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Zapped where it hurts

MIAMI: Members of the Transsexual Action Organisation (TAO) in America have been campaigning for more freely available sex-change surgery at prices below the \$5,000 at present charged for some operations.

When TAO heard that 25,000 surgeons were to attend a congress in Miami organised by the American College of Surgeons, they thought it was too good a chance to miss.

"We decided to hit them where it would make the most impact," said TAO founder Angela Douglas. "In the bedroom."

So TAO pre-op male-to-female transsexuals cruised the bars of the main hotels where congress delegates were staying, picking up surgeons. It was only when the medics got their new-found girl friends back to their hotel rooms that they discovered the package came complete with male genitals.

One surgeon from Philadelphia, after spending over \$30 wining and dining a pre-op at one of the nicer restaurants, was reported to have gone into shock when he got the 'girl' back to his room at the Dorrall Hotel. "I was completely amazed," he said, when he got over the surprise. "I was absolutely certain she was a woman."

TAO also reports that post-op male-to-female transsexuals were busy proving to surgeons that the results of the operation can be quite satisfactory for all concerned.

GAY NEWS

Women were men in 'drag'

TWO WOMEN accosting motorists in a city centre turned out to be men in "drag," an Appeal Court judge said today.

BY OUR LONDON STAFF

Arrested on a vice charge, Dennis Lyons, aged 25, and his friend, David Taylor, aged 26, insisted that the police charged them in the names of "Denise" and "Margaret."

So it was under those names that they appeared at Manchester Crown Court accused of importuning for immoral purposes in Piccadilly, Manchester.

Lyons and Taylor today claimed that their conviction of the homosexual offence of importuning was wrongful because they were women.

But Lord Justice, James and Mr Justice Phillips and Mr Justice Stocker held otherwise.

Said Mr Justice Stocker:

"In the view of this court the question whether a person is male or female is a question of fact and not of law.

"Their physical characteristics were those of men. It may be they wish to become women and feel themselves to be women. But the issue does not depend on their desire or psychological reasons."

Lyons and Taylor, both of Windercroft Road, Beswick, Manchester, were refused leave to appeal against their convictions and their nine-month jail sentences passed on May 1.

Father suckled daughter

A six-year-old girl who as a baby used to suckle at her father's breast is bigger than other children her age, according to an American doctor. The father, a 40-year-old transvestite, was able to aid his wife in breast feeding duties after he was treated with a female hormone that allowed him to produce milk, said Dr Leo Wollman.—AP.

Village bobbies told man may wear dresses

A MAN has every right to go out dressed in women's clothes, Chertsey magistrates have ruled.

In a case brought by police against Attilio Fontana for "impersonating a female by dressing as such", the Chairman of the bench said they had no jurisdiction over the Fontana's private life.

Mr. Fontana was arrested while walking down a street in the Surrey village of Engelfield Green. He was dressed as a woman but had a full beard. Police asked the court to order the defendant to keep the peace.

The magistrates questioned whether Mr Fontana was behaving in a way likely to cause a breach of the peace. In his defence Mr Fontana said that if there had been a violent reaction from the public it would not be him who was breaking the law.

Advising Mr Fontana to dress more conventionally in the future, magistrates said: "We have no reason to interfere in your private life, that's entirely up to you, but I think I must say that when you go out into the public highway and dress as you did it is always possible that difficulties will arise."

BYE-BYE BLUES!

SEX-CHANGE men need no longer be embarrassed by stubbly chins. Two doctors have successfully tested a beard-banishing drug on seven men who had become women. Reporting in the British Journal of Sexual Medicine today, Professor Sir John Dewhurst and Dr. Rosemary Underhill say one man was able to give up shaving completely and the others needed to shave less often.

Sex poser for police

POLICE in Melbourne's red-light district of St Kilda have a sex problem. Half of the 500 streetwalkers cannot be charged with prostitution because they are men or were born male. The law says that transvestites and transsexuals can be charged only with loitering for homosexual purposes. "If we can't prove a person's sex in court," said one officer, "the charge of prostitution is dismissed."

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