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PORNOGRAPHY: COMMUNIST PSYWAR WEAPON

ANNOUNCER: AMERICA WAKE UP, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, State of Illinois, presents PhyllisSchlafly.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Pornography is one of the major psychological warfare weapons in the Communist arsenal today. Mail-order obscenity has more than doubled in the last five years. Pornography is big business, returning between one and two billion dollars yearly to its publishers, distributors and sellers. The big markets are immature teenagers, unbalanced adults and potential criminals. A juvenile who answers an ad in a magazine may soon find himself on many mailing lists, perhaps on the list of a hardcore pornography dealer. Because of modern printing, transportation and distribution methods, such materials are flooding the country in quantities never before possible.

Pornography is being used by the Communists as a non-military weapon in order to: (1) destroy our moral fiber and will to resist; (2) debauch the youth of America and so launch a wave of degeneracy (in our largest cities, the vicious crime rate has more than tripled); (3) undermine all principles, standards and loyalties, as well as the authority of the home, church and school; and (4) subvert the institution of the family, a major Marxist-Leninist goal.

Here is how FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described the pornography problem: "It is a grievous fact that drugstores and 'sweet-shops', pleasant meeting places for past generations, now display publications which a few years ago would have a place only in the bawdiest of gathering places. These signs of moral decay, tolerated by adults, cannot help but debase the thinking of our impressionable teenagers."

Every Police Department knows the tragic effects of pornography. Lieutenant Austin B. Duke, Intelligence Division Chief of the St. Louis

County Police Department, expressed the opinion typical of most responsible law-enforcement officials when he said pornography "is like narcotics. The kids buy the magazines at the newsstand. Some of them get a 'kick' and decide to look for more. Then they answer the ads. Some get 'hooked' and spend more and more of their time and money seeking pornography. Anybody who says this stuff has no effect on a kid is all wet. I've been a cop for 12 years and I've never picked up a juvenile sex offender who didn't have this stuff with him in his car or in his house."

In spite of all this evidence, legal action against smut sellers is stymied by court decisions. The same Supreme Court which has freed dozens of convicted Communists, has given the green light to smut peddlers in the name of "freedom of press." The strange double standard of the Supreme Court was revealed on June 25, 1962 when two decisions were handed down. In one decision, the Supreme Court banned prayers in public schools; in the other decision on the same day, the Supreme Court opened the U.S. mails to a magazine published for homosexuals. In 1960 the Supreme Court ruled that booksellers could not be prosecuted for selling an obscene book or magazine without proof of personal knowledge that obscene material was between the covers. This is just as unrealistic as to allow a druggist to sell narcotics as long as he claims he doesn't know what is in the bottle.

The test case which has forestalled legal action against smut peddlers is the LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER case of 1959 in which the Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Constitution "protects advocacy of the opinion that adultery may sometimes be proper." In other words, the Supreme Court stretched "freedom of speech" in the Bill of Rights to include advocacy of adultery. LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER was the opening wedge for the flood of filthy magazines and paperback books which

has since inundated our newsstands. The effect of this decision was made clear by a subsequent large mail-order campaign for a so-called "elegant" pornographic magazine. The advertising brochure candidly stated: This magazine "has been born as a result of the recent series of court decisions (such as LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER) that have realistically interpreted America's obscenity laws and that have given to this country a new breadth of freedom of expression."

Many Americans have been surprised to discover that pornography is found not only in the drugstores and the newsstands, but even in some schools themselves. A book called THE DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN SLANG, put together by Harold Wentworth and Stuart Berg Flexner, can be found in some school libraries and even on high school reading lists. Dr. Max Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools for the State of California, described this book as "pure filth" and as a "practicing handbook of sexual perversion." He was being polite. The book cannot really be described over the radio. It does not content itself with the foul four-letter words, but has assembled the vocabulary of criminal perverts.

In his effort to have this book removed from the high schools, Dr. Rafferty stated: "I challenge any board member to read ANY PAGE from THE DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN SLANG over the public address system. I will withdraw my objection to the book if my challenge is accepted." His challenge was not accepted, which is pretty good evidence that the book is not fit to remain on high school shelves.

In addition to the obscenity aspect, DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN SLANG has many other definitions that are subversive of religion, our moral code, and respect for minorities. For example, the expression "nose-dive" is defined as "the act of accepting religion at a mission revival, in order to receive a free meal." Such a definition conveys to the

young boy or girl that a person ordinarily attends a religious revival only to get a free meal. The insidious way that this book can influence young minds might be summarized by the definition of the expression "Holy Cow!" Pointing out that this is a euphemism for "Holy Christ", the editor says: "Although this term is considered to be very popular among teenagers, no self-respecting, red-blooded teenager would dare use such a weak oath."

