprisonment", he told the defendant. Thus he indicated an obvious implication of the pervasiveness of poor lawyers — some people are being punished more severely than they would be were all the facts presented to the Court. It is not so much a matter of having a smart lawyer as an informative one.

Another implication of poor representation was illustrated by the case immediately after the master mariner. A man was charged with driving while disqualified, and failing to stop after an accident. He'd driven home after a wedding reception because his wife was drunk (she was also up on various charges). "Extraordinarily stupid", said his counsel, "No excuse." He did mention at one stage that the guy

was the sole proprietor of a butcher's shop and thus shouldn't be imprisoned, but Mr. Bradford rightly decided he knew altogether too little about the man to sentence him. He was therefore remanded almost a month (not in prison) for probation report and sentence. The load that such remands, which are frequent, place on the court schedule and the probation service, could be alleviated somewhat if defence lawyers would do their job properly.

Deborah Mabbett



# Muldoon brings escort

by Mike Freeman

Muldoon was on campus again on the first Monday of the study break. The occasion was the beginning of Young Nationals' week and he was the guest speaker. Despite the undoubted interest that a presence as great as his generates, the main talking point of the night was only semi related to his talk. This involved the appearance of uniformed police on campus.

Because the meeting had been widely advertised and was open to the public the Young Nats. felt that an attack on their hero was at least a possibility. They needn't have worried, there wasn't even a verbal assault. Only two of the



estimated two hundred present seemed to be in opposition to his views, and so there was no more than a semblance of debate.

The police themselves denied that they were expecting any trouble, 'showing the flag' was how one constable explained his presence. However that is not the point. No matter what the reason, they were there, despite an agreement between the students association and the police that this should not happen. The Young Nats. broke an official rule when they invited the cops. Before any such request can be made the permission of either the Vice-Chancellor or the Student President must be obtained, neither was. Nor was it even sought. When questioned about this by Exec members, the Young Nats. denied they had asked the police to attend. Then faced with a policeman who stated that he and his colleagues were there because of a specific request, quickly changed their tune. They admitted responsibility but claimed that it was all a misunderstanding. Funny thing was that they asked me not to mention the bit about the invitation. I'm sorry I can't oblige, the girls were smiling so sweetly, but the point has to be made.

The police invited someone from the Exec to ring the station and find out why they had been sent. This was done and following a conversation with National Party people, the constables left.

To the meeting itself. Muldoon and Comber accompanied by the three guardians of the law entered the hall to a standing ovation. The cops looked the place over, retired to seats at the back and began studying the National Party propaganda with which they had been supplied.

Pearson of the Young Nats. introduced Muldoon who told us for a very painful

forty five minutes why he was going to change jobs with Bill Rowling. A dismal effort, rarely more than an egotistical resumé of his own merits, those of his party colleagues and of that fine body of future leaders - the Young Nats. He never really lifted above a droning monologue, he didn't need to, everytime he opened his mouth the sheep roared their approval. Preaching as he was to the converted, he didn't bother attaching factual evidence to his accusations, and came out with some outrageous statements. Examples abound, for instance, 'traditionally the opposition asks the questions and the government gives the answers. Which is how we worked it when the government but as opposition we've been asking the questions and giving all the answers too, because the government has none.' A further insult to all but the intelligence of the vast majority present, 'the youth vote is split between National and Values with Labour third, we will continue to pull ahead.'

Muldoon continued this patronising performance for a further three quarters of an hour in question time. To a lot of soft questions, questions designed to bring out 'the best' in the party's policies he dished out the expected party line. Classics such as - 'a fair go for the decent bloke,' and 'we only want those who fit in with the New Zealand way of life' were predominant. Grizzles about the unions which brought howls of approval and in return calls for action from Muldoon showed most to be caught up in a blood

sport form of hysteria.

Comber was called on to speak following the first act and did much to enhance the circus. This was especially commendable as he only spoke for a few moments. He confined his efforts to praising his boss - 'how can we fail with a man like that.'

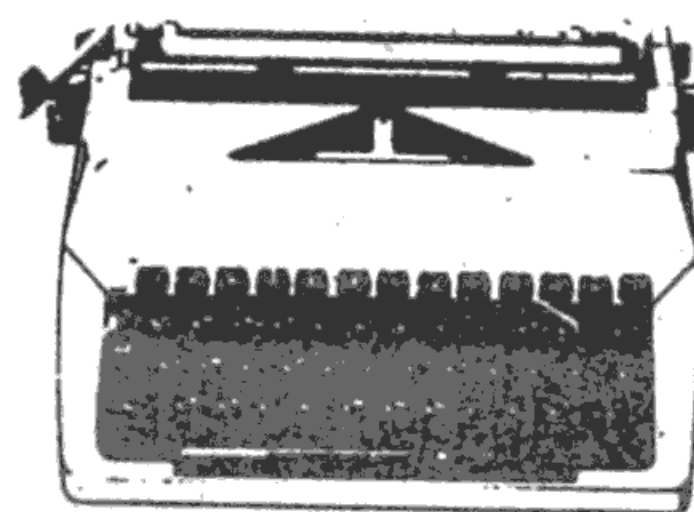
All in all a bit of a wash out. Muldoon himself looked only semi-interested. He likes a scrap but on Monday night he was speaking only to party faithfuls. This is not surprising when a charge of 50c was advertised.

For the Young Nats. a disappointing turnout. Of the 200 at most, present, only about 30% would have been under thirty five. Muldoon said a similar meeting for Labour would only attract 20 or so young people. National didn't do much better, only a handful of those in the right age group were not already party members. Rob can however, feel proud of those he has got. They showed they've got what it takes to be politicians in his party. Many were moaning about the poor attendance but when I asked for the official verdict the same people told me 'we are very pleased, most encouraging, very impressive.'

That, then was Muldoon. He made his people happy and upset only the students who were trying to watch TV next door. Comments from that direction such as 'Hitler Youth on Campus again,' 'apprentice fascists' and 'why don't they take their father home,' comforted me in the realization that there are a few sane people left.

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# Slow Progress on Equal Pay

"Massive employee and employer ignorance on how to implement equal pay is adding up to the 'steal of the century'". The Secretary of the Wellington Shop Employees Union, Mr. Graeme Kelly, told a seminar on Equal Pay last month. The seminar was jointly sponsored by NZUSA and the National Youth Council. It was jointly attended by representatives of trade unions, women's organisations, the Labour Department, and youth and student groups.

New Zealand's Equal Pay Act was passed by the National Government in 1972 as a result of the report of the Commission of Inquiry into Equal Pay. Under an amendment passed by the Labour Government in 1973, equal pay is meant to be implemented in five stages until April 1977.

New Zealand's equal pay legislation is unique in the western world. The Act states that to achieve equal pay, a woman worker has to reach the full male rate (or gross rate of pay) for the job, which is distinct from the male award rate.

## "The Notional Male Rate"

A popular misconception about the Equal Pay Act is that it is equal pay for equal work. But the Act states that, by April 1977, a woman must be paid what a man would be paid for a job "with the same or substantially similar, skills, responsibility, and service, performing work under the same or substantially similar conditions and with the same or substantially similar degree of effort". What happens on jobs where there are no men doing "the same or substantially similar" work? The Act provides that women workers should negotiate a "notional male rate" for such jobs with their employers. In effect, the "notional male rate" is meant to be the actual rate of pay that an employer would have to pay a man to do that job.

In theory, it is not impossible to work out a "notional male rate" for a woman's job. But in reality women workers face a number of major hurdles in doing so. First the Act expects them to have sufficient experience and knowledge to be able to negotiate equally with their employer. While the provisions of the Act are very clear, it is written in archaic legal jargon that few people can easily understand. The Government has made no efforts to explain the Act in understandable language. Second, the Act presumes that employers understand its provisions and *are prepared to implement them*. In many cases, employers can evade their responsibilities under the Act by simply threatening to change a woman employee's job or making life difficult for her.

As Graeme Kelly pointed out, trade unions do not have sufficient time or staff to assist their woman members in negotiating individual "notional male rates" with employers. The Shop Employees Union has had many cases of women ringing up to complain about employers' attitudes to equal pay. But in the majority of cases the women are too frightened to give their names or their jobs.

## Regional and Individual Rates

In April this year the Industrial Commission made a decision that is vital to the future implementation of the Equal Pay Act. The Commission ruled that for employees covered by three

collective agreements in the retail trade The Commission also ruled that a woman worker could work out her own individual rate with her employer provided that this rate is higher than the regional agreement.

The experience of active unions, like the Shop Employees, in the struggle for equal pay, shows the need for the Act to be amended to allow for regional determinations of equal pay. It has been shown to be clearly impractical to expect that the case of every woman worker in New Zealand can be considered in isolation.

## Employer Opposition

In an attempt to get round the provisions of the Equal Pay Act, some employers have changed the classification of their women employees' jobs.

Jobs are being broken down into various "skills" and women are being paid according to the number of "skills" they acquire. For example in the retail trade, some women are being paid for having such "skills" as "good customer relations" and being "co-operative with other staff".

Job classification is being used not to encourage women workers to acquire greater skills but to ensure that they can never reach the same rates of pay as men. This method of job classification is shown to be ridiculous by the fact that men are paid actual or gross rates, not a certain rate for each skill they have acquired. There is no such thing, for example, as 2/3rd qualified or has no skills in boxing work.

The equal pay struggle has also shown up the existence of strong male prejudice against women workers achieving the rate of pay that men would get for doing their jobs. As Sandra McCallum of the Working Women's Alliance told the seminar, this prejudice will not be combatted by men and women fighting each other, but by men who believe in the need for equal pay educating other men. Clearly the trade union movement can do a great deal in carrying out such education in an organised and concerted fashion.

## Need For Active, Strong Unions

Another person at the seminar said that the battle for equal pay was "a shining example" of the need for strong trade unions. Large numbers of women workers will only gain the confidence necessary to negotiate for equal pay with their employers if they know they have the backing of their fellow workers. A well organised delegate system can provide this backing and assistance on the job in negotiating for equal pay. Union officials simply don't have the time to provide this sort of support.

Graeme Kelly told the seminar about the struggle of 50 women meatpackers in Wellington last year to get their employers to agree to a "notional male rate" for their job. These women had to go on strike to win their battle, but by their determination and collective strength they eventually won.

It is a sad fact that few trade unions have been actively involved in the struggle (the NZ Retail Grocery and Supermarket Employees' Collective Agreement, dated December 11, 1974, and the NZ Butchers' Collective Agreement, dated March 3, 1975) the determinations of equal pay should be on a regional basis, i.e. a single determination should apply to all the workers covered by these agreements in the Wellington region.

## EQUAL PAY IS YOUR RIGHT



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for equal pay. For example, only five of the thirty-one unions invited bothered to turn up to the Equal Pay seminar. The Federation of Labour and the Employers' Federation both declined to send representatives to take part in a panel discussion. As I, as chairman of the seminar pointed out to those present, while NYC and NZUSA are happy to convene such a seminar, it seems that we are doing what rightly seems the Government's job. The almost non-existent publicity there has been about Equal Pay looks rather sick when compared to the huge "Think Metric" campaign or

the \$195,000 spent on "Come Alive". The area of equal pay is one which is of concern, not only to university women who work in vacations, but to *all* women. By informing people about equal pay, a valuable contribution is being made. Anyone wishing to know more about this should contact me at NZUSA, P.O. Box 6368 Te Aro, Wellington.

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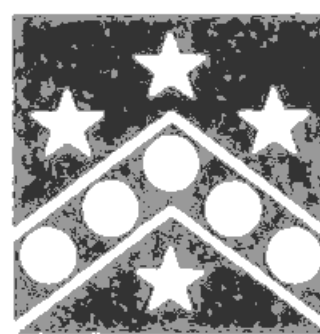
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# MINI FESTIVAL TIMETABLE

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## WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

All Day:	ECOLOGY ACTION DISPLAY MAORI ARTEFACTS AND ART WORKS DISPLAY CHILDREN'S ART DISPLAY works illustrating Maori themes	MAIN FOYER
11am	VISUAL ARTS POTTERY SALE	LIBRARY
12 noon	FOLK CONCERT with Chilean guitarist, Pedro Arevalo, and other artists	THEATRE FOYER MAIN FOYER
12 noon	MALAYSIAN FOOD FAIR	UNION HALL
2.15 pm	FORUM – what can we do for women students in International Women's Year? Chaired by Marg- aret Sparrow and featuring Phillida Bunkle and Lindsay Wright	RESTUARANT
4 pm	SASRAC	LOUNGE AND SMOKING RM. CAFETERIA
8 pm	BEER FESTIVAL	CAFETERIA
8 pm	'REEFER MADNESS' AND 'MARIJUANA, THE DEVIL'S WEED FROM HELL' – two hilar- ious anti-drug films from a bygone era!	THEATRE
8 pm	SKI CLUB WINE AND CHEESE WITH SLIDES AND FILMS	LOUNGE AND SMOKING RM.

