Sir,

I suppose after twelve months of publication you reckon that you have "burnt off" any readers who believe in Christianity, decency or any of those other stuffy old ideas. However, as a practising Christian myself, I occasionally buy OZ "to see how the other half lives", as it were, and I am not beyond raising a protest at the utter tastelessness of Sharp's little Easter message last issue, where the Resurrection, the most sacrosanct event in all history, is compared to some sort of levitation stunt.

I thought you chaps had so ravaged the laws of obscenity and libel and sedition that you might have had enough restraint to avoid the fourth member of the quartet, blasphemy. If he hasn't he's hardly worth reading about.

Jack Ferguson, Padstow, N.S.W.

Sharp replies: Let's hope God has a sense of humour. If he hasn't he's hardly worth your attention.

Sir,

I have read most of the editions of your magazine. Whilst pleased with the fact that attempts at satire are being made, I am essential in a society such as ours, I notice your advertisement for literature on "How to become a King Hamboner and a King Hitter". One never knows when to take you seriously but I have enclosed a 5d stamp and shall expect such literature to be forwarded in the near future.

Patrick Barry, Killara, N.S.W.

Sir,

John Jarred in his letter in the April OZ seems to have analysed you and found your personalities deficient. You are frustrated and consequently need to challenge authority. You have no control over your emotions and will soon be in trouble again. (I don't wonder.) You are insecure and compulsively show off in order to prove yourselves. You are cunning and sly but not the right sort, a movie of your hidden anger and covert hostility.

Well, look. I'm perfectly willing to admit that all this is true, but I would like to point out to Mr Jarred that psychological conditions such as he detects have nothing to do with the effectiveness or quality or astuteness of literary endeavours. A good part of our most important literary heritage has been produced by people of genius who were motivated by mental disturbances of various degree and kind. Great work is not produced, of course, as many seem to assume, because the writer is sick, but emotional imbalance often provides the steam to run the boat. Happy people tend to sail through life more leisurely, enjoying the scenery, even when they're geniuses.

The problem is, analysing you doesn't analyse OZ. A writer is not his work. His work is a reflection of him, but you can do a lot with mirrors. Mr Jarred seems to have fogged his up and he would be well advised to put away his Pocket Freud and go back to his Witchcraft for Beginners. We don't care whether the picture be good, bad, or indifferent. G reat work is not produced, of course, as many seem to assume, whether it contains sex, politics, religion, Australia will have my undying support, and larger city newsagents. Col­ins Book Depot distributes OZ in Adelaide. * OZ needs contributors. Please send manuscripts or artwork to the above address.

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Sir,

In 1961 I daringly made a trip to Hong Kong, despite the warnings of respectable Australians to the effect that it was a sin city and I would be raped on every street corner. Whilst in the Crown Colony I led an abandoned life — going to numerous movie houses and seeing perfectly innocuous motion pictures! One reason I enjoyed movies going in Hong Kong is because there is no film censorship there and one goes to a motion picture knowing full well that, whether the picture be good, bad, or indifferent, it will run through without a cut.

One of the movies I saw was BUTTERFIELD 8, and early in the piece the tarnished heroine, Liz Taylor, explains to a sympathetic Eddie Fisher that as a child of 12 or 13 she had been raped by an old friend of the family. Liz then adds, "But do you know something? I enjoyed it. I enjoyed every bit of it!"

Upon my return to Australia, I went to see BUTTERFIELD 8 again. Knowing the fantastic idiocy of Australian censorship I should not have been surprised — but was — when a vital cut occurred in the sound track. Here, South of the Equator, where Men are Men, etc., Liz was allowed to say that she had been raped, but the piece of dialogue in which she expressed her enjoyment of the act was neatly excised.

Moral: Under Australian censorship laws it is O.K. for a girl of 12 to be raped, but she must not enjoy it.

Roger Dard, Perth, W.A.

Sir,

Anything which attacks the Sacred Cows of Australia will have my undying support, whether it contains sex, politics, religion, royalty or even "lavatory" humour. However, if it involves cruelty merely for the sake of seeing how far OZ can go without being prosecuted for obscenity and not because of sincere exposures of stupid official attitudes, then I fear your membership will never reach the heights of good circulation.

This I feel applies to the article on page 6 of your March issue. It gives an unfortunate impression of being one more attack on homosexuals. I find this strange in OZ as surely the homosexual has suffered under the hooves of Australian Sacred Cows too long as it is? Perhaps I misunderstood it, but that's the impression given to both my wife and myself.

Although I subscribe to the views of Voltaire ("I do not agree with what you say but I will defend," etc.) I would also hope that OZ keeps its integrity.

