The FCC drafts a law against obscenity
Trying, trying again on broadcasting in Congress

Far and away the highest rated dramatic series
(half hour or hour) in syndication.
Highest in households, 18-49 women and 18-49 men.
As well as total women and total men.

Audience estimates subject to qualifications available on request.
This motion picture not only beat the Emmys, but also got the highest ratings since “The Godfather.” And there’s more where it came from!

Among the winners on Emmy night was “The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams.” Because according to the National Nielsen,* more people watched “Grizzly Adams” that night than any other show.

This Sun Classic had an overall rating of 26.5 and a 43 share as compared to a 25.2 and a 42 share for the Emmys. The ratings also showed that our movie had almost twice the audience of “All In The Family.”

In fact, “Grizzly Adams” had the highest ratings of any Monday Night Movie on NBC since “The Godfather” which was shown in 1974.

This only goes to prove on television what we’ve been proving at theatre boxoffices for years. That if you find out what people want and give it to them, you’ll be a success ... every time. That’s how we’ve become the world’s second largest, most successful producer of family motion pictures. And why we can say there’s more where “Grizzly Adams” came from.

Among Sun’s recent successes are “The Adventures of Frontier Fremont,” “The Mysterious Monsters,” “When the North Wind Blows” and “The Outer Space Connection.”

So if you’re interested in high ratings, we can make you an offer almost as good as “The Godfather.”

* Source: Daily Variety May 20, 1976
THE WEEK IN BRIEF

DRAWING THE LINE  □  FCC, under public and congressional pressure, drafts bill that would ban obscenity and indecency from the air.  PAGE 19.

NEWS IS NEWS  □  AP Broadcasters meet in Minneapolis, and the talk is, naturally, about journalism. Speakers include Humphrey, Wiley, Sheehan, Walskewski.  PAGE 20.

SEVAREID STRIKES BACK  □  CBS commentator lashes out at print for its portrayal of events in television and for its prejudices against the medium.  PAGE 23. Mr. Sevareid was one of several to address a Washington Journalism Center conference. A panel of Lee Loewinger, Bill Monroe and Maurice Mitchell contend there’s a missing element in the struggle between the news media and the government—the public.  PAGE 22.

BUNDY BLAST AT CPB  □  Ford Foundation head says the corporation has misread its role in the world of public broadcasting.  PAGE 24.

EGER’S PARTING SHOTS  □  OTP’s acting director, who is leaving government service, sends drafts of bills on cable television and radio de-regulation to Congress. Neither has much chance of passage, but he feels they deserve scrutiny.  PAGE 25.

BPA IN WASHINGTON  □  A red-hot agenda and top speakers are lined up for the promotion association’s convention next week.  PAGE 26.

THEATER OWNERS’ PROBLEM  □  NATO again pleads with FCC for protection from pay cable and maintains that the Justice Department isn’t treating it right. Commissioners listen, but don’t seem very much moved.  PAGE 27.

LOUISIANA COMPLAINTS  □  Organizations in that state charge sex, racial discrimination by eight TV and 21 radio stations.  PAGE 28.

SPOT-TV RATES  □  Prices are up and inventory is tight, but rates have not been as inflationary as other elements of the economy. WBC’s Seymour makes that point in an attempt to allay concern of some agencies and advertisers.  PAGE 30.

RIGHTING THE RECORD  □  NBC study disclaims link between drug commercials on TV and illicit use of drugs by young people. Some 18,000 copies of the three-year research project are distributed.  PAGE 31.

FORWARD MARCH  □  Broadcast Advertisers Reports says the TV networks billed $246.1 million in March, up 16.3% from the March 1974 total.  PAGE 31.

NEW PRODUCT EXPOSURE  □  Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample offers some tips on introductions and recommends 51 markets for testing.  PAGE 32.

GROCERS CAPITALIZE  □  GMA uses Supreme Court ruling against Virginia drug prohibitions as peg in seeking relief from FTC proposal on food advertising.  PAGE 37.

PAY’S THE WAY  □  Communications minister tells Canadian Cable Television Association convention that pay TV on large scale there is “inevitable,” and cites its potential benefits to that country.  PAGE 38.

A WORRIED NAITPD  □  Producer-syndicator association asks FCC chairman to “reaffirm” prime-time access rule in face of prospects of expanded network evening news moving into their preserve.  PAGE 39.

