Growth of Overt Homosexuality In City Provokes Wide Concern

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uality in New York became the the homosexual trade. Comfocus yesterday of increased menting yesterday on the sitattention by the State Liquor uation, Police Commissioner Authority and the Police De-Michael J. Murphy said: partment.

at 795 Washington ture. Street near Jane Street, and the "The police jurisdiction in Montague Street, Brooklyn.

has become the subject of grow-diction. ing concern of psychiatrists,

One division of the organized crime syndicate controls bars Continued on Page 33, Column 1

The problem of homosex- and restaurants that cater to

"Homosexuality is another liquor authority an-lone of the many problems connounced the revocation of the fronting law enforcement in liquor licenses of two more this city. However, the underhomosexual haunts that had lying factors in homosexuality been repeatedly raided by the are not criminal but rather The places were the medical and sociological in na-

Heights Supper Club at 80 this area is limited. But when persons of this type become a The city's most sensitive open source of public scandal, or viosecret—the presence of what is late the laws, or place themprobably the greatest homo-selves in a position where they sexual population in the world become the victims of crime and its increasing openness—they do come within our juris-

"This matter is of constant religious leaders and the police. concern to us in our efforts to

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KEY TO PROBLEM CALLED MEDICAL

Police Commissioner Finds Crime Aspect Secondary —2 Bars Lose Licenses

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preserve the peace and protect the rights of all the people. It has been given, and will continue to be given, special attention."

The two latest places to be put out of business by the liquor authority were described by Donald S. Hostetter, authority chairman, as "notorious congregating points for homosexuals and degenerates."

policeman. The Fawn has a back room to

admission was an charged and where as many as 70 to 80 deviates had parties on Friday and Saturday nights. Most of the patrons were males, but on occasion police found women dancing with women. There were 19 police visits

this year resulting in summonses and complaints of a noisy jukebox, disorderly premises, insufficient lighting and generacy.

evidence. Closed Since Oct. 29

rector.

for a new license for two years, and those who prey on them. be granted then.

Fawn had been issued.

problem in New York. For in the tight slacks, short-cut cent boys are no more commore than a month, this report- coats and fastidious furnishings mon than molesters of girl juwith city officials, physicians, means all, male homosexuals. themselves.

acts as a lodestar, attracting adjective for homosexual. others from all over the country. More than a thousand inverts are arrested here annually "Is he gay?" a homosexual for public misdeeds.

cured, these experts say. Out of the Shadows

to be breached.

ably represent no more than of his problems. half of the total—has become Newsstands offer a wide range —more than 30 last year alone beauty and fashion needs. nomenon needs public discus-sexual tastes. These include tablished. of legal and medical experts. |building publications present-syndicate operation, but on more have superior intellect and tal-plicitly hostile. . .

cussion.

homophile movement—a minor-lustration. verts.

is an incurable, congenital dis-sexual, if he chooses an occu-lished, he says. order (this is disputed by the pation in which his clique is Two names have recurred in minority. second group, the analytical cluded.

psychiatrists, who advocate an end to what it calls a head-ing only in a few big cities and head of the Cosa Nostra crime in-sand approach to homosexu- pre-eminently in New York, syndicate. ality.

sider to be overwhelming evidence that homosexuals are created—generally by ill-adjusted parents—not born. They assert that homosexual-

ity can be cured by sophisti- self-denial. cated analytical and therapeutic techniques. More significantly, the weight of the most recent findings sug- crime or a misdemeanor.

misdeeds and attitudes that phile movements to obtain re-sexuals are traditionally willing inversion.

ly to barroom jesters, policemen authorities. All, including the tense or constraint. the problem and the homosex forcement of bans on homosex frequently by "fag workers" uals themselves can only per ual conduct constituting a pub-young hoodlums who specialize petuate the mystery and mis lic nuisance or involving minors in leading homosexuals on and conceptions that have grown ir should be rigorously continued. then robbing and beating them,

opinion. The statement that the city arrested in New York for overt achieved good progress toward has what is probably the great homosexual activity. Most—cure under psychoanalysis reest concentration of sexual in about two thirds—were arrested cently told his analyst that at verts anywhere in whe world under the disorderly conduct certain hours on certain everests on observed and inferen statute for soliciting male part- nings he could identify as homotial evidence. There are no staners. tistics.



The New York Times Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy, who said jurisdiction was limited.

