

The Tube

There can no longer be any doubt, in America of the 1970's, about the nature of man's physical and spiritual needs. Forget that "boob tube" business; the 'TV has become an instrument of survival.

A dispatch from Albany informs us that the family television set is about to be added to furniture, clothes, cooking and tableware, refrigerator and radio as a legal necessity. The New York State Assembly, by two-to-one vote, has decreed that the TV may not be taken when other possessions are seized to satisfy debts.

Take, oh do not take away, the sustenance of body and soul—Kojak and M*A*S*H. Deprive us not of instant, incessant consumerism in full videocolor. In this Bicentennial Year, the puritan virtues of making do and the pioneer spirit of self-sufficiency are not dead. They live on in the Adams Chronicles and reruns of Matt Dillon. We hold these rights to be self-evident: life, liberty and Hawaii-Five-O.