



'Family' Ceremony—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Hale of Santa Barbara, Calif., place wreaths at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, France. Watching are some of a group of 100 children from the French village of Maille, who have been "adopted" by the Hales. The California couple brought the children to Paris for a day's outing. All of the youngsters lost a parent or relative in the German Massacre of the village in 1944. (AP Wirephoto)

TRYING A COMEBACK

Gloria Swanson Is a Granny But She Could Pass for 30

By HARMON W. NICHOLS

Washington, Oct. 27 (UP)—The only thing I don't like about grandma is that she uses brown sugar in her tea. I tried some of the tea and it tasted awful. Otherwise, granny was a swell person. Also very pretty.

This grandma happens to be one of the grand ladies of the stage and screen, glorious Gloria Swanson. At the moment, she is tangled in a two-ply mission: A comeback and a campaign for plugging the motion picture box office.

Granny, who has three kids of her own and three grand-kids, is 50 and admits it. She could pass for 30. At the Union Station she was trim and pert in a brown wool suit. She was wearing arm-length kid gloves, underneath which was an armful of gold bracelets. No rings.

She was in Washington to plug a picture which she likes.

And Granny (she doesn't like the word) has made a few good ones herself. In all-going way back—she has been in 63. The last one was "Sunset Boulevard,"

Also the first ever to marry a "title." Meaning royalty.

She was the first American star ever to make a picture in France, the first to make a talking picture in England, and the first voice ever to broadcast from England to America.

She's done about everything in the entertainment business—including television, which she thinks needs a little revision—and she remains a swell person. Miss Swanson was born in Chicago, and she doesn't give you the broad "a" on the stage. She is a serious worker, but at the same time she has a fine sense of humor. She loves to tell you about the time a folding bed got off its rollers and trapped her halfway up. Her mother rescued her.

She doesn't know what is messing up the movie business, but she wants to find out.

"I think it might be the fact that Hollywood doesn't open its arms to aspiring youngsters and give them a chance," she said. "After all, the people in other businesses give a kid a chance to show his stuff on a sort of apprentice basis. Why shouldn't the pictures take some of the dramatic students and give them a try? If they are misfits, you might as well tell them. They'd be better off."

Before the brown-sugar-in-tea incident, Miss Swanson was standing outside the station admiring my little Austin.

'Orlon' Latest Dupont Fabric

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 27 (AP)—E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & company has staked \$22,000,000 on a new synthetic fiber called orlon which will go into commercial production late next year, company officials disclosed today.

At the same time they said nylon production is "at an all-time high and we shall be making more and more of it."

First orlon yarn will be turned out at a plant, now being built, in Camden, S. C. Investment in this plant and in research, officials said, will add up to \$22,000,000.

Although the chemical history of orlon is not unlike that of nylon, the company explained, orlon is intended chiefly for use in different fields.

Whereas nylon yarn is employed largely in the manufacture of clothing for both women and men, the new fiber will be spun into automobile tops, tents, tarpaulins, chimney filters, curtains and a variety of industrial fabrics.

"Orlon's main property," a spokesman said, "is its tremendous sunlight resistance. Slightly heavier than nylon it has proved in tests to be the most resistant fiber of all our synthetics."

Airport Aid Bill Now Law

Washington, Oct. 27 (AP)—President Truman signed into law yesterday the measure to allow states increased federal aid for airport construction this year.

The allotments by the civil aeronautics administration may be as much as 47.26 percent more than originally made available for the year.

All Pacific coast states are included in the 47 percent increase bracket.

The bill, by Senator Cordell (R., Ore.) amends the existing federal airport aid law. It pass-

ed congress after seven months of wrangling.

Figures for the three Pacific northwest states, with the increased figure for 1950 under the new law listed second, included: Oregon, \$534,714 and \$788,509; Washington, \$485,737 and \$718,286; Idaho, \$418,074 and \$616,508.

The legislation provides that all unobligated previous airport aid funds for the 1947, 1948 and 1949 construction program revert to the treasury within 90 days. They would then be redistributed for use this fiscal year, ending next June 30.

Twenty-three states stand to gain on an over-all basis with 25



Olive Queen—Rosalie Cole takes a bath in super colossal olives. Both Rosalie and the mammoth olives come from Tehama county in California, which claims that it grows more than 70 per cent of the super colossal olives harvested in the U. S. (Acme Telephoto)

losing due to reversion of the past funds.

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To Tell Europe To Speed Up

Washington, Oct. 27 (AP)—Paul G. Hoffman headed for Europe yesterday reportedly armed with an ultimatum to Marshal plan countries that they speed up their recovery progress—or else.

Persons who should know said Hoffman has ready some "get tough" proposals which would tell western Europe, in effect:

"Show more self-help among yourselves and more determination to achieve recovery—or else risk loss or sharp cutbacks of multi-billion dollar aid now flowing to Europe under the Marshall plan."

Secretary of State Acheson and Hoffman held a closed-door conference late yesterday.

Officials said they huddled for half an hour on recommenda-

tions Hoffman will carry to Paris to lay before the 19 Marshall plan countries when they meet next week.

The economic cooperation administrator is scheduled to address the Canadian Chamber of Commerce tomorrow in Montreal after which he will fly to Europe by way of New York.

According to experiments conducted by a Columbia university professor, the ten top-ranking animals, in the order of their respective intelligence are: chimpanzee, orangutan, gorilla, monkey, dog, cat, raccoon, elephant, pig and horse.

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