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Front Cover: Ian Hendry and Patrick Macnee as Dr. David Keel and John Steed, in "The Avengers". Circa 1961.

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From the Beginning

March 29th, 1961. America's entertainment weekly, "Variety" contains a short review in its "Foreign TV" section reporting on a new British television series. A cursory glance at the article would not elicit great enthusiasm from any reader as the tone is one of general indifference with a smattering of negative and positive points noted briefly.

The first episode of this new program sets the background upon which subsequent episodes will be built. A capsulization of the plot explains that the lead character, Dr. David Keel, has set himself on a course of vengeance against the drug ring which murdered his fiancé after mistakenly delivering a package of heroin which should have gone elsewhere. During his quest, Keel meets up with a 'dubious character' by the name of Steed who is also on the same trail... for his own unexplained reasons. Together, they put an end to the dope ring, although the big boss slips away uncaptured.

A run-down of the cast reveals that Dr. Keel is played by actor Ian Hendry, who had previously made a name in his "Police Surgeon" series. His mysterious accomplice, Steed (whose name appeared as 'Smeed' for most of the article) is portrayed by Patrick Macnee. Dr. Keel's fiancé, Peggy, had a small part in the beginning of the show and was played by Catherine Woodville. Others appearing included Philip Stone, Godfrey Quigley, Murray Melvin and Moira Redmond.

After a few comments concerning character motivation, musical score and supporting cast, a total of 5 paragraphs, the article closes with a commendation of Don Leaver for his "sharp and crisp" direction.

From these humble beginnings, the program continued as a live-action series in England until the actors' strike at the end of that year. When it resurfaced in 1962, several changes had taken place. Hendry had left the series, thus elevating the Steed character to greater importance and opening the way for addition of a new partner. The producers chose a woman for the role... and "The Avengers" was on its way toward becoming one of the most successful and long-running series in television history!

"The Avengers"

Episode Guide

The following "Avengers" episode guide will serve as a general reference source for quick information on titles, plots and guest casts. As the Cathy Gale episodes were never aired in America, I have very few details on this era. However, incomplete as the listing might be, I include here what information I do have.

As we get into the Emma Peel series, the material will be more complete and include references to writer, director and additional cast credits. Sub-titles are included where applicable. Please note that all episodes are given in alphabetical order for ease in location. Where possible, air dates are given and refer to the first showing on American network television.

Main characters are listed at the beginning of each section and not repeated in each listing. Abbreviations used are as follows: BW - Black and White, C - Color, D - Director, W - Writer.

As these episode listings will run much longer than originally anticipated, the Tara King and new series episodes will appear in Newsletter #16, Volum II of the Reference Guide. Depending upon the completed length of listings this issue, additional features may be carried over as well. See the back of this issue for more definite information.

Cathy Gale Series

with

Patrick Macnee
as
John Steed

&

Honor Blackman
as
Catherine Gale

"Box of Tricks"

Steed uses magic to track down the source of NATO security leaks. Venus Smith: Julie Stevens (Honor Blackman does not appear in this episode)

Honor Blackman in "Mandrake"

"Brief For Murder"

Steed asks two talented attorneys to plan a perfect crime... the murder of Mrs. Cathy Gale! Wescott; Alec Rose.

"Build a Better Mousetrap"

Someone is mysteriously jamming the mechanical and electrical equipment near an atomic research plant. Colonel Wesker; John Tate. Ermyntude; Nora Nicholson. Cynthia; Athene Seyler.

"Bullseye" (no information available)

"Concerto"

Steed and Cathy investigate a plot to use a visiting pianist to create an international incident. Stefan Veliko; Sandor Eles. Burns; Geoffrey Colville. Peterson; Bernard Brown. Darleen; Dorinda Stevens. Zalenko; Nigel Stock. Polly White; Valerie Bell. Robins; Leslie Glazer. Receptionist; Carole Ward.

"Conspiracy of Silence"

Steed has been marked for death by the Mafia. Cathy joins a circus to find out why. Carlo; Robert Rietty. Rickie; Sandra Dorne. Terry; John Church. James; Artra Morris.

"Death A'la Carte"

In an attempt to prevent the murder of a visiting Middle Eastern ruler, Steed becomes a chef in a hotel. Emir Abdulla Akaba; Henry Soskin. Mellor; Robert James. Lucien; Gordon Rollings. Dr. Spencer; Paul Dawkins. Umberto; David Nettheim. Arbuthrot; Ken Parry.

"Death Dispatch"

Steed and Cathy travel to Argentina to find how an apparently innocent diplomatic pouch has triggered a murder. Miquel Roas; Richard Warner.

"The Death of a Batman"

A servant's death draws Steed and Cathy into some dangerous high finance. John Wrightson; David Burke. Eric Van Doren; Philip Madoc. Lady Cynthia; Katy Greenwood.

"The Death of a Great Dane"

A Great Dane's death is all part of a plot to liquidate the assets of a multi-millionaire financier.

Getz; Frederick Jaeger. Sir James Arnall; John Laurie. Gregory; Leslie French. Miller; Frank Peters. Mrs. Miller; Clare Kelly. Minister; Billy Milton. Gravedigger; Herbert Nelson. Policeman; Michael Moyer.

"Death on the Rocks"

Steed and Cathy go into the diamond business to snare a ring of smugglers. Fenton; Gerald Cross. Max Daniels; Hamilton Dyce. Samuel Ross; Toni Gilpin. Van Berg; Richard Clark. Nicky; David Sumner. Liza Denham; Ellen Intosh. Mrs. Ross; Annette Kerr. Sid; Douglas Robinson. Mrs. Daniels; Naomi Chance.

"The Decapod" (no information available)

"Don't Look Behind You"

Cathy's weekend in the country turns into a nightmare. Ola; Janine Gray. Young Man; Kenneth Colley.

"Dressed to Kill" (no information available)

"Full Run" (no information available)

"The Gilded Cage" (no information available)

"The Golden Fleece"

Steed searches for the 'Golden Fleece' and a modern Jason with some very questionable associates. Captain Jason; Warren Mitchell.

"The Grandeur That Was Rome"

Steed and Cathy uncover the bizarre plot of a latter-day Caesar - complete with olive leaves and toga - who plans to rebuild the Roman Empire. He's going to poison the world through his fertilizer factory and rebuild with his cohorts. Bruno; Hugh Burden. Marcus; John Flint. Octavia; Colette Wilde.

"Immortal Clay"

Steed uncovers murder and mayhem at a pottery plant while investigating a new unbreakable ceramic.

"Intercrime"

Cathy joins the international organization 'Intercrime' to uncover the crime cartel's top-level leadership. Felder; Kenneth J. Warren. Moss; Alan Browning. Palmer; Donald Webster. Manning; Patrick Holt. Hilda Stern; Julie Arnall.

"Killer Whale"

Cathy takes over management of a boxer. Joey Frazer: Kenneth Farrington. Pancho: Patrick Magee.

"The Little Wonders" (no information available)

"Mandrake" (no information available)

"Man in the Mirror" (no information available)

"The Man With Two Shadows"

Steed tries to uncover a gang specializing in producing 'doubles' of men with security clearances. Gordon: Daniel Moynihan. Cummings: Philip Anthony. Borowski: Terence Lodge. Charles: Paul Whitsun-Jones. Rudi: Douglas Robinson. Sigi: George Little. Julie: Gwendolyn Watts. Dr. Terrance: Geoffrey Palmer. Miss Quist: Anne Godfrey.

"The Mauritius Penny"

A rare stamp leads Steed and Cathy to a band of conspirators. Lord Matterley: Richard Vernon. Goodchild: Philip Guard. Gerald Shelley: David Langton. Brown: Alfred Burke. Lorry Driver: Edwin Brown. Maitland: Edward Jewesbury. Burke: Alan Rolfe.

