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## POLLUTION OF PORNOGRAPHY!

By: M.O. Owens Jr.

*Editor's Note: The following message was delivered at a Rally and Hearing before the Gastonia City Council and members of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners. We face the pornography battle all across the State and what the author has said in this paper should be of interest to every Christian across North Carolina.*



Recently, Indiana State Senator Gene Snowden, Founding Chairman of the Council for National Righteousness, said, "More than half a generation of our youth have been virtually incapacitated to make moral decisions. If we lose the next half generation, the

battle is lost."

Of recent years, the United States, and indeed, the whole world has been greatly excited by the threat of pollution. We have many laws and regulations on the statute books which permit a city, county or state to ban the burning of leaves, or other trash because it pollutes the atmosphere. Businesses must control the emission of pollutants from smokestacks and power plants. Automobiles, by law, must be provided with anti-pollutant devices. All of this is good. We want to be able to live and grow without the threat of pollution.

But what about pollution of the mind and spirit? Is there no concern at this point? Of course there is. People everywhere are becoming aroused because of the concerted effort of those who stand to profit by providing the materials which can and do pollute the minds of both youth and adults. There are many who are unwilling to stand idly by and do nothing when the morals, the ideals, the very human relationships which are the cement of society, are all threatened by the octopus of pornography and smut. There seems to be good evidence that the creation, the production, the sale and the distribution of the majority of pornographic and obscene materials - films, books, and magazines - are under the control of the Mafia. This has become a billion dollar industry, and one of the most profitable known.

### FREEDOM?

Under the guise of "freedom" these purveyors of smut and filth have hawked their wares with little interference. Gradually, the tentacles of this grasping blood-sucker have reached into every nook and cranny of our land. Now, even some of the T.V. stations have yielded to the pressure and joined the crowd by the showing of risqué and questionable movies. The newsstands and porn shops have opened their shelves to the printed sewage available, and have opened their doors to the public who are titillated by the salacious and infamous materials offered.

Whenever a question is raised about these

destructive wares, the answer is always thrown back, "To interfere is to violate the First Amendment." And those who would halt this ever increasing stream of filth are accused of being narrow-minded and loveless bigots. But let me declare if this be intolerance - let's have more of it. For love is always an intolerant thing. Because I love my wife I am intolerant of anything that would harm her. Because I love my children, I will do anything I can to keep them from suffering at the hands of those who would destroy them in mind, spirit or body. There are those who will tolerate anything because they have no real love for anybody. The love that bears all things cannot bear that hurt or harm shall befall the beloved. It is because we love our nation, our state, our county, our city and our community - our children and our neighbors' children, that we are intolerant of anything such as this filth that pollutes and sickens and destroys.

### LEGISLATE MORALITY

Someone recently said, "I am told that you can't legislate morality." My answer is, maybe you can't, but you'd sure enough better try. It has become increasingly evident that evil increases radically with its legal decriminalization. The lack of laws against gambling, drugs, homosexuality, pornography, obscenity or any other social evil is always interpreted by those who traffic in these things as the public's tacit approval. Those who ardently seek to suck, like leeches, the very lifeblood of the community, vociferously argue against any kind of law or control. That is to be expected. They want nothing to interfere with their nefarious and lecherous business.

Unfortunately, groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union ride to their defense in the name of personal freedom. They paint a dark and stormy picture of any society which seeks to prevent by law or regulation the turning of liberty into license. And they continually carp that "You can't legislate morality." What they forget is that every law which in any way controls the actions of individuals is based on morality. The laws against murder, stealing, embezzlement, shop-lifting, purgery, and many others, are all laws that seek to legislate morality. We need no laws to control those who control themselves and live a clean and moral life, motivated by concern for others as well as self. You need no law against killing for the person who loves his fellow men; he will hurt no one. But we have to have laws to attempt to control those who have no concern for others, or, in truth, for their own well-being. And practically every law on the books is a law which seeks to legislate right conduct, or morality.

### REGULATIONS

And even the laws which may seem to have no moral significance, are nevertheless

rules that at some point intervene in certain so-called rights. Here in our city a land-owner cannot build a fence higher than four feet along his neighbor's line, even though it be an ordinary wire fence. Why not? It's his land, and the fence is on his property, and it hurts nobody. But the city says that if it is higher than four feet it infringes on the neighbor's rights. A church cannot build a building, nor can a business, without first assuring the city that there are ample parking places based on the number of people who will use that building. Why not? It's their land and their money. But the city says the community has a vested interest. Every building which houses people for any time, must meet certain fire and health regulations. There are regulations against the height of radio and T.V. antennas. And there are a thousand other such regulations - laws, if you please. In every one of them, somebody could say, "That infringes on my rights." But "my rights" must be submerged under the rights of the populace.

