



MARILYN DEAD—Marilyn Monroe is dead at the age of 36, victim of an overdose of drugs which ended a tempestuous, glamorous rocket ride to fame and personal tragedy. In the upper photo she is shown in three poses which helped to make her a Hollywood sex symbol. At left is a curve-revealing back view shot, with a coquettish smile over the shoulder; in the center she is throwing out the first ball in a charity baseball game, and at right as she appeared when reporting to the set of "Something's Got to Give"; a film from which she was eventually fired. In the lower picture she is shown at left with Joe DiMaggio at the time of their marriage on Jan. 14, 1954, and at right with playwright Arthur Miller shortly before their marriage in June, 1956. (UPI)

Marilyn Monroe's Death Shocks Fans, Film Personalities

Hollywood — (UPI) — Entertainment world personalities and millions of ordinary movie and television fans experienced a shock wave of sadness today as an aftermath of the sudden death of blonde screen star Marilyn Monroe.

News of Miss Monroe's death from an overdose of sleeping pills flashed around the world Sunday, even piercing the Iron Curtain and crossing the Berlin wall.

In Moscow, the Soviet News agency Tass reported the death in a brief dispatch from New York. The East German news agency ADN devoted four lines to a story that said Miss Monroe died from an apparent overdose of sleeping pills.

Clark Gable's widow was one of the first to learn of the blonde beauty's death. Gable and Miss Monroe co-starred in "The Misfits," adapted from playwright Arthur Miller's story. It was the last picture for both the famed stars.

"I heard the flash over the air at 7 a.m.," said Kay Gable. "And I went to Mass and prayed for her."

Death Stuns Martin

Typical of the reactions at the personal level was that of actor Dean Martin, a close friend.

"I just can't believe it... I just can't believe it," he said. "She was a wonderful person and a wonderful talent."

Martin was Miss Monroe's co-star in the film "Something's Got to Give." The 36-year old actress was fired and the film shelved because of her frequent absences from the set.

French actor Yves Montand, who starred with Marilyn in "Let's Make Love" and was linked with her romantically, said in St. Paul de Venise, France, Marilyn was "a good friend — the most beautiful woman in the movie world."

"I was happy and proud to work with her," Montand said. "Her death affected me as it hurt all those people who applauded her. Suicide is a terrible drama in itself. It is even more so when it concerns a woman, and what a woman! The most adored, and the unhappiest, too."

Actress Susan Strasberg, a close acquaintance of Miss Monroe, said in Rome, "She was an extremely talented

woman who was just beginning to do the things she wanted to do. She wanted to work in the theater and..." Miss Strasberg was unable to contain her grief and could not go on.

Coaches Grief-Stricken

Her parents, Paula and Lee Strasberg, who coached Miss Monroe in drama at their New York Actors' Studio, were grief-stricken also.

Strasberg, preparing to fly from New York to Hollywood for the funeral, said, "For us, Marilyn was a devoted friend, a colleague, a member of our family... it is difficult to accept the fact that her joyful life has been ended by this dreadful accident."

Comedian Steve Allen, deadly serious, said, "Marilyn's death should lead us to ponder the materialistic values that characterize our way of life. She had fame and money after which we are taught to lust. But they led her to the grave."

And an Italian counterpart of Miss Monroe was "terribly shocked and saddened," Sophia Loren, in Tirrenia, paid perhaps the highest tribute one actress can pay to another. "She was a fine actress," she said, "a beautiful woman and an outstanding person. She was a real star."

Overdose of Drugs Blamed For Death of Marilyn Monroe

Hollywood — (UPI) — Los Angeles County Coroner Theodore Curphey said today an autopsy disclosed that motion picture star Marilyn Monroe died from an overdose of drugs, but he refused to comment whether death was suicide or accidental.

The shocking suddenness of her death ended Marilyn's 10-year reign as Hollywood's sex goddess and wrote finish to an unparalleled story of her rise from grubby waif to the movie heights.

Friends took two points of view. Some said the giggling, whispering star was despondent over her slipping career and had lost control of herself. Others said she was cheerful and hopeful of the future.

In Excellent Spirits

Said Dean Martin, who was to have costarred with her earlier this year:

"I'm sure it was an accident. She was at my home a few days ago and she was happy. She was in excellent spirits and we were making plans to resume the picture. She was a warm, wonderful person who never hurt anyone but herself."

The picture was "Something's Got to Give," from which Miss Monroe was fired last June for chronic truancy.

It was believed this action by 20th Century - Fox Studios depressed the actress, leading to semi-seclusion and insomnia for which she ordered the fatal sleeping pills.

The actress' mother, Gladys Baker Eley, is an inmate of a sanitarium which she entered many years ago following a nervous collapse.

Marilyn Monroe was alone in death as she had been most of her life.

She was born out of wedlock June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles General Hospital. Her father, a Danish immigrant

Marilyn Victim of Symbol, Paper Says

Vatican City — (UPI) — Vatican City newspaper Osservatore Romano today expressed "profound pity" at the death of actress Marilyn Monroe and said she was the victim of being a symbol.

"We cannot help but reflect that La Monroe is the victim of a mentality, of a custom, of a conception of life which makes one a symbol," the newspaper said.

"In her unhappy event," the newspaper said, "she resembles many others who remain unknown because they have not reached the fame which destroyed the American actress."

"The drama and the tragedy, also if suffered in silence, carries the same penalties, the same responsibilities. The case of Miss Monroe, therefore, is an unhappy example."

Osservatore Romano said that it wished "hope and peace had smiled" on Miss Monroe during "the desperate solitude of this poor woman."

"Man is able to affront the most severe and tragic physical mutilations to save their life. But they must have the same courage to save their moral life and to walk along the right road," the newspaper said.

It added, "We also have a soul to save."

Playwright Shocked By Death of Star

Roxbury, Conn. — (UPI) — Playwright Arthur Miller, whose brains-and-beauty marriage to actress Marilyn Monroe ended in divorce last year, said today he was "dreadfully shocked" by the news of her death.

Miller, who has since remarried, said in a trembling voice at his farm here that he had not been in touch with his former wife for "about a year." He said he did not plan to go to Los Angeles for her funeral.

"I'm not going," he said haltingly. "She's really not there any more. I'm afraid... I don't... It would not be appropriate to mourn her that way."

Catholic Cardinal Enters Lambeth Palace

London — (UPI) — Augustin Cardinal Bea Sunday became the first Roman Catholic cardinal in more than 400 years to enter Lambeth Palace, London seat of the Anglican archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr. Michael Ramsey, the archbishop and head of the Church of England, lunched with the cardinal, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Unity of Christian Churches.

The last cardinal in Lambeth Palace was Cardinal Pole, who went there in 1558 when Mary I, Roman Catholic queen, was on the throne.

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