

Assignment TV

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NET recently got Julia Child out of the kitchen. At last, on a busman's holiday that took her from the pots and pans of her Boston TV studio to the backstairs of the White House to make a documentary on presidential entertaining at the next-to-highest level. The resulting program was high camp on familiar ground.

As TV's "French Chef," Mrs. Child's culinary drolleries are a delight. However, in the documentary, which reported on a White House dinner for the Japanese prime minister, I was never quite sure whether or not she was putting us on,

as they say. There were times when I felt she must be kidding. And there were other times when—if she WASN'T kidding—we're all going to be in trouble.

Seeing Mrs. Child in full color without her apron was like encountering the lady next door dressed for a party when you have seen her for years only in a wash dress and pin curlers. She may have looked different, but her breezy voice and robust manner remained the same. In the interviews she conducted preceding the dinner itself, she was charmingly detached—even with Liz Carpenter, Mrs. John-

son's press secretary, which is not easy. She dresses simply, thank God, because she is over six feet tall. Confronting James Symington, the urbane and civilized chief of protocol, she even showed a handsome bit of leg.

NO MAKEUP man was credited at the close of the show, so I must assume that her green eyelids—which made her look like Joan Sutherland dressed to sing Cleopatra—were her own idea.

In the kitchen as well as in the parlor Mrs. Child speaks with a decided emphasis that is all her own. No sentence passes her lips without at least two or three heavily accented words or syllables which make her sound a little like Jack Benny when he says: "WELL! I was walking down TOWN last WEEK and ran across Phil HARRIS eating an e-NOR-mous ice cream cone . . . It's all part of the fun

and it comes as close to a real definition of "camp" as any I have encountered. "These state visits are TERRIBLY im-POR-tant and also TERRIBLY complicated and I'm really FAS-cinated to see how the White House manages them and that's EXACTLY what we're going to see—not only what goes on in FRONT, but what goes on in BACK STAGE and BACK-STAIRS!" (She was also invited to dinner.)

SPEAKING of the 19-gun salute to the Japanese Prime Minister she observed: "This bunch of HOWITZERS is about a QUARTER of a mile AWAY from the White House but pointing in the OTHER direction."

In the kitchen there was a natural kinship between TV's French Chef and White House Chef Henry Haller, although it was expressed with considerably more enthusiasm by Mrs. Child. After all, Haller was trying to feed 190 howling

dignitaries in the next room who were dressed to the nines and looked hungry, and he replied with the detached air of any busy housewife who is trying to get a meal on the table while confronted with a guest with a drink in his hand.

Mrs. Child was into everything, sniffing, sampling and watering at the mouth. "Mmmm, that's delicious!" . . . "May I have a taste?" . . . "How's your puff-pasty?"

WHETHER by White House request or as an innovation of the show's producers, the banquet scene was filmed by candlelight only. It was a simple, obvious touch but so unusual for television that NET considered it necessary to insert a moving sign at the bottom of the screen that said:

"This scene was filmed without additional light to retain the atmosphere of intimacy."

THE FIRST LADY was seen briefly in a yellow for-

Elementary School Science Fair Set

Two hundred science exhibits by Torrance elementary school students will be displayed in the Torrance Unified School District's third annual Elementary Science Fair this week, according to chairman Philip Korman. Projects and reports will be

exhibited at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon and Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exhibition will be closed to the public from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow while the judges tour the displays. During the public viewing hours, student tours will be conducted. Awards will be presented at ceremonies scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday. Grand prize winners will include the top three entrants in the biological, physical, and earth science categories. They will be determined on the basis of creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, technical skill, knowledge of student, and project report.

Dial Fire Station, Chief Says

Because of the possibility of a delay in reaching a telephone operator during the current strike, County Fire Chief Keith E. Klinger has urged everyone to determine the correct number to dial to report a fire or other emergency.

"Valuable minutes can be saved by dialing directly to the fire department," the Chief said. He suggested that all emergency numbers be written down and placed near the telephone. Stickers, which can be placed directly on the telephone, listing the correct emergency numbers for areas served by the County Fire Department, are available at all County Fire Stations.

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