

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BIGGEST GROSS for an animal act at a midwestern carnival was rung up by a novelty: a tiger and a sheep performing tricks in the same cage.

"Amazing," commented a visitor. "Do those oddly assorted creatures always get along so amiably together?"

"They do have a bit of a dust-up every now and then," admitted the trainer, "but we don't let that bother us. We just buy a new sheep."



There was a vaudevillian in the good old days who never lacked for work. Why? He was a clay modeler, and an absolutely fool-proof "audience chaser." Crowds poured out of the theater the minute he began his act—which made room for new ticket buyers waiting to get in!

There's a reason, maintains Anne Baxter, why so many Hollywood beauties are overweight. The only exercise they get is jumping to conclusions.

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Wallace Fat Target For Many Reporters

By WILLIAM EWALD
 United Press Correspondent
 New York — Mike Wallace, battered but not bittered, has developed into the fattest target in TV.

Other performers are interviewed. Not Mike. He is third-degree.

"There used to be a time," said Mike with a wistful look, "when reporters would ask me about my hobbies and where I went to school and whether I enjoyed playing tennis. They would ask me to pose for pictures at home with my wife or maybe, playing the fiddle."

"Now . . . well, now each interviewer comes in with that glint in his eye. Some of them sit there with cigarettes dangling from their mouths and the look of Jack Webb on 'Dragnet.' The questions are short, sharp and probing. The whole - truth - and - nothing - but - the - truth kind of thing.

"Do I object? Well, I couldn't possibly inasmuch as I have become so identified with that kind of technique myself. It is just and, I suppose, natural that everybody should take that tack with me."

Pulls No Punches
 Wallace has been fair game since October of last year when he launched a pull-no-punches interview show seen only in this area.

However Mike really has been beleaguered since April 28 when he switched his interrogations to the ABC-TV network.

"I guess I go through two or three interviews a week," said Wallace, "and the questions fall pretty much in the same categories. They ask me whether I am interested only in shock value and they ask me whether I am a sadist."

"They ask me how much money I make. My ABC-TV contract will bring me a million dollars this year," whether I am under analysis "No," and my religion "I'm a Jew, but a backsliding one," and what guests have turned me down — General MacArthur, Charles Lindbergh, Alger Hiss and Marlene Dietrich among others.

"They ask me just about anything you could possibly ask a human being, including my politics. That's the only question I refuse to answer. I don't want to seem cagy about it, it's just

that I feel my value as an interviewer would be lessened if I were to be identified with a particular point of view."

Has Free Rein

Frequently, Mike is asked whether ABC-TV officials and his cigarette sponsor try to cramp his style. To which Wallace replies:

"I would say we've had about 99 44-100th per cent freedom. On one or two occasions there has been a little commotion upstairs, but it didn't amount to anything. The 56-100th was strictly cautionary. Nobody ever tried to rule out a guest."

"What guests are coming up—well, we're going to film Bertrand Russell abroad and we think, Nasser and King Farouk. The President of Syria has given us an okay. And those close to Charlie Chaplin say he's ready for us."

"We want attention, but we wish more attention would be paid to the interviews themselves. We're not interested in shock values. We're interested in people with interesting opinions—which, I think you will admit is pretty rare for TV."



BARING new details, Moscow newspaper publishes this photo of rocket head of satellite Sputnik II. Container at bottom holds space dog Laika. (International)

Actor Richard Taber Dies After Long Illness

New York — Actor Richard Taber, 72, co-author with James Gleason of the 1925-26 hit play "Is Zat So?" died Saturday at his home following a long illness.

Taber, who appeared in summer stock last summer in Atlanta, Ga., quit school at 17 to become an actor and first ap-

ALL CHARLES'

Memphis — All employees, including the president and vice president of York Lumber company, here are named Charles. In all, there are five so named.

Taber appeared in support of the late Edwin Holt in "The Cardinal." There followed a long career in vaudeville, legitimate theater, films and television.

Famed Dancer Suffers Miscarriage Saturday

Hollywood — Dancer Marge Champion was reported in "good condition" today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital where she was convalescing after a miscarriage.

Mrs. Champion lost the child Saturday only a few hours after she and her husband, Gower Champion, had cancelled the final performances of their four-

week engagement at the Sahara hotel.

A doctor had warned the dancer that she faced the loss of the unborn child if she continued the act. The baby would have been the couple's second, and would have been born in April. Returning here, Mrs. Champion entered the hospital.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Adlai E. Stevenson, on arriving here for bipartisan conferences with Secretary of State Dulles aimed at strengthening the Western Alliance:

"America's allies need us and we need them more than ever and I am here to help if I can to bring about a closer military and political association through NATO."

Washington—Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) in criticizing newly appointed government foreign affairs consultant Adlai Stevenson for signing a Democratic party policy statement critical of the Eisenhower administration:

"I think they (Democrats) made it pretty clear that foreign policy will be a major issue in the next congressional election."

Washington—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) in saying he thought the use of federal troops in the Little Rock racial crisis set precedent that may plague the present or future administrations:

"If every time a court order is disobeyed, we decide to enforce it by sending federal troops in to do the job at the point of bayonets, then we are leading to . . . a military government in this country."

New York—W. C. Handy, composer of the "St. Louis Blues," at an 84th birthday celebration attended by throngs of well-wishers at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel:

"What a night this is. This is something that lets me know I'm on the right track."

Hollywood—Esther Williams, on her third separation from husband Ben Gage:

"The separation was agreed to by Ben and me to work out our problems without upsetting the harmony of our home."

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