

December 8th, 1960

ROSE LAWN,

KINGSGATE-ON-SEA,

BROADSTAIRS,

KENT.

Dear Maurice McLoughlin,

Thank you for your letter this morning. No, I haven't seen a copy of the script so far. Of course I am very much interested, and if you care to send me your original draft, as you suggest, I will take every care of it and return it promptly.

About the title, I think you don't quite do yourself justice in terming it a "bad pun". It seemed to me quite a good one; and "Bunter's Swiss Roll" made me laugh when I first heard the title, from which I deduce that others will find it amusing. It is very interesting that Lyons have taken it up: Billy Bunter, like Daniel, in the Lyon's den!

While I was sorry to see that Gerald Campion was out, I think you are quite right that one actor should not have a monopoly of the character. I have seen the photograph of Keith Banks in the newspapers as Bunter, and it certainly impressed me very favourably. Judging by appearances, at any rate, it seems to me that an excellent selection has been made, and I don't doubt for a moment that Miss Pollock's confidence in him will be justified.

Although Father Time has made it impracticable for me to see the show, I shall hear about it from many quarters: and I shall hope to hear that it has been a great success. Best of luck, my dear boy.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

*Frank Richards*

P.S. I am sending you a copy of "Punch" by the same post. It may amuse you to see Frank Richards as "Minister of Education".