

DEAN OF HOLLYWOOD

continued

his brain is becoming a vegetable patch.

New Twosome: **Joanne Carson** and **Phil Vandervoort** (estranged mate of **Lucie Arnaz**) are actively engaged in dating. Quite a coincidence, too. Shortly after they started dating, Phil became the producer of Joanne's syndicated day-talkie show. Interesting that, in the fall, Phil and Lucie Jr. were guest stars on the show.

The Inside: Insiders are abuzz with the gossip that **Kris Kristofferson** and **Rita Coolidge** busted up romantically. However, they have a contract to make several appearances together in concert. So they're singing together to fulfill the commitments, but off-stage one can hear only sour notes . . . **Meredith Baxter** took a place of her own, and within walking distance of **David Birney's** pad. Meredith had been living with **Robin Harleman** (her former stand-in) . . . Underground newspaper carried byliner by **Joan Blondell's** daughter **Ellen** (by Dick Powell) about her stay in a mental institution in Southern California . . . **David Cassidy** has had to cancel several photo layouts. His chin breaks out in pimples, and he looks as though he's going through puberty. Well, at least his voice has not changed . . . Call the *Mod Squad*. While **Mike Cole** and his **Paula** were out for the evening, a burglar busted into the house and carried away a color-TV set. Really would add insult to injury if they caught the

crook and he was watching *The Rookies* on Mike's set . . . There is a message here somewhere. October Nielsen rating listed *Alias Smith & Jones* as 63 out of 64 shows. *First Tuesday* was in last place.

Bound To Happen: Just when it appeared the Lennon Sisters had finally retired from baby-making **Peggy Lennon** received "greetings" from the stork. In fact, the baby may be born at Christmas.

Likes Em Skinny: There's a certain foreign director living with his mistress at Malibu and the neighbors believe Count Dracula had a kinder heart. The director has placed his live-in on a strict diet—because he says he likes thin women. The diet is so strict that he measures out her food and keeps the refrigerator as well as other foods under lock and key. Recently, the girl crawled—yes, crawled her way to a neighbor's house and begged for a piece of bread.

Marriage! **Gail Fisher** is stuck on white actor **Don McGovern**. So stuck that she wants to marry him. But there is a Mrs. McGovern who stands in the way. By the way, Gail probably will be out of *Mannix* come the New Year when her five-year contract expires.

New Year's Resolutions: Imagine some of the stars already have made them, and let me try to figure out what they will be resolving.

Carroll O'Connor—start watching *All In The Family*.

Shirley Jones—tell **Danny**

Bonaduce about the birds and the bees.

Dean Martin—invite **Jeanne** over for some of **Cathy's** home cooking.

Elvis Presley—make all his dates take an oath that they will never take karate lessons.

Jackie Onassis—start a cooking school.

Ari Onassis—learn to like hamburgers under glass.

Liz Taylor—give **Richard** some time off for good behavior. He'd probably enjoy a week or two not having to worry about finding more diamonds to buy.

David Cassidy—stop eating chocolate and maybe the pimples will go away.

Sammy Davis Jr.—convince **Sinatra** the time will be right in 1976 for a singing President.

Bob Hope—quit laughing at his own jokes.

Robert Young—help **James Brolin** start his motorcycle on cold mornings.

Meredith Baxter—marry **David Birney** in Las Vegas.

Dean On The Scene: **Mark Spitz** deserves an eighth Gold Medal for standing up under pressure in a press conference to announce that he has entered into a "lifetime association" with Schick Incorporated. Yes! Mark will be promoting razors instead of swimsuits, and though not revealed, Mark's salary figures into the millions. Not bad for the handsome young swim star who knows about as much about razors as I do—how to change a blade.

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Political affiliation or just friends? **Jumbo** had a word for long-time Republican **Jimmy Stewart** at L.A. Zoo party.



Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Greene at recent film premiere. Lorne looks none the worse after recent bout of illness.



A smiling **Sandy Duncan** was flanked by lawyers as she left courtroom after receiving divorce from **Bruce Scott**.