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She ate and drank a little with the guests, though the Duke plucked an occasional glass of beer from a passing waiter's tray.—S.M.H., February 19.
Mrs. Y., 40

Why did you have an abortion?

For two reasons. The first was economic. I simply couldn’t have afforded, at the time, to have another child. But I was also psychologically in a mess. I read some­thing quite healthy. I see. Your first abortion was after the birth of your oldest child; did it interfere with your having the other children?

No. Because I produce what appears to be a perfectly normal miscarriage.

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There were several doctors. They were very friendly and tried to calm me down. I remember shaking an awful lot.

**Was the actual operation painful?**
No. But it seemed like hours. Thank God my body was hidden under a sheet.

**How long were you in the surgery?**
I was in the surgery for about 7 minutes. Later I was served tea and biscuits... this reminded me of the time I donated blood to the Red Cross.

**Did you ever see the doctor again?**
In the waiting room the nurse gave me six tablets and I was to take these daily. I returned to Doctor X a few weeks later for a check up and he told me the operation was successful.

Assuming then, you made a complete physical recovery; did your outlook towards sex alter?
Yes. You've probably got the impression I'm 'going steady' with Michael but I've always mixed with other boys. Although I concentrated my attention on Mike, I used to pet Michael but I've always mixed with other boys. But anyway I guess one good thing about the abortion was that it's drawn Mike and me much closer together. In fact, in the last few months I've been physically revolted by every other guy I went out with.

To be more explicit... you've slept only with Michael since the operation?
Yes.

If you become pregnant again will you have another abortion?
No, I would rather marry.

Have many of your friends had an abortion?
A few of them.

If your sister became pregnant would you advise her to have an abortion?
If it was impossible for her to marry, then I guess there'd be no other choice.

Will you eventually marry Michael?
Probably. But no matter who I do, I want four or five children.

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**Dr. X., abortionist**

**Are you a registered doctor?**
Yes.

**How many abortions do you perform weekly?**
I'm not prepared to say.

**Why?**
No other doctor would disclose this sort of information — it's personal business.

**Why do you perform abortions?**
Somebody has to do them.

That's not answering the question. Why have you chosen to accept the responsibility?
I've seen some unpleasant accidents occur to women who've fallen into clumsy, unqualified hands. If a pregnant woman is desperate enough to risk mutilation, then she should be allowed to have the operation under proper conditions and performed by a qualified doctor.

**What are your fees for an abortion?**
I'm sorry but I won't answer that. The usual charge is £70. Wouldn't the lure of a healthy profit be part of your motive for doing abortions?
Not at all. Ever had your appendix removed? It costs the doctor £30 or £40 to operate, plus £10 to pay assistants, £8 for an anaesthetist, £6 for the theatrette, £40 for a week's hospitalisation. There are middle men involved in every sort of operation. The price seems unreasonable because the patient has to pay in advance. Yet when you buy groceries, instant payment is the accepted thing.

**How do you avoid police detection?**
I can't answer that.

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**These three interviews were arranged by spreading the word that OZ was interested in a full treatment of the abortion question. The people interviewed contacted us and said they would supply the information we needed. We do not know who they are or how they could be contacted again. The names used are fictitious.**

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**Is the operation dangerous?**
Not if done carefully. Remember, gynaecologists perform exactly the same operation quite routinely for many reasons other than an unwanted pregnancy. There is some danger if the patient is more than 12 weeks pregnant, but in that case I would not operate.

**Do your patients fit into any sociological category?**
Not really, they're a good cross section of the community. You get the middle class sections of the community. You get the middle class section of the community, with a pre-menopausal pregnancy. She's already reared several children and doesn't want to devote her later years to a new baby. And, of course, there's the 14 or 15 year old girl who's too young to marry. She has the alternative of adoption or abortion. Between these age groups are the single girls who've had a casual affair or the young mother who's been unfaithful to her husband.

