



THIS AIRLINE PHOTO may shatter Confidential magazine's assertion that screen star Maureen O'Hara was in Hollywood in November, 1953. Here she arrives at Los Angeles Airport with her brother, on Jan. 15, 1954, after 3 months in Spain. (International)

Recess Called in Criminal Libel Trial in Hollywood

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press Hollywood Writer
Hollywood—A recess was called today in the spacy Confidential criminal libel trial in the heat of a defense move aimed at proving Mae West possessed a passion for boxers and singer Dorothy Dandridge made love in the woods with a bandleader.
Top secret sources of lurid stories in Confidential and Whisper magazines were disclosed Wednesday prior to the adjournment of the trial until Friday. The defense maintained that affidavits were obtained to substantiate stories on such film celebrities as Clark Gable, Maureen O'Hara, John Carroll and Producer Paul Gregory.
Fred Meade, operator with his wife of a Hollywood "listening post" for Confidential, was the defense counsel's "bombshell" witness of the day. Meade told of persons who tipped him off on prospective stories about the on-screen life of movie stars.
Come Up And See Me
Miss West was introduced into testimony when Meade was

asked about the Confidential story titled, "Mae West's Open-Door Policy." The story claimed Miss West wasn't kidding when she said "come up and see me some time" and alleged that her chauffeur took her up on the offer.
Meade testified that Miss West had an "affinity" for prize fighters and often hired them as chauffeurs. The defense witness, also a defendant in the trial, said he obtained a letter signed by a "Dale Wright" and an affidavit from one-time featherweight champion Albert (Chalky) Wright to authenticate that Miss West allegedly had other than business relations with her Negro chauffeur identified only as "Jones."
The defense prior to the start of the trial three weeks ago indicated it hoped to prove that "Jones" actually was Wright. Wright slipped and drowned in a bathtub last week but his affidavit was introduced into evidence.
The affidavit brought out that Wright worked at one time for

Miss West but received instead of a salary "\$100 to \$200 a week in tips." The tips kept coming in for a year and a half, according to the document.
The letter from the "Dale Wright," who was not identified, said in part:
"Some years ago—perhaps 15—Mae West had a Negro chauffeur named something or other Jones. The driver-employer relationship soon developed into something a little more intimate, however, and rumor had it that Jones became her lover."
Bandleader Daniel Terry was identified by Meade as the scandal scout who obtained most of the material for the story titled, "Only The Birds and The Bees Saw What Dorothy Dandridge Did In The Woods."
Meade testified that Terry and the sultry singer dated while both were appearing at a night club in the mountain resort town of Tahoe Village, Nev. The story alleged that the Negro singer and "a male companion" spent intimate moments together in the woods surrounding the lake.
Meade admitted that he and his wife, Marjorie, niece of Confidential Publisher Robert Harrison, received "tips" and then gathered material for some stories.
Meanwhile, movie heroes and heroines continued to deny lewd accounts of themselves almost as fast as they were implicated in defense testimony.
Corrine Calvet was the latest to attack as false a story about her. The story alleged that Miss Calvet "came close to killing husband John Bromfield with boudoir kindness."
"Absolutely untrue," Miss Calvet told newsmen. "Confidential magazine is a malignant growth. It must be destroyed and I will be happy to help, even if it means some embarrassment."
Miss Calvet may get her chance to rally to the cause of movie stars who have been named in smut stories. She has been put on a "two-hour" call basis to testify as a "defense witness."

HORN BROOK Birthdays Are Observed

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN
Hornbrook—Twenty-nine relatives and friends gathered Saturday evening at Bur-Bel resort on the Klamath river to honor the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Dora Marlahan, and the 79th birthday of Mrs. Essie Mulloy, both Ft. Jones.
Sharing the honors of the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith who were celebrating a wedding anniversary. Mrs. Marlahan is Mrs. Smith's mother.
Out of town guests present for the party were Mrs. Smith's sisters and their husbands from Redding, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Clay Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Zeist, and Smith's sisters, Mrs. Merle Zink, from Eureka, Calif., and Mrs. Frances Steele of Grass Valley, Calif.
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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shepard and girls are in Portland visiting relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Chappel have returned home after a trip

Bulls Walk In As Water Boils for Tea

Newcastle, England—Mrs. Doris Swan was waiting for the kettle to boil for a cup of tea Wednesday, when in walked four bulls.
Mrs. Swan fled upstairs to a bedroom.
So did one of the bulls. He charged the door, pawed the floor, butted a bed, and poked his head curiously in the direction of Mrs. Swan, her woman friend and her daughter.
"I thought we were done for," Mrs. Swan said.
Meanwhile the three other bulls, which had escaped from a slaughterhouse, broke a staircase, a bed downstairs, the floorboards and some of Mrs. Swan's best china.
The bull that went upstairs looked balefully at the woman and girl and refused to be shooed off with a broomstick. He and his slaughterhouse mates finally fled when the Swan's spaniel, Lassie, took offense at being awakened from a late afternoon nap and barked until they left.

American Delegation Arrives in Peiping
Harbin, Manchuria Via Moscow—The American delegation which attended the World Youth Festival in Moscow earlier this month arrived today en route to Peiping.
They are due to arrive in the Chinese capital Friday.

Airlines Seek NW Overhaul Base

Seattle—Representatives of several airlines here Wednesday they had eight Pacific Northwest cities under consideration as a site for a proposed overhaul base for turbo-prop airplane engines.
The eight cities mentioned included Ephrata-Moses Lake, Yakima, Everett, Chehalis, Pasco, Walla, Walla, Portland and Boise.
The representatives said they would call on a nationally known aviation planning and engineering firm to survey these cities and make a recommendation.
Airlines involved in the project are West Coast, Northern Consolidated, Wein Alaska, Bonanza, and possibly Frontier.
The proposed plant would be cooperatively established by the participating airlines to maintain and rebuild Rolls Royce "Dart" engines, which will be used to power the 40-passenger Fairchild F-27. All of the airlines will eventually use the F-27 as a replacement for the Douglas DC-3 and for short to medium-haul operations.
The F-27s are expected to be in operation by early next spring.

Portland Enforces Its 'Gypsy' Ordinance
Portland—Portland has started enforcing its so-called "gypsy" ordinance.
Yesterday the city issued warrants against five property owners, accusing them of violating the housing code.
Officials say that all of the addresses listed in the warrants were, or had been, occupied by gypsies.



SPEAKER—Shown above is Dr. Alfred H. Gromman, keynote speaker at the state conference of the Oregon chapter of the National Council of Teachers of English. Dr. Gromman, whose work on the professional preparation of teachers of English is nationally recognized. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1943, has contributed a number of professional writings to the field, and is presently serving as director of freshman English at Stanford university.

Randolph Not to Seek Re-election to Union
New York—Woodruff Randolph, 65, president of the International Typographical Union since 1944, has announced he will not seek reelection at the end of his present term.
Randolph gave personal health as the basis for his decision to step down as head of the 105-year-old union after nearly 30 years as a member of its Executive Council.
He will complete his present term until it expires on July 15, 1958.

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