

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.)—European women look better from behind, Robert Mitchum, world traveler, decided today.

But from the front view he thinks they're over-advertised.

This is one observation of foreign culture that the out-spoken actor has to make about Europe after a 4½ month tour of the continent.

Mitchum insists he enjoyed his sojourn while he starred in a full-length movie version of the popular TV series, "Foreign Intrigue," as he puts it, "I can enjoy myself in a closet."

Yet he has a few other well-honed remarks about Europe that might quiver the travel agencies across the pond.

He thinks Europe is noisy, the citizens money-grabbers (except in Spain), the food not so fabulous, the beaches dirty and the dry cleaning terrible.

"The prettiest girls are right here in the United States," the traveler said as he slouched, eyes three-fourths closed, in his chair.

Good Behinds

"A lot of good behinds over there. The girls in Europe are not so nervous about girdles. But I didn't see any good-looking girls."

"You look down the Champs

Élysées in Paris and a pretty woman is one of two things—a prostitute or an American, some Smith College tourist."

Not too long ago Mitch was a near-penniless itinerant hopping a freight to California. But today the continent-hopper lounged in a French sidewalk cafe (Beverly Hills version), sipping French pernod (best described as a lethal soda) and discussing life in Europe. He even tossed around French and Italian phrases as easily as the unprintables that often pepper his conversation.

"In Genoa they were refurbishing the sewer system outside my hotel and the Italians were talking at the top of their cultured baritone voices," Mitchum said.

Likes Spaniards

"The Swedes are a little embarrassed to be caught working so they work at night—cutting rock in the streets. In Paris I could hear somebody rattling cups outside our hotel door. It turned out to be the cafe downstairs. You can hear everybody."

"I came home to California," he said, "to get a good night's sleep."

Then there was "livestock crawling around the salad." And his sons didn't like the trip because "the milk had lumps in it, and their eyes got infected from swimming at the French Riviera—the sewer empties there."

"Ah, the gay and golden cote d'azur," sighed the actor.

"People were always short-changing my wife," he continued. "Except in Spain. They don't cheat. They're too proud."

"The Swedes are kind of smug and superior. The Spaniards are gracious and wonderful. It's great for a public freak like me to walk around Spain. They enjoy your being there."

News Suppression

Subject of Hearing

Washington — (U.P.)—A House subcommittee on suppression of government news will hold public hearings here Nov. 7 through 11, Chairman John E. Moss (D-Calif.) has announced.

Moss said a panel of prominent editors, publishers, reporters and experts on the question of freedom of information will be on the subcommittee's first witnesses. Names of the panel members will be announced later.

Something Terrible

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SOUGHT—Ralph Reno, 27, ex-convict accused of crushing his 57-year-old father's skull and stabbing him twice, is believed to be holding his 34-year-old stepmother as hostage. Fighting for his life in Hollywood General Hospital, Andrew Reno gasped, "My son has death in his eyes. If you find him shoot him down like a dog."

Police Search for Suspected Killer Of Stepmother

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—Police said today they are convinced that a 27-year-old ex-convict who stabbed his father also has killed his youthful stepmother. The father urged police to "shoot him down like a dog," if they find his son.

All points bulletin was out for Ralph Reno, wanted for stabbing his father, Andrew Reno, 57, who is in critical condition in General Hospital.

"We're convinced he killed his stepmother, Mrs. Stella Reno," said Detective Lt. C. C. Forbes.

The attractive 34-year-old Mrs. Reno disappeared shortly before the stabbing Wednesday night. She has not been seen since. When the son attacked his father with a butcher knife, he told him:

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Talent-Ashland Fund Drive Aids Campfire Girls

Ashland — A goal of \$14,300 has been set up for the current Ashland-Talent Youth Fund drive. This fund, which was figured on the actual budgetary needs of the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and the YMCA, will be divided on that basis at the campaign's end.

One of these groups, the Campfire Girls, is for all girls who are in the fifth grade at school or are 10 years old.

