strained in style, context and time by the program practices divisions of the networks," according to Harlan Kleinman, vice president of programming for HBO.

The success of an earlier HBO program, An Evening with Robert Klein, prompted production and was taped at the Playboy Club, New York, to premiere on March 20, 21 and 28. Other On Location shows and locales will be: Rodney Dangerfield, Dangerfield's, New York; Mort Sah"d, U.C.L.A.; Myron Cohen, Rainbow Grill, New York; John Byner, Frontier Inn, Las Vegas; Phyllis Diller, Royal York hotel, Toronto; Henny Youngman, Friars Club, New York; David Brenner, M"d Grand hotel, Las Vegas; Freddie Prinz & Friends, Improv, Los Angeles, and Joey Bishop, Sahara hotel, Las Vegas.

The agreement with Columbia was significant in that the two firms had some difficulties in the past in interpreting deals they had made. The understanding concerning the terms and conditions applying to licensing of features, particularly with the reporting, advertising and promotional uses of the film. It was stressed that the pricing and the availability of specific films are to be negotiated on a picture-by-picture basis.

Two companies said the first motion pictures licensed under the new understanding are "Shampoo," "Breakout," "Aloha, Bobby and Rose," and "Lies My Father Told Me."

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**Disqualification of RKO lawyers in WNAC-TV case hangs on filings by Burch, law firm**

The question of whether the Washington law firm of Pierson, Ball & Dowd will be allowed to represent WNAC-TV's General Inc. in the Boston channel 7 proceeding hinges on the responses former FCC Chairman Dean Burch, now a member of the firm, and the firm itself file in affidavits the commission has requested. In requesting the affidavits, the commission indicated the standards it will follow in determining whether to require disqualification will be those laid down last week by the American Bar Association through its Standing Committee on Ethics.

Essentially, the commission wants to know whether Mr. Burch shared in any fees earned by the firm from the Boston channel 7 case. Mr. Burch has already filed an affidavit asserting he has not discussed the case with members of the firm or participated in the case since leaving the commission.

The disqualification issue was raised in the Boston case by Community Broadcasting of Boston Inc., one of two applicants seeking to supplant RKO as licensee of channel 7, on which WNAC-TV now operates. Community said that in view of Mr. Burch's active participation in matters affecting the case while he was FCC chairman, between 1969 and 1973, Pierson, Ball & Dowd should be disqualified.

The new ABA ethics committee standards appear in an interpretation of the association's disciplinary rules governing private attorneys formerly employed by the government. And they were developed in response to expressions of concern over the effect of those rules on the part of government agencies and private attorneys who once worked for the government.

One of the rules prohibits a lawyer from participating in a matter in which he had "substantial responsibility" while in government. Another rule bars his partners or associates from the matter also.

The commission said that Mr. Burch's participation in the case while at the commission effectively banned him from representing RKO in the Boston case. But as for whether the firm is also barred, the commission said the ABA's new interpretation of the rules recognizes that there are "weighty policy considerations favoring a realistic construction" of the rules.

The commission said a broad interpretation would limit the potential employment of former government attorneys and restrict the government's ability to recruit competent attorneys, deter litigants from seeking specialized counsel, and permit one party in a case to deprive his opponent of knowledgeable counsel. Accordingly, the commission said it agreed with the ABA's views that if other means of accomplishing the goal of the rule were available, disqualification of the firm was not required.

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**CBS will institute tripartite plan for children's programs**

CBS-TV's Saturday schedule for fall will divide the morning and early afternoon into thirds, devoting 8-10 a.m. to animated comedy; 10-12 to adventure and 12-2 p.m. to variety entertainment and film festivals. Four new series, announced by Jerry Gold, vice president, children's programs, CBS-TV, are: Clue Club (Hanna-Barbera Productions) and Taran: Lord of the Jungle (Filmation Associates), both animated; and Ark II (Filmation) and Way Out Games (Barry and Enright Productions with MGM Television), both live.