# Betty Won't Take Any Time Off

Takes a Wife" after a year off studio salary. Asked if she'd ever take a suspension again, she said:

NEW BLONDE

"The only reason I would have The new blonde at 20th-Fox wanted to do the picture was -Marilyn Monroe-has been that the studio had put out a cast in "Gentlemen Prefer lot of money for it. They've "A lot of people said I should never paid eight dollars for a be in (the role), but there was story for me. [Now, Betty, you]

They've all been remakes or something."

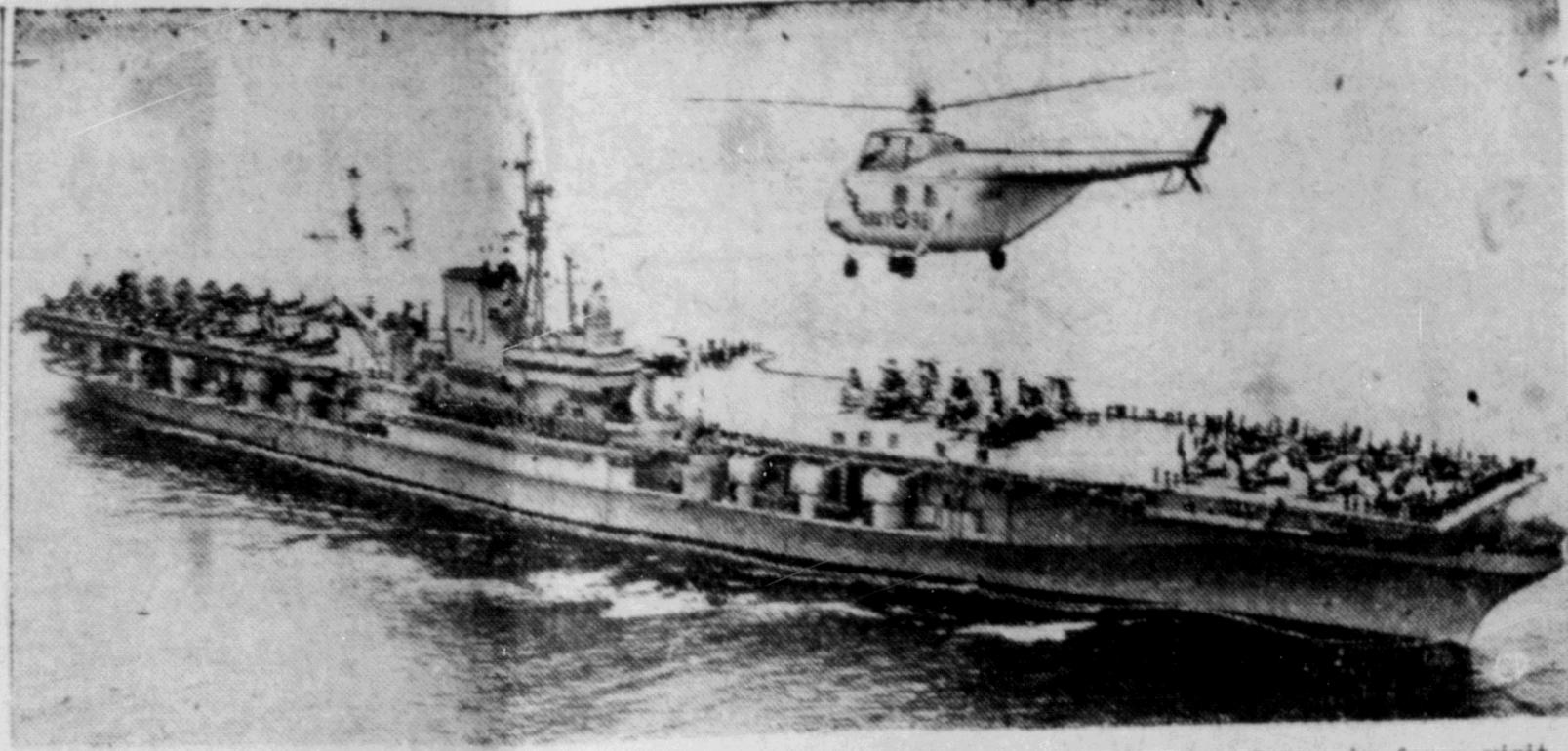
No picture has been announced for Betty, but she doesn't expect much time with her children and horses.

"I can't believe they'll keep paying me that big salary and not keep me working," she re-

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# Strip-Tease Makes Comeback in Japan

By FRED SAITO

lovely ladies, but about the unpredictable Japanese who made police who promptly arrested the strip tease a national fad the bathers and the director. after the United States occupation, deserted it for a thing called "Swordswoman Dramas" and now are swinging back to a modified strip show.

