

Television Today

By Rick DuBrow

Something New in News

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — ABC-TV's evening news program took on a new look Monday that bears watching — a format that allows for outspoken guest columnists of the air.

ABC-TV is the smallest of the three major commercial television networks, and has never been able to compete successfully in the ratings with CBS-TV's Walter Cronkite or NBC-TV's Huntley-Brinkley report.

It therefore seems a very wise decision for ABC to go its own way rather than continuing to



knock heads with its larger competitors on their own terms.

This doesn't mean that ABC is discarding all of the standard evening news approach.

News is still what the evening report is all about — and it's not at all a matter of one guest columnist after another.

There will probably be a collection of 20 or 25 of them for ABC to call on, but the chances are that most of the individuals will be used only occasionally, depending on how the news goes.

ABC's opinion section was initiated Monday evening by columnist James Kilpatrick, who didn't mince words a bit in his views of campus rioters.

And later on, veteran ABC commentator Howard Smith offered some views critical of television news. The ABC anchorman for the new format, Frank Reynolds, offered a rebuttal to Smith as his contribution to the new commentary emphasis.

There is no question that ABC's fresh direction is welcome, significant for television and even a bit historic — strictly in terms of video, of course.

In fact, it may well be that the most significant television happening of the last year has been the new outspokenness by the news reporters of all the networks.

Nor should it be overlooked that several veterans like Smith and Eric Sevareid of CBS have been delivering frequently trenchant commentaries for some time now, on the very same evening news programs.

But ABC is frankly committed to commentary now in a very large way, and as its own special thing. And that's something.

Of course, one wants to say hooray and all that, but it seems somehow wrong to go overboard since television is still light years behind the good newspapers and magazines in the field of strong commentary, which has always been an essential part of the print media.

In brief, it is simply pleasant to note that television is growing up — and more power to all the networks as they finally shake off the absurd shackles that have retarded them so long.

Don Ho, touted Hawaiian entertainer, had an hour special about the island state on NBC-TV Monday night. And although the production was hokey, saccharine and an awful mess, the star indicated he possessed a bit of charisma.

The problem is that he sings and performs like a man with too much money in the bank. They say he has animal sex appeal, but all I noticed was an expression that looked like a cross between boredom and pain.

His singing was poor, yet he has presence — a certain something. He may be a big man in Hawaii, but he badly needs craftsmanship. At this point, I've seen 50 better lounge acts in Las Vegas.

Mundt Firm On Stand on Poor March

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) Monday defended his advice that tourists and visitors temporarily stay away from Washington, and rejected criticism that he had no compassion for the poor people camped in the capital.

"That preservation of law and order and the safety of our citizens is paramount in my immediate concern requires no apology," Mundt said in a news-
letter. "If law and order cannot be maintained, if our citizens cannot be secure, what chance is there for resolving the problems of poverty when the system best equipped to meet these problems must use its resources either to prevent its own destruction or to restore that which has been demolished?"

Mundt earlier advised constituents and other persons not to come to Washington in May because of the tense situation brought on by the Poor People's March and the rising crime rate in the capital. He noted Monday that 10 persons were killed in the April disorders in Washington, four store owners and employees had been killed in recent holdups and a bus driver slain.

"Compassion for the poor is not exclusively the domain of those who cry that more money is the answer to our problems," Mundt said. "Money, unhappily, simply doesn't go to the root of these problems. If that were the answer, we would be near the solution."

"Since 1960 we have expanded in federal funds alone some \$140 billion, and will add in the coming fiscal year another \$24 to \$27 billion for federal aid to the poor."

Mundt quoted Daniel Patrick Moynihan as saying, "It was time liberals stopped believing the government had an unlimited capacity for doing good."

The South Dakota Republican said he did not have an answer to the poverty problem, but added that "those who claim they have the solution, and that instant prosperity can be achieved, are playing with emotional fire."

They'll Do It Every Time



Culver Lauds Young People For Storm Aid

DECORAH — Congressman John Culver praised the "heroic and unselfish contribution" of young northern Iowans in the tornado areas during the last week, and said that "this is the kind of direct and positive community action which is so much more typical of our young people and more deserving of public attention than the disruptive antics of the few who always seem to make the headlines."

