

LA District Attorney Checks Possible 'Frame-Up' in Case

Los Angeles, Sept. 28 (AP)—Was Robert Mitchum's marijuana arrest framed? The district attorney's office says it is investigating "reports" that Mitchum and bit actress Lila Leeds may have been victims of Hollywood's purported extortion ring. H. Leo Stanley, chief investigator for the district attorney, questioned Miss Leeds as the Mitchum case was reopened. Mitchum and Miss Leeds served time after narcotics officers raided the beautiful blonde's Laurel Canyon cottage a year ago. Also arrested in the raid but later freed was dancer Vicki Evans.

Miss Leeds told Stanley: "I was putting up Vicki's hair and I was smoking a marijuana cigarette. Why didn't the cops, who were outside watching, as I found out later, pinch me then?" "They didn't. They waited until Mitchum got there."

Stanley said legitimacy of the arrests is not questioned, but his office is interested in reports they were "engineered."

The knowledge about the extortion ring was given to the grand jury in a memorandum by Paul Behrman, ex-actor's agent. In testimony, he labeled Miss Leeds and Miss Evans as "prostitute extortionists," a charge which Miss Leeds has denied "unequivocally."

Miss Leeds told Stanley she once hired Behrman as her agent but broke the contract after six months.

Formerly Mitchum's agent, Behrman is in jail without bail pending appeal on a conviction of bilking \$10,000 from another client.

Mitchum's testimony in Behrman's trial strengthened the state's case.

Carmen Miranda On Trial Separation

Hollywood, Sept. 28 (AP)—Carmen Miranda and Dave Sebastian, film producer, are undertaking a trial separation. They announced Monday through studio representatives that the amicable separation is due to a "diversity of interests" and expressed hope that a reconciliation could be effected.

The 34-year-old Brazilian actress and her 40-year-old husband were wed here March 17, 1947. Neither had been married before.

Ask Approval Of Point Four

Washington, Sept. 28 (AP)—Undersecretary of State Webb today urged congress to approve President Truman's "point four" aid program for backward areas "in the interests of world security."

"Democracy is most secure where economic conditions are sound," Webb told the house foreign affairs committee.

The state department official appeared before the committee as the first of a parade of administration witnesses who are expected to ask congress to act on the program before adjournment. With republican opposition mounting, there seemed little likelihood that this will happen.

The program calls for \$45,000,000 to start 18 kinds of improvement projects in the world's underdeveloped countries. The aim is an eventual boost in living standards.

In his prepared remarks, Webb said that ever since Mr. Truman mentioned the idea of such a program as a major point in his inaugural address, it "has aroused great interest, great enthusiasm and great hope throughout the world."

"As originators of the proposal, we in the United States are being looked to for constructive leadership in carrying it forward," he added.

Moose Hunters Leave
Dayton—Russell Coburn,



New Ambassador—Ellis O. Briggs (above), of Maine, nominated several months ago by President Truman as Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, has been confirmed by senate.

Milt Murphy, Ernest Budke and Walt Zwick have left on a moose hunting trip, which will take them into British Columbia. They expect to be gone about 10 days. Some of the party made the trip last year with much success.

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Truman Woos Women's Votes

Washington, Sept. 28 (AP)—President Truman declared Tuesday that those who denounce his "fair deal" program as "alien or dangerous" are "just about 160 years behind the times."

The chief executive sought new women recruits for the democratic party with a campaign-like promise to press forward with housing, educational aid, expanded social security and labor objectives of the 1948 platform.

He asked the women of the

country to "look beneath the labels to see the facts" and not to be "misled by political slogans." He said women's interest in government "goes far beyond job holding or partisanship." He spoke via radio from the White House on "Democratic Women's Day" on a broadcast with Mrs. India Edwards, director of the women's division of the democratic national committee.

The president said the democratic party offered the women a program of "practical measures."

