"jgc" <javier_corripio@yahoo.fr> writes:

 [snip]

> It looks to me that macs are rather pseudo-unix, and idl for macs does
> not run with /../../bin/idl
> but rather with /applcations/rsi/idl_6.2/idl.app, which seems to be in
> rather bad terms with emacs

Which IDL are you using?

On my iBook it's

whd% which idl
idl: aliased to /Applications/rsi/idl_6.1/bin/idl

Maybe you need to set your path so that it sees
/Applications/rsi/idl/bin/idl

You might have to

source /Applications/rsi/idl_6.1/bin/idl_setup

-- or --

. /Applications/rsi/idl_6.1/bin/idl_setup.{bash,ksh} (for {bash,ksh} users)

to get the path/aliases right.

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POLICE, n. An armed force for protection and participation.
 -- Ambrose Bierce: _The Devil's Dictionary_