

COMMISSIONER NABBED IN NUDE

● **Lady ducked her head**



Mr. Reginald Hazzard (centre) and Mrs. Hazzard (right) in happier times when Mr. Hazzard was Australia's Senior Trade Commissioner in New York. He had just presented a box of Australian orchids to Mrs. Vincent Impellitteri (left), wife of New York's Mayor.

Reginald Hazzard, former Australian Trade Commissioner at Hongkong, New Zealand and New York, was wandering around in his birthday suit in a Newport cottage one night last July, Mr. Justice Dovey was told on Wednesday in the Divorce Court.

Mrs. Catherine Hazzard, Milson Rd., Cremorne, was seeking a divorce on the

ground of Hazzard's adultery with a woman unknown.

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been married a long time—since April 14, 1927. Hazzard is now 58, she 54, and when Hazzard went up in the world Mrs. Hazzard went with him—until he kicked over the moral traces.

Mrs. Hazzard described him as "now retired," told of his appointments to Hong-kong, New Zealand, and then New York as Australian Trade Commissioner.

"Lot of Trips"

In 1951, they were in New Zealand.

Mrs. Hazzard said Hazzard took a lot of trips away on business, but it appeared to her that there were a lot more jaunts than were necessary.

New York came next, Hazzard bought a yacht on which he spent weekends and then, said Mrs. Hazzard, stayed away frequently at night.

One day in January, 1953, came a phone call. Mrs. Hazzard said she answered. A woman asked for Hazzard and gave the name of Wycherley.

Hazzard spoke, apologised for not having contacted her and said he would see her the next day, Mrs. Hazzard added.

Soon after that,

Hazzard left and she returned to Australia alone, said Mrs. Hazzard.

Early this year, Haz-

zard arrived in Sydney. Mrs. Hazzard said she heard that Mrs. Wycherley arrived, also.

Mrs. Hazzard said she trailed Hazzard to Newport.

On to the scene with Mrs. Hazzard came inquiry agent Claude Bannister and his associate, one James.

On the evening of July 5 the place was watched. Hazzard was sighted moving into the bathroom and then out. He was "naked," as Mrs. Hazzard put it.

Hazzard was seen to get into bed, one of two beds that had been put together.

Later James went on a reconnoitre, returned, and moved to a partly opened window with half - open venetian blinds behind, through which James flashed his torch.

"Woman in Bed"

They all had a look, and saw a woman in bed. As soon as the glare came on, she pulled the bedclothes over her head.

However, when, eventually, they did get in, they were not able to get the woman's name.

"I suggest," said Bannister, "that she is none other than Mrs. Wycherley." Hazzard replied, "I will neither admit nor deny it."

But they had enough for Mrs. Hazzard to get her decree nisi.

Mr. W. Dovey, Jnr. (by Minter, Simpson and Co.) for Mrs. Hazzard.

FOR MRS. HAZARD.

