

Los Angeles Judge Hints Bigamy Charge After Laraine Day-Leo Durocher Wedding

Shy Newlyweds Are Living Separately As El Paso Marriage Gets Them in Hot Water

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HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 22.—Laraine Day and Leo (The Lip) Durocher, a pair of shy newlyweds—were living in individual bliss today, their honeymoon cooled by legal hot water.

Mr. Durocher sat alone at his seaside hotel—looking more unhappy than if his Brooklyn Dodgers had lost a major ball game.

Nearby at her home was Miss Day. She amazed Hollywood by marrying the baseball manager in El Paso, Tex., yesterday after getting a quick Mexican divorce from her semi-final California divorce from Airport Executive Ray Hendricks.

Both had a tentative date later today to explain to a Los Angeles judge how they happened to elope when the actress' divorce doesn't become final for a year.

"Miss Day is liable to prosecution on bigamy charges," warned Superior Judge George Dockweiler.

The couple returned here by plane last night after their 18-hour elopement.

Laraine hid her face from reporters.

Lippy threatened to bust a photographer's nose.

Both sped away in a station wagon on to their separate domiciles.

"We have nothing to say," they chorused as they pushed their way through reporters to the waiting car.

Before the wedding, Mr. Durocher

and Miss Day drove from El Paso across the Rio Grande to Juarez. There she divorced Mr. Hendricks—for the second time in just 60 minutes.

After a slight delay while Leo hustled a health certificate, the couple was married before Justice of the Peace Charles Windberg of El Paso. He kept them until they returned to Hollywood.

"I promised to keep quiet until they got home," Justice Windberg said. "The wedding took about two minutes. Then they kissed me and thanked me."

Meanwhile, the California judge who granted Miss Day her interlocutory decree expressed his disapproval of the repeat performance in Juarez.

Judge Dockweiler told Miss Day's attorney that she could be prosecuted as a bigamist if she took another husband before her California divorce became final in a year. He also threatened to set aside her decree.

"It's Too Late"

The lawyer, Bernard Silbert, rushed to a phone to warn his beautiful client.

"It's too late," Mr. Durocher told Mr. Silbert.

"The Lip" immediately phoned Judge Dockweiler and pleaded with him to withhold any action until he and Laraine could explain in person.

The judge said he wouldn't make any promises.

"This is one umpire," said Judge Dockweiler, "that Mr. Durocher will

have a hard time convincing." Mr. Durocher told the judge he and the actress got married "just on the spur of the moment." The baseball manager insisted they would not live as man and wife in California.

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Grain and Feed Dealers Convene

The annual banquet of the Indiana Grain and Feed Dealers association will be held next Monday in the Columbia club.

The 46th meeting of the group will extend through Tuesday.

Opening session at 10 a. m. Monday, E. G. Byer, Purdue university, will report on operation and management of grain elevators.

Other speakers will include Elton Kile, Kileville, O.; J. O. McClintock, Chicago; Ray E. Bowden, Washington, D. C.; and W. H. Bryan, St. Louis, Mo.

Nathan H. Gist, New York, will speak at the second day's opening session. Dr. E. L. Butz, Purdue university, also is scheduled to speak.

FORMS PARTY—With scads of political parties already, Italy now has a new one—an anti-Communist Socialist group, headed by Giuseppe Saragat, above, former president of the constitutional assembly. When closer co-operation with Communists was advocated at recent 25th Socialist congress in Rome, he walked out, formed the new group whose emblem is seen in background. Three arrows, symbolizing "forward," overshadow the sickle and hammer.

WAA TO OFFER COTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—The war assets administration announced today it soon would offer 300,000 surplus used cots at 80 cents each. The lot cost the government \$1,929,200.

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Quiz Roommate Of 'Black Dahlia'

Slain Girl's Close Companion on Dates

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—A frightened 15-year-old girl—who had been parading in Hollywood nightspots as a sophisticated model of 24—turned up today as a key witness in the hunt for the torturer of beautiful Elizabeth Short.

The girl was Lynn Martin. She was a Hollywood roommate of the 22-year-old "Black Dahlia" and her companion in bars and on dates with men.

The blond and shapely girl said she hadn't seen Miss Short since Sept. 30. Then, they stopped sharing a room and she denied that any of their mutual friends would have a motive for the sadistic butchering.

After four hours of questioning she was released to juvenile authorities.

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Higher Tax Exemption Seen Bible Teaching In Schools Upheld

Proposal Hinted as Counter Measure To GOP Demand for 20 Per Cent Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Influential house Democrats may propose higher personal income tax exemptions as a counter measure to Republican demands for a 20 per cent income tax cut.

This was disclosed today as the house rules committee met to take up its first tax bill—a measure to extend the present wartime excess tax rates indefinitely. The rules committee planned to schedule the bill for Wednesday.

