

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By FRED NEHER



"If you really knew anything about politics, you'd know that when somebody asks you to step outside it's time to change the subject!"

## TV CANDIDS by Terrence O'Flaherty

One of the most fascinating television offerings of the year appeared as a three-part serial in the commercial intervals on the recent documentary, "Hollywood: The Fabulous Era."

I don't know just how to appraise this dramatic creation, but certainly I would be remiss if it went unnoticed.

At the start an anonymous voice said: "This is Hollywood movie star Nancy Davis . . . who is in private life Mrs. Ronald Reagan," at which time all the adults in the room asked themselves, "Who's Nancy Davis?" while the youngsters asked, "Who's Ronald Reagan?"

While our minds were chewing on these questions, there in the dark, we were suddenly shown into what must be Mrs. Reagan's living room, complete with wood paneling and a coffee table. Mrs. Reagan smiled, and I thought to myself what is a fine looking woman like that going to tell us. Soon we found out.

In a most winning manner Miss Davis, the movie star who is Mrs. Reagan in real life (or did I tell you that?), introduces us to a Mrs. Something who is identified as a housewife and acts like one.

I felt this was unfair of Mrs. Reagan. At least she might have introduced us to another Hollywood star. Soon it became apparent that Mrs. Something has been invited into Mrs. Reagan's living room because she is going to tell her something she wants us all to hear. Certainly there would be no other reason for a movie star to have her around.

Mrs. Reagan offers her coffee and then she flicks the switch on some kind of a little box on the table and—land sakes!—it's a home movie projector which is a standard knick-knack on Hollywood tables as we all know. On the film we see a panel of housewives all of whom look like Mrs. Something.

Unless I missed some of the dialogue while worrying about the projector on the coffee table, it was not too clear to me why these ladies had assembled except, perhaps, to link toothpaste to modern life. If so, doesn't it seem strange that they discussed only one brand?

With this question on the tip of my tongue, we returned to the other program "Hollywood: The Fabulous Era" just in time to see John Barrymore who was having complexities of his own as Richard II which he solved himself. That was the days before panels.

Soon we are back with Mrs. Reagan and her lady friends. One housewife giggled slightly and professes that she had no idea that she was going to be on TV and if she had she would have worn a dress that would have made her look slimmer.

Didn't Mrs. Reagan tell her that she was going to be on film? If not why did Mrs. Housewife think she was being invited to a movie star's home? Is she a personal friend? Does she stop by often for coffee and home movies? If so, are there always two TV cameras in Mrs. Reagan's living room. Is the house always full of cameramen, a director and technicians

And what about the ladies themselves? Why don't they notice the TV cameras trained on them? Has such business so permeated the American Scene that such appliances are taken for granted? Do they gather often to discuss mutual problems?

Does being Mrs. Ronald Reagan make her words on toothpaste carry more weight? Won't other movie stars be jealous and stop using Mrs. Reagan's toothpaste because they weren't chosen for her job? What ever happened to baking soda?

And most important of all, where was MISTER Reagan while all this was taking place



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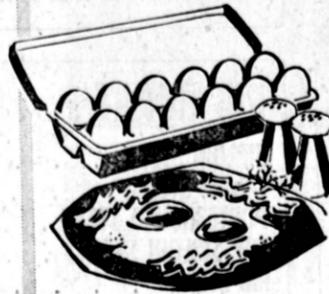
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