

The American Social Health Association, Inc.

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Circle 5-8000

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Dear _____:

We have just received information that the New York State Temporary Commission on Revision of the Penal Law and Criminal Code will announce the following schedule of public hearings on the new Penal Law recommended to the Legislature by the Commission:

Albany	- November 12, 13, 14 - Capitol
Syracuse	- November 18 - Onondaga County Court House
Rochester	- November 19 - Hall of Justice
Buffalo	- November 20 - State Office Bldg. on Court Street
New York City	- November 23, 24, 25 - County Lawyers Assn. Bldg., 14 Vesey Street

In our letter to you dated October 1, 1964, we enclosed a copy of our proposal for an amendment to the section on "Prostitution and Related Offenses" as contained in the proposed new Penal Law, which would provide that a person who patronizes (is a customer of) a prostitute, commits a violation of the law. In the same letter we invited your support of our proposed amendment either by your own appearance at a public hearing before the Commissioner or as signatory to a resolution in support of our proposal.

Since the public hearings will be held at an early date, may we urge your immediate consideration of action in order that the Commission may have the opportunity to know how responsible religious, civic, and professional groups and individuals view this important and complex social problem.

In order that we may know your plans, we would appreciate your completing and returning the enclosed form or otherwise informing us as soon as possible of any action to be taken by you or your organization.

Sincerely,

S. Dale Furst, Jr.
President

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- Enclosures:
- 1) The Press Release announcing the hearings by the Commission has just been received and a copy is enclosed for your full information.
 - 2) The enclosed paper by Miss Dorris Clarke presents information about and discusses the "customer" aspect of prostitution.