K mart...

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of consumer interest." AFA had alerted readers to the books in October and encouraged them to contact K mart, which owns Waldenbooks.

However, despite Mr. Antonini's letter, AFA has received calls from individuals around the country who report that these specific books are still being sold by Waldenbooks and that other porn books featuring young children are also being sold by Waldenbooks. The specific books mentioned in the AFA article have been removed in some of the stores, but one caller from San Francisco told AFA they are still being sold in a Waldenbooks store there.

Some callers are being told that Waldenbooks no longer carry the Blue Moon series, which includes books with pornographic content. AFA checked several Waldenbooks outlets around the country and found that information to be incorrect. Every Waldenbooks store AFA checked still carried the Blue Moon series. In fact, Waldenbooks spokesperson Susan Arnold told Sandy Sanders, publisher of the Press-Sentinel (12/5/90) in Jessup, Georgia, that about half of their stores carry some of the titles from Blue Moon publishing.

"During the past few weeks many individuals have sent us copies of paperback porn books purchased at Waldenbooks. These books contain some of the most extreme, sick forms of written pornography we have ever seen," Wildmon said.

"Usually we try to describe in the *Journal* the material being sold so our readers can have facts on which to base their decisions. However, some of the material which K mart is selling in their Waldenbooks stores is so sick that we simply cannot describe it in the *Journal*. These are paperback novels which contain no photographs. But the written pornography they contain is so perverse that we simply cannot even attempt to describe it. The books contain depictions of children having sex with adults and animals, and incidents of perverted activities involving priests and ministers."

These books include such titles as *Exotic Nights* (Red Stripe Books), *Tropic of Venus* (Blue Moon), *The Romance of Lust* (Blue Moon), *Pleasure Bound* (Blue Moon), *US* (Bantam Books), and *Misfortunes of Mary* (Masquerade Books).

On November 14, A.R. Stevenson, Vice President of Public Affairs for K mart, sent a memo to K mart managers regarding the company's involvement in pornography. In his memo, Mr. Stevenson said: "Waldenbooks, and therefore K mart Corporation, has recently come under attack for allegedly selling 'kiddie porn' [the Clermont Review had identified some of the Blue Moon series contents as child pornography] as well as three specific [homosexual] titles: *Meat, Wad,* and *Raunch*."

In his memo, Stevenson's explanation of the situation was that the homosexual publications were ordered by mistake: "...a local Waldenbooks employee mistakenly purchased these titles [*Meat, Wad* and *Raunch*] for that store. The moment Waldenbooks found out about it this past July, they stopped the sale of these titles.

"If you receive calls from customers, **you may tell them that Waldenbooks does not nor have they ever sold porn and that these rumors are entirely false**. If they press you about titles carried by Waldenbooks, explain that you are a K mart manager and are not involved in product decision for Waldenbooks stores. You may suggest that they contact Waldenbooks about the books/products they carry.

"Be sure to thank your customers for their interest in this topic and for giving us the opportunity to respond. A.R. Stevenson."

Wildmon responded to Stevenson's memo. "We appreciate Waldenbooks pulling the three homosexual porn publications (*Meat, Wad* and *Raunch*) and the three titles identified as child pornography (*Finishing School, That Wicked Summer*, and *Ellen's Story*) from some of their stores, but they continue as one of the leading retailers of pornography in the country. K mart tries to justify their involvement in pornography by saying that Waldenbooks sells only constitutionally protected material.

"The homosexual porn publications were constitutionally protected material, yet Waldenbooks pulled them 'the moment Waldenbooks found out about it.' It is ironic that Waldenbooks pulled *Meat, Wad*, and *Raunch* even though they were constitutionally protected material, yet refuse to pull the rest of the pornography because they claim it is 'constitutionally protected material'. Mr. Stevenson's claim that 'Waldenbooks does not nor have they ever sold porn' is simply not true," Wildmon stated.

Denise Wirick, Chairman of the Church & Society work area at Trinity United Methodist Church in McMurray, Pennsylvania, wanted to check out whether or not Waldenbooks sold child pornography as stated in the Clermont County Review and reported in the *AFA Journal*. She did so, and then wrote Mr. Antonini: "I did my research at the South Hills Village Waldenbooks and the manager showed me the child pornography section. My entire church congregation will be informed of K mart's and Waldenbooks' assault on Christian values through the sale of child, adult and homosexual pornography and requested to boycott both stores. I have also contacted other churches in the area and asked that they inform their congregation of the same."

