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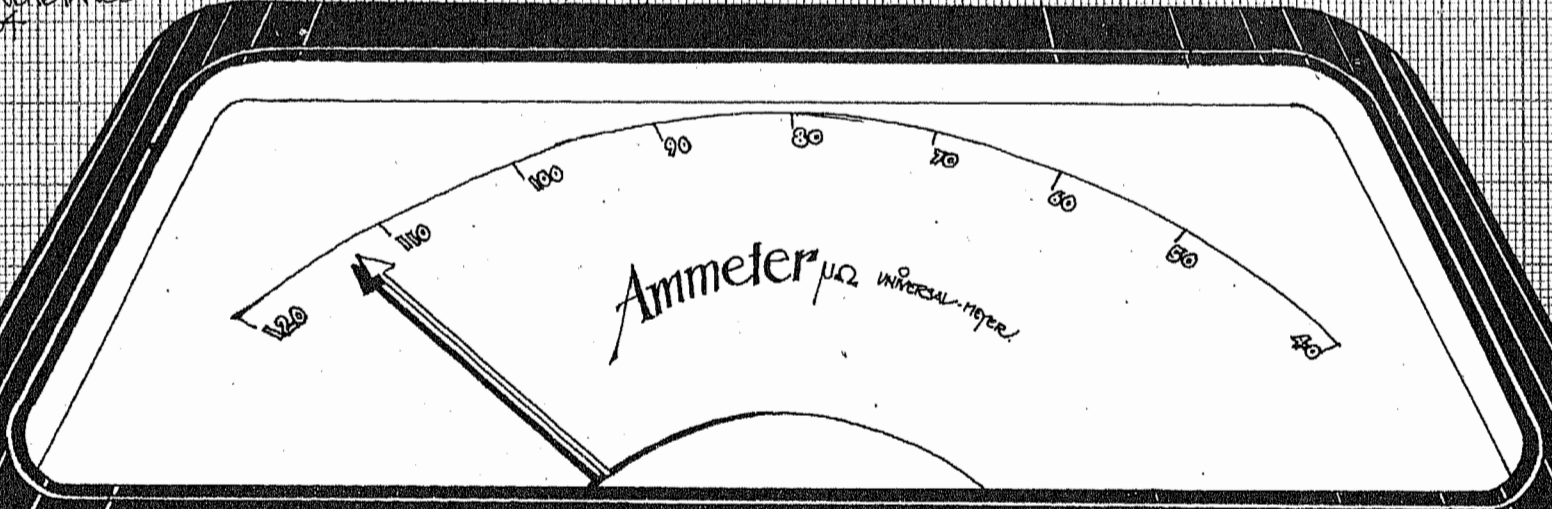
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Third Term Blues

Third Term tends to be a funny time - ostensibly it is a period of intense study and very little else. At least that's what most people will tell you. But it's also true that a lot of other things happen in third term - some the largest demonstrations have taken place in September and October. And one third term activity that returns this year - Footlights - takes a lot of effort. AUS plans a couple of major campaigns for third term this year - and On Dit plans to keep the pressure on for our part. Third term is not simply a time when you study more - everything seems to be more intense - the pace of life quickens.

Perhaps all that third term intenseness signals is a sudden grasping of the opportunities of university life, both academic and extra curricula by those of us who have dozed through first and second terms. A realization that we've missed out on a lot of experiences and knowledge

that could have been ours with little effort. We have watched too many midday movies, missed too many tutes and meetings, been too disorganised.

It may be that in third term people suddenly become more efficient generally. We're thinking more clearly and can accomplish more overall. Along the lines of the old adage, that "if you want something done give it to a busy person to do".

And third term comes as a bit of a chock. There's only eight weeks to go! Inevitably much of the pressure is mechanical - the pressure of deadlines; academic pressure. This year the spectre of unemployment has acted as a spur-increasing competitiveness as surely as we know that marks may mean something outside. But even this year third term must have been a shock to some.

Or is mine the only worried face around here?

The pressures of a downturn in the economy according to Peter Duncan has meant a quieting of the student conscience. Which may mean this year that third term intensiveness is only academic, with no upturn in other activities.

The "News" surprisingly perhaps agreed with Mr Duncan that student radicalism has died down - and thought it was a bad thing. They denied there was a conservative plot to quieten unrest blaming the economy.

Perhaps all this was just the nostalgia of the 1968 On Dit editor (Duncan) or a feature writer putting down trite thoughts (The News) or it was all just plan inevitable that students would become apathetic.

In any event it's a pity. But not all pervasive.

The debate in On Dit, ostensibly

on Abortion, that took place in On Dit at the end of last term looks set to continue this term - besides rousing more than a few from apathy actually engages a real debate. People are actually needing each other. The feel things matter. They argue from conviction they care.

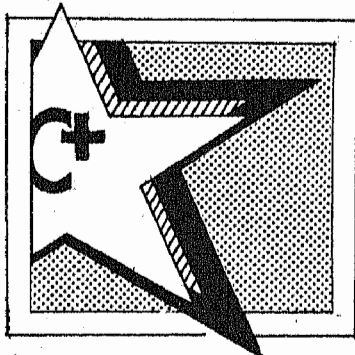
There is no shortage of matter to be debated. And there is no shortage of issues for students to become involved in. Arukun, Womens Issues, Whitehouse, Education (has the university a future?) the Economy (has the Australia a future?) the list is endless.

Where does On Dit fit into all this. Well now

Having been careful with our funding On Dit can continue to produce a weekly for this term - we have headed cautionary tales of editors who have produced On Dit weekly for two terms and weakly for the third. Or is it just that we have been lucky? Probably the latter. In any

case we have the opportunity is only to continue the weekly newspaper, but to commence to produce a monthly magazine. That is, the money is there for the production of the monthly - the rest may be up to you.

During the election for On Dit 1979 editors Nonee Walsh and I promised to bring out a weekly newspaper - and to publish a monthly. The monthly was to develop the serious side of On Dit - with articles of a reasonable degree of serious, yes even academically respectable! The point of telling 'you all' this - is to inform all of you out there with work that should be published but with no venue of our new publication. Poetry, or academic treatise, fiction or reviews - all find a place, in the monthly. We hope to generate debate of a serious nature in the monthly and invite you to take part in it. And we hope to keep the weekly interesting (?) too. Keep those cards and letters rolling in.



Newspaper of the Students Association of the University of Adelaide. Edited and Published by John Sandeman.

Thanx to Kerry Hinton, Adam Russel, Gordon Laverick, Nonee Walsh, Stephan MacDonald, Greg Ede, Jazz Rock and Blues, Colin Peikering, Jane Mitchell, Karin, AUS Student Travel, Michael Danby, Simon Marginson, Robert Dunne, Geof Hanmer, Scott Wilson, Steven MacMillan.

Typeset in the S.A.U.A. by Linda.



BILBO

You may have realised that On Dit featured the Fracas that erupted at Flinders when their Union Employment Service offered students a job with multi-national company. A similar controversy may occur with Adelaide's very own "Work-action". Seems that some students are unhappy that Workaction is offering students vacation employment with the

Atomic Energy Commission Research Establishment at Lucas Heights - some of the jobs entail backton to a Nuclear Power Industry.

Certain senior staff in the Union Catering Department were upset that the Health and Welfare Students conference (held in the Union over the August Vacation) used Unemployed Workers Union people to prepare the conference food. The UWU people described as "spatty" "longhaired" and "dirty" had their access to the Union kitchens severely restricted

Bilbo was extremely surprised then when the catering staff were seen attending a conference meal and obviously enjoying themselves

Modesty Department. The Clubs and Societies Council has given On Dit its list of office bearers for the 1978/79 season, including official and not-so-official titles.

- CHAIR:
Don "Animal" Houston - God's Assistant".
- TREASURER:
Andrew Frost "Fiddler of the funds" ASST. TREASURER
Andy "Soak" Eberhard "Jack of all trades, cant hold a job
- SECRETARY
Vaia Prois - "Short arsed radical petal".
- RECORDS OFFICER
Ruth Jamison "The Road to Fame".
- MINUTES SECRETARY
Howard Glenn - "Apprentice Lord"
- MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORT-FOLIO
Kerry "the Egg" Hinton - "Beardless Wonder".
- IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR
"Emporer" Donald Ray "His Divine Imperial Majesty".

There now, you've had your name in the paper - that's why you all stood for election anyway.

Credits

PROSH Casualties

- Thursday 10/8/78 Lacerations - 2.
One was a student and the other the carpenter who had to pick up the broken glass.
- Friday 11/8/78 Eye injury - referred to specialist.
Lacerated Scalp - 8 sutures inserted
Abraded thumb.
Blow from fight - 4 sutures in face.
Bruised ribs - hit with a water bomb.
Reported foreign body, in hand.

Editorial

PROSH



Comrades plot during brekky

3 Hospitalized \$6000 Damage,

Well kiddies now that Prosh '78 is over we may as well have a look at what we achieved. Prosh '78 broke a few records compared to the previous few Proshes. So...

On Monday the "Death of Prosh '77" even thought it was a bit un-organised, Pope Paul put us a little into the "bad taste" area, was, in general, a success. It raised some \$250 for charity.

Tuesday saw the very successful Trash n' Treasure market in the cloisters. Also there was the Dunking Machine. Unfortunately there was a bit of a mixup and a General Student Meeting was held at the same time as the Dunking Machine and so the machine was not fully utilized. In anycase, the crowds' sadistic tendencies were satisfied as several prominent Union faces took a succession of drinkings.

Tuesday nite, the Bar was a good place to be with the Blue Notority supplying good solid trad jazz to the masses.

The atmosphere was made even more friendly with people providing balloons and other inflated rubber items for the crowds pleasure.

The Annual Grande Prix de Plaxa was another success with plenty of ammo flying around. The number of contestants seems to decrease each year (they're all getting wiser). Also during lunch the Dunking Machine was in action again.

After lunch the good ol' ocker sport "Beer Skulling" entertained a large crowd and tested the throat capacity of the competitors.

The judges were, in general, of the opinion that the standard was a bit low (i.e. too much beer down the outside of the throat and not enough inside). In any case it was good to see a bit of macho on campus (Paul Hogan eat your heart out).

There was an innovation this year, (provided by that master of the gross, yuk of the year 1977 now n w non-bearded person, who shall remain anonymous) to whit, cake skulling. This provided a good opportunity for the lovable Tony, to demonstrate his astronomic gastronomic capabilities.

Wednesday night and the crew homed in on the Oxford Hotel in an attempt to empty its kegs. Unfortunately our friend Mal F who resides in his "Life wasn't meant to be easy" farty room spread at Nareen decided to let slip in his "soften up the public" budget tips column that there just might be an extra heavy on the majic amber fluid. So cunning Publican had his 5 cellars stocked with 14 kegs above his normal stock (where 14 well above the capability of our thirsty crowd). Hence, although we managed nine, we did not quite make it.

However, a good time was had by all, including the couple in the womens loo who were having a bit of a pelvic perspiration to the embarrassment of most and amusement to Chris and friends.

The Prosh Ball that night was a real success. The crowds were calling for more at the close of the show. (We can't tell you any more about this show 'cause the authors were out hob knobbing it with Molly).

There was standing room only at the all night films. The Rocky Horror Picture Show drew the crowds but no one was able to time warp

properly at 2am.

Friday morning and it's 8am. The crowd at the door of the Mayo Refectory is six deep, all eagerly awaiting the beginning of the Prosh Brekky. Apprehensive, they stand like a litter of puppys awaiting their first tin of PAL with wheatgerm.

From the inside they hear the throb of musi. The doors open. The crowd pours in.



Many pour themselves into their seats. The Premier editor of Proshdown begins the show, masterfully compared by Helmut Scheisskoff (whom we thank gratefully).

As usual it was the same old we stand'em up, you knockers down situation as far as the guests were concerned, with buns etc. flying around like flies at a B.B.Q. The act with the greatest impact was "Gary and his Gonads", as the marvels of modern amplification, not to mention the powerful punk pop, blew nearby fans out of their tiny little minds.

The Breakfast became gradually grottier as the food etc was recycled (thru the air) some several times. By the end everybody

was dancing and jiving amongst the remains of dismembered chicken and squashed buns. (We'd give a lot to see Jules in the same condition).

The show ended with the public removal of one presidential beard, the Brekky made a few dollars for charity. In fact the total raised during this years Prosh was about \$1500. (Good stuff kiddies!!).

Ian "Molly" Meldrun, dispelled all our preconceptions about teenage music show compares as he proved he could even read and write when he had to. In all seriousness we owe Ian many thanks, as, all the outrageous things we asked and more, he created a really entertaining show.

While on the subject of Molly M, the authors were fortunate enough to have dined out with Ian. We attained a different insight into the master of the Australia (bop) pop industry. We found Ian to be a very deep-thinking concerned and involved person. He is very concerned about unemployment, the drug problem (especially herion) and many aspects of moder society.

So, the next time you see his face on the tube (I bet most of you watch Countdown now, will remember that a TV image does not necessarily give the complete picture.

Many thanks also to Bob Francis who helped us out when we were left without an act at one prosh in the show.

Also we must thank:- that vicious right wing bastard Stewart Cockburn for abusing the masses and putting across such a good image.

David Tonkin for saying "Fuck" (even though Anne Levy was present).

Tony Pilkington for providing a brilliant and funny "News of the Future". Tony handled the crowds very well, even though Bazza wasn't there to help out. (Warts to you).

An unofficial thanks to the Prohibit Roasting of Scottish Haggis (PROSH) Terrorists for kidnapping John Dean while he was on air: (Flinders Uni tried it but failed, so eat your hearts out F.U.). We were going to thank SKA but they have not paid the \$50 ransom they promised.

Thanks also to the other guests who came and took all the a-buse. As for those who did not come or piked at the last minute, wait till next year!!

This years catapult fanatics really came out in force. The whole of Fridays planned activities had to be cancelled because of the chaos created in-part by these toys.

Also on Friday, some quite serious injuries were inflicted by these. Such machines are becoming more than a bit dangerous. For example, one person suffer-

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NEWS

PROSH



Four Scotsmen and the moment of Truth,

ed an eye injury, another received badly bruised ribs and we believe that a third suffered a heart flutter after being hit. One can quite easily see some one dying from being hit by a projectile from a catapult, especially considering that some people were using bottles and nuts and bolts for ammunition.

During the Breakfast some through brained drunk threw a chair which hit a woman and severely cut her scalp. Fortunately there appears to be no permanent damage.

Talking of damage, the Union has a repair bill of some \$4,500, the Adelaide City Council is asking for \$1100 and \$237. On top of this an easy \$800 to \$1000 damage was incurred to buildings in and around the Uni. It is unfortunate that individuals unrelated to Official Prosh Activities go about causing this damage, giving Prosh a bad name.

Although the Students Association cannot be held responsible for the actions of these people, it sympathises with persons who have suffered.

The height of irresponsibility shown by these individuals was when unsuspecting members of the public were unnecessarily harassed e.g. A woman delegate to the INSEA Conference was thrown in the Torrens, a persons car was flour and water bombed and had mud poured inside, several staff members suffered damage to property and a parking attendants shed at SAIT was demolished, destroying many personal effects.

There were various thefts and incidents of vandalism which occurred around Adelaide on Prosh Day which people have related to



Prosh, even though no proof to substantiate such allegations is available.

There is an opinion that over the years Prosh Day antics have been becoming more and more aggressive. The above seems to justify this, as although things similar to the above have occurred before, they were never this bad. But this year there were some new tricks. These included (unbelievable as it may sound) dropping glass ash trays from the bar balcony, dropping rubbish bins filled with water (i.e. bin, water and all) trying to hit people below and trying to batter down a door to the Bar with a large piece of wood.

These kinds of activities make one wonder whether there is any future in Prosh. If we look at the money raised compared to damage caused, the ratio is: for every dollar raised for charity \$4.50 of damage occurred. On top of this there has been a decline of interest, participation and success of Prosh Activities over the last few years.

All this damage etc. has prompted the Union to set up a group to look into whether Prosh is worthwhile. The Students Association and the Union find it hard to justify Prosh continuing in its present form.

What do you think?

KERRY HINTON
ADAM RUSSELL

PROSH CREDITS

Prosh Committee:- Mike C., Kevin, Gai, Mick T., Bernard, Francis, Jo, Jeremy, Don, Fuzz, Chris C., Fiona, Sam, Debbie, Chris L., Liz L., Greg D. and any one else who helped in any way.

Others:- Gordon, John Sande-object, all the S.A.U.A. staff, Bill Kirby, all the cast of the brekky.

Unionpeople:- Chris Tingley, Derek Giles and his merry band

SAUA

Something we have to get worked out

During the Annual Election in July, there was a referendum for constitutional changes, several questions were presented, one being of great importance. This was the first two question, i.e. should the Students Association be enabled to donate money to groups not affiliated in any way with the Association.

