

Monopoly, Foreign Quotas Squeezing Movie Industry

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For Bob Thomas

(Editor's note: Ellis Arnall, president of the society of Independent Motion Picture producers, is a political liberal who, as attorney general and governor of Georgia, established a spectacular reputation for trust-busting—a record he seeks to perpetuate in the motion picture industry.)

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—The American motion picture industry stands today at the crossroads. It finds itself confronted by many troublesome and baffling problems, but they can and they will be solved and overcome.

The producer is the key man in the industry. When he makes profits from the production of pictures he employs actors, writers, directors, artists, composers, technicians and all those essential workers so necessary to motion picture production. The distributors and exhibitors are dependent upon the producer for finished product.

Today many producers are losing money and are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain financing for motion picture production.

foreign Market Hit
Unfair, discriminatory and unreasonable quotas and restrictions against the foreign exhibition of American-produced motion pictures have steadily mushroomed throughout the world until the important income from the foreign market has been drastically curtailed.

The foreign situation calls for aggressive and determined action on the part of our government. All negotiations with the foreign motion picture industry should be handled at government level. The American producers badly need this foreign income.

Our own government needs the invaluable assistance of American motion pictures in the ideological contest now raging with communism. American motion pictures can effectively aid in selling American democracy in the world.

Domestically, monopolistic practices within the industry must be completely destroyed. The recent federal decision by the New York court will go a long way toward bringing about

the divorce and the divestiture of theater holdings by the major producing companies. There must also be afforded within the great American motion picture industry competitive opportunities for the independent as well as the major producer. The entire industry ultimately must stand as a unit. All segments within it must prosper if we are to move forward and increase the usefulness of the industry.

Picketed Tugboat Leaves Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 13.—(AP)—A picketed Hawaiian tugboat left Tacoma early Monday.

A representative of the Foss Tug company, at whose landing it had tied up, said it was heading for Seattle.

The tug is the Ono, which brought a pineapple-loaded barge from Hawaii last week. A one-man marine engineers' Beneficial Association (CIO) picket line was established at the tug's dock yesterday.

A union member said it would be picketed "wherever it lands on the Pacific Coast." The lone marine picket, who identified himself as E. N. Altman, said the tug was manned by a non-union crew.

Additional pickets had been predicted for today if the tug had stayed. William Gettings, regional director of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's association (CIO), said at Seattle yesterday that his union and possibly others intended to send pickets to the tug today.

The pineapple-loaded barge remained here. There was no attempt to unload it and it was not picketed.

Father Catches Glasses Lost By Boy In Ocean

NEWPORT, ORE.—(AP)—Amid fishing excitement, Robert Montgomery, 10, Santa Barbara, Calif., lost his glasses overboard from the fishing boat Cygnet.

A half-hour later his father, Wesley Montgomery, reeled in his tackle. On the hook were Robert's glasses.



EXPECTANT FATHER FETED—These men of the Winchester Community club gathered last week at the home of O. P. Van Horn to stage a surprise "stork shower" for Walter Reber, seated in front of packages. Strictly a stag affair, wives were warned to stay away until the festivities were over. The "delicate" guest of honor was royally catered to during the evening, as evidenced by the easy chair, blanket and pile of gifts before him. Even the stork got into the act by paying a brief advance visit and leering expectantly over the shoulder of the prospective father. Of the 25 persons attending, those pictured above are O. P. Van Horn, Walter Reber, William Johnson (behind Reber), Jack Rogers and Ancil Ketcherside. Head in left foreground is unidentified.

Big New Rocket Fires 33 Miles

LAS CRUCES, N. M., Sept. 13.—(AP)—This country's newest and biggest super rocket, the flame-spewing Viking II, shot upwards only 33 miles in a recent test, far short of the 114-mile record of the German V-2.

But Dr. Homer E. Newell, rocket expert in the naval research laboratory at nearby White Sands proving ground, termed the navy's latest test a success.

"We were after stability and control this time," he said. "Next time we will concentrate on engine performance."

The slim, 46-foot-long Viking II

attained a top speed of 1,775 miles an hour in its test last Tuesday. A predecessor had soared 50 miles and hit 2,250 MPH over the same desert country.

But the Viking II is only the second of ten planned rocket tests. Navy scientists are shooting for an ultimate altitude of 200 miles above the earth. They had hoped to hit 100 miles or better on this last test but some fault in the projectile's amazing intricacy cut

off her power before she reached the hoped-for speed of 3,600 MPH.

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Expectant Father Honored With Shower Given By Men

The lawn at the O. P. Van Horn home was the setting for much excitement and a gala time Friday night, Sept. 2, when some of the male members of the Winchester Community club decided to find out just how much fun they have been missing by letting their wives give all of the pink and blue showers.

Walter Reber was the very much surprised guest of honor. All female members were given strict orders to keep away until the party was over. The delicate guest of honor was royally catered to throughout the evening and reports were that the entertainment was excellent.

The fellows said they had a wonderful time doing honors to a swell guy like Walt. And Mrs. Van Horn had a nice surprise too. When she came home after the party, the hosts were washing dishes and cleaning house like mad. Many "beautiful" gifts were received. The expectant father reportedly was so nervous he couldn't open all the packages and said he would have to let his wife finish the task.

Hosts for the evening were William Johnson, Eugene Ridenour,

Loyd Reber and O. P. Van Horn. Others attending the affair were:

Charley Johnson, H. T. Reber, Ancil Ketcherside, William W. Wench, Dennis Van Horn, R. E. Robertson, Edgar Veiselmeyer, David Lewis, Eugene Pasch, Raymond Miller, Charley Skates, Ralph Jacobs, Art Bartlett, Doyle Ratliff, Moses Jackson, August Speidel, Dale Sall, Jack Rogers, Toney Waldrup and Jimmy Smith. Sending gifts but unable to attend were Jim Davidson, Ernest Teague, and Howley North.

Scotlander's Fish Net Captures Submarine

CAMPBELLTOWN, Scotland.—(AP)—The fishing boat Nil Desperandum dropped its net in the Firth of Clyde and caught his majesty's submarine Alcide.

The submarine was exercising submerged at 90 feet. It surfaced and the crew disengaged the net from the conning tower and periscope.

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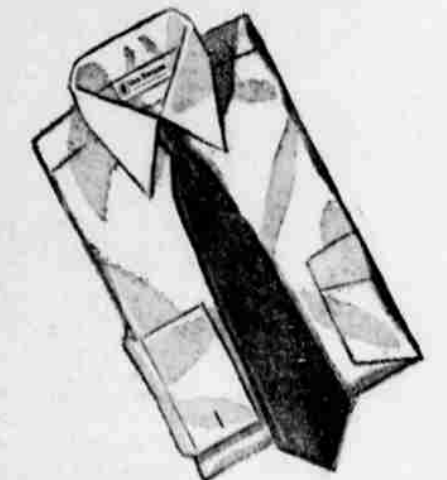
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