

inclusion of posed photographs of nude and semi nude female figures that we feel some doubt about the unrestricted distribution and display of these magazines. Occasional photographs in each of the magazines come close to the second category mentioned in our decision of 25 July 1968; but, taking them as a whole, we decide that these three magazines are not indecent.

L. G. H. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

11 November 1968.

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

No. 132

In the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963 and in the matter of an application to the Tribunal for a decision in respect of the book *Myra Breckinridge*, by Gore Vidal; published by Anthony Blond Ltd., London, 1968.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS novel was submitted to the Tribunal by Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd., of Christchurch, with leave of the Minister of Justice. Written submissions were made by the applicant.

The novel is a highly sophisticated, witty, and up-to-the-minute satire of the vapidity of life and values in a commercialised culture. Its comic deflation leaves little untouched: academies, TV, film mythology, overpopulation, fantasy living, psychoanalysis, big business, pop culture, communications science, fashionable theories of literary expression, and, most important of all, the oversexed novel. Like most parodies, it makes its points effective by a witty, allusive style and by exaggeration of incident. The main character, who is also the narrator, has undergone a sex change (and suffers a reversion), and sexual aberrations abound; but their presentation is openly amusing, not pruriently erotic, and forms a necessary part of the author's attack on the greater social evil of mindless vulgarity generated by commercialised "art" forms. Given this general theme and purpose, passages which might offend if taken out of context fall naturally into place and are quite consistent with the imaginative purposes of the book as a whole.

The edition submitted (in proof form) is not the full text of the novel, certain excisions having been made by the author to enable publication in the British Isles. The book has literary merit and the Tribunal decides that, in this text, it is not indecent within the meaning of the Act.

L. G. H. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

11 November 1968.

Boundaries of the County of Rodney and Matakana Riding of the County of Rodney Defined

PURSUANT to section 16 of the Counties Act 1956, the Secretary for Internal Affairs hereby defines, as set out in the Schedule hereto, the boundaries of the County of Rodney and the Matakana Riding of Rodney County; the boundaries having previously been altered by Order in Council made on 5 February 1968 and published in *Gazette*, 8 February 1968, No. 6, p. 166.

SCHEDULE

BOUNDARIES OF RODNEY COUNTY

ALL that area in the North Auckland Land District bounded by a line commencing at the junction of the right bank of the Mangawhai Estuary with the sea coast in Block V, Mangawhai Survey District, and proceeding southerly generally along the said sea coast, crossing the mouths of all harbours and inlets, to and westerly up the middle of the Waiwera River and the channel of that river south of Te Koroto Block, and again up the middle of the said river to a point in line with the north-western boundary of Allotment 104, Waiwera Parish, in Block III, Waiwera Survey District; thence south-westerly to and along that boundary to and westerly along the northern boundaries of Allotments 101, 102, 103, 242, and 256 and the last-mentioned boundary produced to and up the middle of the Waiwera River in Block II, Waiwera Survey District, to a point in line with the northern boundary of Allotment 89, shown on S.O. plan 1397c; thence still westerly to and along that boundary and the northern side of a public road forming the northern boundary of Lot 1, D.P. 50186, and part Allotment 89, along a right line across the said public road to and along the northern boundaries of Allotment 286 and Lot 2, D.P. 39203, and along a right line across Bayers Road to and along the northern boundaries of Allotments 283 and 272, crossing the intervening Tahekeroa-Waiwera Road, and along the northern boundaries of Allotments 270, N.E. 135, M. 135, W. 135, N. 134, crossing an intervening public road, 466, N. 113 and 112, crossing the intervening Tahekeroa-Waiwera Road, to the westernmost corner of the last-mentioned allotment in Block I, Waiwera Survey District, all the aforesaid allotments being of Waiwera Parish; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Lot 5, D.P. 26487, along a right line across the aforesaid road, to and along the eastern boundaries of part Lot 3, D.P. 26487, and Allotment 232, Makarau Parish, along a