Ken Murai, 28-year-old director of the "France Za" (za is Japanese for theatre), says the old form of strip tease hit its new in kimona-clad Japan.

Japanese flocked to the huge 8 burlesque houses throughout Japan to watch in deadpan fascination as the gals "took them off." But, Murai said, the show lost its popularity after reaching a logical conclusion and losing its power to shock.

Then came the rise of the swordswoman drama. This was a Japanese development that flattered the Japanese marital

A beautiful feudal maiden, beset by thugs and bullies, would bear incredible misfortunes with the patience of Gautama Buddha. Finally, when pushed too far, she would snatch razor-sharp samurai sword and cut down her tormentors like a field of ripe rye.

In the later years of the occupation, this probably flattered Japanese pride, Murai said. When Japan became independ end April 28, audiences lost in-

Four months ago five theatres in Tokyo were showing swordswomen. Now they've all gone back to the strip show—the new form, that is,

Instead of acres of sun-tanned Japanese skin, the shows now are more like farces played by girls wearing the least the law allows. The law here, while liberal, does insist the girls wear SOMETHING.

"Now a strip director has to use every ounce of resource to keep the audience," Murai declared.

He said one of his competitors tried to appeal to what he called "the Peeping Tom" instinct. He ripped out clusters of seats here and there in the theatre and installed tiled Japanese bathtubs-each tub complete with a pretty, G-stringed Japanese girl already in hot

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# The audience soon got tired | veil. The average stripper gets

TOKYO (AP) - "They're as the director had the girls take That isn't enough to keep a fickle as feathers in a high off the G-strings just before single woman in Tokyo. Many

wind," the strip-show director they hopped into the tub. That brought the customers He wasn't talking about his all right, but it also brought the bare beauty by the dozen.

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of this too and in desperation 15,000 yen a month (about \$40) single strippers trudge off to work afterwards at extra jobs in cabarets and photo studios.

Many others are married. Backstage in a Japanese strip show theatre weary young ladies are found curled up all over work, it's a hard life for the the place in long, shapeless strip-tease girl in Japan. In- sleeping kimonos, trying to

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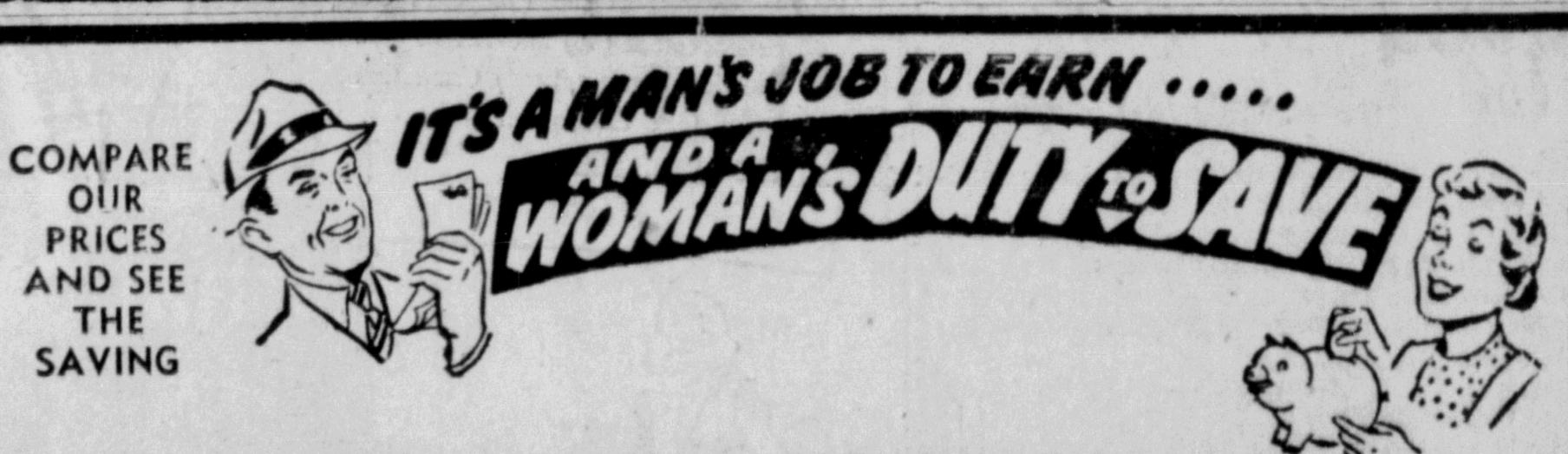


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"Never. I wanted a rest and got it. . . . Now I'm ready for Betty said. "As far as the role anything. . . I've been in the is concerned, I wasn't enthused. business too long to worry about I think Marilyn fits it perfect- aren't out of this world. Cur-

Blondes."

only one reason-the title," know that's not quite correct.]

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