At present, legal opinion is that we don't have such power, but it is not obvious. Hence there is confusion and this can lead to problems, and expensive problems at this. If the Association does make a payment which it constitutionally cannot make, the cheque signatories can be sued on behalf of the Association for the amount of the donation. If we add court cost, the figure could easily reach \$5000. If the Association re-emburses these officers, its your union fee which is being consumed.

On top of this, there are certain political groups on campus who would like to use the present confusion to push a political cause and/or harm the Association.

So, the referendum was an attempt to prevent such situations by placing before you the choice of either giving the Association the power to make such payments or have it obvious that the Association cannot make such payments.

Well, it seems Murphy's law applied this time, (i.e. if anything can go wrong, it will). Even though I spent some 3 hours warding and setting out the ballot paper and giving directions as to how to fill it out without contradicting oneself, 50 voters saw fit to change their minds mid-vote and both questions lost i.e. We still don't have the power to make payments to non-affiliated groups, but its not obvious.

of stewards, John Sierakowski, Peter Stark, Peter Poulos.

Organisation:-
Union Catering Board
Gibbs
AUS Travel
Dirty Dicks
Union Shop
Arnotts

All for donations and a good public spirit.

We'll thank SKA when we get \$50 ransom for John Dean.

So your Association and your money is still in a precarious position. (Just on the side, I can think of a group on campus who would vote that way for their own gains, but I had better not say any more cause I might fall victim to their hobby of serving writs).

Anyway, payouts aside, you are going to have to look at this problem again, and when you do, I would urge you not to just think of your money going off campus. The issue is much wider than that, but on the other hand if the Association does get the power to make such donations, the onus will be on you to see that it is not abused.

So think carefully, but most of all take a stand and have a say, its your money.

KERRY HINTON
PRESIDENT

Foot lights

The A.U. Footlights Club is holding auditions for its annual revue soon. We need actors, singers, dancers, musicians and helpers.

TIMES:

Friday September 8th

1.00 - 2.00 pm

Sunday September 11th

2.00 - 4.00 pm

PLACE:

Dining Rooms, Union Building, Level 4.

You can get more information and sign up for auditions at our booth on the Barr Smith Lawns in the first week of term.

I hope we see you there!

MEGAN DANSIE
SECRETARY FOOTLIGHTS

We need people back stage, front of stage (and stage centre!).

POSITIONS VACANT

NOTICE TO UNDERGRADUATES AN ELECTION OF

- (a) Two undergraduate members of the council.
 - (b) Six undergraduate members of the Education Committee. (Four for a two year term, two for a one year term)
- will be held on Wednesday, 18 October, 1978.

The following undergraduate members retire on 18 October:-

From the Council
D.S. Johnston
J. Malbon

From the Education Committee:
K. Anastasiadis, D.S. Johnston, R. McInnes, A. Wayne.

In addition, a further two vacancies exist, for the year 1979 only, because of a shortfall in nominations for the 1977 election.

Nominations of candidates for either or both elections are invited. A nomination must be made on the prescribed form and must reach the Returning Officer at the University before 12 noon on Friday, 8 1978.

Nomination forms and further information may be obtained from the undersigned.

A'E SHIELDS'
RETURNING OFFICER

ORIENTATION CAMPS 1979

The Students Association is calling for applications for Directors and Cooks for the 1979 Orientation Camps.

The Camps are to be held at Kurua Youth Camp at Aldinga Flat during February of 1979.

The Directors are expected to organise most aspects of the camps (they must prepare a budget, organise food, activities, transport, helpers, etc.).

Applications should be forwarded to the President of the Students Association c/- The Students Association.

Applications should include previous experience and personal philosophy on the objects and functions of O-Camps. Joint applications are encouraged.

Applications for cooks should be forwarded to the President of the Students Association (as above) and should detail past experience and suggestions for menus. Again joint applications are encouraged.

Applications should reach the President no later than Friday October 13th.

KERRY HINTON
PRESIDENT

NEWS

WHITE HOUSE

Stories

Seeing one group of about a hundred and fifty Festival of Lighters and another group of feminists, homosexuals and others that could only be termed left collectively opposing each other outside the building housing Peter Duncan's office. I went over with a friend for an optic nerve. The media were there with their cameras and mikes giving most attention to the most radical looking of the left. The sweetest kindest Festival of Lighters were also interviewed.

The undoubted highlight was when Maria Perez de Brander - the well known custodian of all things clean and decent and who appears daily in the Mall wearing her "Flight Socialism Buy News Weekly" T-Shirt tried to convince a young Leftie to renounce his evil ways. Taking him by the hand she told him that despite his views she liked him and that she would pray for him tomorrow and pray for him every day. Another Festival of Lighter came up behind him and placed her hand above his head closed her eyes and prayed fervently for the Lord to release the devils that were possessing the young man, He thanked Maria Brander.

LATER AT THE OFFICE
Fellow worker - (regarding the rally) Well thats Peter Duncan's one of them - just like his brother that drowned in the Torrens.



Self - They're not related. How do you figure he's one of them?
Fellow worker - Well he is. After a while you can tell.
Self - But how? Is he like Robert Helpmann?
Fellow Worker - Well he definitely is but Duncans not so obvious.
Self - He's a married man with two children.
Fellow Worker - Most of them are.

Self - He's on the board of a footy club isn't he.
Fellow Worker - You've seen queers in change rooms have'nt you?
Self - But even if he were, woulr that interfere with his

knowledge of law or economics.
Fellow Worker - No it wouldn't. Many of them are brilliant men. But if you ask me this governments riddled with it.
Self - Which ones?
Fellow Worker - Well I can't put a name to them. They keep out of sight. They're not obvious about it.
Self - But what if it were? Is there some sort of poofta plot to take control and make everybody pooftas.
Fellow Workers - They couldn't change me - or most people but they're always trying, spreading their propaganda. The only good thing that could come out of it is they would be zero population growth (I fell silent).

MUCH LATER

Self - What do you think of intellectuals - university professors etc?
Fellow Worker - What - and homosexuality? Why its very prevalent among them.
Self - What about people who like opera and ballet?
Fellow Worker - Well of course its like with dress designers window dressers and waiters. They are riddled with it. Although I do know some blokes who are quite all right and are waiters part time.
Self - oh (retired hurt)

My fellow worker and I both base grade clerks earning about \$8000 a year.

BULSTRODE WHITELOCKE

Loan Scheme, which would undermine TEAS.

(e) Cut in expenditure on schools, Universities and CAE's are lowering the availability and quality of Education.

(f) Student Unions and other community organisations which are critical of the Government are under attack. The right of students and workers to control their own union is being removed.

And accordingly we resolve: that there should be a National Day of student rallies on September 28 to demand that the Federal Government act to tackle these problems. These rallies should be organised around the demand:

Education for all, not just the rich. Social needs, not private profit. Student control of student affairs.

EDUCATION WEEK

September 11th-15th

The purpose of this week is to increase student awareness of Education and the effect which present events are having on it. During the week it is anticipated that students will be given information on what's happening in their faculties, to Adelaide University in general and to the Education system in Australia.

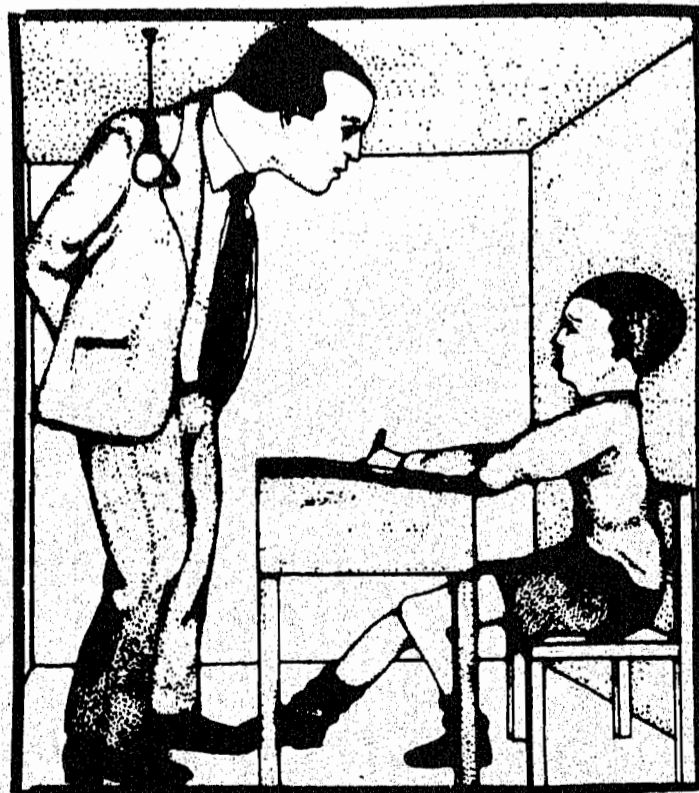
A table will be set up in the foyer of the Union building where students will be able to pick up A.U.S. and local education material on such matters as T.E.A.S., the Budget, part-timers and Graduate Unemployment

The Cultural Affairs Officer (Bronwyn Jones) will also be arranging for a childrens art exhibition in the foyer during this week.

Important events to watch out for are:

- MONDAY** 1 pm Little Theatre. Forum on the Budget what are its effects etc...
- TUESDAY** 1 pm Barr-Smith lawns (CLOISTERS IF WET). The vice-Chancellor Professor Stranks will speak on the Budget and Adelaide University. The Education Research Officer for A.U.S., Simon Merginson, will talk on the Budget and Education.
- WEDNESDAY** 1 PM Little Theatre. A Forum: "Education; what's it for" Speakers will include such topics as assessment, access and who our education operates for. (Sylvia Kinder of the Womens Studies Resources Centre will speak on the topic: "Is it for women too?"
- THURSDAY** 1 pm Barr-Smith lawns (CLOISTERS IF WET) General Student Meeting to debate the motion that students protest against Federal Government Policy and have a national day of rallies on September 28th

BE INFORMED- BE THERE!!!!!!!



AUS VOTE

AUS TO HOLD NATIONAL DAY OF STUDENT RALLIES

Theres little doubt that most students feel that there are at least a couple of points about which they disagree with Mr Frasers government.

And Indeed we suspect that some students may indeed vote against Mr Fraser.

AUS is wondering if students would like to do more - a proposal for a national day of student rallies will be put to a lawn meeting on September 14th. The motion reads:-

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 28:78

We note:-

(a) Unemployment in Australia is at crisis point, and both incomes and social welfare, particularly health care, are deteriorating.

(b) The 1978 Federal Budget worsens these problems. It has destroyed Medibank, frozen public spending and neglected unemployment, thus lowering most peoples living standards while benefiting the wealthy and the private corporations.

(c) The maximum student allowance remains at \$17.35 below the poverty line, it's only available to a small number of students and is being eaten away by inflation. The trade off of TEAS rises for family allowances helps few students and disguises the poverty of many. TEAS should be increased to at least \$75.00 per week and students should be assessed for TEAS grants on the basis of their own income, not that of their parents.

(d) The Government is negotiating with private lending institutions to introduce a Student

News



Vincent Wong

"NASAL PASSAGES"

Hey, hey, wasn't Prosh Week simply out of this galaxy? What about all the exciting thrills, spills and murderous activities from hosts of Uni. twits. What untapped hilarity spewed forth from catapults hurling whole pieces of fruit at people's temples, from having two girls' faces shattered with glass and chair legs, from \$1,000 in glass damage alone.

And hey, hey, what about the astounding Prosh pranks dragged out over four days with the remarkable lack of professionalism and forethought? All touched with the S.A.U.A.'s magic wand of disaster and surely sponsored by amateur Aunty ABC.

And hey, hey consider day one and the Funeral of Prosh 1977. You missed it? Some people get all the breaks! The service, widely advertised in a Napier Building cubicle, was performed with all the finesse, co-ordination and grace of drowning horses, presented with all the realism of Stuart Wagstaff's heterosexual image and all arranged by YOUR Prosh Committee.

And hey, hey what about the Dunking Machine prank so carefully delayed by our beloved Students' Association with another indepth essential abortion debate, ~~co-ordinated and presented by prominent homosexuals to whom it seemed my contact with the problem could only be by chance occurrence~~. The discussion carried such wonderful motions as giving the foetus a say in all abortion proceedings (there is a challenge

for Telecom) and later astounding with the anatomical revelation that the womb was part of a woman.

And hey, hey, what about President Cherry Hinton really getting into the spirit of Prosh by being dunked in a Wet suit. What raw courage! What infectious spirit of charity, what baby brains.

And hey, hey, what about the complete lack of entertainment in the Grande Prix de Plaza, with raincoat-clad exhibitionists perched on Malvern Stars being pelted by prickly brains with buckets of water. What a cornucopia of imagination. And the Irish SFA Cup played with a gigantic beach ball as formless and void as the participants themselves and not even Cookie-man present to unplug it.

And hey, hey, what about the warring factions armed with water filled elongated balloons. The invading Lebanese forces employing sophisticated Polaris catapults near the Lawns and the right wing Christian militia on Level 5 using B52 buckets of water and laser beam fire hoses. What mirth! What excitement. More laughs than a day out at Lottery headquarters. Oh! yes, what a Rat Patrol scene, peering left and right trying to avoid airborne contraceptives and pieces of purulent apple in one's mercy dash for some lunch eaten amongst the stench of a smoke bomb. The arsonist, oh! so very talented.

And hey, hey what about this letter received from fun-loving persons with post natal mentality and maturity:

"Please pass on our thanks to the Prosh Committee for a really badly organised Prosh Week of activities. We were astounded by the startling abyss of professionalism, co-ordination and imagination, overwhelmed by the waste, futility and lunacy of some people and left generally resentful and abhorrent to all future Prosh celebrations.

Yours creatively, Wally Dingbatt and the Disbelieving".

Neo Nazis on Campus

Of the nine people attending the original meeting of the Australian National Front at Melbourne Southern Cross Hotel, one was an Age reporter, and Monash Politics Lecturer Max Teichman, surmised that at least one was from ASIO and another from Police Special Branch. That leaves 6 nascent nazis at the original National Front meeting. Hardly an auspicious start of those six at least three are long-time racist student activists from

Melbourne University. Rosemary Sissons, Alain Birtley and Margaret Swan were members of the "Christian Anarchists", "The Young Aesthetes", "The Disciples of Sader Masoch" and the "Eureka Student League" (not to be confused with the Maoists). Margaret Swan, daughter of Prof Swan (Dean of Science, Monash Uni) acts as the British Liaison with the Australian National Front. She is based in Oxford Uni., U.K.

Student Papers Collect Writs

While this year On Dit can only hang 'it's' head in shame, and admit that we've received only threats student newspapers interstate have raked up an admirable (?) number of real writs. The following papers face legal action:- RABELAIS (La Trobe Uni) re AUS Travel & Jetset; THARUNKA (UNSW) re AUS Travel and Jetset; CATALYST (RMIT) re 3CR, PELICAN (U WA) re standard libel of Danby; SCRAG (Swinburne) re 3CR and Alan Weiden; SCRAG (Swinburne) re libel of "Bulle tin's" Peter Samuel; LOTS WIFE (Monash) re shoplifting article. FARRAGO (Melbourne Uni) avoided a writ only with behind the scenes political manoeuvrings.

Still there's one thing that can be said about these cases - it sure does lesson the temptation for a lazy editor to "lift" too many articles from elsewhere. And also not to listen to the favourite stories of political groups - which is how some of the above cases have taken on a rational identity so as to speak.



Union Chairs elected

A special union council meeting at the close of second term saw a close election for the position of chair of union council. The meeting on August 7, saw Kerry Hinton (President of the Students Association) narrowly defeat Guy Maddern (the incumbent chair) by 9 votes to 8.

Both of the candidates will have full time jobs with the union for part of their ex-

pected term of office - Guy will be acting secretary during David Muirs (the Unions chief executive) absence at the end of the year. Kerry is Students Association President until 31st December.

On Dit understands that a last minute change of vote caught at least one of the candidates by surprise.

The other major union positions were filled as follows.

Chair of Activities Committee	Mr C. Capper
Chair of Finance Committee	Mr R.L. Purcell
Chair of Planning Committee	Ms V. Proios
Chair of Welfare Committee	Steven Kenny.

