ies Disabled learn sex life isn't over

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PARIS — Eleven handicapped people, paralyzed below the aist, sat in wheelchairs around a table and discussed how they ald find joy in life if only a loved one would caress their ulders, their backs.

n an adjoining conference hall, some 200 doctors, psychosts, sociologists and therapists from 14 countries convened the first international congress on "Handicap and Sex-

he United Nations declared 1981 the Year of the Handicapto focus attention on the world's 450 million disabled. As pener, the Institute of Sexology, opened in Paris in 1977 patterned after the American Kinsey and Masters and

ison clinics, organized the conference. anon Servin, a blind therapist at State University of New , told how the blind have sex education through touch or ning to therapists. Other experts spoke of the problems of hing contraception to the deaf.

Most of the speakers focused on paraplegics, whose paradlower bodies are devoid of feeling, usually as a result of accidents. Doctors said victims never can experience asm. Few males can have intercourse or father children. There are 22 to 25 new cases per million inhabitants in the devery year," said Dr. H.J. Hachen, medical director of rehabilitation center at the Swiss Spinal Injuries Center in

Their average age is 24 to 27. It was not until we organized ular sessions of sexual counseling in 1970 that we became aware of the importance of psychological support to ad-

stment.
"For the male young adult, sex frequently is a means to

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boost his ego or to get rid of tension and anxiety. These youngsters, having become paraplegic, are likely to become terribly frustrated since they firmly believe they are definitely deprived forever of virility and the word 'sex' has to be erased from their vocabulary.

'Sex is a part of everybody's life. The patient must understand there are many ways to be sexual. We speak to him not so much about lost functions but about the happiness that may be gained through diversified sexual activities such as kissing, caressing, petting.

One of several explicit therapeutic films shown at the conference depicted a young wife and her paraplegic husband gently soaping each other in the bathtub. The film obviously moved the paraplegic youths who avidly watched from their wheel-

Dr. Nel Van Son-Schooners of Utrecht University in Hol-land told the meeting her rehabilitation program for paraplegics includes urging them to discover the erotic portions of their upper bodies so their mates can express affection in

"It was necessary for our research paraplegics to have private rooms to do their homework," she said. "The research center is in an old monastery so in the little rooms the patients did their erotic exercises. We now plan a program for their

Since female paraplegics can bear children, their cases for years were ignored. Dr. Van Son-Schoones said that until recently, the fact that women paraplegics could not have nor-mal sexual feelings was not thought important by male doctors.

Some of the cases have happy endings. Hachen's latest patient is an 18-year-old garage mechanic who missed a curve at night in his sportscar and crashed into a ravine. The man lay unnoticed for 10 hours with a broken spine until a helicopter rescued him.

Surgeons patched him up and "re-educated" his bladder and bowels to empty at certain times since normal urination and evacuation are not possible in a paralyzed body.

'Then he discovered he could never have sexual intercourse. When he went home, his girlfriend was reticent to be together with him, saying if he did not feel anything she would not, either. We discussed it with her and later things went very

"They wanted to know if he could have a baby. Through spinal injections we were able to remove sperm - possible only for a few months after paralyzation - which can be artifically inseminated into the woman

They are getting married next week.

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BATON ROUGE, LA — Capitol when I got there. And then the head

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Authorities said the man startled several women Thursday morning in three downtown state office buildings, including the Department of Natural Resources Building, the Education Building and the Welfare Building

One victim, who declined to give her name, said she was embarrassed

by the man.

'I could see the feet in the next stall," she said. "I went on to use the

the man apparently was one step Wisner said the suspect was picked up once for questioning — but "he gave us a logical explanation" that he merely took a wrong turn into

the ladies' room and was released

was peeping under the stall.
"It startled me and I screamed and said 'Who's in there?' I think I must

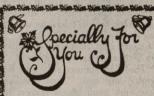
have startled the person. ... I just ran

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nders built Motion II for 000 and in-kind services and ies from private industries insted in the arts. By midsummer pes to have it sold. Experts laced the value at between 000 and \$100,000.

all goes well on the sale, Sanders on Labor Day next September would present the proceeds to cular Dystrophy during the ity's annual telethon. That conon is the reason he started the re enterprise that took six as just to finance and complete. simply wanted to create a large e time see someone benefit

from its creation in a material sense

as well as an aesthetic one. Motion II was displayed in a park in Fort Worth and now is in front of Market Hall in Dallas. Sanders had wanted to take it on an eight-city tour

but too many problems popped up.
"I take it apart myself, move it and re-assemble it," said Sanders, 31. "What I need is a place to put it. I'm optimistic we can move it down to Houston during the holidays, but I'm not sure we'll get everything set-

You have to get permission from everyone if you want to display it in a public park," he said. "There are all kinds of offices you have to go When we displayed it in Fort

Worth we needed \$100,000 property damage insurance, then we needed \$300,000 in liability insurance. It's

He said he has tried to get answers from several cities but frequently suffers from unreturned phone calls and bureaucracies that can take weeks to get through. From his original hope of touring eight cities, he now has cut it back to "as many as



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