

TABOO IN PUBLIC

French Swim Suits Get Glamor's Cold Shoulder

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood (AP)—To show or not to show. That is the question facing millions of American women now that hot weather is upon us. Whether 'tis wiser on the beach to suffer the stares and glances of other sun-lovers by wearing a French bathing suit. Or to stick to the non-revealing models.

The Riviera-style bathing suit invaded these shores some time ago, but its popularity has been greater among male observers than female wearers. This summer will probably tell whether the scanty panties will be accepted in the U. S.

For opinions on this momentous question, I asked some of the style-setting glamour girls of Hollywood. Here is what they say:

Barbara Stanwyck—"If I had a figure like Esther Williams, I'd be glad to wear a French bathing suit. She's one of the few girls who could look terrific in them. But they're not for me—no, sir!"

Esther Williams—"I don't like them for two reasons: First and foremost, they are just not flattering. Secondly, they are impractical; you can't swim in them."

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Betty Grable—"If the French girls want to show their navels, it's all right with me; but you won't catch me in one of those suits. I'll stick to the American kind."

Gloria De Haven—"French bathing suits are fine—for the back yard. There's nothing better for sun bathing. But in public they're taboo. I wear one in the back yard, but nowhere else."

Janet Leigh—"I don't like them. Don't get me wrong; I'm not a prude; I like low-cut evening gowns. But the nudity of French bathing suits isn't attractive."

Jane Greer—"As scant and binding as they are, I doubt if any woman could truly relax in them. Unless the body is perfect, women would be self-conscious in the suits. They would spend two-thirds of their sun-bathing time holding their waists and thinking of their posture."

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Beach 'Orchid'—Irmgard Stroessinger, 24, "Miss Darmstadt of 1949," displays the "Orchid," a two-piece bathing suit, at a beachwear fashion show in Frankfurt, Germany.

Women Discuss Color Question

Seattle, June 22 (AP)—A speaker from the south today asked the 51st biennial convention of the American Association of University Women to settle once and for all the question of whether Negroes shall be accepted for membership.

Dr. Gillie A. Larew of Lynchburg, Va., South Atlantic regional vice president, set the stage for what she called a "paramount issue" of the convention with a plea that delegates not sidestep the issue with a temporary ruling, which they hope "may one day be superseded."

The controversy was touched off in 1946 when the Washington, D.C., branch rejected the application of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Negroess who holds bachelor of arts and master arts degrees from Oberlin college, and who was a member of the national group.

A court ruling held that under present by-laws the branch was within its rights and could not be compelled by the national to accept a member.

The executive board today will consider a proposed change in by-laws to cover the subject.

Woman on Board

Fruitland—Mrs. Cecil Miller was re-elected director with other members Arnold Caserude, chairman and Norman Gydesen with Mrs. Georgie Gerig, clerk.

Death Claims Alaskan Pilot

Seattle, June 22 (AP)—Joe Crosson, one of the most famed Alaskan pilots, died suddenly Tuesday in his office at Seattle's Boeing field.

He was one of the first of the famed Alaska "bush pilots" who flew mercy missions to the widely scattered and isolated spots in the northland. In 1935, he flew the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post to Seattle from Point Barrow after they were killed in a crash of Post's plane.

Between 1934 and 1944 he was Alaska division manager for Pan American Airways. He resigned in 1944 and moved to Seattle to manage the Northwest Air Service at Boeing field. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Serve baked potatoes and a tossed green salad with barbecued spareribs; for dessert have a fruit compote of melon and citrus fruits.



Auer Reads News—Mischa Auer, motion picture comedian, catches up with his reading in his hotel room at Rome, Italy, where he is preparing to appear in a new film.

Cooperation Favored

Grand Island—Cooperation with the Unionvale district for improving school facilities will be worked out in the future, it was decided by patrons here.

They approved a budget of \$1,300 for the improvement of the school building and re-elected R. R. (Dick) Rockhill director.

Bids Opened on Detroit Clearing

Portland, Ore., June 22 (AP)—Thompson-Hendrickson company of Albany and George Shroyer of Tillamook were low bidders on combined bids for clearing, cutting and stockpiling 550,000 board feet of timber in the Detroit dam reservoir area on the North Santiam river, Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district engineer announced.

Thompson-Hendrickson's bid was \$155,625 for clearing area A, containing 150,000 board feet of timber. Shroyer bid \$123,857 for clearing area B of 150,000 board feet and \$146,388 for clearing area C of 250,000 board feet.

Walsh also announced that the McKinnon Construction company of Sandy had been awarded a \$1,131 contract for construction of bank protection works on the left bank of the Willamette river at Catlin location, five miles southeast of Independence.

Linn County Youths At Summer School

Lebanon—Attending 4-H summer school at Oregon State college are 33 boys and 55 girls from Linn county. All members are attending on scholarships presented by business firms in their respective communities.

Lebanon's delegates include Nora Donovan, Alma Forbes, Douglas Gatchell, Jerry Giesel.

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