

# Assignment TV

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U. S. television failed to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

The Winners in the Fourth International Television Festival of Monte Carlo were announced recently at a ball in that enchanting little capital. Not so enchanting, however, were the results as far as American television was concerned.

The United States came off with only one award, David Wolper's documentary on World War I titled "The Yanks Are Coming" was judged The Best Adaptation for TV of Material Designed for Another Medium.

The big award is for Program Best Contributing to Understanding Between Nations. It was split between a Japanese study of Hiroshima survivors, titled "Under the Sky of Hiroshima," and a Russian documentary on the use of television between space capsules and earth stations, titled "Operation Epeios."

**WEST GERMAN TV** won two of the seven prizes: Therese Giehse was voted Best Actress for her performance in a two-hour production of Gorki's "Vassa Zelzeva," and Rainer Eriol was honored for Best Direction for a 90-minute comedy, "Decorations for the Wunderkind."

The Best Children's Program was a Czechoslovakian puppet fantasy titled "The Enchanted Mr. Barnabsek."

No Best Actor Award was made (!) but Trevor Howard was given a Special Mention for his title role in the Hallmark drama "The Invincible Mr. Disraeli." Other Special Mentions were given to Romania's "Dialogue in Old Age," Japan's "Dark Gray Town," Belgium's study of impressionist art, "Cri et Connaissance," France's "Angola '63" and Japan's "Ma Zone."

**OF THE NINE U. S. entries** in the Festival, only two were concerned with the American scene. One of these was a bitter slice of Harlem tenement

life titled "Who Do You Kill?" It is the story of a Negro child who dies from a rat bite—an "East Side-West Side" series segment.

TV critic Cecil Smith of the Los Angeles Times was the only American on the 15-man international jury. Reports Smith of "Who Do You Kill?": "Although it was beautifully acted, it hardly seems the wisest choice for the single contemporary view of American life in the festival. It won prolonged applause from jurors, Russia's juror Tchernichev shook his hands boxer-like over his head. American actress Jessie Royce Landis termed the drama 'perfect Soviet propaganda.'"

A segment of NBC's excellent children's series, "Exploring," was also entered, as well as the U. S. half of the Telstar premiere.

**THE OTHER U. S. entries** were more international than American: "Disraeli," the study of a British statesman; the splendid NBC color tour of "The Kremlin;" ABC's tour of "The Vatican;" Lou Hazam's "Greece: The Golden Age;" Ingrid Bergman's Norwegian classic, "Hedda Gabler."

The Monte Carlo Festival is a new one (in its fourth year) and appears to be a most worthwhile venture. It is unique—I know of no other international awards of this scope—and the number of prizes are mercifully limited to seven, making them more coveted and less complicated.

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