CENSORSHIP

All forms of cultural activity are constrained by limits of what is socially acceptable. These constraints operate directly through laws of censorship; they are also expressed through the channels of fashion and taste.

How are these two aspects related ?

How do they protect the norms of social behaviour but conflict with the aspirations and desires of the individual, such as the artist, the film-maker, the author?

In a period of economic and political uncertainty, how far should the state control the content of literary and artistic pursuits? These are the themes covered by the weekly series of meetings at the ICA.

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Thursday 10th March, 7.00pm

THE PRESS : IS THE LAW THE BEST CENSOR ?

Chairman : Leon Brittan MP, Barrister

Panel : Michael Beloff, Barrister, writer & legal correspondent of

New Society

Peter Harland, Assistant Editor, The Sunday Times

Thursday 17th March, 7.00pm

IS THE PRESS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE LEFT TO JOURNALISTS ?

Chairman : Peter Preston, Editor, The Guardian : Donald Trelford, Editor The Observer

Kenneth Morgan, General Secretary, National Union of Journalists

Thursday 24th March, 7.00pm

PROBLEMS FACING PUBLISHERS

Chairman : Geoff Robertson, Barrister, writer

Panel : Malcolm Yaffe, Solicitor Marion Boyars, Publisher

Ursula Owen, Editorial Director, Virago

Maurice Yaffe, Psychologist

Thursday 31st March, 7.00pm

LIBERTY IN THE VISUAL ARTS - IS IT A DELUSION ?

Chairman : Richard Cork, Editor, Studio International

: Andrew Brighton, painter and critic Panel.

Lord Esher, Rector, The Royal College of Art

Marina Vaizey, critic and member of the Council of the Arts

Council.

Michael Compton, Keeper of Exhibitions and Education, The

Tate Gallery

Thursday 21st April, 7.00pm

FILMS : SEDITION OR SEDATION ?

: Dilys Powell, critic

: Guy Phelps, author of Film Censorship (1975) Panel

James Ferman, Secretary, British Board of Film Censors

Kenneth Griffiths, actor, film-maker, writer

Geoff Robertson, Barrister, writer

Thursday 28th April, 7.00pm

FILMS : WHY ARE WE SO AFRAID OF SEX AND VIOLENCE

Chairman : Enid Wistrich, GLC Councillor, ex-Chairman, GLC Viewing Board

Panel : Alexander Walker, critic and author

Professor H. Eysenck, psychologist

Peter Whitehead, film-maker: The Fall; Daddy; Lets All Make Love in London

It is probable that films relating to the discussions on film censorship will be screened by the ICA Cinema Club during April.

Thursday 5th May, 7.00pm

BROADCASTING : THE INFORMATION MAKERS

Chairman : Phillip Whitehead MP, ex-broadcaster, member of Annan Committee

Panel : Paul Walton, co-author Bad News

Sir Geoffrey Cox, Director Trident Television, ex- Editor ITN

Peter Jay, Economics Editor, The Times

Anthony Smith, TV Producer, writer on Media Affairs

Thursday 12th May, 7.00pm

BROADCASTING : THE TASTE MAKERS

Chairman : Caroline Heller, Secretary, Standing Conference on Broadcasting

Panel : Stuart Hall, Director, Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies

Birmingham University

Jeremy Isaacs, Director of Programmes, Thames Television David Glencross, Head of Programme Services, Independent

Broadcasting Authority

Thursday 19th May, 7.00pm

MUSIC : BANNED ON THE RUN

Conductor : Trevor Hyett, musician, critic, TV presenter

Band : Bobby Campbell, musician, folk-revivalist

Brian Blain, Musicians Union

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Thursday 26th May, 7.00pm

POLITICAL CENSORSHIP : AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Chairman : Keith Kyle, Royal Institute of International Affairs

Panel : Eric Abraham, South African broadcaster & journalist. Exiled December 1976.

Jan Kavan, Czechoslovak student leader, expelled university

1969. Director Palach Press & Literary Agency.

Carlos Fortin, ex-head European Bureau, Chilean Copper Corporation; nominated Ambassador to USA under Allende Government. Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex

University.

Thursday 2nd June, 7.00pm

CAN WE DO WITHOUT GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP ?

Chairman : Ben Whitaker, Director Minority Rights Group

Panel : John Mortimer QC, author & playwright

Professor Bernard Crick, co-editor, Political Quarterly, author Crime Rape and Gin (Pemberton)

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