

'A Normal Person'

Ingrid Bergman's Story

Editor's note: In this last chapter of a five-part interview, Ingrid Bergman discusses her "third husband," Lars Schmidt, and their plans to be married when she is legally free to do so.

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Written for UPI

Ingrid Bergman has a certain indefinable something that enables her, with no apparent effort, to reach right to the heart of an emotion and the hearts of an audience at the same time.

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same quality which led people to expect so much of her in real life.

I asked Ingrid about this quality, and how she explained it.

"I live and act as a normal person," she said. "I try to live a normal life and take a normal interest in what's going on around me. I'm interested in people, how they behave and why they behave the way they do."

Ingrid said there was one thing she found it hard to take an interest in, politics, "although I know I should."

Frightened of War
"I'm frightened of another war . . . like everyone else," she shuddered. "Everyone is frightened . . . nobody wants one — yet these things happen. And try as I may — I cannot get interested in politics. My husbands — all three of them — have always been telling me, 'But Ingrid — you must know about politics — you embarrass people . . . read the papers.'"

"So I look at the papers and it is all there . . . but I do not understand the words . . . they don't mean anything to me . . . and I always say 'This I will do next year — when I get a break' . . . but I never get a break . . . or next year comes . . . and I never get around to it."

I reminded Ingrid that she had just said "my husbands — all three of them."

"Did I say that?" she demanded, and I said, "you did."

She threw back her head and roared with laughter. Ten minutes earlier Lars Schmidt had withdrawn discreetly down the mountainside where we were chatting, so that I could be alone with Ingrid.

"When you go down — tell him about it and watch his face," she said. "Tell him 'she keeps making an embarrassing mistake by talking about her 'third husband' — and ask him what he's going to do about it?'"

Ingrid laughed again. "That was a little premature of me."

Then she looked thoughtful.

"But I've been surprised at the reaction this time . . . and very relieved. At first I thought, a trifle wearily perhaps, 'Here we go again.'"

"But it has not been like that at all. Wherever I go people seem pleased . . . and glad that I am happy."

I told Ingrid I hoped she would find lasting happiness, and she said, with a girlish, impish grin: "I have high hopes!"

"That," I said, "is the way rumors start. If you had been overheard making that remark in any bar or night club in London . . . Paris . . . Rome . . . the wires would be buzzing around the world, and by morning you would be hard at it denying a secret marriage. You really should be more careful . . ."

Ingrid nodded. "I know. I know. I am always being told about it. If you'd read that Garbo said that you would know it would not be true, because good old Garbo never says anything. But me! However silly it is, people know I must have said it, because I open my great big mouth too much. And too often."

Says She's Shy
"It's funny . . . because I don't find it easy to talk to people and I am really a very shy person. Because in Sweden we are very polite people. You never say that your house, or your dress, or your children are anything at all. If someone compliments you on your dress you always say, 'But no . . . this is an old rag . . . but your dress is wonderful!'"

"When I went to America I was almost shocked at the way people said, 'Yes, I rather like it too.' They were proud of everything . . . their wives, their families, their jobs, their cars . . . that was God's own country! It took some getting used to!"

"Your career is re-established and happiness has returned with Lars, so the sooner you marry and make a settled life for yourself the better," I said.

"We shall marry as soon as we are able to," Ingrid replied. "And how long that will be we do not know. We are waiting for the verdict of the Rome court, which is deciding whether there was a marriage or not, and if there was, whether it should be annulled. They are not too op-

timistic: Over 2,000 applications are heard in Rome for marriage annulments each year, and only 50 are granted. We realize the fact that those involved are very much in the public eye might prove a difficulty, and also the fact that Roberto has already had one marriage annulled.

Won't Affect Status
"A Mexican divorce?—that would not be recognized in Italy. And I want to be able to go back to Italy whenever I want. If my children were to be in Italy, and I wanted to visit them suddenly, I would not be able to if divorced only in Mexico."

The solution may yet have to be a Swedish divorce, which would give Ingrid Swedish nationality again, and be recognized in Italy.

The facts are that Rossellini claimed their marriage was not valid and Ingrid, through her solicitors, agreed.

"This does not affect the status of the children of the marriage," Ingrid explained, "because in Italian law, if a father accepts the children as his own, then they are legiti-

mate, whether there has been a marriage or not."

Meanwhile, as they attempt to sort out the marriage tangle, Ingrid and Lars travel regularly to their dream house 25 miles outside Paris, in the village of Choisis, near the Duke of Windsor's home.

