

THE AVENGERS STRIKE BACK WITH GLAMOR

THE AVENGERS is set to return to television screens around the world — only this time there will be an extra touch of glamor.

The first touch comes in the form of a new male sidekick to the unconventional crime-busting team. He is Gareth Hunt who played a handsome, efficient, smooth-talking butler in **Upstairs, Downstairs**.

But the most glamorous addition is the new Avenger girl — five-foot eight, 34-25-35 Joanne Lumley.

Joanne has done most of her

work in theatre and films but she has not been seen enough on television to make her a household name. However, **The Avengers** will soon change that.

Joanne is the latest in an impressive line of Avenger girls. Viewers of the series were first treated to the beautiful Honor Blackman, whose trademark was the black leather look. Following her came Diana Rigg and then we were treated to the brief reign of Linda Thorson.

But Joanne can more than hold her own when pitted against her predecessors.

She is said to be the proud owner of two of the longest legs in the business.

As well as Joanne and Gareth, the show will star Patrick Macnee, who returns in his role as John Steed.

The Avengers was a highly successful production throughout the 1960s and its makers are hoping that its mixture of adventure and comedy will make it even more successful in the seventies.

With 30 hour-long episodes being made, it appears that the show will be given every chance to succeed. #



• **ABOVE:** The most glamorous attractions of **The New Avengers** are Joanne Lumley and fellow star Gareth Hunt.

• **RIGHT:** The cool appeal of new Avengers girl Joanne Lumley will soon be witnessed by viewers in 122 countries.

• **BELOW:** The Avengers without Steed (Patrick Macnee) would be like Punch without Judy.



• **LEFT:** Gareth Hunt, known previously as Frederick — the handsome footman in **Upstairs, Downstairs**.



• RIGHT: Mike Gambit (Gareth Hunt) and Steed (Patrick Macnee), preparing to take off in a new series of TV adventures.