

Television Today

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Critics' Consensus

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — "Africa," ABC-TV's four-hour prime time documentary, is the most honored entry in television's third annual Critics' Consensus poll.



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Eighteen daily television columnists from around the nation participate in the poll. There are no categories, no limitations on nominations and no formal ceremonies, except for publication of the results. The period covered was from mid-May, 1967, to May, 1968.

"Africa" received 13 votes. Runners-up, with nine apiece, were:

—The late Ted Yates of NBC-TV, killed in the Arab-Israeli war and honored posthumously for his contributions to video's personal journalism as a producer-director-writer-reporter.

—The ABC-TV specials entitled "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

—Melvyn Douglas, for his performance in the CBS Playhouse drama, "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night," about an old man who refuses to be put out to pasture by his family.

—"CBS Playhouse" as a series.

Under new rules inaugurated this year, "for more equitable consideration of programs not viewed by all Critics' Consensus members," special honorable mentions were accorded to:

—NBC-TV's live coverage of the confrontation between Sen. J. William Fulbright and Secretary of State Dean Rusk in the Vietnam hearings. (Eight votes).

—"NET Playhouse" as a series. (Seven votes).

Eight votes were also cast for "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night." And others receiving seven votes were:

—The networks for their coverage of the assassination of Martin Luther King and its aftermath.

—CBS-TV's Sol Hurok presentation of classical music, his second such broadcast for the network.

—The Frank Sinatra-Ella Fitzgerald special on NBC-TV.

Entries getting six votes were: "Public Broadcast Laboratory" series; "Where Is Prejudice?"; "Misterogers' Neighborhood"; and "NBC Experiment in Television" — also a series.

Receiving five votes were: "NET Journal" as a series.

—The weekly "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" show on NBC-TV.

—"Among the Paths to Eden," an ABC-TV Truman Capote drama with Maureen Stapleton and Martin Balsam.

—"The Anderson Platoon," a CBS-TV documentary about American soldiers at war in Vietnam.

—"How Life Begins," an ABC-TV documentary about the process of birth.

—"The Warren Report," CBS-TV's four-part, four-hour study of the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

—Volper Production for turning out the three-part "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," the National Geographic Series, "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau" specials and "other superior factual programs."

—General Telephone and Electronics for not interrupting its "CBS Playhouse" dramas with commercials.

—Nicol Williamson for his performance as the feeble-minded giant in ABC-TV's adaptation of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men."

Under the voting rules, "Africa" was technically the only full-fledged winner, I think we could loosen the procedure a bit next year. We're not that exclusive.

Mobilization Bill Setback Dealt Thieu

SAIGON (AP) — President Thieu's general mobilization bill has suffered a new parliamentary setback and faces two weeks of bickering in the two houses of the national assembly.

The bill provides for bringing 135,000 more Vietnamese under arms. Thieu reportedly still hopes to have it approved before he goes to Washington in mid-June to meet President Johnson.

The national defense committee of the lower house Tuesday rejected changes written into the house-approved bill by the senate. The committee said the senate version, fixing the maximum draft age at 40, gave the government too much leeway.

Ky Statement

Last month the house turned down the government version of the bill, which set the maximum age at 45. The house changed it to 38. The senate in turn rejected the house text, saying it was full of unnecessary detail and loopholes.

In another development, Vice-president Nguyen Cao Ky told newsmen he will support Premier-designate Huong "as long as he remains anti-communist."

Huong is replacing a Ky man, and the change gives Thieu a round in the continuing rivalry between him and Ky.

Huong reportedly was having trouble lining up a cabinet acceptable to both Thieu and Ky. But sources said he still hoped to submit his cabinet to the president within a few days.

Slap at Bobby

In a speech to para-military trainees at a Saigon stadium, Ky repeated his frequent criticism of "foreign interference" in South Vietnam.

Pressed to explain who he meant by foreigners he said: "I mean all the bad guys who come here and try to teach us try to be our boss. But I'm not speaking of the American fighting man."

When newsmen asked if he thought the government should be headed by a military man, Ky replied with a slap at Robert Kennedy.

"It is very difficult question for a military man to answer," he said. "I am proud to be a military man. You can't expect me to speak like Kennedy. He is not a fighter. I am the fighter."

Despite Denials, North Vietnam Has Sent Most of Its Army South

SAIGON (AP) — While North Vietnam claims at the Paris talks that it has no troops in South Vietnam, U.S. intelligence sources say it has practically stripped its own territory of soldiers and now has the equivalent of at least 12 infantry divisions in South Vietnam.

The sources say this is confirmed every day by captured documents and prisoner interrogations. U.S. intelligence officers are able to pinpoint the areas where the North Vietnamese troops are operating in South Vietnam.

