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## MARILYN MONROE DIES; PILLS BLAMED

### Red Super Bomb Kicks Off Series

High Altitude Test Reported as Being in 40-Megaton Range

UPPSALA, Sweden (AP)—The Soviet Union exploded a big nuclear bomb high in the atmosphere Sunday.

Swedish scientists estimated it to be in the 40-megaton range, second only to the Soviet 50-megaton bomb set off last Oct. 29. A Norwegian scientist said his instruments showed only that it was smaller than that one and U.S. officials would say only that it was "in the megaton range."

The Japanese Meteorological Agency estimated the blast to be in the 20-megaton range.

Whatever the size, the blast earned out Premier Khrushchev's threat to resume testing in retaliation for U.S. Pacific tests.

#### At High Altitude

Uppsala University's Sefmological Institute, which classed the blast as in the range of 40 million tons of TNT, said it occurred at a higher altitude than the Soviet series of 1951, which was eliminated by the suspension of recordings at the institute.

Records at the institute indicated the test was carried out at the Soviet atomic testing ground on the island of Novaya Zemlya, in Siberia, 1,500 miles east of Uppsala.

In Washington, the State Department deplored Soviet possession of atmospheric

new Soviet testing "is regrettable for world peace."

The big blast appeared to have kicked off a new round of Soviet military maneuvers in the far north designed among other things to test new nuclear weapons.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry refused to comment on the report of a new test, and tight security blanketed the Arctic Circle. The Soviet government announced two weeks ago, however, that land, sea and air maneuvers would begin Sunday.

That Soviet announcement said the Soviet northern fleet, together with rocket troops and air force units, would participate.

The announcement followed a Soviet government's statement that it had ordered a new series of nuclear weapons tests.

#### 'Various Weapons'

The Soviet Defense Ministry said the troops would "conduct maneuvers with the actual use of various types of modern weapons."

Western military experts said the new tactical weapons would probably be tried out under battlefield conditions during the

### Nixon Team at Helm of State GOP

Central Committee Picks Weinberger as New Chairman

BY RICHARD BERGHOLZ

Times Political Writer

SACRAMENTO —

Moving quickly and easily, the

Republican state organization

changed leadership Sunday

with Richard Nixon

in tight control.

The 861-member State

Central Committee, without

an apparent ripple of dissent,

selected new leaders for two-

year terms and adopted a

series of policy resolutions,

closely attuned to the views

of the former Vice President,

now the Republican nominee

for governor.

Conservative elements of

the party which had opposed

Nixon's candidacy in the

June 5 primary election never

raised their hands in a

serious challenge to Nixon's

obvious control of the

proceedings.

Named vice chairman was

another 41-year-old Dr. Guy



### Unclad Body of Star Found on Bed Near Empty Capsule Bottle

BY HOWARD HERTEL AND DON NEFF

Marilyn Monroe, troubled beauty who failed to find happiness as Hollywood's brightest star, was discovered dead in her Brentwood home of an apparent overdose of sleeping pills Sunday.

The blond, 36-year-old actress was nude, lying face down on her bed and clutching a telephone receiver in her hand when a psychiatrist broke into her room at 3:30 a.m.

She had been dead an estimated six to eight hours. About 5:15 p.m. Saturday she had called the psychiatrist, Dr. Ralph Greenson, and was told to go for a ride when she complained she could not sleep, police reported.

Her body was taken to the County Morgue, where Coroner Theodore J. Curphey said after an autopsy

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that he could give a "presumptive opinion" that death was due to an overdose of some drug.

He said a special "suicide team" would be asked to investigate Miss Monroe's last days to determine if she took her own life.

Further medical tests as to the nature of the suspected killer drug will be completed in 48 hours, he said.

An empty bottle found among several medicines beside her bed had contained 50 Nembutal capsules. The prescription was issued only two or three days ago and the capsules were to be taken in doses of one a night, said Dr. Hyman Engelberg.

It was learned that medical authorities believed Miss Monroe had been in a depressed mood recently. She was unkempt and in need of a manicure and pedicure, indicating listlessness and a lack of interest in maintaining her usually glamorous appearance, the authorities

## Brilliant Stardom and Personal Tragedy Punctuated the Life of Marilyn Monroe

By THE NEW YORK TIMES

The life of Marilyn Monroe, the golden girl of the movies, ended as it began, in misery and tragedy. Her death at the age of 36 closed an incredibly glamorous career and capped a series of somber events that began with her birth as an unwanted, illegitimate baby and went on and on, illuminated during the last dozen years by the lightning of fame. Her public life was in dazzling contrast to her private life. The first man to see her on the screen, the man who made her screen test, felt the almost universal reaction as he ran the wordless scene. In it, she walked, sat down and lit a cigarette.

### Recalled 'Lush Stars'

"I got a cold chill," he said. "This girl had something I hadn't seen since silent pictures. This is the first girl who looked like one of those lush stars of the silent era. Every frame of the test radiated sex." Billy Wilder, the director, called it "flesh impact." "Flesh impact is rare," he said. "Three I remember who had it were Clara Bow, Jean Harlow and Rita Hayworth. Such girls have flesh which photographs like flesh. You feel you can reach out and touch it."

