

and his pregnant wife who gets caught up in the festival, are related in crude excited detail. Taken as a whole the book deals with sex and violence in a manner that requires restriction on its circulation among younger readers.

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

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

28 June 1972.

No. 506-9

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 decisions in respect of the following books: *Push* by

Stephanie Gatos; *Cruel Lips* by Marcus Van Heller; *The Bitch Witch* by R. Charlton and A. Yuill; *The Prefect* by P. N. Dedeaux; all published by Grove Press Incorporated, 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

THESE four paperbacks use the form of a novel to string together a succession of sexual episodes of various kinds, all related with great detail and relish. Each has a strong element of deviant sexual behaviour of some kind—group sex, violent sex, sado-masochism; but none of them has any claim to literary merit.

The Tribunal classifies all four books as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

28 June 1972.

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: approach light structure construction	Rope Construction Co. Ltd.	139,438.90
Lower Waitaki Irrigation Scheme: main race, first section special structures..	R. A. Winsley Ltd.	33,636.54
<i>Building—</i>		
Dargaville Telephone Exchange	Jeeves Builder Ltd.	351,008.00
Mangere College: senior studies block, S68 type single storey classroom block	Good Bros. Construction	241,235.00
Aorere College: additions, 'Nelson' type block 7, stage 2, and block 8, stage 3	D. Scandrett Ltd.	51,845.00
Cambridge High School: library block	Holman Construction Ltd.	59,487.00
New Parliamentary Building, Wellington: stage two	Gibson and O'Connor Ltd.	8,397,000.00
Ngawhatu Hospital: industrial and occupational therapy building.. .. .	Chamberlain Construction Ltd.	103,328.50
M.O.W. depot, Green Island: alterations and additions to materials testing laboratory	Thos. Ferguson and Sons Ltd.	44,310.00

J. H. MACKY, Commissioner of Works.

New Zealand Government Railways—Schedule of Civil Engineering and Building Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted
		\$
Wiri Ballast Pit: drilling and blasting 50,000 cubic yards of rock	Niederer Drilling Ltd., 7 Waitara Road, St. Heliers, Auckland	32,000.00

T. M. SMALL, General Manager.

Post Office—Schedule of Works Contracts of \$20,000 or More in Value

Name of Work	Successful Tenderer	Amount of Tender Accepted
		\$
Otahuhu-Ellerslie Ducts, Contract D	Bitumix Ltd.	32,351

M. J. DREANEEN, for Superintending Engineer (Field).