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## Transsexual togetherness

The University of Mississippi's recent claim to have succeeded in "curing" a young transsexual should be recognized as being in violation of the policies of several organizations. The Sexual Privacy Project of the American Civil Liberties Union supports the rights of transsexuals regarding their freedom of dress and private consensual sexual activity between adults. The platform of the 1970 California Peace and Freedom Party included the demand that persons have the right to determine the uses of their own bodies, as in sex-change operations and in other ways.

Many transsexuals have reverted back to a non-transsexual condition, or a subdued one, without any treatment whatsoever. Others have been "cured" by beatings, rapes, arrests, utter rejection by much of society, losing their legal rights, and other aspects of this rational civilized society. Shock treatments and various forms of aversion therapy bordering on Nazi torture techniques have also been successful in adding to the list of victims who have fallen before the nontranssexual "curers."

The claim of the University of Mississippi is indicative of how little they know about transsexualism and transsexuals. Our sympathy to the young transsexual who fell victim to these monstrous scientists who view male-female nontranssexual relationships as the ideal. Indeed, many transsexuals, after surgery, become homosexuals or bisexuals in relation to their anatomy, not heterosexual. This points out the fact that transsexualism is a condition, not a sexual direction such as hetero, homo, or bisexuality.

The problem is that Mississippi cannot deal with anything that shakes up the neat, polarized sexist structures that are the foundation of their sexist and racist systems. Transsexualism does. Anyone attempting to "cure" transsexuals, rather than develop better and more available surgical techniques, shows no concern for the individual's freedom of choice or personal rights.

The Transsexual Action Organization views the entire matter of the University of Mississippi's "cures" as horrifying and unacceptable to the

world of 1974. Perhaps the University of Mississippi needs to be cured.—Angela K. Douglas, President, Transsexual Action Organization, Miami Beach, Fla.

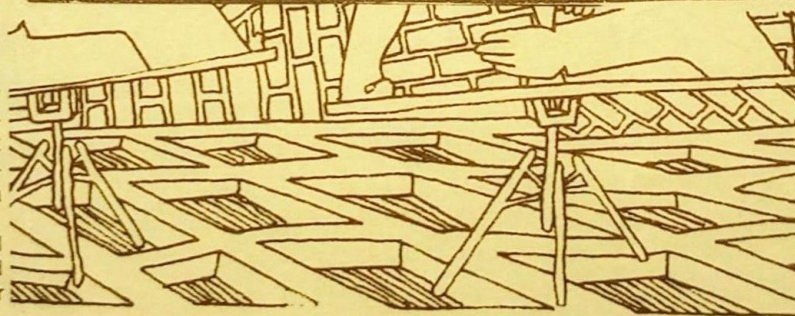
# PENTHOUSE

## THE MIAMI NEWS

Editor of Moonshadow, voice of Transsexual Action Organization of Miami Beach, slaps my wrist today after reading here that Rachel Harlow is a transvestite: "Rachel", he or she says, "is a post-operative transsexual, not a transvestite. A big difference!" . . . Moonshadow, I learned, has three divisions: Transvestite Unit, Lesbian Unit and Mirage Unit. Don't you just love the names of some officers of those units? Like Tender Brown, Carl Colon, Misty Maniachevitz (honest!) . . . Incidentally, Rachel Harlow (now in Miami planning debut of private club in Coconut Grove) is sponsoring four-city series of drag beauty contests. First prize will be all-expense paid sex-change operation.

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## Miami Beach



FLORIDA: TAO has disbanded its Transvestite Units in Miami Beach, Orlando, and Jacksonville as a result of poor response by transvestites, in comparison to transsexuals. TAO President Douglas expressed her appreciation to Vinora Hibbard, Ray Rondell and Jennifer Jones for working with the Transvestite Units. "TAO is now strictly for pre and post-operative transsexuals," said Douglas. "There wasn't any conflict between TSs and TVs, just not enough interest by transvestites in a transsexual organization."

MIAMI CONFIDENTIAL: Transsexuals and transvestites like Miami Beach. It's "more cosmopolitan than Miami or other nearby cities, and problems are far less severe," according to Transsexual Action Organization of Miami Beach, known as "TAO." Although, it continues, "Many transsexuals and transvestites here find very little help from welfare or other social services, there are a number of doctors who provide hormone and silicone treatments. And it is rumored that very secret operations are performed at Jackson Hospital, and definitely being performed in Jacksonville at \$4,000." . . . Where do transsexuals and transvestites hang out? TAO says clubs patronized are Mix II, Ambassadors III, the Stonewall, Inner Circle, Warehouse, Keiths and othes. They're "also welcome," it continues, "at most of the clubs-lounges-hotels on the beach, including Dolphins Den and Sonny's Lounge."