With the war-cry of "no censorship," and the question, "Whose Morality?" the so-called intellectuals, and would-be defendants of freedom, have brought their shallow self-gratifying, and even sometimes seemingly communist philosophy to the multitudes. No censorship simply means no standards. Every newspaper ever printed, and every book ever written and published, and every magazine printed at some point is subject to somebody's censorship and editing. The newspapers that rant against censorship will never publish one word without subjecting it to somebody's judgment as to whether it fits the plan and philosophy of the paper.

### SOROKIN'S REMINDER

Dr. Pitirim Sorokin, noted Harvard sociologist, reminds us that if we do not maintain some standards, we may be overcome by the sexual anarchy that engulfed Greece in the second and third centuries before Christ. He says, "Men in those days prided themselves in promiscuous behaviour. Adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, and even incest were so common that those who indulged were regarded merely as interesting fellows."

Today's pornography is used as a base of erotic nihilists who would like to destroy every sort of social and moral law. Pornography is one of their trenchant weapons, foremost in its power to weaken the moral fiber of those who use it.

Several years ago, there was a conference between some of the more prominent American and Russian citizens, at which one of the Russians asked some pertinent questions. He said, "Why do your playwrights and authors insist on slandering your great country? Almost every motion picture we see about the United States does serious discredit and harm to your people. You are made to seem very vulgar and materialistic, as though you had no interest in the deeper things of life, which I know is not true .... I saw

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## PORNOGRAPHY AND POLLUTION CONTINUED

an open-air store - I think you call it a newstand. There seemed to be hundreds of magazines on display. Please do not think me critical, but most of those magazines were outrageously indecent."

Not only Russia, but the rest of the world wonders why it is that we are willing to be slowly bled to death by the leeches of indecency and evil.

## PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

I know little about the law as such, but I think I am well within bounds to say that the Constitution of these United States not only does not guarantee absolute freedom to those who are nihilists or anarchistic in their concepts - it also provides the authority by which the people may protect themselves in any area from those who would destroy them and their society. Liberty without law is license. And license is the unbridled reign of any man's base and prurient purposes.

We have the right to ask our governing bodies to protect us by sensible and responsible laws. We not only have that right; I believe we have the responsibility ourselves to plead with our lawmakers to give us enforceable, sane and workable laws and regulations which can help control this slimy and viscous trade in smut that fouls and besmirches the mind and spirit, and destroys all possibility of entering into right relationships with others. Those whose minds have been defiled by the senseless and bestial portrayals of pornography are never able to share in a normal and beautiful relationship with any other person. The odor of the mental sewer is always present. The vile and sordid offal of lust covers the landscape of the mind. And every relationship, whether with male or female, is always incapacitated by the inability to share the normal emotions of humanity.

We ask our officials to help protect us from this blighting, deadening, paralyzing poison of pornography and obscenity which will blind youth and adults to anything beautiful, clean and wholesome, and will destroy all sensitivity to what is good and decent.

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## FINANCES

It takes about \$175.00 per month to publish Baptist United News. This counts Secretarial work in preparation of the paper, the making of new address plates, printing, addressing, and postage. We believe that the paper is much more readable since we have gone to the tabloid newsprint. Our Treasurer, indicates that finances have been slow coming in since the first of the year. Obviously, it doesn't take much to keep the publication going and we aren't asking for much but it does take some. If your church is a contributor to Baptist United and has not sent a check in the last few months, we hope that you will look into it. The purpose of Baptists United is to keep the conservative viewpoint before the people of North Carolina and to give expression to Conservative men in our state on vital matters that face us. This will not be done without Baptist United News. If these things are important to you, we hope that you will send your contributions to our Treasurer immediately.

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# AN INDEPENDENT SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE?

By: W.J. Taylor

For several years now Independent Southern Baptist Schools have come into existence. Some of these are Luther Rice, and Mid-America Seminaries, Dan Greer Bible Institute, and Criswell Bible Institute. As far as I know there is yet to appear an independent Southern Baptist College. There have been in the past few years the founding of a few new Baptist Colleges under the control of the Convention. Some of these Colleges, when founded, were the hopes of conservative men in our Convention who dreamed of a college that would be different from those already established and operated by the Convention. It wasn't long though before these colleges came under the same liberal influence and also moved in the same direction of the older colleges and universities.

