

# Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: Why is Phyllis Diller always talking about her husband Fang, now that she's divorced from him?—Michael Everhardt, Richmond Hills, N.Y.

Dear Michael: You must be referring to her TV re-run on the Andy Williams show. She's cutting all such mentions from her acts in the future. She's here prepping a switch on "The Collector" called "The Accumulator" for Bob Hope's Oct. 26 show. I inquired if the Dillers, in the true Hollywood tradition will "re-

main friends." Said she: "We won't because we were never friends, and after 25 years I'd rather switch than fight. Besides, Fang has such a grouty sense of balance he has to part his hair in the middle!"

Dear Mike: What's happened to Dyan Cannon and Cary Grant? How have they managed to avoid publicity on their honeymoon?—Mrs. Eloise Owen, Forsyth, Mont.

Dear Mrs. O.: The last I heard, they were hiding out in St. Clerans, John Hus-

ton's castle in Galway, Ireland, under the cobalt-blue Connemara sky.

Dear Sir: I enjoyed your remarks about Luise Rainer. I'm glad to learn she isn't the ogress some writers have made her out to be. Will she be staying on in Hollywood to make movies?—Gary Downs, Marine-On-St. Croix, Minn.

Dear Gary: Columbia is paging her for "Cat Shalem," its sequel to "Cat Ballou." Since I last wrote about her, Luise has further endeared herself to the Metro-TV crew. Remember her Oscar-winning telephone call from producer Flo Ziegfeld in "The Ziegfeld Girl"? She was shooting another phone scene for her TV segment, forgot her lines, and said, "Hello, Flo—don't tell me you're still THERE!" I broke 'em up.

Mike: I'm suspicious of all those stories I've been reading about Pat Neal. Is her health really improving or is it all a cover-up?—Jack Lules, Princeton, N.J.

Dear Jack: It's the McCoy. She had her first night out last week with her husband, Roald Dahl. They dined at an old English pub called The Bell, near Oxford, with some old friends, including producer Marty Ritt and Violet and Stanley Holloway.

Dear Mike: What was Bing Crosby doing in that hospital in Denver? Is it serious?—Eileen Donet, Los Altos, Calif.

Dear Eileen: It's as serious as bursitis can be, and that's pretty painful.

Dear Mike: Do I imagine it or is there really such a movie as Irving Berlin's "Say It with Music" coming out? It seems to me I've been reading about it for years— isn't it about time we SAW it instead of reading about it?—Bobbie Lou Walter, Rockford, Ill.

Dear Bobbie Lou: They've been having some difficulty with the script, not surprising since we've already had a biographical film about Berlin. Betty Comden and Adolph Green are at work on it now, having succeeded Arthur Laurents. There's also been a brouhaha or two over the star salaries. Frank Sinatra wants \$1,000,000 and Julie Andrews wants \$750,000—rough, when you consider they've already spent almost \$2,000,000 for the songs and screenplay without a single day's rushes to show for it.

Sir: Is it true about Barbara Streisand and Elliott Gould having marital difficulties because of his attentions to a starlet?—Irene Schwartz, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Irene: It's what H. L. Mencken would call hog-wash. Come out with it, girl: the starlet's name is Lesley Ann Warren, she is Elliott's co-star in the new musical "Drat! the Cat!" and Barbra was hostess at Lesley Ann's recent 19th-birthday party. If you read it in a New York column, blame the show's press agent.

Dear Sir: Now that "Wagon Train" is going off the beam, please tell us what will become of the cast.—Viv Carter and Ruthie Owens, San Francisco.

Dear Girls: They're all so tired of the saddles and spurs, they're looking for movie jobs—preferably in drawingroom dramas.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his column. He gives no personal replies by mail.)

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