

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 Eastbourne Passenger Transport Drivers Industrial Union of Workers, Registered No. 2068, situated at Flat 1, Bus Garage, Muritai Road, Eastbourne, is hereby cancelled as from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of March 1972.

A. C. RUFFELL, Registrar of Industrial Unions,
Department of Labour.

Law Practitioners Act 1955

PURSUANT to the Law Practitioners Act 1955, notice is hereby given that the Disciplinary Committee of the New Zealand Law Society, on the 17th day of February 1972, ordered that the name of Joseph Patrick Hall be struck off the rolls of barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of March 1972.

D. JENKIN, Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Consenting to Raising of Loans by Certain Local Authorities

PURSUANT to section 3 of the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956 (as amended by section 3 (1) of the Local Authorities Loans Amendment Act 1967), the undersigned Assistant Secretary to the Treasury, acting under powers delegated to the Secretary to the Treasury by the Minister of Finance, hereby consents to the borrowing by the local authorities mentioned in the Schedule hereto of the whole or any part of the respective amounts specified in that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Local Authority and Name of Loan	Amount Consented to \$
Ashley County Council: Rural Housing Loan 1971	24,000
Christchurch Drainage Board:	
Drainage Loan No. 1, 1972	160,000
Drainage Loan No. 2, 1972	90,000
Gisborne City Council: Renewal Loan No. 1, 1972	11,000
Invercargill City Council: Renewal Loan No. 15, 1972	78,700
Manukau City Council: Otara Pensioner Housing Supplementary Loan 1972	5,060
Matamata Borough Council: Waterworks Improvement Redemption Loan 1972	24,800
Mount Roskill Borough Council: Roads Reconstruction Redemption Loan 1972	10,000
Nelson Harbour Board: Redemption Loan No. 2, 1972	62,500
One Tree Hill Borough Council: Sanitary Sewer Reticulation Redemption Loan No. 5, 1972	8,000
Oamaru Borough Council: Gasworks Redemption Loan 1972	35,000
Palmerston North City Council: Forestry Encouragement Loan 1972	27,120
Papatoetoe City Council:	
Staff Housing Redemption Loan No. 11, 1972	6,000
Stormwater Drainage Redemption Loan No. 13, 1972	28,000
Piako County Council: Springdale Hall Loan 1972	30,000
Poverty Bay Catchment Board: Waioka-Otara Flood Control Scheme Supplementary Loan 1972	8,100
Timaru Harbour Board: Dredge Renewal Loan 1972	90,000
Westport Borough Council: Abattoir Improvements and Manager's House Supplementary Loan 1972	10,700
Wellington City Council: Wellington Airport Extension Additional Loan 1972	215,000

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of March 1972.

S. A. MCLEOD, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

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No. 470

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

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 Little Red School-book* by Soren Hansen and Jesper Jensen, published by Alister Taylor.

The Tribunal comprised: Mr R. S. V. Simpson (Chairman), Mrs Joan Cochran, Mr S. F. W. Johnston, Mr D. M. Wylie, and Mr L. M. Graham.

Hearing: 13 and 20 March 1972. Mr B. J. Cameron appeared for the Secretary for Justice and Mr H. C. MacNeill, counsel for the publisher.

Decision: 28 March 1972.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

The Little Red School-book by the Danish writers Soren Hansen and Jesper Jensen was translated into English by Berit Thornberry, and from this translation a British version was produced. The New Zealand edition submitted to the Tribunal by the Secretary for Justice was based on this British version which was the subject of a prosecution in the British Courts last year. As a result of the prosecution, a revised British edition was published and is now on sale. It was accepted by all parties that the prosecution of the British edition was not relevant in New Zealand because of the differences in the law.

It was stated, in evidence, that the New Zealand book was edited and revised by a group comprising a teacher, an editor, a journalist, a university student, and a secondary school student—a rough draft then being referred to a diverse number of people, amongst them doctors, government departmental officials, teachers, and a lawyer for their comments, criticisms, and suggestions. In the light of their remarks the text was settled and published as the New Zealand edition.

The book is a paperback of pocket-size and retails at \$1.50. It has been on sale in many bookshops throughout New Zealand and we have been advised that the sales have been heavy.

The book has basically four sections; the educational section, which falls at the front and the back of the book and which is by far the largest section; the sex section, which covers about 10 percent of the book; the drugs section; and lastly, the appendices, which list organisations able to assist young people.

The stated purpose of the book is that it should be a reference book used by young people when needed, and the hope is expressed by the authors that it will help to solve problems which they claim are much the same for schoolchildren everywhere, and to show some of them how they can influence their own lives. It suggests that young people should think things out for themselves and base their judgment on what they really believe.

At the hearing, Mr B. J. Cameron appeared for the Secretary for Justice and addressed the Tribunal on the written submission of the Secretary, but did not offer evidence. Mr Cameron drew attention to the opening paragraph of the submission in which the Secretary states that "this book is submitted to the Tribunal because it is considered to present an issue of public interest and importance . . .". During the course of the proceedings, Mr Peter Robert Wilkinson, a school-teacher, applied to be joined as a party to the proceedings under section 14 (6). The application was declined but, at the suggestion of the Tribunal, Mr Cameron agreed to call him as a witness and to put in his written submission.

Mr H. C. MacNeill, counsel for the publisher Mr Alister Taylor, made lengthy submissions on his behalf, called him in support of the submissions and also eight other witnesses. The Tribunal does not consider it necessary to traverse this evidence.

As this decision will be of considerable public interest and read by many people who are not conversant with the workings of the Tribunal, the members think that it would be appropriate to outline briefly the functions and obligations conferred on the Tribunal by the Act.

The functions of the Tribunal are given in section 10 of the Act and the parts relevant to these proceedings read as follows:

"(a) To determine the character of any book . . . submitted to it for classification:

"(b) To classify books . . . submitted to it as indecent or not indecent or as indecent in the hands of persons under a specified age or as indecent unless their circulation is restricted to specified persons or classes of persons or unless used for a particular purpose, as the case may be."