The hour is upon us when Southern Baptists who accept the authority of the scriptures, and the verbal inspiration of the scriptures need to found an Independent Southern Baptist College. When I speak of independent I take the chance of being misunderstood but I use the word in this respect, independent from the control, ownership, and financial support of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Just what would such a college or colleges accomplish in our Convention?

First, it would make it possible for our young people to get a Christian education based upon the authority of the scriptures.

Second, it could give our young people an environment for their education that would be uplifting rather than degrading. It is no secret that such a college would automatically screen out many undesirable faculty members and students because of a commitment to the authority of the Bible.

Third, it could force changes upon the Southern Baptist controlled and operated colleges and universities. The Southern Baptist Colleges and Universities could no longer compete for the conservative student without making some drastic changes. Many Southern Baptist Colleges and Universities who now give the appearance of being conservative, are not conservative at all, except in their comparison to other Southern Baptist Colleges and Universities. With this new kind of college it would attract such a large number of students from the Convention Colleges and Universities who want a conservative education based upon the authority of the scriptures, that these Convention Colleges and Universities would be faced with turning back to the conservative view and teachings of the scriptures or further liberalize their teachings and practices. Our hope would be that they would come back to the scriptures rather than depart, but at least we would know where they stand.

An Independent Southern Baptist College or Colleges would give many churches and individuals an opportunity to give their support to such institutions. Thousands of dollars each year from Southern Baptists support an institution that is not committed to the infallibility of the scriptures. Millions of dollars will be available from Southern Baptists across our Convention for a college or colleges totally committed to the authority and infallibility of the Scriptures with strict codes of morality and decency on the campus.

Mr. Educator, you say, "It will not work. There will be no students." My answer to that is, "Take a look at Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, Virginia, the fastest growing college in America. Also check out the teachers there and you will find that the majority of these men are Southern

Baptist trained men. This school is filled to capacity and growing by leaps and bounds while our colleges and universities are competing for students." I have heard many Southern Baptist pastors say, "I no longer can recommend to our young people one of our Baptist Colleges or Universities. I am now recommending some Independent Baptist College or even a State University. At least at the State University they do not expect to get religious training." Sometimes no study of the Bible or religion on the college campus is better than a study that ridicules the Bible, the church, and the religious training of the home.

Where is that man or group of men who could be used of God to give to Southern Baptists a college that we pastors and parents could send our young people and children to with the confidence that they would be given a Christian education with a capital C. A college that would prepare men and women for positions of leadership in our churches, our Convention, our schools, and our communities. Men and women that still believe that the Bible is God's message to mankind and our guide for daily living.

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## Autrey Accepts Professorship

Dr. C.E. Autrey, retired Director of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has joined the faculty of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis as Professor of Evangelism. His appointment to this post became effective March 15.

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary while it has no official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention, is oriented toward Southern Baptists. Its' President, Dr. Gray Allison, is a former faculty member of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. All professors are Southern Baptists and the academic thrust of the Seminary is in the preparation of its students for ministries in Southern Baptist Churches.

Dr. Autrey, 72, retired from the Home Mission Board post in 1969 after nearly 9 years as Director. He was formerly Professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth; Associate Secretary of the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Division; Director of Evangelism for Louisiana Baptists; and pastor of Southern Baptist Churches in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Since his retirement he has served as visiting professor of evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and as Evangelism Consultant for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

Throughout the history of his ministry, Dr. Autrey has been a vigorous exponent of the basic tenets of the Baptist Faith and an opponent of liberal theology. The news of his appointment to the faculty of Mid-America Seminary has been received among conservative men with enthusiasm. This is viewed as a significant development in the life of Mid-America and another demonstration of that Seminary's commitment to develop a highly competent and scholarly faculty which is committed to the historical theological position of Southern Baptists as reflected in the Baptist Faith and message.

# EDITORIALS ... by ROBERT M. TENERY

State Paper Editors are already beginning their campaign early to try to elect whom they choose for the office of President of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of course, they deny to others the right that they claim for themselves. They decry what they call "pre-convention planning and campaigning" but the editors themselves do a great deal of it. They apparently would like for Southern Baptists to swallow their ethical diachotomy that what is right for them is wrong for other people in the Convention.

