

Laws Hard to Enforce

Can Pornography Be Stopped?

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Pornography is an expensive come-on game in Nebraska. And, it's dangerous, illegal, and disappointing.

Americans spend between an estimated \$500 million and \$2 billion annually on alleged pornography. Some of that money comes from Nebraska.

As part of a depth reporting study at the University of Nebraska School of Journalism, a series of magazine advertisements for costumes were answered. The depth reporting studies are financed by the WALL STREET JOURNAL and the READER'S DIGEST.

The pulp and slick magazines from which the advertisements were answered, were purchased in newsstands, drug stores, and similar business places in Lincoln and small towns in Nebraska. As result of the study, the following material was received:

Two personal letters from Canada that were not ordered. They offered "intimate" movies of men, women for sale in black and white or color. Questionable books and photographs were also for sale.

Booklets costing between \$1 and \$5 appealing to sexual deviates and bordering on pornography. One of the \$3 booklets which contained misspellings and numerous errors was estimated to cost \$2.25 to print.

Costume catalogs and advertisements were received which offered materials for sexual deviates for sale.

Advertisements for the sale of "sexual aids" were received. Similar aids have been declared subject to obscenity laws and are often considered to be dangerous to health.

Numerous other advertisements were received offering materials bordering on obscenity for sale at prices ranging from \$1 to \$60.

These materials were examined by United States Postal inspectors in Lincoln and left with them.

Postal inspector T. R.

Morell said that most of the material that was received was borderline pornography, but it was not obscene according to federal law.

"The market on this stuff is fantastic," he said. "Tens and tens of thousands of alleged pornographic materials flood the market areas."

"Approximately 200 Lincolnites have received and reported the receipt of letters from Canada offering the "intimate" movies for sale. "Many of these letters were turned in by irate parents," he added.

Morell pointed out that the Postal Department had previously issued an "unlawful order" prohibiting the mailing "to and from" the company that sent the letters. "The letters received in the study were sent to Washington, D.C. to be investigated."

The company probably sent the letters after getting addresses from a mailing list, he said.

"Often mailing lists are sold back and forth between companies. After materials are ordered, you may get one out of five orders back," Morell said.

"About 95% of the hardcore pornography that can be found in the United States is from foreign countries. And, a lot of it is stopped before it gets here," Morell said.

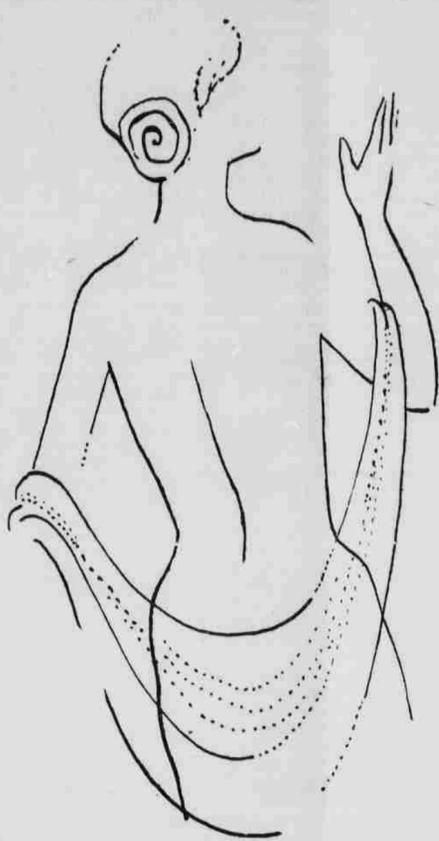
"Morell pointed out the tricks in the pornography trade. He said that the dirt dealers demand the receipt of the purchase price before sending any material. They frequently find it profitable to keep the money and not send anything. The sender seldom reports his involvement to authorities."

The dealers do not usually sell pornography, he said. Most of them sell borderline material. Much of this material is comparable to that found in some magazines.

A lot of the material offered for sale is to attract the deviate, he said. In the material received in this study, emphasis was placed on appealing to the deviate. Stories, and transvestism, masochism, and sadism were the "popular appeal items".

One of the wierdest deviations that was stressed in the advertisements was the sale and use of rubber and leather garments. The deviates loved the touch and confinement of the tight-fitting garments. Catalogs offered these garments for sale at prices exceeding \$250.