Mr. Hostetter said the who seek sexual partners of ment and trial. Heights Supper Club had a sig-their own sex. (This study has nal-light system that "warned been confined to male homosexthe boys to stop dancing with uality. Some observers believe one another" when a newcomer the female deviation—lesbian- 120 arrests here annually under ter for the bohemians of the was suspected of being a ism—is also on the increase this section, most often for acts homosexual world, one rea

Experts' Views Differ

eral public on "the problems of consenting adults. the sexual deviant."

specialists known in the de-more overt, less concerned with mail of homosexuals. partment as "actors" to get concealing their deviant conduct. port of the Committee on Homo-

The club has been closed since who are universally regarded as urged by the Wolfenden Report. Oct. 29 on an S.L.A. suspen- the dregs of the invert worldsion order. The new penalty the male prostitutes—the paint-arrests a year in New York for makes it impossible to apply ed, grossly effeminate "queens" with no indication that it would In each of the first three areas their late teens rather than the homosexuals have their own juveniles.

Vincent Zito of 259 Bleecker restaurants and bars-some op-Street was listed as sole owner erated for them under the con-aspect of the problem probably of Belpe Restaurant, Inc., in temptuous designation of "fag is excessive, according to most whose name the license for the joints" by the organized crime psychiatrists and public officisyndicate. Homosexual bars are only a They have their favored cloth- observed, truly psychotic in-

er has discussed the problem favored by many, but by no veniles. social workers and homosexuals There is a homosexual jargon,

once intelligible only to the ini-Sexual inverts have colonized tiate, but now part of New three areas of the city. The York slang. The word "gay city's homosexual community has been appropriated as the The 'Gay' Life

Yet the old idea, assiduously acquaintance. They would speak the law against seduction of diner, a leading authority in that homosexuality is an inborn, and probably derive secret borderline cases from adult in-day [1954] we learn they are propagated by homosexuals, of a "gay bar" or a "gay party" ploded by modern psychiatry, ployment of the word in its toward homosexual orientation with no risks involved. They incurable disease, has been ex-amusement from innocent emin the opinion of many experts, original meaning by "straight" when heterosexual adjustment are to be found in bars, restau-It can be both prevented and—that is, heterosexual—speak- was still possible.

It is a problem that has kind of distorted mirror image agree that there is evidence grown in the shadows, protected of the straight publishing world. that the crime syndicate had

phile organizations, the homo-sexuals as early as 1957. The overt homosexual — and sexual can get publications The police and the liquor authose who are identifiable prob-offering intellectual discussion thority have closed, temporarily

Two conflicting viewpoints ing, under the guise of physical than one occasion we have had ent. Most students of the subject "We have come to the conclu-easy. Why? The 44-year-old converge today to overcome the culture, photos of scantily-clad, the same persons employed in agree that the significant factor sion [that] a constructive, sup- president of Mattachine gave his

a section of the beach at Jacob Commissioner's confidential unit Fundamental to this aim is Riis Park, and many others. cracks down on such practices the concept that homosexuality In fact, a New York homo- whenever they can be estab-

bulk of scientific evidence) and predominant, can shape for the behind-the-scenes operation that homosexuals should be himself a life lived almost ex- of these places. One is an extreated by an increasingly clusively in an inverted world convict with a long record of tolerant society as just another from which the rough, unsym-arrests for offenses ranging pathetic edges of straight so-from juvenile delinquency to as-This view is challenged by a ciety can be almost totally ex-sault. He has long been known

that draws homosexuals here. They have what they con- They arrive to find escape from the legal and social harassment in their smaller home commu-operated a succession of places nities, where their deviancy can that catered to homosexuals. be hidden only at the price of His license for operation of a Here they have to fear only

the law, which punishes homosexual conduct variously as a

tend to foster homosexual de- peal of laws that forbid private to spend all they have on a gay velopment of children could im- homosexual acts between con- night. They will pay admission prove family environments and senting adults, even though fees and outrageous prices for

reduce the incidence of sexual these are seldom enforced. Leaving the subject exclusive- of psychiatrists and some legal and dance together without preconcerned with public aspects of homosexuals, agree that en- Homosexuals are victimized

the dark, according to experi In each of the last four years, sometimes fatally. 1,000 to 1,200 men have been A homosexual

Spokesmen for the Mattachine out of three along Third Avebitterly nue in the 50's and 60's. This No one pretends to know how Society complain

haunts. The homophile groups homosexual population. campaign to outlaw the uncor-of their kind "by the eyesroborated testimony of an ar-there's a look that lingers resting officer as proof of cases fraction of a second too 1 ng. of entrapment for soliciting.