**Do you ever advise your patients to have the child adopted?**
Yes, I'm in the process of arranging several adoptions at the moment. But many women hate the prospect of enduring nine months of pregnancy. The final decision is always left to my patient.

**How would you advise a young girl?**
Firstly, to tell her parents and let them decide.

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**Aren't girls reluctant to do so?**
Sometimes, but it would be stupid of me to operate without her parents' knowledge. My experience shows that mothers have always rallied around. Fathers, admittedly are often more concerned with the family's reputation than the daughter's misfortune.

**Do many women operate on themselves?**
It's difficult to judge. But I'm constantly surprised by the number of women who calmly inform me of their self-induced miscarriages. Women who are such chronic "offenders" are usually ignorant or lazy. Public hospitals could supply them with oral contraceptives very cheaply. A privately sponsored organisation known as Racial Hygiene distributes supplies for about 10/- a month.

**Do women ever regret having an abortion?**
I don't think so.

**Do you ever regret giving them?**
No, some of my patients have been in such a desperate condition that a refusal would make me feel guilty.

**Are you a religious person?**
No.

**Do your friends know you perform abortions?**
Most of them.

**Do you only perform abortions?**
No, like most other "sympathetic" doctors, this is merely one part of a large general practice.

**Do you think abortions for other than therapeutic reasons should be legalised?**
Yes, if only to prevent "butchers" benefiting from the scarcity of qualified doctors.

**Are there many such people?**
In the lower class suburbs there are.

Those who oppose legalised abortion argue that a pregnant woman's attitude towards her expected child is ambivalent and it is unfair for a doctor to act on a decision that she may regret later.

Women who decide to terminate their pregnancy do not act on a whim. In the case of a teenager, her parents have spent long hours discussing the matter. A married woman usually confers with her husband before approaching a doctor.

If your teenage daughter was pregnant, would you operate?
The final decision would depend on her.

**What would be your parental advice?**
I don't know. I would outline all the alternatives. But this question is too hypothetical. I honestly don't learnt enough if women will come here in the first place.
Mr. AIKENS (Townsville South): Tonight I am going to deal with a document that has caused me considerable concern. When it came into my possession I asked myself, first of all, 'Could I possibly use it?' and then, 'Could I use it in Parliament?', because, although it contains no word or phrase that is unparliamentary, it is perhaps one of the foulest documents that have ever been penned. Consequently, when I read into it was one of absolute disgust and I said, 'I will have nothing to do with it'. Then I received information and I checked up on it. As you will see, it is a photostat copy of a newspaper called 'The Freethinker', which circulates very freely at the Queensland University.

Every young boy and every young girl, who are students, and in fact every old girl and every old man who happens to be on the staff there, get a copy of it. That did not affect me very much because, when all is said and done, with the new conception of university education, I suppose some of us older hands have become a little case-hardened to the fact that things of this sort circulate in the university; but the fact that finally swung the balance in favour of bringing it here was that 'Hansard' is never read by any adolescent or any child. Consequently, there will be no danger of corrupting the mind of any adolescent or child by my reading it and having it published in "Hansard".

Mr. HOUSTON: That shows how little you know of what is going on in the schools. "Hansard" is read in the schools.

Mr. AIKENS: If "Hansard" is read in the schools, it is time hon. members ought to do something about this matter, and I will tell the committee why. That was a very unfortunate interjection for the hon. member for Bulimba to make.

Mr. HOUSTON: It is true, and that is all there is to it.

Mr. AIKENS: This document affects three organisations in Queensland. Two of them we as a parliament can do nothing about. We cannot do anything about the Australian Labour Party; that is a matter between themselves and their members and their conscience. We cannot do anything about the Australian Broadcasting Commission, because that is a commission set up by the Federal Government and it does not directly concern this parliament. But we can do something about the Queensland University.

Mr. WALSH: Not much.

Mr. AIKENS: I am going to read this document. It is, as I have said, perhaps the filthiest thing ever written. It was written by a man named Mr. Queen, who was the A.L.P. campaign director in the last Federal election for Mrs. Guyatt. It was written in collaboration with a man named MacFarlane.

