

No. 336

*Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal*

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the book *Make the Love Tree Grow* by Martin O'Neill, published by Ace Books, New York.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

A competent enough novel of its kind this book has a theme based on racial tension overlaid by a story of incest. It is not the extreme kind of book to which adults should be denied access but we are inclined to think that there might be some danger to adolescents in its recital of antisocial practices. Though this danger is slight we consider that a restriction is justified.

The Tribunal classifies the book as indecent in the hands of persons under 16 years of age.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

20 August 1971.

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IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the book *Her and She and Him* by Lisa March, published by Audubon Books, New York.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS is an unusual book about a young woman who becomes involved in a lesbian relationship, a young man who is already involved in a homosexual relationship with an older man, and how these two young people fall in love and manage to escape from their entanglements.

It is told reasonably skilfully and is not in itself likely to be in any way harmful. There is a certain amount of specific description of homosexual activity which we are inclined to think is unsuitable for young people and which would require appreciable literary or sociological merit to outweigh it.

The Tribunal classifies the book as indecent in the hands of persons under 18 years of age.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

20 August 1971.

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IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Secretary for Justice for a decision in respect of the book *The Mini-Skirt and Beyond* by Roger Farley Gray, published by Canova Press Ltd., London.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS book seeks to "fulfil its purpose of recording one of the most permissive aspects of the sexy sixties" by "taking you on a sneaky inspection of lovely young women", playing the voyeur from every angle. The book's 140 pages contain photographs and an occasional minimal comment.

The tone of the book degenerates as it goes on and the photographs become increasingly salacious, ugly, and obscenely posed. The book obviously caters for prurient tastes.

The Tribunal classifies the book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

20 August 1971.

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IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the book *The Pictorial Guide to Sexual Intercourse* by I. Schwenda and T. Leuchner, published by Pent R. Books, New York.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THE text of this book is translated from the German of Istvan Schwenda and Thomas Leuchner with a sensible foreword by L. R. O'Conner. The main part of the book consists of some 100 colour photographs of a young man and woman in the various positions of sexual intercourse.

The subject is legitimate and the pictorial method justifiable, but with such books—and the Tribunal has now considered five—there are considerable differences in quality and tone. What the Tribunal has already said in decision No. 200 on *Sexual Techniques* by Morgens Toft applies in the case of the book now before us. These photographs have restraint, beauty and charm; the dignity of the format is marred only by the hyperboles of the publisher on the cover; nor does this book display any of those features (crude colour, exaggerated poses, pertness of tone, the wearing of garments) which led the Tribunal to reject *Making Love in Living Colour* and *Love Positions* (see decisions No. 222 and 223).

Although the price of \$15 (possibly more in New Zealand) should be high enough to prevent children from buying this book, to be consistent the Tribunal keeps to the wording of decision No. 200.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent in the hands of persons under 16 years of age unless such persons are being instructed by parents or professional advisers.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

20 August 1971.

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IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the book *Madame O* by T. Horoku, published by Audubon Books, New York.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS novel tells of the double life of a Japanese woman doctor—by day running her gynaecological clinic, at night a prowling prostitute, revenging herself for the rape she had suffered as a young girl by injecting her clients with syphilis.

This unlikely tale is related with much emphasis on sadistic detail laced with gory and unpleasant medical incidents. It is redeemed by no conceivable literary or social worth.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

20 August 1971.

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IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the book *Jackboot Girls* by Leslie McManus, published by New English Library, London.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THE jackboot girls are the Wolverines, an all-female battalion of Himmler's SS in war-time Germany.