The officers cite figures indicating the North Vietnamese have taken over the major fighting effort, with an estimated 80,000 combat troops in the South to 40,000 main force Viet Cong.

Hanoi Guard

They say that Hanoi sent two full divisions South earlier this year. They indicate that most of North Vietnam's divisions have been committed to the South. Only the elite 308th home guard division based around Hanoi and Haiphong, another division near Dien Bien Phu that operates in Laos and eight

or nine divisional headquarters remain in North Vietnam, intelligence officers believe.

The intelligence sources say North Vietnam has nine full numbered divisions in the South, plus the equivalent of another division in four independent regiments operating in the central highlands.

Two Viet Cong divisions flanking Saigon — the 9th and the 5th — are 80 percent North Vietnamese soldiers, the sources report.

The heaviest concentration of North Vietnamese troops with big artillery support is along the northern frontier just below the demilitarized zone. Here at least three divisions face U.S. and South Vietnamese forces. Intelligence officers locate them thus:

The 304th division, on the western flank of the demilitarized zone, is threatening the allied base at Khe Sanh.

The 320th division, on the eastern flank of the DMZ, is threatening the allied bases at Con Thien and Dong Ha.

The 324th division operates in the Hue area, 50 miles south of the DMZ.

A fourth North Vietnamese division, the 325th, retreated into Laos when allied forces lifted the siege of Khe Sanh last month. Since then the 325th has returned to South Vietnam, and the intelligence officers say they know where it is. But they decline to disclose the location for security reasons.

Farther south along South Vietnam's eastern coast, intelligence sources place the 2nd North Vietnamese division below Da Nang. The 3rd division is about 100 miles farther to the south in the mountains and rice-producing plains of Binh Dinh province.

The fifth North Vietnamese division is operating halfway between Saigon and the demilitarized zone, in the vicinity of Cam Ranh Bay.

In the central highlands near the tri-border of South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos is the 1st North Vietnamese division. This division, plus the four independent regiments, threaten the central highlands including isolated population centers and such allied bases as Pleiku, Kontum and Dak To.

The remaining three North Vietnamese divisions form a 90-degree arc around Saigon and surrounding Gia Dinh province, which contain 15 percent of South Vietnam's population.

Heavy Losses

To the west-northwest of the capital is the exclusively North Vietnamese 7th division. North of the city is the 9th division and to the east-northeast is the 5th division.

The 6th and the 9th, Viet Cong divisions, have suffered heavy losses in battles with U.S. troops since 1965, and replacements have come from the North. Now 80 percent of these two divisions are North Vietnamese regulars, according to intelligence reports.

Intelligence officers rate the North Vietnamese 7th division west-northwest of Saigon as "the worst in the country."

"They've never done anything right," said one American officer.

Infiltration Route

A North Vietnamese division in South Vietnam is estimated to average about 7,700 men. American intelligence officers estimate that only one out of every five or six North Vietnamese soldiers infiltrates into South Vietnam through the demilitarized zone.

The majority, these sources say, move around the western edge of the buffer zone and down the Ho Chi Minh Trail through Laos. Some branch off into South Vietnam through the A Shau Valley. The others continue on down the Ho Chi Minh Trail into Cambodia and work their way into the central highlands and others points farther south.

Creative Society Is Advocated by Reagan

CHICAGO (AP) — Ronald Reagan has proposed the Creative Society as an alternative to the Great Society.

"The Creative Society is based on the premise that government cannot possibly match the creativity and energy of private industry," the California governor said.

"The Great Society has grown greater every day — greater in spending," he told 1,860 people Tuesday night at a \$100-a-plate Republican fund-raising dinner.

Current welfare programs, he said, have "institutionalized poverty" and have "led to broken promises and frustration."

Reagan said unemployment has reached the lowest level since World War II but 700,000 people have been added to the welfare rolls.

"Colossal Failure" "Those figures substantiate the charge that welfare as we know it is a colossal and almost complete failure," he said.

He said that in California all federal welfare programs have been combined into one coordinated effort.

"People are going to come out the other end as self-sustaining members of the private sector," he said. "We are going to break the chain of welfare."

Reagan won applause when he said government must return to the principle of "protecting the property owner from the criminal and not the other way around."

"Cry for Leadership" He denied that this policy was meant to appeal to a white backlash. "All men, regardless of race and class status, must stand equal before the law," he said.

Turning to international affairs, Reagan said the people are "crying for leadership which will restore their pride and their faith."

"They want a government that will not seek to buy the friendship of other nations but will seek to earn the world's respect. A government that will say that stealing the Pueblo and kidnaping our men is a humiliation our nation will not endure," he told the applauding audience.