Mr. EVANS: That is the boy who lectures the kiddies.

Mr. AIKENS: An article is about talks that were given by Dr. Kenny, who, amazingly enough, is Director of Research for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. I am no more surprised that a man like that can obtain and hold a well paid position in the Australian Broadcasting Commission than I am that men who write this sort of stuff can become members of the A.L.P. I have long publicly expressed the opinion that the Australian Broadcasting Commission is a tyrannical monstrosity. It is a home for men who hold jobs that can be described only as obnoxious. Consequently, if I may use the vernacular, the sooner the cleaner is put through it, the better it will be for the people of Australia.

It reads:—

"On May 1, the Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Sir Charles Bickerton-Blackburn, called a meeting of the Students' Representative Council to discuss the conduct of the Council's Orientation Week. At the meeting, Sir Charles discussed talks given by Dr. Peter Kenny in a symposium "Are Morals Out-dated" and also the presentation of the length of Orientation Week. Dr. Kenny, who has recently received a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Sydney University Psychology Department, had taken part in a discussion with Dr. Kinsella and during this debate had suggested five changes in our present moral codes. "He suggested, first of all, people have the right to fornicate or not to fornicate as they so desired; secondly he said that every house should be equipped with a centrally placed room, which he described as a 'masturbatorium', for the convenience of the residents. "Dr. Kenny then spoke for some length about the possible dangers of masturbation, which, he said, ostentatiously stroking his large beard, we all knew was responsible for the growth of hair on the palm of the hand, and elsewhere; but he could assure the weary listener that the whitish discharge which appeared at the end of the penis would not result in the loss of any brain tissue. Further, Dr. Kenny said, there was no moral law, and that homosexuals should be granted the same rights to marriage as heterosexuals."

I am pleased that the Premier is in the Chamber to hear that filthy thing read. There it is. It is a photostat copy of a newspaper that was freely circulated at the Queensland University among our young boys and our young girls by men who are drawing salaries from the public purse, men like Mr. Queen and MacFarlane.

Mr. WALSH: You have heard about the so-called academic freedom. Mr. AIKENS: As I have said, I have no objection to freedom. No one here would say that I am squeamish. I do not make any claims to being squeamish. When all is said and done, I am probably less squeamish than most hon. members. As a man who, to use an old western expression, has been up every dry gully, I would probably have read the first three or four lines of it and thrown it away. But when I realised — I am not going to harp on this — that it was published by two prominent members of the A.L.P., I really thought we should do something about it. Had it been circulated in Spring Hill or in South Brisbane where the type of people congregate who would like this sort of thing, there could be no objection to it. But are we going to allow this sort of moral and oral and verbal filth to be circulated at our University and do nothing about it? Now I am going to deal with our friend the co-author of that shockingly filthy and disgusting document, Mr. Bruce MacFarlane.
He was expelled from the Communist Party not so long ago and is now such an honoured member of the A.L.P. that we read this in last Sunday's "Sunday-Mail", and on the front page, too—"Nambour—
To talk about the 'fantastic potential' of North Queensland was 'nonsense and guff', a Queensland University lecturer in Economic Development said yesterday.

"He is Mr. Bruce MacFarlane, who was addressing 40 people at the Young Labour Association's annual school of political science.

"Speaking under the gum trees near the Wappa Creek waterfall, he said North Queensland's 'fantastic potential' had never been supported by techno-economic studies."

How does a condemnation of the potential of North Queensland—Mr. EVANS: And it is mostly untrue.

Mr. AIKENS: Of course it is untrue; it is the sort of thing one would expect from a sexual pervert.

Mr. AIKENS: I am speaking now, apart from politics, and purely and simply as a 100 per cent. North Queenslander. One or another of these things, I am purely and simply as an A.L.P. member of Parliament, send this 'pervo' a copy of the master plan drawn up for the development of North Queensland.

