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McGoohan out of DANGER — now enter THE BARON

AFTER four years, Patrick McGoohan is quitting his role as TV's *Danger Man*, and the show itself is folding.

But, to appease *Danger Man* fans, TCN9 will replace him with another polished, man-of-the-world — *The Baron*.

The Baron experiences the first of his "crescendo of thrills" on TCN9 at 8.30 on Thursday night, August 4.

The Baron's business as an international art and antique dealer involves him in exciting, danger-laden adventures stemming from the valuable wares he handles and the people he meets.

The stories plunge him into human dramas with those who buy, sell or steal precious treasure.

Inevitably, it also embraces espionage.

This series of one-hour adventures is based on characters created by John Creasey under the pen-name of Anthony Morton. It stars Hollywood actor Steve Forrest.

Supporting him, as the Baron's assistant, is young British actor, Paul Ferris.

Unfortunately though, *The Baron* hasn't enjoyed the same international fame as *Danger Man*.

Although he has appeared as a guest in several television series, including

Burke's Law and *The Fugitive*, *The Baron* is Steve Forrest's first regular starring role.

Sue Lloyd partners Steve Forrest in the series.

She is cast as a glamorous espionage agent, seconded by Diplomatic Intelligence to assist the adventurous art and antique dealer.

Sue stepped from ballet into high fashion and from fashion into films. She has appeared in *Gideon's Way* and co-starred as a glamorous spy in the movie, *The Ipcress File*.

Meanwhile, news of *Danger Man's* demise came as a surprise, considering its continued success.

The series brought McGoohan international fame and made him Britain's highest paid television star, with reputed earnings of \$5000 a week in fees and royalties.

When the British ATV network announced that *Danger Man* would end, they also announced they would soon start work on an entirely new series.

The new series, another adventure program, is said to be Patrick McGoohan's own idea. He will be its star.



● STEVE (The Baron) Forrest and Sue Lloyd.

McGoohan, who played John Drake in *Danger Man*, is reported to have said: "I am not fed up with *Danger Man*, but it has had a long run."