FROM RELIEF TO APPREHENSION  □  That’s the range of reactions Buffalo broadcasters have to the impact of signals transmitted from Toronto’s new CN Tower.  PAGE 42.

‘TELETEXT’  □  The British experiment with a new service that lets television viewers punch in informational material in place of regular programs.  PAGE 43.

STILL ALIVE  □  Representative Sisk’s subcommittee plans a second try at winning approval for a resolution to permit live broadcasting of House floor proceedings.  PAGE 45.

REFLECTING  □  Speaking as a former TV news director, Lionel Van Deerlin, the chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee, attacks government interference in broadcast news.  PAGE 46.

COVERAGE PLANS  □  With Democratic convention just five weeks away, networks allocate hardware and give correspondents their assignments.  PAGE 46.

WILL TO WIN  □  Former USC quarterback Bob Schmidt has brought his competitive spirit from the sports arena to the NCTA.  PAGE 65.
When we found people from mental institutions helping elect our nation's leaders, we took it to the Capitol.

Election Day 1974. Mrs. John Smith* walked into her local polling place to vote. When her name was checked against the list of registered voters, Mrs. Smith noticed a signature card on file for her daughter.

Impossible. Since her daughter is a mongoloid. A grown woman who cannot read or write and is a full-time patient in a local institution. And according to her mother; "wouldn't know a governor from a street sweeper."

Election fraud? Mrs. Smith wondered enough to contact our Call For Action operator who referred her to the WROW news department.

In a short time we found a story that made headlines all over the state.

It seems that the staff of the institution had helped patients register with absentee registration forms.

To top it off, a local civic group had come in to help these patients vote. Since most of them didn't know their own name much less the name of the person they were voting for, members of the group guided them in filling out their ballots.

Even though many were mental incompetents who couldn't make an "X"

Our disclosures rocked the New York State Board of Elections that election day.

Since mental competence is not a requirement for voting, there had technically been no violation of the law.

So that it won't happen again, lawmakers in the State Capitol are now considering reforms suggested by the Board of Elections.

They already have our vote.

WROW
Albany

ONE OF THE STATIONS OF CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS. WE TALK TO PEOPLE.

*Actual name withheld on request.
The Carolinas Made History in the American Revolution.


Bicentennial Note: He Fought Indians, Loyalists, Redcoats and Other Congressmen General Pickens, called Skyagunsta ("Wizard Owl") by the Cherokee, was one of the great soldiers of the South Carolina frontier. He fought Indians in 1761 as a lieutenant, defeated a Loyalist band on Kettle Creek in 1779, although outnumbered 2 to 1, rose to brigadier after the Battle of Cowpens, helped capture Augusta later in 1781. Congress also honored him with an ornamental sword for his Cowpens exploits. Active politically after the war, he served in Congress from 1793 to 1795. He died in 1817 and was buried in the yard of Old Stone Church, built in 1797.

WSPA-TV's Area of Dominant Influence, which includes the Old Stone Church and scores of other historic sites, consists of 481,800 TV households in 31 counties of the Carolinas and Georgia. The area, much of it up country where rivers tumble from forests and turn turbines that power mills, abounds in present-day industry. Textile mills, rubber, chemical, electrical and ready-to-wear factories vie with farming and tourism to make Greenville-Spartanburg-Asheville a thriving market. It ranks 36th in the U.S. and is effectively reached via WSPA-TV. For availabilities, check our national reps.
In the last Florida Associated Press Broadcasters News Awards, WIOD Radio, Miami, dominated the field in the top award categories.

At the head of the list, WIOD was selected "Best Overall" for radio news coverage in Florida, the first time this award has ever been presented.

In the Group Three category (metro population over 50,000) WIOD won First in: news reporting, news feature, and sports. The station was also cited for outstanding documentary, editorial, and public affairs programming.

At WIOD quality news is an integral part of local involvement.
Political capital
What would happen if Ronald Reagan or Jimmy Carter became President? Does either have it in for broadcasters? To that, one top Reagan aide responded last week: “Are you kidding?” Mr. Reagan did daily syndicated show on radio until he started campaigning, he pointed out, and owes some of his living before that to TV. For many years, he was host of TV series, Death Valley Days. Furthermore, Mr. Reagan “is satisfied” with media’s treatment of his campaign this year.

