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OF THE OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ACTS

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A Brief Resumé of Just Some of Our Activities

1981

January

- 10th - The Organiser, David Webb, sends protest letters to all three Exeter magistrates who had ruled some 500 publications obscene, including one containing pictures by Picasso and Beardsley. This was subsequently overturned by the Crown Court after the defendant, Peter Spokes, had taken our advice and appealed.
- 16th - Letter from David Webb about the Exeter case published in their "Express & Echo", as well as article about the NCROPA in the "Exeter Flying Post".
- 19th - Letter to the Lord Chancellor about the magistrates' decision in the Spokes case.
- David Webb phones Paul Durnell with criticisms of a controversial article he had written for the "Daily Star" headlined "Crack down on the filth peddlers"
- 20th - Letter to Lloyd Turner, editor of the "Daily Star" about Paul Durnell's article and his newspaper's attitude in general to our campaign and its aims.
- Reply from Lord Chancellor to NCROPA's letter of 19th ... "Would be unconstitutional for the Lord Chancellor, as a Cabinet Minister, to seek to interfere ..."
- David Webb recorded radio interviews with Neil Bennett for the BBC Radio "Today" programme, with Rodney Bennett for LBC Radio and with Barbara Schofield for Brighton Radio (and free-lance), in connection with tomorrow's meeting with the Home Secretary.
- 21st - Personal meeting with Home Secretary, Mr. William Whitelaw, M.P. at Home Office to discuss the Williams Report and the possibility of Government legislation on our repressive censorship laws. Minister of State Patrick Mayhew, M.P., also present. The NCROPA delegation consisted of David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman, Deputy Organiser and Legal Officer, Dr. Christine Pickard, Pamela Manson, Dr. Brian Richards, Eric Miller and William Wright. NCROPA Press Conference and Reception afterwards at St. Stephen's Tavern, Westminster.
- 24th - Letter to Tim Sainsbury M.P. to express our disagreement with the terms of his private member's bill on so-called 'indecent' displays and requesting meeting.
- 26th - Reply from "Daily Star" to letter of 20th - "The policy of the Daily Star remains what it has always been. We have campaigned repeatedly for realistic, radical and liberal reform of the obscenity laws and will continue to do so".
- 28th - Letter to the Prime Minister about our meeting with Home Secretary and refusal to act on the Williams Report, and how this conflicted with the Conservative Party's much flaunted philosophy of the freedom of the individual. Personal meeting requested to discuss the Government's intransigence on this issue.
- 30th - NCROPA News Media Release issued about the Organiser's requests for urgent meetings with the Prime Minister and Tim Sainsbury M.P.
- "The Times" reports the NCROPA meeting with the Home Secretary.
- David Webb interviewed live by Barry Jordan on L.B.C. Radio.

February

- 1st - David Webb takes part in live phone-in programme about the NCROPA hosted by Peter Allen on LBC Radio.

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- 2nd - David Webb meets Michael Bogdanov's solicitors, at their invitation, to discuss his defence against the iniquitous private prosecution by Mary Whitehouse, concerning his direction of "The Romans in Britain" at the National Theatre.
- 9th - David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman meet Tim Sainsbury M.P. to discuss his Indecent Displays (Control) Bill and NCROPA's criticisms of it.
- Press statement issued after meeting with Tim Sainsbury.
- 12th - The Prime Minister replies to the Organiser's request for an urgent meeting. "Would not serve any useful purpose" and request therefore refused.
- 17th - NCROPA's detailed observations on the Indecent Displays Bill sent to Tim Sainsbury, together with our suggestion for a legal definition of 'indecent'.
- 19th - Letters sent to all 17 members of the House of Commons Standing Committee examining Tim Sainsbury's Bill asking for fundamental changes.
- 20th - Dr. Brian Richards at last receives reply to a letter he sent to the Minister of Health, Dr. Gerald Vaughan, on Nov. 12th 1980, about the sex education book "Make It Happy", which the Minister had asked the Family Planning Association to stop selling.

