

Hollywood Goes All Out For Bridey Murphy Gags, Fever

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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Hollywood is caught in a Bridey Murphy fever—with gags, ads about hypnotists and even one star, Paul Douglas, surpassing them all with a new television series.

Bridey is the subject of a best-selling book on "age regression" hypnosis. A Colorado woman claimed that under hypnosis she discovered she was an Irish girl in another century. Filmmakers have cottoned to this new idea.

One ad in the Hollywood trade

papers reads "Reincarnation? Dr. Seide will regress you back through time to try to establish a life before." The doctor says several movie townies have made appointments to try to find out if they were stars in other centuries.

"One patient discovered she was a horse in 1650," he cried.

Columnists and TV comedians have popped up with such gags as "Ralph Edwards is doing a TV show on Bridey Murphy called 'This Was Your Life.'"

A screen treatment on the book is making the rounds of the studios. But Douglas has beat everyone to the punch by announcing a TV series he claims will put Bridey Murphy in the shade.

Douglas, in association with producer Peter Rathven and United Press London columnist Robert Klugel, secured rights to dramatize the cases of the Society of Psychical Research. This organization since 1882 has collected 20,000 "authenticated cases of psychic phenomenon," such as mental telepathy.

Bridey Murphy-type reincarnation, Douglas says, will not be touched.

"We will not attempt to dramatize anything that is not conclusive," Douglas said. "The society is composed of scientists, professors and learned men. They are very serious. They throw on table moving, mediums. None of that charlatanism. They aren't a bunch of tea leaf boys."

Douglas will host and narrate the series, to be filmed in England beginning in April. The series will be released on TV next fall.

"We'll use English casts," Douglas added. "They are very cooperative as against the skeptics and scoffers you'd find in Hollywood."



A NEW MEMBER OF THE ELKS, Charles Thomas "Tom" Schubert, left, recently was initiated into the Klamath Falls BPO. Elks No. 1247 by his father John Schubert, former Exalted Ruler of the lodge. The senior Schubert is the only former Exalted Ruler in the history of the Klamath Falls lodge to initiate two of his sons into the organizations. John Schubert Jr. has been a member of the lodge for some time.

Youth Admits Slayings, Fire

BEATTYVILLE, Ky. (UP)—A 12-year-old boy has admitted shooting to death his father and brother, then setting fire to their isolated cabin.

The boy and his 9-year-old sister kept the slayings secret for three days, County Judge Cecil Kincaid said.

He said William Brandenburg broke down under questioning and admitted shooting his father Brack, 65, and his brother Luther.

The boy gave no motive for the slayings last Friday. But he said he and his sister Halle had looked for money they thought Luther had hidden and had been scolded by their father for being out in the rain.

Kincaid said William told him

he went into the house and shot Luther with a .32-caliber rifle. When his father came to investigate the shot, the boy grabbed another rifle and killed him, the judge quoted William.

The boy spread kerosene over the house and set it on fire and he and his sister went to their grandmother's for the night, Kincaid quoted him. The grandmother said she noticed nothing unusual about their actions.

The next day the boy returned home, then reported the cabin had burned. His sister confirmed his story.

William was jailed without formal charges. Officials planned to try today to locate the rifles and an undetermined amount of money the boy reportedly hid.

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Policy Moves Irk Congress

WASHINGTON (UP)—Senate and House Democrats grumbled today that the Eisenhower administration has been neglecting to consult Congress before making major foreign policy moves like the tank shipment to Saudi Arabia.

For the moment at least, the issue of the shipment itself took a back seat as some Democrats used it as a springboard for fresh protests over what Sen. Morse (D-Ore) denounced as "a course of foreign policy by secrecy."

But Rep. Judd (R-Minn.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "I think they've consulted us on all that we have had a right to expect."

The evident mood of some Democrats indicated that Secretary of State Dulles might be in for a fairly rugged reception when he is called to explain the how and why of the tank deal, probably later this week.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, Rep. Richards (D-SC), ripped into the administration which he said "is still of the 19th century vintage opinion that in the foreign affairs field the House is an illegitimate member of the family, and a weak-minded illegitimate son at that."

Richards' outburst brought to the surface a latent resentment over what he says is an administration tendency to look "to the Senate in consultation on foreign policy matters. He said he knew nothing about a Saturday decision to lift a brief embargo on all arms shipment to the troubled Middle East.

"As far as I know," he added, "none of the House leaders were consulted in advance either."

Senators Sparkman (D-Ala) and Morse said the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was ignored too, and that Chairman George (D-Ga) wasn't notified of the original plans to send 18 light tanks to Saudi Arabia. They said George was told only when the administration ordered the tanks shipped after a restudy of the situation. Sparkman and Morse serve on George's committee.

