MOVIE COLUMN

Press boys glad to have MM back

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Marilyn Monroe is back, and we're glad.

The Hollywood press corps did not realize how much they missed MM until she came back after a two-year absence.

Oh! there have been others who have tried. Jayne Mansfield? You have got to give her A for effort, but she lacks subtelty. Sophia Loren? Not enough imagination. Kim Novak? She comes close, but still lacks a certain flair. Zsa Zsa Gabor? Are you kidding?

Marilyn has everything it takes, and I don't just mean the physical aspects. She still has that wonderful, wide-eyed response to interviewers' questions. And her responses are not just accidental or vague.

Such as when she was asked whether she favored the sack dress. No, she replied, it's not organic.

MONROE MAGIC UNIQUE

The Monroe magic is unique. She exudes the impression of being the dumb blonde. But she knows all the angles, including the camera ones. She chided a photographer for trying to get a shot that would show more than she wanted.

And she keeps the reporters happy. She always answers queries. Though she reply might skirt the question, she is always quotable.

Welcome home, Marilyn, and stay a while.

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Las Vegas notes . . . It's TV time on the Strip. Among the stars playing at the top hotels are Ed Sullivan, Jack Benny, Giselle MacKenzie, George Gobel, Eddie Fisher, Milton Berle, Rosemary Clooney. Reason: TV stars want to pick up that Las Vegas loot as soon as they start their summer vacations.

HOPE CASING SHOWS

Bob Hope casing the shows after his legit return in "Roberta" in St. Louis. Asked why he has never played Las Vegas, he says: "I never have time." He, Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye are about the only bigtime holdouts left . . . Harold Lloyd getting a big hand as he is introduced at the night spots. He was up to watch his son's debut on the Ed Sullivan show.

Marilyn refreshing change for press boys

Federal-B.C. parley seen on Doukhobors

OTTAWA (CP)—Justice Minister Fulton Monday said correspondence with the British Columbia government indicates the possibility of provincial-federal agreement on the handling of only "one aspect" of the B.C. Doukhobor problem.

Mr. Fulton, who said Friday he had not yet received a letter from Premier Bennett of B.C. setting forth the B.C. government's reaction to confidential federal proposals, acknowledged in the Commons Monday the letter had arrived but that at that time it had not been drawn to his attention.

"I wish to remove any impression that a reply from the premier of B.C. was overdue," he told the House.

The letter, however, indicated the two governments had been unable to agree on a mutual basis for action except on one aspect of the problem, which the minister did not specify.

Mr. Fulton went to B.C. two weeks ago for personal talks and both federal and provincial governments have since kept secret the nature of the proposals discussed.

62 fires burning in district

A total of 62 fires are burning in the Prince Rupert Forest district. Of these, 16 have started since July 11, making a total of 136 fires to date this year, District Forester Percy Young reported today.

Twenty-one forest fires are burning in the Terrace area, Mr. Young said.

He said that 468 men have been engaged in firefighting to date and that 265 of those were employed by the B.C. Forest service and the rest were private company men or civilians.

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Blackwood on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Sometimes I wonder how Mr. Meek learned to play the cards so well. With his conservative bidding habits he practically never gets into contracts which require tough, daring, brilliant play.

He won all thirteen tricks in today's deal, but the bidding died at four spades when he declined to take any strong action after his partner's jump raise.

The kings of hearts was led and won on the board with the ace. Mr. Meek paused to check the situation. Unless all five of the outstanding spades were in one opponent's hand, he had ten tricks in straight leads—four spades, five diamonds and a heart.

He thought about a cross-ruff. He knows, of course, that the first thing to do when planning a cross-ruff is to cash your quick side winners. He saw that if he could cash two diamonds, he could then cross-ruff clubs and hearts for eight more tricks. These, with the ace of hearts, would make a total of eleven.

Another line of play would be to lead to the queen of diamonds at trick two, then ruff a club in dummy. Lead another diamond to the jack and ruff another club. Now he could pick up the trumps in four leads and run three more diamonds. This plan would bring in twelve tricks.

But wait. If neither opponent had a singleton diamond there was a good chance to take all the tricks. So Mr. Meek played as follows. At trick two he led a heart from dummy and ruffed it with the deuce of spades. He overtook his ten of diamonds with dummy's king and led another heart, ruffing it with the ten of spades. Next he overtook the jack of diamonds with the ace, returned another heart and ruffed it with the ace of spades.

It was a simple matter now to lead his last spade, the queen, and overtake it with dummy's king. On the lead of the jack of spades he carefully discarded the queen of diamonds. The nine and eight of spades picked up Mr. Abel's last trumps and the rest of dummy was good.

North dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
Mrs. Keen
♠ K J 9 8
♥ A 7 3 2
♦ A K 9 7 4
♣ none

WEST
Mr. Abel
♠ 7 5 4 3
♥ K Q 10 9
♦ 8 3
♣ K J 8

EAST
Miss Brash
♠ 6
♥ J 8 6 4
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A Q 6 4 3

SOUTH
Mr. Meek
♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 5
♦ Q J 10
♣ 10 9 7 5 2

The bidding:

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3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

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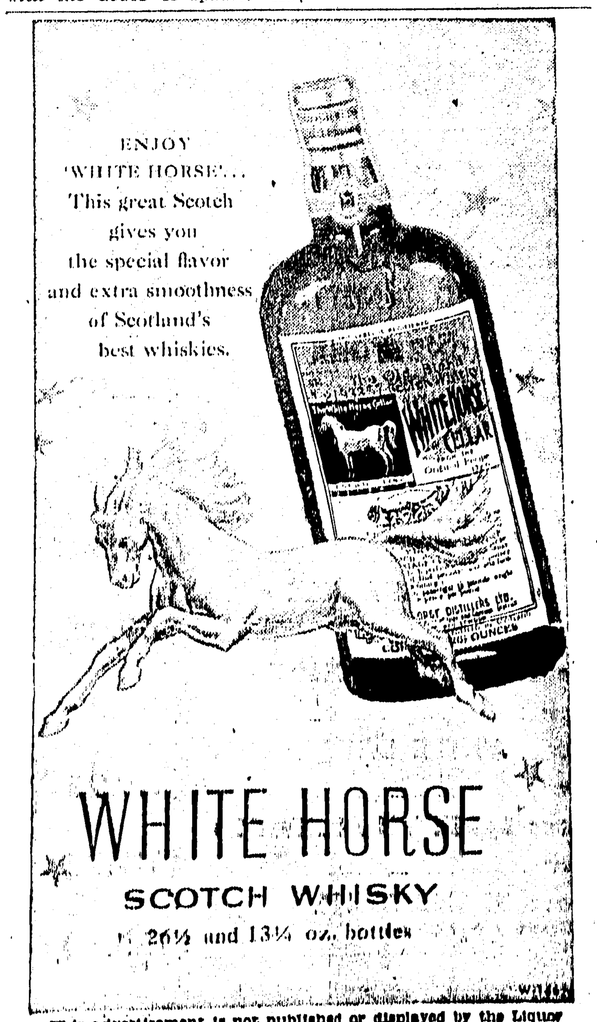

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