



TARITA WITH SIMON TEHOTU, BRANDO'S SON.

**BRANDO BABY.** Four years ago when MGM went to Tahiti to film Mutiny on the Bounty for the second time, a beautiful native dancer of 19 from Bora Bora who had worked as a cook at Les Tropiques hotel in Papeete, was signed at \$96 a week to play Marlon Brando's girl friend in the film. Her name was shortened from Taritatum a Teripaiaam to

Tarita, and eventually she was flown to Hollywood where the film was finished. Interviewed then by a PARADE reporter, Tarita explained that she considered Brando a charming and considerate gentleman—"But I love him only in Hollywood. In Papeete I am most in love with another man. He is Danish. His name is Christianson Jorlen. He wants me to marry him. Marlon has never mentioned marriage. I don't know if it is good for Tahitian vahine [woman] to marry white man." In May 1963, Tarita gave birth to a boy in Tahiti. She named him Simon Tehotu. A few months ago, in a custody battle for his 6-year-old son by his former wife, actress Anna Kashfi, Brando, now 40 and rapidly balding, declared that Simon Tehotu is his son. Ever since, Tarita has been pursued by reporters and photographers who want to know if her 2-year-old son is like his father. Her answer: "Yes, he is very clever." Will she raise Simon in the United States? "Never. He is too happy here." Does she plan to abandon her career as an actress? "Yes, even though I have a contract." Is there any chance she will marry Mr. Brando? "He is still married to his second wife." Living in Tahiti with her child, visited intermittently by Brando, Tarita felt she was far removed from the news centers of the world, could raise her son in idyllic peace. Unfortunately, her secret son is no longer a secret. He is part of the public record.