

what the stars are buying

GOODBYE, CARNABY

Only a few years ago it was Carnaby Street—birthplace of mini skirts and mod madness, and already all that's as dead as a fried English kipper. Now it's one-block-long South Fulton Street, just a stone's throw away, where all the famous folks are doing their classy shopping. **Twiggy** and her **Justin** bought imported knit sweaters at **Browns'** popular his and her shop along this lane, as did **Anouk Aimee** for herself and her husband **Albert Finney**. It's the very same shop where **Peter Sellers** and **Lord Snowdon** tried to sneak in the back door and almost got thrown out before they were recognized. **Sellers**, never one to lose his cool, bought a couple of slippers anyway, and pal **Snowdon** selected a cotton cord suit for his royal self.

Across the street at **Henry Lehr's** boutique, pop singers **Lulu** and **Donovan** bought long suede vests and buttery leather coats. And at **Farrin's**, angora and cashmere fluffs made up into delectable dresses were picked by **Suzannah York** and **Jean Shrimpton**. For **Julie Christie** and **Sarah Miles** it was the new tailored look (honest!) with matching wool hats, coats and skirts from the exclusive **Marrian-McDonnell** shop. (**Twiggy's** also going for the match-mates with a swinging chemise, shoulder bag and clogs all of handwoven linen that she bought at **Nutter's** on nearby **Savile Row**.)

And then there's **Kensington High Street** and **Brompton** and **Fulham**

Roads with the latest boutiques and newest fashions uncovered by such traveling stars as **Katharine Hepburn** who gathered a load of Chinese bamboo trays and baskets at **Condotti's** swank shop, and **Mia Farrow** who brought along her visiting mama **Maureen O'Sullivan** on a recent shopping spree. Mia left the twins at home though, the better to browse through the 100 stalls filled with antique jewelry and funky clothes at **Kensington Market**. Other "flea markets" where famed Londoners and visiting firemen go on weekends is the **Chelsea Antique Bazaar** (where **Bianca** and **Mick Jagger** found old fringed shawls and embroidered kimonos) and along **Club Row** and **Portobello Road** where sisters **Lynn** and **Vanessa Redgrave** picked up precious **Tiffany** belt buckles, and **Warren Beatty** discovered an authentic old **Horse Guards** uniform.

And astrology has grabbed everybody just as much on the British end of the Atlantic as it has in the U.S.A. At London's new **Zodiacal Astrological Emporium** the stars have been dropping in to buy everything from oven mitts to wall paper patterned with their own star signs—**Tom Jones**, **David Cassidy**, **Tom Courtney**, **Lauren Bacall** and **Claire Bloom**, to name a few.

But for proper British pluck and all that sort of thing, the only true emporium worth its salt is **Fortnum & Mason**—still hanging in there after 265 years of stiff upper lip! For royalty at home and from abroad (**Princess Grace** of Monaco just dropped by) it's the only place for fancy foods at

eye-popping prices as well as a host of other necessities. **Rosalind Russell** and producer husband **Fred Brisson** came in to buy chocolate-dipped violets; **Robert Vaughn** bought African miniature melons (he also bought a broly, but that's an Englishman's proper umbrella, as everyone knows), and producer **Joseph Levine** and wife scooped up expensive **Kent** hair brushes and leather desk accessories.

Princess Grace doesn't play favorites, she also shopped at **Harrod's**, London's high-priced department store with what is probably the world's most elegant butcher shop contained within its walls. Dressed suckling pigs and fluted chops share hand-painted tile space with carved sculptures in ice displaying imported smoked salmon and **Beluga** caviar. And the **Princess** bought a little of this and a little of that and behind her trailed her ladies-in-waiting filling baskets with fruit and tourist's eyes with glaze! So much so that no one noticed **Ava Gardner** strolling unrecognized and happy through other sections of **Harrod's** food department.

Julie Christie bought heavily, too, but at the famous **Sotheby's** auction house, and not alone but via a designated bidder. While **Julie** was home in her new house in **Malibu**, he bid and bought for her at the London auction a Chinese blue silk bedspread and curtains, a 19th-century English patchwork coverlet and a clutch of valuable Chinese and Victorian dresses. For people with lots of money and little time it's really the best way to shop. Especially for Christmas!

—Freda Kramer

