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Will you help us to oppose the bigotry? Will you make your voice heard? Will you now come forward and let us have your answers? We have prepared a number of questions for you to answer, and would be grateful if you would tick the answer and fill in the questionnaire. When you have done so please send it back to Linkup, Norcol Enterprises, 43 Bolton Road, Bury, Lancashire, as soon as possible or if you would like to call in with it, we would be only too pleased to see you. The blank spaces are for any remarks you may wish to make.

QUESTION 1 Do you consider the adult material we sell to be in any way harmful to adults? YES/NO

QUESTION 2 Do you believe that censorship of any kind is harmful? YES/NO

QUESTION 3 Do you think that enough is being done to protect children? YES/NO

QUESTION 4 Do you agree that present legislation is too vague and indiscriminate? YES/NO

QUESTION 5 Would you agree to licensed Sex Shops in which no person under 18 would be admitted? YES/NO

SIGNED

NAME

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ARE YOU A REGULAR READER OF LINKUP? YES/NO
If you have any views not covered by the above questions please write them down

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION. LINKUP VALUES YOUR OPINION

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JUNE/JULY, 1977

Dear Friends,

In many towns throughout the country, the Police, acting on instructions from the Home Office, have raided many Newsagents and Booksellers, and removed all stocks of adult "girlie" magazines. As well as the above type shops ourselves and many wholesalers and distributors have also been raided and stocks confiscated.

What will happen next is anyone's guess, hundreds and thousands of Booksellers and Newsagents have sold this type of adult publication for years. Whether anyone will in fact be prosecuted is another question. The laws of Obsenity and Pornography are so vague that even experienced Magistrates have great difficulty in deciding interpreting the Law. What is judged Pornography in one town or city is quite legal in others. This also applies to films shown at your local cinema, as some towns films are screened by a local Committee of Councillors, even though the film has been granted a certificate by the British Board of Censors, and then banned, yet a mile down the road, in another town, the same film can be seen because this town's local authority believes that they have no right to judge people's moral standards. It is easy to see what the public want by the huge box offices such films as Emmanuelle and Language of Love attract. The same applies with Magazines and Books, if people do not want them they would not buy them, yet all the magazines that these type shops sell are very popular with circulation rising all the time. They would have folded up a long time ago if the gents like yourselves did not want them. This present action by the Home Office is just one more step towards a Police State, and must be resisted at all cost. And talking about costs, who pays for all the pending prosecutions to all the above type shops that have been raided? YOU, the rate payer of course.

Since the advent on the open market of adult type material, the underground trade of pornography and the bad side affects have diminished. Racketeers can no longer make millions of £s out of the "under the counter" trading, but this will return if we do not take steps to change our laws very quickly.

We feel that open and above board sexual expression and feeling make for a better and more healthier way of life and if you feel the same then please contact us with your opinions and then we will try through "Linkup" to give you, the individual, the freedom that you or your fathers fought for.

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