

PAT COSTA
As I
See It



Don Rickles has earned himself, and deservedly so, the reputation of being the most insulting performer on television.

He insults other stars, their mates, their parents, children and friends. When there are no stars around, he insults nobodies.

How much of it is an act and how much of it is the real Don Rickles?

Watched Rickles who normally is confined to short spots on other shows, on the Mike Douglas Show. Rickles' own show was recently canceled by CBS.

The Douglas show, 90 minutes each morning, featured Rickles as co-host. That means, that minus commercial time, he was "on" the whole program.

For an hour he was able to sustain his nastiness. Next thing you know, however, he was putting down "The Godfather" and extolling the virtues of Italians in general and baseball player Joe Pepitone in particular. Given a few minutes more, we might have heard him saying something nice about his host or even

Once Over Briefly

These are ratings from the Catholic film office on the audience suitability of current movies

A CLOCKWORK ORANGE—Condemned— An almost metaphysical study of lust and death. Stanley Kubrick's reading of the Anthony Burgess novel of the same title.

CABARET—Adults— Christopher Isherwood's Berlin. Critics say it's Liza Minnelli's greatest triumph.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF—Everyone— Exuberant musical of life in Tzarist Russia.

DeSales Senior Wins Award

Geneva — Patrick Sweeney of DeSales High School has been awarded one of the six "Pro Deo" scholarships provided by the Knights of Columbus for children of members. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Sweeney of John Street.

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At Home with the Movies

ASSIGNMENT K (1968)
Thursday, June 22 (CBS)

This is a British-made adventure yarn about international intrigue.

It stars Stephen Boyd and Michael Redgrave and the usual double-cross and triple-cross.

The Catholic film office rated it A-3, unobjectionable for adults and adolescents.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING (1966)

Saturday, June 24 (NBC)

No, this is not in return for President Nixon's recent visit to Moscow, but a satirical comedy starring Alan Arkin as a lieutenant on a Russian submarine that accidentally runs aground on an island off Cape Cod.

In broken English, he tries in vain to convince the hysterical inhabitants (among them Carl Reiner, Jonathan Winters, Ben Blue and Paul Ford as a John Birch-ish super-patriot) that all he and his crew want is to get their sub afloat and be on their way again. Cooperation between the Russians and the Americans to save a child in danger drives home the film's main theme.

The film was widely acclaimed as one of the best film comedies in years, one that entertains while helping to relieve cold-war jitters, and one that can contribute to Russian-American understanding.

Rabbi Speaks At K. of C. Fete

Rabbi Morris Greenfield of Geneva, was the guest speaker at the Knights of Columbus breakfast June 11.

Rabbi Greenfield spoke of his own delight with the current ecumenical movement. He told of a letter he received from a Catholic child in California who had visited a temple there while he had been the Rabbi. She said that the temple was so beautiful that she was sure God was there even though they were of different faiths.

During questions and answers later, Rabbi Greenfield stressed the importance of teaching children about God and of instilling in them a sense of moral value. If this is done, he said, they will always return to them, even if they stray at times.

Robert Beck was chairman.

Arkin was universally praised for his performance, most of it done with facial expressions and gestures. Brian Keith also drew plaudits in his role as a level-headed sheriff in the midst of panicky rumors and potentially dangerous confrontations between Arkin's desperate, frightened crew and the islanders.

The Catholic film office rated it A-1, for the family, calling it "inspired farce" and a film with "serious human values underlying the fun." However, a number of movie-goers regarded the film as subtle Russian propaganda and objected to the portrayal by Ford as the super-patriot.

THAT MAN IN INSTANBUL (1965)

Sunday, June 25 (ABC)

This is another international intrigue film, about a nightclub

owner and playboy who is talked into becoming an undercover agent by a beautiful U.S. operative.

The playboy is played by Horst Buchholz and Sylva Koscina is the gal who persuades him to join in her search for a kidnapped atomic scientist.

Naturally, there's a love subplot involving him and her.

The Catholic film office rated this one A-3, unobjectionable for adults.

THE CAVERN (1964)
Monday, June 26 (ABC)

John Saxon and Rossana Scalfino co-star in this romantic adventure that hardly made it to the screens when it was released.

The Catholic film office rated it A-2, unobjectionable for adults and adolescents.

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