

Look what happened to Sweeney tough guy!

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TV TOUGH guy Mike Kent, a former cop in The Sweeney and muscleman extra in films with superstars John Wayne, Robert Mitchum and Sean Connery, has begun a new life — as a woman!

The beefy six-footer, once an Army boxing champion, now calls himself Michelle following a sex-change operation earlier this year.

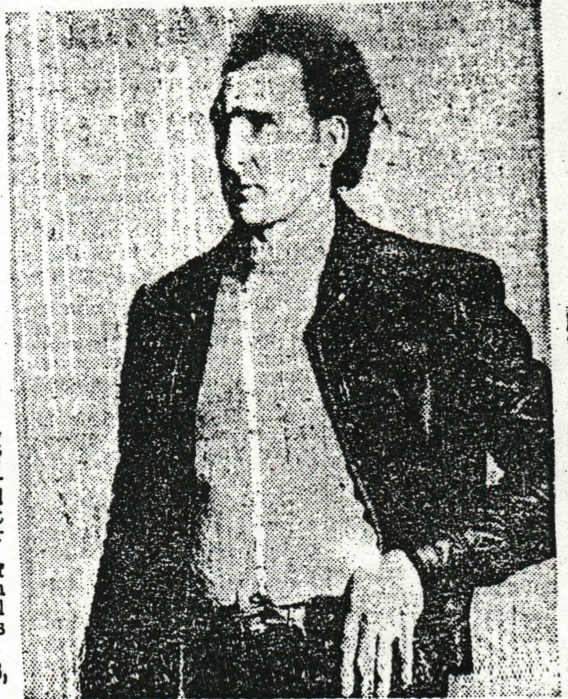
Mike is now officially registered with Equity, the actors' union, as a female, has a 45-inch bust and keeps trim as a goal-shooter for a women's netball team.

Yet he still lives with his ex-wife Jennifer and their two children in Catford, South London, and has confided the secret of his changeover to only a few close friends in show business.

"I suppose a lot of people will be shocked," said Mike. "But throughout my life I have lived with the conflict of not knowing what to do for the best.

"The feminine side of my personality was much stronger and now I feel much more comfortable as a woman."

During his army days,



MIKE... in one of his typical he-man roles



MICHELLE . . . starting a new life as a woman. *Continued on Page 2*

The angel in Dr. Jeremy

OLD legal buzzards in the High Court were astonished at the sight of Dr. Jeremy Bean standing in the witness box on Monday dressed as a woman — complete in lady's jacket, peach blouse, yellow skirt and high-heeled shoes.

The six foot-plus family doctor was the central figure in a civil case involving the repayment of £5,394 to the family of a woman patient who fell under the doctor's influence.

But former racing driver Dr. Jerri Bean, 44,

as he is now officially listed in the Medical Directory, has been known to patients in Broadstairs, Kent as a woman for several years.

Yesterday he was taking surgery as usual in Sea View Road, dressed in a skirt and blouse.

Rev. Eric J. Powe, rector of the Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, tells me that Dr. Bean, who is married and has three children, is very highly regarded in the neighbourhood.

"She is a wonderful doctor and a very good churchman," he says.

"When I came to be rector of Broadstairs in 1973, Dr. Bean was a man, involved in cars, a garage and masculine pursuits. Some years ago, he became a woman. And great credit and strength of character to her, she stayed in the community.

"If this happened to you or I, we might run away or start a new life. But not Dr. Bean, and the patients love her.

"She is not freakish or



WELL-HEELED: Dr. Bean.

cranky, just a very good family doctor, most understanding. My parishioners only speak in praise of her."

After his little High Court upset Dr. Bean will be able to continue running his successful practice.

The General Medical Council say there is no question of any action being taken against him