

As I See It

ABC...Some Pluses and Minuses

By PAT COSTA

ABC television has no doubt made a smart move by letting talk show host Dick Cavett have the 10 to 11 p.m. slot three times a week.

As we have noted here before, Cavett, a Yale graduate, is by far the most literate of any of the talk show emcees, day or night, male or female.

His intelligence appears to be matched by his wit and thus far he exercises noble restraint in projecting himself as the "Complacent Host."

Having seen two of his first three shows, we do have

some doubt as to his staff's ability to select guests.

It is my husband's contention that sports world figures are better than average conversationalists, much better he feels than the theater, television or movie stars who are supposedly more experienced in the art of meeting the public vocally.

He made his point with Cavett's shows when Joe Namath and Stirling Moss stole the limelight from such love-lies as Jane Fonda and Paula Prentiss and the latter's articulate husband Richard Benjamin.

Jets football star Namath may be no candidate for a debating society but he knows how to get a point across and with humor. On the other hand, Miss Fonda who preceded him before the cameras wondered out loud what Namath's claim to fame was. She explained she'd been living in Paris and had never heard of him. How's that for a cosmopolite?

On the following show former auto racing star Stirling Moss entertained with a story of a wig he recommends but doesn't endorse. Seems he likes his shining pate. When Miss Prentiss and Mr. Benjamin

appeared their conversation was limited to the plays they were in, the movies they hope to get...Moral: Shop talk is not always entertaining.

On the whole, however, the Cavett entries, interspersed with rerun after rerun during the summer months, will be a welcome respite.

If the Cavett show is a big plus for the summer season, ABC also has a new item which appears to belong on the deficit side of the ledger.

The John Davidson show made its debut also last week. Among his guests Laugh In celebrity Ruth Buzzi, mimic Rich Little and singer Mama Cass Elliott.

The only lackluster note in the proceedings was Davidson himself.

The songs he chose to perform were remarkably unmemorable. Ditto his manner. Ditto his ability to handle the transitional patter. Quite memorable were Davidson's twin dimples, a feature apparently responsible for some of his popularity with the youngsters.

BOOK CORNER

The Third Worlds

William J. Wilson (Maryknoll: \$4.95). An in-depth study of the developing nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America and their struggles to gain social and economic stature — 60 photos.

Gringo Volunteers, by Joseph Michenfelder and Fred Allert (Maryknoll: \$4.95). Pictorial chronicle of the efforts of a Chicago couple to help form a Christian community in the remote regions of Peru. Heart warming tale of Papal Volunteers in action — 70 photos.

The Theology of the Christian Mission, ed by Gerald H. Anderson (Abingdon: \$2.45, paper). Challenging essays from twenty-five of the most able leaders of Christian thought about a topic vital to the Church in any age.

Am I a Racist?, by Robert Heyer, S.J. and Fortune Monte (Paulist: \$1.95, paper). This book attempts to confront personal and communal prejudice in order to break the wall of racism and dilute the deadly poison that threatens to split America into two societies, one black, one white, separate and unequal.

Power, by Sterling Tucker (Eerdmans: \$3.95). A black man's view of a white man's system—a system the author describes as racist in nature.

Africa to 1875, A Modern History, by Robin Hildart (University of Michigan). The political-social and economic history of the continent from Ancient Man to the year 1875.

Prejudice U.S.A., by Charles V. Glock and Elton Slegelman (Praeger: \$4.95). Nine distinguished Americans discuss the meaning and impact of prejudice on the

basic institutions of American life.

A Punishment for Peace, by Phillip Borigan, S.S.J. (Macmillan: \$4.95). A passionate statement of the wrongs done by Church and State in the areas of war and racial justice.

Black Theology and Black Power, by James Cone (Seabury: \$2.95). Black power is discussed within the framework of black theology and related to both the black church and the white church.

China: Yellow Peril? Red Hope?, by C. R. Hensman (Westminster: \$2.85, paper). The approach in this treatment of Mao's regime is that a closer look at the Chinese system and people reveals some strengths of purpose and spirit which are now lacking in the West and which bear some resemblance to Christianity. First published last year in England.

Black Rage, by William Grier and Price Cobbs (Basic: \$5.95). A well-balanced presentation of the crushing loneliness of being black in the United States. Written by two black psychiatrists, this is a frightening book because of the suffering depicted in its numerous case studies. It becomes a comparison of it brings to the injuries American white culture has unknowingly inflicted on black people. — Anne Jane Ferry, in The Lamp.

Peking's Red Guard, by Stephen Pan and R. de Jaeger (Twin Circle: \$1.95, paper). "Before we assent to the plausible arguments for recognizing Red China it would be well to heed the message of these writers and ask if to recognize the present regime would be to strengthen one faction against whom there is substantial reason to believe that the Liguorian.

