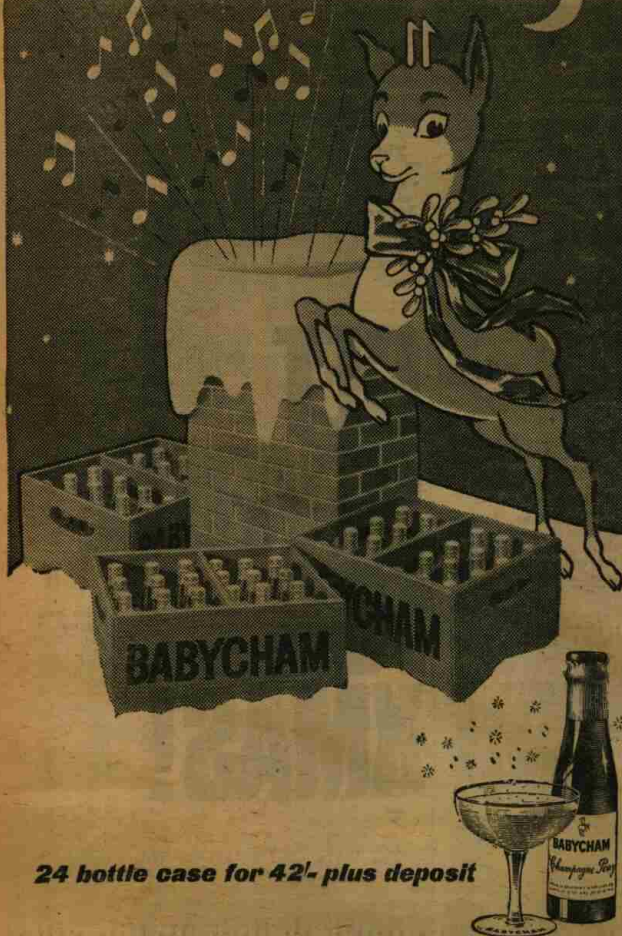


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THE GIRLS WHO GIGGLED AT A 'LOVE' PICTURE

POLICE who visited an art gallery saw two schoolgirls giggle at one of the pictures.

The picture, it was claimed in court yesterday, was obscene. Artist Stassinou Paraskos, 33, of

Lucas-street, Leeds, denied exhibiting an obscene picture and an obscene drawing at the Leeds Institute of Art.

Mr. G. C. Cox, prosecuting at Leeds, said that the picture—called "Lost Love"—showed a man and woman apparently kissing. There appeared to be another figure looking towards them and the heads of another man and

woman were also in the picture. The drawing again depicted a man and woman kissing.

Mr. Cox said: "These, in my submission, are matters which in themselves are obscene if they are likely to come before the general public, including children, even if they be children of a more adult age."

He added that there appeared to be no supervision on who went in to see the exhibition, called "Lovers And Romances."

"The test to be applied here is whether these pictures are likely to deprave or corrupt those who are likely to come into touch with them," said Mr. Cox.

Helped

Sergeant George Jew, who told of the giggling schoolgirls, said that he spoke to Paraskos, who did not agree that the pictures were indecent.

Defence witness Mr. Eric Taylor, principal of the Leeds College of Art, said he helped to choose pictures for the exhibition.

Asked by Mr. Harry Waterman, defending, if the drawing differed from the "dirty post-card type of thing," Mr. Taylor replied: "It differs tremendously."

"I feel very strongly about this. A painting or drawing by an artist is entirely different to a lewd photograph."

Mature

Answering the magistrate, he added: "The drawing in the charge could be obscene if not done by an artist. One sees drawings on lavatory walls obviously setting out to be obscene, but this work by a mature artist is not in that category at all."

Sir Herbert Read, trustee of the Tate Gallery, told the court: "I think to be pornographic a work has to have an intention of that kind."

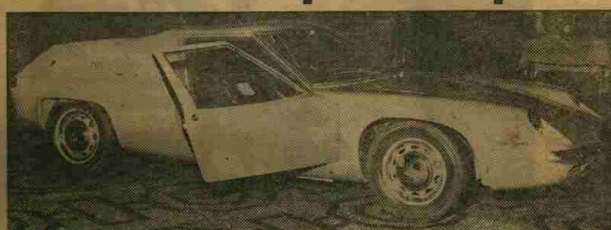
"I don't see any sign of that in these pictures."

The hearing goes on today.

KENYA FREES BRITON

Seaman David Cassidy, 37, of Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs, who was serving a six-month jail sentence in Kenya for trespassing at President Kenyatta's State House, is among 3,000 prisoners released under a Republic Day amnesty.

Enter the Europa—our sleekest export hope



By PATRICK MENNEM, Mirror Motoring Reporter

THIS Lotus Europa, announced yesterday, must be the sleekest car of the year. Its glass-fibre body is so modern that it will probably stay in fashion for years.

The British-built car's aerodynamic lines are the result of tests with quarter-scale models in a wind tunnel, and the two-seater cockpit is in true racing style.

The engine is fitted "amidships"—between the cockpit and the rear luggage boot—and it gives the car a top speed of 110 miles an hour and sparkling acceleration.

Exports

The sleek lines help the car give a fuel consumption of fifty-five miles a gallon at a steady sixty miles an hour.

The designers, led by Colin Chapman, head of Lotus cars, have designed it specially to win exports.

The car has been given a French Renault engine and gearbox—and this will cut import duties when the car is sold to Common Market buyers.

It will cost under £1,000.

DOG IS KILLED SAVING FAMILY

MING, a ten-year-old Pekinese, barked her last yesterday—and saved the lives of a family of four.

The Leslie Desmond family of Hurn-close, Ringwood, Hampshire, were awakened by Ming's barking to a smoke-filled house.

While Mr. and Mrs. Desmond and their son Tony scrambled to safety, Ming's mistress, Lyn, 22, tried to reach the dog trapped in the kitchen. But smoke drove Lyn back—and Ming died.

JUDGES FREE A RACE CASE BOY

A BOY member of the British National Socialist Party, who

pinned a race-hate pamphlet to an MP's front door, was freed from Borstal yesterday.

The boy, Irish-born unemployed labourer, Christopher Britton, 17, had been sentenced at Middlesex Area Sessions in October, on a charge of distributing written matter, with intent to stir up hatred of coloured people.

It was the first prosecution under the 1965 Race Relations Act.

'Wretched'

Yesterday, in the Appeal Court, London, three judges quashed Britton's conviction.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Parker, said that Britton—a "wretched little youth"—did not break the law by leaving the pamphlet, with others, at the home of Mr. Sidney Bid-

well, Labour MP for Southall, Middlesex.

Parliament had not meant to ban attempts to persuade an MP to change his policy on immigration, Lord Parker said.

Britton, of Coningham-road, Shepherd's Bush, London, had also been given a one-day jail sentence, for breaking a probation order.

The appeal judges scrapped that sentence.

Why Jane set fire to bed —by police

CABARET dancer Jane Elderfield said she set fire to her parents' home because they questioned her about her boy friend, a court was told yesterday.

Jane, 17, was alleged at Slough, Bucks, to have told police: "They seemed to think I was living with my boy friend."

"I couldn't get to sleep thinking about things. ... That's when I set fire to the bedspread and

the curtains." Jane's father, Mr. Alan Elderfield, of Lansdowne-avenue, Slough, said eight people were asleep when the fire broke out.

Jane, who was charged with maliciously setting fire to her parents' home, pleaded not guilty and reserved her defence. She was sent for trial.