

Hahn Report

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Is it true that Zsa Zsa Gabor will have a talk show of her own on television?"

Yes, I'm afraid so.

"Are the Andrews Sisters still in show business?"

After 39 years as a singing trio, Laverne died last year of cancer and the other two have carried on as a duo until this month when Maxine - the one in the middle and the prettiest - decided to retire to become dean of women at Tahoe Paradise College. (She isn't apt to encounter too many problems. The college has 300 male students and 100 coeds.) Patti will continue as a single on Broadway.

"Not long ago I saw a film with Flora Finch. Is she still making movies?"

If she is she's the oldest actress in show business. She was John Bunny's partner, born in 1868.

"When will Don Adams and Barbara Feldon finally get married in 'Get Smart'?"

That's a secret the writers won't divulge but on the opening show this season Agents 86 and 99 become engaged—and that's a start.

"What is George Hamilton doing now?"

You mean now that his White House role turned out to be a walk-on instead of a lead? Well, he has made three movies and right now he's in Hollywood re-rehearsing an NBC television special titled "Mitzi" to be seen Oct. 14. The title refers to Mitzi Gaynor not Hamilton.

"I've been reading movie reviews and I wonder why the movie critics never seem to agree with me or the directors of the films?"

Although their aims are often the same — the betterment of films — they approach it from opposite angles. Once a critic falls

into the trap of viewing films through the director's eyes, his usefulness is at an end. Most directors — like actors — want praise. What they need is discernment.

"I have heard that the 'Rowan and Martin Laugh-In' is taped in hundreds of short segments. What do they do with the ones that are left over?"

In Hollywood today NOTHING is left over. Rowan and Martin are saving all their left-overs and when they have enough they plan to hemstitch them together into a TV special.

"Even though Julie Andrews made the role of 'My Fair Lady' famous on the stage, it was Audrey Hepburn who got the movie role. Carol Channing's 'Dolly' will be played in the movie by Barbara Streisand. How come they were smart enough to let Angela Lansbury do the 'Mame'?"

They weren't. It was a mistake — as good things often are. Elizabeth Taylor was scheduled to do it but when her recent operation made this impossible the studio took its second choice.

"How old is Ann Sothern?"

The name is only 34 years old. She was Harriet Lake when she moved from Broadway to Hollywood in 1934. Harriet Lake is 59.

1.6 MILLION DIE

From 1900 through 1967, motor vehicle deaths in the United States totalled 1,650,000, according to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council. By comparison, U.S. Armed Forces casualties from 1775 through 1967 totalled 1,118,000.

Supervisor Hits Music Center Lease

By KENNETH HAHM
County Supervisor

The Los Angeles County Music Center is run by an independent operating company composed of leading citizens who give generously of their time and knowledge. They do a fine job. However, I feel the Music Center Operating Co. (which makes its own leases) made a mistake in regard to the restaurant operations when the Pavilion first opened.

Rather than allowing a 10-year lease to operate the restaurants, it should have made the lease renewable every two years.

RECENTLY I requested a full review of the lease with Fred Harvey, Inc., in the public interest.

Under the present lease, the county provides maintenance and cleaning of the restaurant facilities. That cost approximately \$104,000 last year and an estimated \$113,500 this year.

The Harvey Co. pays a specified percentage of its gross income to the Music Center Operating Co. In fiscal 1967-68, this amounted to \$192,155.

WHEN THE cost of maintenance and cleaning is subtracted, the net cost to the Harvey firm for its restaurants, banquet rooms, kitchens, and bars is only about \$88,000 per year.

When you consider Harvey operations occupy 14-170 square feet in the Music Center, including office space, this amounts to a lease payment of \$6.20 per square foot per year.

Studies show a typical upper class restaurant rents

its space for approximately \$7.20 per square foot and has to pay for its own maintenance and cleaning, in addition to utilities and taxes.

if business drops. The Harvey lease does not. There are few, if any, leases which provide for maintenance and custodial work to be accomplished by the lessor.

IN MY OPINION, it is wrong for the taxpayers to have to subsidize to this extent the operation of private restaurants. I compliment Fred Harvey, Inc., for its good food

and service, but the public interest must be protected. I feel the entire lease should be re-evaluated and amendments provided to establish a more equitable situation for the taxpayers.

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