Earlier Tuesday, Reagan told a Miami Beach party gathering that U.S. negotiators in Paris should tell the North Vietnamese "we'll kick the devil out of them" if they are not sincere about reaching a settlement.

Tornado Relief Appeal Set Up By Red Cross

MASON CITY (AP) — W. Earl Hall of Mason City and Virgil Jacobson of Charles City have been named co-chairmen of the Red Cross Disaster Relief Appeal for Iowa tornado victims.

Red Cross disaster headquarters announced Tuesday.

Hall is former publisher of the Mason City Globe Gazette. Jacobson is vice-president of the Charles City bank and city treasurer of the stricken northeast Iowa community.

The appeal is being launched to raise funds for Red Cross relief efforts aiding victims of last Wednesday's tornado disaster.

Funds are needed to augment the resources of local Red Cross chapters and the national organization, and all contributions will be used for direct assistance to Iowa tornado victims, according to the co-chairmen.

The funds, which are being collected by the Red Cross Disaster Emergency Fund at the North Central Iowa chapter in Mason City, will finance food, clothing, shelter and medical care for tornado victims. Later, funds will be used to assist families repair or rebuild their homes, replace household furnishings or meet other tornado-caused needs.

Staley Hits at Corporate Farm OMAHA (AP) — Oren Staley of Corning, Iowa, president of the National Farmers Organization, said Tuesday deducting farm losses from any other source of income ought to be made illegal.

Staley, one of the last witnesses appearing at a senate subcommittee hearing on corporations should be prohibited from using tax deductions to lower farm production costs to a point where the family farm is forced out of business.

Staley asked that the government determine the true owners of corporate farms.

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Stanley Urges Seniors Be Firm For Convictions

TOLEDO — State Sen. David Stanley of Muscatine, candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. senator, told the South Tama County Community high school graduating class Tuesday evening, "Stand up for your convictions even if you have to stand alone. Freedom depends on citizens who will stand up and be counted."

Sen. Stanley said, "Courage is always rare. The courage that stands for what is right against the pressure of the crowd is especially rare. There are too many crowd followers and too many wishy-washy politicians who sit on the fence."

"Work for better government from the city council to the United Nations. Politics is not dirty unless too many clean people stay out of politics. Bad officials are elected by good people who don't vote," he said.

"Let us defend the individual rights of every person, no matter how unpoplar he may be. If anyone anywhere loses his freedom, our rights are threatened. We will not be truly free until all people everywhere are free."

Crop Control Bill in Setback

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed one-year extension of the basic farm program suffered a setback Tuesday in the house rules committee.

Two motions, one to delay action temporarily and the other to clear the bill for house consideration, were defeated.

The bill, calling for a straight extension of the crop control program approved by the house agriculture committee, still remains before the rules committee but there was no indication when another move would be made.

Plan To Free Prisoner Scrapped; He Escaped

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Authorities had to cancel plans for releasing Jerry Cracium, 26, from a workhouse where he was serving 10 days for disorderly conduct.

Cracium simply climbed a 12-foot fence and escaped.

Television Listings

- 1-KCRG-TV, Cedar Rapids
2-WMT-TV, Cedar Rapids
3-KWWL-TV, Waterloo
3-KTYO, Ottumwa
4-WHBF-TV, Rock Island
5-WOC-TV, Davenport
6-KRBT, Le Centre
7-KWBT, Le Centre
8-KWBT, Le Centre
9-WHO-TV, Des Moines

Table with columns for time slots (7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 11:45, 12:00, 12:15) and program listings for various stations (CBS, NBC, ABC, etc.)

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Need Responsible Changes, Culver Tells Graduates

CENTRAL CITY — Congressman John Culver called upon graduating high school seniors to provide "the impulses and energies for constructive initiatives and change in Iowa and American society, combining a responsible view for the future with genuine respect for the past."

Delivering the main address at Central City high school Tuesday evening, Culver told the graduates, "You and your contemporaries must not be content to be mere receptacles of inherent answers and stale controversies. You must ask the uncomfortable questions about individual freedoms and responsibilities, injustice and intolerance, war and peace."

"You are the inevitable pace-setters for the decade of the 70s, both in your numbers and in your abilities," Culver said. "If you allow yourselves to be drawn into escapism, if you become the prisoners of mere revolt, if from the sidelines you hold in contempt and derision our political process, then our future will be seriously impaired."

The Second district congressman urged the graduates to continue their educational development formally or informally, whether they go on to school, join the military, enter the market place, or assume family responsibilities.

"What you take from your high school education is critical to the roles which you will play in our society," he said.

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