

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

MIKE'S MAILBAG ... Dear Mike the Clod: Most Hollywood columnists have nice things to say about The Beatles. But you are a mean, awful man who is constantly insulting them, for no good reason at all. Every time you do it you stab 50,000 girls in the heart. What are you trying to do, wipe out the female population of America? — Judy Doto and Kathy Caprio, Belmar, N. J.

Dear Mr. Connolly: The Beatles don't need you and they don't have to worry about lasting in show business like Elvis Presley because 3,000,000 fans won't let them down. — Devoted Fan, Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Mike: Your article about The Beatles SMELLS! You'd better get out before sundown, brother, I'm warning you. You'll be overcome with threatening letters like this. — Jocie Campbell, East Rockaway, N.Y.

Dear Jane: Enough to stave off dandruff, believe me, but not enough to pay for all the postage I need to answer my pro-Beatles mail!

Dear Sir: Movies are bad and TV is worse. I saw "Arrest and Trial" and I think the producer should have been arrested and tried for wasting the audience's time. — Joe Brody, New York City.

Dear Joe: If I said that about The Beatles I'd be drawn and quartered by thousands — no, millions! — of teenage females. Aren't you glad they're all going back to school next month? I am.

Dear Mike: Why does Gina Lollobrigida have such a funny name? What does it sound like to you? — Louis A. Dudley, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Louis: She was born with it. It sounds like a steak running across a picket fence.

Dear Lunkhead: Has any royalty gone into show business? — Ella Brockman, Dunedin, Fla.

Dear Ella: Of course. Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Nat "King" Cole, Steve McQueen, Alan King, Harold Prince, Blue Barron, Vernon Duke ... you name 'em.

Dear Mike: I read where Natalie Wood is a Russian and her mother calls her Natasha. Is she a Red? — Danny Sved, Sherwood, Ore.

Dear Danny: No. Her family is of Russian descent. And just remember, Buster, not all of us came over on the Mayflower.

Dear Mr. Connolly: You recently mentioned Dinah Shore uses vitamin pills to pep her up. Could you inform me of the type she uses? — Mrs. Mure E. Heller, N.Y.C.

Dear Mrs. Heller: Dinah won't say. She says consult your doctor.

Dear Mike C.: Where did Tippy Walker get her un-

usual name? Or is it a nickname? — Ethel J. Nelson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Ethel: It's a nickname. Her full name is Elizabeth Tipton Walker.

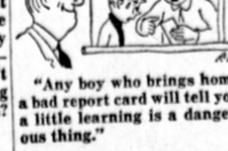
Dear Mike: Regarding your recent criticism of Jackie Gleason, we spent a weekend not too long ago at Shawnee, where Jackie is a regular guest. He was a perfect gentleman, and that goes for everyone in his company. They were ardent golfers and good sports. Personally, I would still like him even if he was a heavy drinker. He is one of the top artists in his profession—and a "profession" can certainly have many critics, including your own, right? — G.H.S., Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear G.H.S.: You are SO right. See my "Beatles file."

Dear Sir: Is George Sanders the father of Zsa Zsa Gabor's daughter? Who is Paul Anka's wife and do they have any children? Where does Mike Douglas' TV show originate? — Mrs. C. A. Reavis, Brockton, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Reavis: Conrad Hilton is Francesca's father; the Countess Anne de Zogheb is Paul's as yet childless spouse, and Mike's show is beamed from Cleveland.

(Mike Connolly welcomes all readers' questions, but due to the large volume of mail received, it may be some time before the answer to your question appears in his column. For personal replies, please send stamped self-addressed envelope.)



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