

SPECIAL ORDER

"THAT, pursuant to the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act 1950, the Manaia Town Council hereby declares, by way of special order, that the plants mentioned in the Schedule hereto are noxious weeds within the Town District of Manaia.

SCHEDULE

Barley grass (*Hordeum murinum*).
 Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* and *Rubus laciniatus*).
 Californian thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).
 Caper spurge (*Euphorbia lathyris*).
 Cape tulip (*Homeria collina*).
 Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*).
 Giant buttercup (*Ranunculus acer*).
 Inkweed (*Phytolacca octandra*).
 Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*).
 Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*).
 Winged thistle (*Carduus tenuiflorus* and *Carduus pycnocephalus*).

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of February 1970.

G. J. ANDERSON, Assistant Director-General.

(Ag. 20649A)

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

No. 196

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 *The Song of the Loon*, by Richard Amory, published by Tallis Press, London.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS book, a paper-backed edition, priced in New Zealand at \$1.55, was submitted to the Tribunal by leave of the Minister of Justice. Mr Downey appeared as Counsel for the publishers.

It contains a fictional account of the experiences of an itinerant fur trapper among members of what is referred to as the Red Indian Loon society, whose tolerant acceptance of the homosexual and homosexuality are said to provide him with the freedom of action and thought he has longed for. The treatment is sentimental: we doubt whether the approach is a sincere one. Homosexual acts are described with revolting anatomical detail. The book has some literary merit but in the opinion of the Tribunal its indecency outweighs such merit.

It is classified as indecent.

L. G. H. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

9 February 1970.

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

No. 197

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by Murdoch Riley, of Wellington, company director, as agent for the publishers for a decision in respect of the book *Vice in Bombay*, by Allen V. Ross, a paper-back edition published by Tallis Press, London.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

Vice in Bombay was originally published in the United States of America under the title *Bombay after Dark*, and in that form was a companion volume to two other books already considered by the Tribunal and adjudged not indecent, namely *Mexico after Dark* and *Hong Kong after Dark*.

The present volume, however, differs from the others in its unremitting pursuit and description of sexual adventures; its altered title is a much more accurate summary of the contents and clearly recognises the author's concern to see and savour sexual sensations at any hour at all. The urgent desire of author and publisher to share such experiences with their readers is evident in the preliminary blurb: "A thousand and one nights of ecstasy are yours in Bombay after Dark, with ... girls who go by the book—that is, the *Kama Sutra* and its sixty-four positions; ... men who dress as women, but who will perform with either sex; ... temple prostitutes who combine their age-old calling with perverse religious rituals; ... lesbians for hire—but only for husbands of bored wives; ... men and women who use yoga to prolong the sex act to unbelievable lengths of time: the sin people of Bombay—the more bizarre your pleasure, the better they like it." The front cover itself promises "Prostitutes ... child sex shows ... blue films ... boy brothels ... a sin-soaked sexual abyss revealed in all its shocking excess!"

From this kind of presentation there can be no appeal whatever to standards of accurate social reporting or an intelligent concern to understand the mores of a society different from our own. This book may inform incidentally but its pervasive libidinous tone and its persistent presentation of the author's own indulgences as surrogate experiences for the reader make it quite clearly indecent within the meaning of the Act. We therefore declare it to be indecent.

L. G. H. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

9 February 1970.

Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954—Cancellation of Registration of Industrial Union

PURSUANT to section 85 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954, it is hereby notified that the registration of the Taranaki Motion Picture Projectionists Industrial Union of Workers, Registered No. 1449, situated at 27 Dartmoor Avenue, New Plymouth, is hereby cancelled as from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of February 1970.

H. G. DUNCAN,

Registrar of Industrial Unions, Department of Labour.

The Standards Act 1965—Draft Amendment to New Zealand Standard Specification

PURSUANT to subsection (3) of section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, notice is hereby given that the following draft amendment is being circulated:

Number and Description of Draft

D 138 Draft amendment to NZS 1755 : 1965, Light gauge copper tubes for water, gas, and sanitation.

All persons who may be affected by this amendment and who desire to comment thereon may, on application, obtain copies on loan from the Standards Association of New Zealand, New Zealand Display Centre Building, Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington 1.

The closing date for receipt of comment is 5 March 1970.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of February 1970.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 114/2/8)

New Zealand Post Office—Schedule of Civil Engineering, Building, and Housing Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted
		\$
Otahuhu-Remuera Ducts: Contract A Pople and Green Ltd.	20,392.82
Otahuhu-Remuera Ducts: Contract B Pople and Green Ltd.	21,964.80

E. W. DE LISLE, Engineer-in-Chief.