The girls are assisted by a Guardian and usually are sponsored by one or a group of individuals or by another organization such as the PTA or any one of the various service clubs.

Once a Campfire Girl, work is begun on earning credits or honors toward the four ranks in the organization. These ranks, Trail Seeker, Wood Gatherer, Fire Maker, and Torch Bearer, are emblematic of the work and function of each group.

Useful deeds in the home, school or community. They may be earned in seven crafts, including Home, Outdoors, Creative Arts, Frontiers, Business, Sports and Games, and Citizenship.

Campfire Girls have "little sisters" called Bluebirds, and "big sisters" belonging to the Horizon Club.

Escapes Proof Building Springs Another Leak

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—The city's two-month-old "escape proof" police building sprung another leak Thursday.

Walter L. Simmons, 27, being held for San Jose, Calif., police on a grand theft charge, escaped.

Another prisoner made a getaway the week the building was opened.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Leaving Little Children Alone Is Dangerous Policy

Having no comprehension of possible danger, little children need constant supervision.

(Q) "I would like you to settle an argument between me and my husband regarding our children."

We have two children a boy of three and a girl nine months old. Since they take naps in the afternoon, I use this time to shop, chat with neighbors

Dr. Hurlock and get a change of scenery. Before leaving the house, I put the children in their cribs and shut the door. The baby, of course, cannot get out of her crib. The boy knows he will get a good spanking if he leaves the crib before I get home. It seems perfectly safe to leave them. I lock the doors so no one can get in and I rarely stay away for more than an hour. My husband, however, thinks I take a big risk. He objects to me leaving the house without the children. Don't you think this is unreasonable?" Mrs.

C. B.

(A) No, I think your husband is absolutely right.

Locking the doors of your house, for instance, merely increases the danger. What would happen to the children if fire breaks out? Even if the older child called for help, it might be too late to save them.

Nor can you guarantee the fear of a "good spanking" will keep your son in his crib. If he leaves the crib, he could get into all kinds of trouble.

Play safe. Don't leave the children out of earshot until they are much older.

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Klamath Water Agreement Reached

Klamath Falls — (U.P.)—California and Oregon Klamath River commissions yesterday announced a "final agreement in principle" on a proposed interstate compact regulating the use of Klamath river waters.

Commissioners will write the final text of the compact at a drafting committee meeting in Sacramento next Wednesday.

Following the formal drafting of the compact and a planned public hearing, the document would have to be approved by California and Oregon state legislatures and Congress before its conditions could be put into effect.

Commissioners also said they would write a letter to California Oregon Power company general manager John C. Boyle outlining the steps the company must take before the river groups' opposition is withdrawn from a proposed Copco-Bureau of Reclamation contract.

Copco, which proposes to build dams totaling \$70,000,000 on the Klamath, has offered to agree to commissioners' de-

mands that domestic, municipal and irrigation uses of the Klamath have prior rights over the company's needs. However, members of the river commissions asked for clarification on several points.

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Food Shortage In Shanghai Told

Kobe, Japan — (U.P.)—An American businessman and his wife arrived in Japan today from semi-detention in Communist China and reported "serious" food shortages in Shanghai.

The couple were Howard L. (Cappy) Ricks, 65, and his wife, Lydia, 61. They were the latest Americans to be freed from Red China under a repatriation plan negotiated at Geneva.

They arrived in this southern Japanese port directly from Shanghai aboard the Dutch ship, Straat Bali.

Ricks, a native of Boscobel, Wis., had lived in China for 40 years. Mrs. Ricks was born in Shanghai of British parents.

They were the 15th and 16th Americans to leave Red China under the Geneva agreements. A total of 41 Americans in China was named by the State department but Red China recently has hinted there were 66 there, apparently including 16 turncoat soldiers from the Korean war.

The Ricks were met by their son, John, a Tokyo businessman whom they had not seen since 1947.

