

# Assignment TV

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I have no idea where George Bernard Shaw is buried but last week NBC provided a fine opportunity to find out for sure. The body that turned over several times during the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 15, was Shaw's. That was the time when Richard Rodgers' musical version of his "Androcles and the Lion" was presented on television. A warning of trouble to follow was the opening credit: "Written by Peter Stone — based on a play by George Bernard Shaw." A funny thing did not happen on the way to the Colosseum, but I'm not sure who is to be blamed except producer-director Joe Layton.

At the beginning of every theatrical play there is for me an awkward period of five minutes or so to adjust to the fakery of the actors and the dialogue after the grim reality of getting into a theater seat. Even at home watching TV, this time of adjustment before being transported into the world of make-believe usually lasts about five minutes. With "Androcles and the Lion," the transportation never quite arrived. The appeal of the Shaw play is in his sly, witty examination of the Christian ideal, but this was almost totally lost when trimmed to 90 minutes and interrupted by songs like "Don't Be Afraid of an Animal" and "Watch the Emperor's Thumb."

Following the final Kraft commercial—surely the most satisfying on television — there was still time to catch the last half of the old thriller, "Dial M for Murder," which has now been done as everything except a musical. There is nothing so intriguing as a man plotting to kill his wife and getting crossed up. The role of the police inspector is the scene stealer in this show and from what I saw Cyril Cusack made the most of the opportunity.

Norman Wisdom as Androcles, the slave who removes a thorn from the lion's paw and is rewarded with affection instead of death when they meet later in the Colosseum, was the show's most attractive asset. Noel Coward as the Emperor had his moments, but Inga Swen-son as Christianity's fairest flower was a big bore and I suspect that the Emperor saved her only because she was such a tiresome advertisement for the competition. I must say that I was very keen on the lion and would have joined his church right away. He was played by Geoffrey Holder, a 6-foot-plus dancer of great skill, and his waltz with Androcles was the best thing in the show. It was also responsible for the only funny line which was shouted in jealousy by Androcles' shrewish wife as he and the lion waltzed away into the forest: "Come back, you coward! You haven't danced with me for years!"

THE MEALTIME problems of the Colosseum were quickly forgotten when Tony Randall and some sprightly costars brought the '20s to life on one of the best of the Kraft Music Hall specials titled "Stage Dood Johnny." Randall has always been adept at playing light comedy—or what's left of it these days—but I was not aware of his equal style with a song. I was even more astonished at the grace of Walter Winchell, who is light of foot, sure of voice, and can still do his "Mr. and Mrs. America and all the ships at sea" routine with authority.

THE new GI Bill now provides post-Korean Conflict veterans with on-the-job training and farm cooperative training, as well as educational allowances for approved college courses, the Veterans Administration reports.

## Diabetes Association Elects Niles Herron

Niles Herron of Palos Verdes Peninsula has been named chairman of the South Bay chapter, Diabetes Association of Southern California. Assisting on other committees will be Mrs. Duane Dennis, membership; Mr. and Mrs. David Rapella, librarian. All are residents of Torrance. The next meeting of the organization will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in the American Savings and Loan community room, located in the South Bay shopping center at 1975 Kingsdale, Redondo Beach.

Dr. Stanley Golanty, Long Beach internist, will be guest speaker for the evening. He has scheduled a review on diabetes. Diabetics, their spouses and parents are invited to attend. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Humphrey Owen, Redondo Beach.

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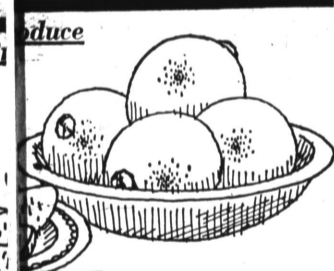
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