

Hypnotist Takes Issue With Movie Actor Over Hollywood Immorality

DR. DE ZITA STATES JOHN ARLEDGE HAS NOT BEEN AROUND

Reports of Hollywood immorality may be "all tommyrot and malicious gossip" today as classed by John Arledge, Texas movie actor who visited here Monday night, but before the depression they were just about as reported, Baron William Michael Achilles de Orgler (Dr. Zita declared here this morning after reading Arledge's interview in the Morning Avalanche.

Dr. de Zita, who is appearing at the Palace theater Wednesday and Thursday in hypnotism, astrology and psycho-analysis performances, is from Hollywood, having practiced his profession there for several years. He has been acquainted with the place at intervals since 1918.



Dr. de Zita maintains an office in Los Angeles. Patrons of his among the movie colony from 1923 until 1931 included such stars as Betty Compson, Conway Tearle, Jack Hoxie, Marjorie Bebee, Al Jolson, Maurice and Helen Costello and others.

"Young Arledge just hasn't been around much in the two years he has been there," Dr. de Zita said, "or else the depression has certainly calmed the place down. The days I knew Hollywood, things were just about as reported and no one cared how they were reported. Why you could go to a party at a stylish home in North Hollywood and several days later you might wake up in Agua Caliente or even Mexico City, they didn't care. Hollywood played while others slept and it didn't matter whether you had on a bathing suit, B. V. D.'s or what,

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just so there was a car and a place to go and something to do."

"Narcotics form the movie colony's worst habit," the astrologer said, "Liquor is next. What else could you expect from people who get enormous salaries and have nothing to do with their spare time?"

"Of course," he added, "Arledge may be partially right. The days since 1929 may have changed the colony, but I expect that the able class of actors and stars are still carrying on in the same old style. Arledge might not have been able to afford to tie up with the fast crowd."

"The fast crowd" referred to consists of only a part of the screen colony, he said. "They're in debt up to their ears and don't seem to care. Credit is refused them consistently but they seem to get by somehow," he said.

Arledge visited here briefly Monday afternoon and night with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Jordan, 2003 Main street, en route to his home in Crockett where he will visit his mother, Mrs. Sallie Arledge, for several weeks. A friend, George Kennedy of Los Angeles, accompanied him. They left early today.

Lubbock theater-goers May 20 and 21 saw Arledge as Ramon Novarro's roommate in "Huddle" at Lindsey. He also has appeared in "Heartbreak," "Careless Lady," and "Daddy Long Legs."

"There is no more corruption in Hollywood than anywhere else," Arledge told the Morning Avalanche. "Hollywood is the object of all eyes, it is in the limelight. Those are reasons why such stories are told."

"The stars in the limelight are normal, healthy, kind, gracious and hospitable people," he declared.

"Of course there are exceptions, but Hollywood's morals are as high as those of any other city."

The actor, by the way, is unmarried and has "no serious entanglements." His voice is charming and his gray-green eyes are friendly. Arledge, a blond, is about five feet 10 inches tall. His most recent picture is "Week-Ends Only," which has not been released. It stars Joan Bennett.

"Ambition and curiosity" carried Arledge to Hollywood two years ago. He admits "lucky breaks," for he did not have to serve an apprenticeship in the extra ranks. Instead he secured a role in a stage play in Belasco theater. After playing a featured role in "Up Pops the Devil," the Texan was signed by Fox. Since that time he has

played with Una Merkel, Warner Baxter, Janet Gaynor, Ramon Novarro, Madge Evans, Joan Bennett, Ben Lyons and Charles Farrell.

Dr. Zita, a Frenchman, said he probably learned more of Hollywood's night life than the young actor.

The showman is to appear at the Palace theater, hypnotizing Miss Billie Gray, local girl, Thursday night. From there she will be carried in a Rix ambulance to a window in the Plains Furniture company where she will be on display. Friday's schedule calls for: breakfast furnished by the Glorieta at 10 o'clock with the hypnotist; beauty work by Lubbock Beauty shop operators at 11 and a tea and conversation with de Zita at 4 o'clock. All this will take place while she is under the hypnotic spell.

"A lot of people sympathize with the subject in a hypnotic performance," de Zita said today. "They should sympathize instead with the hypnotist, he is the one who carries the burden. The subject is at ease all during the spell."

Dr. de Zita will stage a blindfold drive Saturday at 2 and 4 p. m.

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