

## *Choice Overlooked in Gay Hassle*

**A**N obvious element in the continuing hassle over rights demanded by homosexuals is seldom mentioned.

This is the fact that many of those identified as "gay" are that way by choice, rather than by quirks of nature or circumstances beyond their control.

Those who have voluntarily entered into this way of life as a means of extending gratification of sexual desires are aligned with those who might not be able to help themselves. They present a common front but not necessarily for the same reasons.

They are demanding that homosexuality be given public acceptance and approval, even though nearly all civilized societies regard it as immoral and most religious bodies consider it sinful.

Superficial evidence of "elective gays" may be deduced from concentrations of their kind in permissive communities.

Some 40,000 gay supporters

marched in a parade in New York City in June. It has been estimated that 100,000 of 680,000 people in San Francisco may be gay. Washington, D.C., is said to have 50,000 or more homosexuals, many of them in government jobs.

If all of these were natural-born homosexuals, it might be inferred that the ailment is inheritable or contagious. Experts say it is neither, but that tendencies are acquired early in life. Some overcome them. Others can't or won't.

Homosexuals have evolved their own "minority" commercial and political activities, movies and private clubs. These might be regarded as discriminatory to heterosexual human beings, but there are no reports of normal people trying to break down the barriers in order to become sexual deviates.

Homosexuals are not noted for practicing tolerance such as they demand from others, especially in scurrilous attacks on defenders of morality. Certain news commenta-

tors seem to consider critics of homosexuality to be "controversial," while gay activists are not given such identification.

It is not unexpected that churches would become involved in the issue. The Bible has much to say on the subject. It is tragic that certain bodies are being split by factions from within, as they insist upon moderation of traditional church teachings and possible lowering of moral standards.

There seems to be no question that a number of persons are born with deformities that distort their ability to function as a man or a woman. Others have their attitudes warped involuntarily by people they meet early in life.

These need help to adjust to life and to society. Not by any means is all the clamor for "rights" coming from them.

A major part of the campaign may be attributed to "homosexuals by choice," who do not want to abandon their way of life. They just want it to be made "respectable."