

Assignment TV

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At least once a month for the past decade there has been a publicity release that some big movie star or other is at last condescending to work on television. In most cases the real truth was that there was no demand for them in films any more any way. Despite the size of the name and reputation there is often something pathetic about this situation even though it is inevitable in show business and completely understood as one of its hazards.

Early this summer it was announced that Rita Hayworth will be the guest star on a dramatic series for television, and just recently Janet Leigh told the press that she will make her dramatic television debut this fall! Golly, it kind of gets you, Right HERE.

Miss Leigh has appeared on television to plug her movies, naturally, but this is the first big acting job. It is an unfortunate time to start an acting career on TV. She will soon be on Bob Hope's Chrysler Theater, the best — and only — dramatic show left on television.

"A DRAMATIC television show is like doing a movie, only you do it in less time," Miss Leigh said. "So I was leery, wondering how you can do a good job. But I found on this show that we take as much time on the scenes as we need to . . . By not making myself available for television I've become very desirable somehow, only because television can never have enough people. It's a marvelous monster, it devours people. They're always in need of people who've not been exposed very often."

They'll get Doris Day yet! THE MOST interesting project announced for the new season is a series of six 90 minute filmed dramas based on the numerous activities of the United Nations, the most distinguished effort to get along with his fellow man. The project is to be bankrolled by a \$4 million grant from the Xerox Corp.

Since the first announcement of the project last April there have been many reports that the series was not going ahead as planned. A statement this week from The Telsun Foundation announced that it still expects to make the U.N. series and is confident it will be on the air by the first of the year.

Telsun is the name of the nonprofit organization established to develop the series for Xerox. One of the first plays to be produced is a story of brotherhood by Roc Serling titled "A Carol for Christmas." Another is Tad Mosel's drama about refugee seamen titled "The Land Bird," which is being produced and directed by George Sidney and will star Maris Schell.

The project has enlisted the support and the services of other top moviemakers including Otto Preminger, Sam Spiegel, Fred Zinneman, and Joseph L. Mankiewicz, all of whom are still connected with the series.

Four of the big dramas will be televised by ABC and two by NBC.

THIS MAY BE the year of David Jansson. Last year at this time nobody guessed it. That's the reason! The attractive and capable star of "The Fugitive" won public acclaim and awards and received the final video tribute—the show was renewed for another year.

But the sure sign of "box-office" is the revival of the star's old films and TV programs.

Aid Recipient Program Hailed as Successful

Work by persons receiving public assistance on County projects is proving valuable to both the individual and the County, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn pointed out last week.

The Supervisor recently initiated a program to utilize the skills of these workers on County Projects under the Community Work and Training Program.

Each County department was urged to draw from the manpower supply of more than 3,000 recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children Unemployed, most between the ages of 25 and 38.

RANCHO Los Amigos Hospital Administrator Eugene R. Erickson said a sun shelter for patients was built by welfare recipients.

"The completed job is most attractive and our handicapped patients are already making great use of it," Erickson said. "The Bureau of Public Assistance recipients dug holes and erected posts, placed wood beams, fitted and secured the roof, and finally painted the shelters."

He continued: "Our Master Mechanic, who gave professional supervision to the job, tells me that as a whole the recipients were all most cooperative, hardworking, and businesslike."

THE COUNTY Road Department reported this week that these men can be quickly trained to do many jobs on road construction and maintenance projects under supervision of regular employees.

In addition to roadside trash cleanup, they have assisted concrete pouring crews, acted as flagmen to alert traffic to road projects,

loading operations at warehouse, and painting road signs and posts.

County Road Commissioner Newton Templin reports that approximately 65 men are being utilized in such jobs.

Supervisor Hahn said he was extremely pleased by the willingness of the aid recipients to work and by their performance on the job.

"THE GOAL of this program is to aid the recipients to compete more effectively in the labor market and increase his chances for self-support," Hahn said.

First project conducted in this program was the cleanup of General Hospital several months ago.

At Hahn's suggestion, 75 aid recipients were assigned to the hospital to scrub walls of the huge institution "from top to bottom."

"THE SUCCESS of his pilot program, conducted without fanfare, prompted Hahn to call for full utilization of aid recipients by County departments.

The projects provide work training in such fields as warehouse and stockroom services, gardening, landscaping and transplanting, clerical skills such as filing, typing and PBX operation; collection procedures; food service work; and skills in multith machine operation, drafting, carpentry, painting, and construction.

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