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Mr. Lowell Thomas
Chairman
International Platform Association
2564 Berkshire Road
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed is my membership card for the International Platform Association and my membership dues of \$25.75 for the forthcoming year.

In addition, I am enclosing an updated version of my biographical sketch, should you require this for any internal purposes.

Yours very truly,

Irving Louis Horowitz
Professor of Sociology
and Political Science

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Enclosures

Sex Suspect Details Shadowy World

By Ken Briggs
Newspaper Religion Writer

A lengthy article on pederasty—the erotic attraction of men to young boys—in the current issue of a respected social science magazine was written a year ago by the Rev. George Parker Rossman, one of the eight men indicted Thursday in Suffolk County Court on charges of engaging boys in sex play.

The article, in the March-April issue of "Transaction," touches indirectly on several aspects of the latest charges against the Rev. Mr. Rossman and his co-defendants, which include conspiracy, sodomy, and sexual abuse, and on similar charges brought against the minister by Nassau County Court in November, 1972. The Rev. Mr. Rossman, 53, a clergyman of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a former teacher at Yale Divinity School, has consistently denied the charges and described himself as a "researcher and writer."

The magazine article purports to reveal the shadowy world of the pederast on the basis of confidential interviews, underground pederast documents and intimate knowledge of the subculture's inner workings.

Rev. Rossman, who said yesterday by phone from his home in New Haven, that he completed the article a year ago, contends that he has been exploring the subject of pederasty since the early 1960s, when he first met ped-

erasts who came to him for counseling. "The pederasts I met desperately needed to talk to someone they could trust," he writes. "So in an effort to help, I surveyed the vast literature of pederasty." By his account, his study led to contact with 1,000 pederasts on five continents, an unsuccessful attempt to launch a self-help group for pederasts modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous, and to a far-flung letter-writing campaign to gather information on pederasty. After five years of research, the Rev. Mr. Rossman claims to have 5,000 pages of data on many facets of the issue, including an assortment of books, films and records of first-person experiences.

Among the charges made last year in Nassau against the minister is that he edited a newsletter for a homosexual ring that preyed on young boys. In explaining how he conducted his study, the Rev. Mr. Rossman's article refers to a series of "round-robin" letters sent to pederasts in various parts of the world that contained (at the minister's request) anonymous accounts of their "sex fantasies, dreams and experiences." The letters, he writes, were widely circulated.

Further, the article says that a corps of professionals—consisting partly of doctors, psychiatrists, policemen and a bishop—reviewed the data that the letters produced. Acting under pretrial restraint, the Rev. Mr. Rossman would

not say whether the series of letters was the same "newsletter" cited in the November, 1972, charges by the Nassau district attorney's office.

The article also examines the definition of a pederast, explores the origin of the condition, and details the morality of pederasts. The Rev. Mr. Rossman says that the explosive nature of the subject placed him in a dangerous position as a researcher. Some pederasts, he says, threatened his life if he continued his work.

The minister says that his research was motivated by a sense of compassion and that the case against him is "terribly confused." "In a sense, I share the guilt of anybody who commits a crime," he said yesterday. "I think that's the meaning of the cross of Christ."

The latest charges against the Rev. Mr. Rossman and his co-defendants allege that they lured young boys to a summer home in West Islip for weekends of sex play. About 15 boys, aged 10 to 15, were said to be involved in the incidents, which allegedly took place from January, 1970, to December, 1971.

Suffolk Assistant District Attorney Sam Fierro, who brought the new charges, said he did not know of the "Transaction" article. A spokesman for "Transaction" said he could not say whether the publication knew of the charges against the Rev. Mr. Rossman before the article was approved.



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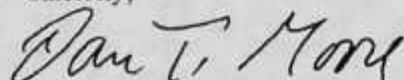
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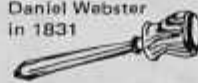
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