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An actor gets to meet and work with a lot of different people especially when he's got the opportunity to guest on many of the current popular television programs. Some of these people you remember just as fellow actors but some of them you remember as friends!

When I first stepped onto the "Mod Squad" set to begin work as a guest star in the episode called "The Loser" I had no idea that when filming finally finished I would have made some new friends!

It was early in the morning when I arrived on the Paramount Pictures lot where "Mod Squad" is filmed, and I didn't know a soul! I wandered on down to where the camera crews were getting things ready and I spotted a beautiful, slender looking girl with long blonde hair. Of course, I've watched the "Mod Squad" before and I knew right away it was Peggy Lipton!

One thing Peggy and I have in common is being shy! Maybe that's why we just stood there looking at one another, until finally I walked over to her and extended my hand. We introduced ourselves very formally, which is a turn off because it's so impersonal, and I wasn't quite sure how I would like working with her.

A LITTLE RESERVED

Then Peggy suggested we read over some of our lines and before I knew it I was feeling a little different about this mysterious girl I've heard so much about. I think the fact that we're both a little reserved drew us closer together in sort of a common bond because by the end of the week we knew each other better!

It was later in the morning when I finally caught a glimpse of Michael Cole on the set. The part I was playing didn't really deal with Michael directly and the working pace is so fast that I never got the chance to get acquainted with him except for an occasional "hello."

But I did get plenty of chances to observe Michael at work and I can see why he's such a favorite among the cast and crew. Not only is he hard working and great before a camera but he's always ready to help out with a smile!

Michael's the kind of guy who takes his work seriously. He's always ready on time and sometimes it seems he's the last one there at night! He's a very dedicated and concerned actor!

Of course, the Mod Squader I got to know best was Clarence Williams, III. The character I played was that of a young boy accused of stealing an automobile