"Mr. Teddy Bear"

Steed and Cathy are on the trail of Mr. Teddy Bear, a professional assassin with a thousand tricks up his sleeve... and Steed is offered up for bait. Mr. Teddy Bear: Bernard Goldman. Col. Wayne Gilley: Kenneth Kealing. One-Ten: Douglas Muir.

"November Five"

Steed investigates the murder of a newly-elected member of Parliament who had threatened to expose a security scandal. Cathy runs for the now vacant seat in Parliament. Michael Oyter: Gary Hope.

"The Nutshell"

Steed and Cathy search for the thief who stole a top-secret code.

"Propellant 23"

The man delivering a new rocket fuel from China is murdered and his fuel sample stolen. Jules Meyer: Frederick Schiller.

"School for Traitors"

Venus Smith and Steed become involved in

John Steed and Venus Smith



blackmail and murder during a university celebration. Venus Smith: Julie Stevens. Robert: Richard Thorp. (Honor Blackman does not appear in this episode.)

"Second Sight"

While Steed gropes around in the dark, Cathy brings to light a millionaire's secret. Dr. Vilner: Steven Scott.

"The Sell-Out"

There's an informer in the organization - and Steed is the prime suspect! Dr. Martin King: Jon Rollason. Fraser: Michael Mellinger. Harvey: Frank Gatliff. One-Twelve: Arthur Hewlett. Monsier Roland: Carleton Hobbs.

"6 Hands Across a Table" (no information available)

"Traitor in Zebra" (no information available)

"The Undertakers"

Steed and Cathy go underground to investigate a mysterious rest home for aging millionaires. Madden: Patrick Holt.

"Warlock" (no information available)

"White Dwarf"

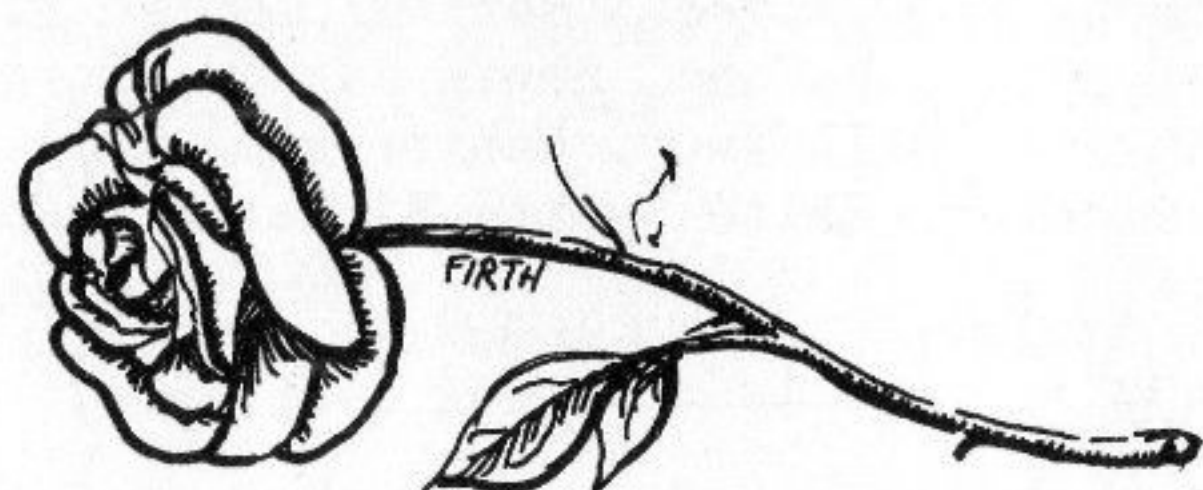
Steed and Cathy search for the murderer of a famous astronomer. Maxwell Barker: George A. Cooper. Cartwright: Philip Latham. Henry Barker: Peter Copley. Johnson: Bill Nagy. Rahin: Paul Anil. Professor Richter: Keith Pyott. Minister: Daniel Thorndike.

"The Wringer" (no information available)



Patrick Macnee and Diana Rigg in "The Avengers"

Emma Peel Series



Patrick Macnee
as
John Steed

& Diana Rigg
as
Mrs. Emma Peel

"The Bird Who Knew Too Much" 3/10/67 C.
'Steed Fancies Pigeons - Emma Gets The Bird'
W: Brian Clemens. D: Roy Rossotti.

Steed and Mrs. Peel investigate the disappearance of secret missile documents. Jordan: Ron Moody. Samantha Slade: Ilona Rodgers. Tom Savage: Kenneth Cope. Verret: Michael Coles. Twitter: John Wood. Cunliffe: Anthony Valentine. Robin: Clive Colin-Bowler. Mark Pearson: John Lee.

"Castle De'Ath" 5/2/66 BW.
'Steed Becomes a Stopping Jock - Emma Lays a Ghost'
W: John Lucarotti. D: James Hill.

Mrs. Peel gets involved in turning an ancestral home into a tourist attraction. Ian: Gordon Jackson. Angus: Robert Urquhart. McNab: Jack Lambert. Robertson: James Copeland. Controller: Russell Waters.

"The Correct Way To Kill" 3/24/67 C.
'Steed Changes Partners - Emma Joins the Enemy'
W: Brian Clemens. D: Charles Crichton.

The Avengers get help from the other side in investigating the death of an enemy agent. Comrade Olga Savonovitch Negretiskina Volkowske (!): Anna Quayle. Nutski: Michael Gough. Ivan Peppitoperoff: Philip Madoc. Ponsonby: Terence Alexander. Percy: Peter Barkworth. Algy: Graham Armitage. Merryweather: Timothy Bateson. Hilda: Joanna Jones. Winters: Edwin Apps. Groski: John G. Heller.

"The Cybernauts" 3/28/66 BW.
'Steed Receives a Deadly Gift - And Emma Pockets It.'
W: Philip Levene. D: Sydney Hayers.

A killer of fantastic strength and fury wipes out a number of important executives. Steed and Emma carry out investigations unaware of the unstoppable killer on their trail. Dr. Armstrong: Michael Gough. Benson: Frederick Jaeger. Jephcott: Bernard Horsfall. Tusamo: Bert Kwouk. Sensai: John Hollis. Lambert: Ronald Leigh Hunt. Hammond: Gordon Whiting.

"The Danger Makers" 7/4/66 BW.
'Steed Joins a Secret Society - Emma Walks the Plank'

W: Roger Marshall. D: Charles Crichton.

When a general dies while riding in a 'chicken run', and a scientist attempts to scale St. Pauls, The Avengers decide to take a closer look. Major Robertson; Nigel Davenport. Dr. Harold Long; Douglas Wilmer. Colonel Adams; Fabia Drake. Peters; Moray Watson. Lt. Stanhope; Adrian Ropes. R.A.F. Officer; Richard Coleman. Gordon Lambie; John Gatrell.

"Dead Man's Treasure" 3/13/68 C.

'Steed Rallies Around - And Emma Drives For Her Life'
W: Michael Winder. D: Sidney Hayers.

The Avengers enter a cross-country car rally in search of treasure... top-secret papers hidden by a dying agent. Mike; Norman Bowler. Penny; Valerie Van Ost. Alex; Edwin Richfield. Carl; Neil McCarthy. Benstead; Arthur Lowe. Bates; Ivor Dean. Danvers; Rio Fanning. Miss Peabody; Penny Bird. 1st Guest; Gerry Crampton. 2nd Guest; Peter J. Elliott.

"Death At Bargain Prices" 4/11/66 BW.

