
CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive, Redhill
14th February 1998

To: Martin Bell MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Martin Bell,

RE; BRITISH STATE CENSORSHIP

We were impressed by your commitment voiced on "Face to Face." In view of your television background, we ask you to consider using your legislative influence in favour of the abolition of State censorship in the United Kingdom, which is now one of the only countries in the whole European continent which has cinema, television and video censorship for adults.

Christopher Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, has just banned the French satellite channel "Eurotica." By contrast, the French Minister of Culture, Jacques Lang, declared when abolishing film censorship that the State has no right to prevent citizens from watching what they choose. Why should British adults be denied the freedom enjoyed by their fellow Europeans? Why does the British Government condemn State censorship in other countries, but practise it here?

Yours for freedom of expression,

Clr E Goodman
Chair of CAC