

Phony Press Card Opens Tight Doors

By GAIL FOWLER
REATTLE—If you want to impress some officious somebody in Europe, just flash the word PRESS. At least, that's what a Swedish student at the University of Washington learned this year while making a photographic trip through France, Belgium and Denmark.

And it brought chuckles to whimsical Jack Jarvis, night city editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, when Nils Fritzer, the student, told him about it on his return the other day.

Seems that before Nils headed for a summer in Europe he came across some of Jarvis' screwball cards. Jarvis has his own basement printshop as a hobby, and deluges in issuing membership cards to such zany organizations as "The What's In It For Me association," "the Don't Let Anybody Tell You Different association" and scads of others, which he grinds out weekly. Most have "Press" printed along the end.

Jarvis had NO idea that one which he gave to Fritzer would prove such an open sesame.

Nils was telling about it. "We were in Copenhagen. There was a garden party, with the king and queen as guests. I wanted to get into photograph the royal guests. The doorman said 'NO.' I flashed some credentials. The doorman happened to look at one card protruding from my billfold. The word PRESS stood out like a beacon. The doorman oh'd and ah'd, bowed from the waist, opened the door and fairly pushed me into the royal presence."

"From then on I was 'in' in a big way. Whenever I discovered that the person trying to keep me out of something didn't understand English, I flashed the card. Everybody knew the word PRESS. Officials at a sailing meet even put me aboard one of the boats so I could get better pictures."

In Belgium a customs official was going to hold his cameras. Out came the card. The customs man read the word PRESS and apologized.

Managements of Paris night clubs showered him with guest cards. They fell all over themselves to extend the courtesies to the "American press photographer."

Same thing atop the Arc de Triomphe. A guard demanded a fee for Nils to take photographs. Nils showed the PRESS to a gendarme. The gendarme then gave the guard the French equivalent of What For, for interfering with the "American press photographer."



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Film Fanfare

Thelma Todd Death Still Mystery after 14 Years

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 15 (AP)—Was it murder? Or was it suicide? Or did Thelma Todd accidentally die 14 years ago today?

That riddle has been cause for debate in Hollywood ever since the blonde star was found dead in her garage one morning in 1935. Here's how the death occurred:

Thelma, the fun-loving ex-school teacher from Lawrenceville, Mass., went to a Saturday night party at the Trocadero in honor of the English comic, Stanley Lupino. A chauffeur picked her up between 2:30 and 3 a. m. and drove her back to her cafe at the beach. She appeared quiet and tired.

Into Void
 When she waved goodbye to the driver at four Sunday morning, it was the last time she was seen alive.

At 10:15 Monday morning, Miss Todd's maid opened the garage door and found the actress slumped in the front seat of her car. She wore a mauve and silver evening gown and mink coat, and jewels ornamented her throat and wrist. She had been dead at least 12 hours of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The ignition key was turned on and the heavy garage doors were closed. There were no notes or other clues. A lengthy investigation ensued.

Murder?
 Was it murder? Miss Todd's lawyer thought so. "I believe someone knows something about this case which should be told," he said. He added that gamblers had urged the actress to put gambling in her cafe, but she opposed it.

What about suicide? Young Ida

Lupino, daughter of the Trocadero party's guest of honor, told Miss Todd that night of being tired of the movie business and wanting to quit.

"I've been trying to do that all my life," answered Miss Todd, "but I guess there's only one way out." But Thelma's mother said: "My daughter's death was accidental. I am convinced of that. Suicide is entirely out of the question. She was too happy for that. Murder is unthinkable. She had no enemies who would wish to cause her death."

Detective Chief Thad Brown of the Los Angeles Police agrees with that theory. "The death is still accidental in my book," he told me this week.

Husbands Trapped By Escape
LOS ANGELES (AP)—When a crowd of pedestrians loomed ahead of him in a crosswalk, cab driver W. P. Dearborn made a quick decision. He swerved into a service station and plowed through a plate glass window into two autos.