There’s no chip on Mr. Carter’s shoulder, either. Starting back in pack early this year, Mr. Carter credits broadcasting with his election in 1970 to Georgia governorship. “Every newspaper in the state opposed him,” said one of his top advisers last week, but because of the fairness of broadcasting, he was given a good shot.” Mr. Carter thinks coverage of his campaign has been excellent, thanks broadcasters have done much to take politics out of hands of bosses and union leaders.

Lawyers at work
American Bar Association committee on communications, after two-year study of applicability of First Amendment to broadcasting, has completed report that will get mixed reviews from broadcasters. One conclusion, attributed to Henry Geller, former FCC general counsel and committee member, is that FCC ought to quit looking at fairness complaints case by case and review them only at license-renewal time. Another, which broadcasters will resist, is that FCC ought to require percentage of station time to be devoted to controversial issues that trigger fairness problems.

Chairman of committee is Marcus Cohn, Washington lawyer, and members include former FCC Chairman Dean Burch; former Commissioners Lee Loevinger and Kenneth Cox; former Office of Communications Operations Policy general counsel, Henry Goldberg; former Citizens Communications Center director, Albert H. Kramer, and Donald Zeifang, executive VP, National Association of Broadcasters. Mr. Cox will issue separate views supporting fairness doctrine as now applied and urging it be extended to cable television.

Delay on reruns
Question of what if anything FCC should do about limiting number of reruns television networks may schedule pending before commission for several years, may not be reached until fall. Matter had been on calendar for May 26, but was pushed off when staff ran into problems drafting proposed order dealing with completed inquiry on subject. But there is little suspense over issue. Vote counters at FCC are hard-pressed to identify single commissioner who would support proposal that “there’ll be a deluge of worthwhile, fresh, first-run programming aimed directly at stations.” Other sources say MCA TV is thinking of setting up special division to develop properties, working on premise that 35% of its off-network business already comes from independents alone, even though they make up only 10% of TV stations universe. And one ad hoc group of independent stations, these sources say, is pushing companies like MCA TV and 20th Century-Fox TV to take over up to 90 minutes of original programming one night each week.

Promised land
Canadian cable interests, exulting over signs of reversal of their government’s go-slow policy on pay TV (story, page 38), see U.S. as market for Canadian production. Theory is that once Canadian cables turn to pay operation, production ventures will start up in expectation of domestic sales and export to U.S. where pay-cable operators are hungry for new product.

Winner
Radio Television News Directors Association’s highest award—Paul White memorial—will be given to Theodore (Ted) Koop, retired CBS Washington vice president, at association’s annual conference in Miami Beach Dec. 11-18. Mr. Koop headed CBS News Washington bureau before becoming corporate VP.

Recount in Chicago
NBC and Nielsen decided to go it alone on independent test of Nielsen’s metered rating service in Chicago, which shows NBC-owned WMAQ-TV’s ratings in worse light than they’re accustomed to (BROADCASTING, Jan. 26, ct seq.). They hired Statistical Research Inc. to do telephone coincidental study spanning four days of April-May sweep, and basic field work has been completed. If test shows meaningful difference from meter measurements, NBC will insist Nielsen do something about meter systems. If it doesn’t show differences, NBC will accept meter results without further challenge. Report from SRI is expected in three or four weeks.

NBC said Nielsen went ahead with test after industry Committee on Local Television and Radio Audience Measurement (COTLAM) decided not to accept NBC-Nielsen invitation to supervise independent measurement (“Closed Circuit,” April 5). They decided that if they waited to find another impartial group to oversee, it couldn’t be done before fall—and that controversy needs resolution sooner.
Ziebart International  □ Rustproofing product (for auto bodies) will be showcased via spot TV flight in about 60 markets, beginning in early November and lasting five weeks. Ross Roy Detroit, is seeking time periods catering to men, 25-49.

Borden Inc. □ Chocolate milk is recipient this summer of extensive spot TV campaign to continue for two months, starting July 19. Tracy-Locke Advertising & Public Relations, Dallas, will target commercials in more than 70 markets toward women, 18-49, and children, 2-11.

