

# Basic Detail Report

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## Police arrest a group of prostitutes

**Date**

1969-1979

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

The Legge Merlin became effective on 20 September 1958. It listed places where prostitution was prohibited, such as houses, hotels, dance halls, entertainment clubs or other areas open to the public. What remained legal was street prostitution or independent sex work by a worker in their own home. The effect of the law was to push women out onto the streets, becoming more visible, and into private homes.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 20.6 x 25.7 cm (8 1/8 x 10 1/8 in.)