

# Prefers Crude Honesty To 'Myopic Prudishness'

12 Delrex Blvd. S.  
Dear Sir:

The editorial "Needed, New Curse Words," published March 12, illustrates very well the question which younger people are asking, "What is Obscenity?"

You describe some words as "dirty." The four letter words to which you presumably allude describe the acts of urination, defecation and coition, natural human functions. Banned they may be, but surely not "dirty." And if the functions are not dirty, how can a word used to describe them be dirty? Do we not have here rather a case of verbal taboo? For example, during a hockey broadcast the commentator will use many times the word assigned to the object which the players are trying to propel into the net. If the commentator happened to mispronounce the initial consonant by substituting a labio-dental fricative for a bilabial plosive the reaction across the country would be of great interest to an anthropologist from, say, Japan. Men in pubs would guffaw, middle-aged matrons would squirm and sweat, old ladies would stiffen and feign ignorance, people like yourself would mutter, "dirty," and calcified colonels would harrumph and aver their bulging eyes from the faces of ladies whose eyelids clearly indicated that their honour was at stake and the ead should be horse-whipped.

It is true, as you say, that the use of these words is a matter of taste. However, when you write that taste should be regulated, you are stepping into dangerous territory. After all, somebody might think that it is your taste which is bad. In the editorial there are other examples of language blurred by prejudice and emotion. You write, "If our universities are going to adopt the language of the slums —" "Slums" do not speak. People who have to live in them do speak.

Let us rewrite your sentence "If our universities are going to adopt the language of slum people —"

First of all, this is a calumny on slum people. What do you know about the way they speak? I have heard "worse" language on elegant country club golf courses than I have ever heard in the slums of Manchester, London or Toronto. But, here is the real obscenity, the double standard which the young people will no longer tolerate. You do not attack the evil of slums, the squalor, the misery, the rats, the grasping landowners who exploit their tenants and the employers who keep their workers in poverty. You merely do not like the way of speaking of poor people.

The young people are trying to expose this double standard in our society by using words which they know will set you back on your heels. You call them "foul-mouthed." Better be "foul-mouthed" than "bloody-handed."

The young people see daily the most powerful nation in the world, as the result of a diplomatic mistake, trying to bomb a small Asiatic country back into the Stone Ages. Young men, some with long hair, protest this stupid destruction, and old men turn on them savagely calling them "obscene" and "rotten apples." Everyday bomber pilots with short hair and shiny shoes drop napalm on civilians and machine gun fleeing women and children. However, as long as they continue to use the Latin derived word rather than its Anglo-Saxon equivalent, to describe bodily functions, you will presumably continue to consider them as officers and gentlemen.

A young person utters a non-ossifiable which you do not like and you protest. However, on your television screens, often at meal times, uncouth men try to sell us toilet paper, or the camera zooms up the nostril of a worried man to reveal the congestion therein. Various



ORGANIST COMING

De Melville Cook, organist at Metropolitan United Church, Toronto, is presenting an organ recital in St. John's United Church on Tuesday, March 24th. (By error, a news item and advertisement in last week's Herald read Friday, rather than Tuesday.) The church choir is sponsoring his appearance in Georgetown.

parts of the body are paraded in different coloured clothes before us on the screen and, as with metal buttons and teach we munch our mushrooms, we them to walk in a funny way, see a close-up of athlete's feet. We tell them to kill the men in feet, mouths that stink, teeth different coloured clothes on that are yellow, tongues that the other side. What is obscene brown, eyes that are red, scene? Is it the piece of metal faces that are pimpled, eyes a man puts on his chest for that are baggy, hands that are having killed a certain number warty, hair which is dandruff of his fellow men? and cures for haemorrhoids that are uncomfortably itchy.

Two-thirds of the people in the world are starving. We could try to alleviate their plight. Instead, we devote our time and energies to producing gourmet food for canine consumption and fat cats whose appetite is so jaded that they must be coaxed into nibbling at food the like of which a Peruvian peasant will see only in his dreams disturbed by the cries of his starving children. What is obscenity?

Two-thirds of the people in the world are starving and we are going to pay our farmers not to grow food. You say that a four letter word is obscene. The young will tell you that a dog food commercial is obscene.

In our society we tell the young that it is wicked to kill. Sometimes we have to obliterate this concept in their minds. We do it quickly. One of our old men signs a paper to make it legal. We give our young Softball League.

Or is it the word which a young man utters to describe the action which every uncontented human performs daily? The young people are brought into a world where "overkill" is not considered an obscene word. They see greedy old men fighting over resources which are ripped from the earth and squandered. They see a continent with one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world. They protest against war, poverty, injustice, stupidity, cruelty, pollution. And all you object to is that these young people use "dirty" words. I am not one of the younger people, but I must say that I prefer their crude honesty to your myopic prudishness.

Yours sincerely,  
M. J. Harrison

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