

three issues of *Drummer*, being a serial publication which has been published within the period of 12 months, are indecent and accordingly it makes an order under section 15A that issues of *Drummer* are to be classified as indecent. This order will be for a period of two years from the date of notification in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

District Court Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

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Decision No. 1057.

Reference No. Ind. 23/82.

Before the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Secretary for Justice for a decision in respect of the following publication: "*Baleful Beasts and Eerie Creatures*", published by Rand McNally & Co., U.S.A.

Judge W. M. Willis (Chairman); Mesdames H. B. Dick, L. P. Nikera; Messrs J. V. B. McLinden, I. W. Malcolm.

Hearing: 16 December 1982.

Decision: 25 March 1983.

Appearances: Barclay for Secretary for Justice.

DECISION

THIS publication was forwarded to the Secretary for Justice by a parent concerned as to its contents and is submitted by him for classification. It contains a collection of nine stories, not particularly well written, in which, as the title suggests, the main theme is of fear.

The Secretary for Justice draws our attention to the introduction where it is stated that the books is "Shivering and strange, and perhaps not to be taken just before bedtime". But Andre Nolan goes on to suggest that the stories be read by daylight and enjoyed.

It is not within the bounds of the Tribunal to recommend or give warning that a book is unsuitable for children. As the Secretary for Justice submitted "the book is likely to be bought by parents for their children so that an age restriction may be of no use". The title of the book, the short introduction, the illustrations, and the synopsis on the back cover give a more than adequate description of its contents. The Tribunal is of the opinion that the age of the child and its ability to cope with the fear and horror should be taken into account at this point.

Fantasy and science fiction can be appreciated by children of any age if the subject is handled well by the writer. We would agree that the subject is not particularly well handled by the authors of this collection and that the stories have little literary merit. However, the Tribunal feels that these points plus the capability of the child to accept and enjoy the stories must be taken into account before purchase. Some children would have great difficulty in coping with the fear in stories like Hensel and Gretel, and Little Red Riding Hood. To help the Tribunal with its decision some children were given this book and asked for their opinion regarding it. In the main, the children enjoyed the book; only one or two indicated that they would not read it at night.

Although the book is one which may frighten some children, the Tribunal feels that there are ample warnings contained in it to deter these children. The Tribunal finds the book not indecent.

District Court Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

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Decision No. 1058.

Reference No. Ind. 10/83.

Before 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: *Satin Salves*, *Suburban Wives*, *Humiliated Jock*, *Blind Date*, *Momma's Boy Girl*, *Momma's Girls*, *TV in Training*, *TV Training*, *Shamed She-Male*, published by Star Distributors Ltd., U.S.A.

Judge W. M. Willis (Chairman); Mesdames H. B. Dick, L. P. Nikera; Messrs J. V. B. McLinden, I. W. Malcolm.

Hearing: 16 March 1983.

Decision: 25 March 1983.

Appearances: Mr C. F. Hillman for Comptroller of Customs Importer, Mr B. D. Senior-Partridge.

DECISION

THESE publications are single copies imported privately through Wellington parcels post in November 1982. Forfeiture has been disputed, hence the reference to the Tribunal for classification. These are paper-back novels dealing predominantly with transvestitism and female domination. They contain explicit descriptions of sexual activities, some incestuous, some lesbian and some male homosexual. Mr Senior-Partridge, the importer, said that these were important for the Hedestria Club which is apparently a transvestite club whose members are mainly male although there are some females. Its membership is restricted to those 18 years of age over. It is a New Zealand wide organisation and maintains a library from which members can obtain these books amongst others. Mr Senior-Partridge is the Treasurer of the Club whose Headquarters are in Christchurch. The Tribunal is in no doubt that these books, containing as they do, explicit descriptions of sexual activities of various kinds have an appeal for the prurient. They have no literary or artistic merit and more likely to corrupt than otherwise. In the Tribunal's view they are injurious to the public good and they are therefore classified as indecent.

District Court Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

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Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975

PURSUANT to section 10 of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975, notice is given that 2 integration agreements have been signed between the Minister of Education and the proprietors of the following secondary schools.

Sacred Heart College, Convent Road, Napier.
Baradene College, 237 Victoria Avenue, Remuera, Auckland.

The said schools will enter into the State education system in accordance with the provisions of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975, with effect from 30 March 1983. Copies of the integration agreements are available for inspection without charge by any member of the public at the Department of Education, Head Office, Government Buildings, Lambton Quay, Wellington and at regional offices.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of March 1983.

J. S. JOLLIFF, for Director-General of Education.

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Local Authorities Loans Act 1956—Discounting of Loan Issues

PURSUANT to section 3A(3) of the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956 (as inserted by section 3 of the Local Authorities Loans Amendment Act 1982), notice is hereby given that the Local Authorities Loans Board has determined as follows:

1. This general determination shall:

- (a) Apply to all money which any local authority may borrow after the 7th day of April 1983 by way of special loan and for which pursuant to the Local Authorities Loans Exemption Order 1982 it is exempted from obtaining the sanction of the Board and the consent of the Minister of Finance;
- (b) Notwithstanding subclause (a) hereof, not apply to special loans wholly funded by the Housing Corporation of New Zealand or the Rural Banking and Finance Corporation of New Zealand.

2. Any local authority may in respect of any such money borrowed by it, issue stock or debentures at a discount provided that such discount shall not be such as to produce to any lender a yield which would exceed by more than 1 percent per annum the maximum interest rate as determined by the Board applicable for the term of the loan.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of April 1983.

C. H. TERRY, Chairman, Local Authorities Loans Board.

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Local Authorities Loans Act 1956—Discounting of Loan Issues

PURSUANT to section 9(4A) of the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956 (as inserted by section 4(3) of the Local Authorities Loans Amendment Act 1967), notice is hereby given that the Local Authorities Loans Board, acting with the approval of the Minister of Finance, has determined as follows:

1. This general determination shall apply to all money for which any local authority has received the sanction of the Board, given before the date of this notice, to borrow by way of special loan, other than money borrowed before the 8th day of April 1983.