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August 3rd. After 58 years, the Australian Labor Party accidentally ended its traditional White Australia policy. (Mr. Calwell had previously stated that “people with different skin pigmentation cannot live happily in the same community”). Mr. C. T. Oliver (N.S.W. State Secretary) said he had no serious objection to eliminating the White Australia policy because so far as he knew there was no great desire by Asian people to migrate to Australia”, Watch him blush when OZ announces its “Bring out a Bang” campaign.

August 4th. Calwell announced to the world at large “I will remain leader during the lifetime of this Parliament. I will lead the Labor Party at the next election, God willing.” You can bet that Whitlam had a few words to say to God that night.

August 8th. “How Linda McGill fouled the English Channel” (Extracts).

All the week I had been getting diarrhoea and now it began again. It was so bad I was stopping every few hundred yards.

“Come on,” they yelled from the boat.

“Hurry up.”

On a Channel swim they can’t even wait for a girl to spend a penny.

Sunday Telegraph, August 8

The Lyndonisation of History

President Johnson claims that to withdraw from Viet Nam would be “appeasement” like Munich.

The Communists are often accused of falsifying history, but it would be difficult to imagine a more fantastic falsification of history than this.

In actual fact American policy in Viet Nam is entirely consistent with Munich.

From the Wars of Intervention against Russia in 1919 to the landing of American Marines in the Dominican Republic in 1965 the policy of the Western Powers has undeniably appeased any dirty dictatorship whatsoever so long as it was anti-Communist. Either directly aiding if required or urging “non-intervention” according to circumstances. On the other hand they have consistently intervened against popular revolutions.

What did the Western Powers do when Japan invaded Manchuria;
Germany re-occupied the Rhine-

land;
General Franco invaded Spain from Morocco to suppress the freely elected government;
Mussolini invaded Abyssinia;
Hitler occupied Austria;
Precisely nothing.

Whenever the choice has been open and not forced upon them, the Western Powers have consistently appeased reaction, while in China, in Indonesia, in South America, in Cuba and half a dozen other banana republics, in Greece, in Egypt, in the Congo, in the Dominican Republic, they have consistently opposed popular revolt against the ancient evils of too much wealth in too few hands.

What is the significant difference between the presence in Viet Nam today and our presence in the Wars of Intervention against the Bolsheviks in Russia from 1919 to 1922?
Not only is there no significant difference whatever, but the statements of our apologists are remarkably similar.

By the summer of 1918 the troops of no less than fourteen countries—including 8000 American, 7000 British and 70,000 Japanese—had invaded Siberia or were aiding White Russian forces on a number of fronts from Archangel to the Balck Sea.

“Were they at war with Russia?” wrote Winston Churchill in “The World Crisis”. “Certainly not; they shot Soviet Russians at sight. They stood as invaders on Russian soil.”

When the Polish invasion of Russia was thrown back to the gates of Warsaw only the threat of a general strike prevented Lloyd George from actually declaring war on Russia.

It is precisely the Men of Munich who support America in Viet Nam today. They use the same arguments. They support America for precisely the same reasons.

To turn the clock back has always been the aim of the Men of Munich. But the old order changed in Russia and the old order has changed in Asia.

The Lyndonisation of history is bunk.

Bruce Anderson
the losses.

Surely it isn't possible that Perc runs the biggest baccarat school in Sydney? Not Honest Perc, who gave all the money he earned at the baccarat table, who takes up the plate at Coogee church on Sundays, whose son, Clive, is a Sydney lawyer? It hardly seems possible that he is a crook.

We wait excitedly for September 21 when Perc appears in court and, we trust, dispel our doubts.

August 18. The Budget: taxes up 2½%, petrol up 3d a gallon, beer up 1d a glass, the little man up against it (again) and the economy right up itself.

The Press jostled amongst itself for the coveted "Biggest Budget Coverage," award with graphs and tables and endless analyses, which all added up to the fact that it wasn't as bad as might have been and anyway we all knew who was going to be hit ages ago. "Hardest since 1956," said Arthur (predictably), blithely ignoring the 1961 "Horror Budget" as bad as might have been and anyway we weren't so far out — wrong race, right spiritual home.

Naturally Harold thought its mildness had set the seal on his PMship and Ming did "Harshest since 1956," said Arthur (predictably), blithely ignoring the 1961 "Horror Budget". Naturally Harold thought its mildness had set the seal on his PMship and Ming did nothing to disillusion him: "The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, strolled slowly across to the Federal treasurer at 9.07 p.m., blithely ignoring the 1961 "Horror Budget".

August 20. The Sydney Press "a held of orang-outangs" and "frankly stinking". Some have talent and some have talent thrust upon them. We could forgive Mr. Bonyenge (just) for being born without talent but we wish he'd learn how to handle the talent he has had thrust upon him in the form of Our Joan.

LATE NEWS

* CHANGE OF ADDRESS
The York Club is now 240 Pitt St, Sydney; NOT as on page 16.

* A limited supply of our August poster ("God bless dear Daddy who is fighting the Viet Cong and send him OZ") is available at 2/- each.

* ANNOUNCEMENT
The Editors of OZ are offering a £5 prize for the best 250-word appreciation of one of the poems on pages 9-11.

* DID YOU KNOW Packer is amalgamating soon with Murdoch? And Zell Rabin of the Sydney Mirror is about to edit The Australian.

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A Kashmir Bouquet of OZ

AUGUST 24. The Australian Bridge Championships began in Brisbane. The S.M.H. considered it all so Big Deal that they had their own Frank Cayley on the spot to report on the fortunes of the Sydney pack.

After Melbourne's king bridge team cracked under pressure, the competition went to their arch-enemies, Sydney. Congrats, Sydney!

AUGUST 27. Melbourne TV Channel O (Reg's Austorama Television Pty. Ltd.) has offered £10,000 as a prize for an Aussie Rules "world championship" between Melbourne's premier team and teams from W.A., S.A. and Tas. (a pretty small world!) They will fly the teams in (chancing it with Ansett, of course) and underwrite the costs. The V.F.L., which gets a bit shirty about allowing its players to be watched from the comfort of the living room, considered the proposal "in camera". Supplied by Channel O, of course.

AUGUST 30. The Great Sydney Transport Strike.

And runner-up in our Alf of the Month comp (to P. J. Proby, see cover) is Michael Darby, 19-yr.-old govt. transport consultant. Explaining his vote to the Press, he said: "I just help people in distress for no pay." No, but just a pinch of glamour.

September 1. La Stupenda gave her opening performance in Sydney. Her husband had
As I saw him, he cares nothing about morality, little about religion, less about truth.

He was the complete egotist whose main concern is himself and Mirror circulation.