J. Barnard, Bexley, N.S.W.

OZ, May 3
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"Poverty is a relative thing, and it can be said only that many children in Australia and Fiji are being raised without distress by parents in much less comfortable circumstances than those of Nancy's father, who is the owner of a house property at Suva and is a skilled tradesman in a field where there is a steady demand in Fiji."

—"The Times of Fiji."

Mr Prasad formerly was a Public Works Department foreman, but has not worked since his return from visiting members of his family in Australia.

He said he owned two houses at Suva, living in one and renting out the other.

"I have been offered several jobs," Mr Prasad said, "But the money was lower than I was getting with the Public Works Department."

—Sydney "Daily Telegraph, April 6, '64.

As I finished pouring their cool drinks, the faithful old retainers commenced fanning the Presshard family, including the newly arrived young ones who had come back to Fiji to invest in the family corporation. And I reflected back to that day when it all began..."

"Some have been polishing their shoes at the Presshard home on the outskirts of Suva, the capital of Fiji, with one ear cocked to the excited babble coming from the den. I was beginning to get rather frustrated trying to make out what was going on. Then I spotted Ahmed, their courier, coming out of the den. Truly, yes, he had heard most of the conversations..."

The boy improved, out of sound and out of mind, and Xmas came and Easter passed. The boy was a fair young Aussie husband so that perhaps they could all remain in Australia.

Dutifully the daughters carried out Pop's orders and pretty soon they were paying more attention to their newly acquired Australian passports than they were to their newly acquired Australian spouses. Dad and Mum and Grans held out till the bitter end, fighting their deportation order, but very shrewdly, fearing a Means Test investigation, flew the coop. But not before they formulated a certain plan with kindly, courteous, well-regarded daughter Raye.

If only the sweet little six-year-old Clancy, with the big eyes could have been allowed to stay...mmm., then perhaps the old folk back in Fiji, pining for him, would be permitted to come back and be with him. Pretty sneaky, eh?

Hastily vetting the Commonwealth Health Benefits Act, they shoved young Clancy into a hospital and forestalled his deportation by having his foreskin removed.

The boy improved, out of sound and out of mind, and Xmas came and Easter passed. And Big Sister was too busy with all that overtime she was making to take time off to pet the boy. But Oppy's boys were getting a bit jacked of all this stalling and decided it was a bit much. Raye hid Clancy away with some neighbourly Sicilians, who were pustymasters at this sort of thing. Then she called Dad in Fiji.

"Oppo and his boys said they knew the facts of the case all along but actually it was Colonel Spry who dobbed them in — for doing his laundry."

"Before long, ten thousand had died."

"We Knights of the Thistle May glover and bristle But I've shown Arthur Calwell who's King."

"My Dynasty's endless, I'm Ming My Reign is a cynical thing"

"I'm Cassius Marcellus Clay My plan is quite juicy:"

"My Reign is a cynical thing"

"To my brilliance, I guess"

"I owe my success To Allah, who gives the O.K." —Grant Nichol.
There are people from the suburbs going to the Cross on Saturday Night to look at all the colourful types who live there, the Poofs, queers, Beatnicks, Riff-raff, Dagoes, Female Impersonators, Male Impersonators, Sexual deviates, Prostitutes, Hoodoos, Surties, Queens, Romanian Princesses, Female Impersonators and all these other colourful types who decent people from the suburbs love looking at.

There are other people from other suburbs who have come for the same reason.

BUT all the Poofs, Queers, Beatnicks, Riff-raff, Dagoes, Female Impersonators, Male Impersonators, Sexual deviates, Prostitutes, Hoodoos, Surties, Queens, Romanian Princesses KNOW that the DECENT people from the Suburbs come to the Cross on Saturday night so they all leave the Cross and go to the Suburbs... so the only people at the Cross are:

DECENT people from the Suburbs, who expect to see all the colourful people and admire types who inhabit the Cross.

DECENT people from OTHER suburbs... who they mistake for Poofs, Queers, Riff-raff, Dagoes, Female Impersonators, Male Impersonators, Sexual deviates, Prostitutes, Romanian Princesses, Hoodoos, Surties, Queens, etc...

HAPPY AT ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENING OF STARING AND MOCKING EACH OTHER THEY CLIMB INTO THEIR HEDGES AND RETURN TO THE SUBURBS

WE WENT UP TO THE CROSS TO LOOK AT THE PEAKIES LAST NIGHT. Enoch King was interesting.

MORAL: The little old lady who lives next door is probably a man.
If the Australian film industry is to develop it should be banned—Senator

Have you noticed? That Liverpool Sound is getting fainter and fainter. Exhausted by six months of ballyhoo, the bandwagon is grinding perceptibly to a standstill.

