



This is the most recent photograph of Barbara and Jeff and baby Chris.

I'm so sorry about BARBARA and JEFF

- After telling me she was "so shocked" and "so surprised" to return from Europe and read that she and Jeff Hunter were having trouble, Barbara Rush is now divorcing him!

They both blame it on the fact that they've been separated by long location trips so often during their five years of marriage. Once again, as always in these cases, the innocent victim is their two-year-old baby.

Jeff told me, "There's no other girl for me and no other man for Barbara. There's been a personal problem between us for two years, but we didn't want to make a definite break before we both tried everything in our power to bridge our difficulties."

When these kids were struggling for success in Hollywood they were the most "in love" pair I ever saw. When they were invited to parties or took a night off to go night-clubbing they danced only with each other.

Just as recently as the premiere of *Magnificent Obsession* in Westwood, Jeff was beaming with pride over Barbara's fine performance. When she left for Ireland to costar with Rock Hudson in *Captain Lightfoot*, they were a lovey-dovey pair at the airport.

When Barbara returned to Hollywood, Jeff was away in Mexico making *White Feather*. But she cheerfully assured me she was flying there to be with him. She never made the trip—and within a few weeks admitted their marriage was ended.

This is really a case in which we can ask in the vernacular—wot hoppon?