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**WEEKLY REPORT**

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**THIS WEEK -- NETWORK DEBUTS & HIGHLIGHTS**

**Sunday (18)**

**NBC**

- 2-4pm EST; RETURN - NBC Television Opera Theatre - LIVE from WRCA-TV (NY), to the net. $ Sustaining. $ Pkg - NBC-TV (NY); Prod - Samuel Chotzinoff; Music & Artistic Dir - Peter Herman Adler; Assoc Prod - Charles Polacheck; Dir - Kirk Browning; Assoc Dir - John Schwartz; Asst Conductor - Felix Popper; Sets - Ed Wittatein; Costumes - Saul Bolasni; Casting - George Schick. $ Eighth consecutive season for the operas, with six to be presented on a once a month schedule, all in color. (See page D for cast credits).

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**This Week -- Regular Network Specials**

**ABC**

- None this week.

**CBS**

- See It Now (Every 4th Sun, 5-6pm NYT) Nov 18; "Revolution in the Navy"; FILM from WCBS-TV (NY) & KNXT (LA); Murrow also interviews Navy chiefs.

**NBC**

- Producers' Showcase (Every 4th Mon, 8-9:30pm NIT) Nov 12; "Jack and the Beanstalk"; an original musical version of the famous tale, with book and lyrics by Helen Deutsch, music by Jerry Livingston; Exec Prod - Mort Abrahams; Prod - Alvin Cooperman; Dir - Clark Jones; Music Dir - George Bassman; Sets & Costumes - Rouben Ter-Arutunian; Choreog - Rod Alexander; Assoc Prod - Leo Davis; Prod Superv - Shelley Hull; Assoc Dir - Dean Whitmore; Casting - Joan MacDonald.

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**Other Network Changes & Additions**

**ABC**

- Dean Pike; RETURN Nov 18; Sun, 5-5:30pm EST; originally scheduled to return Nov 11; see page 106 for full credits.

**CBS**

- World In Crisis; SPECIAL Nov 11; Sun, 5-6pm EST; LIVE & FILM from WCBS-TV (NY), to the net. $ Sustaining. $ Pkg - CBS News (NY); Prod - Leslie Midgel; Dir - Vern Diamond; Writer - John Sharnik; Film Superv - Joseph Zigman. $ Special program on the anti-communist flare-ups in Hungary and Poland and the tensions in the Middle East. The program is an expansion of the originally scheduled half hour, Revolt of the Satellites, now included in the one hour program. (See page 106).

**Face the Nation**

- Sun, 1:30-2pm EST) New time, effective Nov 11, thru Dec 23. The program had been seen 5-5:30pm before football telecasts preempted the time.

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TALENT SHOWSHEET NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 18

Most of the shows on November 9, 10, 11 were listed in last week's report. Changes and additions are included here for the record. Multiple and across-the-board shows are grouped together after the listing for Friday, November 16. Script identifications used are: (O) Original, (A) Adaptation, (SW) Staff-written, (SD) Staff-directed. Performers are identified as singer (S), dancer (D), comic (C), musician (M). Actors who appear regularly are listed in the premiere cast, then subsequently referred to as "regulars". Live shows are listed in caps in the left column; filmed shows are in upper and lower case letters, underlined. Generally only first runs of a film series are listed.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

WALTER WINCHELL SHOW NBC 8:30pm  Add: John Wayne

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

LAMP UNTO MY FEET CBS 10am  
The Hostages - (O) Howard Rodman; with Will Rogers,Jr, Court Benson, Grace Matthews, Norma Connolly, Noel Leslie, Ward Costello; (SD)

LOOK UP & LIVE CBS 10:30am  Antigone - (O) Sophocles; (A) Paul Roche; with Jacqueline Brooks, Robert Goodier, Michael Kane, Janine Claire; (SD)

CAMERA THREE CBS 11:30am  A Medieval Tapestry; with Reynolds Evans, Harry Davis, Ellen Madison, Maige West, Dennis Patrick; (SW) John McGiffert; (SD)

FRONTIERS OF FAITH NBC 1:30pm  Lawyer from Boston; Add: (O) Morton Wishingrad; with Alexander Scourby, Bert Freed, Henderson Forsythe, Alan Napier, Gerald Hiken, Dayett Garritt; (SD)

