After Many Year's Absence Ellery Queen Back On TV

By CHARLES MERCER

NEW YORK (AP)—That urbane detective Ellery Queen is returning to television after an absence of several years.

His reincarnation is being supervised by Albert McCreery, the producer of Matinee Theater, recently deceased. The Further Adventures of Ellery Queen will begin Sept. 26 as an hour weekly series over NBC-TV Friday evenings.

The series, which does not yet have a sponsor, will be produced live from Hollywood at a cost reportedly the equivalent of the average half-hour filmed show.

McCreery, who has come East in search of an actor to play Queen, was saying the other day that he believes it will be "a sophisticated show because Ellery Queen is deductive."

Queen, as you probably know, is a personable, New York lawyer who also writes detective stories. From a literary standpoint he's a direct descendant of Sherlock Holmes. He's the antithesis of Mike Hammer who, from a literary standpoint, has no ancestors anyone cares to mention.

"In an Ellery Queen story," says McCreery, "you learn the facts of a crime and then you deduct who did it. This calls for a stream of consciousness technique which, in turn, must be offset by action.

"We plan to shoot special film outside the studio—chases and the like—and then integrate it with the live drama."

The selection of an Ellery Queen is one of McCreery's chief problems. Thus far he says he hasn't picked his man.

"The selection of the right personality for Queen is very important," McCreery says. "We have to match the mental image of numerous readers of Ellery Queen stories who have definite ideas of how he looks and acts. Once we're over that hurdle of identification we're on the way."

GENTLE APPROACH

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — City police are using the gentle approach on motorists parked overtime at meters.

Chief Blair Overton has ordered his men to scout around for the driver and warn him rather than write out a ticket at once. He points out the purpose of the police is to serve the public, not to make money.

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Marilyn Monroe, Not Only On Time, But Always Early

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — "I want the world to know," said director Billy Wilder, "that Marilyn is not only on time, she is three hours early."

Fantastic, but true. It was late morning when Marilyn Monroe sashayed onto the set of "Some Like It Hot." It was her first day of shooting after a lengthy absence from Hollywood, and she wasn't due for work until the afternoon.

She was decked out with spit curls, cloche hat and fur-trimmed chemise, and only she could save the sack from its imminent death. She looked great.

After the niceties, Marilyn stopped to talk with an old friend. The scene was the train shed at MGM and it brought back memories.

"This is where I did 'Asphalt Jungle,' " she reflected. "So maybe it is lucky to be in the picture here, though I don't believe in luck."

What does she believe in?

"A combination of circumstances," she explained. "Like how I got the role in 'Asphalt Jungle.' John Huston was considering another actress for the role, but a friend got me in to see him. It happened that I had met him briefly before, and he remembered it. After we had talked a while he gave me the role."

She played the sweetheart of gangland attorney Louis Calhern. She had only a brief scene in which she slithered over a couch, but it made a big impression. MGM let her escape and 20th Century-Fox hired her. History resulted.

I asked if she would now be working more regularly.

"I hope so," she said. "I could not for a while because I was tied up in legal difficulties. Now they are all cleared up."

What about "The Can Can?"

"I've read about it but Fox has not said anything to me about that picture."

"The Jean Harlow story?"

"I would want to be sure it was done right," she said. "It's a big responsibility to portray someone else's life; if someone did mine, I'd want to be sure it was handled in good taste."

She said she had learned a lot about Harlow from the actress' last flame, William Powell, and from Ben Lyon, who costarred with her in "Hell's Angels" (and who also gave Marilyn her screen name).

"Jean Harlow had a really dramatic life," Marilyn said. "She had some pretty tough times and was around Hollywood for a long time before she was recognized."

I mentioned that it sounded like another blonde I knew.

"Could be," she smiled, and she sashayed off.

Star Better After Shock

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Actress Wanda Hendrix, stricken during a conversation with her estranged husband and hospitalized in "deep shock," was reported in "satisfactory" condition today at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

But her physician, Dr. Lee Siegel, planned to keep the petite film star in the hospital until next week. She was kept under constant observation by a private nurse.

Miss Hendrix screamed and collapsed Wednesday during a conference telephone call with her millionaire husband, James Langford Stack Jr., who was in Reno, Nev.

