

Lucille Ball's Romance Hits Rocks, Suit Filed

Jamestown Actress, Charging Cruelty, Blames Her Red Hair, Hubby's Latin Temper

Hollywood—(UP)—Lucille Ball, who wasted years as a movie clothes horse until the directors took another look, blamed her red hair and the Latin temperament of Desi Arnaz today for her decision to tell it to a judge.

Miss Ball, who now wears as little clothes as the censors will allow, sued the Cuban actor under his proper title of Desideiro Alberto Arnaz de Acha III, and said she was surprised their marriage had lasted the four years it did.

"Me, I gave it a week," she said.

Fingering the brass ring he slipped on her finger in Greenwich, Conn., after a session at the cocktail tables which kept them past Tiffany's closing hour, Miss Ball said the Cuban conga-drummer, dancer, and singer had caused her grievous mental suffering.

Arnaz, whose rendition of the wierd "Babalu" is among the best, maintained silence and went quietly about his business as Staff Sergeant Arnaz at nearby Birmingham Hospital.

He wasn't expected to exercise his military right to block the divorce, the sometimes stately, sometimes frenzied actress said.

Miss Ball's attorney said he expected Sergeant Arnaz to waive his right to postpone the suit until after the war. It was filed yesterday.

Arnaz, who joined the army to drop bombs on the enemy and wound up in his own back yard helping take care of the wounded, wasn't saying what he expected to do.

His wife was staying at their ranch home, "Desilu," just a few miles from the hospital, and raising chickens which she said were temperamental too.

LUCILLE'S LOVE WARM LAST WINTER

Lucille Ball, Jamestown's "glamour girl" of the movies, who has come to the parting of the ways with her handsome Cuban husband, appeared anything but divorce-bound during her visit to Jamestown last Jan. 19-22.

Hollywood reports said that the couple were seen together in the film town night spots as



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recently as last Sunday, apparently as happy as ever.

During her visit here, Miss Ball told reporters that Arnaz was the No. 1 interest of her life and that she hoped to co-star in a picture with him after the war. Telephone calls and telegrams between the two flooded the hotel here during her stay.

The glamorous film star, who got her start here with the Jamestown Players' Club, is now working on the newest Metro-Goldwin-Mayer technicolor picture, "Ziegfeld Follies."

Miss Ball's mother, Mrs. Desiree Hunt Ball, who had been visiting in this city for several months, left last week, it was learned today.