

TONY RIZZO'S FAN FARE



A little mate swopping with Monte Hall as MC? No, a bit of neighborly affection! Shirley Jones hugs Jack Klugman, and Mrs. Jack Klugman hugs Jack Cassidy!



Mrs. Ari Onassis, radiantly smiling, dines with Ari in Club El Morocco.



All chlorophyll and blossoms, a decorated car belonging to the Grand Marshal of the 83rd Annual Tournament of Roses transports a beaming Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Welk.

ABC television and its president, **ELTON RULE**, get the prize for the first bang-up crazy party of the new year. I was surprised, upon arriving at the posh Bel Air Hotel, to discover that I was the only member of the press present. It was a good feeling knowing that my conversation with various celebs present wouldn't be overheard by other columnists, and I was let loose among ABC's entire line-up of big names. Elton Rule was busy bridging relations (kind of hands across the sea) with British producer Sir **LEW GRADE**, who gave us **The Persuaders** and **The Shirley Maclaine Show** last season. It's apparent that we can expect more products from Grade and England to invade the ABC airwaves.

The Persuaders' own **TONY CURTIS** and wife **LESLIE** were present, kissing and hugging everyone, and Tony was more pleasant than he's been in years. Overheard him say he loved working on his show and hopes to find a new series soon, and if you're gonna plant a bee in someone's ear about something like that, a room full of ABC's top execs is the place to do it. There is also talk of making a movie based on the show with co-star **ROGER MOORE**. Tony seems to love England more than home these days, but no matter how you try . . . you'll never get to be Sir Bernie Schwartz (that's his real name, and we went to the same school, Seward Park High School in New York).

Room 222 star **DENISE NICHOLAS** came, and her date for the evening was the show's producer **BILL D'ANGELO**. Denise's steady-date **BILL WITHERS**, was away on a cross-country tour. She gave me the scoop that she has just signed on for her first feature as the star of **Blackula**, the all-black version