

**CAMPAIGN**

**CENSORSHIP**

**AGAINST**

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

ON 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2001 TED GOODMAN, CHAIR OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST CENSORSHIP, GAVE A TALK ON "CENSORSHIP IN BRITAIN" TO THE SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AT WESTMINSTER. HE MENTIONED THE ANTI-TERRORISM, CRIME AND SECURITY BILL BEING RUSHED THROUGH PARLIAMENT, ESPECIALLY THE NEW CRIME OF INCITEMENT TO RELIGIOUS HATRED WHICH WILL GREATLY RESTRICT RELIGIOUS CRITICISM.

A LIVELY SERIES OF QUESTIONS ENUSUED, WHICH SHOWED THAT THE MEMBERS HAD LOST FAITH IN POLITICIANS AND WERE SEEKING OTHER WAYS OF AVOIDING INCREASING AUTHORITARIANISM IN THIS COUNTRY EG CIVIL DISOBEDIANCE AND EVASION EG BY USING COMPUTER PROVIDERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION. GOODMAN, HOWEVER, URGED THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL POLITICS AND TRY TO INFLUENCE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT BECAUSE THE LATTER HAD THE MONOPOLY OF LEGISLATING.