

Catholic Action, Sydney style: Catholic lay organisations from friendly societies to the Vice Squad

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Mr. C. J. Delaney, Commissioner of Police, and Albers

William McKay	1935-48	Mason
Fred Scott	1948-52	Mason
Colin Delaney	1952-62	Catholic
Norman Allan	1962-72	Mason
Fred Hanson	1972-76	Catholic
Merv Wood	1977-79	Mason
Jim Lees	1979-81	Mason
Cec Abbott	1981-84	Catholic
NSW Police Commissioners		



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HOMOSEXUAL MENACE IN AUSTRALIA

Homosexuality was Australia's greatest menace, the Commissioner of Police, Mr C. J. Delaney, said yesterday.

Mr Delaney was discussing "crime detection in communication system which

Vice Squad ordered to rid Sydney of male perverts (GROWING 'CANCER')

Police have begun an intensive drive to stamp out growing homosexuality in Sydney.

Special orders on the drive have been issued by Police Commissioner Delaney to all detectives and plainclothes police in city areas.

PLEA FOR PUBLIC HELP

As a result, all 84 members of Sydney's Vice Squad have been switched to almost full-time duty locating the haunts of homosexuals.

The drive will be concentrated on hotel bars, parks, theatres and public lavatories.

The public's help will be sought to break up homosexual parties held regularly in certain flats and residential establishments in

said this week: "We're gravely concerned with the rising tide of homosexuality and perversion in this city.

"Effeminate youths each week are becoming more arrogant and cheeky in public.

"Their behavior is a cancer eating at the community.

"Tragic effect on boys"

He says he has consulted leading doctors and psychiatrists about increased perversion, but that they have been unable to account for it.

Mr. Delaney says more perverts are living in rooms at King's Cross than anywhere else in Sydney.

They persuade men and youths to go to these rooms to commit acts of perversion.

Police records show that homosexuals are meeting in increasing numbers and

for immoral purposes could be charged under the Act with having solicited a "male" person.

If found guilty homosexuals often received the maximum penalty — six months' hard labor.

Such a severe sentence made most perverts keep to themselves and to stage their immoral acts in private rooms.

But recently a man who had been found guilty of soliciting another man and sentenced to four months'



Mr. Delaney

Lightning

PRIEST FIRST TO AIR CRASH SCENE

U.P. and A.A.P.

MADRID, Sat.—A priest early today led a search party through a mountain snowstorm to eleven survivors of a crashed Spanish airliner.

Twenty-two people died in the crash.

One of the survivors, a woman, later died from her injuries.

Thirty-three people were in the plane when it crashed last night in a mountain range, 60 miles north of Madrid.

The priest, Father Pablo Valdericeras found the survivors scattered over a wide area around the wreckage.

He gave wine to the injured and tore open luggage to give them warm clothing.

Father Valdericeras and two others stayed with the

search for the survivors, he kept sounding a bugle.

"Finally we heard and answering sound like cattle bells made by the survivors," he said.

"They were knocking pieces of metal together to answer my bugle call."

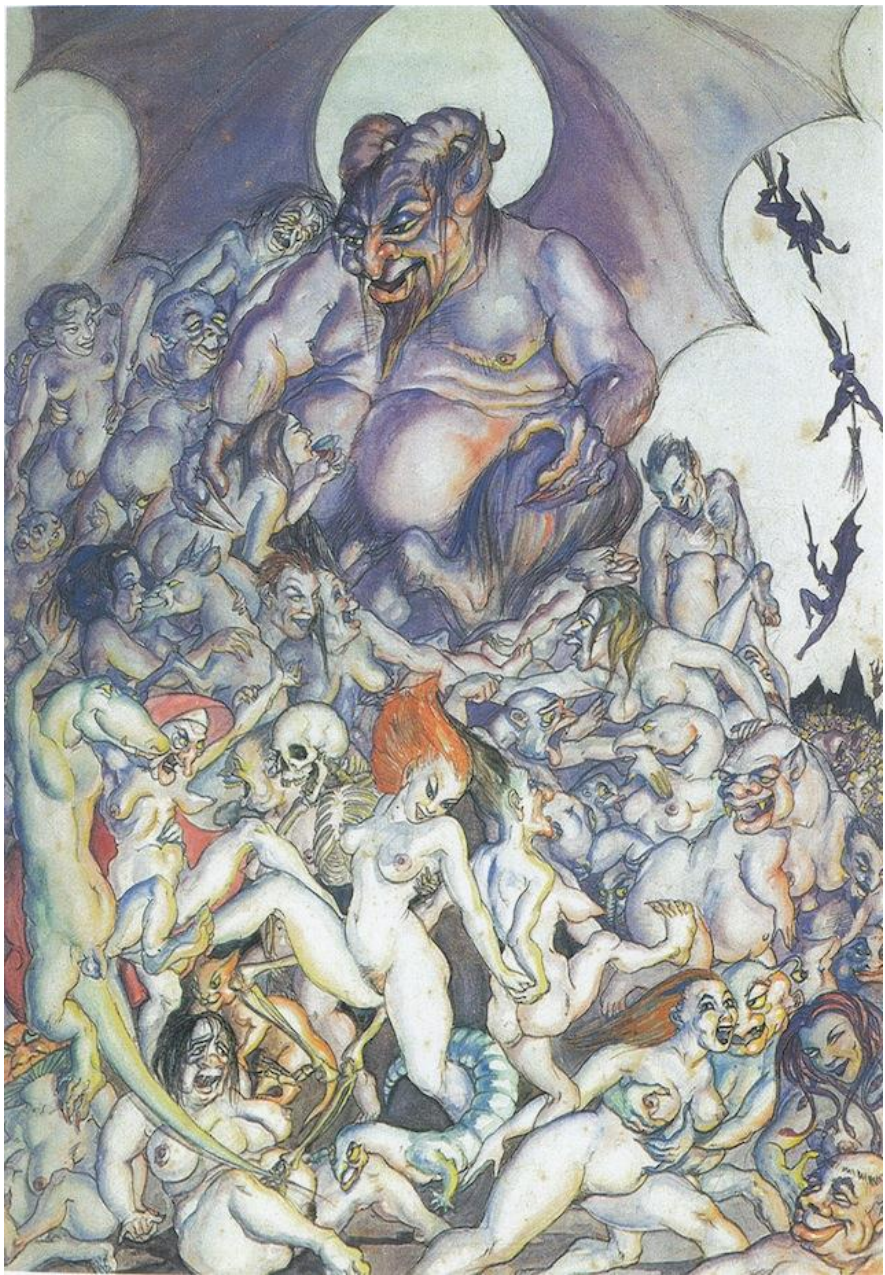
Stretcher-bearers carried all the survivors transport waiting them to Madrid.

