

Agent for the Purposes of the Accident Compensation Act 1972

PURSUANT to section 25 of the Accident Compensation Act 1972, notice is hereby given of appointment of the following agent for the purposes of the Accident Compensation Act 1972:

P. and I. Services Limited, a company duly incorporated and having its registered office at 20 Brandon Street Wellington, for the purpose of receiving and dealing with claims in respect of seamen and related matters.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of December 1974.

K. L. SANDFORD, Chairman,
Accident Compensation Commission.

No. 833

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of a reference by the Magistrate's Court, Wellington, for a decision in respect of the following book: *John and Mimi* by John and Mimi Lobell, published by Bantam Books Inc., New York.

Inspector Phelan appeared on behalf of the Police and produced written submissions. Mr Heron appeared on behalf of the publishers and distributors and made submissions. Mr Murray, as an interested party, appeared on behalf of the Comptroller of Customs and made submissions.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

The authors of this novel claim in their preface that they have "tried to be as honest as possible, writing everything as we lived it". Their purpose is to encourage in their readers the "ability to determine one's life for oneself".

However, what follows is a series of detailed accounts of sexual encounters with emphasis on experiment with deviant sexual practices. These are linked in a purely nominal fashion by statements about the value of extra-marital sexual experience to the married couple.

There is no evidence that the authors have attempted to examine the relationships formed in any serious way. The book thus fails to carry out its given aim and cannot be said to satisfy the criterion of honesty of purpose laid down in the Act.

The Tribunal classifies *John and Mimi* as indecent.

5 February 1975.

L. M. GREIG, Chairman.

No. 834

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of a reference by the Magistrate's Court, Auckland, for a decision in respect of the following book: *The Complete Marquis de Sade* translated from the original French text by Dr Paul J. Gillette, Vol. 1 and Vol. 2, published by Holloway House of Los Angeles.

Mr P. Campbell appeared on behalf of the distributors and made submissions.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

Writings of de Sade have been considered by the Tribunal in February 1965, November 1968, October 1969, and May 1972. In each of those cases an individual work was considered and in each case was classified as indecent or indecent except in restricted distribution.

The publication now before the Tribunal is a two-volume paperback edition described as the *Complete Works of de Sade*. It is clear that it is not complete in that it omits some of the writings of de Sade and the writings included are very much abbreviated. The editor's note in Volume 1 expresses the intention of the publication in these words:

"The present edition is an attempt to strike a happy medium between the 'completes' and the 'pastiche'. It retains all Sade's crucial philosophical points all his stark language and all his extraordinary action scenes while shedding those 'vices' which have long made reading the original works such an exercise in tedium".

The Tribunal repeats its view that the writings of de Sade included in this publication are indecent and the sole question is whether there is any value in this publication for students of literature, philosophy, or psychology or psychiatry. From what has been said above, this is not a publication which could be used in any bona fide study or professional use.

The Tribunal accordingly classifies this book as indecent.

L. M. GREIG, Chairman.

5 February 1975.

No. 835

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Transworld Publishers Ltd. for a decision in respect of the following book: *The Wild Boys* by William S. Burroughs, published by Transworld Publishers Ltd., London.

Mr R. A. Heron appeared on behalf of the applicant and made submissions, Mr Murray, as an interested party, appeared on behalf of the Comptroller of Customs and made submissions.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

This novel is similar in its range of content and its difficulty of style to other books by Burroughs, which the Tribunal has considered, most recently in decision No. 829 in September 1974. The interests of genuine students of Burroughs and of younger readers who might be harmfully affected by dwelling on the more sensational aspects of his material will both be served by allowing the book restricted circulation.

The Tribunal classifies *The Wild Boys* as indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18 years.

5 February 1975.

L. M. GREIG, Chairman.

Land in the Southland Land District Acquired as State Forest Land

NOTICE is hereby given that the land described in the Schedule hereto has been acquired under the Forests Act 1949 as State forest land.

SCHEDULE

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT—SOUTHLAND CONSERVANCY—BRUCE COUNTY

SECTIONS 12 and 13, Block VIII, Table Hill Survey District: area, 142.4078 hectares, more or less (S.O. Plan 17884).

As shown on plan S. 171/1 deposited in the Head Office of the New Zealand Forest Service at Wellington.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of January 1975.

M. J. CONWAY, Director-General of Forests.

(F.S. 9/7/246; L. and S. H.O. 10/100/39)

Environmental Impact Report Notified—Houhora Oyster Farm—Northland

THE Commission for the Environment gives notice that it has received an environmental impact report on a scheme for an oyster farm at Houhora Harbour in the far north. Representations in writing on the environmental aspects of the project, as it is explained in the report, will be received at the office of the Commission, P.O. Box 12-042, Wellington, until Friday, 14 March 1975.