

The Washington Report

SMUT PEDDLERS
A continuing battle against the mailing of pornographic materials has resulted in few victories in the struggle to develop the legal means to deal with this issue. There is a long record of frustration. Court decisions interpreting the right of free speech and expression have largely tied the hands of the Post Office Department and local authorities who have attempted to reverse the rising tide of obscenity. At this time, we are seeing signs in the Administration, the Congress, and the Courts that promise some progress.

Certainly, these official moves are responding to the sense of outrage felt by hundreds of thousands of Americans who find themselves victims of the nation's smut peddlers. There is a limit to tolerance and surely that limit has been reached. In recent

months, vast numbers of salacious and obscene advertisements have been mailed to unsuspecting persons, some of them children. Apparently, thousands of pieces of such unsolicited mail have been received throughout the 10th District.

It is definite that these peddlers are buying large mailing lists from commercial sources and that they believe that they are immune from prosecution. The sad fact is that they are right in view of the excessively permissive court decisions. Obscenity has become a thriving big business in the country today, operating freely through the mails and taking advantage of preferential postage rates intended for the use of legitimate enterprises.

Two years ago, as a member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, I worked on legislation we hoped would stem the flow of offensive and obscene mailings. We were, at that time, unable to secure agreement on a stronger law. However, this law gives the right to families receiving offensive material to request that their names be removed from the mailing lists used by the senders. In practice, this law has not been as effective as we had hoped and has not seriously deterred the pornography merchants. Postal inspectors have found that after one mass mailing, the firms simply change the name of their business and continue operating as before.

An estimated 170,000 families have taken advantage of their rights under the existing law in spite of all of its administrative difficulties. The first Federal Court test has also been made and a U. S. District Court has upheld the right of a citizen to determine for himself what he considers to be obscene material. In addition, the Supreme Court has stated in at least one case that society has the right to protect its young people from moral corruption and pornography. Now, the way must be found to deal effectively with the problem without compromising the legitimate Constitutional guarantees of free speech.

President Nixon's recommendations for new laws in this field have been well received on Capitol Hill. Briefly, his recommendations fall into three parts. First,

there would be an outright prohibition of sending offensive materials to any child or teenager under the age of 18. Second there would be a prohibition of sending advertising designed to appeal to prurient interests. Third, there would be an added protection from the kind of unsolicited smut advertising now being mailed.

These new proposals from the White House are intended to provide needed Federal protection. They would also assist the States in their efforts to legislate in this field. The President's message recognizes that these proposals would be effective only if strong penalties are provided. For this reason, first offenders would be subject to a maximum sentence of five years and a fine of \$50,000. Generally, the penalties could be doubled for subsequent offenses.

It is encouraging that the reaction of the Congress has been favorable although the actual consideration of the legislation is still to come. In the meantime, every family should be aware that it can, under present laws, contact its local postmaster to obtain a punitively enforceable trip for the Aladdin Knit Mills Inc. of Bessemer City.

There were a large group of Oak Grove Firemen and their wives attended "Volunteer Appreciation Day" Saturday at Bruckett's Cedar Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland McGill, Mrs. Johnny Dixon of Wallace, N. C. were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright and family.

On Saturday evening, May 17, at 7 o'clock the Young People of the Church is honoring the graduating Seniors with a cook-out, club of donors, said Larry Ham- limited quantities next year and will eventually become the standard for nearly all Bele System telephone sets, according to R. B. Moore local Southern Bell Manager.

The new receiver was developed jointly by engineers from Bell Telephone Laboratories and Western Electric Company. It is a thinner, improved version of an earlier receiver unit which was designed for exclusive use in the futuristic Trimline telephone.

The smaller new unit was achieved by redesigning the magnet, and most of the structural parts of the present receiver unit used in the Trimline. When West its address.

It now appears that the steps are being taken to clear away the legislative thicket that has obstructed efforts to meet the problem for so long. Nevertheless, President Nixon's conclusion also must be borne in mind that the war on obscenity will only be fully won when the American people make it unprofitable to sell this kind of material.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Kings Mountain City School Administrative Unit in the office of Donald D. Jones, Superintendent, Kings Mountain, N. C. until 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 11, 1969. Proposals will be for the waterproofing of the West Elementary School in Kings Mountain, N. C.

The exterior of all brick walls of the 1922 classroom building, full height and including passage to the classroom building, shall have all holes and cracks in the brickwork pointed up and entire wall waterproofed with two (2) coats of clean silicon water repellent. All work to be done only by a company which specializes in this type of work. A five year written guarantee will be required.

The building consists of three walls 105', 93', and 105' respectively with a height of 17 to 19'.
Donald D. Jones
Superintendent
Kings Mountain City Schools
5:29 6:5

Adams Served 34 Years Here

Principal L. L. Adams has served 34 years as a Kings Mountain schoolman and at Compact school as principal.

In a new story in last week's Herald it was inadvertently reported that Mr. Adams had served the school as principal for 23 years.

The Compact P.T.A. honored the retiring principal at a recent meeting.

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