'Steed Fights in Ladies' Underwear - Emma Tries Feinting' W: Brian Clemens. D: Charles Crichton.

The murder of a colleague leads Steed and Emma to a huge department store. Their clue; a sales slip issued on the day the store was closed. Horatio Kane; Andre Morell. Wentworth; T.P. McKenna. Farthingale; Allan Cuthbertson. Massey; George Selway. Marco; Harvey Ashby. Jarvis; John Cater. Professor Popple; Peter Howell. Glynn; Ronnie Stevens. Julie; Diane Clare.

"Death's Door" 1/31/68 C.

'Steed Relives a Nightmare - Emma Sees Daylight'
W: Philip Levene. D: Sidney Hayers.

A top-level Minister's conference becomes a nightmarish ordeal for key delegates who are experiencing premonitions of disaster. Boyd; Clifford Evans. Stapley; William Lucas. Lord Melford; Allan Cuthbertson. Becker; Marne Maitland. Dr. Evans; Paul Dawkins. Pavret; Michael Faure. Saunders; Peter Thomas. Dalby; William Lyon Brown. Haynes; Terry Yorke. Jepson; Terry Maidment.

"Dial A Deadly Number" 7/21/66 BW.

'Steed Plays Bulls and Bears - Emma Has No Option'
W: Roger Marshall. D: Don Leaver.

The deaths of several board chairmen bring Steed and Emma to investigate. Henry Boardman; Clifford Evans. Ruth Boardman; Jan Holden. Ben Jago; Anthony Newlands. Fitch; John Carson. John Harvey; Peter Bowles. Frederick Yuill; Gerald Sim. The General; Michael Trubshawe. Macombie; Norman Chappell. Warner; John Bailey. Waiter; Edward Cast.

"Epic" 4/14/67 C.

'Steed Catches a Falling Star - Emma Makes a Movie'
W: Brian Clemens. D: James Hill.

A crazed movie producer and his two forgotten stars cast Mrs. Peel in their new production: "The Destruction of Mrs. Emma Peel". Stewart Kirby; Peter Wyngarde. Damita Syn; Isa Miranda. Z.Z. Von Schnerk; Kenneth J. Warren. Policeman; David Lodge. Actor; Anthony Dawes.

"Escape in Time" 2/10/67 C.

'Steed Visits the Barber - Emma Has a Close Shave'
W: Philip Levene. D: John Krish.

Criminals are escaping the arm of the law by purchasing a ticket to the past. Thyssen; Peter Bowles. Clapham; Geoffrey Bayldon. Vesta; Judy Parfitt. Anjali; Imogen Hassall. Sweeney; Edward Caddick. Parker; Nicholas Smith. Tubby Vincent; Roger Booth. Josino; Richard Montez. Paxton; Clifford Earl. Mitchell; Rocky Taylor.

"The Fear Merchants" 1/27/67 C.

'Steed Puts Out A Light - Emma Takes Fright'
W: Philip Levene. D: Gordon Fleming.

Competitors in the porcelain industry are dying mysteriously of instant insanity. Pemberton; Patrick Cargill. Raven; Brian Wilde. Dr. Voss; Annette Carell. Gilbert; Carfield Morgan. Crawley; Andrew Keir. Gordon White; Jeremy Burnham. Meadows; Edward Burnham. Fox; Bernard Horsfall. Dr. Hill; Ruth Truncer. Saunders; Declan Mulholland. Hospital Attendant; Philip Ross.

"The £50,000 Breakfast" 2/28/68 C.

'Steed Dabbles in Tycoonery - And Emma in Chicanery'
W: Roger Marshall. D: Robert Day.

A ventriloquist, working for multimillionaire Alex Litoff, wrecks his car in route to catch a plane for Zurich. In hospital, he's discovered to have

swallowed £50,000 worth of diamonds! Glover; Cecil Parker. Miss Pegram; Yolande Turner. Sir James Arnall; David Langton. Mrs. Rhodes; Pauline Delaney. Judy; Anneke Wills. Minister; Cardew Robinson. 1st Assistant; Eric Woofe. 2nd Assistant; Phillippe Monnet. Rhodes; Richard Curnock.

"The Forget-Me-Knot" 3/20/68 C.
W: Brian Clemens. D: James Hill.

For those unprepared, this episode contains a surprise ending as we find that Emma Peel's long-lost husband has resurfaced and she returns to him, leaving Steed with a new partner - Tara King.

Top British agents are being plagued by bouts of forgetfulness. The other side has developed a new drug which produces amnesia. Tara King; Linda Thorson. Sean; Patrick Kavanagh. Mother; Patrick Newell. Simon Filson; Jeremy Burnham. George Burton; Jeremy Young. Karl; Alan Lake. Brad; Douglas Sheldon. Dr. Soames; John Lee. Sally; Beth Owen. Taxi Driver; Leon Lissek. Jenkins; Tony Thawnton. The Gardener; Edward Higgins.

"From Venus With Love" 1/20/67 C.
'Steed Is Shot Full of Holes - Emma Sees Stars'
W: Philip Levene. D: Roy Baker.

Members of the British Venusian Society are dying in a most unusual manner after reports of UFO sightings in the area. Venus Browne; Barbara Shelley. Dr. Henry Primble; Philip Locke. Ernest Cosgrove; Paul Gillard. Brigadier Whitehead; Jon Pertwee. Crawford; Derek Newark. Bertram Smith; Jeremy Lloyd. Jennings; Adrian Ropes. Clarke; Arthur Cox. Hadley; Michael Lynch. Mansford; Kenneth Benda.

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Station"
4/28/67 C. 'Steed Goes Off The Rails - Emma Finds Her Station In Life' W: Brian Clemens.
D: John Krish.

There's a plot afoot to assassinate the Prime Minister. Steed and Mrs. Peel to the rescue! Ticket Collector; James Hayter. Crewe; John Laurie. Groom; Drewe Henley. Bride; Isla Blair. Salt; Tim Barrett. Admiral; Richard Caldicot. Warren; Dyson Lovell. Attendant; Peter J. Elliott. Lucas; Michael Nightingale. Secretary; Noel Davis.

"The Girl From AUNTIE" 6/6/66 BW.
'Steed Almost Outbids Himself - Emma Is A Bird In A Gilded Cage' W: Roger Marshall. D: Roy Baker.

Steed returns from holiday to find Emma missing, and a blonde impersonator in her place. But who hired her? Georgie Price-Jones; Liz Fraser. Gregorio Auntie; Alfred Burke. Arkwright; Bernard Cribbins. Ivenov; David Bauer. Old lady; Mary Merrall. Aunt Hetty; Sylvia Coleridge. Receptionist; Yolande Turner. Taxi Driver; Ray Martine. Russian; Maurice Browning. Fred Jacques; John Rutland.

"The Gravediggers" 8/4/66 BW.
'Steed Drives a Train - And Emma is Tied To The Track'
W: Malcolm Hulke. D: Quentin Lawrence.

A sudden fault develops in Britain's early warning radar system. Prime suspect for the failure is Dr. Marlow... but he's dead, isn't he? Sir Horace Winslip; Ronald Fraser. Johnson; Paul Massie. Miss Thirlwell; Caroline Blakiston. Sexton; Victor Platt. Fred; Charles Lamb. Nurse Spray; Wanda Ventham. Baron; Ray Austin. Sager; Steven Berkoff. Miller; Bryan Mosley. Dr. Marlow; Lloyd Lamble.

