

'No Marijuana,' Driscoll Insists

WEST LOS ANGELES Actor Bobby Driscoll, 19 yesterday denied that he and a friend were driving around the Pacific Palisades area Tuesday with a quantity of marijuana.

"It's a ridiculous charge," Driscoll stated at the office of his attorney, Harrison Hertzberg.

"I still don't understand it. I called my friend, Lester, and said I'd go to lunch with him. He picked me up and we had a hamburger and then he dropped me off at the house.

"About an hour later the police came to my house and said I was under arrest."

The arresting officers, M. J. Regan and C. D. Woodard, said they had information there was a "quantity" of marijuana in the automobile the two youths were driving.

Ferguson, 19 of 10330¹/₂ Santa Monica Blvd., said he had returned Driscoll to his home and was going to work when he was stopped by officers.

"I've never had any marijuana in my life," Ferguson said.

The officers said they saw Ferguson throw a cellophane bag into the darkness.

The bag contained a quarter tin of high-grade marijuana, enough to make 50 cigarettes, the officers said.

Ferguson was arrested in his car, while police picked up Driscoll at his home.

Superior Judge Leroy Daw-

son set Driscoll's bond at \$500 and Ferguson's at \$1000 and ordered them to appear next Tuesday in Superior Court, Department 41.

A native of Cedar Rapids, Ia., Driscoll made his film debut as a child actor in 1943, and once received a special Motion Picture Academy "Oscar" for his work in the films, "The Window" and "So Dear to My Heart."

MAIDENFORM'S TAX FORMS ARE IN POOR FORM

LOS ANGELES. Maidenform Brassiere Co said yesterday that the county tax assessor is putting an inflated value on the goods it manufactures to make maidens more firmly.

In a petition filed at the Hall of Records, the company contended that its inventories should have been assessed at \$105,910 instead of \$279,500.

A hearing on the problem is set for Monday.



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LONG JOHN'S BOY IN TROUBLE

Bobby Driscoll, left, famed Jim Hawkins of Hollywood's "Treasure Island," denies in the office of his attorney, Harrison Hertzberg, that he had any connection with marijuana police say they found in the car he was riding in. Lester Ferguson, right, was arrested with Driscoll.