## NORTH CAROLINA

The very first campaign propaganda in North Carolina appeared on the back of the Biblical Recorder of March 20. It is written by Editor Chauncey Daley of the Western Recorder who has never been known as an enemy of liberals, to say the least. In the opening paragraph, he tells us how the Holy Spirit works (as if no one else knew). He decries the fact that most of those who are selected for the office of President of the Southern Baptist Convention are usually "those with big churches, wide exposure and great oratory." Of course, not many liberals fall into this category. Most churches pastored by liberals are dying. Only occasionally has a liberal turned up who was a great orator. Most of those men who would meet the above qualifications are conservative.

## "QUALIFICATIONS"

Mr. Daley then lists some qualifications (which are purely his own) for the man who would occupy the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first qualification Mr. Daley lists is "a proven and experienced leader". In discussing this he takes a back hand at "the charisma of popular preachers" (incidentally how can a man be pastor of a large church if he were not a proven leader). He maintains that such a person should have a commitment to the Lord and to the Scriptures and to Baptist ideals. Of course, the question arises as to what kind of commitment he must have. Every liberal says that he has a commitment to the Scriptures, to the Lord and to Baptist Ideals. Is that commitment a commitment to inerrancy? Are the Baptist Ideals those expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message? Discussing this qualification, Mr. Daley plainly rules out "ultra-conservatives" and the "less-conservatives" which obviously is a reference to the more moderate or middle of the road Baptists. So, neither those people whom Mr. Daley considers "ultra-conservative" or "less conservative" will do. It is strange indeed that he has not a single disparaging word to say about the liberals! You get the message don't you? Anyone associated with the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship is to be considered an "ultra-conservative" and hence, unacceptable. Of course, no one can be a member of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship without being a co-operating Southern Baptist - not necessarily a rubber stamp Southern Baptist. It is strange indeed that some denominational leaders consider it a grave sin to be a part of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship. Those who belong to the Fellowship are roundly condemned because they are part of an "organized effort". But, we wonder why those who are affiliated with the ultra-liberal Association of Southern Baptist Professors of Religion are not so condemned. That organization is not an official organization of the Convention but yet members of that organization are constantly called upon for writing assignments and other important denominational func-

tions. We have also noted that some pastors who have led their churches to dual alignment with the American Baptist Convention are called upon to serve on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and occupy other important offices. Now, if anything is foreign to Southern Baptists it is the American Baptist Convention. They have never fostered our mission causes and yet dually aligned pastors seem to be quite acceptable to many Southern Baptist officials. We wonder what would happen on the other hand, if a number of our pastors led their churches to become dually aligned with the Baptist Bible Fellowship. We predict that they would be roundly condemned for doing so. This is the kind of double standard that we are asked to swallow.

## SEMANTIC JUNGLE

So, when one finally makes his way through Editor Chauncey Daley's semantic jungle, he could almost get the impression that he is campaigning against such men as Dr. Charles Stanley of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta or Dr. Adrian Rogers who is a great orator - who is pastor of the mammoth Bellevue Baptist Church where R.G. Lee once served - who is conservative - and who is well known because he is now President of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference. He has proven his great leadership ability and he preaches the Word in power. But, we are noticing a great deal of sniping at him in the Southern Baptist Press. Of course, his church is quite generous in giving to missions so he can't be accused at that point. He has been a loyal Southern Baptist supporter throughout his ministry but yet he seems to be too conservative for many of the State Editors. They seem to be mortally afraid that he might be elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Who will emerge as the candidate of the State Paper Editors is not clear as yet. They usually try to settle on someone who makes enough conservative noises to be acceptable to everybody but who will be sympathetic to the liberal movement. We are noticing that the denominational press is quoting Russell Dilday and Bill Self quite freely recently. Both of them have been critics of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship. We predict that they will get a lot of "press" in the next two months and probably some last minute endorsements.

## VOTE CONVICTIONS

We believe that it is time for Southern Baptists to go to the Convention and vote conviction. We should vote on the basis of Bible Doctrine and not on the basis of expediency. We need a man who believes in the entire and absolute trustworthiness of the Scriptures and who also has the courage of his convictions.

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## DOUBLE STANDARD

We are seeing that old, tired, worn double standard emerging again in the discussions about Mr. Coy Privette and his gubernatorial candidacy.

There has been some hue and cry from various persons in the North Carolina Convention for Mr. Coy Privette to resign from the Presidency of the Convention if he is to run for the office of Governor. Much of this demand came from the more liberal element of the Convention, although there were really few demands considering the number of Baptists in the State. One letter to

the Recorder, which called for Mr. Privette's resignation, associated him with the more right wing element of the Republican party. We hardly see how this could be true since Mr. John Stickley, a very well known Republican leader from Myers Park in Charlotte who has served on a number of convention boards and committees, is Mr. Privette's assistant campaign manager.

