

GERALD MOHR, 54, FILM ACTOR, DIES

'Lone Wolf' Had to Have Face
Altered When Role Ended

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 10 (UPI)—Gerald Mohr, the actor identified with Philip Marlowe, a radio detective, and the "Lone Wolf" of a movie series, died here today. He was 54 years old.

cause of death?

Mr. Mohr was here to shoot a television series which he was producing with his Swedish-born wife, Mai. In recent years he had worked in television series filmed in Europe.

Mr. Mohr was for several years the voice of the private detective in "The Adventures of Philip Marlowe." He appeared in a number of Hollywood B films, including the "Lone wolf" series. There he became so familiar as the dapper villain that he had facial surgery when the series ended, to alter his appearance.

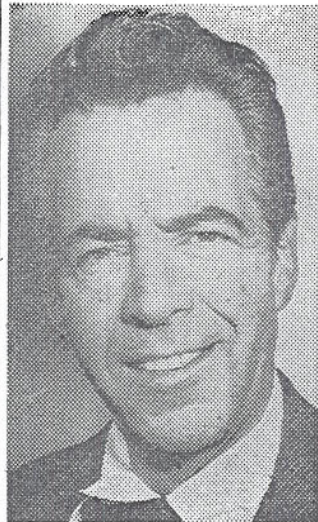
Mr. Mohr was born in New York on June 11, 1914, the son of Gerald Mohr Sr. and Henrietta Noustadt Mohr, a Viennese singer. His father died when he was very young and he was brought up by his grandfather, a noted psychologist.

Young Mohr was in a hospital for an appendectomy when he was 16, and became acquainted with the radio commentator André Baruch, who was visiting another patient. Mr. Baruch persuaded the youth to audition for a radio announcer's post, and he was hired by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Three years later, as a Columbia University pre-medical student, Mr. Mohr covered the Morro Castle ship disaster off the New Jersey coast for C. B. S.

As a member of Orson Welles's Mercury Theater in the nineteen-thirties, Mr. Mohr played the title role in "Jean Christophe." His Broadway debut had come as a gangster in the Leslie Howard hit, "The Petrified Forest."

Through Mr. Welles, Mr. Mohr got his first film role in "Lady of Burlesque" with Barbara Stanwyck. His last was in "Funny Girl," the current movie of Barbara Streisand.

Mr. Mohr's first marriage, to his childhood sweetheart, Rita Deneau, ended in divorce. He married Mrs. Mai Dietrich in 1958. She survives, as does a son of his first marriage, Anthony.



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