Delivering the main address at commencement exercises at North Winneshiek high school here Monday night Culver described the relief and recovery efforts he had observed during his tours of the disaster areas in Fayette county, and emphasized the work of college students and local youths, as well as Job Corps volunteers who had been brought into the area.

Just as these young people provided the spirit and the physical capabilities to meet this crisis, he said, "so will you be called upon to meet the social, economic and political challenges which will confront your community, state and nation as you assume your roles in society."

Corn Sprouting About 65 Percent

DES MOINES (UPI) — About 65 percent of Iowa's planted corn acreage has sprouted and pushed above the ground, the Iowa crop and livestock reporting service said Monday.

The service said the crop is in generally good condition throughout the state with just a few scattered reports of cutworm activity and relatively light frost damage in the north.

About 76 percent of the soybean crop is in the ground and about 18 percent has come up. Condition of the crop ranges from poor to excellent with good shape.

Both the oat crop and pasture conditions around the state range from fair to excellent.

Dynamite Blast Hits Synagogue

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — A dynamite blast early Tuesday heavily damaged Temple Beth Israel, a two-year-old synagogue in a high-income area of North Meridian. No one was injured.

The explosion blew out the walls of the educational building, made a ceiling collapse and shattered windows in nearby homes. It was heard several miles away.

Police said the bomb was apparently made from dynamite. The explosion blew a crater three feet in diameter and a foot deep in the concrete floor of the educational building.

OREGON PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY — Howard K. Smith reports on the balloting — Tuesday at 10:30 PM on Channel 9 in COLOR.

Washington Police Will Be Increased

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson announced Monday he will ask congress for a 1,000-man increase in the District of Columbia police force, now authorized at 3,100 men. Residents and business men have expressed alarm at a rise in street crimes since the capital was hit by racial rioting last month.

Johnson disclosed plans for a major boost in the capital's police protection after signing two bills granting major July 1 pay boosts to the district's policemen, firemen and public school teachers.

Lindsay Sees Big Jump in Welfare

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor John Lindsay has predicted that one out of eight residents of New York City will be on welfare rolls by the middle of next year as he submitted a record \$6.1 billion city operating expense budget for the next fiscal year.

If the current trends continue, Lindsay said, more than one million persons will be on welfare by mid-1969. The figure now is about 873,000.

The budget — topped only by the \$182 billion federal budget — was described as an "austerity" budget by the Republican mayor, who was on a short vacation in the Bahamas as the document was presented Monday to the Democratic-controlled city council and board of estimate.

The budget calls for spending \$840 million, or 16 percent more than the current budget. Almost one-half of the increase had to be earmarked for the \$1.3 billion in welfare costs expected, Lindsay said.

Culver urged the graduates to continue their educational development, formally or informally, whether they go on to school, join the military, enter the market place or assume family responsibilities.

Wagner Will Be Envoy to Spain

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson has announced he will nominate former New York Democratic Mayor Robert Wagner as ambassador to Spain and Texan William Crook as ambassador to Australia.

Wagner, 58, who was elected New York's mayor in 1954 and served until 1965, would succeed Angier Biddle Duke. Duke has become state department chief of protocol.

Crook would succeed a fellow Texan, Austin lawyer Edward Clark, who resigned. Crook now heads VISTA — Volunteers in Service to America — a domestic program similar to the Peace corps.

China Cancels Talks

WARSAW (AP) — The 135th session of the U.S.-Red Chinese ambassadorial talks, scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed by the Chinese.

Freeman In Demand for Equal Time

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Freeman Monday demanded equal time to reply to a television documentary on hunger which he said threatened to destroy food programs that do the most for the poor.

Calling CBS' "Hunger In America" a travesty on objective reporting, Freeman released copies of a letter he wrote to CBS President Frank Stanton asking for a chance to refute some of the claims made on the May 21 program.

