Courier-Journal-Friday, February 27, 1970 Biblical Story Set for TV

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New York - A new drama about the Crucifixion, focusing on Joseph of Arimathea, has been written for television by the man who has put the most New Testament stories on the air: Henry Denker, a Jew who once studied to be a rabbi.

Denker, who wrote 420 scripts for radio's "Greatest Story Ever Told" and whose "Give Us Barabbas" was frequently televised at Eastertime during the 1960s, said in an interview that his latest TV drama on the New Testament, "Neither Are We Enemies," is one "that was not feasible until the ecumenical feeling between Christians and Jews came in.'

"Neither Are We Enemies," which will be shown on "The Hallmark Hall of Fame" on Friday, March 13 (8:30-10 p.m., NBC), is a "generation gap" story about Joseph of Arimathea (played by Van Heflin) and his son Jonathan (newcomer Kristoffer Tabori). Joseph, a respected judge who symbolizes the Jewish establishment, seeks a peaceful solution to the Roman domination of Judea, while Jonathan, representing the younger generation, believes violence is the only solution.

But "Neither Are We Enemies" is also a story, Denker said, about the need for ideo-and Jews or parents and children — to continue loving each other despite divisive ideas.

After making peace with Jonathan as the latter is about to leave him, Joseph who has become a follower of Christ — blesses him and says in the drama's closing line: "If we are not one family any longer, neither are we enemies. And for that, I thank God."

Denker, who was himself a lawyer before becoming a fulltime writer, chose Joseph or Arimathea as his central character because of Denker's "kinship with lawyers and judges" (he wrote the Broadway play, "A Case of Libel") but also because Joseph "represents the intellectual in conflict." Joseph was a firm upholder of the law, but in personal matters, especially in his dealings with the powerfulHebrew politicianAnnas erful Hebrew politician Annas (played by Ed Beg-



In "Neither Are We Enemies", Van Heflin, left, plays Joseph of Arimathea, and Ed Begley portrays Annas, the Hebrew politician.

cal leader they need and that search supports this portion Christ's sermons about peace of his drama), the plot fails - Jesus is shown in a Serand Christ is executed rather mon on the Mount sequence than rescued.

as part of the story's plot — are in reality a highly effective "cover" for the Zealots' revolutionary activity.

In the drama, it is Judas' cal foundation. plan to arrange for Christ's capture and condemnation merely to inflame the Jews who would, he hopes, immeferent, more worldly, and diately rebel and drive the more likely to have ideas Romans out of Judea.

about a revolution, Taking all Although violence does these various pieces is like erupt in the Temple courtdoing a religious jigsaw yards during the Passover (Denker says Biblical repuzzle."

Xerox Players Soap Box Derby Clinic Scheduled Schedule

A clinic to assist boys in building their World's Gravity 'Cactus Flower' Grand Prix racers for the Rochester Soap Box Derby is sched-The Xerox Players, a new uled tomorrow (Feb. 28). theater group organized to pro-Basic construction ideas, how vide entertainment for Xerox to start building the car and contructing the floorboard will employes and the general public, will stage its first producbe covered at the 10 a.m. cline "Cactus Flower", March 12.14 at Xerox Square Audi- at the Upstate Center on the sixth floor at Sibley's. Prospec- (Adults, with reservations). R. torium. tive derby contestants and their parents are invited. Playing the male lead will be Fred Knight who has per-

Winner of the Rochester Boy is Here" (Adults). GP. formed with the Webster Play-



By PAT COSTA

A look at Bishop Joseph Hogan the other morning on "Pastor's Study", a half-hour shown seen twice weekly on WROC-TV, upheld this reviewer's conviction formed after seeing the prelate in an extended TV interview on Channel 21 shortly after his installation.

The Bishop is unflappable. On television at least.

As guest of co-hosts, the Rev. Friedrich Rest, pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Robert Birch of the Episcopal Diocese, the Bishop answered questions phoned in by viewers as the live show was being telecast.

Although I've only seen the show a few times (its time slot conflicts with that of Captain Kangaroo) it is a good guess that the telephones have seldom been busier.

The questions varied from the currently knotty (school desegregation), through the strictly ecclesiastical (marriage dispensations) to the relatively superficial (long hair on boys)."

