

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: Is it true, as I've heard rumored around town, that Jim Aubrey's firing as president of CBS-TV was a direct result of Aubrey firing Bob Cummings from a starring role in the CBS series "My Living Doll"?—Julie Guillory, North Hollywood.

Dear Julie: I dunno about that but I do know that Julie Newmar, the remaining "Doll" star, is Jim's greatest consolation at this trying time, even though the show has been cancelled for next season. Oops, there's more consolation: between Jim's CBS stock and his severance pay, he's cutting his Big Eye cuticle with better than \$1,500,000!

Dear See-All-Know-All: If you're so smart, why don't you tell us about Rock Hudson's private life I think I have read millions of fan-magazine-type words about him but STILL don't know about the REAL Rock because all the writers seem to skirt around the subject and never really ZOOM in on it, you know?—Geraldine Haller, West Warwick, R.I.

Dear Geraldine: I really don't see and know ALL but I do know that that's the way Rock likes it—private. And why I'll never know because, of all the stars I know, Rock leads the dullest private life. All he does is play cards, morning, noon and night—not only between pictures but between scenes on those pictures!

Mr. C.: I don't know why I even read your stupid column. I always get mad after I read it. Why are you so stupid. Of course we Beatles fans were ready to kill ourselves when Ringo got married, but that doesn't mean we would stop loving the Beatles and switch our affections to some second-rate group. Any TRUE Beatle-fan would put Ringo's happiness above her own. And NO group will ever have louder screamers than the Beatles, believe me.—M. Stounor, San Francisco.

Dear M.: Don't scream so loud, I can hear you, and believe ME, I believe YOU.

Dear Mike: What happened to Bud Abbott and Costello? Does he plan to do any TV programs this year? How old is he?—F.D., Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Dear F.D.: Bud will be 70 next Oct. 2. He has been alling and you may write to him, if you wish, at the Motion Picture Country House, Calabasas, Calif., because I know he would love to hear from his old fans.

Sir: Is or was Jackie Gleason a Roman Catholic. If so, does he practice his religion?—Arthur Gleason, Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Arthur: Jackie was baptized and brought up a Roman Catholic. Your namesake encountered a "snag," as they used to say in the Old Country, when he split with his wife, Genevieve Halford, and announced he would wed Honey Merrill. But he never did marry the latter and he's still separated from the former, by whom he had two daughters. So there's no impediment to his receiving the Sacraments of his Church.

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be shown because it proves that life is no bed of roses and also shows how so many sad mistakes can be made, if teenagers are forbidden to watch this program, they will get their information someplace else. They have always gotten it elsewhere in the past, right—Mother of Two Daughters, Tampa, Fla.

Dear Mother: Right, but the best place for them to get it, as I'm sure you know, is from their parents or teachers, not from a TV show. Incidentally, "Peyton Place" is so popular it'll be on thrice-a-week instead of twice next season. But not on my set—I'll be out getting my information from

Program on Principles of Atomic Energy Presented

"This Atomic World," a science program sponsored by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, was attended by more than 1,500 South High Students.

Michael McCormick, exhibits manager for the traveling

the most beautiful movie ever made, which I have seen thrice already and intend to see thrice that again and as many times again, over and over again—and I do mean "The Sound of Music."

Boy Scout Drive Gets Dodger Aid

The annual spring membership program of the Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles Area Council, to recruit new boys into scouting, will again this year feature Los Angeles Dodger participation.

Each Boy Scout who brings a friend into scouting will be the guest of the Los Angeles Dodgers at their game on May 12 against the Houston Astros (formerly the Colts). In addition, the new boy will be guest of the Dodgers at the same game, and both boys may bring their dads as guests to the game.

Each boy who recruits two or more boys will attend a

special baseball clinic prior to the game of May 12. The recruiters will meet at 6 p.m. with leading Dodger players who will instruct them in special batting and pitching techniques.

AS A TOP award, the top five recruiters in each district will receive an autographed baseball.

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be in a Dodger uniform for the night he is assisting the regular bat boy, and will receive a Dodger ball and bat to take home with him.

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William Mobraaten, chairman of the Council Organization and Extension Committee, and Council Commissioner William F. Stockwell have urged scout leaders to encourage their boys to take part.

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