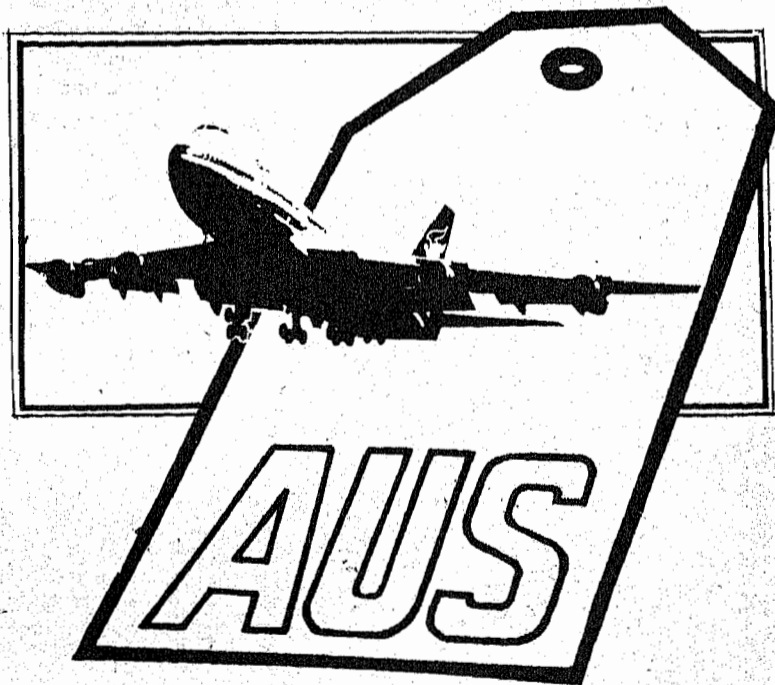
AUS Travel; To be or not to be?

AUS Travel which has had its share of trouble this year now faces the possibility that AUS itself will decide to have nothing more to do with it.

The AUS travel frolics of 1978 feature tis line up:-

(a) AUS auditors, Hungerfords, have demanded that AUS Travel be wound up. (b) AUS travel has sued hungerfords over its collapse in 1977. (c) following a high court decision, AUS travel has to fly students to Asia before they can purchase cheap (Non IATA) tickets. (d) AUS Travel failed to make at least 3 monthly payments to its creditors AUS seem to be able to breach their agreement at will as Qantas want to maintain their share of the market (4 prices) and recoup their money from AUS somehow.

Now the dormant Maoists and Trots in AUS are moving to sever all links with cheap but capitalist (shock, gasp, horror!) AUS Travel. This motion will be debated on Adelaide Uni, 19th September. An alternative



motion provides for the question to be laid on the table until January and the AUS annual council. AUS President Peter Noonan will be here to contribute to the lawn meeting on September 19th when these motions will be put.

This will be a good opportunity to gauge student opinion on

AUS Travel-whether despite its troubles students feel that a cheap travel service is worthwhile. The other body of opinion has it that AUS travel is not really cheap or student orientated and compromises AUS's political credibility. By next year it appears AUS will have either reendorsed AUS Student Travel or got rid of it.

NEWS

AUS Delegates by-election

THE AUS DELEGATES BY-ELECTION

OR

What's the difference between Adelaide University and every other Australian University

OR

An Embarrassing Story

Many of you are quite likely wondering why the hell the Students Association is having a By-election so soon after the Annual General Election. Well in short, its cause they muffed up the AUS Annual Council Delegates part. The long story is: During AUS Annual Council in January this year, a change to the rules by which delegates from campuses are given votes was discussed. The main aim was to have all campuses directly elect their delegates, since in the past there have been some unrepresentative delegations sent to Annual Council such delegations being chosen and not elected.

So, the following clause was added to the regulations:-

"(b) The delegate(s) shall be directly elected by secret ballot, held specifically for the purpose of selection of delegates to AUS Council by proportional representation from themselves of the Union at the educational institution of the constituent organisation concerned."

Now, most of you would agree that this is a good idea, I do to, but the problem is the following words:-

"by proportional representation"

To explain: Adelaide University directly elects its Annual Council Delegates, it has done so for several years now, but they are elected using the same voting method as the rest of the officers of the Association i.e. first past the post, not proportional representation. (First past the post is the X type voting where proportional is the 1, 2 etc type where preferences are given and the counting is fairly complicated.)

Anyway, the reason we have used first past the post (i.e. X) is that the Association has some 48 positions to fill, and hence if 1100 people vote (normal for Annual Elections) on all positions we have to count at least 52,800 votes. This is a pretty big task, so when the constitution was drafted (in 1971) it was decided to use first past the post because a preferential on proportional system would easily make this number about 200,000. (By the way the clause is "15(d)(v) Voting shall be 'first past the post' voters shall insert crosses in any number of squares not exceeding the number of positions to be filled for each Committee".

So, this year we went our

merry way, only to have brought to our attention after the election that we had not obeyed the new regulation, so although we had official AUS Annual Council Delegates, they have no votes at Annual Council. So, if we want to be effective we have to re-elect our delegates using an appropriate system.

At this point, those of you who are astute with constitutions may be thinking that such an election will be unconstitutional (or dare I say it "Ultra vires"). Well... the above clause refers to members of committees of the Association, where as our AUS Annual Council delegation is not a committee, its not even mentioned in the constitution, so the method of election can be different from first past the post. (This is the interpretation which has been made by the Executive of the Students Association), so, the election can be held, and the Students Association will have votes at Annual Council (by the way, we have 6 votes, hence 6 candidates).

So, to finish off, the embarrassing part. The change to AUS regulations, cited above (i.e. the "...") was voted on twice. Once at this years AUS Annual Council, once by campuses around Australia in what is called a Constituent Ratification. At Annual Council, the votes for and against this change were recorded and Adelaide University voted 6 for the change, even though it had the "proportional representation" part in it which requires us to change a method of election. There is no good reason for this, all the delegates just missed picking this point up. It seems that everybody was so involved with the fact that delegates had to be directly elected that they ignored to type of election system to be used.

Anyway, when the campuses around Australia voted on it, Adelaide University did not vote because we were having our long vacation (the vote was held in February) hence

we did not pick it up then. So this new clause has been sitting in the books, wity no-one taking much notice till recently when one of South Australias AUS representatives brought it to our notice.

At first thought, we were going to try to get AUS to change the clause to only require direct elections, and not proportional representation voting, but this cannot be done until the next Annual Council and we would not have any votes at it.

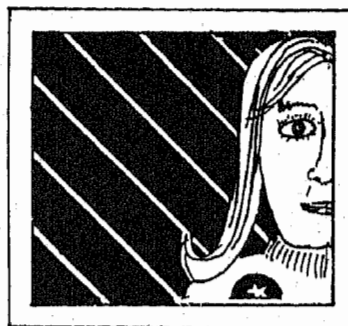
So then we looked at whether AUS can tell us how to run our affairs (this has always been a contentious point between AUS and campuses). We may have a legal stand in this respect, but if we won, i.e. proved that legally AUS cannot dictate to campuses, there could be a return to the days of delegations not being directly elected and this would be a retrogressive step.

So, we at Adelaide University have to eat humble pie and re-elect our delegation. But, its not that bad, because the Association has had the kind help of the University by giving us access to a computer program which can count proportional representation voting. The system we will be using is the Nanson-Baldwin system, which will be briefly explained on the ballot paper.

So, apart from a bit of egg on the Students Association, all seems to be working out well, so please vote, I can understand how people could be getting sick of the stream of referenda and elections occurring, but thats democracy.

Anyway, the election will be held on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st of September. (On Wednesday voting will be from 9am till 7pm for part-timers, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am till 5pm). Nominations open at 9am on Monday September 11th and close on Friday 15th September.

KERRY HINTON
PRESIDENT



the AUS Column

One of the most significant events occurring during 3rd term is Education Week (September 11th - 15th). This has been organised through the efforts of the Education Officer (Nonee) REAC (Regional Education Action Committee), Regional Officer (Mark), Regional Education Officer (Gregg) and lots of concerned students here. Thanks to all for getting off the ground (we hope!). The week has been planned so that we get (try to get) maximum co-operation with the faculties and departments of the University and areas which may be covered

-effects of the budget (Fraser's that is) on YOUR faculty, i.e. staff reduction etc., and the quality of your education.
-student funding - TEAS
-women in university and sexism in education
-external and part-timers' problems
-the quality of education
-debate on education ERs on mobilisation and policy.

Ideas are still welcome and suggestions can be made to Education Officer (Nonee Walsh) through her pigeon hole at the Student Association Office.

I would like to remind students (and to let new students know) that AUS information (constituent mail) is open to ALL STUDENTS to view. We work on an open file system - the only stipulation is that NO material can be removed from the files except by permission to photocopy.

AUS pamphlets and broadsheets are free and available at various places throughout Uni. (Refecs. Student Association, Library). Please utilise these.

If you have any enquiries don't hesitate to contact me (even if its abuse).

Thanks - Jane Mitchell
AUS Local Secretary

P.S. ER (Extraordinary Resolution) is a suggested AUS policy which must be ratified (or rejected) by campuses across Australia.

Nationally E.R. 16:78 was lost. ERs 17:78, 18:78, 19:78 were carried.

ABORTION MOTIONS

AUS presented the second round of a series of Abortion motions to a General Student Meeting on Wednesday 6th September. The resolutions, reproduced below, were designed to form an AUS Policy in favour of liberalized Abortion. The meeting, which failed to reach a wuorum, passed the two policy motions but rejected the third - which provided the Money.

The Students Association is expected to cast Adelaide Universities Votes according to the decision of the meeting.

E.R. 22:78
AUS demands the repeal of the Federal Government's decision to allow private health funds to refuse rebates for abortion and all gynaecological services. We further oppose any cuts in Medibank rebate for abortion and all other gynaecological services.

E.R. 23:78
AUS supports New Zealand women in their struggle against the oppressive abortion laws passed in that country in (December) 1977. We recognize these laws as an indication of what could happen in Australia where we have seen various attempts to make it even more difficult for women to obtain free, safe abortions. We affirm the need to struggle together to fight repressive legislation and attitudes towards

women. We therefore believe that we in Australia should support the national rally on September 15th in solidarity with the New Zealand women.
E.R. 24:78
That AUS allocate \$2,000 from contingencies for a National Abortion Campaign.

E.R.'s 21:78 and 22:78 were passed by a majority of students at a G.S.M. on Barr Smith Lawns on the last week of 2nd term. Approximately 300 students attended the meeting.

News

EARNEST & RIGHT

Dear John,

In spite of deriving great pleasure from the earnest, righteous and radically moderate tone of this year's On Dit, I wish (in the words of our hero) to make a complaint.

To wit: the geritive case of the proper pronoun of the third person neuter, singular, does not take an apostrophe after the s.

This is the sort of thing up with which pedants such as I will not put. If the condition is not rectified, we may well rise in a body and put the On Dit office to the torch.

Then again, we may not.

Cordially Yours,

C. LEE

Overturned

Dear John,

In last weeks 'campus news' section of the new (and I must say greatly improved) On Dit, an article appeared entitled "Court overturns Uni Verdict", concerning a recent court decision in Western Australia which apparently quashed disciplinary

action taken by a Union tribunal against certain students.

While I can make no comment on the actual case (not knowing the facts or the judgement), students may be interested (and in some cases reassured) that this is in no way a new legal trick dreamt up by judges with sinister motives of destroying 'student autonomy'.

The Body of the Bird

Dear John,

In last weeks On Dit, in a feature on the recent Union and S.A.U.A. elections, I was described as "right-wing A.L.P.". I believe that this description is false and misleading, and would appreciate the opportunity of correcting you.

As you are aware, there does exist a body of opinion within the labor movement which describes itself as 'right-wing'. As you are also aware, I actively oppose this position, and have indeed stood in union ballots against such people.

While it may be true that, in the University context, I stand somewhat to the right of the left (if such words have any real meaning), the term 'right-wing' is misleading. I often endure it as a form of abuse, when, for example, I oppose the fundamentalist socialist position of those who believe we must nationalize everything tomorrow. But I am in good company here - along with Dunstan, Hayden, Hawke etc. If you flick through last years On Dit you will also find that I was speaking out against uranium mining well before it became official ALP policy - the mark of a right-winger?????

Many of those whom your 'consumer guide' described merely as 'ALP' in fact see themselves as being part of the left wing of the party, so your descriptions are misleading in yet another aspect. It is, of course, impossible to discuss what is meant by terms such as 'left and right' in the context of a letter, but my main concern is to strenuously object to your article (I might point out, an anonymous article) which labels me as 'right-wing'. As Arthur Calwell once pointed out, those who speak of the left wing or the right wing of the ALP often have no knowledge of the body of the bird.

Yours sincerely

TERRY CONNOLLY

The courts have long taken the view that when a body such as a professional association or a trade union exercises disciplinary powers, it must do so in accordance with what has come to be known as 'the rules of natural justice'. The rule was summed up by the House of Lords (the highest appeal court in England) as follows:-

"If a domestic tribunal fails to act in accordance with natural justice, the person affected by their decision can always seek redress in the courts. It is a prejudice to any man to be denied justice".

Apart from the possibly sexist wording of the last phrase, I doubt whether anyone could seriously dispute the validity of such a ruling. It means, in effect, that if a disciplinary body is abused, and an arbitrary decision reached, the aggrieved student can appeal to a court. This is not an infringement of student autonomy - it simply ensures that disciplinary bodies within organisations such as our Union act fairly. If such redress to the courts did not exist, a political faction which gained 'the numbers' on Union Council could, under the new amendment, promptly expel political opponents from the Union.

As the law stands, however, all students can be reassured that this power cannot be abused. The Union can take action against students whose conduct is improper (such as our own notorious Liberal Club ballot riggers), but it must do so responsibly. Expulsion from the Union is a grave penalty, as it can effect a student's eligibility to receive a degree. To conclude with the words of another English judge.

The Courts of this country will not allow so great a power to be exercised arbitrarily or capriciously or with unfair discrimination, neither in the making of rules, nor in the enforcement of them".

TERRY CONNOLLY

WARNING

PROSH '78 IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH.



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14th August, 1978.

The Editor,
"ON DIT"
THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

Dear Sir,

As a protagonist of preventive health care and witness to of the end results of an excessively boisterous "Prosh" day, I put pen to paper.

To be the recipient of a face full of shattered glass, or a split and bloody scalp from a flying chair is not my idea of fun. Nor is a haemorrhage into an eye.

We were fortunate on "Prosh" day not to find a student on the receiving end of a water bomb dropped from a height, known to have caused a paraplegia in another University.

Let off steam and have fun on "Prosh" day with intelligent activity - its therapeutic at the end of second term. But don't let's forget the recipient who pays the price - it might be you.

Clive Auricht

CLIVE AURICHT.
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE.

Letters

Unwitting Christian

Dear Sir

As a Christian I was encouraged to find a number of Christian attitudes so vigorously supported by Hilary Booth (article p.9 On Dit 8.8.78, Vol 46 no. 16), who begins from an atheist view point. Christians would thoroughly agree with her criticism of oppression. Jesus felt that his job was "to proclaim liberty to the captives..... to set free the oppressed" (Luke 4.18) and he carried this out in his attitudes to women (e.g. John 8 v1-11) children (e.g. Mark 10 13-16) and human need generally (e.g. Mark 2 23-27) Christians also share Ms Booth's desire for "the fullest

life possible" - a good paraphrase of Jesus' aim, mentioned in John 10.10. The "childhood desire for fulfillment" is perhaps not so far from the attitude Jesus recommended (Matthew 18. 1-15) as opening up the way to real life. Far from teaching that "we must not love ourselves", Jesus holds up self-love as a model of the love we should have for everyone (Mark 12.31).

I am glad people can approach Christianity critically and find its principles valuable.

KATHERINE O'NEILL
(LAW/ARTS)

Sickly Sweet

To the Editor,

I wish to dispel a certain illusion, one which I can only regard as a remarkably unimaginative, sickly-sweet, stupid, but also quite amusing accusation, an illusion, that is, held by Katherine O'Neill Christian. Allow me to quote some 'gospel truths' which may serve to clarify my position.

"Christian, n. One who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor. One who follows the teachings of Christ in so far as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin."
- Ambrose Bierce ("The Devil's Dictionary").

"Nothing is easier than to give Christian asceticism a Socialist tinge... Christian Socialism is but the holy water with which the priest consecrates the heart-burnings of the aristocrat."
- Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto)

"... the dogmas of religion... bear the character of psychotic symptoms but... as a group phenomena, escape the curse of isolation." - Freud.

"Religion exists to console humanity for all the harm that priests have done to it." - Malcom de Chazal.

"Even if God really existed, it would still be necessary to abolish him." - Mikhail Bakunin.

"The devil has the widest per-

spectives for God, and that is why he keeps so far away from him - the devil being the oldest friend of knowledge." - Nietzsche ('Beyond Good and Evil).

"Our revolution will not be a success until we have extirpated the myth of God from the human mind." - V.I. Lenin.

"All that is doddering, squint-eyed, vile, polluted, and grotesque is summoned up for me in that one word: God!" - Andre Breton.

And we must not omit a venerable comrade, one Arthur Rimbaud, who, as if to spite those who would acclaim him so many years later as the great French poet, the child-prodigy/burnt-out man etc., also perhaps to save his paper for kindling, would paint his marvellous three word poem on footpaths out the front of churches.

"Shit on God!"

To those who find some consolation in worshipping the great delusional Grapefruit I have no more to say than 'Steer clear of me'.

O, and speaking of the devil, is it not a mortal sin to be calling on of his dearest advocates a Christian - does that not amount to sacrilege!

Hilary Booth
Hilary Booth

ABORTION - a decline in courage

I never cease to be amazed by the naivete of the rationalistic humanist with his blind faith in "materialist science" and the "vast amount of evidence gathered by psychoanalysis this century".

