

No. 631-635

*Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal*

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of a reference to the Tribunal under section 12 (1) of the said Act by the Magistrate's Court at Lower Hutt for a decision and report in terms of the said section in respect of the following books and magazines: *Roommate Wanted*, Vol. 1, No. 1, published by Jaybird Enterprises Inc., California; *Naked House Parties*, No. 1, published by Jaybird Enterprises Inc., California; *Queens of the Road* by Jack Milton, published by Brandon House, California; *New Meat* by Mike Carter, published by Brandon House, California; and *Juices of Lust* by Valerie Smyth-Jones, published by Brandon House, California.

Mr Drury, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Comptroller of Customs and made submissions. Mr Wallis, a party to the proceedings before the Court, appeared and made submissions.

## DECISION AND REPORT

*Queens of the Road, New Meat, Juices of Lust*

These three Brandon House paperback novels of American origin are solely vehicles for depicting sexual perversions. The plots and characterisations are woefully weak. The sexual encounters are coarsely described and of gross indecency.

The Tribunal classifies these three books as indecent.

*Roommate Wanted*, Vol. 1, No. 1,  
*Naked House Parties*, No. 1

These two paperback productions of photographs with stories can be distinguished by the fact that the former has more text as a proportion of the whole and the latter has only brief insets with the photographs. However the text in *Naked House Parties* does not correlate very well with the photographs and both productions have a heavy emphasis on group sex and lesbianism. They appear to be designed to appeal to prurient tastes and possess no redeeming features of literary merit or social significance.

The Tribunal classifies these books as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

25 May 1973.

No. 636

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IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by Granada Publishing Ltd. of London for a decision in respect of the book *The Square Root of Sex* by Ted Mark, published by Granada Publishing Ltd.

Mr Heron, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the applicant and made submissions.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

This paperback novel tells the story of two scientists who conduct a research project on erotic human behaviour. The accounts of some of the sexual exploits studied make the book unsuitable for young persons but it does not dwell unduly on prurient detail, nor employ obscene language. The book has literary merit and the dominant effect is a rather laboured satire on scientific method but it is not devoid of some humour. We see no grounds for denying it to mature readers.

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

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

25 May 1973.

*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 \$
Alexandra Borough Council:	
Borough Sewerage Loan 1973 .....	47,500
Footpath Reconstruction Loan 1973 .....	44,000
Ashburton County Council: Mount Somers	
Water Supply Loan 1973 .....	15,000
Auckland City Council:	
Redemption Loan No. 95, 1973 .....	109,800
Redemption Loan No. 97, 1973 .....	8,100
Auckland Harbour Board:	
Loan No. 6, 1973 .....	25,000
Loan No. 7, 1973 .....	35,000
Auckland Regional Authority:	
Drainage Loan No. 76, 1973 .....	137,700
Workshops Development Loan No. 1, 1973 .....	685,000
Dannevirke County Council: Rural Housing	
Loan 1973 .....	70,000
East Coast Bays Borough Council: Repayment	
Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	152,500
Hokitika Borough Council: Pensioners Flats	
Loan 1973 .....	35,000
King Country Electric Power Board: Kariori	
Hydro Loan 1973 .....	1,500,000
Levin Fire Board: Fire Engine Loan 1973 .....	18,000
Manukau City Council: Renewal Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	76,000
Mount Eden Borough Council: Land Purchase and Development Loan 1973 .....	100,000
Mount Roskill Borough Council:	
Dornwell Road Flats Loan 1973 .....	380,000
Keith Hay Park Loan 1973 .....	40,000
Nelson Harbour Board: Redemption Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	8,000
Ohinemuri County Council: Housing Loan 1973 .....	18,000
Palmerston North City Council: City Development Redemption Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	73,800
South Canterbury Hospital Board: Hospital Works Loan 1973 .....	1,000,000
Taranaki Harbours Board: Redemption Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	145,000
Waitemata County Council:	
Public Convenience Loan 1973 .....	200,000
Waitakere Development Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	300,000
Wallace County Council: Renewal Loan No. 4, 1973 .....	9,500
Wellington City Council: Renewal Loan No. 2, 1973 .....	282,900
Wellington Fire Board: Receiving Equipment Loan 1973 .....	117,500
Whakatane Borough Council: Waterworks Treatment Plant Supplementary Loan 1973 .....	19,550
Whangarei City Council: Vehicle Testing Station Loan 1973 .....	90,000
Whangarei County Council: Rural Housing Loan 1973 .....	500,000

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of May 1973.

S. C. PARKER,  
Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

*Indecent Publications Tribunal*

I, Maurice Teasdale Leech, Acting Comptroller of Customs, give notice that I have applied to the Indecent Publications Tribunal for decisions as to whether the books described below are indecent or not, or for decisions as to their classification.

1. Title: *Australian Golden Boys*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (magazine).  
Author: —  
Publisher: Australian Golden Boys, Sydney, N.S.W.
2. Title: *Curious*, No. 1 (magazine).  
Author: —  
Publisher: Kingsland Lott Publishing Co. Ltd., London.
3. Title: *Rex*, No. 5 (magazine).  
Author: —  
Publisher: Top Sellers Ltd., London.
4. Title: *Super Star*  
Author: Viva.  
Publisher: Lancer Books, New York