

dance. "Isn't it funny—the longer they're around, the less they know?" he said to me. He didn't mean the press agent. He meant whoever had invented the Mongolian Ringo Starr.

Still, I didn't find it such a bad characterization for Yul if he wants to hold onto the young people who've found out about him.

Yul was wearing a gold chain around his neck to prove he's young, and toting a new wife, **Jacqueline de Croisset**, as further proof. When I asked him whether he was turning hippie, he said with a laugh, "Me! With my hairdo!" You have to admit, that's O.K.

He's often called himself "a clean-cut Mongolian boy" although he has a sister who says Yul is the son of a Swiss businessman who happened to be in Manchuria when his son was born. "I always play a dirty bastard with a heart of gold," he repeated to me, and then he finished his coffee, exchanged pleasantries with the two press agents, and went on his way, probably with no recollection of the couple of little flare-ups.

I felt like saying, but, of course, didn't say, "You know, Yul, sometimes when you get temperamental, you are a dirty bastard with a heart of gold."

What's **Dinah Shore** got that a lot of girls could use more of? **Burt Reynolds**, on a trip to New York, was approached about a visit to Canada. His managers discreetly asked if he could take Dinah along inasmuch as they were together in New York. "Dinah's not Burt's type," somebody told me, and that may be, but evidently Burt is Dinah's type.

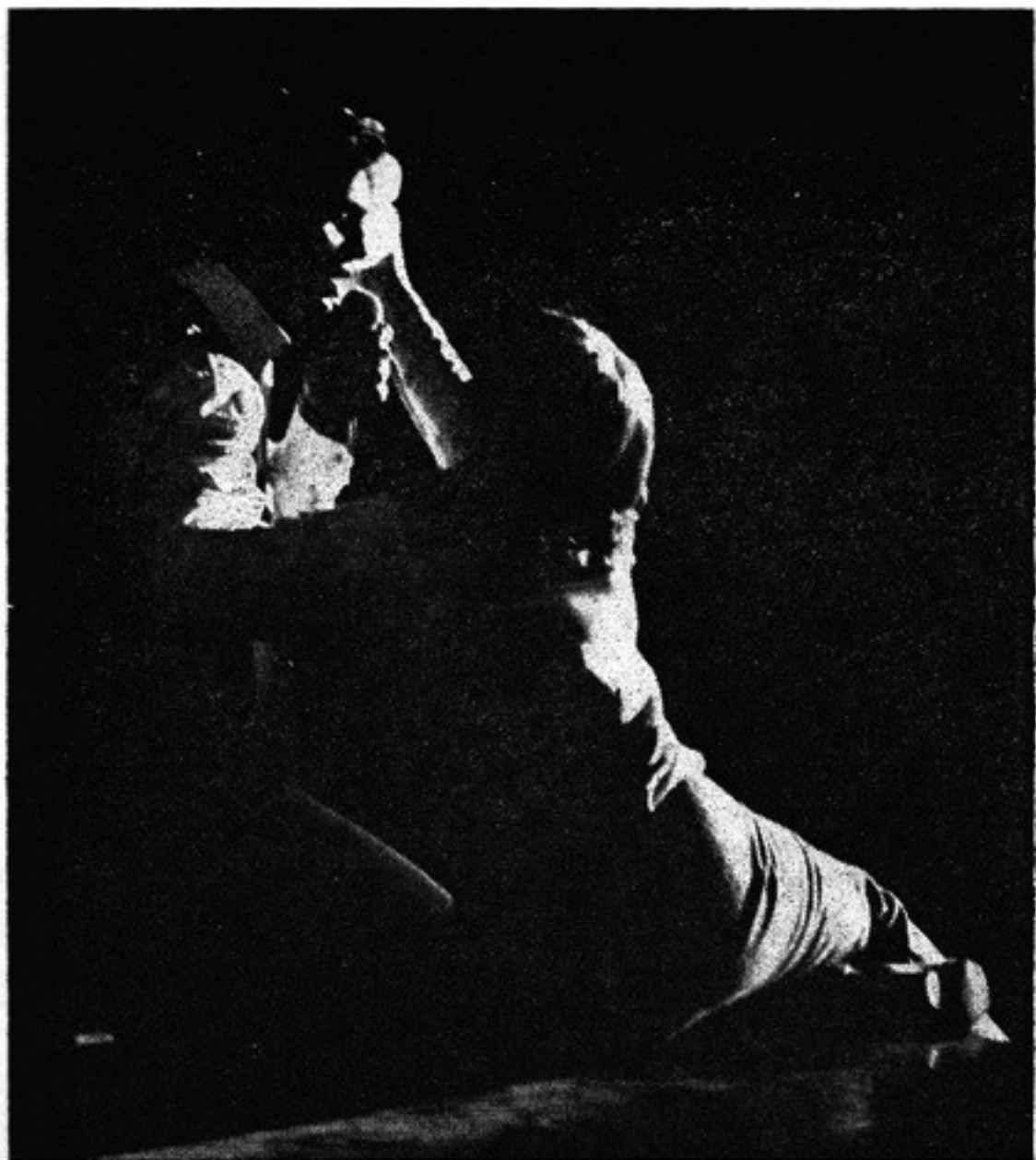
**Wally Cox**, one of the great favorites on *Hollywood*

*Squares*, was a dear and close friend of Marilyn Monroe, although Wally is probably not a male sex symbol. They were in *Something's Got To Give*, Marilyn's last (and unfinished) picture. Once Wally drove Marilyn home from a party. She was under the weather and he was driving very slowly and carefully, not wishing to wake her up or shake her up. She woke up anyway and observing the speedometer, said, "Wally, aren't you afraid you will be arrested for illegal parking?"

Who is the most talented member of the **Shirley Jones-David Cassidy-Jack Cassidy** trio? A lot of people would say Shirley, some would say David—and many would say Jack. However, the great success of *The Partridge Family* on TV, establishing David as the new teenagers' idol, would seem to show that Jack's wife and son have momentarily eclipsed him. Shirley told this columnist, however, that a pilot film now in production would give Jack his proper place in TV. Shirley also revealed that when Jack saw the first showing of *The Partridge Family*, he said, "Well, so long, Shirl—see you in five years."

**Walter Matthau** ordered a Scotch and soda in a famous hotel's restaurant. He opened the soda and it had a funny smell to it. He checked with the waitress. She agreed, and went to get a new bottle. Matthau muttered, "Damn movie stars! Always demanding special favors!"

**Fearless Forecasts: Merv Griffin** will always be in great financial condition regardless of what happens to his talk show. The kid is loaded with money and properties. And his wife says, "He never leaves one situa-



*It's almost black magic, the way Engelbert Humperdinck mesmerizes femme audiences nowadays—as demonstrated when one lucky fan gets the full treatment (including that never-to-be-forgotten kiss) during a recent song-performance in New York.*