## THURSDAY 10 JULY

All Day:	ECOLOGY ACTION DISPLAY MAORI ARTEFACTS AND ART WORKS DISPLAY CHILDREN'S ART D'SPLAY works illustrating Maori themes	MAIN FOYER
10 am	TE REO MAORI FILMS free screening. 3 in Maori, 2 in English	LIBRARY
11 am	FOOD CO-OP SALE	THEATRE FOYER
12 noon	ELECTION FORUM with Values and Young Socialist candidates in the General Elections	THEATRE MAIN FOYER UNION HALL
12 noon	PANEL ON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES – members of welfare services discuss how they cater to student problems	LOUNGE
12 noon	'AMERICA HURRAH' – a play by Jean-Claude van Italie, produced for Drama Soc, by Michael Wilson. A satirical experimental play	THEATRE THEATRE
2 pm	'GUNS OF AUGUST' UNION FILM	UNION HALL
2 pm	MAMMOTH WRIST WRESTLING!! SASRAC tickets as prizes. Bring your tutorial!	UNION HALL
8 pm	INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAG- ANZA!! – supper and refreshments provided, with all-star entertainment, including Scottish Country dancing, German Choir singing naughty German songs, Tongan dancing display, French cabaret & other activities.	UNION HALL
8 pm	'MARIJUANA, THE DEVIL'S WEED FROM HELL' 'REEFER MADNESS'	THEATRE

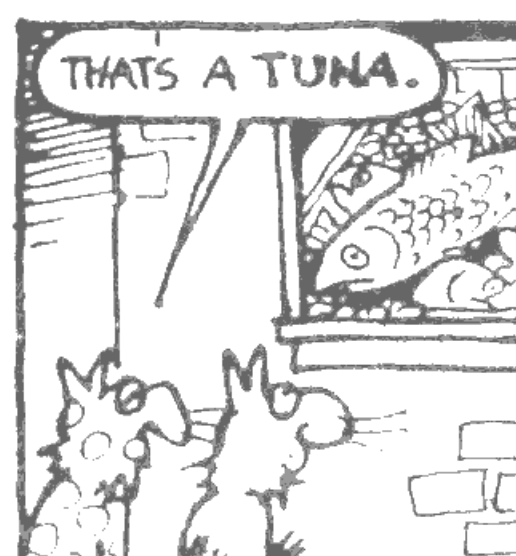
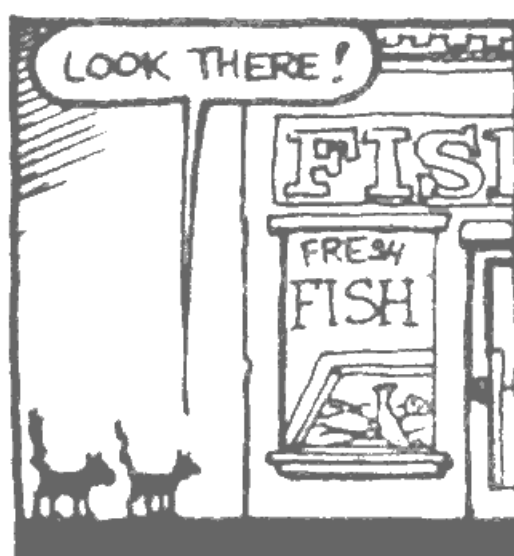
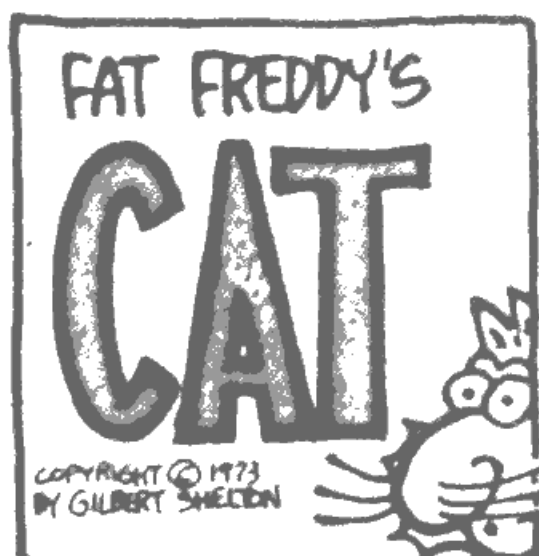
8 pm	VISUAL ARTS WINE & CHEESE includes film on pottery-making	LOUNGE
8 pm	TE REO MAORI OPEN EVENING supper and normal programme, with guest speaker, Apirana Mahuika	TENNIS PAVILION

## FRIDAY 11 JULY

All Day:	ECOLOGY ACTION DISPLAY MAORI ARTEFACTS AND ART WORKS DISPLAY CHILDREN'S ART DISPLAY Maori themes	MAIN FOYER LIBRARY THEATRE FOYER
12 noon	'THAT DEMOCRACY is the death of style'. Our Debating Society takes the negative on this topic, against a US Universities team	THEATRE RESTUARANT
12 noon	FIJIAN FOOD FAIR	UNION HALL
12.30 pm	MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAY by Rembuden Martial Arts Club, will include Swords display	THEATRE
8 pm	'MARIJUANA, THE DEVIL'S WEED FROM HELL' 'REEFER MADNESS'	THEATRE
12 mid- night	HORROR POETRY!! bring a candle and a poetry book. Join in the horrible proceedings with out invited guest poets and ethereal bodies...	GRAVEYARD

## SATURDAY 12 JULY

8 pm	MSSA DANCE \$1.50 single and \$2.50 double	UNION HALL
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# P.L.O. visits New Zealand



*Last month the voice of the Palestinian people was heard directly in New Zealand for the first time. The noted Palestinian scholar, Sami Hadawi, had been touring the campuses speaking about the Palestine problem, and his visit to Wellington coincided with a brief visit by a member of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Mr. Jamal El Sourani.*

*Mr. Sourani came to New Zealand as part of a tour of Asian countries. He told reporters when he arrived that the main purpose of his visit here was to thank the New Zealand Government for voting in the United Nations last November to invite the PLO to take part in the UN General Assembly debate on Palestine.*

During his brief stay in Wellington Mr. Sourani was interviewed by Peter Franks for Salient.

**SALIENT:** Before coming to New Zealand you visited India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Singapore and Australia. What have been the results of your visit in terms of the PLO's strategy of gaining international support?

**SOURANI:** I found a good response in all the countries I visited. In Sri Lanka and Indonesia we agreed to open a PLO office. Throughout my tour I have been given the opportunity to contact public opinion through the mass media, and to talk to government leaders. I can sum it up by saying that the tour as a whole was successful.

**SALIENT:** Did you notice a difference between the reaction you received in Australia and New Zealand, and the reaction in the other countries you visited?

**SOURANI:** There is a real difference. Australia and New Zealand have always been closed to Arab propaganda. The PLO has not had the opportunity before to put forward its point of view, and this is the first time the PLO has come to Australia and New Zealand. But the response has been more than

I had imagined and, as my brother Hadawi has said, we think public opinion here is hungry and it needs more facts about the Palestine problem.

**SALIENT:** The New Zealand Prime Minister has just said that the New Zealand Government is not prepared to let the PLO open an office in New Zealand with the status of a diplomatic mission.

**SOURANI:** In fact I did not ask to open an office when I met officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We discussed it as one of the matters for the New Zealand Government to consider, but I did not ask for it. When I asked to open an office in Sri Lanka and Indonesia, I handed over a letter from the PLO to both these governments asking them to open an office and they agreed to it.

I did not ask the Australian or New Zealand governments to open an office for the PLO during my visit. But I feel that after opening offices throughout Asia, Australia and New Zealand will not stand alone, isolated from all the other countries in the area. We now have offices in China, Korea, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and offices opening in Cambodia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

**SALIENT:** After the June war in 1967 the UN Security Council passed resolution 242, which described the Palestine problem simply as a refugee problem. Since the October war in 1973 the PLO's international support has grown tremendously. The PLO was recognised as the sole representative of the Palestinian people by the Arab heads of government conference at Rabat last October and received the same recognition by the UN General Assembly last November.

**SOURANI:** We rejected resolution 242 because it dealt with the June war and did not deal with the Palestine problem. This resolution says it is a refugee problem. It is not, the Palestine problem is a political problem. It is a problem of people who have been deprived of everything they own and

driven out of their country. We are fully determined to repatriate to our land.

After we launched our armed struggle, the facts began to be known throughout the world. From then on, we began to receive world-wide recognition, from the non-aligned governments, from the Organisation for African Unity, from the Islamic Conference to the United Nations itself. And we were invited to the United Nations by 105 states.

The PLO is struggling to reach a durable peace in Palestine, and the basis of this peace is the repatriation of Palestinians to Palestine. Without repatriation the conflict will go on. You cannot solve the consequences of the problem and leave the problem itself without a solution.

**SALIENT:** In October 1972 the United Nations Committee to Investigate Israeli Actions in Arab Occupied Territory said in its report that Israeli policy in the lands it seized after the June war was "designed to effect radical changes in the physical character and demographic composition of several areas of the territory under its occupation by the deliberate eradication of a distinct Palestinian national identity." Could you comment on the policies the Israelis have carried out in the occupied territories since 1948?

**SOURANI:** The Israeli policy even before 1948 was to erase a history of peaceful life in Palestine. They have demolished hundreds of villages, tens of cities, monasteries, churches, mosques, sacred places and have even deformed the city of Jerusalem, where every stone and grain of earth has a sacred history behind it.

The Palestinians have been driven out of their land and foreigners are coming in and settling in their place. The Israelis refused to allow the investigation committee from the United Nations to carry out its work more than once, and they have even refused the Red Cross the right to investigate what has been going on with prisoners in jail.

**SALIENT:** In his speech to the UN General Assembly last November the leader of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, said that the Palestinians were third class citizens in Israel and that the Oriental Jews were second class citizens. Is it correct that the Israeli Government discriminates even against Jews?

**SOURANI:** In fact the basic doctrine which Zionism is built on is discrimination. This discrimination is built around the slogan of a 'chosen people'. It is the same as the slogan which Hitler used in Germany — the Germans were 'uber alles', better than anyone else. By this doctrine they feel that they are superior to others and if you have this feeling it means that everyone else is inferior to you and so you're not prepared to be equal with others.

That's why the Arabs in Israel have been living for the last twenty-eight years under military rule. Their houses have been demolished and their lands have been reserved — these are not my statistics, they are the Israelis' statistics. The Arabs are not





given the right to form their own political parties or trade unions. They are not given the same opportunities in social services such as education, health or housing.

Jews are also discriminated against. The European Jews and the Oriental Jews are two different classes. If you go and make a study of how many European and how many Oriental Jews reach Cabinet rank or becoming members of parliament, you will find something horrible. Since 1948 not more than five people of Oriental Jewish origin have been members of the Cabinet and only a small number are represented in Parliament itself. An Oriental Jew cannot rise beyond the rank of colonel in the Israeli army, all the top positions in the army and the state are monopolised by the European Jews, and the Oriental Jews do not get the same rights in education, health services and housing.

So there is discrimination between the Jews themselves and between the Jews and the non-Jews. But the gap is still very great because as a Jew you have some rights. But as a non-Jew you have no rights at all.

**SALIENT:** Supporters of the Israeli Government in this country sometimes claim that Israel is a socialist state. They speak about the work of the Histradut (the central trade union organisation) and the Israeli Labour Party. Could you comment on this claim?

**SOURANI:** Maybe there is something about socialism that we do not know. A socialist state that is embraced by world imperialism, that is supported by world imperialism, that lives by world imperialism, that is defended by world imperialism and works as a base for world imperialism in the Arab region to subjugate, exploit and intervene — maybe this is the definition of socialism as the Israelis know it.

Israel is not a socialist country. It is not even a state in the real sense of the term because it is an artificial base living on outside support which comes mainly from the United States and the Zionist movement, and it cannot survive without this support. If Israel was a real socialist state there would be no discrimination. A state built on discrimination, on racism and on a religious basis is not a socialist state.

Even the Histradut is a capitalist 'union'. It exploits both Israelis and Arab workers and it has investments with outside cartels, especially U.S. cartels. Maybe this is a new socialism that the world doesn't know about. But Israel is not socialist, it is not democratic, it is not a state.

**SALIENT:** Last year the PLO decided that a Palestinian national authority should be established on any piece of Palestinian land that is liberated. The Arab Summit Conference at Rabat supported this decision and King Hussein of Jordan renounced his claim to the West Bank of the Jordan river (which the Israelis seized from Jordan in 1967). How likely do you see this happening?

