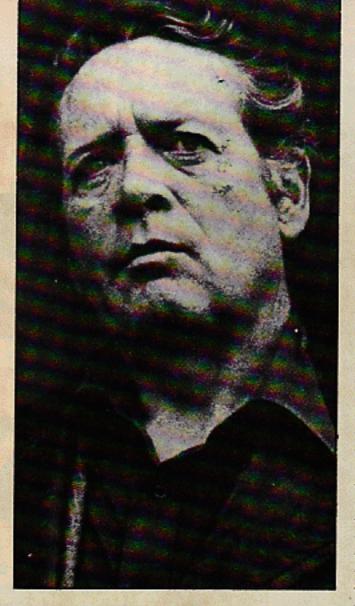


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JOAN COLLINS got six new dresses recently-and all of them identical. The stunning screen star was making another of those vermouth commercials in which Leonard Rossiter spills booze all over her. And guess what? Every dress was needed. The advert required 24 takes, with poor Joan getting drenched in every one . . . Paul McCartney has spent £45,000 on an 80-acre ranch in Arizona for wife Linda. But Paul still vows he will never become a tax exile . . . Raquel Welch is rumoured to be close to marrying longtime boyfriend Andre Weinfeld-and probably quite soon. She recently flew to Paris with him to meet his parents . . . Lee Majors found life was far from funny when he visited the Hollywood nightspot Comedy Store. He left when a local comedienne embarked on an unflattering monologue about his exwife Farrah . . . Meanwhile Farrah is being tipped for more guest appearances on Charlie's Angels, with a newcomer, Priscilla Presley, Elvis's widow.



Patrick McGoohan makes no secret of it: the world really isn't to his liking.

He retreats from it whenever possible-and from the millions of fans who still remember those far-off Danger Man adventures in perfect detail.

"I can't understand public adulation," he says. "I'm an actor and what I give the public

is an artistic performance. "I get angry when people come up to me and my family and want to talk to me when they please.

"They have this notion that, as we take their money, we owe them something and they have the right to pry into our private life.

"The only thing we actors owe the public is a performance-and nothing else."

Retreat

I found Patrick, now a 52year-old grandfather, tending chickens on his farm way up in the mountains of Montana. Around the farm, a vast forest extends for mile upon mile.

"I suspect I'll retreat more and more into a quiet way of life," he says. "And you can't beat this way of life up here.

"I got this log cabin and a few acres of land a few years ago and it is here where my family and I can really relax totally cut off from the outside world."

He has about 3000 eggs in

Why Danger Man has chickened

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incubators and loves watching the chicks hatch. Another love is fishing.

"I fish trout in those mountain streams," he says, pointing beyond the farm.

"It's one of the finest areas in the world for trout and having it freshly caught for dinner really makes our day."

Before setting up home in America, Patrick lived in London and Switzerland. He has bitter memories of London.

"People kept prying into our house and my family's private life," he says, "and we were downright angry.

"So I tried to put up a high fence round my house and the council stopped me. So I quit and moved to Switzerland."

For the past six years Patrick has lived in California. with the Montana farm as his special retreat.

"When we moved to California," he says, "we found peace and quiet. It's the life we really enjoy."

Patrick's neighbours don't bother him, but they are ex-

ceptional. For with his 1960s Prisoner series now a cult programme in America, he has become a superstar once

"I'm amazed at its success after all these years," he says.

"Perhaps people relate to this man in the show and identify themselves in a waythey want escapism."

Fame

Patrick's fame as Danger Man and the Prisoner is equalled by his fame as the man who turned down the role of James Bond three times because it was too violent.

If he had said yes, he would undoubtedly have been a millionaire by now. But he has no regrets.

He says: "To hell with the money. What you never have you don't miss. My family are the most important things to me. They come first before anything."

Patrick has just starred in a TV film called The Hard ******* CAR CRASH RRIAGE

ACTRESS Perrie-who plays Coronation Street's Ivy Tilsley—believes a horror car crash helped save her marriage.

She was separated bakery from her worker husband Derrick when she was involved in the smashup at a roundabout near Sheffield.

But when he came to see her in hospital, while she lay in agony with a badly gashed head and crushed rib, she realised she needed

"Although this might sound strange, thank God the accident happened," says Lynne.
"Now we're back together again-and it's fantastic, lovely.

Coronation Street's Ivy

"The crash made me realise that, when you're on your own, you really are on your own."

Lynne plays the part of the waspish shop steward in the Street's textile factory-Baldwin's Casuals.

Stormy

She has suddenly emerged from obscurity to become one of the show's leading characters.

She has recently opposed her son's marriage, pressed to take over from Elsie Tanner as factory supervisor-and been *******

> **BLONDE** beauty Shirley Cheriton may be in police custody at present-but viewers of TV's Angels series should not get too

alarmed.

