

# Ex-Child Star to Be Checked as Drug Addict

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Academy Award-winning actor Bobby Driscoll was held in lieu of \$3,675 bail today pending psychiatric determination of whether he is a narcotics addict.

Superior Court Judge John J. Aiso yesterday referred Driscoll to a psychiatric court and suspended forgery charges against the former child star who appeared in such pictures as "So Dear to My Heart" and "The Window" for which he won an Oscar in 1949.

Judge Allen Miller of psychiatric court was expected to receive early next week recommendations on whether Driscoll, 24, should be committed to a state hospital for up to five years. If hospitalized, Driscoll would have to remain in the institution for at least six months.

If not hospitalized, Driscoll could be sentenced to prison for one to 14 years on his plea of guilty to forging a stolen \$45 check.

Driscoll, who last acted in a July, 1960, segment of the "Rawhide" television series, has denied being a narcotics addict.