

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: I had to rub my eyes and take a second look when I read Jack Valenti's statement: "I have never seen a bad movie." Did Hollywood's new czar really say that and, if so, who does he think he's kidding?—Gary Campion, Flushing, N. Y.

Dear Gary: He claims he was misquoted. Herewith his final—he hopes—statement on the subject: "I must confess I am a movie fan, although a wire service did garble, a bit, that line of mine that may become legendary before I have a chance to disown it. I have seen a lot of bad ones in my lifetime, but recently I think I have become experienced enough to avoid them, which may account for the fact that the movies I've seen lately are good ones."

Dear Mike: Come on, give us the REAL lowdown on the Julie Andrews-Tony Walton marital mishmash.—Margie Werderman, State College, Miss.

Dear Margie: Whatever it is, I think they're going to

beat the rap. Julie is seeing an analyst (not for a mental disturbance, merely to get straightened out on her marriage-vs.-career problems) twice a week.

Dear Sir: Does the dignified Ingrid Bergman approve of those near-nude bikini posings I've seen on her daughter Pia in some of the magazines?—Mrs. Horace Caporal, Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Caporal: Ingrid isn't talking but offhand I don't see how she could complain in view of her own scandal—making conduct with Roberto Rossellini. As for Pia herself, the 28-year-old divorcee has a mind of her own and a career of her own and the latter seems to be blooming because those posings just clinched her as Tony Curtis' co-star in Filmways, "Don't Make Waves."

Dear Tube Boob: When does Mia Farrow leave the Rubie Tube?—Archie B. Daving, Spokane.

Dear Archie: Mia shoots her last segment on the rural scene in June. The studio is looking for a replacement. Her "Peyton Place" successor, says the casting director, must be "a 19-year-old Ann-Margret type." Anyone you know? If so, don't call me, call producer Paul Monash at 20th Century-Fox, Beverly Hills.

Sir: How often do Lynda Bird Johnson and George Hamilton see each other?—Mildred Le Cesne, Lexington, Ky.

Dear Mildred: Whenever possible, mostly weekends. It's gotten so they seldom make social engagements Friday nights through Sundays (because her school days at Texas U and his workdays in M-G-M's "This Way Out, Please" limit their dates to weekends).

Dear Sir: Tell me the truth—is everybody out there in Hollywood sex-mad? How dare Universal Studios cast that fabulous comedienne, Beatrice Lillie, as the madam of a house of ill fame in "Thoroughly Modern Millie"? The world is starving for laughs and Hollywood gives us smut!—Mrs. Duane L. Hartmann, Troy, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Hartmann: the world better get ready for this one. It's a satire on the Roaring '20s, in which Julie Moore go to New York and get shanghaied into Miss Lillie's white slave ring. To give you an idea of the overboard, overdone silent-screen techniques being used, Beatrice forces the girls into it by dint of poison darts, which she hides in her chignon.

Dear Mike: It must be wonderful to work for Walt Disney? Is it?—Jack Weathersbee, Decatur, Ga.

Dear Jack: I've met both kinds, the pro's and the con's. The pro's are the ones who, mostly, live modestly; the con's are those who get out as quick as they can, with all the fabulous technique they've picked up from Walt, to seek greener pastures and more of the long-green at Hanna Barbera and other cartoon studios.

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

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Religious Convocation Views Racial Tensions

All religious leaders of Los Angeles County have been invited by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to a "Convocation of the Clergy" Thursday, to discuss the serious problem of tension and unrest in Los Angeles.

The convocation, first in Los Angeles' history drawing together church leaders from all faiths, will begin at 10 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in the Hall of Administration.

KEYNOTE speaker will be Dr. Paul S. Smith, president of Whittier College and mem-

ber of the Society of Friends. "Never before has our community and our nation faced such a serious challenge as the continuing racial tension," Hahn said.

"The answer to this problem is not making new laws or changing old ones. There are enough laws on the books. What is needed is a change in men's hearts.

"That is why I am asking all religious leaders in this great County to take up this challenge," Hahn said.

Hahn noted that President Lyndon B. Johnson has

called a White House Conference on Civil Rights and racial tension to begin Wednesday.

Invited to participate and address the clergy at the County meeting are Bishop Eric Bloy of the Episcopal Church, Cardinal McIntyre, Rabbi Edgar Magnin, Rev. H. H. Brookins, R. N. Hogan of the Church of Christ, Rev. Thomas Kilgore, Dr. Ganse Little, moderator of United Presbyterian Church; Cree Sandefur, president of Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists;

Evangelist Charles E. Fuller, J. Vernon McGee, Harry McKnight, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Council of Churches; Bishop Demetrios.

Charles Mohler, the McGraw-Hill editor, chatting about the wild blurbs on book jackets: "If 'Alice in Wonderland' were a new book, the ads would probably read 'A young girl's search for happiness in a weird, depraved world of animal desires. Can she ever return to normal life after falling so far?'"

Better Business Bureau Opens Washington Office

The Better Business Bureau, explained that the Washington office will maintain close liaison with federal government departments and agencies, the Congress and national consumer and business organization.

"And you can be sure that the Long Beach Bureau will very much be a partner with the other Bureaus across the nation to make the program as meaningful as possible for our local citizens and business firms," he said.

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