
POLITICAL



CARTOONS

TRACE HODGSON

INTRODUCTION

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their size and dated into the 19th century.

19th Century

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This exhibition of 'Political Cartoons' originated from the exhibition of work by cartoonist **Tom Scott** curated and toured by the **Robert McDougall Gallery** during 1985/86.

With the interest and financial support of **Data General** we were able to broaden the exhibition concept to include the work of Trace Hodgson — increasingly respected for his political work with the '**Listener**'.

This documentation of work by Hodgson covers the period and issues from late 1984 until the present.

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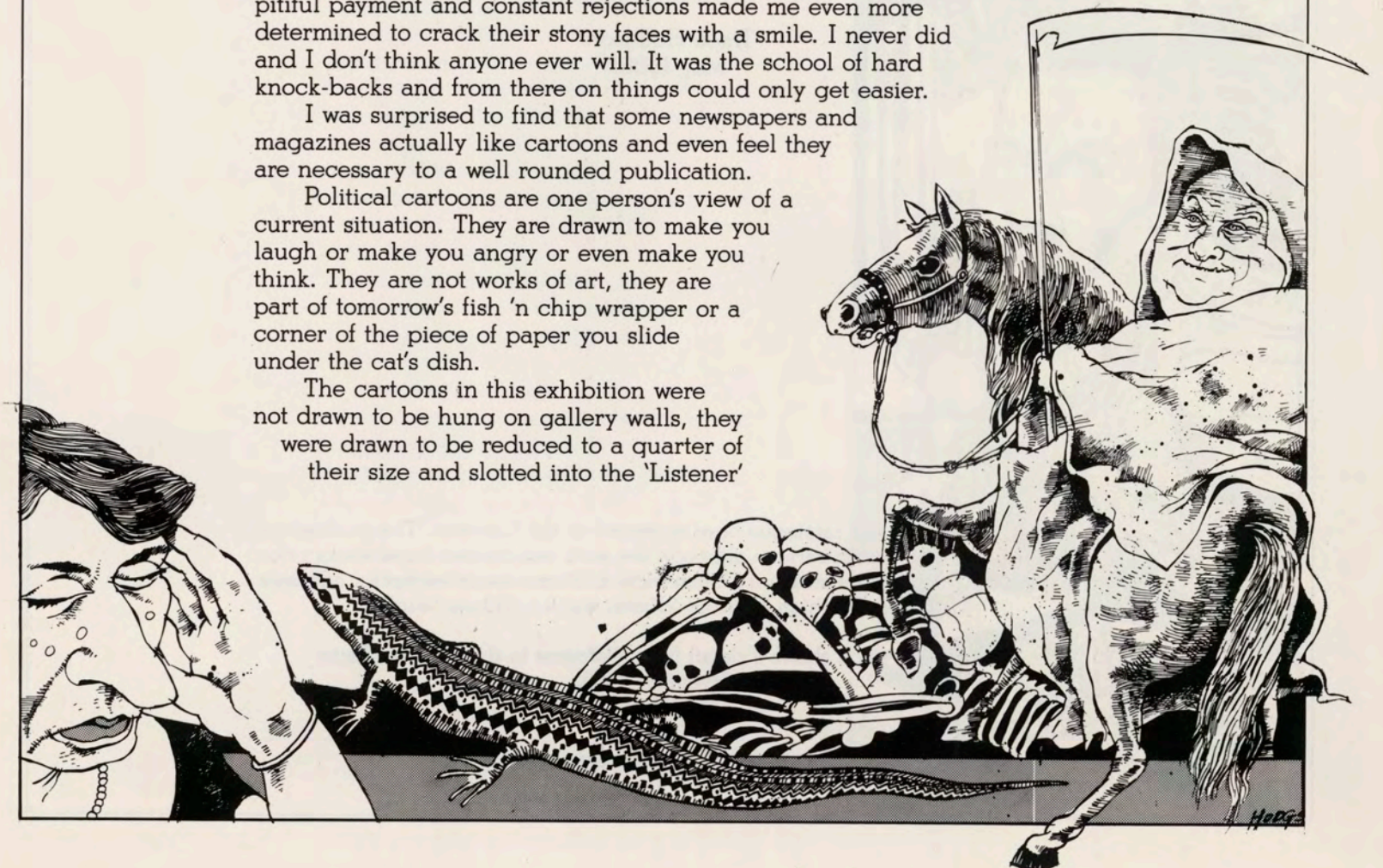
INTRODUCTION

I began cartooning in 1979 at The Christchurch Press where I was working as a commercial artist. In a perverse way I feel The Press helped me in my career as a cartoonist. They were mean and erratic and their pitiful payment and constant rejections made me even more determined to crack their stony faces with a smile. I never did and I don't think anyone ever will. It was the school of hard knock-backs and from there on things could only get easier.

I was surprised to find that some newspapers and magazines actually like cartoons and even feel they are necessary to a well rounded publication.

Political cartoons are one person's view of a current situation. They are drawn to make you laugh or make you angry or even make you think. They are not works of art, they are part of tomorrow's fish 'n chip wrapper or a corner of the piece of paper you slide under the cat's dish.

