C4525 CHOIRBOYS (USA, 1977)
(Other titles: Bande de flics; Chorknaben; Patrulla de los inmorales)

Credits: director, Robert Aldrich; writer, Christopher Knopf; novel, Joseph Wambaugh.

Cast: Charles Durning, Louis Gossett, Jr., Perry King, Clyde Kusatsu, Tim McIntyre.

Summary: Police comedy set in the contemporary US. A dark sardonic look at a modern big-city police force. It shows the worst side of the police in a humorous manner. The characters form a cross-section of people in general, from old-style cop Charles Durning, all the way down thru minorities, troubled Vietnam vets, naive twerps, and sexually kinky all-American types. Roscoe Rules (McIntyre) is the borderline psycho Vietnam vet character, which even the contemporary reviews note has become a caricature.

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Clark, Michael. “Remembering Vietnam” [GB]


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———. [Interview with Randy Quaid] Los Angeles times May 18, 1977

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Kilday, Gregg. “Police story” Los Angeles times (Mar 28, 1977)

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[Lorimar acquires film rights to Wambaugh’s novel, the choirboys] Daily variety (Nov 11, 1975)


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“Production begins today” Daily variety (Mar 28, 1977), p. 7. [advertisement by Lorimar]


[Wambaugh’s lawyer reports that almost all demands were met in an out-of-court settlement] Los Angeles herald examiner (Jan 26, 1978)
Ward, Elizabeth (see under Silver, Alain)