

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: Does Dean Martin ever get tired of people asking him if he really drinks? — Eusevio Castellani, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Eusevio: Sometimes he gets so tired of it he goes out and gets drunk.

Dear Sir: Please tell me how to order a THRUSH rifle.—Bud Toohy, Newark, N.J.

Dear Bud: I'm sorry to tell you that the campaign staged by those men from U.N.C.L.E. against that evil international THRUSH syndicate has forced a curtailment in the production of the rifles. But they may have toy replicas available this Christmas.

Dear Mr. C.: I understand your feelings exactly—but the Beatles being rude—but you see, sir, the reason is because they've had run-ins with newsmen who ask them the same old questions: "John, is Cyn having another baby?" "Paul, are you secretly married?" "George, did you have to get married and break your fans' hearts?" etc. It's gotten so they dread these press conferences and, as a result, tend to be rude. Please — ignore them, let them be, they're singers, not peccablers.—Dawn Merry McCabe, Winter Park, Fla.

Dear Dawn Merry: It's a vicious circle. It's gotten so I dread it when the phone rings because I'm afraid it's one of The Beatles announcing another press conference. I'm taking your advice, starting right now, to ignore them; meantime, please tell THEM to ignore ME, and they can start right now by crossing me off their press conference list.

Dear Mr. C.: I say a person is being HAD when he pays \$2 to see a movie and is then also subjected to seeing a long drawn-out commercial about a certain foreign car. It happened to me here in Philadelphia. I complained about it to the theater manager. He said it wasn't a commercial but a short about hips. Nevertheless, that foreign car was always in sight in the theatre's screen. What do you say?—John Hanshaw, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear John: I say that there are so many movie theaters in a big city like Philadelphia, why not for-

get about that particular theater and patronize the others?

Dear Mr. C.: Was 1928 the year that Gary Cooper filmed Ernest Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms" and was Helen Twelvetrees Gary's co-star?—Betty M. French, San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Betty: The year was 1932, the co-star was another Helen — Hayes.

Dear Mr. C.: Is it because Rock Hudson doesn't lead a scandalous or sinful life that his fans never read anything about him? I think he is a very fine actor, a handsome man, and I believe, a moral person. Am I right? — J. S. East Brunswick, N. J.

Dear J.: A newspaper pal of mine was discussing the late Clark Gable with me the other night. Oddly enough, your remarks about Rock reminded me of our remarks about Clark. There was never a more romantic, dashing actor than Gable—on the screen. But as for off-screen—strictly Dullsville!

Dear Mike: The 29- and 31-year-old women you mentioned in your column as being mad about Sergio Franchi don't feel THAT out of place! Mr. Franchi has a group of ladies in his San Francisco Bay Area Fan Club who range in age from 21 to 70, and they all feel the same way about him. Which should prove it's never to late—right?—Mrs. Virginia Glenn, Mill Valley, Calif.

Dear Virginia: Right. (And that goes for you, too, Mrs. Angela Falzarano, president of Sergio's International Fan Club, Malden, Mass. — and I'll be looking for Sergio as co-host on Mike Douglas' TV show, as announced in your letter, in October).

Dear Mike: How old is Omar Sharif, the star of "Doctor Zhivago"? To whom is he married? How many children do they have and how old are the children? And where could I write to Omar? — Janis Wheat, Pasadena, Texas.

Dear Janis: He was born April 9, 1931, in Lebanon. His wife is Egyptian movie star Faten Hamama. Real name: Maechel Shalhoub. They have one child, a son,

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



After the Ball Is Over . . .

The ball being the long three-day holiday we just passed and it's the sincere hope from here that you're all still with us but there'll be some statistics you can bet your head but for those of you who made it, here're some statistics for you in the way of dining out.

And the Latitude 20 is a good spot to start where you may treat your self and family to some superb Polynesian cookery in a most delightful South Seas atmosphere. All this plus exotic cocktails of any type you wish, local or Polynesian.

The entertainment's not to be sneezed at, either. Currently it's the Waikikians holding down the musical department at the Latitude 20 and last Tuesday night (week ago yesterday, that is) the patrons were treated to a surprise when they were regaled by a cute little miss by the name of Kalea, who did a guest spot off the top of her head. The pert little 12 year old was such a hit that owner Hop Louis has invited her to do a return guest shot in the near future. Will try to keep you posted on this, as to just when.

Have you taken advantage of Floyd and Alice Freeman's generous offer yet? That is to come into their Western Buffet on Western Ave., and have "all you can eat" for a buck fifty? Well you better do it. Just clip the ad from last week's paper and waltz on in with it. Or you can mention this "writers" name. The same bit goes.

Another might be The born in 1957, but Faten, and Omar are separate. And, because he is a Roman Catholic, he is not considering a divorce — at least, that is what he tells me. Sorry, I don't give out addresses.

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

Wayfarer Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita, if you haven't already made it by there. It's Continental cuisine at its very best and served daily except Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 11 in the evening.

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But and Trevor hold down the plank there day and night for you thirsty ones, incidentally and can always be counted on to fill you in on the latest scam and scuttlebutt.

"The Affair" that Phil Delgado's talking about at the Galley West Restaurant down there on the tip of the peninsula by Marineland isn't at all what you think. Besides, who wants anyone helping you with your affairs!

September 10 and 11 it's to be Bill Cosby with the Hugh Masekela Quartet at the Carousel Theatre in West Covina along with still another guest star, Lainie Kazan. Should be a good bill for your entertain-

ment on that Saturday and Sunday.

Then following this attraction it's to be James the Duke himself for a week-long appearance starting on Sept. 13th.

Appearing with Jimmy of course will be the ever present and ever popular Eddie Jackson as well as Peter Lawford and Sonny King, so you can see, the trip to West Covina this month will be well worth it.

Made the trip over the hill yet to catch the good food and good show at Al Saks Nob Hill?

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SOLEMN MOMENT . . . And solemn it appears as Patricia Margaret Connolly, playing Natasha in "War and Peace," bids a tearful farewell to the Old Prince Bolonski, played by Richard Woods. Watching the proceedings with an interested eye is Donald Moffat, playing Andrei. "War and Peace" currently is at the Greek Theatre.

enjoy a cooling bottle of beer and good conversation, cool or hot. Get by there next time you find yourself in the Valley.

Talked with "Rip" Van Winkle down at the House of Prime one night last week and notice that his complete Prime Rib Dinners are going for \$2.95 per person now.

House of Prime opens daily at 2, Tuesday through Sunday and features piano-bar entertainment in the evening with "Prittie Kitten Paige" rattling the ivories for your entertainment.

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