The unsold records can be melted down to be re-cast into the next big sound, but the wigs will have to go back to the factory. The Beatle stockings, divested of their distinctive labels, can descend once more to the bargain basement.

And the young girls can reserve their energies for the next hysteria — beautiful creatures biding their time. Les belles dames sans Mersey.

The eeriest thing about the Sydney mail strike was the way in which the Letters to the Editor columns of the daily newspapers were so singularly unaffected. Talk about Ghostwriters in the Night!

HAPPY ENDING: With an absolute minimum of fuss, Mr Justice Gibbs delivered his report on Brisbane's National Hotel. He found that there had been no neglect or violation of duty in relation to policing the hotel. All the witnesses, without exception, were unreliable and their testimony impossible to accept.

He reported that the liquor laws had in fact been broken at the hotel and Mr Max Roberts, the proprietor, should bear some responsibility for a "certain laxity" in the booking of "undesirables" into the hotel. He found that there was "a friendly relationship" between the Roberts family and many members of the police force, including Police Commissioner Bischoff. But, of course, the police knew nothing about what was going on—or, rather, there was insufficient evidence that they did, which is much the same sort of thing.

The really wonderful thing about it all was the timing of the publication of the report. It came out right in the middle of Queensland's Police Week. The very next day, what the "Courier Mail" called "an unexpectedly big crowd" turned out to cheer through Brisbane's streets a procession of 300 police from all States mounted on bikes, old style police cars and other P.R. paraphernalia.

In the flush of nostalgia, Brisbane's fearless, independent Press entirely forgot to raise any of the nagging doubts a few people entertained about the National Hotel Report.

Rice and Turkey. Mandy Rice-Davies — "Lady Hamilton" to those who remember — may never have got her Waterloo but this month she did experience her Gallipoli.

After entering Turkey for an Istanbul nightclub engagement, she was routed by the Turkish Mothers' Union, which complained that her example might send the young girls downhill and up veil.

After the Ministry of the Interior (come again?) issued an order expelling her "for her unwelcome behaviour in Turkey" she went to the British Embassy for consultation.

Turkey is a country of enormous political upheaval, with strong parties on both the Left and Right. But young Mandy did not allow her allegiances wander. I guess she just had too many friends in the Middle.

An American dental report has revealed that kissing may cause the spread of tooth decay. The Minister for Health, Senator Wade, confessed to Parliament that 40 years ago he would not have considered tooth decay a heavy penalty for kissing.

A pretty daring sort of statement for a parliamentarian that! I don't know why we don't just go ahead and make kissing an offence.

Poor Irene, disowned and disinherited because she wasn't going to have her wedding in Holland. She will go down in posterity as the princess who forsook the dykes for a Reign in Spain.

These animal graft operations are becoming increasingly common.

A friend of ours recently had one of her kidneys removed and replaced with a monkey's. Then she had part of her pancreas similarly exchanged. Finally, faced with sclerosis of the liver, she had to have the left lobe of a monkey liver grafted. Everything is just fine now. That is, she looks to be quite healthy, if only they could persuade her to come down off the roof.

THE two greatest living clowns both this month celebrated an important birthday. Charlie Chaplin celebrated his 75th in Switzerland and Nikita Khrushchev celebrated his 70th in Moscow.

Soviet author Svet Kotenko eulogised: "the years have proved powerless to extinguish his kind, happy smile, his great love of mankind. He created and made dear to millions of people the character of a little man suffering under the brutal laws of a brutal society" (Melb. Herald, April 17).

—nelson

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OF THIS!

OZ

SHAP
This month over half of the two million shares in United Telecasters (Queensland) Pty. Ltd., recently granted Brisbane’s third T.V. licence, changed hands to “southern interests”. For a fortnight it was anyone’s guess and everyone’s side-bet as to which of the Big Four in newspapers, radio and television (Reg, Sir John, Rupert or Sir Frank) had bought the shares. And now we know . . .

REG ANSETT was outright favourite and his most likely perpetrator of the coup from the start. Once a bus-driver, he has never quite managed to transcend the lack of manners characteristic of his former calling. He is the greatest unknighthed sycophant of the Liberal Government. At the last Federal elections he inserted advertisements in the Press favouring the return of the Menzies Government.

His formal title is Chairman of Ansett Transport Industries Ltd. Came to public notice when he took over Australian National Airways. Extensive interests in road haulage, Pioneer buses and hotels. Came into the big communications biz when he bought into a vital per cent interest in the new Perth and Adelaide television channels. Austarama Television Pty. Ltd., granted Melbourne’s new channel in April, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ansett Transport Ltd.

He has never been one to avoid unpopularity. The Victorian Government was recently forced to initiate an inquiry into the methods by which he manages to forestall a Victorian State Rivers and Water Supply Commission plan to put a reservoir on part of the Mt. Eliza estate, from which he helicopters to work daily.