Apparently this sexual pervert, this MacFarlane, this member of the A.L.P., heard nothing about it. I would suggest that the Leader of the Opposition, or one of the northern A.L.P. members of Parliament, send this 'pervo' a copy of the master plan drawn up by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of North Queensland.

This sex pervert MacFarlane probably does not know that we have a branch of the C.S.I.R.O. in Townsville which is investigating questions such as pasture improvement, the improvement of herds, fertility, soil conservation and plant conservation. But, of course one would not expect this masturbation artist to know anything about that. He would not be able to grasp that. He is too busy grasping something else. To use the vernacular, he is too busy grasping the willow. But these things go on.

It was said by a very wise man—
I think it was Professor Baxter
A Government Member: Not Bill Baxter!

The CHAIRMAN: Order! The hon. member will refer to members of this Chamber by their proper titles.
Photographers and Prince Philip stood grinning at each other, but the Queen maintained a dignified demeanour.— *Telegraph, February 22.*
MODESTY was introduced with Christianity. But it was not until the time of Henry II of France that people decided not to leave it to chance.

The result was enforced chastity and in the middle ages the chastity belt ensured that wives were painfully conscious of their sense of propriety.

At first this device was not given the cordial welcome one would expect, as many blacksmiths found when they tried to sell them at fairgrounds. But they soon caught on because crusades kept the knights pretty busy, and intellectual entertainment for the womenfolk was scarce.

Girdles of chastity came in all shapes and sizes from the economy model of plain metal to the high-fashion variety covered in red velvet. Although these girdles were intended to preserve the nation's purity they could not avoid a risque element which lowered the tone of the whole experiment.

An example is the engraving on the front plate of a belt showing a couple kissing passionately, the woman sitting on the man's knee. Underneath is inscribed: "Alas this be my complaint to you, that women are plagued with the breeches."

On another a woman holds in her hand the bushy tail of a fox, which is creeping between her calves. Below are the words "Stop little fox! I have caught you. You have too often been through there."

Something else which detracted from the value of this device was the easy access to skeleton keys.

Chastity belts are now thought of as relics of a bygone age. But this is not so. Recently a family used the device to prevent their daughter's inveterate masturbation.

In 1931, the mother of nine children was admitted to a New York hospital. In the course of a routine examination she was found to be wearing a metal girdle. She admitted wearing this for 20 years on her husband's insistence, he being the victim of erotic dreams. The husband was charged with second degree assault.

The following year M. Henri Letiere was convicted on the same charge when he forced his wife to wear a chastity belt for three months. M. Letiere had also spent 325 francs of his wife's money purchasing the article. A year later he was arrested for repeating the offence.

In 1933 a New Zealand boy met a girl near a mining camp. In the course of the evening's entertainment he discovered she was equipped with a modified belt—a small steel plate covering the relevant aperture, and obviously intended to be worn for short periods only.

In December, 1933, the League of Enlightened Magyars put forward as point 19 of their national programme that all unmarried girls over 12 should wear such a girdle, and that the key should be entrusted to the father or some competent authority.

The Croats had a variation on the chastity belt. It served the same purpose but was considerably cheaper. They simply dabbed a corrosive substance on the pubic region. This soon produced a sore which made cohabitation impossible. It was doubly effective because it repulsed any advances from the males as well.

The Queen and the Duke's response was to walk to the wharf with barely a glance at the crowd as though they had not really been expected and were just passing by.

S.M.H., March 9.
Wednesday, February 6: The Queen arrived in New Zealand at the Bay of Islands.

Local and imported Maoris staged a welcoming ceremony and later applauded wildly when the Queen spoke a few words to them in Maori: “Araha-nui kia ora koutou”, meaning “Love and good luck to you all”.

Fifteen of the imports were unluckily killed when the bus in which they were returning home toppled 200 feet into a valley.

AUCKLAND

Thursday, February 7: The Queen arrived in Auckland and attended an opera in the evening.

In the foyer fifty people were treated for shock and heat exhaustion.

