

Movie-Making In Italy Proves Rough on Stars

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Hollywood, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Making movies in Italy isn't all romance under the arches—as those cooing pictures of Linda Christian and Tyrone Power would have you believe. "About all the actors can say for it is that it's cheap."

Otherwise, writes the wife of a director on the job over there, life in "Hollywood-on-the-Tiber" is downright primitive. "I never knew before how much the human body can take," scribbles Mrs. Shirley Ulmer, whose husband Edgar is making "Pirates of Capri" for Producer Victor Pahlen in Taranto.

"It gets so cold we all go around in five or six sweaters, fur-lined boots, and heavy caps. We even sleep in all these clothes—and then we're never warm."

No Druggstore
Mrs. Ulmer says there isn't an automobile or a drugstore or a hospital in Taranto and nobody in town speaks English. But the natives are getting a kick out of their first peek at movie stars.

"They don't have a theater here either," she explains. "When a picture comes to town it's a big event and everybody gets into the local auditorium for 70 lire. That's about 15 cents American money. And they get vaudeville thrown in."

The people of Taranto are friendly, Mrs. Ulmer says, but corner chats with the actors are limited while the Hollywoodites thumb through their Italian dictionaries.

Halting Italian
"Actor Mikhail Rasumny favors his halting Italian with Yiddish quotations," she explained. "And Alan Curtis is busy teaching the local sailors all the cuss words he knows."

"They are now acquiring a choice American vocabulary—but they have no understanding of what they're saying."

A movie star to the people of Taranto means Greta Garbo, Mrs. Ulmer added. They never heard of the actors who've moved in on 'em.

"Linda Christian was supposed to be in our picture, but she got sick," Mrs. Ulmer went on. "She looks bad, walks with a limp, and spends most of her time in bed in Rome."

"We have taken over the only hotel here, the Palace. It's not even a hotel, really. But it's the next best."

Postwar Marriage Slump Continues

Washington, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The U. S. public health service says the postwar marriage slump is continuing.

It said a preliminary report showed that only 48,178 marriage licenses were issued in October in 91 areas with a population of 100,000 or more each. That was a drop of 6,393 licenses—or 11.7 per cent—from the same month a year ago.

"It was the 23rd consecutive month for which a decrease was registered," the agency said.

Dutch Advance In Indonesia

Batavia, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The Dutch army reported tonight that its forces were pushing virtually all the way through the Indonesian republic, and that American-trained Dutch marines had reached the big oil refinery city of Tjebu along the north coast near Soerabaya.

The Dutch campaign which plunged Indonesia into war after an uneasy truce of several months was reported progressing without a hitch after initial lightning blows overwhelmed the republican capital of Jogjakarta and netted the ranking leaders of the republic.

The United Nations committee of good offices for Indonesia charged the Dutch with violating clauses of the shattered truce in failing to notify the commission in advance that they were repudiating it.

The commission asked the UN security council in Paris to consider the outbreak of hostilities as a matter of extreme urgency. It notified the council that the Dutch action violated terms of the truce, signed by the Dutch and the republicans aboard the U. S. S. Renville.

HE'S SATISFIED

Lansford, N.D. (U.P.)—George Adams will have to start all over to find water on his farm but he's satisfied. When the deep water well Adams was drilling reached 297 feet he struck natural gas in sufficient quantity to heat his home, run his light plant and provide fuel for cooking.

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A couple of non-fiction numbers included in the ten new books up for reservations this week at the county library seem to have been particularly well-timed in their appearance on the present scene. One, "The Proper Study of Mankind" by Stuart Chase (Harper), sports an interesting chapter on how to figure the polls in the course of laying bare the behavior of the human animal. "Don't Be Afraid," edited by Spencer Cowles, M. D. (Wilcox and Follet) sets out to instruct an anxious and hypertensive nation of readers "how to get rid of fear and fatigue."

Other titles in this week's list include the following:
"The Hearth and the Eagle," by Anya Seton (Houghton-Mifflin); "Diesel Engines and Diesel Electric Power," by E. L. Richards (Drake); "Pony Wagon Town," by Ben Riker (Bobbs-Merrill); "Mr. Clutch" (the story of George William Borg), by Robert J. Casey (Bobbs-Merrill); "Good Morning, Miss Morrison," by Elizabeth Carfare (Putnam); "A Clouded Star," by Anne Parrish (Harper); "Trumpet in the City," by Helen Topping Muller (Bobbs-Merrill); "Vine of Glory," by Mary Jackson King (Bobbs-Merrill).

LEAVES PARCELS

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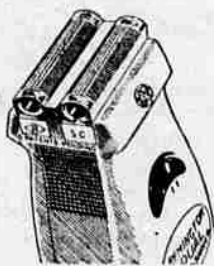
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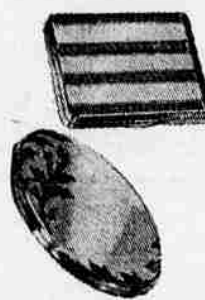
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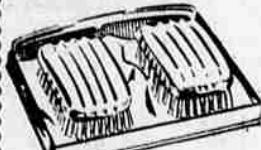
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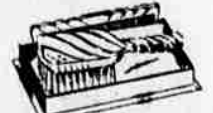
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