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SCIENTISTS STUDY INTERSEXUALITY:

At the national convention of American College of Surgeons in Atlantic City, N. J., there was a panel discussion on intersexuality. The press reported muchly on the speech of Dr. John McLean Morris, professor of gynecology at Yale, wherein he said thousands of "men" are really women and thousands of "women" are really men. Some women, he says, who are even happily married heterosexually are basically male, lacking a womb or uterus and having a male sex gland or testis, and their "intersex" often isn't discovered until they seek help because they are unable to have children. Male or female sex is determined by inheritance of chromosomes, and normally a woman has two X chromosomes and a man has an X and a Y, but "many persons are born with different patterns of chromosomes and their sex is mixed up." If sex abnormalities are detected early, they can often be corrected surgically "before a baby is two years old, before he or she is aware of being of one sex or the other."

Some homosexuals believe that Freudism is on the wane and that soon strictly medical scientists and

especially biologists will take their rightful place as the acknowledged leaders in the scientific inquiry into homosexuality. The two camps have always been at loggerheads, and you just haven't heard as much from the pure scientists because they don't wage the fierce publicity promotion job that the Freudians do. The recent award of the Nobel Prize to three biologists for their research into inheritance genes may foretell an enormous "breakthrough" in the field of homosexuality.

LESBIAN GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT:

Twenty - four - year - old laundry worker Beverly Waugh admitted to the court in Mitchell, South Dakota, that she shot to death Myron Menzie because he had taken away the 21-year-old girl friend with whom she was having an "unnatural" affair. Miss Waugh appeared for sentencing in blue jeans, western shirt, and cowboy boots, and heard the judge give her life imprisonment. Under South Dakota law, that sentence allows no parole.

KICKY CONFERENCE IN SCOTLAND:

The International Writers' Conference in Edinburgh got kind of wild, mainly because of discussions and