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organizations

Transexual Action Organization, Box 1708, Miami Beach, Fl. 33139. Branches forming in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, Tampa, Orlando, Atlanta and San Juan.

Transexual Counseling Service, 121 Leavenworth, San Francisco, Ca. 94102.
Transexual Guidance, 6922 Hollywood, Suite 1814, Los Angeles, Ca. 90028.

Transvestites Independent Chapter, Box 45, Lansing, Ill. 60438.

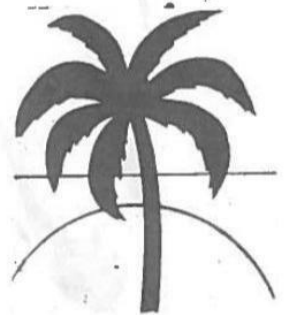
Transvestite Information Service, Box 276, Spencer, N. Carolina 28159.
Transvestite Legal Committee, 6843 S. Stony Island, Chicago, Ill. 60649.

TV-TS, Gay Community Services Center, 1614 Wilshire, Los Angeles, Ca. 90017.
TV-TS, All Saints Church, Clydesdale, London, W. 11, England.

Queens Liberation Front, Box 1271, New York, New York 10009.
Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries, Greenwich Village, New York
Simi Valley Group, 1725 Peodora, Simi Valley, Ca. 93605.
Manicure, Berkeley, California.
Foundation for Personality Expression, Box 36901, Los Angeles, Ca. 90036.

publications

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Prag Magazine, Box 1271, New York, New York 10009.
Queens Publications, Box 538, New York, New York 10009.
FFF Newsletter, 4047 Hundred Oaks, Baton Rouge, La. 70808.
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Gender Dysphoria Program, Rehabilitation Surgery, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, Ca. 94305.
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*Many of us are
more capable than
some of us...
..but none of us
are as capable as
all of us !!*

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The cover of the September issue is by Vanessa Woolfe, and symbolizes the alienation of transexuals in a non-transexual world. Woolfe is a member of the Transvestite Unit, and Woolfe's artistic efforts have not been previously published.

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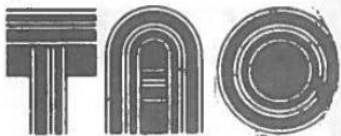
Membership Requirements

Transsexuals-membership in the TAO is restricted to pre-operative transsexuals under hormone treatment and post-operatives, both male-to-female and female-to-male.

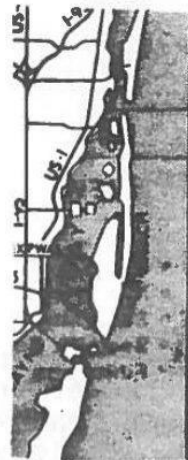
Transvestites-male and female transvestites may join the TAO Transvestite Unit.

Lesbian Transsexualists-Lesbians who support the transsexualist movement may join the Lesbian Unit.

Membership cards can be obtained from TAO officers, regional offices, and by mail by sending some proof, such as legal or medical statements. Separate membership cards will be issued for members of the Transvestite and Lesbian Units.



Miami Beach



Secretary platt Not Guilty

TAO secretary Cynthia platt was found not guilty of a disorderly conduct charge, successfully contending she only called police during an altercation on July 20. platt is presently on an extended vacation.

southern bell

The TAO filed a complaint with Southern Bell Telephone calling for the dismissal of an employee who has harassed several transexuals, but an official of the company, who promised to halt the harassment, referred our complaint to the employee's local superior. A number of Southern Bell employees have frequently harassed transexuals in Miami Beach.

TAO Cards Help

Police are asking transexuals stopped for routine identification checks to show their TAO membership/identity cards. Although not legal identification, the cards help and should be carried.

China Chinette

Transvestic entertainer China Chinette has been selected the TAO's entertainer for the month of September.

Del Marino

Popular singer Del Marino appeared recently on the Lou Marsh-Tony Adams radio show, and took a female impersonator with him. Del introduced Symone as a female singer, and after Symone did a song in a woman's voice, told the world that Symone is really Ray Randall, a male.

Nancy Davis

Nancy Davis is the TAO's member of the month for September, and is our director for the Chicago area.



