

# 1964 Turbulent Year For The Movie World

By **BOB THOMAS**  
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—This has been another turbulent year for the movie world.

Death, divorce, illness and a kidnap trial were among the top news stories of 1964. At year's end, more trouble appeared on the horizon. The film industry was faced with the possibility of a major strike, and clashes over the moral content of movies seemed imminent.

Despite these travails, Hollywood appears healthier at the end of 1964 than it has in recent years. The reason: Business is good. Large numbers of Americans once more find excite-

ment in going to the movies. In addition, most of the major studios are successful in their television operations.

With rare exceptions the film companies had good news for their stockholders this year. All this seemed to prove what the community as a whole has long known: That Hollywood thrives on trouble.

Here is how the top news stories of the movie world stacked up to this reporter:

### KIDNAPPERS TRIED

1. The Sinatra kidnap trial. The bizarre kidnaping of Frank Sinatra Jr. at Lake T

in December, 1963, was followed by a trial that was equally bizarre. It ended in the conviction of the three men accused of the crime.

2. The deaths of Grace Allen, Harpo Marx and Eddie Cantor. Coming within a few weeks of each other, the loss of these great stars seemed to signal the sunset of a great era in entertainment.

3. Sidney Poitier's Oscar. Few academy awards have been as happily received by the film community as Poitier's for Lilies of the Field. The award to the Negro actor was well deserved, but it was especially significant in a time of racial unrest.

4. The Beatles. They were the hottest attraction in show business in Hollywood, as they have everywhere. Their film, A Hard Day's Night, surprised everyone by being uncommonly good.

5. The death of Alan Ladd. The sudden passing of the laconic, steel-eyed star was a shock to Hollywood. He had only re-

cently made a comeback with The Carpetbaggers.

### MURPHY WINS

6. George Murphy's election to the Senate. The one-time hooper was scarcely taken seriously when he announced he would run for the U.S. Senate. Even so, Hollywood Democrats were post for any film figure.

7. Peter Sellers' heart attack. The youthful, newly-married British comedy star was rescued from death by a hospital team.

8. Ethel Merman-Ernes. Borgnine. Their much-publicized marriage lasted five weeks. At year's end, Michael's Navy skipper was engaged again, to actress Donna Rancourt.

9. The Beales. They were the hottest attraction in show business and their visit caused riots in Hollywood, as they have everywhere. Their film, A Hard Day's Night, surprised everyone by being uncommonly good.

10. The film industry's recovery. Hollywood's cheeriest news-

was the movie business' prosperity, which, it is hoped, will continue in 1965.

### SUCCEEDS HUMPHREY

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Walter F. Mondale, former state attorney-general, was formally appointed U.S. senator from Minnesota Wednesday, succeeding Vice-President-elect Hubert Humphrey who resigned Tuesday to await his inauguration Jan. 2 for a four-year term. Mondale was appointed by Democratic Governor Karl Rolvaag. Rolvaag also appointed Minneapolis lawyer Robert Mattson, 40, to succeed Mondale as attorney-general.

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**QUINTS ENJOY HOLIDAYS**  
Jimmy Fischer (left), only male member of the Fischer quintuplets, stares at the camera during the holiday season as he and one of his sisters, Margaret, (right) have their pictures taken at their home in Aberdeen, S.D. The other three quintuplets are also in the picture.

### FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

## 1964 is Viewed As Great Year From Crop And Cash Standpoint

By **J. LINCOLN DEWAR**

There was certainly very little resemblance between the traditional white Christmas and what the weatherman actually provided. Nevertheless the rain and moisture would be a very heavy present for farmers who were facing up to a water shortage for the winter. Certainly while the shortage may not be entirely corrected, yet the situation should be greatly improved.

Generally water is taken for granted by farmers until it runs short, then it becomes of great importance. In some good agricultural areas the water supply is a limiting factor in development and we know of farmers in such areas that will gladly pay large sums to have an assured supply.

For the extra moisture provided during the Christmas holidays real gratitude will be expressed by the many farmers who were unceasingly looking forward to the prospect of hauling water all winter.

### BANNER YEAR

Dairy respects 1964 has been a great year in this province. Practically all crops were better than average and pasture, hay, grain and potatoes approached bumper proportions.

From a cash standpoint the important potato crop has been an important factor in helping up the 1964 economy. With good prices last spring, and heavy movement this fall, potato growers are having one of their better years.

Dairy production is up with a slight price increase. Beef, eggs and pork were not as rewarding as in 1963 but there was no real disaster. Probably the most serious aspect of farm prices is their failure to keep pace with the cost of goods and services used by farmers in both production and living. Certain it appears to be a strong drive underway for getting prices moved to higher levels.

