



'I Am the Father'—Italian Film Director Roberto Rossellini (right) is greeted by the smiling faces of his movie crew as he arrives on the set after a visit with Ingrid Bergman and her baby son in the Villa Margherita clinic in Rome. In an interview with United Press, Rossellini said "I am the father" of Ingrid Bergman's baby and stated he would marry the Swedish actress as soon as she gets a Mexican divorce from her now estranged husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom. (Exclusive photo by Julius Humi, NEA-Acme staff correspondent) (Acme Radio-Telephoto)

Rossellini Admits He's Father Of Ingrid Bergman's Baby Boy

Rome, Feb. 6 (AP)—Roberto Rossellini, Italian film director, said today that "I am the father" of Ingrid Bergman's baby born four days ago.

The registration of the birth will bear the notation "Father Unknown" to prevent Miss Bergman's husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, from making any technical claim to the child, Rossellini said.

The interview with the United Press was the first Rossellini has given since the son was born to Miss Bergman Thursday night.

He said the baby's name would be "Robertino Ingmar," the second name being the Swedish masculine of Ingrid.

Rossellini said he would marry Miss Bergman in a civil ceremony as soon as the Swedish actress gets a Mexican divorce from Lindstrom. Attorneys for Miss Bergman have filed a divorce suit in Mexico. Rossellini will make a formal declaration of the paternity of "my son" immediately thereafter, he added.

Rossellini said the full registration of the baby's birth would be made in the form of "Roberto Ingmar, son of Ingrid Bergman, father unknown." He said that would leave Lindstrom no technical grounds to claim the baby.

Under Italian law Lindstrom would be registered automatically as the baby's father unless the "father unknown" declaration were made, since he still is the legal husband of Miss Bergman.

Once Rossellini has become Miss Bergman's husband, he can give his own name legally to the child.

Rossellini was interviewed outside Rome, where he is shooting scenes for his new film on the life of St. Francis. Work on the film was delayed for some time while his co-workers congratulated him.

There is a Roman peasant custom that the father of a newly born son be presented with a basket of "Ricotta," a variety of cream cheese which must be eaten with coarse black bread in the open countryside.

Peasants near the area where Rossellini is working brought their gifts of "Ricotta." The director thanked them and then spread the sheep's milk cheese on the bread and ate it as the peasants shouted their congratulations.

"Ricotta" is given as a symbol of good health and prosperity for the new child.

When he finished the cheese and bread, Rossellini turned and in a mood of sudden exuberance seized this correspondent and kissed him on both cheeks. "I am so happy," he said. "Ingrid is so sweet."

Rossellini said the plan for the form of birth registration had been worked out because it appeared that Miss Bergman would not obtain her divorce in time to marry the director before the Feb. 12 deadline for filing the birth statement.

He said he and Miss Bergman did not plan to leave Italy any time soon.

"There will be no honeymoon," he said. "I will have to keep on with my work on the life of St. Francis, and as soon as I finish that I will start a new one with Sir Alexander Korda." (British motion picture producer.)

Rossellini said Miss Bergman shared in every phase of his work. "I tell her everything," he said. "I show her everything. As soon as scenes are finished and printed, I run them off for her. She cries at the sad parts, laughs at the funny ones. She is wonderful."

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Jane Froman Walks Unaided

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 6 (AP)—Radio singer Jane Froman, injured seriously in a plane crash seven years ago, now can walk without her cane and braces, her press agent said today.

Miss Froman underwent 25 operations following the crash of a Pan-American clipper in the Atlantic Feb. 2, 1943, but refused doctors to amputate one of her legs.

Bud Granos, New York, her publicity agent, said Miss Froman has spent several weeks at the Menninger foundation here building up her mental courage to walk again.

He said she spoke of the psychiatric center as a "big help in getting over the last big hurdle." Foundation doctors, according to Granos, described Miss Froman as a "very co-operative patient."

"Half the battle was her strong will to walk," one of the doctors told Granos.

Denham Lauds Taft-Hartley Act

Los Angeles, Feb. 6 (AP)—Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the national labor relations board, described the Taft-Hartley act today as "the biggest step forward this nation has ever made" toward stable labor relations.

He credited the controversial labor relations act with giving labor unions "an opportunity to clean house; it has given them an opportunity to throw out the communists who have infiltrated into so much of our labor movement as well as into other places throughout the structure of the nation."

In reviewing the accomplishments of the Taft-Hartley act before a Town Hall luncheon, Denham avoided any specific reference to its place in the coal strike controversy.