PRIDE
The most
important
component

WBJS Radio

The TAO sent a letter of appreciation to WBJS-FM radio for its galvanizing change of format from rock to jazz, and WBJS General Manager sent us a thank you note and requested future copies of Moonshadow. The new format of WBJS fills a void regarding jazz which is appreciated by many people in south Florida. President Douglas, an aficionado of several jazz artists, appeared on WBJS radio several months ago and spoke on transexualism.

Lectures

President Douglas and Presidential Assistant Tara Carn are scheduled to give several lectures on the transexual movement in September, including one at a local junior college. A report of the reaction to the lectures will appear in the next issue.

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Stonewall South - wild side story, with Rena Del Rio, China Chinette, Kilupelo, and others. Directed by Lars Jacobs, who is also in the show. Coming soon to the Stonewall will be Ashley Chestnut's Theater de la Renaissance, with China Chinette, Rena Del Rio, Leslie Lyndon and others.

At the Lucerne Hotel's Cabaret Lounge - Donny Jay's La Femme de la Paris Review, with Donny Jay, Bili, Jan Britten, Crystal, Bobbi, Ramon, John Puvall and Tony Carr.

At the Carib Motel Lounge - Atlantic City's Femme Jesters.

At Basin Street - various transvestic artists.

DEL MONTE

Our entertainer of the month for July, Peaches Del Monte, was injured in a car wreck last month and spent several weeks in a hospital. Peaches has since recovered and will be back on stage soon.

The Seed Rejects Transexual

A TAO member who is also an entertainer says she was sentenced to ten days in jail after a local drug rehabilitation program. The seed, refused a court suggestion to accept her for treatment. She says representatives of the seed said she might hinder the progress of other people in the program because she is a transexual.

GET IT ON!



NATIONAL



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manicure

A new transvestite action group has reportedly formed in Berkeley, California. The TAO has no information about this group called manicure except that members of it reportedly took part in the 73 June gay pride celebrations held in the area.

transexual marriage snags

Jason Heckman and Tonnea Vance are both post-operative transsexuals, and wish to marry each other. Jason is a female-to-male transsexual, and Tonnea is a male-to-female transsexual. Jason was able to have his birth certificate corrected in the state of Nevada to identify him as a male, but Tonnea cannot get hers corrected in California, where the transsexuals reside.

California considers both of them legally male.

Roger Smith, an official of the California vital statistics division, says he has no authority to alter sex identification on birth certificates and his hands are tied unless the legislature takes some action. The transsexuals live in San Jose.

New surgical clinic

The TAO's new Los Angeles director, Wendy Davidson, reports she is presently working with a new sex re-assignment clinic in Hollywood, and there are no waiting lists. A more complete report on the new clinic will be in the next issue of Moonshadow. Wendy was one of our San Francisco directors before moving to Los Angeles, and is an ex-resident of Florida.

Rose-Ann, Tamara to wed

Rose-Ann (John) Prowett and Tamara White have announced plans to marry in a non-legal ceremony to be held outdoors in a Los Angeles park. Our congratulations to the TV-TS director of Los Angeles' Gay Community Services Center and Tamara.

TV group donates

A group of gay and heterosexual transvestites in Simi Valley, California, has donated 58 boxes of women's attire to the TV-TS group at Los Angeles' Gay Community Services Center. The Simi Valley group is also compiling a mailing list to be distributed freely among all participants.

across the nation

1000 Attend Cotillion

An estimated 1000 persons attend the third annual National Cotillion held at the Ambassadors Hotel in Los Angeles on August 4, and saw Kim Christy win the 73 Miss Cotillion award and \$500. Runners-up included Jackie Ja Rue, Princess Ladilyn, Francine and Frankie. A tie for the fashion award went to Tawny Tann and Rikki Fernandez, and the Miss Congeniality award was given to Tawny Tann.

100 Carol Channings

100 transvestites dressed as Carol Channing attended a theater party and look-a-like contest judged by Carol Channing in San Francisco.

New Director for OLF

Gebe Scarpie has been appointed director of New York's Queens Liberation Front, which was founded by Lee Greer Brewster in 1969.

Jean O'Leary Denounced

OLF leaders have publicly denounced lesbian feminist Jean O'Leary, who vilified professional transvestic stage artists during her speech at the 73 June gay pride rally in New York. O'Leary also demanded that transvestites not be permitted to hold jobs of any kind as transvestites.