**SOURANI:** The Arab Summit Conference has two objectives at this stage. One of them is the evacuation of the Arab territories which were occupied during the June war. The second is the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. If the evacuation takes place it would mean that we would have two parts of Palestine evacuated — the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and these areas are the sole responsibility of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, so we will implement our national authority in both of these areas. This will be a step forward in regaining the Palestinians' rights in all Palestine.

**SALIENT:** There has been a lot of speculation in the press about the possibility of a settlement between Egypt and Israel. The Israeli Government is said to have offered to withdraw some of its troops from Sinai in exchange for a pledge from the Egyptians not to attack Israel for the next three years. Do you think such a settlement is likely and what is the PLO's attitude towards it?

**SOURANI:** It is not likely and I do not think it will happen. But if it does happen it will mean that the problem will be more complicated and more difficult, and the conflict will take a new shape and enter a new phase. As I understand it, Egypt is tied by the Arab Summit Conference resolution, it cannot go into an agreement alone. If an agreement takes place it will be a new disengagement agreement and no more than that, or else Egypt will isolate itself from the Arab world.

**SALIENT:** Since the October war the United States Government's policy in the Middle East has been made out to be a policy of greater reconciliation with the Arab governments, while still supporting Israel. Kissinger has made several 'peace missions'

to the Middle East over the last two years. What is the PLO's view of the U.S. policy and has it had any success?

**SOURANI:** As we in the PLO see it the United States policy is the same as it was before the October war. They are sticking to the Israeli policy of making separate agreements with Egypt, with Syria and with Jordan. They believe there is no Palestinian problem and no Palestine. These moves will always lead to failure. Whether Kissinger comes to the Middle East two times or twenty times, the U.S. will continue to fail unless it changes and goes directly to the Palestine problem. No solution can come out of Kissinger's visits, neither now nor in the future.



Education in a P.L.O. camp.

**SALIENT:** Since the October war the Portuguese fascist regime has been overthrown, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique have gained their independence, and the U.S. has suffered a disastrous defeat in Indochina. Do you think these developments are creating a favourable international climate for the Palestinian struggle?

**SOURANI:** Sure. The liberation struggle all over the world is part and parcel of our struggle, and all the victories the liberation movements achieve are victories for the Palestinians. The world is now heralding the global collapse of United States imperialism whether it is in Vietnam, Cambodia, the Middle East, Portugal or Africa.

Today, for example, Rhodesia and South Africa are isolated since the collapse of the Portuguese colonial empire. The friends of the United States, even its relations with Western Europe are shaky. Western Europe is now trying to find its way to look after it's interests independently from the U.S. For example a European-Arab dialogue is now taking place. We remember that De Gaulle once said that you can't divide the problem of the Middle East and the problem of Vietnam. They are interrelated, they are one problem, the problem of American imperialism.



**SALIENT:** At the same time as the PLO took part in the UN debate on Palestine last year the Israelis devalued their pound by 42%, and there were reports of massive spontaneous demonstrations among Palestinians in the West Bank and reports of widespread unrest among the Israeli working class. Straight after that the Israeli Government mobilised one-third of its reserve troops, and it looked for a while that it was going to launch another war. Do you think the Israelis will launch another war against the Arab and Palestinian peoples in an attempt to bolster their position?

**SOURANI:** The demonstrations which took place inside the occupied territory showed the whole world that the Palestinians consider the PLO as their sole representative, and the Israelis were, of course, greatly disturbed by that. Since the October war there has been a lack of confidence between Israeli society and its political and military leadership. These leaders had deceived the people into believing that they had a superior army militarily, that they were the only independent state in the area, and that they had an 'iron-armed' country, but the October war proved that all these things were false. Maybe one of the ways for the Israelis to get out of it is to launch a fifth war.

**SALIENT:** If the Israelis were to do that, what do you think the Arab response would be?

**SOURANI:** I think a fifth war is inevitable unless a real move is made towards a solution. This solution is basically the Palestine problem. If the stalemate goes on, the Arabs will not tolerate a second period of "no war, no peace", and they cannot remain silent while their lands are occupied and their people are deprived of their homes.

**SALIENT:** Since the end of April there have been reports of serious fighting in the Lebanon between Palestinians and the right-wing Phalangists. Do you see these events as being a threat to the Palestinian revolution?

**SOURANI:** I want to make this point very clear. The PLO's message to the Arab world is the rebirth of the Arab people and the extermination of all kinds of exploitation and all kinds of oppression, whether it is inside oppression or outside oppression

What is going on in Lebanon may also go on in other parts of the Arab world. Today the Arab world is facing a great and fundamental change in all fields of life and so it is natural to find these contradictions between states and inside every state.

What is going on in Lebanon is symbolic of the changes that are taking place in the Arab world. The latest clashes in Lebanon were not in fact between the Palestinians and the Phalangists but between the Lebanese themselves. New progressive forces are now growing up in Lebanon and the Phalangists are defending not Lebanon but their family interests against these new forces.

The message of the PLO is to defend all progressive forces, not only in Lebanon but in all parts of the Arab world and in the world as a whole.



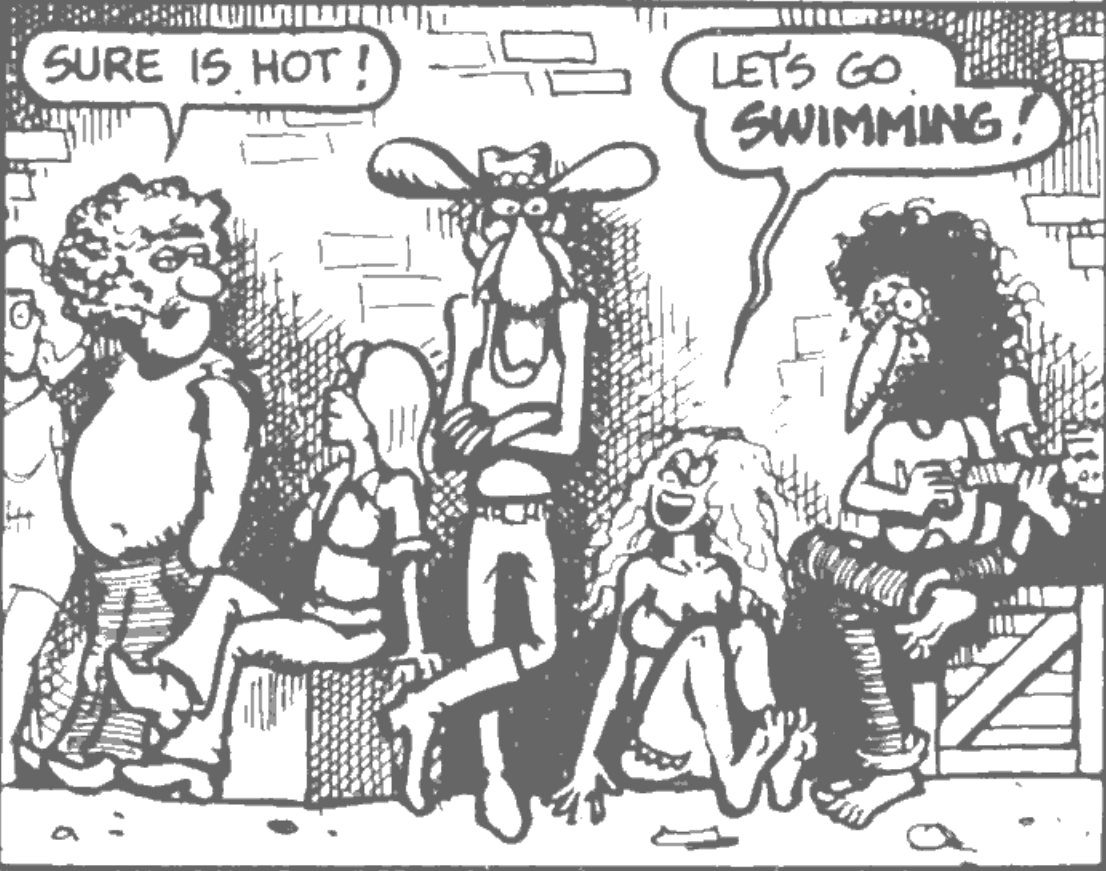
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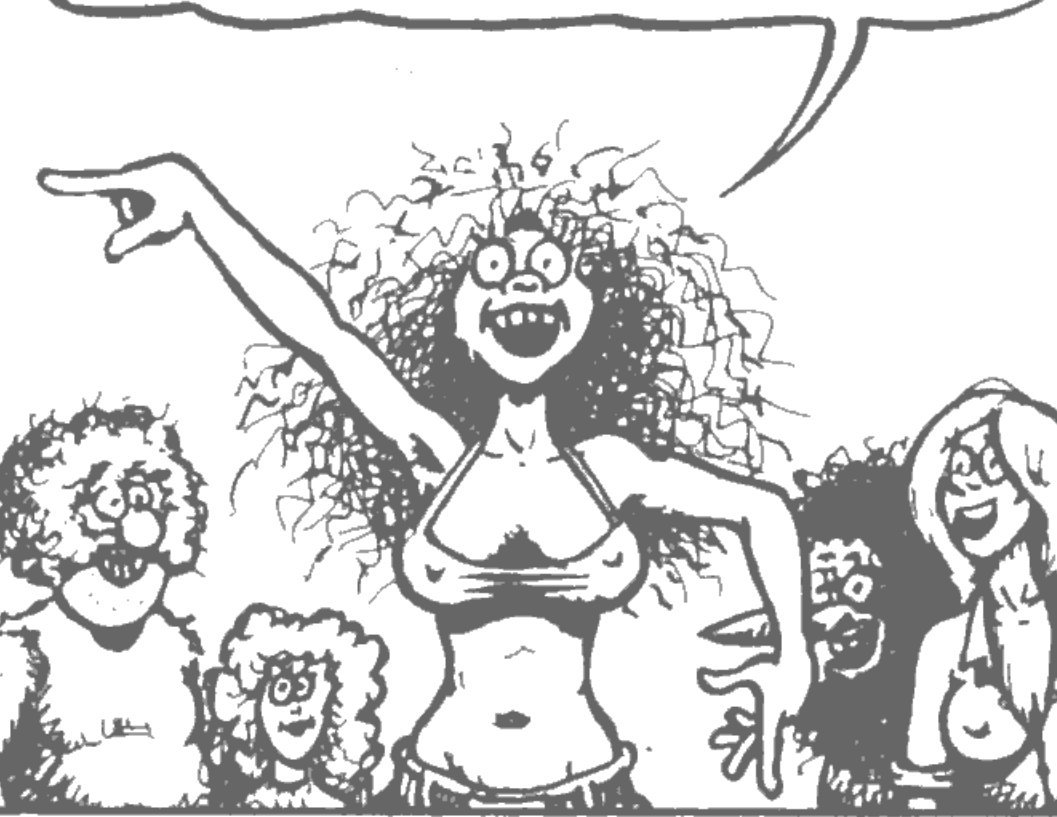
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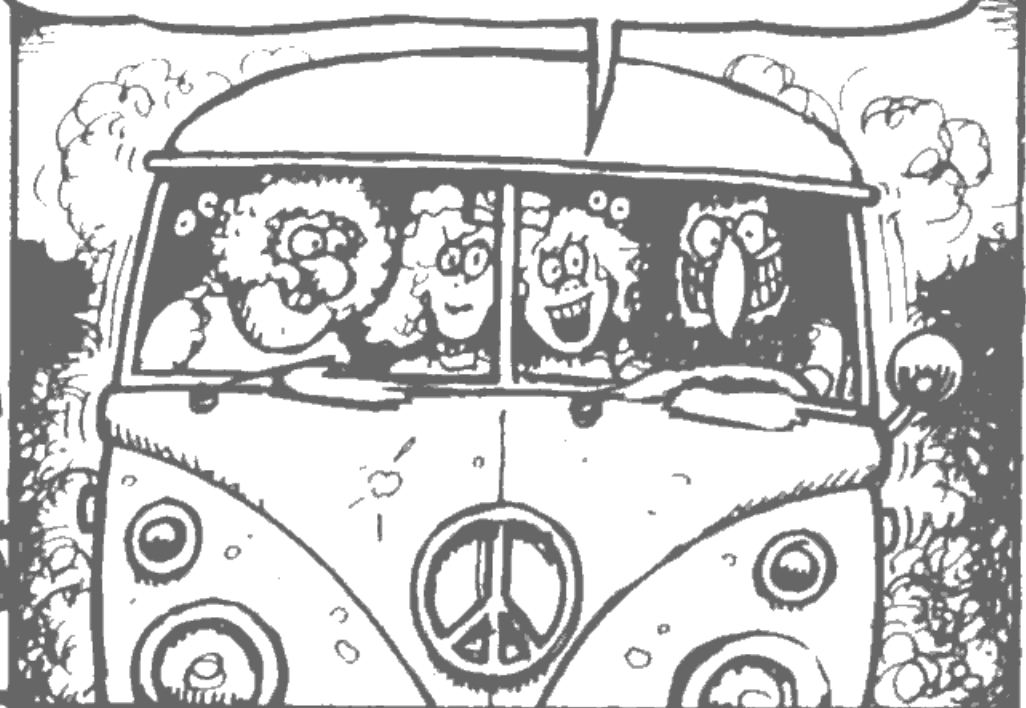
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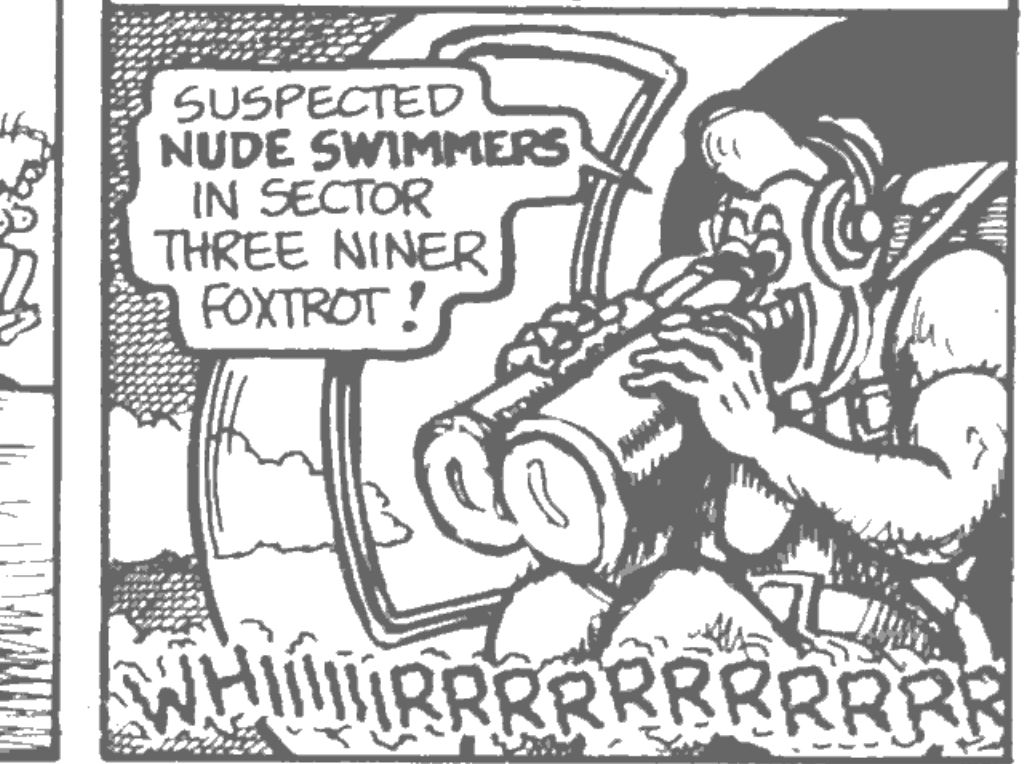
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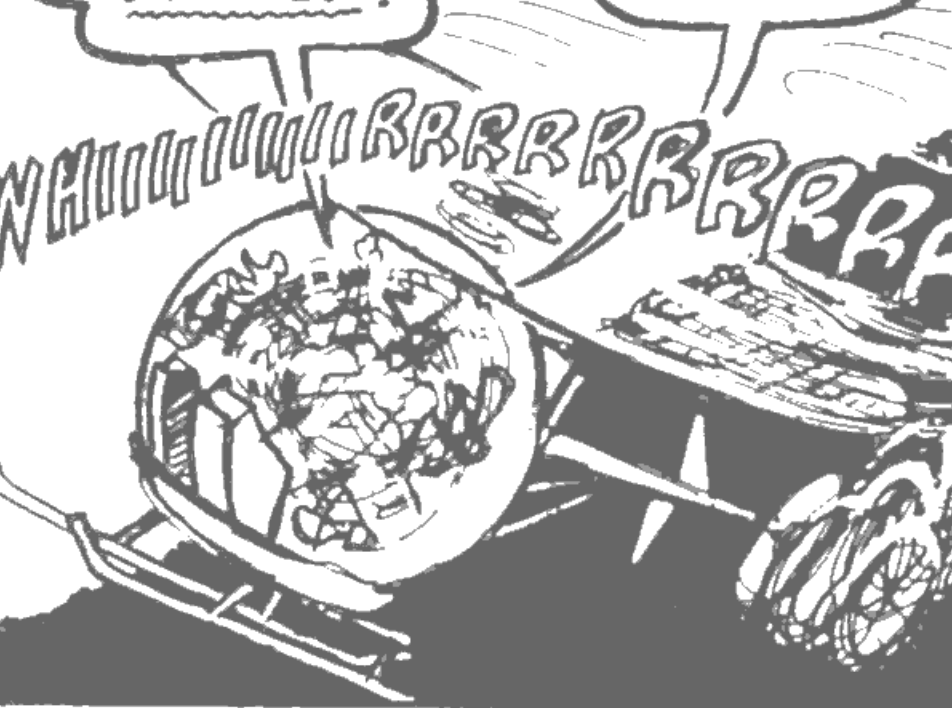
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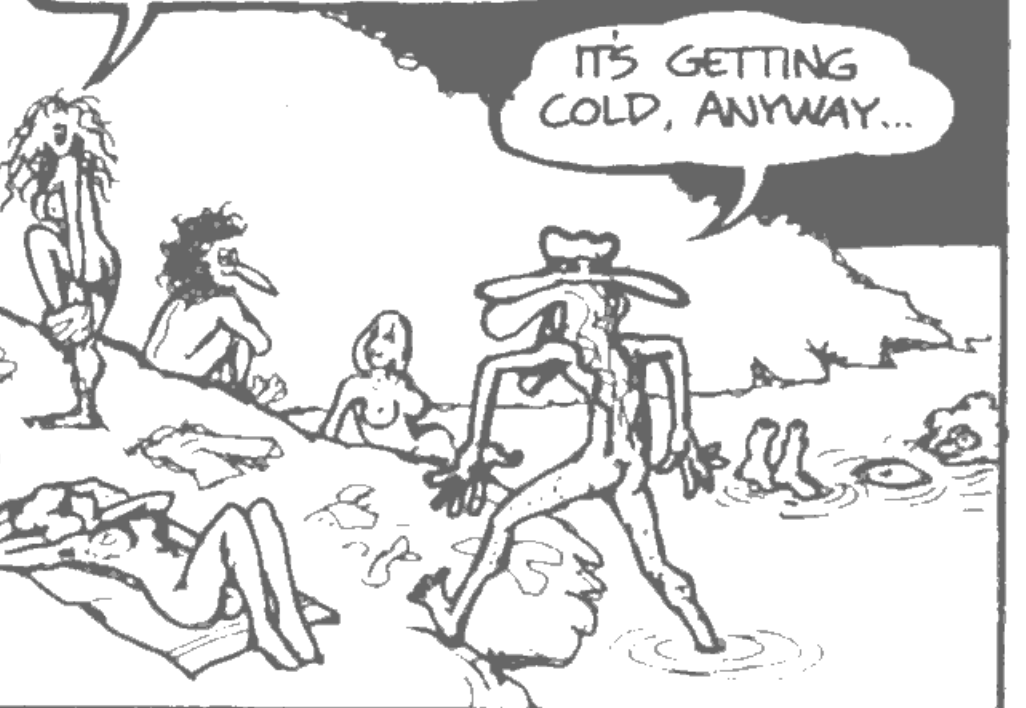
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# SUPER SCHEMING