"The food shortage is quite serious in Shanghai," Ricks said, "but people can manage somehow. Rice was rationed but we used to eat rice frequently. We often saw children crying for food in the slums."

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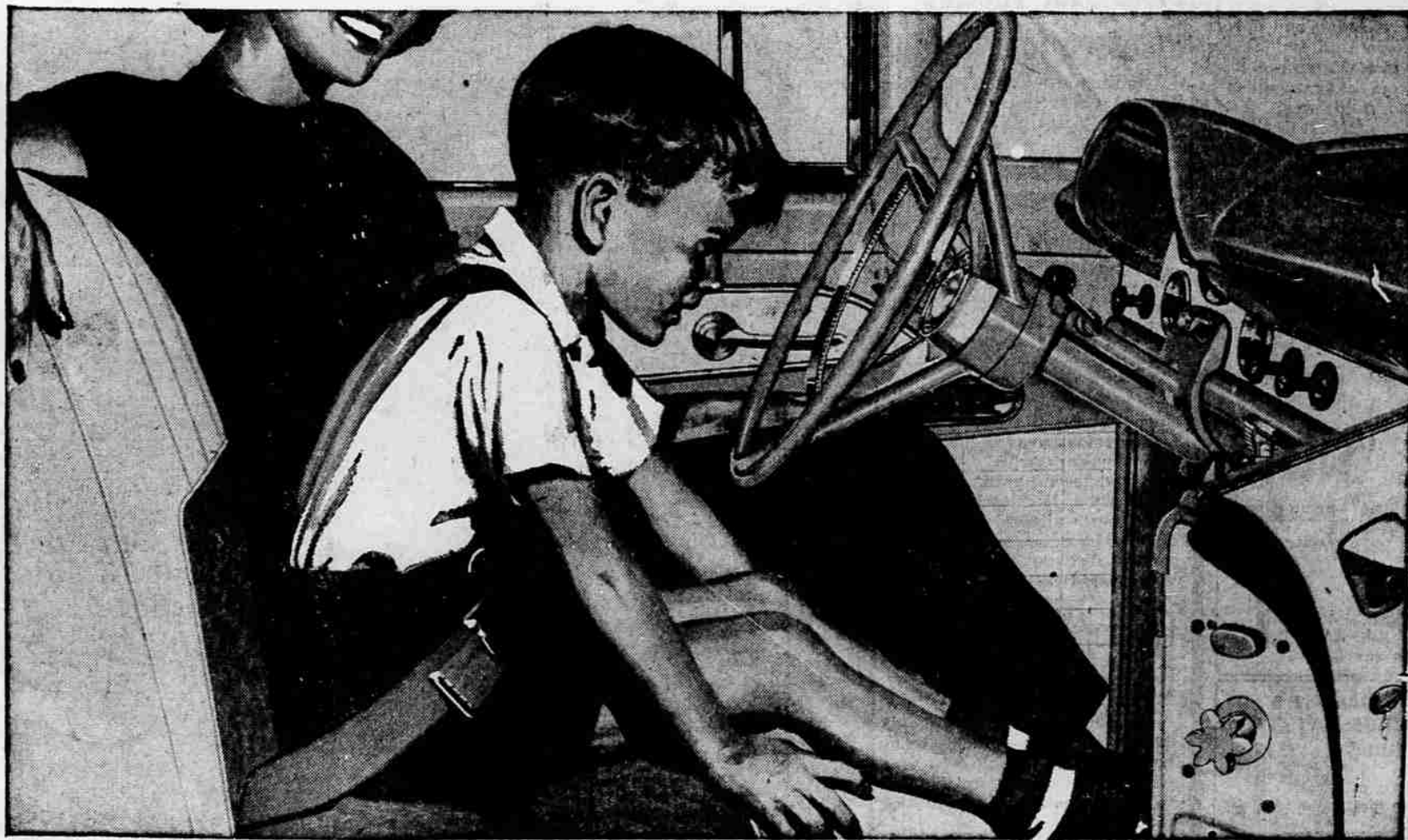
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