Freeman acknowledged that much remained to be done in efforts to feed the poor in the nation. "But to say, as CBS did last Tuesday, that all the nation's efforts to feed the hungry have failed does nothing but undermine — and may ultimately destroy — public confidence in the food programs that have done more to meet the problem of hunger in America than any other effort upon which this nation has embarked."

Freeman called the program a "biased, one-sided, dishonest presentation of a serious national problem."

Stokely Bidding On \$70,000 Home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stokely Carmichael, Black Power advocate, and his bride, Angier Biddle Duke, were reported Monday to be negotiating for purchase of a \$70,000 home in northwest Washington.

F. Victor Guidice, owner of the three story, four-bedroom house on about an acre of well-kept gardens, said he understands "some singer from New York" has been negotiating for purchase of the structure for about a week.

A real estate agent confirmed that the singer is Miss Makeba, for Wednesday has been married to Carmichael, 27.

Head of Parsons Says the School Must Bury Past

FAIRFIELD (AP) — The new president of troubled Parsons college, Dr. Carl Kreisler, says the school "must bury the past and begin now to look to the future."

Kreisler, chairman of Parsons' education department, was named 16th president of the private school Monday, succeeding Dr. Wayne Stamper, who retired for health reasons.

Kreisler, 39, is to be sworn in June 7 and take over the duties of president June 10.

Parsons college has been plagued by financial and academic problems since the North Central Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools revoked its accreditation of the school two years ago.

The accrediting agency recently agreed to consider Parsons a candidate for reaccreditation.

"We must bury the past and begin now to look to the future," said Kreisler. "We intend to be part of the mainstream of American education, but we will not apologize for who we are, what we are, or what we stand for."

Kreisler said Parsons has made "a miraculous recovery" under Stamper's leadership and the college will "build on the efforts of those who have worked and dedicated themselves toward making Parsons the place that it is."

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3-KTVO, Ottumwa
13-WHO-TV, Des Moines

4-WHBF-TV, Rock Island
5-WOC-TV, Davenport
6-WKBT, La Crosse
10-KROC-TV, Rochester

