

'P.O. Hassles Transsexuals'

It may be of interest to Barb readers to know that the Berkeley Post Office seems to be presently engaged in the systematic intimidation and harassment of transsexuals (those who are psychologically of one gender, but physically the other.) At least this is so in the case of one known transsexual employed there. (Other known transsexuals probably would be, and other "closet" transsexuals probably are, abused and persecuted in the same sexist manner.)

The transsexual phenomenon has, seemingly, caused the sexists to behave in a very peculiar "crazy" manner. The transsexual has declared that she wishes to be referred to by a feminine name, which, under California law, is her right. The sexists seem determined to call her by a masculine name. Furthermore the sexists insist that she use the men's room rather than the ladies' room. And they refer to her as "him." The sexists seem to be projecting their own gender-identity conflicts onto her. You see, sexists fantasize that their gender-identities come from their crotches. But it's all in the mind, baby, it's all in the mind.

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