You have gathered no doubt that I am referring to Max Hicks' defence of his claims regarding abortion. (On Dit 8/8/78). Really Max, your emotional reaction to Andrew Fagin's letter which you say is "patently corrupt, hypocritical, dishonest and confused" is a bit irrational when you take a peek at the history book. How you can dismiss the sociology of the past

beyond 3,000 years. In contrast to these ideologies modern rationalism and humanism have been in existence for about 500 years, while materialist science has only been around for about 200 years!

Meanwhile a peek at current world ideology would lead us to believe that there is more to life than materialist science. While I'm not wishing to advocate ignorance of current popular thinking I am suggesting that it's a bit naive to wipe out all the accumulated knowledge of other streams of belief that have kept society afloat for many centuries, including the 20th, when we consider an issue as far-reaching in terms of its social consequences as abortion.

I'm intrigued Max, by your new found faith in psychoanalysis. Is it really so "invaluable in determining the effect of external reality on internal life" as has been suggested? Who do we believe Freud or the cognitive theorists? Or maybe Skinner? Who can really tell us where our oppression comes from? At least one view of the world has consistently told us that our oppression is the result of our fallen nature. We human beings do things that are harmful to one another. So we have abortion. three thousand years so glibly and substitute it with your unshakeable faith in materialist science and psychology is a bit beyond me. I know quite a few people who have used adjective like those you used against what you call "patriarchal Christian ideology" in reference to material science and psychoanalysis as well. I'm sure you know such people as well. I could say a few things about matriarchal Western ideology but in the interests of avoiding polemics, I won't.

What I would like to remind you of, though, is a few significant things about the sociology of the last 3,000 years. In terms of world ideologies there have been about four mainstream beliefs during this time. Confucianism and Taoism have been in existence for about 2,500 years. Hinduism and its off-shoots (Buddhism, Janism, Shintoism etc.,) as well as Animism, Spiritism and Polytheism have existed longer than that. Hebrew Monotheism and its progression into Christianity and its off-shoots of Judaism and Islam also go back

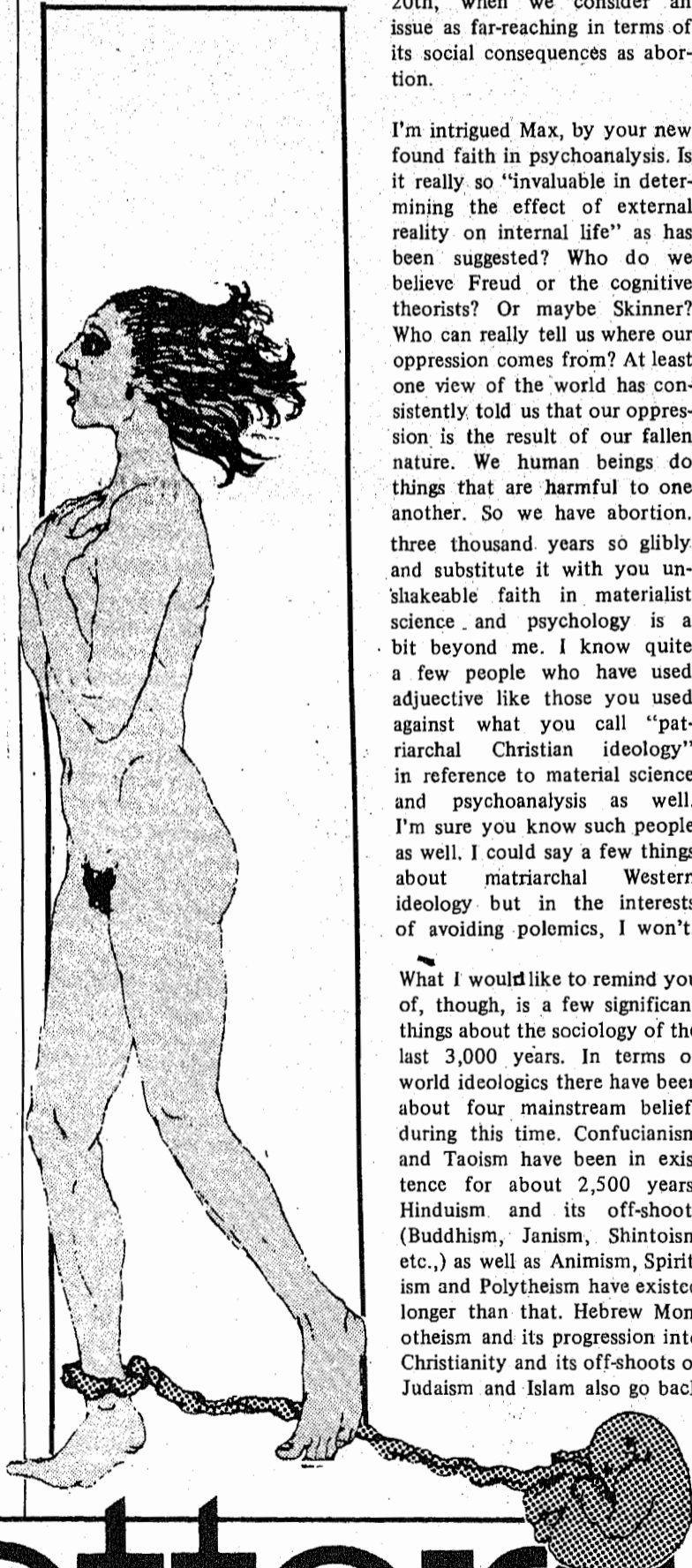
Albert Camus tried to tell us that it's o.k. to murder someone if it happens to be a warm day. Where is the beginning and the end? When is a person not a person?

We would do well to listen to the prophetic voice of Alexander Solzenitsyn. Commenting on the social sciences he says - "Only economic, statistical, demographic, ideological, to a lesser extent geographical and - very dubiously psychological procedures are held to guarantee the serious scientific character of research into society and the state, while the evaluation of political life by ethical yardsticks is considered totally provincial. Yet people do not cease to be people just because they live in social agglomerations, nor do they lose the age-old human impulses and feelings - we all know the spectrum; all they do is express them more crudely, sometimes keeping them in check, sometimes giving them free rein". (From Under the Rubble, p105-106).

Abortion is not some new discovery of our medical-materialist scientists. It is an old band-aid. Is it going to bring some new liberation to oppressed women in our society? We need to ask that question seriously. Or is it simply another "decline in courage that outside observers note in the West today, when from ancient times a decline in courage has been considered the beginning of the end", as Solzenitsyn has recently stated? Do we really know better these days, or is it in fact time that we had the courage to be, and to speak, and to do what we know to be right?

There is only one who can free us from the guilt of our past failures. We use his name everyday and for all our attempts to cover up the true liberation he has brought to us down through the centuries. He remains the Redeemer of the world. To quote from C.G. Jung - "Man can try to name love, showering upon it all the names at his command, and still he will involve himself in endless self-deceptions. If he possesses a grain of wisdom, he will lay down his arms and name the unknown by the more unknown that is by the name of God. That is a confession of his subjection, his imperfection, and his dependence; but at the same time a testimony to his freedom to choose between truth and error."

KARL BRETTIG

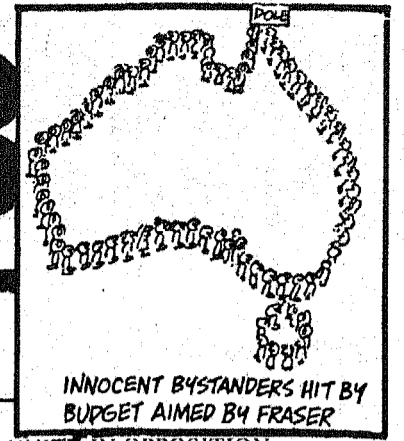


Letters



BUDGET 78

and Frasers strategy



THE 1978 BUDGET AND FRASERS STRATEGY

The 1978 Federal Budget will be remembered. Despite the lies and camouflage, this budget lays bare the conflicting interests in Australia today. This budget makes clear that the interests of big business, of mining and finance corporations, and the interests of this Federal Government, are one and the same.

It is clear also, that the interests of ordinary people, of working people, students and welfare dependents, are of no concern to this Federal Government. This is clear enough if we simply ask - "Who gets the money?", but it is doubly obvious if we listen to the rhetoric of the Treasurers speech. He constantly talks of "wage restraint", reiterates that "wages are still too high", that the "company profit share is still too low". On taxes, the government "intends that their effect should fall on purchasers of the goods involved and not, through the wage determination mechanism, upon employers" - Heaven forbid!

The Treasurer makes the position of this government abundantly clear when he talks about sackings in the public service -

"In so doing, we will be seeking to bring the conduct of our own affairs more into line with conditions prevailing in the private sector" - are we to see healthy competition between the public and private sectors - in the number of jobless created?

Enough of the Treasurers rhetoric - lets look at the facts of the situation.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Apart from big business, the only increases in public spending this year were to such things as ASIO, the Commonwealth Police, diplomats, and the Ranger Uranium miners.

Subsidies and tax concessions to business, particularly mining continued on with the trend established last year. Through such things as the Investment Allowance (\$600m), the Trading Stock Valuation Adjustment (\$700m) and the Retention Allowance for Business Income (\$30m) the Fraser Government has encouraged business to the tune of \$1500 million a year from 1977. This doesn't include such minor items as the super phosphate bounty which was increased this year to \$40 million, the \$44 million flowing from the Commonwealth to the Ranger Uranium miners this year, or other mining subsidies which cost \$45 million and were increased two and a half times this year.

The government is less than honest when it talks of the need for "restraint". While individual income tax is substantially increased/companies now pay only 30% of their income in tax, whereas in 1969/70 they paid 37%.

In Fraser, large companies have found a friend, indeed. Malcolm Fraser, who terms wage increases "inflationary" and "irresponsible".

PRICES AND PROFITS

Most people see inflation as increased

prices, yet the Treasurer says nothing about this in his speech! With wages falling, the number of unemployed rising, and 20% of manufacturing industry idle, demand and production are hardly booming. Yet companies are making record profits, according to the financial pages of the newspapers (if not the editorials):

"Profit returns on share holders funds increased from 9.6% in 1975/76 to 11.3%. This latter level is the highest since 1963/64."

FINANCIAL REVIEW (26 MAY 1978)

Last year profits were up to 13.3% of the gross domestic product, the highest level in seven years. How does this happen? Basically these profit levels are a combination of tax concessions and price rises, which the government has neither the ability nor the desire to restrain. Look at this: So profits are not only keeping up, they are outstripping sales and productivity. And Fraser reckons that governments and wages cause inflation.

THE CUTS AND THE JOBLESS

Government spending must be seen as an essential part of wages for working people in Australia. Social security, education, housing and health cannot be provided by the individual or the private sector. Cuts in these areas are yet another way for the Fraser Government to force the burden of their crisis on to the shoulders of those who can least afford it.

Parliamentarians and big businessmen hardly notice these cuts. Nor do they notice the unemployment which results. To redistribute Australians wealth from areas of need into private profit, the Fraser government is willing to sacrifice the living standards, health, education and job prospects of thousands. To make Australia attractive to investors, Fraser is willing to tell us if it is for our own good, for the good of the "economy".

Some of the specific cuts include:-

HOUSING

From 26%-50% cut, depending on how much the States can raise, in public housing; Abolition of tax-deduction for Home Loan Interest; Home Savings Grant Scheme cut.

This failure to stimulate the building industry comes at a time of massive unemployment in the industry and with over 100,000 people on waiting lists for public housing. Housing was cut by 21.2% last year as well.

WELFARE

Pensions will rise in the last quarter of 1978 by 3.4% which is the CPI increase in the FIRST quarter; Pensions will now be indexed yearly instead of twice yearly, i.e.: they will be one year behind. Pensions are already well below the poverty line; they will fall further; Unemployment benefits not increased for jobless without dependents; Children who earned over \$312 will be taxed; Unemployment and sickness benefits have been budgetted for a 1% increase, yet the number of jobless will increase far more;

Taxation of most pensions;
Family allowances paid monthly now, not weekly;
Maternity allowance abolished;
Childrens and aged services cut;
etc. etc. etc.

HEALTH

The four-tiered system of health-care means:-
the concept of universal free coverage for all is buried;
Discrimination against the poor and chronically ill;
Access to health care is based on the ability to pay;

EDUCATION

39% cut in capital costs - building programs reduced;
Minimal increases to operating funds mean that staff, equipment and student services are under threat;
Government schools cut by \$14 million Private schools increased by \$30 million.

PUBLIC SERVICE

The Government intends using public servants as bargaining fodder, threatening to "affect off setting economies" if the Arbitration Commission grants full indexation i.e. sack people;
Having already cut the Public Service by 10,000 the government intends to further reduce by 2,500 the jobs available.

UNITE IN OPPOSITION

It is very clear that Australia has the resources to provide for the education, health and general welfare of its people, but this government is moving to place the future in deep uncertainty. It has been able to reduce the real wages of working people both through its policies, its instruments, such as arbitration and by creating a mythology surrounding inflation and the deficit. It operates behind the smokescreens of "responsibility" and "sound economic management" disguise that it acts purely on behalf of corporations and takes no responsibility for the people it supposedly represents.

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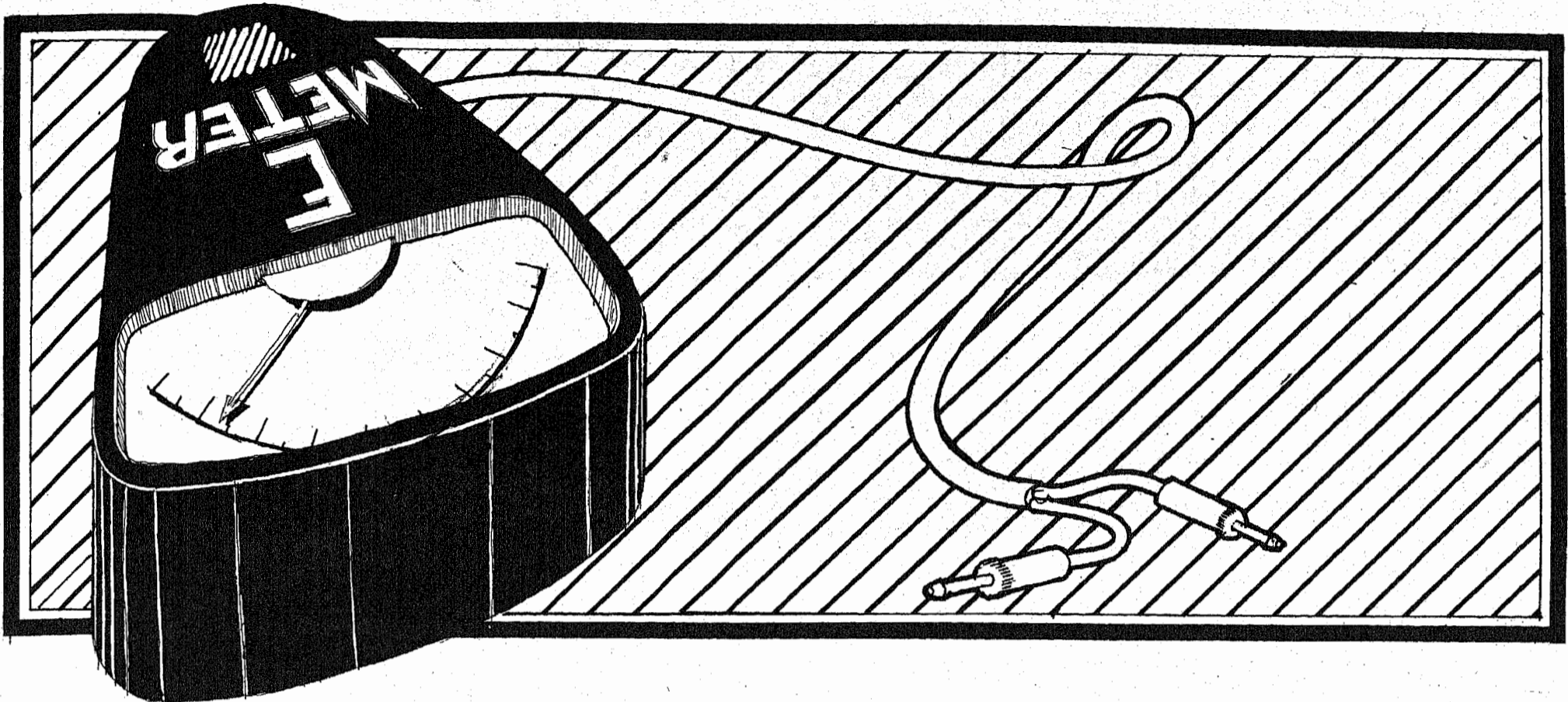
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SCIENTOLOGY



On Dit examines a strange new "faith"

In On Dit 15 (July 28 1978) we published an article by a Mr Peter Bowen, of the Church of Scientology, which purported to be an expose of Interpol. As a result of the numerous factual inaccuracies in that article, we also ran a commentary on it by Gordon Laverick, and we commented on the article in our editorial. As a result, we have been contacted by the church of scientology, and have to date conducted three interviews with them. We have spoken to Ms. Audrey Devlin, and Mr Stewart Payne, both of whom are Assistant Guardians of the church of scientology. We understand from Mr Bowen, that he is the church's public relations person. As a result of the interest shown in us by the church of scientology, the letter reproduced below, and the general attitude of scientology to us, we have researched the movement, and we believe that it is in the public interest that the results of our research be published.

