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Dear Members,

Firstly, many apologies for the long delay in getting this newsletter out. There have been lots of exciting developments in CAP this year, and we promise faithfully that the next issue will be out on time. We won't be asking for membership renewals from anyone who hasn't yet received their full four copies for an annual subscription.

The good news of 1994 so far, is that our fundraising efforts have been paying off. Our monthly standing order total — the mainstay of our work — continues to rise as you can see from the thermometer. Many, many thanks to everyone who is making a monthly donation to us, the campaign couldn't have survived or grown as it has without your help. This year we have also received a number of large donations — one anonymous donation which helped us tremendously, and came at just the right time. We have continued to create and sell our own merchandise — see the enclosed leaflet for our latest range of stylish T-Shirts badges and stickers. As you will also see inside, we are soon to be hosting a CAP Quiz Night to raise funds for some of our new projects: please come along if you're in London. We need the support — and a great deal of fun will be had by all!

Finally, we have received a small grant from the Global Fund For Women to help launch our Pornography Helpline. We now have our new phoneline installed, and are currently building links with other services to establish a referral system, as well as planning initial training for the counsellors. The Helpline will be the first of its kind anywhere in the world and will be there to counsel and give advice to women who feel they have been harmed in the making or use of pornography. The line will also give advice on how to complain about sexist images in the media, or porn in your local newsagent and video store.

CAP now also has two support groups: one for women who have been involved in the sex industry, or who are trying to get out; and one for women whose partners are using pornography. If you

would like to become involved in either of these groups please contact us on 071-281 6376 — the phone number for our new line.

CAP has fought a number of campaigns so far this year — as you will see detailed in the pages of the newsletter. Our next major campaign will focus on live porn in London — 'stripping' — and will be highlighting the harassment of the women who work in these pubs and clubs, as well as the hypocrisy of local councils with equal opportunities policies continuing to license stripping in pubs and strip joints in their borough.

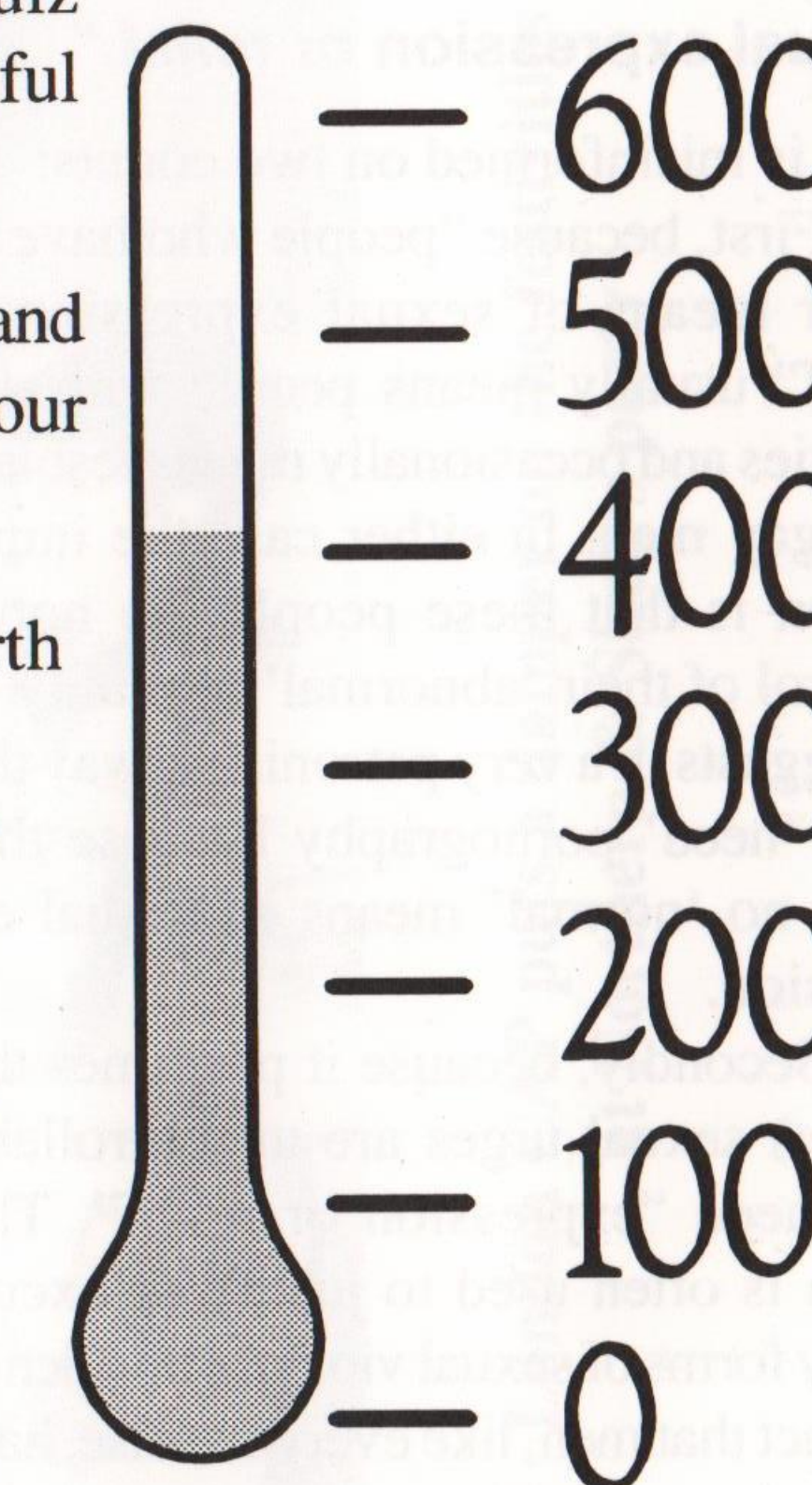
As you will also see inside there are a number of particularly sexist and offensive adverts which we are targetting at the moment — please write to the ASA or ITC and help us complain. Large numbers of letters do make a difference. The addresses are included in our 'Ad Alert' section.