Now we have a thoroughly political book on Jimmy Carter published by Broadman Press our Southern Baptist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee. The book has an entire chapter entitled, "Presidential Plans". From start to finish, the book is an all out effort to seal Jimmy Carter as the Democratic Candidate for President. Now, we have no particular objection to Broadman publishing the book but we simply wonder why we have heard no protests from those who seem so concerned about the involvement of our Denomination or its leaders in politics. Of course, Jimmy Carter is somewhat to the left of Coy Privette. Could that possibly be the reason?

We believe that the Executive Committee acted wisely in rejecting demands that they call for Mr. Privette's resignation. Secretary Ray was correct in pointing out that such an action would be actually saying to our people that only fringe Christians or non-Christians should run for public office. It is strange indeed, that some of the liberals who have been proclaiming for years that Christians should become more concerned about political affairs are the very ones who were clamoring for Mr. Privette's resignation. We still believe that "righteousness exalteth a nation". If it is true that the people of North Carolina want a true Christian in the Governor's Mansion along with clean and uncompromising Government, then they have their chance. Baptists should be thankful if the people of North Carolina choose to select the President of our Convention for the high office of Governor of North Carolina.

## culpepper to mid-america

The appointment of Dr. C.L. Culpepper, retired missionary to China and Taiwan as visiting Professor of Missions at the Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary of Memphis is another significant development that will be welcomed by conservative pastors across the Convention.

Dr. Culpepper received a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor University, Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. Culpepper were appointed missionaries to China by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1923. Dr. Culpepper served as president of the North China Baptist Seminary in Shantung and the All-China Seminary in Shanghai. Following the Communist take-over in China, he became Treasurer of the Hong-Kong Baptist Mission. He later transferred to Taiwan and served as President of the Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. and Mrs. Culpepper retired in 1965.

Dr. and Mrs. Culpepper have two children. Their daughter, Mary, serves as a Missionary to Japan and Charles Jr. is serving as a Missionary to Taiwan.

Dr. Culpepper's ministry of teaching at Mid-America is being hailed as an important step in helping the students to develop a wholesome attitude toward Biblical missions.

Panel's findings rejected

# PORNOGRAPHY DEEMED HARMFUL

EDITOR'S NOTE: On the front page of this issue you will find a very strong presentation by Rev. M.O. Owens Jr. on the subject of pornography. Pornography is a disease that is sweeping North Carolina like wild-fire. The Christian Action League is not engaged in a program to raise \$30,000 to battle this malicious evil.

Presented here for your consideration is an article written by Ruth Redman who is associated with Citizens for Decency Through Law. She has pointed out some things that every pastor ought to be aware of. Pornography is not something that we can take lightly.

The proponents of pornography like to use the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography as their "authority" on the subject, with never a word of how totally this commission was rejected. The President of the United States (Richard Nixon) said: "This commission has performed a dis-service and I totally reject its report." The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly rejected this report by a vote of 60 to 5. Scores of behavioral scientists, psychiatrists and psychologists also reject it.

As President of Citizens for Decency Through Law, I felt it important to study the findings of this commission. The effect panel suppressed its own research and erroneously reported its findings. One example from the Davis Braught research, a commission-financed study: "In the case of sexual deviancy, we have found a positive relationship between deviance and exposure to pornography at all ages of exposure levels" (never reported by the commission).

Another example, the Mosher-Katz research, studying male aggression against women in a laboratory setting, concluded: "The data clearly support the proposition that aggression against women increases when that aggression is instrumental to securing sexual stimulation through pornography" (not reported by the commission). Five more commission studies show definite evidence of aggressive arousal in subjects who were first aroused by erotic sexual stimuli (never reported). Also never mentioned was the fact that 254 psychiatrists and psychologists reported cases in which they found a direct casual link between involvement with pornography and a sex crime.

Behavioral psychologist Victor Cline, who has greatly researched the findings of this commission, says: "In sum, then a great variety of common errors, omissions, and drawing of incorrect conclusions from flawed research, as well as a manifest systematic bias in marshaling evidence and reporting it existed in the effects panel." Never in the history of this country was a national commission so totally rejected.