The dregs of society were apparently combed in order to include every possible derogatory epithet ever used against any minority or immigrant group. THE DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN SLANG goes into enough details about narcotics to teach any teenager how to buy drugs. He can find the exact code language in this book, and even learn how to become an addict.

The amazing thing is that when American patriots, such as Dr. Max Rafferty and Captain Richard Barnes of California, try to protect the minds of our high school boys and girls from such filth, immediately the cry is raised of "book burning", "witch hunting" and "censorship". Such books are corroding the fabric of our society. They are prime causes of the rise in juvenile immorality and delinquency. Educators and parents should find out about this new pornography to which their children are exposed, and protect them from it just as we protect them from the sale of poison drugs, narcotics, intoxicating liquors, adulterated foods, or any dangerous communicable disease.

Proof of the direct link between Communism and pornography is graphically supplied by LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER. Not only was this offensive book enthusiastically endorsed by the Communist WORKER, but an examination of the individuals and organizations which were instrumental in obtaining the court approval shows that many of them were Communists or members of Communist fronts. When Postmaster General

Summerfield lost the right in court to ban this book from the mails, the international Communist conspiracy won one of its important victories.

LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER went through three versions. In the first version, the leading character was a Communist organizer and the secretary of the local branch of the Communist Party. In the second and third versions, this was progressively toned down as author D. H. Lawrence realized that his hero could foment the class war and mouth other Communist poison with greater effectiveness without overt reference to Communist Party membership. This masterpiece of Communist propaganda is available in three paperback editions and a 25¢ newspaper edition for the high school trade.

All indecent books and magazines are not written distributed or defended by Communists or Communist-fronters; but many of them are. The Senate Armed Forces Committee in 1962 studied the effect of pornographic material being sold on military bases and its sources. It exposed the subtle Communist propaganda interwoven with obscene material. The Committee disclosed, for example, that an important Communist who died in East Berlin in 1959 has spent 27 years in the U.S. producing pornographic material.

For years the progressive educationists have been telling us that more education, particularly sex education in the schools, would solve our problems of immorality and delinquency. The failure of this hypothesis was illustrated in 1960 when a Professor of English for 20 years at Smith College, the largest women's college in the world, was fined $1,200 for lewdness and for possessing obscene pictures and materials for exhibition. Again the pattern is clear: this Professor had been connected with more than a dozen Communist enterprises, and had written articles for the Red NEW MASSES.

To the same degree that Communist writers and directors are being

reaccepted into the movie industry, trash and filth on American screens are on the increase. We are urged to be "adult" in our judgment of current movies. Some people can't seem to tell the difference between adult and adultery. John Wayne, one of the outstanding advocates of decency and patriotism in Hollywood, said: "I don't like to see the Hollywood bloodstream contaminated and diseased with perversion and immoral and amoral nuances. Filthy minds, words and thoughts have no place upon any motion picture screen." The syndicated liberal columnist, John Crosby, wrote a frank article in the SATURDAY EVENING POST which he entitled "Movies Are Too Dirty". He said "Most 'adult' pictures aren't fit for grown-ups, let alone children."

What can the average citizen do to protect his home and children against the Communist weapon of pornography? (1) Take every precaution to see that your own children are not reading mail-order or newsstand filth. (2) Don't be scared by such Communist smear terms as "blacklisting", "book burning", or "censorship". There should be no constitutional protection for subversion or obscenity. Just as our laws prohibit the sale of whiskey to minors, they should prohibit the sale of pornography. (3) If your home is invaded by obscene mail, send or take the material with the envelope to your local postmaster with a complaint. (4) Give your support to all efforts to combat indecency in motion pictures. (5) Give your wholehearted support to community organizations and newspapers in their efforts to wipe out newsstand filth. Supreme Court decisions are such that you need the backing of a community organization andgood legal advice before attempting action against newsstand pornography.

ANNOUNCER: Among the many historical monuments erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution is the DAR Memorial to the Pioneer Mothers of Covered Wagon Days, called the Madonna of the Trail. These monuments

were erected in each of the 12 states through which passes the National Old Trails Road, an ocean-to-ocean memorial highway which commemorates the train of a young nation as our pioneer forefathers poured across the Alleghanies to plant their homes in the western wilderness. The Madonna of the Trail is a statue of a pioneer mother clad in homespun, clasping her babe to her breast, with her young son clinging to her skirts. The face of the mother, strong in character and beauty, is the face of a mother who realizes her responsibilities and trusts in God. Made of Missouri granite, the monument is of heroic proportions and stands 18 feet above the ground. The 12 Madonna of the Trail monuments are in Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California -- gifts made by the DAR to the American people.

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