Since then he has annoyed Dandenong residents by the enormity of the land clear-ance undertaken in the construction of his new TV tower and chastened small punters who recently lost tens of thousands of pounds when he withdrew the favourite from the Australian Hurdle because he claimed the prizemoney of £1,300 was too small to be worth his consideration.

Senator Paltridge is reported to be incensed to underwrite Ansett’s television interests as generously as his airlines: Sir Robert is reported to think that Ansett has gone too far. The niggar in the Liberal woodpiles is the new Attorney-General, Billie Snedden, avowed opponent of restrictive practices, who represented interests opposed to Ansett at the Mt. Eliza Case.

He has also to all present and potential Labour Governments, particularly that of N.S.W., which prevented his bulldozing East-West Airlines out of business. He is the golden boy of all true Liberals: particularly Henry Bolte (who took the witness stand for him during the Mt. Eliza case), Mr Anderson, the Director of Civil Aviation (who gave evidence for him before the Broadcasting Commission) and, last, but not least, Senator Paltridge, the Minister for Civil Aviation and his unflagging ally, who has undertaken to manipulate things so that Ansett is able to pay its shareholders 10 per cent, on capital after tax and “reasonable reserves”.

SIR FRANK PACKER is no stranger to company take-overs. He bought into GTV Melbourne after it was awarded its television licence, has devoted some of the best years of his life to browbeating the directors of Angus & Robertson’s and on one famous occasion actually used physical force in an attempt to take possession of Sydney’s Anglican Press. He was second favourite in the Brisbane Stakes.

As well as GTV, he is chairman of TCN Sydney, has a strong share in the new Newcastle channel and smaller interests in Murdoch’s channels. The Postmaster-General recently gave him a direct-line link between his Melbourne and Sydney channels at undisclosed, but presumably generous, terms.

The source of his wealth is “The Australian Women’s Weekly”, his extravagant baby is “The Bulletin”, the great disappointments in his life are the now defunct “Australian Financial Times” and the ill-fated Gretel. His Sydney “Telegraph” is so one-eyed that even the Libs. take it with a grain of salt. But he has his knighthood for all of that.

SIR JOHN WILLIAMS, knighted for his services, is the Managing-Director of the Melbourne “Herald” and the Weekly Times group. His principal newspaper interests are: The Melbourne “Herald”, the Melbourne “Sun-News Pictorial”, the Adelaide “Advertiser” and Brisbane “Courier Mail”.

The Herald and Weekly Times owns 85 per cent, of the shares in HSV Pty. Ltd., of Melbourne. Through its interest in Queensland Press it owns approximately 14 per cent. of the shares in BTQ Brisbane and, through Advertiser Newspapers, approximately 13 per cent. of the shares in ADS Adelaide.

Sir John’s group has been described as the greatest purveyor of news in this country, but it is fairly selective about what news it sees fit to print. For example, NATION recently (December 14, 1963) revealed that in its coverage of the interim report on the Reid Murray collapse, this group omitted any mention of the part played in the disaster by the Equity Trustees Executors and Agency Company, one of whose directors is Mr G. A. Caro, chairman of Herald and Weekly Times Ltd.

MR RUPERT MURDOCH is the undisputed king of the yellow Press. His newspaper interests are: Sydney’s Mirror Newspapers Ltd. (including a string of metropolitan weeklies), the Adelaide “News”, Brisbane “Truth”, Melbourne “Truth” and “TV News”. He controls one television licence in Adelaide and one to a lesser extent in Wollongong.

Rupe is the white hope of fearless, independent journalism in Australia and remains unknighted for his endeavours in this field, unlike his father, Sir Keith. However, he has recently been engaged in undisclosed share-swaps with Sir Frank Packer, whose news-values are notoriously contagious.

This month the Prime Minister, with that overweening humility so characteristic of him, predicted that the Liberal-CP coalition would win the next five Federal elections. But even Sir Robert has to admit that, even if it takes twenty-five years, one day the Labour Party must come to power. A Labour Party secretly committed to nationalisation of Press and communications utilities, frustrated by electoral failure and ready to blame the Press for its protracted humiliation.

What will happen to Sir Reginald, Sir Frank and their cronies then? Nothing. By that time they will have things so sewn up that no one will even know that the Libs have quitted the Treasury benches.
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This is a beetle. It is defined by Webster's Dictionary as: "a heavy hammering or ramming instrument, usually with a wooden head, used for driving wedges, ramming pavements, etc."

These are four effeminate pop-singers from Liverpool who are quite nice guys with average talent.

This is Brian Epstein. A slick entrepreneur. He decided to manage the boys and call them the 'Beatles'.

