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# MICKEY ROONEY



Mickey stars with Judy Garland in 1939's Babes in Arms



**D**EVASTATED by a bitter family feud and with his health declining, Hollywood legend Mickey Rooney is facing his sad last days, say sources.

And those who saw the pint-size, 91-year-old star at the Nov. 12 L.A. premiere of the new Muppets movie, in which he has a cameo role, were shocked by his appearance.

"Mickey smiled and waved for the crowd like the show business trouper he is, but he was clearly having trouble seeing and his skin was blotchy," says a source.

"He seemed to love the attention, but at the same time, you could tell it was hard on him even being out on the red carpet."

Another source, who also saw Mickey at an autograph show at the Burbank Marriott Hotel in June, noted he seemed far more frail at the Muppets premiere.

"I'm not sure if it's due to his age or if there's something medically wrong with him," says the second source. "I also noticed him making strange facial distortions."

"His eye was squinty and one side of his face looked a little droopy, which made me wonder

if he'd suffered a stroke."

New Jersey ophthalmologist Dr. Cary Silverman, director of Vision Care 20/20, tells GLOBE the star could be suffering from ptosis, or drooping eyelid, which is common with aging.

But he also warned that "drooping eyelids can be a sign of more serious diseases like diabetes, tumors, inflammation, stroke, cancer or aneurysms."

Insiders blame the song-and-dance man's decline on the "unbelievable stress" he's under due to a lawsuit for elder abuse he filed against Chris Aber, son of Mickey's current – and eighth – wife Jan.

"The ongoing battle appears to have taken a huge toll on Mickey," says the second source. "He definitely seems to have aged a lot since I last saw him. It's a really sad situation. You have to feel sorry for him."

## LINDA EVANS' DYNASTY DREAM!

LINDA EVANS escaped the Hollywood rat race and moved to Washington state nine years ago, but she says she'd move back to Tinseltown if they brought Dynasty back to TV.

"It would be sort of sad without John Forsythe," says Linda, 69, who played the late actor's TV wife Krystle Carrington on the hit 1981-89 ABC drama. "I don't know how you could have Dynasty without Blake Carrington – but I'd be open. It would be fun."

One of her joys in playing Krystle was her lavish wardrobe, much of which she keeps in a storage locker. Linda says series creator Aaron Spelling shelled out a fortune on attire "because the American public loved that – they were watching the clothes."

A Dynasty reunion would even coax her back from Tacoma, where she fled from "surreal" Hollywood fame that made it impossible "to walk down the street, go to the beach, go to the movies or live life."

