

temporary American sex life". The book is however clearly one to which section 11 (f) applies, and its design is merely to provide a vehicle in which the author may purvey prurience and stories of sexual perversion.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 March 1972.

No. 467

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 *La Libre*, anonymous, published by International Rakes Ltd., U.S.A.

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 is quite devoid of any standards of decency in text or illustrations. It acknowledges no author and the format, binding, and production are the cheapest possible. The stories—there are three of them with no indication of where they begin or end—are grossly told accounts of sexual episodes and perversions with no pretence of plot or character. The illustrations have no relevance to the text.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 March 1972.

No. 468

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 *The Demi Vierges*, Volume 1, anonymous, published by Victorian Classics Inc., U.S.A.

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 introduction to this novel is a quotation from the works of Havelock Ellis dealing with the relationship of pain and love in sexual psychology. This is a cover for a sadistic story exploiting masochism, cruelty, and sexual perversion as its main themes. The book, in the view of the Tribunal, has no redeeming features and deals with sex and violence in a manner which clearly violates the Act.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 March 1972.

No. 469

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 magazine *Playboy*, Vol. 19, No. 1, January 1972.

There was no appearance of the applicant. Mr Heron, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the publishers and made submissions.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

WE have considered earlier copies of *Playboy* and we repeat what we said in decision No. 254 that the issue now before us does not seem to be substantially different in content or presentation from those issues already exonerated by the Tribunal.

We find it difficult to understand why the Customs Department should submit this magazine to us without making a submission as to how this particular copy differs from those previously exonerated.

The Tribunal classifies this magazine as not indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 March 1972.

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 \$
Diversion Ducts: Ellerslie-Panmure Highway	Bitumix Ltd.	26,271.70
	I. A. SMITH, for Superintending Engineer (Field).	

Ministry of Works—Schedule of Civil Engineering, Building, and Housing Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value

Name of Works	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted \$
<i>Civil Engineering—</i>		
Auckland International Airport: runway extension: concrete pavement	Downer and Co. Ltd.	1,112,080.00
Upper Waitaki Power Development: supply and erection of fencing at Twizel	C. C. W. Forman	26,507.70
S.H. 1: Gore Southern Outlet section: reconstruction to first coat seal	Bitumen Distributors (Southland) Ltd.	78,561.51
S.H. 1: No. 16 Roads District: overlay strengthening, R.M. 439.7-440.2	Downer and Co. Ltd.	44,120.00
<i>Building—</i>		
New Chief Post Office, Gisborne	W. M. Angus Ltd.	1,269,757.00
Tongariro Power Development: interior redecoration of houses at Turangi	B. K. Ludlam	28,160.00
<i>Housing—</i>		
Contract No. 11/2079: nine single units at Birkdale	Campbell Construction Co. Ltd.	107,814.00
Contract No. 17/366: three single units at Hastings	R. J. Martin	24,886.00
Contract No. 21/319: two single units at Gisborne	F. G. Barnes	21,377.14
Contract No. 36/410: three single units at Napier	G. F. Bidlake	26,800.00
Contract No. 37/121: two single units at Tauranga	Michael O'Connor Ltd.	20,974.00
Contract No. 166/22/109: four single units at Murupara	P. T. Y. Homes Ltd.	55,236.00

J. H. MACKY, Commissioner of Works.