I wonder how many people are aware of the true nature of pornography - how many who consider it harmless, are aware of exactly what it is? So-called "Adult" bookstores carry literature dealing with bestiality, child molestation, and sadomasochistic materials. There is no type of perversion or violence off-limits to them. This is the type of material they carry:

Incest -- books in which family members copulate with each other and family pets. Homosexuality -- photos of nude boys in positions of sexual arousal and stories of children being picked up and forced into homosexual relationships. Child-molestation -- incest, sodomy, oral copulation -

all with children. One particularly vile example depicts a Girl Scout selling cookies, who is seduced by a grown man into all sorts of perversions. Bestiality -- copulation between humans and animals. One example -- child molester gets victim takes her to sex with ape. Sado-Masochistic -- torture including whipping, beating burning women with cigarettes, branding them forcing them to eat human excrement, sticking pins through various parts of the body, mutilating sexual parts of the body.

Do we really believe these are harmless? Is it worth the risk? Is it worth one person being tortured or one child being seduced or raped or forced into these degrading acts with animals? What about those who are victimized into participating in these porno films and photos? I quote from a recent news article: "Pasadena police confiscated two trunkloads of pornographic photos of young boys and girls ranging in age from 7 to 12. Arrested was 41 year old David Payne, a photographer, who was charged with child-molestation, sodomy, and oral copulation." Pornography -- a "Victimless" crime?

The harmfulness to the viewer of pornography is explained and well-documented by many considered experts in their field. Those who do not accept this simply have not done their homework or choose to look the other way.

Ernest van den Haag, Ph.D., lecturer in sociology and psychology, practicing psychoanalyst says: "Pornography reduces or removes the empathy and mutual identification which restrain us from treating each other as objects or means. It excludes love, affection and any human relationship -- while it makes sadistic acts possible and even inviting."

Melvin Anshell, M.D. and psychiatrist, says: "In adults, even sexually mature ones, pornography has a sexually regressive effect. It encourages sexual behavior characteristic of perverts." He then explains the devastating effect of pornography on children, using as evidence case histories.

In my discussion of this subject recently with our county attorney, Eugene Kopecky, he commented that in every murder case in the last eight years in which he has been involved, with the exception of one, pornography was found in the home or vehicle of the defendant or at the scene of the crime.

As citizens of this community, we do not have to allow ourselves to be victimized by this trash. The U.S. Constitution guarantees our right to "maintain a decent society" (Mills v. Calif., page 10). Every supreme court decision on pornography has emphasized that obscenity and pornography are not speech entitled to First Amendment protection. I quote: "This much has been categorically settled by the court, that obscene material is unprotected by the First Amendment" (Miller, page 3).

The argument that pornography cannot be legislated against because it cannot be defined was struck down by the supreme court in the Miller decision when it laid down the necessary guidelines that each state must use in defining pornography. The justices encourage the states to pass such legislation. "We hold that there are legitimate state interests at stake in stemming the tide of commercialized obscenity ....

These include the interest of the public in the quality of life and the total community environment" (Miller, page 10).

The problem in our community is the lack of a good workable state law dealing with adult bookstores, massage parlors and triple X theaters. The supreme court has said we must have an "applicable state law". Our present state law deals only with minors and is very ineffective, and most definitely not "applicable". Many of our state legislators do not know the content of these porno outlets. Some who do, feel their constituents do not care. It is essential that we make our legislators aware of our deep concern and urge them to pass the necessary legislation this session.

By: Ruth Redman

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## BICENTENNIAL BOOK

We commend Dr. James Bulman's new book, It Is Their Right to you for your learning and reading pleasure. The 158 page book is a well documented and scholarly investigation of the Declaration of Independence. It discusses the document's original purpose, intent and what has taken place since. The relationship between the Declaration of Independence and American Constitution is examined and a lot of our naivety about these documents is shattered. It discusses the meaning of "free and independent states" and demonstrates that federalization has been a slow and subtle process.

Chapter Six, which discusses our fundamental documents will be of special interest to Baptist Pastors. The influence of Puritan theology upon an emerging democracy is discussed at length. In this book, the Declaration of Independence is "shucked" of preconceived ideas and given a scholarly and objective analysis. It is an honest book that probes deeply into the historical setting of the document which will, ultimately give the reader a better understanding and deeper appreciation for the Declaration of Independence.

The book may be ordered from Gateway Publications, P.O. Box 6295, Greensboro, N.C. 27405 (Paperback Copies are \$2.95). Pastors planning special events for the observance of July 4, 1976 will profit greatly from this book.

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