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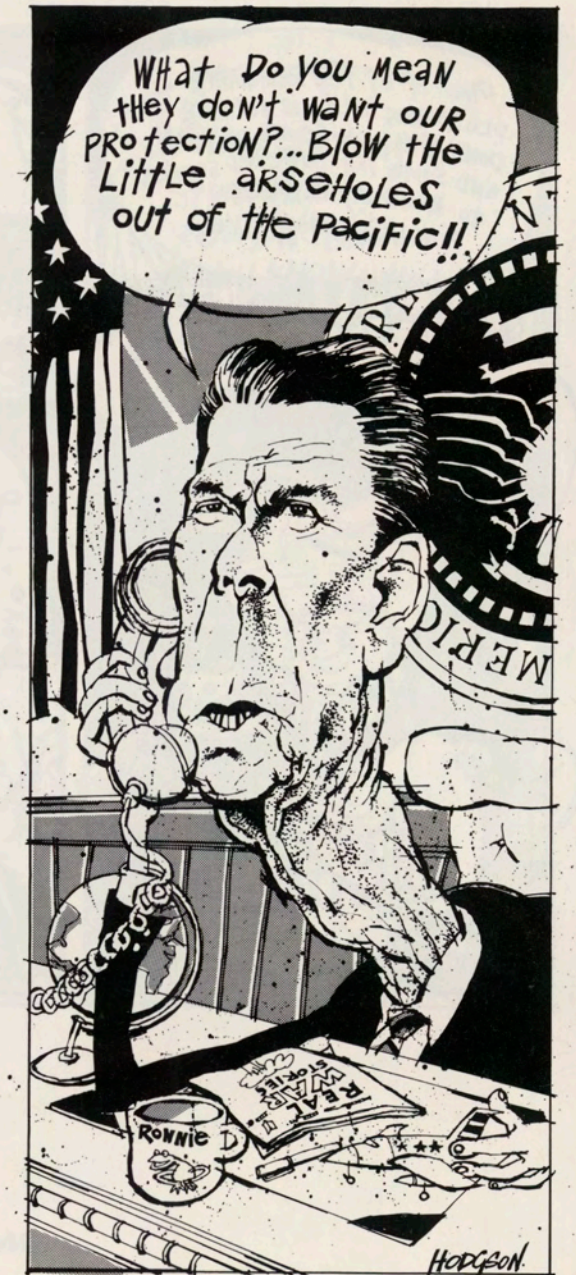


next to Denis Welch's column. Eventually the letratone will curl and fall from the card, and the lines will fade in the light. Their copies will become ghosts in the vaults of the Bowen State Building where one day someone in a silver suit will blow away the dust and say, "so that's what was happening in 1986".

