

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

13TH FEBRUARY 1997

AT 10 AM TED GOODMAN, CHAIR OF CAC, PARTICIPATED IN A HALF HOUR PHONE DEBATE BROADCAST BY BBC RADIO LEEDS, ABOUT THE DECISION OF W.H.SMITH TO DISCONTINUE STOCKING SOME "SOFT PORN" MAGAZINES, INCLUDING "FOR WOMEN." ANNE MAINE OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY STATED THAT ALL MATERIAL THAT "DEGRADED WOMEN" SHOULD BE BANNED. SHE SAID THAT THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PORN-FREE NEWSAGENTS HAD DONE THIS.

GOODMAN REPLIED THAT THIS WAS SEXIST BECAUSE SHE ONLY CONDEMNED DEGRADATION OF WOMEN, NOT MEN. HE ASKED IF SHE ALSO WANTED MALE GAY MATERIAL BANNED. SHE SAID SHE DID AS IT EXPLOITED THE PASSIVE PARTICIPANT, BECAUSE THE LATTER ADOPTED A FEMALE ROLE. THE INTERVIEWER THEN ASKED MS MAINE IF SHE REGARDED RUBENS AS SEXIST. SHE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE!

RUTH CORBETT OF "FOR WOMEN" MAGAZINE STATED THAT HER PUBLICATION PORTRAYED NAKED MEN FOR FEMALE READERS. SHE ASKED ANNE MAINE OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY IF THE LATTER WANTED THIS PROSCRIBED. MS MAINE REPLIED THAT SHE DID BECAUSE IT WAS DEGRADING FOR FEMALES TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH PORNOGRAPHY, EVEN AS CONSUMERS.