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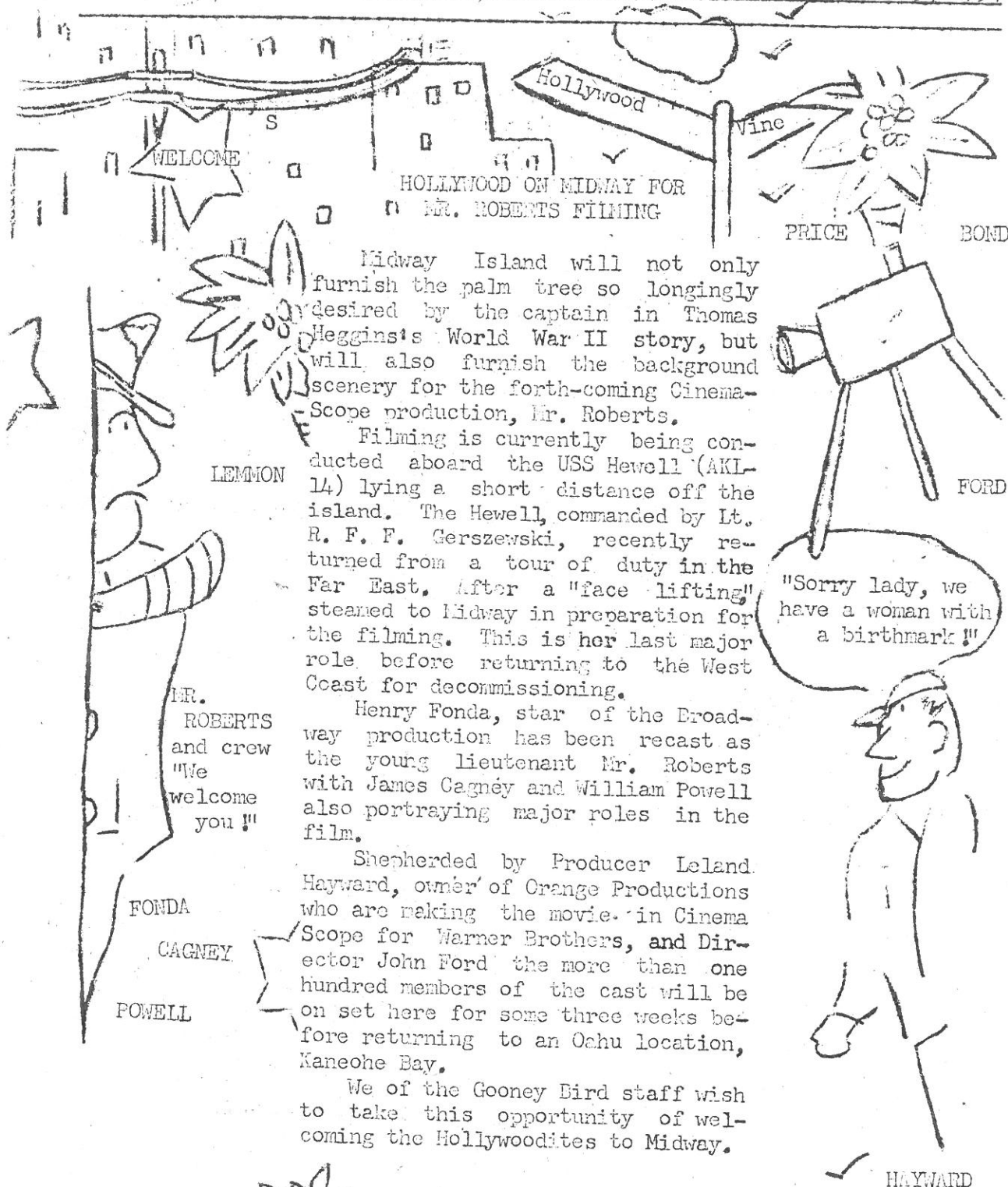
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Midway Island will not only furnish the palm tree so longingly desired by the captain in Thomas Heggins's World War II story, but will also furnish the background scenery for the forth-coming Cinema-Scope production, Mr. Roberts.

Filming is currently being conducted aboard the USS Hewell (AKL-14) lying a short distance off the island. The Hewell, commanded by Lt. R. F. F. Gerszewski, recently returned from a tour of duty in the Far East. After a "face lifting," steamed to Midway in preparation for the filming. This is her last major role before returning to the West Coast for decommissioning.

Henry Fonda, star of the Broadway production has been recast as the young lieutenant Mr. Roberts with James Cagney and William Powell also portraying major roles in the film.

Shepherded by Producer Leland Hayward, owner of Orange Productions who are making the movie in Cinema Scope for Warner Brothers, and Director John Ford the more than one hundred members of the cast will be on set here for some three weeks before returning to an Oahu location, Kaneohe Bay.

We of the Gooney Bird staff wish to take this opportunity of welcoming the Hollywoodites to Midway.

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