

# The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Last week I caught a glimpse of Rita Hayworth in an old movie on television and asked myself what's happened to the favorite pin-up girl of World War II?"

Since her whirlwind marriage to Aly Khan and a whirlwind divorce settlement that involved several oilwells, a lot of sand, and a daughter, she has resumed her career on a small scale because they don't write starring parts for attractive women over 30 any more in Hollywood unless they go insane and chop up half the cast with a meat axe. Two seasons ago she played a rich lady on a yacht in "The Poppy Is Also A Flower." This fall she will be seen in a guest role on TV's "Run for Your Life." And what role does she play? A rich lady on a yacht! Isn't that where all good pin-up girls eventually end up?

"I have looked in vain for years. Where do you ever see a truly romantic love scene on television with beautiful people in a pretty setting?"

Only in the cigarette commercials.

"I have just seen 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' and found it delightful. Everyone in the cast was familiar except James Fox who played Julie Andrews' all-American boy friend. Who is he?"

James Fox is an English actor. For a 28-year-old he has an amazing versatility that stretches from Millie's thoroughly American kid to the corrupted master in "The Servant" opposite Dirk Bogarde in 1963. His first movie was an English film, "The Magnet," when he was 11 years old. In 1965 he appeared in "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines," "King Rat," and "The Chase." He is one to watch.

"What has become of Pennell Roberts, formerly on 'Bonanza'?"

Roberts, the only son of old Ben Cartwright who was man enough to untie daddy's apron strings, has had several good guest roles on TV. One of them is reshown on NBC's "The Virginian" Sept. 6. In it he plays a wayward cowboy who reforms in an attempt to win back his family. No similarity to his Bonanza family is intended!

"Batgirl! Did you say they're adding a BATGIRL to the cast of 'Batman'? Why?"

The producer thought the show needed something new. Also, it may quiet those naughty rumors about that rich bachelor and his nice young friend who live in the big house and like to dress up in funny clothes. From now on it's Batman, Batboy, and Batgirl. (When this sort of camouflage is used in Hollywood's off-screen social life, the lady is nicknamed "The Beard.") In this case Batgirl is Police Chief Gordon's daughter. She has a Batgirl-cycle and a secret room hidden behind her dressing table. Holy Smokes, Bruce! A girl!

"When a comedian does an impersonation of some star does that star ever get mad?"

Frank Gorshin, one of the best impersonators in the business, tells me that he has never had any complaints from any of the dozens of personalities he has impersonated. Some of the best are dead — like Humphrey Bogart — so there's no trouble there. Some — like James Cagney, another favorite of impersonators — are retired and don't care. Actually it's a kind of compliment because you have to be unique and famous to be worth the trouble to impersonate. You don't find anyone doing an impersonation of Troy Donahue or Rick Nelson, for example. Kirk Douglas, another Gorshin favorite, loves to see himself as others see him.

"What will become of Garry Moore now that he isn't on television?"

Well, he won't starve, that's for sure. This summer he tried his luck with a stage role in Thurber's "The Male Animal" in two Pennsylvania summer theaters and received

good reviews. He says he's not anxious to work but I never knew an actor who wouldn't change his mind.

## New State Deed Stamps Aid Local Government

A bill regarding deed transfers approved by the Legislature Aug. 4 will provide an additional \$4 million annually for Los Angeles County and its 76 cities, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

When signed by Governor Ronald Reagan, the Documentary Stamp Act (SB 837) would replace the U. S. Internal Revenue Stamp Tax effective Jan. 1, 1968. Proceeds of the deed transfer will be returned to local government.

County Recorder Ray E. Lee said a fuller collection of the tax may be effected with his office monitoring the act than was possible under the federal act where policing consisted of sample checks of recorded documents.

Lee said he is hopeful the State Board of Equalization, which will print and sell stamps to county recorders at cost, may authorize use of metered stamp machines as a more efficient method of showing tax collections.

Monies collected from sale of stamps will be distributed by the county according to the location of the property sold. The county's share of the revenue is estimated at \$2.8 million annually, the cities at \$2.2 million.

## Casting for Melodrama

Casting for Showcase Theatre's forthcoming production of "Love Rides the Rails" will be held Monday and Tuesday at the theatre, 18752 S. Prairie Ave., Hawthorne.

at 8 o'clock each evening, director Dennis Murphy said.

## Pay Dividend

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