

Lucille Ball in New York; Plans to Visit Here Uncertain

Lucille Ball, Jamestown's contribution to the movie greats, is in New York City for a two-month rest.

Jamestown friends who thought she might visit Jamestown while on her trip East were still in the dark as to those plans. Little Theater officials hoped she might drop in for a look at the Fairmount Avenue site where the new civic theater will be constructed. Miss Ball contributed \$1,000 in the recent building drive.

Primary purpose of her visit to New York, it was revealed, was to put her husband, Desi Arnaz, the romantic looking band leader, to work. He has put together a 20-piece band of Latin persuasion and opens tonight at the Copacabana Club. He got out of the Army last December.

Miss Ball was interviewed by Jack Gaver of United Press who had this comment:

"Miss Ball, who has the biggest blue eyes you ever saw and hair that is a rusty red, does not love the callous-footed horde of tenn-agers who follow celebrities

around Manhattan's pavements to bludgeon them into committing autographs.

"The little-uh-rascals are a menace," she opined as she dived into a 1 P. M., breakfast at the 21 club.

"This is the film star's first real vacation in years and she's going to do nothing but loaf here for at least two months. Eventually she'll go back to the M-G-M lot for more pictures, being under contract to that firm again after a busy free-lance period. It just happened that got into town in time for the premier of her latest picture, 'The Dark Corner,' which drew critical cheers.

"Tell me," she said, "What it's all about. Honestly, I have no idea what the story is. Most of my scenes were with Mark Stevens and I never did know what the rest of the people were doing. I guess I'll have to go see it."

"Miss Ball left the club and waited outside for a taxi. From nowhere appeared half a dozen boys and girls, pads and pencils or pens in hand. Of course, she signed."