

presented. The treatment of sex and violence where these subjects occur is likely to have ill-effects upon children and these books would therefore warrant some form of restriction.

*Dopin Dan, Mother's Oats, Tales of Amorkins, and Merton of the Movement* are concerned mainly with sub-cultures, some of them associated with drugs. The sexual content is minimal and lacks the blatancy of other comics in this set. Indeed there is little which could be considered harmful to the more mature reader. However, the crudity of language along with one or two frames depicting or suggesting sexual activity and some frames depicting the administration of drug dosages could have detrimental effects on the young.

The latter two groups of books could, if it were possible, be allowed restricted circulation. The Tribunal however, is not free to impose restrictions on the circulation of comic books when they are likely to be read by children.

Section 2 (3) of the Act states:

"When the Tribunal decides that a picture-story book likely to be read by children is indecent in the hands of children under a specified age that picture-story book shall be deemed to be indecent in the hands of all persons."

As these books clearly fall into this category the Tribunal has no alternative but to classify all these comic books as indecent.

The Tribunal classifies each of these 20 comic books as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

14 December 1973.

No. 787

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 Wellington for a decision and report in terms of the said section in respect of the book *Oh, Copenhagen* by Jerry Yulsmain, published by Lancer Books, New York.

Mr Drury, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Collector of Customs and made submissions. Mr Taylor, a party to the Court proceedings, appeared and made submissions.

DECISION AND REPORT

*Oh, Copenhagen*

This book claims to be a photo-documented survey of Danish culture and mores today, with particular emphasis on Copenhagen's legal and flourishing pornography industry and includes interviews with writers, artists, teachers, and men and women who are engaged in the pornography show business in Copenhagen.

Many of the photographs are explicit and display sexual encounters with great detail. They are of group sexual orgies in pornography clubs, of shots from films, and of advertisements on public display in Copenhagen.

The book lacks an honesty of purpose and is written in a manner which is offensive and indecent within the meaning of the Act. The explicit nature of the photographs also constitutes another sound reason for the decision of the Tribunal.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

14 December 1973.

Appointment and Revocation of Customs Examining Places in New Zealand

PURSUANT to powers delegated to me by the Comptroller of Customs under section 9 of the Customs Act 1966 and pursuant to section 32 of the Customs Act 1966, I, Colin Martin McLaren, the Collector of Customs, Nelson, hereby appoint the place described in the First Schedule hereto to be a place for the examination of goods subject to the control of Customs, and hereby revoke the appointment\* of the place described in the Second Schedule hereto as an examining place for the purposes of that Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Situation	Description of Examining Place
31 Halifax Street, Nelson	Freightair depot of New Zealand National Airways Corporation

SECOND SCHEDULE

Situation	Description of Examining Place
Achilles Avenue	Freightair depot of National Airways Corporation

Dated at Nelson this 7th day of December 1973.

C. M. McLAREN, Collector of Customs.

\*New Zealand Gazette, 15 August 1968, No. 50, p. 1351

Customs Notice—Exchange Rates

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Customs Act 1966, that the following exchange rates to the New Zealand dollar relate to imported goods, shipped from the country of export, on or after 2 January 1974:

Australia	.....	0.96	Dollars
Austria	.....	28.01	Schillings
Bangladesh	.....	11.46	Takas
Belgium	.....	58.45	Francs
Burma	.....	7.38	Kyats
Canada	.....	1.42	Dollars
China	.....	2.86	Renminbi
Czechoslovakia	.....	8.25	Crowns
Denmark	.....	8.88	Kroner
Egypt	.....	0.64	£ (Egyptian)
Fiji	.....	1.15	Dollars (Fijian)
Finland	.....	5.45	Marks
France	.....	6.63	Francs
Hong Kong	.....	7.21	Dollars
India	.....	11.38	Rupees
Italy	.....	859.75	Lire
Jamaica	.....	1.30	Dollars
Japan	.....	395.89	Yen
Malaysia	.....	3.41	Dollars (New)
Netherlands	.....	4.00	Guilders
Norway	.....	8.09	Kroner
Noumea	.....	120.80	F.P. Francs
Pakistan	.....	13.94	Rupees
Portugal	.....	36.36	Escudos
Singapore	.....	3.53	Dollars (New)
South Africa	.....	0.95	Rand
Spain	.....	80.31	Pesetas
Sri Lanka	.....	9.51	Rupees
Sweden	.....	6.48	Kronor
Switzerland	.....	4.60	Francs
Tahiti	.....	120.80	F.P. Francs
Tonga	.....	par	Pa'ange
United Kingdom	.....	0.61	£ Sterling
USA	.....	1.42	Dollars
West Germany	.....	3.83	Marks
West Samoa	.....	0.86	Talas

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of January 1974.

J. A. KEAN, Comptroller of Customs.

Protection of Industry

NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the requirements of the Tariff and Development Board Act 1961 and its amendments, that the Minister of Customs has received the final report of the Tariff and Development Board on the following goods:

Goods	Date of Receipt
Copper tube	19 December 1973

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of January 1974.

J. A. KEAN, Comptroller of Customs.

Reserve Bank of New Zealand

PURSUANT to section 33 of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1964, the Reserve Bank, acting with the approval of the Minister of Finance, hereby gives notice that as from and including 1 January 1973 and until further notice each trading bank shall maintain on average during each calendar