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REFORM

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE  
OF THE OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ACTS

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CAUSE FOR CONCERN

The National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts is gravely concerned by the mass police raids and particularly by the methods which the police have been using in what is supposed to be a free society.

This year alone the club squad (whose numbers have been increased - despite a shortage of manpower) has made more than 200 visits to clubs, cinemas and bookshops in the London area alone - some cinema clubs being raided as often as three times a day and vast numbers of films impounded.

Despite cinema clubs being subject to the Obscene Publications Act since 1st December 1977 no prosecutions under these Acts have been brought against a cinema club owner or manager, nor have any destruction orders been served.

Whilst Scotland Yard denies trying to harass the cinema clubs out of business it would appear to N.C.R.O.P.A. their actions could be construed as "Trial without benefit of Jury" and is against the spirit of British justice and fair play.

We believe that in 1978, this is totally unacceptable to a large percentage of the fair minded great British Public who would be outraged if they were aware of the vast sums expended annually from taxpayers pockets and public funds - apart from the waste of police and courts time in the vain attempt of suppression in the name of censorship.

Although the U.K. is a Member of the E.E.C. and the majority of other Common Market Countries no longer impose censorship upon sexually explicit materials, Britain continues to turn a blind eye and we now have more censorship than most other countries of the free world and from recent activities would appear we are rapidly returning to the restrictive pre- Chatterley era.

N.C.R.O.P.A. believes that such action recently taken by the authorities smacks of the "Police State" and is in direct contravention of the European Convention of Human Rights to which the United Kingdom is a signatory.

In all sincerity we ask those of the hitherto silent masses, who believe in the cause of individual liberty and freedom to come forward and join us in the campaign to rid our country of antiquated Laws and the hypocrisy of the past.

Help us NOW by writing to your Member of Parliament and the newspapers demanding the activities of the police be suspended pending the recommendations of the Committee set up by the Home Secretary on the question of Obscenity and Film Censorship.

David Webb, Organiser, N.C.R.O.P.A. 15, Sloane Court West, London, SW3.

Members of the Public

If you believe in freedom you will, no doubt, also believe that all adult individuals should have the right to see, read and hear whatever they choose for themselves (as embodied in Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights - to which Britain are signatories).

This country's out-moded, puritanical and repressive laws on censorship deny us this right and are an intolerable curtailment of individual liberty.

Despite the fact the majority of other Common Market countries no longer impose censorship upon sexually explicit materials, Britain continues to turn a blind eye and it is no exaggeration to say we now have more censorship than most other countries of the "free" world and from recent events it would appear we are rapidly returning to the restrictive era which existed in pre-Chatterley days.

We believe that, in 1977, this is totally unacceptable to the majority of the great British Public who would be outraged if they were aware of the vast sums which are poured out annually from taxpayers pocket and public funds in the vain attempt of supression which they choose to call censorship.

For far too long the highly organised vociferous pro-censorship factions, in their role as self-appointed "guardians of the nations morals" have succeeded in forcing their Minority opinions upon those of the liberal minded majority, often using highly emotive and factually inaccurate propaganda to further the spread of their bigoted doctrines.

Parliament has paid them heed out of all proportion to the numbers they represent and, in consequence, has done little to date with modern, twentieth century thinking.

The National Campaign for the repeal of the Obscene Publications Acts (and certain amending legislation to other Statutes) has been set up to fight for these changes in the law and to establish a really effective platform for the forceful expression of views in opposition to those of the Puritan Brigade.

In all sincerity, we ask those of the hitherto silent masses, who believe in the cause of individual liberty and freedom to come forward in their thousands and join us in the campaign to rid OUR country of antiquated Laws and the hypocrisy, of the past.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND POST IT TO US WITHOUT DELAY - AND PLEASE DO IT NOW!

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To: David Webb, Organiser, N.C.R.O.P.A., 15 Sloane Court West, Chelsea, London SW3 4TD

I support the aims of the National Campaign for the Repeal of the Obscene Publications Acts and would like to be enrolled as a member. I enclose, herewith, my annual subscription of £2.00 (Minimum amount but larger donations will, of course, be greatly welcomed). Cheques and postal orders should be crossed and made payable to N.C.R.O.P.A.

Signature .....

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