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Tempest Over TV

Television was assailed from all sides as a House subcommittee began a study of the state of radio and TV morals. One Representative claimed TV had too many "lewd and obscene" programs. Another said: "In boxing, if you hit below the belt, it's a foul. Just where should the neckline be?" Temperance groups asked Congress to ban ads which made beer-drinking seem like fun. Elizabeth Smart, WCTU spokesman, called TV "alleged amusement completely



surrounded by an atmosphere of crime and violence, relieved by plunging necklines and off-color jokes."

This drew a reaction from Groucho Marx: "Sex was doing pretty well long before TV was invented." The probe brought reaction from Moscow, too, where Soviet TV-men boasted: "Naturally we don't have those problems."

Ilona Massey on TV: high or low?

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