March

- 3rd - David Webb makes formal complaint to Hugh Williams, editor of BBC TV's "Nationwide" programme about imbalanced reporting of previous night's item about the proliferation of sex shops.
- 5th - Deputy editor of "Nationwide" replies to the organiser's complaint but, predictably, disagrees with it.
- 10th - Further letter to the Prime Minister deploring her abandonment of individual freedom by refusing to legislate for the removal of our repressive censorship laws and asking her to reconsider our request for an early meeting.
- Letter to Sir Horace Cutler, Leader of the G.L.C., which had, in effect, cut the National Theatre's subsidy by 18% after "The Romans in Britain" furore, which he had initiated, deploring his action and blatant pro-censorship stance.
- 12th - David Webb addresses about 250 members of the sixth form (one of the largest in the country) of the Cavendish School Hemel Hempstead, about NCROPA & its aims.
- Sir Horace Cutler patronisingly replies to letter of 10th saying "You are in a minority and minorities have their say rather than their way"!
- 16th - Tim Sainsbury writes to say that the Standing Committee have refused to include a legal definition of 'indecent' in his Bill, or to prohibit private prosecutions without the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- 25th - Letter from Patrick Mayhew M.P., Minister of State at the Home Office, confirming that the Indecent Displays (Control) Bill had been left unamended and that our criticisms of it had nearly all been completely rejected.

April

- 11th - David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman attend the N.C.C.L. Annual General Meeting at City University, ECL, as NCROPA's official delegates. NCROPA proposed the following motion:-
- "In the wake of the publication of the findings of the Williams Committee, some

18 months ago, this AGM regrets the lack of any Government action to introduce legislation which will allow consenting adults the freedom to see, read and hear whatever they choose for themselves, and thus bring this country into line with nearly all others of the so-called free Western World, which have long since dispensed with the repressive and unnecessary censorship legislation to which the UK is still subjected."

The Progressive League had also tabled a motion on the Williams Report and a composite, amended motion was subsequently put to the vote. The result was 208 in favour, 108 against and 36 abstentions.

13th - David Webb and Pamela Manson attend the Equity Annual General Meeting at the Camden Town Hall, WCL and propose the following motion:-

"This AGM deplores the recent attempts by Mrs. Mary Whitehouse and others to prevent performances of the National Theatre play 'The Romans in Britain' and is strongly opposed to censorship in the performing arts."

An amendment, strengthening the motion still further, was proposed and accepted by David Webb. It was overwhelmingly carried with only one vote against.

Reply from Home Office to the Organiser's further request for a meeting with the Prime Minister. Again the request is turned down.

15th - Letter to the Home Secretary demanding that, in the light of Judge Cassel's severe rebuke for the police for making repeated raids on Soho sex cinemas in what he described as an attempt to impose censorship and put the owners out of business (Knightsbridge Crown Court 5th March), he instructs the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to order the immediate cessation of their Gestapo-like tactics.

Letter on similar lines sent to Lord Chancellor, condemning the irresponsible way in which many magistrates issue search warrants.

Letter on similar lines to Sir David McNea, Commissioner of Police.

NCROPA convened meeting with some of London's Sex Cinema Club proprietors, with NCROPA represented by David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman and Eric Miller.

21st - Second meeting between NCROPA Committee members (Messrs. Webb, Goodman and Miller) and London's sex cinema club proprietors.

28th - Third meeting between NCROPA Committee members and cinema club proprietors.

May

5th - Order placed with the only London evening newspaper "The New Standard" for a NCROPA advertisement (at a cost of £1800) giving the facts about London's Sex Cinema Clubs and their harassment by the authorities, and the lack of Government action after the publication of the Williams Report.

19th - Fourth meeting between NCROPA Committee members and the London cinema club owners. David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman and Eric Miller were joined by barrister Nigel Ley.

20th - The editor of "The New Standard" disapproves of our 'ad' and refuses to publish it. He returns our cheque. David Webb has two long phone calls with him but fails to change his mind. Letter of protest sent to Louis Kirby, the managing editor.

22nd - Louis Kirby writes to say that he fully supports his editor's decision.

27th - The NCROPA 'ad' refused by "The New Standard" is accepted unreservedly by the editor of "The Guardian" and published. It is headed "Sex Please - We're British! London's Sex Cinema Clubs - The Facts."

David Webb interviewed about the NCROPA on the BBC Radio Wales programme "Home Run".

28th - Fifth meeting between NCROPA Committee members and London cinema club owners.

