
CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:- *The Secretary*

ON THE 27TH NOVEMBER 2000 CLLR E GOODMAN, CHAIR OF CAC, ATTENDED THE SEXUAL FREEDOM COALITION (SFC) MEMBERS' MEETING IN LONDON. THE HIGHLIGHTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

THREE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION ATTENDED, NAMELY RANA JOHAL, MURRAY PERKINS AND ROSLAIND BATES, WHO WAS APPARENTLY A FELLOW UNIVERSITY STUDENT OF TUPPY OWEN, DIRECTOR OF SFC ! MS BATES STATED THAT THE BBFC WAS FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT OF THE HOME OFFICE, BUT IN ALL OTHER ASPECTS UNDER ITS COMPLETE CONTROL. SHE STATED THAT THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR, JAMES FERMAN, HAD NOT HAD HIS TERM RENEWED BECAUSE HE HAD RELAXED VIDEO CENSORSHIP WITHOUT CONSULTING THE HOME OFFICE, TO WHOM HM CUSTOMS HAD COMPLAINED. SHE STATED THAT THE RECENT NEW LIBERAL R18 GUIDELINES HAD BEEN ADOPTED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HM CUSTOMS AND THE POLICE, WHO HAD ADOPTED THE SAME STANDARDS. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM GOODMAN OF CAC, SHE REPLIED THAT THE CONTINUING BAN ON DEPICTION OF URINATION WAS BECAUSE OF THE HOME OFFICE'S INTERPRETATION OF PUBLIC INDECENCY (WHICH APPARENTLY DOES NOT INCLUDE COPULATION !). THE SAME REASON EXPLAINED THE STRICTER GUIDELINES FOR 18 FILMS. SHE SAID THAT THE BBFC WERE GOING AS FAR AS THE PERCEIVED LAW WOULD ALLOW. RANA JOHAL STATED THAT HE HATED MAKING CUTS AND TRIED TO AVOID IT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REPEAL YET OF THE LAW CRIMINALISING MALE HOMOSEXUAL ACTS WHERE MORE THAN TWO PERSONS WERE PRESENT. HIS POLICY WAS TO IGNORE THE PRESENCE OF THE CAMERAMAN AND ALLOW TWO PARTICIPANTS AT A TIME TO BE DEPICTED, BUT NO MORE !

THE MEETING WAS ADDRESSED BY SPECIAL GUEST, TINA HARVEY, FOUNDER OF THE LIBERATED PARTY. SHE EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD BEEN A LIBERAL-DEMOCRAT BOROUGH COUNCIL CANDIDATE IN NOTTINGHAM, UNTIL DESELECTED WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT SHE HAD BEEN A NUDE MODEL. SO MUCH FOR ENGLISH LIBERALISM ! SHE HAD NOW FOUNDED HER OWN PARTY AND WOULD BE FIGHTING THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION ON AN ANTI-HYPOCRITE TICKET, OUTING PEOPLE LIKE THE TWO TORY MPS, WHOM SHE KNEW ATTENDED SEX PARTIES BUT PUBLICLY ADVOCATED FAMILY VALUES. SHE ASKED FOR HELP (www.liberatedparty.org AT 5 PORTLAND PLACE NW1 4DH) AS DID ANA LOPEZ OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SEX WORKERS (respect @ hotmail.com AT PO BOX 27465 LONDON SW9 8WP) AND SARAH AINSLIE OF THE STRIPPERS CAPAIGN (Tel:07940327594). DETAILS WERE GIVEN OF THE NEW SEX MUSEUM AT HAMBURG AND THE MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CHINESE SEX

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