

TURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,

**COPIES OF PLAYBOY
SCARCE IN THE CITY****October Issue Held up Here
by Distribution Problems**

Playboy magazine's October issue was generally unavailable at newsstands in Manhattan this week because of "trouble with deliveries," according to the magazine's office here.

However one news dealer in the Wall Street area openly displayed a pile of the magazines and said he had to go to Brooklyn to purchase them. He said he understood that the magazine was also on sale in Queens and the Bronx.

At another newsstand in the same area, Playboy was not on display. When asked for a copy, the news dealer went into a back room and came out with the magazine in a brown paper bag.

At the Playboy magazine offices at 405 Park Avenue, telephone callers were told that "they are having trouble with deliveries. They will be on the newsstands in a day or two."

The October issue was scheduled to go on newsstands at the beginning of this week.

Magazine representatives contacted at the home office in Chicago before noon could not immediately explain the newsstand blackout in Manhattan.

The distributor of Playboy in Manhattan is the Manhattan News Company, a subsidiary of the American News Company. Officials of the companies could not be reached for comment, and it was not apparent if the delivery problems were with Manhattan News or with one of the national distributors.