right line across the aforementioned road and the Tahekeroa Stream to and along the eastern boundaries of Lot 2, D.P. 20898, and the part Allotment 185, Makarau Parish, shown on D.P. 18176, and along a right line crossing the Newmarket-Opua Railway, the Tahekeroa-Puhoi Road, Kohekohe Stream, and Lot 4, D.P. 11758, to and along the eastern boundary of the part Allotment 188, Makarau Parish, shown on D.P. 2543, to and westerly along the northern boundaries of that allotment, Lot 3, D.P. 11758, parts Allotment N. 187 and Allotment N. 186 shown on D.P. 3068, to and north-westerly along the north-eastern boundary of Allotment N. 64, also shown on D.P. 3068, in Block III, Kaipara Survey District, all the aforesaid allotments being of Makarau Parish, and the last-mentioned boundary produced to and south-westerly generally down the middle of the Rauhori Stream and the middle of the Makarau River to the Kaipara Harbour in Block II, Kaipara Survey District; thence north-westerly and north-easterly generally along the shores of that harbour and along the left banks of the Oruawhoro and Topuni Rivers to and up the middle of the Hakaru River to a point in line with the northern side of a public road forming the southern boundary of Allotment 193, Oruawhoro Parish, in Block IV, Otamatea Survey District; thence south-easterly generally along a right line to and along that northern side and the generally northern side of the public road forming the southern boundaries of Allotments 31, 30, 29, 242, part Allotment 22, crossing the intervening Pritchards Road, part Allotment 21, and part Allotment 18, to a point in line with the south-western boundary of the part Allotment 18 shown on D.P. 26309, and along a right line to and along the south-western and north-easterly generally along the south-eastern boundaries of the said part of that allotment to and continuing along the public road forming the south-eastern boundaries of that Allotment 18 and the generally southern boundaries of Lots 4 and 3, D.P. 42988, and the last-mentioned road-side produced across Valley Road to and easterly generally along the northern side of that road and the generally northern side of a public road forming the generally southern boundaries of Allotments 12, 11, and 10 to the south-eastern corner of the last-mentioned allotment in Block I, Pakiri Survey District, all the aforesaid allotments being of Oruawhoro Parish; thence north-easterly generally along the eastern boundary of that Allotment 10 to and easterly and northerly along the southern and eastern boundaries of Allotment 50, Mangawhai Parish, to and easterly along the southern side of Cames Road to a point in line with the eastern boundary of Allotment E. 78 and along a right line crossing the said Cames Road to and northerly along the last-mentioned boundary and the eastern boundary of Allotment 16 to and easterly along the southern boundary of Allotment 31, all the aforesaid allotments being of Mangawhai Parish, and that southern boundary produced to the middle of the Mangawhai Stream; thence continuing north-easterly generally down the middle of that stream to and along the right bank of the Mangawhai Estuary to the point of commencement, and including therein Kawau Island, situated in Blocks III, IV, V, and VI, Kawau Survey District, but excluding therefrom Warkworth Town District, as described in *Gazette* 1960 p. 988.

BOUNDARIES OF MATAKANA RIDING OF RODNEY COUNTY

ALL that area in the North Auckland Land District, Rodney County, bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the northern boundary of Allotment 30A, Matakana Parish (land reserve, *Gazette*, 1890, p. 585), with the right bank of the Omaha River in Block XV, Pakiri Survey District, and proceeding easterly generally along the said right bank and the generally southern shores of the Whangateau Harbour to and southerly generally along the generally eastern boundary of Rodney County, as hereinbefore described, to and north-westerly generally along the generally north-eastern shores of the Mahurangi Harbour to the intersection of those shores with the eastern boundary of part Allotment 48, Mahurangi Parish, in Block VII, Mahurangi Survey District; thence northerly along the last-mentioned boundary along a right line across the Warkworth-Sandspit Road to and along the eastern boundary of another part Allotment 48, both the aforesaid lots being rights of way shown on D.P. 703, to and south-westerly along the south-eastern boundaries of Allotment 101, crossing the intervening Warkworth-Leigh Road, Allotments 97 and 96b, crossing the intervening State Highway No. 1, to and along the north-western boundaries of Lot 30, D.P. 9212, the north-eastern end of Hudson Road, Lots 22 and 18, D.P. 9212, to and south-easterly along the south-western boundary of the last-mentioned lot, the south-western end of Sanderson Road, the south-western boundaries of Lots 17 and 16, D.P. 9212, along a right line across Hill Road to and along the south-western boundaries of the part Lot 7 and Lot 6, Deeds Plan C. 29, comprised in C.T. 588/288, and the last-mentioned boundary produced to the middle of the Mahurangi River, in Block VI, Mahurangi Survey District; thence north-westerly generally up the middle of that river to a point in line with the middle of a public road forming the southern boundary of Allotment 93, in Block VI, Mahurangi Survey District, all the aforesaid allotments being of Mahurangi Parish, and westerly along a right line to and along the middle of that road and the production of that middle line to and south-westerly along the middle of a public road forming the south-eastern boundary of Allotment 59, Kourawhero Parish to a point in line with the south-western boundary of the last-mentioned allotment; thence northerly