

We can do better than this!

MARCH! Assemble Hunter Lawn 12 noon Wednesday

Editorial

Next week we march for a decent bursary. Four years in a row now VUWSA and NZUSA have mounted a campaign on bursaries, each time culminating in a march. Many students question the value of this form of protest. But it is worth considering that we were only given the STB in 1975 because of direct action.

Furthermore, marches are not the only activity engaged in. Our representatives in VUWSA and NZUSA spend a great deal of time using the "correct channels" in bargaining on our behalf. Their work is useless unless we, the students, can demonstrate that they have our support. There is only one way of effectively doing this, and that is to get out on the streets where we can be counted.

Some students also question the propriety of asking for an increase in bursaries when so many other sections of the community are having to suffer the consequences of the economic crisis. But are students so very different from those other sections? We did not create the crisis and nor did the working people who are being asked to bear the brunt of the general attack on living standards.

This is not a facile argument. When the economy does well do students and working people prosper? Certainly not. Wages do not rise and fall as the pressure comes and goes on big business, and bursaries do not fluctuate in accordance with the "country's" prosperity. Wages, bursaries, welfare benefits — all methods by which people are paid — steadily decrease in value. The only difference in times of crisis is the rate of that decrease.

Why is this? The current crisis has been caused by the local and overseas owners of big business. Instead of using their profits to develop productive industries (like fishing) which would gain us some degree of independence from the rapidly deteriorating world economy, they are investing in high return finance houses. So production drops and people are thrown out of work.

As this happens the government cuts back on public spending, and that means that education suffers. Bursaries are just one area where this is happening but they are an important one. Holiday employment prospects may have almost completely disappeared by the end of the year, so that the traditional means of supplementing the bursary will no longer be of any use.

Most important is the fact that only 50% of Victoria students actually receive any bursary assistance at all, and of these only half are on the unabated rate. Consequently we are now getting the situation where only those with secure financial support (usually from parents) are able to attend university. The concept of a student who pays his/her way is fast becoming archaic.

Neither major party is prepared to promise more than token relief, but how could they? Neither is prepared to make any significant changes to the way our economy is structured, so cannot be expected to create more security or more jobs for anyone.

For all these reasons we must march this Wednesday. The government must be shown that students are not content with their lot, that we do not accept responsibility for the hardships inflicted on us, and that we are prepared to fight for the right to a decent education for all.

Direct action may not achieve much on its own, but it is at the heart of everything that is done. And it must involve all of us.

Simon Wilson

Salient Notes

The day started well! The sun actually rose and the harbour was a gentle shade of black, against which Underwood house cast a phallic silhouette, poking through the smog. "It's good to be alive" croaked Simon 'scoop' Wilson. "Ooch aye. It puts me in mind of the good old days" nodded David MacMurray, tripping over his beard, "d'ye ken all those fun times we had on Salient?"

A blast of carbon monoxide thankfully interrupted this reminiscing. Luckily before they could start again, Doug 'two fingers are better than ten' Thompson arrived holding five pairs of dirty socks and a collection of underwear, "My mother still hasn't sent me my bloody tape recorder, just more laundry" he complained.

The smell of cordite drifting up from the Lindy Cassidy (of How to Win an Election fame) Square, put the group immediately in mind of Lorraine Robinson, left years back to sow potatoes and reap grenades in the home country.

Before they could start going over all the late Thursday nights they had worked on the "rag", Peter Beach-drove past in his Cadillac, squashing a few workers on the way. Instead of sleazing straight past however, their erstwhile companion stopped and threw one rather disshevelled Lamorna Rogers onto the pavement. "Here maybe you can do something with this well-meaning but misguided woman's rights fanatic. She doesn't seem to realise where a woman's place is.", he cried and drove into the distance, turning Cathy Randall into a mess on the road in the process.

At this insult John Mick Davitt started flexing his thighs preparing to chase the car, but Sally Redman was able to restrain him. She pointed out that Tom Duggan, who had taken up Karate, was one of his bodyguards. The dread name of Dug the thug plunged the group into silence.

It was Margot MacGillivray who stimulated conversations, telling them that Don Wright had come out of hiding. Don had quit the scene in 1978 when he and Helen Aikman had attempted to introduce objective journalism into Salient. The resulting furor had put Don out circulation while Helen quietly joined the Social Credit Party and was last heard of campaigning for Vern Cracknell (making his great political comeback) in Stewart Island.

Although the times were notorious for their laxity of their morals, not all had succumbed. Marie Rodgers was vigorously campaigning for abolition of pornography during the children's hour on television.

But working on Salient had not marked the decline of all the others. Take Leonie Morris, now her underground paper had become such a big business that, that famous protestor on either side of the Tasman Tip, Jonathon 'grizzle' Scott, was camped outside one of her printing shoppes, calling for the invocation of the anti-trust laws.

Or to take another example, James Morgan, was now editing SCRUM, the rugby union daily magazine. In case you've forgotten, the Rugby Union had moved into the pews business when in the financial fiddle of the decade, Allan Highet had whipped Athletic Park from under their nose, and Michael Hamblyn, chairman of the day had, remembering his experience in student newspapers, bullied the the Union into this lucrative business.

But not all had fared so well. Take John Bailey for example. After his success at the poverty auction he had [unclear: turn o fessional], but ever since the day [unclear: h] to auction Bob Jones he and his manager Stephen Benbrook had fallen on hard time times (even though the bidding failed to reach the reserve price) and they were last seen larfing sadly into their meths on the Roxy site, amongst the oak trees.

Alas, as the happy band were thinking back over good times President-for-life Robert Muldoon declared that today was over, and tomorrow would not be for another week. So the old hands faded away waiting for their benevolent leader to call them back into existance. See you next week.

In the Good Old Days Salient was edited by Simon Wilson, when they couldn't avoid it VUWSA published it, and until the Rugby Union bought them out, Wanganui Newspapers, Drews Avenue, Wanganui used to print it.

President

Photo of Lindy Cassidy

Most students will remember this week of term as one of intense academic activity. Capping and Wednesday's Bursaries March will pass them by in a mad panic to complete term assignments and cram for tests.

Many students question whether marching to Parliament about bursaries achieves anything? After all 15,000 people marched to throw out the SIS Bill and what happened? The bill with a few amendments became an Act. Last Monday Ian Fraser broke that act by naming 2 SIS agents on Dateline Monday. He is now liable to a \$2,000 fine or imprisonment. As yet he has not been arrested or charged. It is highly probable that he will not be. Why? Because the government knows that 15,000 people in Wellington thought that the SIS legislation showed a blatant disregard for the democratic rights and freedoms of New Zealanders. The government also realises that if Fraser was brought to court the public protest would be enormous.

It is vital that students protest government inaction on their allowances. The "new reformed bursary" promised by the National Government in its 1975 election manifesto is nowhere in sight. The promised annual adjustments amount to a \$2 increase over a two year period.

When Mr. Brill (Kapiti M.P.) addressed a forum last week, he stated that the bursary level was not meant to be a living allowance throughout the academic term. It had to be supplemented by holiday earnings. Yet a great

many students were unable to save much money over the holidays due to the poor employment situation.

So where is this extra money to come from? Brill hinted at it — Parental support. It is just unfortunate that some people have parents who cannot afford to give them financial support. Should they be prevented from coming to university?

Even if you are quite satisfied with the present level of allowances then why not march for people less fortunate? Perhaps for one of the 3,000 students at Victoria who don't receive any bursary support, or for a student who has to flat on \$15 a week. Tertiary education should be for all those who wish to attend rather than for the few that can afford it.

Elections

The results of the by-election for the 1978 executive as presented to Salient by the Returning Officer are as follows:

President:

Secretary:

Cultural Affairs Officer

SRC Coordinator:

Sports Officer:

The 1978 executive is:

- President: Lindy Cassidy
- Man Vice-President: Peter Callinicos
- Woman Vice-President: Leonie Morris
- Secretary: John Hebenton
- Treasurer: Steve Underwood
- SRC Coordinator: Jenny Grieg
- Publications Officer: Tom Duggan
- Cultural Affairs Officer: Peta Siulepa
- Accommodation Officer: Kevin Callinicos
- Sports Officer: Phillip Sowman

The Grilling of Brill

Drawing of a hand

Highlight of the bursaries week was the forum with invited representatives of the major political parties. Labour didn't show up, Social Credit sent along the Wellington Central candidate Ron England, who knew almost nothing on the subject, and National's front man was Barry Brill, a self confessed non-expert on education.

Brill repeatedly told the students that it was up to them to pay their way with only partial assistance from the government; Sending students through university has never been the responsibility of the government and probably never will". Despite this statement, Brill constantly referred to the reformed bursary which National promised students in 1975 but hasn't been seen since.

He evaded charges of cheap electioneering in 1975. Confronted with copies of his party's own advertisements which state "All students will receive the Standard Tertiary Bursary", he was content to refer us to other advertising which made no such promises!

Brill admitted that many of the anomalies raised at the forum were "things that had to be looked at" and that he "would be taking them to the minister". Familiar? Two striking anomalies which really floored him were the abatement regulations, and the PhD deficiencies.

The Hard Luck Cases

As students will know, if you live in the same area as your parents, you receive the abated version — the massive \$15 per week. This is irrespective of whether you actually live with your parents or not. The reasoning behind this is that parents should be supporting their children through the education system, even though they may be over twenty years old, old.

But take the case of an orphan. According to the bursary regulations, where s/he lives is automatically called home. It's amazing what a government will do to save money.

A student living in Upper Hutt with his/her parents receives \$15. With approximately \$7 spent weekly on train fares, the sensible thing to do, of course, is flat in town. If they choose to do this, as most students eventually do, they receive no extra money, although the average rent in the Wellington central urban area is \$15.

For the PhD student, things are even more ludicrous. Expenses are high, and yet they are not automatically entitled to any form of grant. One third of PhD students miss out on any sort of entitlement and have to tutor or do lab supervision to keep themselves going.

Student Loans

When the question of student loans was raised, Brill again admitted his lack of knowledge on the subject. In a document called "Planning Perspectives for New Zealand 1978—83", the NZ Planning Council makes strong recommendations for a system of student loans to be introduced in the near future. Primarily the reason is economic — it would relieve the government of the responsibility of \$21 million that they presently pay out to students. It would in effect mean, as Barry Brill put it, "a living loan" or "allowing students to have loans."

It sounds so simple. Students would come to university and live comfortably for three or four years and then when they've made their money after graduation, they'd simply pay all the money back. All right in theory, but what if students can't get a job after graduation, or a well enough paid job to enable them to pay back the money (probably \$4—5,000)? Chances are that they'll be paying off the loan for years. And what if they want to go overseas after completing their degree?

In practice, a loans scheme would be even more unequitable than the present system. Rich students could simply reinvest the money, taking advantage of the low interest rates.

Better off Unemployed?

An interesting point was raised from the floor to the effect that if a student decided to leave varsity and was not lucky enough to get a job, they would receive \$44 in unemployment; whereas, if s/he opted for another year at varsity, the government would cut back the allowance to \$26 if they were lucky.

Brill, rather taken-a-back by the suggestion, reiterated yet again that it was not the government's role to support tertiary education to the extent of granting students bursaries they could live on. Although firms like Tasman Pulp and Paper have virtually all their expenses paid in the way of roading, electricity and waste disposal by the government, and pay next to no tax in return plus the additional benefit of having the government sorting out their industrial troubles for them, students, whose long term contribution to the country is undoubtedly greater, get sweet all for the privilege of attending university.

Other Views.

The forum was a lively affair — Brill coming in for his fair share of abuse from the audience, although he did justice to the National Party's record on education by pleading ignorance.

Ron England was given a surprisingly attentive response — the result of kudos from the League's recent gains and the baffling nature of most of their policy. He said very little about education and even less about bursaries. Social Credit support a higher allowance for students for what it's worth — but I think they're going to use NZUSA bursary money to do it.

Les Gandar, rumoured to be the minister of Education, has promised to appear at Vic before the elections. It'll be worth seeing. Rumour also has it that Bruce Beetham is going to spring a visit on Vic. Just look out for a man in a pin striped suit with a printing press under his arm.

David Murray

Some Hard Facts on Bursaries

Graph of inflation and bursary

- Fact: The Labour Government only introduced its STB scheme after strong student protests in election year 1975.
- Fact: Labour's STB ignored a 1974 Education Department recommendation that the level of the STB be tied to the Social Welfare Benefit.
- Fact: Labour introduced 'abatement' - an economic lever to force students to live at home regardless of their age or wishes.
- Fact: Abatement has been recognised to contain many severe anomalies unfairly affecting married, orphaned and separated students as well as others.
- Fact: The National Government has failed to [unclear: implements] 1975 election promise to "undertake a complete revision of the whole confused bursary system".
- Fact: The National Government has failed its 1975 election promise to remove "all Labour's anomalies" from the STB system.
- Fact: The recommendation of two fully representative Bursary Conferences in both 1976 and 1977 have been ignored.
- Fact: Students who face special problems such as high costs at Lincoln College and the Auckland School of Fine Arts, have been ignored.
- Fact: Tertiary students are the only groups in the controlled income sector of the economy who have not been compensated for high inflation (see graph).
- Fact: The actual purchasing power of the bursary is now considerably below that the level that it was first set for in 1976.
- Fact: The \$2.00 per week increase for the STB last year was in insult to the NZUSA Officers and the students of New Zealand whom they represented.
- Fact: Thousands more students will be in extra difficulty this year because they were unable to save money (essential to supplement their bursaries) over the vacation period due to unemployment.
- Fact: Part time jobs which provided essential aid for many students will be harder than ever to get this year.
- Fact: Only strong student action will bring about a just bursary level.

Drawing of people on a raft in the ocean

Capping Week

Drawing of a hedgehog with a joint and diploma

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Motorbike Registration Soars

The ACC (Accident Compensation Commission) levy in the annual motorbike reregistration fee is due to be increased from \$9.90 to \$70 this year. This unjustified and unfair increase is based on the rationale that motorcycle accidents are costing the ACC more than they receive in motorcycle levies.

Last year there were 3350 claims from motorcycle accidents. The Mot's own statistics found that in only 40% of these accidents was the motorcyclist completely at fault. But all motorcyclists are being made to foot the bill.

This increase goes against the fundamental spirit of the ACC. The ACC was set up as a body to which everybody contributed, and from which an individual could take compensation when an injury caused him loss of earnings. If the increase is allowed, then why aren't sports players, for example, asked to pay a levy?

Our government is supposedly concerned with energy conservation. Motorcycles consume much less petrol, cause less wear on the roads, occupy less parking space and contribute much less to traffic congestion. Surely it would make more sense to encourage the use of motorcycles for these reasons, rather than kick motorcyclists in the head.

Don't stand for the increase!

Come along to a public meeting next Wednesday (26th) in the Union Hall at 8 p.m.

Watch Saturday Night's Evening Post for details.

Brodie Thomson

(Victoria University Motor Cycle Club)

Remember the Santa graphic last week? Santa had been very rich but was now so poor he had to eat up all of his reindeer. Well, we've just discovered another part to the story:

Pols 111: the Final Compromise

One in seven students in the university is doing Pols 111. There is a severe shortage of books and lectures have been held in shockingly cramped conditions.