"The Hidden Tiger" 3/17/67 C.
'Steed Hunts a Big Cat - Emma is Badly Scratched'
W: Philip Levene. D: Sidney Hayers.
Members of P.U.R.R.R. (Philanthropic Union for Rescue, Relief and Recuperation of Cats) are being clawed to death by an elusive giant cat. Cheshire; Ronnie Barker. Dr. Manx; Lyndon Brook. Angora; Gabrielle Drake. Nesbitt; John Phillips. Peters; Michael Forrest. Erskine; Stanley Meadows. Sir David Harper; Jack Gwillim. Dawson; Frederick Treves. Samuel Jones; Brian Haines. Williams; John Moore. Bellamy; Reg Pritchard.

"Honey For the Prince" BW.
'Steed Becomes a Genie - Emma Joins a Harem'
W: Brian Clemens. D: James Hill.

In order to protect the Baranian Prince, visiting England on business, Steed offers Emma as a new addition to his harem. Ponsonby-Hopkirk; Ron Moody. Prince Ali; Zia Mohyeddin. Arkadi; George Pastell. Vincent; Roland Curram. Grand Vizier; Bruno Barnabe. B. Bumble; Ken Parry. Ronny Westcott; Jon

Laurimore. Postman: Reg Pritchard. Bernie: Peter Diamond. Eurasian Girl: Carmen Dene. George Reed: Richard Graydon.

"The Hour That Never Was" 4/25/69 BW.
'Steed Has To Face The Music - Emma Disappears'
W: Roger Marshall. D: Gerry O'Hara.

Steed and Mrs. Peel arrive at his old army post, Camp Hamelin, for a reunion only to find a party in progress with no people. Then Emma disappears as well! Geoffrey Ridsdale: Gerald Harper. Philip Leas: Dudley Foster. Hickey: Roy Kinnear. 'Porky' Purser: Roger Booth. Corporal Barman: Daniel Moynihan. Wiggins: Fred Haggerty. Driver: David Morrell.

"The House That Jack Built" 3/4/66 BW.
'Steed Takes a Wrong Turning - Emma Holds The Key To All'
W: Brian Clemens. D: Don Leaver.

Upon learning that she has inherited a country estate from an uncle she never heard of, Emma visits the house but discovers too late that it is a well conceived trap. Professor Keller: Michael Goodliffe. Burton: Griffith Davies. Withers: Michael Wynne. Pennington: Keith Pyott.

"How To Succeed... At Murder" 6/13/66 BW
'Steed Becomes a Perfect Boss - Emma Goes Seeking Charm'
W: Brian Clemens. D: Don Leaver.

Someone has a successful murder formula which is decimating London's business community. Yet there are always highly efficient secretaries available to fill the vacated positions. Mary Merryweather: Sarah Lawson. Sara Penny: Angela Browne. Gladys Murkle: Anne Cunningham. Liz Purbright: Zeph Gladstone. Henry Throgbottom: Artro Morris. Joshua Rudge: Jerome Willis. J.J. Hooter: Christopher Benjamin. Sir George Morton: Kevin Brennan. Barton: David Garth. Jack Finlay: Robert Dean. Annie: Sidonie Bond.

"The Joker" 5/12/67 C.
'Steed Trumps an Ace - Emma Plays a Lone Hand'
W: Brian Clemens. D: Sidney Hayers.

Emma accepts an invitation from a bridge champion to spend a weekend at his country mansion. She arrives to find her host gone and herself stranded at the seemingly empty house. Prendergast: Peter Jeffrey. Ola: Sally Nesbitt. Young Man: Ronald Lacey.

"The Living Dead" 3/3/67 C.
'Steed Finds a Mine of Information - Emma Goes Underground' W: Brian Clemens. D: John Krish.
(Based on a story by Anthony Marriott.)

Reports of ghost sightings bring The Avengers to investigate. They find ghost-hunters from FOG (Friends of Ghosts) and SMOG (Scientific Measurement of Ghosts) and a hermit who knows more than he's telling. Masgard: Julian Glover. Mandy: Pamela Ann Davy. Geoffrey: Howard Marion Crawford. Hermit: Jack Woolgar. Hopper: Jack Watson. Rupert: Edward Underdown. Olliphant: John Cater. Spencer: Vernon Dobtcheff. Tom: Alister Williamson.

"Man-Eater of Surrey Green" 8/25/66 BW.
'Steed Kills a Climber - Emma Becomes a Vegetable'
W: Philip Levene. D: Sidney Hayers.

England's leading horticulturists are migrating en masse to the home of Sir Lyle Peterson to work on a new flowering shrub. Sir Lyle Peterson: Derek Farr. Doctor Sheldon: Athene Seyler. Laura Burford: Gillian Lewis. William Job: Alan Carter. Professor Taylor: Edwin Finn. Professor Knight: Harry Shacklock. Dr. Connelly: Ross Hutchinson. Lennox: John G. Heller.

"The Master Minds" 7/11/66 BW.
'Steed Becomes a Genius - Emma Loses Her Mind'
W: Robert Banks Stewart. D: Peter Graham Scott.

Top government officials are suspected of treason. Their unifying link is membership in RANSACK, so Steed joins the group for a closer look. Sir Clive Todd: Laurence Hardy. Holly Trent: Patricia Haines. Desmond Leeming: Bernard Archard. Dr. Fergus Campbell: Ian McNaughton. Sir Jeremy: John Wentworth. Davinia Todd: Georgina Ward. Major Plessy: Manning Wilson.

"Mission... Highly Improbable" 1/10/68 C.
'Steed Falls Into Enemy Hands - Emma Is Cut Down To Size' W: Philip Levene. D: Robert Day.

Steed and Mrs. Peel face a shrinkage problem; a Treasury official and the Rolls Royce he was riding in have been minaturized to pocket-size! Shaffer: Ronald Radd. Susan: Jane Merrow. Professor Rushton: Noel Howlett. Chivers: Francis Matthews. Colonel Drew: Richard Leech. Josef: Stefan Gryff.

Gifford: Nicholas Courtney. Sir Gerald Bancroft: Kevin Stoney. Sergeant: Peter Clay. Corporal Johnson: Nigel Rideout. Blonde: Cynthia Bizeray. Brunette: Nicole Shelby. Henrik: Nosher Powell. Karl: Denny Powell.

"The Murder Market" 5/30/66 BW.

'Steed Seeks a Wife - Emma Gets Buried'

W: Tony Williamson. D: Peter Graham Scott.

A series of murders lead Steed and Emma to a marriage agency where Steed offers himself as a prospective bride-groom. Mr. Lovejoy: Patrick Cargill. Dinsford: Peter Bayliss. Barbara Wakefield: Suzanne Lloyd. Mrs. Stone: Naomi Chance. Robert Stone: John Woodvine. Jonathan Stone: Edward Underdown. Receptionist: Barbara Roscoe. Beale: John Forgham.

"Murdersville" 2/7/68 C.

'Emma Marries Steed - And Steed Becomes a Father!'

W: Brian Clemens. D: Robert Asher.

Investigating an old friend's murder, Mrs. Peel undergoes medieval punishments in a village used as a killing ground by murderers. Mickle: Colin Blakely. Hubert: John Ronane. Dr. Haymes: Ronald Hines. Prewitt: John Sharp. Jenny: Sheila Fearn. Croft: Eric Flynn. Forbes: Norman Chappell. Banks: Robert Cawdron. Miss Avril: Marika Mann. Maggie: Irene Bradshaw. Higgins: Joseph Greig. Jeremy Purser: Geoffrey Colville. Chapman: Langton Jones. Miller: Tony Caunter. Morgan: John Chandos. Williams: Andrew Laurence.

"Never, Never Say Die" 3/31/67 C.

'Steed Meets a Dead Man - Emma Fights the Corpse'

W: Philip Levene. D: Robert Day.