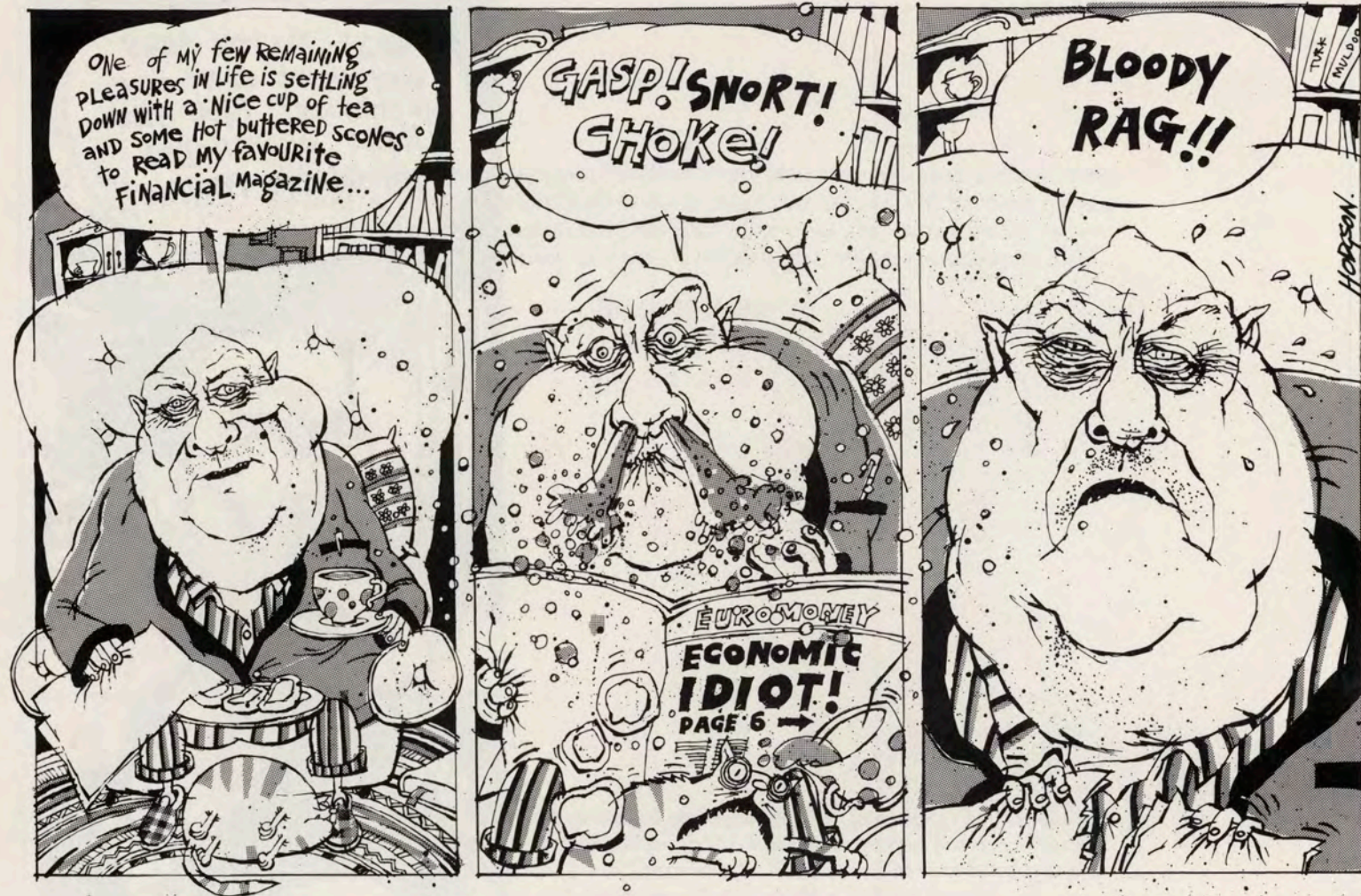
Trace Hodgson
May 1986

All the cartoons in this catalogue have appeared in the 'Listener'. The publication date is given below each cartoon although the work was created three weeks prior to this date. The originals measure 600mm width x 390mm height except for numbers 1, 14 and 26 which measure 215mm width x 510mm height.

The previous page shows a detail from **Welcome to the National Party**
16 November 1985.



RONALD REAGAN
(Anzus Breakdown)
20 October 1984



ECONOMIC IDIOT
(Muldoon humiliated by Foreign Press)
27 October 1984



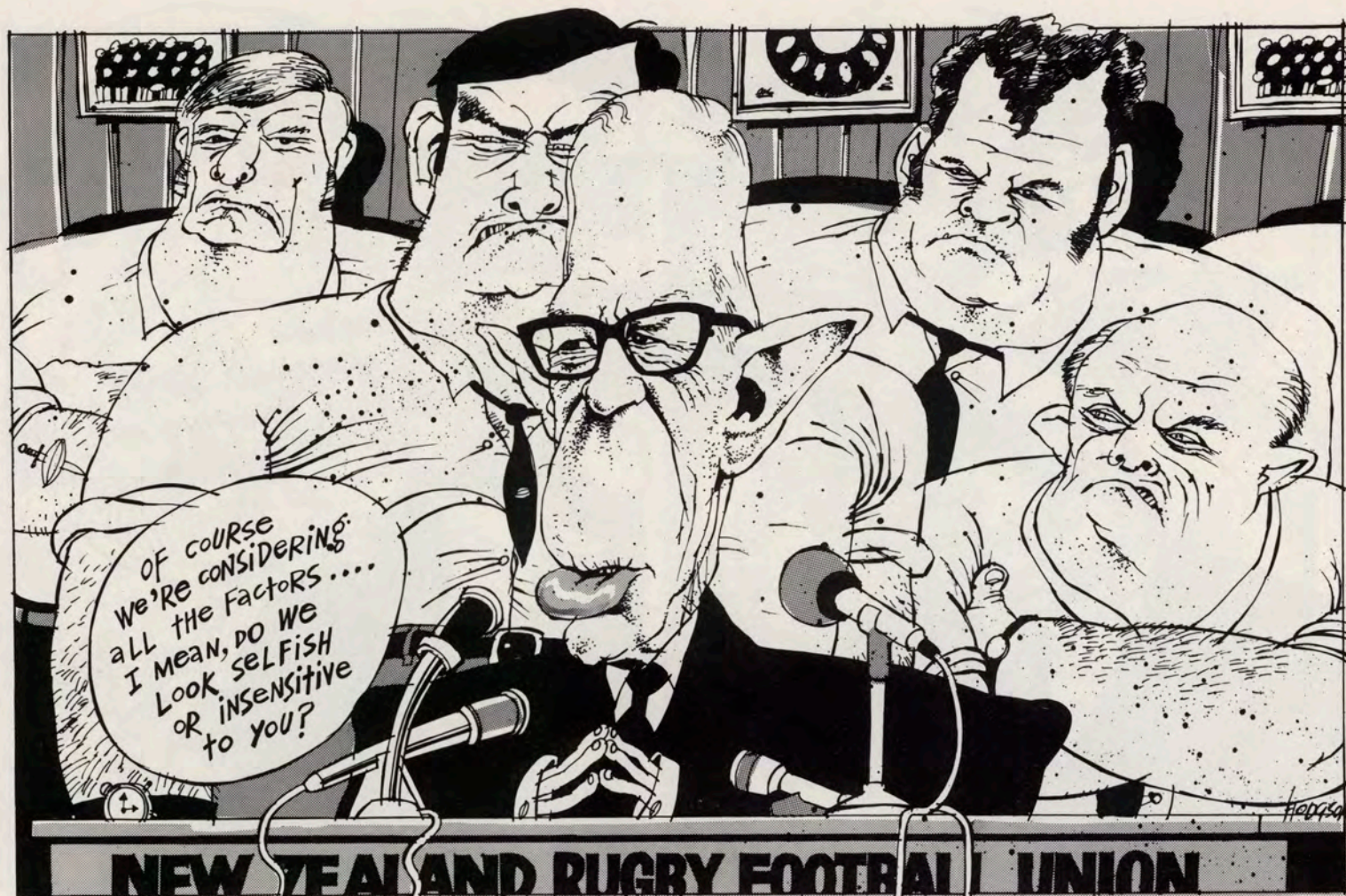
STRONGLY REASONABLE
(Lange uncertain after ANZUS stand)
3 November 1984