FUN & GAMES: Miami Beach transsexual (who obtained his-her surgery in foreign country) claims that parties were given in home of a Miami criminologist "where top politicians were present." The transsexual said she didn't attend the parties but learned that other transsexuals "were used as clowns to entertain the politicians and other people, and were subjected to ridicule." . . . Incidentally, Angela Keyes Douglas, president of Transsexual Action Organization of Miami Beach, has penned book of poetry titled "The Other Mirror." Funds from sale of book (\$3.50) go to TAO. She reports that the Bingo Palace on Alton Road has "special night" (Thursdays) for all transsexual and transvestite patrons. Fifty per cent discount on Bingo cards. . . And has this ever been reported in the media? Paying off bet to Dr. Rebecca Carner, Adolph Midence of Miami walked along Miracle Mile wearing gingham dress and sign which read, "Bobby Riggs Lost — so did I."

## New magazine

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Angela K. Douglas, president of the Transsexual Action Organization, has announced plans to publish a bi-monthly magazine for transsexuals and transvestites.

The magazine, to be called *Mirage*, will be "along the lines of *Ms* magazine, but a little flashier," said Douglas.

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The first issue of *Mirage* may be out in February, Douglas said.

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SAN FRANCISCO: TAO SF-2 Director Wendy Davidson reports that she has formed TAO-directed clinics in both San Francisco and Los Angeles, where male-to-female surgery will be performed for around \$4000. Davidson issued a press release describing the surgery, which includes the creation of a completely functioning clitoris, by transferal of sensory nerves. Headed by Scottish surgeon Dr. John Brown, the clinics use several surgeons and also have an extensive program for transexuals, including housing, employment, and other help. Requirements for applicants are relaxed, and evaluation will be done both in Miami Beach and in San Francisco. TAO-SF-2 is associated with the San Francisco Institute of Plastic Surgery, where Davidson is Controller. Davidson says they also hope to form a clinic in the Miami area soon. The importance of the clitoral surgery should be most obvious to anyone familiar with transexual medicine, and is considered a major medical advance.

PHILADELPHIA: Henri David has dropped plans to hold a four-city series of drag contests with a sex change operation as first prize. David said that adverse reaction to the prize forced him to drop the contests. However, a leading transvestite liberationist said the real reason may be that David's financial backer dropped out when the first contest, held in Philadelphia, was not very successful. David said some people charged him with exploitation. He had earlier said "it used to be that people thought transexuals were like creatures from outer space", but felt it was now quite acceptable.



## MARIJUANA USAGE LINKED WITH GYNECOMASTIA

Boston: Two doctors at Cambridge Hospital claim they have found evidence that excessive usage of marijuana causes breast development in males, a condition known as gynecomastia. The doctors say they found five cases of gynecomastia in five men who were heavy marijuana users. The doctors feel that THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, is the benefactor or culprit, depending on your point of view. THC is apparently very similar in structure chemically to female hormones such as Estrogen. (Estrogen and other female hormones are taken by transexuals wishing to develop breasts.) TAO's comment on this revelation is that much more research must be done, but it appears quite likely the doctors are highly correct. TAO also feels that it has become obvious one might get busted if one uses marijuana. Although many transexuals use marijuana, most transexuals discovered their transexualism long before they discovered marijuana. (reported by TVIC Albany)

# international

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STAFFORDSHIRE: TAO Europe reports plans to hold a national conference on British soil has been set back until later this year. TAO Europe Director Julia Tooner reports that contact has been made with transexual activists in both Japan and South Africa, and TAO Asia and TAO Africa may form soon. TAO London's Angela Elena Nicol reports that the group is growing and is compiling a history of transexualism in Britain which will cover the last 20 years. Nicol also says groups such as ACCESS and the National Council for Civil Liberties support the cause of transexual rights, and transexuals have certain members of Parliament who are sympathetic. British transexuals tend to view the situation in the USA as about ten or twenty years behind England. "I was terribly shocked but not too surprised to read your accounts of the current scene in America", said Nicol. "Many television shows use drag as a matter of course," said Nicol. TAO Manchester is still forming.

PARIS: The Transvestite Trade Union, headed by Marie Andre, claims 30,000 members although drag is illegal in France as are sex change operations. TTU says there were over 2000 drag arrests last year. TTU has a 24 hour telephone help line and meets once a year on Mardi Gras. Post-operatives can legally marry in France, however.

ENGLAND: Two new TSTV groups are: TVTS, 153 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9JT, and TVTS, 76 Gladsmuir Road, Archway, London.

ENGLAND: British rock star Jeff Lynne has been convicted by the TAO USA Justice Committee of fostering the genocide of transexuals and transvestites. Lynne said TVs were "sick" in a music paper called Zoo World, and also said "what can they do next, grow breasts?" referring to rock stars such as David Bowie. TAO says a course of "high level enlightenment" may serve to obviate Lynne's attitude. "All Mose Allison would have said is that it's our red wagon," said TAO President Angela K. Douglas, who was a blues singer for ten years.

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