

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Bird Brain: You never have anything but praise of Cary Grant when it's a known fact that he squeezes a nickel till the buffalo screams... right? He's got you charmed too... right? I just can't believe anyone that charming could be that tight.—Louis Bowman, Saginaw, Mich.

Dear Louise: I've never found him tight. Last December he sent me one of the most beautiful Christmas cards I have ever received.

Dear Mike: Whatever happened to Liz Taylor's plans to star in "Dingaka" in Africa, after all that publicity?—Jerry Connell, Forest River, Ill.

Dear Jerry: It wasn't Liz's plan, it was Stanley Baker's. The English actor-producer finally gave up trying and signed Juliet Prowse instead. Miss Prowse's face isn't as pretty as Miss Taylor's, he says, but her legs are "WAY out ahead."

You Apple Polisher: We all now that Frank Sinatra's "near-drowning" in Hawaii was a joke. Why do you uphold these half-wits?—A Veteran's Mother, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mother: I wasn't there but 42 witnesses swear it happened. If you know otherwise, and can prove it, I will print it.

Dear Sir: Is it true that Elvis Presley is going to take acting lessons at the Actors Studio in New York? High time!—Jacqueline DeSilva, Princeton, N.J.

Dear Jacqueline: No. His manager, Col. Tom Parker, says he can't because he's making too much money just being himself.

Dear Mr. Connolly: The Beatles are a laugh and they know it better than anybody else. How can they possibly last if they're only in it for the money, not because show business is the only life they know? What movie is Elvis Presley working in now and who is starring with him?—Kathy Butler, Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Kathy: Elvis is making "Girl Happy" at Metro with Shelley Fabares and Gary Crosby.

Sir: I read in one paper that Satchmo Armstrong has produced a record that is the biggest individual money-maker and seller of the times—and in another the so-called "Beatles" are the champs. Would you enlighten me?—Lester Gattrell, Monson, Maine.

Dear Lester: Satchmo's "Hello, Dolly!" is the current champ but the Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night" is sneaking up on it.

Dear Sir: I thought "Tom Jones" was perky and certainly not deserving of the four Academy Awards it won. A man jumping in and out of various beds does not make a film classic. And who says Albert Finney is such a great actor?—Albert French, New York City

Dear Albert: Full many a fan of purest thought serene has written to me about the Finney scene. But the fact of the matter is that Finney lost the best-actor Oscar to Sidney Poitier, the story of a strictly non-bed-jumping movie called "Lilies of the Field"—so just what are all you clean-minded ones so upset about?

Dear Mike: Please help me to get a job in show business. I would work very hard. I have four children. I did not complete high school. I work as a nurse's aide and have done so for 10 years. But I want a job that would provide a chance for me to make more money and get out of the terrible neighborhood we live in. I also want my children to have a chance to complete their education and to grow up to be citizens that their community can be proud of. Whoever helps me won't be put to shame.—Ethel Jene Schwinden, San Francisco.

Dear Ethel: I haven't printed all of your letter, just the gist of it. It's obvious, as you say, that you do "have show-business in your blood." But it's a little too late, don't you think, considering the four children? If you love them as much as you say you do, encourage them to go into the theatre but stay out of it yourself—and "live it up" through the careers of your children.

Law in Action

Jones, a peaceful and respected young family man, took a taxi home one evening after working late. Once home, he tried to pay his \$2 taxi fare with a \$20 bill.

Having no change, the angry driver demanded that Jones go some blocks away with him to a store for change.

"All right," said Jones, "but I won't pay for the extra trip."

The driver added the trip to Jones' bill anyhow, and Jones stood firm.

THE DRIVER made a "citizen's arrest" on the spot. He then called the police. Police finger-printed, photographed, and placed Jones' name on the arrest blotter, charging him with the minor crime of refusing to pay his fare.

At trial the cab driver failed to appear, and the judge tossed the case out. In his addition the agencies keep turn Jones sued the driver and his cab company and won

a small award for false imprisonment.

But Jones still had a grievance: Each time he seeks a job, puts in for a promotion, or fills out some questionnaire, somebody asks: "Have you ever been arrested?" And—Jones has to explain.

SO JONES asked the police to take his name out of the department file and remove his record. When the police refused to do so he sued.

But the court held that the police could keep such records. An accused person's fingerprints and photographs are a proper way to identify him, and need not be returned to the accused, however innocent.

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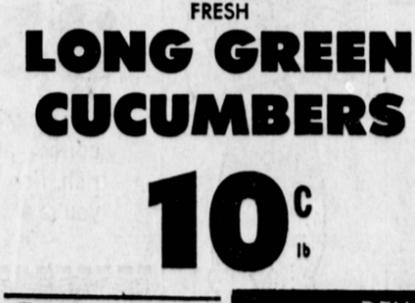
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