

# The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Do television actors watch themselves on the screen?"

A surprisingly large number tell me they do not but I have a hunch they all do. After a while they probably begin to see themselves as a separate person. Carol Burnett expresses it this way: "What I see is someone else, not me. I find myself saying 'She did that well' or 'Now why did she do that?'"

"So far, all we've seen of the two Presidential candidates is in one and two minute television spots they've paid for themselves. How come?"

Last year the public relations advisors of both parties decided the public "attention span" isn't long enough to listen to a speech, but after two decades of TV commercials they WILL hold still for a period of one to three minutes at a time. If it sells toothpaste, underarm deodorants and hair rinses they figure it'll sell politicians: Hubert or Dick — take your pick.

"Is the new TV series 'Hawaii Five-O' filmed in the islands or are those really paper palm trees on the back lot of some movie studio?"

Everything is filmed in Hawaii with many local actors in real locations. After the violence of the first show the Hawaiian Visitors Bureau probably wishes it was a show about Tahiti.

"I am delighted with Ken Berry, the new star of 'Mayberry R.F.D.' Our family seldom watched the Andy Griffith Show because it was too corny to believe — but Berry has changed our habits because he has the fine honest face of the American countryside without being a hayseed. In other words, he's like country people really are. Where has he been all this time?"

Mayberry's new farmer-councilman was born in Moline, Ill., and at 15 toured the U.S. and Europe with Horace Heidt's youth troupe. He's an excellent dancer of the Fred Astaire type. He played Woody the Bellhop in "The Ann Sothern Show," an intern in "Dr. Kildare," and finally worked up to captain in the recent "F Troop" where he scored a hit as the pratfalling cavalry officer. Berry is one of those rarities: an actor who is as charming in person as he is on the TV screen.

"We used to like Ed Ames when he played the educated redskin in 'Daniel Boone' but he certainly looked silly wearing that Nehru jacket on his musical TV special. What happened?"

I guess he was just trading one Indian costume for another.

"The publicity stories tell us how super the movie and TV stars are but the headlines tell us their private life is not so super. How can you justify the contrast?"

It's not my job to approve of their private lives—but that's lucky. If I did, I would not have many people to write about! Actors are fascinating, highly emotional people who are richly rewarded for playing children's games. Sometimes it gets them into trouble just

## Republican Group Backs Reagan on Cleaver Stand

A resolution expressing "full support" for Gov. Ronald Reagan's stand against the hiring of Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver by the University of California has been adopted by the 46th Assembly District Republican Central Committee. Dr. Merle H. Boyce, chair-

man, said the central committee was unanimous in its support of Reagan's position. Reagan has opposed the hiring of Cleaver for a series of lectures on the UC Berkeley campus. Regents of the University later restricted Cleaver to one lecture instead of the 10 scheduled appearances.

## Four Men Arrested On Narcotics Charge

Four area men were arrested on narcotics and marijuana charges early Sunday after Torrance police observed them driving in a suspicious manner on Cabrillo Avenue. Booked were Roger D. Fellows, 19, of 1724 W. 24th St., Lomita; Robert G. Chat-

erton, 21, of 2024 262nd St., Lomita; Ron Lawson, 31, of San Pedro; and Tommy R. Turner, 21, of 1806 Cabrillo Ave. Police said they found a plastic bag containing what appeared to be marijuana hidden in the crotch of Fellows' pants. Fellows was also booked on plain drunk charges. A search of the car turned up a waxed paper bag containing 40 white, double-

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