

Film Fanfare

Marg O'Brien Denies She Caused Mother's Divorce

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 22 (AP)—Little Margaret O'Brien finds herself cast by some people in the unwanted role as the villain in her mother's marital troubles.
"It's not true," says the child star. "All I wanted was to see my mother happy."
"That's right," agrees her mother, Mrs. Gladys O'Brien. "Margaret had nothing to do with the divorce."
Margaret has been censured from all sides for supposedly breaking up her mother's marriage to Band-leader Don Sylvio. The criticism has even been delivered in person.
While Mrs. O'Brien and daughter

were shopping recently in Chicago, a wild-eyed woman rushed up and shook her finger at Margaret, shouting, "What do you mean by interfering with your mother's marriage, you selfish child?" The woman wouldn't accept Mrs. O'Brien's explanations.
"In the first place," Mrs. O'Brien explained to me, "Margaret is my daughter; she does not advise me what to do. It is the other way around."
She added that Margaret did want her to avoid rushing into the marriage.
"She saw that I was unhappy

about going ahead with the wedding and urged me to wait. But Mr. Sylvio had handed out the publicity to the papers already. He said he would look foolish if we didn't carry through with it. So I did."
"I then found out that he was just after the publicity. So I called the whole thing off. I would have saved all that heartbreak if I had listened to Margaret."
The publicity resulting from the marital mishap was part of the reason why Margaret left MGM. "Mr. (Louis B.) Mayer told me they had received a lot of critical mail about it," said Mrs. O'Brien, adding

that the studio did nothing to come to Margaret's defense.
Actually, the O'Briens had already requested release from the studio, because it had no plans for her. Margaret's career is still in high gear, with a Columbia picture being prepared for her, a radio series in the offing and the possibility of appearing in "The Wild Duck" on television during her recent jaunt East.
Margaret intends to pursue her career through her teens. (She'll be 13 in January.) I asked her mother if she thought there was a

danger of "in-between" age for a child star.
"I don't think so—if you can find the right stories."
Capsule review: "Cinderella" (RKO) is Walt Disney at his best. That means delight for the kids of the world and their worried parents, too. The cartoon wizard has left his newfangled tricks to return to a good old fairy tale, told as only he and his artists can. It ranks with "Snow White." Best performers: A group of wonderfully wacky mice.
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