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Showgirls Really Show in France

At \$3 a Night, They Can Barely Make a Living

By Earl Wilson

PARIS, Aug. 1—I've just been backstage interviewing a nude French showgirl.

Quel tragique! Throughout the interview she sat covered all the way up to her chin in a big French bath towel.

I wasn't a bit interested in seeing these babes who bounce around naked from the waist up—honest I wasn't. Mac—but I knew you'd be, so I did it just for you.

So, having become a member of the International Set that includes Orson Welles, Charles Boyer, Marlene Dietrich and Maria Montez, I busted right over to the Folies Bergere, the Bal Tabarin and the Lido, where the nude showgirl parade for the peroxided American tourists.

MISS ODETTE LEDUC, 20, a peroxide blonde Parisian girl who was showing her wares, so to speak, at the Lido, was my subject.

"Why Odette?" Because she was happy. She was laughing as she did her nojersey bounce with three other nudes.

"Most of the French nudes are displeased with their jobs. After all, they only get \$3 a night—truly a bare living."

"And all the clubs have cut down on the number of nudes," Producer Rene Fraday told me. "Nude girls are harder to get now."

It seems they think three bucks isn't enough for what they offer and are going into other fields of endeavor.

But let me hurry backstage and see Miss Leduc.

French Ahead of Us

"AMERICANS are very interested in nude showgirls," I said, as she sat there smiling at me, "because we don't have them."

My thrilling remarks were interpreted for her by Miss Bluebell.

"C'est drôle (It's funny)," said Odette, squirming around in her bath towel, one of those French types that has sleeves in it and becomes a bathrobe.

"You're more advanced in America than we are in most things," Odette said (so the interpreter said), "but you're so

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A careful study of 100 husbands confirms this. When the men were asked if their wives spent too much money on themselves or the home, 82 of the 100 men promptly replied "no." Eight men qualified their "no," only five of the husbands definitely thought their wives were spendthrifts!

Curiously enough, while only men considered their wives extravagant, more wives imagined themselves so in their husbands' eyes.

One reason for this is the women's own guilty conscience. Sometimes wives spend more than their husbands realize. The women know it, and they think their husbands must know it, too. But apparently the men haven't caught on yet.

Another explanation is that husbands often pretend to be disturbed about their wives' spending habits, when actually they're not. The men simulate alarm only as a preventive measure to keep their wives from going on a spending spree.

A third possible reason for wives suspecting their husbands of considering them too free with a.

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That's what I hear several times a week—from my husband. It's "Old Hack" or somebody. That man of mine must have read every book on the market about how to make friends. He's really made friends—in every state, even in Alaska. And they all come

to see us—oh, yes, for dinner, too. So we push the perambulator out in the hall to make room, extend the table, weaken the soup make a pot roast out of the meat, and whittle on the family budget.

Naturally, if you're overcome by grief, you're not going to even think about dating.

But it isn't wise to hug your grief too closely. After a reasonable interval, it's a good idea to get into circulation to try to find new happiness. Certainly, no disloyalty is involved. If you've been happily married before, you'll be all the more anxious to try to fill the gap.

If all the "Hacks" must come, why can't they—oh, my husband, give me warning? While these "parasites," with thumbs in vest, are telling how successful they've

been, why can't they kick through with a jug or the steaks, to prove their success?

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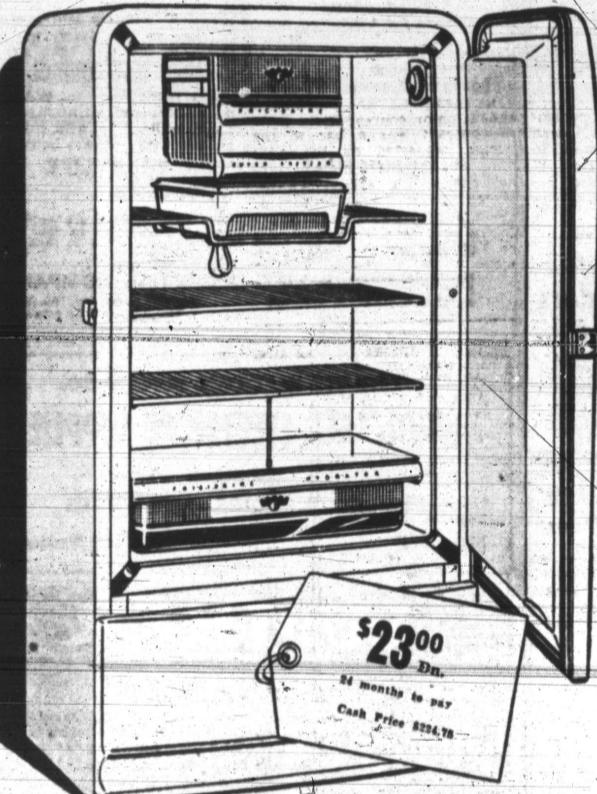
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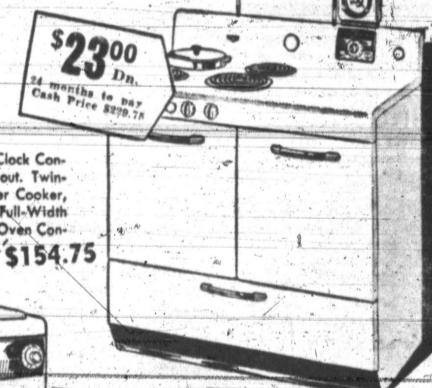
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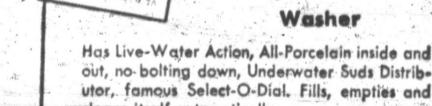


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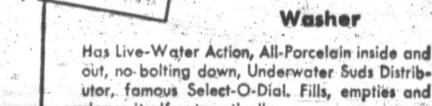


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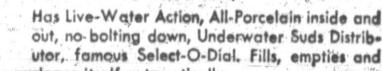


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