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The Editor,
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Dear Sir,

I do hope that Mr. Graham Wade's timely and accurate portrait of Mrs. Mary Whitehouse (March issue), will indicate to your readers the very real threat this formidable lady poses to a free society.

This "appalling phenomenon", as playwright and barrister John Mortimer has rightly described her, is out to have everything of which she personally disapproves suppressed by law. You and I and other adults are to be allowed no individual freedom of choice with regard to what we see, read and hear. The law, and that means the State, will decide for us.

Unlike many others, who have seen fit to dismiss Mrs. Whitehouse as nothing more than a joke, we of the N.C.R.O.P.A. have always taken her very seriously indeed. We regard her as one of the greatest dangers to a free society. This is no idle over-statement as anyone who has attended her meetings, heard her broadcasts and studied her books and newsletters will know. The Report of the Williams Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship virtually dismissed her evidence out-of-hand. Undeterred as ever, she then proceeded to impugn the integrity of that Committee and endeavoured to discredit its members, and then insinuated her way into the Home Secretary's presence with spurious "new" evidence, urging him to reject Williams in toto.

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Let it be proclaimed loudly and clearly, and quite unequivocally, that Mrs. Whitehouse is no joke! She is a declared opponent of freedom and, in our opinion, a very dangerous lady indeed. The sooner she and her cronies are cut down to size, the sooner we shall achieve a more tolerant, humane and, in Roy Jenkins' words, "civilised" society. This is what we, ~~and~~ working volunteers, are working for and we hope you will wish to join us.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTE FOR THE EDITOR

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