

## Crooked cops. . .

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pad," one busted cop told the commission.

And there is a pattern, in New York and elsewhere, for the police to protect their own, to cover up--for the commander to identify less with the letter of the law than with the morale and reputation of his division.

"ONE OF OUR hopes," says Whitman Knapp, the 62-year-old Wall Street lawyer who heads the New York panel, "is that it will permeate the department that the ideal to be followed is integrity, not just an image of integrity."

The cost of police corruption is not merely in the tax it takes on the moral fervor of a community. There is a real dollars-and-cents charge, too:

Bars and restaurants pass the cost on to the customer for their payoffs to avoid building violations or to have brawls reported as having taken place in the street outside their locations, not inside, which might endanger their liquor license.

The payoff for illegal parking of delivery trucks sooner or later gets tacked onto the price of the goods delivered.

Building costs are artificially inflated. According to the Knapp Commission, for instance, some 5 per cent of construction charges in New York City represent bribes by contractors to police for overlooking building ordinances.

ONE OF THE stranger aspects of police corruption is that, as a general rule, the public accepts it so placidly. That holds true even for those who dislike the police, who identify them with brutality toward political demonstrators and blacks.

Philadelphia has a citizen watchdog group called The Coalition of Organizations for Philadelphia Police Accountability and Responsibility (COPPAR). For the past year and a half, this group has regularly attacked the police on brutality charges,

but it has yet to make a graft charge.

"There's a certain amount of police corruption in any city, I'm sure," says Mary R. Rouse, COPPAR co-chairman. Indeed, when the group was collecting evidence for its brutality suit against the police, several people came forward with information about police graft.

"WE COULDN'T GET any lawyers to touch it for us because it was too hot," says Mrs. Rouse. "Anyway, we had a hard enough time putting our brutality cases together."

Elsewhere, the same pattern exists. The only formidable criticism of Los Angeles' 6,000-man force is that it is too devoted to punishing protestors and revolutionaries. And Chicago's police department--with a record that has in the past deserved all the scrutiny it can get--has been under fire not for graft but for the shooting of Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.

By all indications, it takes a well-publicized investigation, such as the Knapp Commission's, to arouse the public about police corruption--and such investigations are rare.

"THE WORST PART OF it all," says a Boston police official, "is that they begin looking the other way when a crime is committed. The attitude is, 'I've got to protect my second income, that second car, the better vacation, the kid in college, that mortgage on the house I couldn't afford on my regular salary--so I'm not going to stick out my neck.'"

"Who knows how many instances there have been of policemen not being aggressive, not stopping crimes and not acting quickly because of the corruption?"

## Regents. . .

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subcommittee is the possibility of constructing modular housing rather than conventional housing. This might take the form of trailer housing or prefabricated

permanent units, Allen said.

He explained that the housing must be both decent to live in and inexpensive. Since housing at the University must be self sustaining financially, conventional housing could probably not be constructed with rents low enough to compete with what

married students can now find.

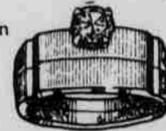
Modular housing has the advantage of being less expensive and quicker to build, Allen said. He suggested that if the subcommittee deems it necessary some modular units could be ready by the fall of 1972. Conventional units could not be ready till 1973.

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