ED SULLIVAN SHOW

STEVE ALLEN SHOW NBC 8pm  Add: Bing Crosby, Kate Smith; Kill: Marcel Marceau

OMNIBUS ABC 9pm  
School for Wives - (O) Moliere; (A) Walter Kerr; with Bert Lahr, Patricia Smith, William Shatner, Earl Montgomery, Elizabeth Wilson, Louis Sorin, Robert Goodier, Michael Strong; Dir - Jack Landau

MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

Sheriff of Cochise WABD 7:30pm  Question of Honor; with regulars & Stan Jones, Simon Oakland, Belle Mitchess

Danny Thomas Show ABC 8pm  
Danny Goes to Texas; with regulars & Minerva Urecal, Jesse White, Robert Anderson; (SD)

PRODUCER'S SHOWCASE NBC 8pm  Jack and the Beanstalk - (O) Helen Deutsch (from the folk-tale); with Celeste Holm, Cyril Ritchard, Peggy King, Arnold Stang, Leora Dana, Billy Gilbert, Dennis King, Joel Grey, Carson Woods, Bruteus-Peck, Adria Rice, Buddy Schwab, Virginia Bosler, Carl Morris, Bob Pageant; -Pauline Goodard, Virginia Conwell, Dorothy Masel, Abe Simon, Harry Kadison (& others); Music - Jerry Livingston; Lyrics - Helen Deutsch

VOICE OF FIRESTONE ABC 8:30pm  
Brian Sullivan

I Love Lucy CES 9pm  with regulars & Elsa Lanchester, Strother Martin; (SW&SD)

December Bride CES 9:30pm  Ritzy Neighborhood; with regulars & Cheerio Meredith, Margo Bennett, Almirra Sessions, Peter Leeds, Shirley Mitchell, King Donovan, Doris Fackey, Harry Antrim

LAWRENCE WELK'S TOP TUNES, NEW TALENT ABC 9:30pm  Jerry Rush (S-D), Rosalie Randall (M), Susan Capone (S)

ROBERT MONTGOMERY NBC 9:30pm  Harvest - Kine repeat of 11/23/53

STUDIO ONE CBS 10pm  The Pilot - [O] Paul Crabtree; with Nancy Kelly, Barbara O'Neill, Bert Brinkerhoff, Gregory Lafayette, Gerry Stiller, John McLiam, Milton Selzer, Herbert Nelson, Abigail Kellogg, Dorrit Kelton, Robert Bryan, Billy Quinn, Toni Halloran, Casey Allen, Jimmie Rogers, Chris Barbary; (SD) Paul Nickell

Douglas Fairbanks WRCA 10:30pm  Homecoming; with Barry Foster, Eynon Evans, Barbara Mullen
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13

Conflict

ABC 7:30pm

The People Against McCauley - (O) Howard Brown (from court transcriptions); with Tab Hunter, Dani Grayne, James Garner, Raymond Bailey, Chet Stratton, Robert Hower, Mildred von Holen, Dick Ryan, Lawrence Green, Joanna Heyes; Dir - Roy Del Ruth

Phil Silvers Show

CBS 8pm

A Mess Sergeant Can't Win; with regulars & Joe E. Ross

Life & Legend Of Wyatt Earp(Hugh O'Brian)

ABC 8:30pm

So Long Dora, So Long; with regulars & Margaret Hayes, Joseph Turkel, William Tannen

Noah's Ark

NBC 8:30pm

Displaced Deer - (O) Jack Webb & Frank Burt; with regulars & Vance Skarstedt, Martha Wentworth, Lillian Powell; (SD)

Broken Arrow

ABC 9pm

Medicine Men - (O) John McGreevey; with regulars

HERB SHRINEP SHOW

CBS 9pm

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Jane Wyman Show

NBC 9pm

Father Forgets; with Miss Wyman, Bruce Gordon, David Kasday; (other information unavailable)

RED SKELTON SHOW

CBS 9:30pm

Virginia Grey

DuPont Theatre

ABC 9:30pm

Innocent Bystander - (O) Laszlo Gorog; with Don Taylor, Reba Tarrillo, Herb Vigran, Robert Paulke, Fred E. Shuman, Robert Nicolas, Nessler Booth; (SD) Laszlo Benedek