There was some opposition to continuing present excess taxes on such items as fur, cosmetics, railroad tickets and telephone bills. But the extension was expected to pass the house overwhelmingly.

On the income tax front, several bills aimed at increasing the basic personal exemption from \$500 to \$1,000 or \$1,500 have been introduced in the house.

An increase in exemptions, rather than an across-the-board tax reduction, would get the support of the Democratic leadership. It also would have some Republican support, perhaps even on the tax-writing ways and means committee.

Meanwhile, there were these other developments on Capitol Hill:

ONE: Republican control of the senate came up for its first major test on a G. O. P. request to continue the special war investigating committee another year.

TWO: Senator Homer Capehart (R. Ind.) demanded that congress spell out the meaning of "work" under the wage-hour law to prevent industry from being "harassed" by portal-to-portal pay claims. He said it should be done despite objections of the wage-hour administration.

THREE: House members busily studied an audit report showing a \$125,563 shortage in the official accounts of Former House Sergeant at Arms Kenneth Romney. House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. asked the justice department to take action.

and possible hideouts where the pretty victim's screams would have gone unheard.

"It sounds like a cheap detective thriller," said Capt. Jack Donohoe of the homicide squad. "But we finally were forced to turn to the theory that a woman was at the bottom of it."

He pointed to other mutilation murders in which women in jealous rages hacked their girl friends to death.

Another lead came from a Los Angeles hotel manager.

Bible Teaching In Schools Upheld

Illinois Atheist Loses High Court Appeal

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 22 (U. P.).—The state supreme court today upheld the right of Illinois public schools to teach religion on a "voluntary basis."

The court in an unanimous opinion rejected the appeal of Mrs. Vashli McCollum, an avowed atheist, who had sued to ban Bible classes in the Champaign, Ill., schools.

Mrs. McCollum, 33, wife of a University of Illinois horticulture professor, argued that her son, James, 11, was "embarrassed." He was the only pupil in his class not taking religious instruction.

Find No Violation

The opinion, written by Justice Charles H. Thompson, upheld the Illinois sixth circuit court's denial of her petition.

"Such classes," the court found, "do not violate the freedom of conscience of any individual or group so long as the classes are conducted upon a purely voluntary basis."

The court found no indication of "any violation of state and federal guarantees." Justice Thompson wrote, "To deny the existence of religious motivation is to deny the inspiration and authority of the Constitution itself."

In her original suit in the lower court, Mrs. McCollum had charged that religion was "a racket based on fear and prejudice and a disease of the mind contracted in childhood."

Mrs. McCollum said previously that she would carry her fight to the U. S. supreme court.

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SHOP EARLY TOMORROW—9 A. M.—Due to the extremely cold weather Tuesday, we will continue our Semi-Annual Remnant Sale through Thursday in order to give everyone an opportunity to take advantage of the tremendous savings offered in every department throughout the entire store. Remember, Thursday is the last day. Every item advertised reduced 1/4, 1/3 and 1/2 OFF THE ORIGINAL PRICES. (ALL ITEMS SUBJECT TO PREVIOUS DAY'S SELLING.)

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(More than 1,350 Rolls) WALLPAPER in 6 to 14-roll lots, many patterns available, originally 35c to 1.75 single roll, now 10c single roll

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WOMEN'S ALL-WOOL CLAN PLAID SKIRTS

Originally 8.95 Now 4.99

Kiltie and pleated-all-around styles in authentic clan plaids; broken sizes.

SPORTSWEAR ACCESSORIES, THIRD FLOOR

Misses' and Collegiennes' SPORT SHIRTS

Originally 3.00 and 3.98 Now 2.00

All-wool and wool-and-rayon shirts in the ever-popular crew-neck, short-sleeve, tuck-in style—to wear now and all spring, alone or under suit jackets. In pastels and white; collegienne sizes.

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1/2 PRICE

In many colors and styles.
Originally 1.00, now .49c
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250 Pairs Men's COTTON KNIT PAJAMAS

Originally 5.00 Pr. Now 2.69

(250 Pairs) Men's Cotton Knit Pajamas, broken sizes and colors. Originally 5.00, now 2.69

MEN'S FURNISHINGS, STREET FLOOR

TOILETRIES

JODELLE DAYTIME FRAGRANCE, originally 1.50, 2.50, now 1.00, 1.59
P-S 9 VITAMINS, 100's, originally 2.69, now .98
P-S 9 VITAMINS, 9 Minerals, 100's, originally 1.98, now .89
P-S MINERAL OIL, 1 gal., originally 1.98, now 1.49
P-S BREWER'S YEAST TABLETS, 250's, originally 59c, now .39
P-S VITAMIN C TABLETS, 250 mg., 100's, originally 3.98, now 2.98

* Plus 50% tax.

