

# Tele-Visions

BY THORTON KANE

"WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE"—any show that can top "The Price Is Right" in the ratings. "Wanted-etc." last year was a weekly member of the top ten shows and the vehicle that launched Steve McQueen into one of the most successful acting positions in show business. Now the sponsors and the network have decided not to renew for next year.

Last year "Wanted" followed Perry Mason in a prime Saturday night spot. This year the show competes with "The Price Is Right" in a Tuesday night spot, and according to observations thus far, "Wanted: Dead or Alive" has a far from lively rating.

We hold no particular affection for this bounty-hunter series, but we definitely approve of any show that offers some alternative to "The Price Is Right." Admittedly, "Wanted: Dead or Alive" is an indifferent western, but anything is an improvement over the loud, lurid, greed-inspired "Price Is Right."

We hope the TVIP's and the sponsors will not be hasty in ridding themselves of "Wanted." We are certain that as viewers become accustomed to the new time and day that McQueen's Josh Randall will head 'em off at the pass and collect the bounty on Bill Cullen and his hysterical contestants.

While we're at it, we'd like to do another bit of grouching—this time on the subject of Ernie Kovacs' "Percy Dovetonsils." The character has been censored out of "Take a Good Look" by an anonymous and probably addled exec. The word-mincing poetics of Percy Dovetonsils have enlivened many an otherwise dull evening, and "Take a Good Look" is likely to be a tiresome half-hour without him.

**WELL, WHADDYA KNOW** — KTLA will start two new programs Jan. 23. "Frontier," a first-rate western series, will air at 9:30 and "Captured," a thriller of a detective-documentary, will follow at 10. Should provide an entertaining hour for Channel 5 viewers each Monday night . . . Desilu's new pilot, "Head of the Family," is a star-studded show. Leads are Danny Thomas, Rosemarie, Morey Amsterdam, Dick Van Dyke, Sheldon Leonard directs and Carl Reiner writes, so it's just got to be great! . . . Ben Blue followers can see the comic in a straight dramatic role in the "Harrigan and Son" segment, "The Comics." . . . Looks like Eve Arden will return to TV in a new series, "The Colonel's Lady" she'll play the ex-stage-screen star wife of an army colonel. . . . Bob Hope already has been signed to MC the Oscarcast this spring, making this the ninth time he's hosted the event. . . . Arlene Francis will desert "What's My Line" to star in a new film with James Cagney. . . . Bill (Jose Jimenez) Dana will entertain at JFK's inauguration. He just might hurry some of those smooth-talking politicians into an early grave. . . . A White House comedy sketch between Art Carney and Lee Remick was fussed out of the former's next NBC spectacular. The net said it might be too closely identified with the incoming tenants. Boo! . . . Dick Shawn, the leather-jacketed satirist of teen-age foibles, has had four straight dramatic roles on TV. He's now looking for someone who'll let him try a comedy spot. . . . Gene Barry is in London to host and star in an hour-long musical special. . . . Tom Harmon is off to Pebble Beach to take part in the annual Bing Crosby Invitational Golf Tournament.



BARBARA STANWYCK SHOW—Milton Berle stars as a con man in "Dear Charlie" to be seen Monday at 10 p.m., Channel 4.



MARY LISTENS to half-dressed Peter in bedroom of comedy team while latter carries on witty conversation with producer. Peter Lind Hayes and Mary Healy, married in real life, play similar roles on Channel 4 every Wednesday at 10 p.m.



"BONANZA"—Television's full-hour color filmed western series co-stars (left to right) Michael Landon, Pernell Roberts and Dan Blocker as Cartwright boys and Lorne Greene as their father.

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### PODRES BEATS ALL

Johnny Podres has beaten every team in the league at least once in each of the last four seasons. He stands 14-14 (lifetime) against St. Louis and has a winning career record against all six other N.L. teams.

## 'Inside Cuba' on KRCA

Bob Wright will welcome as fellow panelists, veteran correspondent Elmer Peterson and Los Angeles Examiner reporter, George Sorgatz for a special interview session titled "Inside Cuba" today Sunday afternoon on "California Report." Telecast is seen in color over KRCA, at 3 p.m. The object of their questions will be Mr. Jose Norman, recently arrived from Cuba, who will discuss "Where is Cuba Headed?" Norman, former supporter of Fidel Castro, came to the United States two and a half months ago. He is credited with predicting the armed uprising that is currently taking place in Cuba.

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PRISON—Fritz Weaver, left, as a convict, threatens to harm Brooke Hayward, if her father, portrayed by Martyn Green, the commandant of an Australian penal colony, does not cooperate in an escape plan, during rehearsals for "The Devil Makes Sunday." The U. S. Steel Hour drama, also starring Dane Clark and Frank Conroy, will be seen "live" on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 10 p. m., Channel 2.

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