

# Sex Crimes Clinic Opens

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## Chief Davis Starts Classification and Control Bureau

On the theory that each minor sex offender is a potential major sex criminal, Chief Davis yesterday established a bureau of sex offenses for the classification and control of this type of crime.

The bureau will operate as a unit of the police crime prevention division and have the modern, scientific equipment of the police crime laboratory at its disposal.

### CRIMES INCREASE

Decision to inaugurate such a unit was made by the Chief following a conference with Mayor Shaw at which reports were considered which showed that sex crimes have increased steadily in the last three years.

"The functions of this new bureau will be twofold," the Chief declared. "First, the classification of all sex offenders including fingerprints and photographs. Second, a psychiatric examination will be made of all sex offenders with the object of recommending to the court the proper correctional as well as the punitive procedure for their rehabilitation."

### CASE HISTORIES

By the use of the classification system case histories will be accumulated to provide clues for the identification of future major sex criminals, the Chief explained.

"An important phase of this work will be the card indexing of methods of operation of each individual offender," he said. "It has been proven over a long period of police experience that all criminals use certain characteristic methods of committing crimes, and the indexing of these individual 'trademarks' has been invaluable in linking a series of criminal acts to one particular offender."

### AID TO COURTS

Heretofore psychiatric examination of sex offenders has been ordered by the court only in special cases as a condition of probation. Under the new program each judge will have a copy of the bureau's report at the time the offender is first brought before him for plea, thus aiding prompt corrective measures.

All information compiled by the bureau will be available to all other law enforcement agencies within the county, the Chief said, and should prove highly valuable in combatting any future wave of sex crimes.

LAPD Chief James E. Davis, whose second term was from 1933..39.

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Note that Davis deployed a "Red Squad," which was encouraged by at least one police commissioner to beat up communists. [ibid.]