

Postal Officials Plan Punch At Mail Order Filth Merchants

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Washington - (UPI) - The Post Office department is winding up to throw a Sunday punch at mail order filth merchants who prey on America's teenage children.

The department is armed with a tough new law enacted at the last session of Congress. And it is counting on a lot of help from outraged parents in breaking up what one postal official calls "the most disgusting racket we've ever uncovered."

The racket brings in an estimated \$350,000,000 a year to 12 or 15 major smut peddlers who have been—until now—beyond the effective reach of the law.

They operate mostly out of Los Angeles and New York. Their stock-in-trade is obscenity—photographs of nude models in provocative poses, "action movies" of indescribable vulgarity, pornographic "comic books." Their targets are teen-age boys.

Solicit Customers

The racketeers are not content with pandering to the prurient curiosity of youngsters who seek out filthy literature. They solicit customers among decent, well-reared kids—some as young as 12 or 13—whose names and addresses they obtain by buying sucker lists from mail order firms which sell juvenile merchandise.

A boy's involvement in the racket usually begins with the innocent act of writing off for a packet of stamps, a model airplane or a camping knife that he has seen advertised in a youth magazine or comic book.

A few weeks later, he receives a letter. It may be addressed in a girl's handwriting and marked "personal." Inside will be a small "sample" photograph of a nude model. The accompanying letter, purportedly signed by the model herself, offers him a set of "very special poses" of "me and my girl friends" for \$3.

Thorough Exposure
Usually the solicitation itself is far more lurid than the pornographic material which is for sale. Even if a youth never becomes a purchaser, the circular that he receives through the mail constitutes a thorough exposure to sexual perversion and depravity.

The Post Office department estimates that the smut peddlers have been sending out about 50,000,000 circulars a year. Parents by the tens of thousands have been writing to the department demanding that something be done to halt the flood of obscenity.

The department has been seriously handicapped in the past by a court ruling which held that the government can prosecute a dealer in obscenity only in the city where the material is dropped into the mail—not in the community where the objectionable letter is received.

Prosecution Evaded
Hence the filth merchants were able to evade successful prosecution by operating out of big cities where Federal courts take a broad-minded view of obscenity.

This year, at the urging of postal authorities and church groups, Congress passed a new law. It authorizes the government to prosecute mailers of obscene material in any community where letters have been received.

This means that any parent who finds mail order pornography coming into his home has a simple remedy: Forward the obscene material immediately to your local postmaster.

He will turn it over to the local U.S. district attorney for prosecution—before a local jury.

The law provides a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and five years in prison for first offenders; \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison for second offenders.

"All we need now," said a post office spokesman, "is a little cooperation from citizens who find this stuff in their mail boxes."



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Army Continues to Hold Men Even in Atomic, Missile Age

(What role will the foot soldier play in this era of missiles and satellites? What awaits American boys who face Army service in the immediate future? To get the answers, UPI reporter Ira Lurvey accompanied Fifth Army Commander Lt. Gen. William H. (Hap) Arnold on a tour of one of the nation's largest training centers. This is the first of two dispatches telling what he found.)

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William H. (Hap) Arnold said. The first days are "Zero Week," filled with equipment issue, processing and testing.

Between tests are the lectures: Achievements and Traditions, Military Courtesy and Customs, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, under whose law the trainee now must live.

"There's nothing strange or terrifying about the code," said Lt. Col. Roger Currier, staff judge advocate general. "It's quite similar to Federal law. We find most trainees in trouble have civilian police records."

Three days into "zero week," the trainee, usually sweating with newly experienced exercises, lugs his filled duffel bag and proceeds into "Cycle."

Should Be Captain
His immediate leader now is a company commander. The Army says the leader should be a captain. Due to personnel shortages, it's often a second lieutenant.

The first week of "Cycle" is heavy on lectures. There are Chaplain—directed Character Guidance, Troop Information, Drills and Ceremonies, First Aid and Guard Duty.

In the field, the trainee gets his first taste of Physical Training—Army calisthenics. Officers unanimously agreed P.T. is perhaps the most vital part of basic.

"There's not enough of it," a major said. "It should be scheduled daily, not just a few times weekly. A man in top physical shape is in top mental shape, too."

It's rifery, however, which occupies most of the first four weeks. ("There's no such thing in the infantry as a 'gun' trooper." "Drop that rifle, son, and you'll sleep with it.")

By the fifth week, emphasis shifts to the field. The company marches out after breakfast, maybe one mile, or two or three—rarely more—and learns about gas, bivouacs, forced marches, atomic blasts and night warfare.

"Night is no more than day without light," a captain said. "We show them there's nothing to fear."

Learn About Foxholes
The sixth week is bivouac. They sleep in pup tents and learn about foxholes and buddies. ("You got a shovel, your buddy a pick. Swap. That's what buddies are for.") In be-

tween, there's field sanitation, guerrilla warfare and line infiltration.

Then, too, there's the fabled infiltration course, where they crawl across a barbed-wire field while a machine gun fires overhead. ("We haven't lost a man in years, trooper. Just keep your head down. You hear? Down.") and well-shielded explosion pits show-er mud.

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(Next: The Lesson Learned.)

Annette Dionne Gives Birth to Son

Montreal - (UPI) - Annette, one of the four surviving Dionne quintuplets, gave birth Sunday to a boy weighing eight pounds and an ounce.

The 24-year-old wife of Germain Allard, a finance company executive, was the first of the quintuplets to be married. Her child was born at 8 a.m. Sunday, nine hours after she entered Sacred Heart hospital.

Allard said today that both Annette and the baby were doing fine.

He said Annette's first words to him after the birth were "Gerry, we've got a very nice boy."

Planners Urge Continued Talks

Washington - (UPI) - A private planning group has called on U. S. officials to keep plugging at the current East-West talks on outlawing nuclear tests even if they drag on for two years.

The "Committee on Security Through Arms Control" of the National Planning Association also urged Sunday that this country stop testing nuclear weapons for the next two years. The government has said it will stop for one year—provided Russia does the same.

Southern Peru has reported the end of a two-year drought.

REPORTING TO Chicago
doctors on hypnosis, Dr. B. B. Raginsky, Montreal, says airline pilot in hypnotic trance admitted blame for major plane crash because he did not understand how to read instruments.

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