MOVIE COLUMN

Singer claims nudes look more intelligent

By BOB THOMAS

LAS VEGAS, Ne. (AP)—Monique Van Vooren says girls look more intelligent in the nude. That's one reason she declines to appear on the same stage with undraped beauties.

The Belgian singer thus seconds the motion of Carol Channing that nudes are tough to follow.

Miss Channing cancelled her Las Vegas contract last week because she was booked to appear on the same bill with Folies Bergere girls.

Miss Van Vooren is appearing at the Riviera in "Destry Rides Again."

She stacks up well with any of the other imported beauties, give or take an inch, but prefers to keep her figure under wraps. And she expects the supporting cast to do the same.

"I have never appeared in a show with nudes," she declared, "and I would never appear nude myself. I prefer to get by on talent.

"It's not that I am against that kind of presentation, nor am I afraid to compete physically with those girls. But it is hard to compete with them on an entertainment level.

HAS TO WORK

"A nude on the stage looks much more intelligent than a performer. I mean it. All she has to do is stand there. The men in the audience think she looks smart.

The minute an entertainer opens her mouth on the stage, she is in danger of exposing how numb she is.

She has to work twice as hard to impress the men who have just been seeing the thoughtful-looking nudes who do nothing."

She said she was surprised at the commotion the nudes have caused in Las Vegas.

"In Europe, we think nothing of it. Why, I just came from a little town on the French Riviera where I was the house guest of Brigitte Bardot. The women go without tops on the beach, and no one thinks anything about it.

"America is the only country where there is so much concern about bosoms."

Missionary turns waiter

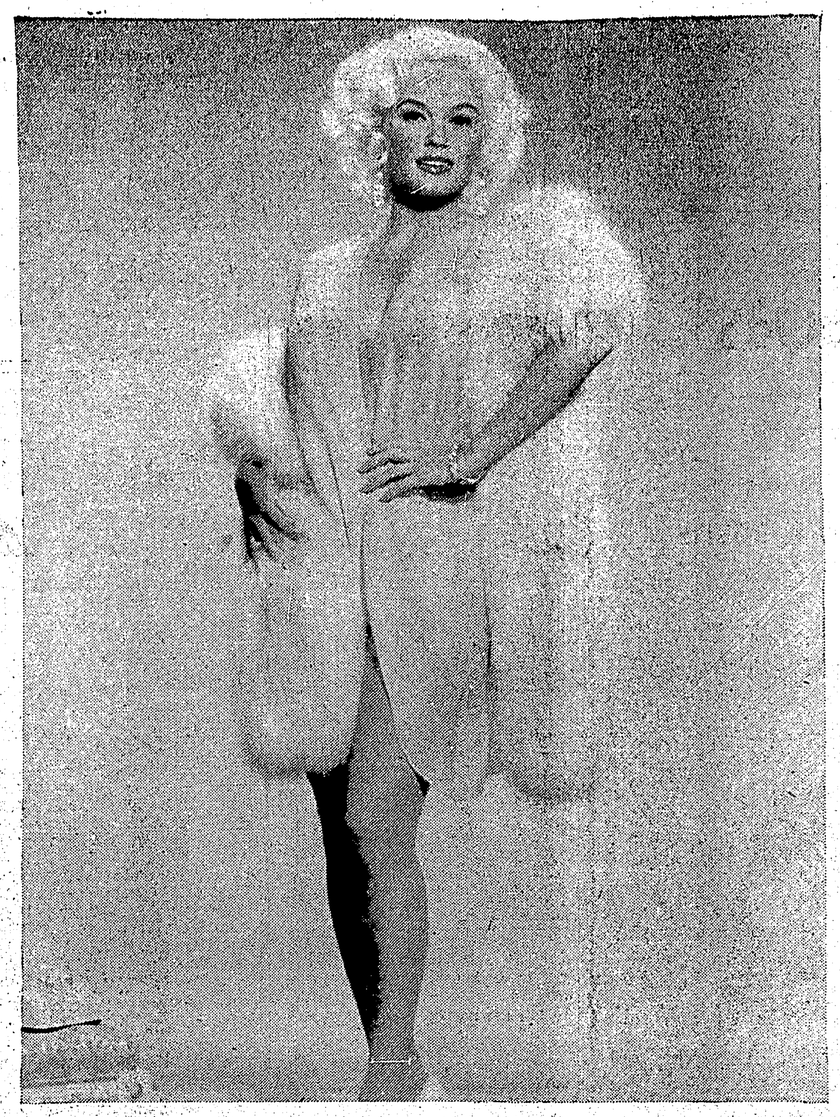
SOUTHAMPTON, England (CP)—A Canadian missionary, who once skippered his own ship along the rugged British Columbia coast, went back to work on the ships Wednesday—as a waiter.

Rev. Alan Green, of Toronto, retired 71-year-old clergyman, was one of the 80 passengers who volunteered to join the crew of the Cunard liner Sylvania following a wildcat seamen's strike.

Green, a white-haired tourist-class passenger aboard the 21,989-ton Cunarder, joined the other passenger-volunteers in serving a five-course dinner in the first and tourist dining saloons.

"What a life!" he said to a reporter. "From a ship's captain to a dumb waiter in no time at all."

The dinner was reported served "promptly and efficiently."



ALL DOLLED UP—The doll is Mamie Van Doren. Mamie matches her platinum blonde tresses with a white chiffon pegnoir. What's the white fox fur? To keep her warm, of course.

