

'Deep Throat' not obscene, according to Portland jury

Solo Enterprises, Inc., was acquitted Monday night of disseminating obscene material by showing the sex film "Deep Throat" at the Aladdin Theater in Southeast Portland.

The jury of six men and six women returned its verdict in the courtroom of Multnomah County Circuit Judge John C. Beatty Jr. The trial, which included a showing of the film in the courtroom, lasted three days.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Jody L. Stahanczyk contended the film, which has been shown to adults at the Aladdin for nearly three years, is obscene under Oregon's revised antiobscenity law, which became effective Dec. 5, 1974.

The film was seized May 5 by Portland police at the theater at 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. Solo Enterprises is the operator of the theater.

Defense attorney Kevin O'Connell argued that the film does not meet the three tests for obscenity under the law.

The law says material is obscene if it depicts sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct in a patently offensive manner; if the average person applying contemporary state

standards finds the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest in sex; and, when taken as a whole, it lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

The film "Deep Throat" depicts explicit sexual activity between men and women.

O'Connell introduced several issues of three sex-oriented magazines, "Playboy," "Penthouse" and "Oui," and presented evidence that these are widely distributed in the community. He argued that the magazines depict, in words and pictures, various forms of sexual activity. The defense attorney contended the magazines frequently treated the sex activity seriously and lacked the humor which ran through the plot of "Deep Throat."

Sol Maizels, president of Solo Enterprises, testified that more than 100,000 tickets at \$4 each

have been sold since the film began showing at the Aladdin Feb. 31, 1973. He estimated that 65 per cent of the patrons were men, and 35 per cent women, ranging in age from about 20 to 75. He said he thought couples made up the majority of the audience.

Ted Mahar, film reviewer for The Oregonian, was called as a witness for the defense and testified that he believes "Deep Throat" has "serious artistic value" under the law.

Straub gives highest priority to I-205, bridge

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Gov. Bob Straub said Monday night that completion of Interstate 205 and its bridge over the Columbia River to relieve traffic jams on the Interstate Bridge "is the highest priority in our state highway program."

Straub told a North Portland "town hall" meeting at Roosevelt High School he realized the Interstate Bridge congestion was the "most vulnerable point" in the Oregon highway system.

"The problem is desperate, it's crucial," he told area homeowners.

"Some 100,000 vehicles a day use one bridge. The lifeblood of Portland and Vancouver depends on one bridge. We've got to change that," he added.

North Portland traffic congestion was one of a variety of topics which Straub fielded at his first urban Portland town hall meeting since he took office last January.

Previously, the governor toured the Oregon Coast and Central and Eastern Oregon where he held similar "give and take" sessions in small communities.

Monday night's meeting attracted only about 110 persons, an obviously disappointing crowd for the governor. Earlier in the day, Straub visited North Portland landmarks and industrial sites.

Many observers blamed the poor high school audience on television's Monday Night Football. "No governor can compete with that," said a state agency head.

Most questions tossed at Straub involved highways and the controver-

sial proposed Columbia Slough closure.

The governor reiterated his belief buses should be the main alternative means for moving people on state highways and emphasized his support for widening of the Banfield Freeway for a "high occupancy" lane for buses.

"We have to guarantee that buses will move fast if we want to attract riders," he said. "We want to try such a lane, see if it works. Something has to be done to dislodge people out of their cars."

To complaints that Portland was not getting its fair share of gas tax monies for highway work, Straub observed the state had completed 98 per cent of its Interstate system and should now demand such federal funds be used for improving local roads.

He nodded his concern when a

woman pointed out that because of heavy industrialization along the Willamette River, North Portland looked like "a brownway, not a greenway."

He assured her the area would have a chance at future hearings to plead its case for more river recreational spots.

The governor admitted that four years ago he had called for keeping the Columbia Slough open. But he said he had since learned of vast maritime commerce changes in the slough region.

"Right now, I'm sort of laying low on the subject," he said. "But I'm certainly open to suggestions and ideas."

He received many of them from the audience, mainly from boaters and landowners along the 7½-mile slough which the Port of Portland is planning to dam as part of a Rivergate-North Portland flood-control project.

Democrat files

OREGON CITY — Jim Taylor, 39, of Milwaukie, Monday became the fifth Democratic candidate for Clackamas County sheriff. Taylor is an inspector for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Weather report

FORECAST

Portland-Vancouver — Fair Tuesday after morning fog. Highs, 45 to 50; lows, 30s.

Oregon Coast — Fair Tuesday. Highs, mid-40s; lows, low 30s.

Western Oregon — Fair Tuesday with few evening showers. Highs, 50 to 55; lows, mid-20s and 30s.

Eastern Oregon — Clear and cold Tuesday. Highs, 35s; lows, teens and 20s.

Western Washington — Increasing cloudiness Tuesday with chance of showers along the coast. Highs, 40s; lows, upper 20s and 30s.

Eastern Washington — Cool with increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Highs, upper 30s and 40s; lows, 20s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

Western Oregon — Chance of rain north Thursday, otherwise dry through Saturday. Highs, 40 to 50; lows, 25 to 35.

Eastern Oregon — Cold and dry Thursday through Saturday. Highs, 30 to 40; lows, teens and 20s. The 40s; lows, 20 to 30.

TEMPERATURE TABLES

Precipitation (P) for 24 hours, highest (H) temperatures for 24 hours, and lowest (L) temperatures for 24 hours ending at 5 p.m. Monday. M means missing and T trace.

NORTHWEST

	H	L	P
Astoria	46	34	—
Baker	M	18	M
Bellingham	42	35	24
Boise	41	22	.01
Bozeman	42	32	—
Brookings	55	36	.11
Burns	36	12	T
Eugene	48	37	—
Hood River	45	35	.31
Klamath Falls	35	16	—
Lakeview	36	12	—
Medford	45	34	—
Newport	50	30	.01
North Bend	49	36	.35
Olympia	44	30	.49
Portland	46	35	.11
Quincy	44	31	.38
Redmond	36	16	—
Salem	47	34	.38
Seattle	44	34	.13
Spokane	34	28	T
The Dalles	M	31	.03
Walla Walla	42	33	T
Yakima	47	20	—

NATIONAL

	H	L	P
Albany	51	25	—
Albuquerque	69	30	—
Amarillo	58	32	—
Anchorage	14	06	—
Asheville	66	29	—
Atlanta	70	35	—
Atlantic City	58	29	—
Austin	79	57	—
Bakersfield	55	41	—
Baltimore	66	34	—
Billings	37	33	.06
Birmingham	70	34	—
Bismarck	45	30	—
Boston	55	38	—
Brownsville	74	69	1.33
Buffalo	36	38	—
Burlington Vt.	47	30	—
Casper	46	21	—
Charleston S.C.	73	36	—
Charleston W.V.	67	32	—
Charlotte N.C.	69	40	—
Chester	59	45	—
Chicago	68	49	—
Cincinnati	64	33	—
Cleveland	63	38	—
Columbia S.C.	75	34	—
Columbia Oh.	63	37	—
Dallas-Ft. Worth	75	57	—
Dayton	65	39	—
Denver	60	35	—
Des Moines	70	47	—
Detroit	66	37	—
Duluth	47	34	—

Roberts due to get award

Sen. Betty Roberts, D-Portland, will receive the Woman of the Year Award from the Oregon Women's Political Caucus at an all-day meeting Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Lane Community College cafeteria, Eugene.

Rep. Norma Paulus, R-Eugene, a candidate for secretary of state, will give the keynote address.

Linda Baril, equal opportunity specialist for the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will speak on Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which prohibits sex discrimination in schools receiving federal funds.

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