

## Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

It's been a big year for the Johnsons as entertainers. Earlier in the season we saw a repeat of "Mrs. Johnson's Tour of Washington." At the Motion Picture Academy Awards, Lynda Bird Johnson co-starred with actor George Hamilton. The White House is currently being prepared for the marriage of Luci Baines.

And recently we had the President himself, starring in "Lyndon Johnson's Texas."

The Johnsons are not natural television performers but they tend to make the best of what is, at most, a truce between star and camera. The First Lady is the most successful by far. At first she clenched her fists, curled her toes, and drawled her way through. In her recent pitch for beautification she showed the results of some diligent speech correction. Her Texas drawl has been corralled to the point where it is no longer jarring to Northern, Western and Eastern ears. The transformation was admirable and charming.

ON TV, the President has been, frankly speaking, a big drag. However, in fairness to him it must be observed that he is usually televised at formal functions such as inaugurations, funerals, graduations and leaden White House pitches to the people regarding foreign policy — "fireside chats" without a fire.

He has, by his own choice, abandoned the free and easy press conference technique begun by President Eisenhower and continued so effectively by President Kennedy. It has been said that the President distrusts anything he can't make a deal with in advance.

The unhappy attitude has denied Americans a look at their President as a man — alive, unrehearsed, and thinking on his two feet. Because of Mr. Kennedy's spontaneity on television, we felt we knew him as a human being. This intimate relationship, this aliveness, made his assassination all the more shocking.

PRESIDENT Johnson is almost a stranger to the TV public except as a politician squinting at a teleprompter. It is his "image" and that's not an altogether comforting one. The Texas show was sup-

## Fellowship Group Sets Convention

The first regional convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGMFI) will be held June 9 through June 11 at the Los Angeles Statler Hilton Hotel, according to George Watters president of the South Bay chapter.

Heading the event will be Demos Shakarian, founder and international president. Members and friends from the 17 Southland chapters are expected to attend.

Guest speakers will include Lee Braxton, Tulsa, Okla., world traveler, lecturer and business executive; Nick Timko, Detroit, Mich., Chrysler Corp. executive; Henry Krause, plow manufacturer; Wendell Wallace, Church of God Evangelist; and Kathryn Kuhlman, evangelist from Pittsburgh, Pa.

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posed to reassure us that there is a human hand at the wheel. On the program he related family history, told anecdotes and reminisced about the Texas hill country he loves. NBC's genial White House correspondent Ray Scherer, accompanied the President.

Newsweek Magazine reported: "Sporadically during the shooting, the President fretted about the slant of his hat, mumbled that it made him look like a Mafia character, worried about the kind of image the Lincoln Continental would make. He also insisted that NBC's cameraman shoot all the wildlife within sight and frequently had the driver stop the car and, with a wide sloop of his Stetson, demanded, 'Now, are you gettin' that deer?'"

THE THREE networks are extremely jealous over each other's programs on the White House. NBC screamed the loudest over the CBS scoop of the decade, "Mrs. Kennedy's White House Tour." After some chiding over the incident, NBC offered to share "Lyndon Johnson's Texas" and said it would be agreeable if the other two networks televised the program simultaneously. CBS declined and ABC said it would make no decision until after it previewed the show.

When Presidential aide Bill Moyers was asked about the complaints of network favoritism in a recent press conference he replied: "I don't believe the President has shown favoritism toward any network." From the back of the room a reporter said: "That's right. He favors all of them!"



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## Real Estate Salesman GOP Candidate in 32nd District

Bob Price has entered the race for the Senatorial seat in the 32nd District, as a Republican, because he believes the present administration has not performed in the interests of the people of the State of California. Health, education, and welfare, as it affects each person, is top-most in the pledge to serve his state and his district, said Price, San Pedro real estate salesman.

The health of citizens is threatened by the increasing amount of smog. But the elimination of this menace has been bogged down for years in politics, Price charged.

Education is the cornerstone of the state and nation.

## Writers Hear Playwright, Producer

Margaret Hayden Rector, playwright and producer whose play "Second Stage" will be produced in London, was guest speaker at the May 20 meeting of Southwest Manuscripters at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach.

Mrs. Rector laid down several guidelines to prospective producers, including: a good lawyer, a good lease, self-incorporation, and careful choice of all persons connected with the production.

Southwest Manuscripters is a non-profit membership club which meets on the third Friday of each month. Meetings are open to the public. Further information is available by telephoning Carrie Blanchard at 373-1716.

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Every child will not obtain a college degree, so Bob Price feels a start should be made now to establish vocational schools, to provide training and skills in the many crafts sorely needed throughout the state, and particularly in Los Angeles County.

Welfare and all the implications of welfare, especially where it affects increased tax burdens are an important issue with Bob Price.

The establishment of rapid transit affects the welfare of the people as does job opportunity to all who want to work.

Price believes that government at every level should be run like every other successful business. To this end, he is pledged to serve the people of his district and the State of California.



ROBERT S. PRICE  
For Senate Seat

## Supervisor Hahn Calls for Review Of Coroner's Inquest Procedure

Overhaul of the County Coroner's inquest procedures — called for years ago by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn — is under new, intensive study today by County officials.

Hahn said he was "disappointed" that his last directive of Nov. 8, 1965, to the County Coroner, District Attorney, and County Counsel had not been carried out by now.

"The importance of this study is emphasized by the events of the last several days concerning the Deady case," Hahn said.

In November, 1965, the Supervisor suggested that State law be changed to require the Coroner's inquest deputy have the same qualifications as a judge; namely, that he be an attorney in the

State of California for five years and have passed the State Bar.

"The inquest deputy sits as a 'judge' at the inquests and must cross-examine, rule on evidence and other points of law that a judge has to rule on in a courtroom," Hahn stressed.

Yet there is currently no provision in the State law requiring that this deputy be a qualified attorney.

Hahn said it was "ridiculous" that there was no real legal authority for the Coroner's inquest because through the years it has merely evolved from an archaic practice of old English law.

Today, it is no more than an open forum without the controls of a court of law which are vital to carry out

justice in a completely fair, impartial, and unbiased manner.

The Coroner's inquest and whatever decision the jury reaches are not binding on either the District Attorney or the County Grand Jury.

## Brave Eagles

## Pow Wow Bound

The Woodcraft Rangers giant pow wow will be held in conjunction with the 9th Annual Great Western Fair and Dairy Show which will open Wednesday and continue through Sunday.

The Brave Eagle Tribe, which is led by Mr. Tarling of 21823 Dolores, will represent Torrance.



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