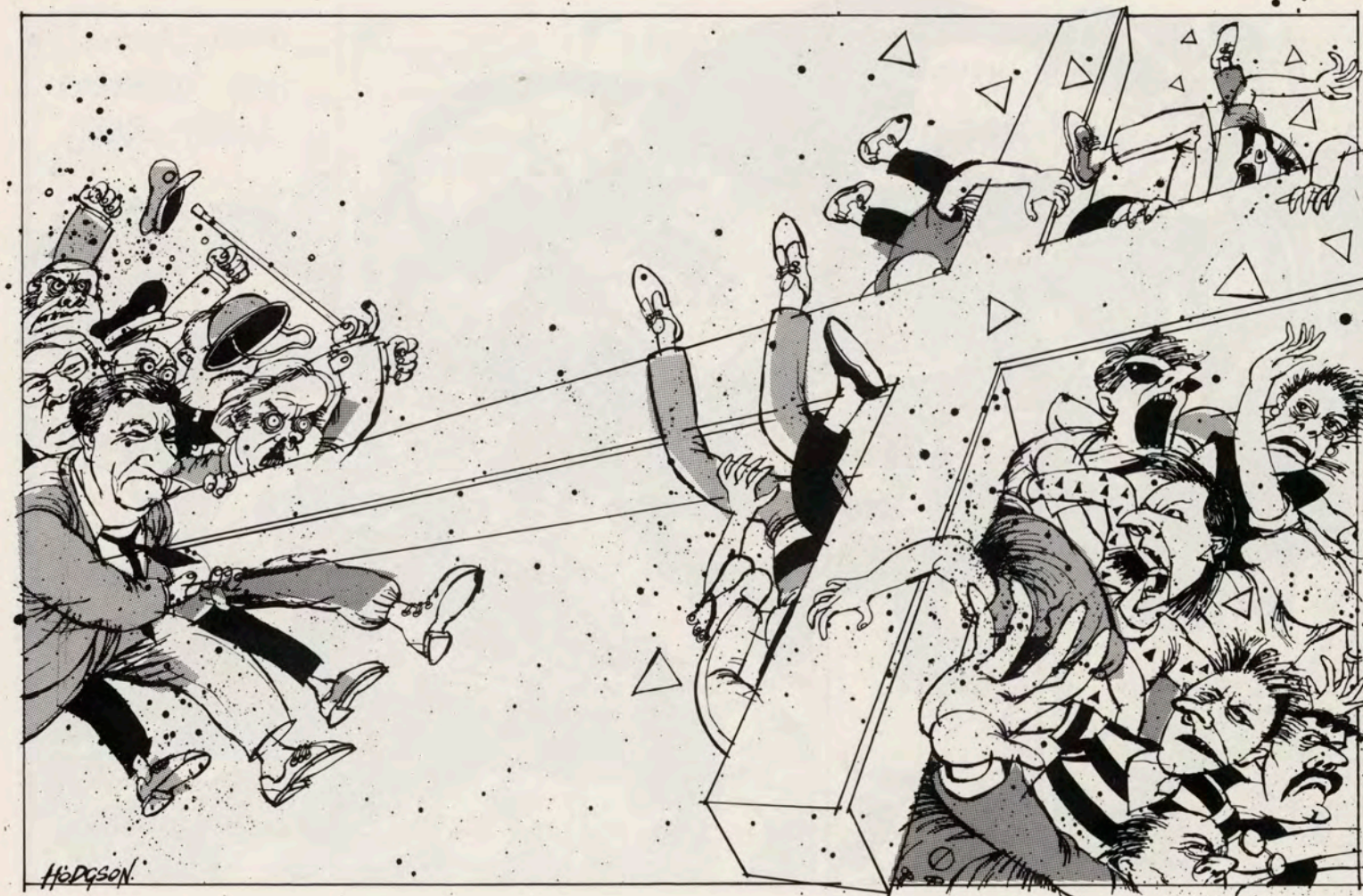
CONSENSUS BUDGETED
(The Douglas Budget wrecks Consensus)
15 December 1984