By Anthony Ward

A couple of weeks back Mr Muldoon announced National's first major election plank — a superannuation scheme. Since then accusations have been flying backwards and forwards, and a storm of letters has appeared in the *Evening Post*, most of them critical.

There is little point in joining the statistical games some people have been playing with the alternative super schemes. Such figures are a) highly misleading b) highly unreliable and c) highly confusing. All that this side of the debate has shown is that Roger Douglas seems to have read Darrell Huff's *How to Lie with statistics* more carefully than the National Party spokesmen. For just one example of how ludicrous figures are, take Douglas's estimate that the average worker will have \$250,000 in his personal fund after forty years contributions. That seems like a lot of money but if you make some allowance for the inflation rate (a technique known as discounting) this sum quickly diminishes. If we assume a constant 4% inflation over the next forty years, the \$250,000 will buy as much as \$52,000 today. At 5% inflation the present value is \$35,500 and at 6% \$24,300. If there is a much higher rate of inflation the sum is that much smaller — at 15% inflation the present value of \$250,000 in forty year's time is only \$900.

The point to be stressed is not the absolute size of these figures (which are estimates anyway) but the wide disparity of value, even between 4% and 6%. Obviously with this margin of error no-one (not even Super Douglas) can accurately predict what *anything* will be worth in 40 years time.

The statistics aside, there are several basic issues raised by the two schemes, which are here briefly outlined:

## Labour (at present)

A funded system. Each individual, throughout his or her working life, will contribute 4% of his or her pre-tax salary (with the employer also paying 4% — which will be passed on in prices). This

yearly contribution will mount up in a special account in that person's name which will pay him or her back a pension after retirement. The scheme is flexible in that (like many present superannuation policies) it can be 'cashed in' at sixty and will provide benefits on the death of the individual. It will be on top of present social security benefits.

## National (proposed)

A pay-as-you-go system - ie. present taxpayers (through an increase of taxes) will pay extra benefits (possibly about 1½ times the present levels, after tax). The scheme is simpler to operate in that all pensioners will receive the same benefit, regardless of how much they earned while at work. There is some provision for funeral expenses etc, but the major attraction for a widow is that she will get the pension in her own right - which does not happen under Labour's plan unless she worked. Present contributions to the Superannuation fund will be refunded.

## Drawbacks

National's plan has been heavily attacked by the Labour Party, amongst others. Coherent points have been that it is not all that much better than the present situation (as it will be taxed) and there is some doubt that present concessions (eg TV rebates) will continue under a National Government. Many pensioners remember the gradually worsening deal they got from twelve years of the Holyoake administration. The plan to refund contributions is little more than an election bribe - and has been treated as such. The major selling point by National has been the almost immediate introduction (by 1978), compared with waiting 40 years for Labour's nest egg.

Which brings us to the problems of the Labour plan. Compared with these, National's proposal positively shines. The Labour plan marks a long step backwards from the principle that a society should care for its aged. The present meagre benefits will continue, sure, but from then on it is every individual for him/herself.



The contributions are related to income, so if you are earning \$20 000 a year your eventual pension will be several times that of the average wage-earner on \$5 000 a year. Add this discrepancy to the fact that \$20 000 a year people tend to save more anyway and then Labour's plan merely reinforces class distinctions well into old age, instead of trying to even them out.

Secondly those people who for one reason or another do less paid work: housewives, solo parents, invalids for examples, will be no better off in retirement than at present, while the general level of pensioners will undoubtedly be higher.

Whatever happened to Labour's concern for the oppressed, the downtrodden of our society? It is ludicrous, as many people have pointed out, that National's scheme (which does have one or two catches eg the employer not paying anything) is more egalitarian, more 'socialist' than Labour's. Is this an aberration? The answer is probably no — Labour is fast losing whatever working class consciousness it ever had. It is now dominated by technocratic managers such as Rowling, Tizard and SuperDouglas and subtly anti-union 'liberals' such as Finlay. The new Labour creed here, as in Australia\* is towards a meritocracy - ie a system based on the myth of equal opportunity for all to become members of the elite.

In other words, convincing people they're oppressed, not because of class pressures but because they're stupid.

And in political terms too Labour's scheme makes sense. The swinging voters it has to win are by and large wealthier liberals, who stand to gain much more from a 'funded' scheme than a 'pay-as-you-go' one. On the other hand, National is undoubtedly trying to win many Labour voters, especially in the older age groups, by its concern for the aged.

Overall then, National's proposal has considerably more to recommend it than the scheme Labour is pushing at the moment. It might even do National's election chances some good (though far be it for me to suggest that it was introduced out of anything but humanitarian concern for pensioners). Seriously, it's good to see that there has been widespread criticism of the scheme as vote buying. The mass of the New Zealand people is fast becoming aware of the tricks of politicians and the value of their promises. It is to be hoped that this cynicism will quickly extend to seeing whose interests both parties serve.

\*see the review of *From Twocledum to Twocleddee* on Australian Labour in next week's *Salient*.

## NEWS FROM MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

6-6-75

### Free-For-All But Keep It Cool

Pre-university students, 150 full time and 700 observing participants turned out for a liberal, free-for-all discussion at the pre-university seminar held at the Singapore Conference Hall.