29th - Formal complaint made to the Press Council about "The New Standard"'s rejection of the NCROPA advertisement.

June

1st - David Webb sends personal letters to each of the 92 newly-elected members of the Greater London Council about the ever-increasing pro-censorship pressures, attacks against sex establishments and cinema clubs in particular.

News Media Release issued regarding NCROPA's complaint to the Press Council.

Another most unsatisfactory reply from the Home Secretary to the Organiser's letter of 15th April about the harassment of cinema clubs by the police.

3rd - Reply from the Press Council, advising that in a previous adjudication of a similar complaint, the complaint was rejected since advertisements are always accepted by newspapers at the discretion of the editor. Decided not to proceed.

10th - Further letter to Home Secretary dismissing his previous answer to NCROPA's complaints about police harassment of sex cinema clubs.

Sixth meeting between NCROPA Committee members and London cinema club owners.

17th - Letter to the producer of BECTV's "Platform One" programme protesting at yet another interview (by Sue Lawley) with Mary Whitehouse.

19th - All NCROPA's Greater London members, West End Theatres' Equity Deputies and some gay organisations and other interested parties circularised about the NCROPA demonstration outside Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court for the committal proceedings of the private Whitehouse prosecution of Michael Bogdanov, on 20th June.

22nd - David Webb writes personal letters to some twenty or so M.P.s known to be sympathetic to the NCROPA cause, urging them to attend the debate (the first since its publication in Nov. 1979) on the Williams Report on 26th June in the House of Commons. Not one of them did so!

24th - New Media Release issued about the planned NCROPA demonstration at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court London on 29th June.

Seventh meeting between NCROPA Committee members and London cinema club owners.

26th - David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman and Eric Miller were received at the House of Commons by John Wheeler, M.P., a supporter of our philosophy, before the debate on the Williams Report in which he participated. Only 16 M.P.s attended - 12 from the Conservatives, 4 from Labour and not a Liberal in sight!

29th - David Webb, Pamela Manson and David Kennington led an NCROPA demonstration in support of Michael Bogdanov, Director of "The Romans in Britain" at the National Theatre, outside Horseferry Road Court SW1. Film report shown later on BECTV news. David Webb was also interviewed for LBC Radio by Sue Jamson and by a number of other reporters, including Frances Gibb of "The Times" which reported the event on its front page.

30th - Further reply from Home Secretary to the Organiser's continuing pressure for action against police harassment of club owners (10th June). He still refuses to interfere but promises to send copies of our correspondence to the police commissioner "so that he will be aware of your (our) views."

July

2nd - Letter to Attorney General to protest about Michael Bogdanov's committal for trial to the Old Bailey and requesting him to intervene and stop trial by using his sole prerogative of instituting a stay of proceedings by the legal device of nolle prosequi.

16th - David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman and Eric Miller form the NCROPA delegation which had been invited to participate in a public meeting organised by the Central London Community Law Centre to discuss "The Sex Industry in Soho", with members of the Soho Society and Westminster City Council. Several sex cinema club owners and NCROPA supporters also attend.

17th - On behalf of the NCROPA, David Webb sends letter to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales congratulating him on his forthcoming marriage and noting with pleasure that the royal beasts supporting his coat of arms on the cover of the official royal wedding programme are depicted with erect penises, but at the same time expressing relief that the Indecent Displays (Control) Act has not yet received his mother's Royal Assent, since the drawing would quite clearly contravene its provisions.

18th - News Media Release issued regarding the letter of congratulation to Prince Charles

21st - "The Guardian" publishes front page story about David Webb's letter to Prince Charles headlined "Royal Beasts Show It All".

23rd - Edward A.C. Goodman joins Social Democratic Lawyers' Association Working Group drawing up policy on freedom of information and is asked to form sub-group to formulate SDP policy on the Williams Report.

September

3rd - In depth interview with David Webb about the NCROPA and how it came into existence published in "Gay News"

4th - Invitation from Home Office to submit NCROPA's views on Government proposals concerning private commercial cinema clubs.

7th - Press Statement issued to the Press Association expressing NCROPA's strong opposition to any form of Government control over the content of films shown on pay or cable television.