Friday, February 8: The Queen visited carpet and pottery factories. The Duke inspected a company making forestry products and another making domestic appliances.

The Duke asked many penetrating questions. He asked one man if he had bought his car on the “never light of the Queen’s day in Wellington”, and another if she had a family.

The woman became so confused that she turned and fled.

In the grounds of Wellington Hospital a 14 year old crippled girl crawled across the grass by the driveway and on her knees saw the Queen go by in her car only three feet away.

The girl, in nightdress and bed jacket, moved fast on her knees from her seat as soon as she saw where the Royal car would pass.

With a delighted smile, she waved to the Queen.

DUNEDIN

Friday, February 15: Twenty children were taken to hospital when a bus careered down a steep hill and crashed through the iron gates of Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

Two were admitted to hospital and the other 18, slightly injured, were hurried back to the Royal Garden Party.

The Duke quipped to 9 year old Vicky Sherwin, who lost two front teeth, “You won’t be able to eat for a while”.

Another small girl with “a sore head” said that the Duke had jokingly asked her if she would be walking home.

Monday, February 18: The Queen arrived in Australia.

In the evening 600 packed into King’s Hall to stare.

The Prime Minister was reminded of “the words of the old seventeenth century poet who wrote: ‘I did but see her passing by and yet I love her til I die’”.

The episode was immortalised by the Daily Mirror’s “Ming Makes Fashionably dressed women with shoes off clambered on to chairs and large blue hat teetered on top of the fence gazing at the Queen.

Sunday, February 23: A section of Melbourne’s racegoing public staged the worst display of rudeness of the tour.

Matrons in new summer ensembles climbed half way up the fences surrounding the mounting yard and for several hours did not cease gawking at the Royal party.

One woman in a smart blue frock and large blue hat teetered on top of the fence gazing at the Queen.

MELBOURNE

Saturday, February 23: A section of Melbourne’s racegoing public staged the worst display of rudeness of the tour.

The rush began when Miss Lauris Elms and the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir were performing “Land of Hope and Glory”.

As the Queen stood outside the Royal box talking to concert performers, ambulance men 10 yards to the rear were treating middle aged women who were lying on the ground.

Monday, February 25: 500,000 people came to the city to see the Moomba parade and Royal couple.
Watching the parade the Queen saw a second, but unscheduled, procession.

The impromptu parade was made by stretcher bearers carrying women who had fainted near the Royal dais.

The Queen appeared to be concerned.

SYDNEY

Saturday, March 2: Organisers were gratified by the number of small craft on the harbour to greet the Britannia, despite the rough weather.

Several small boats capsized.

At Circular Quay, before the Queen stepped ashore, a tour official with a loudspeaker, told waiting dignitaries how to behave.

He told them to stand up when the Queen and the Duke entered the wharf building, to sit during the Queen's inspection of the guard of honour and not to stand on chairs.

Thousands lined the city streets for the Royal progress. In all, twelve people collapsed and had to be taken to Sydney Hospital.

In Bedford Street 32 crippled children waited two hours to greet the Queen.

At Hyde Park a youthful choir sang "A Rose in the Land of the Wattle," The Queen waved to the girls, who were blind.

After the progress the Queen remarked: "I'm very pleased with the large crowd that came to see us."

Sunday, March 3: In the morning the Royal couple attended St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Along the route the excitement proved too much for 13 children, who fainted.

The couple made an impromptu tour of the Opera House site with Professor H. Ingham Ashworth, who reported: "I think they both realised it was unique."

At a special quayside ceremony, during which he accepted the keys of a new boat for the Outward Bound movement, the Duke was greeted with the cries of "Rhubarb! Rhubarb!" from some teenage girls.

It was reported that the puzzled Duke was told that "Rhubarb" was a general purpose catch-cry adopted from the "Goon Show". It was a term used to express pleasure or annoyance, enthusiasm or disdain.

Monday, March 4: In the morning the Queen opened the Wallace Wurth School of Medicine and the School of Biological Sciences at the University of N.S.W.