A couple of weeks ago the first test was held. Since then there has been a lot of controversy over the marking system adopted.

Various methods of getting round the obvious disadvantage that some students faced have been proposed, and all contained their faults.

The lecturer in charge (Les Cleveland) could not seem to discover a system which would do justice to all. The obvious one, of scrapping the first test mark altogether, did not find much favour with him.

He has now decided that every student who does better in the second test will have the first mark raised to the level of the second. This is not perfect, but perhaps the best to be expected.

Library Larceny

Are you one of the many students who leave their bags outside the library? If so you are in danger of having it stolen. The Phantom Bagsnatcher has struck again, and by now must be amassing quite a collection of valuables, notes, and books. Don't give him yours. Use the free bag-care facility offered. It's on the second floor of the Rankine Brown Building, at the south end. Try it! It's convenient, secure and free. Even if you're only going in for a few minutes, it's far less hassle than losing a year's notes. Think about it.

Accountancy Department in "Export Strategies"

Export Strategies, the theme of Victoria University's 25th Advanced Accountancy Seminar will be held at the Victoria University on 12 and 13 May 1978. The Seminar will be formally opened by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. D.B.C. Taylor and will commence with a keynote address by the Minister of Overseas Trade and the Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Mr. B. E. Talboys.

It will then move straight into discussion on the level and structure of international trade, led by Mr. I. L. G. Stewart, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Stewart, in his paper, will examine the major factors which determine the basic routes of the modern pattern of international trade, and the internationalisation of markets.

Victoria University's Professor W. Winiata, former Chairman of the International Business Programme at the University of British Columbia, and an authority on international finance, will deliver a paper on finance in international trade. Professor Winiata will discuss the financial mechanism for settlement, and pricing and currency problems in international trade.

Saturday's programme will feature a contribution from Dr. S.J. Sawicki, a staff member of the Department of Accountancy and the Seminar convenor. The paper is entitled "Ecologic Approach to Export," with emphasis on interrelationships between products, consumers and the environmental variations in the political, cultural, economic and institutional factors in export markets. Dr. Sawicki also describes the broader issues of the relationship between the expansion of trade and the industrialisation and market strategies and economic development in less developed countries, and the role of multinational corporations.

This will be followed by four papers on the commercial law aspects of exporting by specialist legal staff of the Accountancy Department. Paper I, by Mr. C.M. Arthur, is entitled "Evolving Incentives". The Government has already foreshadowed certain radical new paths which export incentives (tax or otherwise) are likely to take. Has commerce yet come to terms with the "future shock" this will entail? All previous thinking on tax incentives may now be obsolete...

Mr. F. Donovan gives Paper II which refers to the importance of certain insurance contracts in relations to exports, and mentions recent developments which may affect traditional insurance arrangements. Paper III, by Mr. R. B. McLuskie, considers aspects of international contracts and arbitration as well as standard terms and some problems encountered by New Zealand exporters. Mr. G.J. Anderson gives the fourth paper, which looks at some problems of industrial relations in an export context and discuss some implications of the export drive for the labour force.

Significant issues in each paper will be discussed by commentators who will represent commercial,

professional, academic and governmental areas of interest. The commentators are Dr. I.D. Ball, Dr. I.G. Bertram (Victoria University), Mr. B.H. Smith, General Manager of the Bank of New Zealand, and Mr. E.H. Moston, New Zealand Society of Accountants.

The final feature of the Seminar will be a two-hour Open Forum, chaired by Mr. E. Millar, Deputy Managing Director of Dalgety (N.Z.) Ltd., who will introduce a panel of lead-in speakers drawn from the export oriented business community. The lead-in speakers include representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry; financial institutions; the New Zealand Society of Accountants; the Institute of Economic Research; two Trade Commissioners attached to diplomatic legations in Wellington, who will explain technical formalities of exporting in two different major trading blocks; and University students who will focus discussion on environmental issues of industrial exporting.

Further inquiries concerning the Seminar should be addressed to Dr. S. J. Sawicki, Department of Accountancy, Victoria University of Wellington. Phone 721—000 Ext. 924. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Accountancy, Ext. 912, or Private Bag, V.U.W.

Easter Tournament

One of the main events in the sporting year is the Universities Easter Tournament. Although the Victoria Team did not do very well over all some notable performances were achieved within individual sports.

In this respect special commendation must go to the two men's Volleyball teams. Unfortunately the two Victoria teams drew each other in the semifinal round. In this way Vic. B was ousted by Vic. A, who went on to beat Auckland 3-0 in the final.

With very small numbers the athletics team put in an excellent performance. Although Victoria University is one of the top three athletics clubs in the country only a small percentage of its members are actually students. Consequently could only send a team of six to Christchurch. However quality won the battle over quantity and Victoria managed a very creditable 3rd place behind the strong Canterbury and Otago teams and drew with the 39 member Massey team (this year Massey didn't run in gumboots).

Special mention must go to first year student Don Rise borough who competed in no fewer than 14 events over the two days, winning three titles (Triple-jump, Discus & Hammer) and coming second in three events, (Shot, Javelin & High Jump). Also on the first day of the North vs. South contest he won two events and was placed second in four others. It should be mentioned that Don is well known as a decathlete and has culminated a successful season, in which he represented Wellington at the National Junior Decathlon Champs, being named in the NZ Universities Athletic team to tour Australia in May.

Other athletic placings were gained by:

The snooker team came third in their sport, the cricket and rowing teams fourth while the swimming team came in sixth overall. Congratulations to all who entered in the tournament. Good sport and good fellowship were enjoyed by all.

For those of you who are not interested in playing sport at this level, there is still ample opportunity for you to enjoy a sport on campus. There are over 32 different sports clubs at Victoria. For those who enjoy team sports there are many well established clubs that run social as well as serious teams. These include cricket, rugby, league, soccer, swimming and many others.

If you don't like the responsibility of a team then why not think about athletics or harriers. You can take your choice from badminton, hang-gliding, underwater diving, motor-cycle, squash, and many more. There is a sport for everyone at Victoria. Over the year the sports council hopes to make you familiar with all of them.

The clubs will make you welcome, but the first move is up to you.

Bill Day & Sally Shields

Executive Cut and Thrush

Here I am in the Board Room, come along to keep an eye on the boys (there are a lot of boys on exec at the moment, all enthusing about Looking for Mr. Goodbar as they enter... but that's another story). I am also curious about the sunset which one Salient reporter has written on at length, but no, those days are gone (Now is the winter of Lindy Cassidy's discontent?)

There wasn't much for the exec to do: a small matter of a technical misappropriation of funds, some ritual mudslinging at the Students' Arts Council, a semantic wrangle over where SRC officers and clubs could best be hidden, a bit of arguing over sweatshirt prices, and some long term wishful thinking about the university's slide into the Aro St. Valley... a somewhat jovial affair all round really.

So much for Culture

Except perhaps in spirit, the Cultural Affairs budget didn't get cut. That's the standing joke on executive these days, by the comment, "Take it out of Cultural Affairs." They don't always do it, but it's happened often enough to give the joke a cutting edge. Cultural Affairs had \$6,000 not so long ago, last year it was \$3,500 and now it's \$3,000. Exec recently decided to increase the levy to the Students Arts Council: more money for culture? Not a bit of it, the cash came straight out of of Cultural Affairs.

But down to business. Sports Officer Peter Thrush gave a fine display of how to look involved by taking an early monopoly in a discussion of the Hello Sailor concert. The way he and others put it, you'd would think it was a clean open and shut case of the Arts Council taking VUWSA for a ride, but the valiant exec are having none of it. At issue was the question of who was doing whom a favour by having booze sold. Affliction with a simple case of pedantry all round, I'd say.

Capping is going to make a loss. Not that the capping controller, Spiro Anastasiou, is incompetent (the mere fact that he was able to pinpoint the exact amount of the loss in dollars and cents — \$239.54 — must form a remarkable testimony to his ability) but for some reason the ball isn't expected to produce any revenue.

"Do they anyway?" asked Thrush.

"Well I've made money on them," replied Treasurer Steve Underwood, momentarily distracted from loading another six rounds into his calculator. Thrush then tried a measure of financial scare tactics over the viability of balls in general, and one in particular he was associated with. So Underwood blew nonchalantly into the battery chamber of his machine and remarked, "He tried to blame me too, the bastard." Your humble reporter is not cognisant of all the facts but it could very well have been something to do with last year's Easter Tourney, for which Thrush's name is still held to be mud around the country. Nothing personal, Peter.

Chunder Blunder

It was then discovered that no allowance had been made for the pies to be... shall we say... "utilized"... on the chunder mile. The sensible thing, of course course, is to get a sponsor to donate them, the mouldier the better, but Thrush had an another idea. "They should bucket chunder and make people eat it," be suggested. Salient is considering offering a prize to the first person to correctly guess on the day which option they choose.

Don't think I'm getting at Thrush, but I wouldn't feel competent if I didn't give him the proper attention due to one who was attending his last ever exec meeting. SRC Coordinator Peter Winter was also in a state of imminent retirement, but he took a rather different attitude. Fact of the matter was, he hardly contributed a thing while he was there and took the first opportunity (when Lindy Cassidy bent down to look at someone's shoes under the table) to leave.

Peter Thrush promoting music and sport.

Photo of Peter Thrush

Speaking of chunder, it appears the Friends of Hunter made lots of lovely lucre at a fundraising do and Welfare Officer Andrew Tees threw up all over the exec workroom floor. But enough of telling tales.

Breaking down the Barriers

A straightforward piece of information came up at this stage. For a while now some members of the gardening/caretaking staff have been pushing for study leave to enable them to do some varsity work. It seems that a loophole in the regulations governing non-academic staff has allowed the powers-that-be to block this. But now, after a Chancellor/Thrush motion was passed at the University Council the way is clear.

However the decision will only apply to this year, "with no precedent being established", and the NZ Vice-Chancellors' Committee has been asked to comment. Could it be some people are worried that two hours a week study leave will destroy a hallowed tradition of job stratification? (Underwood's comment that the two Geology employees also involved usually spend their time breaking rocks is to be ignored).

Tourney Titbits

Victoria came fourth at Easter Tourney, behind all the biggies. "Do we usually do well at sport?" queried Cassidy:

"We would have won last year if we'd been allowed to count up the points the way we wanted to," replied Thrush. But apparently we do have the record for the wooden spoon.

(One little piece of information that didn't come out at the meeting was the conduct of one of our team captains (who had better remain nameless). Seems this chap thought it would be a jolly sporting idea to flood

one of the hostels. Not content with that he tried to flood the Canterbury Union's lovely ballroom and for an encore was going to convert a car. That's when he was stopped. Someone else had got there before him and dropped out the gearbox.)

Back to the meeting. Exec decided that the little room on the middle floor of the Union building (which SRC ruled some weeks ago would be the exclusive realm of SRC officers) is now to be the exclusive domain of the SRC officers. Shows you how many exec members listen at SRC. Clubs are to be given the little room on the top floor, and everyone is to get their own locker. Whoopee-do.

Thrush seems to think that SRC officers shouldn't complain even if they can't swing a mouse by its tail in the confined space, they've got their own telephone haven't they? The bookshop, according to Underwood, is going into the large room above the theatre. What large room? The one you can see from the Olympic swimming pool on the city side of the library of course, but more of that later.

Kevin Callinicos introduced the subject of sweatshirts (long sleeved variety). He wanted the association to invest in 250 at a cost of \$10.40 each. When it was pointed out that only 100 T-shirts had been sold it was decided to lower the order to 100. They will retail to students at \$12 each, that sum being the Cassidy compromise between Underwood's high price insurance against loss and Thrush's low price genuine service to students (such a wonderful chap).

Get it while you can?

Some people might remember a strong bid by most exec members to deny the travel expenses of Vic delegates to NZUSA policy workshops in Christchurch. They lost and four people were elected at SRC to go (Massey sent 25). Some people might also remember that Wellington airport was closed on the relevant Saturday,

Now it so happens that all four delegates were given their flight money on the Friday and only one of them actually flew down that night. The rest couldn't get there, but on Monday where was the money? Obviously there was no dire need to get it back, but it transpires that one member of the delegation, the education rep Sue Cairney didn't have it anymore. Her promise to pay it back when bursaries came out is not, methinks, a suitable excuse for having spent it in the first place.

Pie in the Sky

There were two more items of note. Everyone is pretty pissed off at the attitude of the Catering Management towards their job. The restaurant has been struggling bravely on all year with poor attendances, yet although it fulfills an obvious need the general outlook is not "We must make this work," but "It'll have to go." Last week attendances actually started to pick up so the place closed early. The reason? Not enough food. There's going to be a big stink soon if something doesn't happen.

Just before this came up Cassidy gazed into the distance and began talking about the way the university is expanding away from the Student Union Building. (That enormous concrete slab by the bike park isn't a runway for the Vice Chancellor's private plane, it's the start of a new building).

MAIN INTERNATIONAL HALL WITH WORSHIPPING CARRELS level 3 ELEVATION WEST
Remember the Chapel? well that was nothing...

Thrush and Underwood came to the rescue with the exciting piece of news that the university architects (Kingston, Reynolds, Thom and Allardice, the people who brought you most of the scenic delights around campus) have a colour drawing in their office of an extension to link the recreation centre with the SUB. As well as the aforementioned swimming pool it contains tennis courts and an administrative tower. Building on top of the theatre has always been intended, but that's an insignificant part of this plan.

Back to earth, Underwood reckoned there were ways of enhancing the present building, like (you guessed it) a pub. If the restaurant proves viable enough to keep open this is quite on the cards, so watch out.

There's one thing about that architectural proposal: have they forgotten what Salient went to some pains to discover and reveal last year, that they're going to build a chapel thereabouts... ?

Simon Wilson

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SRC

The Money Motions

Last week's SRC spent a fair amount of money — all of it yours. VUWSA's donations budget has been steadily depleted since the beginning of the year with the result that, before last week we had already spent 2/3 of it. This left us with less than \$200 in the kitty and with motions coming up to donate \$330 to various causes, there were a few concerned faces around.

The first request for money came from the Friends of Hunter who wanted \$120 worth of association printing facilities and \$100 of association cash. Some rather interesting facts came up in the course of this debate. The Friends of Hunter already have over \$12,000 towards the cost of the feasibility study and \$100 would not make a significant difference to this amount. As well, they have already collected about \$360 in membership fees from individual students, who thereafter didn't hear anything more from them.

It was argued that although the association supports the Friends of Hunter, we could not afford to give half of our donations budget away to them, especially when, unlike many of the organisations which come to us for financial support, they have alternate sources of income; i.e. downtown businesses, private sponsors, members. Others argued that we shouldn't worry about the money and it was the principle of the thing, since after all, Hunter is on our doorstep. The latter won and the Friends of Hunter got their money.

Next up with their hands out were the unholy alliance of National Affairs Officer Sean Touhy and Young Socialists, who were organising a forum on Maori land. Their request was for \$30 to cover the costs of Eva Rickard's travel to speak at the forum. Eva Rickard is the leader of the protesters at Raglan. Everyone agreed that the travel should be subsidised but there was some disagreement as to where the money should come from. With the donations budget down to less than \$100, it was felt that it would be more sensible to take the money out of the National Affairs budget.

