

Editorial Comment

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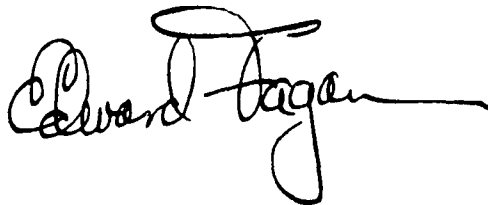
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The human unit is a finely balanced mechanism. When normal it has remarkable powers of adaptability to circumstances. Nevertheless its parts are so intimately correlated and mutually interdependent that undue strain on, or misuse of, one part cannot but have repercussions on the other parts. This common sense view of human activity is fully borne out by clinical experience, especially in the practice of psychotherapy. More than in any other sphere of human activity is this evidenced in the matter of the use and abuse of sex. Hence the importance of a correct understanding of our sexual nature, not only to facilitate its proper social control but also to insure its adequate legal regulation.

It is my belief that the symposium on sex and the law which begins on the following pages and concludes in the Spring issue of *The Catholic Lawyer* will do much to further this understanding among our readers. Its treatment of the subject of sex and the sexual nature from the separate viewpoints of a psychiatrist, a priest-lawyer and a district attorney results in an analysis sufficiently diverse to cover all aspects of the topic adequately.

Dr. Cavanagh's article, appearing in this issue, deals at length with sexual anomalies. Father Oley Cutler, S.J., will consider the moral and legal aspects of sex. District Attorney John Casey will conclude the symposium with a paper on the prosecution of sexual offenders.

Elsewhere in this issue appear two very current and excellent articles on the federal aid to education issue by Arthur A. North, S.J., Dean of the Graduate School at Fordham University, and Professor Paul Kauper, noted constitutional law authority at the University of Michigan Law School.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Tager". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

EDITOR