After a corpse walks out of a mortuary, Steed and Mrs. Peel are called in to investigate. Professor Stone: Christopher Lee. Dr. Penrose: Jeremy Young. Dr. James: Patricia English. Eccles: David Kernan. Whittle: Christopher Benjamin. Sergeant: John Junkin. Private: Peter Dennis. Carter: Geoffrey Reed. Selby: Anan Chuntz. Elderly Gent: Arnold Ridley. Young Man: David Gregory. Nurse: Karen Ford.

"The Positive-Negative Man" 1/17/68 C.

'Steed Makes the Sparks Fly - Emma Gets Switched On'

W: Tony Williamson. D: Robert Day.

A number of scientists have come to rather shocking ends, and they were all part of a discontinued project to study broadcast electricity. Cresswell: Ray McAnally. Haworth: Michael Latimer. Cynthia Wentworth-Howe: Caroline Blakiston. Mankin: Peter Blythe. Maurice Jubert: Sandor Eles. Miss Clarke: Joanne Dainton. Charles Grey: Bill Wallis. Receptionist: Ann Hamilton.

"The Quick-Quick-Slow Death" BW.

'Steed Has Two Left Feet - Emma Dances With Danger'

W: Robert Banks Stewart. D: James Hill.

Steed and Emma join the Terpsichorean Training Techniques dancing school to learn how foreign agents are being smuggled into the country. Lucille Banks: Eunice Gayson. Ivor Bracewell: Maurice Kaufmann. Nicki: Carole Gray. Chester Read: Larry Cross. Peever: James Belchamber. Captain Noble: John Woodnutt. Fintry: Alan Gerrard. Piedi: David Kernan. Bernard: Collin Ellis. Huggins: Graham Armitage. Syder: Charles Hodgson. Bank Manager:

Ronald Govey. Willi Fehr: Michael Peake.

"Return of The Cybernauts"

2/21/68 C.

'Steed Pulls Some Strings - Emma Becomes A Puppet'

W: Philip Levene

D: Robert Day.

The Cybernauts are back! The brother of Dr. Armstrong, originator of the Cybernaut robots, is out to avenge his brother's death by disposing of Steed and Mrs. Peel.



Paul Beresford; Peter Cushing. Benson; Frederick Jaeger. Dr. Neveile; Charles Tingwell. Professor Chadwick; Fulton Mackay. Dr. Russell; Roger Hammond. Dr. Garnett; Anthony Dutton. Conroy; Noel Coleman. Rosie; Aimi MacDonald. Hunt; Redmond Phillips. Cybernaut; Terry Richards.

"Room Without a View" 6/27/66 BW
'Steed Becomes a Gourmet - Emma Awakens in Manchuria'
W: Roger Marshall. D: Roy Baker.

Investigations into the disappearance of a number of scientists lead Steed and Emma to a strange hotel. What is the link between the mysterious Room No. 621 and a Manchurian Concentration Camp?
Chessman; Paul Whitsun-Jones. Varnals; Peter Jeffrey. Dr. Cullen; Richard Debb. Carter; Philip Latham. Palold; Peter Arne. Pushkin; Vernon Dobtcheff. Dr. Wadkin; Peter Madden.

"The See-Through Man" 2/3/67 C.
'Steed Makes a Bomb - Emma is Put To Sleep'
W: Philip Levene. D: Robert Asher.

A clerk at the Ministry of Defense reports being knocked senseless by an invisible assailant. Steed and Emma investigate the foreign agents who recently paid a large sum to obtain an invisibility formula. Elena; Moira Lister. Brodny; Warren Mitchell. Quilby; Roy Kinnear. Ackroyd; Jonathan Elsom. Sir Andrew Ford; John Nettleton. Ulric; Harvey Hall. Wilton; David Glover.

"A Sense of History" 6/20/66 BW.
'Steed Dons a Gown - Emma Becomes a Don'
W: Martin Woodhouse. D: Peter Graham Scott.

Economist James Broom is murdered en route to confront an adversary to his 'Europa Plan' a strategy for elimination of world poverty.
Richard Carlyon; Nigel Stock. Dr. Henge; John Barron. Grindley; John Glyn-Jones. Professor Acheson; John Ringham. Duboys; Patrick Mower. John Pettit; Robin Phillips. Millerson; Peter Blythe. Allen; Peter Bourne. Marianne; Jacqueline Pearce.

"Silent Dust" BW.
'Steed Watches Birds - Emma Goes Hunting'
(Note: Episode retitled from: "Strictly For The Worms")

W: Roger Marshall. D: Roy Baker.

A mysterious pesticide which kills everything in sight leads The Avengers to an old English town where Steed is shot and Mrs. Peel becomes the object of a fox-hunt. Omrod; William Franklyn. Juggins; Jack Watson. Mellors; Conrad Phillips. Croft; Norman Bird. Miss Snow; Joanna Wake. Clare Prendergast; Isobel Black. Sir Manfred Fellows; Charles Lloyd Pack. Quince; Aubrey Morris.

"Small Game For Big Hunters" 4/4/66 BW
'Steed Joins the Natives - Emma Gets the Evil Eye'
W: Philip Levene. D: Gerry O'Hara.

Steed and Emma are called in when a man wearing tropical clothing is found in a deep paralysing coma caused by a poisonous native arrow - in London!
Colonel Rawlings; Bill Fraser. Simon Trent; James Villiers. Professor Swain; Liam Redmond. Dr. Gimson; A.J. Brown. Fleming; Peter Burton. Razafi; Paul Danguah. Tropical Outfitter; Tom Gill. Lala; Esther Anderson. Kendrick; Peter Thomas.

"Something Nasty In The Nursery" 5/5/67 C.
'Steed Acquires a Nanny - Emma Shops For Toys'
W: Philip Levene. D: James Hill.

Vital defence secrets have been stolen, and all the suspects are top-level men who are mysteriously reverting to early childhood behaviour. Is their Nanny to blame? Mr. Goat; Dudley Foster. Miss Lister; Yootha Joyce. Beaumont; Paul Eddington. Webster; Paul Hardwick. Sir George Collins; Patrick Newell. General Wilmot; Geoffrey Sumner. Gordon; Trevor Bannister. Martin; Clive Dunn. James; George Merritt. Nanny Roberts; Enid Lorimer. Nanny Smith; Louie Ramsay. Nanny Brown; Penelope Keith. Dobson; Dennis Chinnery.

"The Superlative Seven" 4/21/67 C.
'Steed Flies to Nowhere - Emma Does Her Party Piece'
W: Brian Clemens. D: Sidney Hayers.

Steed receives an invitation to a fancy dress party which is to take place on board an airplane. Along with the six other guests, he is flown to a deserted island where they discover that they are to be guinea pigs for a scientific experiment. Hana; Charlotte Rampling. Mark Dayton; Brian Blessed.

Jason Wade; James Maxwell. Max Hardy; Hugh Manning.
Freddy Richards; Leon Greene. Joe Smith; Gary Hope.
Jessel; Donald Sutherland. Kanwitch; John Hollis.
Stewardess; Margaret Neale. Toy Sung; Terry Plummer.

"A Surfeit of H2O" BW

'Steed Plans a Boat Trip - Emma Gets Very Wet'

W: Colin Finbow. D: Sidney Hayers.

Lower Storpington has more than its share of inclement weather. Local townspeople have been drowned by freak rainstorms, and a nearby wine-makers' sports its own, personal deluge... inside the building!

Jonah Barnard; Noel Purcell. Dr. Sturm; Albert Lieven. Joyce Jason; Sue Lloyd. Eli Barker; Talfryn Thomas. Sir Arnold Kelly; John Kidd. Martin Smythe; Geoffrey Palmer.

"The 13th Hole" 8/18/66 BW

'Steed Finds a Bogey - Emma Gets the Birdie'

W: Tony Williamson. D: Roy Baker.