Although laws regulating pornography are often made stiffer, it's getting harder all the time to successfully prosecute the distributors, according to Morell.



"The standards have been relaxed tremendously in the last ten years," he said. Legitimate nudism has been excepted from the obscenity laws and many dealers take advantage of this, according to Morell.

"And in court, the people will use delaying tactics and keep publishing the whole time," he said. In this way,

they can keep taking in money and can pay for the cost of defending against the prosecution.

A person who is convicted of violating the federal obscenity laws can be hit with a fine of \$5,000 and five years in prison. For subsequent convictions, this goes up to \$10,000 and ten years.

"Most of these dealers stay just one step ahead of the law," Morell said. "They'll operate in Los Angeles for a month or two, and then move up to San Francisco."

Two fairly recent additions to the federal code have aided the prosecutors:

—In addition to the person sending the material or receiving it, the person who sends for the material can now be prosecuted.

—In the past, the sender could only be prosecuted in the state from which the material was mailed. The new laws also make him subject to prosecution in the state of receipt or in any state through which the material passes.

Some states such as California have less strict ideas of what is hard-core pornography than do states like Nebraska, Morell said. As result, it was hard to get a conviction in California. With the new law, the person can be tried in Nebraska.

Another aid to the prosecutor has been the fact that the courts have interpreted the obscenity laws to include sexual deviations such as sadistic whippings of nude women.

When suspected pornographic mail from a foreign source is received in Lincoln, and a complaint is made to the postal inspectors, Morell forwards the material to the Inspector in Charge in Kansas City. It is then sent on to postal officials in Washington.

Many postal authorities in foreign countries try to cooperate with the United States in stopping the material sent into this country. Canadian officials have

been notified of the letters being sent into the United States, Morell said.

Domestic pornography is sent by the Lincoln postal inspectors to the point of mailing. A U.S. attorney at that point then decides if there is sufficient evidence to warrant a prosecution.

Although the Postal Department "does not attempt to edit every magazine and other publication," it will intercept suspected mail

In the case of foreign matter, the interception is made by customs officials. The addressee is sent a notice telling him of the mail and asking permission to open it. If the person denies permission, the mail is returned to the sender, but if he says yes, the material is opened and examined. If it's obscene, permission to destroy it is requested from the addressee, and here again, if permission is refused, it goes back to the sender.

Many of the contacts by those who want to get pornographic material are made through the advertisements

which appear in magazines available on the newsstands. In spite of this, the post office has no power over the magazines to make them stop carrying the advertising, Morell said.

Usually, the material sold directly through the ads are not pornographic but the result is that the person soon finds himself on one of the mailing lists and receives letters such as the one from Canada.

Much of the real pornography is sent by express, delivered individually, or comes from local sources, in order to avoid postal regulations, Morell said. The Lincoln area is not a source of pornographic literature, obscene letter, he said.

The Postal Department has campaigned to stop pornography by complaining to the publications and by trying to get people to inform the Post Office when they receive something in the mail, Morell said. But stopping the smut-sellers, who keep preying upon the glibble public seems an endless task.

Peace Corps Training To Begin At Center

The third Peace Corps training program begins at the University of Nebraska Center this weekend and a request has been received for another training program this fall.

Forty volunteers from all parts of the U.S. are assembling for a two-month, intensive training program for assignments in Bolivia, according to Max Hasen, project director and chairman of the department of industrial arts at the University.

The University has received a request to train Peace Corps volunteers for Colombia next fall.

The first two Peace Corps training programs at the University were held last summer and fall for volunteers who are now in Colombia.

The current program for volunteers to Bolivia is being carried out by the Peace Corps in cooperation with the Heifer Project Inc., a non-profit, world-wide, self-help program. The Heifer Project, organized in 1944, shares livestock, poultry, technical aid and educational information with people in developing areas where assistance is needed and requested.

Some members of the Peace Corps group will work at a large dairy plant in Bolivia. Others will work in rural areas to improve living and economic conditions, Hansen said.

The volunteers will attend training sessions for 70 hours per week. The training program will include instruction in dairying, community development. Other topics will include language, American studies, world affairs, communism, health and medical education, physical education and recreation.

