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Box 86, Folder 24, NBC "Holocaust" - Trinidad-Tobago, 1979.
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Jan 15----Feb 5

well receivedm esp. by students

few criticisms and much popular support in letters to the editor section of nation's main paper (?) (who knows, maybe only paper)

one criticism by "Holden Caufield" in the Daily Express on Jan. 30th went "Why people should want to sit up war past midnight once a week to see the horrors of Holocaust is beyond me... unless of course they need lessons in man's inhumanity to man". WWII, he says, was relevant to the Third World only for its freeing of the colonies.

Story in Express about the German response---"I knew abt of Nazi Crimes" by a prominent W. German editor---"Yes, I knew about it and I was too cowardly to offer any opposition," he was quoted

letters against the Caulfield piece in swarms:

"I can vividly remember first seeing photographs of mass graves at Auschwitz in Life magazine. It was inconceivable for me then, as it still is today, that human beings could do this to one another."

"Only 35 years have passed but we have already forgotten this lesson as can be seen in Cambodia, Biafra, Lebanon, Uganda, South Africa and Uganda."

Electricity went out for the 1st night showing for much of the nation, including Port-of-Spain (capital?????)

Another letter complained of "no advance publicity" and urged rebroadcast.

Another letter: "Do not forget that the Nazi menace is with us still, the world over"

Another, on the other side, "All Germans Weren't Nazis," and "too little mention has been made of Allied atrocities." Letter unsigned

Commentator Taylor on TV, wrote "The form... simply couldn't handle the material." Letters kept coming in for two weeks (Feb 16) after showing.