A&W Distributing Co. □ Boston-based firm is scheduling three-week spot TV flight for A&W root beer in about 45 markets, principally in Far West and Midwest. Humphrey Browning MacDougall, Boston, is pinpointing commercials, which start June 21, toward women, 18-49, and to teen-agers.

J.H. Filbert □ New TV campaign (after test in four markets) begins June 14 continuing through summer for Filbert’s Spread 25, new margarine-like product. Day and fringe 30’s targeted to women, 18-49, in approximately 35 markets, use theme: Spread 25 has 25% less oil than regular margarine. Young & Rubicam, New York, is agency.

Hormel □ Bacon and cured ham products will be spotlighted in spot TV drives running last two weeks of August. Bacon will be featured in 13 markets and cured ham in 21. BBDO, Minneapolis, is zeroing in on women, 25-49.

Fram Corp. □ Automotive division is newest sponsor for D.I.R. Broadcasting’s King Biscuit Flower Hour, FM rock broadcast syndicated in 187 markets. Oil filter product is targeted to men, 18-34, previously reached through sports programming. S.FM Media Corp., New York, is buying service. First flight begins this summer in 13-week series, “The Way It Went Down.” Other sponsors of King Biscuit, (now entering the fourth year on air), are Pioneer high fidelity equipment, Scotch recording tape by 3M Co., Lee jeans and jackets and Toyota.

National Coal Association □ Spot TV will be backbone of public information campaign being blueprinted for run of three weeks in more than 30 major markets. Radio will supplement TV in New York and Washington areas; campaign begins in mid-September. Richard Newman Associates,

Rep appointments


Champion, Ill., is putting together creative and media placement elements to reach adults, 18-49, via commercials on news and fringe-time programs.

Burroughs-Wellcome □ Pharmaceutical company, through Rolf Werner Rosenthal, New York, will plug its Empirin Compound pain reliever and Sudafed decongestant on weekly syndicated barter series, Medix. Half-hour series has built up backlog of 78 episodes on topics from human sexuality and heart disease to acupuncture and alcoholism. Seventy-four stations (for 70% U.S. coverage) carry Medix. Among new stations agreeing to take show are WCDX-TV Miami, WBAL-TV Baltimore and WJCLTV Savannah, Ga. Burroughs-Wellcome takes two national minutes and allows stations three minutes to sell to local advertisers. Sources at Syndicast Services, New York, which distributes Medix, say most stations play it on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

GTE Sylvania Entertainment Products □ Campaign devoted exclusively to Sylvania GT-Matic line of color receivers will be kicked off on Sept. 11 with sponsorship of one-hour Perry Como special on NBC-TV. Spot TV promotion in 40 to 50 major markets will start on same date and continue until shortly before Christmas, major TV set buying periods. Tying in with TV is local radio promotion to be placed by local dealers. Doyle Dane Bernbach, New York, is tuning in on men and women, 25-49.

R.J.R. Foods □ Campaign for Hawaiian Punch Drink Mix in new powdered form begins June 28 to run 12 weeks. Prime-time and daytime network TV plus spot TV in top 100 markets use familiar “Punchy” theme. Additionally, campaign uses three Spanish language radio markets. Women, 25-49, are target audience. BBDO, New York, is agency.

Jos. Garneau □ Jos. Garneau, division of Brown-Forman Distillers Corp., Louisville, Ky., begins eight-week flight June 28 to promote Cella Lambrusco wine. Fringe and access TV 30’s are targeted to adults, 18-34. R.K. Manoff, New York, is agency.

Larsen □ Makers of vacuum-packed and frozen vegetables will cultivate Freshikle vegetables in five-week campaign to begin Sept. 9. Daytime, early and late fringe 30’s are geared to women, 25-49. Campbell-Mithun, Chicago, is agency.

Murray Chaney □ Mr. Smithers plant accessories will be in month-long campaign to begin Sept. 9. Daytime, early and late fringe 30’s are geared toward target audience. TV 30’s and 60’s in day and fringe times are being placed by S.F.M. Media, New York.

California and Hawaiian Sugar □ Spot TV sweetens eight-week effort in more than 30 markets, primarily in Midwest and Far West, starting in late June. Foote, Cone & Belding/Honig, San Francisco, is seeking time periods slanted toward women, 18-49, and 25-49.

