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Fraser had the support of all the chiefs of staffs and departmental heads. Behind that was two years of work by the former head of the Universities Commission, Sir Leslie Martin, and the chairman of the chiefs of staff committee, Sir John Wilton, and a lengthy report. Mr. Gorton was not the least impressed.

The Defence Minister says it will take another two months to prepare the submission Mr. Gorton wants, and this will delay the opening of the new college a year. The Defence Department had been hoping to get it in operation by 1974. Now it won't be in action until 1975, and the first "integrated" officers won't emerge until the end of the decade.

PRESERVING FOR PROFIT

IN PLANNING the future of Sydney's Paddington, the Woollahra Council now has the benefit of a report from the Paddington Society which if the mayor had commissioned it would have cost the ratepayers \$20,000. The report was prepared by such experienced (and costly) town-planners and architects as Donald Gazzard, Keith Cottier and George Clarke, who recently prepared the plan for the historic Battery Point area in Hobart.

The basic idea of the report is that Paddington be classified as a historic area such as the *vieux carre* of New Orleans and that all future development be controlled on this basis. Paddington was built in the 1880s boom for the lower-middle classes, declined when the spacious suburbs developed until it became a slum, and was revived in the 1950s by the new urbanites who prefer, in Bernard Smith's words, "the historic fabric of the city itself" to the gardens of suburbia. Between 1959 and 1966 these people bought over 2000 terraces and spent about \$2 million on restoring them. They now want their investment and way of life protected from indiscriminate developers and road engineers. The Paddington Society tells the Council how to do it.

Among the new arguments they put up in the report is the one from tourism by Max Kelly, an economist of the University of New South Wales. Paddington, he says, is a valuable commodity, a salable product — provided it keeps its character. Tourism, he says, is like mining — something that caught us unprepared after years of believing we had little or nothing to sell. Today, we can sell Australia to foreign tourists just as we sell nickel to foreign manufacturers. We earned \$75 million from tourists in 1966, but should get about \$300 million in 1975. We had 253,000 foreign visitors in 1967, but should get about 700,000 in 1975.

People travel, according to the Pacific Area Travel Association, to see the "beautiful creations of man." Well, Paddington, according to Mr. Kelly, is one of the "beautiful creations of man." Already it attracts more than 5500 tourists a year.

STOOPING LOW

THE GREAT god car seems to stop at — or for — nothing. Last week a Sydney suburban newspaper carried this plaintive public notice: "Will any person who witnessed an accident on September 10, 1970, on the Pacific Highway, Crows Nest, opposite the Mater Hospital, in which a woman's hand was run over by a taxi as she bent down to pick up change which she had dropped on the footpath, please contact . . ." We wish the woman luck. But who can catch a taxi?

RARE APPROACH

THE IDEA behind Paul Hamlyn books is that you take the commodity to the customer, not expect the customer to find the commodity. Hamlyn bookshops in city stores attract people who would otherwise never find their way into a bookshop. The latest step along this path is the firm's "Australian Meat Cookery," which will be on sale in butchers' shops. It is a merchandising idea which seems to open infinite possibilities — a complete medical guide in doctors' waiting-rooms, how to pull your own teeth at the dentist's — and it certainly outshines the lacklustre approach of most publishers.

NOTHING NEW

THE BULLETIN has received a message that the British magazine "New Society" is now resuming our subscription. They regret that they failed to send out a renewal subscription in April because their computer broke down.

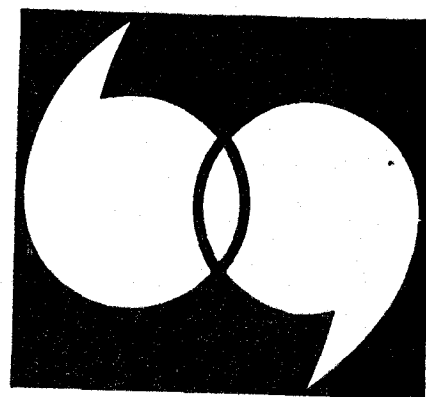
LITTLE COMFORT

THE WAGES of sin in the West, it seems, is still likely to be venereal disease. In nine months in the Western Australian nickel-belt city of Boulder 220 cases of venereal disease were reported in a population of 5200 people, ten percent of the State's total. An estimated 70 percent of these originated in Kalgoorlie's noted Hay Street, whose corrugated iron houses are Australia's closest thing to *maisons de tolerance*. A surprising number of Western Australians still hold to the comforting belief that officially accepted prostitutes cut down

incidence of venereal disease. On the contrary, Boulder's medical officer Dr. H. C. Fletcher-Jones says, Hay Street is a continuing source of gonorrhoea.

LOGICAL CONCLUSION

RECENTLY the "Sydney Morning Herald" has been running a campaign to attract more classified advertising: "We announced his birth in the Herald," "We announced our engagement in the Herald," and so on. But will the "Herald" press on with this? Say, "Lots of good things get buried on the back page."



The idea of having an education program on drugs in schools horrifies me. It could lead to a disastrous increase in drugtaking.

— Victorian Assistant Director-General of Education Dr. L. W. Shears

The grocery store is the great equaliser where mankind comes to grips with the facts of life, like toilet tissue.

— Mr. Joseph Goldberg, visiting U.S. grocer at a retail trade association conference in Queensland

Sydney is a staggeringly beautiful city, still potentially salvagable.

— American architect Mr. Peter Blake

There are too many who regard the theatre public as sub-moronic people who will beat their hands together at anything.

— Sydney theatre producer John Gow

There is no definition of what China in fact means.

— The Minister for External Affairs Mr. McMahon

It is ridiculous that I need a permit from Australia to enter my own country.

— The Speaker of the Papua-New Guinea House of Assembly Dr. John Guise

I cannot ever imagine a reasonable request for a procession being refused by the Police Commissioner.

— N.S.W. Chief Secretary Mr. Willis

The whole thing was an innocent mistake by Mr. Singline.

— Mr. L. Harmanis, one of the men mentioned in the Tasminex report

Businesses are rarely free to raise prices at will.

— Labor and National Service Minister Mr. Snedden