

Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

Bad is "in" and Good is "out." At least that's the impression most viewers received from television last summer. Borrowing a motto from the press that only bad news is news, TV cameras were busy for months showing us all our faults and few of our virtues.

It is making pessimists out of the most optimistic people on earth.

We have our problems but we also have more than our share of achievements. Today our ugly side is turned toward the cameras and optimism is considered corny.

IT HASN'T been pretty, but, then, television seems to be telling us that nothing really IS anymore. And maybe can never be. While it is quick to point out our faults, like politicians, it seldom suggests how to correct them and almost never envisions what things would be like if we did. I suspect that the public quickly tires of a continual recitation of troubles. Alongside the endless photos of our mistakes it would be constructive to see on occasional artist's rendering of what things COULD look like.

We know what the problems are. We even know what caused them and occasionally, how to solve them. But most of us need some sort of blueprint to build on, a concrete aim to work for — something to replace the old goals of taming the west, damming the rivers, and harvesting the crops.

IN LOOKING over the new fall schedules, there are more programs planned to document our agony. There are many that are viciously fictional and others that are just plain silly—but there are few that inspire. Even the Sunday morning religious series such as "Frontiers of Faith," "Look Up and Live," and "Jamp Unto My Feet" are based more often on issues than inspiration.

Exceptions are CBS' "The 21st Century," which deals with man's bright and promising future and the people who are working today to bring it about. By some miracle, it has returned for another season. . . . ABC's "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau," a continuing delight, is returning in November. . . . CBS's National Geographic series will return for the first of four specials on Oct. 23 with "America's Wonders and Our National Parks."

OTHERWISE, human inspiration is to be found only in an occasional one-time program like ABC's "Sense of Wonder," an October color special based on the books of Rachel Carson, a gentle and wonderful woman who wrote of the innate grandeur of life and the human spirit—two matchless

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Bell Study Of Economic Report Set

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) announced today that the study document selected for the Great Issues Study Program segment of his current newsletter is the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity report, "Focus on Community Action."

A limited supply of this document has been obtained by Congressman Bell's office. Copies are available at no charge to constituents who write to William T. King, Field Representative, Congressional Field Office, Los Angeles 90024.

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