

Program notes:

Medical vignettes ■ AP is offering a syndicated radio program, *Stop Killing Yourself*, to its broadcast members. Host for the new series, Dr. Peter Steincrohn, nationally syndicated columnist, will discuss medical problems. The programs, each to run 60 to 70 seconds, are being offered in packages of 65, with license to broadcast for 13 weeks but with unlimited use during that period.

Rebroadcasting antidrug show ■ "Heroin: The Killer," a documentary produced by WMAL-TV Washington, will be rebroadcast by television stations in seven other markets. WMAL-TV is offering the program, which deals with drug addicts and their treatment, to stations at a minimal print fee of \$100, plus postage. Contact: Clark Pangle, assistant manager, WMAL-TV public affairs, 4461 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 20008.

Job announcements daily fare ■ KABC (AM) Los Angeles has begun broadcasting job opportunities around the country as a regular feature. Airing several times a day, the program segment is a continuation of a 24-hour special the station aired on unemployment nationwide. During the special, the ABC-owned station coordinated job openings with the California Department of Human Resources Development and

succeeded in placing several hundred people in jobs.

Steve Allen's back live ■ Steve Allen has returned to live television. An experiment, begun last Monday (Feb. 8), on his syndicated 90-minute *Steve Allen Show* will see three of the five weekly segments broadcast live on KTLA (TV) Los Angeles, where the show is taped. Among the events scheduled for the first week is a city-wide scavenger hunt. The program is syndicated nationally by Rhodes Productions, New York, and is produced at KTLA by Golden West Broadcasters and Meadowlane Productions. It is available in 30-, 60- and 90-minute versions.

Tax tips ■ The National Society of Public Accountants has produced a series of radio-spot announcements containing useful tips for the taxpayer preparing 1971 Federal income tax returns. The messages are available without charge to any radio station by contacting the National Society of Public Accountants, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington 20006.

Major show ■ Former NBC News correspondent Stan Major plans to offer a new 30-minute interview program for slotting this fall. Released through Mr. Major's own production company, the show will attempt to present contro-

versial personalities who have had little previous television exposure. FCC Commissioner Nicholas Johnson will be featured on one of the early programs.

Audio features ■ Broadcast News Service, Boston, has produced a series of radio news features on such topical subjects as drug abuse control, ecology, consumer protection, etc. The 3½-minute features can be sponsored locally or presented as a public service. For information write to Broadcast News Service, 120 Boylston Street, Boston 02116.

Avco animated holiday specials ■ Two half-hour animated specials are being created by Hanna-Barbera Productions, Hollywood, for Avco Broadcasting Corp. stations and syndication. The programs, presently untitled, are for Thanksgiving and Christmas viewing. Story line for the former involves retelling of the first Thanksgiving while the latter centers on a letter to Santa delivered by a young child's dog and cat.

New location ■ Schnur Appel Television Corp., New York, is moving to Short Hills, N.J., present home of parent company, Schnur Appel Inc. Address: 87 Woodland Road, Short Hills, N.J. 07087. Telephone: (201) 379-5300.

Saturday and NBC and CBS tied for Wednesday. ABC had four of the top-10 shows (first three—*Marcus Welby, Movie of the Week* and *Monday Movie*—were ABC's), CBS three and NBC three. NBC had eight and ABC and CBS six each in the top-20 list; NBC 12, CBS 11 and ABC seven in the top 30, and CBS 17, NBC 15 and ABC eight in the top 40. Of midseason replacements, ABC's *Smith Family* (28th) placed in the first 40 shows.

Black congressmen plan suit against networks

A lawsuit that a group of black Democratic congressmen threatened to slap on the three TV networks and MBS is no longer just a threat.

It is only a question of time before it materializes.

That was revealed last week by a spokesman for Representative William Clay (D-Mo.). The TV networks had turned down a joint request by Mr. Clay and the 11 other black House Democrats that they be given "equal and comparable time at the earliest opportunity" to respond to President Nixon's nationally televised state-of-the-union address Jan. 22 (BROADCAST-

ING, Feb. 1, et. seq.).

Mr. Clay's spokesman said MBS had offered to make time available to the congressmen but that they had turned it down because any program offered would be interrupted by commercials and the time segment would be at MBS's discretion.

The spokesman said the congressmen intend to ask the networks again for free time, but will file the suit regardless of the replies they receive. Within the past week, he said, the legislators have met and have decided that the issue is broader than their specific request for time—it involves the First Amendment rights of all minorities to express their views on important issues. "This can be a very landmark-type situation," the spokesman added.

TV newsman involved in L.A. murder charge

A Los Angeles television sportscaster has been charged with murder and assault with intent to commit murder in the death of a radio newsman there. Clarence Stanton (Stan) Duke, 34, weekend sportscaster with KNXT (TV), was charged Monday (Feb. 8) following the death early Sunday morning of KGFJ-

(AM) newsman Averill Berman.

Police say that Mr. Duke shot and killed Mr. Berman at the home of the sportscaster's estranged wife, Faye, 33. The charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder was filed against Mr. Duke after a struggle with his wife. She was struck by a bullet when the rifle, said to have been brought by Mr. Duke, discharged. At a preliminary hearing Thursday (Feb. 11), at which time no plea was entered, Mr. Duke was ordered held for trial on the two charges. Previously denied bail, he won the right to be released with bond set at \$50,000. Mr. Duke was returned to custody when he could not raise the money immediately.

Subsidy for integrated children's programming?

Nonprofit groups that produce "integrated educational children's programs similar to *Sesame Street*" would get \$75 million over the next two years under a bill introduced last week by Senator Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.).

The bill (S. 683) is a counterpart to a similar administration bill on integration. Both measures provide \$1.5 billion for a variety of programs, but Sen-