



## Nancy Reagan book shock

FORMER US president Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy smoked dope at a dinner party in the 1960s.

And Kitty Kelley's steamy book Nancy Reagan: An Unauthorised Biography says the former first lady had a long-running affair with Frank Sinatra.

The singer visited the White House by the back door when Reagan was out of town and staff were forbidden to disturb the couple's "long lunches" for anything, even a call from the president.

According to the book, Mrs Reagan was a mean, lying, self-centred woman obsessed by power, who wielded enormous influence over her husband during his presidency.

A failed Hollywood star, she tricked Reagan into marriage by becoming pregnant - even though he was in love with someone else.

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# CITY SMEARED IN RED PAINT

## Protest over gay violence

By JASON OFFORD and CRAIG HERBERT

ELEVEN city buildings, including Parliament House and churches, were smeared with red paint today in a protest against gay bashings.

The organised attacks began when glass doors at the entrance to the City Tower Centre in Market St were splattered with paint at 3.15am.

Minutes later paint was poured across the front walls of Parliament House in Macquarie St. The front doors of nearby St Mary's Cathedral were hit and St Andrew's on George St was next.

Attacks were launched on the Ultimo headquarters of Channel 10, the Fairfax Newspaper group at Broadway and a News Ltd building in Walker St, North Sydney.

The Department of Education office in Parramatta and the city office of State Education Minister Virginia Chadwick were also smeared in red paint.

The Downing Centre court complex in the city was hit and the Church Mission Society in Bathurst St was damaged.

On each occasion the vandals, wearing surgical gloves, tossed cans of red paint at buildings and stuck posters nearby.

The posters said: "We're over it. Stop violence against gay men and lesbians."

### BUILDINGS HIT

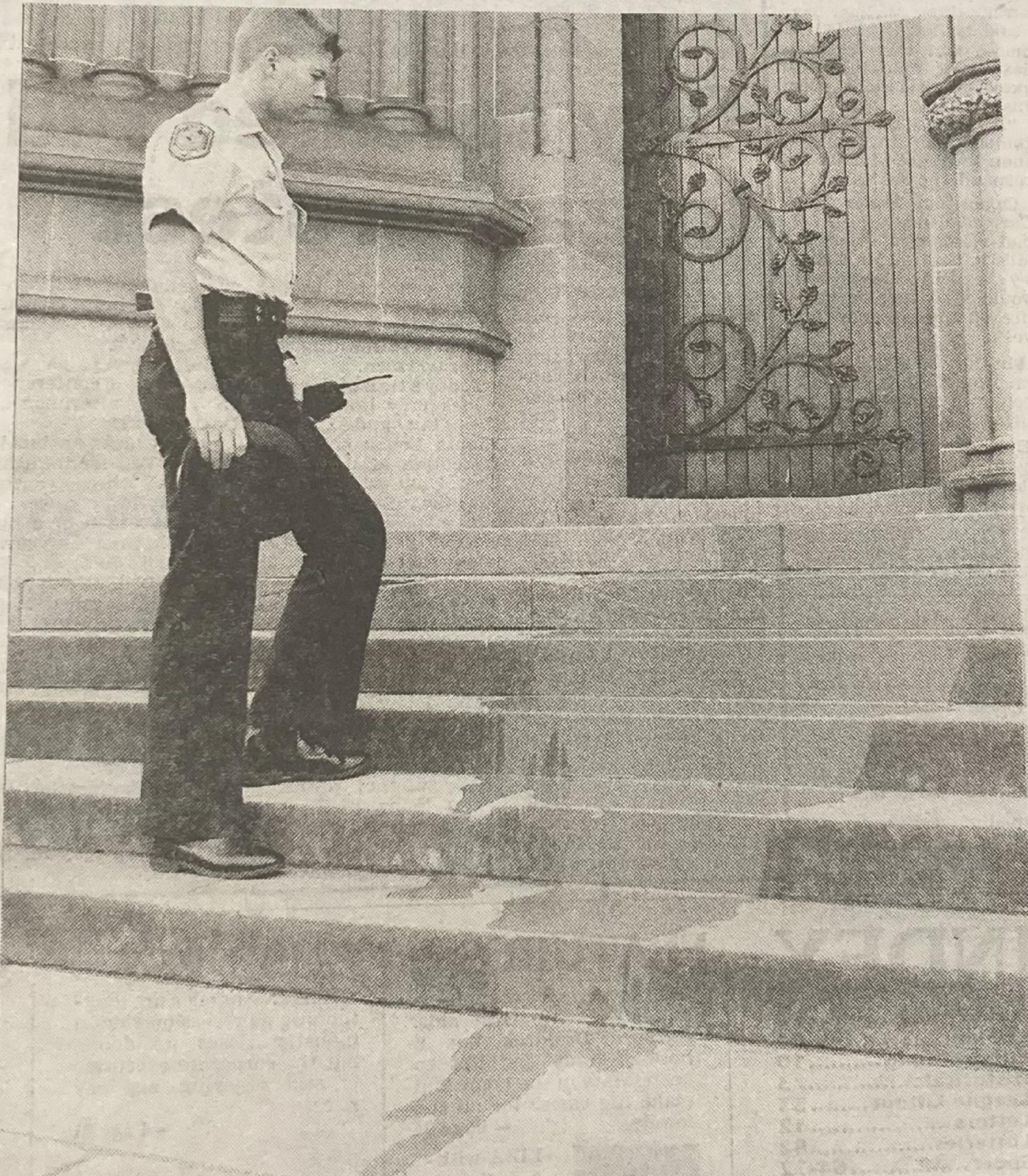
- Parliament House, Macquarie St
- The City Tower Centre, Market St
- St Mary's Cathedral, College St
- St Andrew's Cathedral, George St
- Downing Centre Court Complex, Liverpool St
- News Ltd building, Walker St
- Fairfax building, Broadway
- Church Missions Society, Bathurst St
- Channel 10, Bay St
- Department of Education, Wentworth St, Parramatta
- Minister of Education's office, Macquarie St.

