

with it,â\200\235 said Mr Bapela. |

The bugging of Mr Sex-
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carefuf\yâ\200\231 investigated.

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A-campaign against por-
nography started six

months ago by a Johan-
nesburg woman has

escalated to national
| level and has led to a

number of South Africaâ\200\231s

largest chain stores re- '

moving pornographic
magazines from their
check-out counters.

The success of tle

| campaign shows that

even one woman can
make a difference if she

{s prepared to take a stand on an issue, says Charmaine Talbot of Mondeor.

Talbot, who I the wife [

of the minister of the Mondeor Baptist Church, started her campaign against pornography in October last year. '

~ At the time she and her husband were counselling a couple whose marriage was under severe stress because of

the effects of pornogra- -

phy. The counselling

' made her realise how damaging pornography can

be, she says.

Shortly after this a woman she knew handed her a pornographic magazine that she'd found in the possession of her 15-year-old son. .

The woman asked Talbot if she knew what sort of material was available on the supermarket shelves, and Talbot replied that she preferred not to know. ;

. Nevertheless she

B paged through the maga-

zine to see if it was as bad as the woman had claimed. .

*I couldn't sleep that night, Talbot says.

She was outraged that that kind of thing can be allowed, and specially that it's available in our local cafes and supermarkets for the children to pick up.

It's not normal to want to look at pictures of a woman on a toilet,

and it's not normal to

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ing to us as women,â\200\235 Talbot says.

â\200\230â\200\234â\200\230No wonder women break down and become distraught when they find out that their men have been looking at this sort of thing.

â\200\234It takes away the intimate sensual relationship

phy . . . Charmaine Talbot with Jared Talbot, Brandon Milner, Lisa Adams, on is cafe owner Ario Hatziharaoumbous.

Kelly Adams and Leanda Talbot. Looking

â\200\230Minister of Home Affairs and a number of national chain stores which were openly displaying porno-

in Mondeor for church leaders, Talbot decided to start a letter-writing campaign and also to encourage people who felt as she did to write to various influential individuals and organisations. |

These included a task |

fores set up by (he Direzione

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PICTURE: CHRIS ADLAM

:graphic magazines onâ\200\235

their shelves.

Talbot's campaign
against pornography in |
the chain stores has met

with a fair degree of suc-
cess. Three chains have
removed pornographic
material from their
shelves and a fourth has

to place them in a
special "adult" section
where they should,
theoretically at least, be
out of the reach of chil-
dren.

A fifth chain has not
yet reached a decision on
the matter, and negotia-
tions with a sixth have
been complicated by the

fact that the group's ;

stores are franchise oper-
ations and can make
their decisions indepen-

dently of head office.

The campaign to influ-

ence government appears
to have been less suc- ..
cessful, however.

ite
members of the public

' having sent thousands of

letters protesting against,
pornography to the Di-

rectorate of Publications

and to the Minister of
Home Affairs, Talbot is
still not convinced that
the country's leadership
is prepared to listen to
their opinions. ..« i,

. "In spite of all these
letters of Erotest, the gov-
ernment has gone ahead

anyway and published -
. the draft Bill which will-

legalise pornography. =
"They keep telungfus:
that we're the ones who

are writing the new Con:

stitution, but when the
public gives its opinion,

. it's just ignored. ;" Â\$ |

â\200\234Why are they not pre-
to listen to.the si-
lent majority?" she asks. .

The editor of one local .
â\200\230 pornographlc magazine -

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likes to point out that the
combined sales of these :

es total 700000 & Â°

month-in South Africa,

Talbot says. Â¢

_ He ignored the fact

â\200\230that the readership of

_ these magazines s out-

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ship of the Dutch Re-

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which has 1,5 million ad- |

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Other churches have !

millions of other mem- -

bers who also feelâ\200\231

strongly about the Issue, ;

. and the Jewish, Muslim Â¢

: and Hindu communities ,

also oppose pornography. |

. The people promoting '

â\200\230these magazines defend |

them by saying that!

.. South Africaâ\200\231s Bill of

- Rights gives everyone the

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. pression, Talbot says.; i :

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â\200\230barrassed 'young female

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â\200\230of â\200\230a pornographic naga- |

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our children if we find

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