

# KRISHNA

Krishna, Berkeley's foremost drag queen, has announced her intent to create a Bay Area Transvestites organization.

"I feel like I have been treated

like the "nigger" of Gay Liberation," complained Krishna, "and it's time to do something about it."

The young, attractive, dark-haired male who dresses in various forms of "drag" (women's clothing) declared her intent at Monday's Gay Lib meeting. She was decked out in a striking dress that included padded shoulders.

Her (Krishna prefers to be referred to in the feminine gender) announcement sparked a long and

heated debate on the role of transvestites in gay liberation.

"They are the vanguard of the gay revolution," declared Pat Brown, who said the only gays in his hometown in Texas who really fought off the pigs and stood up for themselves were the drag queens.

Drag queens, it was noted, were the ones who sparked the historic Christopher Street riots in New York two summers ago -- the event which many point to as the

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birth of the Gay Liberation movement.

"Drag queens put me uptight," said Mike Silverstein, "because they remind me of my femininity. However, to begin to affirm my femininity is essential to my own

liberation as a gay person."

It was noted, however, that many women consider the male drag queen an oppressive force, since he perpetuates the oppressed, rather than liberated, female image.