

Terrence O'Flaherty Views TV

Broccoli and Forgiveness

THE BIGGEST STORY of the television week is the emergence of Julie Nixon Eisenhower as an articulate, charming, open-faced and open-minded video personality. Everything the old man wasn't. It's a delight to watch her as the co-host of this week's Mike Douglas Show daily at 4 p.m. on Channel 5.



Julie Eisenhower

the others. But there we are — into it all over again.

Another guest was William F. Buckley — and guess what his subject was! The pardon of Mrs. Eisenhower's pappy. Buckley is in favor of forgiveness — but no one asked if it extended to Gore Vidal, Buckley's arch enemy.

Most of us in the press are weary of the Richard Nixon scandals and wish we could side-step them. Then, WHAM! Comedian Pat Henry is sampling Mrs. Eisenhower's chicken-and-broccoli casserole and asks:

"Will this give me phlebitis?"

Mrs. Eisenhower laughed as heartily as

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UNUSUAL TODAY: President Ford's appearance before the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice to answer questions regarding his pardon of Richard Nixon will be carried live on all networks from 7 a.m. until conclusion . . . "The Way It Was" — PBS's new sports show features Rocky Graziano and Sugar Ray Robinson reliving their 1952 middle-weight championship bout (8 p.m., Channel 9) . . . "Sunshine" the rerun of last year's TV-movie based on the tape diary of a woman dying of cancer. The success of this show with young people prompted CBS to make a series out of the idea which is now high on the list of possible replacements in January. If so it'll be the only series idea where the star dies in the first episode. It will be a situation comedy. Tonight's two-hour show was no comedy. (9 p.m., Channel 5) . . . Walter Cronkite is Dick Cavett's guest (11:30 p.m., Channel 7).