

Ex-Child

Star Held in Fracas

MALIBU — UPI — Former child star Bobby Driscoll was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon last evening after he allegedly struck another man with a pistol in Malibu.

Driscoll, 23, was taken into custody on the complaint of Laurie S. Maurov, 22, of Los Angeles.

The incident climaxed a profane, rock-throwing fracas at the home of 34-year-old Suzanne Carrier.

Driscoll, of Hollywood, reportedly was washing Miss Carrier's car when Maurov and another man, David D. Lehton, 29, of North Hollywood, drove up.

The two men were said to have started criticizing Driscoll's car-washing.

Miss Carrier, who then came out of her home, said Maurov and Lehton made lewd remarks in her presence. Angered over the remarks, Driscoll threw a rock at the strangers' automobile.

This brought another outburst of profanity.

Maurov charged Driscoll then pulled a pistol from the glove compartment of his own car and slugged him with it.

Driscoll, who won an academy award in 1949 for outstanding performances by a juvenile actor, admitted he was provoked by the remarks of the two men but denied he assaulted Maurov deliberately.

Driscoll admitted taking the gun from his car and shoving it in the open window of the vehicle occupied by Maurov and Lehton.

He said Maurov jerked his head out of the way and was struck by the gun on the nose.

Driscoll told deputies he intended to seek a complaint charging Maurov and Lehton with disturbing the peace.