

Although acknowledging that the book contained numerous sexual episodes couched in crude language, Mr Leloir submitted that the book was not without literary and social merit, and submitted therefore that an age restriction would be appropriate.

We must say that we can only feel sceptical about the accuracy of the autobiography. It is difficult to believe that Lovelace could have been acting under duress for the number of years described by her, especially when consideration is given to the opportunity she would have had to complain to the authorities, the press, members of the public, and others.

However, the book is stated to be an autobiography, and the Tribunal would be slow to rule such a publication indecent. An autobiography by its very nature is likely to contain matters of cultural and social interest, which in the years to come may be valuable to the historian and to the sociologist (as well as to the ordinary reader). Of course we accept that an autobiography could be presented in such a context that it could be declared injurious to the public good, but whether or not that boundary is crossed is always a question of fact.

Although aspects of this publication cause us concern we find that the dominant effect of the publication is to present the reader with an account of certain years of Lovelace's life. The text, in the circumstances, is relatively restrained in that although bizarre and perverse sexual behaviour is described, the narrative does not appear to dwell lasciviously on the various sexual activities.

Some credit for the absence of lengthy and lurid passages of sexual description may be due to Mr McGrady's involvement with the book. The co-author is described in the foreword to the book as "An award winning reporter and syndicated columnist for *Newsday* and the *Los Angeles Times*. His citations include the Overseas Press Club Award for the best interpretative reporting from Vietnam, and the Headliner Award for consistently outstanding column writing". Although we remain sceptical about the truth of the autobiography, we are prepared to accept that the publication could not simply be dismissed as a fabrication, on the evidence before the Tribunal.

The final matter is that we think that Mr Leloir is correct when he submitted that the publication is not without social merit. For obvious reasons we think the degree of social merit that might be attributed to a publication such as this must be limited.

However, there can be little doubt that *Deep Throat* shook the standards of the motion picture industry and became notorious overnight. Lovelace became a cult figure. In this book Lovelace described the lead up and background to the making of *Deep Throat*, and her distress and concern at her subsequent exploitation.

Because of the widespread effect of the film and Lovelace's association with it, we think that this book, in its connection with a cultural phenomenon, has a quality of what might perhaps be more accurately described as "social character" than "social merit". The former words are used in section 11 (1) (b) of the Act and for the reasons already described we feel they are applicable to the present publication.

For all the above reasons we are not prepared to preclude the circulation of *Ordeal* in New Zealand and we therefore propose to declare the publication indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18.

W. M. WILLIS, District Judge Chairman.

#### Consent to Raising of Loans by Certain Local Authorities

PURSUANT to the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956, the undersigned Deputy 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 \$
Bruce County Council:	
Rural Housing Loan (No. 2) 1982 .....	100,000
Bruce Rural Water Supply Loan 1982 .....	231,000
Christchurch City Council:	
Elderly Persons Housing (Wiggins Street/Hardwicke Street) Loan 1982 .....	99,750

Local Authority and Name of Loan	Amount Consented to \$
Parks and Recreation Departments, Depot Development Loan 1982 .....	1,150,000
Eketahuna County Council:	
Rural Housing Loan 1981 .....	50,000
Franklin County Council:	
Rural Housing Loan 1982 .....	300,000
Hawera District Council:	
Rural Housing Loan No. 13, 1982 .....	75,000
Napier City Council:	
Greenmeadows East Pensioner Flats Loan No. 1, 1982 .....	356,250
Ohakune Borough Council:	
Administration and Cultural Building Loan 1982 .....	140,000
Papatoetoe City Council:	
South Auckland Crematorium Redemption Loan No. 32, 1982 .....	91,000
Piako County Council:	
Te Aroha Abattoir Loan 1982 .....	1,400,000
Owner Occupier Housing (Te Aroha) Loan 1982 .....	167,000
St Kilda Borough Council:	
Culling Park Redevelopment Loan 1982 .....	90,000
Wairoa County Council:	
Bridge Loan 1982 .....	100,000
Wanganui City Council:	
Sewerage Redemption Loan No. 2, 1982 .....	54,000
Dated at Wellington this 29th day of October 1982.	
C. H. TERRY, Deputy Secretary to the Treasury.	

#### The Standards Act 1965—Standard Specifications Proposed for Revocation

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned New Zealand standard specifications have been recommended for revocation pursuant to the provisions of the Standards Act 1965.

Any person who may be affected by the proposal to revoke these standard specifications, and who wishes to object to their revocation, is invited to submit comments to the Standards Association of New Zealand, Private Bag, Wellington, not later than 1 December 1982.

Number and Title of Specification
NZS 732:1955 Electrical performance of resistance welding apparatus.
NZS 963:1963 (BS 693:1960) General requirements for oxy-acetylene welding of mild steel.
NZS 1180:1968 (BS 1966:1967) Domed ends for tanks and pressure vessels.
NZS 2132:1966 (BS 3856:1965) Platens for projection welding machines.
NZS 2133:1966 (BS 3065:1965) The rating of resistance welding and resistance heating machines.
NZS 2159:1967 (BS 3971:1966) Image quality indicators for radiography and recommendations for their use.
NZS 2213:— (BS 1500:—) Fusion welded pressure vessels for general purposes—
Part 3:1968 (BS 1500:Part 3:1965) Aluminium.
NZS 2269:1969 (BS 807:1955) Spot welding electrodes.
NZS 5351:1972 Code of practice for the installation, operation and maintenance of building service and small industrial boilers.

Dated at Wellington this 1st day of November 1982.

DENYS R. M. PINFOLD,  
Director, Standards Association of New Zealand.  
(S.A. 114/2/6)

#### The Standards Act 1965—Endorsed Overseas Standard Specifications Proposed for Cancellation

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed to cancel the under-mentioned standard specifications endorsed as suitable for use in New Zealand.