

## Gloria Swanson Finds Trip To House Of Von Stroheim Like French Comedy

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Paris —(U.P.)— Getting to Eric Von Stroheim's house, just outside of Paris, turned out to be a French comedy. I was directed north by a gendarme, east by a gas station attendant and south and west by a few passersby.

I was going around in circles until I came across a policeman who had a map. As I pulled up to the side of the road, another car did likewise. The driver

stared at me, I stared back and then let out a scream. "Sy Howard!" I exclaimed. "Of all people. What are you doing here? Of all the roads in Europe you have to stop in this one and ask the same cop?"

**Beautiful Girl**  
You may not know who Sy Howard is, but you certainly remember the character he created—Irra, in "My Friend Irma." We chatted for a while and then he went his way with a beautiful girl snuggled close to his side. I went my way looking for the quaint little village of Maurepas.

I rang the bell of the biggest gate in town. It was promptly flung open and I drove up the winding driveway. The gentleman of the manor was awaiting me as I pulled up to a chalet. He greeted me with, "Your servant, Max, has put out the golden carpet for "Norma Desmond—or are you "Queen Kelly?"

I regaled ourselves and the guests with tales of the silent but gay days in Hollywood. **The Greatest Art**  
Eric said he thought the movies were the greatest art. I asked him to explain. "Well," he said, "an illusion of reality can be more completely brought to an audience on the screen than any other form or medium. And what is drama or comedy but a copy of life? The theater has a combination of limitations. The screen has none." One can't help but wonder why such a man has not directed a picture in over 20 years. A man who once directed most of the great stories he wrote such as "Blind Husbands" he says they still are; "Devil's Passkey;" "Foolish Wives;" "Greed;" "Merry Widow;" "Wedding March." Last year Sao Paulo, Brazil, saw fit to have a festival of Von Stroheim movies.

Both names brought back memories—the first "Sunset Boulevard," the second the title of my last silent picture directed by Von Stroheim and never finished. The flaming fire felt good. He had a few guests, also two dogs named "Jolly" and "Trouble." They slept while Eric and

In the meantime, he lives comfortably in the country—writing. He has finished three novels. His autobiography, yet to be released, should be a humdinger for he isn't one to soft-pedal his opinions. You in America will see him soon acting opposite Hildegarde Neff in "The Mamba."

## Quotes From the News

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London, Wash.—William James, 37, one of 10 convicts who escaped from Washington state penitentiary, on his surrender to a farmer:

"I forgot my heart pills and couldn't run very fast."

Minneapolis, Minn.—Dr. Arnold Toynbee, noted British historian, on mankind's future:

"Today, for the first time, the whole world is having, within a single lifetime, to go through a greater revolution than it is perhaps possible within just one single lifetime for human nature to digest."

Washington—Sen. Theodore F. Green (D-R.I.) on the prestige of the United Nations in the Middle East:

"The U.N. has undertaken to do certain things but has limited itself to raps on the knuckles. It ought to follow up its professions of belief by action to show that it means business."

Moscow—Soviet First Deputy Premier Lazar M. Kaganovich on Soviet production:

"In volume of production, we occupy the second place in the economy of the world. I am convinced, however, that by correct application of Socialist methods we shall fulfill Lenin's behest to catch up and outstrip the U.S.A."

Cleveland—Coach Paul Brown of the Cleveland Browns, after victory over New York Giants during which Browns' ace Otto Graham was injured:

"The Giants always have the spark for us. We were lucky to get out of the game alive."

## Woodward Will To Leave Estate To Wife and Sons

New York —(U.P.)— The will of William Woodward Jr., which provides that his estate of \$10,000,000 plus the famous racehorse Nashua go to his wife and two sons, will be filed for probate today.

Mrs. Woodward, who shot her socialite husband when she mistook him for a prowler, will inherit the first \$10,000 and one third of the estate under New York law. The remainder, presumably, will go to their two sons, William III, 11, and James, 7.

A new grand jury panel will be sworn in on Wednesday and will hear the case, which rocked international society, when Mrs. Woodward's physicians say she is well enough to testify.

Mrs. Woodward, a patient at Doctors Hospital since the fatal shooting in their Oyster Bay home eight days ago, does not know the shooting will go before a Nassau county grand jury. Her physician reported Sunday she has not even engaged a lawyer "because she actually feels she does not need a lawyer."

Dr. John M. Prutting, her physician, said Mrs. Woodward, obeying his orders, has not read any newspapers since her admission to the hospital.

Meanwhile, a private investigator was retained by the family.

Chief Inspector Stuyvesant Pinnell, of Nassau county, confirmed that Mrs. Woodward had taken a new drug to alleviate stomach cramps before she retired on the night of the shooting.