On a last note — look out for some special features on the pornography industry coming up in the Weekend Guardian in the next few weeks by journalist Nick Davies. We have been working with him during the last few weeks and he has talked to a number of women who have experience of working in the industry.

Don't forget our quiz night or our beautiful new T-Shirts!

With Best Wishes, and many thanks for your support,

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Winning the Arguments — “Pornography performs a useful social function”

We intend to reproduce in each CAP Newsletter one issue from the “Winning the Arguments” section of our Action Pack (available from CAP for £5/£3 unwaged), which deals with the most common anti-anti-pornography arguments.

There are many variations on this theme. We have identified four of the most common ones. They are used to justify and excuse pornography in essentially the same way.

“Pornography is sex education.”

This depends on what you mean by sex education! If you think sex education is about domination, control, conquest of women by men then yes, pornography is sex education. If on the other hand you believe that sex education should consist of frank and open discussion, information and support, alongside space for self-discovery, then pornography is nothing of the kind.

“Pornography is an outlet for people with no other means of sexual expression or relief.”

This is misinformed on two counts:

First, because “people who have no other means of sexual expression or relief” usually means people with disabilities and occasionally means lesbians and gay men. In either case the implication is that these people are not in control of their ‘abnormal’ sexuality — it suggests in a very patronising way that they ‘need’ pornography because they have no ‘normal’ means of sexual expression.

Secondly, because it presumes that (male) sexual urges are uncontrollable and need “expression or relief”. This myth is often used to justify or excuse many forms of sexual violence and denies the fact that men, like everyone else, have control over and bear any responsibility

for their actions. There is absolutely no reason to suppose that men have any less control over their sexual drives than women do.

“Pornography is used by couples (i.e. it is useful to women as well as men).”

In actual fact it is men and not “people” who produce and consume the vast majority of pornographic material. Women do not tend to be independent consumers of pornography.

We know that many women are forced to participate in the use of pornography by their male partners.

There is enormous pressure on women in society to accept, tolerate and express approval/understanding of pornography.

It is often the case that women experience no support which enables them to express any objections they might have to pornography.

Failed recent attempts to introduce porn for women onto the market give further evidence that women do not want to use pornography.

“Pornography provides a substitute for men who would otherwise commit sexual violence.”

All the evidence points to the fact that pornography reinforces and encourages men’s hatred, contempt and hostility towards women, rather than containing it.