At 36, he is a by-product of 20th-century materialism and cheap, tawdry sexuality.

The merchant of hypocrisy

By P.J. Proby

"This is a newspaper ... it isn't a missionary tract," snarled Rev. Roger Bush yesterday in a moment of lucidity.

I spent ten minutes with the "Surfie Parson" yesterday so that he could get a photo of us together. This would provide enough proof that we actually met to justify printing his absurdly sensational interview.

Dressed in his bizarre high-collar shirt and bright black shroud, Bush met me at the door of the hotel suite. A frankly sexual young woman he called his "secretary" hovered behind him while an effeminate "photographer" whispered in his ear.

I found it hard to conceal my distaste for this fellow and his stooges. I did not try.

While I sipped a cordial, Bush coolly smoked a thin white cigarette (lit by his "photographer").

We began with the alleged obscenity of his act. Was he not, I asked, simply selling sexual thrills in the guise of religion? Bush fingered his garb ("my worst habit") uneasily.

"I don't think there is anything wrong with sex, so long as it is confined to newspapers, where it can be controlled and exploited," he drawled.

"People only go wrong when they take me too seriously. I just write to entertain. I only use religion as a crutch to help me over the stile of style." He smirked at his Biblical metaphor.

"If you look closely at my crutch, you'll see what a joke it is." But I didn't see his "secretary" laugh!

Did this priest see no special responsibilities in writing for a newspaper?

"Yes. I keep my sentences short. Leave the sermons for the pulpit or Dita Cobb's show. I pride myself on my pithy style."

I asked him about the incident in which he split his infinitives but still continued writing.

No, he said, he had not split them on purpose. Nor did they reveal anything more than a bad style. "I showed no more than any other hack journalist," he boasted, sticking back his long greasy eyebrows.

"They read me for the sin, not the syntax," (His "photographer" smirked.)

Did he have any reservations about appearing on television?

None at all, I'm available for any show. That's the advantage in being a free-lance cleric. I don't have obligations to anyone."

"How long," I asked finally "do you think you and your unhealthy gimmick will stay at the top?"

"For ever," the idolater leered, "for ever and ever and ever."

"Amen," said his "photographer".

Would not his child readers copy his poor example?

"Dressed in his bizarre high-collar shirt and smoking a thin white cigarette ... this is Roger Bush pictured yesterday with P. J. Proby. Nearby the poo idolater's stooges clowned."
Pursued by a relentless reputation for secondary and tertiary academic brilliance (let's be cruel—there are thousands as brilliant), Peter Samuel is showing signs of being deeply bemused in "Why I Left the A.L.P."

Mr. Samuel left the A.L.P. because, like many others, he couldn't stand the thought that his strange panaceas were not immediately accepted, loth to take the tough trek through the party, to party reform, he chickened out—right out. In doing so, he placed himself in good company—Billy Hughes, Joe Lyons, Frank McManus, and so on. They all did well. No doubt Pete will too, once he makes it to the boot-licking stage.

In the meantime, the battle-scarred troops of the A.L.P. will continue to fight alongside causes on which the good Peter is on the horizon already, and it won't be long before dawn breaks.

Sample of the schizophrenic thinking among Labor's opponents, there is a light the desperate trends of the affluent society ambivalent—world peace, world poverty, the desperate trends of the affluent society all that unacademic offal.

And if "Why I Left the A.L.P." is a fair sample of the schizophrenic thinking among Labor's opponents, there is a light on the horizon already, and it won't be long before dawn breaks.

Ian Larray, Brighton, Vic.

Sir

On the supposed impartiality of the Mavis Bramston Show:

1. On the Queen's visit to Germany, a sketch entitled "Don't say Sieg Heil to her Gracious", pictured Willi Brandt (one can only presume, since he made the announcement on which the sketch was based) as a Nazi, complete with swastika shirt, only waiting to show his true colours.

2. On Princess Beatrix's marriage, a sketch showed von Amsberg as a Nazi only waiting for his chance to reconcile Holland—incuded such gems as "have fun strolling on the meadows dyed with the blood of the Dutchmen murdered by your boyfriend's pals."

3. Wed., July 28, Sydney; Sat., 31, Melb.; Sketch showing Amer. missile expert "Dr. Werner von Trauma" as a Nazi only waiting his chance to (presumably) sabotage America's defence, complete with swastika flag to hand.

And these are only the last three shows I've seen. But it seems to me that somebody's (the central character in all these sketches has been G. Chater) prejudice is showing. The 2nd sketch I mentioned was followed immediately by one gibing at prejudice against aborigines.

Anne Cutler, St. Hilda's College, Parkville, Vic.

Sir

Your piece "Age Shall not Wither Him" (July OZ) would have been a fair commentary on my journalistic performance if I had written the whole of the item published under my name on the front page of the Age of June 9.

In fact I did not write the fatuous introductory passage on which you based your charge of creative news-writing. That passage came from an agency despatch and was published under my by-line by mistake.

My own despatch began with the words "The first day of Sir Robert Menzies' Washington visit may have been a success—but it was not the sort of day the Prime Minister expected."

This was published as the single-column body of the June 9 item, and I stand by it as a fair and accurate account of the Prime Minister's encounter with the President, his dogs, his bodyguard and the press in the White House garden.

I hope you will agree that, when read in isolation, my despatch conveys an impression of the encounter—and of this correspondent—different from the one you formed when you read it in conjunction with the agency intro.

John Bennett, The Press Gallery, Parliament House, CANBERRA.

Sirs

Diary of a Worker

Monday: What a weekend; dozed off in the afternoon session but awoke just in time to vote for a rise in the wages of parliamentarians in proportion to a new basic wage in one of the States... Also voted in favour of abolishing strikes—these labourers want money for nothing—damn communism. "Man is a worker. If he is not this, he is nothing." Conrad. Applause in House. Two lines, Sydney Morning Herald.

Tuesday: Sent Sir Robert a get well card (again, poor old bloke. Lobbying to accompany him to Leeds for the next match. Meeting eighteen other Labor backbenchers (didn't think we had so many seats) in London en route Paris, Moscow, Malaysia, and joined next year's "Let's all visit Canberra" trip. Can't accept Indonesian invitation as wife and kids and self are visiting Kuala Lumpur.

Wednesday: Finally have the you-know-what list for teenage daughter so she can have something to read back at boarding school. Leafed through it: what kind of minds have writers? Can't they write about life without dragging in sex—seems unnatural to me as an Ordinary Australian. Still, it's well known that artists are all perverts... thank God, we haven't many in Australia, writers, that is.