16th - With the exception of safety regulations, NCROPA sends unequivocal rejection to Home Office of their proposals for private commercial cinema clubs.

30th - News Media Release issued about forthcoming Home Office meeting re cinema clubs.

October

2nd - NCROPA delegation (David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman, Eric Miller and William Wright) attend meeting at the Home Office, by invitation, to discuss their proposals for private commercial cinema clubs.

9th - Letter to Ken Livingstone, Leader of the GLC, urging him and colleagues to drop

inclusion of measures for the licensing of sex establishments in the Greater London Council (General Powers)(No. 2) Bill, soon to go before Parliament.

Individual letters sent to all 92 members of the GLC urging them to vote against measures for the licensing of sex establishments at their meeting on 13th Oct.

13th - David Webb attends GLC meeting at County Hall London. The Council votes to promote legislation for the licensing of sex establishments. Voting is 70 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions! Not a single member voted against.

26th - David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman and Eric Miller attend meeting on "Sexuality and Society" at Conway Hall W.C.1. Talk by Professor Bernard Williams on "Legislating on Pornography".

November

4th - Draft of GLC's Bill for the licensing of sex establishments received.

16th - Letters to each of the 6 M.P.s who came top in the ballot for Private Member's Bills asking them to introduce Bill to liberalise our censorship laws based on the findings of the Williams Report, already 2 years old. They all declined and Peter Lloyd M.P. chose to bring in a Bill (really the Home Office's) to wipe out commercial cinema clubs completely (the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act - now law) - in other words to increase censorship.

20th - NCROPA's total opposition to the concept of licences for sex establishments conveyed to the GLC's Solicitor and Parliamentary Officer, together with our more detailed objections clause by clause.

22nd - Ken Livingstone GLC replies to letter of 9th Oct. and maintains that the purpose of the proposed legislation (to licence sex establishments) is not to impose censorship but adds a P.S. that "many members of the Council, including myself, are becoming worried about sexual attacks on women and many of the women's groups we meet feel there is a link between these attacks and the level of explicit sexual matter on display".

December

9th - Letter to Ken Livingstone deploring their decision to renege on earlier assurance that it was not the GLC's intention "to impose out-moded, repressive censorship constraints", which is exactly what their licensing measures would do.

Letter to president of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association protesting about report in "The Guardian" (2nd Dec.) that they had "been lobbying M.P.s to curb the growth of private cinema clubs mainly showing pornographic films" and which implied their support of the continuation of film censorship in the U.K.

16th - The Organiser sends strong protest to the Attorney General concerning the appalling train of events involving the police, the prosecuting authorities and one of our members, Mr. John Lindsay, a cinema club proprietor.

20th - News Media Release issued about the John Lindsay cases - "Regina v Lindsay - Cause for Concern".

22nd - Gen. Secretary of C.F.E.A. replies to the Organiser's letter 9th Dec. CEA not in support of film censorship and had not been lobbying M.P.s.

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January

- 5th - David Webb, Edward A.C. Goodman and barrister Nigel Ley have two hour meeting with Home Office officials to discuss proposals for the licensing of sex establishments which were to be hastily added to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
- 7th - News Media Release issued regarding the Home Office meeting on 5th January.
- 10th - David Webb is the guest speaker at the South Place Ethical Society's Sunday afternoon forum. His theme - "Censorship - the Real Obscenity".
- 21st - "New Law Journal" publishes leading article strongly supporting our demand for an official enquiry into the John Lindsay prosecutions, although critical of NCROPA's opposition to the licensing of sex establishments.
- 25th - NCROPA's Petition against Part III of the GLC (General Powers)(No.2) Bill - i.e. provisions relating to the licensing by Borough Councils of sex establishments - deposited with the Private Bills Office at the House of Commons by the Organiser and Edward A.C. Goodman, acting as our appointed Parliamentary Agent.
- 28th - "The Guardian" publishes article with illustrations, about the 'before' and 'after' condition of the royal beaats supporting the coat of arms of the Prince of Wales - before his wedding and after the unveiling of his and his bride's joint arms, where they have been completely divested of their former 'virility'. The story had been prompted by a letter David Webb had written to the editor.

