

# BOBBY DRISCOLL ORDERED TO CHINO

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I started using narcotics. I was 17 when I first experimented with the stuff. In no time at all I was using whatever was available . . . mostly heroin, because I had the money to pay for it."

Driscoll called himself an introvert. "Most addicts are. They're people like myself who find it difficult to fit in with the rest of society.

"I've spent all the money I earned, except what my parents have used wisely. I'm not sure how much exactly, but I'm certain it's been considerably more than \$100,000," the actor said, continuing:

"During all this time I've hurt a lot of people . . . especially my parents, my wife, my children and myself. My parents are fine people. I've hurt them terribly."

## Is an Only Child

Driscoll is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Driscoll of Mar Vista. His father is a real estate broker.

The actor was married in December, 1956, to Marilyn Jeanne Brush of Manhattan Beach. There were three children born to the marriage.

"My wife and I have been separated for more than a year. There's no chance of a reconciliation. I just hope that someday I will be considered fit to have custody of my son," Driscoll said.

He said that he hasn't worked in more than a year. "No one will hire me because of my arrests," he related.

News clippings show the heights and depths of Driscoll's career.

When Driscoll was 9, Superior Judge Frank G. Swain approved the boy's seven-year contract begin-

ning at \$400 a week at the time Bobby was signed as the "first human being to appear in Disney Productions."

Two years later he was awarded an Oscar for his roles in "The Window" and "So Dear to My Heart." He won the hearts of movie goers as Jim Hawkins in Disney's "Treasure Island."

The young actor appeared in 30 films. It seemed nothing but success was ahead for the handsome, talented youth.

## Other Headlines

Then the other headlines began appearing in the papers.

Actor Bobby Driscoll Seized On Dope Charge . . . Bobby Driscoll Arrested for Disturbing the Peace . . . Bobby Driscoll Booked on Assault With a Deadly Weapon . . . were the headlines about the actor beginning in 1956.

Instead of reviews applauding his acting ability, the stories since have told of his problem . . . problems, Bobby admits, all linked with his addiction.

## 'Habit Kicked'

"I haven't used any narcotics since I was arrested the last time in May," Bobby insisted Wednesday, adding:

"I've kicked the habit. I think I can find myself again. It hasn't been easy. I beat it inside myself. Addiction is an individual problem. I've learned to accept myself for what I am. I hope other people will accept me.

"I want to act again . . . to become a credit to myself and to my family . . . to pick up where I dropped off seven years ago. I know I can."

"I'm looking forward to the coming months at Chino . . ."