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## Public can stop half billion dollar obscene mail racket

Postmaster General Arthur B. Sumner filed today before the American public court the nation's half-billion dollar a year traffic in mail order obscenity.

Appalling for public support has been the nation's most cherished privilege to receive their children's literature. General said, "the people themselves had the final answer because they can post these filthy merchants out of business."

Sumner suggested these steps if obscene mail, or advertisements including its sale, appears unobtrusive on your mail box:

1. Save all materials received, including the envelopes and all enclosures.  
2. Report the matter immediately to your local Postmaster, and turn the materials over to him. You may also file a complaint and evidence if you wish.

Sumner said public cooperation at this time is particularly important because the Federal Government is armed with new law which makes it possible to prosecute mail order fifth dealers in local area courts.

Sumner said that materials mailed at the point of origin of obscenity mail are a few big cities where obscene mail dealers have taken sanctuary behind legal technicalities and liberal court interpretations of what is obscene.

Now, under the new law, distributors of obscenity mail are prosecuted in the communities where the material is received and where damage is done. Mr. Sumner explained.

The Post Office Department, Mr. Sumner said, has been working to prevent the use of this new legislation to the fullest possible extent. The first case presented following passage of the amended legislation was at Boise, Idaho, and related to a man and his wife, each received a ten year prison sentence and fine of \$5,000. The nature of the case is pending before United States Attorneys from whom positive response has been received.

In addition to criminal prosecution, the Post Office Department can take administrative action through its General Counsel's office in many cases by moving to bar untrustworthy materials from the United States mails.

Here, too, prompt public reporting by the public can speed investigation by Postal Inspectors and bring about faster corrective action.

In either case—criminal action or administrative procedure—the Post Office Department has a record of thorough, prompt action, Mr. Sumner said today.

During the 12 months ending June 30, 1937, he reported, "Postal Inspectors conducted 4,000 separate investigations resulting in the mailing of obscene and pornographic material and in an average of 40% over the previous year in the highest."

## "HAIL, YOUR HIGHNESS!"



Every young woman recognizes the Capitol Building. This monumental structure caps a gently rising hill and, surrounded by 120 acres of beautiful park, commands an impressive view across the City.

The Capitol was one of the first governmental buildings to be started in Washington. The cornerstone was laid in 1793 by President Washington.

It was burned during the War of 1814 and restored by 1817 and in 1855. It was again destroyed during the Civil War.

There are enough attractions within the Capitol Building alone to take your visit to Washington worthwhile.

Train ride will show you the bronze doors of the main entrance where the story of Columbia is told in relief. A great Rotunda reveals the Capitol's design.

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# BIGGEST 10-DAY DRESS SALE OF THE SUMMER SEASON

## DRESS CARNIVAL

COMPLETE SELECTION OF STYLES IN EACH GROUP! EVERY DRESS FASHION-RIGHT FOR SUMMER WEAR!

2 FOR \$7.50 2 FOR \$11.00 2 FOR \$17.00  
Complete Range of Sizes for Women and Misses

FREE DRESS Each Day 2 Saturday  
Select Early on Convenient Layaway Plan  
Shop in and register every day an obligation and nothing to buy. You need not be present to win.

Lerman Bros. Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Refunded

What Would Be Lovlier Than a Dress for Mother on Her Day

Picnic plans this afternoon?

Pack plenty of Pepsi

Wonderful idea, a picnic. Outdoor fun keeps our spirits bright, our outlook young. The good today's trim people with their happy habits for keeping young and far out of debt. Lightness, of course, is their rule as well as drink. The lightness that makes Pepsi-Cola the modern favorite.

Advertisement for Lerman Bros. dress sale featuring a woman in a dress and a Pepsi-Cola bottle. Text includes 'Pack plenty of Pepsi', 'Wonderful idea, a picnic...', and 'Be sociable, serve Pepsi-Cola... The Light Refreshment'.

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