

Saturday 3rd April, 1982.

David Webb, the organizer of N.C.R.O.P.A. and Ted Goodman, the Legal Officer of N.C.R.O.P.A., which is affiliated to the N.C.C.L., attended the A.G.M. of N.C.C.L. at Warwick University. They proposed a motion asking the N.C.C.L. to request an urgent meeting with the Home Secretary to protest against further inroads into freedom of expression in this country., e.g. the Greater London (General Power) (No. 2) Bill, the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, and the Cinematograph Bill. However the motion was not passed, instead the majority of the delegates voted to remit it to the Executive Committee for consideration. This was as a result of representations which was made by militant feminists and their supporters. A similar motion proposed by the Brogressive League, <sup>(which</sup> like N.C.R.O.P.A. is affiliated to the N.C.C.L.), was defeated because <sup>of a</sup> technicality regarding incorrect wording.

N.C.R.O.P.A. is very disappointed that no motion was passed at this year's A.G.M. regarding the issue of freedom of expression. <sup>rep</sup>resentations are being made to the Executive Committee regarding this matter. The position was made very difficult because the A.G.M. had a lot of work to get through

and therefore made the rule that the proposer of motion was only allowed to speak on it for three minutes and that all other persons were only allowed to speak on it for 2 minutes. During this short time it was impossible to make many points regarding the question and as a result most of the delegates at the A.G.M. could not understand the question specially since most had not read the Williams Report. This, together with the emotional speeches made by the feminists and their supporters, meant that most of the delegates decided to remit the motion of N.C.R.O.P.A. to the Executive Committee of the N.C.C.L. *It was* particularly asked to report back to the A.G.M. next year.