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THAT MARTIN MAGIC-A middle-aged woman of small good looks a couple of weeks ago became the embodiment of the boy who never grew up, "Peter Pan." Mary Martin's magic, whatever its source, made for one of the truly delightful shows of the season. She was Peter Pan. Adding to her convincing portrayal of the boy from Never-Never Land, was the charming script, a lilting score, and the unexcelled Martin voice.

While on the subject of "Peter Pan," much praise should be awarded to Cyril Ritchard. His "Captain Hook" emerged as a villainous, though entertaining, pirate, jealous of the boys, who had Wendy to mother them, explaining his dark' plots to the music of a tango or tarantella, and finally going to his doom by walking the plank. In this case, walking the plank was actually a fast schuss down a slide inspired by a children's playground.

Children, of course, must have enjoyed "Peter Pan" more than their elders, but it was a welcome sight to a good many older eyes. There are still a good many of us who have an occasional yearning for a story with heros that are all good and villains that are all bad and invariably get their just desserts.

WELL WHADAYA KNOW-KTLA's tv coverage of the Rose Parade, on Jan. 2, will start with Pre-Parade activities at 7:0 a.m. . . . Don Taylor, who has done practically no acting since he took up directing reins, will co-star with Dick Powell in "Silent Sentry" seg of Zane Grey Theater . . George Gobel will film his new pilot, a family situation series, in Feb.-but no cast has yet been set . . . CBS-TV will bring back "Sports Spectacular" on Jan. . The 90-min. show consists of all types of sports not before seen on tv . . Frankie Avalon is in town to film a "My Sister Eileen" episode . . . Alfred Hitchcock talked Tony Perkins into tv-debuting on his "Presents" show, in a specially written script with Hitch directing. Andy Williams will have his 3 brothers as guests on his May 7 NBC spec. They all used to be billed as the Williams Brothers of the Kay Thompson act ... "Hollywood and the Movies," tv documentary will network air in Feb., with Gene Kelly doing the narrating . . . Rory Calhoun, back from Europe, is prepping his new tv series "Tangiers" ... NBC-TV will air portions of Bob Hope's Christmas shows, given for troops in the Carribean area, on Jan. 11 . . . "O'Conner's Ocean," the John Payne pilot aired Dec. 13, was mediocre enough to get on as a regular-judging from the normally bad programming being done lately! ... "Mister Ed," the Alan Young series, will debut Jan. 6 ring Frank Sinatra, Kathryn on KRCA . . . Desilu is ready to start filming a half-hour Grayson and Gene Kelly will comedy telefilm series about the home life of a professional be the first presentation of with Robert Montgomery, Tokyo," with Van Johnson baseball player. Story is taken from "The Long Season," a Channel Eleven's "Holiday John Wayne and Donna and Spencer Tracy. book by Cincinnati Redlegs pitcher Jim Brosnan ... Jan. 10, Hall of Fame" program of Reed. NBC-TV will air "Tribute to a Patriot," an hour-long spec film classics when it screens on the life and career of President Eisenhower. James Stew- today Christmas Day, Dec. 25, art is set as narrator . . . Remember Billy Gilbert? of sneez- at 6:30 p.m. ing fame in movies. He'll go dramatic for the first time in In planning the holiday "Coney Red Hots" seg of Warners "The Roaring 20's" . . . blockbuster program of seven "Route 66" will definitely roll right through the summer all-time-great MGM hits, KTmonths, thanks to General Motors confidence in the show TV enlisted the aid of the Rings Twice," with John Gar-... Darren McGavin is going to take a whirl at directing viewing public, requesting field and Lana Turner. -his first being a "Death Valley Days."



PALS-Ole Svenson strikes up a fast friendship with Blitzen, one of the reindeer at Santa's Village. Ole will be on hand to welcome the jolly gentleman, who'll make a special

visit to Dick Sinclair's "Polka Parade" Christmas telecast, Sunday, Dec. 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Channel 5.

## HOLIDAY FEATURES ON KTTV

## "Anchors Aweigh," star- are:

Monday, Dec. 26, 7:30 p.m. "They Were Expendable," Tuesday, Dec. 27, 7:30 p.m.

see from a list of 18.

Young and Ruth Hussey. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 7:30

Thursday, Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m. mendations for the seven pic-- "Gaslight," with Ingrid tures they most wanted to Bergman, Charles Boyer and Joseph Cotten.

Other films selected, and Friday, Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m. the days they will be shown, - "Honky Tonk," with Clark

Gable and Lana Turner. Saturday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. "Thirty Seconds Over

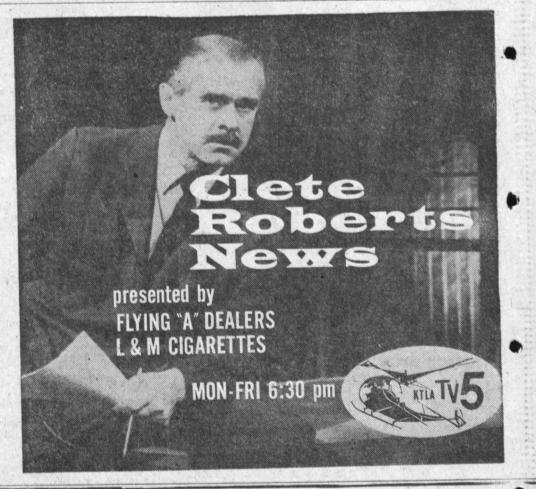
KTTV is departing from its regular programing for one - "Northwest Passage," with Spencer Tracy, Robert films as a holiday special. week to present these seven

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G.E. THEATER-Harry Townes portrays one of the wise men searching for Christ in "The

Other Wise Man," tonight on Channel 2 at 9:00 p.m.





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