

### TV-Threat To Society

By Mary Lannon Snyder

Good television programs need to be immoral or amoral to be good and hold a real viewing appeal. This is something producers and writers should repeat to themselves that helps to a great extent. Because they are in a new, challenging position to Mrs. Snyder's influence, even to mold the lives of our young people.

would be somewhat hectic, if not downright disastrous, if we attempted to live as the heroes of heroic had-been living. Some young people are armed with a clarity of vision which seems instinctively to guide them from the frivolous and the fraudulent; others seem to learn toward anything which suggests life is different from the melodramatic they judge their present school and home life to be. I wonder if the clear-headedness of youth gives our young people sufficient protection against the flagrant eroticism which is flaunted before their eyes almost continuously on TV. I have always been an ardent defender of this medium, but it seems to me that with the passing years the producers, instead of improving their offerings, have sunk into such a morass of bad taste, if not downright amorality, that it is a threat sufficient to throw our social picture entirely out of focus.

As any of my former English students in Florida can testify, I would wage annually a brief, vigorous campaign to impress upon them the general unreliability of magazine stories as mirrors of life as it is lived in the real world.

My concern with this all started when I took a group of upper students to a conference at Columbia University. As we were walking in the metropolis, I overheard the daughter of a conservative, well-educated and cultured family remark, "I would just love to go down to Chinatown and get lost."

At that remark I entered into conversation and in a friendly, but wary, manner asked where she had arrived at such a peculiar social ambition. Several of the girls answered almost in unison as they told me of a story they had read in one of the better type magazines in which the heroine underwent a series of fantastic and, to their youth, not infrequently, highly credible adventures where she became lost in New York.

As soon as I returned to Miami, I started reading magazine stories, particularly in the so-called women's magazines, to help girls decide for their reliability and public posts to the end of them. I became increasingly appalled as the thought of the possibility of the whole episode might have occurred if she tried to live her life in the same way as these heroines in popular magazine fiction.

Remembering back then I would manage to lead the discussion around to the purpose of the story and we would, with guidance from the teacher, arrive at the conclusion that life



### Holy Childhood Seal Drive

Pittsburgh—A Young Christ Child, painter of children, displays the poster for the national Holy Childhood Association of Pittsburgh, Pa. In its drive she has completed for the national Holy Childhood Association of America director, Father Augustus O. Reitan, C.S.P. It will be displayed in Catholic schools of America to launch the annual sale of 25,000,000 Holy Childhood Christmas Seals, opening in October. The artist has depicted the Holy Child feeding an Eskimo, an African, and a Japanese baby from the same bowl of Christ's charity. The campaign is conducted by American children to aid neglected little ones in all Catholic mission lands.

### Mass Offered In Grocery Stall

Louisville — RNS — Parishioners of the new Church of the Resurrection here are attending Mass in a grocery stall at the Louisville Produce Market Terminal. The storage stall of the wholesale produce warehouse is fitted with 25 park benches that will seat about 250 persons for each of the three Sunday Masses. The church, operated by Rev. direction fathers, is one of four new parishes in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville. Plans are under way to construct a school and church building to be ready for use next fall.

### Father Damien And The Bells

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The flowering of the soul is important to these young people and the young people of this time. Christian music of the past is a beautiful beauty of resonance seems to echo with a fuller glory and a greater resonance. This is truly a Vision Book.

wherever it can be found. Pierre Toussaint, the story of a saintly Negro in old New York for Kenech two years ago have joined an illustrious group in writing for the Vision series.

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### 'Moral' Group Breaks Agreement

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### Visionary Aids Sculptor Carve Fatima Statue

Pisa, Italy—(NC) Dominican Father Thomas McGlynn, who has preached many sermons in his 25 years as a priest, is now completing what he considers his greatest work—a statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Within a few months Father McGlynn will complete the 15 and a half-foot statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary which he has carved in accord with the personal description of Sister Lucy of Fatima. As a child she was one of three who experienced the visions of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, Portugal. When completed, the statue will be placed in the church of the Immaculate Heart in Fribourg, Switzerland. Sister Lucy directed especially the facial features of the statue. It was her insistence that the hands, usually shown folded, should be opened and that so as to show in bold relief the Immaculate Heart.

According to a 1955 agreement with Swiss Bishop Francis Charrier, MRA committed itself not to infringe on the mission of the Church and consented to a series of limitations on Catholic cooperation with the movement in the dioceses of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg. After the agreement became generally known in the United States, American Protestants voiced criticism of MRA leaders having signed the document. As a result, Peter Howard, a presbyter of Dr. Buchman, addressed a letter to Dr. Frick, president of the MRA headquarters in Fribourg, Switzerland, in which he expressed his regret that the agreement had been signed.

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