The TAO is reviewing charges against O'Leary of fostering the persecution of transexuals and transvestites.

STAR

A mailing address for Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries is needed. STAR formed in 1970 and is led by Sylvia Rivera. The New York group reportedly knifed several male homosexual leaders who tried to prevent Rivera from speaking at the 73 June rally.

Chicago-Detroit Directors Appointed

Attempts are being made to organize TAO branches in Detroit and Chicago, and the TAO has appointed Nancy Davis director of the Chicago area, and Gigi Elliot director of the Detroit area. Both are pre-operative transexuals.

Queen Elizabeth

A drag rock group called itself popular in New York, group of its kind with a success.



Queen Elizabeth is making and appears to be the first chance to achieve wide

LEE G. BREWSTER

INTERNATIONAL

puerto Rico

Cari Colon del grupo lesbiana visito puerto rico el mes pasado y distribuido los moonshadows a transexuales en san Juan. Cari nos dice que Maria Valdez y otras transexuales en San Juan intentacen empesar un unidad de la TAO en puerto Rico.

Cari Colon of the lesbian unit visited puerto Rico last month and distributed Moonshadows to transexuals in San Juan. Cari told us that Maria Valdez and other transexuals in San Juan intend to start a branch of the TAO in puerto Rico.

Sweden

La TAO esta recojiendo informacion sobre la situacion de transexuales en otras naciones y recientemente nos comunicamos con un grupo en Sweden de liberacion sexualista, el Riksförbundet för Sexuellt Likaberättigande. El director del grupo, Kurt Ernulf, nos dice que la informacion que deseamos esta obtenida para nosotros. Posiblemente la tendremos para la siguiente edicion de Moonshadow.

The TAO is gathering information about the situation of transexuals in other nations, and we recently contacted a Swedish sexual liberation group the Riksförbundet för Sexuellt Likaberättigande. The group's director, Kurt Ernulf, has informed us that the information we requested is being obtained for us. We hope to have it for the next issue of Moonshadow.

Canada

Transexuales en la provincia de Ontario son forzados a llenar blancos especiales en aplicaciones para renovar la licencia de manejar, que los identifica como transexuales. La TAO ha protestado al Ministro Primo Pierre Trudeau en Ottawa.

Transexuals in the province of Ontario are being forced to fill in special blanks for driver's license renewals, which identifies them as transexuals. The TAO has filed a protest with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in Ottawa.



COMMENTS

President Angela K. Douglas—"Lesbian Transexualists"

The development of a Lesbian Unit within the TAO is probably one of the more important things to have happened in the past month. These non-transexual genetic females support the goals of the transexualist movement, and can be likened to the transexual women who are involved with the feminist movement. It will be interesting to see if this unit is successful, and what effect it will have on both the women's and the transexual movement in general. I sincerely hope that our gay sisters who have chosen to stand with us—and for us—in the face of criticism by some women active in the feminist movement, such as Robin Morgan and Jean O'Leary—will be very successful indeed.

Vice-President Colette Goudie—"Be proud of what you are"

I am personally very proud to be a transexual, and that is what the TAO is all about. We should all be proud of what we are and not permit other people to tell us how to live or what to be. This is my freedom and I hope it will be yours as well. I also wish to extend a sincere welcome to all new members and I hope the new branches will be very successful.

Transvestite Unit Director Leslie Lyndon—"Increase Membership"

People all over the world are confused—why? perhaps because they can't tell what the real thing is anymore. I am happy to be here and I am happy to report that the TV Unit has had an increase in membership, and that we have begun to start chapters in Atlanta, Tampa and Orlando. I am also glad that gay people are opening up more to us, as the gay and straight TV deserves the same freedoms gay people want and have. We are pushing for more members this month, so please join. Next month I'll give some tips to the TVs just starting out. May all of you find peace and happiness and beware of showing those beards.

