

CENSORSHIP, FREE SPEECH AND PORNOGRAPHY

Libertarian Alliance

A one day conference.

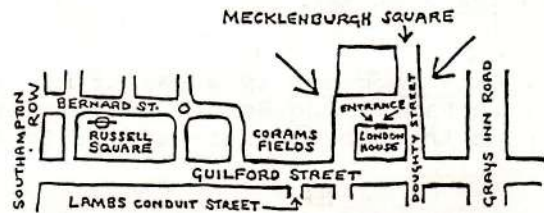
Saturday 9th August, 1986

9.00 a.m to 6.30 p.m.

Admission: Free of Charge

At: The Churchill Room,
London House,
Mecklenburgh Square,
Bloomsbury, London WC2.

Nearest Tube: Russell Square



Following the social progress of the 1960s we now seem to be entering a period of "moral" reaction. An unholy alliance of "left" and "right", with an irrational and authoritarian "feminism" taking a major role, now calls for censorship of views and literature of which it disapproves. Similarly, both "left" and "right" embrace an inhumane and atavistic sexual ethic. In this conference our speakers will offer both an account and a critique of contemporary trends.

Chris R. Tame, Secretary, The Libertarian Alliance

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| 9.00 - 9.30 a.m. | Conference Opens
Introduction by Chris R. Tame, Conference Chairman |
| 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. | "The Moral Right: Ideology and Campaigns"
Bill Thompson |
| 10.30 - 11.00 a.m. | Discussion |
| 11.00 - 11.30 a.m. | Coffee Break |
| 11.30 - 12.30 p.m. | "Censorship: The Current Legal Position
and the Campaign for Freedom of Speech"
Ted Goodman |
| 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. | Discussion |
| 1.00 - 2.00 p.m. | Lunch Break
Lunch is available for £3.00 <u>only</u> to those who pay
in advance.
Please complete and return the attached form. |
| 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. | "How Our Rulers Argue About Censorship:
An Exercise in Prejudice and Fallacy"
Professor Christie Davies |
| 3.00 - 3.30 p.m. | Discussion |
| 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. | Tea Break |
| 4.00 - 4.30 p.m. | "Censorship: Why?"
Antony Grey |
| 4.30 - 5.00 p.m. | Discussion |
| 5.00 - 5.30 p.m. | "Whores and Mothers: Ideas on Women and Obscenity"
Mary Hayward |
| 5.30 - 6.00 p.m. | Discussion |
| 6.00 - 6.30 p.m. | Conclusion
Close of Conference. |
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THE SPEAKERS

Bill Thompson is a part time teacher. He did his Masters degree in Family and Womens History and is currently completing his Ph.d on the "moral majority" in Britain at the University of Essex.

Ted Goodman is a Solicitor and Legal Advisor to David Webb's National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts (NCROPA). He has written for a number of publications, including The Freethinker and is the co-editor of the forthcoming book Britain: An Unfree Country. He is also a member of both the Libertarian Alliance and the National Council For Civil Liberties.

Christie Davies is Professor of Sociology at the University of Reading. He is the author of a number of books, including Permissive Britain: Social Change in the 60s and the 70s, Wrongful Imprisonment, and The Reactionary Jokebook. He also co-edited, with Rajeev Dhavan Censorship and Obscenity. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Libertarian Alliance.

Antony Grey has been involved in campaigning for individual freedom in private life, thought, speech and publication for over 30 years. He was Secretary of the Homosexual Law Reform Society (which fought succesfully for the 1967 Sexual Offences Act) and has been an executive committee member of the NCCL and the Defence of Literature and the Arts Society (now the Campaign Against Censorship). He has written on the relationship between pornography and crime and his essay "Sex and the Law" appeared in Vol 3, No. 1 of the LA's journal Free Life.

Mary Hayward is the Honorary Secretary of the Campaign Against Censorship.

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'Phone: 01 240 1804 (11.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.)

We reserve the right to refuse admission.