Touhy admitted that he hadn't done anything with his budget and still had \$100 left in it. However he and the Young Socialists objected to this use of his budget, arguing that it might be needed later for a Big campaign. As was pointed out though, there was no reason why Maori land should not become a big campaign. An amendment was eventually moved and passed that the \$30 come out of the National Affairs budget.

The final "money motion" was not considered by SRC as it came up at the end of the meeting, when there was no longer a quorum. (Lectures strike again). An informal meeting of VUWSA resolved to direct the Executive to find \$200 towards the costs of the International Students' Congress Congress is held once a year and is attended by both overseas and New Zealand students. Last year's Congress was held at Vic and was attended by over 300 students — it was a roaring success.

As Victor Chang, the Overseas Students Officer pointed out, the overseas students don't ask for much from VUWSA. The money would be used to subsidise the costs of sending students to the Congress and since about 60 students will be going from Vic, it still wouldn't go very far. The meeting directed the Executive to find the money from somewhere other than the donations budget.

So how else did SRC spend your money? Well, a large portion of SRC was taken up with the election of delegates to May Council, the twice yearly NZUSA bun-fight where all the campuses get together (with lots and lots of delegates) and decide the NZUSA policy and action for the coming year.

This Council should be particularly juicy since NZUSA is in a bit of a crisis and many decisions on trying to resolve it will be made. Because of this, the choice of delegates was particularly important. An encouraging sign was that in these elections, unlike previous Council elections, there was a fair degree of contest for positions.

Voting on another of Gerard Winter's tricks.

Photo of people voting in the Student Union building

The uncontested positions were those of chief delegates, Finance and Administration, Women's and Accommodation. Elected to these positions (in respective order) were: Lindy Cassidy and Kevin Callinicos; Steve Underwood and Simon Wilson; Lamorna Rogers and Caroline Massof; Jim Brown. Standing for Education Commission were Sue Cairney, Patrick Mulrennan and Peter Beach, all of whom said much the same thing. The vote went to Sue Cairney and Peter Beach.

David Murray, Victor Chang and Mike Treen (who was absent) stood for International. Sean Touhy told the meeting that as Treen was their International Affairs Officer he should attend. This was met with criticism

from many of those present who felt that it was wrong to suggest that SRC officers go to Council almost ex-officio. There was also an allegation that Treen was absent because he was in Auckland campaigning to stand for NZUSA Education Vice-President at May Council. The election finally went to David Murray and Victor Chang.

There were four candidates standing for National Commission (an almost unprecedented number): Sean Touhy, Jonathan Scott, John Heberton and Paul Norman. Touhy felt it would be useful to his work (sic) at Vic to go to Council. Scott is a student who's been involved in various campaigns during his years at Vic. and is very concerned about Govt attacks on civil liberties; Paul Norman is Environmental Affairs Officer and right up forests, John Heberton is inexperienced and wants wants to learn. Touhy and Scott were elected.

Other than that, not much else happened at SRC. Paul Norman, Sue Cairney and Andrew Tees all gave reports, with the last taking a few liberties moving motions which were quite irrelevant to his report and should have come up under General Business.

There were no minutes or agenda because the printing machine had broken down and this made the meeting a bit more informal than usual, which was quite pleasant. Lindy Cassidy reminded everybody that there is a bursaries march this Wednesday, 12 noon Hunter Lawn, so Be there!

One last point to do with money; Steve Connor reported that at the last Cultural Affairs Committee meeting, the following grants had been made: English Club (\$295); Abortion Rights Club (\$80); Creche Parents Club (\$350); Te Reo Maori Club (\$840); Radio Active (\$290); Environmental Club (\$400). So if you want to know what's happening in your Students Association (and I hope you do), come along to the next SRC.
Lamorna Rogers

Julia Buchanan from Friends of Hunter: "The figures we gave the tax people, you fool."

Photo of Julia Buchanan

Photo of Gary Lewis

Bursaries week kicked off last Monday with a poverty auction in the cafe. Gary Lewis was the first to fall for auctioneer John "just look at the texture" Bailey's rhetoric. He bid 50 c for a rock. A gaudy coloured woolen hat provided Bailey with the excuse for a fine adaptation of "Alas Horatio, I knew him well," followed by an offer of a deal for Burton Silver's capping graphic, raised by one packet of yellow zigzags and a box of matches and quickly overbid by the spurious amount of one dollar.

Then came an ancient radiogram which Bailey swore was in working order. "XJ6 model you know," he enthused. "It's not stereo, it's not quadrasonic, but it does go round and round in circles." And on it went, for 2½ hours. Lots of parkas, "a replica of a leather jacket", a top "worn by the phantom" (and bought by Andrew Tees), and a lot of scarves with colours no self-respecting rugby team would ever admit to. There were mysteries too. Who for example, was the guy in the corner who bought a purple crushed velvet skirt for a dollar?

(I feel that for the sake of Mr. Bailey's integrity, as the purchaser of the above-mentioned radiogram, it does work very well as Mr. Bailey promised, and it does go round and round in circles! — typstr)

Photo of Gary Lewis

The Ides of Moyle ~ Et tu Who?

People watching TV One's "Dateline Monday" last week could be forgiven for thinking that the much heralded SIS Act was a figment of the collective imagination of Rob Muldoon, Mike Minogue and 15,000 protesting Wellingtonians. On the programme interviewer Fraser mentioned the names of two SIS agents and asked a Wellington businessman what he knew about their activities as secret police. Indeed he effectively asked the businessman whether he had ever worked for or with the SIS.

Of course, Mr. Fraser could merely be following the policy of the N.Z. Journalists Union which has declared that its members will defy the SIS Act when they believe it is in the public interest to provide information about SIS activities. Either way, the new Act has failed the first test in its aim of stopping conjecture about, and disclosure of, SIS activities — a good thing in itself, but not the major factor of this article.

Quite enough unadulterated verbiage has already been written about the "Colin Moyle Affair". All a sensible person could gain from the newspaper reports would be a feeling of contempt for the arrogance and ignorance of our parliamentary politicians and a healthy distrust of anything emanating from the 'talking shop' on the hill.

However, one point that Moyle, amongst his many stories, touched upon was an SIS/Police/Army/National Party connection which he vaguely hinted had something to do with the spate of scandals that rocked the Labour Party prior to its 1975 election debate.

In a discussion with Police Commissioner Burnside and Deputy-Commissioner Walton immediately after Muldoon's accusation in Parliament that Moyle had been picked up by the police for a homosexual offence, Moyle suggested that a "dirty-tricks" group connected with the National Party had been spreading rumours designed to discredit the Labour Party.

He named in this group Bill Meldrum, Rohan Jays, Dick Dundas and Deputy-Commissioner Walton himself. Moyle half-heartedly suggested that these people were connected in some sort of Army link-age (via the Territorials) with the leakage of security documents — such as the SIS document on the "O'Brien think-tank affair!"

Considering this example, and the fact that Moyle was subject to the police action Muldoon referred to just prior to the 1975 elections, it is not at all far fetched to consider that the security police were involved with these other groups in attempts to discredit the Labour Party and tip it out of office.

Especially when one considers the now well-documented involvement of the CIA and the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation in the successfully-orchestrated series of scandals that resulted in Australia's Whitlam Government being overthrown in 1975. More particularly, there is the background and connections of these men that Moyle names.

Bill Meldrum, now working for UEB Industries appears to be the link-man in the group. He is the only one that knows (or admits he does) all the others mentioned. When questioned on this score on "Dateline" he sheepishly admitted that it was a strange coincidence..... He was formerly a Major in the regular Army and served in Malaya, helping to prop up the British-installed regime there.

He is, (or was recently) an officer in the 3rd Battalion of the Territorials and is now the Chairman of the Western Hutt Branch of the National Party. He admits to being a personal friend of Rohan Jays and acquainted with Dundas and a Paul Freeman, the Auckland Businessman/secret police-man connected with Jays in the O'Brien affair. He agrees that he may have met Walton on a number of occasions — but "only on Army business".

Rohan Jays is the former SIS Agent who left the country following his implication in the leakage of the SIS document to "Truth" on the O'Brien affair. He was also in the Territorials' 3rd Battalion, along with Meldrum, as was their mutual acquaintance Freeman. Jays was a member of the Western Hutt Branch of the National Party prior to his departure from New Zealand, although Meldrum denies that he was aware of this.

Dick Dundas served with Meldrum briefly in Malaya and has met "infrequently" with Meldrum since then.

Deputy-Commissioner Walton denies knowing any of these men, except by way of media reports. However he admits that he could well have met them at Army gatherings. He is the current commandant of the Royal NZ Army Service Corps and was a senior Territorials Officer. A point worth major consideration is that Deputy-Commissioner Walton was director of the police inquiry into the "Sutch affair", during which the police had extensive contact with the SIS and various events concerning the hapless Labour M.P. Gerald O'Brien took place.

In the "Dateline" interview, Meldrum admitted knowing that Jays, his close friend, was an SIS agent but denied having ever had access to SIS information or ever having discussed the SIS with Jays until after the O'Brien leak. He thinks the implications of the scenario that is built up by these facts are ludicrous, that they make make them look like they're "operating in a banana republic situation".

However, we think that his evidence, circumstantial as it is, warrants a very close investigation of the connections between these people and others in the SIS/Police/ Army/National Party axis. When a chairman of a National Party Branch who is an Army Officer and a "very close personal friend" of an SIS agent says he didn't know that person was in the same Party Branch as him; and when he says it is a "pack of lies" to suggest that the man mentioned by Moyle had leaked secret documents to discredit the Labour Party, when one of those so mentioned had actually done that — that is when we ask Who's Kidding whom?

Who is Bill Meldrum and what are his affiliations?

How close is Deputy-Commissioner Walton to the SIS?

Three years after these events, what is the group up to now?

If you can help us in our enquiries into these and other questions concerning the future of New Zealand, contact OASIS at PO Box 9096 Wellington, or c/- 'Salient'. (N. B. Not with your information — just with your address/ phone, etc.)

Drawing of a man stabbed on steps

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The State of the State

In the wake of the recent freezing workers pay deal we now have the amazing spectacle of a Federated Farmers' official lashing the Muldoon administration for becoming dangerously "socialist". We were told that the state was getting out of hand and involved where it had no right to be.

Clearly, the official was correct inasmuch as the state has increasingly become involved in New Zealand's political and economic life over the last few years. And if one held the shallow views of some "left" Labourites and the Socialist Unity Party on the question of what constitutes socialism one would have to agree with the Federated Farmers official.

However, increasing state intervention in the economy and political and social life is not the result of a secret conspiracy by Muldoon to establish socialism on the sly. In New Zealand society it never could be, regardless of whether it was administered by a National or Labour administration.

No. The increasing omnipresence of the state, which has prompted people like Justice North and Sir Guy Powles into angry eloquence, has been the direct result of the economic crisis into which New Zealand plunged in mid-1974. As the dislocation of our dependent economy has increased and as growing mass struggles on a wide front have threatened the political power of the bourgeoisie the state has been used, first by a Labour administration and now by a National one, to help salvage New Zealand Capitalism.

Extending the State

Let's just list some of the recent moves which have strengthened the state and signalled its increased role in society, and then examine in more detail their real purposes and effects:

- The National Government directly intervened into the dispute between the freezing workers and their employers using regulations to tie the hands of the employers and state coffers to finance the deal. Muldoon claimed he had intervened on the side of the workers.
- The Government has completed the re-introduction of the previously discredited Arbitration Court to cover both state and private workers.
- The Government is preparing to provide huge cash subsidies to save Tasman Pulp and Paper from financial collapse.
- The Prime Minister recently announced new powers for the Commissioner of Police to invite armed forces assistance in a variety of situations to counter a "terrorist" threat.
- In a burst of new legislation and regulations last year democratic rights to organise in unions, to have abortions and to live in privacy were all violated —among many other violations of traditional freedoms.

Whom does the State Serve?

The key role of the state in our society is to maintain "order". It intervenes to pacify conflict situations and to smooth the bumpy path of boom and slump which characterises our economy. In the process the state reveals its class character. The "order" it preserves is the "order" of an economy dominated by monopoly capitalism — an order dictated by Watties, Fletchers, BP, General Motors etc. in a chummy network involving less than 100 key businessmen who control between them the key financial, manufacturing, banking, importing and agricultural companies. It is to protect the broad interests of monopoly that the state exists. The state ensures the continuing existence of the system of exploitation of the majority by the minority.

In times of boom (i.e. high profits) the state is not called on as much as in times of slump (i.e. low profits) when big business needs nursing. The existence of the modern state, with its extensive bureaucracy and wide-ranging powers, is monopoly's medical insurance.

What Happened with the Freezing Workers?

One major area of state activity in times of crisis is the economy. While content to let increasing numbers of small businesses and small farmers become bankrupt, it steps in smartly, as with Tasman's, to prevent the same happening to big business. Overall it acts to protect and raise the rate of profit by depressing wages.

Last year we had the wage freeze. In a change of tactics we then got the FoL-National Government policed "social contract". Now we are faced with the new Arbitration Court and a 12 month delay clause for rises in award wages. Meanwhile inflation is still well into double figures.

It would be wrong to argue from the general premise that because the Government is committed to depressing wages that it will do so in every particular case. This becomes clear if we look at the freezing works dispute.

In this dispute, one hard line section of big business threatened the interests of the majority of big business. The consequences of an all out battle between the freezing works employers and the freezing workers would have been unbearable for the bourgeoisie, regardless of the outcome. The loss of meat production at the height

of the export season in a prolonged stoppage would have driven many farmers to bankruptcy and considerably worsened the balance of payments.

State intervention, in this one case, on the side of the freezing workers was in the overall interests of monopoly capital. The state does not act blindly, in the service of every small section of the bourgeoisie that asks for its assistance but in the interests of the whole class.

Because the state appears to occasionally act on behalf of workers there are those that go on to argue that increased state intervention under a 'responsible' government could be the mechanism for reaching a socialist society. This is the false hope raised by the SUP with its slogan "social control of investment" by which they mean exactly that sort of government intervention. It is this type of false socialism which the Federated Farmers official accused Muldoon of when he averted what would have been an economically crippling dispute for the bourgeoisie.

The German revolutionary, Rosa Luxemburg, warned of those who felt socialism could be gradually achieved through state administered reforms many years ago:

'Social control'... is concerned not with the limitation of capitalist property, but on the contrary, with its protection. Or, speaking in economic terms, it does not constitute an attack on capitalist exploitation, but rather a normalisation and regularisation of this exploitation. "

Maintaining Bourgeois Rule

While we live in a 'democratic' society we are not expected to seriously use our paper rights. The state and its repressive apparatus - the courts, prisons, police, secret police and armed forces - exist to curtail those rights when their exercise threatens bourgeois rule. The new powers for the Commissioner of Police to call in the armed forces to deal with "terrorists" coupled with the many new powers granted the state last year give it all the legal power it needs to completely curtail our traditional democratic rights.

The Governor-General presently has total power to take all the steps necessary to esconce a fascist regime and dismiss Parliament.

But while the state is steadily building up its repressive power through empowering legislation and increased budgets for the SIS and Police, it is currently unable to use it freely. The massive protests against the SIS Legislation last year make its widespread use difficult. The solidarity of workers behind officials threatened by anti-union legislation (the Henry Stubbs case) has prevented the state from proceeding with even one prosecution of its own based on the new industrial legislation.