When a colleague is killed by a golf ball, Steed and Emma join the Craighleigh Golf Club and discover mysterious goings-on at the 13th hole. Reed; Patrick Allen. Colonel Watson; Hugh Manning. Dr. Adams; Peter Jones. Jackson; Victor Maddern. Collins; Francis Matthews. Waversham; Donald Hewlett. Professor Minley; Norman Wynne. Man on TV screen; Richard Marner.

"Too Many Christmas Trees" 8/11/66 BW

'Steed Hangs Up His Stocking - Emma Asks For More'

W: Tony Williamson. D: Roy Baker.

Christmas takes a sinister turn for Steed when he is plagued by a vivid, recurring nightmare. At a country house party with Emma he finds reality more frightening than the nightmare. Brandon Storey; Marvyn Johns. Dr. Felix Teasel; Edwin Richfield. Janice Crane; Jeannette Sterke. Martin Trasker; Alex Scott. Jenkins; Robert James. Jeremy Wade; Barry Warren.

"A Touch of Brimstone" BW

'Steed Joins The Hellfire Club - Emma Becomes a Queen of Sin' W: Brian Clemens. D: James Hill.

In order to protect three foreign Prime Ministers, Steed and Emma join the Hellfire club in order to keep a closer eye on their suspicious activities.

John Cartney; Peter Wyngarde. Lord Darcy; Colin Jeavons. Sara; Carol Cleveland. Horace; Robert Cawdron. Roger Winthrop; Michael Latimer. Willy Frant; Jeremy Young. Tubby Bunn; Bill Wallis. Kartovski; Steve Plytas. Pierre; Art Thomas. Big Man; Alf Joint. Huge Man; Bill Reed.

"Town Of No Return" 9/1/66 BW

'Steed Finds a Town Full of Ghosts - Emma Gets Into Harness' W: Brian Clemens. D: Roy Baker.

Four Special Agents in succession vanish without trace in Bazeley-by-the-Sea, a bleak, remote village on the Norfolk coast. Steed and Emma set off to solve the mystery and arrive to find subversive elements working in a town from which there is no return. Brandon; Alan MacNauthtan. Smallwood; Patrick Newell. 'Piggy' Warren; Terence Alexander. Vicar; Jeremy Burnham. Saul; Robert Brown. Jill Manson; Juliet Harmer. School Inspector; Walter Horsbrugh.

"Two's A Crowd" 5/9/66 BW

'Steed is Single-minded - Emma Sees Double'

W: Philip Levene. D: Roy Baker.

Could there be two of John Steed? Pleasant as the idea may seem, one is working for the other side and must be disposed of! Brodny; Warren Mitchell. Alicia Elena; Maria Machado. Shvedloff; Alec Mango. Pudeshkin; Wolfe Morris. Vogel; Julian Glover. Ivenko; John Bluthal.

"What The Butler Saw" 7/28/66 BW

'Steed Becomes a Gentleman's Gentleman - Emma Faces a Fate Worse Than Death' W: Brian Clemens. D: Bill Bain.

Someone at the War Office is selling secret defence plans, and all the suspects employ butlers from the same training ground. Hemming; Thorley Walters. Benson; John Le Mesurier. Group Captain Miles; Denis Quilley. Major General Goddard; Kynaston Reeves. Brigadier Goddard; Howard Marion Crawford. Vice Admiral Willows; Humphrey Lestocq. Sergeant Moran; Ewan Hooper. Squadron Leader Hogg; Leon Sinden. Barber; David Swift. Reeves; Norman Scace. Walters; Peter Hughes.

"Who's Who???" 5/19/67 C.
'Steed Goes Out Of His Mind - Emma is Beside Herself'
W: Philip Levene. D: John Moxley.

Steed and Emma are out to destroy Britain's spy network! But who are the two enemy agents claiming to actually be The Avengers? Lola: Patricia Haines. Basil: Freddie Jones. Major 'B': Campbell Singer. Tulip: Peter Reynolds. Krelmar: Arnold Diamond. Daffodil: Philip Levene (Does that name sound familiar? Check the writer of this episode... as well as many others!) Hooper: Malcolm Taylor.

"The Winged Avenger" 2/17/67 C.
'Steed Goes Bird Watching - Emma Does a Comic Strip'
W: Richard Harris. D: Gordon Flemying & Peter Duffell.

A host of Britain's more unscrupulous businessmen are dropping like flies, which is appropriate since it would seem that their killer flies. Investigations lead The Avengers to a cartoonist whose bird-like character, The Winged Avenger, is a prime suspect. Sir Lexius Cray: Nigel Green. Professor Poole: Jack MacGowran. Arnie Packer: Neil Hallett. Stanton: Colin Jeavons. Julian: Roy Patrick. Tay-ling: John Garrie. Peter Roberts: Donald Pickering. Simon Roberts: William Fox. Dawson: A.J. Brown. Dumayn: Hilary Wontner. Fothers: John Crocker. Gerda: Ann Sydney.

"You Have Just Been Murdered" 1/24/68 C.
'Steed Chases a Million - And Emma Walks Off With It'
W: Philip Levene. D: Robert Asher.

A ring of blackmailers are frightening their victims into paying a cool million by demonstrating how easily they can be murdered... no matter what precautions are taken. After each phoney attempt on a victim's life, a calling card is left stating, 'You Have Just Been Murdered'. Unwin: Barrie Ingham. Lord Maxted: Robert Flemyng. Needle: George Murcell. Rathbone: Leslie French. Jarvis: Geoffrey Chater. Skelton: Simon Oates. Chalmers: Clifford Cox. Hallam: John Baker. Morgan: Les Crawford. Nicholls: Frank Maher. Williams: Peter J. Elliott.

Fuel for Fandom

The following is a list of dealers who presently carry, or have been known to carry, sales items of interest to "Avengers" fans. They are included here for your information only. The Fan Network would not list any dealer known to be disreputable and notes are included wherever possible if any problems have been encountered in the past. However, the Fan Network does not claim responsibility for any dealer listed.

Dealers are in two categories; professional and fan, the latter being generally non-profit. Please remember when writing for information or with enquiries that a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) should be included.

- Photos -

Jerry Ohlinger's Movie Material Store, 120 West 3rd Street, New York, NY 10012. (212) 674-8474.

JOMMS has perhaps the largest selection of "Avengers"/"New Avengers" photos available as well as shots of "Avengers" stars in other roles. I have dealt with them - as have other Network members - and find their quality and service to be quite good. If interested in obtaining their catalogue of "Avengers" stills, send a self-addressed envelope with your request for list #41 - "Avengers". Current prices are \$2.00 for B&W stills (8x10) and \$4.00 for color. Postage per order is \$2.00 for American customers, overseas orders should tack on an additional 10% (of order price). Inquire about other "Avengers" sales items as well... they occasionally carry Annuals and other publications.

Omega Enterprises, Ltd., PO Box 744, FDR Station, New York, NY 10022.

Omega has for sale color photos and duplicate slides from "The Avengers" and "New Avengers". At last contact, their prices were \$4.00 and 75¢, respectively. However, it would be a good idea to request a catalogue list and current ordering instructions/prices before sending money. Omega also occasionally has books, magazines, etc. One should note that this dealer is not terribly prompt and

seems to spend more time at conventions than filling mail orders.

Larry Edmunds Bookshop, Inc., 6658 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028. (213) 463-3273. (Pro.)

This dealer used to carry a selection of color "Avengers" stills @ \$4.50 each plus postage. I have never ordered from them and can not comment on quality or service, but you might wish to drop a line to see if they still have anything of interest.

