

TV CANDIDS

by Terrence O'Flaherty

Television has stolen soap operas from the radio, opera from the opera house, drama from the theater, pap from pictures, symphonies from the concert hall and variety shows from vaudeville.

But there is one type of program that is done only on television—the documentary. Except for a few great years when Pare Lorenz and Robert Flaherty led the way with majestic film studies, the motion pictures have all but abandoned them. TV can now claim the documentary for its own. It is also the thing that TV does best.

The TV documentary is an immeasurably powerful weapon of public information and influence and with it goes an equally great responsibility for accuracy on the part of those who write and produce them. A recent audience survey showed people generally tend to believe what they see on TV. If this is true, it greatly increases TV's responsibility to tell the truth.

Several recent television documentary studies have drawn sharp claims of distortion, bias and false reporting. One of them was the NBC investigation of the public relief program in Newburgh. City officials claimed that statements were taken out of context and interviews were slanted. The debate is still open. A second was the CBS program on the so-called "radical right."

Another commentator who has drawn criticism from "the other side" is David Brinkley whose wryly personal viewpoint is expressed weekly on "David Brinkley's Journal" on NBC.

The February 7 "Brinkley Journal" dealing with the Republic of Colombia drew a stinging charge of "monstrous lie" from Edgar A. Wells-Castilla, 1 East 57th Street, New York City.

He quotes Brinkley: "Through a great part of its history, Colombia has been one of the most brutally tortured countries in the world, robbed, pillaged and abused by one dictatorship after another."

Wells-Castilla comments: "This monstrous lie, openly stated in tones of great authority in a television program with tens of millions of listeners, will have far-reaching consequences and cause incalculable harm to Colombia.

"The truth is, ironically enough, that Colombia is the ONLY country among the 20 Latin American republics which has a history of nearly 100 years of constitutional democracy, interrupted just once by ONE dictator who lasted four years and was thrown out by spontaneous, collective action of the people.

"... This ignorance might be forgiven the average citizen, since so little is taught in American schools about Latin America—but Mr. Brinkley cannot be forgiven, having at his command the enormous research facilities that he must have in order to speak to the Nation on a top program of a major television network..."

Where the truth lies is left to students of Colombia in this case. But Mr. Wells-Castilla's final point is worth giving some deep thought regarding television documentaries in general. Does a television commentator actually need to be backed by qualified research "in order to speak to the Nation on a top program of a major television network?"

If not, we're in big trouble now, and we're in for a lot more trouble in the future.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1-Jump	4-Part of body	11-Without end	14-Without end	17-Through	20-Young boy	23-Part of body	26-Part of body	29-Young boy	32-Part of body	35-Part of body	38-Part of body	41-Part of body	44-Part of body	47-Part of body	50-Part of body	53-Part of body
2-Chimpan	5-Weight (colloq.)	12-Furish commander	15-Anger	16-Furish	18-Without end	19-Without end	21-Without end	22-Without end	24-Without end	25-Without end	27-Without end	28-Without end	30-Without end	31-Without end	33-Without end	34-Without end
3-Without end	6-Without end	7-Without end	8-Without end	9-Without end	10-Without end	13-Without end	16-Without end	18-Without end	19-Without end	21-Without end	22-Without end	24-Without end	25-Without end	27-Without end	28-Without end	30-Without end

DOWN

- 1-Fewer
- 2-Send forth
- 3-Military attendant
- 4-Smooths the feathers of



DR. HAYAKAWA To Address Students

Noted Semantics Expert To Speak at El Camino

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, internationally known leader in the field of semantics, will speak on "Our Language and Our World" at El Camino College Tuesday, May 15, at 8:15 p.m.

"Semantics, if you wish to make it so, is the study of how NOT to be a... fool," says Dr. Hayakawa in forthright terms.

SINCE 1956, Dr. Hayakawa has taught as a professor of language arts at San Francisco State College. With the aid of 12 assistants, he teaches 270 students in the study of semantics.

Through extensive interest and study, he became president of the International Society of Semantics. Founder of "ETC" magazine, he has served as editor of the semantics magazine since 1943. "Because language is involved in the health and pathology of both individuals and civilizations,

there is no end to the study of semantics," the professor states happily.

THE PROFESSOR'S wide interest in anthropology, psychology, and sociology is evident in his long list of memberships in professional organizations. One of the three books he wrote, "Language in Thought and Action," was translated into four languages.

Dr. Hayakawa proves a pet theory of his in action, "one can be a specialist in several fields." He is an authority on

American jazz, modern art, and the sport of striped fishing.

Tickets are on sale at the student store. Faculty and student admission is 50 cents and \$1 for the public.

The lecture will be presented in the Campus Theater.

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Lt. Governor Here Monday

Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson will be guest of honor at a breakfast at the International House of Pancakes at 8 Monday morning, it was reported here yesterday by Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Beasley said Anderson would be asked specifically for all the information presently available on the status of a four-year state college in the area.

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