Preview

by JACK BELL

PURDEY—HIT BY PASSION

JOHN STEED'S assistant Purdey has found herself a lover—and actually goes to bed with him.

All will be revealed in the latest series of **THE NEW AVENGERS** (most I T V regions, 8.0).

But the love-making by Purdy (Joanna Lumley) has to wait.

In tonight's episode Steed (Patrick Macnee) encounters an old adversary, a dying secret agent (Clive Revill) who wants the bowler-hatted dandy to bite the dust, too.

This episode was produced in England, but three programmes in the series were made in France (where the original financial backing came from) and four in Canada (which is also putting in money).

The series is being shown around the world, including France and Canada.

Explaining that love affair creator Brian Clemens says: "I thought it was time that a female lead like Purdey was shown to be vulnerable."

The affair doesn't last, but Purdey's lover (Martin Shaw) will be seen in another Clemens series, "The Professionals."

JOANNA LUMLEY

PIPPA PAGE

★ **THAT upstaging mynah bird called Gunga Din nearly took over the opening edition of the new run of HAPPY EVER AFTER (B B C-1, 7.40).**

The bird, which is supposed to belong to Aunt Lucy (Beryl Cooke), goes along when Terry and June Fletcher (Terry Scott and June Whitfield) take the family aboard Terry's new cabin cruiser.

"At rehearsal," says Pippa Page, who plays the Fletchers' daughter Susan, "the bird kept shouting 'Pay attention, pay attention.'

"But when we recorded the show it hardly uttered a cheep!"

A FAIR COP

★ **T V'S NEWEST** comedy coppers arrive on the scene in **THE FUZZ** (I T V, 9.0). Michael Robbins plays Det.-Sgt. Sidney Marble whose dreams of promotion are frustrated by Constables Cordwainer and Dickinson (Nigel Lambert and Mike Savage).

Their idea of an ideal "beat" is to sit in their crime car playing "I Spy."

Lynda Bellingham gives a new meaning to a "fair cop" as the glamorous P C Pamela Purvis. First case: to find the thief who's nicking knickers.

★ SO gritty Jack Ford didn't die after all when he blew the stately mansion Mandrake Place sky-high in the final episode of the last series **WHEN THE BOAT COMES IN** (B B C-1, 8.10). Jack (James Bolam) and his cronies are in deep trouble for blowing up Mandrake Place.

RADIO HIGHSPOTS

☐ POP SCORE (Radio 1 and 2, 7 p.m.). Pop music quiz with Pete Murray

☐ THE WAR BEHIND THE WIRE (Radio 4, 8.45 p.m.). New Colditz-in-reverse series about German prisoners-of-war in Britain.

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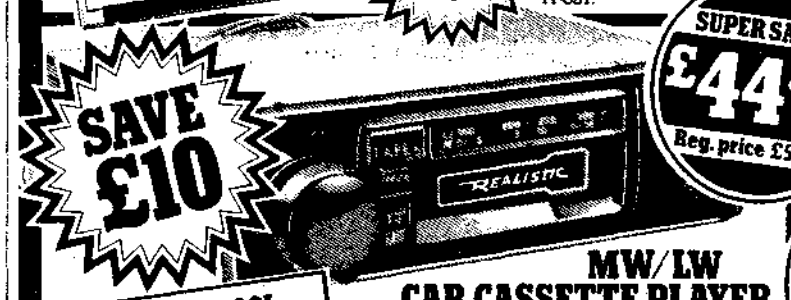

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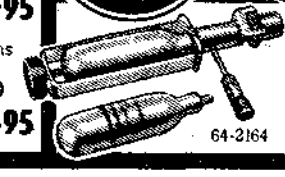

