

Actress' Talk Saves Marine Near Death

ABOARD THE U.S. NAVY HOSPITAL SHIP HAVEN OFF KOREA (AP)—The wounded marine rested well Thursday night.

He came aboard Thursday from the front, swathed in a cast from his head down. He was nearly dead. That's why his name can not be revealed, until his folks have been notified.

The doctors didn't give him much of a chance. They ruled against a movie actress talking with him when she wandered through the wards, talking to each wounded boy. So she started past him.

The boy turned his head and asked her if she would talk with him.

A doctor said, "Later son." She passed on reluctantly.

The chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. Edwin R. Howard of Kansas City, Kan., was with her. She talked to all of the men she could. On the quarter deck, just before she was to leave the ship, she asked the chaplain if she might talk to the wounded marine before she left.

A nurse said the boy was in a coma and it was doubtful

whether he would understand anything or recognize anyone.

The actress went to his bed and began to talk softly to him. She asked him about his home, his family, his school and his girl.

"In that half hour that she stayed with him she did what I hadn't been able to do, what our operations hadn't been able to do, what our wonder drugs hadn't been able to do," said the chaplain. "She got him to start remembering and thinking about the good things in life."

The actress returned to shore and went her way.

Her name: Audrey Totter, blonde Hollywood movie actress now touring U.N. hospitals in Korea.

New Water Main Installed On River Road

RIVER ROAD—The first section of the new 16-inch water main recently installed along River Road proper in the River Road Water District went into service Tuesday following a successful testing period. This section, approximately 1800 feet long, extends from the southern boundary of the water district to Holeman Avenue.

Entire length of the new main is about 1,680 feet, extending to the northern boundary of the water district halfway between Howard Ave. and Maxwell Road. Service of the other five sections of the pipeline will be effective as soon as they can be properly tested.

E. Roy Smith, superintendent of the water district, said there would be no appreciable difference of pressure noted until after the third section goes into operation, since the second section has no lateral connections to the new line.



(NEA Radio-Telephoto)

AMPLE ANATOMY—Gunsell Bazar (above), 21, Turkish winner of the "Miss Europe" contest, denies that she is the runner-up — "Miss France" — has challenged her to a strip-down showdown. Miss Bazar insists that her bikini bathing suit revealed as much of her ample anatomy as any other contestant.

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Five U.S. Oil Firms Cited For 'Gouging' Europeans

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mutual Security Agency (MSA), in a new report to investigating senators, has accused five U.S. oil companies of heaping "an undue burden on the American taxpayer" for their own profit.

It named the five as Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard Oil of California, Gulf Oil Company, Socony-Vacuum Oil Company and the Texas Company.

The report, requested by the Senate Small Business Committee's monopoly subcommittee, and made public Thursday night, accused the five of "price discrimination on a world-wide scale." It said they inflated the price of oil shipped from the Middle East to European nations receiving Marshall Plan aid.

SUIT FOR \$50 MILLION

The Justice Department, at MSA's request, already has filed suit to recover \$50 million dollars from the five companies on grounds of overcharges on bills paid with foreign aid funds.

Dr. Walter Adams, economic counsel to the Senate committee, told a reporter MSA, which administers foreign aid, contends the total overcharges would be more than \$50 million, but that he does not know how much more.

The companies, the report said, charged the Europeans "exorbitant prices" for oil, far higher than they charged for deliveries to the United States from the same Middle Eastern fields.

"Because of this two-price system and the abnormally high price charged in European markets, an undue burden was placed

on the American taxpayer, who was footing the bill for Marshall Plan aid," the committee said in a prepared statement quoting the report.

It said MSA also reported that Arabian-American Oil Company owned jointly by four of the five firms, obtained postwar steel allocations for construction of the trans-Arabian oil pipe line with an understanding that the line would lower the transportation cost to the European nations. Savings were not passed on to the Europeans, it alleged, adding:

PRICES SAID KNOWN

"The only defense offered by the companies for this situation was that the large risks inherent in Middle Eastern operations made it necessary to amortize the new pipe line as quickly as possible."

It named the four companies owning Arabian-American as the two Standards, Socony-Vacuum and the Texas Company.

In New York, spokesmen for Standard of New Jersey and the

Texas Company said they would stand on their previous statements, which were similar.

New Jersey Standards statement, issued in April, said Esso export corporation sales have always been at competitive prices. It said these prices were well known and have not been protested by any of the countries concerned.

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Sunspots Still a Mystery

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CHINESE KEPT RECORDS
A Chinese observer, Ma Twa Lin, reported in 188 A.D. the appearance of a "bird shaped" flock on the sun, apparently a cluster of spots. The ancient Chinese had more than 100 records of them, relating them to deaths of emperors and other important personages.

More modern observers link the spots with a wide range of phenomena. Charts kept over a long period show a relationship between their cycles of roughly 11 years and such things as storms, rainfall, lake and river levels, tree growth and disease cycles.

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Some have gone so far as to hook them up with stock market variations and the marriage rate. Dr. Ralph E. DeLury, former assistant dominion astronomer in

charge of solar physics, made a long study of these relationships and concluded the spots do exert a "profound influence on terrestrial affairs."

Because of the way they hit physical and organic things, he reasoned, they must also affect economic conditions. An 85-year study of commodity prices in the United Kingdom showed a "response" to the spot cycle.

"Economic fluctuations," Dr. DeLury added, "must surely be a factor in variations of marriage rates."

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