"I am not going to dwell on the coal dispute," he said. "It has already received enough publicity so that I believe the general public, if they do not know what it is all about, at least have some decided opinions on it."

Denham said that the rights of the labor union were paramount under the Wagner act, which controlled company-union relations before adoption of the Taft-Hartley law.

"The Taft-Hartley act is built around the rights of the individual," he said.

"Under this act, the basic right not to join a labor organization is as fully recognized and protected as is the right to participate in union activities."

Lila Leeds to Marry Son of Chicago 'Boss'

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 6 (AP)—Ex-Movie Starlet Lila Leeds, now on the comeback trail, and Erwin (Bud) Arvey of Chicago, announced last night they would be married.

The 32-year-old son of Jake Arvey, democratic leader in Illinois' Cook county, said no date had been set.

Miss Leeds, who hit the nation's front pages when she was arrested on a narcotics charge in Hollywood last year, is on the nightclub circuit as a singer.

She's currently appearing at a night club here, warbling blues and "special material."

Hubbard Woman Recovers, Others Hurt in Accidents

Mrs. Alta Mead, 57, of Hubbard, who was hospitalized Saturday at Salem General after an automobile collision on Highway 99E north of the underpass, was resting well today.

Miss Ruth Betts of Lebanon, in another car in the same accident, was released from the hospital after treatment for minor injuries.

They were hospitalized after a head on collision of automobiles driven by Ernest Mead, Hubbard, and Robert Joseph Moersch, Lebanon. Mrs. Mead received a fractured right arm and kneecap and chest injuries.

The southbound Mead vehicle went out of control on an icy place on the pavement and skidded into the path of the northbound Moersch car. Both automobiles were extensively damaged.

John Wiggins, janitor at the Detroit grade school is recovering from leg bruises received when he was knocked down by a two-foot deep snow slide from the roof of the school.

James Edward Saylie, Silverton star route, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and Carl Benton Riggs, Silverton, a passenger, for being drunk on a public highway, after their automobile collided with a northbound vehicle near Hayesville Saturday night. Both are in the Marion county jail.

Mrs. Edith Parker, route 7, was hospitalized late Saturday night after an automobile driven by her husband, Charles Lent Parker, collided with one operated by Cyreno Melvern Stebbs, Springfield, on Lancaster Drive near the Silverton Road Mrs. Parker was not seriously injured.

An automobile owned by Larry Fitzwater was destroyed by fire Saturday in front of his residence in Rickreall. The vehicle was a total loss, according to Dallas firemen, who report

POW's Educating 2 Filipinos Who Smuggled Food in War

New York, Feb. 6 (AP)—A Filipino girl and her brother whose parents were executed by the Japanese for smuggling food and medicine into wartime prison camps in the Philippines are being put through college in the United States by the American internees.

Maria Escoda, 22, was a guest of honor at a dinner the other night at which about 100 survivors of the Santa Tomas camp near Manila celebrated the fifth anniversary of their liberation by American troops.

She is studying for a B.A. degree at Barnard College. Her brother, Antonio, Jr., 19, is a freshman at Yale. To bring them to the United States and pay for their tuition the former internees of Santa Tomas and other camps in the Philippines created the Escoda Memorial fund.

Time had erased the marks of illness, malnutrition and maltreatment which years of internment had stamped on those present at the dinner, but everyone there knew of their debt to a Manila newspaperman named Antonio Escoda and his wife Josefa.

Mrs. Escoda, they reported, was president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs in Manila. By cajoling, bribing and tricking the Japanese she managed

aged for almost three years to smuggle food, medicine, clothing, money and news into two civilian and two prisoner-of-war camps. Her husband helped her. Sometimes the items would be hidden in tennis ball tins, sometimes in shoes the internees were allowed to send out for repairs.

"She had many ruses," said Ralph L. Reynolds, one of the internees. "She got the Japanese commandant to let her run a women's center in our camp. That made it easier. But mostly she worked by underground methods."

In 1944 she and her husband

were arrested and executed because of what they did. Four of their contacts in the camps were executed, too.

"I was at home when they came for my mother," Maria said. "I was 18 then. I never saw her again."

After the war the internees formed the Memorial fund. Last night was their first formal reunion. Among the business of the day was their desire—in the words of William E. Murray, chairman of the American Internees' association—to pay homage "to the Filipinos who risked their lives, and sometimes lost them, so we might be here tonight."

"We are proud," he said "to have their representative here among us." He motioned toward Maria, sitting at the center of the speaker's table. She rose. The banquet hall filled with applause.

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