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DATES

FROM TUPPY OWENS (To Roselle Inclusion in 'NEROPA IN ACTION')

5th October Tuppy Owens attended the WHERE DO WE DRAW THE LINE conference in Newcastle. This conference dealt mainly with censorship in the Arts. It was sponsored by the New Statesman and included a one-woman performance by Annie Sprinkle which was reported in The Independent.

8th October Tuppy Owens gathered club owners who had been raided or threatened by the police to a PUSSY meeting at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre in London. We heard reports from all the club owners and decided to meet again with a lawyer to try to work out the source of the problem and find ways to tackle it. Interestingly, only club owners who had suffered problems came along, other club owners were not interested. The woman who runs a lesbian club seemed to be amazed at how little was allowed in hetero clubs.

15th October Tuppy Owens spoke at the Feminists Against Censorship open meeting on What Women Want from Pornography. This was attended by over 70 women and the general consensus was that women wanted hard-core immediate turn-on pornography. It was decided to hold another meeting to discuss censorship in the New Year, including men in the audience. Tuppy Owens has suggested that David Webb be invited to speak at that meeting. Feminists Against Censorship is at PO Box 207, London WC1N 3XX

On October, Lindi St Clair gained as many votes as the Green Party for her Corrective Party, and she has appeared on television with a very clear positive attitude to sexual freedom. She is still seeking more candidates

In November, Naomi Salomon initiated a project WHAT SHE WANTS, with an Arts Council grant to launch a travelling exhibition of erotic photographs of men taken by women. She is also setting up a photographic competition and doing a survey on women's needs. The address is WSW c/o 144a Old South Lambeth Road, London SW18 1XX.

On November 12, the Safer Sex Maniac's Ball took place in Battersea, celebrating Forum Magazine's 25th Anniversary and greeting 1,000 guests to a night of liberation in aid of helping people with disabilities find love.

On November 14th, the Battersea Arts Centre opened its play 120 Days of Sodom, and the Director, Paul Blackman says he is happy to put on other erotic works.

In November, WH Smith book buyers seemed happy to consider stocking The Safer Sex Maniac's Diary next year.

In the prospective Tory MP for Hackney stated that he would like to see the Hackney canal developed to become similar to the red light district of Amsterdam.

On 15th November, Tuppy Owens appeared on the James Whale Show promoting her books and explaining her views on the rights of disabled people to have sex.

On 26th November, a teach-in, Obscene Sexual Laws was conducted at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre by Roz Kaveney , FAC representative on the NCCL executive and Angus Hamilton, solicitor in the Operations Spanner SM trial.

On 27th November the Feminists Against Censorship book, Feminism and Pornography was launched at Compendium Bookshop

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Defend your personal rights

Every adult has the right to see, or not to see, sex books, magazines, and videos (and in these days of HIV, everyone has a duty to learn facts about sex). Censors have no right to inflict their tastes on the rest of us.

NCROPA campaigns for freedom from the power-mongering bigots, hypocrits and prudes. It is the National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts.

To learn how Britain is becoming more and more censored (by the Left and Right) and how you can help fight for freedom, write to NCROPA, 15 Sloane Court West, London SW1 tel 071 730 9537

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