These are a few English teenagers. They dig the Mersey sound.

This is a hack journalist. He was rung-up by Mr. Epstein and told how the kids were going crazy over the 'Beatles'. He writes lots of lovely stories.

Here are some English teenagers who read the stories and fall in love with the Beatles.

This is a Sydney disc-jockey who is bored stiff. He reads about the 'Beatles' in a London magazine. He loves their records and can't wait to spin plenty.

These are the dreary magazines that thrive on reprinting syndicated photos and phony articles about the mythical fifth 'Beatle' and the girl 'Beatle'.

This is a department store with a special 'Beatle-shop' (only they spell it Beetle 'cause they're too stingy to pay copyright). They sell 'Beatle wigs', 'Beatle jewellery', 'Beatle suits' and 'Beatle briefs'.

These are a lot more disc-jockeys, crap R.R. men and unimaginative advertising executives who cash in and tell us the world has gone 'Beatle-mad'.

These are some publicity-hungry teenagers who queue up 48 hours early to buy tickets to the Beatles concert.

These are the newspaper headlines reporting the riot.

These are the rows of concert seats that still haven't been booked three weeks later.
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BY CHRIS JACVIDES

Social top

For sheer nerve, you’ve got to hand it to Alan and Sylvia Beeman. Either they don’t like their friends very much, or they have so many they can afford to alienate a few. The big “treat” at their dinner party was not a flaming bombalaska or a rare old por, but—God help those poor guests—slides of S’s and her daughter Lynne’s trip! We feel that S’s “very witty and knowledgeable commentary” did little to relieve the drearful boredom. In any case, we were so staggered by such a bourgeois form of entertainment among our so-called upper-crust we couldn’t resist giving the Beeman’s a position on the chart.

Talking of bourgeois entertainments we are getting heartily sick and tired of Denis O’Neil’s fancy dress parties at his Darling Point boathed. Sydney seems to be desperate in need of new young social stars with original acts—in the meantime we simply have to include Denis. This time it was a “Wild West Party” (S.H. 29/3). What fascinated us were the guests coming on from the opening of Henry V. Did they wear their Wild Bill Hickock outfits to the show or did they slip on their holsters over the beaded brocades afterwards?

We predict that Simone Dekyvere is a young star that we are going to see a lot more of. She has been more or less pushed into the limelight by her ambitious parents and, no doubt, by the silver mink stole they gave her for her 21st birthday (S.M. 19/4). What we hope will be one of the most popular teams performing on the Sydney social scene this winter, unless we are mistaken. For sheer nerve, you’ve got to hand it to Alan and Sylvia Beeman. Either they don’t like their friends very much, or they have so many they can afford to alienate a few.

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Social Top Twenty fans will feel a twinge of sadness when they learn that the second of the famous Garland sisters, Gillian, has been married. (Trinity and Gillian were one of the most popular teams performing on the social stage.) Still, it was good to see that Trinity, playing matron-of-honour, was on this show, which was quite a triumph. There were the usual pre-wedding publicity stunts—stag parties, kitchen, shower and pantry teas (S.H. 5/4/1964) leading up to the Big Performance. The First Act took place at well-known St Marks' Fan Parlour at Darling Point, the Second at the equally well-known Fernleigh Castle, and for the Third and Final Act the couple moved on to Lord Howe Island. (Best coverage S.H. 12/4). Probably the most popular of the supporting cast was Tweed Walton, skiing enthusiast, who flew home from Austria to be bridesmaid (Herald 9/4) which just shows that Nancy wasn’t the only one born to fly.

At first we thought Lady Lloyd Jones was merely trying to one-up Sydney’s publicity-hungry Patrons des Arts in managing to endure both Patrick White and Sidney Nolan for a whole evening (S.T. 29/3/64) (though we nevertheless admired such stamina in a woman of her years. Perhaps old socialites are like old soldiers.) But it seems her alacrity in opening “stately Rosemont” to Sir William Walton springs from inner sentiments than a desire for prestige. This touching twosome has graced a number of gatherings lately, and after Sir W’s coy remark, “I could steal your hat” (S.T. 19/4/64), nothing would surprise us. Of course the best thing about this romance is that Lady L.J. wouldn’t need to sacrifice her precious title—doubtless a consideration that has held her back on previous occasions.

Apparently undaunted by her recent romantic reversals, Anne van Bochove is one performer who refuses to let her private life interfere with her social career. After taking things quietly for a while, Sydney’s own Dutch Delight has come back onto the local scene in a big way. The Telegraph (9/4/64) spotted her “dancing divinely” on board the Elenis this month in a dress whose top was definitely not star material.