J.B. Williams □ Company, through Parkinson Advertising, New York, will promote Rose Milk facial and hand cream (manufactured by its Century Creations division) in five one-minute spots on Saturday’s (June 12) Grand Floral Parade telecast. J.B. Williams joins Georgia Pacific (through McCann-Erickson, Portland, Ore.) as sponsors of two-hour telecast, which is billed as climactic event of Oregon’s Rose Festival at Portland. Georgia Pacific is expected to emphasize agricultural products. Special is being carried on regional network put together by Hughes Television Network and is geared to adults, 18-49. Region comprises four states (California, Washington, Oregon and Utah). Fourteen stations have agreed to take show so far, among them KTVK-LAS, San Diego, KTVU-San Francisco, KGW-TV Portland and KFMB-TV San Diego. Both sponsors are compensating stations for two hour block
of time (10 a.m.-12 noon, California time). In addition, stations are given one 60-second station break for sale to local advertisers.

### Balm Barr
Various skin and hair care products will be featured on spot TV for 13 weeks, starting in late September, in approximately 20 markets. Marvin H. Frank & Co., Chicago, is buying daytime, evening fringe and weekend periods to zero in on women, 18-49.

### Bristol-Myers
Company (direct), pitching various of its products, has joined Association of Baltimore Corporations (Van Sant, Dugdale, Baltimore) as major sponsors of The Great American Celebration. Barter special will be syndicated by Ray Beindorf Productions, Los Angeles. Special will run 12 hours in all, from 7 p.m. Saturday, July 3, through 7 a.m. Sunday, July 4. Bulk of show will encompass live pickups from locations like Fort McHenry in Baltimore and U.S. carrier Constellation moored off coast of California. Ed McMahon is host, and celebrities such as Kirk Douglas, Dinah Shore, Mary Tyler Moore, Helen Hayes, Mike Douglas and Lennon sisters will put in appearances. More than 100 stations have already agreed to take special, among them WNEW-TV New York, KTVN-TV Los Angeles, WGN-TV Chicago and KTVK-TV Philadelphia. There will be five national minutes in each hour; stations which get special free, will be given two minutes in each hour, plus station breaks, to sell to local advertisers. Stations will also be permitted to cut away at 10 or 11 p.m. for their local newscasts. In other Bristol-Myers activity. Sunshine Harvest shampoo receives extensive spot radio coverage in early July via flights lasting seven weeks. Major markets on schedule include Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Washington, Milwaukee and Philadelphia. Foote, Cone & Belding, New York, is zeroing in on teen-agers via spots in afternoon and evening periods.

### Schick Sun Classic Pictures
Spot TV will continue to be a mainstay of "four-wall" campaign (film distributor pays for all advertising promotion and, in effect, rent for theater-length of engagement) to unveil three new feature films, but for first time company will tap radio, too. Schick Sunordinarily allocates 100% of ad budget to TV for exploitation films; Media Buying Services International, New York, suggested radio test to offset "unprecedented cost increases of TV in some markets." TV and radio flights will each last about 12 days, starting in mid-June and running through August. Commercials are slanted towards men and women, 18-49.

### Pfizer
Company’s Roerig division, which markets tranquilizer prescribed mainly for elderly people, has bought half-hour on 60 stations so far, for one-shot special called What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Old? Syndicator is Y&R Ventures, New York; agency is Young and Rubicam. Special focuses on interviews with older Americans who discuss "successes and satisfactions" of old age. Lorne Greene is host, Dick Cox is executive producer (for DCA Productions, subsidiary of Y&R Ventures) and William Peters is producer-director. Stations that have agreed to take series, which will be aired over next four months, include WNEW-TV New York, WLS-TV Chicago, WFLG-TV Miami, KTRK-TV Houston and KRON-TV San Francisco.

### Shulton
Old Spice deodorant will begin four-week summer flight June 14. Fringe TV ’30s are geared to men, 18-49. Norman, Craig & Kummel, New York, is agency.

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April 23, 1976

Mr. Paul Warnock
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Dear Paul:

The new TeleMation TCG3000 Character Generator has proven to be a very delightful surprise. It seems to measure up to just about all of our expectations and then some. I thought you would like to know that it has generated more genuine excitement and enthusiasm on the part of our employees than any other piece of equipment that I have purchased for the station in the last seven years.

