



Connie on The Ed Sullivan Show



Danny Thomas



Jack Benny



In the late fifties and early sixties, Connie was voted the World's No.1 Female vocalist by London's prestigious New Musical Express and was voted No. 1 in almost every country in Europe, the United States, the Far East, South America, Australia and practically everywhere records were sold.

Her Italian, Spanish and Jewish albums, transformed Connie from a teenage idol to a mature performer at leading nightspots around the world. Connie was the biggest female draw the Copacabana nightclub in New York City ever had. She was the top female vocalist in Las Vegas, often earning the award as most popular female entertainer in Las Vegas, and the

youngest performer, at age 22, ever to headline at the Sahara in that town.

So great was her international fame that at the Canadian 1967 Expo, the Prime Minister named Connie "Female Entertainer of the Century" (Bing Crosby was named Male Entertainer of the Century).

Despite all these acclamations, Connie, states that "visiting and entertaining the troops in Vietnam was the most rewarding experience of my career."

She was a longtime favorite of the military before she even went there, easily earning her the title "America's Sweetheart of Song."



On January 7, 1974, Connie's life made a 360-degree turnaround. She was raped at knifepoint in a Long Island Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, where she was staying during an engagement at the nearby Westbury Music Fair. She did not sing again for seven years, reluctant to face the public and experiencing severe bouts of depression. Connie later sued the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge chain and was awarded the largest monetary settlement ever in a case of sexual assault. her landmark case studied in law journals till today also brought about improved hotel security. At the request of several organizations protecting crime victims, she made public-service announcements about rape and toured the country.

Connie will soon become Executive Producer of the movie based on her life story and best-selling autobiography. "Who's Sorry Now?" scheduled to go into production in late 2008 and she is currently in the process of writing another autobiography.