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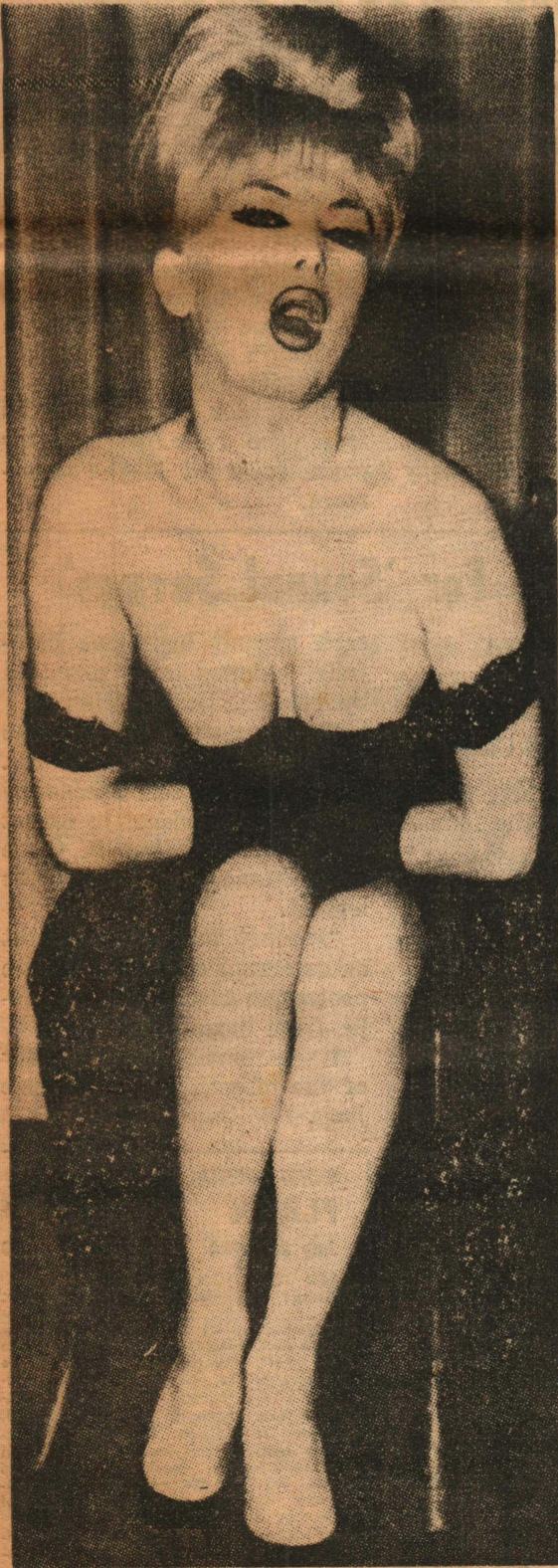
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# REAL TRUTH ABOUT THOSE SEX-CHANGE OPERATIONS

Coccinelle, probably most famous of boys turned girl, just after she filed suit for divorce in Paris.

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# 'HE CALLED ME A DIRTY MAN!'

# TRUTH ABOUT THOSE SEX-CHANGE OPERATIONS

By MANUEL CORDOZA

**Mme. Francois Bonnet filed suit for divorce in Paris. Ordinarily such routine legal proceedings would have attracted little publicity — except that Mme. Bonnet happened to be the famous entertainer Coccinelle, whose exotic charms and even more exotic performances in fashionable nightclubs were the talk of five continents.**

She complained that her husband called her a "dirty man" — among other things.

Now that's the supreme insult to a female impersonator who has given his all for his art. For Coccinelle was born Jacques Dufresnoy. In private life as well as on stage he went about in female dress, and his passport characterized him as "transvestite". Shortly before the marriage to Francois, he underwent a sex-change operation in Casablanca which officially changed him into Jacqueline.

He became a she in the eyes of the Church as well as the Law, both a religious and civil marriage were performed. But not, apparently, in the eyes of her husband. He denied that he had used the adjective "dirty." "After all Coccinelle is still a man. There

is no use talking about a divorce, because I contest the validity of our marriage. It was never consummated."

The unmistakable inference was that despite surgery their marriage couldn't be consummated in normal fashion.

So what's with all these sex-change operations? Are they a pseudo-scientific fraud designed to legitimize homosexuality, and make a mockery of our marriage laws?

Here are the uncensored facts about one of the most sensational social controversies of our times, the startling story many newspapers have hinted at but none has dared to print.