While up to the present time the exodus from agriculture may be in the best interest of those leaving and of the industry there is no evidence that any impairment of food supply is involved. However, should agriculture not be placed very shortly on a more rewarding level than the nation's food supply will within a few years be in jeopardy.

### MAIN PROBLEM

For many farm people low income continues to be the main and most pressing problem. This low income is only casually related to indifferent prices as in many cases the farms do not produce sufficient volume to provide satisfactory income.

The farmer is often underemployed and the capital investment is too small to provide any worthwhile investment income. In fact too many cases the investment in buildings and machinery is badly out of relation to that in land and livestock—good assets which tend to increase in value and which are in the final analysis the dollar earners.

at the Vocational Institute in what was probably the largest farm meeting of the year. In April the Federation convened a workshop on agricultural education a gathering attended by the Ministers of Agriculture and Education. In July the Co-operative Union of Canada staged its annual meeting in Charlottetown involving the leaders in the co-operative field from all parts of Canada.

The Agricultural Committee of Centennial Year carried out the recognition of admirers of pioneer farms and a permanent record has been established of these. The Committee also sponsored two essay competitions designed to provide a permanent record of life 100 years ago.

Provided was a grant of \$20,000 for the carrying out of a special community improvement program under the Rural Beautification Society. In addition, a substantial grant was made available to the Provincial Planning Council to assist in carrying out the Canadian Champion Pilot in a Match at Brudenell. Here a very large crowd had the pleasure of hearing and seeing not only the Dairy Princess of the province but also Miss Christine Bennett, the Dairy Queen of England and Wales, in common with other citizens. Island farm people shared in the pleasure of welcoming their foreign Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. These are but a few of the more important events in a year which was generally thickly studied with intelligent development and achievements.

### FAILURES

In spite of the best of intentions and a general recognition of the need little if anything of constructive nature was achieved by the potato industry in moving towards an improved marketing system.

While a meeting held on March 30 gave evidence of strong opinion in support of the determination of producers dissolved by November and the upholders of the status quo were able to keep the potato ship on what they considered to be an even keel.

While a season of good prices certainly places a different light on the problems of the industry it doesn't dispose of them and the need for direction, planning and regulation in the industry can not be disposed of by one brief period of prosperity.

The Federation of Agriculture was disappointed that no effective action took place with respect to a study on farm machinery problems and that in spite of what appeared to be agreement on the part of the Government to carry out the suggested study.

Finally, some progress was made with respect to agricultural planning. It was slow and certainly not indicative of any real concern or understanding on the part of the Government in relation to what is a very urgent matter if the province is to be adequately supplied with people properly trained for agriculture.

In the field of planning for the future uses of our land resources we still continue to drift. True there may not be any indication of urgency at the moment but unless a start is now made in planning for land use we will by the end of another decade be once more in the position of having done too little too late.

To the other resolutions which farm people will be making at this time of the year we would like to contribute some of a general nature which may be overlooked. While there may be complete agreement on the need of these or even on their importance they are set out for consideration:

1. As a farmer I resolve to do more of my own thinking and to depend less on politicians, business people and traders.
2. As a farmer I resolve to where possible accept more responsibility in handling the financing of my operation and to depend less on those who buy and sell my products for this service.
3. I resolve to pay more attention to and take more interest in the work of the various farm organizations and to recognize them as an important factor in farm development.
4. I resolve to assist in developing a better image for the farmer by being more particular in my appearance away from home.
5. I resolve to become better acquainted with the different policies offered by Departments of Agriculture and to make more use of them.
6. I resolve to be more concerned with community improvement and to work more closely with my neighbours in the development of agriculture and the province.

### BBG Will Hear Proposals At Hearings Due On Jan. 19

OTTAWA (CP)—Proposals to establish six new television and broadcasting stations in four provinces will be heard by the Board of Broadcast Governors at hearings opening here Jan. 19. It has been announced. The board listed applications to set up broadcasting units at Murdochville, the Gaspé mining town, and Grand Bank, Nfld., Malartic, Que., Ashmont, Alta., and Chilliwack, B.C. It also will hear an application to open a new AM (amplitude modulation) radio station in Corner Brook, Nfld. The owner of radio station CKDH, Amherst, N.S., CFKL, Schefferville, Que., CKCR and CKCR-FM Kitchener, Ont., and CKRD-FM Red Deer, Alta., all are seeking to sell to other interests.

There are two applications for a TV rebroadcasting outlet on Needle Peak Mountain near Murdochville. They were filed by Murdochville Television Inc. to pick up programs from CKAM-TV Upsalutich Lake, N.B., and by Television de la Baie des Chaleurs Inc. to receive programs from CHAU-TV Charlottetown, Que. Both stations would have a power of five watts.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 1965 bring the people of Prince Edward Island continued happiness and prosperity and may their cares be at a minimum and their rewards both in material possessions and happiness be at a maximum.

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