Ms. Devlin, the first senior scientologist with whom we came into contact, made an appointment with us, which we broke. What actually happened was that we confused the times, and attended a faculty meeting at the time of the appointment. Notwithstanding this, our forgetfulness constituted a rudeness for which we apologise. When we returned to our office, we found the following letter waiting for us:

'Mr Sandeman 3/8 11.55a.m.
Take courage, Mr Sandeman. Sorry you were unable to confront me (I haven't eaten anyone in ages!). Yes, I have read the book you left out for me to read. So have a few legal beagles, but as you do such thorough research, you are no doubt aware of that too.

I would appreciate another appointment that you can keep, so will phone you up on it. **MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO PRINT ANYTHING ON THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY UNTIL THE CHURCH HAS OK'D IT.***

*Our emphasis

If I happen to be wrong in my first impression, I would be glad to hear from you.

Best,
Audrey Devlin,
Church of Scientology..'

Although that letter is clearly rather provocative, we chose in all christian charity, not to interpret it as a threat (our solicitor interpreted it as one), but rather as an invitation to research the scientology movement, and present our findings to you. However, in view of the attitude of Mr. Payne, when we invited him down to our office to examine a draft of this report, we realise that Ms. Devlin's letter was a threat. Mr Payne was belligerent, and on more than one occasion, quite rude.

We explicitly reject the suggestion that we should submit copy to the church of scientology for approval or censorship. We were asked to give them the opportunity to peruse the article, which we did out of courtesy. Mr Payne's attitude was unacceptable. We were threatened with legal action, sworn at, and generally abused. We told him as we told Mrs. Devlin, that the responsibility of On Dit is to the students of this University, and the law of the land, not to the scientology movement.

We spoke to Ms. Devlin, she challenged four statements made in On Dit 15. Three were from the editorial, and one from the article by Gordon Laverick. She said that we had 'obviously not researched the subject' and that we had printed 'half truths, half of the truths, and a false report'.

'According to experts in international law, Ms Devlin said, 'Hubbard's trial was a farce.' She said that the ban placed on scientology by the Hall Government related to certain aspects of scientology only (the use of a galvanometer during 'auditing', or confessional procedures), and that this was a half truth. Regarding the formation of scientology as a church subsequent to

Mr Hall's ban, Ms Devlin said that this was a 'false report'. The church of scientology was first registered as a church in 1954, Gordon Laverick's article was 'obviously not research', and to prove this, Ms. Devlin produced 'documentation'; three scappily-typed pieces of paper, and five photostats from a book on the Gestapo.

As far as the trial of Hubbard is concerned, Ms Devlin admitted that he was tried in absentia, and convicted, in a French Court. Her claim that the trial was a farce is a value judgement on her part, to which she is quite entitled. We do not understand what 'experts in international law' are doing commenting on the trial, though. They are supposed to be concerned with law between nations, not within nations. Our statement stands.

Regarding the ban on scientology, Ms Devlin admits that there was a ban placed on it, notwithstanding her objections to the actual wording of the editorial. That the ban related to 'certain aspects only' is beside the point: the 'certain aspect' was the use of a crude electrical gadget akin to a lie-detector during confessional procedures, and its use is crucial to scientology. Ms Devlin admitted that a ban was promulgated. Our statement stands.

Regarding the formation of scientology into a church subsequent to the ban by Mr Hall's Government, Ms Devlin claims that scientology was first registered as church in 1954. That was in California, not South Australia. Ms Devlin admits that scientology was not registered as a church prior to the ban. It is claimed by Ms Devlin that scientology has 'always been a religious fellowship'; neither she nor Mr Payne have satisfactorily answered the question, why if in fact scientology was a church as such, was it not so registered until after the Government found it necessary to ban it? Regardless of the

semantic objections raised (we were engaged in a protracted argument concerning the relative merits of the words 'formed' and 'registered'), what we said in our editorial was the truth. Our statement stands.

Regarding Ms Devlin's objections to Gordon Laverick's commentary on Mr Bowen's article, her objection concerned one contentious point only, by which Gordon Laverick stands. Ms Devlin's source was one obscure secondary source; Gordon's sources included Allsopp and Cowie, Dill, Jamieson, Shierer, Speer, Taylor, Werth and Wheeler-Bennett. Three of these are primary sources: Shierer was Berlin Correspondent for CBS until 1941, Werth was Moscow Correspondent for the 'Sunday Times' from 1941 to 1948, and Speer was Armaments Minister of Nazi Germany from 1942 to 1945.

Our statements stand.

One thing that annoys us, is that having patiently gone through all of this, with Ms Devlin, ten days later, we had to go through it all again with Mr Payne. We don't mind having to justify what we have written, even if an objection is essentially semantic, or unjustified. We don't like our time being wasted by having to do it twice - we are not here for benefit of hearing our own voices.

Mr Payne's chief objection to the draft of this article that we showed him, was that it is drawn from newspaper files that in some cases are ten years old and more. Another objection raised is that we do not mention any of the social programs that the church of scientology sponsors. He also objects that we do not quote various pro-scientology authors that he and Ms Devlin cite from time to time. He said we should examine 'the track record of the people who oppose scientology', and 'look into their credentials', by which he means the psychiatric profession (scientology is rather anti-the psychiatric profession). However, he seems to object to us

doing precisely that to the scientology movement.

We make no apology for using newspapers as our prime source, however old they may be. In our view, they shed valuable light on scientology. We did not mention the social programs of scientology, because we were told nothing substantive about them. We have accepted for publication an article by a scientology-sponsored group, the Citizen's Committee for Human Rights, who are an anti-psychiatry lobby.

Another social program mentioned by Ms Devlin is a prison reform program. Ms Devlin spoke at length on the failure of the prison system to rehabilitate those who enter it. However, we formed the distinct impression that Ms Devlin knows very little about the prison system. Ms Devlin claimed that there is no individual counselling in prison relating to prisoners' educational needs; that is hokum.

Another area of social reform that interests scientology is drug addiction, through a group they sponsor called Narconon. Narconon claims to have developed a drug addiction rehabilitation program based on vitamin supplements and the 'technology' of Lafayette Hubbard. They are currently lobbying Federal Government backbenchers for tax relief. In their submissions, they outline no program, and say nothing substantive. If they tell the Federal Government practically nothing, and us less, how do they expect us to write about it?

Mr Payne recommended strongly that we read 'The Hidden Story of Scientology', by one Omar Garrison, as an 'impartial, objective' account of the cult. We have read this book, and find that it is in fact an intemperate polemic against the psychiatric profession, by an acolyte of Lafayette Hubbard. (We were also advised to read 'John Travolta's Scrapbook', which has a 'very good section' on scientology! After Garrison, we can't be bothered).

Much has been written about scientology, mostly either slavishly 'for' the cult (for example, Garrison), or virulently 'against' it. It's history is fairly clear. Scientology was invented by an American science fiction writer, Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, after a couple of books on pop psychology gained widespread, if shortlived acceptance. 'Dianetics: The Original Thesis' was written in 1948, and 'Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health' in 1950. Scientology was registered as a religion in California in 1954. Since then, Hubbard has written extensively on the subject, and some of that material will be quoted in this article. In 1965, scientology was banned in Victoria following the Anderson Inquiry. In 1968, it was banned in South Australia by the L.C.L. Government of Mr Hall. In 1974, following Federal Government moves to register scientology ministers as marriage celebrants, the S.A. ban was lifted by the Labor Government of Mr Dunstan.

Scientologists claim this as a great victory, and we were advised by Ms Devlin to 'look at the repeal legislation'. We did this and found that the repeal of the ban was not, as implied by the scientologists who spoke to us, based on an acceptance of scientology, but rather on the reaffirmation of the principle of religious freedom. The S.A. Attorney General, now Mr Justice King, said at the time,

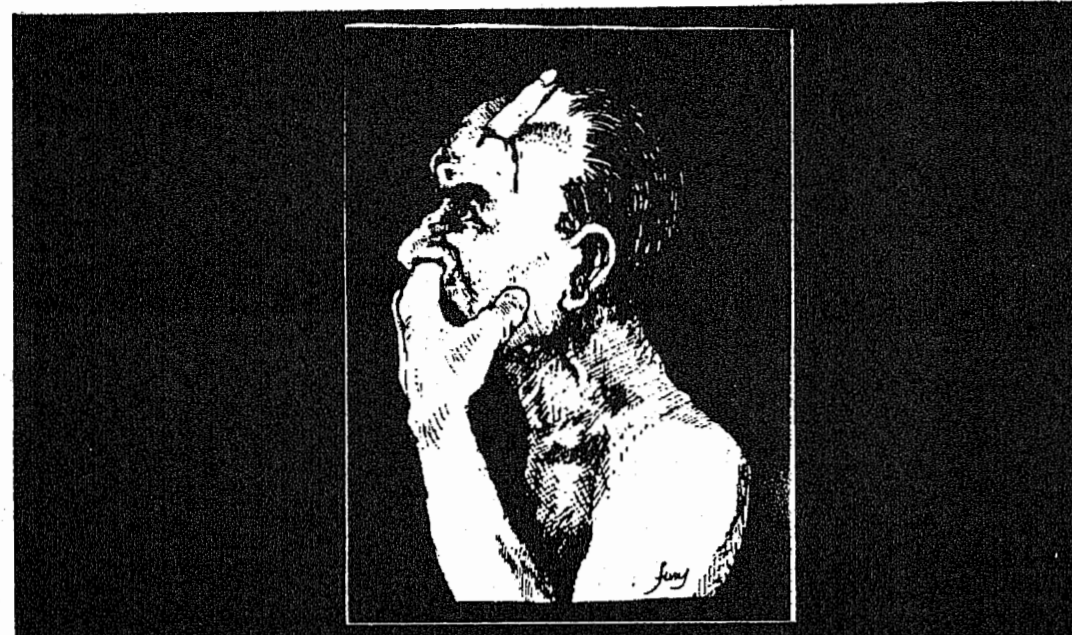
'When a significant number of people adhere in a free society to a system of beliefs, the practise of those beliefs cannot be prohibited unless that free society is prepared to cease to be a free society.' 1

Supporting the Attorney General, Mr Tonkin, now Leader of the Opposition,

said that scientology was

'... a gigantic pyramid selling organisation... If this were any other organisation, not a church by definition, everyone would be up in arms... It has been recognised by the Federal Government. That I believe was probably a mistake...' 2

The then Leader of the Opposition, Dr Eastick, was straight to the point; 'On several important issues the evidence plainly was evasive...' 3



One of the most authoritative sources on scientology is the Anderson Report, on the basis of which the Victorian Government banned scientology. The Anderson Board sat for 160 days, and took some 4,000,000 words in evidence. During the inquiry, some amazing claims were made for scientology.

'It can cure 70% of mankind's ills... including burns from atomic radiation.' 4

Lafayette Hubbard seemed to be amazing to the Board, having travelled to both the Van Allen Belt, and Heaven, finding

'... the latter rather a dull place, and on his second trip, definitely down at heel.' 5

Not all of the Anderson Report was so light hearted, however.

'Scientology is evil; its techniques evil; its practise a serious threat to the community, medically, morally and socially; and its adherents sadly deluded and often mentally ill.' 6

According to the Board, Hubbard

'... has shown in his writings that he is of an unsound mind.' 7

The Board found that the opinion (that Hubbard is of an unsound mind) emerged from a combination of the qualities observable in his writings, which contain great histrionics and hysterical, incontinent outbursts, which, by the very nature of their language, indicate their author to be mentally abnormal. They abound in self gratification and grandiosity.' 8

'... the writings which bore Hubbard's name indicated in their author symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia of long standing with delusions of grandeur.' 9

Hubbard has claimed, or has permitted others to claim of him, that he is a graduate of the George Washington University, allowing the letters 'B.S.' and 'C.E.' to be placed after his name. In fact, the only 'tertiary qualification' he possesses is a Doctorate of Philosophy from the Sequoia University of Southern California. 10

'... the Sequoia University was a privately endowed institution which was not accredited, that is, not registered with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which is the accrediting

body for the West Coast of America.' 11

Under the circumstances, it is not so surprising that

'... the Board can form no other view than that Hubbard is a fraud, and scientology fraudulent.' 12

'Scientology is an applied philosophy dealing with the study of knowledge, which, through the application of its technology, can bring about desirable changes in the conditions of life.



Dianetics is a part of Scientology which deals with mental anatomy. It is Man's most advanced study of the mind. Scientology was discovered, developed and organised by L. Ron Hubbard.' 13

Thus Lafayette Hubbard describes his brainchild in a book entitled 'Science of Survival, Prediction of Human Behaviour.' It is interesting to note that while scientology often claims to be a science, it retreats behind the veil of religion whenever it comes under scrutiny.

At the core of scientology, there appears to be a variation on the psychoanalytic techniques of confrontation, coupled with the aid of an electrical gadget known as an E-meter (or electro-psycho-meter). The E-meter is a crude kind of galvanometer, which measures changes in electrical resistance on the skin, which is the principle of the lie detector. Ministers, or ministers-in-training, use this gadget when 'auditing' (analysing?) a 'pre-clear' (initiate). Although scientology has a theology of sorts, it appears that the use of the ammeter and the confrontation technique are crucial to its practise.

According to Hubbard, the problems of men are caused by 'engrams' (defined as 'Any moment of greater or lesser "unconsciousness" on the part of the analytical mind which permits the reactive mind to record; the total content of that moment with all perceptions! 14) Engrams are apparently some kind of mental blocks, resulting from any kind of undesirable or painful experience suffered by the individual, since conception. They cause the individual to have all kinds of problems, and can be erased by 'dianetic processing'. This theory obviously makes some sense, and is probably derived from Freudian thought. Mr Hubbard, however, goes further than Freud would have dreamed possible.

According to Hubbard,

'Engrams, particularly in the prenatal area, are in chains. That is to say there is a series of incidents of similar types... Here is a list of chains... found in one case which has passed for "normal" for thirty six years of his life.'

There follows a list of these 'chains' which reveals that the man's mother, during pregnancy, had sex on 157 occasions (57 with her husband, 19 with her lover, and 81 masturbations);

she had attempted abortion on 51 occasions; she had been ill on 31 occasions; she had 19 accidents, 39 fights, and visited the doctor 19 times. 15 This amazing information was elicited over 36 years after the events, with no necessity to visit the mother.

Apparently, once the 'pre-clear' is in 'reverie', the 'auditor' can order him to travel the byways of time at will:

'The somatic strip will now go to says the auditor. The patient in reverie begins to feel the pressure of contractions thrusting him down the birth canal.' 16

It sounds suspiciously like hypnosis to us intellectual pygmies here at On Dit.

According to Ms Devlin, however, the E-meter is 'an artifact of the church', which she describes as 'a small box, the inside of which I don't even vaguely try to understand; circuits and what have you with a small battery. It's not electrically hooked up, or anything like that... When used by someone who's trained to use it, it indicates to them areas of travail and areas of worry that someone has.'

When we asked Ms Devlin if the E-meter was, in fact, a galvanometer, she said that 'nothing was written on E-meters from that point of view, so I can't really say yes or no to that.' This is despite the fact that the Anderson Inquiry's report described E-meters at length, 13 years ago. 17 Her answer is also despite a piece of typed paper given us by her, which described the E-meter as 'simply a highly sensitive wheatstone bridge arrangement'. 18 The E-meter is also mentioned by Garrison, that 'objective and impartial' reporter recommended to us so highly by scientology, who quotes a 'senior executive' of the American church of scientology:

'The E-meter is a simple psychogalvanometer... It registers what is called, commonly, the psychogalvanometric reflex...' 19

We in On Dit think that to go around handing out bits of paper and recommending books, that contradict what one has said, is a strange way to behave.

The point which ought to be made is this: the psychoanalytic technique of confrontation involves the stripping-away of a person's psychological defense mechanisms, which are slowly acquired over many years. The use of the galvanometer places a very formidable advantage in the hands of the 'auditor', notwithstanding that it is only 'a simple and rather inaccurate tool that has been around psychological laboratories for years.' 20 The process leaves the individual extraordinarily vulnerable, and in the hands of untrained or unqualified people, it can be mighty dangerous. There is no evidence to suggest that scientology 'auditors' undergo any training in psychology, psychiatry, social work, or any other related discipline whatsoever.