Thursday: Editorial denounces us as spineless yes men. Arthur objects. Seeing my chance, leaped to my feet and roared: "Hear, Hear. The workers..."

Friday: Indignant protest letter: Bulletin settles out of court again. Deposit on new car. Drink with Treasurer for prestige; Trade Union boys for laughs. Read extracts from 'the List'—and they thought Lolita was hot. Lucky men like us keep this kind of thing from the public.

Saturday: Wrote letter to Editor urging banning of soccer as unAustralian and undermined by Nazi fanaticism. Quoted Plato (from Teach Yourself Philosophy) — present from my wife's mother last Christmas. Neighbours impressed by letter. Opened an art exhibition by some foreigner: not one landscape and nothing I'd call a portrait. Give me a drawing that looks nice and neat, anytime.

Sunday: Invited to a reception for the stars of the new TV show. Pictured in Press holding guitar. Mentioned in Mirror as "aggressive Australian—The type this paper will always support" for soccer article.

Monday: Back to the old grind: Canberra freezing. Must arrange Indonesian trip.

— TIM PIGOTT

OZ, September 5
Dr Frank Knopfelmacher yesterday urged a spread of "anti-Communist clinics" to combat the Communist Party in Australia.

The clinics could advise people whose organisations or institutions were being penetrated by Communists.

The story may be untrue, for many criminals are emotional liars and sentimentalists into the bargain.

But the picture on the right shows whatever life has graven on the face and into the soul of Dugan, it is not sentimentality.

Prison wisdom? Yes; softness? No. It was taken yesterday at the graveside of his father, and he is wearing the suit presented to him by friends, for the grand and longed for day on which he was to leave prison—the day his father did not live to see.

Dugan did not wear the suit to freedom, but to a graveside.

It's all there: the cheap, tear-jerking journalism that should be dead with The Truth. It was a corny, disgusting story, full of the worst kind of self-righteousness and condescension. No doubt it was intended to make suburbia feel cosy, safe and free from sin.

It was a phrase-mongers field day. Surely one of the chief regrets of the newspaper world was that Dugan's mother wasn't there to greet him at the foot of the grave and ask at their goading: "Darce, did you really cry out loud for me when you were inside?"

—R.B.

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— ANGUS MILLER

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Wild Rhythm & Blues band available for any function ...

The Showmen
Ring Bill Ferris 40-1628.

WICKEDNESS
(A GUIDE TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)
Wickedness is what the others do,
Wickedness is never me or you,
Wickedness is such a foreign thing
It's hard to understand how England's king
Could, once upon a time, be wicked, too,
Unless, that institution being new
We should allow him so much extra scope
And ask no more of him than of the Pope ...
Wickedness shows clearly in a face
Belonging to some foreign (wicked) race;
It does not need great intellect to see
What plans those Asians have for you and me,
Nor exceptional perspicacity to descry
The oblique meaning in each slanted eye.
Skins, of all things, are a give-away
— Ours, being white, are honest as the day,
While those which range from atebrin to black
Are waiting the right moment to attack,
Or, if not in this situation yet,
Bide their time resentfully and sweat
Hate through every thick illiterate pore
(They scuffle in the dark outside our door).
Wickedness is never ever tired,
And basically Communist-inspired
— There is a simple rule-of-thumb to pick
The healthy Asian from the one who's sick:
Does he see us as anything but kind
Big-hearted boyos with an open mind,
Lovers of gee-gees, lotteries and beer,
Content with our thousand quid or so per year?
If so—his mind has caught that dread disease
From bearded chaps at universities,
And only an enlightened taste for cricket
Can save him from a place among the wicked!

Do you have a secret?
OZ will pay you for it.
Can you write?
Or draw?
OZ will pay you for it.
Did you know we print contributions from people all over Australia whom we have never met?
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(This is just 1 of 12 popular gag covers)
Dear OZ,
This is more or less a take-off at the men's toiletries on sale in Sydney. Some of the blurb — if you read these things, and I do — is truly hilarious. If you doubt me, have a look for yourself, say at Farmers or David Jones. I made up a few just as fun on the spot, and damn me, if reading the paper at night a little after, a certain fictional "Cartridge 302" didn't turn up as called "Gauge 22".
ANGUS MILLER.

Gentlemen Farmer
A little bit horsey, a little bit doggy, plus a whiff of Bathurst.

Fertilise!

Broken Cartridges
The essence of 1,000 crushed cartridges in every ¼ ounce.

BIRDsville
500 miles from nowhere and you meet Her.
She may not be expecting you. She may not be white.

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Come Heather
The smell of past, bitter history.
The smell of heather over the highlands,
the wisp of smoke from the thatched,
granite stone cottage. The delightful
smell of peat burning slowly under
the little still.

Bedouin Attack
(Leave this to the imagination.)

Biscay Bay Rum
All the rest have their heads over
the rails.
The sea is choppy.
You are apart; standing aloof,
calm, unaffected, debonair.
She sees you. You see her. You
are both intoxicated.

Shot Musk Ox
Just as the beast falls dead from the
headlong charge, steaming its last hot
breath in the cool, crisp air.
Just that smell. You are there.

Chanel Swimmer
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Soldier Killed in Action, Gallipoli, July 1915.

His was the call that came from far away—
An Empire's message flashing o'er the sea—
The call to arms! The blood of chivalry
Pulsed quicker in his veins; he could not stay!
Let others wait; for him the glorious day
Of tyrants humbled and a world set free
Had dawned in clouds and thunder; with a glee
Born not of insensate madness for the fray,
But rather of a spirit noble, brave,
And kindled by a heart that wept at wrong,
He went.

Melbourne University Magazine, P. 61; 1915.

—R.G.M.
Oft have I purposed in my hours of thought
To take my pen and write some lines to thee—
Some snatch of song, some sylvan melody,
Some haunting strain that all my soul has sought.
Yet has my pen refused the grace unthought
That charms the listening heart to ecstasy.
Nor has the Heavenly Muse vouchsafed to me
The power to tell what joys the years have brought.
How oft we've seen it, lived among it all,
Gazed like lorn spirits raptured at the view,
While the vague whisperings of a loftier call
Were more to me, because full shared by you.
For this, the days that come, though dark as night,
Shall be for ever flushed with wondrous light.

—R.G.M.

The Soul of Hope
A Reform Song

Out from the muck of the time that surrounds us,
Out from the dull, carking cures of today,
Into the future with distant hopes gleaming,
Glimpses of dreamland shall show us the way.

What though the world may laugh, pointing and jeering,
What though mankind may smile wisely and long;
We, with the thought that is burning within us,
Boldly will onward, our pathway a song!

Let the poor fools who delude them with folly,
Say that our cry is but lost in the air,
Let them assert, with their smug self-complacence,
Failure alone waits the men who will dare!

