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AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

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Sir,

ALL PARTY GROUP ON PROSTITUTION

The stated purpose of the Group is flawed because it presupposes suppression. For instance, it seeks to stop demand for sexual services, (which is and always has been impossible!) It also seeks to protect prostitute women by helping them to exit, thus trying to force them to leave the sex industry which they have chosen to join. In addition the references to women and "girls" (patronising) illegally discriminates against male prostitutes. Gigolos and homosexual prostitutes are entitled to the same status as female sex workers.

In many countries organised prostitution is lawful eg Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands and New Zealand. They thus provide models that your Group should consider. It should also be noted that many politicians are known to have used the services of prostitutes eg Joe Ashton, Lord Randolph Churchill, Lord Gowrie, Lord Jellicoe, Lord Lambton, and John Profumo.

Prostitutes must have the right of Freedom of Expression to advertise their services. (Prostitution is lawful in England although, illogically, activities connected with it are not). To gag prostitutes is not only undemocratic but drives the sex industry underground into the hands of touts and encourages sex tourism to countries where brothels are lawful.

Yours for freedom of expression (even for prostitutes)

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