



DIFFERENT?—This is "new and different" Marilyn Monroe as revealed at New York press conference. Newspapermen thought the actress was unchanged but were nonetheless much impressed with what they saw.

(AP Wirephoto)

New Marilyn Same as the Old---and That's Plenty

Hadn't Heard About Asserted Change in Herself, but Admits She Has New Ideas

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—The "new and different" Marilyn Monroe was revealed tonight. She looked just the same as before to reporters who raised no objections.

As a matter of fact, Marilyn was bewildered by reporters' questions about this "new look." She hadn't heard about it. The papers had stories about it, quoting a friend.

But she did drop one new piece of information—she's formed her own corporation, Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc.

Wants Broadening

She said she wants to "broaden her scope" and do new things—"I want to help produce, such as television and all kinds of things."

Marilyn arrived at the cocktail party-news conference at the Upper East Side home of her lawyer wrapped in an ankle-length white ermine coat.

When she slipped it off, the eye was dazzled by a white satin sheath gown, with practically no straps.

Her hair was the same platinum, a carefully wind-blown look about it. She had just come from the hairdresser and was an hour late for the party.

Not Dating Anyone

How did she feel? "Fine." She had been tired, overworked and anemic, she said. She has been recuperating for the last few weeks at the home of a photographer friend, Milton Greene, in Westport, Ct.

She hasn't been dating anyone. She likes Clark Gable, but just happened to dance with him at a Hollywood party once. No romance there. She hasn't seen Frank Sinatra.

Marilyn said she talked to Joe DiMaggio, her former husband, by telephone over the holidays. "We're good friends," she said. Marilyn said she has no contract with

20th Century-Fox. Her lawyer, Frank Delaney, said he believes she is a free agent.

Marilyn wasn't happy with several of her recent pictures. She named "River of No Return" and "No Business Like Show Business."

"I just didn't like myself in them," she said seriously. In the future she wants to be able to pick her own roles.

What is the role she'd most like to play?

Surprisingly, this gorgeous film actress and product of the modern publicity mill came out with this: She'd like to do the feminine lead in "The Brothers Karamazov," the dark and bitter novel by the Russian Dostoevsky.

Several celebrities attended the party, including Elsa Maxwell, Composer Richard Rodgers, Dramatist Sidney Kingsley, Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh and Marlene Dietrich.