Japanese Ships Seek Red Mines

TOKYO (UP)—Japan's Maritime Safety Board called out three extra boats Tuesday to comb the Tsugaru Strait for floating mines—apparently Russian.

The board said four mines were spotted Sunday and Monday near the strait, which separates the main island of Honshu and the northernmost island of Hokkaido. Two were exploded. The others bobbed away.

A U. S. Navy spokesman declared recently the Communists are deliberately releasing Russian model mines into the Sea of Japan.

'Creepy-Peepy' Added By Army

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Army has added to its combat arsenal a gadget it calls the "creepy-peepy"—a television camera and transmitter designed for use in forward battle areas.

One man could move the 55-pound camera and transmitter to an advanced position under cover of darkness, then withdraw to safety. A receiver set up behind the lines would record the transmitter's signal on a 10-inch picture tube.

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The stations have been operating since 1952 and announcement of the engineer's visit was made in a letter from R. E. Hatchard, chief of air pollution control, to the Klamath Falls City Council.

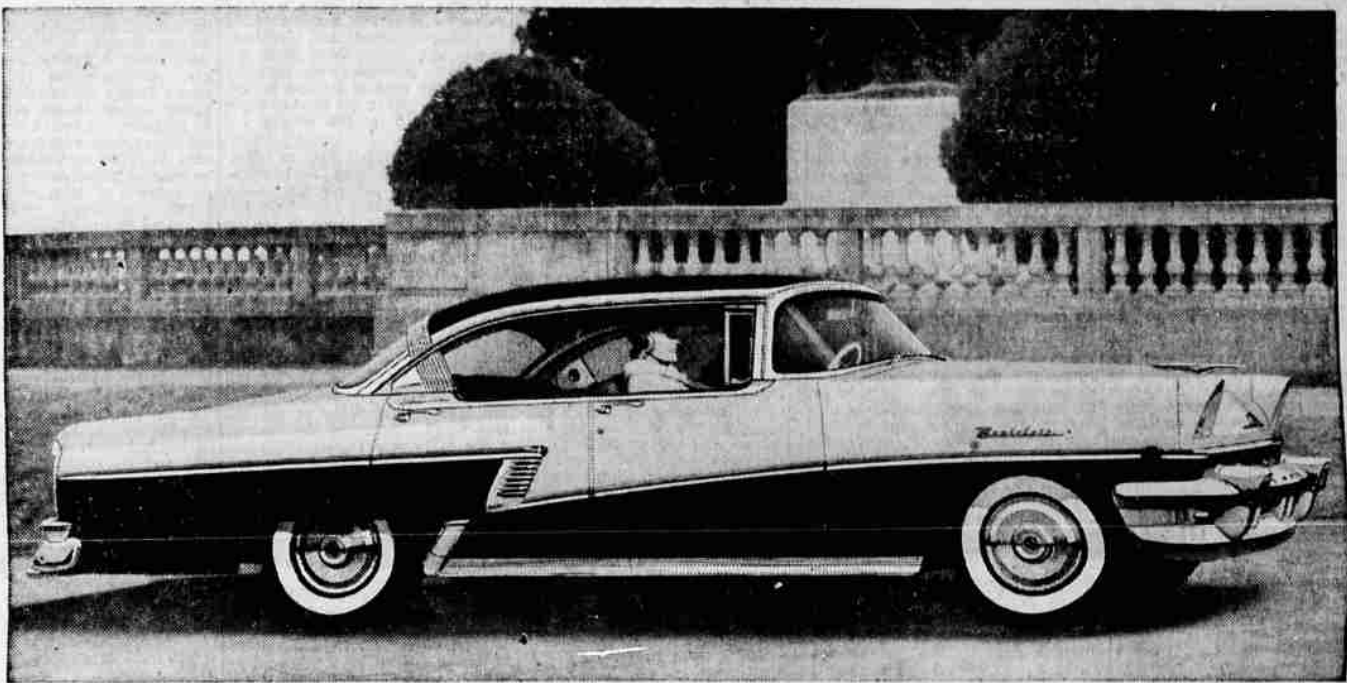
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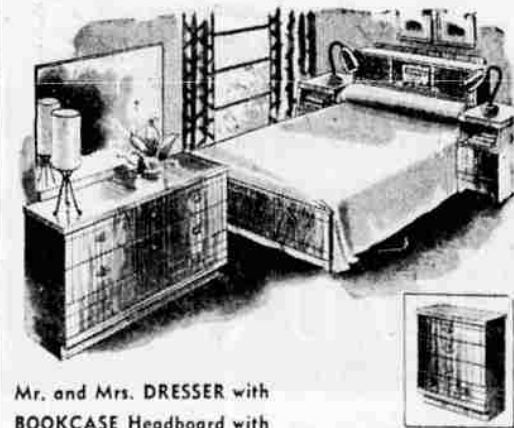
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