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Jury Convicts Printer in Obscenity Case

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Art Kunkin, former publisher of the Los Angeles Free Press, has been convicted of selling obscene matter.

Kunkin's attorney said Monday's verdict by a Municipal Court jury was the first conviction of a printer in 100 years.

The case stemmed from the seizure on June 29, 1971, of copies of the San Francisco Staff, which Kunkin printed at his plant.

Deputy District Attorney John Spence had contended that a "printer does have responsibility for what he prints."

Judge J. Gordon McNulty granted Spence's motion for a new trial.

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