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'Psycho' Shocker Still Shocks Janet

By VERNON SCOTT

HOLLYWOOD — (UPI) — One of the most shocking scenes ever filmed for movie audiences is costing actress Janet Leigh \$500 a month.

Janet was brutally murdered while taking a shower in Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho." So terrifying was the scene that it still is playing havoc with Janet's life.

Released six months ago, the picture was the first in which the blond beauty played a supporting role. But its repercussions have been greater than all her starring parts put together.

About that \$500 a month. That's what Janet, Mrs. Tony Curtis off-screen, pays in postage to answer letters.

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"That doesn't include secretaries or the cost of stationery and pictures I have to send out," she explained.

"I've never received so much mail in my life. It's more than double anything I've had before. And most of the letters are really weird. One of them was a threat to kill me just as I



SCREAMING bloody murder in "Psycho" may win Janet Leigh an Oscar nomination but the gruesome death scene in the Hitchcock movie also brought her a batch of problems.

was killed in the picture.

"Tony and I were so frightened we turned the letter over to the FBI and had a special police guard

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placed at our home. The Beverly Hills police still patrol the place twice as often as they normally did.

"When Tony goes out of town we hire another special guard."

Many of the women who write Janet tell her they refused to take showers after seeing her death scene.

"I can sympathize with them" she said. "When I stay at a motel I wouldn't dream of taking a shower myself. It may sound silly, but it's true."

In addition to the fact that Janet may be nominated for an Oscar for her realistic death scene, she may win all kinds of awards from brassiere manufacturers.

"Lots of women write in to find out the exact name and model of the brassiere I wore in the picture," she laughed. "They even stop me when I'm shopping in department stores to get information on my bra.

"So I've answered all the mail with detailed information about the bra. A while ago a man introduced himself to me in a night club to tell me he manufactures the brassiere and that business is booming.

"Since then he sends me all the new models to see how I like 'em. It looks as if I'm fixed for brassieres for life."