Although a newcomer to the OZ charts, Margaret Partridge has moved straight into No. 2 position on the Top Twenty. There’s something insidious about Marg’s publicity—she’s been climbing the social ladder in sneakers. However, we must say at once that it’s the quantity of her mentions and appearances rather than their quality that has put her where she is today. Every photo and press release is the same. She lacks originality and initiative and we predict a very short run for Marg. In a word—definitely not star material.
The liveliest, most unpredictable, all Australian, all live variety show of the month was the Senate’s debate on the Australian television industry. They were discussing the Select Committee’s report on the Encouragement of Australian Production for Television. Here are some of the acts:

Senator Drake-Brockman: Why do we watch television? People watch television for different reasons. Perhaps no two of us watch it for the same reason.

Senator Henty: I like it. That’s why I watch it.

Senator Drake-Brockman: That is a point. Perhaps some people watch television to be entertained and to relax. Other people might put some other reason first.

Senator Maher: I go to sleep.

Senator Kennelly: Only one per cent. of the drama televised in Australia is of Australian origin. Most of the remainder originates in the U.S. of America. I have no quarrel about that, but nonetheless television is a medium which we should employ to establish our own tradition, and, as I heard somebody else say, to immortalise our own culture.

Senator Kennelly: By way of interjection he (Senator Hannan) told the Senate that one Australian drama had a very good rating. I was interested but I forget its name.

Senator Brown: It was "Consider Your Verdict".

Senator Kennelly: Yes. I look at it sometimes.

Senator Brown: There was splendid acting in that.

Senator Kennelly: I will not comment on the acting.

Senator Breen: I think it extremely important there should be a woman on both these bodies (A.B.C. and the Broadcasting Control Board).

Senator Gorton: You would settle for a woman of experience, would you?

Senator Breen: Yes, a woman of experience.

Senator Cant: The statement of the television stations that they are giving people what they want rather reminds me of a story of a man that was brought before the Old Bailey in London charged with having distributed pornographic literature. The basis of his defence was that he was giving the people what they wanted.

Senator Wright: I say at the outset that I think I was drafted on to the Committee having no artistic attainments or experience in matters pertaining to drama, neither as an artist nor an actor.

Senator Cant: "Bonanza" is a western that is supposed to have very high rating. Almost everybody in this chamber would have seen this programme. It depicts the only cattle ranch I have seen depicted without any cattle on it.

Senator Wright: I think the young people of Australia would want to know why a cattle ranch did not carry any cattle.

Senator Cant: Such films lead to brainwashing and give viewers an impression that such conditions would be found if they went to the United States.

Senator Wright: When I sit back in my armchair with my slippers on and watch a television programme, I like to see a bit of fun; but at the same time I am one of those fellows who did not have the opportunity to go to Oxford and who did not have long to spend in educative channels which would give to many of us, particularly the men of adult years in the country, and their womenfolk, the delights of literature’s acquaintance, history’s stimulation and other educational pleasures.

I believe there is a great proportion of population whose thirst for knowledge would derive tremendous satisfaction, whose souls would be stimulated and whose life would be entertained if educational purposes were in the minds of those who are developing this new and terrifyingly exciting medium by which knowledge, entertainment and information can be conveyed.

Senator Ormonde: You could not sell it to advertisers.

Senator Ormonde: When I saw it I thought there would be a lot of mothers all over Australia who would be feeling a bit worried on Saturday night, if they saw this film, about what was happening to their sons at Kings Cross. It was suggested to me that in a seaport town you must have this sort of thing, that when the sailors come in they have to be looked after. And you do hear that expression of view in most unexpected places.

Senator Hannaford: Would it not be just as logical for many of the mothers to be worrying about what was happening to their daughters?

Senator Wright: There is a tendency to jump off the wall and say "We want Australian drama!" I, for my part, yielding to no one in my appreciation of the values that make the Australian character, want to see the European way of life, the British way of life and, perhaps, the Japanese way of life.
**The Perfect Murder**

*(only it aint murder)*

The main idea is to have foresight—plan your slaying for some time. None of this hotblooded "crime passionelle" stuff. It doesn't wash with Rotarians.

The only foolproof defence is insanity—tried and tested, the modern way to live. And to be a success with insanity, as with anything, you need background, a certain presence and good references. It helps to be truly committed to insanity.

Think it out carefully.

Have some lousy early experience, like taking a bite out of mum's left breast or being totall-trained with a pineapple. Any jury encountered in later years will latch on to things like this. Watch them shift about uneasily as the ghostly image of a pineapple rises within them.

In your childhood, play it shy, unhappy, withdrawn. Peep around the door when mummy and daddy make those funny noises. Then throw a tantrum.

The onslaught of puberty is the time for your first onslaught, too. When you feel the first pubic inching around the bloodstream, swear at parents, go religious, don't wash, go on a sexual rampage. (Don't get carried away at this stage. It's fun but uneasy as the ghostly image of a pineapple rises within them.)

