



Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Frankie Darro, the former tough kid star, made a "comeback" in an MGM movie today — but movie audiences won't know it.

The fans who watch MGM's first science-fiction film, "Forbidden Planet," won't see Frankie's face on the screen, hear his voice or read his name in the credits.

Frankie told why today, and it's an ironic story from the land of ups and downs, of fame and glory one day and memories the next.

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Frankie was an idol of the celluloid in the 30s. In hundreds of Monogram pictures he was a jockey or a true-blue hero who caught the criminals to please his smiling Irish mother at home. His biggest hit was "Wild Boys of the Road."

After five years in the Navy, Frankie tried to resume his acting career. But, as he explained today, "Things were kinda slow."

He tended bar. Later he was a part-owner of another bistro. For a while he ran a children's play-ground and helped the kids ride ponies.

Then Monogram released 100 of his antique movies to television. Frankie Darro became a star again.

"People started remembering my name," he said. "I started back to work with one-day jobs, then three-day jobs."

He won roles on such TV programs as "Public Defender" and "So This Is Hollywood." He portrayed a little old lady on the Jack Benny and Red Skelton shows. Then came his big chance, a part in an MGM movie, "Forbidden Planet," in color and Cinemascope.

When Frankie showed up at the studio, he found himself hidden inside a robot uniform.

Trick Voice
He wears an uncomfortable, 84-pound, 6-foot-10-inch costume to portray a genius robot in the year 2200. His own body not only isn't seen but a mechanical trick voice will be dubbed in for the robot's conversation.

"But I don't mind," Frankie said cheerfully. "This is a lot of fun. Besides, I've seen a million people I used to know on the MGM lot. It might lead to regular acting roles."

Frankie's robot character may steal the movie. The robot can make anything you wish, including jewel-studded gowns for the heroine, Anne Francis. The robot also is a super garbage-disposal and handy man.

If audiences could see Frankie, they would notice he hasn't changed much. His hair is graying but his face still is young and his body wiry.

"If they could hear my voice they'd know me," he grinned. "After the Benny show somebody stopped me on the street and said they knew me despite the old lady disguise."

Crewmen Taken From Raft Lehi By Coast Guard

Monterey, Calif. — (U.P.) — A Coast Guard cutter plucked the five man crew of the raft Lehi from their floundering craft in pre-dawn darkness early today.

"All passengers rescued from raft Lehi II, including Skipper Baker," the rescue craft "Active" reported by radio.

The rescue occurred 44 miles off the California coast when one of the crewmen was reported "so weak from hunger he could hardly move."

None of the raft's occupants had eaten since they set out from San Francisco Friday with plans to drift across 2500 miles of open sea to the Hawaiian islands.

When they were pulled aboard the Coast Guard rescue vessel they were wet, cold, hungry and weak.

Raft Left to Flounder
The raft was left to flounder in the heavy swells of the Pacific ocean.

The Coast Guard rescue ship reached the battered raft early today. It reported on arrival at the scene that a raft would have to be launched to save Devere Baker, the 39-year-old captain of the Lehi, and his four crewmen.

The Active sped to the scene in answer to a distress call from the raft Sunday night. A Coast Guard patrol vessel and a search plane also went to the Lehi's aid.

Once the men were aboard, the Active was expected to bring them to Monterey.

The five-sided Lehi II began breaking up Sunday in a severe storm — "the worst I've ever been in," according to Baker.

The raft had set out from San Francisco Friday in an attempt to drift to Hawaii across 2500 miles of ocean. The crew was to subsist on fish and distilled sea water.

Most of Pakistan's population live in East Pakistan, only one-sixth the size of West Pakistan. East Pakistan covers 54,500 square miles of jungles, rivers and alluvial plains, and provides a home for 42,000,000 people.

Freak Storm Maroons Anglers

By UNITED PRESS

A freak May snow storm marooned fishermen in the Southern California mountains today and dumped more than a foot of snow on Central Nevada.

