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Transexual Action Organization

The Transexual Action Organization is a transexual liberationist effort founded by Angela K. Douglas in 1970. Although the TAO supports the goals of gay and women's liberation, we embrace the concept of a separatist movement for transexuals and transvestites. The TAO supports all transexual and transvestite organizations, including social and activist. Please do not send financial contributions. All offices are appointive.

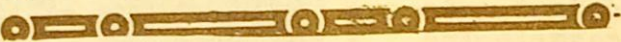
Membership

Membership in the TAO is restricted to preoperative TSS under hormone treatment and postoperatives. Membership cards can be obtained from Presidential and Regional officers, or by mail if proof, such as legal/medical documents are sent. The units are for non-transexuals.

Sorry, but referrals, photos and personal correspondence with TAO officers are not possible. A lengthy interview with Angela K. Douglas appeared in a recent issue of the Daily Planet newspaper, with offices at 2525 SW 27th Ave., Miami, FL.

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Local-National-International News

Our appreciation to the UFOs which reportedly knocked down five phone poles in Ft. Lauderdale a few days after the Sept. issue was prepared. The issue included an article on harassment of Miami Beach transsexuals by employees of a telephone company, and the cover depicted a transsexual contacting Venus.


Les Femmes Des Paris is appearing at the Lucerne Hotel, featuring a talented group called "The Great Pretenders". The Cosmic Ray Revue with Sarita, Elja and Jennifer is at the Ambassadors III. Kilopele, Pena Del Rio, China Chinette, James Warren are at the Stonewall.

Thanks also to the Gay Liberator, a publication in Detroit, and another gay lib publication, Gay Sunshine, published in San Francisco. The TAO was given some mention by them, as well as a mention by the Empathy Club in Seattle. Miami Beach WBUS-FM also helped by airing a TAO news release last month.

A Philadelphia transsexual, Rachel Harlow, was featured in the Miami Herald's Tropic magazine recently, in a cover story entitled "Sex and the single transsexual".

The Bingo palace at 1681 Alton Rd. now has a special night for all TS and TV patrons. 50% discount on all bingo cards-Thursdays nights. \$1000 in cash prizes given away nightly.

Mark N. Silber of the Stonewall Committee, Hollywood, Florida, a gay lib group, has charged the TAO with "homophobia" (fears of homosexuality). The charge is erroneous.



Paying off a bet to Dr. Rebecca Carner, Adolph Midence of Miami walked along Miracle Mile wearing a gingham dress and a sign, which read "Bobby Riggs lost-- so did I".


TAO president Angela K. Douglas lectured on the transsexual liberation movement Sept. 17 at the Miami Dade Junior College, and reported the response was very good. Copies of Moonshadow and other TS publications were also distributed.

Jennifer Jones has been selected Entertainer of the Month.

A proposal to form a national alliance of all TS and TV organizations has been made for all groups to consider by one of the Salmacis Society's candidates for president, Linda Tipton of Union City, Calif. Supported by the Salmacis and the TAO, the proposal suggests that all efforts be unified & formed into one cohesive effort. However, the TAO feels a national alliance should be a supplementary effort, not just replace other efforts.

TAO San Francisco's director Leslie St. Clair, our member of the Month for October, has reported that 12 transsexuals, after being cleared, have become members of TAO SF.

THE GIRLS WITH SOMETHING EXTRA



Marilyn G. Haft, a New York lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union Sexual Privacy Project, is appealing a TS attire case to the US Supreme Court. Haft informed a TAO inquiry that the Project is a multi-purpose effort, but that in regards to transsexuals, rights of change, dress and consensual sexual activity are supported. It was suggested that the TAO inform her of any drag arrest which comes to our attention.

Manicure, a TSTV group in Oakland holds rap sessions and protests.

The Salmacis Society, a feminist social organization for transsexuals, transvestites and non-transsexual women, recently announced that a number of new chapters are being organized:

Pontiac, Mich. Jean Peters
Boston, Mass. Frances Craig
Los Angeles, Ca. Wendy Tilton

Two male TSs, Neil Elkin and Carmen Miranda, were arrested/beaten/hospitalized July 31 at a Detroit airport. They were charged of resisting arrest, indecent exposure and assaulting officers. (Reported by the Gay Liberator.)

Information on transsexualism and other help is available from the Transsexual Counseling Service and the Erickson Foundation, free. At the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles, job, legal, drag and other help can be obtained. At the Center for Special Problems, 2107 Van Ness, San Francisco, some counseling, low-cost hormone treatments and other help is available.