TOILETRIES AND DRUGS, STREET FLOOR

STATIONERY ITEMS

NOVELTY ANIMAL BANKS, originally 1.00, now .65c
HOBBY NOTES, originally 59c, now .39c
AUTOMATIC PENCILS, originally 1.00, now .50c
LEATHER PENCIL CASES, originally 59c and 69c, now .25c

STATIONERY, STREET FLOOR

EPIGURE SHOP

TURKEY PATE, originally 28c each, now 8 for 1.00
SARDELLEN OR BLOATER PASTE, originally 18c each, now 12 for 1.00
2-LB. FRUIT CAKE, originally 3.20, now 2.39
1-LB. PLUM PUDDING with jar of Branded Cherry Sauce, originally 2.30, now 1.15
1-LB. BLUM FRUIT CAKE, originally 1.63, now 1.29
1-LB. EDNA CAST DATE LOAF, originally 1.21, now .89c
MYRA-NYE LIME MARMALADE, 4-oz. jar, originally 30c, now 15c
CLOVER HONEY, 1 1/4-oz. jar, originally 3 for 33c, now 3 for 25c

EPIGURE SHOP, STREET FLOOR

SUBBED SPORTSWEAR

GROUP OF CLAN PLAID JACKETS, originally 16.95, now 4.99
GROUP OF ALL-WOOL SWEATERS, pull-over and Cardigan styles, originally 6.98 to 8.98, now 2.99 to 3.99
Group of Striped Cotton Blouses, originally 2.70, now 1.29

SUBBED SPORTSWEAR, FOURTH FLOOR

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Wear 4.98 to 5.40

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Includes odds and ends of rayons and Mc Mullen cotton shirts; broken sizes and colors

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- (1) TUMBLETWIST RUG in red, 12x12', originally 165.00, now 82.50
- (1) TUMBLETWIST RUG in white, 9x12', originally 124.50, now 62.50
- (1) TUMBLETWIST RUG in white, 12x18', originally 248.40, now 124.20
- (1) TWO-TONE WILTON in green, 9x9', originally 124.50, now 99.30
- (2) TONE-ON-TONE WILTONS, in red, 9x12', originally 199.50, now 149.50
- (1) FIGURED WILTON in blue, 9x12', originally 146.00, now 129.30
- (1) TONE-ON-TONE WILTON in green, 9x12', originally 98.50, now 89.30
- (1) TONE-ON-TONE WILTON in green, 9x12', originally 94.50, now 84.50
- (1) WOOL LOOP TWIST RUG, tan, 8.3x15.6 ft. Originally 143.00, now 69.50
- (1) TWISTWEAVE RUG, gray, 11.3x15', originally 166.50, now 99.50
- (1) FIGURED WILTON, blue, 9x13 ft. Originally 155.50, now 139.50
- (1) TWISTWEAVE, maple color, 9x15 ft. Originally 155.50, now 139.50
- (1) TONE-ON-TONE WILTON, tan, 12x15.1 ft. Originally 182.50, now 149.50
- (1) TWISTWEAVE RUG, beige, 12x14.8 ft. Originally 183.00, now 164.50
- (1) FLORAL AXMINSTER, burgundy, 12x19 ft. Originally 227.75, now 198.50
- (1) TWISTWEAVE RUG, green, 12x13 ft. Originally 250.00, now 195.00
- (1) TWISTWEAVE RUG, green, 12x18 ft. Originally 350.00, now 295.00
- (1) CARVED WILTON, tan, 12x12 ft. Originally 195.50, now 179.50
- (1) TWISTWEAVE RUG, rose, 12x12 ft. Originally 159.50, now 129.50
- (1) PLAIN AXMINSTER, red, 12x12 ft. Originally 141.20, now 119.50
- (1) PLAIN TUFTED VELVET, beige, 12x12 ft. Originally 204.00, now 159.50
- (1) TONE-ON-TONE WILTON RUG, blue, 12x15.9 ft. Originally 152.25, now 139.50
- (1) PLAIN TUFTED VELVET RUG, 11x15 ft., brown. Originally 169.50, now 139.50
- (1) FLORAL AXMINSTER, 12x18 ft. Rose. Originally 204.75, now 189.00
- (4) HOOKED RUGS, 9x12 ft. Rose. Originally 199.00, now 179.50
- (2) HOOKED RUGS, 6x9 ft. Rose. Originally 109.50, now 99.50
- (4) COTTON RUGS, 9x12 ft. White. Originally 135.00, now 74.50
- (1) COTTON RUG, 9x7 ft. White. Originally 81.00, now 49.50
- (1) PLAIN VELVET RUG, 6.9x10 ft. Blue. Originally 43.50, now 29.50
- (1) WILTON RUNNER, 2.3x14 ft. Beige. Originally 41.36, now 29.75
- (1) WILTON RUNNER, 2.3x13 ft. Red. Originally 58.50, now 24.95
- (1) AXMINSTER RUG, 3.6x9 ft. Green. Originally 24.95, now 14.95

RUGS, FIFTH FLOOR