

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: Is Jan Berry of Jan and Dean, the singing duo, dead? — Bill Pelham, Houston.

Dear Bill: No, but still seriously ill as a result of the train crash in which he was hurt while shooting a movie — so seriously that the picture will never be finished.

Sir: I'm beginning to disbelieve whatever I read about The Beatles in the newspapers. I think you tired old

newspaper people are on an anti-Beatles kick. I refer to that "incident" in Manila when Our Boys got "shoved around" — or so said the newspapers, haw! — Verree Hillman, Savannah, Ga.

Dear Verree: If anything, we're bending backward to be nice to them. During their last trip to Hollywood, The Beatles called a press conference and then insulted the reporters who showed up. I know, I was there. So now I'm all for

letting them live in their own dream world. As John Lennon put it recently, "We're more popular than Jesus now." Nice? You may think so but I don't.

Dear Mike: I think I have put my finger, finally, on what it was about Geraldine Chaplin's performance in "Doctor Zhivago" that bugged me. She looks exactly like her father. I kept expecting her to put on a battered old derby and swing a cane. Is that why Julie Christie is replacing her in Paramount's "Anne of the Thousand Days"? — Agnes V. Brin, Dade City, Fla.

Dear Agnes: That's one of the reasons.

Sir: Would you please settle a discussion regarding Rex Harrison? I say he was married to Gertrude Law-

rence and that she died of cancer some years ago. Right? — Mrs. L. Muller, San Francisco.

Dear Mrs. Muller: Wrong. It was Kay Kendall, Gertrude, who also died of cancer, was married to Richard Aldrich. Gertrude died in 1952, Kay in 1959.

Dear Mike: Are those real persons or professional actors who appear in TV's "Divorce Court"? — H. S. Jones, Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear H.S.: They're actors, but mostly unknowns.

Dear Sir: How serious was that Miami auto accident involving the wife of Al Lewis of "The Munsters"? It smells to me like an awful lot of publicity for something that might possibly be minor. — Willie Hoover, Tampa, Fla.

Dear Willie: Your smell-er's on the blink. It was so serious that the two plastic surgeons flown down from New York are fearful Marge may lose an eye.

Dear Mike: Please tell me if Jill Ireland is still staying with David McCallum. Does David still love Jill? Who are their three sons staying with? — Felder Sanders, Houston.

Dear Felder (and all you other "U.N.C.L.E." fans who have written all those frantic letters about the McCallum mishmash): Jill is staying with her new beau, Charles Bronson, in London. David is dating Kay Carpenter. The three boys are in charge of a nurse.

Dear Mike: Judy Garland has proved so often she's a fine actress, I hope your item

about her playing the part of Aimee Semple McPherson in a movie is true. So many of her plans never seem to materialize. I hope, I hope, I hope! — Alice Etzold, Springfield, N.J.

Dear Alice: Judy hopes so too, and so do all her friends. Things seem to be looking up for Little Miss Over the Rainbow. She just engaged a new lawyer, Clyde Woody, who was Candy Mossler's barrister in that recent murder trial, and it looks as though he's getting her off the hook as far as some threatened lawsuits are concerned, including another new one from ex-husband Sid Luft. The "Aimee" picture is in the works at Judy's old Metro-Alma-Mater.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his

Hahn Seeks Expansion Of Freeway Telephones

Emergency telephones on the Harbor Freeway have been hailed as "the greatest advance in highway safety since the medium divider" by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn, who first suggested the emergency telephone system several years ago, now wants the system expanded to every freeway in Los Angeles County.

A total of 8,099 calls were placed on the telephones between July 1, 1965, when they began operation, and last July 1. More than half the calls were from motorists or police officers seeking assistance to move disabled and stalled vehicles.

HUNDREDS of the calls were to report traffic accidents and brought police and medical aid directly to the scene, Hahn noted.

Noting that "one stalled car can back up traffic for miles," Hahn said the telephones "have saved hundreds of hours of time for motorists on the freeway."

"Even more important," he added, "lives have been saved."

Hahn has asked the county road department to work with the telephone company and develop a proposal to complete the telephone system on the Harbor Freeway and to expand the system to the Hollywood, Santa Monica, San Diego, Santa Ana, and San Bernardino freeways.

He gives no personal replies by mail.

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