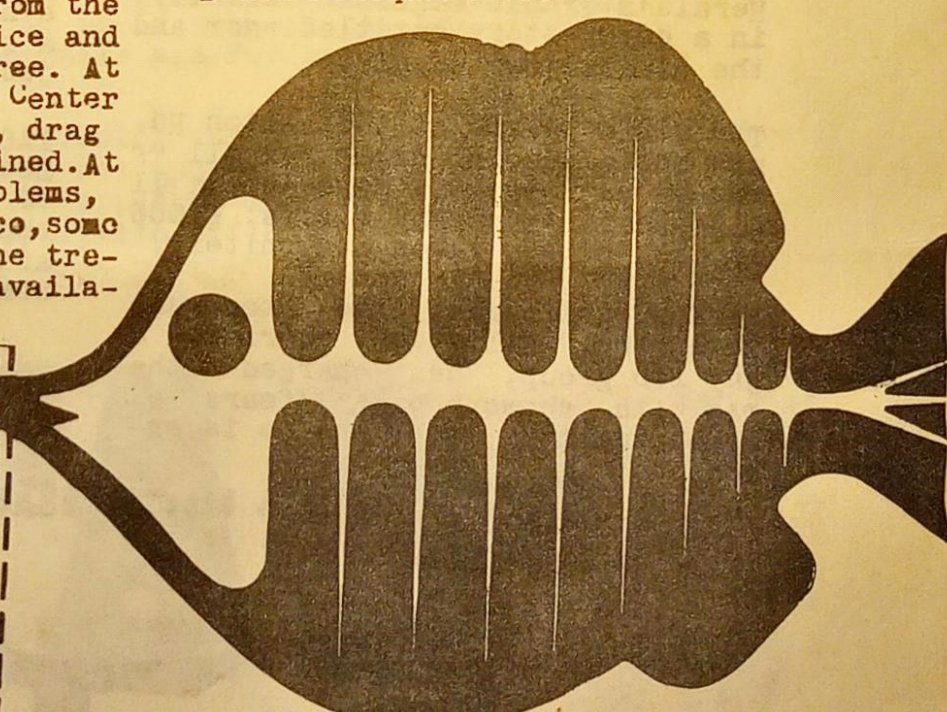
Pre-op female-to-male transsexual Mark Randall of Carson City, Nev. is trying to keep his four children. His ex-husband, Duane Christian, charges that Randall is an unfit father because he is a TS. Randall has appealed a Colorado court decision awarding custody to Christian.

The attempts to form TAO branches in Tampa, Orlando, Atlanta, Detroit and Chicago have failed. Chicago director Nancy Davis has returned to Florida and Detroit Director Gigi Elliott has vanished. If any transsexual would like to attempt forming a TAO in the cities mentioned please contact the Miami Beach headquarters.

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CLIP & SAVE



London: (Julia) British TSS are expressing horror at the laws passed several months ago in Alabama, which create a separate statistical status for TSS who have undergone sex change. Moonshadow brought the word to our English friends, who tell us some people in Britain are attempting to have a similar law passed, which would give a neuter status to transexuals. The Main Gender Identity Clinic is setting up a class with the London Educational Authority for Beauty Counseling and Speech Therapy, for about five dollars. The TAO congratulates Jane Ford, who underwent surgery recently—all best wishes. Hopefully, the TAO will be in London by 1974.

A British film called "Triple Echo" is about an army deserter who takes up drag to avoid service and capture, but he is killed in the end by a woman.

Madame Artur's, located in Amsterdam, Netherlands, is said to be one of the finest drag bars in Europe.

PROTEST

Government censors in Brazil have banned performances by female impersonator Rogeria. No reason was given, but it is assumed the junta has taken a moralistic stance opposing drag acts. Apparently the junta has also stopped sex change operations, which were reportedly being performed by a surgeon who is now in the USA. Protest letters can be sent to the Brazilian Consulate, 100 Biscayne, Miami, Fla.

Henry Lawless, Correspondence Secretary to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, has replied to complaints filed by A.K. Douglas and Colette Goudie concerning forced identification of transexuals as such in Ontario. Lawless said he wasn't aware of such requirements, and he suggested that we contact the Ontario Transportation Minister.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, police have reportedly continually increased harassment of TG and TV Canadians since the early summer months. Davy & Pender streets are the hot area and a large number of our people are being hassled and arrested. If Vancouver TSS would like to try and form a TAO branch they can contact TAO San Francisco.

Information on the situation of transexuals in the Soviet Union can be obtained by writing to the Academy of Medical Science at 12 Solyanka, Moscow, J-240. The information we have at present says that surgery is performed there, but mostly on true hermaphrodites. Dr. Boris Yakubson says such ops are performed at ordinary town hospitals, and a female-to-male is now serving as a militiaman.

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