

# Do You Support Censorship?

Today, January 18, 1968, John Dorsey and I, Tom Mowbray, Attended a preview of the movie Reflections In A Golden Eye. The avowed purpose of this advanced showing was to give those people the opportunity to examine such a picture dealing with the delicate subject, homosexuality. After viewing the film, the participants were asked to comment as to whether or not they felt that this film should be shown in Rocky Mount.

First I would like to state my opinion. This film can be given credit for its attempt to deal with a taboo subject in an adult manner. The only reference to sexual intercourse was suggestive in nature. There were no scenes which even resembled the usual man and woman naked in bed such as was portrayed in Point Blank starring Lee Marvin, and The Trip, which both played in Rocky Mount. The fact is that unless someone knew what homosexuality was they would find only boredom throughout the entire film. Therefore the average young child would fall asleep within the first hour.

John Dorsey comments that the actors were stylized. Brian Keith is always cast as the husky, good natured hero, who likes his bourbon with a little bit of branch, Elizabeth Taylor is always the woman with the large breasts, Julie Harris is forever the "sick" woman and Marlon Brando is always the weird fellow who mumbles his way to greatness.

The actual crisis here is the suggestion that a censorship board be established. We believe in the right for concerned parents to prohibit their children from seeing any movie they feel to be derogatory in nature. However, we do support Mr. Corbitt Rushing, Asst. Professor of Political Science, N.C. Wesleyan, in his statement that he cannot think of anyone in this community who would be capable of deciding what he should or should not see or read.

Mrs. Thomas A. Collins, wife of our own Dr. Thomas A. Collins, stood as an outstanding proponent of censorship of both books and movies. She seems to feel that she, as a responsible concerned adult, is capable and knowledgeable enough to help decide what should be seen and read in Rocky Mount.

We would like to say that we do not prefer to be for or against homosexuality, sex, intercourse, or any form of "sin" which is a part of life and must be accepted as such. The fact that they are facts of life means that they should be discussed and portrayed openly. It is up to the parent to decide whether or not a young child should see such a movie or read a book dealing with these subjects yet, we would not like to see the practice of denying this knowledge to youth. It is wrong to deprive a child of a true conception of life and the world around him until he can gain the truth on his own or learn it from hushed words from a friend.

The Decree will continue to cover this problem and we invite the comments of participants and interested onlookers.

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