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Communism and the Transsexual-
A Comment by Angela K. Douglas

what is the situation like for transsexuals living in communist nations such as Cuba, Mainland China and Russia? Not very good. In Cuba, such people simply "do not exist", although, of course, they do. Cuba issued a formal declaration against gay liberation in 1971, and presently describes homosexuals as enemies of the revolution, so it is extremely doubtful that the Castristas would be anything but reactionary concerning transvestism and transsexualism. In Mao China, where few people know that Americans and Russians have landed on the moon, it is quite doubtful that transsexuals would be permitted to exist, either. In Russia, many sex change operations have been performed, but apparently only truly partial or complete physical hermaphrodites can obtain such surgery. However, such persons are better accepted into Soviet society than elsewhere, and discrimination on an official level is less. The Russians, being practical, apparently used some male-to-female post-operatives as female contestants in Olympic games some time ago, thus now all contestants must undergo genetic analysis to determine sex.

Based on the data we have at present, the TAO does not support any form of communist ideology and will work towards educating communists just like anyone else about transsexualism. We also hope to establish contact with transsexuals living in communist nations and perhaps we will be able to give a more clearer picture of the situation in the future.

But it is obvious that communism will not solve the problems of the transsexual, although the benefits of socialized medicine may help some of us. What good would socialized medicine do, however, if the freedom to obtain such surgery is denied?

The experiences of Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries is a good example-in 1970, STAR members tried to join a picket line composed of members of the American Communist Party, who were protesting the arrest and jailing of black communist militant Angela V. Davis. The communists kicked them out of the picket line, attacked several of them, and made it clear once and for all there can not be any accommodation between transsexuals, transvestites and communists. Thus it would sadden me greatly to see any transsexual or transvestite support the communist movement for any reason whatsoever, as these ideologies would prefer to see us destroyed.

The transsexual represents to some people revolution, evolution and ultimate rebellion; this is a warped view, and an immature one. There are those who would confuse us with those groups who are determined to destroy the American system of government, and this is incorrect. If anything, we wish to preserve it, although it is sadly inadequate in many areas.

As members of a small and internationally repressed group of people, the glories and salvations suggested by communism has little, if any, meaning to us, and it is to our best interest to avoid association with communists or any group or effort supporting communism.



Everything you wanted to know about

Transexual

Power

But were
Afraid to Ask!

Transexual Liberation-why?

Why transexual liberation? Isn't the homosexual liberation movement helping transexuals? Or isn't the women's liberation movement helping transexuals? Are there enough transexuals to form and develop such a movement?

These are some of the questions asked of the TAO by people who are wondering what the transexual liberation movement is all about. The answers to the first two questions-gay and women's liberation-is a qualified "no". Few transexuals consider themselves to be homosexual, and do not relate at all to homosexual liberation. On the other hand, many homosexual males and females dislike transexuals intensely. As to women's liberation, the women's movement has basically ignored the issue of transexualism, although specific feminist groups have let transexuals become associated with them. Generally speaking, women's liberation is reactionary on this subject and cannot be considered supportive at this time.

No one knows how many transexuals there are, but the number is now probably in the tens of thousands throughout the world. The number of transvestites, who are somewhat similar to transexuals, is probably in the millions world-wide. Both groups are growing numerically at a very fast pace. There were only three or four transexual/transvestic groups in 1970. There are now over 20, counting the different branches of the larger organizations.

Since the phenomenon of transexualism poses extremely complex and extraordinary implications for society, it has been solved in the past by simply performing genocide upon transexuals and permitting a few to exist as anomalies. As more transexuals come into being, they have found not only are they second-class human beings, many people do not consider them human beings at all. Transexuals are required to carry special identification, have very few of the rights most people take for granted, and have not had any public representation-even small protest groups-until very recently. The more severe aspects of the experience have been hid from public view by the media for years, and only the most successful of transexuals are displayed before the public-except on rare occasions. They are a tiny minority of the overall transexual community, of which thousands have been or are in prison, killed, deformed by experimental or unskilled surgeons, or which met other less glorious ends.

To bring the realities of the transexual situation before the general public is the primary task of the TAO at present, thus Moonshadow has been created. Much more must be done besides simply publicizing the situation, and we expect that other directions will be found for our collective energies in the future. As an independent movement, transexuals have the opportunity to avoid the errors made by gay and women's liberation and achieve success much faster although our oppression is relatively more severe. There is definitely a need for our movement, and the TAO is proud to be among the vanguard organizations.

The word is getting around.

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