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**SCREEN ★
★ FLASHES**

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—How to shoot Jane Russell and Marilyn Monroe—with a camera.
Those two glamor dolls started work together this week in a film version of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." They possess two of the most photographed frames in history, but until now they have generally posed alone. That presents the problem of how to shoot them together.
Gene Kornman, who has been lensing glamor girls at 20th-Fox for 20 years, said he didn't anticipate much trouble.
"Don't underestimate Marilyn's intelligence," remarked the photographer. "She's a smart gal when it comes to posing, and she's easy to get along with, too. From what I hear, Jane is a nice gal, too. And since she has been in the business longer, she can and probably will give some pointers to Marilyn."

"I think I'll use the same technique I used when Betty Grable and June Haver were making 'The Dolly Sisters.' I always went to Betty first, since she was the biggest star. If she said she was too tired or busy, I asked June to pose. And sure enough, when Betty looked out and saw June posing for pictures, she'd come out of her room and volunteer to work, too."

His easiest subjects? Gene cited two: Loretta Young and Billie Dove.
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**Chinese Pirates Forced Out
By Red, Nationalist Warfare**

HONG KONG (Reuters)—There is not a famous pirate left on the entire China coast.

Even their centuries-old playground, Bias Bay, 50 miles northeast of Hong Kong, has been made safe for small merchant ships.

China's Communists strengthening their hold on the China coast against the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-Shek in Formosa have run them out of business.

By raiding and taking over the pirate shore bases, the Communists dealt a death blow to the harmless-looking junks that used to suddenly hoist the skull and crossbones and commandeer merchant ships.

As a result, the pirates have nowhere they could take a captured coastal vessel to beach and loot her.

Police here say there is little chance of the pirates reviving their operations.

If they did they would be caught right in the centre of a relentless but unofficial war between rival patrolling gunboats of the Communists from the China mainland and the Chinese Nationalists from Formosa.

Another factor against the pirates has been the American and United Nations embargoes on China trade. Shipping has been reduced to a trickle since the Korean war.

Much of the post-war piracy in southeast Asian waters could more properly be put in the category of hijacking. Ships stopped and robbed usually were smuggling craft running contraband.

MALACCA STRAITS
The two principal areas in which pirates have been active since the war are the Malacca Straits, between Malaya and Sumatra, and the region lying between British North Borneo, the Philippines and the Celebes, including the Straits of Macassar.

Pirates in the Malacca Straits were modern desperadoes with quick-firing sub-machine-guns and fast motor launches. But the efficiency of patrols have curbed the smuggling on which they thrived.

Pirates still are active off the east coast of North Borneo, although their enthusiasm has been dampened by the appearance of British, Indonesian and Philippine warships in those waters.

In such remote areas as the Straits of Macassar, piracy continues on a reduced scale because the myriad islands provide the pirates with places in which they can hide, and they are assisted by intimate knowledge of local waters and tricky currents.

**Lady Mayor
Seeks Second
Capital Term**

By H. DENT HODGSON

OTTAWA—Voters in Canada's capital predicted in the 1950 civic elections that Charlotte Whitton would "stir things up at city hall." Few had any idea how true that prediction would become.

They gave her the biggest vote any controller received in Ottawa. And by virtue of this vote the 33-member city council elected her mayor after the death in August, 1951, of Mayor Grenville Goodwin.

Even before his death and her formal succession to office Oct. 15, 1951, Miss Whitton was a force in deliberations of the five-man board of control and the city council.

PLENTY OF PUBLICITY

During her term as mayor she has taken up more space in the Ottawa newspapers than any other six mayors. The "32 men and one woman" fought out issue after issue on the basis of Charlotte's new approach to civic problems.

The 1952 biennial civic election will be held Dec. 1 and Charlotte will seek a term in her own right.

Where her campaign supporters last time had an ordinary needle and thread as their buttonhole election symbol they have chosen this time a daring needle "because the job is bigger."

Main opponent in the mayoralty contest will be controller L. L. Len Coulter, Ottawa business man, who ironically enough was the person with whom she got into the fewest arguments during her term as mayor.

The election campaign between supporters of the 56-year-old Miss Whitton and the 52-year-old Mr. Coulter has shown indications of becoming a knock-down drag-out affair.

Most Ottawans are either strong supporters or strong opponents of their first woman mayor. This was indicated recently by a move on the part of some citizens to elect "anybody but Charlotte." They went so far as to say "any man, rather than a woman."

While by no means all the Whitton supporters are women, Charlotte feels certain that a campaign on this basis would enlist the female vote in a landslide victory. She has also appealed to the feminine element on the basis that there aren't enough women in politics.

Political enemies describe her as a meddling busybody who has blocked civic progress by starting arguments on every motion before city council.

Charlotte, on the other hand, claims she is proudest of "the fact that the board of control has never in my term of office been turned back by council on anything in which we went to them."

She seeks a long-term program of making assessments more equitable, improvements in housing and child welfare and a start on the city hall "in this year of the Queen's coronation." Ottawa has been without a city hall since the old building burned down 21 years ago.

PLEASANT HABIT
MARITZBURG, South Africa — Professor B. H. Farrer told a meeting of the Natal University students it might be a good idea to introduce the siesta habit on hot days. He said animals do not rush around after meals but go to sleep.

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MONTREAL — A damage claim for \$250,000 is being launched by Canadian National Railways against the Lakeshore Construction Company, general contractors at Pointe Claire, Quebec, whose trailer truck caused derailment of the company's train No. 2 near Valois Station, outside Montreal Tuesday morning.

In making known the company's intention of immediately entering suit for this sum, Donald Gordon, chairman and president of the CNR, said there is a "plentifulness of eye-witness testimony that the driver drove his truck into the path of the approaching train despite the fact that the automatic warning signals were working and the train was clearly visible and the whistle blowing."

The company has no evidence to substantiate the allegation of the truck driver that his vehicle stalled after he had driven onto the tracks.

COSTLY JOKE
BENONI, South Africa — An entertainer here offered £5 to any man in the audience who had a picture of his mother-in-law in his pocket. One man produced a picture which he swore was that of his wife's motor. Paying up, the comedian said it was the first time he'd lost.

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