

The Frost-Nixon Interviews Are Yet to Be Shot

By Robin Adams Sloan

Q: WHAT's happened with the David Frost TV interviews with Nixon and when will we ever see them? A.Z., Chicago

A: Frost will begin taping the four 90-minute sessions next month for airing in May. The British television personality and his business managers have been busy just selling the syndication rights worldwide and are looking for \$60,000 to \$80,000 per 30-second ad spots for the U.S. market.

Frost has never confirmed that Nixon will get \$1 million for this TV deal, but he does say that Nixon gave in to demands that he (Frost) has final editorial control. One of the main reasons for the slowness of the Frost-Nixon TV deal was that neither wanted to prejudice the appeals of Mitchell, Ehrlichman and Haldeman before the Supreme Court, which should be resolved by April at the latest.

Frost plans different types of programs for individual countries. The U.S. will see four 90-minute

specials cut down from the original 24 hours of interviewing tape.

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Q: How much does Catherine Deneuve get from her new Mercury automobile TV commercials? — A.C., San Jose, Calif.

A: Catherine picked up a cool \$100,000 from Ford for the Mercury pitches which took only a week to shoot last summer. But at the same time, Catherine hurt her six-year association promoting Chanel No. 5. The Chanel people just didn't think Mercurys were quite classy enough for their image, and so they dropped Catherine from their future advertising plans.

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Q: I see the Smothers Brothers are splitting up again. Is this final? —B.M., Tucson, Ariz.

A: It looks that way. Dickie wants to enjoy his passion for car racing and tend to running his business empire which includes a very healthy wine vineyard. Tom-

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my's going to try to go it alone as a single. Their last joint appearance as a team is on a pay-TV special.

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Q: How come comedian Harvey Korman on "The Carol Burnett Show" doesn't get his own show like everybody else? —J.M., Syracuse, N.Y.

A: Over the years, Harvey's been offered a number of series but he's turned them all down. However, Harvey has just signed with ABC to do a comedy series. The show is currently in the development stages.

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Q: How come Walter Cronkite never said anything about his belief in UFOs? I read about it in a weekly national tabloid recently. —G.H., Brooklyn

A: Because Cronkite doesn't believe in them. That story really angered him and he called the editor and complained bitterly. We hear top brass at the newspaper

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have ordered that reporters must have tapes and other proof to back up their stories.

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Q: I keep reading that TV star David Janssen and his wife are back together. Is this right? —M.M., Lafayette, La.

A: Despite what you've read — it's wrong. The clincher: Janssen just bought himself a \$400,000 beach house in Malibu and Dani is living in an apartment in town. Wes Farrell, who just broke up with Tina Sinatra, is sharing the house with Janssen. Tina, meanwhile, to round all this out, is dating movie exec Dan Melnick.

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