

Actress Mary Martin Washes 'South Pacific' Out of Her Hair

By MILTON MARMOR
LONDON (AP)—Mary Martin Saturday night washed "South Pacific" out of her hair—three years and seven months after the musical's New York premiere.

The exuberant stage and screen star is turning over to American night club singer Julie Wilson the role of the nurse, Nellie Forbush, in the Rodgers and Hammerstein production.

Save for a two-month break last year, Miss Martin has sung the hit, "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair" and actually washed her hair on stage at every performance.

She washed her hair at the opening of the show, a musical dramatization of James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning "Tales of the South Pacific," in New York's Majestic Theater April 7, 1949. Since Nov. 1, 1951, she has been washing it at London's famed Drury Lane Theater.

The lady from Texas, in private life Mrs. Richard Halliday, let it be known that the Mary Martin hairdo is finished—as far as Mary Martin is concerned.

She is going to let that blonde hair of hers grow and grow. After at least 1,500 soap and water shampoos before cherishing audiences and twice as many each day, before and after the show, Miss Martin said: "My hair is stronger, healthier, thicker than it ever was. Even today, I had to thin it out. Don't ask me why. I just don't know."

Miss Martin confessed she had only herself to blame for the rather chilling task of hair-washing on the stage. She said she suggested the stunt to Richard Rodgers long ago when "South Pacific" was being readied for Broadway.

You couldn't squeeze the admission out of her, but it wasn't hard to realize she was weary of her part.

Yakima Quartet Wins Contest
PORTLAND (AP)—A quartet of Yakima singers won top honors Saturday in the fourth annual S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. contest here.

The letters stand for "Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc."

Members of the quartet are brothers Jim, Bob and Don St. Mary and Bill Gable.

The Varstones of Seattle were second. In that combination were Clyde Hobbs, Jim Iddings, Merv Clements and Jim McLes.

The City Knicker of Eugene, Glen Rounds, Dick Busby, Jim Arthur and Bob Swan, were third.

New Congress Member Weds
OWOSSO, Mich. (AP)—Alvin M. Bentley, 35-year-old millionaire, who was elected to Congress Tuesday, was married to Miss Arvilla Billie Duescher.

Miss Duescher, an attractive brunette in her early 30s, is manager of the Owosso City Club.

Bentley who defeated the Republican incumbent, Fred L. Crawford, in the August primary for Representative from the Eighth Michigan District, was elected Tuesday over Clarence Smazel, Democrat, by a 45,000 margin.

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Long Indian Summer Brings Forest Blazes

By The Associated Press
The prolonged Indian Summer with its lack of rain and unseasonable humidity brought high fire danger to the Pacific Northwest over the week end and at least four major woods blazes were reported.

Most serious was the 5,000-8,000 acre fire in the old Yacolt Burn of Washington's Skamania County. George Beckin, Vancouver district forester, said 40 to 50-mile-an-hour winds were fanning the blaze and it was "getting worse all the time."

Another fire near Raymond, Wash., was flaring. Foresters said it would cover more than 1,000 acres and that there were three other fires nearby, one of which had blackened some 300 acres.

Two dangerous smaller fires were reported in Oregon. One had covered about 250 acres in the Clackamas River area on the slopes of Mt. Mitchell. Another was burning 150-200 acres in an area 20 miles east of Astoria.

Northwest of Portland, a small blaze near Skyline Boulevard was nearly put out Saturday night, while a small grass fire on Mt. Tabor was put out before it could reach timber.

A small fire was reported in Willamette Valley Lumber Company holdings in the Black Rock area 20 miles west of Dallas.

Weather forecasters in Portland said there was little chance for a break Sunday in the continuing high fire danger. Clear weather was predicted with fog in the early morning.

Firm Executive Lost \$180,000 At Las Vegas
CHICAGO (AP)—A young Chicago industrialist has related losing \$180,000 at Nevada gambling tables in eight days last month in a desperate attempt to win more than a half million dollars his company owed creditors.

Charles Leaf, 31, president of the Mid-America Steel Warehouse Co., told the story Thursday at a hearing on an involuntary petition for bankruptcy brought against his company by creditors.

Attorney Oscar A. Brotman, representing creditors seeking \$667,000 from Leaf's company, charged at the hearing that Leaf bought steel pipe and other metals with a small down payment, and then sold them below the purchase price, pocketing the proceeds.

Leaf gave this account at the hearing before Referee in Bankruptcy Wallace Streeter: Leaf withdrew \$110,000 in his company's account and went to Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 17, in an effort to win \$557,000 his company owed.

Playing blackjack and shooting craps, he won \$70,000 in the first few days.

Then his luck changed and he lost the \$70,000 in winnings plus his original \$110,000 stake.

In the hearing, Leaf was asked to produce what money he had on his person. He produced \$611 in cash.

Fog Blamed in 2-Car Wreck
Fog early Saturday morning was blamed for a two-car accident in the 1900 block of Silverton Road. Neither driver was injured.

John Mulvihill, a U.S. Navy sailor from Tongue Point Naval

Mysterious Blast Felt West of Salem

A mysterious blast about two miles west of Salem Saturday evening remained a mystery as residents pondered the source of the explosion which shook dishes and rattled windows.

