

Spencer Tracy Terminates Contract After 20 Years

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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Spencer Tracy looked over the young actors hoping to succeed "us old folks" and decided today cinemaville is suffering a desperate shortage.

Tracy, one of the screen's most durable stars, recently ended his MGM contract after 20 years of some memorable movies, and is moving on to pick his own roles, beginning with "The Mountain" at Paramount.

Most of the top Hollywood luminaries still are the middle-aged citizens, grinned Tracy, and "right now the studios are becoming a little desperate for actors."

"Cagney, Gable, Bogart, Cooper, Pat O'Brien, Bing—all the same age," the rugged Tracy said.

"Not too many young actors. Brando, that poor Jimmy Dean, Bob Wagner, in this picture, is very good. But Paramount tells me they have scripts all over the lot, ready to go, that they can't cast. "And us old folks, we're getting where we are going to have to be shoveled out pretty soon."

He thinks there are no Bette Davises or Spencer Tracy-types coming up because today's young players "are grabbed too soon by the movies."

"We had to do several years on the stage," he said. "But now a kid plays a part in New York. Next thing you know, he's in Hollywood making one picture a year."

Affable Tracy has a permanent twinkle in his blue eyes, and you're never sure when he's spoofing. As he relaxed on the set of "The Mountain," he insisted he left MGM because "nobody asked me to stay." He finally admitted MGM didn't want to make his two pet projects, "The Mountain" and Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea."

He was replaced by Jimmy Cagney during his last MGM picture because he allegedly became ill working in Colorado's high alti-

tude. Tracy, however, turned up immediately in the French Alps doing half-raising scenes for "The Mountain."

"I didn't get a chance to become acclimated to Colorado," he said. "For 'The Mountain' I went to the Alps two weeks before we started work."

Next June Tracy and producer Leland Hayward begin "The Old Man and the Sea." Tracy says he's "concerned now with doing pictures that are good—I made a lot of compromises at MGM."

"Retire? Nah," said the actor. "The only time an actor retires is when they don't come in with any offers."

"Of course," he chuckled, "Some actors beat them out by a few days."

Then he clapped a French beret on his white hair, loaded up with his mountain climbing equipment and headed for the plaster "Alps" of the gloomy Paramount sound stage.

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County Pupils To Hear Talks

Klamath County school children will have the opportunity to learn more about the Oregon state game program at a series of programs to be presented next week by education agents of the Oregon State Game Commission.

Big game animals will be the topic of Austin Hamer, who will give programs at Merrill and Bly high schools on Tuesday, at Fairhaven Elementary School on Thursday and at Altamont Junior High and Clifton High School on Friday.

The part man plays in caring for wildlife and other natural resources will be the topic of a program to be given Wednesday at Klamath Falls Junior High School by Cal Giesler.

Klamath Falls Union and Herley high schools will hear a discussion of waterfowl at student body assemblies on Wednesday.

Each of the programs will include motion picture films and other exhibits as well as discussions by the education agents.

Capitol Denies Journal Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House challenging a published report that some Cabinet members tried to oust Secretary of Agriculture Benson, says "the entire administration" is working with Benson on the farm problem.

A White House statement yesterday termed "not only untrue but completely unfounded" the report published by Farm Journal, one of the largest publications in its field.

And Benson himself, due for a Denver conference with President Eisenhower tomorrow, told news men: "There has been no split in the Cabinet on the farm situation."

Farm Journal said a move to dislodge Benson was started by Atty. Gen. Brownell, Postmaster General Summerfield and Presidential Asst. Harold E. Stassen after Eisenhower's heart attack sent him to a hospital. The administration farm program, led by Benson, has been the target of severe attack from Democrats and also from some Republicans.

Murray Snyder, assistant press secretary, said the White House denial was made on behalf of the three men named in the Farm Journal article. He added: "The entire administration is

working with the secretary of Agriculture toward the objective of assuring the nation's farmers a fair share of America's prosperity."

Benson said that at an Oct. 7 Cabinet meeting "we all expressed concern over the price squeeze affecting farmers. But he added that "there was not a word of criticism of the farm program and there hasn't been any since."