The most repressive new law — the abortion law — is foundering completely on the rock of massive public and medical opposition.

Instead of direct repression by the state, the bourgeoisie is presently attempting to gain most of its objectives through more subtle mechanisms. The "social contract" is one example.

The State and Wage Bargaining

Government intervention in wage bargaining has been with us since 1894. It has consistently been employed to the same purpose. It removes the union's strongest weapon — united strike action — and instead forces unions to rely on "expert" negotiators who put their case in a modern version of a three ring circus. These negotiators are made to work with the 'independent' arbitrator and are forced to accept his/her decision.

The "social control" of state-appointed arbitration (which incidentally must keep the 'national interest' as its prime concern) precisely 'regularises' and 'normalises' capitalism. It weakens working class organisation by removing the strike as a negotiating tool and by encouraging talkers rather than doers to become union officials. It wins new allies for the bourgeoisie by integrating union officials into the state apparatus.

Drawing of two old men

Many union leaders, including those in the SUP, indirectly encourage this process through their fear of developing rank and file action in support of their demands. They would rather, as Ken Douglas informed the Masterton South Rotarians recently, treat "people as people" and forget class antagonism — even though this antagonism is growing daily as the bourgeoisie tries to off load its crisis onto the backs of the working class. Douglas, in his speech which was reported in the *Wairarapa Times Age* on 12/4/78 went even further and invited the assembled employers etc. that "if you want to do anything about industrial relations, forget about Trades Hall." That would certainly get rid of that 'destructive' union-employer relationship — but to whose advantage? Treating "people as people" is all right if you start on even terms — but in capitalist society this is never the case.

As processes such as the re-introduction of the Arbitration Court weaken working class organisation the Government will start moving closer to the position where it feels strong enough to use its overt repressive

legislation. It is no doubt encouraged in this direction by the growing right ward drift of New Zealand society. The right assault on the national student union is only the tip of a very large ice-berg.

Political Parties and the State

Both Labour and National have adopted the same overall strategy to deal with the economic crisis. It was under a Labour Government that the first big drop in wages (5% in its last year of office) occurred. Neither party has a concrete programme to attack New Zealand's dependence on foreign imperialism — the fundamental reason for the depth of the current economic crisis.

Both parties are committed to anti-union legislation and moves such as deregistration (pioneered by the Labour Party). Both parties are committed to some sort of bugging legislation. What, then, do they argue about? In essence all that is argued about on the floor of Parliament and in election campaigns is who can most effectively direct the capitalist state in dampening class conflict and propping up faltering monopoly.

Even if Parliament were to become a progressive force the key components of the state — the repressive apparatus — would soon move against it. This is exactly what happened in Chile.

In the long term only the complete destruction of the bourgeois state and its replacement with a workers' state can guarantee and extend democracy for the majority, form the political basis for developing an independent and self-reliant economy and ensure the maintenance and improvement of living standards. Only after the political and economic power of monopoly has been crushed can the state (now a workers' state) be used for genuine "social control".

James Morgan

...IN CONCLUSION, FELLOW PEASANTS, LET ME STRESS THE NEED FOR PEACE AND HARMONY. REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE... WE MUST ALL LIVE BY THE GOLDEN RULE. WHAT THE HECK IS THE GOLDEN RULE? WHOEVER HAS THE GOLD MAKES THE RULES.

Middle East Dier Yasin: Who are the Real [unclear: Terroris]?

By Don Carson

In the Wellington "Evening Post" on 3rd March the Israeli Ambassador to New Zealand launched a savage attack on a film reviewer who had sufficient temerity to ponder over the justifications and motives of terrorism. The Ambassador, Mr. Morris, condemned the sickness in society that permitted such intellectual indulgences. Besides making the ridiculous claim that the Palestinians had never lived in Palestine, he launched into a tirade about "international terrorism" and equated Israel's incursion into Southern Lebanon with "society's will to protect its physical and moral well being".

In his statements, he echoes the words a few days previously of the Chief Rabbi of the United Congregations of the British Commonwealth (the Very Rev. Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits) who said that, "Something must be done about the nests of terror."

"Evening Post," 22-03-78

In asserting such things, these supporters of Israel are trying to pull down a curtain on history and the wool over the eyes of the public at large. Israel was a state founded on terrorism and is still maintained by it.

Israeli Massacre Remembered

It is an opportune time to remember this fact, for just as South Africa remembers its Sharpeville massacre, so too do the Arab peoples remember that on the 9th of April, 1948 the nascent Israeli forces carried out the infamous massacre at Dier Yasin. This article marks the thirtieth anniversary of those who perished.

The background setting of Dier Yasin is the mandate territory of Palestine at the close of the 1939-45 war. Zionist groups were carrying out both illegal immigration to bring more Jews into the area and bombing and assassinations to force the British to relinquish control.

Entrusted with the latter tasks were the Hagana, under the direction of the Jewish Agency, and the Irgun Zvei Leumi and Stern gangs which were identified with the more extreme revisionist Zionist grouping.

In 1943 the Irgun enlisted a new recruit, Menachem Begin, the current Prime Minister of Israel. Begin was soon to rise to the leadership of the Irgun.

These groups, despite their superficial antagonisms were to coordinate in their objectives to spread destruction and terror throughout the entire territory. This even extended to the blowing up of a ship in Haifa

harbour in November 1940, with the loss of 252 lives — Jewish lives — in order to blackmail the British authorities and to engender sympathy for the "plight of the Jews struggling to liberate their homeland."

Sami Hadawi: "Crime and no Punishment," 1972

When the General Assembly moved in late 1947 to recommend the division of Palestine into one state for Jews and one for the Arabs, the Zionist cause was well prepared. Instead of letting a phased handover of power from the British take place, as prescribed by the UN, the Israeli state was declared and the terror gangs went into full operation. Dier Yasin was one result.

The Dier Yasin Atrocity

Time recently described the massacre: "An incident that shocked the world was an assault on the Arab village of Dier Yasin in April 1948... Using sten guns, rifles, hand grenades and long Arab knives, Begin's men massacred more than 200 villagers, mostly old men, women and children. Many were mutilated and the women raped... But he (Begin) still takes credit for Irgun's actions. Asked not long ago about the Dier Yasin massacre, he replied, "I was the commander, I was responsible for any of the operations carried out".

"Time" 30-05-77

Begin, in an interview published in Tel Aviv on 19 May 1977, said the finest period of his life was when he led the Irgun in hostilities against the British in 1946-47 and not even being Prime Minister could compare with that. He wrote of his finest hours in connection with Dier Yasin, "The massacre was not only justified, but there would not have been a state of Israel without the "victory" at Dier Yasin... All the Jewish forces proceeded to advance through Haifa like a knife through butter; the Arabs began to flee in panic shouting 'Dier Yasin' ".

Menachem Begin' "The Revolt: Story of the Irgun," 1951

The outcry at this time was widespread. The British Secretary for the Colonies told the House of Commons that Dier Yasin was one of a long list of atrocities committed by the Zionists up to that time, while the historian Arnold Toynbee described it as "comparable to the crimes committed by the Nazis against the Jews."

Arnold Toynbee. "A Study of History" 1953-54

Eyewitness Account

An eyewitness, Colonel Meir Pa'el, released a report of the massacre six years ago, after he left Israeli Military service:

"The Etzel and Lehi irregulars left the places in which they had been hiding and started carrying out cleaning up operations in the houses. They fired with all the arms they had, and threw the explosives into the houses. They also shot everyone they saw in the houses, including women and children...

"In the meantime some 25 men had been brought out of the houses; they were loaded into a freight truck and led in a "victory" parade (in Jerusalem). At the end of the parade they were taken to a stone quarry between Giv'at Sha'ul and Dier Yasin and shot in cold blood... " The men of Etzel and Lehi started a shameful massacre of the (remaining) in-habitants — men, women, old people, and children, without distinction, standing the inhabitants against the walls and in corners in the houses. There is photographic evidence of this."

"Yedrot Aharonot."

In such a context it is worthwhile to note the words of Sami Hadawi, a Palestinian scholar and lecturer, who visited New Zealand in 1975:

The Zionist Record

"When the Israeli leaders use international platforms to indignantly protest the Palestine Arabs justification to fight for their rights in their homeland, they should be reminded of their own Zionist record of how they acquired the homes, lands and country of those whom they now now call "terrorists". They are the Last entitled to condemn — or even complain against — acts of terrorism and violence, kidnapping and holding of hostages, sending letter bombs and murder, because they were the first to indulge in such practices.

Map of Israel

"To this repertoire, they, as a state establishment, have, since 1967, added such refinements as torture, collective and area punishment, expulsion and deportation, destruction of property and confiscation of Arab owned land in the occupied territories,"

Sami Hadawi

Since Dier Yasin the dispossessed Palestinian Arabs have had no other option but to take up arms to regain the land that was once theirs. Israeli orchestrated world outrage has been directed against such incidents as Munich, Ma'iot and the recent Al - Fatah raid along the Tel Aviv/Haifa highway. Besides the fact that the numbers of casualties involved here are small, (more civilians were killed in a single day's air raids over

Lebanon in December, than in all these more celebrated incidents) they were a consequence of Israeli refusal to negotiate release of Palestinians in Israeli jails.

The Palestinian "terrorists" were trying to bargain with the only thing they had left. In a hideous fashion it makes sense for the Israelis to keep a hold on their 3,000 political prisoners and engender international sympathy by having a few of their citizens perish as martyrs.

Terror in Uniform

As indicated, the terrorism of the Israeli forces did not cease when the old terror gangs donned the uniforms of the official Israeli Army. The recent Israeli invasion into Southern Lebanon is a long anticipated event for the boundaries of Israel on the map have been that of a burgeoning amoeba. As early as the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 the Zionist cause has specifically claimed the area south of the Litani River. To this effect, the Israeli Air Force and Navy have been carrying out many attacks on settlements in Southern Lebanon over the last few years. Since 1972, the Israelis have even abandoned the attempt to link their raids with specific Palestinian guerrilla attacks.

Then, last month, the Israelis adopted their habitual pretense of self protection in invading the Lebanon to, "clear out the Palestinian infestation once and for all".

"Evening Post," 16-03-78.

The formula is quite simple: the Palestinians are driven out of their homes to the border states and Israel extends to the limits of international acceptance. Next, border incidents are provoked by the Israeli forces against Palestinians, the Israelis claim they are compelled to invade for self protection to cast out these pestilent Palestinians and the cycle is ready to begin once more.

The function of the Israeli armed forces, for all their uniforms and sophisticated Phantoms and Sky hawks, is therefore exactly the same as that of the old terror gangs; to drive out the "alien" native population and replace them with Israelis.

"Terror" is an expression used here in a very much different sense than that adopted by the Israeli Ambassador. His use of the word is designed to create hysteria rather than a critical understanding, hypocritically condemning the raids into the lands the Palestinians once owned, while ignoring the rampages of his army through the Middle East and his secret police assassinations squads through Europe.

"Terror" is a word that should be used sparingly, not senselessly and indiscriminately any time the dispossessed and frustrated retaliate against the fat and comfortable. It should only be used after a thorough examination of the motives involved, the alternatives available and the justice sought. Israel's actions, past and present, are based on the motives of racism, denying the available alternative of a negotiated peace and the justice of the oppressor.

Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel

Photo of Menachem Begin

Russian Expansionism in Africa Eritrea Next

by Terry Auld

With the conclusion of the Ogaden war, the Soviet Union has ended successfully one more phase in its African plan. The next is being prepared — the invasion of Eritrea. The arms are being readied, the Cuban mercenaries flown in, Pravda is cooking up their justifications, Soviet lickspittles the world over are organising support for the invasion, and the Eritreans wait.

Eritrea is a former Italian colony. After defeating the Italians in 1941, the British installed a military administration which governed the former Italian colonies until 1950. In accord with the Paris Peace Treaty of 1947, Italy lost its empire in Africa and elsewhere, the former East African colonies coming under the joint authority of the United States, the Soviet Union, France and Britain.

In 1952, Britain manoeuvred Eritrea into a federation with Ethiopia. In 1962, with full United States support, Ethiopia forcibly annexed Eritrea. For the United States the prize was Kagnew Station, a once highly sophisticated communications base in Asmara.

Liberation War begins

Ethiopia's forcible annexation of Eritrea ignited the war of national liberation which had begun a year earlier. Now over 90% of Eritrea has been liberated by the combined forces of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), a Marxist - Leninist revolutionary organisation, and the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) a nationalist organisation.

EPLF controls the north, east and centre, while ELF holds the western, lowlands and sections of Eritrea's border with Tigre province. EPLF forces have cleared the entire highway between Massawa and Asmara and have begun concentrating around Massawa. Apart from Massawa and Berentu, the only towns still in Ethiopian hands are Asmara, the southeastern port of Assab and a small garrison at Adi Caieh.

If Eritrea should be completely liberated, the Soviet Union will have lost an expensive gamble for control of the strategic Horn of Africa—Red Sea region. Taking advantage of the dispute over the Ogaden between Ethiopia and Somalia, a problem originating from colonialism, the Soviet Union has poured in arms, money, "military advisers" and Cuban mercenaries to prop the fascist Mengistu regime. The Horn of Africa sits astride important sea lanes to West Europe and the United States. The Horn juts out into the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, overlooks the 20 mile wide Strait of Bab el-Mandeb and, beyond that, the Red Sea which stretches north to the Suez Canal.

The sea route passing near the coast of Somalia carries 70% of the strategic raw materials imported by West Europe, including over 50% of West Europe's imported oil and one fifth of US oil imports. Control of the Red Sea — Horn of Africa region would give the Soviet Union considerable leverage over its superpower rival, the United States. But without Eritrea's ports the Soviet Union will have lost its more than \$1,000 million investment, as its gamble has cost it Somalia's Berbera and Ethiopia is landlocked.

Necessary Force

For that reason, even though Cuba in the the past trained guerrillas from the EPLF, Eritrea must be forcibly retained by Ethiopia and the Eritrean national liberation movement must be liquidated. Soviet stooges round the world are now helping create public opinion to support the Soviet invasion.

In New Zealand the Socialist Unity Party has already done its dirty work. Its newspaper "Tribune" has already claimed that "the imperialists plans are now concentrating on helping the Eritrean separatist movement in the hope of establishing a neo-colonialist government there, the aim being to cut Ethiopia's outlet to the sea. The United States no doubt hopes to regain its huge air base at Asmara in Eritrea." (March 27, 1978) There is no depth to which the SUP will not sink in licking Russian boots!

Methodical Preparations

The true situation has been revealed by a progressive American journalist, Dan Connell, who recently returned from a six month visit to the liberated zones of Eritrea. Writing in the "Guardian" (29-3-78) Connell reveals the methodical preparations for the invasion of Eritrea.

"According to EPLF, more than 2,000 Cuban combat troops have been airlifted into the beseiged Eritrean capital of Asmara and a series of bases are being constructed under Soviet supervision in the northern Ethiopian province of Tigre.

"In a major battle March 14—16, some 10,000 Ethiopian troops were turned back when they attempted to break out of Asmara and crush the EPLF encirclement. EPLF sources claimed 1500 Ethiopian troops were killed in the clash.