Some are suffering frostbite as well as their injuries.

The survivors put up the hostess Teradilla, the one of the five crew members.

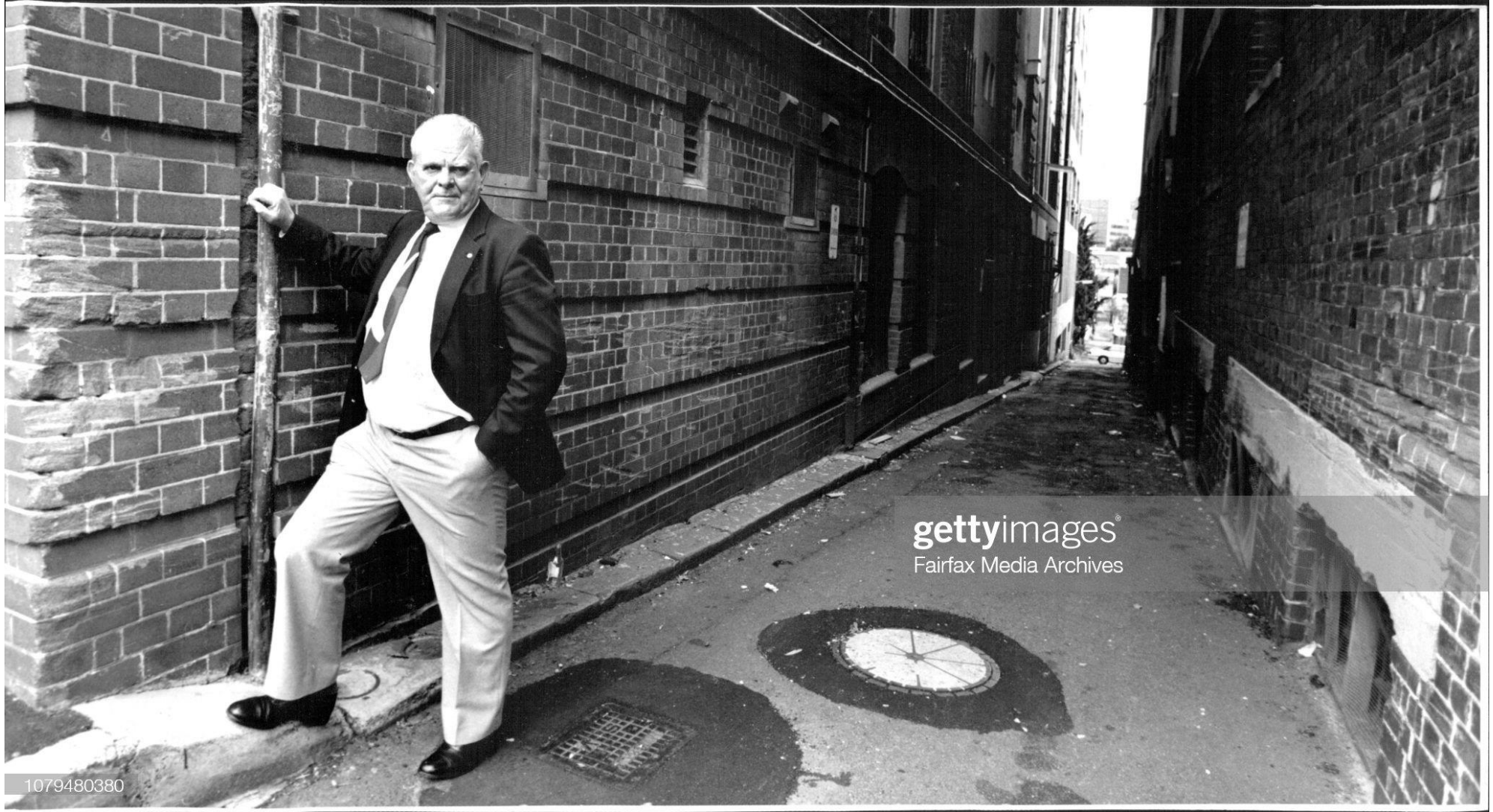












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Belinda Lopez — Executive Producer, listnr.com



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