

# WOMEN DEVIATES HELD INCREASING

Problem of Homosexuality  
Found Largely Ignored

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The problem of homosexuality in women is increasing, a psychologist said here yesterday.

Yet, said Dr. Charles Socarides, the New York analyst, this psychic problem of women has been largely ignored both by psychiatry and by society in general.

Even the legal injunctions imposed by some societies on overt male homosexuality do not pertain to the female, he observed. The attitude probably rests in the "archaic unconscious morality of men," he said.

Part of the rise in female homosexuality may be accounted for, he said, in the increase of the problem among men. Although figures are scanty in the field, he said that the fact that male homosexuality had risen some 600 per cent in England since World War II indicated the possibility of some compensating drive in women. Also, he observed, such aberration is often a consequence of a disordered and confused society.

## Symposium on Subject

Acknowledgement of the extent of the problem was indicated by the fact that the American Psychoanalytic Association held its first symposium on overt female homosexuality before its annual session ended yesterday at the Biltmore Hotel. Dr. Socarides participated in the panel discussion and summarized the findings of the group.

The problem of child-rearing plays a distinct role in female homosexuality, according to Dr. Judith S. Kestenberg of Sands Point, L. I. The homosexual



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woman "wastes nothing except, of course, her motherliness," she said. In the homosexual relationship, women "play out the mother-child relationship," she said.

There is no better description of these women, she said, than that of the poet Sappho, whom she quoted as saying "I shall remain eternally maiden." All homosexual women, Dr. Kestenberg said, "are young virginal girls at heart." They play, she said, with "life dolls."

She, too, commented on the role that society played in the kind of permissive attitude toward this form of sexual deviation. "We adults," she said, "look upon them with indulgence, pity and amused smilings."

Dr. David Beres, a New York psychoanalyst, was named president-elect of the association at the final business session.