

# Assignment TV

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The most overcrowded occupation in the United States today isn't insurance selling, computer-stuffing or even housewifery. It's television criticism. Last year I discovered to my horror that the whole country is muscling in on my job.

Is there anyone who didn't complain about TV in 1967? Yet in looking back on the year just passed there were

sweet film memory of the Marine Corps in the Pacific in World War II written and produced by Laurence F. Mascott. "The Warren Report," CBS's massive investigation of the report heard 'round the world.

"THE FINAL War of Oily Winter," an excellent study of a Negro soldier in Vietnam, with Ivan Dixon and Tina Chen on "CBS Playhouse." "The Crucible," another CBS production with George C. Scott and Colleen Dewhurst in the Arthur Miller play on witch-hunting. "An Enemy of the People," a NET Playhouse production based on the Miller adaptation of Ibsen's timely drama. "The

Investigation" an NBC adaptation of Peter Feiss's chilling drama based on testimony from the trials of Nazi prison camp guards. "A Christmas Memory," ABC's holiday rerun. "The Tale of Genji," a multi-part film drama produced in Japan with great artistry for NET Playhouse. "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night," an original drama dealing with the problems of growing old with a moving performance by Melvyn Douglas on "CBS Playhouse." "An Evening's Journey, Mass.," an Archibald MacLeish drama written for the National Educational Network. There were several out-

standing one-man shows among them: Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight" on CBS. Roger Coggio's masterful feat "Diary of a Madman" on CBS. The NET interview with Svetlana Allilueva. The CBS interview of Eric Hoffer. . . and who can forget Governor Reagan and Senator Kennedy on CBS's "Town Meeting of the Air" . . . or William Buckley Jr. any night of the week? Harry Reasoner's new series of personal observations on Andrew Wyeth, Rose Kennedy and the nether crevices of the Haight-Ashbury. . . In the field of music NBC's "Bell Telephone Hour" stands head and shoulders — also chest and waist — above all others.

"The Sights and Sounds of San Francisco" was the best look yet taken at that town and its "Many Faces of Romeo and Juliet," a perfect show. "C'est la Vie" was the year's most original musical, an "ABC Stage 67" film made in France.

THE AMERICAN Negro provided TV film-makers with much of their material including: "A Time for Laughter," a look at Negro humor in America produced by Harry Belafonte. "The Tenement," an abrasive CBS record of the life in a Chicago apartment house. "Summer '67: What We Learned," candid-observations of Negro unrest coupled with NBC's

frank conclusions, easily the most harrowing show of the year.

David Susekind's "Repertory Theater USA" introduced viewers to eight productions across America. . . NBC's Sunday series "Experiment in TV," was a notable effort at an unfortunate time of the week.

## Bus Trip Planned To Studio

A field trip to Universal Studios, the world's largest movie studio, is being planned by the Torrance Recreation Department for Saturday, Jan. 27.

Buses will leave from Walteria and McMaster parks and from the Torrance Recreation Center at 10 a.m. They will return about 5 p.m. Cost of the trip, including transportation and admission to the studios, is \$3 for children 7 to 11, \$3.50 for persons 12 to 16, and \$4.20 for adults.

## Hahn to Address El Camino Club

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn will address the El Camino Kiwanis Club next Tuesday at the Alondra Club, 16400 Prairie Ave., the Rev. George H. Johnson, program chairman said.

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