Before the seminar began, they had been told that this session was specially included in this year's programme to allow them to comment and freely react on any aspects brought up on the theme, Singapore and the World Economic Crisis.

But just before the 90-minute session began, they claimed, they were cautioned by seminar officials not to waste time making any detrimental remarks on politics, but to stick to the economic side of the situation.

After the session, some participants expressed their disappointment at the restrictions and said that they should have been given the freedom to air their views.

One student said: "To tell you the truth, I lost interest in the discussions after that!"

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16-6-75

### 12 Killed in Industrial Accidents

Singapore — Twelve workers were killed in industrial accidents in April, bringing the total deaths at worksites to 42 this year. Of the 12 fatalities, four occurred in the building construction industry, three in manufacturing industry and five in other industrial sectors.

A total of 1,181 accidents were reported to the Labour Ministry, according to its April monthly report. During the month, 66 children — 42 girls and 24 boys — between 14 and 16 years were granted licences to work in 25 factories, said the report.

21-6-75

### Teledyne Lays Off Another 250 Workers

Singapore — Teledyne Semi-conductor in Kallang carried out a second lay-off yesterday by retrenching 250 workers. With the retrenchments Teledyne now has about 500 workers — a near 50% reduction of its original work force of more than 1,100 workers.

18-6-75

### Detainee's Death: Government Sued

K.L. — The Government, the superintendent of the political detainee camp in Muar, Encik Ibrahim bin Alla Ditta, and Dr. K. K. Pillai, medical officer of General Hospital, Muar, were sued in the High Court here today for negligence resulting in the death of a detainee.

The detainee, former Malacca municipal councillor Pang Siew Miew, underwent medical treatment both at the camp and the hospital in May 1970 for hypertension.

The action was brought by Mr Pang's wife, and the administrator of Mr Pang's estate Mr Koh Say Yam.

According to the statement of claim Mr

Pang who was detained in 1966 was admitted to the hospital on February 26, 1971, for an acute urinary tract infection and he died on March 10, 1971. He suffered acute renal failure.

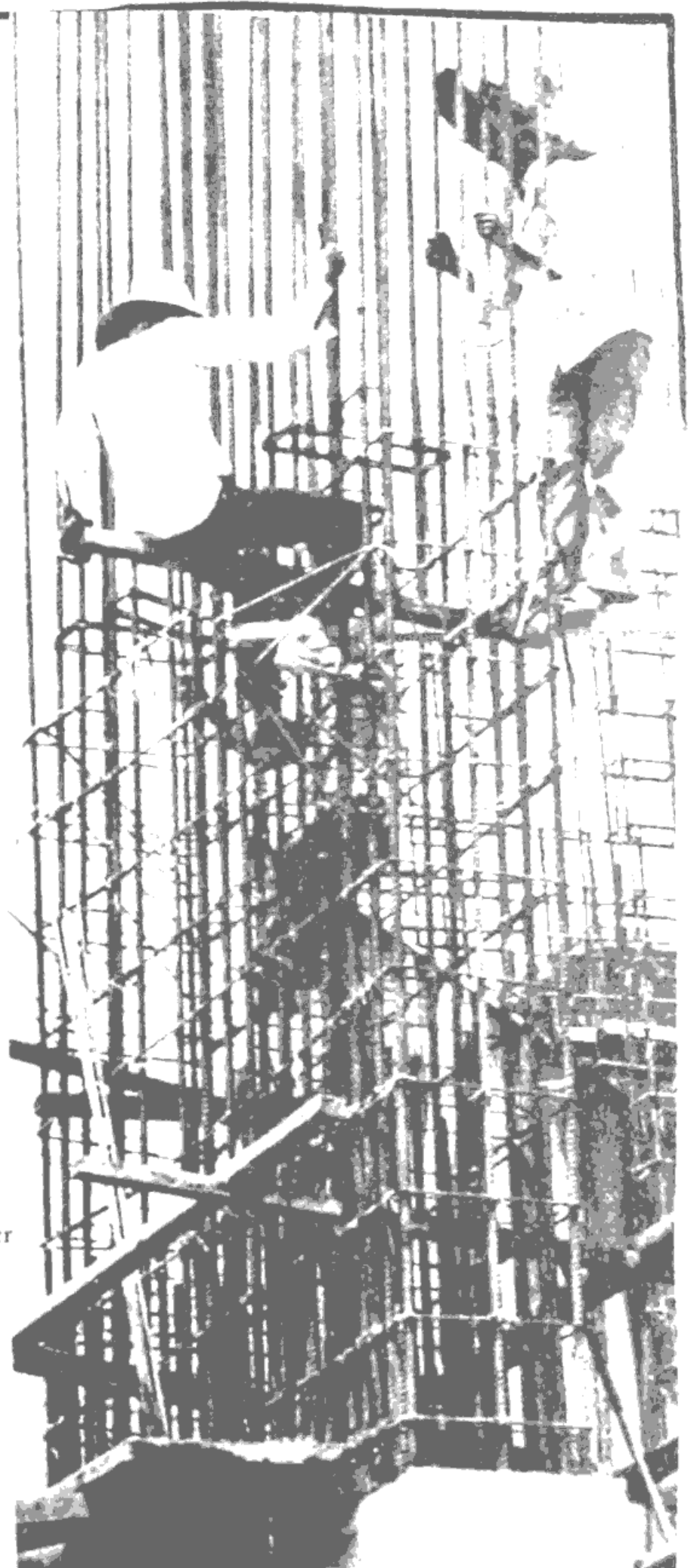
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### Razak: Tenant Registration to Safeguard Peace and Security

Tun Abdul Razak told the General Assembly of the country's ruling political party, the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) that tenant registration would be introduced soon as a step to get the people fully involved in safe-guarding peace and security. He also announced the expansion of the police and armed forces to form a defence force to meet increased communist insurgency.

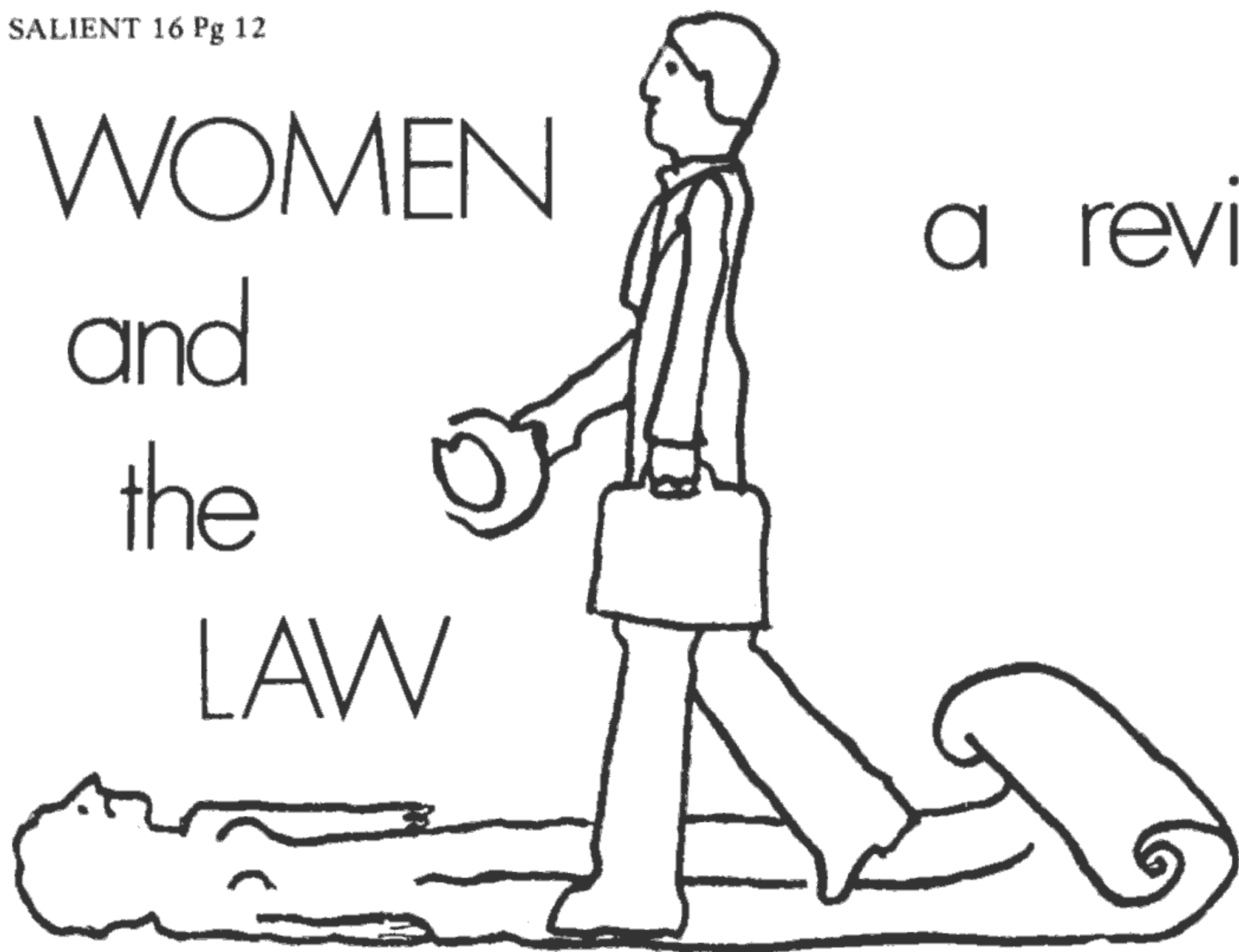
Later the Assembly voted three candidates endorsed by Tun Razak into the positions of vice-presidents of the UMNO out of 8 contestants. They are the Agriculture Minister Encik Ghafar Baba, the chairman of Pentronas, the country's oil company, Tengku Razaleigh and the Education Minister Dr. Mahathir. Earlier Tun Razak had been returned unopposed as party president and Datuk Hussein Onn, who has been in ill health, deputy president.

The defeated candidates included UMNO Youth Leader, Datuk Harun, who was edged to fourth position. However, Datuk Harun will remain a vice-president by virtue of being the Youth Leader.



# WOMEN and the LAW

## a review



See Women

**Women and the Law in N.Z.** 1975 by Pauline Vaver and Kaye Turner published by Hicks Smith and Sons Ltd.

Reviewed by Diane Hooper

If you're a female, *Women and the Law in N.Z.* is a book that you should keep on the same shelf as your dictionary. It is full of useful and, in fact, necessary information that pertains in particular to female survival in this country.

Women and men live in a deadly bureaucratic and legalistic world. However men in the past have been the better equipped to hurdle the legalistic and bureaucratic barriers that crop up from time to time in one's life. Men are the more "worldly", the better educated, the more experienced. A woman's worldly education stops short when she is bound to unpaid baby minding and house caring. Most women in New Zealand are placed in invidious and impotent positions by the nature of nuclear family marriage situations. *Women and the Law in N.Z.*, if it is read by those most needy, will help women to clarify their positions from a legal point of view and thus help themselves at least to a better deal in society.

Since no-one can dispute that women have an equal right to knowledge and opportunity

in any society it must follow that the appearance of this book, the first of its kind in N.Z. should be heralded. It is rather worrying though, to consider that the very women to whom this book is most important in N.Z., more often won't than will be able to afford the purchase. There are many married women with children who cannot and do not spend precious housekeeping money on books however politically relevant and practical the publication may be. *Women and the Law in N.Z.* will probably grace many a bourgeois bookshelf giving many already liberated women even larger advantages over their poorer more oppressed sisters.

It is a great pity in western countries that governments do not provide "community texts" that aim to teach at the most fundamental levels the most fundamental skills needed by adults in living life today. Life is no longer simple. The uneducated and the uninitiated miss out on their rights by the sheer lack of knowledge that they may have any at all. It is a pity that *Women and the Law in N.Z.* could not have published as a government subsidised text. To have to pay when you cannot afford to for knowledge of one's legal rights is a farcical situation.