Two neighbors on Route 8, Mrs. Thomas Holman and Maxine Buren, Statesman Foods Editor, reported hearing the explosion sometime between 6 and 7 p.m. Mrs. Holman said she heard another blast shortly after the first. No damage was reported.

Collie Crosses Continent to Find Old Home

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Just how Lass, 5-year-old Collie, traveled over 3,000 miles across the continent by herself was puzzling to a lot of people Saturday night.

Among them was her overjoyed mistress, 3-year-old Anne Duff of Bethpage, N. Y., who learned Saturday that her beautiful pet had turned up in nearby Los Angeles a month after disappearing from Bethpage.

Anne's family recently moved from Southern California to Bethpage; they took Lassie along. She broke her leash and disappeared. A month later she turned up at an animal shelter in Los Angeles.

The dog lived in the shelter a month while her Bethpage license tag was traced. Attendants don't recall if Lassie appeared traveling from her long journey.

Anne's father, Michael Duff, upon learning of the dog's whereabouts, notified Mr. and Mrs. James Hall here. The Halls, former neighbors of the Duffs, are taking care of Lassie until she can be sent to Bethpage.

Mrs. Hall said it is hard to believe Lassie could have crossed the continent in one month. She thinks perhaps a truck driver gave her a lift. However, if someone had picked her up, intending to keep her, Mrs. Hall reasoned that they wouldn't have allowed Lassie to continue wearing her Bethpage license tag.

Mrs. Hall said Lassie was overjoyed to see someone she knew and enjoys being with the Hall children, Johnny, 4, Jimmie, 10, and Dick, 13.

"But I think she grieves for her mistress," said Mrs. Hall. "Sometimes she has the saddest look in her eyes."

Reames Put On Probation

PORTLAND (AP)—Thomas G. Reames, 28, Medford, convicted of armed assault, was placed on probation for two years by Circuit Judge Rex Kimmel of Salem Friday.

Kimmel changed his order after first sentencing Reames to a year in the county jail. Reames was convicted of forcing his wife at gunpoint to accompany him to her apartment. There she was wounded later as Reames escaped while police tried to halt him with bullets.

INDEPENDENCE MAN HELD
Robert Carl Qualset, Independence, was charged by city police Saturday evening, with driving while intoxicated. He was held in city jail in lieu of \$250 bail.

Station, Astoria, told police he stopped his car when the fog became too thick for him to see the road. Another car driven by Delano J. Dixon, Salem, struck the Mulvihill auto. The Dixon car incurred considerable front end damage and the Mulvihill auto had a broken left front wheel and dented fender.

Mulvihill was arrested by city police and charged with being drunk on a public highway.

Christian Youth Council Elects L. & C. Student

Joan Wood, a Lewis and Clark College student of Portland, was elected president of the Oregon Christian Youth Council at a convention in Salem Saturday.

Nearly 100 youths from several Oregon cities also elected Charles Colby, Portland, vice president; Diana Phillips, Astoria, recording secretary; Joella Wells, Portland, corresponding secretary, and Lawrence Monk, Salem, treasurer.

The boys and girls of high school and college age spent a busy afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church making recreational devices for use at Oregon State Hospital.

Otherwise they met Friday and Saturday at several local churches for business and for spiritual discussions under the leadership of Dr. John Anderson, professor of religion at Lewis and Clark.

The conference will close today after the delegates attend local churches of their own denomination.

Former PW Paid \$1,207

PORTLAND (AP)—John Linder, Portland, who spent 365 days as a German prisoner in World War II, received a \$1,207.50 payment from a gratified government Saturday for hardships endured in that period.

It was believed the first hardship payment made in this area. The government previously paid PWs who received a substandard diet 21 a day for the period of confinement. Linder's payment was at the rate of \$1.50 a day.

Linder, a clerk in municipal court here, said he would use the money to help buy a house.

Sen. Lodge To Visit Ike

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Sunday Herald says Sen. Lodge (R-Mass.), defeated for re-election last Tuesday, will fly to Augusta, Ga., Sunday for an afternoon meeting with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the president-elect.

"Speculations received here both from Washington and from Augusta indicated that Lodge at that time will be informed whether he is to be the new secretary of defense or appointed to top advisory position in the government—sort of a Republican Averell W. Harriman.

Angry Customer Kills 3 Persons in Dry Cleaning Shop

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Because a dry cleaning shop shrank his

Quake Shakes Frisco Area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A 15-second earthquake shook the San Francisco Bay area Saturday at 11:32 a.m. but cause no damage.

The Marina District of San Francisco, near the approach to the Golden Gate Bridge, appeared to be its center. Communities immediately north and south of San Francisco also felt the shocks.

trousers, an angry customer Saturday shot and killed the shop operator, the operator's wife and the employee who did the cleaning.

Clorise Walls, 32, surrendered to police a few minutes after killing Bernard W. Furness, 52, Mrs. Fannie Furness, 50, and Irwin Lauck, 45.

Three of the bullets shattered

the shop window, spraying splinters that cut the face and neck of a passerby, 13-year-old Maxwell Carter.

Walls told detectives: "I took the rifles with me today because I decided to kill if I didn't get my work done satisfactory, or get a satisfactory explanation."

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