February

- 1st - Reply received from Attorney General re John Lindsay's prosecutions. He refuses to intervene.
- 3rd - David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman attend House of Commons for Report Stage debate of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill - the licensing of sex establishments.
- 4th - David Webb meets Andrew Leigh, Administrator of the Old Vic Theatre, to discuss possible collaboration with Theatre Defence Fund and the NCROPA to protest against "The Romans in Britain" prosecution at the Old Bailey but finds them too nervous to become openly involved.

GLC's Parliamentary Agents object to our Petition against the GLC (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill. Their objections are stupid, ridiculous and factually inaccurate.
- 8th - John Lindsay's lawyers, in a letter, dismiss the Attorney General's assessment of his prosecutions as being essentially incorrect.
- 9th - Organiser formally complains to duty officer at Thames TV about their programme "Reporting London" and the treatment it gave to the reporting of the licensing proposals for sex establishments. There was a serious imbalance of views and David Sullivan had to cope with both Mary Whitehouse and Reg Race M.P.
- 10th - Organiser writes letter to John Withington, editor of last night's "Reporting London" programme.
- 11th - Letter to the editor of "Hansard" asking why a four letter word uttered by Reg Race M.P. in the House of Commons on 3rd Feb., has been censored from the official report of proceedings in Parliament and what it was.

News Media Release issued about letter to the editor of "Hansard".

- 12th - David Webb and Eric Miller attend House of Commons for 2nd Reading of Peter Lloyd's private member's Bill which would outlaw all commercial cinema clubs.

David Webb gives talk to the Gay Humanist Group at Conway Hall.
- 15th - "Hansard" editor replies to letter of 11th Feb. saying that he does "not understand" David Webb's question.
- 16th - David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman attend House of Lords for 2nd Reading of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, having briefed Lord Houghton earlier in the day and asked him to speak against it, which he did most ably and emphatically.
- 18th - Further letter to editor of "Hansard" re-stating my previous request of 11th Feb.
- 19th - Yet another request to the Prime Minister for an urgent meeting to discuss the further serious erosion of the citizen's freedom of choice by her Government's introduction of still more censorship legislation.
- 22nd - Press statement issued about further request for meeting with the P.M.

Reply from editor of "Hansard" to further letter of 18th Feb. re omitted four letter word in 3rd Feb. Edition. - "Not prepared to say".
- 24th - British Actors' Equity Association replies to David Webb's request for collaboration in mounting joint protest demonstration against "The Romans in Britain" Old Bailey trial (Michael Bogdanov). Nervous about any involvement because of fears of possible 'contempt of court' charges.

March

- 4th - House of Commons meeting, at NCROPA's request, between David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman, and Peter Lloyd M.P., to discuss his private member's Bill (the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill) and our opposition to it.
- 5th - David Webb appeared on "The London Programme" for London Weekend Television in a programme entitled "Porn - the Backlash".
- 10th - Reply from Prime Minister to the Organiser's continued request for a meeting. Mrs. Thatcher "does not consider that any useful purpose would be served by a further meeting" (further meeting refers to our meeting with the Home Sec.)
- 11th - David Webb attends six uninterrupted hours of the Committee Stage of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill in the House of Lords where Lord Houghton again spoke out loud and clear in our cause. David Webb afterwards interviewed by the Press Association.
- 13th - David Webb visits 'The Private Shop' in Tottenham which had undergone almost continual picketing outside the premises by feminists. Unfortunately (or perhaps, fortunately) there was not one in sight that day and he was unable to confront them with the illegality of their previous action.
- 15th - David Webb attends all 4 days of the trial of Michael Bogdanov, director of
- 16th - "The Romans in Britain" at the National Theatre, charged with procuring an act
- 17th - of gross indecency between two men contrary to the Sexual Offences Act of 1956,
- 18th - in a private prosecution brought by Mary Whitehouse. Trial stopped on fourth day by Attorney General entering a "nolle prosequi", something which David Webb had urged him to do nearly 9 months previously, in a letter dated 2nd July 1981.

News Media Release issued about the result of the Michael Bogdanov trial.
- 21st - David Webb lectures at Day-School on Censorship at the Mary Ward Centre in

Tavistock Place, W.C.1.

26th - David Webb visits the Hornchurch branch of "The Private Shop" and confronts protesters picketing outside the premises, informing them that what they are doing is illegal.

