

# Why I Could Never Marry A White Man!

By DELISA NEWTON

When does a woman really become a woman?

Is a sex change a totally feminine creature the moment her last operation is completed?

Of course not. It takes a lot more to be a woman than the proper anatomy—I know. I've been practicing since I was a teenager.

I think I really began to learn about femininity during the 18 months I spent in Paris during the war. I felt immediately at home in that lovely city.

It was very much like my home, New Orleans. Except that I knew no one, and was free to live as I pleased when I was off duty. I lived as a woman.

One of the fellows I became friendly with was a young dress designer in a great French fashion house.

Many are the weekends I stayed at his home. And even his mother didn't wink an eye when she saw me dress in the beautiful clothes my friend whipped up for me.

## Transvestitism

Neither my transvestitism nor my race troubled this Frenchman.

Once when I was wearing a gorgeous original gown by Pierre, he took me to Du Vals, one of the most elegant clubs in the gay capital.

I didn't notice when Pierre went to the bandstand to whisper something to the bandleader, but the next thing I knew I was in the spotlight.

I did "C'est Si Bon" in French, an uptempo version of "How High The Moon," and finished with a slow, sweet blues, "You Stay On My Mind." And when I was done, I got a standing ovation!

But my days in Europe were not all so gay and sophisticated. I went to see some other places at the end of the war, places where you couldn't help but think of race and persecution.

At the Nuremberg Stadium where Hitler held his infamous rallies, at the concentration camp in Dachau, where you could still see the ovens

On June 16, 1963, a young Negro man, Lionel Newton, entered a California hospital and began a series of operations that ended nearly one year later on June 17, 1964.

The operations changed Lionel Newton to Delisa Newton and made her the first Negro sex change in the world.

Now, for the first time, Delisa Newton tells her own incredible story of rebirth as a woman from the body of a man. And she tells it exclusively to National Insider readers. This is the final part in her story. If you have questions for Delisa, write her in care of The Insider.



"It's not easy to be the child of an interracial marriage," says Delisa Newton.

and mass graves, I wondered how any man could be so cruel.

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It is so easy to be black in Europe. Not that racial prejudice is nonexistent on the continent, but there is nothing to compare with the South, or the black ghettos of Harlem and Chicago's south side.

## Black In America

I have reflected long and hard about the Negro in American society, and I take a stand somewhere between the integrationists and the Black Muslims.

Unlike the Muslims, I do not believe that the Negroes should set up a separate state. On a social level, this would deprive both blacks and whites.

And on a personal level, I have too many white friends that I couldn't bear to be separated from.

I am an open minded person, and I have never made friends on the basis of anything but their worth to me as individual human beings.

Still, I don't think I would marry a white man. This would bring so many extra problems to an already difficult relationship, that it might ruin any love we felt for each other.

And though I cannot bear children—there's no operation that can make this possible yet—I might adopt some kids someday.

And adopted or natural, it's not easy to be the child of an interracial marriage.

You aren't accepted in either the Negro or white world.

## Mixed Marriage

I know this is true, for I have seen Negroes shun other Negroes who were "too light."

So even if I adopted a dark child, he might be shunned by people of my race who thought his father was too light.

No, there are just too many needless complications that come out of mixed marriages. And these added burdens don't help a new marriage.

But I won't be getting married for a long time, no sir! I have made too many exciting changes in my life in the past year to tie myself down now.

The operation you know about. I've never been happier in my life than I am since I underwent surgery. In fact, I have just begun to really live.

Before now everything was dress rehearsal.

Also I've given up my nursing career to try and make it in the career I've always wanted, show business.

I'm a singer, very much like the late Dinah Washington, they tell me. And I'm going to make it as a singer or bust.

I got the courage to leave my position in the hospital shortly after my sex change operations were declared a total success. It seemed a perfect time to make a completely new start.

And now, to light up the last bit of dark on the stage, I've told my story, nationally, in The National Insider.

Everyone will read about me, think about me for awhile, and eventually forget that I wasn't born a woman.

And if they meet me somewhere, I think people will realize that I'm as much a female, and maybe more so, than many of the natural ones!

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Jayne

Dear Sir:

I would love to win your date with Jayne contest but I can't enter. Why? Because if I win I will have to bring my wife and who wants to tag a wife along when they go out with Jayne Mansfield? Not me, buddy.

That would be like having to take your kid sister with you after you finally land a date with the best looking chick in the class.

Frustrated

You don't have to bring your wife along, of course, if you win the contest. But is an evening with Jayne worth a divorce? Ed.