Its effect is to encourage men to commit acts of sexual violence and increase the threat to women rather than protect them.

The wider questions that we should ask is, if pornography “protects” women (which it doesn’t — why haven’t we seen a massive decrease in violence against women since the 1960’s when pornography became a massive industry?), which women

benefit from this “protection”? Women involved in pornography production are raped, beaten, abused and degraded and sometimes even killed. What protection does pornography offer these women? Is their abuse acceptable in order that “decent” women may be protected?

One of the widely misused “statistics” about the effect of pornography on sexual violence in countries where “hardcore” porn has been legalised. “When pornography was legalised in Denmark”, pro-pornography campaigners argue, “the levels of sexual violence decreased”. There are several problems with this argument: when porn was legalised, Denmark also removed so-called “minor” sexual offenses from the criminal code, for example, flashing (which usually targets young women and girls, which is the blatant attempt to intimidate and frighten, and which is often the precursor to much more violent forms of sexual assault). This removal of sexual offences had an impact on the number of incidents which could even be recorded as sexual assault.

In addition, we would argue that women are much less likely to report sexual assault in a country where pornography is legal, and easily available. The message of pornography is that women are sexual beings, and that there is nothing you can do to a woman that she won’t enjoy. With this message being given to women and reinforced at every turn, women are less likely to be able to validate their own experiences as abusive. (For instance, it has only been in the last couple of decades that the experience of rape in marriage has been recognised as rape.)

In some instances, women have gone to police stations to report rape or sexual assault and have been confronted with hardcore pornographic images on the walls of the police station, which is not the sort of environment in which a woman is likely to feel safe in reporting assault. ■

CAP workshop on international sex trafficking at the “Women and the Law” Conference

“As long as a woman can be bought or sold, no woman is free.”

Maria Castenada,
Filipina Activist

At the Rights of Women conference held on 26/27 March, CAP ran a workshop on “The International Sex Trade”, with the aim of raising issues about the conditions of women working in the international sex industry, and to look at legal and other strategies for combating the traffic in women.

Impoverished women are traded to rich men the world over. Sexual exploitation takes many forms, including military prostitution, mail order brides, the porn industry and sex tourism. Tourism is one of the main contributing factors in the international sexual exploitation and abuse of women and children: the bodies of women of Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe are offered as attractions to men

from industrialised countries who are fed up with liberated women. A Norwegian sex tour operator advertising trips to Thailand stated in his brochure: “get sick of women’s rights fanatics, join Scan Thai”. And in the Philippines, an official state tourism poster showed a picture of a Filipina woman, with the slogan: “There are plenty more where she comes from”. And such “development” has been encouraged at an international level, where tourism has even been made a condition of loans from the IMF, the World Bank and USAid.

Reports have estimated that 30 million women are involved in the international sex trade — the population of a small country. In Thailand alone, the government admits that 300,000 child prostitutes are involved in sex tourism. Many women from developing countries are lured to Europe by the promise of well-paid jobs in the so-called “entertainment” indus-

try, and find themselves instead in conditions of sexual slavery.

CAP has always sought to raise awareness about the links between pornography and sexual violence, and to further discussion about the international sex industry as a whole, in which women are treated as commodities, objects to be bought, sold and exchanged. At the ROW conference we were arguing that other organisations needed to take this issue on board in the work they are doing — whether in fighting racist and sexist immigration laws or in human rights organisations such as Amnesty International. We also hope that in Britain we will see the revival of a campaign like WAIST (Women Against International Sex Trafficking) which can fight on this issue in solidarity with women elsewhere in the world. ■

Hilary McCollum and
Joan Scanlon



London CAP puts a damper on the festivities at Northern & Shell's party

Fight Back Against Pornography: CAP London Group Campaigns

Off the Shelf

An Off the Shelf took place on 16 April in the John Menzies newsagents in Covent Garden. Reinforced by three women from the Cambridge group, we pulled magazines off the top shelf, and sat down on the floor whilst one woman read at the top of her voice our statement about why we were doing this action. The police, unfortunately, arrived very shortly. When we refused to pick all the porn up and put it back, they threatened to arrest us. However, whilst this argument was going on, the manager picked up the magazines and started re-stacking them. We moved on, after giving the manager a letter of protest.

