

Feminist Andrea Dworkin says pornography should be outlawed

by Robert Lothian

Anti-pornography activist and feminist author Andrea Dworkin said in Portland last week that pornography "is a systematic exploitation of a group of people because of a condition of their birth."

Dworkin said forms of pornography that demean women by portraying them as sexual objects, that show them in insulting positions, and which depict violence against women, are violating women's civil rights and should be outlawed.

Dworkin spoke in Portland at Reed College. She is the co-author of controversial anti-porn laws in Minneapolis and Indianapolis, and the author of *Women Hating and Pornography: Men Possessing Women*.

She didn't balk at taking on the First Amendment, which many judges have interpreted to allow pornography as an expression of freedom of speech. She said the amendment was written by "a bunch of white men" who owned Black slaves and women as chattel.

Oregon man named to NASBE



CLIFFORD FREEMAN

Portland attorney Clifford Freeman has been elected president-elect of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Freeman, who works for the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office, is a member of the State Board of Education. He will become president-elect Jan. 1 and president Jan. 1, 1987. NASBE is a non-profit association of board members representing 47 states, four territories and the District of Columbia.

Margaret Carter campaign starts

Ron Wyden of Oregon's Third congressional District will be the keynote speaker on Sunday, Nov. 24, for the re-election of Margaret Carter kick-off campaign. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn Lloyd Center. Margaret Carter is the first Black woman legislator in Oregon's history. She overwhelmingly defeated the incumbent representative Ed Leek for district 18 in the last general election.

The theme for this event is "How Public Policy Impacts Economic Development." Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, Vera Katz will also highlight the program.

"It was their freedom of speech they meant. They didn't mean us," she said. "We don't believe that freedom is defined by how badly we hurt other people."

Dworkin said her observations in porn shops revealed such "entertainment" for men as rape, torture, violence, sex with animals, "Snuff" porn where women are actually killed, pregnancy porn, amputee porn, and women shown in every demeaning position imaginable, including hanging from chandeliers.

Porn for Nazis and neo-Nazis

depicts Jewish women tortured by men in Nazi uniforms in surroundings that appear to be death camps. Books have titles like *I Was a Gestapo Sex Slave*, she said.

According to Dworkin, "The pornography that is bought and sold in this country is one of the most institutionalized forms of racial hatred." Race porn "sexualizes the pleasure of hating the person who is supposed to be racially inferior."

Contempt for women in general is directed against the skin of the Black women, she said. Every racial

stereotype is used—Chicana women are portrayed as "hot," for example, but the cruelest race porn currently involves Asian women, Dworkin said. She described books with titles like *Plantation of Pain*. "When somebody says to you that pornography is a freedom, that's what they're talking about."

Dworkin also spoke of the "street intimidation" of women by male porn customers in neighborhoods near porn shops. "The parts of the city they give them are where poor people live, where people of color

live, all across the country. Women in these neighborhoods live lives of unmitigated hell."

According to Dworkin, 65 percent of women depicted in pornography suffered sexual abuse as children, and "they're poor, not rich," she said.

Dworkin and law professor Catherine MacKinnon wrote and introduced the anti-porn law to the Minneapolis City Council in 1983, followed by a similar effort in Indianapolis. Although the laws passed in both cities, they have yet to be ap-

plied because judges have interpreted them to violate freedom of speech.

She emphasized, on the other hand, that the laws were meant as civil rights laws, to protect women's rights, and not to take away rights. The laws also protect children and gays, she said.

Pornography is a form of sexual discrimination and therefore a violation of women's civil rights, Dworkin said. "It is power we are talking about, not freedom," she said. "It is a movement against pimps, rapists and organized crime. It is a movement of poor women."



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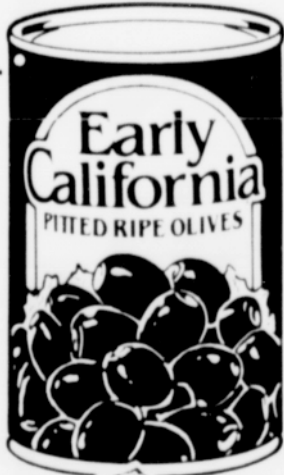
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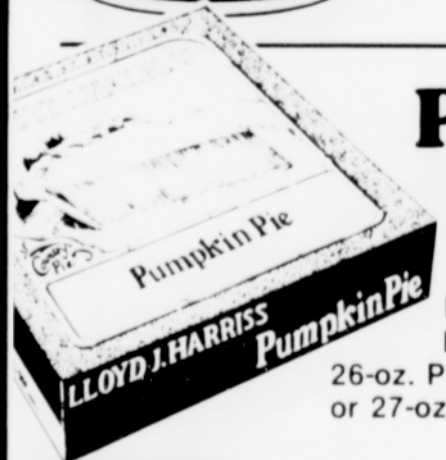
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