RAT JIM
(Jim McLay turns nasty as Opposition Leader)
13 April 1985



N.Z.R.F.U.
(Proposed Rugby Tour of South Africa)
20 April 1985



A RIGHT CROSS
(Gay Rights Bill)
27 April 1985



ON TOUR
(Proposed Tour of South Africa)
11 May 1985



DR. LANGE AND MR DOUGLAS
(Harsh Economic Policies of Douglas)
18 May 1985



SHARP TOOLS
(Muldoon undermines McLay)
25 May 1985



JUNGLE JIMS
(McLay disillusioned as Opposition Leader)
13 July 1985



FOOT IN MOUTH
(Bassett annoys Doctors)
27 July 1985

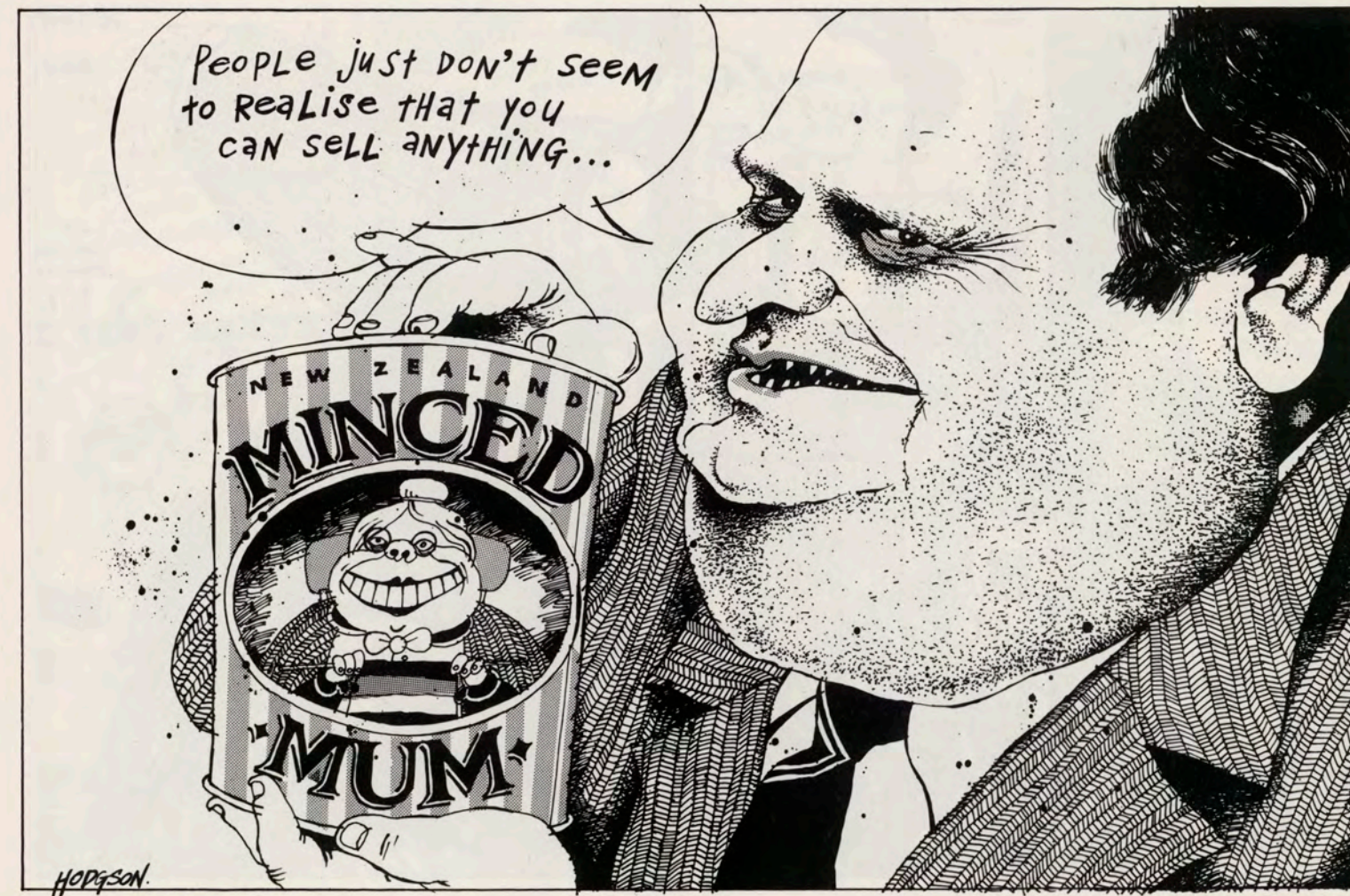
MONA LANGE
(Lange Celebrates One Year in Office)
27 July 1985





*"When the earth is sick,
animals will begin to disappear,
When that happens
The Warriors of the Rainbow
will come to save them"*