We then headed down to John Menzies on The Strand, but by the time we got there, they had already removed the porn from the shelves! We obviously had them worried if they phoned round to other shops! We managed to snap the photo on this page of the empty shelves, although the manager tried to prevent us from doing so.

After a protest at the WH Smiths in Charing Cross station, we headed to Virgin Megastore, where we blocked the aisles around the porn video section and complained to the employee who buys the videos for the store. Amongst the porn they carried were videos of women dressed up as "schoolgirls".

Northern and Shell picket

Northern and Shell, Britain's largest's producer of pornographic magazines, held a party for their clients in the posh Roof Gardens in Kensington in February. CAP activists paid them a surprise visit on the night.

CAP activists turned out en masse in February to make our opinions heard by clients of pornographers Northern and Shell. N&S was the target of CAP protest last year when the Duke of Edinburgh showed up to open their new offices on the Isle of Dogs. We felt that companies and individuals who collude with N&S to make porn should be confronted and that companies and

individuals who work with N&S on their non-pornographic magazines should be made aware that they, too, collude with pornographers.

The party started at 7 pm, so we were there outside the building with our placards reading "Party for Porno Pimps". We shouted, chanted, whistled and generally made ourselves heard throughout the evening, as more and more guests arrived.

Two N&S muscle-bound thugs posted themselves outside the building with us, obviously feeling threatened by us, and worried that we might damage the Managing Director's gold Rolls Royce. Although they tried to intimidate us and were generally unpleasant, each time they tried to "talk" to us, we drowned them out with our high-pitched whistles.

We were asked about our protest by passers-by, and three Spanish women tourists joined us for the rest of the evening, once they found out what we were about!

We stayed until 10:30, by which time most of the "celebrities" and guests had arrived.

We all had a terrific time, and agreed that it had been very empowering to confront the pornographers on their very doorstep!



John Menzies clears their own top shelf!

Jack the Ripper lives on

The Jack the Ripper industry just keeps going. We picketed the opening night of a musical at the Brick Lane Music Hall based on the life of Jack the Ripper. The advertising material states that the musical "recreates an exciting, fast-moving picture of the alleyways, narrow streets and slums where the Ripper stalked his victims". A recent survey showed that over 90% of women in London are too frightened to take even a short walk alone at night. In this climate, it is irresponsible of the Ripper industry to present violence against women as entertainment, and the perpetrators of this violence as heroes.

False Memory Foundation organises conference

This past summer, as part of a larger group of concerned individuals and groups, CAP London group participated in a demonstration outside a conference organised by the British False Memory Foundation and the Psychoanalysis Unit of University College London. Although the conference had a number of good speakers, we thought it was important to be there to confront the pro-FMF speakers and delegates with a visible opposition. We leafletted individuals going into the conference and held placards such as "False Memory Syndrome — The Freudian Cover-Up Continues".

See the article in this newsletter on page 7. ■

Advertising Porn in the Daily Newspapers

More and more porn is being advertised for sale through newspapers. The Daily Mirror, for instance, regularly carries ads for porn, particularly on Saturdays.

One company often has a 3/4 page advert in the Mirror promoting a range of porn videos which can be delivered straight to the reader's home. On 27th July 1994 the company was advertising "British Babes"; the caption included a photograph of the naked upper body of a young pre-pubescent looking girl with her hair in pigtails and the accompanying text encouraged the viewer to watch British babes stripping and playing "adult games". The photograph and

accompanying description were aimed at titillating men and turning them on to the idea of sex with young girls. In a country where 1 in 2 girls suffers some form of sexual abuse by the time she's 18 (according to research by the University of North London) this disgusting video is easily available by mail-order. Companies often say that in fact the "models" used are over 18 but made up to look like little girls. Even if this is the case, the aim of the video is still to turn men on to having sex with young girls.

The Mirror is not the only tabloid to feature adverts of this sort. Perhaps worst of all is The Sport, which contains page after page of ads for the sex industry

including phone lines, sado-masochistic and bondage equipment, nipple clamps and a vast range of porn. It is illegal to sell videos which do not have a British Board of Film Classification Certificate however uncertificated films are frequently advertised. Home produced porn, presumably also uncertificated, is often available through the Sport.

The easier it is for men to obtain porn, the more men will use and be influenced by it and the more acceptable it becomes. We must halt the availability of porn via newspapers.