ARMSTRONG CIRCLE THEATRE

NBC 9:30pm

Flight #287 from Budapest; - (O) Harold Gast; with William Peffley, Gerald Serracini, Jacqueline Scott; Peter Bradon, Paul Savoy, Leonardo Cimino, George L. Smith, Sally Kemp

Polka Time

ABC 10pm

Philippine Catholic Youth Folk Dancers; Richard Hodyl & Mildred Lawnik(D)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14

Death Valley Days

WRCA 7pm

The Hidden Treasure of Cucamonga; with Joel Ashley, Anna Navarro, Richard Gilden, Tony Lawrence, Than Wyonn, Stan Jolley, Carol Thurston, Andre Villon

Disneyland

ABC 7:30pm

Along the Oregon Trail; with Puss Parker, Jeff York, Sebastian Cabot, Iron Eyes Cody

Adventures of Hiram

NBC 8pm

Holliday

The Hawaiian Hamzah; with Cox & John Wengraf, Lei Aloha, Al Cavens, Alainee Pryor

Navy Log

ABC 8:30pm

In the Labonza - (O) Allan Sloane; with Richard Wessel, George Conrad, Peter Leeds, Jack Lomas, House Peters, Jr

Father Knows Best

NBC 8:30pm

Whistle Bait - (O) Paul West; with regulars & Mary Ellen Kaye, Yvonne Lime, Jerry Janger; (SD) Peter Tewksbury

The Millionaire

(Marvin Miller)

CBS 9pm

The Story of Waldo Francis Turner; with Reginald Gardner, Kathy Nolan, John Goddard, Raymond Greenleaf, Nora Marlowe, Sheila Bromley, Henry Hunter

KRAFT TV THEATRE

NBC 9pm

Before It's Too Late - (O) Gertrude Schweitzer; with Phyllis Newman, Wallace Rooney, Charles Aidman, Judy Sanford, Warren Oates; Dir - Harry Herrmann

Lilli Palmer Theatre

WABD 9pm

Bardell vs. Pickwick; with Donald Woffit, Roddy Hughes, Desmond Walter Ellis, Sam Kydd

Ford Theatre

ABC 9:30pm

The Woman Who Dared - (O) Pauline Stone, Mike Cragrove & Gerry Day; with Laraine Day, Gene Barry, Whit Bissell, Don Beddoe, Louis Feen Heyt, Tom Pittman, Kim Charney

20th Century-Fox Hour

CBS 10pm

Smoke Jumpers - (O) Art Cohn (screenplay by Harry Klawer); (A) Clark H. Reynolds; with Don Duryea, Dean Jagger, Joan Leslie, Richard Jarecki, Robert Bray, Robert Armstrong, Lawrence Dobkin, Don Kennedy Bob Watson; Dir - Albert S. Rogell

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TALENT SHOWSHEET (more)
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15

Guy Lombardo WRCA 7pm  Matt Dennis
Sgt. Preston of the Yukon CBS 7:30pm
CBS 8pm
CIRCUS TIME ABC
Bob Cummings Show CBS 8pm
CLIMAX! CBS 8:30pm
CBS 9pm
Wire Service ABC
People's Choice ABC
PLAYHOUSE 90 ABC
THE FORD SHOW ABC
OZARK JUBILEE ABC
LUX VIDEO THEATRE ABC

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

Adventures of Rin-Tin-Tin ABC 7:30pm
Adventures of Jim Bowie ABC 8pm
West Point CBS 8pm
Life of Riley NBC 8pm
Crossroads ABC 8:30pm
Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre CBS 8:30pm
WALTER WINCHELL NBC 8:30pm
Crusader CBS 9pm
On Trial NBC 9pm
The Vise ABC 9:30pm
Schlitz Playhouse CBS 9:30pm
BIG STORY NBC 9:30pm