Atty Oscar R. Cummins, representing the actress, said she had offered Stack a chance to save their marriage but that the wealthy sportsman had told her they were talking about legal affairs not emotional matters.

Dr. Siegel was called when Miss Hendrix failed to respond to conversation, Cummins said. The physician ordered her hospitalized and described er condition as "deep shock."

Stack's attorney objected to the doctor's diagnosis and said the case appeared to be one of "histrionics not hysteria."

Cummins said that his client was a "very sick girl."

"Her face is twisted grotesquely and she shows no interest in conversation," the attorney said. "If this is histrionics, she's the greatest actress in the world."

Science Mulls Radiation

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP)—Is all radiation harmful? Does man suffer every time he absorbs a little more of the radiation that exists in the world around him?

Or can a little bit of radiation prove helpful to man?

Some of the world's top scientists have been debating that question at the University of Vermont for the past week, but it remains unanswered.

About 750 leading scientists from all over the world, including both sides of the Iron Curtain, have been attending the weeklong first International Congress of Radiation Research.

All the scientists agree that radiation in high-level, one-shot doses is dangerous. It will kill man or cause mutations that will damage future generations.

But the scientists are divided on the effects of low-level radiation exposure spread out over long periods of time.

Dr. Howard J. Curtis of the Brookhaven National Laboratory takes the position that any dose of radiation shortens man's life in direct proportion to the size of the dose.

"All radiation shortens man's life," says Dr. Curtis. "This includes the natural background of radiation present all the time."

Dr. Curtis, outgoing president of the Radiation Research Society, said experiments indicate man's life is shortened by 12 days for each Roentgen of radiation received as an acute dose over his entire body.

But another American sicentist said there have been some indications that exposure to small amounts of radiation may not be harmful and may even lengthen man's life.

Dr. George W. Casarett of Rochester (N.Y.) University said this may be because of the human body's dynamic response to damage.

New Supplies Sent To Tunis

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is shipping a new supply of military equipment to Tunisia to strengthen that North African country's police force.

The shipment, part of which has arrived in Tunisia, includes small arms, jeeps, trucks and radio supplies. A similar shipment was sent earlier this year.

American officials said the equipment was being turned over to Tunisia at the request of President Habib Bourguiba. They said there was no connection between the shipments and the unrest in the Middle East.

Scientists Consider Selves Lucky If Moon Date Kept

By JOHN A. BARBOUR
Associated Press Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Science has made a date with that mysterious lady, the moon. But will it be able to keep it?

As early as next Sunday, scientific marksmen hope to set off the first moonbound rocket. But they will consider themselves lucky indeed if they bring off a rendezvous.

Here are some of the problems they must solve:

The moon is at least 220,000 miles out in space. But scientists must aim at any empty point, 137,000 miles ahead of the moon's course, and hope that both moon and rocket arrive at about the same time. That would be about 2½ days after firing.

Granted perfect aim—and you can imagine what a small error could do in 200,000-plus miles—the three-stage rocket still must fire perfectly. This means boosting its speed to about 25,000 miles an hour needed to escape the earth's gravity.

Given this initial speed, the rocket will gradually slow under gravity's pull until nearing the moon, it will be traveling only about 3,000 miles an hour. In fact, its average for the trip may be only about 5,000 miles an hour.

The speed is important. If the rocket slows too quickly, it will fall short of its objective. If it doesn't slow enough, it can zoom past and on into space.

While there are many ways for the moon rocket to fail or merely flirt with success, there is only one way to completely succeed.

What the scientists say they would really like to do is send up a rocket that would orbit around the moon a few times and then plunge back toward earth, and probable destruction.

The rocket, in its few turns around the moon, would take a series of closeup pictures — including never-before-seen shots of the moon's hidden side — and relay those back to earth.

It would also measure the magnetic field of the moon, measure temperatures and count meteors.

How many of its scientific tasks it completed would in a sense measure the rocket's success.

To give their rocket the best chance of finding the neighborhood of the moon and staying there a while, the scientists have carefully picked the course and meeting place.

They hope to save a few thousand miles by waiting until the moon comes closest to earth.

The Air Force shot, if successful, will catch the moon in a good photographic pose. It will be moving from a new moon to a first quarter phase.

