

While Joey Bishop was performing onstage, five ABC-TV security guards quickly surrounded a rifle-bearing man, who had been asking everyone, "Where's Joey Bishop?" Standing nearby, western singer Jimmy Dean was almost scared out of his tight cowboy pants.

Later, it developed that the man had been watching Bishop's show, which urged everyone to turn in their guns. He took his prized antique rifle to scrap his prized possession.

**EVERYTHING** in tributes

seems to be coming up roses

for Bishop, although so far

nobody has named a rose

that sooner or later some-

one will name him Mother

of the Year, although he'll

refuse Swedish surgery to

gain that point. If he becomes

Mother of the Year, Joey

may change his name to Rose

and sit back while someone

decides to name him Rose

after him. He's convinced

the police, who advised they'd have to smash the weapon.

HE DIDN'T exactly say, "I'm in favor of peace but I'll shoot anyone who trifles with my gun," but he did walk out of the police station and head for ABC-TV, where he ran afoul of the law and almost made the pokey.

He said he wanted to hand the rifle over to Bishop, who, he was sure, would to skin a petal.

As for receiving so many awards lately, he said, "It often makes me wonder who couldn't come." It's just an inside gag, used among intimates, when an organization looks around for aname star to draw the biggest possible crowd to a fund raising luncheon or dinner. Don't get Joey wrong. He doesn't mean to disparage those who have singled him out for many noteworthy awards. He's duly grateful.

FOR EXAMPLE, following his June 30 award by Jewish Veterans as Man of the Year. he looks ahead to Saturday, Sept. 7, when he emcees a 16-hour telethon by WFIL-TV in Philadelphia to raise funds to send underprivileged children to camp.

A banquet the previous night for this event conflicts with plans by the Parkinson Disease Fund to hand Joey the first Ed Wynn Award but he hopes to crowd in all three events during the limited

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time he managed away from his ABC-TV show.

ON DEC. 1, he returns to his native city, which honors him with a Joey Bishop Day in connection with St. Luke's Hospital (they're beginning to take the name of Bishop literally!)

I asked Joey if he'll stay at the home of one of his sisters - Betty Leshner or Claire Rosencrantz - while in Philly. "I don't think so," he replied sadly. "They charge too much."

FOLLOWING their recent marriage, Michael Callan and Patricia Harty moved into a new Beverly Hills home, about 25 years old but new to them. Callan described it as "large but functional, big enough to accommodate our needs and my two children when they visit us."

Patricia will play Blondie in the new series of the same name, costarring with Will Hutchins, who plays Dagwood, and Jim Backus, as Mr. Dithers.

Odd note that when Michael and Patricia started their costarring roles in The Occasional Wife, they used to disagree continuously. After Mickey's marriage with his first wife, Corlyn, had dissolved, I kept asking if he'd marry Patricia. He kept replying, "Don't be silly. Of

course not!"

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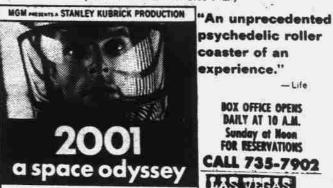
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