

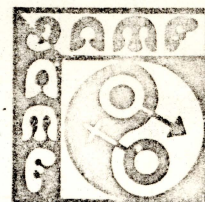


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# THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MALE FEMINISM

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Dear Friends,

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On September 9, 1977 Michael ( AKA Micheline ) Johnson, an International Alliance For Male Feminism member, was refused entry to this country by Mr. William T. Lemay, an Immigration Service Official at the Ogdensburg-Prescott Bridge, Ogdensburg, New York Customs Post. The sole grounds given was Officer Lemay's interpretation of the U. S. Immigration Nationality Act Section 212a4 to bar entry of a male dressed in feminine attire as a "sexual deviate" in an "excluded category." Officer Lemay refused to allow Mike ( AKA Micheline ) to speak to Officer Lemay's supervisor or to make any other appeal of his arbitrary ruling. Ms. Johnson did use full correct identification including legal name. Over the years Ms. Johnson has crossed the border into the U. S. A. numerous times as Micheline ( at Ogdensburg, Champlain & other points ) without any problem.

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Although we are confident that Officer Lemay's surprise interpretation was simply an inadvertent error made "on the spot" by an over zealous but conscientious and dedicated Customs Officer, we are concerned that our Immigration and Naturalization Service promptly clarify this point in the law for the edification of all U. S. Customs Officers.

Please confirm:

- (1) That it is not a Federal offense for a male to dress in feminine attire,
- (2) that such feminine dressing by males is not a valid grounds for exclusion of visitors from the U. S. A. under the U. S. Immigration and Nationality Act Section 212a4 or any other Federal statute, and
- (3) that this information will be disseminated, through appropriate means, to Customs Officer Lemay and to other border officials, ruling on entry of foreign visitors, under your jurisdiction.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in clearing up this matter. Should you desire additional information, please let us know.

Your International Alliance Sister,

*Linda Ann Stephens*

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