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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE REFORM  
OF THE OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ACTS

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISER

Dear Supporter,

You may have been wondering why you have not received any news of the Campaign's progress and activities for so long. The explanation is a simple one and can be summed up in three words - time and money - or, rather, lack of them!

Firstly, virtually all my available time, and that of the Committee, has been taken up by our submissions to the Williams Committee (both written and oral) and by our subsequent considered response to that Committee's findings published in "The Williams Report". This took the form of an appraisal in a twelve page document and, as you may have seen or heard in the media, was presented to the Home Secretary on April 14th. These activities have had to take priority and, because we have no staff, either paid or unpaid, and all work as volunteers in our spare time, have resulted in the sacrifice of keeping in touch with our supporters. I do apologise for this but feel sure you will understand the position.

Secondly, this has also meant that the more mundane, but nevertheless essential things, like sending out subscription renewal notices, have been neglected. We are, however, desperately short of funds. I know this is a very familiar cry from all quarters nowadays, but our subscription fees are very modest and, in any case, at such a crucial stage in the great censorship battle, when Parliament will be debating and deciding on the fate of the Williams Report any day, we must be ready and able to get our views across in

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as forceful and effective a manner as possible. We cannot do that without substantial financial resources.

If you have not sent a subscription or donation recently, please do so as soon as possible, even before we are able to get round to sending you a reminder, and please be as generous as you can. Our opposition is already amassing huge forces against any liberalisation of the censorship laws and we must be able to compete on equal terms with their much greater financial reserves.

There will be a newsletter as soon as we can get it out and, to those of you I promised one much sooner, please bear with us and remember the extreme pressure and restricted conditions under which we are working. When the newsletter does finally appear, I think you will be agreeably surprised by all the activity that has been going on on your behalf and appreciate and applaud the Committee's industry.

I urge you, most strongly, to continue your own personal "banner waving" on N.C.R.O.P.A.'s behalf and write to your own Member of Parliament whenever possible. (Many M.P.s are misguided enough to believe that the number of their constituents who write to them about a particular topic is a reliable reflection of the opinions of their entire electorates).

Most urgent of all, however, please send your subscription or a donation NOW and many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Webb', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

David Webb,  
Organiser,

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