Ever since the startling news of the sex-switch of Christine Jorgensen first

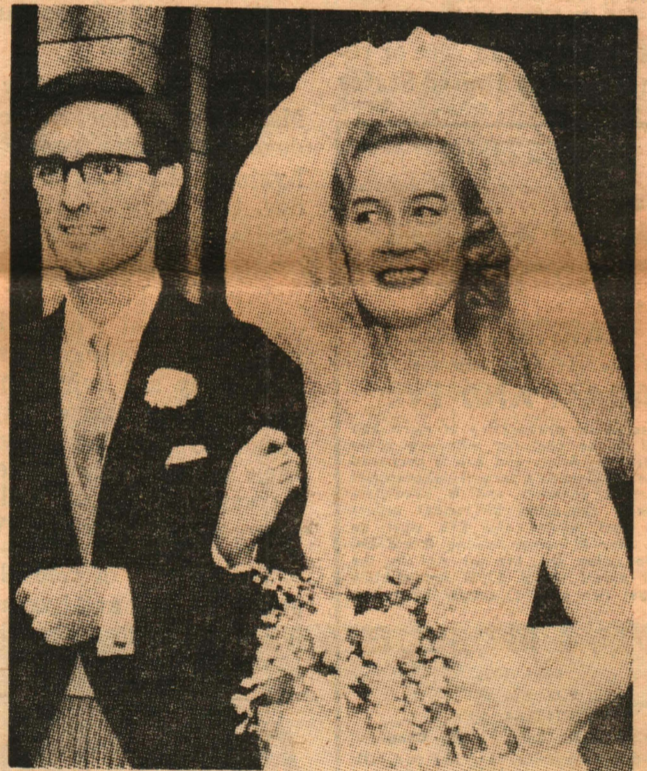
burst upon the public, scores of men and women all over the world have undergone surgery to change their sex. Quite a few subsequently have become engaged or married to members of the "opposite" sex.

Christine herself, who was born George and lived for 25 years as a male before undergoing the surgery that allegedly transformed him into a "natural girl," a few years ago announced her engagement to Howard J. Knox, a Chicago statistician. The publicity cost Knox his job, and the engagement later was broken off "by mutual consent."

About the same time a 39-year-old former British naval officer, who officially became a woman via surgery, an-



"To me Coccinelle is still a man," said Francois Bonnet, man who married famous entertainer. "There's no use talking about divorce because I contest the actual validity of our marriage. In fact, it was never consummated."



Georgina Turtle, former lieutenant in Royal Navy, leaves church with new hubby Chris Somerset.

nounced she was about to become a blushing bride. Doctors certified that the sex-change operation performed upon ex-Lt. George Turtle was a success, and the new Miss Turtle promptly made public plans to marry 25-year-old Christopher Somerset, an electronics engineer.

A couple of years ago 27-year-old April Ashley, a seaman's son who became a London fashion model after a sex-change operation, announced her engagement to Arthur Corbett. The impending nuptials caused quite a stir in high social circles, for Corbett comes from a distinguished family. His father, Lord Rowallan, was chief of Britain's Boy Scouts for 14 years and currently was governor-general of Tasmania.

A few months later April suddenly called the whole (Continued on Page 15)



Carl Hammons, dancer who underwent sex change, shown after filing suit to change name to Hedy Star.

# TRUTH ABOUT SEX-CHANGES

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thing off. "Arthur came to see me, and I told him that I didn't want to get married," she said. "He was very sweet, but very upset." She refused to give any reason for her decision.

Although the vast majority of sex-switch operations are performed upon men who want to become women, a number of women have done a reverse **Jorgensen** and have been transformed officially into men. One was **Zdenka Koubkova**, an outstanding Czech athlete who once starred in women's track and field events in the **World Olympics**. Another was **Faridan**, a comely Iranian teenager who joined the army and rose rapidly to sergeant after an operation made her masculinity official.

The most spectacular of all these was **Dr. Elizabeth Forbes-Semhill**, who practiced medicine as a woman for 20 years in **Kildrummy, Scotland**. The second daughter of **Lord and Lady Semhill** 10 years ago startled her noble family by announcing that she was now their son and heir-presumptive to the baronetcy of **Semhill**. The change of sex characteristics came about "gradually," and was completed by an operation.

To underscore the point, the 42-year-old doctor took the name of **Ewan** and married his 28-year-old housekeeper, **Isobel Mitchell**.

The public has been led to believe that all cases of metamorphosis from male to female — and vice versa — are due to the fact that the individual involved actually is a hermaphrodite, born with the sexual appurtenances of both sexes, and the family doctor just guessed wrong when he filled out the birth certificate. They are told that surgery is necessary to correct this mistake, and consists simply of eradicating physical evidence contrary to the true sex.