Paperbacks

Have I Ever Lied to You, by Art Buchwald (Fawcett: \$3.75). Buchwald's series on the fads, foibles and fashions of the mad, mad world.

Living, Loving Generation, by Dan and Rose Lucey (Bruce: \$1.75). Well known laymen and clerics try to explain and bridge the generation gap.

The Old Testament and Christian Faith, edited by Bernhard W. Anderson (Herder and Herder: \$2.95). In thirteen ecumenically oriented essays, a circle of scholars examine the credibility of the Old Testament.

Personality Fulfillment in Religious Life, by Adrian van Kaam (Dimension: \$2.45). A study of community aspects of religious life.

Pleins in Babylon, by John L'Heureux, S. J. (Doubleday: \$1.25). The journal of a young priest which chronicles his thoughts and experiences as a seminarian.

The Protestant Churches of America, by John A. Gordon (Doubleday: \$1.45). A comprehensive, up-to-date survey of the American Protestant Churches, their origins and creeds.

Verbum: Word and Idea in Aquinas, by Bernard J. Lonergan, edited by David C. Burrell. (Notre Dame: \$3.25). In revised form, it presents Lonergan's five Verbum articles that originally appeared in Theological Studies.

To make this completely an ABC column, a word about the very remarkable show, "The Newsweds." No, I'm not going into the suggestive questions which are quite remarkable in themselves nor the explicit answers they elicit but rather the intelligence quotients that are displayed on that show.

If you want to feel terribly bright some afternoon just turn it on. Just a couple of days after several of the bridegrooms demonstrated they didn't know what the word dowry meant, the wives stumbled over the meaning of ancestor. One guessed that Dracula was her husband's most famous ancestor. Another chose Napoleon, a third a character from "Dark Shadows."

Television Mass

Father Leon G. Hart, CSB, principal of Aquinas Institute will be celebrating of the television Mass at 8:30 a.m. Sunday on WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

Michael Saetta, Aquinas Class of 1952, will be lay lector.

Ghetto Life To Be TV Topic

Problems of accelerating isolation among low income peoples living in our cities' ghettos will be the topic considered on the next broadcast of "Dare."

Director of McQuaid Jesuit High School is moderator of the program on WHEC-TV, Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Discussing this problem of the cities with Father Bartlett will be Dr. Seymour Scher, Rochester city manager.

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\$150,000 Grant Saves 'Night Call'

New York — (RNS) — A \$150,000 grant from the Ford Foundation has saved the life of Night Call, the national "call-in" radio program launched by the United Methodist communication's unit.

In announcing the grant, producers of the prize-winning show said Night Call would have been forced to terminate without the funds.

The sum will finance the program for approximately three months, after which plans are being made for a commercial operation. Night Call is provided free to some 90 stations by the Television, Radio & Film Communications Division (TRAFICO) of the United Methodist Church.

It has received financial support from its parent denomination and from the Episcopal Church.

Variety magazine, Ohio State University, Religious Heritage of America and a Catholic communications organization have given it awards. Leading newspapers have heaped unqualified praise on its forthright discussion format and on the program host, Del Shields.

Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester-area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures.

With the Catholic Office ratings, we include the ratings of the Motion Picture Association: G, general; M, mature audiences; R, restricted (persons under 16 admitted only when accompanied by parents or adult guardian); X, persons under 16 not admitted.

Paramount—"Hard Contract" (Adults, with reservations). R.

Cinema—"Goodbye, Columbus" (Adults, with reservations). R.

Coronet—"A Fistful of Dollars" (objectionable); "For a Few Dollars More" (Adults).

Warning—"The Lion in Winter" (Adults). G.

Monroe—"Funny Girl" (Adults and Adolescents). G.

Riviera—"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" (Adults).

Regent—"Once Upon a Time in the West" (Adults). M.

Studio 2—"Joanna" (objectionable). R.

Loew's—"The Killer of Sister George" ("Condemned"). X.

Stoneridge—"If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium" (Adults). G.

Panorama—"Oliver!" (General). G.

Towne I—"The Love Bug" (General). G.

Towne II—"Where Eagles Dare" (Adults). M.

Statson—"Support Your Local Sheriff" (General). G.

Fine Arts—"Shoes of the Fisherman" (General). G.

Little—"Romeo and Juliet" (Adults, with Reservations). G.

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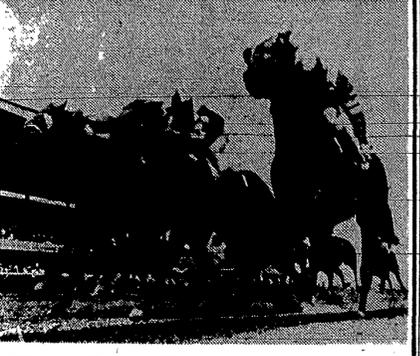
Ratings are those given by the former Legion of Decency, now the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, when films were originally shown. A-1: morally unobjectionable for general patronage; A-2: morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: morally unobjectionable for adults; A-4: morally unobjectionable for adults, with reservations; B: morally objectionable in part for all; C: condemned. No Rating: film has not been reviewed by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (formerly the Legion of Decency). N.B. Before A-3 classification was established, A-2 indicated morally unobjectionable for adults.

