

Mr. Durst's Cleanup

A funny thing happened while the Mayor's Midtown Citizens' Committee was cleaning up prostitution in Times Square. A member of the Mayor's cleanup committee, Seymour Durst, sold the Luxor Hotel to a group that the city says is busily converting it into the area's largest and most elaborate prostitution establishment.

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor sent a telegram politely requesting Mr. Durst's resignation from the cleanup committee. Meanwhile at the Luxor it is business as usual, between raids, with overtones of Little Red Riding Hood. "Why did you sell the Luxor to massage-parlor operators, Mr. Durst?" "The better to clean up the neighborhood, my dear." It's farce in the classic style of Minsky's burlesque.