WHALE
(Rainbow Warrior sunk)
3 August 1985

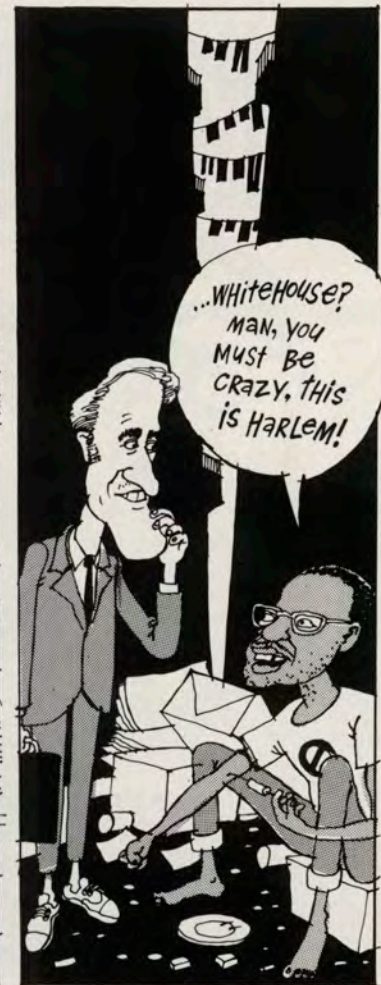


MINCED MUM
(Moore pushes Exports)
31 August 1985



LEANING TO THE RIGHT