"Cuban officials have in the past denied any intention of becoming directly involved in Eritrea, but an EPLF spokesman says that Cuban soldiers were active in the battle.

EPLF fight [unclear: e] to assault Massawa naval base in late December.

Photo of men with guns

"In support of the campaign against Eritrea, day and night construction work has been proceeding on an airstrip for Ethiopia new Soviet-supplied MIG jet fighters in the Tigre capital of Makele, 60 miles south of the Eritrean border, with Soviet Antanov-12 supply planes ferrying in materials and equipment from Addis-Ababa.

"Supply bases for the Ethiopian move north are being built in the cities of Gondar and Axum. An airstrip is also being set up to accommodate light reconnaissance planes on the Dahlak islands off the Eritrean coast, and army, navy and air force bases are being erected in the Eritrean port of Assah."

Eritrean Victories

Connell reports that the Eritrean liberation forces have won an unbroken series of victories against Mengistu's forces despite the steady flow of Soviet heavy arms, Soviet and Cuban military advisers and South Yemeni combat troops over the past six months and more. He also reports that it is likely that Cuban troops are being airlifted from Angola to join the Ethiopians — which should give pause to those who try to justify the Soveit-Cuban intervention in Angola.

The Eritreans are in striking distance of Asmara where more than 20,000 Ethiopians and 200,000 civilian residents have been encircled since mid-October 1976. The city is facing acute shortages of food, fuel, water

and medicines, the joint Ethiopian-Soviet airlift being unable to keep pace with needs. Within the city, executions are being carried out against dissenting officers and soldiers. Desertions are running at 15-20 per day, according to the EPLF.

Connell reports that "The protracted battle for the coastal city of Massawa, former site of a US navy base involved the most substantial outside support yet for Ethiopia with South Yemeni crews driving tanks. Soviet technicians firing BM-21 Katyusha multiple rocket launchers (Stalin organs), South Yemeni pilots flying the new MIG-21 jets and Soviet warships joining Ethiopian naval vessels in shelling the city"

Whatever specious justification the Soviet imperialists may make, their attempt to crush the Eritreans will be a brutal undertaking which will arouse the world's opposition. Much of the terrain is mountainous and ill-suited to armour. Mengistu is reported to want an all-out war against the Eritreans. But the Soviets may settle for a limited operation to open the road from the Red Sea port of Massawa to Asmara and possibly south to the border of Ethiopia.

The Strength of the People

Faced with the combined power of the Soviet imperialists, Cuban mercenaries and the Ethiopian army, can the Eritreans win? No matter how strong the enemy, a united people can always win a just war. The Eritreans are highly confident that they can beat the Soviet Imperialists. They have the people on their side, they have the experience of people's war, and they have learnt how to defeat heavier firepower. Connell watched the EPLF turn back tank columns, overrun artillery positions, withstand heavy air and naval bombardment with surprisingly low casualties, and [unclear: repeatedly] rout numerically and technically superior Ethiopian forces outside Asmara and inside Massawa.

Towards a World War?

As the EPLF spokesman in Khartoum Tsegai Dinsh, put it: "The Cubans are not in Eritrea to play football." "The Russians and Cubans are mercenaries, and we shall defeat them." And in defeating the Soviet - Cuban intervention, the Eritreans will not only liberate themselves, they will make an important contribution to all peoples of the world.

For underlying the Soviet moves in Eritrea is the sharpening rivalry between the superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States, for world domination. The Soviet Union is on the offensive. Each day which improves its strategic position brings closer the day on which a new world war will break out. In defeating the Soviet Union in the Horn of Africa, the Eritreans will break up the timetable of war preparations by the two superpowers and help delay the outbreak of a new world war.

Map of Ethiopia and Saudi Arabia

What is NOSAC?

NOSAC is the abbreviation for the National Overseas student Action Committee.

It was established as a Standing Committee of New Zealand University Student Association (NZUSA) and consists of two national officers (the national coordinator and treasurer) International Vice President of NZUSA, the president of NZUSA, and a local coordinator from each campus. Each Campus has its own committee. Victoria's coordinator is Soo Cheng.

Historical Background and Formation

The New Zealand Government's major changes to the policy of the admission of private overseas students to New Zealand universities were announced late October 1976.

- The number of students from any one country in any one year would be limited to 40% of the total intake; and
- Private overseas students would be admitted from Middle East Countries to fill the vacuum.

The effect of this decision can be illustrated by the table below which shows the substantial drop in 1977 intake when compared to 1976 intake.

(Source: OSAC Tables 1976 and 1977)

The anomalies of such a policy are:

- That there was only an increase in one Middle East student against a substantial drop of about 250 students in 1977. Therefore the promise of in taking Middle East Students to fill the vacuum has not been satisfied.

- That the cutbacks of private overseas students has an apparent effect on Malaysian students alone; in actual fact it affects all the nationalities of overseas students.

The reason for this is simple, when Middle East students were not admitted to fill the vacancies, the total number of overseas students intake per year will be reduced. Then there will be a further reduction of the overseas students intake in the succeeding year as there will be a further reduction in Malaysian students intake, which is calculated at 40% based on the reduced figure of overseas student intake the year before. The continuous reducing of the base figure, which the percentage of a nationality of overseas students is calculated will reach at a certain point, the place where all the nationalities of overseas students are affected.

Anti-Cutback Campaign

Such anomalies were recognised by most of the overseas students and the issue was boiling throughout the country. Although there had been individual campus effort fighting the cutbacks, it was uncoordinated, weak and ineffective.

However, when the International Student Congress (ISC) was convened in Wellington in May 1977, with attendance of about 300 overseas students, NOSAC was formed to launch the Anti-Cutback Campaign.

With the concerted effort of both the New Zealand people and overseas students it has gained the full support of the seven University Councils and numerous public organisations. This can be seen as the first step of achieving the ultimate goal of lifting the cutbacks. However difficult the future campaign may be there stands a chance if we strive hard, for truth is on our side.

The Aims of NOSAC

Towards the end of 1977 it was recognised by the NOSAC committee that NOSAC should consider other aspects of the welfare of the overseas student apart from the welfare issue such as the anti-cutback campaign. Therefore NOSAC has the aims of conducting activities to promote understanding and relationship amongst overseas students.

However, the official aims of NOSAC are:

- To undertake such action as is considered necessary by the committee in consultation with the president and /or IVP of NZUSA.
- To conduct campaigns among both local and overseas students on matters of overseas student welfare in New Zealand.
- To conduct educational campaigns to promote a better understanding of the social and economic conditions which exist in countries from which overseas students come.
- To participate in such NZUSA campaigns on local, national and international levels as may be necessary to promote the interests of All students studying in New Zealand
- To promote further cultural and social exchange between overseas students and the New Zealand people.

This year NOSAC will be actively involved in organising the ISC which will be held at Canterbury University. Students are encouraged to attend the Congress where they will learn and experience things which will enhance their understanding of the issues facing them.

NOSAC will question the use of LATOS as a means to screen students instead of its original function as a diagnostic test for overseas students.

There is great potential in NOSAC as a strong body representing and looking after the interests of overseas students. The realisation of that potential depends on the overseas students giving their support in each campus to their local committees.

Mutual cooperation between all overseas students' bodies is essential for a cohesive national body of overseas students. Your participation in NOSAC is greatly appreciated in contributing towards achieving its aims.

This article has appeared in different forms in Outlook I (the magazine of WMSSA) and Critic 3.

Malaysia: The 5 Year Plans

Malaysia, since independence, has tried to develop herself on the basis of five year plans. This article examines their objectives and their so called achievements.

The 1st Malaysian Plan (1966—70) had 3 objectives.

- To increase the % per capita income of the low income groups.
- To generate employment opportunities.

- To reduce its dependence on the export of primary products.
The results of the 1st five year plan were as follows:

Comment

GNP had exceeded the expected target, but it did not bring about employment or equal distribution of individual income. Contrary to the objectives it had further deteriorated the unemployment situation and increased the disparity between the have and the have-nots. This had happened not only among the Malay community but also among the Chinese and the Indian populations.

The Second M'sian Plan (1971—75)

The objectives were:

- To increase the percentage per capita income of low income groups.
- To guarantee employment opportunities and to eradicate poverty irrespective of races.
- To achieve the aims of the New Economic Plan.

The 2nd Malaysian plan is a component and a cornerstone of the 20 year New Economic Plan (1970—1990). The objectives were:

- To accelerate the restructuring of Malaysian society in order to redress the imbalance in the propriety rights of the economy.
- To increase the rate of production and income so that by 1990 the restructure of the racial employment pattern will be proportional to the composition of the population.

In every kind of business, the Malays are required to constitute 50% the Chinese 38% and the Indians 10% and others 2%.

What the Malaysian government has done so far:

- Up until 1970, the present government's attempts to solve the unemployment problem by increasing investment in manufacturing (service sector) has led to an increasing flow of rural labourers to urban areas. The abundant cheap labour had been complemented by granting more Pioneer Industries (foreign industries exempt from taxes) greater status and naturally foreign investments have boosted GNP.
- Between 1970—75 over \$900 M investment was spent on quasi-Governmental enterprises characterised by foreign capital joint ventures in the fields of share investments, trusts and banking. Present enterprises included MARA, PERNAS (deals in oil), MIDF, FIMA. According to the government once these enterprises become profitable they will be handed to the Malays.

At present only 2.3% of Malays earn over \$700 a month. 5.3% earned between \$400 — \$699. 92.4% of Malays are finding it hard to meet their basic needs, least of all to think of investing in shares.

- The rich Chinese are able to adjust to the new set-up by Ali-Baba partnership (with Malays) or by bribery. But the relatively large number of less rich Chinese will find it hard. The government policy is effectively strengthening the racial conflict practised by the past British colonial master.
- The foreign investors (British, Americans, Japanese) see the Malaysian government's action as economic 'nationalism', but for whom? Up till now it has been the politicians and the aristocratic class who have received the benefits, at the expense of the masses.

The recent Industrial Coordination Act and negotiations with foreigners on the oil issue showed the strength of foreign domination (Hussein Onn by conceding to Exxon and Shell on oil shares has lost \$100 — 120 M in oil revenue.)

The two plans' objectives have remained on paper and have been merely a prophesy to the people.

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unclear: st] For several reasons these perceptions [*unclear: variably*] well off the mark.

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[*unclear: Unfortunutely*] it is not now the custom or [*unclear: to*] toddle off to hunt your breakfast or your chickens for the morning soft-boiled Very few of us take a steady 20 kilo-walk to market to sell the home produce, [*unclear: esult*] it is required that we replace this [*unclear: n*] activity with an artificially created [*unclear: mo-o*], the physiological measurements [*unclear: previ-*] described. These are.....

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In addition a simple flexibility programme taking up some five minutes or so a day will assist with joint lubrication, muscle tone and mobility.

Having obtained minimal quantities of one or more of the above list you can assist your programme by what we might term everyday action.

Take the stairs instead of the lift.

Walk up the stairs on your toes.

Walk to the dairy instead of driving.

Get off the bus a stop early & walk the rest.

When walking from A to B start a few minutes early and take a longer route.

The keywords to all this are Active Lifestyle. It may require a minimal amount of committed time but what is an hour a week? One hour out of 168; and the rest you take in your stride.

The body was built for action.... activate it!

Student Health

For Females only the Ins and Outs of Pap Smears

The Pap smear or cervical cancer test is named after Dr. George Papanicolaou. A small amount of cellular material is scraped from the mouth of the cervix using a small wooden spatula. The material is thinly spread onto a glass slide, fixed in an alcohol solution and sent to the laboratory for staining. It is examined by a cytologist for any abnormal precancerous cells.

There has been a lot of controversy surrounding the subject and there has been wide variations in the recommendations for screening programmes.

Is cervical cytology worthwhile? When should a woman begin regular cervical cancer screening? How often should smears be taken? At what age can they be stopped?

A recent comprehensive report, the Walton report was published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal in 1976. The Health Department considers that this report makes realistic recommendations which are applicable to New Zealand.

Drawing of a man in bed

Who gets Cancer of the Cervix? High Risk Categories:

- While all sexually active women are at risk of developing squamous carcinoma of the cervix, those women who become sexually active at an early age, especially with multiple partners are particularly at risk.
- Women who have been infected with herpes virus are also at high risk.

Low Risk Categories:

- Women who have never been sexually active.
- Women who have reached the age of 60 without abnormality appearing in routine smears.

When to Start

The first smear is taken when a woman presents for any of the following:

- Contraceptive advice.
- Treatment of a vaginal discharge.
- Treatment of a pelvic infection.
- Investigation for venereal disease
- Pregnancy.

How Often?

For the high risk categories — annual smears are recommended. For the majority of women two smears are recommended within the first year then, provided these are both normal, further smears should be repeated — at 3 yearly intervals until 35 years of age then at 5 yearly intervals until 60 years of age.

Nurses Clinics.

The first smear should be taken by a doctor when a pelvic examination is carried out.

Thereafter routine smears can be done (painlessly) at the Student Health Service by the nurses. Every Wednesday afternoon there is a special clinic and no appointment is necessary.

Remember, smears are not taken during menstruation.

Don't put off your Pap smear.

Footnote

We will soon be giving the flu vaccine to those who suffer from chronic chest condition e.g. Bronchitis, Asthma or Heart condition. If you fall into this category please notify us at the student health service now.

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Chess board

the diagrammed position (Quinteros as continued 1...Bd5!; 2. Ra2 (If 2. Rf7, nd the b-pawn is immune because of the knight) Bb7; 3. Rb6, Rd2!; 4. Rb7 Rd2, Nf3ch..) Rb7; 5. Ra8 ch.,Kf7; [unclear: 6], Qf6; 7. Qc5, Kg7; 8. Qc8, Rbl?; [unclear: a] Rf7; wins easily.) 9. Qh8, Kh6; 10. Rg8 [unclear: lack] resigned..

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In this week's problem Black to play either forces mate or gains a decisive material advantage. Solutions should be handed in at the Salient offices by mid-day Wednesday. The first correct solution drawn out of a hat wins the prize of a double pass to either the Paramount or Penthouse cinemas.

The solution to last week's problem was:

1.g6, fg6ch.; 2. Kf4. g5ch.; 3. Kf3, g4 ch.; 4. Kf4, g3; 5. hg3 mate.

Last week's winner was P. Bertram.

Chess board

Crossword

Across

To keep you busy over the holidays here is a nice little cryptic crossword puzzle. Watch out it's tricky, be on the look-out for anagrams. Have fun'

Down

Last Week's

Solutions:

Empty crossword

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A Woman's rights

Under the new legislation the woman has no part in the decision of whether her request for termination is granted. It is important that women are aware of the few rights they do have and exercise these rights carefully.

This revolting act has to be shown to be unworkable and its application must be frustrated and interrupted as often as possible. We must monitor its application, any denial of our rights have to be reported in the media and to the Supervisory Committee.

We have the ridiculous situation where decisions on termination can be made by the Certified Consultants solely on the basis of a letter from a G.P. while certain C.C's have said that they will insist on seeing the woman in person. They cannot.

