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### **Should the right of private prosecution exist?**

Slightly uncomfortable at finding my name between those of Raymond Blackburn and Mary Whitehouse in the article by Mr A F Wilcox (18 October 1977), I would be grateful for the opportunity to make a point which may have some bearing on the question whether to retain the right of private prosecution, and if so to what extent. I brought the prosecution Mr Wilcox refers to in *defence* of freedom - in that case the freedom to play in and watch sporting events. That was the sole reason for my action. The Blackburn and Whitehouse prosecutions on the other hand were brought *against* the freedom of people to see what they wanted to see.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Times*, 21 October 1977.