

DiMaggio, Sinatra Raid Suit Settled

\$7500 Reportedly Paid to Woman in 'Wrong Door' Case

The famous "wrong-door" raid became a closed matter yesterday when a \$200,000 civil suit brought against Joe DiMaggio, one-time baseball idol, and Frank Sinatra, crooning actor, was settled for a reported \$7500.

Mrs. Florence Kotz Ross, 40, a secretary, dismissed the civil suit she filed in Superior Court in May, 1957. She charged in the complaint that she was awakened to a scene of terror the night of Nov. 5, 1954, when the defendants broke down her apartment door at 8122 Waring Ave.

She said she was seized with acute hysteria as the intruders flashed lights in her eyes and she saw them carrying what looked like weapons.

At the time, police put down the incident as a case of attempted burglary. But in February, 1957, a magazine published an account of the episode purporting to disclose that the raid was conducted by DiMaggio in the belief that he would surprise his former wife, Actress Marilyn Monroe, there.

Mrs. Ross' suit, filed through Attys. Maurice Rose and Marvin E. Levin, also included as defendants two friends of DiMaggio and Sinatra, Patsy D'Amore and John Seminola, and two private detectives, Barney Ruditsky and Philip Irwin.

Sinatra, defended by Atty. Milton A. Rudin, steadfastly denied having participated in the raid. DiMaggio was represented in the suit by Atty. Loyd Wright Jr.