

Johnny Ray To Appear In New Role

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Five years ago, a broke would-be actor from Dallas, Ore., petitioned a studio for a job. He was rejected. Today he's back on the same lot working in a multistar film for a reported \$100,000.

The young man's name is Johnny Ray and he's appearing in "There's No Business Like Show Business." He, Mimi Gaylor and Donald O'Connor play the children of a show biz couple, Ethel Merman and Dan Dailey. Also in the cast is a girl named Marilyn DiMaggio.

"Imagine me with all those big names!" Ray says in amazement. "Why, when I was here in 1949, I tried to get a job. They turned me down cold, and I don't blame them. I wasn't ready for it. That's why I don't feel sorry for young kids who try to get a break now. They aren't ready either."

"Twentieth Century-Fox was the only studio I tried. I still wanted to see the lot. So I walked right past the gatekeeper just as though I worked here. Nobody stopped me. I walked all over the lot."

I met Johnny at lunch, and he appeared handsomer than most of his photos make him appear to be. He also appeared more restrained than his professional singing would indicate, although he is given to emphatic statements, usually in bebop terms. He wears a hearing aid during conversation but takes it off while performing. He said he had some trouble in taking direction because of his hearing, but that director Walter Lang is being patient.

"My only regret is that I have only one line with Marilyn Monroe," he said. "Otherwise I couldn't be happier. I play the son who abandons show business to become a priest. In the end, I marry Mimi Gaylor to her boy friend. I have one number by myself — Irving Berlin's 'If You Believe' — and join in the big finale, 'Alexander's Ragtime Band.'"

"My one goal in life has always been to be a movie star. Ever since I saw my first picture at 3 or 4 — it was Edna May Oliver in 'Murder on the Blackboard' — I have been the world's greatest movie fan. I was nearly run over going across a street in Portland, Ore., to get Jack Benny's autograph one time."

Wilson, Syngman Rhee Confer

SEOUL (AP) — Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson and several top-ranking U.S. diplomatic and military officials conferred briefly today with South Korean President Syngman Rhee.

Wilson is making a three-day visit to "do a lot of listening and very little talking."

Egyptian Soldier Gets New Role Under Present Regime

By ZEIN NAGATI
CAIRO (AP) — The Egyptian soldier, during the regime of portly King Farouk, was the nation's doorman.

He slept on the ground, earned only 45 piasters (about \$1.29) a

Extracts May Help TB Fight

By FRANK CAREY
AP Science Reporter

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Extracts from the "ghosts" of germs may eventually provide an improved vaccine to protect against tuberculosis, a scientist of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research said today.

Dr. Frank W. Weiss told the National Tuberculosis Assn. (NTA) that significant protection against tuberculosis had been achieved in mice with a chemical extract derived from human tuberculosis germs which first had been killed by chemical means.

And this work, he told a reporter, "opens up at least an approach" towards developing a vaccine for human administration without using either "live" tuberculosis bugs or even the entire bodies of killed ones. He said a vaccine called BCG, which uses "live" but nonvirulent germs, is already in fairly wide use, and that in some parts of Europe a vaccine made of "killed" but intact germs has been used. But he declared that each type has actual or potential drawbacks.

Weiss prepared a report, jointly with Dr. Rene J. Dubos, for the NTA's 50th anniversary meeting.

It came not long after Dr. James Perkins, managing director of the NTA, had declared in a keynoting statement that while substantial progress has been made in the treatment of tuberculosis, "we are not preventing tuberculosis anywhere near as successfully as we have been able to postpone death (and actually arrest many cases) once the disease has struck."

Weiss said the Rockefeller work indicated that the separated extract contained at least some of the components by which a germ stimulates immunity against itself when the germ gets into an animal or human body.

But more important, he said, is the fact that the successfully-used extract can be prepared both from germs that are "virulent" — that is, capable of causing infection — and from those that are not virulent. This indicates, he said, that the extract may be free of the component, or components, of a tuberculosis germ which influences the germ's power to infect.

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month and was despised by his people. He usually was poverty-stricken and illiterate, because anyone who could pay 100 pounds (about \$287) could avoid military service. University students were exempt.

Then came the revolution. Under the Revolutionary Council — the army officers who seized control in 1952 — the soldier has been lifted to a position of esteem. Today the government is moving ahead with plans for a strong fight-

ing machine to bolster the young republic.

Only a beginning has been made, but already the new army is capable of maintaining the Suez Canal base, according to its chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Mohamed Ibrahim.

Unlike the Farouk forces, Egypt's new army draws young men from all classes. Rich and poor share the same barracks and the same food.

The soldier's pay has been increased to 3 pounds (about \$8.61) monthly. He has a good bed to sleep in, good food and good

clothes. In every mess hall are ping-pong tables, chess boards and wireless sets.

Egypt's army has become a vast popular university in training its recruits. This training program is not planned to produce a mass army, but a small, well-trained nucleus bolstered by ample reserves.

With the help of a 60-man German advisory mission, the army command for months has worked hard on secret plans for this new army, which depends heavily on a nationwide program of military

scription.

The conscript's period of military service is three years. After his first six months in the army, the recruit has had the equivalent of a primary education which normally takes four years.

Recruits get intensive training in history, mathematics, religion, and geography. The army aims at 100 per cent literacy, compared with roughly 25 per cent in the nation as a whole.

How good is Egypt's new army at present?

Good enough to meet Egypt's

immediate needs, including maintenance and defense of the Suez Canal base, in the opinion of Gen. Ibrahim.

"But in case of a major global war," he said, "even the British army in the zone is not adequate for its defense."

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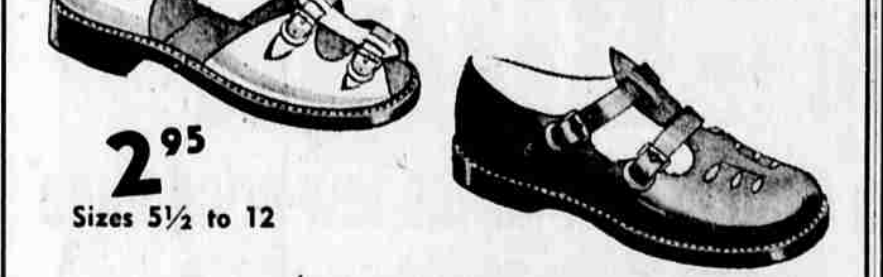
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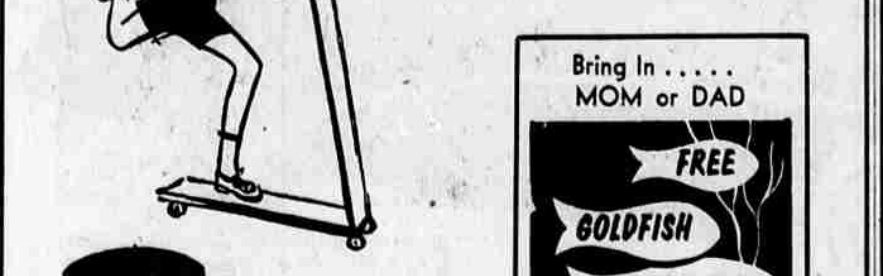
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