

K + T Book Store

Dirty book store target of protest

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There's a group in Santa Cruz that's going all out to support their local police.

In Santa Cruz, they've taken the police side in the Battle over the Book Store and Saturday about 40 persons promenaded on the mall in their own kind of demonstration, carrying placards.

"Stamp Out Obscenity," one sign read.

"PTA Supports Our Police Chief," read another.

"Protect Our Children."

The object of their protest was

Frenchy's K and T Adult Book Store, on Pacific Ave.

It opened a couple of weeks ago — and scarcely had it opened when Santa Cruz police shut it down and arrested the operator and one of his clerks. It has been raided and closed three times but open again Thursday under a U. S. District Court Order.

Santa Cruz police chief Gino Pini has charged that the police have siezed hard core pornographic material at the store. District Attorney Peter Chang also believes the material hard

core. Obviously, so did many of the marchers.

In the crowd were housewives, children, older men — and one young man wearing a beard. Craig Morin, who carried a sign reading "The Problem is Deeper than the Books," said "The Real problem is the people, their weakness that loves this type of material." He said he feared if this store stays open, "it will open the gates to other forms of this ilk."

Louis Bacigalupi, Gualt School PTA president agreed. He said he

feared Santa Cruz might turn into another San Francisco — "a honky-tonk town."

David Wells, 15, said he thought the material sold at the store, "mentally damaging."

Meanwhile, Earl Kuhns, the store's co-operator, was inside his store, and noted the PTA protest. "As long as they are good church-goers," he said, "and are not breaking the law, they have a right to picket."

He claims his material is not corruptive.

"They kill people on the highway," Juhns said. "How come they are not protesting against liquor and what it does to the victims of drunk drivers?"

The marchers had gathered late in the morning at the city hall, about 55 strong before their numbers dwindled. Said one sign carrier, Mrs. Donna Cornelli: "I have two small girls and we have a nice small town. We can't protect our children from all evils, but you can try to keep evil away."

State may cut off funds to fairs

While some of the county fairs in the state are facing uncertain futures, those in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties appear to be safe for the moment from financial cutbacks by the state.

The Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, the "Little

er" commission, has duded a series of public ings to determine which of 76 state-supported fairs will

recommended it be part of a fair to be held in Merced to serve San Benito, Madera and Merced Counties.

It has also been recommended that the Salinas Valley Fair in King City be consolidated with the Monterey County Fair.

The hearings by the state commission are to be held in Los Angeles today, Fresno on Jan. 28 and Santa Rosa on Feb.

Sam Spina, secretary-manager for the Santa Cruz County Fair, says he will attend the hearing in Santa Rosa "as a spectator." Spina says he generally favors the consolidation proposal, and thinks it will be beneficial to fairs in general.

In Hollister fair manager Thomas J. Medeiros is calling for public support to keep San Benito