Volunteers also will learn how to operate tractors, bulldozers, jeeps and boats. They will spend two weeks in Puerto Rico attending an intensive physical program which will include mountain climbing and horseback riding. A special feature of the Nebraska training program will be talks by three guest lecturers for the University's summer session. They include Lucius D. Battle, assistant U.S. Secretary of State; Dwayne Orton, editor of THINK magazine and Norris E. Bradbury, director of the Los Alamos Research Center.

Love Library Staff Prepares Supplementary Book List

Science Reading Room

Rapport, Samuel, ed. MATHEMATICS. One of the books in a series entitled THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OF SCIENCE, each volume of which deals with an individual science. This volume is a biography of mathematics, a collection of sketches of people, ideas and problems.

Stein, Sherman K., MATHEMATICS: THE MAN-MADE UNIVERSE; AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRIT OF MATHEMATICS. In this introductory work for the general reader, the author treats mathematics as completely the work of man—in this sense, concrete; whereas he believes the world is abstract. He covers number theory, topology, set theory, geometry, algebra and analysis. Selected aspects of the book include the primes, tiling, memory wheels, congruence, map coloring, strange algebras.

Wilks, Willard E., THE NEW WILDERNESS; WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SPACE. A good introduction to the varying philosophies of space research with a discussion of rockets and space vehicles (including engineering aspects), the laws of space, the role of the military in space, and the possibility of life on other planets leading to the ultimate conquest of the solar system.

Lytel, Allan Herbert, ABC'S OF LASERS AND MASERS. A small volume which explains in simple terms basic techniques, applications and types of electronic devices known as lasers and masers.

Sax, N. Irving, DANGEROUS PROPERTIES OF INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS. (2d ed.) A revision of a useful reference work. Over 1,000 chemicals and food additives have been added to the new edition. Descriptive informa-

tion on hazards and countermeasures is given for 10,000 common industrial laboratory materials. Also included are tables of substances which cause allergies, chapters on radiation hazards and reactor safeguards, information on storage and shipment of potentially dangerous materials.

Humanities Reading Room

Ekwensi, Cyprian, BURNING GRASS; a story of the fulani of northern Nigeria. Written by a Nigerian author, this novel is filled with the flavor, magic, customs and beliefs of the Nigerian countryside. The central character, Mai Sunsaye, is Fulani chief who is bewitched by the wandering sickness. In spite of great family troubles at the time, he follows the magic dove and wanders among his tribesmen and before the book's end manages to help resolve his family problems. The authenticity of the background and the unpretentious style of writing are an excellent combination and result in a fine book.

Ducasse, C. J., A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BELIEF IN LIFE AFTER DEATH. A thorough discussion of the various theories, philosophies and religious beliefs of life after death is presented in this book. A major portion is devoted to reincarnation and the various studies presented include a discussion of the Bridie Murphy case. Other aspects are also given, as well as references to other material related to the subject.

Kazakov, Yuri, GOING TO TOWN AND OTHER STORIES. This collection of short stories by Kazakov have been translated from Russian by Gabriella Azrael. The stories explore the various facets of Russian life with a bitter-sweet flavor. These are not party-line policies in fiction,

rather they are descriptive of a bleak atmosphere and sadness which seems to be always present in the Russian personality.

Social Studies Reading Room

Heinsohn, A. G., editor ANTHOLOGY OF CONSERVATIVE WRITING IN THE UNITED STATES. The conservative viewpoint on public issues dominates this collection. Topics covered include TVA, social security, foreign aid, and federal aid to education.

Barghoorn, Frederick, THE SOVIET CULTURAL OFFENSIVE. The professor of political science at Yale examines the place of cultural exchanges in Soviet foreign policy. He points out the value of such exchanges to the Soviets and to the free world.

Clapp, Charles L., THE CONGRESSMAN: HIS WORK AS HE SEES IT. Based largely on interviews with members of the House of Representatives, this readable book gives insight into the workings of the House and into the nature of the job facing a member of the body.

Hughes, Langston, and Milton Meltzer, A POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE NEGRO IN AMERICA. Many photographs, cartoons, and drawings illustrate this narrative of the Negro in American life.

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