ROBERT YOUNG ILL
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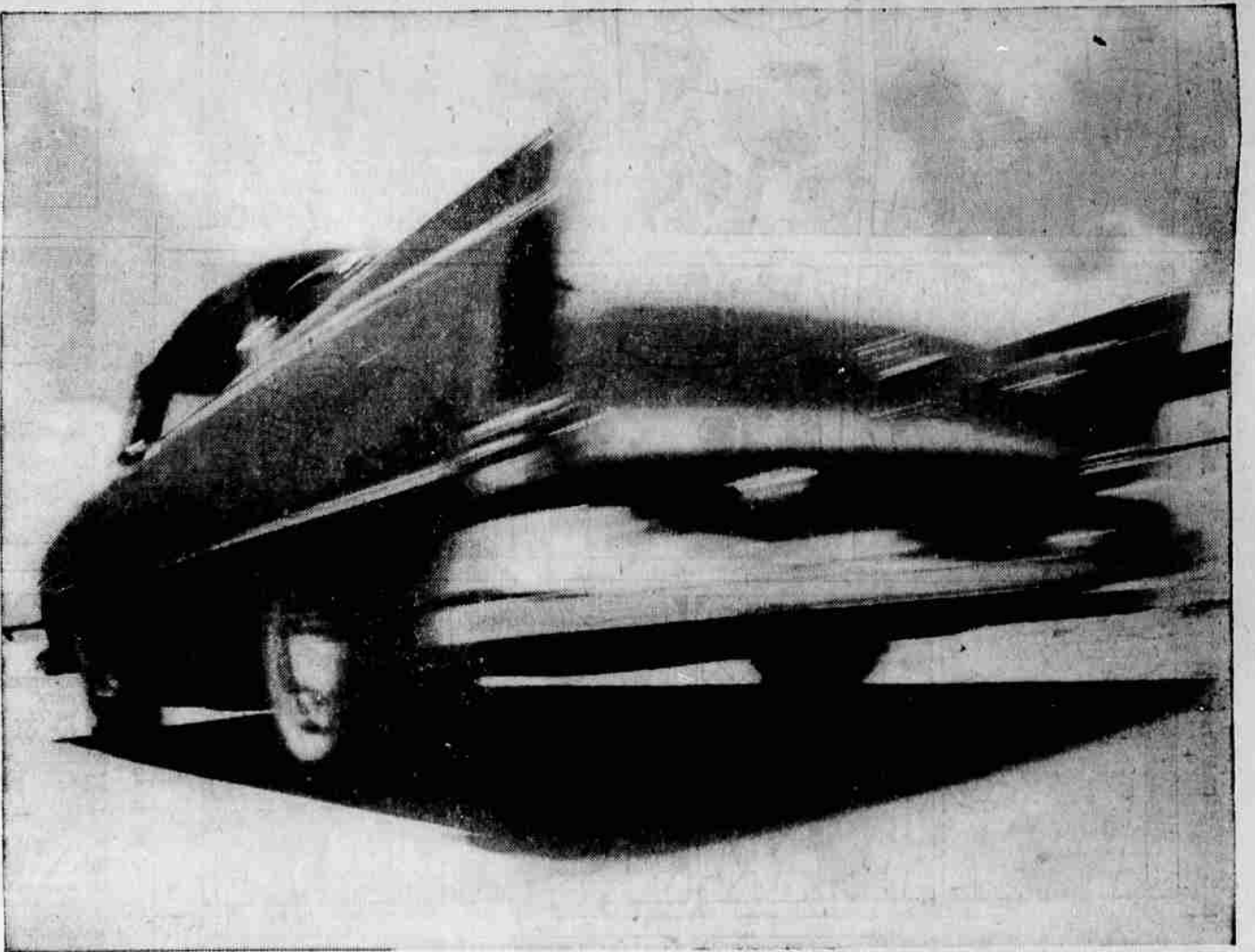
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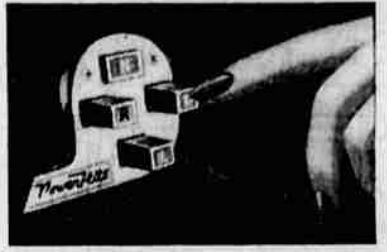
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