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**President Declares War
On Sex-Oriented Mail**

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Richard M. Nixon has declared war on sex-oriented obscene mail.

At the same time he called for a "citizens crusade" against the obscene.

"American homes are being bombarded with the largest volume of sex-oriented mail in history," the President declared. "Most of it is unsolicited, unwanted and deeply offensive to those who receive it," he said.

In a message to Congress asking for legislative action, President Nixon reported that 140,000 letters of protest came in during the last nine months alone.

"The problem has no simple solution," the President explained, because "many publications dealing with sex...are protected under the broad umbrella of the First Amendment prohibition against any law 'abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.'"

He then declared that "the courts have not left society defenseless against the smut peddler; they have not ruled out reasonable government action."

President Nixon said that his administration has studied the problem carefully. "We believe we have discovered some untried and hopeful approaches that will enable the federal government to become a full partner with states and individual citizens in drying up a primary source of this social evil," he said.

These approaches include three new legislative proposals to Congress. The president explained:

"The first would prohibit outright the sending of offensive sex materials to any child or teenager under 18.

"The second would prohibit the sending of advertising designed to appeal to a prurient interest in sex. It would apply regardless of the age of the recipient.

"The third measure complements the second by providing added protection from the kind of smut advertising now being mailed, unsolicited, into so many homes."

In calling for a citizens' Crusade against smut the President made it clear that governmental actions "are not the whole answer."

"The ultimate answer lies not with the government but with the people," he said. "What is required is a citizens' crusade against the obscene. When indecent books no longer find a market, when pornographic films can no longer draw an audience, when obscene plays open to empty houses, then the tide will turn.

"Government can maintain the dikes against obscenity," he continued, "but only people can turn back the tide."

In the meantime, pending additional legislation, President Nixon pointed out that in 1967 Congress passed a law to protect citizens from receiving unwanted sex-oriented advertising through the mail.

If a person decides that certain advertising is "erotically arousing or sexually provocative," he can obtain from the Postmaster General a judicially enforceable order prohibiting the sender from making further mailings to his home.

The President reported that more than 170,000 persons have requested such orders. "Many citizens however," he said, "are still unaware of this legislation, or do not know how to utilize its provisions."

"Accordingly," President Nixon said, "I have directed the Postmaster General to provide every congressional office with pamphlets explaining how each citizen can use this law to protect his home from offensive advertising."

He urged Congress to assist for the widest possible distribution of these pamphlets.

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Baylor Officials Endorse
Bills To Assist Students

5/6/69

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Legislation designed to help maintain private colleges and universities and to supplement the growing state system of higher education has been endorsed by Baylor University President Abner V. McCall and Judge Frank Wilson, board of trustees chairman at the Baptist school here.

The Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc., of which McCall is president and Wilson a trustee of the advisory board, recommended the program to the 61st Texas legislature.

One proposal would permit the State (education) Coordinating Board to contract with private institutions for education of students in specific fields.

The other would establish a program of student scholarships not exceeding \$300 a semester to help meet the rising costs of private institutions.

Hearings have been held in both houses of the Texas legislature, and the bills are currently in sub-committee.

The legislation is sponsored by Senators Jack Hightower, Vernon, Tex.; and J. P. Word, Meridian, Tex.; and Representatives Lynn Nabors, Brownwood, Tex., and Grant Jones, Abilene, Tex.

Sen. Hightower warned that "our private schools are using up their resources and some of the smaller institutions will fall by the wayside or appeal for full state support, if the legislature fails to adopt more constructive policies toward the dual system of education."

A number of states such as New York, Maryland, Michigan and Alabama have established state contract programs or tuition scholarships in the private sector, it was reported.

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Americans United Loses
IRS Tax Exempt Status

5/6/69

WASHINGTON (BP)--Americans United for Separation of Church and state reported here that the Internal Revenue Service has revoked its tax-exempt status.

The revocation notice said that the organization is "action" oriented and as such is not eligible for tax exemption.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of the organization, declined comment, other than to say, "We will have a conference with IRS at an early date."

A four-page letter from the Internal Revenue Service included this paragraph as the basis for its ruling:

"By advocating your position to others, thereby attempting to secure general acceptance of your beliefs; by engaging in general legislative activities to implement your views; and by urging the enactment or defeat of proposed legislation which you believe inimical to your principles, you have ceased to function exclusively in the educator's role of informant in that your advocacy is not merely to increase the knowledge of your audience, but to secure acceptance of, and action on, your views concerning legislative proposals, thereby, encroaching upon the prescribed legislative area."

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