Movie listings supplied through the courtesy of TV Guide Magazine

Week of Friday, June 6 - Thurs., June 12

Time	Channel	Movie	Rating
Friday, June 6			
4:00 p.m.	8	Backfire	A-2
9:00 p.m.	10	The Stratton Story	A-1
11:30 p.m.	13	Love Me Tender	B
11:35 p.m.	10	Torch Song	A-2
Saturday, June 7			
2:30 p.m.	10	Abbot and Costello Meet the Mummy	A-1
3:00 p.m.	13	Invaders From Mars	A-1
6:00 p.m.	10	Texas Carnival	A-2
9:00 p.m.	8	Rope of Sand	B
11:05 p.m.	10	Fear No More	A-2
11:15 p.m.	13	Only Two Can Play	A-3
11:20 p.m.	8	Caged	A-2
Sunday, June 8			
2:00 p.m.	10	The Jackpot	A-2
2:00 p.m.	13	The Long Shadow	Not Listed
3:30 p.m.	13	Mission to Venice	Not Listed
5:00 p.m.	8	What Price Glory	A-2
5:00 p.m.	13	The Slender Thread	A-2
9:00 p.m.	13	Douglas's Reef	A-2
11:30 p.m.	13	Angels with Dirty Faces	A-2
11:50 p.m.	10	Floods of Fear	B
Monday, June 9			
4:00 p.m.	8	Lightning Strikes Twice	A-2
9:00 p.m.	8	The Perils of Pauline	A-1
Tuesday, June 10			
4:00 p.m.	8	Where the Sidewalk Ends	A-2
9:00 p.m.	8	Gunfight in Abeline	A-2
11:30 p.m.	13	Horizons West	A-2
Wednesday, June 11			
4:00 p.m.	8	Talk of the Town	A-2
9:00 p.m.	13	Love Has Many Faces	B
11:40 p.m.	13	Meet Danny Wilson	A-3
Thursday, June 12			
4:00 p.m.	8	Little Old New York	A-1
9:00 p.m.	10	Cheyenne Autumn	A-1
11:30 p.m.	13	Incident on Pharon-Hill	A-1

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'Local'

"Support Your Local Sheriff" is playing at the Statton Theater and has been approved for general audiences by National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures.

(Catholic Press Features)

New York — It is the classic Western-movie scene: The sheriff and the bad guy slowly walk toward each other, the dusty street as the town folk scurry for cover.

But before the evil glider can make his play the sheriff beats him to draw — and draws a rock, then another, and another as the bewildered bad guy high-tails it down the street and out of town.

"Support Your Local Sheriff," the film in which Westerns' obligatory fight scene goes down in a hail of laughter, was intended to be a low-key satire. But some people have come away from it with the thought that the most effective way to down violence in films is on television is to laugh out of town.

"If the picture has a thing resembling a consistent point of view, it is one of bawking violence," concluded the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures. It is a refreshing viewpoint.

CCD Workshop Slated June 11

A religious workshop, sponsored by the Confraternity Christian Doctrine, will place Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., in Sacred Heart Cathedral Rectory Hall.

Featured on the program will be a presentation of "My and 'Worship' Benziger's elementary education program which includes 15 texts, multi-sensory materials, and supplemental aids for child, parent teacher.

Principal speaker will Kathryn Drew, Benziger's religious education consultant. Miss Drew has had 10 years classroom teaching experience in Catholic schools and taught religious education both the elementary and secondary education levels.

The CCD office urges teachers using the Benziger to attend.

Sacred Heart Devotions Set in Victor

Mass, Benediction and votions to the Sacred Heart will be held at 7:30 p.m. day, June 13, in St. Patrick Church, Victor, for persons interested in the religious life of our environment. Rev. Michael Cole, ordained deacon and director of the diocesan Family Life reau.

Father Albert J. Sheehan, pastor of St. Patrick's, vicar for the diocesan Office of Christian Formation, will celebrate the devotion. He will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Michael Cole, ordained deacon and director of the diocesan Family Life reau.

Dr. Falvo Elects By Dental Society

Dr. John P. Falvo, 320 R cliff Drive, Brighton, was elected president of the Monroe County Dental Society at annual installation dinner held Saturday at the T House Motor Inn.

Dr. Falvo received his bachelor of science degree at Bonaventure University in and his dental degree from University of Buffalo Dental School in 1952.

He is a member of Our of Lourdes Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus on the staff of St. Mary's parish.

Dr. Falvo and his wife, Catherine, have six children and granddaughter.

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