Fans paid \$200,000,000 to see her project this quality. No sex symbol of the era other than Brigitte Bardot could match her popularity. Toward the end, she also convinced critics and the public that she could act. During the years of her greatest success, she saw two of her marriages end in divorce. She suffered at least two miscarriages and was never able to have a child. Her emotional insecurity deepened; her many illnesses came upon her more frequently.

### **Dismissed From Picture**

In 1961, she was twice admitted to hospitals in New York for psychiatric observation and rest. She was dismissed in June by Twentieth Century-Fox after being absent all but five days during seven weeks of shooting "Something's Got to Give."

"It's something that Marilyn no longer can control," one of her studio chiefs confided. "Sure she's sick. She believes she's sick. She may even have a fever, but it's a sickness of the mind. Only a psychiatrist can help her now."

In her last interview, published in the Aug. 3 issue of Life magazine, she told Richard Meryman, an associate editor:

"I was never used to being happy, so that wasn't something I ever took for granted."

Considering her background, this was a statement of exquisite restraint.

She was born in Los Angeles on June 1, 1926. The name on the birth record is Norma Jean Mortenson, the surname of the man who fathered her, then abandoned her mother. She later took her mother's last name, Baker.

### **Family Tragedies**

Both her maternal grandparents and her mother were committed to mental institutions. Her uncle killed himself. Her father died in a motorcycle accident three years after her birth.

Her childhood has been described as "Oliver Twist in girl's clothing."

During her mother's stays in asylums, she was farmed out to twelve sets of foster parents. Two families were religious fanatics; one gave her empty whisky bottles to play with instead of dolls.

At another stage, she lived in a drought area with a family of seven. She spent two years in a Los Angeles orphanage, wearing a uniform she detested.

By the time she was 9 years old, Norma Jean had begun to stammer--an affliction rare among females.

Her dream since childhood had been to be a movie star, and she succeeded beyond her wildest imaginings. The conviction of her mother's best friend was borne out; she had told the little girl, day after day:

"Don't worry. You're going to be a beautiful girl when you get big. You're going to be a movie star. Oh, I feel it in my bones."

Nunnally Johnson, the producer and writer, understood that Miss Monroe was something special. Marilyn, he said, was "a phenomenon of nature, like Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon.

"You can't talk to it. It can't talk to you. All you can do is stand back and be awed by it," he said.

This figure in the minds of millions was difficult to analyze statistically. Her dimensions--37-23- 37--were voluptuous but not extraordinary. She stood 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall. She had soft blonde hair, wide, dreamy, gray-blue eyes. She spoke in a high baby voice that was little more than a breathless whisper.

### **Heavy Fan Mail**

Fans wrote her 5,000 letters a week, at least a dozen of them proposing marriage. The Communists denounced her as a capitalist trick to make the American people forget how miserable they were. In Turkey a young man took leave of his senses while watching "How to Marry a Millionaire" and slashed his wrists.

There were other symbols of success. She married two American male idols--one an athlete, one an intellectual. Her second husband was Joe DiMaggio, the baseball player. Her third and last was the Pulitzer- Prize winning playwright, Arthur Miller.

She was 16 when she married for the first time. The bridegroom was James Dougherty, 21, an aircraft worker.

Mr. Dougherty said after their divorce four years later, in 1946, that she had been a "wonderful" housekeeper.

Her two successive divorces came in 1954, when she split with Mr. DiMaggio after only nine months, and in 1960, after a four-year marriage to Mr. Miller.

She became famous with her first featured role of any prominence in "The Asphalt Jungle," issued in 1950. Her appearance was brief but unforgettable. From the instant she moved onto the screen with that extraordinary walk of hers, people asked themselves: "Who's that blonde?" In 1952 it was revealed that Miss Monroe had been the subject of a widely distributed nude calendar photograph shot while she was a notably unsuccessful starlet.

### **Revealed Her Wit**

It created a scandal, but it was her reaction to the scandal that was remembered. She told interviewers that she was not ashamed and had needed the money to pay her rent.

She also revealed her sense of humor. When asked by a woman journalist, "You mean you didn't have anything on?" she replied breathlessly: "Oh yes, I had the radio on."

One of her most exasperating quirks was her tardiness. She was, during the years of her fame, anywhere from one to twenty-four hours late for appointments. Until lately, she managed to get away with it.

Her dilatory nature and sicknesses added nearly \$1,000,000 to the budget of "Let's Make Love." The late Jerry Wald, head of her studio, simply commented:

"True, she's not punctual. She can't help it, but I'm not sad about it," he said, "I can get a dozen beautiful blondes who will show up promptly in make-up at 4 A.M. each morning, but they are not Marilyn Monroe."

The tardiness, the lack of responsibility and the fears began to show more and more through the glamorous patina as Miss Monroe's career waxed.

Speaking of her career and her fame in the Life interview, she said, wistfully:

"It might be kind of a relief to be finished. It's sort of like I don't know what kind of a yard dash you're running, but then you're at the finish line and you sort of sigh--you've made it! But you never have--you have to start all over again."