

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: You must have been trying to turn us on when you reported that the guests at the WAIF Ball honoring Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon hissed at Sonny and Cher. Were you? — Erna Dolton, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Erna: They not only hissed, they booed. And best explained, perhaps, by the fact that so many Senior Citizens who don't dig dirty-garbed dolls and long-haired lads were on hand.

Dear Mr. C.: Those two-faced snobs who are trying to have Elvis Presley evicted from his Bel-Air home because of his late parties should be evicted themselves. If they had as much class and Southern chivalry as Elvis they wouldn't try a stunt like that. Let me tell you something, Mike: Elvis can be my neighbor any time. The offer will always stand. — Concetta O'Hara, Millburn, N.J.

Dear Concetta: I'll pass the good word on to Elvis.

Dear Mr. C.: I am a great "Man from U.N.C.L.E." fan. I'd like to know if it's true David McCallum and Robert Vaughn are feuding or if it's just a publicity stunt. — Karen Irving, Fairfax, Calif.

Dear Karen: It isn't true. Aside from working side-by-side 10 to 14 hours a day, they have formed The Thursday Night Chowder, Marching and Staggering Club. Thursday night is when they and their friends find a different, more exotic than last week's restaurant at which to dine. The only possible source for a story about a feud might be Bob's statement that David always comes up with a hashbrown and eggs than the last one he came up with — a place that Bob calls "The Exotic Greasy Spoon."

Aside to Juliette Hauler of Pasadena, Calif.; "H. B." of Detroit, Mich., and Donna Taylor of Oakland, Calif.: I do not — and never will — give the home addresses of Oskar Werner, Bill Holden, Richard Chamberlain or any other star. Write to them in care of their studios or TV networks, which are always listed in the credit of their shows.

Dear Sir: Is it true that Shirley Booth, who stars in "Hazel," is partly or completely deaf? — Terese Donovan, Norwood, Mass.

Dear Terese: No.

Dear Mike: Does Bing Crosby wear a hairpiece? — Marvin Levine, Huntington, N.Y.

Dear Marvin: Only in his movies and on TV, never while doing his recording dates.

Dear Mike: My husband and I are having a friendly argument and perhaps you

Ammunition Award Given Local Firm

Modification of a contract awarded to Harvey Aluminum Sales, Inc., of Torrance was announced today by Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District).

The contract was issued by the Ammunition and Procurement Supply Agency in Joliet, Ill., and is for \$12,856,033.

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A Compensation Fund?

Congress Studies Plan To Help Crime Victims

By ALPHONZO BELL, Congressman, 28th District
Approximately 326,000 men and women in the United States suffered personal injury last year as a result of assault by criminals. Crimes causing physical injury have risen by 40 per cent since 1958 and a clear upward

trend is indicated. The increase for 1964 was 15 per cent, the sharpest recorded in a number of years.

Ancient and medieval societies provided for compensation to injured victims, but as modern law developed emphasis shifted to punishment of the criminal. In 1964, however, New Zealand and Great Britain began programs of compensation. Last July, California established a compensation fund.

Several pieces of legislation have been introduced in Congress this year to provide financial relief to the victim of a violent crime, or, in case

of murder, to the victim's family. One bill would empower a federal Violent Crimes Compensation Commission to determine eligibility, and to consider factors such as behavior of the victim that might have contributed to injury or death. Payments would cover medical expenses, loss of earning power, and financial loss to the dependents of a deceased victim.

MOST OF THE legislation proposed on this subject would have applicability only in areas within maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the

United States. One bill does propose to cover every victim of violent crime, whether under state or federal law.

Advocates of such proposals claim many crimes result from society's inability to protect its members fully. They argue that if government at all levels can spend billions of dollars annually to prevent crime, it can spend relatively small additional amounts to compensate those who will suffer financial hardship because of crime. In addition, the time, money and effort devoted to assuring the constitutional rights of suspects are contrasted by pro-

ponents to the scant attention accorded the victim.

OPPONENTS of financial awards claim society has no responsibility for the irrational act of an individual. They also claim there would be serious administrative difficulties. (Even proponents of compensation agree in part to this point.) Problems would include deciding what crimes should be compensated; the maximum and minimum payments to be allowed; and the risk of fraudulent claims.

The rights of a victim and his family to public money

can be expected to raise controversy. Involved are philosophical questions on the responsibility of society and the role of government in general. Even if legislation to benefit victims covers only federal crimes and federal territory, it will set important precedent for the states. What develops from future intensive study may be a new direction for law and a new concept of justice. In any event the debate on the subject of financially compensating the physically injured victims of criminals will merit the attention of all thoughtful citizens next year.

Christmas Party for Vets Slated

Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West will sponsor their 42nd annual Christmas party for veterans at the Sawtel Hospital Sunday, Dec. 19, at 1:15 p.m. The party will be held in the Domiciliary Theater at the Veteran's Center, Sepulveda and Wilshire boulevards.

Vince Scully, voice of the Dodgers baseball team, will be master of ceremonies for a sports program, according to Jack B. Curran.

Curran said the group still needs Christmas cards and paperback books to pass along to the veterans. He may be reached by telephone at WE 7-4444 or WE 6-6766 for additional information.

Zone Change Approved in Carson Area

Two Carson District zoning changes have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

Petitioners were Nick V. Mosich, automatic car wash, 215-243 E. Carson Street, zones C-2 and C-3; and San Sebastian Development Co., parking lot, Torrance Boulevard between Main and Figueroa streets, zone A-1.

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can settle it. On or about Aug. 12, 1965, we were having dinner at a restaurant in Sonoma, Calif. I am positive that Allen Case was also in that restaurant. Could it be that he was in the area filming one of his "Jesse James" segments? I was too shy to approach him, I'm sorry now. I like him very much. — Mrs. JoAnn Riskin, Daly City, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Riskin: It was Allen, all right, all poised with his ballpoint pen to write an autograph. Next time, don't be shy.

Dear Mike: I would like to know about that triple-strand necklace, bracelet and earrings that Judy Garland wears so often. Do they have some special sentimental value to her? — Maurine Anderson, East Orange, N.J.

Dear Maurine: No, it's just that pearls go well with basic black.

Sir: How many pounds has Lawrence Welk taken off and why? — Kate Kennedy, Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Kate: Twelve pounds. Health reasons.

Dear Mike: I am a fan of Johnny Carson. I often wonder about his first wife, since we never hear about her. Was she in show business? Does their son visit his mother? Where does she live now? How long ago were they divorced? — Mrs. Jane Roders, Hayward, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Roders: Jody Wolcott quit the business and lives in New York. She shares custody of their sons (they have three, not one) with Johnny. They were divorced in 1959.

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

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