Presidential Citation - (0) John O'Dea; with regulars & Joe Sawyer, William Forrest, Charles Evans, Paul Birch, Orlando Rodriguez, Jack Littlefield; (SD) Robert G. Walker
The Land Jumpers - (0) Don Clark; (A) Tom Reed & William H. Wright; with Willard Waterman, Val Dufour, Narda Onyx, Minerva Urecal, Peter Hansen
His Brother's Fist; with John Berardino, Jeff Harris
A Man's Pride - (0) Albert B. Lewin & Burt Styler; with regulars & Denise Alexander; (SD) Abby Berlin
Timberland Preacher - (0) George Bruce; with Martin Milner, Bert Kelly, John Alderson, Ann Flood; (SD) Jus Addis
Stage for Tucson - (0) Harold Shumate; (A) John McGreevey & Harold Shumate; with Eddie Albert, Mona Freeman, John Ericson, Rusty Lane, Ian MacDonald, Jaclynne Greene, DeForest Kelley; Dir - Bernard Girard
Patrice Munsel (S)
A Cage of Fear; with regulars & Bernard Bresslaw, Gladys Boot, Laura Gordon, Colin Tapley
Death in the Snow - (0) Larry Marcus; with Keenan Wynn, Hoagy Carmichael, Olive Carey, Robert Ellis, Phil Chambers, Tony George, Don Beddoe, Richard Hale
A Case of Fear; with regulars & Bernard Bresslaw, Gladys Boot, Laura Gordon, Colin Tapley

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Talent Show Sheet (more)
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

The Lineup CBS 10pm

The Cosmopolitan Bunko Case - (O) Joseph Calvelli; with Jay Novello, Michael Rosetto, Leon Askin, Edgar Barrier, Victoria Risk, Katharine Barrett, Jonathan Hole; Dir - Hollingsworth Morse

MULTIPLE & ACROSS-THE-BOARD SHOWS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9 - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

GOOD MORNING CBS 7am
WITH WILL ROGERS, JR

11/12 - Henny Youngman (weather-caster each week this week); Toni Arden(S), Sally Kemp; 11/13 - Jane Morgan(S); 11/14 - Jim Lowe (emcee for Rogers this day only); 11/15 - Eileen Rodgers(S); 11/16 - Steve Lawrence(C), Joey Carter(C)

GARRY MOORE SHOW CBS 10am

11/16 - Martha Davis & Spouse(S-C); Jane Connell(C)

NBC BANDSTAND NBC 10:30am

11/12-11/16: Les Brown & orch., Julius La Rosa (S)

HOME SHOW NBC 11am

11/12 - Kurt Baum (S); 11/14 - Robert Young & Jane Wyatt

NBC MATINEE THEATRE NBC 3pm

11/12 - Love, Marriage & Five Thousand Dollars - (O) Alfred Brenner; 11/13 - Step Into Darkness - (O) Elizabeth Denham; (A) Betty Oulsen; 11/14 - A Candle in the Dark - (O) Paul Tabori; 11/15 - Savrola - (O) Winston Churchill; (A) Michael Dyne; 11/16 - A Table Set for Night - (O) Peter Berneis

MODERN ROMANCES NBC 4:45pm

No One Will Ever Know - (O) Marie Baumer; with Patricia Barry, House Jameson, Lon Fellows

TONIGHT NEC 11:30pm
(Mon & Tues - Kovacs); 11/12 - Dorothy Lamour, Barbara Carroll(M), Maureen Arthur(S); 11/13 - Dinah Washington(S); 11/14 - Anita Rancus(D), Mario Escudero(M), Erin O'Brien(S), Steve Lawrence(S); 11/15 - Blackstone(magic), Buddy De Franco Quintet(M), Andy Williams(S); 11/16 - Erin O'Brien(S), Iva Kittrell(D)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

PERRY COMO SHOW NBC 8pm

The Immigrants - (O) Bernie Ederer & Bob White; with regulars.

Oh! Susanna CBS 9pm

The Immigrants - (O) Bernie Ederer & Bob White; with regulars.

Hey, Jeannie! CBS 9:30pm

MacLennan Hex; with regulars & Will Wright, George E. Stone(SD)

Gunsmoke CBS 10pm

(information unavailable at press time.)

