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60th Anniversary of the Bikini Births Tri-kini Fashion Belly Flop

In 1946, Frenchman, Louis Reard, an automotive engineer by trade, operated his mother's lingerie business. One day he created an itchy-bitsy, teenie-weenie, yellow polka dot-less, two-piece swimsuit for women. He named this innovative clothing the "Bikini." The beginning of exposing so much female skin can be traced back to the days of early atomic bomb testing on the tiny south Pacific isle named, Bikini Atoll. At the time, the Frenchman's fashion statement was "scandalous!" At first glance, and even second, and indeed further glances; the bikini merely resembled a bra and panties—worn in public.

Over the last sixty years, millions of bikinis have been filled-out or filled-in, by an international supply of young women. Females prefer it to the one-piece swimsuit. To this day though, it has never caught on with such stubborn groups as the sun shy Amish.

The revealing two-piece swimsuit took years to become the common sight it is today the world over.

In contrast, little known Polish fashion designer Dmitry Drikoff had hopes of perhaps, merely standing in the shadow of the famed Frenchman, Reard, when he introduced his own unusual swimsuit innovation, the Tri-kini. His three-piece creation was styled after the bikini, but with one extra kini.

In his press release from the 2017 Polish Fashion Show, he explained his motivation in fashioning the "Trikini" swimwear, stating, "Women of varying sizes and heights do not all have bodies suited for the amount of exposure which the bikini demands. For some, a pronounced bulge is situated in the front mid-section of the female, inbetween the upper and lower areas when a bikini is worn. This protrusion of the feminine form can be contained or restrained fashionably by an added 'kini'."

Hence, his trendy or (as of now) rather trend-less sounding name, "Trikini."

His inspiration for the additional belly holding swath of fabric, he stated, was his own (hefty) wife Helga. "She is my beloved plus-size model."

The swath is buckled at the back of the wearer and adjusted as needed; also it is connected there to the upper (chest) bikini piece by a vertical strap, which adds the needed extra support.

The obesity phenomenon in many western societies seemed like a cash cow to Mr. Drikoff. Sadly, his plump models were booed off the rumbling fashion show runway. The optimistic designer was shouted down and the runway littered with wilted cabbage and turnips thrown by the audience. A mob took his garment inventions and burned or tossed them into a dumpster – that is, once the women had hastily removed them!

Mr. Drikoff in dismay said that he was “Still proud of his creativity” and believed that he might have been “ahead of his time.” Either way, hopefully it will take something less than another nuclear bomb test to get his unfashionable idea into the fashion markets of the world.

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