

# Washington

## Group fights (peacefully) television, cartoon violence

WASHINGTON — As purveyors of violence, "Buck Rogers" and "The Dukes of Hazzard" run a poor second and third to television's clear leader in the use of hostile force, "The Bugs Bunny-Roadrunner Show."

The National Coalition on Television Violence, a group formed to work for the reduction of TV violence, said despite efforts, there has been no major decrease in television violence in the past three years.

In a study, the group said NBC is the No. 1 network prime time violence this year, averaging 7.5 violent acts per hour. ABC was second with 5.1 violent acts per hour and CBS was third with 4.9.

The average prime time program had six violent acts per hour.

A violent action was defined in the study as "deliberate and hostile use of overt force by one individual against another."

NBC's "Buck Rogers" is the most violent prime time series, averaging 26 violent acts per hour, and CBS' "The Dukes of Hazzard" is ranked second with 17 per hour, the group said.

But on Saturdays, "The Bugs Bunny-Roadrunner Show" on CBS averaged 50 violent acts per hour, more than twice the overall Saturday morning average of 24, it said.

The group found four times as much violence on children's programming as in prime time. Subtracting

12 minutes for commercials, "The Bugs Bunny-Roadrunner Show" averaged more than one violent act per minute, it said.

All three networks had massive amounts of cartoon violence, with CBS highest at 31 acts per hour, followed by ABC at 21 and NBC with 19.

American Cynamid Co., maker of Breck, Pine-Sol and Old Spice, was listed as sponsor of the most violent prime time shows, with 63 percent of its ads on high-violence programs. General Mills sponsors the most violence on Saturday mornings, with 78 percent of its ads on high-violence programs, the group said.

Video violence hit a high during 1975-76, and pressure from Parent-Teachers Association groups, churches and schools forced some reduction in 1977, earlier studies showed.

But coalition spokeswoman Sally Steenland said despite continued efforts there has been no major decrease in television violence since then, and that is the reason for creation of the new group.

"Americans experience at least 100 times more violence on TV than they experience in real life," said Thomas Radecki, a psychiatrist who chairs the coalition.

"The immediate and cumulative effects of watching so much violence on television have proven quite damaging. The American public has the right to know who is presenting this violence and on which programs."

## Percy says SALT II is dead

WASHINGTON — Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., says he may have saved months of needless discussions by explaining to Soviet leaders that SALT II is dead, and by urging both sides to begin new treaty negotiations.

Percy, incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, met with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other Russian leaders in three days of talks last week in Moscow.

On his return, Percy told reporters Sunday he telephoned President-elect Ronald Reagan Saturday from Brussels to tell him of the disappointing negotiations and urged he move ahead with new negotiations.

"I gave him a rundown about the mood, feelings and personalities," Percy said, "and I strongly recommended that we begin at the earliest possible discussions" about a new strategic arms limitation treaty.

Percy also confirmed he is

opposed to lifting the embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union and said Reagan is re-assessing his intention of lifting the embargo.

"I hope I have saved many many weeks and perhaps months of needless discussion," Percy said, by explaining "that the Senate of the United States feels SALT II is dead and it would be fruitless to talk about that."

Percy said he tried to convince the Russians that "they need to be ready to start talks for a new treaty and a better treaty."

Stressing he made the Kremlin visit as a senator and not a Reagan emissary, Percy said, "I do see them as really wanting to reach out and work with us."

He said the Soviet leaders were curious about Reagan and "wanted to know as much about him as possible."

Percy said, "I assured them that

## Shot from grassy knoll unlikely

# FBI says one sniper shot JFK

WASHINGTON — The FBI Monday rejected as "invalid" the House assassination committee's finding, based on a Dallas police tape recording, that a second gunman probably aided in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Bureau laboratory experts said the 1963 recording from an open police motorcycle transmitter failed to prove a fourth gunshot was fired at Kennedy from a grassy knoll in Dallas' Dealey Plaza.

The FBI report instead found some of the "impulsive sounds" on the recording may not have even come from the vicinity of Dealey Plaza, and there was no evidence the impulses represented four separate shots.

The bureau reiterated its ear-

lier conclusion, accepted by the Warren Commission, that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing the president on Nov. 22, 1963, and only three shots were fired.

In a divided vote that provoked a major controversy 16 months ago, the House committee, which spent \$5.5 million in its study of the assassination, concluded last-minute findings of a group of private consultants showed there was a "95 percent probability" a second gunman fired at Kennedy.

The FBI, in a report to the Justice Department, rejected the analyses, saying the private experts "did not scientifically prove that a gunshot was fired by a second gunman from the grassy knoll area of Dealey Plaza."

It said the consultants "neither proved that the impulses on the Dallas Police Department's recording were generated within Dealey Plaza nor that they were the sounds of gunshots."

"Therefore, the House Select Committee on Assassinations' finding that scientific acoustical evidence establishes a high probability that two gunmen fired at President John F. Kennedy is invalid," the FBI said in a 22-page report.

The National Academy of Sciences is conducting its own study, funded by the Justice Department and administered by the National Science Foundation, of the acoustical evidence.

The bureau said it has the expertise to conduct a full-scale re-

view of the acoustical evidence in Dealey Plaza. But it recommended no such testing be conducted because it would cost more than \$1 million, require 10- to 12-man years of work and have only a "remote possibility" of producing valid results.

The acoustical study was conducted for the House committee by Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., which staged a reconstruction of the assassination in Dealey Plaza on Aug. 20, 1978.

The committee, on a recommendation of the Acoustical Society of America, had Mark Weiss, professor at Queens College of City University of New York and his research associate Ernest Aschkenasy review the findings.

## Poll: Americans oppose tax cut

WASHINGTON — Pollster Louis Harris says his latest survey shows a clear majority of people oppose a cut in federal income taxes — the top domestic priority of President-elect Ronald Reagan.

Harris said his poll, done in cooperation with ABC News and published in Monday's Washington Post, showed that 55 percent of those surveyed opposed such a cut, while 41 percent favored it.

He said the public thought such a cut would be inflationary.

During the campaign, President Carter claimed a tax cut of the size

that Reagan was proposing — 30 percent over three years — would be inflationary.

Harris' poll also showed that by a 63-29 margin Americans favor "allowing business to claim depreciation on investments made in new plants and other expansion more quickly."

A cut in business taxes was a staple of both Reagan's and independent candidate John Anderson's presidential campaigns.

The poll also showed a 2-1 majority of the public opposes "a cut in Social Security taxes."



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## Congress choosing its leaders

WASHINGTON — The lame-duck Congress, now in its final week, is expected to deal with revenue raising, highway and mass transit programs, and choose the leaders of next year's Republican Senate.

The usual end-of-session scramble for a series of minor bills also is on tap before Congress adjourns Friday.

In the Senate, the only major bill expected to reach the floor is the \$6.9 billion revenue sharing bill passed earlier by the House.

The House is expected to begin next week with a flurry of minor matters, followed by the Surface Transportation Act that provides for highway improvements. The major money bills not yet passed are those covering the Departments of State, Treasury, Agriculture, Labor, Defense and Health and Human Services for the fiscal year that started Oct. 1. If these are not passed, federal spending is expected to go forward under a continuing resolution.

Republicans, who will be in charge of the Senate for the first time in 26 years next January, decided not to wait for the opening of the 97th Congress to organize themselves. They will elect their new leadership Wednesday.

The leaders usually are not elected until the first day of the new session, but most, if not all, of the 16 new Republican senators who take office will be in Washington this week for orientation.

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