

Casual Interview

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NEW YORK (AP)—It's a rare movie star who will let a reporter see her with hair flattened in pin-curls, wearing no makeup.

It's probably an even rarer foreign minister's wife who will receive in a pink quilt robe.

Helle Krag, who is both, had no compunction the other morning. It was 9:30 a.m. and she had been up late at social functions for the king and queen of Denmark, who were winding up their U.S. visit.

It seemed logical enough for the pretty blonde to curl up in an easy chair, bare feet tucked under her, to discuss her acting career; her husband, Otto Jens Krag, Denmark's foreign minister; and what they had been doing during his three-week stint as head of the Danish delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Mrs. Krag, as Helle Virkner, is a famous stage and screen star in Denmark. She has been an actress for 16 years, but is still in her twenties. None of her 26 movies has been brought to this country.

"They're just shown in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany," she said in excellent English.

Her husband approves of her career, she said, and she likes to keep working "a little."

"You never know what will happen in your life," and it's good to have some sort of work."

She met Krag—who is 11 years her senior—at a party for Indonesia's Sukarno. "It was May 16, 1959," she recalled. "He introduced himself and we talked two minutes. We met again July 3, and were married July 31. I had seen him fewer than 10 times, but I knew he was the right man."

"We have a baby boy named Jens Christian. He is 3 months and 14 days old, and I miss him terribly."

In New York the Kraggs attended various affairs as part of the entourage of King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid, visited the arts of Denmark exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, went to plays and window-shopped.

"You've wonderful stores, but I can't buy. The clothes are too expensive. The only things I got were for the baby. But I have a good dressmaker at home."

She added with remarkable candor: "I have a problem anyway; I'm size 12 at the top and 14 in the hips."

At home, she said, she tries to help her husband in his political career by giving parties.

"In Denmark, wives don't get out and campaign for their husbands as women do here," she said.

Ursula Unusual

NEW YORK (AP)—Ursula Thiess is a rare young woman. She doesn't think the world ends when you pass 30.

"It's quite nice," she says, "to have gained some wisdom along with the wrinkles."

Ursula is not what you would call wrinkled. She is a shapely 5 foot 7, with hazel eyes, dark hair, a gracious manner and one of the loveliest faces extant.

But Ursula, a mother of four who has been Mrs. Robert Taylor for the past six years, laughs and says:

"I am often advised not to tell people I have a 17-year-old married daughter. But since I also have a 1-year-old daughter, and also may be a grandmother one of these days, I'm wondering if I should leave the nursery around."

Ursula has been an actress since she started on the stage at 16 in Hamburg, Germany. But acting took second place to husband and family when she married Taylor. This season she is back before cameras, but only to appear with her husband on his television series "The Detectives."

"It was the producer's idea," she explains, "and Bob was against it."

"He's a perfectionist, always on time, never blows a line. In short, hard to live up to. TV is faster paced than movies, and I had to be twice as fast to keep up."

"He likes to work with men better than women, you know. His things men pay more attention to direction. Women's minds tend to wander to what the children might be doing, if the potatoes are burning."

"He was a nervous wreck about the first day of filming, but now I think he rather likes the idea."

Ursula says her main hobby is her children, the two younger by Taylor and the two older by a previous marriage.

"I like taking care of them, being with them. But I think I'll close the book at four."

She also likes horseback riding, and reading "anything that seems to be right for the mood I'm in."

Ursula, who had been married in Germany at 18 and divorced four years later, took her time about remarriage. "It was too rough an experience the first time," she recalls.