Church Groups Meet

Hopewell—There were 14 members of the Hopewell United Brethren church at the monthly meeting of Women's Mis-

slonary society held at the parsonage in the Wheatland district. Mrs. Owen N. Pearce conducted the devotions and was lesson leader. The Hopewell United Brethren Ladies Aid held the opening meeting following harvest vacation at the church all day Wednesday.



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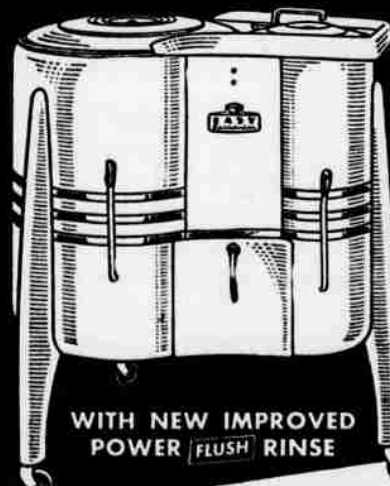
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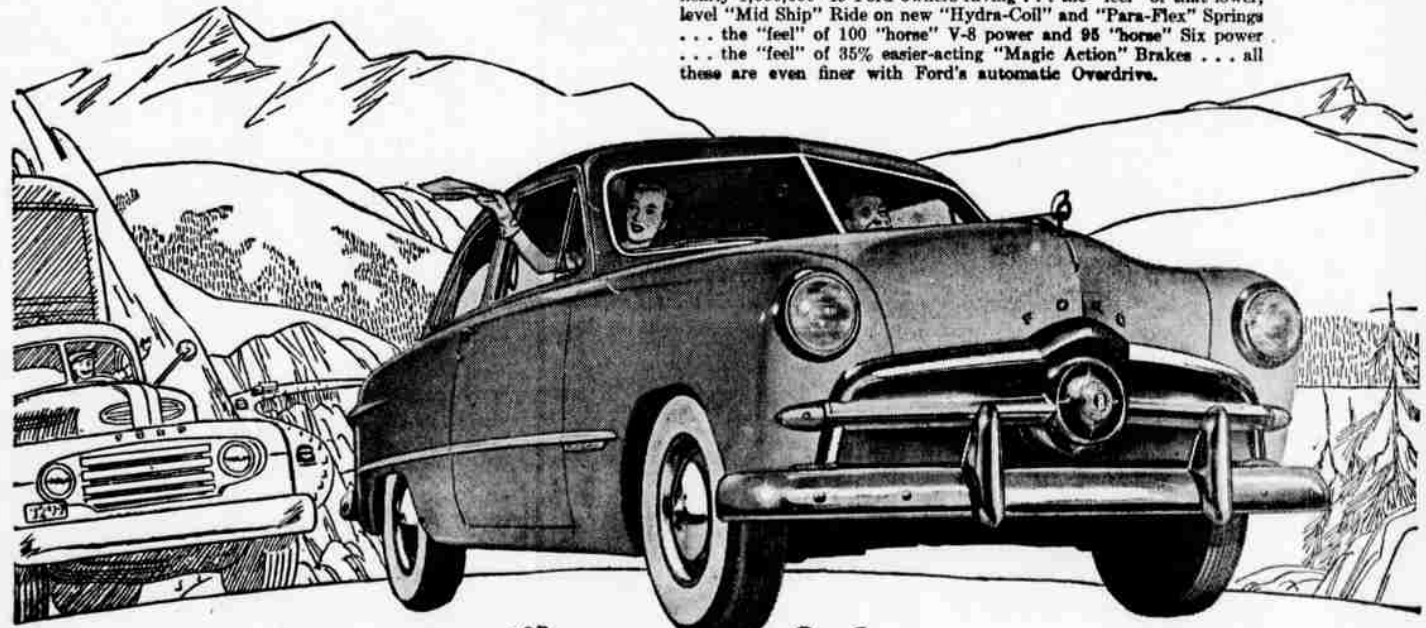
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