Open to Entrapment

pick-ups—a tendency recogbook "The Homosexual in efforts to disguise it." America"—makes them partic- "The homosexual community most recent extensive study ularly vulnerable to police cuts entirely across societyentrapment.

felony. There have been about fied by name. 250 such arrests annually in recent years, with about twomany men there are in the city thirds of them coming to indict-

> sodomy is a misdemeanor. ance," he says. There have been an average of In Greenwich Village, a cen-

avowedly conservative 100,000 itself to an effort to suppress rented to homosexuals. by one leading psychiatrist to solicitation in bars, public lav- In some areas of the East a probably exaggerated 600,000 atories and Turkish baths and Side the "middle-class" homoby the homosexual president homosexuals. No attempt is are prosperous and even gay. of the Mattachine Society of made, he says, to enforc the in the original sense, built New York, the organization dedi-theoretical ban on private around tasteful apartments and cated to education of the gen-homosexual conduct between weekend cocktail parties. Blackmail Feared

hibition, even if unenforced, way. cense, and an arrest for de- are increasing rapidly. Others should be removed from the Both places were so wary have become more tolerant, the ence, they contend, offers a scribed by officials of ternity" that the police used homosexuals have tended to be foundation for possible black-The British Government's Re-

In any case, identifiable homo-sexual Practices and Prostitusexuals—perhaps only half of tion—the so-called Wolfenden The Heights Supper Club li-the total-seem to throng Man-Report-strongly urged removal cense was in the name of the hattan's Greenwich Village, the of legal penalties for private 80 Montague Restaurant, Inc., East Side from the upper 40's homosexual acts between conwith Martha Leaver listed as through the 70's and the West senting adults, but Parliament sole owner and president. Wil- 70's. In a fairly restricted area refused to act on the recomliam Leaver was listed as a di-around Eighth Avenue and 42d mendation. In this country, only forming a permanent attach-signs of recognition of the na-based on recognition of alco-

> homosexual offenses involving achieve it. minors—usually young men in Parental concern over this

als. In the first place, it is small part of the homosexual ing suppliers who specialize verts who prey upon pre-adoles-The Borderline Cases

unlikely to turn a young man becoming less menacing. toward homosexuality unless a predisposition already existed in treated 25 years ago we learned the individual.

The homosexual has a range of the State Liquor Authority ties." of gay periodicals that is a and New York homosexuals by taboos on open discussion Thus, from the Mattachine moved into the operation of that have only recently begun Society and other serious homo- bars and night-spots for homo-

or permanently, scores of places

Commissioner Walsh says.

as an associate of a lieutenant It is this phenomenon, exist-of Vito Genovese, the reputed Silent Partner The ex-convict has owned or

|West Side bar was not renewed several years ago but he has appeared in the management of other homosexual haunts since Accordingly, it has become a! Syndicate interest in such the nature of those parental prime objective of the homo-operations is financial. Homo-

> drinks in order to be left alone In this, they have the support with their own kind to chatter

sexual approximately one man

against alleged entrapment of was probably an exaggeration, theater is long, distinguished der treatment by the group homosexuals by plainclothes po-but the area named unquestion-and international. It is also self-achieved a heterosexual orienlicemen sent into homosexual ably has a relatively large perpetuating.

have won some support from Some homosexuals claim in gay individuals that often leads guideposts not only for homocivil rights groups in their fallibility in identifying others sition in the theater—as many ysts who treat them," the re-

Most normal persons believe The tendency of homosexuals spotting deviates. This is true cess of the venture. to be promiscuous and seek only of the obviously effeminate type—the minority who either

from the Bowery bum to the view and cites the presence of Any sexual contact between corporation executive," says persons of the same sex is pun-spokesman for the Mattachine cupations that bring them into ishable under the sodomy Society, himself an invert. He close personal contact with wostatute. If the action involves is the owner of his own trade men to prove the reverse. any use of force or threat of publication business and serves force or if one of the partici-the society under his own name, pants is a minor, sodomy is a but was unwilling to be identi-

Heterosexual Masquerade

out a successful lifetime mas-In all other cases, notably querade—with wives, children homosexual outlet. acts between consenting adults, and entirely masculine appear-

lestate management concern First Deputy Police Commis- estimated that about one-fourth sioner John F. Walsh says the of the 245 apartments in its 18 Estimates range from an Police Department has limited West Village buildings were

