

Approval of Revolving Amber Lights on Service Vehicles

PURSUANT to regulation 39 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, the Secretary for Transport hereby approves the fitting of one revolving yellow or amber light on any motor vehicle used principally for the repair of disabled vehicles, subject to the following conditions:

1. The light shall only be used while at the site of a traffic hazard in the form of a disabled vehicle or an accident, and shall be extinguished as soon as the hazard is removed from the roadway.

2. The vehicle so fitted shall carry such equipment and tools as are necessary for the repair or removal of disabled vehicles.

3. The vehicle shall be painted a conspicuous colour and shall have the name of the owner or operator clearly painted on the sides and rear.

4. Suitable and adequate warning signs shall be erected where possible while the service vehicle is in attendance.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of March 1973.

A. J. EDWARDS, Deputy Secretary for Transport.
(TT. 14/1/3/1)

Acquisition of Land for Scenic Purposes

PURSUANT to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, notice is hereby given that the land described in the Schedule hereto has been acquired as a reserve for scenic purposes, subject to the provisions of the said Act, as an addition to the Sign of the Packhorse Scenic Reserve.

SCHEDULE

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—PART SIGN OF THE PACKHORSE SCENIC RESERVE—WAIREWA COUNTY

LOT 1, D.P. 30140, situated in Block XII, Halswell Survey District: area, 1434 square metres, more or less. All certificate of title, Register 12B, folio 817.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of March 1973.

R. J. MACLACHLAN, Director-General.
(L. and S. H.O. 4/37; D.O. 13/15)

No. 623-625

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: *Adequate Male* by Rick Spencer, published by Spartan Line Novels, U.S.A., *Her Lust Ambitions* by Peter Frisley, published by Royal Line Novels, U.S.A., *Lend a Lover* by Owen Mallen, published by Compass Line Novels, U.S.A.

There was no appearance of the applicant. Mr Downey, solicitor, appeared on behalf the publishers' representative in New Zealand and made submissions.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THESE three paperback novels use a very thin story-line to retail what amounts to a repetitious series of sexual encounters, told in explicit detail, with the principal emphasis on mate-swapping. There is no development of the "characters", the books possess no literary merit or social significance, nor is there any evidence of honesty of purpose.

The Tribunal classifies these three books as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.
19 March 1973.

No. 626-627

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by Waverley Publishing Co., for decisions in respect of the following books: *Oral—The Intimate Kiss* by Adina Yurana, published by Howard Publications, Sydney, *The Permissive Society*, anonymous, published by Howard Publications, Sydney.

There was no appearance of the applicant. Accordingly no submissions were made.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THESE two picture books have brief preliminary texts aimed at whetting the appetite for the sequences of photographs of sexual activity which follow. Both books appeal to prurient lingering on sexual behaviour and have nothing else to offer, despite the gestures towards informative purposes contained in the texts.

The Tribunal classifies these books as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.
23 March 1973.

No. 628

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 Sensuous Child* by "P", published by Lyle Stuart Incorporated, New York.

Mr Bathgate appeared on behalf of the applicant. There was no appearance of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. No submissions were made.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

LYLE STUART INCORPORATED of New York is responsible for the publishing of *The Sensuous Woman* by "J" classified by the Tribunal in decision No. 221 as indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18 years. This was followed by *The Sensuous Man* by "M" classified in like manner by decision No. 392. And now "P", who claims to be a young boy, writes about *The Sensuous Child* for the edifications of his contemporaries. The book is written in a flippant and supercilious style and has no sex educational value. Its content is slight and one has doubts as to the honesty of purpose of the book. In the view of the Tribunal the book has no literary merit or social purpose and taking into consideration the matters referred to in section 11 (1) of the Act, the Tribunal is of the opinion that it would be injurious to the public good to allow this book to be freely available.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.
23 March 1973.

No. 629

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 Room* by Hubert Selby Jr., published by Calder and Boyars Ltd., London.

There was no appearance of the applicant. Mr Culliford appeared on behalf of the publisher's representative in New Zealand and made submissions. A written submission was made by Wytan Curnow.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS is a complex and difficult novel about a prisoner's ordeal as he awaits trial on some unspecified charge. He peoples his cell with figures of authority on whom to vent his rage and hatred in imaginings of fierce violence. In places these imaginings are as repulsive as some of the material in Selby's earlier novel *Last Exit to Brooklyn*. The Tribunal considers that the restriction placed on that book in decision No. 281 is also an appropriate classification for this book in this edition. The Tribunal noted in that earlier decision that Selby's work was being accorded serious attention in contemporary literature, and reviews of this later book in such journals as *The Times Literary Supplement* confirm this. The Tribunal considers that adults should be able to read the novel.

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

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.
23 March 1973.

The Standards Act 1965—Draft Appita Standards Available for Comment

PURSUANT to subsection (3) of section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned specifications, published by the Australian and New Zealand Pulp and Paper Industry Technical Association (Appita), are