May I extend our thanks to you and to those members of your staff who have contributed so much in the preparation, design and provision of this forward looking equipment and especially to Dennis Fraser, Tom Meyer and Leo Lewis. It was great having those people work with us on this project and we hope that they will continue to support us as we come to be more knowledgeable and familiar with the equipment.

I just thought you might appreciate our words of thanks.

Sincerely,

R. C. Smith
Chief Engineer

RCS:rg
Introduced at the '76 NAB, the first Compositor I Titling/Graphics System was delivered to Time-Life station WOTV, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on April 17.

The results?

WOTV Chief Engineer R.C. Smith writes that the Compositor I "has generated more genuine excitement and enthusiasm on the part of our employees than any other piece of equipment that I have purchased for the station in the last seven years."

We wish to thank Mr. Smith for his appraisal, and extend an invitation to all Broadcast Managers and Engineers to compare these Compositor I features with any other multifont character generator:

- Mixed-Font Pages. Some "multi-font" systems can display only one font at a time. The Compositor I allows the operator to mix fonts on a single page, within a row or within a single word.

- High-Capacity Disk Memory. Some character generators require a disk change between font changes, page storage, and program loading. In the Compositor I, all fonts, as well as the computer program and up to 800 composed pages, are stored on a single disk and are always available — from any keyboard location.

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The media manager: riding herd on buying advertising time

Throughout the 60's and into the early 70's, broadcast buying and reporting became complex and sophisticated. As costs escalated, large companies began to ask whether they were really getting the most for their money. ITT Continental Baking Co. was no exception.

ITT's Bakery Division spends most of its advertising dollars in TV with radio as a secondary medium. In 1974, with TV costs continuing their rise, ITT-CBC's vice president and marketing director, Randall W. Hackett, decided to use media buying services in a test to determine if spot-television cost efficiencies could be improved. It soon became apparent that someone with media experience was needed within the company to establish a central control system for all planning, buying and budget control. The result was the creation of a media manager's position in May 1975 and my arrival to fill that slot.

The company gave me an office, a telephone, a secretary and freedom to organize the operation as I saw fit. It was a welcome challenge, and if it was never easy in those early months, it was never dull. During the course of a year the job kept evolving according to current needs, and it will, most likely, continue to do so for some time.

But basically, there are two spheres of action in my job as media manager. One is internal. It requires interacting inside the marketing department structure with group product managers and product managers to evaluate, recommend and coordinate media programs. These functions also call for involvement with the accounting department.

The other sphere is external—supervision of media planning and execution by our agencies and buying services, and direct contact with the media.

One of the first things that had to be done was to establish specific media procedures to govern planning, execution, post-buy reporting and analysis. A direct link was originally set up during the planning phases with Continental's product groups and our two agencies, Ted Bates and Grey Advertising, to involve the media manager in development of media objectives, strategies and budgets. Since all Continental television and radio plans are directed against specific target audiences, goals had to be carefully established in order to reach the correct group of prime prospects. It is a part of the media manager's job to assist in this just as much as it is to assure optimum efficiency of every media dollar.

Exercising control over planning costs is the most challenging of my responsibilities, since it involves predicting what is going to happen next year. In order to answer various questions—from the general such as what increases in TV and radio can be expected, to more specific ones such as network versus spot efficiencies in different dayparts and for different target audiences—many things must be considered: the situation within the industry, the economy, politics, etc. In this area close cooperation with our agencies and Vitt Media is needed. Especially good input is received from Ted Bates, which handles the largest portion of our budget and does most of Continental's media planning. Other lines of communication throughout the industry are also kept open with station people, TV and radio reps, network executives, people from various agencies and other companies. In fact, keeping abreast of the cost situation consumes considerable time, but it is essential. After examining past patterns and all current input a more accurate picture emerges.

When planning costs (benchmarks, as we call them) are approved, the agency develops the media and presents it for review to the product group. The media manager takes an active part in the discussion and final approval of this plan including evaluation of various proposals such as syndicated programs, network packages, sports programs and media merchandising opportunities.

Once the plan is approved, we are ready for execution. When go-ahead is given to the planning agency, the agency must issue proper input to the buying units. Ted Bates handles all of Continental's network buys. Bates and Gray also buy spot for some of our brands, but a considerable portion of spot negotiation is done by Vitt Media. This arrangement works very well as it provides us with spot cost information from three different sources. This allows for comparison and creates a healthy competitive incentive. All buying guidelines come from the office of media manager.