There is behind us a spirit that prompts us,
There is what tells us that dawn is ahead;
Time shall approve what we pace the lone path for,
Spaces to come shall resound to our tread!

So we march ever, our gaze still before us,
Wishing to find the great day of our triumph,
Lit with the glory of reaching our goal:
This is the prayer, and the life, and the hope of us,
This is our blazing, unquenchable Soul!

—R.G.M.

Written—A Reform Song

So thou art not,
And but a oriel
To thee
We raised the
And we knew not,
We saw butHope'
With dia. ovoid
men see
Grim Mars in
majesty,
And weep to heart

So to unveil the

Bold would he

When a full thou
And war-wolves

Yet, though the

Another birthday to

—R.G.M.
Natura (excerpts)

- poetry of the best
- Ivan I look forward to
- Italian literature will take
- among the treasures of
- It can only be achieved
- the best, and the careful
- lands of early promise,
- a springtime of our land.
- poetry enjoys a certain
- to question the
- to be alone
- for us to be alone
- among the treasures of
- than literature will take
- of its foaming torrent
- tide; and, through all,
- of its inscrutable as yore,
- are nearly every
- as of yore,
- tales to those who will
- for the human
- petticoat cares, and
- fancied troubles, that
- awhile and look out
- ocean, the symbol of
- the best, and the careful
- Multnomah
- will be found; with
- that we should take
- that we should take
- world ought to be found; with
- of its foaming torrent
- and, through all,
- lory, and the wonder
- about it!

R.G.M.

Monte

Two-tieth Birthday

- x years gone by,
- twelth month since last

birthday toast; what was
- across the world's fair sky

bribrbr blue. Who dared
- dark, - but behold,
- dreadful blood-stained
- the death-gorged Eagle's
- future none may dare;
- be who spoke of peace
- and bugles loudly blare
- roam abroad to hunt
- clouds have come, to thee

last--"To Happier Days!"

R.G.M.

"Melbourne University Rifles"

Recent casualty lists have contained the names of several officers and men of this
- corps, who went away in October, and
- whom we last saw as the long khaki column
- wound its way up Collins Street to the strains
- of martial music and the roll of the drum.
- On that occasion, we felt proud of
- those whom we had known and loved, as
- the lines went swaying past. And today we
- feel proud too, but our pride is in it
- an ever-present note of sorrow. Nearly every
- M.U.R. officer who left with the first force
- has been wounded, and two, Lieutenants
- Balfe and Basto, have been killed in action.

The Regimental Band, about which we
- used to hear so much, but of which we
- have heard so little, remains "in the air",
- but with the advent of so many recruits
- sufficient breath should be forthcoming to
- make some species of melodious noise possible.

The officers and some of the signallers
- have been engaged on their spare Wednesday
- afternoon in instructing the Rifle Club
- members, including several of the P.B.
- and G.S. (Ground Staff), in the elements of drill
- and signalling, and the keenness of these
- volunteers "foot-sloggers" has aroused
- favourable comment.

Musketry is to be gone into more thor-
- subjects? The mystery of it all takes hold
- of one, and shuddering he turns, half
- frightened bird. But, when blackest days
- that for
- for joy? The
- though it was not ours to laugh aloud, ours
- as a spirit in the woods!

We bask upon the plains of life; we catch
- an occasional glimpse of its mysteries; and
- at times its awe leaves
- for joy? The
- that lie reflected the everlasting stars, is
- there not the land of Oberon and his
- subjects? The mystery of it all takes hold
- one, and shuddering he turns, half
- expecting to see before him a fairy ring,
- with quaint pigmy's dancing around it.

Touch, for there is a spirit in the woods!
- of the theories of range practices a practical
- application.

April P. 70; 1915.

R.G.M.

Minor Music

Sad is my muse, and melancholy strains
- of minor harmony
- My fingers strike from out the chords —
- refrains
- Of sad inscruplet.
- I do not see the sunshine or the flowers,
- I do not feel the breeze,
- For my soul's thrill is that of sad-sweet hours
- Like storm-tossed seas,
- Ah! can it be that but so shortly past
- Is that fair summer time?
- Our vision sprang to life, then faded fast
- Like echoes of a chime,
- No more the idle joyousness of case,
- Dreaming life's path along.
- Shall charm, like gentle rustling of the trees,
- With a whispered song.
- Yet this new music has its beauty, too —
- The joy we feel in pain,
- The star's bright splendour in the night's
- deep blue,
- The sun that shines through rain.
- And it may be that the deep stream of woe
- That surges on its way
- Will bring forth music nobler than we know
- Of the present day.

April P. 12; 1915.

R.G.M.

"The Blue upon the Hills"

(An Extract)

It was on a hillside that we had halted,
- and the earth lay before us — a panorama
- of green fields, and a ribbon of deeper
- green stretching across it, where ran a river.
- And, in the distance, the eternal hills,
- clothed with all their splendour of blue.

There was pleasure in all. Was it not
- Hazlitt who said that on certain lone heaths
- he could laugh, and run, and leap, and sing
- for joy? The same spirit was with us, and,
- though it was not ours to laugh aloud, ours
- was that cheerful glow at the heart that
- spells content, and that delicious wonder-
- ment which comes of lying upon the green
- sward and breathing the pure air of the
- countryside.

And then there was the river! Who shall
- describe it, with its frigate of giant gums,
- the sentinels as it were, guarding the
- mysteries within. For to me a mystery ever
- clings about a river; the relic, perchance,
- of a childish idea that somewhere in the spray
- of a waterfall dwelt the fairies. And today,
- as I look upon such a river, I am tempted
to ask, Is it not so? This mist, is it not
- a vast moving phantom. Deep in that water,
- where lie reflected the everlasting stars, is
- there not the land of Oberon and his
- subjects? The mystery of it all takes hold
- one, and shuddering he turns, half
- expecting to see before him a fairy ring,
- with quaint pigmy's dancing around it.

Touch, for there is a spirit in the woods!
- of the theories of range practices a practical
- application.

April P. 11; 1914.

R.G.M.

"March"

As some lone minstrel, who, reluctantly,
- Passing from grief to joy, turns not away
- From those sad tunes which formed his
- doleful lay,
- But lingers with a broken melody.
- Ere yet his words may pour forth joyously—
- So is this month of March a month not gay,
- Yet not mournful, for the quivering
- day
- Of drought is o'er, but winter's yet to be.
- But cloud-leeked skies are here, and mutter-
- ings
- Of the storm time to come; some showers
to tell
- Of the great winter rains; with winds that
- beat
- To herald in the time when mighty wings
- Of tempest sweep the earth, and say farewell
- To all the sadness of the summer heat.

