

Bathing Beauties Eye Fame In Hollywood Despite Odds

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Odds that any of this year's Miss Universe contestants will win even faint recognition in Hollywood are more than 100-1 — yet each beauty has her sights trained on movie stardom.

So far in the seven-year history of the pageant not a single girl has attained the heights.

Seven curvaceous cuties, however, have achieved modest success in the jungles of movieland, including last year's Miss USA, Arlene (Nee Eurlene) Howell.

Jackie Loughery, Miss USA of 1953, won roles in several movies and TV series, but most important of all, she married Jack Webb, Myrna Hansen, Miss USA of 1954, is under contract to MGM after a top supporting role in "Raintree County."

Fades from Sight

Christine Martel, the French doll who became Miss Universe of 1954, won a brief contract with Universal — International before fading from sight. Hillevi Rombin, Swedish beauty who won the 1956 Miss Universe title still appears occasionally in bit parts.

Carol Morris, Miss USA of 1957, remained in Hollywood and snags occasional roles in both TV and pictures. Miss Denmark of 1959, Evy Norlund, who reached the

semi-finals is making a bid for stardom at Columbia Pictures where bigwigs believe she is another Kim Novak.

Most promising of all is Arlene Howell.

Under contract to Warner Brothers, the stately Louisianan, is co-starring in "Bourbon Street Beat," a new teleseries scheduled for viewing next fall.

Still Has Accent

Fortunately, Arlene still spouts her southern accent, which comes in handy for her TV show. She portrays a southern belle secretary for a New Orleans detective.

Asked why so few beauty contestants make the grade in Hollywood, Arlene shook her blonde tresses and sighed.

"There's a general feeling among producers and directors that beauty winners are not very bright or talented," she said. "They believe we're blessed with pretty faces and figures and nothing else."

"During last year's contest I got to know the girls and found most of them smarter than average. But few of them had dramatic training."

Arlene herself has never spent five minutes learning to act.

"Every woman has a little bit of the actress in her," she smiled, "and I suppose I have my share."

"If I hadn't entered the Miss Universe contest I'd have finished college in Louisiana and gone to New York as a fashion model. But it isn't my acting career and the new series that has me excited."

"I'm going to be married Aug. 8 to Paul Lacava — he's not in show business. And some day we hope to raise a houseful of children."

"I'll always be grateful to the Universe pageant for bringing me to California. I'd never have met Paul otherwise."

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BRAKES FAILED—This interurban train failed to negotiate a turn in downtown Los Angeles after its brakes failed, left the tracks and crashed into three parked furniture vans. Eight of the 16 passengers were slightly injured.

Sparks From Caribbean Republics May Confront U.S. With Crisis

By PHIL NEWSOM
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The Dominican Republic and Cuba lie some 200 miles apart in the Caribbean. Theoretically, both are republics enjoying freedom of speech and thought. Actually, although for different reasons, both are dictatorships where a careless word or deed may have fatal results.

The enmity between the two could be the spark to alight the Caribbean and confront the United States with crisis much closer to home than Berlin, Formosa or the Middle East.

In Cuba, is the 32-year-old Fidel Castro, first with the success of revolution.

In the Dominican Republic is the man twice the age of Castro, 67-year-old Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, self-styled "benefactor," a man old in the intrigue and violence of Caribbean politics.

In Cuba there is the dreary echo of the firing squads which have cut down nearly 600 persons accused of crimes against the state. In a nation of only a little more than five million it seems an unusually high percentage of those whose opposition to a regime made it necessary for them to pay the final penalty.

In the Dominican Republic, an automobile bearing Labor Minister Ramon Marrero Arista plunged late last week from a cliffside road, bearing Marrero Arista and his chauffeur to fiery deaths.

Marrero was one of those who, while professing loyalty to Trujillo, still planned for a more democratic time after Trujillo's departure.

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No End In Sight In Gasoline War

PORTLAND (UPI) — Retail prices were as low as 23.8 cents per gallon for regular gasoline today.

Dealers said no end was in sight to the current price war.

A dealer in the Sellwood district said a competing station posted a 24.8 cent price but was giving a 2-cent per gallon rebate.

Several stations were selling regular gasoline at 24.9 cents with premium down to 29.9.

Prices were reported higher in the Willamette valley with regular going at 31.9 cents in many places. But in other parts of Oregon regular sold up to 36.9 cents per gallon.

Pendleton House Fire Claims Two

PENDLETON (UPI) — A fire Thursday afternoon in a two-story dwelling here claimed the lives of two tenants.

Victims were identified as Edgar Gibbs, 55, who was blind, and 73-year-old Bess Rammage, an invalid.

Authorities said the fire apparently started when a cigarette being smoked by an elderly woman tenant ignited a chair.

The rescuers were unable to get Miss Rammage down the stairs. Gibbs' door was locked and he apparently died of suffocation.

The fire was put out about an hour after it started. The blaze destroyed the house.

