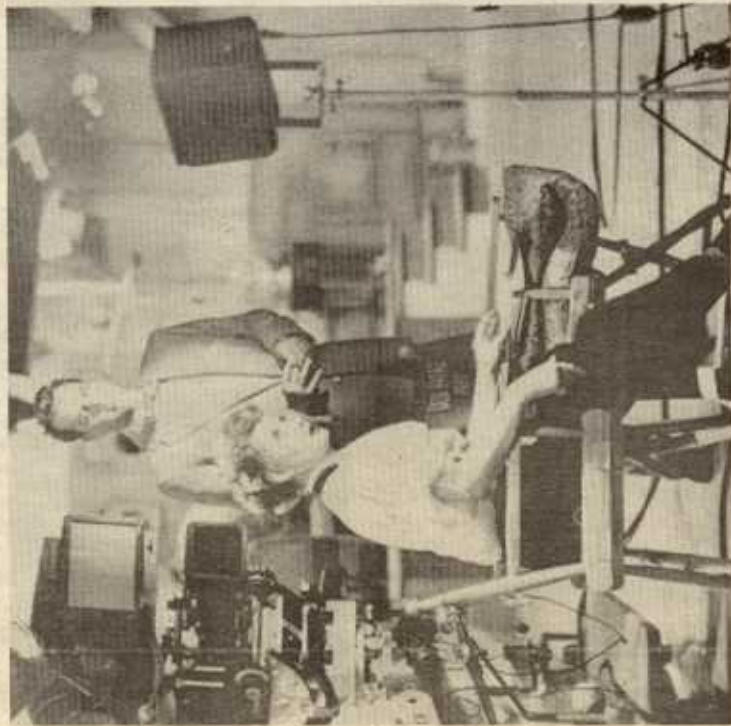




1951

I Love Lucy begins. It is one of the first to be taped live in front of a studio audience, a method still used today. Daughter Lucy is born.



1950s

Lucy and Desi form Desilu Productions with \$5,000 and *I Love Lucy* begins its historic domination of television comedy. The fictional birth of Little Ricky is telecast the same day in 1953 that Lucille Ball, in real life, gives birth to second child, Desi Jr.