April P. 14; 1914.

R.G.M.
a car as individual as you are

After being told for close on 17 years that Holden is Australia's Own Car we were informed by way of a recent press advertisement that the Holden Premier is "First with the Imported Look"—Zippy do!

Now you can have your Holden with a Vinyl Covered Roof just like those exceptionally rare imported cars you've admired so much—or so the ad goes on to say.

It's a great gimmick. Best move yet we've seen in the planned obsolescence race. Guaranteed for a trade-in in six months—or as soon as it gets dirty and starts to peel. It's available in two colours: Black and White. With the black, the interior should reach about 180 degrees on a hot summer's day. The white will get so dirty you'll have to get the White Knight in every day. But, boy, do they look King on the showroom floor!

The advertisement continues:

"No other car offers this kind of distinction anywhere near this price."

From the ad this price is very hard to establish. The basic price is quoted as £1100 plus tax. The Morrokide black upholstery you get free, but the Vinyl Roof is extra. You'll see one from time to time. One of those glorious imported cars with the black vinyl-covered roof and rich all black interior—something to stir the soul of anyone who loves cars of real distinction.

Yes! Yes! we know the one you mean—a fire engine red Ford Thunderbird with chrome wire wheels and a two-foot-high "S" iron back of the side windows. Now that's a "real" car in the truest Holden sense.

Perhaps General Motors will bring out plastic buffalo horns for the front of their station wagons? Now that would be a car of real distinction! But why, if you want a car of real distinction, buy a Holden?

There's a big finish...

"Add this kind of luxurious new distinction to Premier's years ahead styling and spacious elegance... specify options such as power disc brakes, power glide automatic transmission, plus the fiery 140 HP twin carburettor X2 engine, and you've got a car as individual as you are..."

Yeah! About as individual as a black suit at a Eucharistic Congress.

Who are they trying to kid? A lot of people. And you know something? They succeed. There will be thousands of dumb Ails driving around in plastic coated Holdens, quite convinced that they are driving cars as individual as they are. And you know something? They're right too.

A FORD CORTINA will win the Armstrong 500—Australia's richest car race. It will be a racing car. After it has won, you will be told that the Ford Cortina that you buy off the showroom floor for £869 is the same car.

The rules of this race require that the car be of standard specification and at least 100 must have been assembled and sold in Australia.

So Ford have done just that. They made to standard specifications 100 cars that were built to win the Armstrong 500 and sold them at round about cost price to 100 Ford dealers and favoured Ford drivers.

"Standard Specification" in this case means the standard set by Harry Firth, Ford's top driver and winner of last year's Armstrong 500.

It will have 98 B.H.P. as against 55 and 65 B.H.P. of showroom Cortinas. It will be 5" lower and have its handling capabilities changed completely. Special fuel tanks will be fitted so that it doesn't have to stop so often and naturally all brake pads and linings will be of a vastly superior quality from the normal showroom type cars.

Best of all, it will have a very special gearbox designed perfectly to take care of a very special part of the Bathurst track called the "Cutting".

Ah yes, it's a fine sporting thing they're doing. And just to show there's no hard feelings, they have already named the car after the race—it's called the Cortina GT 500.

Holden have done the same with their X2 but oddly enough Holden don't take their cheating to the same lengths and will get beaten.

On July 31 The Australian carried a front page picture of a Perth man burning his car—a 1961 model Falcon. No mention of the car make, but it was reasonably obvious what it was.

The story went on to tell that the fellow had so much trouble with it since paying £1000 that he decided to vent all his pent-up hate by publicly burning it. He must have invited a newspaper photographer along to witness it.

The photograph shows the man gleefully throwing branches and logs on the blaze.

His is typical of many people's reactions to their feelings about these cars, though very few go so far. Well done, Sir! Oz has decided to make you a Life Member of the "Stamp Out Holdens (and the Like)" Club.

Arthur Hankin

PEACE CAME FLYING INTO THE ROOM UNANNOUNCED TO BE GREETED WITH OPEN ARMS

Baptize her, said the priest.
Interview her, said the editor.
Audition her, said the A & R man.
Con her, said the Communist.
Vag her, said the cop.
Check her affiliations, said the security chief.
Ban her, said the professional patriot.
Rape her, said the Rover Boys.
Spray her, said the morals veterinarian.
Take a blood-smear, said the government analyst.
Shoot her, said the soldier.
Let's go, they all said—And pretty soon there wasn't much left
Except a couple of feathers over near the door.
And a hell of a strong feeling that any day now there'd be WAR...

—BRUCE DAWE
How do you recognise an atomic explosion?
An atomic explosion is recognised by several infallible signs: the blast, the light, the heat and the atoms.

How does one recognise these infallible signs?
They can be identified by the following methods:
a. The wet finger. Put your finger in your mouth and then hold it up in the air. If your finger drops to the ground, then it is over-ripe: atomic rays ripen fingers prematurely. Shake your hand to allow the others to drop off.
b. The Geiger-counter. The Geiger-counter is a machine which detects atomic rays. If in doubt, hold the Geiger-counter in the hand and carefully observe its reactions. If the machine is transformed to a heap of ash, there has been an atomic blast. If it is thrown out of your hand, an ordinary bomb has probably just been exploded: which is still some cause for alarm but quite irrelevant in this context.

Where do you find tall-out shelters?
Unlike ordinary bombs, the atomic bomb does not require special or costly shelters. Nothing offers perfect protection: a ditch, a blade of grass, handkerchief knotted at each corner or a folded newspaper are more effective than concrete and cause less harm when they come crashing down over your head.

What to do after the explosion
Before anything else, count the survivors. If you can still count, it means you are alive: which is a bloody miracle.

Particular cases
(1) If the bomb has not exploded, it is necessary to unprime it by hitting it hard on the sharp end with a hammer.
(2) If the bomb goes “Pssst”, it means the uranium is damp. Put the bomb in the stove for a few moments or take it to bed with you.
(3) If the bomb begins to go tick-tick-tick, wind it up and walk briskly in the opposite direction.

An atomic explosion could occur in the air, on the ground or under the sea. How do you know?
Very easily. You'll have a mouthful of earth, water or air.

When can one venture out of the shelter?
The heat soon becomes bearable. To make sure, send one of the youngsters out of the shelter, say to buy some sweets. If the child gives off a glow, it would be better to wait a while. Send out other children, they will become successively dazzling white, bright red, dark red, and so on until normal temperature is attained. It is evidently necessary to have a large number of children at your disposal. Statistics show that headmasters and Catholics have a chance of survival above the average.

What NOT TO DO

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Good luck!