The strange spring outburst washed out a scheduled atomic blast on the desert near Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, rescue crews, including an Air Force rescue truck, had reached most of about 100 persons who were trapped by the Southern California snow-storm Saturday night.

However, sheriff's deputies said some of the marooned motorists would have to wait until today before they could be rescued. In the meantime, most of the marooned persons huddled in camps.

A majority of the stranded travellers were fishermen who were lured into the mountains by the balmy weather, only to be trapped by up to 20 inches of new snow. The lowlands were meanwhile pounded by up to three and a half inches of rain.

Two deaths were attributed to the California storm, one by heart attack and the other by exposure.

At Alert weather station far north on Ellesmere Island round-the-clock daylight or darkness is a general rule. The sun never sets for 147 days a year, never rises for 145.

As We Live

Youngsters Need Well-Rounded Play

Play for children should be well-rounded. It is all right to begin to specialize when one is older, but a child needs all types of play to achieve a well-rounded development.

(Q) "My nephew, who is in the third grade, loves the comics. He reads as many as he can get his hands on, and swaps with the other children in his class. But, contrary to what critics of the comics claim, he is an avid reader of good books too. In fact, he spends most of his time out of school with his nose in a book. I have never seen any bad effects of comic-reading in him, and I wonder if all the fuss about the comics is justified. I should like your opinion on this matter."

(A) Your nephew may be fortunate in having friends whose parents keep them from buying the lurid comics that deal with sex, murder, and crime of all sorts. Or he may be so fortunate as to live in a neighborhood where store-owners refuse to carry such comics. However, you are overlooking something very important about your nephew. You say that he

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"spends most of his time out of school with his nose in a book." For a third-grader, this is anything but favorable.

He needs active, out-of-doors play if his health is to be good and his physical development normal. He will not get needed exercise sitting at a desk in school and having his "nose in a book" after school.

Then, too, he needs the experience of playing games and getting along with other children. If he is to be a well-adjusted person who can get along with people in work and play, not only now but also as he grows up, he must stop giving all his time to reading and spend more time with his contemporaries.

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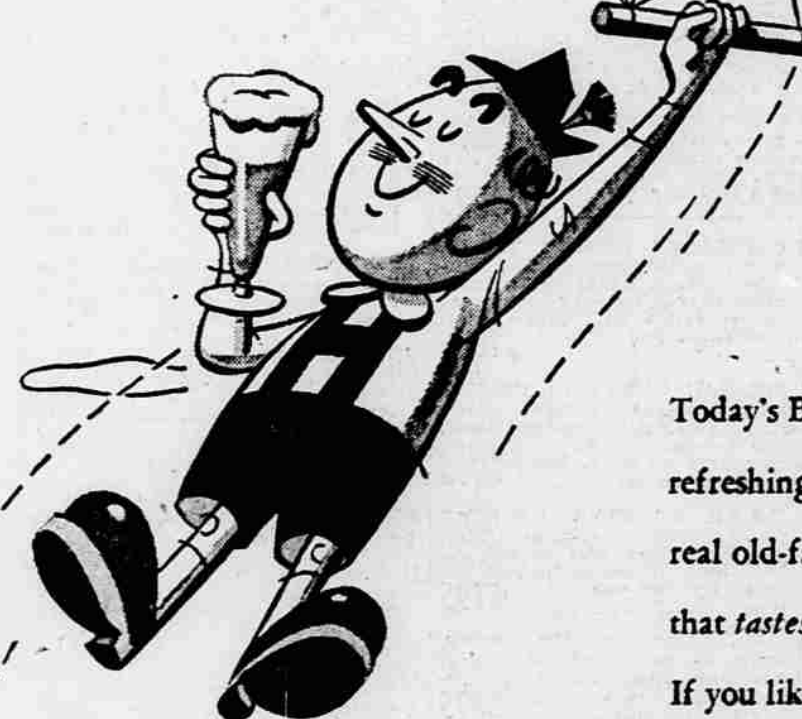
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