By women refusing to stand before these men in person to be judged, refusing to allow them to discuss their case, reporting delays in decision-making or difficulties in seeing a C.C. and difficulties in obtaining counselling, we can obstruct the law, prove the role of the C.C. to be un-workable and probably force public resignations from the post. Revival of medical anger against the government could be in our favour.

For a woman already under stress, making this political stand will not be easy. I am doubtful that it will in fact make a great deal of difference to the decision of her personal case, the Law provides all the obstacles and her act may well add to its repeal.

It is vital that we do not help the implementation of this Act in any way at all. It must be publically shown to be what it

The Woman's Rights

- If a woman asks her G.P. for a referral to a certifying consultant, the G.P. legally has to make this referral. The G.P. does not have the right to judge the merits of the case, a referral must be made.
- The G.P. has to provide a referral letter to the certifying consultants. The woman has the right to give or withhold her permission for the G.P. to give certain information about her to the certifying consultant (C.C). Thus, all of her personal history does not have to be divulged.
- The woman has to see the C.C. face to face only if she wants to. Otherwise, a letter is all that is required in law.
- She can ask her G.P. to accompany her to see the C.C. if she wishes and s/he agrees.
- The CC does not have the right to discuss her case with any other person without her permission. Women have to safeguard their privacy.
- The woman should not have to wait more than 2 weeks for a decision regarding her termination to be made.
- Women have a right to ask for counselling when they are considering termination and also after a decision has been made by the C.C.s.

Janice Burns

Gay Rights

Easter 1978 saw the largest Gay Rights Conference ever held in New Zealand. In the opening address of the two day event, held at Victoria University, Judith Emms, (past coordinator of the National Gay Rights Coalition of New Zealand) proclaimed that "we must no longer rely solely on the 'liberality' and 'fair mindedness' of others to win equality for Gay people. It is time now, not to demand of others, but to get out and

take action ourselves." She went on to assert that "no methods should be used in the short term by the Gay Movement which might compromise its aims of freeing people from stereotyping and strait-jacket gender roles."

A feeling of "Gay Community" developed within hours and was reflected in the willingness of people to "come out" on television. This feeling grew in the workshops which covered topics from Gay Welfare, Coming Out, Older Gays, and Gays Outside the Main Centres to the Politics of Being Gay, Gays and Other Minorities and Sexism and Sex stereotyping.

Some of the recommendations to come out of the workshops were: that the Gay Movement should begin to use its power against anti-Gay businessmen by boycotts and publicity; that the Gay Movement's greatest allies are other oppressed minority groups, and we should begin to lay the groundwork for mutual cooperation.

The strategy for promoting Gay Rights as an issue in the country's Parliamentary elections this year was discussed by the Conference during the afternoon session, Sunday 26th March.

The climax of the conference came with the closing address by Robin Duff, (1978 coordinator of the National Gay Rights Coalition of New Zealand). Mr. Duff expressed a "cautious optimism" over the growing acceptance of Gay liberalism and warned of overseas trends which show a hardening of the opposition to Gay Rights. In the United States, there is a swing towards repressive legislation since the Anita Bryant anti-Gay campaign. "Just as the pendulum has swung one way in its liberalism, so too can it swing back."

Mr. Duff went on to launch the largest fundraising campaign ever seen in the New Zealand Gay Movement. The money raised will be used to fight for Gay Rights in various ways with particular emphasis on the campaign during the Parliamentary elections.

Following this address there came spontaneous calls from the floor of the Conference for a march on Parliament to protest at the state of Gay Rights. New Zealand still has repressive laws against male homosexual acts, and in 1977 Parliament rejected any suggestion that homosexual persons should be included in the human rights legislation then being considered. Although the march was on Easter Sunday while politicians were on holiday, the marchers felt it was worthwhile because "if you are discriminated against, you can't ever take a holiday from that discrimination."

ISC Agenda

Saturday 6th May

Sunday 7th May

Monday 8th May

Tuesday 9th May

Wednesday 10th May

Points to Note

- As there is an afternoon for sports, all those attending the ISC should therefore try to bring along their sports shoes and T-shirts etc.
 - Also try to bring along any musical instruments if possible.
 - Bring along a sleeping bag plus blankets if you are vulnerable to cold.
 - If you find yourself stranded in ChCh try to ring Teh Tew Kin, PH: 41350 CHCH or get to the Canterbury U' - the venue of the congress.
 - There are also planned sight seeing tours to fit in with the programmes.
 - Phone me if you need any help or information on problems in your travel arrangements. Soo Cheng PH: 758—099.
 - Most Important: Bring along — a warm heart — and lots of high spirits to the congress.
- P.S. Travel subsidies will be arranged. The registration fee is only \$13 (food plus accommodations) and

there are lots of nice and warm people to make your 5 days in ChCh happy ones.

Books

They Kay Dick Penguin

If all the most frightening aspects of 20th century mass society and atomised man were developed into their most extreme metaphors, we would become 'They' — except for those of us who, like rabid salmon swimming the wrong way in spawning season, pursue a seemingly self-destructive path of apparent madness in the name of "free choice" and the preservation of the integrity of the individual.

'They', a short novel from England by Kay Dicks, presents a science fiction world where literature, art, and the pursuit and practice thereof is officially forbidden, and its practitioners ruthlessly pursued, punished and terrorised. In quiet isolation a few artists persist, although most succumb to one or another aspect of the terror — retreating to a private world of insanity, resisting the authorities openly only to ensure their own destruction, or worse — surrendering themselves to join the faceless masses.

The book is a moving and well written complaint against the destructive capacity of consumerism and insensitive bureaucracy in its ruthless pursuit of the greatest good for the greatest number. Dick describes a situation different from the contemporary scene only in degree, not in kind.

Anyone who has ever attempted to pursue Art in any of its forms — to eschew television, slavery to the clock and "conventional" normalcy in order to follow the creative urge wherever it might lead will instantly relate to the frame of mind and emotional content of this book. From the agony of watching kindred spirits slowly collapse under social disapproval to the creeping anxiety that maybe it is "them" that have it right and "me" that has it wrong instead of the other way around, Kay Dick strikes a note of authenticity.

In fact the book is almost too obvious, the metaphors too transparent. One slowly gets the feeling that she is trying to convince herself that the existence of an artist is worthwhile.

They shows promise but falls well short of profundity.
Doug Thompson

VUWSA Films

Three special screenings this week as part of Capping Week.

Chinatown

A Bogartland thriller handled with style and brilliance by Polanski. The plot is riddled with mystery from the very beginning when Jake Gittes (Jack Nicholson), a classic wise-cracking private-eye, is hired by a woman to find out what her errant husband is up to. The woman turns out to be an imposter hired for purposes unknown; the husband is duly murdered; and the real wife (Faye Duna way), leads him into a nightmare web of intrigue ranging from civic corruption to incest by way of some bizarre encounters.

One such encounter is a memorable meeting of Gittes with a gnome-like smiler (Polanski himself) in a nocturnal wasteland. "Want to know what happens to inquisitive guys?" the gnome asks as he delicately slits open Gittes' nostril. "They lose their noses." Gittes survives the humiliation to unravel the mystery and even get his dangerous charmer to bed, but only at the sudden climatic ending do we realise the significance of the film's title.

Chinatown has shades of Hitchcockian cunning and is full of subtle images for all its exquisite period" detail. Good performances from Nicholson and Dunaway and veteran director John Huston as the villain.

Monday 24th April 2.00 pm.

2001: A Space Odyssey

Had Kubrick's film been made recently, it would have been hailed as a masterpiece. The fact that this 10-year old film is just as evocative and stunning now as it was then makes it a monumental classic. 2001 surpasses all other films for its innovative film technology (Star Wars owes its visual conception to this film) and sheer power and imagination. The film is primarily concerned with the evolution of Intelligence. Kubrick sees the levels of ascent to be Ape, Man, Computer, then Superman, but the development is not a simple one.

As the film progresses, our intellect and imagination are stimulated on several levels with ideas, symbols and questions beyond the visual spectacle. Kubrick is an avowed master of film and this is often considered his best. See it or see it again.

Wednesday 26 April 2 pm.

Five Fingers of Death

Five fingers of Death is the most successful box-office martial arts film from the Shaw Bros, industry. The plot follows a typical storyline that involve feuding Kung Fu schools, acts of betrayal and vengeance, secret super normal techniques, duels to the death... in fact, what makes this film stand out is the inclusion of virtually all the elements common to the genre.

There is an uncommon 'Western' approach to the mechanics of the plot. The action sequences build up slowly; restrained compared to the instantaneous mayhem otherwise common within 10 minutes of a Kung Fu film. As Kung Fu films go, in the historical fairy-tale class, this is one of the better ones. For once the characters are developed and the colour, direction and dubbing are well above standard. Magnificent escapism.

Thursday 27 April 2 pm.

Drama

New Zealand Visions

Pigland Prophet

by Frank Edwards directed by Stephen McElrea Circa Theatre

Many years ago at Seacliff Mental Hospital there resided a man in one of the stables that was known as the maximum security wing. In the exercise yard a tree was growing, a branch of which extended over the fence. Throughout the many years of his residency this extremely patient inmate watched the branch grow in strength until the time it could support his weight. This vigil gave him strength to survive the long years of incarceration.

One day the time came, the bough had gained the required strength, so he made ready. But that night another inmate took it into his head to make use of this escape route and bungled it. The bough was cut down.

This is a true story. The man was not Lionel Terry.

The year before last I lived in Seacliff, over the road from the now derelict Mental Hospital. But the ghosts linger on. The desperation of the above tale is the atmosphere that pervades the continually shifting Seacliff soil. It is the atmosphere that pervades this play and production.

Pigland Prophet is one of the most powerful works in theatre that I have seen in a long time. If there is such a thing as New Zealand soul this play grasps it and wrings it dry. This soul comes from our history, our crises and mistakes. And the play has it all.

The New Zealander is the Maori who has been displaced from the land. Other races have been displaced from their homelands. Godzone is thus a land of displaced people attempting to create a society we can call totally ours.

But we make some disastrous mistakes. To cover our confusion we create an immense bureaucracy that becomes impenetrable. Institutions are rampant, committees form to resolve any problem, or rather in an attempt to throw a mat over the dirt that clings. The logical conclusion is the centralism and potential fascism of the Muldoon type of government.

With Lionel Terry we had a man much like Adolf Hitler. He was a fanatic who hated and feared all races other than the pure white Anglo-Saxon. He was so engrossed with purity that he ate nothing but vegetables, took walks over hundreds of miles (walks that have now become legendary), and apparently eschewed sexual contact of any kind. He thought of himself as a prophet and acted as such.

The world is well aware of the turmoil and destruction such fanaticism can create. However, unlike Hitler, Terry kept his ravings in the realms of art. His major political act was to kill an old Chinaman and use this to publicise his cause. A symbolic deed, one of warped lightness in his terms, but politically very naive. Thank God for this naivety otherwise New Zealand would be the home of the Third Reich.

But the question remains, if he was more astute, would we have listened to his ravings. He was after all a man of great intelligence with a strong will and charisma. And you can't deny we do listen to such people. Because of his repulsive misstep he was declared insane, tortured, beaten and locked away for the rest of his life.

A good thing to do?

In that we were protected from such a dangerous fanatic it could well be true. But the danger lay not with him, but with ourselves. Could we have withstood his barrage of charm?

Truby King has a vision of similar magnitude. He believed New Zealand could be saved if people were treated in the manner he had conceived. This involved bringing them up from birth enshrouded in his behaviourist methodology, under the direction of the Plunket Society. This was potentially just as damaging. But as Medical Superintendent he was also caught in that net of the Seacliff Mental Hospital, forced to condone acts of which he disapproved, and was thus stifled.

So the system protected us from two potentially equal dangers. Was it right? It denied us the potential development from coming into direct conflict with such things. Such conflict keeps a society vital.

Frank Edwards manages to bring this and many other things out in his play. The various layers of experience combined to form a powerful unity. Better construction is possibly desirable but more tightness might well strangle the overall feeling.

Truby King (Roger Page) and an attendant (Do Kahu) watch over Lionel Terry (Jeff Thomas).

Photo from the play 'Pigland Prophet'

Stephen McElrea, the director, worked very closely with the author throughout the whole process of writing, and this becomes obvious in the production. There exists a powerful commitment and a harmony between the written word and its actual embodiment on stage which are very rare in New Zealand.

This energy spills over the actors. Jeff Thomas as Lionel Terry does a superb job. It is an unsentimental and honest portrayal of the man. All the others manage to perform the many roles that are expected of them without ever slipping into caricature, an easy mistake to make.

A special mention must be made here of Roger Page, playing Truby King and others. His discussion of the role of the soldier in society, coupled with his squashing the life out of a young blackbird thrown from the nest is extremely evocative.

The overwhelming feeling I received from this production was its intense commitment to its subject, a commitment which was accepted by everyone involved. Such energy is a very powerful force and might have blinded me from some technical errors. But this vitality is the life blood of theatre and when it exists, it must be acclaimed.

John Bailey

Theatre of Shock!

Maori Theatre

A man has just come out of prison. He has started working for a business selling firewood: his job is to fill sacks with pieces of manuka and pine. A younger man is with him in the shed, also filling sacks with firewood. Both are Maori. They are the only ones in the shed and are not in the mood to work. The older man begins to shadow box, throwing punches at his shadow cast by the bare light bulb against the wall.

He draws the younger man in, involving him in the shadow boxing. They begin to have fun with the shadows: first they invent a cops and robbers mime, howling and shooting at each other; then they mime an act of sodomy using the enlarged shadow of a broomstick for a penis. They continue the mime yelling four-letter words and making their shadows rape one another until they tire of it. They both laugh at the mimes they've just made and then go off for some kai.

This is a scene from the play *Firewood* by John Synott. It was hoped to have the play, or part of it, ready to perform in conjunction with an exhibition of contemporary Maori art being held at the Rotorua Art Gallery in May. The play would have been the first production of a new theatre which would involve Maori actors and writers from all over the country.

It seems, however, that the theatre will have to start somewhere else; that Rotorua just isn't ready for this kind of realism. Efforts to get this play produced have, after two months, gone unrewarded.

Rotorua has long had a Maori theatre, an art form unique to this country — the Maori concert party. Moreover it is the only original art form that NZ has produced. In an important book, *Te Puea* written by Michael King and published last year, we read how the concert party was invented by Princess Te Puea to

instill a sense of pride in her Waikato people, a people badly demoralised by social and economic forces early in the century.

This art form was soon developed to a high degree, firstly by her own group who gave performances all over the country, and then by groups from other tribes. In the Second World War the concert party form of entertainment reached its apogee: the war drew on enormous resources of talent, drawing forth the best work of the finest Maori composers. No people felt the death and the loss more keenly or expressed their grief more eloquently in song.

What made the concert party so vital and gave it the strength to endure was the fusion of two traditions: the oral traditions of moteatea with their ancient cadence and themes, and the deeply felt borrowings from western popular music. Today most Maori communities have at least one concert or action party group, and each year concert party groups come together in the main centres to compete for trophies.

Yet despite its continuing popularity and its still-great strengths, the concert party art form is well and truly archaic. Perhaps even irrelevant. None of the songs, the lyrics or actions make any comment on the events of today — except possibly to disregard them, pretending that everything is O.K. Of course things are not: the Maori Land March in 1975 showed the whole world that some things were seriously wrong in this country and that some Maoris were attempting to put them right.

