

Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

At the continued insistence of that middle-aged imp, Jack Paar, his recent guest, Judy Garland, delivered some surprisingly unprofessional remarks about Marlene Dietrich, who had just opened in London.

Neither one of these living legends needs the publicity of a feud, but if the lady Ernest Hemingway, nicknamed "The Kraut," so chooses, she could tear Little Miss Rainbow to shreds. Actually the one who needs the publicity is Paar, whose show is Number 82 this year.

Miss Garland's main criticisms were: "Miss Dietrich isn't one of our better singers" and "there's too much applause from her audience." It seems curious that both of these aggravations apply to the speaker as well. Miss Garland's voice is deteriorating and is dangerously close to becoming a caricature of itself. Miss Dietrich never had one, but both performers are more successful in lighting up a song than any popular stars of our time.

I SUSPECT Miss Garland's glass house is too vulnerable to attack for her to throw the first stone in any direction, including up. There are no people like show people—and sometimes I wish there weren't.

Her comments on Miss Dietrich's entrance to a party clutching a huge record were quite another matter and very charming. "She had this big recording — far bigger than a 12-inch record — and she asked us if we wanted to hear it and we said sure. Do you know what it was? All applause! No singing, no music, just applause. Applause in Berlin, Paris, Moscow and everywhere.

"When it was over, Noel Coward said to me, 'My God, you don't suppose it has two

Pistol Club Holds Yearly Championship

The annual South Bay Police Pistol Club championship was won by the Marshal's Office, with the winning team consisting of Deputies Cece Mills, Gene Snyder, Steve Smith, and Frank Gompert.

Top three individual marksmen in the event were Don Henry of the Torrance P.D., winner of the President's Trophy, followed by Russell Peltz, Redondo Beach P. D., and Noel Cobbs of Torrance P. D. Second place in team competition was taken by the Hawthorne Police Department.

Students Host Parents, Guests

Students at Columbia School entertained parents and guests in a pre-Christmas show last week.

Primary students dressed as elves performed dances for Santa Claus in the opening scene. Other presentations included "Dance of the Toys," "First Christmas on the Moon," and "Happy Christmas Carolers."

sides, do you?" And my gosh it DID!"

THE SLOWEST covered wagon in the history of the West may reach the end of the trail at last if the rumors are true about the demise of "Wagon Train," a series that outlived one of its stars (Ward Bond) and once was the top-rated television show on the air. When Bond was alive the feuds between his old-school acting and his co-star Robert Horton's "method" acting almost brought the show to an end equal to that of the Donner party. Any show that could survive that could be too tough to die.

"THE ENTERTAINERS" has been having its ups and downs and there are rumors that it may be overhauled. It was originally called "The Carol Burnett Show" but she preferred to share the title. Everyone knows it's her show anyway — even when she's off which has been a lot recently due to her injury. Regulars Caterina Valente and Bob Newhart are relieved by guest stars, which helps, but one of the minus qualities on "The Entertainers" is Art Buchwald, a fine humorist on paper, but an embarrassing dead-weight in person who relies on the teleprompter to tell even the simplest of stories.

Gladys Cooper, the 75-year-old actress who plays the role of the mother in "The Rogues" was reminiscing for the press recently about the days when she was starring in London in her 20s:

"Performing was easier in those days. There was almost no competition. Movies and television hadn't been invented. Neither had radio. A star could have stood on the stage and read the telephone directory and the customers would have lined up at the box office just to listen. But these are better days and I enjoy keeping busy."



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More Men, Money Needed To Halt Traffic in Dope

By **ALPHONZO BELL**, Congressman, 28th District
Mexico may be overestimated as a producer of illicit drugs. While John Storer, the Chief of the State Bureau of Enforcement, contends that 75 per cent of the heroin in this state comes from Mexico, a different opinion is held by the United States Representative on the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Harry Anslinger, the United States delegate, states that there is only a small illicit production of opium and heroin in the mountainous regions of Mexico which finds its way into California. He does believe that Mexico is a principal channel for the smuggling of illegal drugs most of which, he says, are produced in Bolivia and Peru.

OTHER TESTIMONY be-

fore the Senate Investigating sub-committee advances the view that Mexico was important as a production center during the war years because of the curtailment of shipping. With resumption of peaceful trade Europe and the Far East have again become supply centers according to this interpretation of available information.

Drug traffic as an aspect of international Communist conspiracy is frequently discussed. Commissioner Henry Giordano testified that a great deal of opium originates in Yunnan Province and is unchecked by the Red Chinese government. He did not state that this was a part of the expansionist policy of the Communists.

Senator Karl Mundt, however, suggested at the same hearing on the same day that

Communists utilize such tactics to break down the morale and morals of free countries. Mainland China is an economic beneficiary of the drug traffic under any circumstances.

THE UNITED STATES Narcotics Bureau is a relatively small Federal agency. It employs 433 people, including 279 enforcement officers, located in 16 Districts. The Bureau cooperates with other Governments in dealing with the world traffic.

At the international level there are nine treaties and protocols on control of illicit drugs. More international cooperation exists here than in any other field. Mexico, which in one way or another greatly contributes to the problem in the United States, has an excellent record in

Tartars Enroll In New National Safety Program

Torrance High School has been enrolled in the 1964-65 National Student Traffic Safety Program, according to the National Education Association's safety education commission.

Torrance is one of 4,000 secondary schools which will participate in the program. A report will be submitted in the spring for review by the commission.

In this regard, the Mexican Government needs what our government needs: more men and more money to do the job.

Vapor Street Lights Due In Carson

Residents on six Carson area subdivision streets will receive new 7,000-lumen mercury vapor street lights in 1965, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The Board of Supervisors has approved a petitioned request that Tract 4546 be annexed to a County Lighting Maintenance District 1670 following a public hearing in the Hall of Administration.

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