Dr. John Van Schepen, pastor of First Christian Reformed Church in Bellflower, California, related an incident which many others have confirmed happening to them. Dr. Van Schepen called "1-800-63 K mart" to complain. "I was told point blank that neither K mart nor Waldenbooks is carrying the series published by Blue Moon," Dr. Van Schepen wrote AFA. Several others have reported they have been told the same thing. AFA has checked several Waldenbooks outlets across the country and found that in every case the stores were selling the Blue Moon series.

In a related matter, Waldenbooks has picked up support from a homosexual group for their refusal to get out of the pornography business. Members of the Ohio State University Gay and Lesbian Alliance (OSU GALA) have begun a letter writing campaign to support Waldenbooks, opposing AFA's boycott of K mart and its subsidiaries.

Evidently, members of OSU GALA became upset when AFA identified the homosexual publications carried by Waldenbooks. According to the newspaper OSU Lantern, Mike Scare, vice-president of OSU GALA, "said the letter campaign will let Waldenbooks know that there is a need and a market for the [homosexual] material they carry."

The boycott of K mart continues to grow. The Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri recently passed a resolution in support of the boycott. The resolution called for the churches of the state association to support the boycott by refusing to buy from K mart or their subsidiaries.

AFA has received many copies of church newsletters where the boycott is being promoted. Typical of those is a column by Pastor Ronn Glosson of the Northwest Christian Center in Tulsa. "Can you live without a 'blue light special' in order to send the message that we will not support these business enterprises until the parent company makes a change? What about the victims of pornography? What about their rights? Are not the little ones of greater value than a 'blue light special'? As a husband, a father, and your pastor, I am asking for your involvement—immediately," Pastor Glosson wrote to his members in his newsletter.

Paul C. French, Jr., President of Evergreen Manor in Bangor, Michigan, recently wrote K mart saying that his more than $12,000 purchases per year from K mart would be ended until K mart got out of the pornography business.

Doug Modica of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, wrote, "A K mart clerk told me K mart was laying off people—especially in the South. She was very aware of the boycott and exactly what it was about. I called the K mart 800 number and they hung up on me!" Several other AFA supporters have also reported that K mart hung up on them when they called. Mrs. Joline Morton of Lewiston, Maine, sent copies of cancelled checks showing she had spent hundreds of dollars with K mart in the past few months and notifying K mart she would not be back until they remove the porn from Waldenbooks.

AFA encourages individuals to boycott K mart and their subsidiaries until the company stops selling pornography in their Waldenbooks bookstores. Waldenbooks, a subsidiary of K mart, is one of the largest retailers of pornography in America.

Concerned individuals are also urged to call their local K mart store and tell the manager you will be boycotting K mart and asking others to do the same. And you can write Chrm. Joseph Antonini, K mart Corporation, 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084, phone 1-800-635-6278. K mart owns Waldenbooks, Payless Drug Stores, Office Square, Bargain Harold's, Builders Square home supply stores, Sports Authority and PACE Membership Warehouse stores.

Be aware that you will probably be told that K mart has nothing to do with Waldenbooks. However, K mart owns Waldenbooks and has the authority to tell Waldenbooks to get out of the pornography business at any time. AFA encourages supporters to be polite when registering a complaint.

AFA sues lawyer...

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Counsel of the AFA Law Center. "Such malicious lies must not go unchallenged. Mrs. Davis knowingly and intentionally smeared an organization and an individual because of her political animosity toward that organization and individual."

On October 24, Mrs. Davis spoke at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. In answering questions after her speech, Mrs. Davis called AFA "our enemies" and said that Congressional opposition to the NEA has "been fueled primarily by two sources outside of the government. One is the American Family Association, which is headed by the Reverend Wildmon. The American Family Association is simply a direct-mail political action committee. And it has a 24-point political agenda it would like to see attained by the year 2000. And it's not a pretty agenda. I saw reports of it a few days ago. It includes the elimination of democracy, elimination of public schools, advocates that astrologers, adulterers, blasphemers, homosexuals, and incorrigible children be executed, preferably by stoning. That's one of our enemies. This is true."