Whenua Maori has become the focal point for past and present grievances, and all problems affecting Maori people today can be seen to stem from the failure of government to acknowledge the importance of Maori lands for the tribes that own them. The crisis point has already been reached — perhaps with the emergence of the Otago Storm troopers at the end of the 1960's, perhaps with the shooting of Daniel Haupapa 3 years ago.

We need right now an art form that is equal to these times; one that runs and howls with the best of us, trying to articulate the pain of Maori men and women — young and old — and encouraging debate among Maoris themselves. A Maori theatre drawing on the untapped resources of Maori talent for actors and writers seems the best choice.

Like Te Puea's original concert party group this theatre would serve to strengthen a badly wounded culture, voicing the frustrations of the disillusioned old and the demoralised old, as well as reminding us all of life's joys and attractions. It would be a natural theatre speaking for all the tribes.

Such a theatre would need to begin strongly to free itself of the cobwebs of lethargy and apathy encumbering members of the Maori community. Like the haka of Ruaumoko we need to shake — to shock — ourselves out of complacency. Shock tactics for a society reluctant to confront change when it comes.

Today there are well-established theatres in Africa, Europe, North America and Australia whose sole aim is to present a minority cultural viewpoint. Maoris in this country must start thinking about a theatre of their own that does more than wiggle its piupiu in front of tourists.

Brian King

Save Unity Campaign

On the 23rd of April Unity Theatre is launching a "Save Unity Campaign" which will run till May 25. The aim of the campaign is to raise as quickly as possible \$2,500 to put Unity back on its feet.

Unity will be launching the campaign with a "Save Unity" Party on April 23 at 7 p.m. to which all those interested in the future of Unity Theatre are invited. This is followed on May 6 & 7 by a revue, "A Night of It", starting at 8 o'clock; door sales only.

Following, on May 12, 13 and 14, is a marathon of marathons, a fifty-hour nonstop performance of Harold Pinter's *The Dumb Waiter*! Sponsors are welcome, and sponsorship forms are available from the Treasurer, Ph 787—776.

Unity Theatre was formed 37 years ago and has provided the city of Wellington with an opportunity for amateur casts to perform in many of the classics and in many many exciting new productions, at a professional standard. It is one of the few outlets for amateur theatre remaining in central Wellington, and as such provides a much-needed springboard for actors, actresses, directors, technicians, etc. to learn and polish the basics of their crafts.

If, as many people contend, theatre can and often does fulfil an important role in New Zealand culture, then it would be a loss for all should Unity cease to play its own unique part.

Ewen Upston

Larf

Larf Street Theatre Group

Larf was born in October of last year, when a group of actors and others interested in theatre decided to form a political street theatre group. Many of those who joined were actively involved in the protests against the SIS Bill and felt the most effective way to express their opposition was through street theatre.

Towards the end of the year other meetings were held - ideas were shared — and a plan was concocted to tour the country over summer. However nothing came of this, people left Wellington over Christmas and energy dropped.

On Christmas Eve the Moonists (a militant religious cult) held a street march opposing "the Communist threat to N.Z.". A small group of Larfers, one wearing a Gorilla mask, another dressed as Lenin, another dressed in red, all marching to beat of a drum, posed as "the Communist threat".

Larf went into hibernation over the summer. But in late January there was another meeting, we had grown in numbers — more energy and more ideas. We split into smaller groups to work out ideas and then brought them back for the whole group to work on. Over a fortnight we had created a number of sketches and were ready to perform them. "Miracle Man" dealt with Muldoon's "economic miracles". "Joe Worker" with unemployment in N.Z., "Ordinary Bloke" with apathy in N.Z., and "The Weird Sisters" with abortion and the violent Catholic lobby behind SPUC.

We performed all over Wellington, in a park, at the University and out in the streets. Larf learnt a lot from this first flurry of activity, much about working together and what worked and what didn't in performance.

Since then we have taken part in protests against the Abortion Legislation and a visit by South African Rotarians. We have sunk our fangs into beauty queens at the Miss Wellington contest. We have also done some sketches on worker-boss relations for a delegates meeting of the Cleaners Union.

The group doesn't take direction from any one person. We have no leaders. Different people have different abilities and so different people direct as the situation requires.

The group's membership fluctuates, sometimes four or five people work on a piece, other times fifteen or twenty people work together.

Our performances are loud, usually funny, and include song, dance, and mime. Few of us are professional actors, but we aim to entertain and arouse people in our own theatre, the theatre of the streets.

Paul Wilson

VUW Drama Soc.

A few weeks ago Salient's Drama Editor, John Bailey, wrote an article that commented on the non-existence of a Drama Club on campus this year. This comment is erroneous. Drama Soc., was last year more active in terms of productions than it had been for quite a few years. Seven plays hit the stage, all in the first half of the year. Bludgeoning assessment and burdensome work loads took care of the second half. All seven followed a pattern, of sorts, in that they were Establishment style Theatre. The type that demands a stage, allows for little improvisation and restricts the player to a pre-written script. None was N.Z. in origin, none concerned the campus. They all were intended as entertainment.

This is neither ideal, nor healthy. However it is what it is. Any movement towards topicality or towards more political theatre, must emanate from the student membership. Direction cannot be forced. Unfortunately the people who could provide the requisite impetus seem to form their own groups and eschew the Drama Club. Street theatre groups can abide under the same roof as traditional Theatre. The Drama Club should be the house for all variations of campus theatre. It exists for all these variations. That it is not used as such, is a matter of concern, for it diminishes the Drama Club, and deprives it of much vitality. Before I outline some possible directions for the Drama Club I will mention our greatest problem; that is manpower. Drama Studies (and last year Theatre des Isle) removed many actors and such from circulation. The assessment syndrome accounted for others.

Consequently we were left with a few fool-hardy souls on whose shoulders the Club rested. That so much was done was pleasing.

Such are the hassles we and you face. Now to the possible directions Drama Club could take. Firstly it could proceed as it is now, producing plays as, and when, it can; dying but not dead. Secondly it could affiliate with a Department. An association with Drama Studies has been suggested, but I would not advise this. It would become rigid and would be under the control, in practical terms, of the Drama Society lecturers. I feel it must not be restricted to a course, or to a set of students but remain open for all to do with what they may (or can). Finally, and herein lies its life-line, all campus drama organisations could support the Drama Club. By this I mean work with and for the Drama Club. Street theatre groups belonging to Drama Club, workshop

productions, whatever, could do the same. In addition I believe the Drama Studies people could do their practical work (production, performance and so on) with the Drama Club. Their lecturers could perhaps also work under our club. This would in the long run benefit campus Drama.

Jeremy Jay

President Drama Soc.

DOWNSTAGE SAVAGES By Christopher Hampton Set in Brazil and concerned with the decimation of the Indian tribes. April 27—June 3 Bookings 849—639 **DOWNSTAGE DISCOUNT:** Members, Students (with dinner) Monday to Thursday \$7.50. Friday, Saturday (with dinner) \$8.50 Show only on floor \$3.00 Monday to Thursday Friday and Saturday \$4.00 Show only (gallery) Monday to Thursday \$2.50 Friday Saturday \$3.50

Revue 18th — 27th May VUW MEMORIAL THEATRE 8 p.m. **THE WAY WE GONE DONE IT!! THIS REVUE MAY BE THE SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT OF OUR TIME!**

STARRING: TUSKA'S SEVEN DANGLES! ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK AVAILABLE ON TUSKA RECORDS AND TAPES Two years too long to wait for a student revue? No! Not when the initiating force comes from the dynamic, extra ordinary and uncompromising irish Intellectuals. From this has blossomed a cast of enchanting ladies, all demur, all beautiful and untarnished. Add this to a male lineup with a combined physique of Tarzan, the charm of Rasputin, and the wit of Bert Walker, and the show will be an extravaganza of taste and beauty! —Bodies will glide effortlessly across the stage on legs. —Politicians will be exclaimed and displayed. —Insight will be displayed into the New Zealand Film Industry. —Hear songs the Henry Rudolph singers will later thrust into their repertoire. —See thousands of naked bodies fully clothed —A show that moves with the jest, vitality, and repartee of the Governor General's cocktail party. A team of script writers, unemployed after kindergarten training, have emerged with a barrage of satire and slapstick, all in perfect revue taste. Music evolved with style and praise by a geriatric infant prodigy. "A show not to be missed. It has a joie de vivre, absent for so long in New Zealand theatre." P. Bartlett. "An exceedingly raucus, crude but thoroughly enjoyable show. The only criticism I can make is that of overindulgence of brutality and blood." Sam Peckinpah. "Something no member of the public should miss." Railways Spokesman. "This show would inject life, spontaneity into Broadway,... Westend, anywhere!" Excited students association spokesman. "If beastiality is a crime, this production deserves life imprisonment." Minister of Justice. **PUBLIC \$3.00 STUDENTS \$2.00** Bookings open from Monday 15th May (1st day of 2nd term) — Studass office or Opera House. Censor's Note: People may find the use of language in this revue completely unintelligible.

Clubs and Notices

Abortion Meeting

To discuss pressure on the government to make it recognise that abortion is a woman's democratic right. We will discuss publicity for the Abortion Rally at the Opening of Parliament and action arising from the Public Abortion meeting held last Saturday. Women and men welcome.

Organised by the Women's Abortion Rights Club and Women's Liberation Club. Monday 24 April 2 pm. Lounge.

Squash Club

Monday 24th April, 7.30 John Reid's Squash Courts. Free coaching Films. Members a plate. Refreshments available. Would any member with a number 78/40—78/90 please contact Shona on club nights or Sunday nights (758—484)

Scottish Country Dancing

Tuesday 25th April 5—7 p.m. Union Hall

No dancing on the 25th but come along the following week as usual.

Student Tutoring Club

Thursday 27th April, 12.00, Committee room.

Anyone interested in coaching at the Porirua College homework centre please come along to the above meeting or ring Douglas TWA 8409

Debating Society

Thursday 27th April 5.00 p.m., Lounge/Smoking Room.

The debating society's second stein and parliamentary debate will provide an evening of hilarity and verbal abuse.

Christian Union

Friday 28th April, 5.30 p.m., Lounge/Smoking Room.

'Creative Tea' and now for something completely different.

SCM

Stands for Student Christian Movement.

Come to a Cabin Lunch, enjoy our bread and spreads. Mind — our study 'Suffering and Hope in N.Z.' on Thursdays is not for the faint-hearted!

SCM Cabin is the Red Box on the Hill above Student Health.

All welcome

Mondays 12—2 pm

Thursdays 12—2 pm

Students Against Apartheid Movement (SAAM)

Meeting. Monday 15 May, 12 noon—1 pm. Lounge.

Are you interested in the major anti-apartheid campaign of the year? SAAM is combining with anti-apartheid groups around the country in the campaign to throw out the South African consulate. The meeting is to organise a forum, to be held on Thursday, with representatives from both sides of the issue.

Let me help you make a little money go a whole lot further If you need a little help and advice on how to make your money go further while you're at varsity, see Richard Starke at the Wellington Branch of the BNZ. Richard knows the sort of money problems you're going to be involved with as a student, and he'll be pleased to give you all the assistance and advice that's possible. Apart from the BNZ services like cheque and savings accounts, free automatic savings facility, the Nationwide Account, travellers' cheques, and so on, there are two particular BNZ services that a lot of students have found very useful. BNZ Educational Loans The great thing about these is their flexibility. You can take one out for a few days, to tide you over a rough spot till the end of term, or you can borrow on the long-term and, plan things out over the years you're at varsity. BNZ Consulting Service Free, helpful advice on practically any financial matter, from people who understand money and how it works. And just by the way, there's another good reason for banking with the Bank of New Zealand, it's the only trading bank wholly owned by the people of New Zealand. Call at the BNZ on-campus office and fix up a time for a chat with Richard Starke or phone him direct at the BNZ Wellington Branch. Cnr. Lambton and Customhouse Quays Phone 725-099 ext. 702. Bank of New Zealand Wholly owned by the people of New Zealand

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Letters

Letters must be typed, double spaced on one side of the paper, and should not run on and on boring everybody to death. They can be dropped into the letters box just inside the Salient door (middle floor of the Union Building, graveyard end), left at the Studass office, or sent c/o VUWSA, Private Bag, Wellington

Drawing of a man impaled by a pen

Somebody likes us

Dear Salient Staff,

Salient staff are to be congratulated for continuing the high standards of journalism of this campus magazine. Orthography, typesetting and layout are of consistent competence.

The articles presented continue to be of much interest. I feel that a happy balance is struck between articles of overseas importance, as well as local and national, student politics and events. Of particular moment are the articles on overseas events (e.g. insights into the People's Republic of China, fair reporting of liberation movements around the world, etc.) which are not otherwise reported in papers readily obtainable in this country. Hopefully, these sentiments reflect the feelings of many student and staff members who regularly read "Salient" and realise that its high level of journalistic competence needs no further comment.

John Bailey is to be commended for his continuing perceptive and incisive drama reviews. I felt that the Peter Handke plays were most thought provoking especially the Hegelian idea of the force of contradiction between audience and actors. John Bailey's criticism of the Drama Soc. was somewhat untoward as the main way for the Drama Soc. to determine the needs and wants of students is surely by empiricism and heurism. The courage of the Drama Soc. in presenting I Handke's plays was admirable and the lack of audience numbers was a sad commentary on campus interest in theatre. Let us work towards keeping Drama Soc. alive on campus and serving the students.

Perhaps Salient might consider a column of haiku (for poetry) and senryu (for dialectic). Would students be interested in such a column? Readers could send in their haiku and senryu and someone could act as a collator (I would be willing to after June).

Robert Cook.

We're all Normal... ?

Giddy money grubbers,

Observing the fuss over the last week or so concerning Bursaries inspires me to stir up a few thoughts.

There are three types of full time STB students:

- Mr & Ms Well Off. Have STB plus Daddy's money. Own brand new Datsun and have all mod cons.
- Mr & Ms Normal. Have STB plus holiday earnings. Lead decent life and sometimes have a few bucks to spare.
- Mr & Ms Poor. Have STB only. These people are to be pitied.

So there it is for STB. 90% of people who try can be Mr or Ms Normal. Those who couldn't find jobs these holidays, did you really try? I don't mean sitting on your butt getting the dole but actually harrassing employers.

Interesting facts and facets:

Ever noticed how many students: go skiing own cars own motorbikes have expensive new clothes drink untold piss.

Lets face it — most of you could pull your belts in. However nobody's perfect, (neither STB nor students) Some people need help — Mr & Ms Poor with expensive courses, holiday unemployment so are You being greedy?

Jonathan Jarman

A Threat

Dear subjects,

Just a little warning that I won't be turning the universe back up the right way again until you all start worshipping Me..

God

Drawing of a man with a poster of himself

NZUSA Bureaucracy Criticized

Dear Butoh,

Allow us to express frustration, anger and disgust at the recent victimisation of James Movick, NZUSA student leader, by the immigration authorities of New Zealand.

