

Dot Dandridge May Be Star Witness Against Confidential

HOLLYWOOD—Dorothy Dandridge flew home to Hollywood Monday from France with the prospect of being the star witness in the state of California's libel case against Confidential and Whisper magazines which are under way before Superior court Judge Herbert V. Walker Friday.

The star has spent many months on the French Riviera where she has been making "romantic" French film costarring German actor Curt Jurgens.

Miss Dandridge will appear voluntarily for the prosecution — "it is not necessary to subpoena her" whenever and if they need her," the actress' attorney, Leo Branton, said today. "Whisper" and "Confidential" copies of the witnesses in the case were released by the state. Miss Dandridge is being assisted by attorney General Edmund G. Brown, an "advisory" defense council for the magazines.

The names included those of actresses Mae West, Maureen O'Hara, Corinne Calvet, also actors Robert Mitchell, Phil Sisk, John Carroll, and Clark Gable.

The state also told the witnesses they were to appear in "The World" magazine. "The World" was one of the magazines.

"When Dorothy Dandridge flew home to Hollywood Monday, she was expected to appear in the courtroom Friday."

The suit, which is the first of its kind in Hollywood, is expected to be decided in his history.

Since the time of "The World" magazine, Dandridge settled the suit and the magazine's work was done. "The World" was a "four" sum.

Under the terms of the settlement, Branton dictated the wording of the retraction and apology and even chose the size of type in which it was to appear.

The apology confessed that the article was "completely untrue and without foundation in fact," and went on:

"The publishers and staff of Confidential magazine extend to you our deepest apology for the story and all its implications.

"We hope this will in some measure ameliorate the turmoil and embarrassment you have suffered."

Branton said that the prosecution's procedure would probably be not to call the witnesses at first unless the magazines attempted to establish "the defense of truth." Then the witnesses would testify "concerning the falsity of the articles," he said.

In such an event, Dorothy Dandridge, to whom Confidential has already acknowledged error, would prove a key witness.

In any event, truth is not a defense in criminal libel. The publisher has to prove that the material has been published in the public interest, not to embarrass or humiliate the subject, nor to make capital of it.

Defendants in addition to Confidential are: Whisper, Inc., Fred and Majorie Meade, operators of

Hollywood Reporter, Inc., the corporation, its officers and Publishers Licensing Corp.

The magazines have demanded in the lawsuit that Confidential "since 'Gone With the Wind'." The suit has an estimated \$200,000 damages, including a \$50,000 fine. The defense says it will file a motion to dismiss, to prove "truth" and that the articles were published in the public interest.

The trial could not get underway until the fall.

Also called by the state is Ronnie O'Reilly, better known as Ronnie Quillian, well-known Hollywood playboy, who has been linked with Billy Daniels and other actresses.

Branton, who said he had a "retraction" from several years ago, reportedly supplied information to Confidential. He is expected to testify in the magazine trial.

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Segregation Asked in S. C. VA. Hospitals

KINGSTREE. — Asserting that "the humiliation of integration causes deep psychological reactions on physically helpless war veterans," the Kingstree Citizens Council has drafted a resolution calling for racial separation in wards of all Veterans Administration hospitals.

Selections from the resolution follow:

"Whereas, the executive branch of our Federal Government, for political reasons, and without the requirement of law, at the urging of various special interest minority pressure groups and with the use of naked power, chooses to humiliate our helpless war veterans with a deliberate racial integration of wards in all Veterans Administration hospitals; and

"Whereas, the humiliation of integration causes deep psychological reactions on physically helpless war veterans which could greatly injure their health and well being in a way likely never to be undone . . .

"Be it Resolved by Kingstree Citizens Council that the Congress of the United States is hereby recommended and respectfully urged to enact such legislation as may be fit to grant Veterans Administration hospitals to be operated by and for the use of the race to which they belong."

The citizens' demand for segregation in VA hospitals is a direct result of the Kingstree Citizens Council's efforts to separate the races in public places.



EARTHA KITT, South Carolina-born entertainer, is the target of a \$200,000 suit filed by a New York Restaurant, charging she "threw out" the eatery after being given a check which she considered too high. Miss Kitt, who said she will fight the suit, has denied the charges.

Says 100,000 Due Payments For Disability

More than 100 thousand disabled workers have been notified that they have qualified for social security disability insurance benefits and will receive their first checks during August, the Social Security Administration announced Monday. Most of the checks were delivered August 3, the remainder will be mailed shortly thereafter.

Social security benefit checks for any month are ordinarily delivered on the third of the following month. Because of the large number of disability applications, officials said, it was impossible to get checks out on August 3rd to all those entitled to disability benefits for the month of July.

These disabled workers whose applications can be approved in the near future will receive their first checks in coming months.

"Sweetens Whole 'Insides,' Relieves Constipation — both overnight!"

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National Baptist Convention Asks Halt to Nuclear Bomb Testing

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A development of atomic power for peaceful purposes and "effective mechanisms" of peaceful settlement of international disputes be called.

As outlined by the largest of the two Negro Baptist conventions, the proposal consigned to third place, in importance, the work of politicians and statesmen on the crucial world problem.

The proposal was adopted by the Negro Baptist convention last June, Dr. Jackson, a member of the Central Executive Board of the World Council of Churches, said.

The international church body's Commission of Churches on International Affairs, in the session which opened in New Haven, adopted a report by the Council of Churches on the crucial world problem.

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There should be an international "summit" conference of scientists to study the "real effects of radio active particles on humans and issue a report in the language of laymen."

Secondly, there should be a similar summit conference of religious leaders, representing all living religions of the world who would evaluate the findings of the scientists and lend their philosophical support to the "summit" conference.

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