

Adult Bookstore

SC Police Again Shut Book Store

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The open-and-shut Franchy's K and T adult book store reopened again Thursday and one of its first customers was an undercover city policeman.

The policeman purchased three books and on the basis of those purchases obtained a search warrant — and city police again closed the bookstore and seized its stock as evidence.

Earl Kuhns, also known as Stanley Levy, co-owner of the store, told The Sentinel he felt he was the object of unconstitutional police harassment.

"They're using the Gestapo tactics," Kuhns said.

Police closed the book store on its opening day Saturday. It reopened and was closed by police again Monday. It remained closed Tuesday and Wednesday while Kuhns replenished his stock.

The Saturday and Monday closures were on questionable legal grounds, according to local attorneys. But preparations for Thursday's raid were more carefully laid.

Thursday's action followed a preliminary judgment by Municipal Court Judge Donald O. May that the items purchased by the undercover policeman were obscene.

He issued warrants for the arrest of Kuhns, 44, and his clerk, Richard Castner, 36, for selling pornographic material, and a search warrant detailing what types of material could be legally seized.

Deputy District Attorney Chris Cottle said new charges would be filed against Kuhns and Castner, in addition to the charges filed Monday on the basis of Saturday's raid.

"We are treating each arrest as a separate crime," Cottle said. "Each time they open it is with new books, pictures and other merchandise. We will follow the same procedure each time," he explained.

Kuhns and Castner were released on \$625 bail at 8 p.m. Thursday by a San Jose bail bondsman.

was told the premises would be used for an adult book store operation similar to that in San Mateo. He said he assumed the store was lawful and added that any determination of illegality would have to be made by the courts.

McGee said he made no independent investigation of the prospective tenants prior to the execution of the lease.

Coastline Building Ban

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A blue-ribbon commission named by Gov. Reagan plans to propose a two-year moratorium on development along California's 1,264-mile long coastline.

The recommendation is included in a report being assembled by the State Environmental Quality Study Council. A final approval of the report is planned Jan. 14 and it will go to Reagan by Feb. 1.

The temporary ban on coastline construction would allow the state time to draft planning and zoning regulations to control future development in the Pacific coastal regions.

"I think there is mounting support for such a proposal," said David L. Baker of Garden Grove, an Orange County supervisor and chairman of the study council.

He acknowledged there would be opposition from cities and counties since the state would, in effect, take over authority to allow building along the coast.

"I think public opinion is on our side," Baker added.

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