

## H I S T O R Y

NIGHT CALL was broadcast for eleven months in 1965/66 -- 230 one-hour programs. It grew from a three-station hook-up with three hosts to a 25 station network with one host. Produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The United Methodist Church, NIGHT CALL was presented as a program of the National Council of Churches. Issues which were discussed ranged over a broad spectrum of personal problems and national concerns -- from abortion, drug abuse, the Klan, to Vietnam, gun control, and adult morality. NIGHT CALL was terminated because of technical difficulties: there was not adequate equipment available to handle a national telephone talk program. Equipment now has been designed which permits a national call-in show of high technical quality. On April 9, 1968, TRAFCO cooperated with Radio Station WRVR-FM in establishing a 36-station network for a "dial-in for non-violence." The live 3-1/2 hour show was broadcast in such cities as New York, Boston, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. Listeners "dialed in" from every market. NIGHT CALL began broadcast nightly Monday through Friday on June 3, 1968 on over 21 stations. Station affiliation has grown rapidly.