We then referred to 'The Mind Benders' 21 by Cyril Vosper, an ex-scientologist, a book that scientology has strenuously tried to have banned through a protracted and unsuccessful series of lawsuits. (Indeed, a High Court Judge, commenting on applications by scientology to have Vosper and his publisher committed to gaol for contempt of court, said that these were deliberately made 'to try and stifle any criticism or inquiry into their affairs! 22)

Although at first Ms Devlin refused to comment on 'The Mind Benders', when pressed, she opened up a little. We asked if it were true that scientology requires an uncritical acceptance of, and obedience to, the varied and various ut-

terances of Lafayette Hubbard. This she denied, claiming that '... Hubbard himself specifically says "find out what is true for you". There is nothing laid down, you must believe this, you must do this, you mustn't do that. Certainly not.'

The Anderson Report paints a very different picture.

'Hubbard claims that he is always right, that he has all knowledge on all subjects, and that he has had supreme experiences... By frequent and repeated reference to his qualities, Hubbard has built up for himself in the eyes of his followers a mighty image... The adulation and obeisance which they offer him is unbelievable. Scientology students are specifically taught that he is not God, lest they think that he is.' 23

'An Introduction to Scientology Ethics' 24 by Hubbard also paints a somewhat different picture. Under the heading 'The Ethics Codes, Offenses and Penalties; Technical Misdemeanors' 'Technical Misdemeanor No. 12' states that it is an offence against 'scientology ethics' to provide

'Any other answer to a student's demand for verbal technical or unusual solutions than the permitted:

'The material is in (HCO Bulletin, Policy Letter or tape).'
'What does your material state?'
'What word did you miss in the (Bulletin, Policy Letter or tape)?' and requests for unusual auditing solutions:
'What did you actually do?' 25

Now it is fairly clear that this is an extremely rigid rule, and there are penalties laid down for the abrogation of any of Hubbard's rules, which we will look at later in this article. Certainly, Hubbard's own writings paint a rather different picture of scientology than that given us by Ms Devlin.

Another illustration of the absolute power wielded by Hubbard over his followers is given by Vosper, and deserves to be quoted at length.

'Probably the most idiotic event happened when the 'Royal Scotsman' (Hubbard's yacht), the entire ship, earned the Commodore's (Hubbard's) displeasure. He assigned every living thing aboard a Condition of Liability. It meant that the ship's mascot, a Corgi dog, went around with a dirty gray rag tied around its neck, as well as every human being with a rag his or her left arm. Incredibly the poor ship, which one must assume had not actually done anything of its own malicious free will, had a huge, dirty gray tarpaulin tied around its funnel. The poor brainless thing had to sail around the Mediterranean, laughed at and jeered at by all the other ships and even rowing boats, for over a week like this. How the poor simple thing ever applied the formula to get upgraded will always remain one of those sea mysteries comparable with the Marie Celeste and the Flying Dutchman.' 26

Ms Devlin said that she doubted if this incident ever occurred - yet Vosper's book had to survive a series of legal challenges to ever get published. It has to be truth. Mr Payne asked if simply 'scraping through a law case on technicalities' proved the veracity of a statement. (Vosper's book hardly 'scraped through'; the judgement contained some of the strongest comments we have seen attributed to a Court.) The simple answer to that is: Yes.

Ms Devlin also doubted that another incident mentioned by Vosper ever occurred. In this, he recalls a report from a scientology internal magazine, 'The

Auditor', featuring a photograph of a person being thrown overboard from the 'Royal Scotsman' in 1968. 27 The Melbourne 'Age' however, took a different view.

'One impromptu ceremony upsets the local (Corfu) people. Scientologists who break the ship's regulations are thrown overboard as punishment. Sometimes the victims are children of eight or nine.'* 28

This type of behaviour is apparently justified by 'scientology ethics', to which Vosper makes many references, and to which Ms Devlin also referred. Scientology ethics' appears to be as much a system of extraordinarily rigid discipline, as a moral code. In his book on 'scientology ethics', Lafayette Hubbard has some very interesting things to say. For instance, the section dealing with 'High Crimes (Suppressive Acts), Section A (Attacks on Scientology or Scientologists)' explicates the following 'high crimes':

'4 Reporting or threatening to report Scientology or Scientologists to civil authorities in an effort to suppress Scientology or Scientologists from practising or receiving standard Scientology.

'6 Writing anti-Scientology letters to the press, or giving anti-Scientology or anti-Scientologist evidence to the press.

'7 Testifying as a hostile witness against Scientology in public.

'10 Mutiny.

'12 Publicly resigning staff or executive position in protest or with intent to suppress.

'14 Pronouncing Scientologists guilty of the practise of standard Scientology.

'16 Delivering up the person of a Scientologist without defense or protest of the demands of civil or criminal law.' 29

Similarly, 'Section B (Disavowal, Splintering, Divergence):'

'1 Public disavowal of Scientology or Scientologists in good standing with Scientology Organisations.

'2 Announcing departure from Scientology (but not by reason of leaving an organisation, a location, or situation or death).

'3 Seeking to resign or leave courses or sessions and refusing to return despite normal efforts.

'4 Resignation of all certificates, classifications and awards (but not posts or positions or locations).

Notwithstanding the eerie, science-fiction, 1984-ish atmosphere evoked by these regulations, one is tempted to ask what it is that scientology seeks to hide. If in fact there was nothing to hide, there would be no need for these asinine provisions, which seem specifically designed to shroud the movement in secrecy. If scientology were all that is claimed for it, surely then it would welcome public scrutiny? Such are not just the thoughts of us in 'On Dit'; indeed, Lord Justice Megaw, of the British Court of Appeals in London, in concurring in the lifting of an injunction restraining publication of 'The Mind Benders', said that '... there is evidence that the plaintiffs (scientology) were protecting their secrets by deplorable means, and so did not come to the Court with clean hands...' 31 And, according to Garrison, to whom we were recommended by scientology, the movement has in fact institutionalised this paranoia of public scrutiny:

'Don't ever tamely submit to any investigation of us. Make it rough, rough on the attackers all the way. You can get 'reasonable' about it and lose... attackers are simply anti-Scientology propaganda agency so far as we are concerned... banish all ideas that any fair hearing is intended and start our attack with their first breath... Use their blood, sex, crime to get headlines... Shift the spotlight to them.

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No matter how. Do it!' (Policy letter, 15/2/66). 32 *

When we suggested to Ms Devlin that the Court of Appeals reached their verdict on the basis of some fairly strong evidence, she told us that '... that was what they would want you to believe.' She added that '... people who fight something that is seeking better ways to survive obviously have their own reasons for doing that.' We pointed out that this implied a conscious decision on the part of the Court of Appeals to 'fight a better way to survive.' Ms Devlin said that this was so, but since she wasn't there at the time, she couldn't comment

Ms Devlin insists that 'scientology ethics' are only used within the church. Vosper, however, tells a slightly different story.

'The editor of 'Truth' newspaper, J. Mahoney of Wellington, New Zealand, was declared "to be a condition of Enemy and a Suppressive Person for condoning the printing of articles detrimental to mankind..." Mr Mahoney was graciously informed that the formula for the Condition of Enemy was: "Find out who you really are" ... The Ethics Order was signed, Pat Bloomberg, HCO Secretary, Auckland. 33

Scientology's 'ethics' appear to give the organisation some amazing powers over its' members. Discussing 'Ethics Misdemeanors', Hubbard says,

'Such offenses are subject to direct punishment by order and for a staff member the punishment is assignment of a condition below Normal Operation and reduction of pay for the period assigned.' 34

Discussing 'Crimes', the omniscient and apparently omnipotent Hubbard adds,

'Crimes may result in the suspension of certificates, classifications or awards, reduction of post, or even dismissal or arrest. ** when the crime clearly warrants it.' 35

(An example of a 'Crime' is 'Heckling a Scientology Supervisor or lecturer! 36)

According to Hubbard, there are eleven operating conditions of existence, which 'regulate existence, regulate life, life can... be followed... by their use.

These are, according to Hubbard, Power, Power Change, Affluence, Normal Operation, Emergency, Danger, Non-Existence, Liability, Doubt, Enemy, Treason (in descending order of desirability). 38 Although Hubbard seems to regard these as quite fundamental laws of nature, they are in fact totally arbitrary, as can be seen from the penalties and bonuses he has devised around them:

'Depending on the Condition of Existence (for a staff member) the pay is adjusted. At Normal Operation the staff member is paid his set wage... In a Condition of Affluence, there is a 33 1/3 per cent increase; in Power, a 66 2/3 per cent increase. In Emergency the staff member receives 33 1/3 per cent less; in Danger 66 2/3 per cent less, and in Non-Existence and all the lower Conditions of Existence, he receives nothing.' 39

As can be seen, anything below Normal Operation can be most unpleasant, at least from the financial point of view, if you work for scientology. Below 'non-existence', the effect is positively horrendous.

'A person in Liability must work 24 hours straight for the organisation, plus another 8 to get through Non-Existence.

*Emphasis in the original.
**Our emphasis.

One in Condition of Doubt must work 48 hours straight, then 24 more to get through Liability, and another 8 to get through Non-Existence. During a penalty he is not allowed to sleep, bathe or leave the premises. *

A person relegated to Condition of Enemy is considered FAIR GAME: may be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. MAY BE TRICKED' SUED' OR LIED TO OR DESTROYED.' † 40

Now, consider this 'fair game' provision in conjunction with 'high crime' No. 16 above, 'Delivering up the person of a Scientologist without defense or protest to the demands of civil or criminal law.' The implications of the are obviously, very serious. What about the current case before an American Court, where eleven scientology leaders, including Hubbards' wife, Mary Sue Hubbard and the church's 'worldwide guardian' Jane Kember, have been charged by a Grand Jury with conspiracy to infiltrate, bug and steal from American Government offices? 41 What if the British police issue a warrant for the arrest of Ms Hubbard and Ms Kember; what constitutes 'defense or protest' on the part of the responsible scientologists at the cult's British headquarters, where Ms Hubbard and Ms Kember are reported to be?

Clearly, literally interpreted, these provisions are carte blanche for scientologists to behave in any way they see fit, with complete disregard for the law. Indeed, the British Court of Appeals observed that scientology lays down its own criminal code. 42

It would appear that the only reason scientology is legal is that it has retreated behind the veil of religion, and people of conscience, such as Mr King, Mr Tonkin, etc., are loath to set a precedent that could be seen as inimical to religious freedom. However, there are limits to the freedoms that can be guaranteed in the sort of 'free society' that Mr King spoke of back in 1974; these limits clearly operate where the freedom of others can be seen to be in jeopardy. Where does scientology stand in view of those aspects of it quoted above, and the case also quoted, where people are thrown overboard from Mr Hubbard's ship? Where does scientology described by Vosper as 'a mixture of Barry Goldwater's Republicanism, Nazism, the less esoteric elements of Communism; the sickly sweetness of television Christianity and the philosophy of Soldier Termites' 43 fit in with the sort of 'free society' implicit in Mr King's remarks? It would seem to us that there are undermocratic, unjust, arbitrary and downright dangerous aspects to scientology that demand extremely close attention by all proponents of 'free society', however they can care to define that concept.

Ms Devlin insisted that scientology is non-political, although when we produced a dictionary definition of the word 'political' she conceded that scientology does in fact engage in political action (in the sense that it seeks to change society). She insists, however, that scientology is non-party political. We wonder how the Socialist Party of Australia, or indeed, the Australian Labor Party react to that claim, in the light of this statement by the lovable Lafayette (which, incidentally, Mr Payne went to some length to defend):

'Not everyone realises how Socialism penalises an up statistic. Take health taxes. If an average man adds up what he pays the government he will find his visits to the medicos very expensive. The one who benefits is only the chronically ill, whose way is paid by the healthy. So the chronically ill (down statistic) are rewarded with penalties on the healthy (up statistic). 44

*Our emphasis.
† Emphasis in the original.

Regardless whether you agree with the content of that remark or not, it is quite clearly politically partisan. Given the concern of scientology to generate 'up statistics', that passage is clearly an anti-socialist polemic. It does not matter whether one is a socialist, or as this writer happens to be, a conservative, scientology as expressed by Hubbard in that passage is politically partisan.

(An even more charming example of what would happen if scientology ever caught on in a big way comes from Hubbard the philosopher;

'... if society were to recognise this personality type ('Anti-Social Personality - the Anti-Scientologist!') as a sick being, as they now isolate people with smallpox, both social and economic recoveries could occur.' 45

On this subject, Hubbard the social scientist can give precise figures on just how many people we should be isolating, all in the case of finding 'a better way to survive':

'Crime and criminal acts are perpetuated by anti-social personalities... they only comprise 20% of the population... (46).

'Scientology ethics' seem to us to be peculiarly designed to avoid public scrutiny. We believe that any organisation that seeks to change society, or regulate the lives of people, be it scientology, the Catholic Church, the Liberal Party, the Labor Party, or the University of Adelaide, should be open to public scrutiny. We suggested this to Ms Devlin, who rather lost her composure at the idea, and very explicitly stated the attitude of scientology to the proposition:

'Why the hell should they!' she exclaimed.

(We rather thought we'd explained why, but never mind. Hubbard's remarks on the subject are very difficult to misinterpret:

'... we should be very alert to sue for slander at the slightest opportunity, so as to discourage the public presses from mentioning Scientology.' 47 The 'theology' of scientology is quite amazing. Ms Devlin said the scientologists believe in past lives, 'and therefore to follow the theory through, we believe in future lives.' Apparently in the scientological scheme of things, each person is a Thetan, potentially a Clear, which is defined by Hubbard as:

'CLEAR: A person who through the technology of Scientology has reached the extremely high state of being able to be at cause knowingly over mental matter, energy, space and time as regards the first Dynamic... ' 48

Another authority was more succinct when discussing the 'philosophy' of scientology:

'The philosophy that scientologists are taught is billed as a sort of religion of religious, combining parts of Hindu Veda and Dharma, Taoism, Old Testament wisdom, Buddhist principles of brotherly love and compassion, the early Greeks, Lucretius, Spinoza, Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Spencer and Freud.' 49

Some of the 'discoveries' of 'dianetics' are apparently now regarded as articles of faith in scientology. 'Dianetics' stipulates that the problems of men (and women) are caused by 'locks' and 'engrams' (see above), many of which are traceable to Past Lives. Under this arrangement, if you fell off your horse back in 1066, or during the Charge of the Light Brigade, you may still suffer a fear of horses (unless, of course, you under go scientological processing). Investigation of Past Lives has yielded some illuminating information.

'The Markab Confederacy - a group of planets in the region of the Great Square of Pegasus - contains a humanoid civilisation, the main pre-occupation of which is driving racing cars at very high speeds around tracks... Surgery is very advanced in the Markab Confederacy... This wierd set-up is responsible for the Motor Car... The explanation for the Population Explosion... is that new Thetans are being dumped on Earth. They are packed in 'Ice Cubes' and dropped into the ocean from Flying Saucers... The arrival of all these new beings also explains our technological revolution, since they bright skills and knowledge from technically sophisticated planets. The reason why they are shipped here in such vast numbers is that the Galactic Federation is crumbling apart with wars... ' 50

Past lives have also shed new light on history, asno doubt the History Department will be intrigued to know.

'The written history of this planet is nonsense of course. Historians... have studiously ignored the various bands of invaders to have hit poor old Earth during the past 40,000 - 50,000 years. The most recent of these were the Fifth Invaders. Insect like creatures, six feet tall with horrible mandibles and crawly claws... (they) explain the aversion which many of us primitives have towards spiders... ' 51

'The Fourth Invaders, between 10,000 - 20,000 years ago brought a piece of electronic wizardry with them, known as the Coffee Grinder... (which) is levelled at the preclear and a push-pull wave is played over him... When this treatment is done, the preclear is dumped in scalding water, and then immediately in ice water.' 52

'Hubbard claimed to have found Karl Marx working in the Scientology organisation in Melbourne... Since Marx is regarded by Scientologists as one of the really evid people to have inhabited a body on this planet, this new incarnation of Marx was not keen to be detected but Hubbard dug him out and forgave him for writing 'Das Kapital', which was noce of him... ' 53

Adn so on, ad infinitum. It would all be ludicrous - an intriguing science fiction story - if it were not so serious. People actually believe this nonsense. When we confronted Mr Payne with these excerpts, he did not deny them, but retreated behind the claim of scientology to be a religion, and complained that we were ridiculing his faith. (We do not ridicule scientology - we merely place it before our readers, as we find it. If it appears ridiculous, that is not our doing, it is in the nature of the subject).