Here are some suggestions for action:

- monitor the advertising of porn in the tabloids and send photocopies of relevant ads to the CAP office, marked FAO London Group
- complain directly to the newspaper concerned
- complain to the police, particularly about uncertificated videos
- complain to your local MP (write to the House of Commons or go to their surgery) and the Advertising Standards Authority, demanding that all such advertising be banned
- order a CAP Action Pack for further suggestions of how to fight back against the porn industry, available from the CAP office for only £5. ■

Ad Alert

This is a new feature in the newsletter, focussing on particular ads which CAP members have complained to us about. If you see these ads, please complain about them to the Advertising Standards Authority at the address below.

Gossard Bra: "Hello boys!" "Or are you just pleased to see me"

Kaliber: "Hello girls!" next to the Gossard Bra adverts

Evian: Woman's nude torso in mountains

Economist: "The most stimulating magazine is not always on the top shelf"

Neutrolia: shower gel TV advert

Liberty's: "Re-covered by Liberty's"

Sky TV's advert for Indecent Proposal: "If the price is right, the knickers come down"

Advertising Standards Authority
Brooke House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7HN

Justice for Josephine Smith

Survivor of Male Violence, Victim of British Justice

On 30th July, 1992, Josephine Smith shot and killed the man who had subjected her to years of sexual and physical abuse, torture and violence. That day, he had threatened that if she tried to leave him, we would track her down and kill their three children. Feeling terrified and unable to stand any more, Josephine went to her car and took out the gun she had taken from her father as "security to get away". She went upstairs and shot him, then sat at the bottom of the stairs crying, afraid that he was still going to get her. In her words, she had killed him "to get away safely, to get the children away safely with no fear of him coming after me." It felt like it was their lives or his.

Josephine's husband had sentenced her to years of abuse and terrorisation. During the years of her marriage, Josephine's husband forced her to endure sadistic sexual abuse, both painful and humiliating, which he copied from violent porn videos that he coerced her into watching. Josephine experienced the same forms of torture and human rights abuse which Amnesty International reports prisoners and hostages as now being subjected to globally. Yet the fact that she was, as a result, suffering from post-traumatic stress at the time of the murder was not taken into account. Despite evidence from three respected psychiatrists backing up Josephine's defence, her plea of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility was rejected. She was found guilty of murder, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Many women phone and write to CAP about abuse they have experienced in relationships with men who are using pornography. Currently, we are doing research with Bradford University into women's experiences

of pornography. Many of the women we have spoken to report experiencing some of the same abuse and terror which Josephine went through. This is not an isolated example. Josephine has completed our questionnaire and later told us that it has begun to help her sort things out in her mind. She also said that filling out the questionnaire brought out a great deal of anger in her for the first time, about the things which had been done to her.

It became clear as we talked to her that in order to survive the progressively worse situation with her husband, she had numbed out her feelings and tried desperately to accommodate his demands in order to protect herself and her children — until she couldn't stand it any more.

Josephine has had little choice over these details of her marriage becoming public, but her courage in naming these experiences with pornography as abuse, and in participating in our research, gives for the first time a public voice to women going through this kind of abuse. In the future it will be easier for women in Josephine's position to name what is happening to them as abuse, and hopefully the courts will be more aware of the fear, distress and desperation which women in this situation are experiencing.

The criminal justice system is making Josephine pay for fighting back against a man who was sadistic and violent and deprived her of basic human rights for many years. The courts now continue to take away Josephine's human rights by taking away her liberty. We urge you to join the campaign to free Josephine, and to fight for her right and that of other women to defend themselves against male violence and sexual abuse. ■

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What can we do?

- ★ write to your local newspaper about the campaign
- ★ write letters in response to articles in the media in general
- ★ pass resolutions in your union/organisations to get them to affiliate to the campaign and make a donation
- ★ ask your MP to make representation to the Home Secretary on behalf of Josephine Smith: Justice for Women can give you information on how to lobby your MP
- ★ write letters of support to Josephine Smith at Bullwood Hall, HM Young Offender Institution and Prison, High Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4TE
- ★ invite Justice for Women or CAP to speak at your group
- ★ support the campaign with a donation; the campaign is run by volunteers and funded by voluntary contributions

The address for Justice for Women is:
c/o Norwich Women's Centre, 36 Magdalen Street, Norwich, tel (0603) 666 058.