Although this book would be most usefully read by overtly oppressed women, it is not a

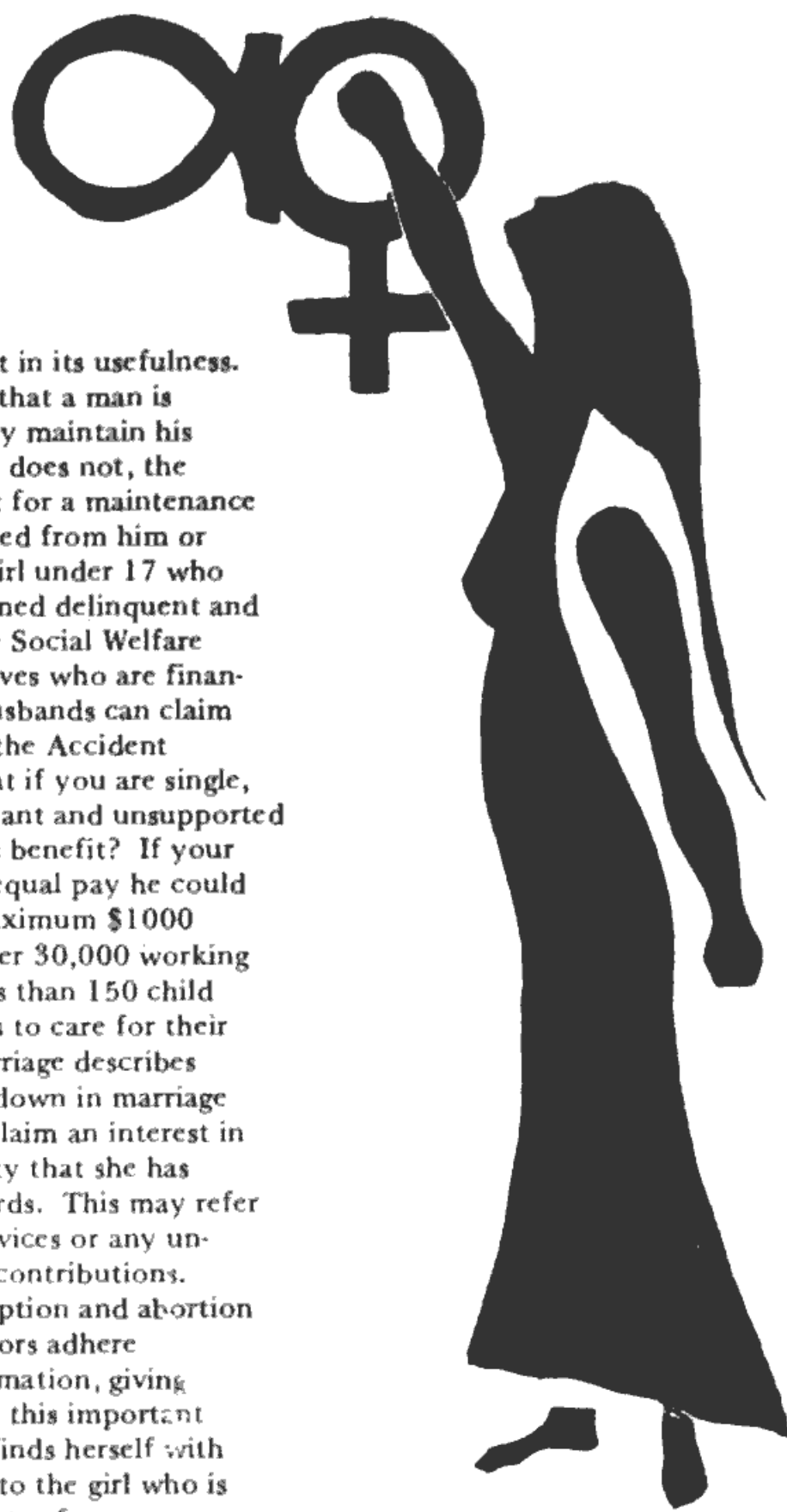
book that stops at this point in its usefulness. Did you know for example that a man is legally obliged to sufficiently maintain his wife and children; that if he does not, the wife may apply to the court for a maintenance order whether she is separated from him or not? Did you know that a girl under 17 who has intercourse may be deemed delinquent and placed under the care of the Social Welfare Department? That housewives who are financially dependent on their husbands can claim in the event of injury from the Accident Compensation Scheme? That if you are single, more than six months pregnant and unsupported you can apply for a sickness benefit? If your employer is not giving you equal pay he could be convicted and fined a maximum \$1000 fine? Also that there are over 30,000 working women in N.Z. and only less than 150 child care centres of various types to care for their children? A chapter on marriage describes how in the event of a breakdown in marriage a woman may successfully claim an interest in any of her husbands property that she has indirectly contributed towards. This may refer to her unpaid household services or any un-receipted financial loans or contributions.

The chapter on contraception and abortion is rather too brief. The editors adhere rigorously to the legal information, giving little, if any wider advice on this important topic. To the woman who finds herself with an unwanted pregnancy, or to the girl who is too afraid to approach a doctor for contraceptives, this chapter rather unfortunately offers little solace.

Despite the general excellence of *Women and the Law in N.Z.* it falls short in a typically Pakeha way. New Zealand continues to possess a number of first language Maori speakers many who, in the increasing move to our urban areas, would find such a book invaluable if published in Maori. Recently a Consumers' Rights book was printed by the Government both in English and Maori. This was a first. There is a lack of regard for the possible publication of informative books such as *Women and the Law in N.Z.*, in Maori. New Zealand has also, a large and increasing Island population many of whom have only a skeletal knowledge of the English lan-

guage. Such a book as *Women and the Law in N.Z.* should be rewritten in both Maori and some Island languages. To deny women in minority groups the same opportunities that women as a sub-group of the human race are denied by men, is ludicrous.

Just as there is a need for *Women and the Law in N.Z.* so too, when all is said and one, is there a need for many books of its kind in this country. As a follow up, *The Maori and the Law in N.Z.* is a title worth suggesting. Or perhaps *Everyman and the Law in N.Z.* would be even more appropriate, especially if it were introduced into high school liberal studies classes, or widely distributed as a subsidised national text.



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The USA Universities are represented by John Kennedy, 24, of the University of Pittsburgh, and John Saxon, 24, from the University of Alabama. Mr Kennedy has a BA in Pol. Sci. and an MA. His debating experience has included Debates against Cambridge, Oxford and the University of Kent in England, the University of Glasgow in Scotland, and Jagellonian University and the University of Cracow in Poland. He also debated the touring NZ team last year. Mr Saxon has a BA (Hons) in Pol. Sci. and an MA

in Speech. He has also just completed his first year of Law School. He has published numerous articles in learned journals on the subjects of persuasion, debate and oratory, and has taught speech at the Universities of North Carolina and Alabama. He was twice named most outstanding debater at the South-East USA regional tournament. He is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, and Outstanding Young Men of America. Married, Mr Saxon is employed as a Research Associate at the University of Alabama.

This is the first of three debates which the two Americans will have while in Wellington. On Saturday night they Debate Wellington on the motion "That the American Way is best" in the Rothmans Cultural Foundation, World Trade Centre, Sturdee Street, at 8.00 p.m. On Monday night at 8.00 p.m. they debate New Zealand in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on the motion "That morality has no place in Foreign Affairs".

At the conclusion of the Debate against Victoria, the audience will be asked to declare their adjudication. It is also hoped, instead of adjudicators, to have two guest speakers to give their appreciation of the topic and debate prior to the audience decision.

VUW Political Science Society  
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## MONDAY 14th.

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## THURSDAY 17th

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Le Neveu de Rameau, Memorial Theatre, 8 pm. 50-cents students

## TUESDAY 15th

Le Neveu de Rameau, Memorial Theatre, 2 pm. 50 cents students.

Le Rat, d'Amerique, Jacques le fataliste. Films. Memorial Theatre, 7.30 p.m.

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16th July, 1975

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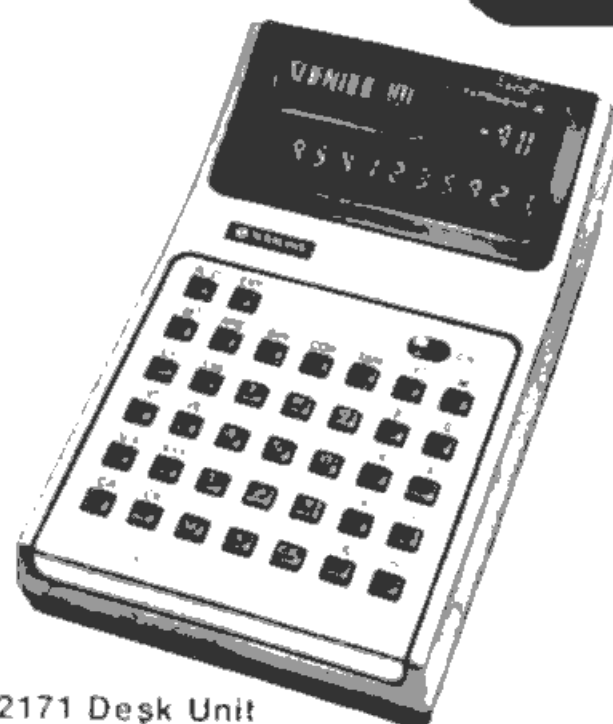
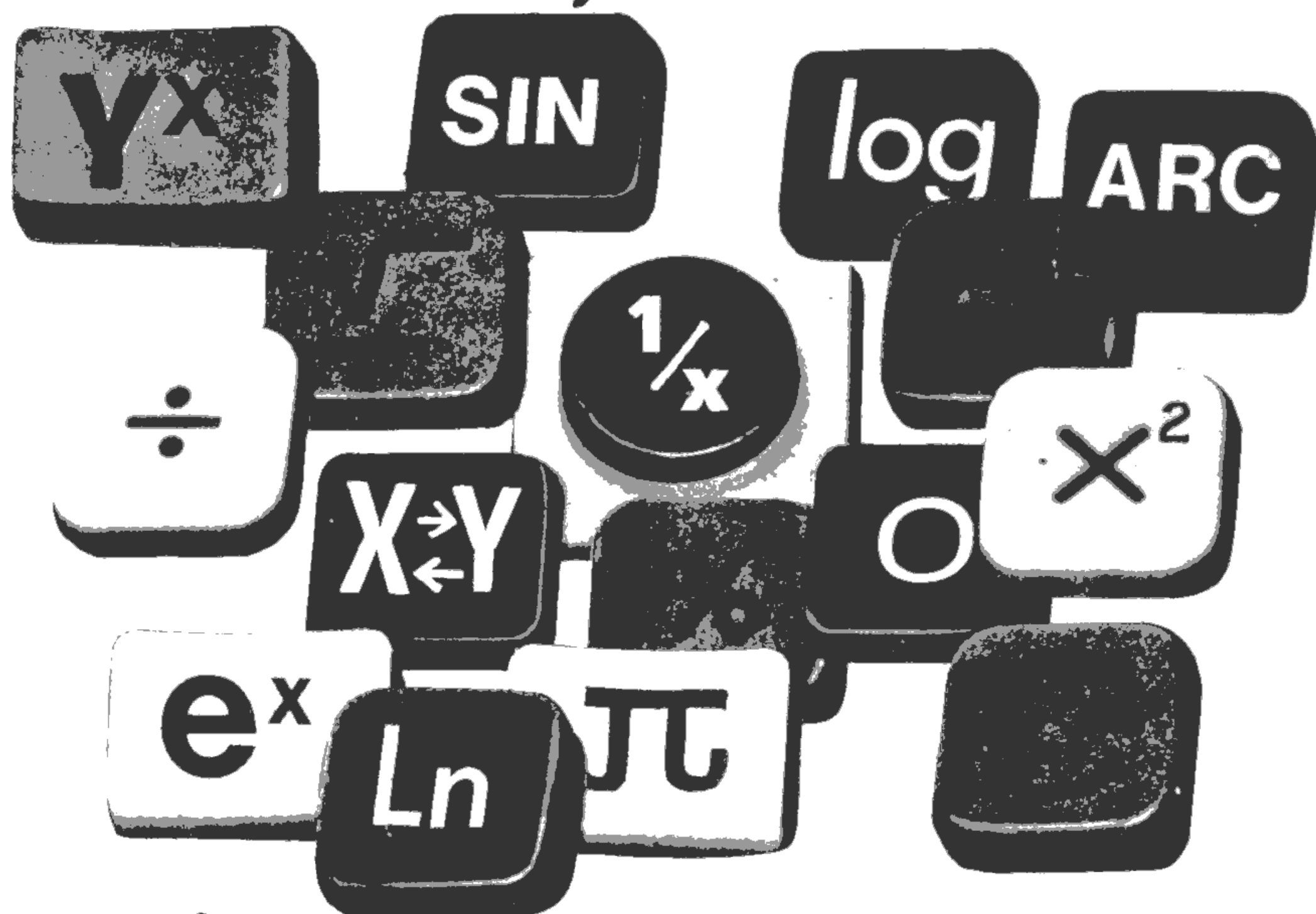
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## Right or Wrong By Stealers Wheel

Review by Brian King.

It would have been one of rock's greater magnanimous gestures had Stealers Wheel vanished for good - a bit like the Legendary Masked Surfers, perhaps - instead of reforming with new members after the success of their first album. That album, called simply 'Stealers Wheel,' was a masterpiece: a flawless and finely executed work whose influences (the more obvious ones) included the Beatles, Dylan and Free; and one which fully explored the facilities of the recording studio without obscuring the identity of the songs. Here was a true original.