21 September 1985

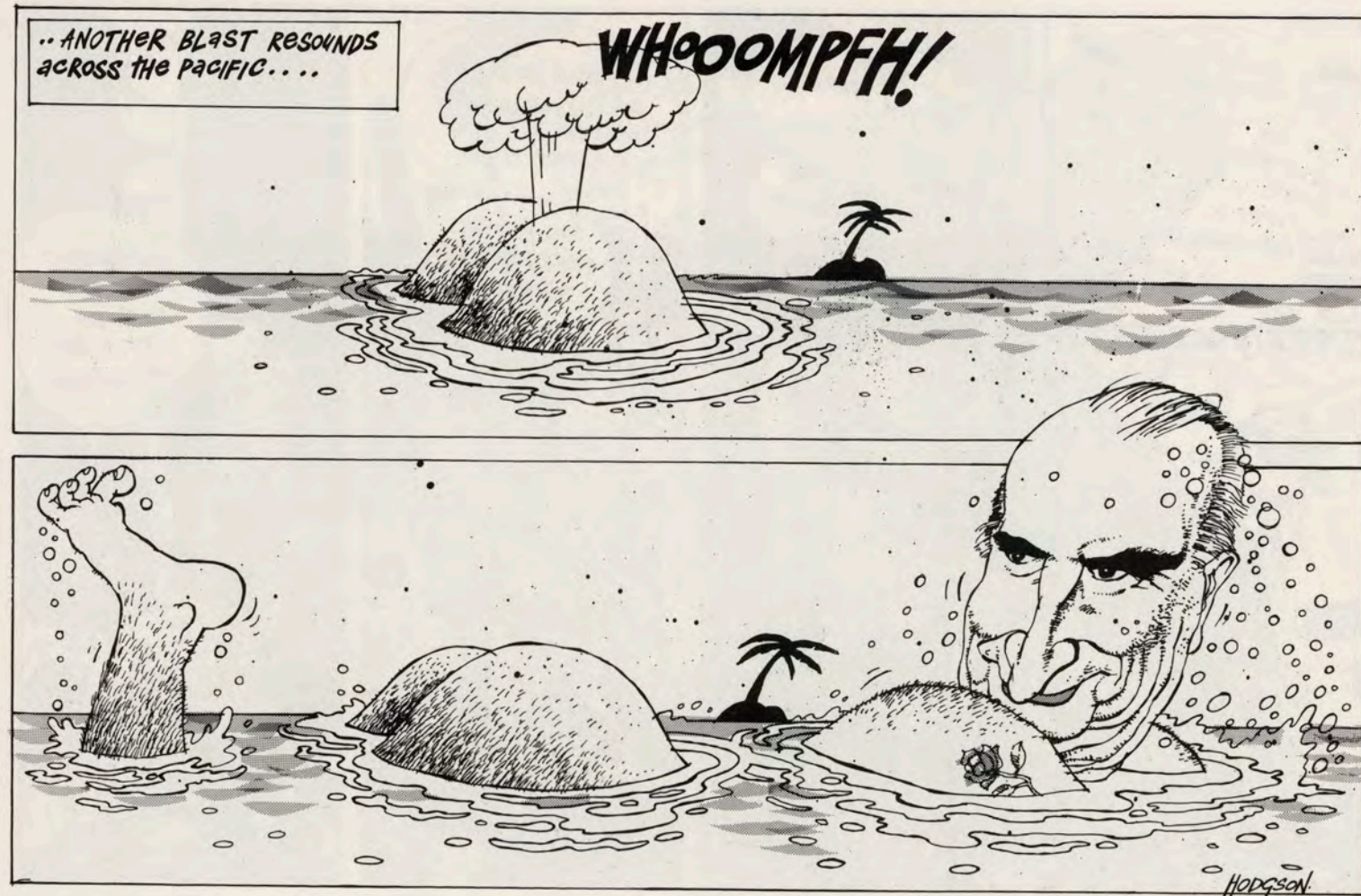


GEOFF IN U.S.A.

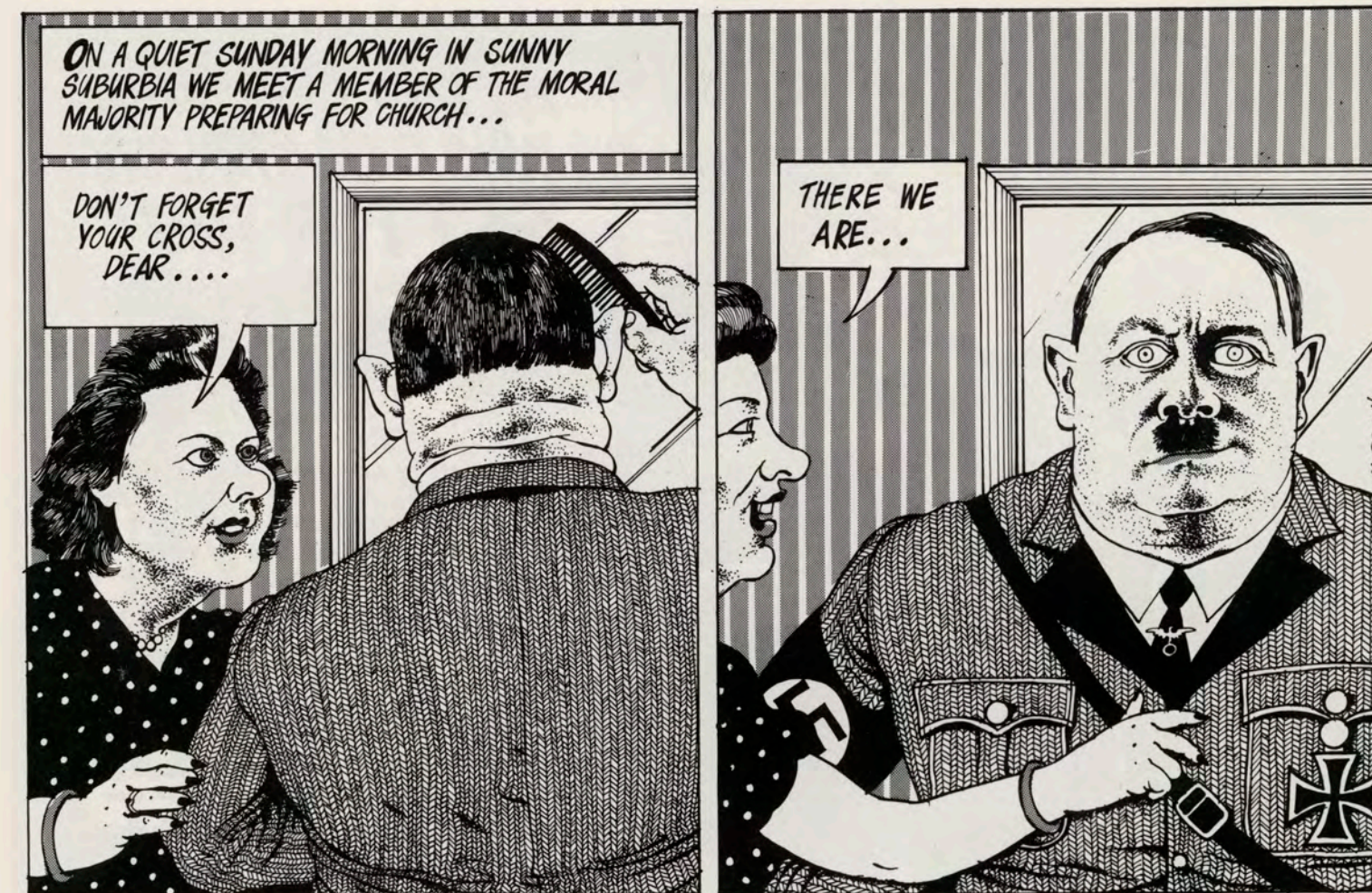
(Palmer visits U.S. on Goodwill Anzus Mission)