Movie Star News, 212 East 14th Street, New York, NY 10003. (Pro.)

33 misc. photos from "The Avengers" @ \$2.00 each, postpaid. The information is a bit skimpy and over a year and a half old... so SASE them for an update before ordering.

George Schwartz, 3 Woodland Avenue, Keansburg, NJ 07734 (Semi-Pro.)

This dealer is generally sincere and helpful and with very good quality photos, although the selection might not be tremendous. For 15¢, you can obtain three catalogue lists (#3 - Spy Action, #100 - Super-Heroes & Spy Action... both contain "Avengers") which are very helpful in ordering as they contain miniature samples of the photos offered. At last contact, prices were very reasonable at \$1.25 for B&W and \$2.50 for color, plus there is a discount for quantity orders of \$15 or more. It is suggested, however, that you contact George before ordering to check current prices/availability.

TV Chariot, Robert Cain, PO Box 234, Mesa, AZ 85201.

Available from here are "Avengers"/"New Avengers" color photos and slides. 8x10 shots are \$3.00 each with slides going for 75¢ each. Postage is extra. There are pictures from many other shows as well, for those interested, and their catalogue is available for \$1.25 (you must order photos/slides by order number). (Pro.)

Howard Rogofsky, PO Box 1102, Linden Hill Station, Flushing, NY 11354. (Pro.)

30 different color shots @ \$7.00 each. 50 B&W shots @ \$3.00 each. Postage \$2.00. Minimum order of \$12. See also, listing under misc. sales items.

- Miscellaneous Sales Items -

Martin Zeitschik, 1255 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11239. (Fan)

Martin has available a number of "Avengers" article clippings which he will copy for anyone interested. If interested in prices or a listing of items available, send a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope).

Brian Kinchy, 57 Varieties Productions, 6609 Biddulph Road, Cleveland, OH 44144 (216) 351-2420. (Pro.)

57 Varieties occasionally has available a few items of interest to "Avengers" collectors... books, magazines, photos, program booklets and so forth. These items are not constantly in stock, however, and it will be necessary to drop a SASE every so often to ask if Brian has anything in hand.

Larry Charet, Larry's Bookstore, 1219-A Devon Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. (Pro./Fan)

Whenever possible, Larry carries "Avengers" items such as Annuals, special magazines, etc. You can watch the Fan Network Newsletter for announcements concerning anything Larry has in, or else send a SASE occasionally to enquire.

Larry also has on videotape, Beta format, many episodes of "The Avengers" and "New Avengers" which he is willing to copy for anyone interested. SASE again if you're interested.

T-K Graphics, PO Box 1951, Baltimore, MD 21203. (Pro.)

T-K Graphics carries a few "Avengers" items such as bookmarks, postcards, stickers, note pads and so on. The quality is mediocre and prices a bit high for what you get, but it's unique and nice for adding to the collection or for that occasional 'special' use. Write for a catalogue and specify that you're interested in "Avengers" items.

I have had one member mention that she (and others she knows) have had some trouble obtaining material from T-K Graphics and I pass on that word to you. However, I have never had problems and know of others who are very satisfied with their service.

Memories of Radio, Dick Judge, 362 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609. (Pro.)

Along with recordings from other programs, Memories of Radio has for sale audio tapes from "The Avengers" and "New Avengers" television series. Tapes come in either cassette or reel-to-reel and can be custom ordered with a selection of your favorite episodes (otherwise, they come 4 or 6 hours to a reel and you take whatever is on that particular reel). At last check, prices were running \$7/hour for cassettes and \$8.00/\$12.00 for 4/6 hour reels. Postage and custom tapes are extra... and a SASE would be advised to obtain current information before ordering.

Howard Rogofsky, PO Box 1102, Linden Hill Station, Flushing, NY 11354. (Pro.)

Rogofsky's is in the business of selling collectors' items to collectors and the prices of their merchandise speak accordingly. However, if you're interested in obtaining some items which might take a bit of searching to find elsewhere, and you don't mind paying, write and ask for their catalogue. They often carry such items as old "TV Guide" articles, Annuals, the "Avengers" comic book, play programmes and paperback books. Prices range from \$3.00 for a B&W photo all the way to \$200.00 for the Linda Thorson Annual.

Sue Cole, 2710 Rohlwing Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. (Fan)

Sue has available a few "Avengers" items which she makes herself and sells to raise funds for her club. Besides "The Avengers", there are tidbits from "Space: 1999", "UFO", "Man From Atlantis", etc. Such items as buttons and stationery can be had for a very reasonable price. For more information, send a SASE and specify which program(s) you're interested in.

Derann Film Services, Film House, 171 Stourbridge Rd., Dudley, West Midlands, England, DY1 2EQ (Pro.)

Derann Film Services has for sale three of the "Avengers" episodes on Super-8mm, sound, in full color. They are available in either full-length versions (which include everything, including credits) or as a 'featurette' which gives you approximately one-third of the entire episode in edited version.

Prices for these films are rather expensive, but I am told that the quality is extremely good and they make excellent collectors' items. (At last check - nearly two years ago - they ran £72 for full length and £24 for featurette.) The three titles, by the way, are "Return of the Cybernauts", "The Living Dead" and "Positive-Negative Man". Drop them a line if you're interested in ordering to check on current availability, prices and such.

Cinema Alberta, 4 - 10228 - 97 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 0L8. (Pro.)

This firm has the same three "Avengers" episodes for sale as Derann Film Services, mentioned above. They are Super-8mm, color, sound... probably the same item exactly (although I have not heard from anyone who purchased the films from Cinema Alberta and so can not comment on quality). As of one year ago, the Canadian firm was selling the films for \$169.00, full-length, or \$64.95 for featurette (Canadian dollars). Postage/insurance is extra and you may charge to your Chargex, Bank Americard or Master Charge. As with Derann, you should write for current information before ordering.

AVA International, Inc., PO Box 999, Hewitt, TX 76643. (Pro.)

AVA International is the American distributor for Dinky Toys and Airfix Company, both of which have items which might be of interest. Dinky has put out a miniature cast model of Purdey's TR7 from "The New Avengers" and, at one time, was considering Steed's Jaguar for the market as well (although, at last contact with AVA, the Jaguar was having problems in production). Airfix Company puts out a 1/12 scale plastic model of a 1930 4½ litre Bentley which is nearly identical to the one driven by Steed in the series. The model is highly detailed and beautiful when completed. Either item should be available from local toy/hobby shops, or you can write AVA Int. to ask about ordering direct.

Cinema Bookshop, 13-14 Great Russell Street, London, WC 1, England (Pro.)

At one time, I heard from this bookstore which had available "Avengers" scripts for sale at £11 each. There were no details given, however.

- Clubs -

The following clubs are listed for those interested in contacting other "Avengers" groups. They are non-profit organizations and a SASE should be included when writing for information. Thank you.

The Patrick Macnee Fan Club, M. Diane Lind; President, 5433 North Oaks Blvd., Omaha, NE 68134.

This club was started during the "Avengers" series' initial run on American television. Emphasis is on local functions and get-togethers, with several projects yearly to raise funds for charity. Activities include picnics, club meetings, article trading and so forth. To my knowledge, they do not have a club publication or regularly scheduled events... and I don't know if they accept out-of-town members.

If you would like further details on the group or their membership, write Diane at the address above.

The Diana Rigg Fan Club, Diane Demchuk; President, 419 Dallas NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

As with the Patrick Macnee club above, this group was started during the 60's when "The Avengers" was first shown. They are not extremely active and, in fact, I have not heard from the club president in some time. I am uncertain of their activities or membership requirements, however I do believe that they have a publication of some sort (although I have never seen a copy and can not comment on content, quality, etc.). SASE for more information.

