

Bob Fuller Is Unhappy With Future

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HOLLYWOOD, AP—Robert Fuller isn't happy: congressional hearings and pressure groups have ruined Jess Harper's aim. Bob, as lovers of TV Westerns well know, plays Jess in NBC's "Laramie," now going into its third season.

"And this year, you can't kill a villain," Fuller said sadly. "The worst you can do is wound him—and you're allowed one shot. If this goes along any further our fight scenes with the heavies will be hair-pulling and scratching."

Fuller, it should be noted, reflects a popular Hollywood viewpoint but one rarely seen in print. The official position of the three major networks, really scared by high-level condemnation of TV for its violence, appears to be one of never admitting excessive violence but promising to mend their ways.

"I think that Westerns are the only real escape entertainment of today," Fuller said. "You can

pick up any newspaper and read cops and robber stuff. You can identify with almost any family in the situation comedies. But you can really get away watching a Western. I just don't think the audience is going to be satisfied when, at the end, the villain's retribution is just getting pinked in the shoulder."

The new order, apparently, is spoiling the aim of all of TV's quick-drawing, straight-aiming heroes of the sagebrush. During the past week I've visited sets of four or five horse operas and so far have not heard the sound of a shot.

In line with Edd Byrnes' elevation from parking attendant to private eye in "77 Sunset Strip," his name has been officially changed from Edd to Edward.

Union Station

Burns at Peoria

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — The old Union Station in downtown Peoria has been destroyed by a spectacular blaze which swept through the abandoned block-and-a-half long building.

Peoria firemen fought the blaze for almost an hour before bringing it under control Saturday. No injuries were reported. Cause of the blaze was not immediately determined.