

ED BUTLER HAS NEWS FOR JILL

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Busy Multi-Professional
Discusses TV Show

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HOLLYWOOD . . . When Mark Landia of Hoffman, Paladino and Landia called to ask if I would talk to Ed Butler about his book, projects, and new syndicated TV show, I knew that Butler hailed from New Orleans, was living in Westwood publishing a magazine called The Westwood Village Square, had just published a book titled "Revolution Is My Profession", and that he had debated Lee Harvey Oswald on radio before the assassination of President Kennedy. What I didn't know, and didn't find out until we met for lunch at the Brown Derby Restaurant, was that he is the son of "Junior" and Nola Perin Butler and the nephew of Janice and Audrey Lee Butler. Nor did I know that he was married to Orleanian Gay Rivet and the father of three, Edward, Nola and Matthew.

He is so full of enthusiasm it is difficult to keep up with all his projects. First we discussed the show titled "The Square World of Ed Butler" which uses a magazine format and is geared to today's youth. On it he explores revolutionary areas that are topical and the emphasis is on the factual and not on opinions. Using a wide variety of guests such as Senator Thomas Dodd, James Earl Jones, Sal Mineo, Raymond St. Jacques, the stars of "Hair" and etc. etc., the show also highlights a musical group called "The Sons of Liberty" composed of several different races. The purpose is not to preach or to take a political stand, but rather to inform and entertain.

Then the conversation flew in all directions. He told me of the Freedom Rally planned for the week of November 11 in Washington, D. C. He listed the events which would take place ending with a big final day get-together of Americans For Peace Not Surrender; he told me of his ancestor Charles Butler who was district attorney in New Orleans when I happened to mention that his father and aunts were such easy-going, enjoying-life type of people, I wondered how he became so vi-

olently involved in such huge causes; he told me he went to our high schools; Jesuit, De La Salle, Newman and Fortier. I wondered how he missed Warren Easton. He talked of his idols, Dr. Alton Ochsner and Pat Frawley, president of Technicolor, Schick-Eversharp, of his confrontation with Oswald, and his award from the Jaycees of New Orleans as outstanding Young Man for 1968; and that he literally commutes between New Orleans and Los Angeles.

Now it was time for another appointment, and as this tall handsome man stood up to go, the birthday I was celebrating (?) hung heavy, but only for a moment, because it seemed like only yesterday that his mother and I were both students at Sophie Wright High.

Phone call from former Orleanian Ben Neeley to tell me about the slam bang successful concert another former Orleanian jazzman Willie Humphrey had at UCLA. Willie packed Royce Hall and the aficionados kept screaming for more. Ben Neeley is hoping to get to New Orleans soon for a visit with his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jones.

Another phone call from John Herman to say "Hi." Here visiting his brother and sister-in-law Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Hermann of Sherman Oaks, Calif. John called New Orleans and friend Ed Slatten to get his recipe for barbecued shrimp. The Clayton Hermanns tossed a big Halloween bash and served the delicacy to their guests. Only difference is out here they call 'em . . . PRAWNS . . .

The New Orleans Prime Ministers, Eddie Hoerner, Chipper Lawton, Ronnie Barron and Jerry Jackson back from a six-week stint in the Hawaiian Islands, and off again to Las Vegas to play their New Orleans Dixieland at Caesar's Palace.