

Call me Susan, says the Pipe Major



By GORDON AIRS

THE secret sex torment of former pipe major Farquhar McIntosh is almost over.

For the one-time Scots Guardsman is all set to start a new life . . . as a woman.

Farquhar, 46, a granddad and the father of two married daughters, is still waiting for a sex change operation to make him a "complete woman."

But as from next week he wants to be known as "Susan McIntyre."

Wrong

And although he and his 46-year-old wife Elizabeth are getting a divorce they plan to go on living together as "sisters-in-law."

Last night Farquhar—wearing a wig, blouse and skirt—told me at his home at Luib, Isle of Skye:

☉ All my life I have felt I was living in the wrong body.

In the Army I tried to get away from this feeling by working hard.

I also took to drink for ten years. But ☉ it didn't help.

Farquhar left the Scots Guards in 1962 after fifteen years.

He worked for a London shoe firm and then went to Skye to become piping instructor to local schools.

Secret

An illness forced him to quit two years ago—and then he told his wife his secret.

Farquhar began taking hormone drugs. And now he is waiting for an operation to make him "a complete woman."

His wife said last night: "I was shocked."

"But then the puzzles of our married life started falling into place."

"Now we will be like sisters-in-law . . . and we'll be happy."

Their eldest daughter, Mrs. Liz Gannon said: "We used to call him dad. How we will put it now, I'm not sure."

STILL SMILING: Farquhar and his wife Elizabeth at their wedding in 1954 . . . and at their home last night. Picture: WILLIAM THORNTON.