David Webb writes to Sir Robin Day to protest about remarks he made about 'pornography' in BBC TV's "Question Time" programme last night.

29th - Letter to Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, to protest about his preposterous maiden speech in the House of Lords in which he attributed the rise in crime among young people in this country to imported pornography!

31st - Further letter to the Attorney General re John Lindsay's prosecutions and again urging him to intervene.

Michael Bogdanov sends letter of thanks to the NCROPA for its support throughout his long ordeal before and during his trial at the Old Bailey.

April

3rd - David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman attend the N.C.C.L. Annual General Meeting at Warwick University as NCROPA's official delegates and propose the following motion:-

"This AGM deplores the fact that, two and a half years after the presentation of the Williams Report to Parliament, still no Government action has been taken to implement comprehensive liberalisation of this country's uniquely draconian censorship laws. Instead, during that period, legislation has been enacted actually restricting freedom of expression in this country still further, and mere such measures are contemplated. As adult civil libertarians, we demand as an inalienable right, freedom to choose for ourselves what we see, read and hear, and therefore call upon the NCCL to take positive action towards achieving this aim, including a request for an urgent meeting with the Home Secretary."

There was opposition once again from some twisted feminists and the motion was remitted to the Executive Committee.

5th - Sir Robin Day replies to the Organiser's letter of 26th Mar. "Your comments will be borne in mind", he writes.

13th - Letter to Lord Justice Lawton to protest about his Court of Appeal ruling that those convicted on charges under the Obscene Publications Acts should receive prison sentences, even for a first "offence". Also letters to the 2 other Appeal Court judges and the Lord Chancellor.

18th - David Webb gives talk to Enfield & Southgate Young Conservatives at Century House, London N.21.

20th - Reply from Lord Chancellor to letter of 13th Apr. - "does not interfere with the judiciary".

22nd - David Webb refuses to participate (with 3 other members of the NCROPA) in the BBC TV programme "Choices" when he learns that the 'panel' consist of Mary Whitehouse, Philip Whitehead M.P. and Kenneth Williams. He knows all three and that their respective viewpoints on matters of censorship are not, perhaps surprisingly, all that dissimilar.

Letter from the Prince of Wales thanking David Webb for his letter concerning his new, joint coat of arms.

26th - Further letter to Lord Chancellor disputing his previous claim that he never

interferes with the judiciary and again urging him to intervene to stop the rot of repression.

28th - Reply from Attorney General to the Organiser's further letter of 31st March re John Lindsay. More word-juggling and further refusal of intervention.

May

1st - "The Freethinker" publishes article on Michael Bogdanov's Old Bailey trial by David Webb entitled "Romans Won - Whitehouse Nil". (Credit for the title is due to Barry Duke, however, one of our members)

14th - Edward A.C. Goodman gives talk for the Progressive League on the law on obscenity

June

22nd - Reply from the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, to the Organiser's letter of 29th Mar. He had no comment to make, he said.

28th - NCROPA formally withdraw its Petition against Part III of the GLC (Gen. Powers) (No.2) Bill since the promoters had withdrawn that section because their proposals (and worse!) had been incorporated in the Government's Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

July

16th - David Kennington, the newest member of the NCROPA Committee, gives talk to Snaresbrook and Wanstead Young Conservatives in North London.

September

9th - David Webb and Edward A.C. Goodman attend meeting at Westminster City Hall with Councillors and Officers of the Westminster City Council to discuss the licensing of sex shops, as provided for in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

October

4th - David Kennington gives talk to Wallington & Carshalton Young Conservatives.

14th - David Webb takes part in a Capital Radio 'phone-in' programme about videos and children.

December

2nd - Letter to John Carlisle M.P. protesting at his emotive outburst against Channel 4 TV and the content of its programmes and his subsequent call to the Home Secretary to withdraw its broadcasting licence. Also letters to the Home Secretary and the Chairman of the I.B.A., Lord Thomson.

13th - John Carlisle replies to letter of 2nd Dec. He has never heard of the NCROPA, he writes, or any of its Committee members. Refuses to answer.

22nd - Home Secretary replies to letter of 2nd Dec. - "no question of him taking action to interfere with the Authority's operation of and responsibility for the new service".