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news & views

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PERVERSION IN THE PARK

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL reports that County Judge Christ T. Seraphim has called on police to conduct what he called a "war on perversion" in Juneau Park. The Judge acted after hearing the 20th recent case involving men in "abnormal" sexual acts in the park. The Judge said that when he was a boy in Milwaukee, Juneau was the only park in which he played. Now, he said, he was afraid to take his children there. "Let's make it safe for the children again," he declared. The park now has more light and more patrolmen.

If anyone wonders how ONE feels about this type of sex activity, the answer can be found in the editorial of the September, 1962 issue.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES reports on the U.S. Supreme Court's direction to the Federal Court in California to consider the question of whether an afternoon's visit to Mexico can, under the immigration

laws, be considered "a departure to a foreign port or place." The court thus gives notice that it is not even willing to discuss the question of whether the party concerned, George E. M. Fleuti, is homosexual. It is doubtful that the Justice Department will enforce the clause since to do so against this party, whom they are after for being homosexual, would mean that they would have to enforce it against everyone. The same paper, in Paul Coates' Column, has documented proof of how crooked the cops are and how unjustly the laws are enforced in Mexico.

From three different sources we find notice that men are still trying to commit crimes while dressed as women. The ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL reports that Carrol Wade Paris, 24, of Hobbs, was disguised as a woman when arrested, had been employed as a waitress in a Roswell cafe, but was sentenced as a man after pleading guilty to a charge of grand larceny. The INDIANAPOLIS NEWS reports that William H.

Walker, 30, alias Nancy Morris, who sports his hair long and wears feminine clothing, has been sentenced in a Lawrence Circuit Court to 2 to 14 years at the State Prison on a forgery charge.

Therefore, the public will probably acquiesce to a bill making it a punishable offense to wear clothing of the opposite sex "with intent to deceive." This is what the Senate in Hawaii did, according to the HONOLULU ADVERTISER. The trouble is that there must be a distinction between criminal and non-criminal intent. The fact that someone wears drag does not mean that they have criminal intent to mislead someone. If they do have criminal intent, then isn't there already a law to cover such acts? No law-making body has the right to dictate what clothes we wear. It does have the right to see that laws are not broken by people because they can hide their identity under skirts, or pants, as the case may be.

The PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE tells us that the Federal Drug Administration has accused a firm of distributing products contaminated by a powerful sex hormone which caused harmful effects in young boys and girls. It causes feminization in young boys, and early internal physiological development in young girls. This information is interesting in that it leads many people to continue to question just what does cause sexual characteristics, preferences, and to allow that there may be physical factors and that maybe it isn't just seduction by dirty old men that causes boys to be homosexual — or tv shows, or comic books, or lack of father images.

NORTH OF THE BORDER

And from Toronto comes the demonstration that a newspaper can report a sexual subject with reason

and not emotion. The TORONTO TELEGRAM reports that Gail Kirsh, a 20-year-old Grade 3 school teacher at Bayview Heights Public School was barred from her classroom because she was quoted as saying that pupils with homosexual and other personality problems do not get proper treatment because teachers are not trained to deal with them.

Bob Blackburn, columnist in the same paper commented: "Life seems to be getting pretty tough these days for people who publicly recognize the existence of sex. Maclean's Magazine fired Pierre Burton when pressure was brought to bear over a straight-talking article on what I suppose might be called puppy-sex. CTV cancelled his TV program with Helen Gurley (**Sex and the Single Girl**) Brown, under pressure from people who hadn't even seen the show. And now, Miss Kirsh . . . I can't figure out whether she was being punished for having an idea, or for expressing it. It would appear that the safe course for a teacher would be to avoid having any ideas, and most certainly, if that is impossible, to avoid being found in possession of one. The school principal was quoted as saying Miss Kirsh's comments were 'ridiculous.' There seems to be some ill-feeling toward her for suggesting that there are kids with homosexual tendencies in the school.

"Well, I'll bet there isn't a grade school of any size anywhere that doesn't have some children with homosexual tendencies. The public schools I went to certainly did. I didn't know then what their problem was, but in retrospect it becomes painfully obvious, and subsequent events, some of them tragic, bear out the diagnosis.

"As I recall it, the homosexuals were regarded with some distaste