Cans of paint, green plastic bags and surgical gloves were found nearby at each site.

Police said three men were spotted driving away in a Ford Laser

A security guard, who saw the first incident

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Constable Scott Farley inspects the paint damage at St Mary's Cathedral today

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# Yabsley warned on shame file

NSW Premier Nick Greiner will today try to persuade Corrective Services Minister Michael Yabsley to keep his "shame file" on the Opposition shut.

Mr Greiner said he will meet Mr Yabsley and the Parliamentary Strategy Committee before parliament resumes tomorrow afternoon - but stopped short of saying he would gag his minister.

But Mr Yabsley, targeted by the Opposition over his expenses, said today he will reserve the right to open his "shame file" tomorrow.

He warned he will use parliamentary privilege to release details of Labor members' expenses and other alleged waste.

He said any attempt by the Opposition to raise further allegations of inappropriate spending on his account will prompt him to return fire.

Mr Yabsley said he had collected a file of spending waste on the Opposition and he would not hesitate to open it.

"I'll reserve the right to use the material I have at any time," he said.

By MEGAN TIMMINS

"But the Opposition could guarantee I will use the material if it prompts me with further allegations.

"If that happens the material will be released sooner rather than later."

Mr Greiner said today he understood Mr Yabsley's feelings but he did not believe parliament should be used for a mud-slinging match over ministerial expenses.

"I am of the view that it would just diminish the entire process," he said.

With an election expected next month, a slanging match would not change "a single vote", he said.

Mr Greiner also warned the ALP not to try to use parliament to release more details on Mr Yabsley's expense claims.

He said the Premier's Department had "every piece of information on every previous Labor leader".

"This material is infinitely more embarrassing than anything Michael has ever done," he said. Mr Yabsley said his

name had been cleared last week following Opposition allegations over his spending.

"If they ask questions - tomorrow or any time - then I will not hesitate to respond," he warned.

Opposition leader Bob Carr said today the ALP had released all the details it had on Mr Yabsley's expense claims and would be seeking legal advice on the material this week.

Mr Carr said the material would then be directed "to the appropriate authorities".

But he invited Mr Yabsley to launch a counter attack.

"If he's got any dirt on the Opposition then he should go right ahead and release it," he said.

## Fire destroys flat

FIRE destroyed a third-floor flat at Dulwich Hill early today.

A brigade spokesman said the fire started in the lounge room of the unit in Canterbury Rd at 12.40.

The flat was severely damaged but no one was injured.



The paint-daubed entrance to the City Tower Centre after today's gay protest

# City smeared red in gay protest

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spotted three men running from the Market St building covered in paint.

He said the men jumped into a late-model, dark-colored car and sped off down George St.

At Parliament House, a security guard saw three men getting into a late-model blue Ford Laser.

The men, aged in their 20s, were wearing jeans and T-shirts.

Police today arrested and charged a man with malicious damage.

Constable Phil Brooks, of The Rocks police, said the man was caught after officers pulled him over for a random breath test.

"The car and the driver was covered in red paint," he said.

"In the car we found tins of paint and other

goods connected to the attacks."

Constable Brooks said police were hunting another two men.

Today's trail of damage comes only hours after the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby called on Education Minister Virginia Chadwick to try to stop gay violence.

In a policy paper released yesterday, the lobby said many youths had "found themselves at the mercy of the courts due to inaction by the NSW Department of Education to stop the bashings".

The lobby said there had been at least six gay-related murders in a year which had been committed by gangs of youths.

The lobby has asked Mrs Chadwick to appoint Violence Prevention Officers and implement

curriculum improvements to help combat violence against homosexuals.

The policy paper was released at a conference on Sunday afternoon at Darlinghurst.

The attacks coincide with the sentencing today of three youths charged in connection with the death of a homosexual man last year.

Richard Johnson, 33, was bashed at a public toilet at Alexandria Park on January 24.

In court the bashing was described as "one of the most vicious, severe that one could possibly imagine without the use of any weapons, just with fists and feet".

A new organisation, the Richard Johnson Foundation, has also been set up to stop gay-related violence.

# Boy, 10 trampled to death by horse

A BIKE ride ended in tragedy for a 10-year-old boy when he was trampled to death by a runaway horse.

Another boy, who watched in horror as the horse crushed the youngster in the Bourne suburb of Crows Nest, was taken over the weekend from the horse and tried to tether the animal when it took off.

Police said both boys, who did not know each other, were in an area behind the Invale Primary School.

"There is a push track which runs along a drain and the horse was with the horse was trying it chew on grass when it was frightened," Sergeant Crosbie of Crows Nest police said.

"For reasons beyond the kid's control the horse took off and before we could get the word to warn the other it was too late."

Ambulance officers arrived at the scene and managed to revive the boy but he died in hospital on Saturday night.

In a tragic twist, the boy's mother had recently returned to hospital with a newborn baby.

Police said the horse returned to a paddock.

Sergeant Crosbie said relatives of the dead boy had asked that his name not be released.

# Peace activist joins Democrats

ANTI-nuclear campaigner Dr Helen Caldicott will join the Australian Democrats and seek a seat in Federal Parliament.

Dr Caldicott announced her decision at a politics conference in Sydney on the weekend.

She stood as an independent for the northern NSW seat of Richmond in the last federal election, but was beaten narrowly.

Dr Caldicott has been campaigning on peace and environmental issues for 20 years.

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