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## JULIE ANDREWS: A Long Way In Ten Years

It was just ten years ago that I sat in Sardi's Restaurant with an uncommonly pretty young English girl. She had come to New York to appear in a musical comedy called "The Boy Friend," and she was a bit nervous because I was the first American "journalist" she'd ever met.

"I hope the American 'press' won't think I'm too ugly because of the baggy costumes I have to wear," she said. ("The Boy Friend" was a satire of musical comedies in the Flapper Age.)

Well, the "journalists" of the American "press" have never for one moment thought that Julie Andrews was anything but ravishing!

Julie, today the most successful actress in the world, has been in Honolulu making a big new picture based on James Michener's book "Hawaii." A couple of weeks ago I sent her a photostat of the THIS WEEK article complete with flapper photo. She wrote back:

"Thanks so much for the souvenir. Isn't that picture frightful! I'm enclosing a photo that I think is just as interesting. You know, I am playing the part of an early lady missionary to Hawaii. Well, a little while after I arrived, I went to see the famous Honolulu Wax Museum, and I almost dropped in my tracks: There was a wax figure of the first lady missionary, and if that lady isn't the very image of me... well, judge for yourself. (See above.) I have an eerie feeling that I was destined by fate for this part!"

"Incidentally, Hawaii is gorgeous and fabulous. Where else could you drive up to a roadstand and get a paper plate with hamburger, french-fries, mustard and an orchid?"

Julie has come a long way in ten

years — from London, England, to Honolulu, Hawaii; from a pretty little unknown to the top of the heap. It got me to wondering whether anyone else could match her record. So I started skirmishing around in my untidy library of dope books, and I turned up a few pretty good items:

► Just about ten years ago, **Carroll Baker**, our great female sex symbol, was a TV "weather girl."

► Ten years ago, **Warren Beatty**, our great male sex symbol, was a "rat-catcher" at the National Theater in Washington, D. C. (I assume that he means he was a janitor there.)

► Ten years ago the great French heart throb, **Alain Delon**, was a waiter in Place Pigalle.

► Ten years ago, **Edward Albee**, author of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was a Western Union messenger boy.

► Ten years ago, all four **Beatles** were grubby little brats in Liverpool schools.

► About ten years ago, **Elvis Presley** was a truck driver in Memphis.

► Ten years ago **Barbra Streisand**, who just signed a five-million-dollar TV contract, was baby-sitting in Brooklyn at 35 cents an hour.

► Ten years ago, **Carol Burnett** was a hat-check girl.

► Ten years ago multi-millionaire **Paul Anka** was peeling potatoes in a kitchen tent of a Canadian carnival.

► Ten years ago, **Jane Fonda** was a Vassar bunny.

► Ten years ago, **Sandy Dennis**, star of "Any Wednesday," was flunking algebra in Lincoln, Neb.

► Ten years ago, **Robert Goulet** was selling writing paper at Gimbel's department store.

► Just about ten years ago, **Jonas Salk** was an unknown, preparing to announce his vaccine to the world.

► Ten years ago, **Hayley Mills** was in third grade.

But if you want my opinion of the celebrity who has come farthest in the past ten years, I'd say the NBC Color Peacock:

After all, ten years ago he was only an egg! — **C. R.**



Julie Andrews and "Hawaii" co-star Maz Hoon Sydon. It's a long way from London to Honolulu