

# 'NOW MY TWIN BROTHER IS MY SISTER'

**AFTER 17 YEARS, Malcolm Trussell had some shattering news for his twin brother, Colin. He announced to his family: "I'm going to have a sex-change operation."**

"He's really taken it quite well," said Malcolm, who has changed his name to Marion Hope. "I know he was shocked when he first saw me wearing women's clothing."

Colin said: "It's still quite a shock. Suddenly getting a twin sister after having a brother for so long leaves you a bit confused, to say the least."

The Trussell boys were always quite different in temperament.

Colin pictured right with

## FEISAL GETS TOUGHER

**KING Feisal of Saudi Arabia, normally very diplomatic, hardened his line against Israel yesterday.**

In a joint communique, he and President Sadat of Egypt said in Cairo that peace could not return until all war-conquered Arab regions, including Jerusalem, were given up by Israel.

**After 17 years, a shock for Colin**

his "new sister" said: "Malcolm was the quiet type and acted as if he was in a world of his own."

"When we were kids we used to play together."

"The only difference was that he was a bit of a weakling. He was always being picked on and I had to keep sticking up for him."

### Punch

Now Colin still finds himself in the role of protector.

"I'll look after her in just the same way as I did when she was my brother," he said.

"If anyone makes fun of her, I'll punch him on the nose."

At the twins' home in Tide-

### Yacht couple saved

A man and his wife were rescued by lifeboat yesterday after their 20ft. yacht sprang a leak in gales off the Isle of Wight. The rescued couple were from Southsea.

way, Rochester, Kent, Malcolm—or Marion—said: "I'm glad it's out in the open. I couldn't go on living a lie."

"Colin and I have been brought closer together by what has happened."

"I feel a sisterly love for him as a sister does for her brother."

He went on: "The doctor who is treating me suggested that I changed my surname and I chose Hope because I live in hope that everything will work out all right."

### Hated

"I will be undergoing a course of hormone injections. I don't know when the operation will take place, but I hope it will be as soon as possible."

"It's such a relief to act as I have felt for so long."

"I realised I was different from other boys when I was at secondary school. It was a boy's-only school, and I hated undressing when we had to go swimming or do P.E."

"I stayed away from



school at every possible opportunity."

The twin's mother, twice-married Mrs. Olive Riley, who has six other children, said: "I'm behind Marion all the way."

"We understand and the whole family have accepted the situation."

"It means that Colin has a twin sister and that I have another daughter. It would be terrible not to give Marion all the help we possibly can."