Time	Tuesday Night	Wednesday Morning	Wednesday Afternoon	
6:00	1-McHale's Navy 2-Report to Iowa 3-News, Weather, Spts. 4-News, Weather, Spts. 5-Weather, News, Spts. 6-Sports, News, Weather, Spts. 13-News, Weather, Spts.	7-Today 8-CBS News 9-News 10-News, Weather, Spts. 11-News, Weather, Spts. 12-News, Weather, Spts.	12:15 1-Forum 10-Mary Bea 13-Cartons	12:30 1-Wedding Party 2-As World Turns 3-World News 4-As World Turns 5-World News 6-As World Turns 7-Let's Make Deal 13-Movie
6:30	1-Cubs-Philadelphia 2-Dakari 3-1 Dream of Jeannie 4-Dakari 5-1 Dream of Jeannie 6-Dakari 7-1 Dream of Jeannie 13-1 Dream of Jeannie	8:00 1-Capt. Kangaroo 2-Capt. Kangaroo 3-Capt. Kangaroo 4-Capt. Kangaroo	1:00 1-Newlywed Game 2-Gone With the Wind 3-Days of Lives 4-Manly Splendor 5-Days of Lives 6-Manly Splendor 7-Days of Lives 13-Days of Lives	
7:00	7-Jerry Lewis 8-Jerry Lewis 9-Jerry Lewis 13-Jerry Lewis	9:00 1-Film 2-Modern Women 3-Romper Room 4-Dick Van Dyke 5-Andi Camera 6-Andi Camera 7-Andi Camera 8-Snap Judgment 9-Snap Judgment	1:30 1-Baby Game 2-Doctors 3-Doctors 4-House Party 5-House Party 6-Doctors 7-Doctors 13-Doctors	
7:30	1-Red Skelton 2-Red Skelton 3-Red Skelton 4-Red Skelton	9:30 1-Dick Cavett 2-Hillbillies 3-Concentration 4-Concentration 5-Concentration 6-Concentration 13-Concentration	2:00 1-General Hospital 2-To Tell Truth 3-Another World 4-To Tell Truth 5-To Tell Truth 6-Another World 7-To Tell Truth 8-Another World 13-Another World	
8:00	7-Tuesday Movie— "Strange Bedfellows" 8-Tuesday Movie— "No Way Out" 10-Tuesday Movie— "Strange Bedfellows" 13-Tuesday Movie— "Strange Bedfellows"	10:00 1-Andy of Mayberry 2-Personality 3-Andy of Mayberry 4-Andy of Mayberry 5-Andy of Mayberry 6-Personality 7-Personality 8-Personality 13-Personality	2:30 1-Dark Shadows 2-Edge of Night 3-You Don't Say 4-Edge of Night 5-Edge of Night 6-You Don't Say 7-Edge of Night 8-You Don't Say 13-You Don't Say	
8:30	2-Good Morning 3-Good Morning 4-Good Morning 5-F-Troop	10:30 1-Dick Van Dyke 2-Hollywood Squares 3-Dick Van Dyke 4-Dick Van Dyke 5-Hollywood Squares 6-Dick Van Dyke 7-Hollywood Squares 13-Hollywood Squares	3:00 1-Dating Game 2-Secret Storm 3-Match Game 4-Secret Storm 5-Secret Storm 6-Secret Storm 7-Match Game 8-Secret Storm 9-Match Game 13-Match Game	
9:00	1-CBS News 2-CBS News 3-CBS News 4-CBS News	11:00 1-Treasure Isle 2-Tomorrow 3-Tomorrow 4-Tomorrow 5-Tomorrow 6-Tomorrow 7-Eye Guess 8-Newlywed Game 9-Mike Douglas 13-Movie	3:30 1-Movie 2-Movie 3-Movie 4-Movie 5-Movie 6-Movie 7-Movie 8-Movie 9-Movie 10-Movie 11-Movie 12-Movie 13-Movie	
9:15	1-Invaders	11:30 1-Guiding Light 2-Guiding Light 3-Guiding Light 4-Guiding Light 5-Guiding Light 6-Guiding Light 7-Guiding Light 8-Guiding Light 13-Guiding Light	4:00 1-Dr. Max 2-Mike Douglas 3-Baby Game 4-Cartons 5-Newlywed Game 6-Mike Douglas 7-Movie	
10:00	1-News, Sports, Weather 2-Report to Iowa 3-News, Sports, Weather 4-News, Sports, Weather 5-News, Weather, Spts. 6-News, Weather, Spts. 7-News, Weather, Spts. 8-News, Weather, Spts. 9-News, Weather, Spts. 10-News, Weather, Spts. 11-News, Weather, Spts.	11:45 1-Guiding Light 2-Guiding Light 3-Guiding Light 4-Guiding Light 5-Guiding Light 6-Guiding Light 7-Guiding Light 8-Guiding Light 13-Guiding Light	4:30 1-Bewitched 2-Nervy Griffin	
10:30	1-Oregon Primary 2-Oregon Primary 3-Oregon Primary 4-Oregon Primary 5-Invaders 6-Invaders 7-Oregon Primary 8-Oregon Primary 13-Oregon Primary	12:00 1-Dream House 2-News, Weather 3-News, Weather 4-News, Weather 5-News, Weather 6-News, Weather 7-News, Weather 8-News, Weather 9-News, Weather 10-News, Weather 11-News, Weather 12-News, Weather 13-News, Weather	5:00 1-Candy Land 2-Candy Land 3-Candy Land 4-Candy Land 5-Candy Land 6-Candy Land 7-Candy Land 8-Candy Land 9-Candy Land 10-Candy Land 11-Candy Land 12-Candy Land 13-Candy Land	
11:00	1-Joe Bishop 2-Movie—"Never Trust a Gambler" 3-Tonight 4-Invaders 5-Invaders 6-Tonight 7-Tonight 8-Tonight 13-Tonight	5:45 1-News	5:15 1-ABC News 5:30 1-CBS News 2-NBC News 3-CBS News 4-NBC News 5-CBS News 6-NBC News 7-CBS News 8-NBC News 9-CBS News 10-NBC News 11-CBS News 12-NBC News 13-CBS News	
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