## **JANUARY 1977** 40p THE BEHIND THE SCENES STORY OF WITH A MOVIE CALLED 2 PAGE PORTRAIT & INTERVIEW WITH OF STARSKY & HUTCH IN DIRTY HARRY'S THIRD ADVENTURE STARRING ROBERT SHAW AND GENEVIEVE STREISAND & KRISTOFFERSON BUJOLD in A STAR IS BORN



# McGOOHAN BACK ON OUR SHORES and what

#### brought him back!

PATRICK McGOOHAN former Danger Man, exwriter-producer of the controversial TV series The Prisoner, made a brief return to our shores recently for key scenes in his new movie The Man In The Iron Mask. The fencing scene shown above offered plenty of danger for Patrick because he refused a double and insisted on doing his own fencing.



The sequence was filmed in Dorset at a place called Dancing Ledge, not far from Swanage. Because of the dry summer the cliff was in a dangerous state and crumbling at the edges. Patrick, to give the scene — and the film crew — that extra bit of excitement duelled right to the very edge with the stunt man.

In The Man In The Iron Mask, Patrick is very much on the side of the heavies. He plays Fouquet, Louis XIV's unscrupulous minister of finance in mid-seventeenth century France. It's a fine, villainous role for an actor who has always had an aura of dashing adventure about him as filmgoers who remember his exploits in Dr. Syn, recently re-issued, will recall. Starring opposite him in the new screen version of the Dumas adventure are Richard Chamberlain in the title role, Louis Jourdan as D'Artagnan, Jenny Agutter, Ian Holm, Ralph Richardson and Vivien Merchant.

Nowadays Patrick lives and works in California. "I live in California because I choose to live there," he says. "This is where whatever is going to happen is going to happen first."

Since his move to America Patrick has been busily involved in television both before and behind the cameras. Among the TV shows he has appeared in is a feature length episode of *Columbo*. He is also involved in a great deal of writing and directing work.

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## BLONDES

### on the menu!

 SUSAN BACKLINIE will go down in movie history as the actress with the most celebrated bit-part role ever. She was "eaten" by "Bruce" the shark at the start of Jaws.

Another blonde, Vicki Johnson, doesn't fare much better in the new movie, Grizzly. As a forest ranger she goes out on a hunt for a huge grizzly bear that is terrorising visitors to one of America's national parks. Vicki makes the mistake of going for a swim in what seems to be a safe stretch of river running through the forest. While cooling off, the Grizzly comes out of the trees looking for his lunch, and before she can cry for help. Vicki is it!

The real star of *Grizzly* is 11 years old, 11 feet tall and weighs approximately 1400 pounds. His name is Theodore and has the distinction of being the largest bear in captivity. "Teddy" as he is known (aren't all bears?) has been in movies and on TV, but never worked for four straight weeks before. Even his trainer couldn't predict how he would react — for Teddy is trained but untamed.

Chris George, who stars in the movie with Richard Jaeckel, has made numerous action films but never worked with a wild animal. He admitted: "I was scared spitless! He has a look which says he'd like to have you for dinner."

All the actors admitted to feelings of apprehension when working with Teddy, but as in Vicki Johnson's case it was a case of "grizzly bears prefer blondes".

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