

The Mickey Mouse Mob



Preceding The Mickey Mouse Club on television was The Mickey Mouse Mob, an adult-themed show that featured the sometimes criminal antics of a gang of Disney characters. Like the later “Club,” “Mob” assigned special themes to each day of the week: Fun with Music (Monday), Guest Star (Tuesday), Anything Can Happen (Wednesday), Circus (Thursday), and Talent Round-up (Friday). The show was abruptly canceled on March 19, 1954 when, in one outrageous week, Monday demonstrated the deleterious effect a musical saw had on a chicken; notorious bank robber Clarence Dye guest-starred on Tuesday; Wednesday’s “happening” was the firebombing of J. Edgar Hoover’s prized Buick Special; and Friday’s show featured armed FBI agents “rounding up” Mickey’s Mob – all except for Donovan Duck, who escaped during the fierce shoot-out and was never captured. Oh, and Thursday’s “circus?” In comparison, ancient Rome’s worst gladiatorial games were a study in gentility!