As we have previously noted, Vosper's book was the subject of a series of legal actions initiated to prevent its publication. Scientology secured an injunction delaying publication, against which Vosper and his publishers successfully appealed. The scientologists subsequently lost their own appeal to the House of Lords, and then took an action to have Vosper and his publisher gaoled for contempt of Court (on the ground that publication of the book could prejudice a number of cases then proceeding at law, involving scientology). Upon losing that, they appealed, but apparently withdrew from that action before it could be heard. 54

As noted above, Mr Payne claimed that Vosper's book 'scraped through' the litigation on 'technicalities'. In delivering his judgement allowing Vosper's appeal, and lifting the injunction against the publication of The Mind Benders, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, and perhaps the most eminent British jurist for centuries, said that scientology was '... capable of such danger that the public interest demands that people should know what is going on.' 55

That is a very strong statement for a Judge to make, particularly one so professionally fastidious as Lord Denning. Mr Payne may feel that The Mind Benders 'scraped through' on 'technicalities'; we think that the Judgement speaks for itself.

Ms Devlin claimed to us that the church of scientology is compatible with any other religion, since it is 'for the betterment of the person'. She said that a Catholic could practise scientology without compromising his or her Catholicism, and that scientology does not conflict with other belief systems.

We repeated that claim to the Catholic and Anglican churches, both of whom emphatically denied it. Both the Catholic and Anglican churches expressed very grave misgivings in relation to the techniques employed by scientology, specifically the use of the galvanometer in conjunction with confessional procedures, which they viewed as incompatible with Christianity. The Anglican priest with whom we spoke said that '... if a member of the Church of England went to the church of scientology, that we would say, "Make up your mind one way or the other." From our point of view, the answer is a definite "NO".'

When we explained the scientological conception of past and future lives, the Catholic father with whom we spoke explained that in the view of the Catholic church, the soul goes to God after death, and that this belief was clearly dissonant with the stated beliefs of scientology.

Christian charity compels us to conclude that on this point, Ms Devlin is merely ignorant of the attitudes of the mainstream churches.

It has also been claimed that scientology does not accept for 'processing' any person who is mentally ill. The London 'Economist' took a different view; 'The clut's spokesmen assert that they do not accept for 'processing' anyone with a history of mental illness... the Ministry of Health, like the Anderson Board, has evidence of such cases that they have been taken on. Latent and overt schizophrenics and manic depressive have been made worse by scientology, and if they are eventually admitted to hospital, they are less amenable to treatment because of scientologists' hostility to psychiatry... ' 56

Hubbard seems rather ambivalent on the point;

'Simply reading this book... does not qualify an individual to practise professionally... But... he should be able to handle routine cases effectively. He should not try Dianetics on insane or severely neurotic person unless he feels himself especially gifted in understanding... ' 57 *

When the 'Economist' speaks of scientology's 'hostility' to the psychiatric profession, they do so with mastery and typically British understatement.

'Over the years, Hubbard has learned from painful experience that it was futile to reason with his enemies or to explain the methods and meaning of Scientology to them. They were motivated by an implacable hatred of Scientology's philosophy and aims, which were inimical to their private interests.' 58

'Finding itself want only attacked... the Church has sought to find whether these attacks were genuine... Without exception they have been found to have been instigated by psychiatrists or tigated by psychiatrists or psychologists. In almost every case the persons concerned have been members of... connected to... The World Federation for Mental Health'. '59

*Our emphasis

Mr Payne speaks of the psychiatric profession in rather stronger terms, describing the profession as 'almost criminal'.

There are disturbing reports extant which indicate that 'scientology ethics' are not merely used within the church, and if they are true, they indicate the lengths to which scientology will go to preserve its secrecy and perhaps some of the reasons why responsible bodies such as the psychiatric profession may harbor doubts as to the nature of scientology. They also indicate that the 'fair game' provision may not be just the fanciful product of a fertile imagination. For instance, this report from the Melbourne 'Age':

'Those who have reservations include the local (Greek) police. Three weeks ago a woman with two children ran screaming down the gangplank (of the 'Royal Scotsman', anchored at Corfu). Before she could reach the roadway, fellow scientologists caught her and returned her to the ship.' 60 Roy Wallis, a lecturer in Sociology at the University of Stirling in England, tells an ominous tale. As part of research for a doctoral thesis, he wrote a paper, 'The sectarianism of scientology' which out of courtesy he sent to the scientology headquarters for comment prior to publication. He received a reply indicating the displeasure of scientology at the paper, and then a campaign of harassment began.

'Shortly after this, a young man arrived... representing himself as a graduate of Bristol... he asked if he could attend my lectures and tutorials, and also if I could put him up for a few days. This I declined to do, having realised that I had last seen him wearing a staff uniform at the scientology headquarters. I did not reveal my suspicions... until the following day, when I learned that he had visited my home in my absence seeking to gain entry.' 61

Mr Wallis' account continues with details of attempts to link him with the drug scene at Stirling University, an attempt to discredit him within his discipline, an attempt to smear him as a homosexual, and an attempt to bring the wrath of the National Union of Students down on him, as a right-wing agitator responsible for supplying students' names to University disciplinary committees. Mr Wallis concludes;

'... the implication is strong that, with or without the connivance of the leaders of the scientology movement, I was the subject of a concerted attempt at harassment designed to "frighten-me off" scientology, to undermine my credibility as a commentator on their activities... ' 62

The 'Economist' voiced other fears.

'Much more worrying is the collection of confessions made during auditing sessions. The Anderson Board found no evidence of overt blackmail. But there is at East Grinstead (scientology headquarters) a file of all that a preclear says to an auditor. The questions, supported by an E-Meter... anything, in fact, that he might feel would incriminate him were he trying to break free.' 63

In the preparation of this report, we have been severely criticised by scientology. When we showed Mr Payne the first draft of the report, he asked us if we were serious in presenting material that in some cases was ten years old. Yet during over six hours of taped interviews, we have not been told anything substantive about scientology. At the behest of Ms Devlin and Mr Payne, we have read five books of scientology, four of them by Lafayette Hubbard, and one by Omar Garrison.

Mr Payne tried to undermine our confidence in Vosper as a commentator on scientology by presenting us with a sworn statement by a British scientologist to the effect that Vosper in 1974 was living 'in penurt' in London, that he had 'deserted his financial and familial obligations all his adult life', and that he had left his wife and family with various debts. In our view, none of that detracts from Vosper's credibility, and we were referred to his book by a person who has met him, and who we trust implicitly.

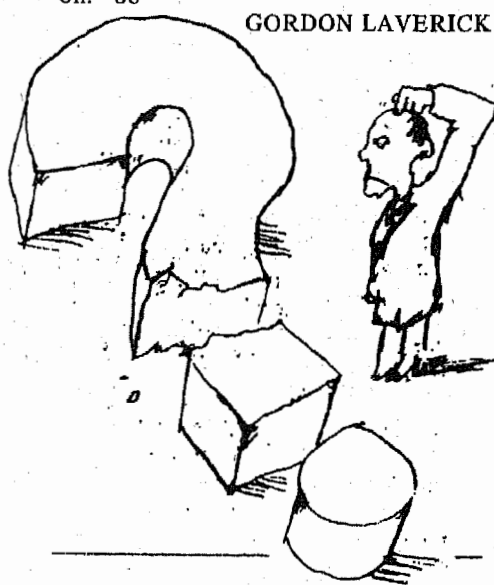
It seems to us that Lafayette Hubbard has no qualifications whatever as a philosopher or social scientist, or psychiatrist, or psychologist. Literature recommended to us by scientology and Letterboxed recently in the city, makes great play of Hubbard's war service, and the fact that he is a licensed master of 'Steam and Motor Vessels'. What that has to do with philosophy is beyond us.

In fact, before founding scientology, Hubbard was a science fiction writer. Garrison, the author recommended to us by scientology, in what can only be

described as ignorance or dishonesty, even claims that there is no proof that Hubbard wrote wonder stories. 64 The Library of Congress Catalog lists the following titles as having been written by Hubbard, in addition to his 'philosophical' works: Buckskin Brigades (1937), Deaths Deputy (1948), Final Blackout (1948), Slaves of Sleep (1948), Triton and the Battle of Wizards (1948), The Kingslayer (1948), Typewriter in the Sky, and Fear (1951), Return to Tomorrow (1954), plus Ole Doc Methuselah, Her Majesty's Aberration, The Expensive Slaves, The Great Air Monopoly, Plague, A Sound

Investment, and Old Mother Methuselah, all published under the pseudonym Renee Lafayette (published together under his proper name in 1970), and Seven Steps To The Arbiter (1976).

Perhaps the most fitting conclusion to this report are the words of Lord Denning. In the Judgement already referred to, he described scientology as '... quackery of a type which might be dangerous if practised behind closed doors... ' 65 Lord Denning said also that scientology was 'capable of such danger that the public interest demands that people should know what is going on.' 66



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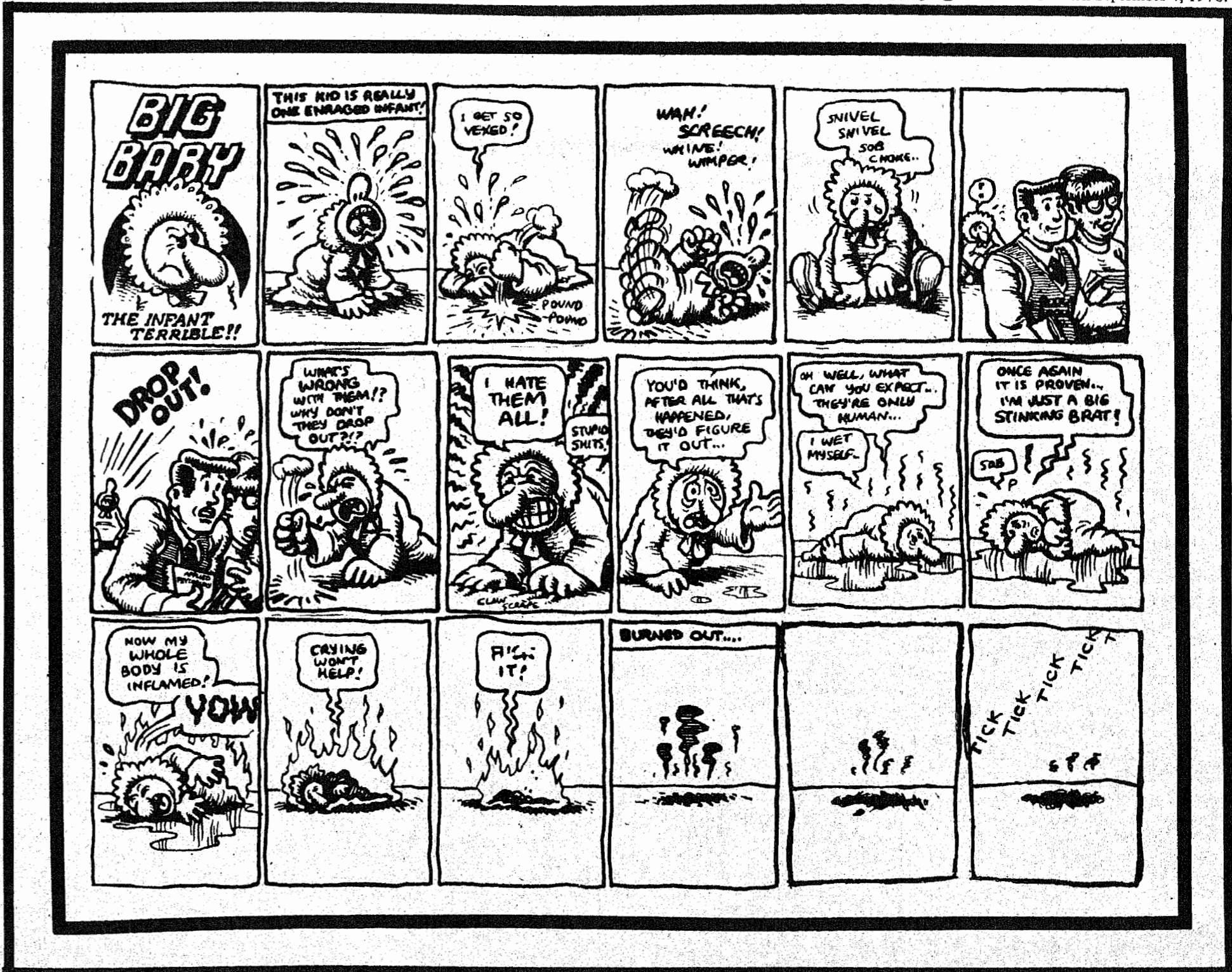
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Communication is a problem

The Adelaide University is an absolute hive of activity. There are groups putting on music, plays, debates, and films. Many groups are active with meetings, seminars and conferences in support of a particular cause or interest. This includes sports clubs as well as political, social and cultural associations.

Many groups involved in this way make one major mistake. They do not publicize their activities adequately.

This leads to clashes of activities, of bookings and of types of activities.

People who wish to attend both a C.A.N.E. meeting and a Left Coalition meeting sometimes find these meetings being held at the same time.

Groups who arrange to hold a meeting or activity at a certain time and place and do not book it in find, when they arrive, that another event is already proceeding.

Groups which schedule a seminar or film to be held at Friday lunch time often find themselves blasted with the raucous noise of a rock band.

Obviously measures need to be taken to avoid these sorts of clashes and this is how it is done.

(1) If you are holding your activity anywhere in the rooms or spaces of the Union Building and its surrounds - notify the Activities Co-ordinator, Chris Tingley on 2918 or in the Lady Symon Building, 2nd Floor.

She will then endeavour to ensure that your activity does not clash with another, i.e., in the same place, at the same time. She will also try to avoid situations where a rock band is scheduled for the Cloisters at the same time as a Philosophy

Seminar is scheduled for the Little Theatre.

She will also ensure that your activity is written up on the notice board of the S.A.U.A.; the Activities Blackboard (if possible) outside the Mayo Foyer, on the booking schedule for the Union and that notification of some kind is given to Bread and Circuses and On Dit.

She will also check that your group has all the facilities it needs. For instance did you know the Union has, for student use, two slide projectors, two 16mm movie projectors, three portable screens, two pianos, video equipment and a P.A. system. There is a deposit system on these items but no charge.

(2) Also notify the Activities Officer, Gai Wilson in the Students' Association especially if your activity is of a cultural, political or social nature. She will also ensure notification of groups, some publicity and co-ordination of events.

(3) Notify the two organs of publicity in the Union, the Bread and Circuses Broadsheet, via the Bread and Circuses box in the Students' Association and also On Dit at the On Dit Office.

Finally, is your group aware of the facilities for printing, publicity and promotion that are available for groups to use.

The Students's Association has a free golf ball typewriter for Student use. There is a \$1 deposit system for the golf ball. Typing can also be booked-in at the Office to be done by the typists there. There is a duplicating machine, a folding machine, a guillotine and an available telephone.

For groups wishing to make up posters. Information submitted to Karin in the Office can be printed on the headliner

machine in a variety of styles and cut up for a display poster. Charges are 15cents per foot.

Vera Trust and Ken Charnock are available in the Union Craft Studio to give advice on layout of posters. Phil Saj, the Printer, and some of the Students' Association staff can also give layout advice.

Posters can be printed in two colours. It generally costs \$2.50 for a plate and \$1.50 for printing 500 sheets plus the cost of the paper. Pictures and photograph need to be screened before being reproduced, blown-up or reduced in size. Typewritten copy can also be blownup or reduced.

Distribution of publicity material is generally up to the person ordering it and the Students' Association supplies glue and a brush. Some distribution can be handled by the Activities Co-ordinator for \$3.50 an hour.

Finally, the Activities Officer and the Activities Co-ordinator are mines of information concerning contacts with bands and other entertainers. The Activities Officer is responsible to the Social Activities Committee but the Activities Co-ordinator is available to all clubs, societies and associations to help organize and co-ordinate activities, supply information and equipment and help with publicity. This includes choral groups, theatre and debate groups, music and political groups and social activities such as dances and dinners.

All the facilities mentioned in this article are made available for student use and are paid for by student Union Fees. They are your facilities - use them!

CHRIS TINGLEY
ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR

Skin - diving

SKINDIVING CLUB

Our annual general meeting will be held on Thursday September 14th, at 8.00pm in the Sports Association Meeting Room. All members are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

For those members who have completed a dive course this year, your subsidies will be available at the A.G.M.

The club still dives regularly every Sunday. Our clubrooms in North Adelaide are open Sundays 9 - 9.30am, Mondays 7 - 7.30 pm.

All enquiries please ring Mark Divito on 261 7553.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPENDING SOME OF YOUR HOLIDAYS ON A KIBBUTZ IN ISRAEL THEN COME TO THE STUDENT OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 10 am - 2pm.

history club

HISTORY CLUB

Professor Trevor Wilson will talk on "Jazz - A People's Music" on Friday 8th September at 12.30pm in the History Honours Room (Napier Building - Room 416).

CRAFT STUDIO

CRAFT STUDIO
LEVEL 4
UNION BUILDING

There are still vacancies in the following courses:-

Silkscreen Printing - with Greg Donovan - starts Monday 11th September 7 pm - 9.30pm.

Simple Furniture Making and Upholstery - starts Saturday 16th September 9am - 12.30pm.

Photographics - starts Thursday 14th September 7pm - 9.30pm.

