

sexual episodes, and, as may be imagined, having been set in the world of crime, the scenes of violence and retaliation are quite horrific. An unpleasant story, totally devoid of literary merit and certainly injurious to the public good. The Tribunal has no hesitation in classifying this book indecent.

The Acid Eaters—Another paper back book purporting to be the story of a film made some time ago in America. Several crude black and white photographs are sandwiched between the pages of lewd text. The story is only a string of sexual episodes, while the couples are either totally or partially drugged or drunk. The author ventures into fantasy several times, describing the hallucinations some of the characters experienced, while under the throes of drugs. The weekend orgies begin on motor bikes leaving the city at high speed and the females appear semi nude even at that stage. Continuing into the country to swim and indulge in more drug taking with sexual episodes in every other page. A quite unpleasant book; devoid of any literary merit, and certainly injurious to the public good, appealing only to the prurient. The Tribunal finds this publication indecent.

Sensuous Sirens and *Photo Book of Big Busts*—These photo books were sample copies, and among other paper back books seized by Customs last year. The former has no author or publisher named and the Tribunal is not surprised that there is no pride in the product. Both books have very little text, but what there is, is sexual and crude. There seems no honesty of purpose with the compilation of these books. The whole purpose has obviously been to arouse the salacious interest of the reader. In the latter publication emphasis is emphatically on the breasts as the title implies. The poses and photographs are crude to say the least with no dignity at all to the female form. Both books have only been published to appeal to the prurient minded of the public and certainly have no artistic merit. The Tribunal classifies these books as indecent.

District Court Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

Decision No. 994
Reference No. Ind. 36/80

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 following publications:

Society Hooker by Betsy Winston; *The Joy of Hooking* by Virginia Graham; *Martinis, Manhattans or Me* by Barbara O'Brien; *Where Have All the Little Girls Gone?* by M. K. Callie; and *The Wild White Witch* by Peter Slatford. All published by Zebra Publications, New York.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Judge W. M. Willis (Chairman).

Mesdames H. B. Dick, L. P. Nikera.

Messrs J. V. B. McLinden, I. W. Malcolm.

Hearing: 2 December 1980.

Appearances: No appearance of the importer Magman International Pty. Ltd. Mr P. E. Leloir for Comptroller of Customs.

Decision

These 5 publications were commercially imported by sea cargo and seized in Auckland in June of last year. The importer has disputed forfeiture so that the books have been referred to the Tribunal for classification. There was no appearance of the importer who did, however, write to say that the consignment was directed to send the books to Australia.

Each book is a paperback, published by the same firm in New York. At the back of each copy there are advertisements for other titles and a brief synopsis of each book and an accompanying mail order form.

Society Hooker, *The Joy of Hooking* and *Martinis, Manhattan or Me* are 3 similar books about prostitutes and their way of life. All 3 are but a collection of sexual encounters in explicit detail. The Tribunal would agree with Mr Leloir in that none of these 3 books have any literary or other merit and all are devoid of any redeeming features which might outweigh their salacious nature. Each book is classified as indecent.

The book *Where Have All the Little Girls Gone?* claims to be a novel exposing the true hell of life in a Mexican bordello. It also claims to be the true story of young girls forced to pass their short lives in total degradation and despair. There are graphic details of systematic rape, terror,

sadistic brutality, butcherous abortions and murder. Mr Leloir submitted that the book is injurious to the public good. The Tribunal agrees and classifies the book as indecent.

The Wild White Witch is a story set about the turn of the nineteenth century. The purpose of the principal character's journey is to be trained to take over his uncle's estate and so become his heir. The story unfolds through episodes of sex and violence. Sexual episodes are not as explicit as in the 4 previous books, but the episodes of violence are unnecessarily detailed. The book is described as a bizarre novel of sexuality and evil. The Tribunal sees the book as having no literary or other merit and lacking any honesty of purpose. For these reasons it is classified as indecent.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of June 1981.

District Court Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

Maori Land Development Notice

PURSUANT to section 330 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the Maori Land Board hereby gives notice as follows:

NOTICE

1. This notice may be cited as Maori Land Development Notice Gisborne 1981, No. 2.

2. The lands described in the Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be subject to Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953.

SCHEDULE

GISBORNE LAND DISTRICT

ALL those pieces of land described as follows:

Area ha	Being
3714.2048	Lot 3, D.P. 2395 and Lot 4, D.P. 2396, situated in Blocks I, II, III, V, VI and VII, Arowhanna Survey District. All certificate of title No. 1D/1207.
1796.3110	Lot 2, D.P. 2394 and Lot 1, D.P. 3525, situated in Blocks III, IV, VII and VIII, Arowhanna Survey District. All certificate of title No. 1D/1208.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of May 1981.

For and on behalf of the Maori Land Board:

B. S. ROBINSON, Deputy Secretary for Maori Affairs.
(M.A. H.O. 64/1; D.O. 14/4/8)

Maori Land Development Notice

PURSUANT to section 330 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953, the Maori Land Board hereby gives notice as follows:

NOTICE

1. This notice may be cited as Maori Land Development Notice Gisborne 1981, No. 3.

2. The land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby declared to be subject to Part XXIV of the Maori Affairs Act 1953.

SCHEDULE

GISBORNE LAND DISTRICT

ALL that piece of land described as follows:

Area ha	Being
1.21406	Marangairoa D11, situated in Block III, Waiapu Survey District. Consolidation order dated 22 March 1957.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of May 1981.

For and on behalf of the Maori Land Board:

B. S. ROBINSON, Deputy Secretary for Maori Affairs.
(M.A. H.O. 64/44; D.O. 14/7/54)