Posters: who are the despoilers? 27/2/81

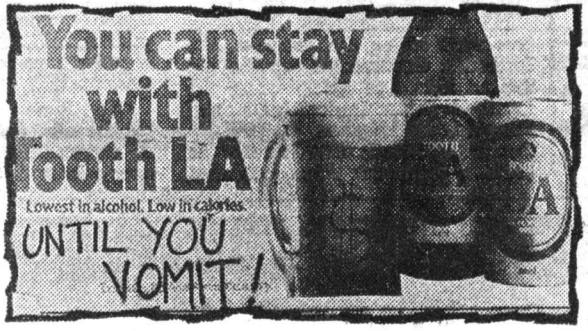
SIR, It was with pure frustration that I read John Winkett's comments on BUGAUP (Herald, February 25).

I think a poll would show that BUGAUP's often amusing comments on the billboards are far more entertaining than the advertisers' efforts. Most Sydneysiders, I feel, would have to agree with the arguments put forward in the BUGAUP campaign.

Does Mr Winkett seriously believe that we, the public, find billboard advertising a pretty sight? His comments on BUGAUP despoiling the city make one wonder.

Finally, it seems all the more ludicrous for Mr Winkett to be criticising graffiti when his advertisers are now using printed graffiti on their advertisements.

MARTIN BROWN,
Church Street,
February 25 Balmain.



From the Herald, February 14

Killer drugs

SIR, Replying to J. Winkett (Letters, February 25), it is a sad state of affairs that a group which seeks to advertise the truth, is, in the eyes of the law, a bunch of criminals.

Both tobacco and alcohol are killer drugs, and I should have thought that this fact is more important "in the interests of Sydney and its environment" than advertisements which only glamorise legal drugs.

TOM G. WILLIS,
The NSW Temperance Alliance,
Pitt Street,
February 25 Sydney.

Humour

SIR, The letter from John Winkett regarding the activities of BUGAUP (February 25) relieved the tedium of the day with the richest piece of humour seen in ages when he states: "How much longer have the people of Sydney to put up with this disgraceful vandalism and despoiling of their fine city?"

Does he really think his posters are an embellishment?

E. L. SANDBLOM,
Hereford Street,
February 25 Glebe.