

Letters

Dirty Ol' Sex

EDITOR
THE PRESS:

In these days when some newspapers enthusiastically report TV quiz frauds, payola, etc., it would behoove editors of some of these papers to make an analysis of their own conduct. Recently, the L. A. Mirror-News headlined, "Thousands Flee Sntog." Now, we know this headline was false. The highways were not clogged with refugees and no newspaper printed pictures of fleeing sufferers.

In what was meant to be a reporting job on a meeting of the Torrance Committee of Indecent Literature, The Torrance Press published a false headline, "Sex Is Dirty" says censor group here. At no time during the meeting did any committee member say or even infer that sex is dirty. You slapped the unpopular tag of censor on the committee but had you followed its activities since its inception you would have known it is anything but a censor group. It has not told anyone what they had to do but it has appealed to the merchants to cooperate and keep cesspool publications out of the hands of children.

Your reporter has a right as an individual to think and say what he wants but when reporting a meeting he has a responsibility to the public to give the facts and not incorporate his own opinions in the story. He entered the meeting as a reporter and wrote the story as a columnist.

He stated that "The subject of erotica or erotology did not come up." Neither did many things come up which he placed in the article.

He wrote that an eminent psychiatrist, a Doctor Karpman, says crime and antisocial acts can be blamed on repression of sexual drives. What in heavens name has that statement to do with an effort to keep children from looking at filthy pictures in magazines? Why was it incorporated in the story on the meeting? Incidentally, I think Doctor Karpman would agree that displays of nudes in suggestive poses have incited some weak-minded people to commit antisocial acts and even sex crimes.

Most parents are trying to raise their children to be decent human beings. They hate to be nagging at their teenagers to do this and not to do that. But they must compete for the minds of their offspring every single day. Parents need help and it could be expected that a reputable paper like the Torrance Press would lead the way in helping them get more wholesome entertainment in the theatre and decent literature.

Had you publicly announced you were out to belittle the committee you could not have done a better job. You have hurt a group of sincere people whose object is to keep filth from the eyes of children.

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(If you had made it clear your committee was formed in the interest of weak-minded people, we would not have covered it. Cesspool? filth? suggestive? sincere? Sorry you consider that something exorbitantly beautiful means to call for a tetanus shot. —Ed.)

Dope and the Law

EDITOR

THE PRESS:

I very much enjoyed the article in the Torrance Press Thursday, Dec. 3, about narcotics. Until this time I honestly believed that no one connected with any newspaper was not a brain-washed robot who believes all that is shouted in his ear, or so commercialized that he would agree with everything that seems popular enough to back.

I noticed that the article was not signed. Of course I know that this is due to the caliber of thoughts fired by most brains.

If alcohol and tobacco are deemed OK, then to give a life term to a dope user is to spit on the Constitution (Article IX).
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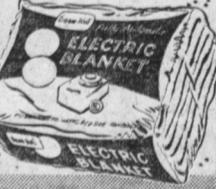


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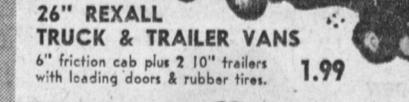
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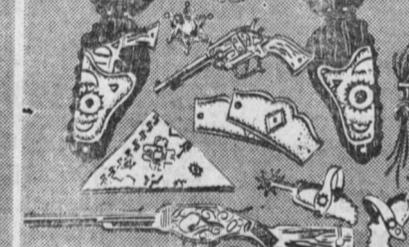
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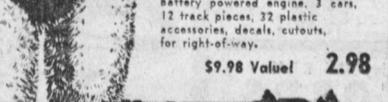


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