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Zero Tolerance of Violence Against Women

Huge black and white posters demanding an end to violence against women have been on display all over London. They are part of a campaign co-ordinated by the Association of London Authorities. The Zero Tolerance campaign aims at changing public attitudes to violence against women.

Launched in January 1994, the campaign is based on a similar initiative by Edinburgh District Council. It aims to educate people about the extent of the problem and send out a clear signal that violence against women is a crime and is unacceptable. Zero Tolerance recognises that changing public attitudes (particularly men's) is vital if there is to be a reduction in sexual violence in the long term.

A recent survey by Islington Council found that 2/3 of men believed that they would respond violently to their partners in certain circumstances. GQ magazine found that 1/4 of men believed that when a woman said no to

sex, she meant yes and that less than 1/3 of men would report a friend whom they knew to be a rapist to the police.

The theme of the first phase of the campaign was domestic violence. Three different posters were featured on billboards and bus stops across London. Smaller versions were displayed on lamp post sites and in Council buildings, police stations, doctors' surgeries, schools, nurseries, etc.

The posters were backed up by a range of events including public meetings, film showings, theatre events and conferences. Members of the public were urged to sign the Zero Tolerance pledge which states:

"I, the undersigned, believe that women and children have the right to live free from the threat of violence and that zero tolerance of violence must be our goal."

It is hoped that funding will be found for further phases of the campaign, which will focus on child sexual abuse, rape and sexual assault. ■



CAP members participate in the protest at the False Memory Foundation-organised conference

Believe Women, Not Abusers

CAP members have again been fighting the myth of False Memory Syndrome, a term invented by men to refute allegations that they have sexually abused a child/children (usually their daughter).

On 17th June London group members joined with other feminists to picket a conference on FMS, organised by the Psychoanalysis Unit of UCL and the Anna Freud Centre. Leaflets were distributed and a number of potential participants were discouraged from attending.

Proponents of FMS claim that adult women (and men) who recover memories of childhood sexual abuse were not, in fact, abused, but that memories are implanted by therapists and/or books they have read. Many children block out experience of child sexual abuse in order to cope, particularly when it is ongoing and committed by a family member. A follow-up study of women who had suffered documented incidents of sexual abuse during their childhoods found that 38% did not remember the abuse.

The protesters pointed out that women have nothing to gain by claiming to be survivors of incest. Perpetrators, on the other hand, have a very large stake in maintaining that women are lying. There are convicted paedophiles amongst the members of the American False Memory Syndrome Foundation, and two founding proponents of FMS, Paul and Shirley Eberle, are/were child/pornographers (see last CAP Newsletter).

CAP will continue to support women who have been abused. FMS tries to minimise that abuse. It is being taken up seriously by professionals and this conference gave it further credibility. We refuse to contribute to the silencing of women about male violence. We demand that FMS is rejected. ■

Other Anti-Porn News

CAP had good news from Jeremy Corbyn MP's office last month about the sex shop which had recently opened up just around the corner from us in Finsbury Park.

The shop stocked porn magazines, videos, sex toys and poppers, but attempted to get around licensing legislation, passing itself off as a 'bookshop' by also stocking some second-hand books.

We complained to Jeremy Corbyn, our local MP, as did plenty of other people in our constituency. We recently received a letter telling us that Islington Environmental Department sent officers round with a warrant in June and seized a number of unclassified videos which they are in the process of taking legal proceedings against. Blow-up dolls etc. were removed from open display.

The freeholder of the shop has now stated that action is to be taken to progress the repossession of the premises. The shop has been firmly closed ever since! Members of CAP consider this a very pleasing victory on a personal level: we no longer have to walk past this on our way to work or meetings. ■

Last summer, we — two CAP activists — went to Shoreditch to research lunch-time stripping in pubs. We found a number of pubs in the area advertising "Exotic Dancers", and they were obviously operating in the lunch time period.

The pub we eventually went into had no sign on the door. The customers were all men, mostly in business suits. Apart from us there were two women, dressed in high heels and little satin shifts mixing with the men, one woman behind the bar and one woman serving food.

