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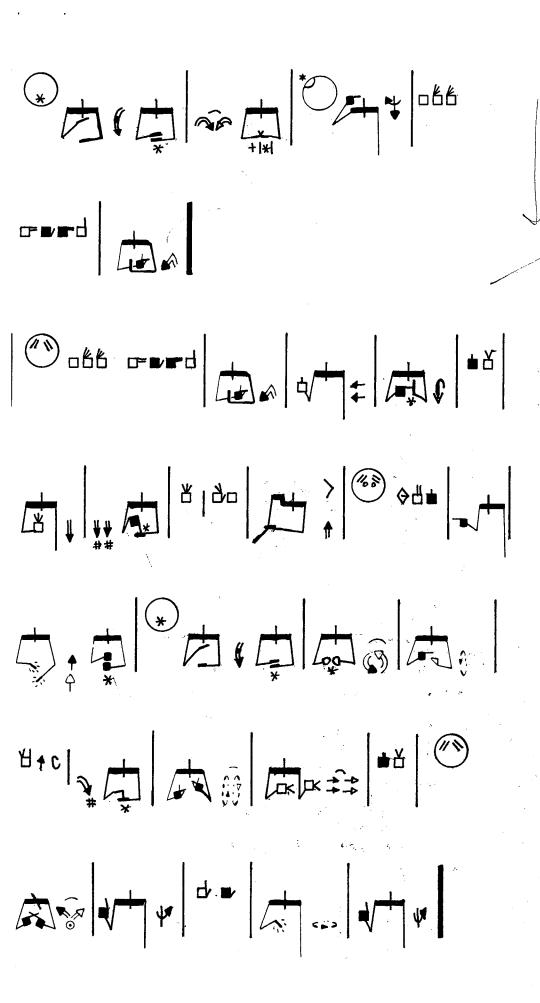
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Silent Network, for the third time, has been nominated for an Emmy Award. Silent Network has two programs, "Say It With Signs", and "Offhand".

Silent Network began with "Say It With Signs" starring Larry and Sharon N. Solow, a husband and wife team and their daughter. This program has been successful all over the country. Recently in September 1981, "Offhand" began for local viewing in Los Angeles. It is hoped that "Offhand will be shown all over the country and possibly all over the world. The purpose of the program is to be informative as well as entertaining.

Silent Network
is managed by 3
people: Sheldon
Altfeld, Executive
Producer; Joe Sax,
Associate Producer
and Laura B. Ripplinger, Assistant
to the Producer.

Silent Network
began in 1979 when
Sheldon saw the
signed version of
the famous play
"Equus" in Pasadena,
California. Sheldon
really enjoyed the
play. After talking
it over with a friend
they established Silent Network so that
deaf people could
enjoy television.

Sheldon had to make repeated bids before a station accepted the show. It had to be good as well as different. Last fall while setting up the program called "Offhand" he looked for two people to function as co-hosts. Sheldon chose Herb Larsen who is deaf. Sheldon had seen Herb as Master of Ceremonies at several functions and knew audiences liked Herb for his witty humor and good jokes. The second co-host Sheldon chose was Lou Fant. Sheldon knew Lou from previous encounters as an excellent interpreter.

"Offhand" is shown every Wednes-day morning at 6:30. In spite of the early hour, the program has a viewing audience of about 800,000 within the Los Angeles area.

Now Silent Network has a new goal. They dream of expanding and having more viewing time for deaf programs, as many as 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They hope to have a satellite that would broadcast worldwide programs for the deaf. Presently they are organizing a group called Silent Foundation for deaf people who wish to enter the television \ business. This is truly a long-term goal, but they are eagerly working to set this dream into a reality so that the deaf may enjoy television as much as hearing people do.

If you want more information or have an idea to share, please write a letter and mail to: Sheldon Altfeld, Silent Network, P.O. Box 1902, Beverly Hills, CA 90213