GEORGE GOBEL SHOW NEC 10pm

Edward Everett Horton, Kuldip Singh(S)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18

Wild Bill Hickok CBS 12:30pm

Prairie Flats Land Swindle; with regulars & Bobby Hyatt, Irving Bacon, Douglas Evans, Fred Libby, Perry Frost, Sam Flint, Fred Kelsey

NBC OPERA THEATRE NBC 2pm

La Boheme - (O) Puccini; (A) Joseph Machlis; with Richard Torigi, John Alexander, Kenneth Smith, Thomas Tipton, Chester Watson, Dorothy Coulter, Orrin Hill, Jan McArt, Irwin Charone, Ara Adryan, Robert Leffler; Libretto - Giacosa & Illica; Dir - Kirk Browning

WASHINGTON SQUARE NEC 4pm

with regulars (add Kay Armen to permanent cast) & Martha Raye(C-S), Arnold Stang(C), Hugh Martin, Three Flames(S)

Television Time CBS 6pm

Chico and the Archbishop - (O) John Nesbitt; (A) Sims Carter, Joseph Calvelli; with Harry Bartell, Ricky Vera; (SD) - Robert Florey

77th Bengal Lancers NBC 7pm

The Traitor - (O) Douglas Heyes; with Phil Carey, Warren Stevens, Michael Ansara, Millie Duff, Douglass Dumbrille, Richard Avonde, Brett Halsey, Richard Devon, Patrick Whyte; Dir - George Archainbaud

JACK BENNY CBS 7:30pm

(information unavailable at press time.)

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TALENT SHOWSHEET(more)
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18

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- **The Proud Pagliacci**: with regulars & Otto Waldis
  - Elvis Presley (on film), Fats Domino(S), Guy Mitchell(S), Don Rondo(S), Ben Blue(C), Mitzi Green(C), Lou Nelson(C), Elsa & Waldo(C), Conn & Mann(C)
- Olson & Johnson(C), Duke Ellington & his band, Gene Nelson(D), Betty Walker(C), Erin O'Brien(S), Robert Young, Jane Wyatt, Elinor Donahue
- I'm a Fool - (O) Sherwood Anderson; (A) Arnold Schulman; with James Dean, Natalie Wood, Eddie Albert, Ray Glenn, Gloria Castillo, Leon Tyler, Eve March, Piona Hale, Judd Holdren, Richard Bartell, Patrick O'Malley; re-run of 11/14/54
- Perry Como(S), Julie London(S), Joan Davis
- Conversation Over a Corpse - (O&A) Norman Daniels; with Dorothy Stickney, Carmen Mathews, Ray Collins, Ted Stanhope; (SD) Jules Bricken
- Inga IV - (O) Lowell S. Hawley; (A) William Bruckner; with Miss Young, Donald Murphy, Robert Fortier, Maurice Manson, Kathleen Freeman; (SD) William Bruckner
NBC’s comedy writers development plan is considered a success by the network, with five of the nine originally signed a year ago currently assigned to regular shows, with the other four on special assignments. Woody Allen is with Stanley, Herb Reich, Herb Hartig and Mike Miller are with Washington Square and Paul Kayes is with the Steve Allen branch of Tonight. The other four are Lois Balk, Bernie Ilson, Bruce Howard and Phil Green. If it means anything, six of the nine were born in New York City, two in Boston and one in Connecticut.......

For a real big switch in characterization and talent demand, Nanette Fabray performs in "High Button Shoes" in New York on Nov 24 over NBC, then moves out to LA for the author-mother role of Helen Doss in Playhouse 90's "The Family Nobody Wanted," slated for Dec 20. Lew Ayres will co-star as Rev. Carl Doss, the young minister who, with his wife, built a family from a group of adopted youngsters of mixed racial backgrounds. The story is an adaptation of Helen Doss' book about her family.

Revlon will give up on The Most Beautiful Girl in the World for the time being and instead will sponsor Can Do, starting Nov 26, over NBC, Mondays, 9-9:30pm EST. The show is an audience participation type, not a quizzer, featuring contests and stunts with prizes of up to $50,000. A special feature will present celebrities who will perform stunts or feats not usually demonstrated to the public in their regular careers, or perhaps special stunts in line with their professional abilities. The Joe Cates production will have Robert Alda as m.c. The tangled line resulting from the many false starts with The Most Beautiful Girl reads this way. Joe Cates was the producer-director of The $64,000 Question during its prime last year, working for Louis G. Cowan, Inc., now Entertainment Productions, Inc. Cates left for a creative producer berth at NBC. EPI was the packager called in to develop a successful format for The Most Beautiful Girl. The first EPI kine didn't work and Paul Feigay, who had been associate producer at Omnibus, left that post and moved over to EPI as producer (never officially announced) to try to get the talent-beauty show on the road. Now, Omnibus has named Richard Dunlap as new associate producer. Dunlap resigned as a producer-director of Kraft Television Theatre to take his new post.