If you're after a real killing.

In the first place, you're after a real killing. Obviously a fiend: no good Australian would think in his position. What a laugh—he didn't deserve a recommendation for mercy (didn't get one either).

There are always openings for experienced men in this field. Insanely is pretty easy to prove if you've got off on it before. Some old hands have got it down to a fine art. Lawson is a shining example of a cobbler sticking to his last; another cobbler is due in court any day now in Sydney.

With a good juicy background and a solid sort of crime under the belt, you can approach the trial with complete equanimity. By the second day you've impressed psychiatrists, jury and journalist. When the trial collapses after your sensational attempted attack on the judge, you can go off and be content to weave baskets or clip the hedges until quite recovered from the ordeal of the court case.

Then, in a flash, away with dull delusions and pallid hallucinations! Be your normal self and you'll be out, free at the governor's displeasure.

—D.L.

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**Notes on the Nature of Things**

Esquire's Christmas issue had 215 pages of ads (out of 336). Manager's magazine, that great pulpit of the slicks, and its uninhibited discussions of such topics as sex, drugs, religious hypocrisy are the furthest out. Neither, whatever other limitations he might have, obviously possesses the courage to stick his neck out for some of his convictions.

...Ask the War Resisters League: (5 Beekman Street, NYC 38) for its list of people who are black banned to enrol at the white universities. SACHED enforces the Muslim Creed, printed in each issue of Muhammad Speaks (15 cents from 634 East 79th Street, Chicago 19)—it's just what Christians believe with "black" substituted for "white".

...When will some New York bar or coffee house import those great jukeboxes with twist movies that are making a fortune for their operators in Europe and Japan? More off-beat are the items listed in Hoover Hong's mail order catalogue out of Taiwan (P.O. Box 4111, Taipei). Everything from pointillized scrolls to snakeskin handbags, prices from 1 dollar upwards. Since the British developed their "Fylingdale Early Warning System", giving four minutes' notice of an impending nuclear attack, a popular literary game over there has been to speculate on how to best spend that final four minutes. Ten slogans— including Support New York's "Winston, Bridge a Cop Today! Enjoy the Handicapped, Hire a Fagget; Report Obscene Mail to Your Postmaster, He May Want to Buy Some—are offered for 55 cents by Max Zpod (724 East 27th Street, Brooklyn), who also offers a "tape-swapping service" comedy, reviews, off-beat radio shows, discussions, etc. for 4 dollars annually.

FyI, the Time-Life organisation's house magazine, has been running household hints. The current one suggests that all odd nylons of the same general shade (beige or grey) should be boiled together for 30 minutes, at the end of which all will match.

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**“Apartheid is perfectly right**

For those who are perfectly white.

For those who are black

It’s a stab in the back,

And hatred is black as the night.”

(Grant Nichol)

Next Wednesday, May 6th, Sydney University students will be celebrating Commemoration Day.
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"...and notes the one exception.

Aware that the exhibition could not last forever, Mr Chaffey decided to preserve a sample on celluloid and send to some friends...or, "to warn them what to be on guard against."

Mr Wetherell (Minister for Education), was predictably aroused: "I strongly advise him not to try to send copies of it through the post or deliver them to his electorate by hand. If he does so, he is likely to be arrested, and quite rightly lumbered off to Long Bay."

Mr Chaffey referred to the original nude as "gross depravity masquerading as culture."

We know a "gross depravity" who is masquerading as a censor.

The "Bulletin" is not a radical magazine. It does, occasionally, become pretty irritated about censorship (OZ has received sympathy coverages), but a careful reader senses in its middle-aged pages an intrinsic prudishness.

Their Melbourne columnist, for instance, was particularly unenlightened when commenting on the "Group" incident. His angle seemed to be: "hell, if you think 'The Group' is bad, let me show you some really juicy stuff (which he distastefully described) -- get hold of this instead". Then, with a display of virginal naivete, he proudly announced his ignorance of "voyeurism."

In the April 25 "Bulletin", a columnist wrote on the Christine Keeler movie recently premiered in Brisbane. His theme was "Britain banned it -- why didn't we?" He was startled by "a very fleeting glimpse of her naked body complete with what appears to be a patch of pubic hair". Similar still life pictures are considered obscene by Australian Courts... He later continues: "sex rears its ugly and sometimes unctious head in every major scene" and notes the one exception.

Oh well, nothing like a suspected patch of pubic hair to send our local liberals scurrying in mad retreat.

