

# Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

Recently a Los Angeles Superior Court judge made a legal decision on a matter that had been decided long ago in the living rooms of America. He ruled that commercials should not be allowed to ruin the mood of an old movie on TV.

It all started when movie director George Stevens heard that his film "A Place in the Sun" was to be offered up on the altar of commercial TV as a feature on the NBC network. At first Stevens sought to bar the showing entirely because it would be edited for TV, but NBC promised it would not be cut.

Next Stevens argued that even if it was uncut the "artistic quality and the mood of the film" would be destroyed by the insertion of commercials. This is where Judge Ralph Nutter came in. He ruled, in an order directed against NBC that a photoplay is an artistic product and that its creators are entitled to protection against the release of a mutilated or obviously re-edited version.

Judge Nutter further ruled that commercials may be allowed only if they affected neither "the artistic quality, nor substantially or materially distort the film's mood and continuity."

**THIS HURRUB** can be observed by the television viewing audience with the bemused attitude reserved for warfare between two enormously wealthy and grossly overrated combatants — the movies and TV — both grown flabby by greater financial awards than their product deserves.

The bandying of the phrase "artistic quality" in association with most films is amusing and were this a necessary ingredient for the non-commercialization of movies not one in 50 would be eligible.

It is interesting that "A Place in the Sun" was the film which prompted the ruling and I would give a lot to have the opinion of Theodore Dreiser on the remarks of George Stevens. Fortunately for Stevens, Dreiser died long before his novel "An American Tragedy" was translated into "A Place in the Sun," a sort of malt-shop film minus the essential ingredient of true tragedy which prompted the novel's title.

IT IS ALSO interesting to recall that "A Place in the Sun" was made in 1951, a year when panic beset Hollywood over the rising competition of television. Many studios were empty. Leading film companies forbade their contract performers to appear on the new medium.

The film's three big stars—Montgomery Clift, Elizabeth Taylor and Shelley Winters—performed admirably 15 years ago and are still around today in films. But a look at the cast of characters reveals the name of an actor among the supporting players who would become, a decade later, television's most popular star—Raymond Burr. In the film he played a lawyer.

Times change. Dreiser's novel was a pace setter in 1951. Today it may seem dated but its "artistic quality" is still evident. The newer version by Patrick Kearney in the Thirties was considered to be an artistic success. In the Fifties the Stevens film adaptation won awards. Whether it is worthy of treatment as art may be judged by television viewers March 12.

I strongly doubt if Judge Nutter's ruling will have any lasting effect on the sense-

## Marineland Boss On State Board

William F. Monahan, of Palos Verdes Estates, executive of Marineland of the Pacific, has been appointed to the 12-member Tourism and Visitor Services Commission by Gov. Brown.

## WOMEN OFTEN HAVE BLADDER IRRITATION

After 21,000 women of bladder irritation affect twice as many women as men and may make you more nervous from too frequent, burning or itching urination both day and night. Occasionally, you may lose sleep and suffer from headaches, backaches and feet aches. In such irritation, CYBEX usually brings fast, relaxing comfort by quickly irritating areas in strong, acid urine and by analgesic pain relief. Get CYBEX at drugstore. Feel better fast.

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BY LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

# Cuts in Budget Totaling \$67 Million Recommended

By **VINCENT THOMAS**, Assemblyman, 68th District

As the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means committees plunge into their detailed studies of the proposed \$4.6 billion state budget for 1966-67 in our now recessed budget session, they have with them a very valuable fiscal tool to aid them in their work. That is the Analysis of the Budget Bill prepared by our Legislative Analyst.

This annual report is the result of months of patient research and study by the analyst and his staff of specialists, and hundreds of hours of conferences with the many agencies and departments, and with the budget division of the Department of Finance.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee, under which the analyst operates, has the responsibility of finding facts and making recommendations to the Legislature concerning the state budget, the expenditures and revenues, and the functions of the state, with the purpose of reducing the cost of state government and securing greater efficiency and economy.

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• LOW, LOW PRICES • BLUE CHIP STAMPS • BIG SPECIALS  
• HUGE VARIETY • CONVENIENT HOURS • FRIENDLY SERVICE  
**HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF HAPPY WINNERS!**

Listed Below Are But a Few of the Many Bonus Bingo Winners in Southern California

**SAFEMAY**

CLIP THIS TO HELP YOU WIN!

**BIG BUY**

**Bel-air Fruit Pies**

Premium Quality Frozen. All Varieties Except Blueberry

3 8-in. 24-oz. pies **\$1**

**SPECIAL**

**New Intensified TIDE Detergent**

Price includes 7c Off—Whiter, Brighter Washdays.

Giant Pkg **59c**

**BIG BUY**

**Vacuum Pack Edwards Coffee**

Regular, Drip or Fine From Mountain Grown Coffees.

1-lb. can **69c**

**Hawaiian Punch**

Blend of Tropical Fruit Juices

3 46-oz. cans **\$1**

**Liquid Bleach**

White Magic Disinfects Deodorizes

gallon bottle **39c**

**Rib Steaks**

U.S.D.A. Choice Best Large End Cut

lb. **89c**

**Hen Turkeys**

Memor House, Young USDA Grade A 10 to 12-lb. wgs.

lb. **49c**

**U.S.D.A. Graded "A" Cut-Up Fryers**

Golden Cornish Cross. Fed a perfect cracked corn diet for perfect Fryers every! Guaranteed Plump, Tender and Meaty.

lb. **35c**

**NuMade Mayonnaise**

Creamy-Smooth Sandwich Spread

24-oz. jar **39c**

**Coldbrook Margarine**

Cooking or for Spreading

5 1-lb. sticks **\$1.00**

**Rib Roast**

USDA Choice Standing Large 3-Ribs

lb. **79c**

**Hen Turkeys**

Memor House, Young USDA Grade A 10 to 12-lb. wgs.

lb. **49c**

**Washington State Extra Fancy Red Delicious Apples**

Sweet, Crisp and Juicy. Children and Grown ups alike love these sweet and crunchy apples. Excellent sliced in fruit salads.

2 lbs. **29c**

**Fancy Bananas**

Ripe and Golden. Fine Flavor

2 lbs. **25c**

**Fancy Rhubarb**

Washington State Extra Fancy Red Hothouse Grown

lb. **29c**

**Chopped Broccoli**

10-oz. pkg.

**Cut Golden Corn**

10-oz. pkg.

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