



Protests against the logging included this vigil by West Coast and Canterbury conservationists, and finally met success with the May 27 Government decision to halt the logging. Sadly, in the last weeks prior to that decision, there was an orgy of tree felling in the proposed reserve. About 300 rimu — enough to supply the mill for more than two months — were frantically felled before the Government called a halt. Photo: Simon Hepplethwaite.

May 26 — The Joint Forestry Campaign furnishes Philip Woollaston with the information which shows that there is more than enough timber outside the Ahaura. Using the Forest Service's own figures, it identifies 62,500 m³ of podocarp timber outside the proposed reserve in Hochstetter forest in largely cutover areas which could be used. During the beginning of this week, the Forest Service, Wildlife Service and Woollaston meet several times with the Society.

May 27 — The Forest Service agrees to move the gang out of Sale Area 628 to the area suggested by conservationists at a cost they estimate of \$40,000. Philip Woollaston says he knows of no other log sale proposals from planned reserves or wildlife corridors. The Government asks the Forest Service to bring millers, environmentalists and officials together to identify where timber can be obtained with least conflict to meet legal commitments to sawmills until 1990.

Several weeks later Woollaston announces no compensation is payable to the company as earlier asserted because costs were recovered from within the Forest Service. 🐦



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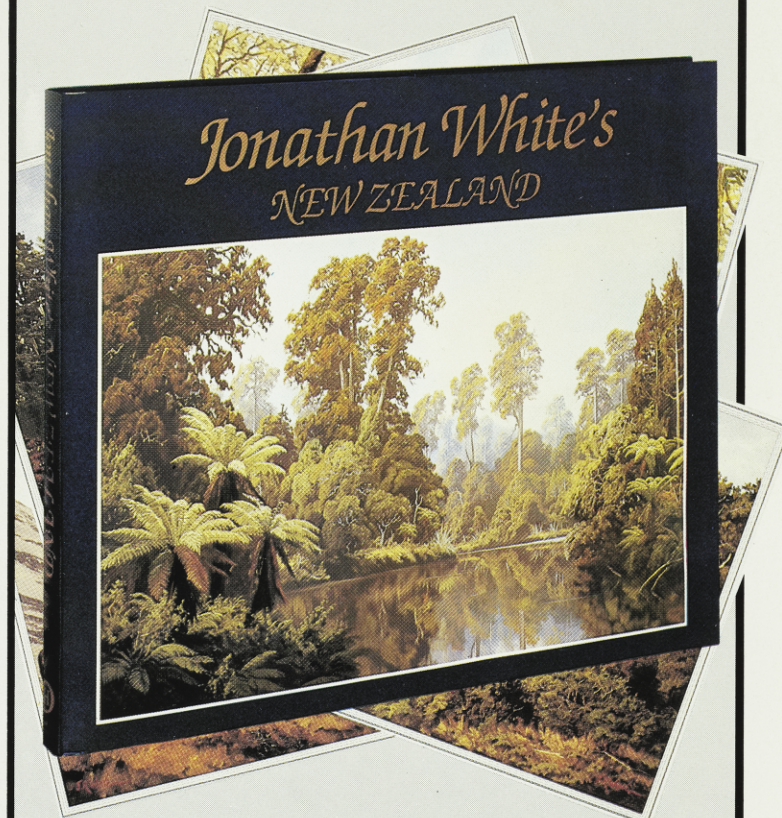
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