A DJ sitting on a raised platform put on some music and one of the women, who had been mixing with the customers on the floor, came out from behind him in a bra and G-string. She

removed those skimpy garments and immediately began performing what can only be described as live porn. The other woman, still clad in a satin shift, moved amongst the men with a begging jar. The men, more likely than not, were from the City, one of the international banking centres of the world, which is only a stones throw away from Shoreditch.

We didn't stay long; we were too shaken and angry. What gives men the right to get women to do this kind of thing?

Knowing what we do about stripping, (some of the activists in CAP are ex-strippers) we were fully aware of the emotional, physical and sexual abuse women are subjected to on the strip circuit. These live porn shows remove the little protection that strippers used to have, forcing women to mix with customers.

Because Shoreditch is in the borough of Hackney, this research resulted in an article to the Hackney Gazette calling on Hackney Council, which is committed to equal opportunities, to take action against the growing trend to have live porn shows in pubs..

We stated in the article that the sexual objectification and exploitation of women does not constitute equal opportunities, and that this was not an issue of banning, but rather an issue of protecting women's civil rights.

The article was published and letters were written to the newspaper and the Hackney Women's Unit in support of the article.

It has been decided that this is one of the campaigns we are going to take up. Members of the London Action Group have phoned around the 33 boroughs in Greater London and have found that only 4 have a policy of not licensing stripping in pubs.

If CAP members in London have any information about stripping in pubs in your area, or want to join the London Action Group to work on this issue please contact the office. Also CAP

members in the rest of the country, please let us know if you decide to take up this issue in your area. ■

An anti-porn activist reports that she walked past Dillons Art shop in Longacre a couple of week ago and saw, in the window, a life size female blow-up doll (a "sex toy") hanging by her neck, as if from a gibbet. The blow-up doll, which had curly, blond, nylon hair, was dressed in a black fetish mask, a Sid Vicious T-shirt, a black latex micro mini skirt and black fishnet stockings. On both wrists were strapped leather wrist bands studded with metal spikes. The doll was set up to look as if a man's tie had been used to hang her by the neck until she was dead!

Behind the doll was a Union Jack flag and some other flag, but the activist said she was so incensed that she did not really stop to study what the display was about. The sight of a simulation of a hanged woman used as window dressing and advertising sent her into a rage.

She went inside the shop, checked that she was not on the security video, and tried to pull the doll down! This did not work so she punctured the doll in the leg with her biro and went outside to watch the doll deflate into a thin, pink strip of plastic!

First, the wrist bands dropped off the deflating arms with a plop, then the fishnet stockings sagged on the deflating legs. The clothes were obviously pinned together and sagged and folded into a long tube.

The next day the activist asked an anti-porn colleague to phone Dillons Art and complain about the display. The deputy manager of the shop, a woman, said that the display had come down, and that she would pass on the complaint. She said that the display was not going up again and that it had not been a good idea! ■

NOTICEBOARD

CAP Support Group

CAP has recently set up a new support group run by and for women whose partners are using/have used pornography.

If you would like to get involved, please contact us on 071-281 6376

Fundraising — Car boot sale

Do you want to help CAP? Why not hold a car boot sale or other fund-raising activity in your area and send us the proceeds.

We put every penny to good use!

Karaoke machine for hire

Need a karaoke machine for your party or fund-raiser? Why not hire one from CAP? Available for £50/day + £100 deposit

Contact CAP for more details

We are looking for information on European anti-porn activism

If you know of any feminist anti-porn groups in Europe (or anywhere else, for that matter) please contact the CAP office and let us know.

Trade union pack available

CAP has an information pack for trade unions. If you would like a copy, please send £3 (£5 organisations) to the CAP office.

Lesbian porn

CAP can provide a speaker for your group to discuss lesbian porn. Contact the office for more details

QUIZ NIGHT!

3rd Saturday of every month
starting from 19th November

at Reeves Hotel for Women
48 Shepherd's Bush Green W12 8PJ
Shepherd's Bush tube (Central or Metropolitan line)

Open from 7.30, quiz starts at 8.00

Women only

Come by yourself or with your team of 4!