In most sex-change operations performed upon adults, this claim is strictly phony.

It is true that in about one birth in a thousand the newly-born infant is a hermaphrodite. Contrary to general impression, it is impossible for a hermaphrodite to possess two full sets of sex organs, one male and the other female. They have some anatomy of one sex, some of the other. For example the external organs may be male, the internal ones female. In some instances the external organs may be deformed or incomplete.

Most hermaphrodites are recognized as such at birth, tests and exploratory examinations are performed to determine the prevailing sex and the proper treatment administered during childhood. Occasionally the abnormality does not become apparent until puberty, and is treated

then. In very rare instances, especially when the external organs appear completely normal, abnormality is not suspected until adulthood.

Operations to correct hermaphroditism are perfectly legal in the U.S., and thousands of them are performed here every year. However, surgery to bring about a change of sex without satisfactory evidence of hermaphroditism is regarded as emasculation, and therefore unethical.

That's why **Christine** and many other **Americans** have had to go abroad for the operation.

It is highly significant that some of the men who officially became women, via sex-switch operations, previously were married to women and fathered one or more children.

A few years ago a 50-year-old **San Francisco** millionaire, **John Cabell Breckenridge**, descendant of a distinguished **Kentucky** family (his great grandfather was vice-president of the **United States**) previously was married and had a grown-up daughter.

"I didn't like being married to a woman," the blonde, roly-poly playboy, who was known affectionately to friends as "**Bunny**," told reporters. "We were divorced a year after my daughter was born. Men always light my cigarette and hold the door open for me — not as an affection, but because it seems the natural thing to do!"

In 1956 **Jean Jiousselot**, a **Frenchman** living in **Casablanca**, married and the father of two young daughters, made the switch from **Monsieur** to **Mademoiselle**. While in the process of conversion he let his hair grow long and assumed women's garb, but continued to live with his family. **Pa** looked exactly like **Ma**. It was very confusing to the kiddies, no doubt.

The point we make here is that neither of these two examples could possibly have been hermaphrodites, since congenital sterility is the rule in all varieties of male hermaphroditism. And there is visible proof that neither of them was sterile.

Medical experts agree that most if not all of the highly publicized cases of sex changes have been due to sexual "inversion" rather than hermaphroditism. The abnormality of the hermaphrodite is physical and anatomic that of the invert psychological and behavioral. The former is congenital, the latter acquired.

The invert has all the physical appurtenances of his (or her) sex, but thinks, feels and acts like the opposite. Male inverts often describe themselves in terms such as these: "I'm really a woman, but I have a man's body. Physically I'm a man, but emotionally a woman. Nature

made a mistake, I'm male in name only."

According to one eminent authority, more inverts are latent or active homosexuals. "Passive, feminine, male homosexuality and active, masculine, female homosexuality will often be found among male and female inverts, respectively," he said. The male invert, for example, regards himself as a female and is inclined to seek sexual gratification from the "opposite" sex — men.

The yearning of the male invert to be a "complete woman" — not only psychologically and socially, but also anatomically — may be so strong that he will willingly undergo surgery to remove his male genital organs and provide him with artificial female organs.

This usually is an extensive and complicated process. **George Jergenson** had to spend two years under constant treatment at the **Serum Institute** and **Richs Hospital** in **Copenhagen** before he turned into a she. Here are some of the medical procedures that were involved:

1. More than 1,000 injections of estrogens (female sex hormones) to bring about hormonal castration and inhibit the functions of the male sex glands.
2. Daily injections of cortisone to halt the secretion of male hormones and stimulate development of secondary female characteristics such as a lush bosom.
3. Two major operations to amputate external male organs.
4. Three major operations to construct artificial female organs by plastic surgery.
5. Electrolysis for removal of facial hair.

Does all this convert a man into a real woman, and satisfactory wife? **Francois Bonnet**, in seeking an annulment to his marriage to **Cocinelle**, says no. And most doctors agree with him.

The transexualist who "passes over to the other sex" may go through the motions of more or less "normal" marital relations, but artificial female organs don't have nerves and muscles, therefore are incapable of erotic response. And that is a basic characteristic of real females.

Furthermore, since female reproductive organs are lacking, "she" can never bear children. Also regular hormone and cortisone shots must continue all "her" life, otherwise male characteristics will reappear. **Cinderella's** golden coach will turn back into a pumpkin.

In other words the transexualist may look, think, feel and act like a woman, but "she" is not biologically a woman, "she" is just an emasculated man.