'Ferguslie Park,' their next album, was not nearly as good. It wasn't the same band for one thing, but more importantly the songs themselves were less accomplished: there was no 'Stuck in the Middle' and, thus, no hit. All that remained were the distinctive voices - the special and extensive use of close harmony - and despite another intelligent production by Leiber and Stoller the album was a disappointment. In the light of such failure the first album became even more of a prize. And Stealers Wheel became a part of rock history.

The only survivors of the original band are Joe Egan and Gerry Rafferty. In reality they are Stealers Wheel as they write all the songs, performing them with the help of studio musicians. On their latest album the lack of a band of musicians working off each other for inspiration is keenly felt. 'Right or Wrong' lacks inventiveness and the confidence which sets an album apart from the rest of the week's releases.

The album is so full of self-pity that it's as empty as a conch-shell. The humor based on irony (as in 'Stuck In the Middle') is missing, as is the careful attention to the use of silence and of solo instruments to create (and mitigate) tensions within the songs. Often the tone seems inappropriate: the delivery is too serious, too intense, for the material. Thus tracks like 'Found My Way To You' and 'Home from Home' fall short of the levity intended. By re-working the same riffs and themes, Egan and Rafferty are in real danger of obliterating a style when it is in most need of being re-established. Finally, on 'Right Or Wrong' nothing happens: there's no relief from the sluggish pull of the voices and the backing, (the addition of strings on some of the tracks is yet another burden). Producer Mentor Williams has compressed the catchy electric-folk freedoms into terse, three-minute Norse Sagas. And listening to this album becomes faintly unpleasant - like having molasses poured steadily into each ear.

## Lou Reed Live - Lou Reed (Who else?)

- RCA Victor (what else?)

- Reviewed by David MacLennan

The remainder of the tapes from the concern that produced 'Rock n Roll Animal', so this new one just had to be good - which it is, though perhaps not quite as good as its predecessor. The two together make a fine double-album, really.

What have we got then? Well, it's a well-rounded collection, all of side one being taken up with the three best tracks from 'Transformer,' namely 'Vicious,' 'Satellite of Love' and 'Walk on the Wild Side.' Side two has the Velvet Underground standard 'Waiting For My Man,' plus two from 'Berlin,' namely 'Oh Jim' and 'Sad Song.'

All of the songs are well played and well sung. As with 'Rock 'n Roll Animal,' there is more of that tight guitar interplay between Dick Wagner and Steve Hunter. As for the three 'Transformer' songs, while I like the versions I don't think they are as good as the originals: On 'Transformer,' 'Vicious' had a strong Velvets feel to it which is lacking here, and as for 'Wild Side,' well, the studio version of that is unbeatable. Still, three nice ones.

Side two, and 'Waiting for My Man.' This is good treatment, though again, it has a different feel from the original. 'Oh Jim' is far and away the best thing on the record, featuring some great guitar from Messrs. Wagner and Hunter. While it lacks some of the menace of the original, the live 'Oh Jim' comes off very well - better than I thought it could be done live, in fact. Finally there's 'Sad Song,' which finishes the album nicely. Not as good as the 'Berlin' version, but no complaints as far as I'm concerned.

So there we have it. A great album from a great artist. While some-er-critics maintain that Lou gave up delivering the goods years ago, there's no way they can say that he's washed-out as a live performer. This album, along with 'Rock 'n Roll Animal' is ample proof of that. Buy this record, go and see him in August: your life may yet be saved by Rock and Roll.

Available from Colin Morris Record's Ltd - student discount available, of course.

(Seems funny that when you admit 6 out of 6 tracks fail to match up to the original versions that you recommend people to spend good money on this record - Ed.)



## Split Enz - In Concert Opera House, July 2, 1975

The house lights dimmed and a lonely spot picked out a single figure onstage.

"And now, ladies and gentlemen, a young Auckland and the evening's introductory act ... Mike Chunn.

Looking more like the enriched darling of the record companies than the renowned woman-eater he is he moved briskly through a four-set bracket, concluding with one of the songs from Simon and Garfunkel's "Bookends". The huge backdrop floated lazily upwards during an Andrews Sisters' interlude and the spotlights flashed on to reveal the weirdos of Split Enz clustered around a bewildering array of equipment right down to microphone stands wreathed in flowers.

We've learned to expect different and novel things from Split Enz. Their patently outrageous music is perfectly complemented by their theatricality - which has progressed from mere

acrobatics to a full-blown product. But do Split Enz need all this? Their music holds its own - something especially evident at their Opera House date.

Witty introductory discourses led into fare as varied as the presumably Hesse-inspired "Under the Wheel", and the really pretty "Song for Amy", followed by various songs featuring interplays between instruments as diverse as synthesiser, cowbells, triangles, a peculiar instrument that resembled a bicycle pump and the standard rock group format.

A word here, too, about their stage garb. In the first half it ranged through the whole spectrum of colours. A rapid change during the interval to variations on a black and white theme - quarters, stripes, polka dots and a zebra concoction.

Their raucous rockers (sic) worked better onstage than their more downbeat numbers. They were able to get a fuller, less cluttered sound, and of course, they played off the audience's reaction, which was frenetic throughout - eliciting the comment that Wellington had provided the nicest audience that Split Enz had played to from Finn.

They were tasty in their selection of material, and had the audience laughing along with a skilfully executed spoons solo. They also played some material from their shortly forthcoming album and tunes like "Five Minute Wonder", which pulled the concert up after a patchy acoustic number.

They re-appeared for a couple of encores to a foot-stamping audience and left, leaving a satisfied feeling - and satisfaction seems to be an increasingly scarce commodity these days. If you boil it down to comparisons, and they're invidious at best, they are probably about as skilled as Blerta with the addition of more control over what they're doing, professional in a word, and Space Waltz whom, on this performance, Split Enz showed they would have no trouble whatsoever in blowing off any stage.

- Patrick O'Dea

## Silk Torpedo: The Pretty Things. Swansong ss 8411 - review copy supplied by Colin Morris Records.

Reviewed by Peter Simons

The best jobs are created - not found in the classified ads. Take the case of the Pretty Things for instance. They knew the end of the world was coming and figured it could do with some background music. A touch of Flash Gordon, a pinch of Stockhausen. And some dandy visual images dancing along in the musical strains. You can see the dark caves with candlelight flickering on the walls and single-file lines of dark-cloaked figures weaving their way into the twilight of the ages. It's not something you put on the hi-fi before you go to sleep.

So far, Phil May and his band, the Pretty T Things, arrived at part four of a projected five-album progression, the latest installment released in New Zealand as Silk Torpedo. Basically, the story involves a group of earthlings who, unheeded in their warnings of the coming disaster, leave to colonise a new planet. There they build a Utopian society, well-advanced in technology and social harmony. Decades later, an itinerant Earth spaceship discovers them and lures them back to Earth, which is still going downhill. Stunned by their reception, they leave, never to

return. But their visit leaves a mark: a leader arises who understands their teachings. Following this Nebelr Gudahrt, Earth eventually comes to its senses and achieves a new state of grace.

It sounds like the second feature of a double bill headed by The Attack of the Mushroom People, and May himself admits to being satisfied with the concept. The lyrics are sometimes forced into the listeners consciousness as an invented system of "sound symbols" and translate quite happily. Our purpose is to give strong enough images to shock people out of the familiar and habitual.

Needless to say, it takes an exceptional listener to make sense out of this. Most of us, happily, will not fall into that category. The Pretty Things have given up the antics that earned them such notoriety during their New Zealand tour, when they stumbled on to the stage between acts and attempted to have it off with Sandie Shaw. Instead they prefer to appeal on both a more visceral and musical level. They used to disturb in much the same manner as a leaky faucet. A leaky faucet, on this planet at least, is not music. Rather than creating something out of nothing, they have assembled an impressionistic collage, coupled it with the best part of ten years musical experience, and bass lines that have become a cinematic convention for the Martians' arrival.



The New Zealand Students Arts Council has acquired two outrageous movies that shed a bit of light on an unforgotten era. The two films were made in the 30's; the subject matter is dope, the weed. "Reefer Madness" and "Marijuana, the Devil's Weed from Hell" were made during the period of American history when dope use was an alarming pre-occupation. Marijuana was not yet illegal, but spreading. The US had suffered a severe period of alcohol prohibition. With this in mind, the government agencies began to wage war against the weed. The result was two films, depicting the depravity and dangers in tangling with marijuana, the killer drug. The films have all the nastiness of a Ministry of Transport road safety film - tragedy, wrecked lives, despair. It's an old cinema technique, equating tragic circumstances to the subject you wish eradicated.

The films will not disappoint you. The November 22, 1938 edition of "Look" magazine had this to say about "Reefer Madness" -

"Reefer Madness" is Hollywood's answer to the marijuana problem. This new movie ... exposes one method of selling marijuana cigarettes to high school students and appraises the crime, debauchery and tragedy caused by smoking them ... Sensual dancing and marijuana smoking make a weakling of Bill ... Before realising what he is

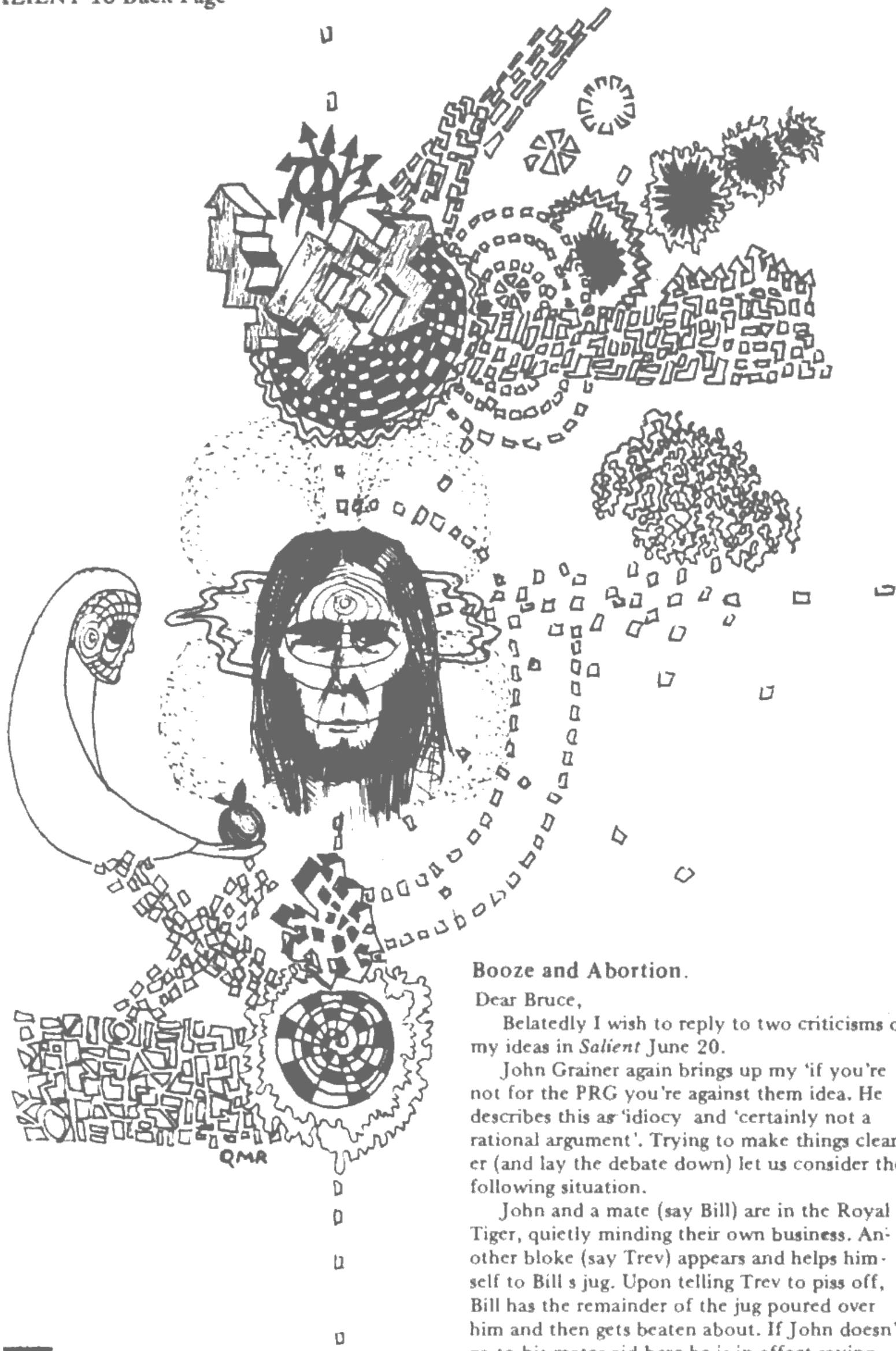
doing, he becomes an addict of the habit-forming drug. He craves the strange, stimulating effect ... Blanche commits suicide ... Ralph is adjudged hopelessly insane ... Bill's life is wrecked."