Americans Released By Cuban Authorities

HAVANA (UPI) — Donald Soldini, 20, of Staten Island, N.Y., and Davis Bales, 25, of Hackensack, N.J., were released from Camp Liberty here Thursday after being held by Cuban authorities nearly two months.

Soldini, a former member of Fidel Castro's revolutionary force, had been charged with the unauthorized use of palace stationery. Bales said he was arrested for coming to Soldini's assistance when the latter was taken into custody by police.

Both men said Thursday night they planned to return to the United States shortly.

Real Estate Board Official To Speak

Frank Sweeney, field representative of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, will be the guest speaker at a Chamber forum Monday noon at the Sacajawea hotel.

Sweeney is here to meet with Baker, Malheur, Union, and Wallowa county realtors.

Reservations may be made at the Chamber of Commerce office.

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79 Infants Are Suffocated By Plastic Bags This Year

United Press International

Seventy-nine infants have been suffocated by plastic bags so far this year, a United Press International count showed today.

In addition 17 persons have used the bags to commit suicide.

Many agencies and the federal government have warned parents to keep the thin plastic containers out of the reach of children.

Last month the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., launched a national advertising campaign in newspapers and over the radio to inform the public about the safe use of the bags, commonly used to package laundry and dry cleaning.

The industry warned that the plastic should never be used as makeshift covers in cribs or playpens or for mattresses or upholstery and should never be given to children as playthings. The bags should be torn or tied in knots and discarded.

Manufacturers have urged Congress not to pass hasty laws against the plastic bags. Spokesmen for the industry say education not legislation is the answer

to the problem. Fifteen states and ten cities have considered legislation against the bags.

The suffocations have been strikingly similar. Many have occurred when the plastic has been placed in cribs to protect mattresses. The victims have died when the thin film clung to their faces, shutting out air.

However, at least two babies have suffocated when plastic other than the kind used for packaging cut off their breathing. One of these deaths occurred Tuesday at West Haven, Conn., when static electricity drew the plastic lining of a car crib against an infant's mouth. The other happened in New York June 23 when the plastic surface of a mattress cover adhered to an infant's face.

Chief Joseph Days Parade August 1

JOSEPH (Special)—The Chief Joseph Days parade will be held Saturday, August 1.

The parade will have six divisions: Chamber of Commerce, Juniors, organizations, commercial, riding clubs, and individual.

The last division is set aside for persons or groups who are not sponsored by any organization or business. Cash prizes will be awarded in all divisions and there will be a special sweepstakes award.

"The parade promises to be one of the biggest and best parades ever held on Chief Joseph Days," according to a Joseph spokesman. The parade will have a Centennial theme.

Anyone planning to enter the parade has been asked to send a postcard to "Parade Chairman, Joseph, Ore."

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NO RACIAL ASSIGNMENTS

NEW YORK (UPI) — Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy Wednesday vowed he would not assign policemen to Harlem on a racial basis. Kennedy told a special news conference that he had rejected suggestions made by some Negro leaders at a meeting with Mayor Richard F. Wagner Tuesday that more Negro policemen be assigned to the crowded Negro district, which he described as a "segregated ghetto."

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Mervil Bennett is chairman of the dance committee which includes the Coronation ball held last week.

Bill Hindman was named arena director, and Earn Adams is chairman of the club concessions committee.

Margaret Follett has charge of the queen contest, and Mildred Harwood is acting as queen mother.

The grand equipment is under the direction of Herman Stroeder.

Official announcer for the rodeo will be Bob Chambers from Pendleton and stock will be provided by Harley Tucker of Joseph.

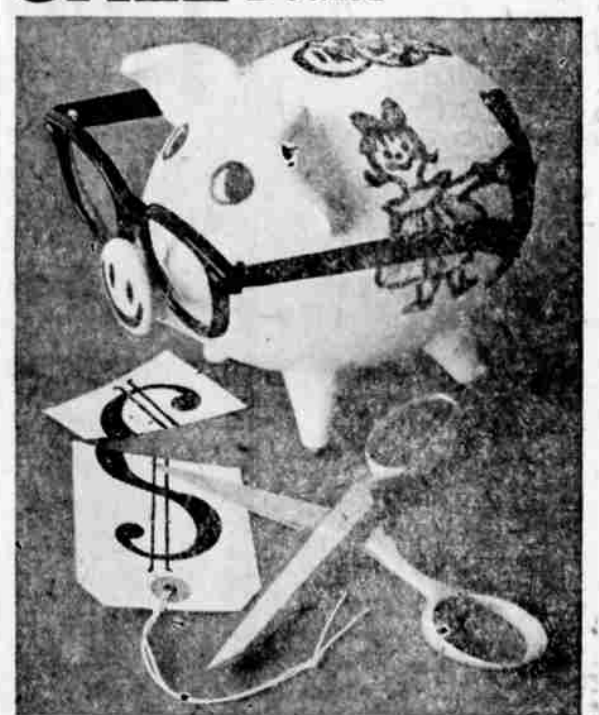


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