Creative Clothing - starts Thursday 14th September 7pm - 9pm.

Pottery and Ceramics - starts Thursday 14th September, 7pm - 9.30pm.

Sculpture Workshop - starts Tuesday 12th September 7pm - 9.30pm.

All About Herbs & Cosmetics - starts Thursday 14th September 10am - 12.30pm.

All courses cost \$20 for students and \$24 for others.

CRAFT STUDIO DEMONSTRATIONS

During 1978 we will continue the free demonstrations by Vera in the Studio on Tuesdays from 1pm - 2pm. Everyone welcome.

3RD TERM

12th September
FABRIC DECORATION

19th September
SHAPED WEAVING

26th September
PATCHWORK & APPLIQUE

3rd October
KNITTING & CROCHET

10th October
MONO PRINTS

17th October
SUN HATS

26th October
ALTERNATIVE AUSTRALIAN
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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TUTORS NEEDED!
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During the third term there will be a number of interest courses set up for University students to participate in a relaxing alternative to hard study, or to facilitate their studies.

It is planned that initially 5 courses will be run during the third term and next year this will be expanded to many as twenty.

The courses will be run on a breakeven basis with students participating paying a minimum fee which will help contribute to paying the tutors. Hopefully the tutors will also be University students.

The five courses planned for third term are:-

- (1) Shorthand
- (2) Speed Writing
- (3) Guitar
- (4) Self defence for Women
- (5) Tarot or palm reading

If you are a student skilled in anyone of the above five areas and feel you could totar a 7 week course please contact the Activities Co-ordinator, Ms Chris Tingley, in the Lady Symon Building within the Union or phone 223 4333 extn. 2918.

It is estimated that the courses will start in the second week of third term and finish in the week ending the 28th October.

Notes

1900

This film, Bertolucci's since "Last Tango in Paris", is an epic depiction spanning 45 years of Italian history.

It is set in a small rural community in the Po valley of northern Italy, where the two leading characters are both born on the same day in 1900. To start Bertolucci's uncompromising dialectic off on the right foot, one is the son of the local landowner, the 'patroni', while the other is an illegitimate son born to a large, extended, peasant family.

The lifelong friendship of these two is used to explore the social situation of an Italy, in which worker and peasant unrest are on the increase, and the fascists are developing in opposition to this, Bertolucci, as a Marxist, does not separate out the political as being separate, but rather sees it as being integral to social life itself. Hence to see it as Time magazine appears to, as being basically a good film with a bit too much embarrassing politics in it, is nonsensical. It either stands or falls with its politics entire.

Bertolucci's purpose in making this film is to challenge a view of history that he finds unten-

able; and he makes this challenge by presenting, on both a large and a small personal scale, a class view of society. This is in many ways a didactic work, an ordering of experience to make things clear.

This can be seen in many incidents in the film. When the landlords first meet to discuss the farm labourers strike, and to introduce the nascent fascist movement into the picture, they meet in the Church. Donald Sutherland, future leader of the local Blackshirts, takes around the church collection tin, amidst talk about order, respect, the family, the church etc. In an

almost 'operatic' style the point is made so as to be understood.

He also explores the social position of an art movement like Futurism. Even as a product of the non-conforming bourgeoisie, or perhaps even because so, it is a thing to be understood on only by those with privileged insight. It lets a peasant know that he does not understand, and so confirms the order of things.

In the same exploration, Bertolucci leads on to the barriers that stop a person from

one class understanding a person from another. Again and again these barriers are formed, and either crossed or not, depending on the people involved.

Time magazine calls it a "propagandistic pageant" and is puzzled as to why "weak patrician liberals fade away" during the film. Well, the reason for this is the dominance given to politics. Such people were becoming very irrelevant to political life at that stage in Italy's history, due to its increased polarization if no other

reason. They were providing, as in the film, totally unable to come to grips with the rise of Fascism.

While class-conflict divides the two men entirely, their sexuality unites them. Their childhood sexual explorations are made together, and in a disturbing scene of sexual exploitation they both go to bed with the village laundress, who has an epileptic fit. Bertolucci does this deliberately to highlight the cross class nature of sexism.

The film is still 4 hours in len-

gth, despite massive cuts in it. He has attempted to show every aspect of their lives, and has of course not succeeded in doing this. However, he has made a brilliant and very uncompromising film.

If you don't fancy it from what I have said about it, you could still go and see it for the sex and violence and I would comment Donald Sutherland's performance to all cat lovers.

The Time Magazine review referred to in the October 1977 issue.



Words

TELEVISION

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ADVENTURE
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In 1977 Television released their debut album "Marquee Moon". Commercially, the album didn't do too well, however critically it was heriled as a masterpiece. It came close to topping all overseas polls in the best album category for 1977 (Sounds: Album of 1977; not too sure of the other results!).

However the situation in Australia was slightly different. As in usually the case with commercially unviable material, "Marquee Moon" was passed over without a murmur. Now with the release of their second album, 'Adventure', history has repeated itself. Although receiving more attention in Australia, most of the criticism, unfortunately, has been adverse. Mike Safe of "The News" for instance, canned it outright (hales in comparison with MeatLoaf perhaps????).

The first thing to understand about Television is that it's Tom Verlaine's band. He writes all the lyrics, sings, plays lead guitar and co-produces the albums! So now you know, Television is a one-man band. (However with excellent backing musicians!) However it wasn't always like this. Once upon a time the band used to include one Richard Hell. In fact Tom Verlaine and Richard Hell (real names Tom Miller and Richard Myers) used to be school buddies and best of friends. So much so that they both decided to head to New York to make their fortune.

Not before long they formed a band initially called Neon Boys. Next they called themselves Goo Goo(!) before finally settling on Television, coined by Hell who had a whole concept of working with a wall of televisions based on some kind of media-blitz. Initially the band got along fine and only stayed clear of starvation due to the patronage of one Terry Ork (he introduced Richard Lloyd to the band) who is something of an entrepreneur on the New York scene. (Marquee Moon is in fact dedicated to the gentleman!).

the band performed numbers penned by both Verlaine and Hell including Hell's, "Love Comes in Spurts" and "Blank Generation" and Verlaine's "Venus", "Friction" and an early shaping of "Marquee Moon". The year by the way is 1974 and accolades soon started pouring in from all over for the band. In fact Patti Smith de-



voted one of her last-ever pieces of rock journalism totally to spreading the word on Television (see Rock Scene, October 1974 - a very strange piece of writing).

The band were gaining popularity at just the right time particularly as the New York rock scene was fairly stagnant at the time and had just witnessed the destruction of the New York Dolls trying to break it big nationally. The band so undid right and looked right

to take off. In fact it was Richard Hell's ragged rippe-up looks which provided a counter-piece for the New York trendies to copy after the flash, decadent costuming of the Dolls. (Also Malcolm McLaren, a great Hell admirer, pinched the look oh-so craftily for his Sex Pistols puppets).

The next stage in the bands history was the big split which occurred in the middle of 1975. Hell stated that the split was due to the fact that Verlaine firstly

forbade him from performing his songs and then forbade him from actually moving around on stage! So Hell left rather than be part of a backdrop to the Tom Verlaine Restless Ego Revue. Verlaine on the other hand described the split as due to the fact that Hell wasn't a really great bass player - he had great ideas but musically he wasn't too competent. The rest is history. Fred Smith was brought in on bass and eighteen months later Marquee Moon was released.

Getting back to their current release, Adventure, I have to say straight away that it is to mind the best release of 1978 (which has been a pretty good year for new releases to date!) From the opening track "Glory" through to the evocative "The Dream's Dream" which closes the set, one is treated to some of the best music to be heard in a long time (since Marquee Moon anyway!).

Basically its a guitar album and the twin axes of Lloyd and Verlaine pump out the most amazing guitar work I've heard since their debut album. To his credit Verlaine has even included keyboards on this set, played by none other than the man himself! (listen to the keyboards on "The Dream's Dream - simple but oh so powerful!) However one must do justice to the rhythm section as well because without such a tight outfit of Fred Smith on bass and Billy Fica on drums, Verlaine and Lloyd's playing would be lost. Even if you don't like the band's music you have to admire their musicianship.

As for the album itself its more a studio album than the first. More consciously thought out. Marquee Moon was a dark foreboding album from a debut band who had something to prove. It represented the collective experience and frustrations of the band's early years in New York. It had a sense of urgency and raw power which someone described as "knife-edge dementia" (check out the cover above!).

With Adventure however, the urgency is gone. The band have proved themselves and they're content to settle back and concentrate on melody on this album (which is superb - just listen to tracks like "Glory" and "Days"). Even Verlaine's singing on this album has improved and he uses his voice to maximum effect. Another good move is printing the lyrics on the inside sleeve - they have to be read to be believed. They look strange but in context with the music its a different matter. I won't bother going into a track by track run down - there's not enough space and anyway there's no point (it's definitely a total product album!) Television don't need analysis, just listening to.

TIM CHESTERMAN

P.S. One can see how much effort has gone into this album from the cover as well congratulations W.E.A.

MUSIC

Tubes

"WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME"

I do not believe that this is a live album: the recording is too good. The Tubes have come across as polished and produced here as ever before. The only problem however lies with concept: the Tubes are a very visual band, and I'm sure that for most of the time they were doing really entertaining and gross and extreme and funny things for the audience to see: however, one tends not to be able to see too much in a piece of black vinyl. Songs like "Don't touch me there" work almost as well as they do on the original recordings, but there's quite a lot of fairly bland instrumental - which only leaves one with a sort of empty feeling as you wonder what you are missing out seeing the singers do to each other on stage, while all the instrumental is going on. A record that promises more than it delivers, but better than most.

SIMON STRETTON

Bruce Springsteen

DARKNESS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN
CBS
SBP 237136

The first thing that struck me about this album was the way the formula has been applied again. If you know anything about Bruce Springsteen this means that the space of three years he has progressed very little. If you own a copy of Born To Run or even The Wild, The Innocent and The E Street Shuffle then you may as well pass this album up. You've heard it all before. His music and lyrical preoccupation are the same (except its now Candy instead of Sandy!).

However, this is not to say that the album itself is not a good one. In fact, it measures up quite adequately in every department. The musicship is excellent (basically the same band as on earlier albums) and the production too. The album starts off with two excellent tracks; "Badlands" and "Adam Raised a Cain" but deteriorates as the album progresses. Side two is more of a mixed bag with standout tracks being "The Promised Land" and "Prove It All Night".

Unfortunately there's no "Jungleland" ("Prove It All Night" comes close) but that's small price to pay to see the man back in action.

TIM CHESTERMAN

Auldridge

BLUES AND BLUEGRASS
(IMAGE) ILP786

The emphasis is definitely on bluegrass as Mike Auldridge and a host of other pickers work effortlessly through a collection of old and new songs and tunes in a style few could imitate.

From the reworking of standards "Killing Me Softly" and "Walk Don't Run" to the pure country of "Bottom Dollar", with Linda Rondstadt and Faysoux Starling helping Auldridge out on vocals, to the classic bluegrass of "Panhandle Country", the playing is never short of brilliant, particularly from Vassar Clements who plays fiddle like a man possessed.

The highlight of the album is the last track "Everybody Slides" - written by Lowell George, Mike Auldridge and David Bromberg, it features the three of them on electric guitar, dobro and acoustic guitar respectively, all displaying amazing technique and understanding on one of the best instrumentals I've heard in quite a while.

An excellent album for anyone interested in bluegrass or slide guitar.

VICTOR FLIERL

Steve Hillage

GREEN
VIRGIN 36567
(Thru Festival)

Steve Hillage is an anachronism; he describes his latest album as "Organic Electrick Musick" and his lyrics are preoccupied with the Cosmos and astral vibes - concepts that everyone else abandoned ten years ago. After a glance at the cover, there's a temptation to dismiss 'Green' as an out-of-date musical cliché (the disc itself is even pressed in appropriately coloured vinyl!) but once you've assimilated (or learned to ignore) the words, the music makes rewarding listening.

Hillage intersperses intricate, energetic tracks (sounding at times like an up-tempo Pink Floyd) with slow-moving electronic tide-patterns which meander along until they evolve into something else. A pleasing aspect of the album is the constant turnover of ideas; Hillage avoids repeating himself although too often he shows a synthesizer. Neither the music nor the lyrics consistently make sense, but the record has an air of infectious charm about it.

"Green" is, however, not for the cynical.....

MARK JENNER

Vibrators

V2
THE VIBRATOR

The Vibrators first album was a new-wave near-classic upon its release last year. There was light and shade, innovation, and a spark of individualism. Unfortunately this is not the case with this record. Every song is the same distortion filled unimaginative exercise. Don't get me wrong; distortion is the saviour of all modern music and there is nothing quite like the texture of its energy: but these guys just do not use it at all. This album is almost as contrived, as The Stranglers. For non thinking punks only.

JIMON STRETTON

Billy Cobham

INNER CONFLICTS
ATLANTIC (THRU WEA)

'Inner Conflicts' is a very hard-driving album which greatly reflects Billy Cobham's obsession with percussions, a feature of many jazz-rock contemporaries. However side one reveals his failure to combine with an interesting rhythm section, resulting in two over-long tracks which become boring and monotonous. The introduction of brass and some competent keyboards by Dawilli Gongga highlight side two which finishes on an interesting 'laid-back' sound, unfortunately the shortest of the album.

Great music to entertain by, but for serious listeners it fails to retain interest. Overall a bit bland.

Joanne Bretag.

Leo Kotke

6 & 12 String Guitar
LEO KOTKE
KOTKE. FALEY. ALDRIDGE
LEO KOTKE. JOHN FALEY.
MIKE ALDRICH

These two albums mark the acquisition of the Takoma label by Astor Australia. The Leo Kotke album is an issue already available in the past, whereas the combination record is to my knowledge an entirely new release. The styles are very consistent throughout both records with the brittle crackle of steel strung guitar untainted by vocals. Very much an issue for those into the actual acoustic guitar, it does tend to get monotonous; if one does not appreciate the subtleties of the arrangements. Unfortunately, the genre is now old enough to be able to characterise these records as very traditional examples of the finger picking style. It's all well done, but there's nothing new.

On Dit

Singles Review

FESTIVAL SINGLES
IN ORDER OF MERIT

Generation X YOUR GENERATION

Surely one of the best singles to emerge from the english new-wave; still fresh with the idealism of 1977, "YOUR GENERATION" is a storming piece of rock and roll blankness; well worth actually BUYING. (Get your brother to do it if you're too embarrassed).

Dr Feelgood

"SHE'S A WINDUP"

A perfect example of how '70's techniques can be applied to 50's rock and roll to get dance music that is truly joyfull. A lot of bands could learn from this record - No Social but its a gem. BUY IT' (or flog it ...).

Tom Petty

"BREAKDOWN"

"ANYTHING THATS ROCK 'N ROLL"

"I NEED TO KNOW"

These 3 singles span two years of American Tom, Petty's career. "Breakdown" from late 1976 is probably the most convincing of the three; it is a soft New York style ballad about Breakdown; "Anything thats Rock 'n Roll" is from the same period and is meant to (I assume), glorify rock 'n roll. However, the lacklustre arrangement which belies no understanding of the spirit behind the music lets it all down. "I need to know" is the single of the last album and is fairly tight and Punchy, however if it means anything the "punchiness" obscures it.

Eddie

"QUIT THIS TOWN"

A Blondie - style up temp doo wap rage, from EDDIE and the Hot Rods. Very much a pop song, it has a gutsiness that hasn't quite been eradicated by the "punchy" production. (When will the producers learn that the Bass Drum has no place in rock 'n roll?).

The Sports

"WHEN YOU WALK IN THE ROOM"

This is the second Elvis Costello

single from the Sports. I have two questions;

(1) Why let a studio - moron like Jo Camilleri loose on a good band like this

(2) When will mushroom remember the lesson Skyhooks taught them: what people want is originality?

Stranglers

"GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF"
"S MINUTES"

Hippies never could play rock and roll. They copy hard and use all 24 channels ... but so does the DALY-WILSON BIG BAND

Magazine

"SHOT BY BOTH SIDES"

"Produced" and, cleaned up punk. Despite the utter castigation that this involves, this record isn't really all that bad. At least theres, no string ensemble. Maybe worth a listen if you like rock singles.

Motors

MOTORS

"DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY"

The Bay City Rollers with heavy "Rock Band Backing".

Young Ones

"ROCK AN' ROLL RADIO"

Can you imagine "the young doctors" TV Show about a radio, minus the sex, minus the drama and minus the picture?

Hillage

"GETTING BETTER"

My god; the Beatles go disco. Steve Hillage does a Travolta/Bee Gees version of the Lennon McCartney "Getting Better". Who is this guy and what the fuck does he think music is anyway? If he wants to make money, then why doesn't he do something a bit less criminal, like kidnapping?

As long as Robert Stigwood/Bee Gees/ Jules / drum machine formula muzak sustain their crimes against music; you and I, let alone the world, have no chance to find our own culture.

by SIMON STRETTON

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