Professor B. J. Ralph showed the Queen over the school. He reported: "She appeared very well informed and her questions were very intelligent, not as if she was just making conversation. We discussed our process for the manufacture of protein from yeast."

Professor Ralph added: "Knowing the Duke's reputation for tricky questions we left him to Professor Baxter."

In the university grounds 50 people collapsed and one woman suffered a heart attack.

The Royal couple made a surprise visit to the Moore Park children's recreation centre.

Bert Balbi, 11, said: "When I saw the Duke I asked if he was someone special and if he was the Queen's husband. The Duke said "yes" but it did not matter if I did not know who he was."

Jimmy Moshides, 13, asked Prince Philip: "Do you play the trumpet?" He later sheepishly admitted to reporters that he had the Duke of Edinburgh mixed up with Duke Ellington.

BRISBANE

Friday, March 8: Before the Queen's arrival in Brisbane, the loyal citizens were reminded by their Premier to give "resounding cheers and forests of waving flags."

The highlight of the day was the unveiling of a memorial commemorating the discovery of the Moonie oilfields. The ceremony was held at Bulwer Island, a spot transformed almost overnight from a mangrove swamp into a tropical haven.

Fully grown palm trees were planted around the Queen's dais and the whole area was sprayed with mosquito repellent.

Citizens of a nearby suburb irreverently complained that the island's mosquitoes had moved into their homes.

Saturday, March 9: In the morning the Queen attended a rally of 82,000 children, of whom 100 were treated for heat exhaustion.

In a remarkable change of form, the skies almost washed out the Royal Surf Carnival at Coolangatta.

Before the Royal car arrived a band playing on the beach gave up when some of the instruments filled with water, and policemen stood ankle deep in slush to hold back crowds near the road.

As the Duke stepped from the car, people nearby were shocked to hear him remark: "It's bloody wet."

Q. Mr. Ward, has the Skripov affair been used against the Labour Party?

A: I think that there has been an effort to use it against us but I don't think it has succeeded. It has proved a squib.

Q: Do you think the Scripov revelation was sprung at a politically appropriate time?

A: Hard to say. You would have to know whether the government was considering a snap election at the time. They may have decided to abandon it for some other reason.

Q: Do you consider the Press handling of the Scripov affair was just?

A: I don't think the Press' handling was any different from their handling of many other matters. The newswapers have laws displayed prejudice against particular labour men and against the Labour Party generally.

Q: Does that include the Sydney Morning Herald?

A: It does. I think that the Sydney Morning Herald at the moment, probably for reasons not yet disclosed, have adopted a critical attitude towards the Prime Minister, rather than to the whole Liberal Party. However, I think that this is only a passing phase and their main interest is basically anti-labour.

Q: Do you think that the Scripov affair has in any way justified the existence of the Australian Intelligence and Security Organisation?

A: I say there would have to be more evidence as to their effectiveness before a claim could be made that they have justified their existence. But the Prime Minister and the Attorney-General refuse to answer any parliamentary questions on its activities or achievements. All that Parliament is ever asked to do is to budget papers to carry it on.
SOCIAL

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2. Mr. Mervyn Horton.
3. Miss Nicholina Ralston and Mr. Peter Kuner.
5. Mrs. "Wiska" Listwan.
6. Mr. and Mrs. Rudi Tolnay.
7. Mrs. Doris Austin.
8. Mrs. Leith Myerson.
11. Dianne Klippel.
13. Mrs. Katie Galbraith and Gail.
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DEPARTMENT OF FACT

On March 20 the Daily Mirror printed the following story under the headline "Department of Fact".

"The Daily Telegraph (the paper you can trust) said on January 25: The State Government has accepted a £50 million plan for redevelopment of the Rocks area, west of Sydney's Circular Quay.

'L. J. Hooker Investment Corporation submitted the plan.'