WHAT TO DO

Return to Sender

Jesus H. Christ! I sure am glad that's over.
A new goddamn government every hour, Disentry rampant after my deodorant Stick ran out; some religious sect Burning each other off like bonfires . . .
And I'd still be there but for those bugged mikes That caught me reading some Bertolt Brecht To a popsic who wanted a German poem first. They said I had a Commie in my bed.
Jesus how was I to know this Brecht guy was a Red? After all I'm a quarter Kraut myself.
The whole assignent was hell: barbed wire around My dinner, that food-taster who flaked after His first ginger onslaught on my peas.
Outside, queues of stacked corpses

Were being sent back overseas
To subscribers at home who had patiently
Filled out the coupon below.

Make my son a patriot. I understand
You will send his body back gift wrapped
In stars and stripes, post-free.

I conquer a cup of tea.
Even the stench from those candy coloured packs outside
Could not extinguish my cigar's glow.
Go Right Young Man

From the current issue of the *Australia International News Review*:

"A kind of softening-up has been going on in the U.S. since the turn of the century at least in the modification of the educational system, and the incultation of immorality, vice, and violence, now reaching a culmination."

"Who began the unhealthy cultivation and sale of sex-ridden gossip magazines?"

"Who invented the 'sex queen' as a symbol for the young and spread the doctrine of easy morality by glamorising the lives of history's highest-paid harlots?"

Who started the Second World War?

Who runs our newspapers?

Who's poisoning our drinking water?

Who killed Camilla Rose?

To answer these, among just a million other exciting possibilities, I decided to do myself a favour and re-read the first nine issues of the AINR which have so far appeared.

And, before long, the answer emerged — it's the Comms. You name it and AINR will tell you who's behind it, presuming of course that you do not become bored with the monotony of the answer.

**THE GREAT PLOT.** To understand the Great Plot one must go right back to the most ignominious betrayal of everything we live by—President Roosevelt’s signing of the Treaty of Yalta in 1945. In the world of AINR, Judas Iscariot and Lee Harvey Oswald shine as saints in comparison with crisis that requires an 'accord' between the government of the USSR most ignominious betrayal of everything we "That policy appears to be, to merge eventually with the government of the USSR via the UN."

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AINR has developed a vocabulary of abuse —"lackey", "dupe", "imperialist", "fascist" etc. We met them first in the Restoration of the UN. One AINR reader reminded us that it is "the biggest fifth-column in the world" and that "Communists such as the traitor Alger Hiss, Abraham Fuller and Harry Dexter White (or Weiss) were the main architects of the UN" (No. 7, p. 7). Again: "the essence of the United Nations policy under any of the American presidents since Roosevelt.

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"All that remains is the construction of a crisis that requires an 'accord' between the US and the USSR to disarm in favour of the Communist UN, in the interests of 'world peace' before the threat of an unthinkable nuclear war." (9, p. 25).

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In the original Statement of Policy its editors claimed to be "concerned to combat moral evil, to control the minds of Australia's youth and who attempt to soften the moral fibre to make their moral conquest more certain." Oddly enough, the full vindictiveness of their vitriol is not directed against the Australian Communist Party, nor even the Labor Party, which presumably lack sufficient "subtlety". No, the real baddies are such well-known Communist dupes and lackeys as the Catholic Church, the Anglican bishops, academics, President de Gaulle, the United Nations, the Country Party of Australia, and last but not least, President Roosevelt.

**FASCISM.** Of course, dialectics must be trained Comm. It may come as a slight surprise to find a Right-wing journal hurling the word "fascist" around but the basis for the Right-wing vola-face was laid in the very first Editorial:

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On the basis of this definition, there are black fascists (1939 and all that) and red fascists (an epithet reserved for AINR's most notorious bogeys, vide supra). For example—Apparently the West had forgotten that the only reason the Russians were our allies at all was because the black fascist Hitler had chosen to ignore the agreement signed with the red fascists (an epithet reserved for AINR's most notorious bogeys, vide supra). For example—Apparently the West had forgotten that the only reason the Russians were our allies at all was because the black fascist Hitler had chosen to ignore the agreement signed with the red fascists. (7, p. 11)

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Communists' most publicized agent provocateur in the US. His chief job is to maintain the smokescreen of a renascent nazism and so divert attention from the red fascists."

Apart from this, AINR has a strong following among certain migrant groups often alleged to be partial to Nazism and sometimes seems to fitter on the verge of anti-Semitism. Hence in the course of nine issues they have managed to remind us three times that ALP Federal Secretary Cyril Wyndham was born Cyril Isaacs. Their desire to put a racial stain on people sometimes gives ludicrous results as in this conundrum of an editorial on Knopfelmacher, with whom (surprisingly) they are not in agreement: "We held no brief for the troublesome Dr. K."); "We checked and found that he had been the victim of a whispering campaign. It labelled him Nazi, fascist and anti-communist. Since Dr. K. is a Jew, his family was killed by the Nazis, we thought it unlikely that he was a fascist. On his own say so, as it turned out, he was a Marxist socialist. It seems today that this kind of beast makes him anti-Communist. We scored him for consistency, because Marx was Jewish and so is Dr. K."

**THE CHURCH.** If AINR is not anti-Jewish, at least overtly, it is decisively less revolutionary halfway in common worship of God and right (Right?) living.

However, if the Catholics are marching relentlessly along the Moscow line, the Protestants are not far behind them. In a special article MP Dr. Malcolm Mackay, himself a Churchman, sternly warned: "Christianity is losing ground to the leftist Communist Conspiracy, AINR has a number of sub-themes which are driven home with monotonous regularity:

* anti-Press. A reader suggests: "I would like to draw your attention to certain dailies in NSW. They give comfort to our enemies by over emphasising and repeating the number of casualties sustained by our allies."

* anti-fluoride: "a minority today is again trying to force the majority to drink itself to extinction." (4, p.25)

* starving millions. Despite what you might otherwise think, "evidence that half the world is suffering from malnutrition just might otherwise have had for either Federal or NSW Liberal Governments. But its an- tagonism appears to be mainly derived from articles reprinted from America, where a large body of the Church has more closely associated itself with the mainstream of liberal Western thought.

Our Leaders

**By Lake Burley Griffin's shores**

Let the honest Australians weep,
While one half of the nation snores
And the other half counts sheep.

Our leaders, then, present monuments,
Cost gross shadows across his head,
Confident that to all intents
He must be reactionary or red.

When self-esteem is cast in bronze
What matter how the patina grows;
Age gives wisdom, if not to dons,
And youth can go and blow its nose.

Both out of date as Zeppelins,
One dips his jowls before the Queen;
The other counts the faceless grins
Of a clapped-out party hack machine.

