

Red Skelton Turns Pale At Thought of Live TV

By KESKINE JOHNSON
 HOLLYWOOD — (NEA)—Exclusively Yours: Red Skelton headed back to "live" TV to recapture the spontaneity of the comic on the set of "The Clown" at MGM. Red crossed his eyes, pretended to faint and then said:

"Look, it's film for me from now on except live shows on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Live television is murder. I couldn't eat and I couldn't sleep. I'll never do it again."

"I thought I was in a bad way until I talked to Ken Murray. He told me he was so nervous he cried like a baby just before every one of his shows. Let the other guys kill themselves. Look at Eddie Cantor. A live show and he has a heart attack. It's the mental hazard. It's not for me. I want to go on living. I've never felt better in my life."

should be more imagination and more creation in Hollywood and less talk about 'let's give the public what they want.'"

Marie Wilson, touring GBS' new TV City in Hollywood, was introduced to electronic engineer George D. Zenoar, whose name is pronounced like Ike's. "I don't know what you're doing here," deadpanned Marie, "but I'm sure going to vote for you."

Marjory Craig, Tony (Valentino) Dexter's estranged wife, is looking for a movie agent. A Kim Hunter type, she was stage actress before she met Tony.

All the young actresses at U-I who knew Peggy Dow when she was on the lot and write letters to her in Tulsa, Okla., are puzzled. Peggy doesn't even bother to answer. Steve Cochran won his no-make-up fight with Warners in "She's Back on Broadway." Wears nothing but after shave lotion over his handsome mug.

Scott Brady's sweating out a serious private-life crisis. Rita Lupino, Ida's luckless sister, is back in town with an eye on a TV career as a dancer.

Hollywood salaries are shrinking by the hour. A British star who received \$80,000, plus payment of his agent's commission a couple of years ago, just wrapped up a new picture. His salary: \$12,500.

The wrangle between Ezio Pinza and his publishers isn't settled yet. Ezio objects to the line, "The Full Story of His Life and Loves," that's being used with the title of his autobiography. "Across a Crowded World," Mrs. Pinza objects, too.

Author Louis Bromfield politely declined to come to Hollywood to do his introductions for "The Louis Bromfield Series," being filmed for the home screen by Bing Crosby Enterprises. So a camera crew was sent to Bromfield's famous Malabar Farm outside Columbus, O., to photograph the novelist.

PHARMACY GROUP INCREASES
 NEW YORK (AP)—The American Pharmaceutical Association, founded 100 years ago with 24 members, has increased nearly 1,000 times. Membership doubled between 1936 and 1945 and has tripled since then, according to Dr. Robert P. Fischel, executive secretary. The big reason for this growth, he said, was the need for modern pharmacists to maintain close professional relationships to keep pace with rapid development of new drugs and therapeutic agencies.

Hollywood's box-office slump has been blamed on everything from TV and inflation to popcorn gunchers and bad pictures.

But it's Dana Andrews' private-life theory that "dishonest movie makers" are the guilty ones in the case of "Who Killed the Movie Audience?"

Dana's quotes on the subject: "I've heard more than one producer say, 'I know this is a bad taste but it's what the public wants.' That's dishonest film making. A producer starts filming a good story and then he throws in a lot of things he thinks the public wants and they stand out like sore thumbs and audiences go away disgusted."

"All Hollywood has to do is film good and honest stories and advertise them with honesty. There



LET GEORGI DO IT—Premier Joseph Stalin (right) listens intently as Party Secy. Georgi Malenkov (left) addresses the 19th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in its opening session in the Great Hall of the Kremlin in Moscow. It is generally believed that Malenkov will succeed Stalin as Premier. The congress unanimously approved Malenkov's report which pledged the Soviet Union to seek peaceful collaboration with capitalist nations.

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Korean GIs Prefer Home-Type Pin-Girl

By BOB THOMAS
 HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Servicemen in World War II may have gone for the glamor girl pin-up, but GIs of today prefer the home-type girl.

That's the contention of Rebel Randall, favorite disc jockey of U. S. soldiers and sailors all over the world. Her show is carried over Armed Forces Radio Service to wherever American men are serving. Naturally, she gets a flood of letters from lonesome boys.

"Of course, they have their pin-ups," said Rebel, who is plenty all right in the cheese cake department herself. "But they seem more concerned with the girls they left back home. The letters I get are a perfect example."

"All of them are respectful; I have never yet had one in bad taste. Nearly everyone remarks that my voice reminds me of someone they know back home—their girl friend, sister or mother."

She took a letter from her copious files to illustrate her remarks. It was from a GI in Korea and it read:

"Rebel, I hope you never give up that program as long as one of our men is in Korea. I doubt very much if you realize just how

much of a morale-booster it is. . . . The first time I heard you, I thought that you had the warmest, most compelling voice I'd ever heard."

"And most of the men I knew thought the same thing. One thing that's really amazing is the fact that no one ever made a disrespectful remark about you."

Rebel remarked that such reactions from today's GIs are because their average age is much lower than in World War II. "Most of them were taken right out of school," she said. "They think about home a lot more."

Rebel admitted that some of her letters get pretty serious. She has had many offers of marriage. How does she handle them? By a very simple method. She changes the subject. But she always continues writing. For two years, she spent eight hours a day answering the letters in her own hand. Now she has been forced to open an office and hire two secretaries to help her with the mail.

She also dates any of the soldiers who return from overseas

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