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**President's Corner** By Jim Bradford

It seems that the police continue to be a major problem confronting the homosexual in Chicago today. Even if we assume that the majority are good guys (and the events of last August cast doubt on that notion) there are enough bad eggs around to keep MM busy. More details in an article elsewhere, this issue. A common trick is for a detective to come on strong and to try to induce some act of public indecency for which they can make an arrest. As often as not, they do the first illegal act in attempting this. Another trick is to introduce the question of money into the conversation, since prostitution is illegal regardless of the sex of the persons involved. Never accept or agree to accept money in a conversation with a stranger. They make the offer to clinch the deal which is itself illegal since the offer constitutes solicitation for prostitution.

If you are entrapped or enticed, let us know, even if you arrange your own legal representation. By learning of patterns of harassment, we can help you avoid officers and their haunts. If anyone can come to help you, let us know. By the way, if you are arrested, you do not have to give your place

**ENTRAPMENT**

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"Mattachine Midwest Newsletter February 1969." p. 7.

NEWSLETTER

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS . N.Y. CHAPTER . GRAND CENTRAL P.O. BOX 3629  
new york, n.y. 10017

**THE BIRTH OF GAY POWER**

On July 2, 1969, a new chapter was written in the history of the homosexual movement. Outraged at politically-inspired raids on the Stonewall Inn and other gay bars, 400 male and female homosexuals rioted in the streets of Greenwich Village.

A homosexual riot? The police were astounded, the gay community was astounded. Homosexuals have traditionally been passive in the face of persecution, have traditionally declined to participate in demonstrations. Yet on July 2, 1969, they were hurled, and they were sent to the streets. The rioting continued on the following days.

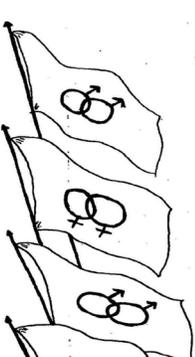
members of other groups, gathered in a small park in Kew Gardens - the site of another instance of harassment, the park where vigilantes had chased homosexuals with flashlights and had cut down trees in order to deny them a place to meet. Speeches were made to the homosexuals and to the local residents who had gathered around, and a play was put on, the first play written and performed by homosexuals to satirize the heterosexual community. (We need more plays like this -- more art which describes the realities of homosexual life and the realities of heterosexual prejudice, as we see it. We have had enough of their distortions.)

**POWER**

"...homosexuals are no longer going to wait for a handout from society. We are going to walk in the sunshine at these vigils... We are GayPower."

"Newsletter Daughters of Bilitis/New York Sept 1969." p. 1.

**GAY PRIDE WEEK JUNE 22-28**



**christopher street liberation day**

**SUNDAY JUNE 28**

ASSEMBLY POINT: SHERIDAN SQ. AREA 12-1 P.M.  
MASS MARCH UP SIXTH AVENUE  
GAY-IN IN CENTRAL PARK

**PRIDE**

"June 22nd through June 28th, 1970 has been designated GAY PRIDE WEEK... the focus of the... Committee is the planning of a mass march..."

"Bookstores: Gay: Oscar Wilde, 1970-November 15, 1988..." p. 4-5

CHANGE IN DSM-II, 6th Printing, page 44  
Approved by the APA Board of Trustees, December 15, 1973  
(Unanimously with two abstentions)

302.0 Sexual orientation disturbance [Homosexuality]

This category is for individuals whose sexual interests are directed primarily toward people of the same sex and who are either disturbed by, in conflict with, or wish to change their sexual orientation. This diagnostic category is distinguished from homosexuality, which by itself does not necessarily constitute a psychiatric disorder. Homosexuality per se is one form of sexual behavior and, like other forms of sexual behavior which are not by themselves psychiatric disorders, is not listed in this nomenclature of mental disorders.

In the first 5 printings of DSM-II, from 1968 to 1973, the code number for this category was 302.0. In the 6th printing, the code number for this category was changed to 302.85. Homosexuality. It was not further defined. Sexual orientation disturbance is the subset of the previous category homosexuality.

**AFFIRMATION**

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Series IV. Subject Files: Organizations: American Psychiatric Association (Excludes Publications). 1970-1978. p. 3.

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