The Daily Telegraph (the paper you can trust) said today: 'State Cabinet has accepted in principle a £30 million scheme of James Wallace Pty. Ltd for redevelopment of the Rocks area, west of Sydney's Circular Quay.'

'The paper you can trust?"

Perhaps the Telegraph's facts cannot be trusted. But we give first prize to the Mirror for twisting them to suit a purpose.

On Friday, March 1, William Perry, Daily Mirror man with the Queen, wrote:

"In Canberra crowds were virtually non-existent.
In Adelaide they were quiet and subdued.
Melbourne turned out in force but was content to wave flags.
Hobart was shy, overawed by the occasion . . .
Sydney, will you please cheer the Queen."

On March 18 the same William Perry wrote on page two of the Daily Mirror:

"No one can doubt the sincerity and warmth of Australia's welcome. Look at the record:
- ADELAIDE loved every minute of the royal visit. The crowds there were enormous.
- MELBOURNE turned out in force. The people waved, gawked and had the 'staringest' time of their lives.
- HOBART was constrained, shy, perhaps overawed. But its people stood in thousands to cheer and wave."

A wise man changes his mind; a fool never will.

Mr. Menzies amused the Queen by mistakenly introducing 18 year old Eileen Hannan of Melbourne as Mrs. Hannan. "I thought she looked a little young," said the Queen, when greying Senator G. Hannan explained she was really his daughter.

—Mirror, February 19.
LEGITIMATE THEATRE

The Cherry Orchard: This is a superb production of Chekov’s immortal play — including Sophie Stewart, Ellis Irving, Ron Haddick, Gordon Chater and Mary Reynolds — gives a sympathetic, united performance.

Flaming Youth: An Australian “20’s” musical. Elusive to a fault, the acting is inconsequential and musical numbers are unexceptionally weak and the production is a long way from a charming effect.

G. & S.: This production is part of a current rash of old favourites. John Larsen, as the noticeably greying Frederick, is far and away the best performer. It is only a pity that he wore his “Rose Marie” outfit by mistake during the second act.

Waltz of the Toreadors: Slick, bawdy, brilliant comedy. Peter Sellers, as the aging general, romps his way through this superb piece of cinematic theatre.

La Notte: The latest Italian sterility-of-life film, “The Night”, is a sensitive study of the egocentricism of two people. The pair spend one night at a party in an abortive attempt to make contact with the world beyond their own.

The Island: A slow moving, intense experiment. It records the life of a silent isolated family, toiling their livelihood from the earth.

Show Of The Month

The volume of pre-publicity surrounding the Queen Spectacular makes the critics’ task doubly difficult.

It has had fantastic international success since it began at the London Palace almost 10 years ago, with a continuous run broken only by short overseas engagements. This is now customary with all such large overseas extravaganzas, Sydney only got second bite at the plum. The Australian premiere was held in Melbourne, after a small out-of-town warm up in Canberra and Adelaide.

In the title role, Elizabeth Windsor gives a sparkling performance. She projects her coldness and aloofness so convincingly that she seems almost by sheer repetition to have incorporated this incredibly sterilised characterisation into her own personality.

The critics were unanimous in their e c t a s y: “radiant” (Melbourne Herald), “beautiful” (S.M.H.), “lively and lovely” (R.G.M.).

The only flaw in an otherwise perfect performance is that she still shows a slightly imperfect knowledge of some lines, impeding spontaneity and conviction at times. This is a double pity because she is called upon to handle some of the worst lines in the whole show.

Unfortunately the photography deteriorates after the superb introduction to the West Side, but the big production numbers are well controlled and visually exciting.

A trite plotline is propped along with the full gamut of cinematographic gimmicks — off-tacks, dream sequences, film played back, even the wonderful staccato trailer for “La Dolce Vita”.

Somehow Marcel Mastroianni is made to look like David Niven with Eric Baume facial tic.

Although a little hesitant at times, the Queen sensed when her guests were too embarrassed to start a conversation and always had something — often pertinent and lively — to say.— Telegraph, February 20.
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Designed by Cedric Flower

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