British first, and then Australian,
One's paunch is garnished with a thistle,
But he has to ask an American
Where to point his little missile.
The other is as dinkum as tea
Boiled in billies in espresso bars,
Hating the Yanks so bitterly
He'd send our men to fight their wars.

A pommie and a Papal knight,
Each with chauffeur-driven charger,
Their Saracens are all non-white,
Banker, professor, coolie or roja.

One loves to patronise the globe
But never Peking or Tokyo,
He is, of course, black-Aphrophobe,
And neither ever helped an abo.

Their white Australia being a matter
Of keeping black or yellow out,
While those damn incensodottas
Can go perpetual walkabout.

The Knight Commander buttons all
Good liberals in his double-breaster,
Save the odd intellectual
Who has no license, even as jester;
The Carlton cavalieri shies
Officially away from those
Who know he can think if he tries,
And not only on the worker's woes;
Youth, of course, has no discretion,
Even if neither nor arty,
For no one who missed the Great Depression
Can ever hope to lead this party.

Oh for some nuclear submarine
To heave its snout from Lake Griffin's waves
And blast both thistle and machine,
Before we sleep into our graves.

—GEOFFREY DUTTON.
The following is a genuine transcript of Bob Dylan's first press conference conducted on the eve of Dylan's fifth LP release in New York. Published by arrangement with “The Village Voice” newspaper.

Q. Bob, when you first started writing songs, did you write like Woody Guthrie?
A. Like I'm from Minnesota. Did you ever grow up in Minnesota, or hear Woody Guthrie? I didn't hear him until I was around a college.

Who did you write songs like that before?

Ever hear of Gene Vincent? Buddy Holly? Then you had a rock and roll band in high school.

I had a banana band in high school.

So then you heard of Guthrie and he changed your life?

Then I heard of Odetta first... Then you heard of Guthrie and he changed your life?

Then I heard of Josh White... Then you heard of Guthrie... Then I heard about those riots in San Francisco...

The HUAC riots?

And I moved on meeting James Dean so I decided to go meet Woody Guthrie.

Was he your greatest influence?

I don't know that I'd say that, but for a spell the idea of him affected me quite much.

What about Brecht? Read much of him?

No. But I've read him. Rimbaud?

I've read his little tiny book, "Evil Flowers."

You're thinking of Baudelaire.

Yes, I've read his tiny little book, too.

How about Hank Williams? Do you consider him an influence?

Hey, look, I consider Hank Williams, Captain Marvel, Marlon Brando, The Tennessee Stud, Clark Kent, Walter Cronkite, and J. Carrol Naish all influences. Now what is it—please—what is it exactly you people want to know?

Tell us about your movie.

It's gonna be in black and white. Will it be in the Andy Warhol style?

Who's Andy Warhol? Listen, my movie will be—I can say definitely—it will be in the style of the early Puerto Rican films. Who's writing it?

Allen Ginsberg. I'm going to rewrite it. Who will you play in the film?

The hero. Who is that going to be?

My mother. Will it have significance? That is, some hidden philosophical meaning or message?

Say, like Albee's play, "Tiny Alice"? "Tiny Alice" Is that what you said? No, "Tiny Alice." Let's drop—Bob, do you have any philosophy about life and death? About death?

How do I know, I haven't died yet. Hey, you're insulting me all to shit—What goes on between you and Joan Baez that doesn't meet the eye?

She's my fortune teller.

Bob, what about the situation of American poets. Kenneth Rexroth has estimated that since 1900 about 30 American poets have committed suicide.

Thirty poets! What about American housewives, mailmen, street cleaners, miners? Jesus Christ, what's so special about 30 people that are called poets? I've known some very good people that have committed suicide. One didn't do nothing but work in a gas station all his life. Nobody referred to him as a poet, but if you're gonna call people like Robert Frost a poet, then I got to say this gas station boy was a poet, too.

Bob, to sum up—don't you have any important philosophy for the world?

I don't drink hard liquor if that's what you mean. No. The world in general. You and the world. Are you kidding?
So! The grand old man of satire has condescended to return. Probably as an assisted migrant too, he's been away long enough. He's just the same as the rest of his crowd, my word he is... takes a good education in pleasant surrounds from his parents without a word of thanks (which they can ill afford, mind you) and then off on the first boat to sneer at his parents and his parents' friends from across the world. They never did him any harm — on the contrary. But he seems to forget all those little kindnesses that he was once only too glad to accept, he just turns up his nose at the family and even the whole suburb. You'd think he'd never played in the streets or gone to the same school, the way HE goes on.

I remember giving him his first Meccano, it was probably the only constructive thing he ever did. All he does now is make parodies of what I say. And you'd think he might at least leave the gentle sex out of it. But no, he treats them just the same as men.

Well, I can tell you, I'm not going to see him perform. I'm not going to pay good money to hear him recite what he heard from me and I hope no one else will. (None of OUR street are going.)

I'm not paying to hear his twisted mind, he's sick and should be treated like a sick person. Locked up, locked up fast before he attacks someone. If he acts like a mad dog, then treat him like one and then see how he likes it, see if he still thinks it's funny. That'll make him and his lot smile on the other side of their intellectual little faces.

GO HOME BARRY HUMPHRIES.
two questions at law

The jurisdiction of a Victorian Justice of the Peace is probably the most extensive and certainly among the most powerful of any in the world.

"Untrained, unpaid and at times quite ignorant of the law, a Victorian JP can try with consent a man for larceny and embezzlement up to £500, commit him to trial on most indictable offences from rape to drunk driving and hear a host of summary offences from offensive behaviour to illegal parking." (The Australian) 

OZ Legal Correspondent, BONO, looks at the JP in Victoria and N.S.W.

In Ballarat on June 5, a man was sentenced to six months goal for breaking a law, window valued at 24/6. His case was heard by Mr. M. Calnin, J.P., a superannuated railaman. After two months in prison, he was released on probation. Another one is 75 but still clenching the reins of office.

The June winner fairly romped it in. The laurel tribute went to Mr. Harry W. Sawkins, J.P., with 52 years of J.P.ship, 84½ years of age. Mr. Sawkins records that his is "still mentally active as President of the Citizens' Non-Party League for the Abolition of the Means Test"

Although he and most other J.P.'s may do nothing more than witness documents and sign pieces of paper at incredible speed, should an 84½-year-old still be holding a position so closely connected with justice and administration of the law? Most old men prefer peace to justice.