There were answers for all of them delivered in a calm, unhurried

manner. On school desegration -- the bishop reiterated a previous state. ment that parochial schools should not be used as a haven by those parents who do not want their children bused and added that the Goldberg education plan should be given an "honest opportunity" to work. Equal housing was mentioned briefly as being "most important." "There are racists but I will not point a finger," he added

On dispensations for marriage-he noted that little known people receive equally serious consideration as celebrities. Long hair on boys, he said, did not excite him very much as a problem.

When one caller pointed out that the parishioners seldom hear current social and moral problems discussed in the pulpit, Bishop Hogan agreed that such topics are very much in order as sermons.

"The pulpit should be a means of education of our people," he stressed and added that encyclicals are not read the way they should be and that enthusiastic leadership is necessary if people are to respond to these papal communications.

The younger generation came in

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Paramount — "Butch Cassidy

Regent - "Jenny" (Adults).

Riviera-"The Killing of Sis-

Stoneridge — "Topaz"

Studio 2 — "I Am Curious

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Towne II -- "Cactus Flower"

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for some kind words from the Bishop who said he had dealt with young people for many years, and had "great hope" for them.

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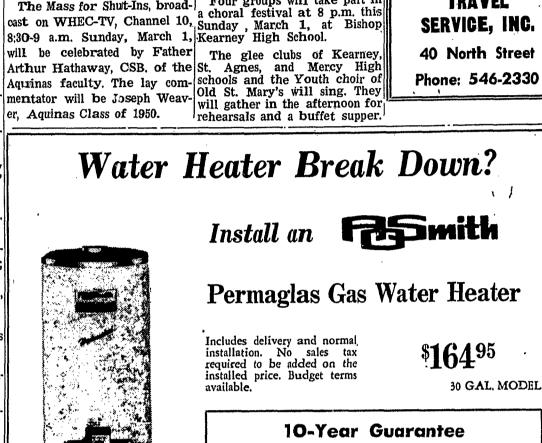
Youngsters in his former parish, St. Margaret Mary in Irondequoit, he characterized as "apostolic" and urged that Catholics be an "alleluia people . . . "we have a great mes-sage and we should show it."

Head covering for women in church was another topic "I can't get very excited about" and a question about why Sisters are leaving the convent was answered with "for very personal reasons."

There was a decided ecumenical flavor to the entire proceedings extending beyond that which existed by having three faiths represented.

The first question did much to establish it. What, someone wanted to know, did he feel about the statement that "there is no salvation outside the church."

"It is a broad term — the church," he said. "Desire alone could qualify those who never have stepped inside the church. We have no monopoly on salvation," he pointed out,



GLEE CLUBS

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religious affiliation of St. John Fisher College was cited as rea son for refusing "Bundy pro gram aid" to the school, the State Education Departmen ruled that the college is en titled to assistance under the same program.

St. John Fisher College ha re-organized its governing bod: and religious instructional re quirements.

The college was among 3 other colleges with present o past church affiliation, to seel the Bunday program aid, passed by the legislature in 1968 and financed in 1969.

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Father William F. Hickey former assistant pastor of Hol Rosary, will conduct an eve ning of recollection at 7:45 p.n Tuesday, March 3, for theHol Rosary Guild. A brief meeting with refreshments, will follow

The 15th monthly St. Micl ael's Eucharistic Vigil Mass o fered specifically for priest bishops and our Holy Fathe will be held Monday Marc 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cros

All grades at Mother of So rows will contribute exhibit for a science fair to be hel Monday night, March 2. Th fair will follow a business mee ing at 7:45 of the Home-Schoo Association.

A communion breakfast, supper and fashion show an a clothing sale will highligh the week at St. Pius X. The breakfast, for Girl Scouts an their mothers, will follow th 8:30 Mass this Sunday mornin March 1. The Rosary Guild tureen supper will be at 6: p.m. March 3. Afterward, juni high school girls of the paris will model clothes they hav made in sewing classes.

From 10 a.m. until 3 p.r Saturday, March 7, the St. Piu guild will conduct a "next-t new" sale. Clothing many t left with Mrs. Donald Ang vine of White Birch Circle o from 7 until 9 p.m. Friday, the school's north entrance.



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