

Coming Attractions — At Home

Next season's prime-time TV will be a movie-goer's delight and a film exhibitor's nightmare. On tap: Close to 150 pictures, many no more than a year or so old, some not even finished yet, the lot of them setting the networks back perhaps \$90 million. It will be the first full season in which the three networks have each scheduled two weekly movie nights. ABC, following up on its fabulous success with "Bridge on the River Kwai" last fall, plans "blockbuster" treatment for such films as "The King and I" and "Ship of Fools." "Kwai" will be repeated, incidentally, as will "The Robe" (at Easter), "Guys and Dolls," "Hans Christian Andersen" and "Porgy and Bess." Among other titles awaiting first TV runs: "King Rat," "The Collector," "Hud," "Harlow," "Walk on the Wild Side," "The Bedford Incident," "The New Interns," "Under the Yum-Yum Tree" and "The Pleasure Seekers." An ABC innovation will be two-hour *Sunday Night at the Theater* taped dramas replacing one of the movies about once a month. Such stage successes as "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Dial M for Murder" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" are being adapted for these occasions.

CBS is thinking of kicking off its Thursday-Friday movie spread in September with a big box-office item like "The Great Escape" as a two-parter, à la "The Music Man" last fall. Other well-known titles in the CBS hopper: "Where the Spies Are," "The World of Henry Orient," "Topkapi,"

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Defiant Ones," "The Best Man," "Days of Wine and Roses." NBC, the network that started it all, again plans to go big for *World Premiere* movies—made-for-TV. A score of them are in production. How many will reach the mini-screen in 1967-68 is still undetermined. Much more cagey than its competitors about disclosing the movies in its bag, NBC is rumored to have two of unusual frankness, "Tom Jones" and "Never on Sunday." While the most "adult" of picture themes are still being rejected for TV, the networks are much less chary than they once were about unreeling gamey stuff. They'd just love to get their hands on those James Bonds—at a right price.

CBS News may be preparing to spring startling disclosures based on its eight-month inquiry into President Kennedy's assassination. In three evening hours on successive nights beginning Sunday, June 25, the network will report its "fresh material" and spell out its own "conclusions." CBS News President Richard S. Salant declines even to hint what these are. "The sponsors want to know. Our affiliates want to know. We just don't want to say ahead of air time," he dodged. He added that an "amazing" flood of mail had already come from viewers saying they thought further inquiry justified. Chief Justice Earl Warren, who headed the official probe, has declined to appear on the CBS programs, Salant reported.

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