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10th January 1996

NCROPA,
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London SW3

Dear David,

How are things going within NCROPA?

Please note change of my address. I put my return address on the back of the envelope just in case you are no longer at this address and the PO have no forwarding address.

The last communication I had from you was about the AGM in November 1995. I don't know if you have sent other communications to my old address in the last year but there haven't been any by the time I moved out last March nor has the tenant said there was any.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to the ITC about Bruce Gyngell which is self-explanatory - you might like to write to the ITC and Gyngell yourself and tell him what you think! I am absolutely incensed..... well, what I think is in the letter!
He is Director of both Yorkshire TV and Channel 3, addresses as below in case you don't have them

Channel 3 North East (formerly Tyne Tees), Television,
Television Centre,
City Road,
Newcastle NE1 2AL.

Yorkshire Television,
TV Centre,
Leeds LS3 1JS.

But you probably have these addresses already.

I am sure you can phrase a letter better than I can!
I have not written to Gyngell separately as the letter to the ITC says it all about what I think about him!

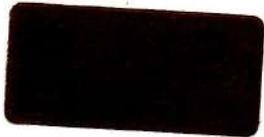
You probably know better than I do if the ITC have the powers to overrule someone like Gyngell, or if Directors of TV companies are a law unto themselves!

In your communication of November 1995 you said 'unless office facilities can somehow be found for us, the NCROPA will not be able to continue to function even in a reduced way'.... so I would like to know what has happened over the last 14 months; if you are still up and running, I will send a further (£5)? for another years' membership.

If it is still running, which I hope, do you plan an AGM this year; I aim to come down in the Spring, Summer and Autumn so hope I could fit it in.

Enclosed is an s.a.e. to save your postage costs. If you have any further newsletters of last year I'd be pleased to receive them.
Thanks.

Your sincerely
Ginny



9th January 1997

Independent Television Commission,
31 Foley Street,
London W.1.

Dear Sirs,

Re: BRUCE GYNGELL, DIRECTOR OF YORKSHIRE/CHANNEL 3 NORTH EAST

I am writing to complain of the above, who appears to have set himself up as a self-appointed censor for his television area as to what he judges fit for adults to watch!.

I am talking about the new series Hollywood Lovers which he has banned from the N.E. area as he thinks he has the right to clamp down on sex on the screen. In other words, a male version of Mary Whitehouse and I am bloody angry about it!

As far as I know this series does not show explicit sex but talks about the sex lives of Hollywood stars etc.

This is not the first time he has acted as censor. He also banned the Sex Guide series from the North East so since living up here I haven't been able to see anymore in the series. (over 2 years). I think he has also banned one or more shows/series because of sex.

What damn right has anyone, even if he is a Director of a regional television company, to tell several million adults in the North East what they can and cannot watch!

The whole thing is an anomaly as there are many films, plays and other shows which are sexual in content and also show sex scenes so him banning the Sex Guides - which are shown very late at night or in the early hours in other tv regions - is absolutely absurd and smacks of double standards!

I am in NCROPA - The National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts and can only echo what the Director has said....'such a campaign as ours was never more needed in this grotesquely, censored-obsessed country than now!

Notwithstanding the scandalously authoritarian, sexual repression that still, almost uniquely persists (and increases) in the UK etc

What I would like to know is does the ITC have the power to over-rule someone like Gyngeell who thinks he has the right to dictate to several millions viewers in the North East what they can or cannot see? I know he is the Director of the above two channels but the majority of adults would be

incensed that some self-appointed little Ozie who has set himself up as censor of adult's viewing habits and is a downright insult and arrogance.*

Perhaps you have received other letters from similarly outraged viewers!?

I do hope you have the powers to over-rule him as many of us in the North East would like to see Hollywood Lovers and the Sex Guide series and other programmes he's had the temerity and arrogance to ban from us viewers.

I'd be interested to hear your comments.

Thanking you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

G. Wall

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c.c. NCROPA

Bruce Gyngell.

* Why the hell should adults in the North East be treated different to adults elsewhere in the UK!