"Reefer Madness" was made in 1938 and is 70 minutes of tragedy. According to some film notes, it portrays marijuana as an even greater danger than morphine or heroin. Not to be outdone, "Marijuana, the Devil's Weed from Hell" is just as ludicrous. It was made in 1936 and is also 70 minutes long. Its programme note reads as follows:

"Here it is! Another great and outrageously campy narcotics spectacle. Scene after unbelievable scene! A wild youth party in a 1936 beer parlour when beer was 5 cents. Passions unleashed in a jalopy! Love orgy at a beach house! See what happens when the girls start smoking the weed. They laugh hysterically and then run through the surf in the all-together. Then tragedy steps in - the heroine becomes pregnant and her boy friend is forced to become a drug pusher. Following the shooting death of her boyfriend, our heroine becomes a notorious narcotics dealer and user. She then plots to kidnap her sisters child not realising it's the daughter she gave up after birth. There's a lot more in this great film, but see it for yourself in this new release."







# Letters

## Army officer gets his

Let me get directly to the point without wasting words on the absurdity in 'Lt. Lon Nol Thieu's' argument.

1. He seems to think that the problems of Malaysia is caused solely by foreign imperialists. He is only partly right. To get rid of them is part of the process of liberating ourselves from the chains of imperialism. To fully liberate ourselves we must also get rid of the rich and ruling elite of the country who own the remaining 40% of the country's wealth. We must also liberate ourselves from the decadent western ideas at present upheld by our so-called leaders e.g. the promotion of the ideal that the individual should work for himself (selfishness) and indirectly help society; elitism; conspicuous habits of the rich; exploitation of workers and women, playing on the prejudices and suspicious of the peoples of Malaysia and diverting their attention away from the real causes of their sufferings... It is true that these ideas are not unique or peculiar to western society, but they were promoted strongly by former colonial masters to their advantage in exploiting the country.

2. Malaysia will be liberated from the present corrupt regime. But not all the 3000 Malaysians in N.Z. will want to stay in N.Z. as the Lt. Col. (what a fancy grandiose title for himself) thinks they would. There may exist in the wood pile a few Malaysians like those Vietnamese who prefer N.Z. "freedom" to true liberation. But these will most likely be those who prefer the way of life the ruling elite at present leads, and outlined above

3. Lon Nol Thieu is merely attempting to elicit information with his deliberate absurdity. In spite of this he is well aware that the liberation forces exist in Malaysia and outside that are now fighting to free the country from people like him. He might ask why countries like N.Z. does not mind entertaining people like the Vietnamese students and enemies of the Vietnamese people (the ex-ambassadorial staff) to stay in N.Z.? Is it out of true humanitarian feelings, liberal democratic clap-trap or for anti-communist reasons?

Anti-Jack Boot League

## Booze and Abortion.

Dear Bruce,

Belatedly I wish to reply to two criticisms of my ideas in *Salient* June 20.

John Grainer again brings up my 'if you're not for the PRG you're against them' idea. He describes this as 'idiocy' and 'certainly not a rational argument'. Trying to make things clearer (and lay the debate down) let us consider the following situation.

John and a mate (say Bill) are in the Royal Tiger, quietly minding their own business. Another bloke (say Trev) appears and helps himself to Bill's jug. Upon telling Trev to piss off, Bill has the remainder of the jug poured over him and then gets beaten about. If John doesn't go to his mates aid here he is in effect saying to Trev "You are perfectly entitled to bash around my friend - go ahead, I won't stop you". If he takes this attitude, John may well find Bill turning rather bitter towards him. I suggest that this is very similar to the Vietnam situation - if you do not support the PRG you are entitling the Americans to smash them around.

In reply to G.S.Little, I would find his/her condemnation more compelling if he/she had bothered to read my article (May 29) more carefully. One major point there was that the Remuera clinic 'has not been shown to have broken any law'. The major part of G.S.Little's letter rests on the presumption that it has and is continuing to do so. Is there any evidence for this?

Another point stems from G.S.Little's 'If the purpose of society is to provide support to and acceptance of each of its members. . . Society at the moment does not have this as its highest goal but the making of profits for a small and increasingly foreign elite. If G.S.Little is interested in a more humane and just society, I suggest his/her energies would be better spent in struggling for socialism rather than supporting Dr Wall's repression.

Anthony Ward.

## Resign!

Dear Editor,

I fully agree with "ex-MSA member" that MSA exec members should resign, as they have proved to be totally ineffective in representing the views of Malaysian members (not the whole Malaysian community as they pretend to). But would they? After all this would be a serious loss of face for them. Maybe they could resign one by one over a period of time so that it is not so noticeable.

Whenever they are attacked, they defend themselves by saying that they have organised games and dances etc. No one disagrees with this. But in view of the situation at home where many of our countrymen have suffered from government repression, when many of them are suffering from hunger and malnutrition, how can we go on enjoying ourselves dancing and indulging in our personal comfort without pangs of conscience?

Again at the end of August they are holding a Malaysia Day dance to rejoice over an illusory 'freedom' called independence while our rulers progressively sell our country to foreigners. Those who are going to this dance must ask themselves whether they should instead give their ball ticket money to the squatters and landless people at home? At worse, they should boycott this function.

Red Malay

## Dirty laundry and faded flowers

Dear readers,

I view with a thrill of excitement the developments in the Middle-East today, anticipating at any moment the call to arms that every young man waits for. Have you ever reflected on the fact that, despite the horrors of war, it is at least a big thing? I mean to say that in it one is brought face to face with realities. The follies, selfishness, luxury and general pettiness of the vile commercial sort of existence led by nine-tenths of the people of the world in peacetime are replaced in war by a savagery that is at least more honest and outspoken. Look at it this way: in peacetime one just lives one's own little life, engaged in trivialities, worrying about one's own comfort, about money matters and all that sort of thing - just living for one's own self. What a sordid life it is! In war, on the other hand, even if you do get killed you only anticipate the inevitable by a few years in any case, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have "pegged out" in the attempt to help your country. You have, in fact, realised an ideal, which, as far as I can see, you very rarely do in ordinary life. The reason is that ordinary life runs on a commercial and selfish basis; if you want to "get on", as the saying is, you can't keep your hands clean.

Personally, I feel that war gives to everyone a chance to "get out of himself", to feel the exhilaration and excitement that can only be surpassed by the few minutes before the start of a big school match. It gives everyone a sense of purpose, of belonging, even if only for a few weeks or days. How proud our heroes must feel on their day, Anzac day when every worthwhile person remembers them (how many people who just 'got on' in life are remembered like this?). Soon we too may be able to say - "I was there" for our friends and dear relatives can say 'he gave his life for his country - the ultimate unselfish sacrifice' - how our hearts will swell with pride.

P. McDonald

## Revolution from an armchair.

Dear Editor,

If we ignore 'Lt Lon Nol Thieu's' inane cynicism, there is a very serious question posed by him: are we arm-chair revolutionaries? Of course he was meaning that we were all the time. But are we? Do we sit around discussing theory without any ideas on how to put it into effect?

'Revolution' in its proper meaning is 'sudden or radical change'. The cynic took it for granted that this sudden, or radical, change is to be one transforming society into a socialist and eventually a communistic one, as is happening in China and Vietnam now. To change society, the individuals composing it must as a majority have socialist ideas, and a strong desire to change from the present capitalist system into a socialist one. History has shown us that this must be preceded by the violent overthrow of the capitalist class which is the main obstacle to such change. At present none of us is engaged in armed struggle to eliminate the capitalist class, at least in New Zealand. Why? This takes us to an examination of the society we live in, its ideals and aims and the problem of first changing people's thoughts. To this extent some of us are arm-chair revolutionaries, people who are learning and looking for ways of bringing our ideals into reality. A few are actually attempting to create revolution by working with the workers to promote awareness of their role in society. Even this has not come about without a change in our inner selves. It is therefore not too bad to be called 'arm chair revolutionaries' if we always remember that we should at the same time communicate with others what we want.

This letter poses many questions without answers. For New Zealanders and Malaysians we must ask ourselves:

1. What sort of society do we want?
2. If it is for socialism, how can we bring that about?

The best advice for Malaysians came from one of their countrymen, J.D. Silva, who said some time ago that it is a waste of time to talk about revolution (in criticism of arm-chair revolutionaries) if it stops there. The best thing for Malaysians to do, according to him, is to go home and work for this desirable change of society. In spite of his rabid fear and hatred of this change, Jack did indeed do the progressive movement of Malaysian students the greatest service with his advice and activities here. Perhaps Lt Thieu should take heed of this. 3000 Malaysians will not apply to stay here when that change comes, although many like Thieu would.

Armchair revolutionary.

## Oh Dear!

Dear Editor,

Some of your correspondents last week attacked the credibility of MSA leadership. If we look back at the past history of the personalities who have been presidents of the body many of us would be very surprised with the stand of at least one person namely Steven Oh who was president in 1973.

1973 was the year of the Malaysian cultural revolution in NZ., where the role of culture was seriously questioned: whether a people (the Chinese) should be denied their culture. More importantly whether culture should serve the people. In their attempt to answer this question the Otago Chinese Language club was vilified by the unlamented and departed Jack de Silva, as being 'subversive' ad nauseam. During the furore in the ensuing months, people gained popularity by coming out to defend the democratic rights of Malaysians. Not the least was the redoubtable Steven Oh.

Mr Oh (like Napoleon) rode to power in the MSA on the crest of popular dissent against Malaysian Fascism by championing the cause of democratic minded Malaysians. He took a firm stand against Jack de Silva's intimidation. He actively, and at the time what seems to be courageously, opposed all Government threats of 'communists' and 'subversive' brandings. *Salient* Vol 36, No 23 Sept. 1973, reported his performance at the annual MSA elections and printed a letter by him opposing the High Commission. In his private conversations with MSA members and friends he stated unambiguously his belief in Democracy, and his determination to stand up against any attempt to deny this to Malaysians. He went so far as to encourage Malaysians to demonstrate outside the High Commission Student Office to protest against the inactivity of the Student Officer and the shabby window display along Wakefield St (opposite the Town Hall). This was all part of a demonstration of strong and decisive leadership on his part. He was very popular then.

Two years later, he was elected president again by a majority of one vote (a miracle by God!). What has happened since those halcyon days? Since then there appears to have been a change in approach or maybe principles. It seems to be alright when one spouts liberalism but when the threat to one's safety and freedom becomes real, where students at home are suppressed, this spirit evaporates. It is nice to protest about the shabby window dressing of the High Commission Student Office, and fashionable to be liberal. But when it is to protest about the real thing, about government repression and the sufferings of the people at home, Mr Oh argues that it's better not to play into the hands of 'communist agitators.' It is further against the will of almighty God to disagree with authority. 'We must resist Communism' and to protest against the government would be to side with the communists. In a way quite true.

Therefore being consistent with this thinking our friend (or JUDAS?) does funny little things like exposing himself as an apparent racist during Hamzah Kassim's talk at the Union Hall last September. He further exposed that he was defending the interest of the '20%' rich people in Malaysia. 'What about their democratic rights?' he yelled, backed by John Chin (Who also has an interesting history prior to reconversion!) Steven Oh doubted that Hamzah Kassim who looked like an Indian, who happened to have a Malaysian name (many Indians had Malay names he said) had the right to speak for the poverty stricken people of Malaysia. Here is a man who two years ago upheld the ideals of freedom and equality. Of course, the now famous answer to his inhumanity and racism was, why he a Chinese had a Christian and European name, precisely summed up his middle class outlook in protecting his interests which must be through the preservation of the present fascist system. Is it a wonder why he is quiet up till now???

We now know his true nature and Malaysians should think about what sort of leaders they want in the MSA and at home in the Government. Leaders like Oh are many. The last president has to be pressured into action on the KHOO issue which is once again attracting our attention with report of his recent torture.

It should also be remembered that Oh promised many things in his election promises which has yet to be put into effect. He said looking after the political welfare of Malaysians here was an important aspect. This he honoured by not making any sounds since Tasek Utara, since the peasants of North Malaya marched, since the arrest of hundreds of Malaysians ... till doomsday. It is logical that we would endanger our freedom by speaking out against the government, it is therefore logical to shut up. True blue Christian or is it? MSA dances are being held contrary to the Faith, and debts owing to the Association by MSA are not honoured. This fact is well known since 1973. This is the 'Christian' approach to life. True humility and honesty.

'I'd rather be a heathen and a communist.'