> West 70's are home to a less prosperous class of homosexuals who drift through the homosexual acts, just as they

Mattachine Society as "the bottom of the barrel"—the haunt of exhibitionist queens and eccentrics. A visit there disclosed that even at noon there were half a dozen obvious coffee and jukebox music. Impossible Dream

Many homosexuals dream of

Street there congregate those Illinois has acted in the sense ment that would give them the ture of this breakdown and of holism as a disease and the desense of social and emotional reaction against it. We refuse termination to do something

personality clashes that a het-help." erosexual union would survive.

condemned to a life of promis-consulted. cuity-the cruising of bars seeking casual partners. It is miscalculation in this

almost inevitable phase of their Secondly, prevailing psychi-lives that most often brings atric opinion is that a single homosexuals into conflict with homosexual encounter would be the law. This peril, however, is "From homosexual subjects

that finding a paramour was a There is general belief, how-difficult and dangerous underever, that strict enforcement of taking," wrote Dr. Abram Karminors is important to protect the field, nine years ago. "Tofluences that could swing them plentiful, in all walks of life, Commissioner Walsh, officials in the factories and universi-

Found Everywhere Inverts are to be found in

ative and performing arts and parental aberrations.

Not Immune to Women There is a popular belief that nized even by the gay writer, openly proclaim their orientat'n homosexuals are immune to sex-Donald Webster Cory, in his or who make only perfunctory ual attraction by women. Dr. Irving Bieber, director of the homosexuality, disputes this

a large numbers of inverts in oc-He asserts that homosexual

men receive sexual stimulation from women. But, because their chically, Dr. Bieber believes

really well only by hipless, viancy. bosomless mannequins — has often been interpreted as an expression of homosexual hostil- of his colleagues on the probity toward women. In Dr. Bie-able effect of a sudden-and ber's opinion, it is, rather, an-highly unlikely-removal of all other expression of fear. The practice of homosexual-

any approaches to minors by sexuals lead outward lives that three of the main branches of on the concept of homosexuality is regarded as sin by all western religion --- Roman Catholicism, Protestantism and ful," he says. "If, by a magic Judaism. Religions Condemn It

Leaders of all three reprove

Some experts believe the numHomosexuals and some legal rooming - house neighborhoods condemn illicit heterosexual uality." dancing without a cabaret li-bers of homosexuals in the city authorities argue that this pro-between the park and Broad-conduct, but recognize that the homesexual needs both the sup-negative attitudes would con-An all-night restaurant on port of the church and phsychi-tribute to healing homosexuality contend that, as public attitudes statute books. Its mere exist-Broadway in the 70's was de-atric treatment to help him rather than creating it. the overcome his deviant impulses. But he does not approve the "The increase in homosexual-lattempt by organized homosex-

ity is only one aspect of the uals to promote the idea that general atmosphere of moral they represent just another mibreakdown that has been going nority, since their minority on around us," says Monsignor status is based on illness rather Robert Gallagher of the Youth than on racial or religious fachomosexuals killing time over Counseling Service of the tors. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of He notes the contrast between New York. "I believe there are some holics Anonymous, which is

There have been 40 to 70 stability others derive from to let homosexuals say they are about it. heterosexual marriage, but few irresponsible. We try to help Dr. Charles W. Socarides, a them to exercise human respon- New York analyst with wide The absence of any legal ties, sibility and give them the en-experience in treasting homoplus the basic emotional insta-couragement that religion has sexuals is worried about the bility that is inherent in many to offer. Parish priests are ad. drive by homosexuals to win homosexuals, cause most such vised under our pastoral coun-social acceptance for their devihomosexuals partnerships to seling program to urge homo- ancy as a kind of "normal abfounder on the jealousies and sexuals to seek psychiatric normality" and over the conse-

> Hence, most homosexuals are approach of other churchmen Family Ties Studied

This expressed the general

In a nine-year study—"Homo-

sexuality — a Psychoanalytic Study of Male Homosexuals"--that won international attention last year, Dr. Bieber, associate clinical professor of accepted scientific conclusions Psychiatry, New York Medical that homosexual development College, and nine associates in the same field published evidence that the roots of homosexuality lay in disturbed early family relationships.