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QUIZWORD

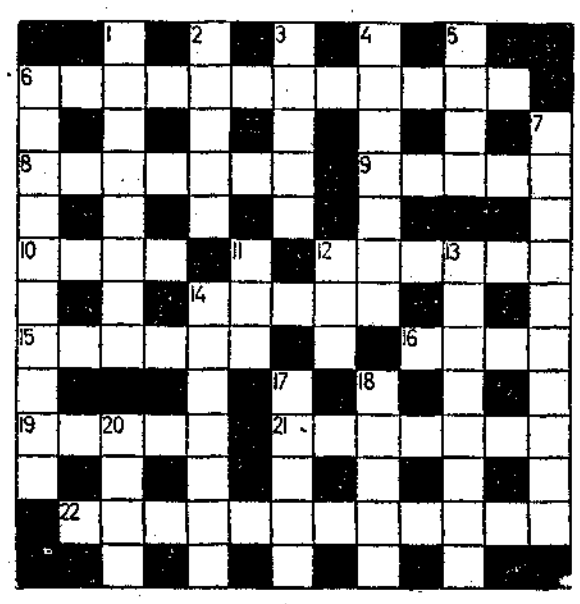
ACROSS

6. Novel in which the central character is Joe Lampton (4, 2, 3, 3).
8. Asian country comprising former French colonies (7)
9. *Tinca vulgaris*, a fish (5).
10. Larger members of the family Muridae (4).
12. Sea-bird with brightly coloured parrot-like beak (6).
14. Belgian city famous for cutlery (5)
15. Birthplace of Rembrandt (6).
16. Symbol seen on a battery, often (4)
19. The part of a tyre that touches the ground (5).
21. Peter Falk T V role (7).
22. Surname of central character in Scott's "Rob Roy" (12)

DOWN

1. Soccer's "Sky Blues" (8).
2. Leslie Caron film (5).
3. "Boston —— " church tower and landmark for seamen (5).
4. Fabulous monster, half man, half horse (7).
5. "The —— is Green," play by Emlyn Williams (4).
6. Estuary on which Buenos Aires stands (5).
7. Rock-crystal, or a paste diamond (10).
11. Degree of proficiency in judo, etc (3).
12. Small short-haired dog with wrinkled face (3)
13. The November one is said to give the largest catches of herring (4, 4)
14. "I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a —— for the American people" (*F. D Roosevelt*) (3, 4)
17. Drives before the wind (5).
18. Brian, cricket star who played soccer for Leeds United, Arsenal, etc. (5).
20. Insert a bit of a problem: (T - - - - R) (4).

CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

6. Famous London building (8, 4)
8. Distance (7).
9. Playing-speed (5).
10. Catches (4)
12. Creed (6).
14. Transparent (5).
15. Nakedness (6).
16. Ship's timber (4).
19. Material (5)
21. Feeling (7).
22. Ship's loading-mark (8, 4).

DOWN

1. In quarantine (8).
2. Ultimate (5)
3. Merchandise (5).
4. Window-cover (7).
5. Shell-fish (4)
6. Womanliness (10)
7. Business meeting (10).
11. For what reason (3).
12. Plead (3)
13. Unquestioning (8).
14. Flows (7)
17. Lure (5)
18. Gay (5)
20. Lounge (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS.—1, Brush; 4, Swear; 10, Nylon; 11, Pelican; 12, Ridicule; 13, Juno; 15, Dreary; 17, Static; 19, Luck; 20, Swimmer; 23, Throaty; 24, Alone; 25, Stuff; 26, Adder.

DOWN.—2, Rifed; 3, Sinecure; 5, Wift; 6, Account; 7, Incredulity; 8, Apple; 9, Unconcerned; 14, Standard; 16, Excerpt; 18, Sways; 21, Loose; 22, Calf.

YESTERDAY'S QUIZWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS.—1, Marsh; 4, Maths; 10, Impel; 11, Reverie; 12, Lilliput; 13, Burr; 15, Tam-tam; 17, Dragon; 19, Erle (S. Gardner); 20, Winnipeg; 23, Iceland; 24, Brief; 25, Heath; 26, Adler.

DOWN.—2, Aspel; 3, Sullivan; 5, Alva; 6, Hormone; 7, Billy the Kid; 8, Trout; 9, Herring gull; 14, Cranford; 16, Maltese; 18, Biddy; 21, Paise; 22, Past.