



Coccinelle . . . She or He?

Exclusive Sexsation In **French Courts**

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FRENCH RIVERIA: Jacqueline Bonnet, better known as Strip-Tease Star "Cocci-nelle" (Ladybird), may soon find herself legally changed back to the man she originally was.

The fascinating case of the "Woman who never was," now making history in the annals of the French Courts, moves inexorably to a climax—with a new bombshell exploding every few days.



Are these artificially acquired feminine characteristics?

It started when Jacques Charles Dufresnoy, 28-year-old ex-soldier who rose to fame in Juan-les-Pins Casino as a female impersonator, was handed a new birth certificate following what was claimed to be "a sex-

change operation." In March, 1962, Ladybird married her former secretary, 40-year-old Francis Bonnet, in the Church of Saint Jean, Montmartre. Every pervert in Paris turned up for the "triumph" and pelted the bride with flowers. Some of the crowd threw tomatoes.

Last summer, while working in Chile, Ladybird fell in love with Paraguayan dancer Mario Hayne—and petitioned for a divorce in order to marry her bright new love. That was when the scandal

balloon went up-and burst.

Mutilations

Distinguished French surgeon Dr. Troques bluntly charged that Coccinelle underwent no true sex-change but "artificially acquired feminine characteristics" after intensive hormone treatment and "surgical interference."

Other prominent medical men shared his opinion. The French Order of Physicians expressed their horror at such "mutilations." For them, Coccinelle was still a man.

Dr. Troques claimed that both the magistrate who issued Ladybird's new birth certificate and the officiating priest were tricked. And that by receiving the Holy Sacrament of Marriage,



Does it really matter if she's a he?

and the Church-a case meriting major excommunication.

Until now the scandal was hushed up. Neither Church nor State wished it to be brought cut into the open. But Coccinelle's divorce petition and her intention to marry Hayne places them in a quandary.

They must either condone a second phoney marriage or admit that the first took place between two men.

Dr. Troques revealed that in 57, a "beautiful blonde," 1957, a which everyone recognizes as Coccinelle, asked him to perform a circumcision operation.

"That person was definitely a man," declared the Doctor, adding that his feminine attire was accompanied by certain pseudo-feminine transformations induced by the massive intake of female hormones.

"Later, the person returned to demand major surgery-nothing

Coccinelle deceived the State less than the complete removal of the male sexual organs." This Dr. Troques refused, but says that four years later Coccinelle called again to show the results of an operation performed in Casablanca.

According to Dr. Troques, this was "sheer mutilation," a correction of a physical malformation. He charged: "Coccinelle Dufresnoy is a mutilated man -and nothing more."

Now "husband," balding Francis Bonnet, defending the divorce action claims that his "wife" never was a real woman. He adds: "There cannot be a divorce since there never was a marriage!'

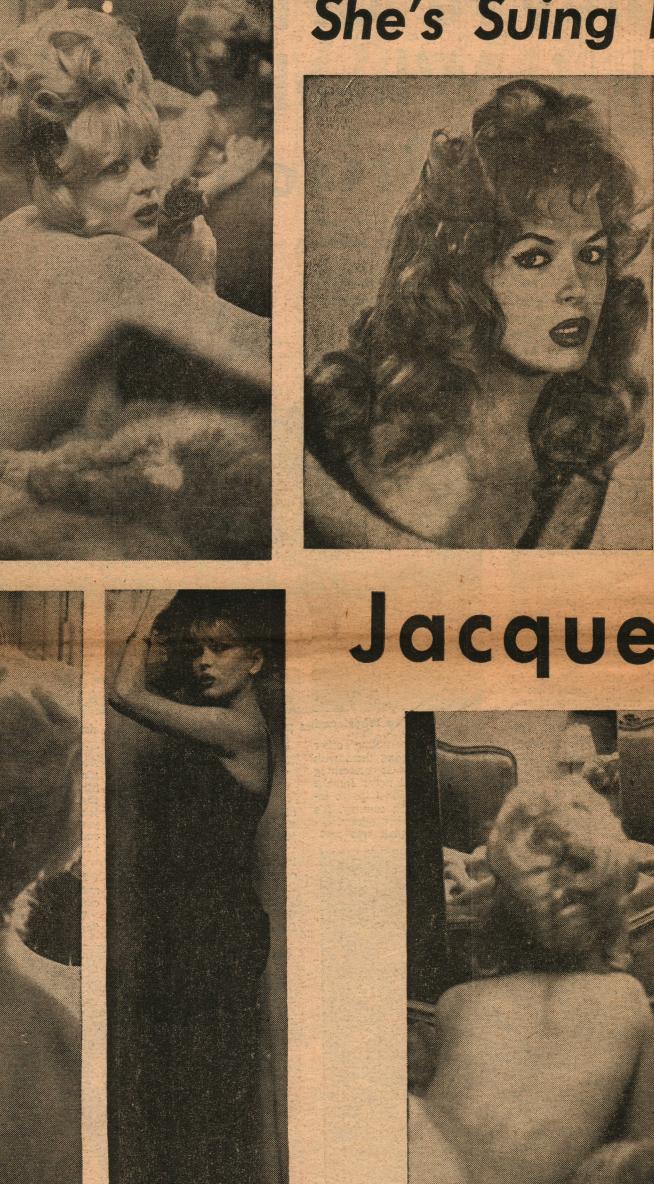
And his lawyer, Maitre Jacques Kam submits: Mar-riage can only take place between persons of different and opposite sexes. Even if it can be claimed that Coccinelle's sex is different to that of "her" husband, "she" is

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Icquelin Bonnet, better known as stripper star 'Coccinelle'. photo below she is shown entertaining one of her many male admirers.



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certainly not of the opposite sex!

In Juan-les-Pins, Monsieur Raymond Leyrat, director of the Eden Beach Casino where Coccinelle rose to fame, told me:

"I know Coccinelle well. He was conscripted into the French Army 8th Transport Division but was discharged after six days on the grounds that his presence caused disorders in the barrack-room."

"In 1950 he changed his dark hair to blonde. He had several plastic operations to straighten his nose and alter the shape of his eyes. After prolonged absorption of hormones he developed a magnificent bust.

"Starting off as a femal impersonator, Coccinelle grew to be so feminine that 'she' became a glamour girl of tremendous sex-appeal.

"But, as somebody once remarked, 'A woman as beautiful as Coccinelle can only be a man!'"

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