ON FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 1997 THE ANNUAL W G HART SEMINAR ON REGULATING COMMERCIAL SEX WAS HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AT QUEEN MARY AND WESTFIELD COLLEGE IN LONDON. TUPPY OWEN ATTENDED AN BEHALF OF THE SEXUAL FREEDOM COALITION.

INSPECTOR HOLMES OF THE WEST END CLUBS AND VICE SQUAD STATED THAT PORNOGRAPHY LED TO SEX CRIME AND HIS OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS UNIT WANTED THAT LAW AMENDED AS FOLLOWS.

SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PUBLICATIONS WOULD BE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE CLASSES LIKE DRUGS:

CLASS C ie SOFT PORN, TO BE CONFINED TO TOP SHELF IN ANY SHOP AND MAIL ORDER.

CLASS B 10 EXPLICIT DEPICTIONS OF ADULT COPULATION, TO BE CONFINED TO LICENSED SEX-SHOPS AND PROHIBITED BY MAIL ORDER.

CLASS C 1e UNDER AGE MATERIAL, BESTIALITY, COPROPHILIA AND "WATER-SPORTS" (URINAL ACTIVITY) TO BE TOTALLY BANNED

TUPPY TOLD THE MEETING THAT PORNOGRAPHY DID NOT LEAD TO SEX CRIME AND SHE WILL BE WRITING TO HOLMES URGING HIM TO RECONSIDER ADVOCATING THE BANNING OF DEPICTIONS OF URINAL ACTIVITY SHOULD AND OF ALL MAIL ORDER SALE OF PROPOSED CLASS B PUBLICATIONS.

ANOTHER PARTICIPANT IN THE SEMINAR WAS A DUTCH FEMALE REPRESENTATIVE WHO EXPLAINED THAT BROTHELS WERE STILL ILLEGAL IN HOLLAND, BUT WERE TOLERATED IN RED LIGHT ZONES. SHE SAID THAT FORMAL LEGALISATION WAS IN PROGRESS, BUT THAT RED LIGHT ZONES WOULD BE ABOLISHED BECAUSE THAT HAD FALLEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF ORGANISED CRIME.

LADY FOULKES, A FORMER CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, STATED THAT WHEN SHE SERVED ON A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY INTO PROSTITUTION LAWS, SOME MALE MPS HAD REFUSED TO ATTEND A MEETING WHEN THEY HEARD THAT PROSTITUTES WOULD BE PRESENT.

INSPECTOR HOMES OF THE WEST END CLUBS AND VICE SQUAD SATED THAT HIS UNIT KNEW ALL ABOUT PROSTITUTION IN LONDON AND WAS CONCENTRATING ON KEEPING IT OFF THE STREETS. HE SAID THAT THE LAW PROHIBITING MORE THAN ONE PROSTITUTE IN ONE FLAT WAS NOT BEING ENFORCED.