The Queen Mum, bless her heart, did have an appendixectomy. I suppose, I mean, you couldn't blame her for cancelling her visit to Adelaide under the circumstances. And her scheduled stopover in Malaysia. But we're all glad she was well enough to make a visit to New York, and to Jamaica, and to Trinidad, and to Barbados, and to Bermuda, instead. Too bad Tony couldn't stand in for her at the Adelaide Festival, but we might be lucky enough to get him for Anzac Day.

OZ, May 13
Being a review of the current issues of the Sydney University literary journals, “Arna” (edited by Ron Blair) and “Hermes” (edited by Neil MacPherson and Donald Anderson). Plus a comment on OZ.

LAURIE PAYNE

I walked the silent, darkened quad
And felt the presence of a God;
An awful voice within my head
Cried: Weep, for literature is dead.
Nothing’s left but recitations
Of good old days and reputations.
Oh, why are the Pro’s of yesteryear
Still melting in Arnus produced by Blair?
Who, safe in that bard’s Valhalla Hall
Squeaks “No-one else can write at all.”
And scattering his pearls upon the ground
He writes like dead and raging Pound
In his own inimitable parataxis
That this his stunted age gone lax is.

Too great, too proud, to stoop or plod
John Cummings died a literary God.
Gone his mind, interred; his figure,
In Ron Blair’s sight, keeps getting bigger.
And all the rest keep coming back
Like a cureproof literary gout attack.
Turn to Arna, see inside
The passé wits that flowered and died;
See all the scribbling corpses there
That Ron once knew brought out to air.
Clive James’ snap-crack wit repartee
In smoking packets leaps the sea
Brilliant, topical, we’re assured
(Though no-one understands a word).
While Mungo’s disembodied whine,
Becoming fainter all the time,
Like Agamemnon’s beacon flame
That telegrammed Illyrium’s shame
Garbed — nay, pastiched — in Sitwellian verse,
Keeps getting weaker, getting — no, that’s impossible!
Ah, sighed the God, perhaps Blair’s right
And time has dimmed our talent’s light.

See Hermes, Ida’s G.P.O.,
Has lost his wings and walks so slow —
Nay crawls from great lame Neil MacPherson
With sixty-three’s bumauthorised version;
And Donald Anderson drags behind
Out-bid, out-bragged, out-fooled, out-rhymed,
Both wide awake (the reader’s bored)
Like Echo and Ass, du bon accord:
“Let’s ask the readers to write,” brays Ass.
“Yes, man, yes!” says Echo. “That’s gas!”

POET POWELL IN HIS ROTTEN ECLOGUE
Wishes he were a cocking-leg dog
Perpetually dripping on tree after tree.
So do we, Craig, so do we!
Clem Gorman’s bewildered, he doesn’t know,
But wants to affirm the status quo.
Must have battleships, must have beans,
Must have amateur poets it seems.
And Geoffrey Lehmann’s epic song
Like parallel lines goes on and on,
Convinced that talent and productivity
Must meet up beyond infinity;
And in his cosmopolitan verse
(If you’re Oriental read reverse)
Free from meaning, innocent of rhyme,
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“Then tell them we destroyed the muck
“And Puff! goes our ego, up, up, UP.”
“We’ll plague the hacks, however hoary,
‘Wake up Geoff! Chaucer! But get a story.
“Since no-one reads beyond the name
“The first two items will be the same.
“The highest place for the lowest rot
“Will make our Hermes unforgot.”

OZ, the newest magazine,
Almost satirical, almost obscene,
Our own Australian Private Eye,
Unconsciously sending itself sky-high.
OZ, Civil Liberty’s errant knight
Fast with the gage, slow to fight;
Roaring the Censor Dragon’s death
Sighs “Guilty, sir” the very next breath.
Throws it a maiden to quiet its roar
And sets out to fight its shadow once more.
OZ the Wizard, best defined
As magically foolish, dull, purblind.
OZ and buyer, madman and fit,
Clutching his Guide to Secondhand Wit,
“Come,” said the God. “Parnassus falls.
“Let’s go and write CRAP on lavatory walls.”
THE JUMPED-UP UNI REVUE

Censorship; Ingmar Bergman; Racial prejudice; the Voyager; Alfred Deller; Restoration Obscenity; the Stomp; University administration; Anthropology; Sydney Architecture; Lindley Evans and Frank Hutchens; Robert Helpmann; Shakespeare; Cyprus; the A.B.C.; homosexuality; God and other forms of sex; are all sent up in

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Richard Walsh, Richard Neville, Martin Sharp, Chester, Clive James, Andrew Fisher, Paul Thom and Vashti Farrer have written scripts for

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Michael Allison, Colin Anderson, Loch Blackett, Evelyn Cornelius, David Ferraro, Jack Gaden, Bobbie Gledhill; Germaine Greer, Carol Moyle, Michael Rolfe are the actors in

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