Names in News

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—A reception honoring **Brantford's** two famous sons, historian and novelist **Thomas B. Costain and Alexander Graham Bell,** inventor of the telephone, will be held here Sept. 9. The date marks the Canadian publication of **Mr. tain's** book "The Cord of Stee," dealing with **Bell's** experiments. Mr. Costain will be guest of honor at the reception in the Bell homestead.

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CASTEL GANDOLFO (AP)—**Pope John** received 15,000 people in general audience Wednesday, the anniversary of his ordination as a priest 56 years ago. **The Pope** recalled "immediately after that, I was received by his holiness **Pius X** now **St. Pope Pius X** who told me that he would pray to the Lord that my ministry as a priest would be a source of consolation for the church."

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MADRID (Reuters) —Several hundred actors, extras and technicians fled Wednesday when a lion broke loose loose during filming of "The Revolt of the Slaves," starring **Rhonda Fleming** and **Lang Jeffries.** Trainer **Herman King** was able to corner the lion—named **Nero**—under a truck and manoeuvre it into a cage. No one was hurt.

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WARSAW (AP) — **Nazi Reichmarshal Herman Goering's** headquarters in Poland has been turned into a fish warehouse, the Polish news agency reported Wednesday. The bunker stronghold deep in the Spala forests in central Poland is being used to refrigerate fish.

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LISBON, Portugal (Reuters)—Naval detachments from 14 nations, including Canada, were cheered by 3,000 Portuguese Wednesday as they marched in a parade commemorating the 400th anniversary of the death of **Prince Henry the Navigator.**

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — United Nations Secretary—**General Dag Hammarskjold** left for the Congo early today after announcing he will enter secessionist province Friday with two Swedish companies of UN troops.

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SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — **Frank Lloyd,** 73, one of Hollywood's great movie directors and three-time academy award winner, died Wednesday in hospital. **Lloyd** guided many of the greats of silent films, and was one of the top directors of the movies' great years—the 1930s and 1040s. He won Oscars for "Divine Lady" in 1929, "Cavalcade" in 1933 and "Mutiny on the Bounty" in 1936.

SKYLINES RAISED

Japan in building boom as cities go up, down

TOKYO (Reuters)—Thousands of tons of cement and steel are used each year in Tokyo to extend the city both up and down.

Laws restrict buildings to nine storeys, or a height of about 102 feet, but the Japanese excavate to great depths and add three and, in some cities, five floors of basements.

Since 1955, Tokyo has developed a building boom which astounds visitors. Everywhere in this sprawling city of 9,200,000 people, they see new buildings in various stages of construction.

Shift workers toil day and night, weekdays and Sundays.

Once the steel framework of a building is completed, workmen can pour cement at the rate of one floor a day.

The Tokyo metropolitan government's building section said that in 1958, the latest year for which figures are available, 418,000 tons of cement were used in commercial buildings. In the previous year, the total was 378,000 tons.

Nor is the building boom limited to Tokyo. In Osaka and other major cities in Japan, office blocks, hotels, factories, apartments and department stores are raising the skylines.

DANGEROUS MARSUPIAL

Australia motorists driving at night have to be careful not to strike kangaroos, partially blinded by headlight glare.

University expels students

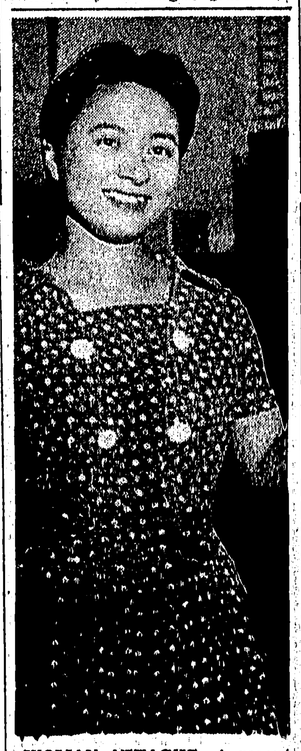
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — The University of Alabama Wednesday announced the permanent expulsion of two students and disciplinary action against 84 others for cheating on final examinations.

No names were given.

The action was taken following an eight-week investigation by a six-man committee.

The disciplinary action ranged from two-year suspensions to probation.

The report cited instances of what the investigating committee called illegal entry into the offices of professors and the buying and selling of examinations by students.



WOMAN ATTACHE—A recent addition to Ottawa's diplomatic community is Hisami Mano, 25, daughter of a Tokyo high court judge. The five-foot-five Miss Mano is Japan's only woman foreign service officer. —CP photo.

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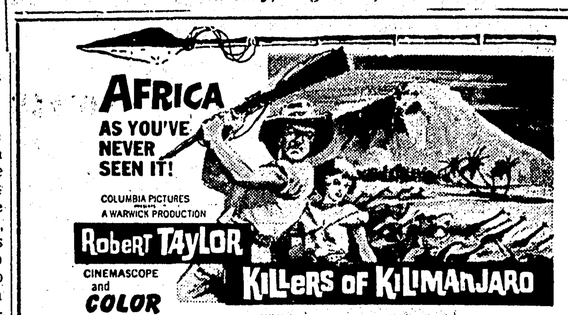

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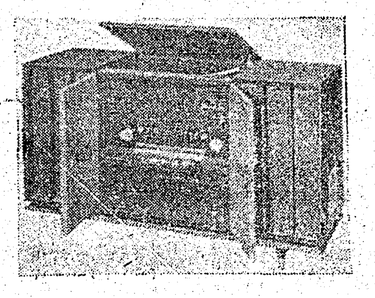
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