It Happened Last Night

EARL WILSON

Hank Fonda vs. Mark Lane...

Henry Fonda, from whom seldom has been heard a four-letter word, was discussing daughter Jane Fonda and her political mentor, lawyer-author Mark Lane.

He employed an indelicate three-word vulgarism, one word being of four letters.

"And you can quote me!" Henry Fonda declared.

All right for him to say but I can't quote him. I'll just hint around the mulberry bush or the milk crock.

"Mark Lane," Henry Fonda fumed, "is a ————! My daughter makes statements that she's glad to have been in jail because so many wonderful people have been in jail. That's a ———! That's not my daughter's opinion, it's Mark Lane's and he's a ————!"

FONDA
'You can quote me!'

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FONDA'S FURY burst out as he sat in his East Side townhouse reveling in good reviews, good ratings, good sales and good talk about his new ABC-TV show, The Smith Family. We just happened to wander onto the subject of Jane.

"We saw each other at Christmas and talked about other things," Fonda said "It was very pleasant. Now I just see her on TV, and when the audiences boo and hiss, it's embarrassing"

He kept saying this thing of five letters, two letters and four letters.

FONDA SHOOK HIS generation gap head sadly. "The people I know, mostly liberals, think she's making a mistake asking for a jury trial in this supposed police assault case in Cleveland.

"Any sensible person would appear before a judge and explain her side, which was that she only kicked the guy after she had to go to the bathroom. Mark Lane has her saying that she was a political prisoner. That's a ———.

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"ALL OF US that love her, Peter and I and everybody, hope she isn't going to let herself be destroyed."

I left wondering how I could quote him as he directed me to do. I'll just say this. You won't be hearing it on Henry Fonda's new TV show.

The Midnight Earl...

HILDEGARDE LOST AN EYELASH at the Rainbow Grill and had fantastic fun with the customers . . . Happy Chinese New Year's but don't drink too much Ng Gar Pei which **Dong Kingman** explained at Sun Luck Times Square means Five Fantasies or Four Roses . . . **Dong** greeted guests, "What you would like to drunk?" . . . Did **Warren Beatty** and **Julie Christie** get married just when everybody else isn't? . . . **Pat Henry** was saluted at the Friars and given numerous compliments, one being from **Jackie Mason** who said, "Pat, you're very likeable, and sometimes being likeable will get you further than talent."

JULIE
Warren's bride?

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MILTON GOLDMAN mentioned this $100,000-a-year sports mechanic: "He fixes football and basketball games" . . . **Secret Stuff: A top N. Y. ad agency is being charged with civil rights violation by a Negro VP alleging discrimination.**

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BARBRA STREISAND'S keeping her new friendship very softo-voce . . . Marlon Brando's agents closed the deal for him to play "The Godfather."

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LEE JORDAN OF CBS'll have a touchy job Sunday; at the Players Club tribute to "No, No, Nanette" he'll award the scroll to the co-producers, who are feuding bitterly. (Which one'll get up to take it?) . . . Beatle **Paul McCartney's** here, with wife and kids.

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ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS IN YESTERDAY'S HELP, HELP QUIZ: #3 (most famous dog) Nixon's Checkers, beating FDR's Fala which was 26 to 28 years ago . . . #7 (owed beginning to red skintight swimsuit) Jayne Mansfield . . . #11 (musical comedy star who stammered offstage but not on) Jane Froman . . . #5, Artie Shaw marriages: Lana Turner, Ava Gardner, Kathleen Windsor, Jane Carns, Margaret Allen, Elizabeth Kern, Doris Dowling, Evelyn Keyes. Lana Turner marriages: Artie Shaw, Stephen Crane, Bob Topping, Lex Baker, Fred May, Robert Eaton, Ron Dante.

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EARL'S PEARLS: Joey Adams told a waiter at Spindletop, "Put the rest of my steak in a bag for my dog—and put in some bread, too, in case he wants to make a sandwich."

BING CROSBY'LL PASS up Bob Hope's Chrysler Golf Classic next month because of his bursitis. Said Bing, jokingly, "I'll miss the exercise, the cameraderie, the jokes, the cheatin' on the scores . . ."

That's Earl, brother.