

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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To: Barbara Amiel
Daily Telegraph
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Madam,

YOUR ARTICLE ON CENSORSHIP PUBLISHED ON 14TH NOVEMBER

We congratulate you on this magnificent piece. Britain is the only country in the world without a written constitution. As a result there is misunderstanding of the difference between tyrannical pre-publication censorship and the acceptable illegality of certain types of publication. Your article clarified it.

The formerly communist countries of Eastern Europe have abolished all State censorship. This means that the United Kingdom is now almost unique in having film and video censorship. It is exercised by the British Board of Film Classification, which hypocritically changed its name from British Board of Film Censorship, while retaining the latter function and extending it to video recordings. Ironically its Director, James Ferman, is from the United States of America, where there is no film nor video censorship!

Yours for freedom of expression,

Clr E Goodman
Chair of CAC