The Gareth Hunt/Joanna Lumley "Avengers" Fan Club, Cindy Phares; President, PO Box 267, Nederland, TX 77627.

A little over one year old, this club shows great promise - both in the enthusiasm of its president and in the quality of her publication. Emphasis is on the new series, but with respect to its history as well. Publication contents include fiction, games, quizzes, news, photos, cartoons and more. Subscriptions prices are \$1.50/single, \$4.50/½ year (3 issues), or \$8.50/yearly (6 issues). Member: National Association of Fan Clubs.

The Diana Rigg Fan Club, Patrick Sansano; President, 10, rue Joliot Curie, Cite Nocaze, 26200 Montelimar, France.

This club concentrates its efforts in France, but they will accept foreign members if you're interested. I have not heard from Patrick for some time, so do not know what activities they are involved in. However, I do believe that the club is active and publishes a newsletter regularly. Emphasis is on Diana Rigg and her career.

The Villagers - The Prisoner Appreciation Society, Lisa Rubin; President, 5030 Linnean Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Although not strictly tied to "The Avengers", I list this club here since many "Avengers" fans are also interested in "The Prisoner".

The Villagers are about 1½ years old and active, to my knowledge. They have a publication ("The Tally Ho") and dues also cover such items as photos, membership button, and so forth. For additional information, send a SASE.

The National Association of Fan Clubs, Mrs. Blanche Trinajstick (Trina); President, 2730 Baltimore Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81003.

The NAFC is an international consortium of fan clubs whose goal is the betterment of fan clubbing, in general, by lending assistance and guidance to clubs which are its members. They also serve to direct fans to a certain club they might be searching for, or to help them with formation of their own club. They are quite active and have a nice publication of interest to all fans, but particularly club presidents.

Dr. Kent R. Brown, Department of Speech and Dramatic Art, 417 Communications Center, Fayetteville, AR 72701. (501) 575-2954.

Dr. Brown does not run a club, but is quite interested in fans and fan clubs as he is writing a book on the subject. The book seems to be going slowly and I have no details on its progress although there should be information contained within which will be of interest to all fans. Dr. Brown invites those interested and involved in clubs to contact him and share their views, experiences and comments with him.

Revival

Since the last Newsletter came out, CBS-TV has removed "The Avengers" from its late-night line-up in favor of NBA basketball. This has brought a round of whimpers, angry cries and questions, all of which I have passed on to CBS via the Fan Network. Upon calling to find out what had happened, I learned the following:

"The Avengers" have been doing very well in the late-night ratings and CBS is more than pleased with their performance. They are currently off the air due to the network's contract with the NBA and will be returning in early May (probably the 9th). At this time, they will run until the completion of episodes which CBS has purchased so far, and possibly a few will be re-run if they are finished before the fall season.

CBS will be keeping an eye on the ratings once "The Avengers" returns and, if they continue on the same level, it's likely that "The New Avengers" will be re-run this coming fall. They are also looking closely at the Tara King episodes and would consider adding them to the late-night slot if interest is high enough.

No mention was made of the black & white Emma Peel episodes. (Tsk, tsk! Such a mistake!)

Along with all of this, negotiations continue for filming of more "New Avengers" as well as a feature-length "Avengers" TV movie. However, nothing has been decided on either of those yet and their existence hangs in the balance... somewhat precariously.

And there you have the latest scoop, as current as my phone bill will allow.

Many of the Fan Network members have been lending their typewriters and trusty inkwells to the cause of keeping CBS aware of our interest and support of the series. You are to be thanked heartily and congratulated sincerely! Although our numbers might not be tremendous, there is little doubt that 5 or 10 letters from each person have taken some toll at CBS. With the possibility of future episodes and a movie in the air, it would be an excellent time to drop a few more lines on them!!

For anyone interested in participating in a full-scale letter campaign, there are certain guidelines which aid in putting your point across in the most efficient and well-spoken manner...

- 1) Make certain that your letter reaches its intended destination. Address it clearly, and do not print the name of the program on the outside of your envelope (or it will be forwarded, unopened!).
- 2) Professionalism demands attention. Type your letter, if possible (or write clearly), use proper stationery and remember to sign your letter.
- 3) Present your case properly. Do not use profanity or abusive language and do not make demands... we are asking a favor! Keep your letter brief and to the point.
- 4) Do not identify yourself as a member of any club or fan organization. Individual initiation counts for more than solicited effort.
- 5) Don't send form letters or copies of the same letter simply for the sake of volume. Several short letters, well written and carefully spaced, will do more good.
- 6) Get others to write! Convince a couple of friends to write as well... especially if they enjoy the show and would like to see it continue. Have everyone write separately - ten letters carry more weight than ten signatures on a petition.

Of course these suggestions can be used when organizing a letter campaign for any purpose... but I hope that you will consider a few of the pointers for use when asking CBS for more "Avengers". (Anyone else out there think that some of the best episodes were found amongst the black & white Emma Peelers??) And, just to be handy, here's an address which you can use:

CBS Television Network
51 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

And a few calls and letters to your local CBS affiliates might not be a bad game plan, either, as they have the final say of whether or not to show the episodes in their area....!

Bowler Con I

What would you say to a weekend full of "The Avengers"? Could you stand the thought of watching Emma Peel for hours on end... without commercials? Accompanied, of course, by John Steed! What if there were hundreds of "New Avengers" slides to view, and audio tapes to go with them? Would you like to feast your eyes on an enormous collection of "Avengers" and "New Avengers" photographs? How about a good selection of reading material including the "Avengers"/"New Avengers" paperbacks, Annuals, TV Times Souvenir Extra, play programs, scripts and fanzines - even those out-of-print Fan Network Newsletters you've been unable to find! Would you believe... Heather Firth, Fan Network Head Gofer, in the flesh, to answer your most burning questions about the series and the club!

All of this and more can be YOURS - at the first, sorta-annual, BOWLER CON I !! If you love "The Avengers" and would like to share your appreciation with others of the same inclination... If you have a weekend to spare July 26th and 27th... If you can make it to Kansas City for those days... If there are five dollars in your pocket which can go toward helping pay for accommodations and munchies... Then Bowler Con is for You!

Bowler Con I will conveniently coincide with Star Trekon '80, to be held at the Plaza Hilton on the same weekend. Although Bowler Con is not associated with Trekon in any manner, considerations have been made for those who wish to attend both festivities. Namely, we're in the same hotel...

Accommodations are available at the Plaza Hilton (for a healthy fee) and the Fan Network will be more than happy to help any out-of-town travelers who are interested in sharing a room, getting from the airport or bus terminal to the hotel and so forth. Special hotel rates are available to convention attendees and reservations must be made six weeks in advance!

Anyone wishing further details (or if you want to register for Bowler Con) may write to Fan Network Headquarters, PO Box 1190, Belton, MO 64012 (USA).

Etcetera

As mentioned earlier, Volume Two of the Avengers Reference Guide will be published in issue 16 of the Fan Network Newsletter and will contain episode listings for the Tara King and new series episodes. Other tentative contents (space permitting) will include the pen-pal list, information on "Avengers" publications, Bowler Con update and more.

Network news, detailed plot synopses, letters of comment and so forth will undoubtedly be delayed until issue 17 due to lack of space. I might mention briefly, however, that Patrick Macnee has recently been appearing at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto, playing in "The Grass is Greener". At the beginning of May he will return to England for a movie there ("Dick Turpin", after the popular British series) and then back to America for another film, "The Howling". Further details on those will be forthcoming.

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- Endline -

"Always keep your bowler on in times of stress, and watch out for diabolical masterminds."
... Mrs. Peel's parting words to John Steed, from "The Forget-Me-Knot".