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Dear Sir:

I think your date with Jayne contest is great. After this could you arrange a date with Liz?

Homer

If we could arrange a date with Liz do you think we'd be silly enough to auction it off? Ed.

Abortion

Dear Sir:

Recently you ran a couple of articles about abortion. What I have always wondered is, at what age should the fetus be destroyed?

For example, if a woman carries the child for eight months, would it be morally right to kill it then if she decided she didn't want it?

How about a fetus that is due in a few days? To destroy it then would still be abortion but is a person justified to do it at that late a date?

Maybe this is just a lot of philosophical chatter but I would like to know until what age of the fetus is it the mother's right to say it should live and die?

T.C. Cincinnati

You raise some interesting points. In every article we have published on abortion the spokesmen for more liberal abortion laws seem to have assumed that the abortion would be carried out early in pregnancy. We will put your question to an expert in the field for his answer. Ed.



Sex Change

Dear Sir:

I find it hard to believe that Delisa Newton was once a man. How can you be sure?

H.M. Chicago

The Insider goes to great expense and efforts to verify each and every article it publishes.

Before publishing Miss Newton's series, we asked for, and received, a letter from the surgeon who performed the operations that made her a woman. Ed.

Atheist

Dear Sir:

I hope one day it will be my pleasure to look down from

Heaven and see Madalyn Murray roasting in the fires of Hell. Christian Lady

Thank you for the Christian charity. Ed.



Yvette

Dear Sir:

If I was a movie star my greatest pleasure would be to tell a reporter to go away and write about a fire. How can these people stand to be interviewed and have reporters ask the same dumb questions?

I agree completely with Yvette Mimieux's feelings. Reporters should leave these poor people alone.

D.M. Los Angeles

A star gets to be a star both by talent and publicity. An interview is free publicity. Can you imagine what Liz Taylor would have to pay at regular advertising rates to get the newspaper coverage she gets when she gives an interesting interview to a reporter? Ed.

A Mistake

Dear Sir:

I recently received a copy of your paper, and I noticed in one of your articles that you placed Lanarkshire in England.

Lanarkshire happens to be a county in Scotland. Are you trying to start another English-Scottish war?

Mrs. Harrison London, England

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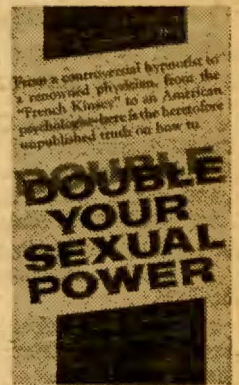
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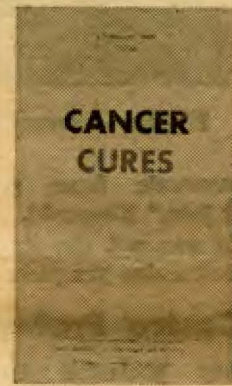
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**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Cycle high. Key number is 2. Wear fine clothes. Make personality sparkle. A LUCKY WEEK.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Find out things—get to heart of matter. Deal with individual connected with hospital or organization. Person out of past reappears.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Week features lively SOCIAL ACTIVITY. You win friends, influence people. Element of luck rides with you. Get hint from ARIES message.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You get chance to prove abilities. Key number is 5. One in position of authority is impressed. Strike while iron is hot! Go all out!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Be rational, tactful—and receptive. You

gain through INDIRECT methods. Stress diplomacy. Get gift for family member.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your chance for success this week depends upon public relations. Means be aware of impressions you make. Don't leave important missions to chance. BE THERE IN PERSON.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** If called upon to back up assertions—do so WITHOUT HESITATION. Display confidence. Others need some proof of your intentions. Know this—act accordingly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Finish projects. You must believe and know this. All right. Get going!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Key number is 1. Week features new starts. You come into contact with new people. Your outlook is

different, fresh. Don't take backward steps! Your future is FORWARD.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** If you are served with legal document—avoid scene. Check with attorney. Avoid panic. Key to productive week is calm appraisal of facts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Relative may appear heavy-handed. Be understanding—but refuse to be bullied. Key number for week is 3. Take care with what you put in writing.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Money incident comes up early in week. Get the facts. Abide by dictates of conscience. Key number is 4. One you respect makes startling revelation. Don't cast first stone!

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**Liz Renay, Hollywood star and former friend of mobster Mickey Cohen, spent 27 months in a Federal prison for women. Her story of Terminal Island Prison starts this week.**