This means that the sun will be lighting up part of the backside of the moon—away from earth.

Jordan Police Clamp Curfew

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Police clamped a curfew on the Palestine refugee camps around Amman today and then raided these tinderboxes of opposition to King Hussein's government.

Police sources said about 60 or 65 persons were arrested. Other sources said blasting powder and ammunition were found.

The clampdown opened the Moslem sabbath, a day of possible trouble because it brings emotional, easily inflamed crowds into the streets. Another 500 to 800 security troops were added last night to the already heavy military guard in Amman.

Rumors rocketed through the Jordanian capital. One said that antiroyalist riots might occur today. Another said an attempted coup was frustrated yesterday.

There was no confirmation here of an Israeli radio report that about a dozen top Jordanian officers were arrested yesterday on charges of plotting a coup. A number of officers were arrested last month for plotting against Hussein.

Except for the presence of spike-helmeted police and troops, downtown Amman started the day quietly with appearances normal. In addition to the British-trained troops of the Jordanian army, formerly the Arab Legion, there are more than 3,000 British soldiers in Jordan to offer Hussein whatever protection possible against foreign interference and domestic enemies.

Of the 250,000 people in Amman, about 75,000 live in refugee camps scattered on the outskirts. Police began raiding the camps just as dawn was breaking.

The refugees have been in camps since the new state of Israel drove them out 10 years ago. Most of the half-million refugees in Jordan live on U.N. relief. They have tended to follow the brand of violently anti-Israeli Arab nationalism preached by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, who has issued veiled calls for Hussein's assassination.

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Elvis Bids Mom Goodbye

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Elvis, granted an emergency furlough from the Army, had spent the day before chatting with his parents in her hospital room, but was asleep at his suburban mansion when she died.

Gladys Presley was hospitalized Saturday with a liver ailment, acute hepatitis, but doctors said an unexpected heart attack caused her death. Her husband was at her bedside.

"It broke my heart," Elvis said as he went to the hospital. "She was always my best girl."

Elvis flew here Tuesday from Ft. Hood, Tex., where he is stationed. He is an only child.

Stockton Man's Body Recovered

JACKSON, Wyo. (UPI) —Park rangers have recovered the body of a 43-year-old Stockton, Calif., man who fell to his death on a mountain ledge in Grand Teton National Park Wednesday.

He was Parshall A. Terry, who slipped and fell 100 feet to a lower ledge while jumping rocks.

A 12-man recovery team, led by park ranger John Fonda, found the body early Thursday about 1,000 feet from the peak of the 11,750-foot mountain.

Terry, according to chief pack ranger Russell Dickenson, was with his two teen-age sons and a brother-in-law, Francis Andres of Ruppert, Idaho.

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Heroine Hits Film Studio

HONG KONG (AP)—The real-life heroine of Ingrid Bergman's latest film today denounced 20th Century-Fox Film Corp. as "a bunch of liars."

"I don't know what filthy words they might have put in Ingrid Bergman's mouth—things which I would never have said," said Gladys Aylward, a diminutive, over-60 missionary whose life in China is the subject of the 20th Century-Fox movie "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness."

Miss Bergman plays Miss Aylward in the movie, which has not been released yet.

A spokesman for the film company denied yesterday that the film had been made without consulting Miss Aylward. He maintained she was very enthusiastic about the picture and felt it would help her missionary work.

But Miss Aylward, who recently arrived in Hong Kong from Formosa, said Mark Robson, the producer of the film, had not sent her a script as he promised.

"I believe they are doing something in the film which they know I won't like, so they have not sent me the script. I know nothing about the film," she declared.

"These people — Fox — have been hounding me for months and they won't tell me anything. I have suffered under the Communists and Japanese, but I have never suffered so much pain as over this picture."

DANCER TO WED

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Dancer-actress Ann Miller and Texas oilman Bill Moss will be married next week at La Jolla, Calif.

Hollywood Producer Has Restful Night

CANNES, France (AP) — Doctors said Jack Warner's temperature returned to normal today after the film producer's first really restful night since he was injured in an automobile accident Aug. 4.

The doctors continued to reserve judgment on his condition, however, and kept the "no visitors" sign up. Warner, 66, suffered severe head and chest injuries.

ALL'S WELL

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