

World-wide Film and Theatre News

Hedda Hopper's Hollywood

LUCILLE MAY LOSE HER TV FOLLOWING

HOLLYWOOD, Sat. — Hollywood is startled about this week's revelation that Lucille Ball, America's top television actress, had registered to vote the Communist ticket way back in 1936.



LEE MEI, a big name in Hongkong movies. She was born in Manchuria.

My mailbox indicates that many prominent people take a dim view of it.

Some of the big people who have been buying her time have cancelled.

She is reported to have explained everything satisfactorily to her main sponsors.

Nevertheless, they are keeping an eye peeled on her television show rating to see if there is any marked falling off.

JEAN NEGULESCO says that the greatest difficulty in shooting pictures in Rome is keeping the nude statues out of the camera range. He explained: "I'm no prude, but it's bad theatre to give actors

such competition. It wouldn't do to hang Marilyn Monroe's calendar in those surroundings."

TYRONE POWER'S baby daughter arrived just 30 minutes after he and Linda arrived at the hospital.

JOAN CRAWFORD told me: "Audrey Hepburn is the best thing that has happened to picture business in 20 years." She is taking Hollywood by storm.

JOAN FONTAINE, who shines in highly dramatic roles like she had in *Rebecca*, *Suspicion*, and *September Affair*, has a change of pace as a sultry Eastern beauty in R.K.O.'s *Decameron Nights*.

The film consists of three of the classic Boccaccio stories. It was made entirely in Spain. Joan co-stars with Louis Jourdain. English actress Joan Collins has an important role.

THE teaming of June Allyson and Jeff Chandler is the decision by Universal for Foxfire, adapted from Anya Seton's novel of the same title. It will be made in Technicolor, and is a modern story of a New York society girl who marries a mining engineer who is part Indian.

A 3D musical featurette, *Hawaiian Nights*, has been made by Universal with Pinky Lee, Mamie Van Doren, and Lisa Gaye.



MALA POWERS and Mitzi Gaynor (right) at the Ambassador Hotel, Hollywood. Mala's screen career nearly ended when she contracted a rare illness. She is fully recovered now.

GLORIA TO MAKE A BRITISH FILM

From DICK KISCH

LONDON, Sat.—Hollywood's best bad girl arrived in London this week and was quickly signed up by Romulus films.

She is Gloria Grahame, green-eyed and sexy.

John Woolf, big boss of Romulus, grabbed her at once. He is becoming Britain's shrewdest movie operator. He made *African*

Queen and *Moulin Rouge*, and now he's got Gloria for her first British film, to be called *The Good Die Young*.

The film deals with the lives of the same sort of young British thugs as are now on trial for their lives at the Old Bailey, for the gang murder on Clapham Common.

Gloria can convey sex with a twitch of her eyebrows. Hollywood found this so successful that they gave her an Oscar for her role in *The Bad And The Beautiful*.

Alex Paal, have options on my work."

JEAN SIMMONS may be back in Britain soon. She hasn't made a picture since *The Robe*. She said: "I'm just sitting on my hilltop, waiting to be sold —and Howard Hughes can't make up his mind who to sell me to." Jean says the trouble about coming to Britain for a holiday is the number of dogs she's collected, including four toy poodles.

GARY COOPER must be slipping when he has to come to London for a personal appearance. He still looks the same sort of gangling, overgrown cowboy who has been a film star for 25 years, but the shine has gone out of those clear blue eyes and his light brown hair is thinning. Cooper said: "I know I look like a picture choice between a million of Old Joe Relaxo, the boy dollar Hollywood contract who doesn't worry, but offered by M.G.M. or staying in Europe and hoping for better things. She flew from Germany to London to talk things over. She says her hesitation about accepting Hollywood's offer has nothing to do with Milford Haven. She added: "I have to make several more films in Germany, and one or two people, including my second husband,



JEAN HAGEN romps with Aric, her son, in their Hollywood home. Jean was the star of Northwestern University dramatic society before going into films.

Rita suspects a Moslem student

From PAULA WALLING

HOLLYWOOD, Sat.—Rita Hayworth and her manager Jackson Leighton believe that letters threatening the life of her daughter Yasmin (3) were written by a Moslem student.

The letters came from New Rochelle, a high-income residential area, where many Moslem exchange students live.

The letters threatened bodily harm and death to Yasmin if Rita did not return her to her former husband, Aly Khan. The F.B.I. is investigating.

Rita's two daughters, Rebecca Welles (8) and Yasmin (3), arrived at Las Vegas this week to join their mother, who is waiting for Dick Haymes' Nevada divorce.

When they arrived Rita exclaimed, "Oh, God, we're all together again. We're all safe."

Rita has won herself millions of friends by refusing Aly's suggested million-dollar settlement.

She said, "My little girl will be raised all-American. All the money in the world will not change that. If she wants to embrace her father's faith when she is old enough to know what she is doing I will not attempt to swerve her away."

Meanwhile, Nora is suing Dick Haymes for a divorce in California. Appropos of Dick's own divorce date set for Monday next in Nevada, she said: "If he marries without my consent he'll be a bigamist. It's about time they both showed some consideration for me. Of course, I hope they'll be very happy."

HOLLYWOOD people are taking bets on how long the Lex Barker-Lana Turner marriage will last. Lex's ex-wife, Ariene Dahl told me this week: "It could last. They were made for each other."



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