## Army Archerd **JUST FOR VARIETY**

OOD MORNING: Like the song says - I'm still here. And I'm still looking for news, just as I have for 52 years. I'll be manning the phones as usual at my Variety office, and I'll continue to dig out news wherever it may be lurking, in crowded industry events or at intimate, so-called private, invitation-only settings. I'll check the darkened booths at Dan Tana's, the patio at Spago, the agent-packed Grill, even siphon leads out of the noise at the Palm. And in N.Y., at Elaine's, the new Le Cirque, Michael's and Joe Allen's after theater. My greatest joy will always be getting a "scoop." The byline will be the same, but it will be atop an occasional story and not atop the column.

OU HAVE BEEN with me outside the Oscars and the Emmys and inside and backstage with me at both, also at the "People's Choice Awards" from their first show, which I co-hosted with Richard Crenna. You've laughed with me at some of the wacky showbiz goings-on and joined me with a tear at eulogies I delivered to Richard Burton and Arthur Jacobs. You've suffered with me when we had power failures and I used candlelight to write a column on a manual typewriter - which I still keep in my office. I brought you first looks at countless movie and television sets, and legit shows in rehearsals. You were with me when we walked through the Jungle River Boat Ride at Disneyland - when the hippos and water were not yet installed. And you were at my side when EuroDisney was still mired in mud and its opening a gamble. I took you with me when Princess Grace invited us into her Monaco palace for dinner and a movie. You were with me in the White House and at the Kennedy Center with Presidents Reagan, Clinton and Bush, pere et fils. You were with me on the Demo convention platform when JFK was nominated for president. And in Madison Square Garden when Marilyn Monroe "Happy Birthday'd" Kennedy in the sexiest rendition ever heard ... You were with me during the height of the celeb-packed nightclub era on the Sunset Strip - Ciro's when the Will Mastin Trio starring Sammy Davis Jr. was born. And at the Mocambo, where we ringsided at the latenight brawls when the screen's heroes and heavies decided to live their movie roles. And in midtown L.A., where the Ambassador Hotel housed the worldfamous Cocoanut Grove, where every top name in the biz performed with an orchestra led by Freddy Martin, whose singer-pianist was Mery Griffin ... You were with me ringside as "Rocky" won his first bloodied bout in downtown L.A. And you stood alongside me in the Circus Maximus in Rome as the great chariot race of "Ben-Hur" was filmed ... You were on the sets with me when I put on ape makeup and hairy suit to take you inside "The Planet of the Turn to page 8

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**T'S NOT A GOOD MORNING** — and it will not be for a long time to come. "The threat level will be around for a long time," the FBI tells me. ... It's not surprising that the biz is putting the bizness of award shows on hold. "This is a national crisis and no time to be handing out awards or to comment on what people are wearing,' Emmy producer Don Mischer told me Tuesday morning about the cancellation of Sunday's Emmy Awards. "They will occur some time in the future, but we don't know when. We don't even

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know how many participants will want to fly again soon. We're in a period of national mourning.' ... The Latin Grammys were canceled. It was to have been the 40th Grammy show produced by Pierre Cossette Prods. Only once before was a Grammy show threatened, but not canceled. In 1971, the Grammys were delayed at the Shrine because of a bomb scare 20 minutes before show-

day on - life as we once knew it.

time ... Latin Grammys producer Walter C. Miller is skedded to fly Monday to Nashville for confabs on the Country Music Awards, to air live on CBS Nov. 7, but Miller does not know whether that meeting's sked will be met. Meanwhile, his son, director Paul Miller, was skedded Tuesday to start directing the first of a series of commercials for American Airlines to be aired on "Saturday Night Live." They were canceled ... Canceled from that