£3 per person, includes entry to bar and quiz

For more information,
or to register your team in
advance, contact:

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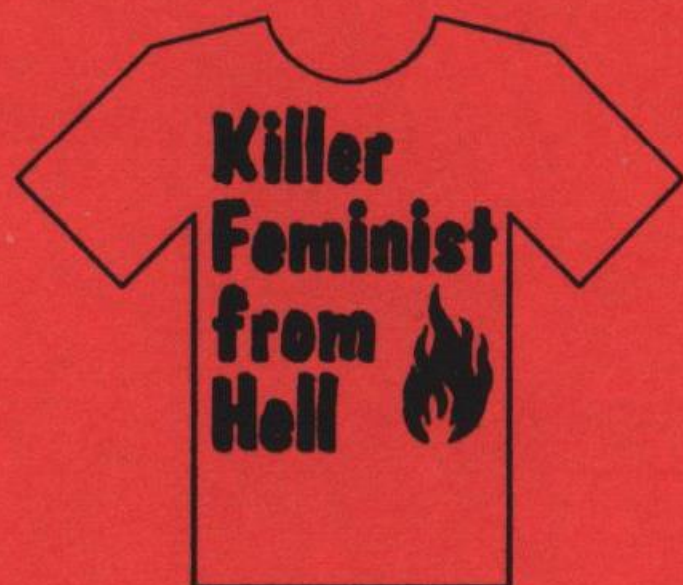
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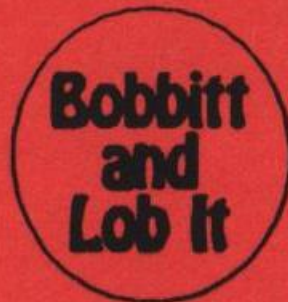
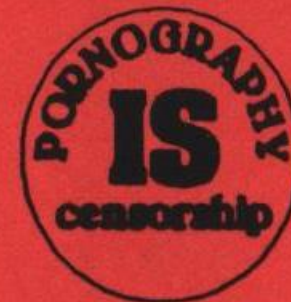
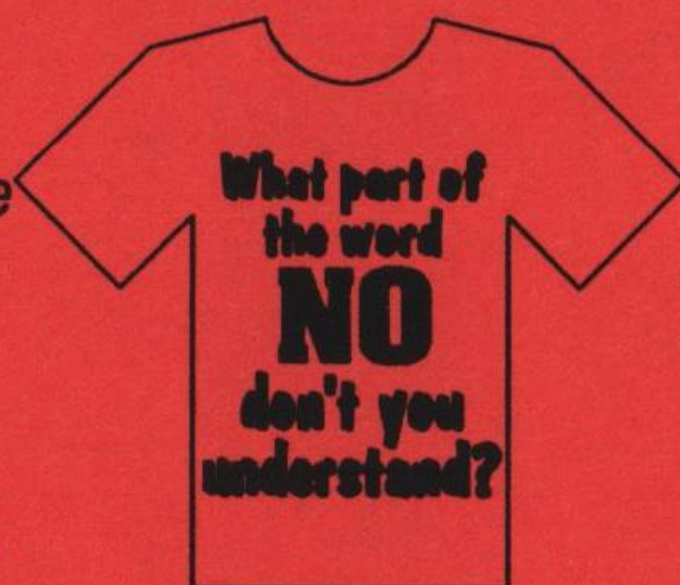


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Black with orange lettering and flame
Available in XL and M — £8.50

What part of the word NO don't you understand?

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CAP badges

Strident green or glaring yellow with black lettering

Stop the war against women

Just say no to men

Killer feminist from hell

I'm a feminist (not the fun kind)

What part of the word NO don't you understand?

CAP: The beginning of the end of patriarchy

Bobbitt and lob it

Your silence will not protect you

Pornography IS censorship

.40 ea. or 3/£1.00

Stickers, shocking pink with black lettering, slogans as per badges —
.05 each or sheet of 24 for £1.00

Also available, **envelope sealing stickers**, white with black lettering, slogans as per
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_____ Killer feminist T-shirt @ £8.50 _____XL _____M £_____

_____ What part of NO T-shirts @ £8.50 _____XL _____M £_____

_____ Badges (please specify on reverse) @ .40 or 3/£1.00 £_____

_____ Stickers @ .05 or _____ Sheets @ £1.00 £_____

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Postage & Packing (10% of price, 50p minimum) £_____

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