

# Warner Wolf's Den: Up for Sale

By John Carmody

A straw in the wind? Channel 9 sportscaster Warner Wolf put his house on the market Wednesday.

Wolf, now on vacation while WTOP lawyers mull over his lawyers' attempts to break his contract with the station, explained the move yesterday in these exact words:

"The station and myself can reach some agreement and I was released and there are no network offers. I don't want to be stuck with a house, which is a big liability."

"That's 'the main reason.' Wolf said that if he were released 'and if there was a network offer, and I can give you my word there are no offers, I'd want to be in a position where I could move.'"

Andris Realty Inc. of Bethesda is handling the

deal for the Potomac residence. Wolf would set no price for the house, where he and his wife and daughter have lived for the past year.

Rene Carpenter, one of the three co-hosts on Channel 9's "Nine in the Morning," will become one of the two co-hosts on ABC's "AM America" the week of July 14.

That happens to be the week of the joint U.S.-Soviet Union space shot and Carpenter, the former wife of astronaut Scott Carpenter, expects to broadcast from both Cape Canaveral and Houston.

She is one of several "guest" co-hosts being tried by ABC with holdover Bill

## TV Notes

Beutel as the network looks for a replacement for Stephanie Edwards, who left the show in April. The Carpenter tryout, which may be extended to two weeks, takes place with the blessing of Channel 9 management.

ABC's diplomatic correspondent, Ted Koppel, takes on the added duty of anchorman when ABC News launches its Saturday night hard news show on July 5 (Channel 7).

The half-hour show, set for 6:30 p.m., replaces "The Reasoner Report," which died because not enough network affiliates bothered to carry it on weekends.

Comedian Mark Russell

has become Channel 4's "Critic-at-Large." He'll make "two or three appearances a week" on the 6-7 p.m. segment of "Newscenter."

Arthur Taylor, president of CBS, Inc., has been named chairman of the First Amendment Research and Defense Fund campaign of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

According to a statement issued by CBS yesterday, the campaign seeks \$2 million for the Reporters Committee for use "as legal costs and trial expenses for journalists threatened with court proceedings, jailing, fines or other harassment and restrictions against their journalistic rights."

The committee was formed in 1970 as an organization of working print and broadcasting journalists.