Defaulting Fathers Will Be Prosecuted

A crackdown on fathers who fail to support their minor children has been ordered by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger.

Lawyers and investigators in Younger's office who deal with child support cases have been directed to intensify investigation to bring about more and earlier prosecutions of defaulting fathers.

Fathers who abandon their families and allow them to be supported by the taxpayers and divorced fathers who refuse to comply with child support orders are included in the directive.

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"WE MUST increase our efforts to locate and prosecute deserting fathers immediately," Younger said. Thousands of fathers abandon mothers and children in Los Angeles County, and then, by frequent changes of residence and jobs, avoid arrest and prosecution for years. The county budgeted $97,253,469 for aid to dependent families this year.

"We collected $2,424,812 from fathers who were located in 1964 and preferred to make payments rather than face prosecution, but that is not enough to offset the great amount of relief money spent in child care," said the district attorney.

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TWO CHANGES of procedure have been ordered to facilitate the new policy. Younger's office will now extradite fathers who have fled to other states if possible and will prosecute fathers who fail to abide by court child support orders under Section 270 of the Penal Code.

Fathers found delinquent will be subject to a one-year jail term, as opposed to the previous five-day jail term for contempt of court, and possible sentence to a road camp. Earnings of road camp prisoners, in "failure to provide" cases are turned over for the care of children.

In a reorganization of the child support sections of his office, District Attorney Younger has combined them into one unit, the Child Support Division, headed by Harold Pressman, deputy district attorney.

15-YEAR SERVICE

Mrs. Doris A. Bisher, 162 W. 225th St., marks 15 years of service with Security First National Bank this month. She is administrative assistant at Security Bank's Wilmington branch.

Assignment TV

By TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY

"Viewers may some day be able to speak to their television set and have it obey their commands," said an RCA executive recently.

This reckless suggestion must be examined with care. In addition to being ungrammatical it makes one stop and wonder if the industry leaders have the remotest idea what sore of comments are made about television in the American living room during the course of an evening.

If commands are someday to be obeyed, an astonishing number of television sets are going to find themselves jumping into the lake without taking the time to pull the plug out of the wall.

RCA, of course, envisions the human voice saying "Tune to Channel 4" or "Goodnight Johnny Carson," but I have some bad news for them. A viewer may also say "You can take that set back to the manufacturers and . . ."

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YOU'LL HAVE to watch your conversation in front of the set. When your wife comes in and says, "Good night, honey," the television turns off. Or if your wife tells you to shut up (which is more likely than "Good night, honey") the television may obey before she does. The possibilities are endless. The dangers are everywhere.

"Scientists at our Princeton laboratories have obtained a patent for a syllable analyzer that takes spoken words apart and compresses them into electronic code," continued W. Walter Watts, the RCA spokesman, executive vice president. "In its present form the analyzer can recognize about 200 syllables."

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THAT'S ABOUT right for the average American home dialogue when the television set is on, I would guess — probably too many. With conversation rapidly becoming a lost art all over the land, there will soon be no need for anything but the most basic words anyway, starting with the following vocabulary for viewing:

On
Off
Hell Damn
Bathroom
Refrigerator
Coffee
Beer
Quiet
Lousy

With the addition of a few prepositions, and in better-educated circles, adjectives, the whole spectrum of human communication while viewing television can be readily understood. University of California students and movie stars like Eva Marie Saint can get along with even shorter words.

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I THINK IT'S just dandy that RCA sets will soon be able to obey our orders. What I'm worried about is this: when we will start having to obey orders from the television set?

"In 10 to 20 years the television picture tube should give way to a thin screen, one or two inches thick, and large enough to cover a living room wall or small enough to fit into a pocket," concluded RCA.

In his grim prophecy "1984" George Orwell envisioned the giant police state of "Big Brother," where the home television set could be used for viewing either way—you could watch Big Brother and Big Brother could watch you. The glare of the picture could be dimmed a little but it could never be turned off. The TV set of 1984 was described as "a thin screen large enough to cover the living room wall . . ."

But it never obeyed the viewers' commands.

Good night, General Sarnoff!

Tract Approved Near Freeway

Plans for a five-acre subdivision near the Harbor Freeway overpass at Torrance Boulevard have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

Owner Dan E. Butcher, 2371 Torrance Blvd., will subdivide the area for 28 single-family lots.

ENROLLMENT ACCEPTED

Judy Hoover, 22635 Kathryn Ave., has been accepted for enrollment at Oklahoma College for Women for the 1965-66 college year subject to successful completion of the current semester's classroom work. Miss Hoover will be a sophomore.

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