

Manager Thinks "SUPERSTAR" Sacreligious

By Mary Rhode

"Jesus Christ Superstar"... spiritual pilgrimage or sacrilege? During the course of the past week it has come to our attention that CFNB - Radio Atlantic will not play the latter day passion play "Jesus Christ Superstar". As this album was chosen top album of the year for 1970, the

we have enquired into the reasoning behind CFNB's decision.

Mr. Jack T.H. Fenety, station manager of CFNB, says of the album, "It's not particularly appropriate to the times.... after listening to it that it's not music I want to play on this station." The album, to Mr. Fenety's knowledge, has never been aired on CFNB.

"We don't exert a programme of censorship, we have to take into consideration the sensitivities of all the peoples", said Mr. Fenety.

The section that Mr. Fenety finds offensive begins on side 4, cut 3--"Superstar"...

CHOIR: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Who are you? What have you sacrificed?
Jesus Christ Superstar
Do you think you're what they say you are?

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JUDAS: Tell me what you think about your friends at the top
Who'd you think besides yourself's the pick of the crop?
Buddah was he where it's at?
Is he where you are?
Could Mahomet move a mountain or was that just PR?
Did you mean to die like that?
Was that a mis-

CHOIR:

take or
Did you know your messy death would be a record-breaker?
Don't get me wrong -- I only want to know
Jesus Christ Jesus Christ
Who are you? What have you sacrificed?
Jesus Christ Jesus Superstar
Do you think you're what they say you are?

Mr. Fenety feels the above

passage "is hardly within keeping with the Christian times.... it's 90 per cent in the vernacular."

The first two lines of Judas' speech in the above quote were singled out by Mr. Fenety. He said of them, "That's sacrilegious as far as I'm concerned."

"I think that's a lot of hogwash. It's an insult to the Christians of the world," continued Mr. Fenety about the album.

Mr. Fenety stated that this was only his opinion of the album. "I think it's very crude. That to me is rude and crude and I don't choose to play that



kind of a song."

He further added, "I'm not setting myself up as keeper of the public morals.... but I do reserve the right as manager of this station to play what I think is in good taste and that which is not in good taste I don't choose to play."

"Those are basically my reasons for not wanting to play 'Superstar'," concluded Mr. Fenety.

According to Mr. Fenety, CFNB has had very few requests for "Superstar".

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