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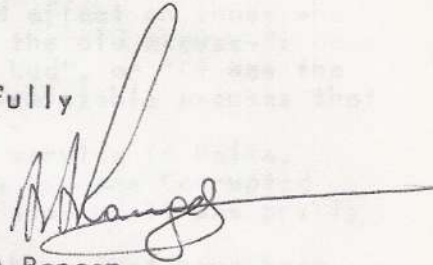
Dear Mr. Webb,

I refer to your letter in the Evening Standard of April 29th. and offer for your consideration some arguments in favour of your campaign.

I believe that to have any success your campaign must put forward reasons that are Facts and not dwell too much on personal feelings, which is all your opposition seems to have on their side.

All laws should be based on Fact, not the bigoted views of a very vocal few.

Yours faithfully



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- (1) According to Lord Longford's report the market for pornography is large, one organisation he quoted as having a turnover of £3M.

As this business is beyond the law it is in the hands of the criminal fraternity who make large cash profits, most of which is available for the furtherance of major criminal activity. They pay no taxes on their profits and no duty on their imports.

Proof of this can be seen in the violence of a couple of years ago.

- (2) Like prohibition in America it is the keystone of corruption in the law enforcement agencies as any officer who wishes can find every excuse for turning a blind eye to the breaking of a stupid law which denies a large number of the general public something they want.

- (3) Despite Longford and Co's frenzied accusations there is no proof that pornography has any profound affect on those who see it (other than to give the defence the old excuse-"I done it 'cause I saw some dirty pictures me Lud". or "It was the drink sir I dont normally touch it".) Two stable excuses that lost in the mists of time.

As an ex regular R.A.F. (1938/49) with service in Malta, Egypt and West Africa I have never seen any one Corrupted by what they have seen, and believe me some of it was pretty crude.

If the noble Lord's statements are true there must have been 1/2 million men, at least, arriving in this country from the Far and Middle East between 1944 and 1947 who were raving sex maniacs and statistics should shew a large increase in sexual assaults on women and children.

In addition the garrison towns of this country must have experienced a similar increase every time one of the Battalions came home from a five year tour abroad.

These are facts that can be checked but I have never seen them used in argument.

- (4) I can remember similar protests from the anti-gambling crowd when the Bookmaking laws were changed. Beforehand the small Bookmaker operated his cash betting outside the law and was in the hands of the criminal for millions of pounds for protection and bribes. Now it is all legal he pays taxes, the State benefits and he has to obey the rules and give a fair deal.