Medical authorities point out that the drug, thiorazine, has widely different effects, even on the same person. Police speculated as to whether the drug could have contributed to Mrs. Woodward's confused state of mind when she shot at what she thought was a prowler.

**NOMA IN CONFERENCE**  
San Francisco —(U.P.)— The National Office Management association conference and equipment show opened at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel today with some 500 West Coast business leaders in attendance.

There are 22,000,000 milk cows in the United States according to the Agriculture Department.

## Jones Boys Get Mixed Up With Gal Job Applicants

New York —(U.P.)— This is a story about the Jones boys and two job applicants, one a beautiful blonde pin-up girl, the other a plain Jane.

The Jones boys work in the RCA Victor offices. Bob Jones is art director there and Bud Jones is an accounting manager.

Bob needed a pretty girl to model for a record album cover, Bud needed a secretary. The blonde and the plain Jane were waiting for interviews. Finally the receptionist nodded to Jane.

"Mr. Jones will see you now," she said, "second floor." Jane, very dumpy, very plain, went to the second floor.

Art director Jones took a look and wondered "who did this to me." But, being a gentleman, he recovered and inquired: "May I see your photographs?"

"Photographs?" Jane asked. "Of course," Bob Jones replied. "Nudes or bathing suit shot will do. You have to have a figure to work for us."

Jane fled screaming. Meanwhile, back in the accounting department, Bud Jones received the blonde pin-up girl.

"Oh, brother," he murmured rubbing his hands. "Have a seat please. Now, have you had any experience?" "Oh, yes indeed," the blonde purred.

"May I see your resume?" "Resume?" "Yes, of course, your resume." The blonde figured that the word "resume" was a fancy word for leg art, she tossed her photos on accountant Jones' desk. There she was, in a few bits of leopard skin, again wrapped in cellophane, again simply in the together.

Bud Jones gurgled and turned green. Everything turned out all right, however. Plain Jane didn't call police, the girls got switched around and so ended the story.

## Two Yanks Held as Spies in E. Germany

Geneva —(U.P.)— Two Americans were serving three-year jail terms each. He gave their names as Sgt. Bill Smallwood of Bettyville, Ky. and Nick Craemer, a chemist, born Feb. 2, 1929, in Philadelphia.

Oskar Stuehmke, one of Waldheim's 1700 inmates for five years himself, said the two Americans were serving three-year jail terms each.

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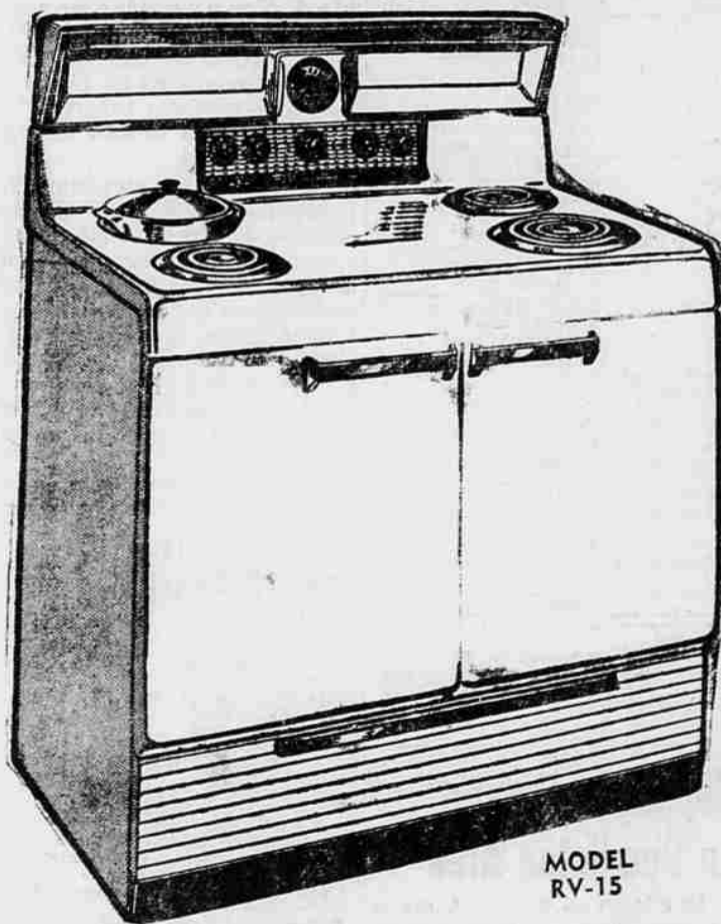
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