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Smothers Brothers Will Begin Taping New TV Variety Series

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Tom and Dick Smothers, the singing comedians and instrumentalists billed as the Smothers Brothers, will soon begin taping a one-hour weekly variety show for the Columbia Broadcasting System television network. The program may be used as a mid-season replacement, possibly in January or February.

The Smothers Brothers appeared on C.B.S. last season in a half-hour situation comedy series. It was not the hit of the season. The network hopes the entertainers will get a better response with a variety show.

The brothers had been scheduled to start taping shows early in October, but the plan was postponed for reasons never officially explained. There was an industry report that they wanted a commitment to do 26 shows, but C.B.S. wanted them to do 13.

Yesterday, a C.B.S. source declined to comment on the report of recent differences between the network and the Smothers Brothers. He said, however, that the parties were now in accord and that production would begin soon. Saul Ilson and Ernest Chambers, the producers, will begin work in a week or 10 days at C.B.S. studios in Hollywood.

C.B.S. has not yet selected a time period for the show, but it will probably replace the "Garry Moore Show" at 9 P.M. Sundays or "Jericho," a World War II adventure series, at 7:30 P.M. Thursdays. Neither show has done well in the Nielsen ratings and C.B.S. has considered canceling both.

'Warren Report' Rescheduled

A spokesman for WNBC-TV said yesterday that a discussion on "The Warren Report: An American Controversy" would

be rescheduled for noon on Sunday. The program, already taped for the "Open Mind" series, was to be televised yesterday but was pre-empted for news coverage of the Gemini 12 space flight.

On the program, Eric F. Goldman is moderator of a discussion about questions raised by the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Participants who take issue with conclusions of the report are Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," and Edward Jay Epstein, author of "Inquest." Wesley J. Liebler and Burt W. Griffin, assistant counsels to the commission, and Richard Rovere, writer for The New Yorker magazine.

Lindsay Parleys

Mayor Lindsay's twice-a-week press conferences in City Hall will be televised live by WNYC-TV (Channel 31) beginning at 11 A.M. Friday. The press conferences are normally scheduled for Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Repeat Pigskin Tussle

Football fans will have a chance to watch the Notre Dame-Michigan State game twice on television Saturday. It will be broadcast live at 1:30 P.M. by the American Broadcasting Company (Channel 7) and repeated on tape at 11 P.M. over Channel 11.

Bout to Be on Radio

The Cassius Clay-Cleveland Williams heavyweight championship boxing bout will be broadcast nationally at 10 P.M. today by the Mutual Broadcasting System radio network. The broadcast will be carried in New York by station WHN.