"It was once a mews," said Ingrid. "Lars found it and bought it — readapting it for about \$80,000."

"It has 22 rooms, but we have taken out the whole of the interior and are re-building it. We do not want so many rooms, nor too many servants. We want to live comparatively simply, as we would in Sweden . . ."

"We want two large ground floor rooms and a kitchen where I can do my own cooking."

"The kitchen was in Mosaic; I have changed that."

"We should find seclusion there, because it is an eight acre estate surrounded by a ten foot wall, and Choisis is a small village with a population of only 275."

"Soon it will be 280," said Ingrid with a smile.

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Drivers Licenses Suspended Listed

Salem — The department of motor vehicles has released names of 586 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Sept. 22 and ending Sept. 26.

Length of suspension varies, depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving financial responsibility and court recommendations may have been re-instated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:

Driving While Suspended — (Includes any conviction for violation of traffic laws, involving operation of motor vehicle, while driving privileges were under suspension)

Doty, Judt Warren, 65, of 2867 South Pacific highway, Medford, violating the basic rule, 1 year.

Wright, James Andrew, 23, of 507 Fourth st., Phoenix, no operator's license, 1 year.

Driving While Under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor — (Mandatory suspension)

Baalman, Eugene Henry, 39, of 693 East Valley View rd., Ashland, 1 year.

Birk, Clifford Lee, 33, PO box 523 Phoenix, 1 year.

Coggins, Larry Cecil, 19, of 117 C st., Phoenix, 90 days.

Mallette, Dustin Archibald, 46, of 9312 South Tacoma way, Tacoma, Wash., 90 days.

Rand, Andy Jackson, 60, of Central point, 90 days.

Redding, Cecil, 43, of Pacific rd., Medford, 90 days.

Court Recommendation — (Following traffic violation convictions)

Parnell, Robert Lee, 18, of route 2, box 198A, Central Point, reckless driving, and drug racing, 90 days.

Discretionary Action of Department

Fitzsimmons, Bill Wayne, 30, of route 4, box 400, Medford, driving record, 30 days.

Wilson, Stephen Owen, 47, of route 4, box 931C, Eagle Point, driving record, 30 days.

Financial Responsibility — (Failure to show proof of financial responsibility)

Baker, Raymond Allen, 23, of box 296, Prospect.

Bursing, Norman George, 24, of 2720 Connell ave., Medford.

Edwards, Lola Ellen, 28, of 13-A Newton st., Medford.

Howell, Lester, 60, of 512 Boardman ave., Medford.

Rick, Jack, 610 Holly st., Medford.

Ridders, Waymond G., 37, of Butte Falls Star Route, box 84, Eagle Point.

Road, Kenneth Dean, 18, of route 1, box 397E, Medford.

Schultz, Roy Edwin, 37, of 944 South Ivy st., Medford.

Sharp, Robert Arlen, 728 West 11th st., Medford.

Taylor, Raymond Henry, 48, of 2233 South Pacific highway, Ashland.

Taylor, Richard Eugene, 23, of 199 Meade st., Ashland.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Gerald F. — It's time Betty's mother left us.

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Gerald F. — My wife and I have been married two years and had our first baby a few months ago. My mother-in-law came to stay with us to help my wife out with the baby.

I thought this visit would be for just a few weeks, but my mother-in-law shows no sign of returning to her own home. She is a widow and has her own apartment, in another community near her other sons and daughters.

Lately she has been kind of hinting that we ought to get a larger apartment, and I feel she would like to move in with us. She isn't a bad sort as mothers-in-law go, but I would rather she didn't live with us. I feel it's time my wife started hinting that she ought to return home. This she refuses to do.

Betty F. — My mother has been the most wonderful help to both of us all these months. I really can't tell her she should go now that we are ready to dispense with her services.

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TV COURSE PLANNED
New York — (UPI) — A college course in the Russian language will be presented by St. John's university on daytime television in the metropolitan area beginning next week, it was announced today.

MISSING while seeking work, Elmer C. Muekel, Los Angeles, inventor of device to prevent mid-air plane crashes, is being sought because invention has been termed practical, may make him a wealthy man.

Local Youth Fined In Roseburg Court

Roseburg — Lewis Gene Hornsby, 19, of Medford, was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$150 and costs this week by District Court Judge Warren A. Woodruff. He was charged with reckless driving.

Judge Woodruff, who checked on Hornsby's driving record with the state department of motor vehicles, said Hornsby had been cited seven times this year for traffic violations, including one involving an accident.

Hornsby was cited in residential Roseburg by state police, where he was reported to have been speeding.