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Pecan Nuts A Favorite For Pies

Many a sweet treat featuring that southern nut, the pecan, originated with southern cooks but has become popular generally. One of these is pecan pie, which may well appear on dinner tables the country over this fall and early winter when pecans will be in good supply on markets.

Here is a pecan pie recipe from food specialists of the U. S. department of agriculture. Ingredients: 1 cup pecan kernels; 3 eggs; 1/4 cup sugar; 1 cup dark or light corn sirup; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 1/4 cup melted butter. To make: Beat the eggs, add sugar and sirup, then salt and vanilla, and last the melted fat. Place the pecans in the bottom of an unbaked pie crust. Add the filling and bake slowly in a moderate oven (350 F.) for 50 to 60 minutes. The nuts will rise to the top of the pie filling and form a crusted layer.

Bake fish fillets with slices of onion and plenty of salt, pepper, and butter or margarine for a good-tasting supper dish. Add creamed potatoes and green peas to complete the main course.



CLEARING OVERHEAD—Italian goalie Giuseppe More (right) goes above England's Jack Rowley to defend the goal in an international soccer match in London won by England, 2 to 0.

Santa, Christmas To Visit Grange

Santa Claus and Merry Christmas, making their rounds in Klamath county this season, will be guests of the Poe Valley grange at

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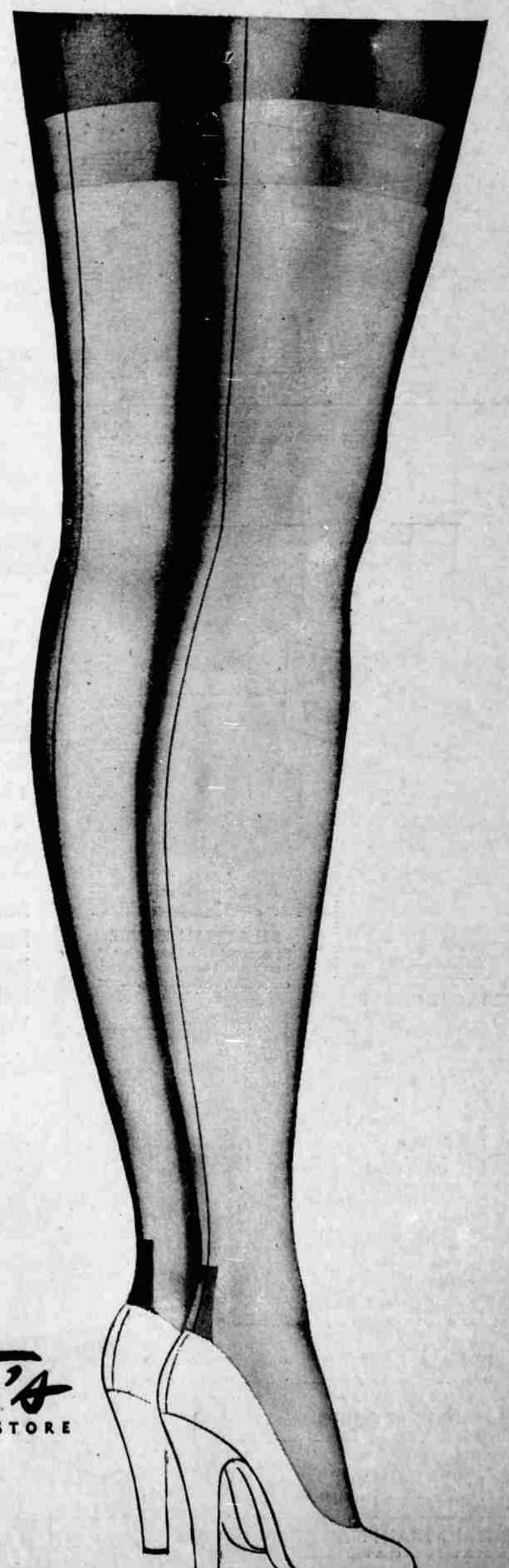
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