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SHOW BIZ AWARDS.

Richard Todd tickled the ribs of the Variety Club, at the 8th Annual Awards Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. Voted most promising newcomer was Anthony Newley, a fine comedy actor.

Elisabeth Seal received the Silver Heart as the best stage actress of 1959. Best Independent T.V. personality, Bruce Forsyth. And the top award, Show Business Personality - heavyweight Harry Secombe.

Richard Todd speaks:

"So will you please give your chair a breather, and come and receive your Award!" (Applause)

Harry Secombe speaks:

"I don't know what qualifications are necessary for me to become personality of the year. Wit, polish, charm, intelligence, - beauty - and if those were qualifications now taken into account in this case, I am afraid I think in my case, the situation was broadened, the considerations weighty, as in the case of my old fellow book-end, Richard Dimbleby here!- (Laughter). Rhubarb, rhubarb, etc... Now there are various ways of acknowledging the Award, brief and to the point, such as thank you, I don't deserve it - or more truthfully - I don't deserve it, but thank you! I would like to say straight-forwardly, from the bottom of my heart, I've got it - try and get it back!!" (Applause)