

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Where was Jackie Gleason during the Republican convention in Miami Beach? Did he get out of town because he's a Democrat?" Gleason believes that per-

formers shouldn't get mixed up in politics. He was in Hollywood making a movie with Bob Hope at the time. He has played golf with Nixon but claims he wouldn't support him on his golf record.

He's offering Humphrey equal time on the links.

"How do they do the trick photography in the new show 'Land of the Giants' with all those mechanical creatures?"

By "mechanical creatures" I assume you are referring to the giant spiders and not the actors. (The acting was so bad it was hard to tell them apart.) Some of the illusion of tiny people in a world of giants is created when the actors stand in front of a movie screen

on which the "giants" are projected from behind. Sometimes two films are superimposed. When the small people are on the screen alone they work with giant props like ten foot telephones, 25 foot table legs, and huge mechanical hands. By the time the director gets the tricks to work there's no time left to rehearse the actors.

"I miss 'I Spy' Already and it's only been off the air a few weeks. Will Bill Cosby ever be convinced to do another series?"

Cosby will return to NBC-TV next year in a new comedy series in which he plays a San Francisco detective. Three million dollars convinced him.

How old is Carroll Baker—the actress who played Jean Harlow? Is she married?"

Not exactly. The 37-year-old blonde is estranged from husband Jack Garfein who directed her in "Something Wild"—which might also be the title of the current cus-

tody fight for their two children Blanche Joy Garfein, 11, and Herschel David Garfein, 10.

"Where can I write to the three girls in 'Petticoat Junction'? Is there actually a Shady Rest Hotel in Hollywood?"

No. There is very little shade in movieland and no rest at all. Write to the girls at 1040 North Las Palmas, Hollywood 90038.

"Isn't it unfair that 'The Graduate' made \$22 mil-

lion for its director and others but Dustin Hoffman only got \$15,000 for his part?"

I have a hunch there's not an actor in Hollywood—including Hoffman—who wouldn't have gladly PAID \$15,000 out of his own pocket for the role. He now has his pick of several good parts including the lead in "The Nine Lives of Billy Rose." Instead, he has chosen to do a Broadway play titled "Jimmy Shine."

Last week my husband and I went to a movie

called 'A Guide For The Married Man.' We are not prudes but we were appalled at the poor taste with which the bedroom- and motel-hopping scenes were played. There was not a single laugh in the crowded theater. Don't producers know when a show is bad?"

No. They only know when it's popular. It was a terrible film but the box-office was good enough for ABC to prepare a TV version which is now being shown to prospective sponsors.

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