Another seeker after a trend away from pure money quizzes is Hazel Bishop, Inc., which will sponsor You're On Your Own, a new Barry & Enright package which will debut over CBS on Dec 22, Saturdays, 10:30-11pm EST, replacing High Finance, which goes off the air. Steve Dunne will m.c. the quiz, which will reward resourcefulness with as much as $25,000 on a single program. Contestants will be able to find all answers to
questions somewhere in the studio -- in a directory, record album, telephone book, or other reference, all of which the contestant may use. In other words, TV is trying to move from dependence on crammed knowledge to the open book test....progressive education in television......The Boing-Boing Show, the UPA cartoon series produced for CBS, will debut on Dec 16, Sundays, 5:30-6pm EST, in full color. The separate little tales seen on each program have been dubbed "vignettes", all presented by program host Gerald McBoing-Boing.....Ernie Kovacs will narrate NBC's one-hour telecast of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which will have Roy Rogers and Dale Evans leading the procession as grand marshals. The program, presented from 11am-12noon EST, will be sponsored by Ideal Toy Corporation and Sweets Company of America, Inc.

A special Pulse survey, one of a series devoted to the New York market, turns up a reaction that program producers have claimed existed for years -- that reviews of television programs in newspaper columns do not exert too much influence over viewers' habits. The Pulse survey, conducted during August, indicates that 70 per cent of men and women in metropolitan New York regularly read newspaper columns devoted to news and reviews of television. There were 1000 people interviewed, with 67 per cent saying that they read the columns for advance information about TV programs, with 63 per cent interested specifically as well in advance information and reviews of feature films to be seen on TV.

Last week's annual membership meeting of the Screen Actors Guild in Hollywood turned up the following statistics: Between Nov 1, 1955 and Oct 31, 1956, SAG collected and distributed to members 19,166 checks totalling $1,413,821 in residual payments for re-runs of TV films. SAG had 10,082 fully paid-up members as of Oct 31, compared with 9,832 a year ago. The Guild staff collected $152,062 during the year on behalf of the Guild and individual members, from contract violators.

Jerry Lewis will again be m.c. of the Oscar awards ceremonies to be telecast over NBC on March 27, Wednesday, 10:50pm-12:15am EST......The Bob Hope Chevy Show for next Sunday will be kinescoped in New York and presented "live" on the air via the kine. The nets are beginning to pay close attention to announcements about shows being kinescoped or filmed, to avoid possible union complications over the variations in scale. ......The beefs that greeted the CBS-Ed Sullivan announcement about Bing Crosby's appearance on last Sunday's Sullivan show being a "first," were based on the release phrase, "Crosby has never before consented to sing in person on a television show." According to the records, Bing Crosby made his first TV appearance, live or otherwise, on the Bob Hope Marathon for the U.S. Olympic team on June 21, 1952, over the NBC-TV net. Crosby did a little of everything on the stage, ducking only when Martin and Lewis joined the on-camera fun......Sullivan announced an entertainment coup last week when the Metropolitan Opera signed a contract for five Sunday appearances of leading Met stars and conductors and the Met Opera orchestra in five fully-staged scenes from five operas on The Ed Sullivan Show, leading off with Maria Callas and George London in a scene from "Tosca" on Nov 25. Rudolf Bing will do the on-camera intros for the presentations.

Eight-year-old Dennis Kohler, who won the auditions for the role of Tiny Tim in Alcoa Hour's "The Stingiest Man in Town," is a seasoned TV actor......WRCA-TV's new local five-minute comedy program, Punchline, Monday thru Friday, 11:25-11:30pm, is being handled completely by producer-director Mike Cargiulo. Different comics appear each night, before a small audience -- and that latter condition is a problem to surmount on a five-minute show.