The N.S.W. Justices' Association has a rival—the Independent Justices' Group. The Group has no magazine but does post out an enthralling letter, roneod on blue sumptuously lived. It goes to new J.P.'s even before they have been officially notified of their appointment: "Dear Fellow J.P.," it begins "Congratulations on your appointment as a JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, the above organisation (badge shown as above) invites you to become a MEMBER. This organisation is the most modern up to date organisation of its kind in Australia. Like most modern organisations we do away with the dull old fashioned meetings and recommend the modern J.P. to study the FREESTEXT BOOK ALL OUR MEMBERS RECEIVE ON JOINING. This text book is the most modern up to date and only text book for the J.P. . . ." Like most modern up to date organisations this one does away with dull old grammar and syntax. But whom care? Remember the free text book.

"NO JOINING FEES . . . it continues, " . . . NO YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS . . . REMEMBER YOU ONLY PAY 4/4/- FOR LIFE . . ."

As well as the book, new members receive:

"ONE RAGDGE . . . ONE CERTIFICATE, suitable for home or office—10 in. x 8 in. 1 1/2 INCHES . . . LEATHER OR PLASTIC BOUND" (presumably to flash at the old hit-run driver as you pull him over).

The Independent Justices' Group, at first sight, appears to have official backing as the last paragraph of the letter runs: "Should you care to verify your appointment, ring Sydney 2-6156, Chief Secretary's Dept., J.P. section . . . THERE IS NO NEED TO DELAY AS WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF YOUR APPOINTMENT . . ."

A call to the Department roused the clerk to violent deny of any link between his Department and the Group.

"We don't recognise them," he said, "I don't know anything about it." In the end he advised his caller to "throw the letter in the wastepaper basket and don't go near them".

The offending letter was sent by "W. (Bill) HARRIS" for the N.S.W. Director, who remains modestly anonymous.

It must be tempting for the novice J.P. who knows nothing about the procedure or the courts to send his 4 guineas for the most modern up to date book, the wall certificate and the identity card. Mind you, the Law Book Company publishes an outline of the powers and duties of justices of the peace in New South Wales" written by a judge and priced 18/6, but this hardly gives you a feeling of belonging, of being wanted by the peer group and you don't get a wall certificate!  

JURIES "have the negative advantage of neutralising any prejudice to which the jury is peculiar. The advantage that comes from the necessity for group consultation and decision" (p. 5). "The law requires that each case should be decided upon its merits. A jury has the very best opportunity of satisfying the requirements of the law in feeling of tedium or familiarity will prevent it from giving its full and fresh consideration to the circumstances proved . . . Finally, the four laymen will bring to bear on the problems of the case a flexible approach which is often foreign to the legally trained mind." 

JUDGES, it appears, have as many disadvantages as juries have advantages:

i) training. Their training "makes them specially fitted to decide questions of law. It does not necessarily fit them to decide questions of fact." (p. 3) 

ii) callouses in the mind: "Judges handicapped both by their legal training and by a long exposure to a multiplicity of cases of a superficially similar kind, cannot have a fresh approach to each case." (32) Thus they may develop an "insensitivity in the mind which enables them to resist evidence and argument in particular questions".

iii) the judge's form. "Every barrister can furnish illustrations based on his own experience of callouses in the mind of the most high-minded judges. It does not matter whether they are called callouses, blips or merely strong views. The result is that on the particular question no amount of evidence or argument is likely to produce a change of mind . . ." (34) Before a judge puts a high premium on understanding the form of the particular judge and a lower premium on the understanding of men. The presentation of the case must be angled to attract preferences and avoid prejudices. If the judge doesn't like police witnesses or working wives or Catholics, these questions are to be emphasised or muted according to the side of the prejudices on which the advocate stands." (34).
Now the point we would like to make is this:

1. Everybody—including the NSW Bar Association—agrees that a man's freedom is more important than the question of how much compensation he is given as the result of personal injury.

2. At the present moment we have a curious criminal system by which the jury decides whether a man is guilty or not but the judge decides what punishment he is to incur. In the case of a jury finding someone guilty of murder, the range of this decision may be from life imprisonment to release on a bond. Even though the law does set out the considerations upon which this judgment is to be made, it is quite clear that the judge has enormous powers of discretion to exert.

3. So, if we are to be told that jury is preferable to a judge in assessing the damages in an injury case, is it not also true that a jury is preferable in the assessment of what punishment is right for a particular crime?

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The blindspots and prejudices of individual judges—some of whom may harbour a pathological attitude to rapists or homosexuals, etc.; some of whom may hold a fixed belief in the Boy Scouts or solitary confinement as a sociological cure-all—never seem to raise much comment in the Press; although they may be notorious to the barristers that appear before them. Yet such judges—together with the bowler and equally susceptible SM's and JPs—are allowed daily to decide the future of often sick citizens, for whom common humanity demands a better justice than this.

Therefore, fortified by the Bar Association's confirmation that the judge is not without inherent failings and their belief that on non-legal questions the jury is capable of a more balanced decision, we ask:

1. Why will the Bar Association not extend its argument and suggest that verdicts in criminal cases be taken out of the hands of judges and put either in the hands of juries or a trained tribunal?

2. Why has the revelation of the shortcomings of judges taken so long to be confirmed by the Bar Association and is now only made known at a time when the Bar is open to the suggestion that it suits the interests of a powerful group within their membership to enlighten the public?

—R.W.

A FEATURE OF THE SYDNEY TRADE FAIR

PAGEANT OF ASIA SPECTACULAR

This year the International Sydney Trade Fair goes spectacular and Asian all at once. Stefon Hoag of the Elizaldeh Trust will personally produce a PAGEANT OF ASIA SPECTACULAR on the Sydney Showground arena. This photosmorgia is to boost trade with, understanding of, and friendship towards, the Trade Fair because the programme has no visible relevance to Asia.

The details of the production appear below but we've added our suggestions which could help to introduce at least a soupcon of the modern Asia we all know.

This once-in-a-lifetime production will bring you dazzling performances and pageantry from 15 countries, including:

- CEYLON—The delightful virtuosity of the world-renowned Kandy Dancers as they bring you the dance of the Flaming Torches.

- INDIA—A grand Festival Parade with King Elephant in all his brocaded and jewelled ceremonial finery.

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- REPUBLIC OF CHINA—The unique artistry of the Classical Theatre of China.

- PAKISTAN—Daredevil exploits by the famed tent peggers of Pakistan on fast-galloping horses, brandishing flashing sabres in a superb exhibition of skill and precision.

It is believed that the Ring of Fire will be played by the nearest available white woman. (Integration always begins at the personal level.)

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There are several additions to this section: "Independence Stomp", "Let's Have a Party" and the well-loved "Barnes Dance".

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BINKIES BUGERS

My Dearest Ron,
There ought to be a better word than delicious.