

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—A year ago Zasu Pitts lay in a hospital recovering from a serious operation. Today, inspired by her recovery, she wants to give up her usual fluttery comedy roles and come back as a dramatic actress.

"I had cancer," big-eyed Zasu said frankly. "I went to a doctor for a check-up—and there it was."

"A friend told me, 'You'll be depressed for about a year after the operation. And then you'll come back.' Sure enough, a few weeks ago I suddenly felt wonderful. I'm very enthusiastic about a lot of projects."

Miss Pitts is not closing the door to comedy—just so she does not draw stereotyped "Pitts parts." But her main project is to win dramatic parts—"the type Thelma Ritter does."

"I had one dramatic TV role in my hands once but they gave it to Lillian Gish," she said. "I get so stymied. I just want to be human in my roles."

Most fans think of Zasu Pitts as a funny woman. But students of the silent era remember "Greed," one of Hollywood's greatest films directed by Eric Von Stroheim and starring Miss Pitts as a beautiful heroine (and lovable Jean Hersholt as the villain).

She was a dramatic star until she appeared in "The Dummy," an early talkie with Frederic March and Jack Oakie.

"I played a stupid gun moll and kept saying 'Oh, my dear.' It was funny and that was my downfall," she reminisced.

"Next I was in 'Farewell to Arms' with Lew Ayres. I was supposed to be dying of a broken heart. But at the preview the audience laughed at me. So they had to cut me out of the picture."

Miss Pitts reluctantly stayed a comedienne "in everything but the newsreels" in Hollywood and on the stage. She did comedy on many TV shows, including "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and clowning in the last "Francis" mule movie.

New Lease on Life

Then came an unsuccessful

Council of Europe Ministers Meet To Discuss Cold War

Paris—(U.P.)—Foreign ministers of the 14-nation Council of Europe met today to map new Western strategy to combat the Soviet Union's apparent determination to revive the cold war.

The meeting at the Chateau de la Muette raised the curtain on a weeklong series of conferences among the member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The United States will be represented by three cabinet ministers at the NATO council meeting opening Thursday.

The conferences are aimed at stepping up Western defense efforts and bolstering European unity in the light of the failure of the Big Four Geneva foreign ministers conference and the current violent anti-Western outburst of the Kremlin bosses.

Key Items

The key items at the one-day meeting of the Council of Europe include:

- 1. German unification and European security.
- 2. Admission of new members to the council, particularly Austria and Yugoslavia.
- 3. Refugees and over-population problems.
- 4. A report on progress made in the field of European economic integration with special emphasis on a study of a European atomic pool.

Wednesday, the seven-nation Western European Council of Foreign Ministers will confer and the finishing touches to the reappraisal of Western policy will be made by the NATO ministers council.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury George W. Humphrey are scheduled to participate in the three-day NATO conference.

Coos Bay Locals Accept Wage Increase

Coos Bay—(U.P.)—Five locals, representing about 1300 members of the AFL Plywood Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, have voted to accept an employer offer of an average 8 3/4 cent per hour wage increase effective Dec. 1, 1955, it was reported today.

The present contracts don't expire until next April 1.

The remaining Coos Bay area members of the union, representing 3000 men in 15 additional operations, will vote during the next two weeks.

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Wreckage of C54 Found in Morocco

Rabat, Morocco—(U.P.)—A Spanish search party today found the wreckage of a U.S. Air Force C54 plane in the Rif mountains of northern Morocco and the bodies of all eight persons aboard.

The four engine transport plane crashed Monday night near Ketama, an isolated village in the Spanish zone.

A Spanish military patrol located the wreckage. It reported to the headquarters of the 17th U.S. Air Force division here that there were no survivors.

The plane went down while on the way from the United States to Wheelus Air Force Base at Tripoli, Libya.

There was no immediate explanation as to why it crashed. It had made radio checks with Gibraltar and Tangier and was flying at a steady 10,000 feet. Casablanca radio first reported the plane missing.

Two heavy trucks and two ambulances of the 17th Air Force division left Rabat for Ketama after the first report of the crash reached here Monday night.

American authorities said the wreck lay on a nearly inaccessible slope high in the rugged Rif mountains, whose peaks are blanketed by the year's first snow.

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Applications For Civil Service Jobs

Applications for several civil service positions are being accepted.

The Portland field board of examiners of the department of agriculture are taking applications for engineering aid (agriculture) and soil conservation aid. The positions open are in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Applications also are being accepted for communications coding clerk and traffic clerk in various federal agencies in the Washington, D.C. area.

Additional details on the positions may be obtained from Chester W. Silliman at the post office building here.

Applications for examinations for irrigation operator, supervising irrigation operator and watermaster for employment by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Forms may be obtained from the local post office or the executive secretary, department of interior, northwest board of the civil service examiners, post office box 3537, Portland.

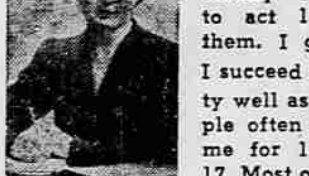
As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

A Compromise is Often The Only Real Solution

Compromises are not usually a good solution to any problem. Sometimes, however, they are the only way out.

(Q) "I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. Most of my girl friends are two or three years older than I, so naturally I try to act like them. I guess I succeed pretty well as people often take me for 16 or 17. Most of my girl friends have boy friends and I felt left out, so I got one too. I sincerely like the guy, we have lots of fun together, and now we are going steady. My parents don't approve of him because he is 16 and I am only 13. Now it is very hard for me to get along at home. No matter which way I turn, I will hurt someone or lose my friends, so what do you think I should do?"



Dr. Hurlock

are willing to compromise here to please your parents, I am sure they will be reasonable and compromise with you and will not disapprove of your friendship with this one boy.

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LOCKING her heart against all hope of romance in exchange for \$300 a month for life is decision of Frances Miller, 48, of Los Angeles. Strange bargain is demanded in will of the late Percy Martin. Miss Miller (above) and Mrs. Helen Dill, 53, accept legacy of loneliness in Los Angeles. (International)

THINGS TOUGH ALL OVER

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Police were on the lookout today for a bank robber who apparently hardly makes expenses. The thief broke into a downtown branch of the American Trust Co. over the week end and escaped with \$3.

New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day are the only holidays celebrated by all 48 states.

Gift Certificates for Chateaus and Ranches

New York—(U.P.)—Previews Inc., a national real estate clearing house, today offered to sell gift certificates to anyone wanting to give a French chateau or a Wyoming ranch as a Christmas gift.

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Resolution Pleases Sec. Douglas McKay

Portland—(U.P.)—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay says he is pleased by a resolution endorsing his record of public service in Oregon and Washington, D. C., as a member of President Eisenhower's cabinet.

In a letter to the state GOP Central Committee, McKay said he was "very grateful to committee members for the action they have taken in support of the job I am endeavoring to do back here."

The resolution was adopted Dec. 3. It charged that McKay had been subjected to vicious and unwarranted political attacks by partisans which had been proved to have no factual basis.

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