The AFA lawsuit terms Mrs. Davis' remarks an "utter fabrication" and "malicious slander" and asked U.S. District Judge Robert Gawthrop to order her to make a public retraction and pay the plaintiffs $200,000 in damages.

Marlene Burke, an official in the NEA general counsel's office, said the source for Mrs. Davis' comments was an article in the November-December issue of Mother Jones, described by the Washington Times as "a bimonthly left-wing magazine."

However, the Mother Jones article does not attribute the views on stoning and the 24-point political agenda to the AFA or Wildmon, as did Mrs. Davis. Instead, the magazine claimed they were the beliefs of the Rev. R.J. Rushdoony and a faction called "reconstructionists."

The suit states that "AFA and Mr. Wildmon have been vocal critics of the NEA and its staff. They have taken the public position that the entire NEA should be dismantled and removed from the federal budget. As a result of this public criticism, Mrs. Davis has apparently developed a personal animosity against Mr. Wildmon and AFA. Such personal animosity manifested itself in the slanderous statements made by her to the audience at the University of Pennsylvania."

Mrs. Davis also told the group that she worked behind the scenes with defense lawyers of Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center when the state of Ohio prosecuted the museum director of obscenity over an exhibit of Robert Mapplethorpe's homoerotic photographs.

The NEA supported the traveling Mapplethorpe exhibit with a $30,000 grant to the University of Pennsylvania's Institute of Contemporary Art.

Movie with morals...

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aging for Frank.

"We took the 'G' rated motion picture to one studio after another, believing that Hollywood studios would gladly distribute a picture of this quality," said Frank. "One by one the doors closed and my bewilderment grew." Doors were closed not due to the poor technical or acting quality but rather it was rejected because the film was too clean—or "too light" as one major studio executive put it—for the American public. Since that time, Frank says, "It has become obvious to us that the time has come to raise a standard. LA Entertainment Group is committed to bringing morally upright, family motion pictures back to the screen and making them the norm versus the exception."

Frank began to test market "The Pistol" in Louisiana and Florida and was pleased to find it a hit. It consistently drew a greater number of people than the more popular, more publicized films. What Frank needed, and what he has now gotten in the Chick-Fil-A company, is a corporate sponsor to help promote the film.

After screening 'The Pistol' a visibly moved Truet Cathy, a devout Christian and owner of Chick-Fil-A, expressed his desire to see this type of movie back in the theaters. So he asked Frank to test the film in Savannah, Georgia before making the final decision. Says Frank, "With the help of the American Family Association, the local churches, Chick-Fil-A and people in Savannah committed to seeing family movies back in theaters, 'The Pistol' became the number one grossing movie in town."

Now Frank will try to do what Hollywood said couldn't be done and that is take "The Pistol" to theaters nationwide. On January 17, 1991, Premier Pictures Releasing Corporation, a newly formed division of LA Entertainment Group, and Chick-Fil-A will hold the world premier of "The Pistol" in Atlanta and will follow with a February 1 release in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. After these successful markets "The Pistol" will begin its national release on March 1.

In order for this film to be a success so that a market can clearly be established for clean, family films Frank is asking people to do three things: "First, we need your personal support of this family oriented motion picture," he says. "Go to see the film yourself and invite your friends and family. Secondly, if you're willing to raise up a standard in your community, write to LA Production Group. P.O. Box 80898, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 about having 'The Pistol' in your community.

"Finally thank the local Chick-Fil-A in your area for their support and write their headquarters at 5200 Buffington Road, Atlanta, GA 30349 and thank them for supporting wholesome entertainment."

I have seen "The Pistol," and I wholeheartedly encourage you to support this fine movie.

Let the Church...

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It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

The pastor is called and placed in a unique position of leadership. It is our job to be faithful, to stand before Pharaoh—not in fear and trembling—but with faith in the living God. To do so with love, yes. But to do so also with firmness.

At no time in the history of our country has the need been greater for God's people to oppose popular sin. To pastors and other Christian leaders I offer a challenge: stand before the pharaoh of darkness which has swept across our country and, in so doing, help lead a decaying society back to sanity.

If you will do so, future generations will rise up and call you blessed.

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