They studied 106 male homosexuals undergoing psychomiddle 20's, under his real name analysis and, for comparison, a free-lance writer, who founded 100 heterosexual males also under treatment.

They found significant dif-

sample. every conceivable line of work case, they found some combina- take it?" from truck driving to coupon tion of what they termed a Eighty-three per cent indiclipping. But they are most "close-binding, intimate" moth-cated basic dissatisfaction with concentrated—or most notice-er and/or a hostile, detached the life of a homosexual by say-

such an obtrusive part of the of magazines and papers de- - where disorderly conduct in- Their presence in creative ac- the homosexual outcome of his they would leave the choice up New York scene that the phe-signed to appeal to inverted volving homosexuals was es-tivity is not, as an old myth fos-son," the Bieber group report- to the hypothetical son, tered by homosexuals woulded flatly. "In the majority of But an overwhelming 97 per sion, in the opinion of a number many of the so-called body "There is no direct proof of have it, because inverts tend to instances the father was ex-cent told Mr. Wicker they would

silence and promote public dis- heavily-muscled men, and oth- this type of place as manager, in homosexual colonization of portive, warmly related father answer. ers peddling outright homosex-bartender or doorman, indicat-some of the arts is that men precludes the possibility of a "I have been a homosexual for The first is the organized ual pornography in text and il- ing some sort of organization," who would find difficulty in homosexual son; he acts as a 30 years," he said. "I have none winning acceptance from fellow neutralizing, protective agent of the social and emotional ity of militant homosexuals that In summer, the New York ho- He acknowledges that this workers in more prosaic activi- should the mother make seduc- background of the straight is openly agitating for removal mosexual can find vacation may involve some low-level po-ties naturally gravitate toward tive or close-binding attempts." world—no history of normal of legal, social and cultural dis-spots frequented by his kind—lice pay offs but says it is un-solitary, introspective endeavor. The group reported that 27 dating. I would be lost in the criminations against sexual in notably parts of Fire Island, organized on the police side. The list of homosexuals in the per cent of the homosexuals un world of heterosexuals."

There is a cliquishness about "Our findings are optimistic of them do—to choose for em-port concluded. "We are firmly a ployment another homosexual convinced that psychoanalysts candidate over a straight appli- may well orient themselves to a cant, unless the latter had an heterosexual objective in treatindisputable edge of talent that ing homosexual patients rather they have a similar facility in would bear on the artistic suc- than 'adjust' even the more recalcitrant patient to a homo-

sexual destiny." The organized homosexuals dispute the validity of psychiatric findings on deviants. They argue that the medical students of the problem see only those homosexuals who are disturbed enough to seek treatment. Therefore, they say, findings based on that sample cannot be applied to the majority of "adjusted" homosexuals.

To this, Dr. Bieber replies that, during his wartime service, he interviewed intensively capacity for normal erotic ex-about 75 homosexuals discovpression has been crippled psy- ered by military authorities. Among these involuntary sub-"Many homosexual men carry female attraction produces a re- jects for study he found no action of fear and search for basic differences in their psychopathology from that of the The tendency of high-fashion voluntary group under treatdesigners to produce styles that ment, except that the former minimize or suppress womanly were more defensive and recurves—styles that can be worn sistant to recognizing their de-

Hostility a Key Factor

Dr. Bieber differs from some: of the legal and social hostility to homosexuaity.

ity as an illness, could be usewand, one could eliminate overnight all manifestations of hostility I think there would be a gradual, important reduction in the incidence of homosex-

He believes that wiping out

this attitude and that of Alco-

'quences of success.

'Homosexual Is Ill' "The homosexual is ill, and

anything that tends to hide that fact reduces his chances of seeking and obtaining treatment," Dr Socarides says, "If they were to achieve social acceptance it would increase this difficulty." Confronting these generally

can be both averted and cured is the strange, ambivalent attitude of the homosexuals toward themselves, as reported by Randolfe Wicker. He is a young man in his

the New York League of Homosexuals, now merged with the Mattachine Society. He asked ferences in the family patterns 300 homosexuals to answer two of the homosexual group as questions: "If you had a son compared with the heterosexual would you want him to be homosexual?" and "If a quick, easy In almost every homosexual cure were available, would you

able—in the fields of the cre- or unrespected father, or other ing they would not want a son to follow that path. Only 2 per industries serving women's "The father played an essen-cent answered the first question tial and determining role in affirmatively and the rest said

not change, even if change were

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