(Failed)

28 September 1985



MITTERAND'S BUM
(Another explosion at Mururoa)
5 October 1985



A FUNDAMENTAL HITLER
(Petition presented to Parliament against Gay Bill)
19 October



AT LAST, SOMEONE WHO CAN EXPLAIN GST FOR YOU!

"SURE, I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. THIS IS HOW IT WORKS. AT THE END OF THE DAY I COUNT UP MY TAKINGS AND DIVIDE BY 11, TAKE AWAY THE NUMBER I FIRST THOUGHT OF, AND MULTIPLY THE ANSWER BY THE SQUARE ROOT OF THE HYPOTENUSE. THEN I ADD UP ALL MY OPERATING COSTS AND MOVE THE DECIMAL POINT TWO PLACES TO THE RIGHT. FINALLY I CROSSCHECK THE WHOLE THING WITH EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY AND THE SECOND LAW OF AERODYNAMICS. EASY, EH? I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER 1 NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE THE MOMENT GST BECOMES LAW I'M GOING TO GO RIGHT UP TO THE BEEHIVE AND GIVE MYSELF THE PLEASURE OF PERSONALLY GARROTTING ROGER DOUGLAS. THEN WE'LL ALL BE BETTER OFF...."

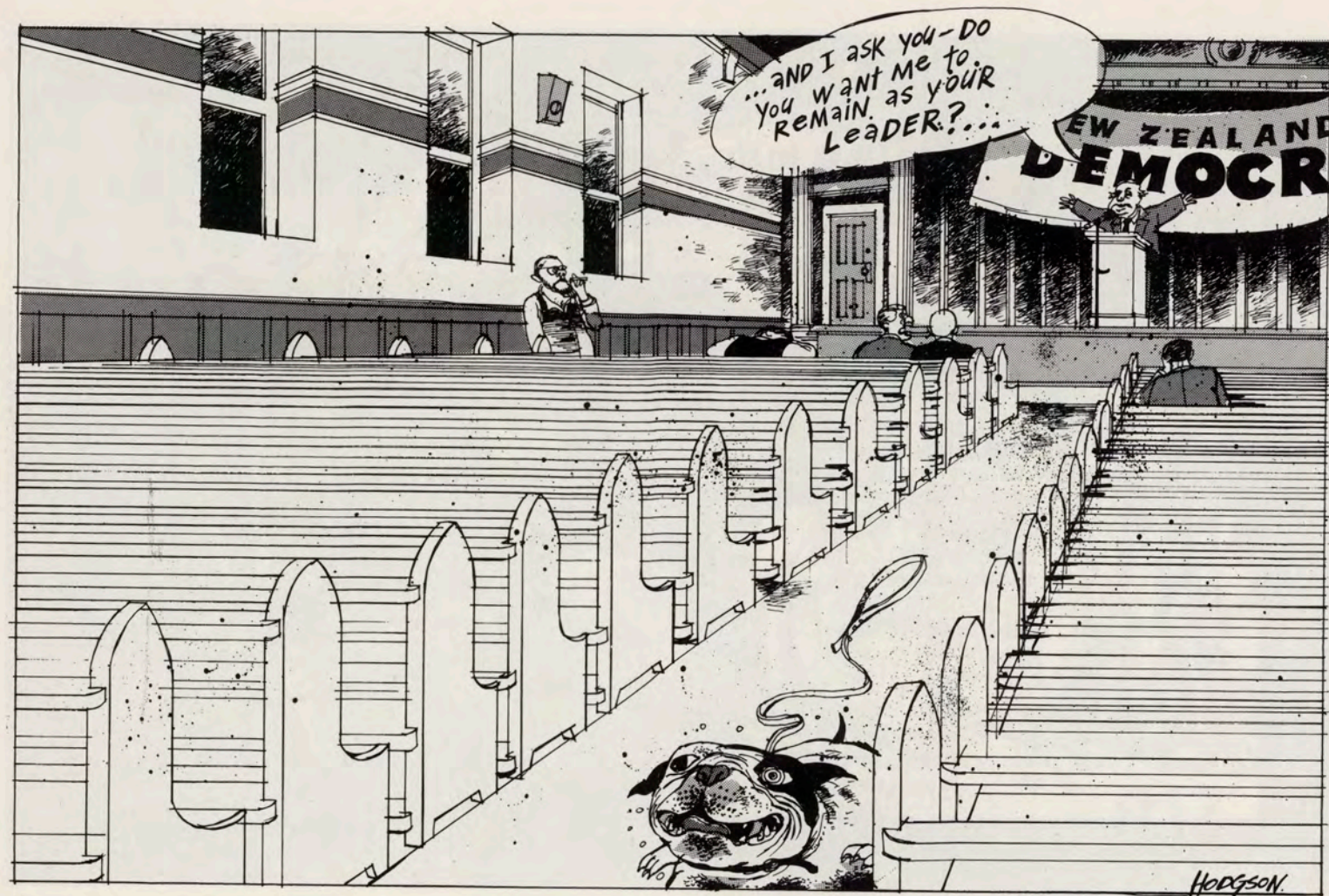
GST
the easy way

G.S.T.
(Following advertising explaining G.S.T supposedly)
Words by Denis Welch
2 November 1985



Marcy! I just
Had the Most
awful
NIGHTMARE!

A NIGHTMARE
(Muldoon attacks McLay again)
23 November 1985



THE DEMOCRATS?
 (Bruce Beetham stays on as Leader)
 30 November 1985



CULTURAL AMBASSADORS
 (Moore makes Marching Girls Cultural Ambassadors)
 7 December 1985



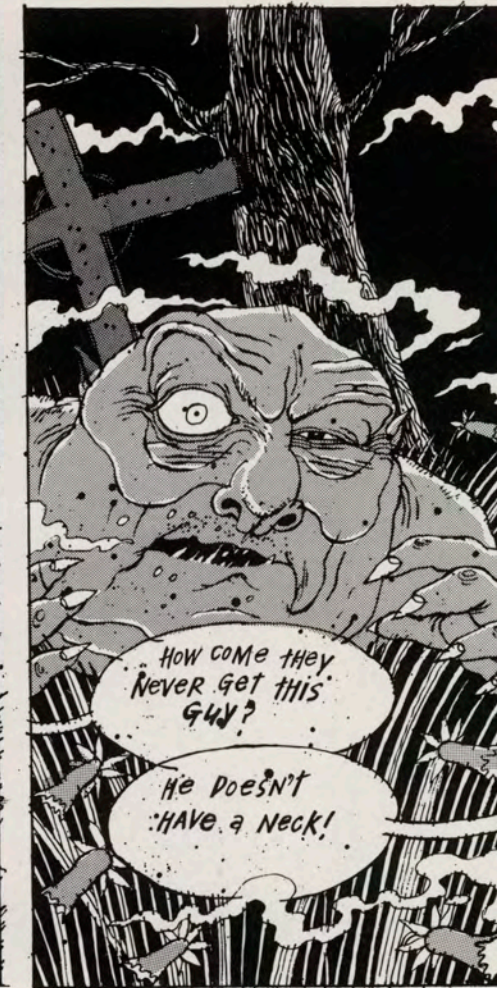
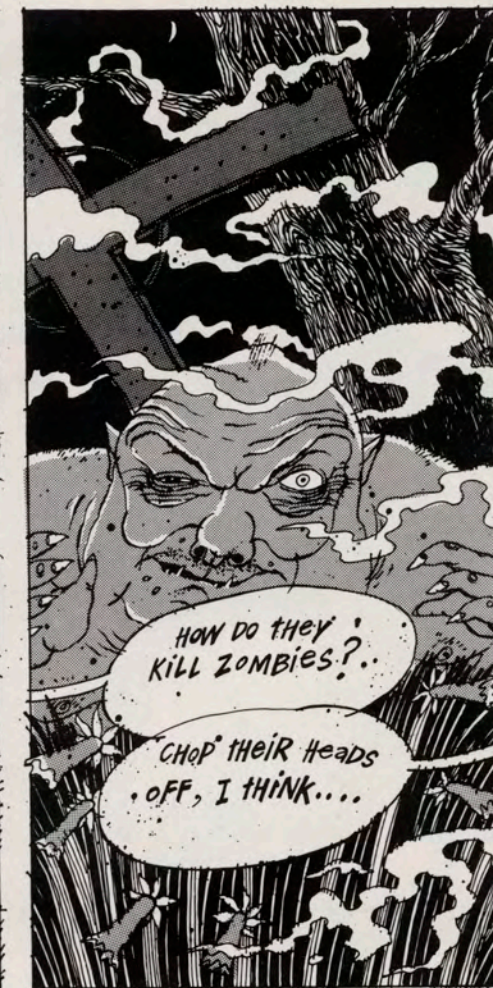
CONCRETE SHUFFLE
(McLay re-shuffles Cabinet)
8 March 1986



POST OFFICE RATES
(Farmers, teachers, meatworkers strike.
Lange Arrogant. Post Office Rates go up)
15 March 1986



QUEEN EGG
(Egg thrown at Queen)
22 March 1986



RETURN OF MOULDY!
(Muldoon's return to Front Benches)
26 April 1986



FRENCH PRISON RESORT
(Lange contemplates releasing French Agents)
3 May 1986

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