



WHAT HAPPENED?—The quick victory of Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower leaves the wife of assistant campaign manager for Gov. Adlai Stevenson astounded as Stevenson conceded defeat in presidential election at his Springfield, Ill., campaign headquarters.

Thelma Ritter Promising But Dislikes Dressler Tag

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD—Thelma Ritter is the most promising mature comedienne to come along in many years, but don't call her a "second Marie Dressler."
 "I don't want to be called a second anything," commented the sally actress, who indicated she just wanted to be a first Thelma. But although she lacks the wit of the late Miss Dressler, she is on the way toward developing as large and devoted a following.
 Miss Ritter, who speaks in tones that would seem at home in Ebbetts Field, admitted that she receives a volume of mail that surprises her.
 "Of course, I let the studio take care of the ordinary mail," she said. "You know the letters that say, 'Please send me an autographed picture of yourself and a silver frame to go with it.' But the studio sends me some of the more intelligent letters, and I get a kick out of them."
 "For some reason, I get a lot of mail from people in Scotland. That amazes me. I'd think they

couldn't even figure out what I was saying."
 Miss Ritter continues to maintain a home in the East, where her husband, advertising man Joseph Moran, and two children live. She commutes here for pictures and remains aloof from the Hollywood hubbub. In fact, it looked a few months ago as though she would chuck the works because of the roles she was getting.
 "I was playing too many maids," she commented. "Or at least it seemed as though I was. I was a maid in 'A Letter to Three Wives,' but that gal was right out of left field. Then there was 'All About Eve.' But what most people didn't catch was the line where I told Bette Davis that for 10 years I closed the first act. Anybody who did that in vaudeville was doing all right."
 Her insistence on a switch in casting brought results. In "The Farmer Takes a Wife," she played "the richest woman in the Erie Canal, a gal who was widowed five times." In "Pickup on South Street," she plays a panhandler. Now she's a millionairess in "Near My God to Thee."

Newsman May Be In Cabinet

INDIANAPOLIS—Newspaper Publisher Eugene C. Pulliam, commenting on reports that President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower might appoint him to the cabinet, says he is "not taking seriously" such suggestions.
 The Indianapolis Star, one of Pulliam's newspapers, said Thursday it was understood that Pulliam was being favored for a cabinet post by Arthur Summerfield, Republican national chairman, and Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, Eisenhower's campaign manager.
 The Star said Pulliam was recommended for either secretary of the treasury or secretary of the interior.

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