His case is unique in that he was caught in a vortex allowed to exist by the institutionalized, bureaucratic and colonial attitudes of both the immigration authorities and NZUSA. Movick's case has set a precedent in overseas student participation in local student politics, normally the stronghold of liberal pakehas. The fact that both NZUSA and the immigration authorities did not envisage a situation where an overseas student would be holding a full-time paid position in the NZUSA executive bespeaks of ignorance and a lack of foresight springing from such attitudes.

This situation must be rectified immediately if the hassle that Movick had to experience is at least marginally worth it. The position of overseas student participation in student politics must be made clear by the immigration department and NZUSA which purports to have always represented the rights of overseas students must of necessity get off its bureaucratic arse and demand that we would accept nothing short of equal rights with local students.

We pay the same amount of tuition fees but get nothing substantial in return. Many of us have to even put up with the crappy cafeteria food which even the locals complain about. And when we support the election of an overseas student at the national executive, he gets thrown out. Therefore to NZUSA we say "No taxation without representation".

Movick's case has also been a lesson for overseas students, for it is only through our own participation in student affairs that we find out where exactly we stand vis a vis a whole gamut of institutionalized mentalities, ie NZUSA, Immigration Department etc. Unless, we voice our opinions collectively our real interest will be overridden by fake assumptions of our interest by such alien institutions.

In viewing this problem further we overseas students should let all and sundry know that we overseas students can with old our association fees next year if by then nothing has been done to achieve equal rights for us.

Joginder Singh
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Navnit Patel
Ramesh Patel
P. Patel
N. Gyetse
S. Nacanaibaba
M. Mannan
Peter Thing
K.A.V. Bale

For the Love of God

Dear Sir,

Gary Harrington will never understand Christianity until he has a personal experience of the love and saving power of Jesus Christ. Intellectualized, rational and purely secular arguments are useless since Jesus doesn't claim He can be understood on this level. Open up your heart to Him, Gary.

All our love,

Jim Murphy.

Photo of a man with no pants on

Treen Complains

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my disappointment at the way my nomination for international delegate to May Council of NZUSA was handled at the last SRC meeting.

Unfortunately I was not able to be at that meeting because I was unable to get back to Wellington I because of the closure of the airport. I was away from Wellington because I had been sent is a delegate to the NZUSA policy work-shops at Canterbury University. In fact I was the only Victoria delegate to make it since I left on Friday morning.

This attempt to serve VUWSA was then used as an attack on me. It was said that I wasn't present because I waft in Auckland lobbying for the position of EVP of NZUSA. It was implied by Leonie Morris, Woman's Vice President, that this reflected on my interest in the position. This was no more than slander. I had travelled to Auckland on personal business because I couldn't get into Wellington. At no stage did I lobby for the EVP position.

It seems that the rumour that I was standing for the position was spread by the NZUSA president who used student money to make toll calls around the country to lobby against me and convince other people t6 stand for the position. The people who used this rumour against me at the SRC also knew that I had gone to the policy workshops and that it was impossible to get back because of the airport closing. The logical end to these attacks was the election of David Murray, the very person whom I had decisively beaten for the IAO position in the first place, as an International delegate.

This is only the latest in a series of attacks on me since my election. In the forefront of these attacks have been Leonie Morris, Woman's Vice President; David Murray, last year's Salient editor; and Simon Wilson, this year's Salient editor. All are part of the Maoist Students Against Imperialism.

Rather than work with me to see if we can create a real international awareness on campus they have attempted to obstruct my work. For example, when I was first elected to the position of IAO, Simon Wilson questioned my competence in an article in Salient. Offers to write international articles have been declined; attempts were made to prevent my election to attend the policy workshops and now I am unable to attend May Council and thus learn how to serve students more effectively.

The honest course of action by those who due to their own sectarian political views oppose my holding the IAO position is for them to move a motion of no confidence and fight it out honestly. Unfortunately the method of slander behind my back seems to be preferred.

Mike Treen

(It is true that I have on occasion declined your offer of articles for Salient. That is my prerogative with any potential contributor. My reasons have been either that I already had an article on the particular subject, or I did not consider the subject important enough at the particular time. There is no policy of refusal of your work, as your piece on Bastion Point earlier in the year testifies.

On the more general question of "preventing" you from attending policy workshops and May Councils, Victoria has long had a policy that people should not go to such meetings simply because of their position. Elections are held at SRCs so that those most willing to get involved in the various activities have a chance to do so if the SRC thinks them worthy. You must face this election process along with everyone else.

Finally, you criticise me for "Questioning your competence". It is part of my job to monitor the activities of all officers elected by the association, and I will continue to do this — Ed.)

A Silly Question

Dear Sir,

Why do you allow such silly questions as "Why is a mouse when it spins?" when the answer is at least as obvious as "What is the difference between a duck?"? Please get back to basics.... (such as aardvarks, voles, gerbils, and shrews).

Yours,

Gerbil Appreciator.

Goodbye Good Bye

Dear Disappointed,

We're sorry to hear you missed the Hello Sailor concerts, although a total of two thousand other people didn't. (The Union Hall was sold out).

The advertising campaign was split into two parts: — a large article in Salient the week before, — handbills in the cafe and at Sasracs, — posters around varsity. Although as soon as the posters went up they seemed to disappear. On subsequent re-postering trips it was necessary to deface the posters so that they might remain on the walls. We have learned — next time it will be a very ugly poster. So there.

For the Opera House concert there was newspaper and radio advertising in full force, plus posters plastered on all available surfaces.

With such a campaign it would appear that to have missed the concerts you must have your eyes and ears shut. Any help with publicity, ideas for making it more effective, or constructive comment on what went wrong would be received with interest.

Penny Dodd and

Vicki Dunn.

(VUW Arts Council reps)

P.S. You can contact us through Studass.

A Sensible/Silly (?) Letter

Dear Simon,

This is a silly letter with very little brain at all, typed by a silly person who had nothing else to do at the time, about three in the morning.

So all this person could do was to summon up the energy to write to you deploring the abysmal standard of last week's Salient letters, not an AardSoc. or Thorndon letter in the whole bunch, and just who is this wanker Andy Tees any way (seems like a bit of a jerk to me). Why anyone would want to write to Salient merely pointing out the factual inaccuracies of a Salient article is beyond me. Besides, as far as I could make out all he did was fail in an attempt to justify some startling incompetence in his job of returning officer.

In fact about the only sensible thing that he said was that Sue Cairney should have exclusive or at least priority use of the SRC Officers room until the end of the Bursaries campaign. (Again just as a matter of interest could you tell me just what position this wanker Tees holds, all anyone has been able to tell me is ah.. er.. he's got some er.. SRC er... I'm not sure (you get the picture)).

The Red Baron (ret.)

(DSO & Bar, DFC.

Iron Cross, Knights. Cross

with Oak Leaves cluster.)

Trying to Wriggle Out of it

Dear Sir,

I would like, in no uncertain terms, to object to the current rumour that the Salient typesetter is a sperm. Or more to the point, even if he was, what business would it be of anyone else's?

Yours in indignation,

The President,
Doug Thompson Defence League.

Research Officer Replies

Dear Simon,

As the person responsible for the production of the NZUSA Handbook (not the content; just putting it together) I'll make a few comments on your NZUSA Handbook article.

Firstly, let's investigate your point that... "The style in which policy is presented has alienated a lot of students."

If you had stated that the style had alienated some constituent Presidents I could have agreed with you (although, from the comments I have had personally from 6 Presidents, 3 are in favour and 3 opposed). However, to assert that "a lot of students" have been alienated is hardly factual; unless you have information on student response that I don't have (as far as I know you don't).

What we do have are 3 campus Presidents (Otago, Lincoln, Canterbury) who make that assertion—the Otago President openly admitting that he promoted his biased view of it as he handed it out to students at a forum. Has he handed it out to other students? We have a Canterbury President who has been overwhelmingly opposed at his own SRC on the question of Canterbury's withdrawal from NZUSA; and we have a Lincoln President who frankly admits that he is only giving his personal opinion on the Handbook (for my mind, of the three his is probably giving the most accurate representation of his campus' views).

Now, I'm not claiming that most students like the Handbook — all I'm saying is that there's been no accurate assessment, nor any attempt to get one. Your implication is clearly that the majority of students would not like the Handbook — back that up with facts.

Next point "... There are eight pages of songs which are widely considered a waste of time." Simon, dear, how do you manage to make these gross generalizations; or maybe you have a 'Deep Throat', whose identity you must protect, parcelling out the facts only to you? Again with this point, I could make the same comments about the Presidents v. students. I can also add that the songs were sent to every constituent President 4 weeks before the production date with a request for comments — none replied save Mr. Guest from Otago whose comment was ""You've got a good wee lot of songs there".

There are undoubtedly many things the Handbook did not do in the way of informing students about NZUSA and what it stands for. I have not seen the Craccum article you refer to, but from your description it points correctly to a couple of improvements that should have been there — but improvements of only a peripheral nature, they wouldn't have altered the supposed antipathy towards the handbook to which you refer. Another thing the handbook did not do was to receive contributions of a graphic or written nature from constituents (and others) - or if they were received, they came in at the last possible minute.

I should also point out that the NZUSA handbook was not supposed to detail everything to do with NZUSA. As you would be painfully aware, Simon, a number of other NZUSA publications cover areas of NZUSA activity and policy in much greater detail. It is a pity that no one has brought the constructive criticism that you infer have been made to the National Office or myself, or the President. Perhaps it makes better news if you can surprise us? Mr. Guest certainly thinks so — do you?

Finally, the most important point is that handbooks and other publications, no matter how inoffensive they might be, can never significantly affect student views of an organisation like NZUSA. Only activity on behalf of students, that they can see and relate to, and which advances their interests (i.e. Bursaries, SIS and Abortion campaigns) can do that in a positive way. At best, a Handbook can only be an adjunct to such activity.
Dave Macpherson, NZUSA Research (?) Officer

(David, dear I quite agree with you that constituent presidents do not necessarily represent the views of significant bodies of students every time they speak. That is not the same as saying that they never do this.

I also agree that the majority of activity of NZUSA must lie in positive action, but this is no not to say that Handbooks are not a Significant adjunct to this action. Why else do one at all?

In all your criticisms you consistently ignore the fact that, for whatever reasons, NZUSA is in a crisis. This Must be faced up to as it manifests itself, and not palmed off merely because one does not accept the nature of the criticisms. —Ed.)

Rights and Duties

Dear Sir,

The most unfortunate aspect of the current abortion controversy is that people don't stop to think what issues are at stake. There is only one questions that needs to be asked: Is the foetus a human being? If the answer is no there can be no possible objection to abortion.

If the answer is yes, there can be no justification for abortion (except in the virtually theoretical danger to the mother's life.) Therefore I ask you and your readers to reflect on this question objectively and sincerely.

Another fallacy is the putting together of abortion, contraception and sterilisation. The latter are two separate issues. Contraception and sterilisation are moral matters for the individual to decide and nobody has the right to impose their views on these issues. However, if you answer the above question about the status of the foetus in the affirmative, you not only have the right but the duty to intervene to protect that

Yours sincerely,

Jenny

Another Great Letter

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate you on Salient's outstanding contribution to the National Students Issue that appeared last Tuesday.

Not only was our contribution far superior to other more plebian efforts, but your prowess in producing a first class student paper shone through quite clearly.

It is my earnest hope that the other editors took note and then they too, can emulate your level of articulation, interest, obvious dedication and total commitment to we, the poor humble, ignorant students.

Several people have approached me asking if it wouldn't be too much trouble to have some pictures of you run off - so that Salient could sell autographed copies — I promise I'd have one over my bed. Also there was another suggestion that you write an autobiography — maybe "The Life and Times of Simon Wilson" — anyway keep up your terribly difficult work. Remember tonight, as you slave over a hot typewriter, we, your ardent followers are with you in spirit.

Your ever loving fan,

Moa Tse Tung

(RIP)

(Did anyone else read the national issue?)

Any Merit in this One?

Dear Simon,

I've been waiting for the latest copy of "Sullient" to appear around the varsity all this week. Where is it? If you happen to hear, come and tell me — I'll be lying in the gutter outside the Student Union Building.

Yours,

Waiting Expectantly

Colin's Column

Dear Colin,

Drawing of two elephants mating

When I first came to university I stopped wearing a bra. Now after reading your excellent column I have stopped wearing panties too. I have also stopped wearing glasses. Will this make me go blind?

Reverend H.J.
Hipponipple

Dear Hipnip,

Why did you stop wearing glasses? If you find a great deal of strain reading, etc. without them, there is a real possibility of you going blind. As for the panties and bra — the lack of them won't make you go blind, but it may cause other problems.

Yours,

Colin

P. S. What else are you going to stop wearing, and when?

"I've nothing to Hude — it's Legit — we're not Operating in the White Areas. My Boys are only pushing Dope in the Black Communities."

Drawing of men sitting at tables outside

PEPE LOPEZ TEQUILA THE SPIRIT OF MEXICO

Colours

Image of a bird

Circles in the sand

beside

the coolness of the river, flowing circles through my mind.

the thin-ness of the trees whose narrow shadows give me patterns

to replace all those your god has left behind.

Sunlight breaking in the drops of water on my legs

warm and real

You're just a broken promise: pictures in my head.

Simple dependable fire burns: I sense it's heat and smoke

I feel you, open my eyes, it's no surprise that you're not there.

Body floats, arms move, Green and Blue gentle cool

carries me, effortlessly, sun on my back

Breeze in my hair, I don't need you.

Electric Sunset Orange and Gold. River Ripples Red.

Body glows beside the fire, adding fuel to the funeral pyre
of that deathly addiction to you.
I'm amazed. White Witch, see the colours, we're through.

Photo of a person walking on the beach
Photos by Doug Thompson

Found Poem

She wanted
to read her women's magazines
in peace—
so she locked her baby
in the attic.
He stayed there 18 months.
Sometimes he yelled, facing the wall
He wanted to hear the echo of
his own voice.

Private Thoughts

Your letter came today
Alice broke my glasses
Asked how much I've got —
Has my situation changed?
I've got what you gave and
A pair of broken shades.
You joke to hope I'd say
Things have changed —
You think three can
Live on a basic wage
Or things stay nice
With a toddler's ways.
It's not only you.
Lady Poverty eyes me
Through her broken shades—
I have embraced her
I do not wish to smell
Her sour breath again.
So of course I lie —
What did you expect?

Susan Heap
Photo of people walking on a beach

We will Continue to Progress

(In protest against the highhanded tactics
by the NZ authorities on the James
Movick case).
Like a bolt from the blue, we heard of your deportation news,
Just for the "reason" of "poor academic performance".
Academic progress is each individual's business
And yours has been sacrificed for a lofty cause:
The Anti-cutback Campaign!
Victimisation by such heavy-handed tactics
Reflects the weakness of the ruling elite.
We want you to stay, James!
They say cutback, we say fight back.
In May last year, at the International Students' Congress
NOSAC was born.
With you as pivot head,
We Stirred up a vehement nation-wide anti-cutback protest.
OSAC was punched in the back
And "they" were slapped on the face.
Now they are trying sabotage:
The overseas students movement is at stake.
They can deport one man
But they can't deport two thousand!
We may not see you at this coming congress,
But the overseas student movement will continue to progress!
You have made a sacrifice for us, James;
You have tried your very best,
Once again, we want you to stay,
For your fine "non-academic performance"!