ITT-CBC's spot buying is done on a quarterly basis. Before each quarter's media plans are authorized for execution, the benchmarks are again reviewed and adjustments are made to accommodate individual situations on a market-by-market basis.

After the goals, budgets and guidelines have been delivered to the buyers, meetings are set up with the buying groups. The actual executors of our schedules should understand as much as possible of the strategy and nature of each brand and its campaign. All media people are aware that there are many ways of achieving the same rating goal, yet they are not all equally effective in selling the product. At the same time, buying guidelines should not be made so exacting that they do not allow sufficient flexibility to adjust for individual market conditions. Those finer objectives of quality in schedules can best be obtained by direct dialogue with the buyers, who are, after all, intelligent, creative people, capable of producing the best results if treated as such. I always remember that when I was a buyer, I was too often given pure numbers, while other vital information was rarely discussed with me. I try to make sure that Continental's campaigns are not handled that way.

The use of Donovan Data computer service by all of our suppliers for producing schedules, salesman's sheets and various other television reports is most helpful in providing uniformity to our total operation and record keeping systems.

Post-buy performance reports for network and spot buys are submitted when appropriate books become available. These reports are done for each quarter based on affidavits of performance. Delivery of target audience ratings and C-P-M's are always reported by brand, by daypart and by market (in the case of spot). These reports are then analyzed and provided to the marketing directors with a summary and an evaluation of Continental's quarterly media effort. When this is accomplished for all four quarters, a full cycle of media managing is concluded.
This week

June 5-9—American Advertising Federation, 71st annual convention. Scheduled speakers and panelists include FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley, Donald Kendall, PepsiCo Inc. chairman (keynote); Carl Nichols, Cunningham & Walsh chairman and AAF chairman; Herb Klein, Metromedia Inc. vice president; George Gerber, dean of Annenberg School of Communications at University of Pennsylvania; Donald Johnston, J. Walter Thompson Co. president; Charles Moss, Wells, Rich & Greene president; Shirley Polykoff, Shirley Polykoff Advertising Inc. Statler Hilton, Washington.

June 6-9—Mutual Advertising Agency Network annual meeting, Drake hotel, Chicago.

June 6-10—North Carolina Association of Broadcasters spring meeting, Southampton Princess, Virginia Beach.

June 6-25—Eighth annual Institute for Religious Communications, Loyola University, New Orleans. Contact: Dr. James L. Turley, CRC, Loyola Uni.Csity Box 201, New Orleans 70118; (504) 866-5471.

June 7—FCC's deadline for comments on its inquiry to gather information on cable TV subscriber rate regulation processes (Docket 20878). Replies are due July 7. FCC, Washington.

June 7-8—National Cable Television Association board of directors meeting, Marriott hotel, Lincolnshire, Ill.


June 8—Idearama, sponsored by Radio Advertising Bureau for salespeople. Holiday Inn, Jackson, Tenn.


June 8-10—Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association 30th annual convention, Sheraton Park hotel, Washington.


June 9-10—National Association of Broadcasters second digital electronics seminar for broadcast engineers, Cleveland Engineering and Scientific Center, Cleveland.

June 10—Seminar on various management-oriented computerized information programs sponsored by BIAS (Broadcast Industry Automated Systems) division of Data Communications Corp. Airport Hilton, Memphis.


June 10-12—Florida Cable Television Association annual convention. Don- Ce-Sar hotel, St. Petersburg Beach.

June 10-12—Montana Broadcasters Association annual convention. Many Glacier Lodge.

June 10-12—South Dakota Broadcasters Association annual meeting. FCC Commissioner Benjamin Hooks will address the June 11 luncheon. Holiday Inn of Northern Black Hills, Spearfish.

June 10-13—Mississippi Broadcasters Association 35th annual convention. Phil Brady, WAPF(AM) McComb, is convention chairman. Sheraton hotel, Biloxi.

June 11—FCC's deadline for comments on its proposed rule amendment to permit the use of automatic transmission systems at AM, FM and TV stations (Docket 20403). Replies are due July 12. FCC, Washington.

June 11—Federal Trade Commission deadline for comments on proposed rulemaking to determine what warnings, if any should be required in advertising of antacids. FTC, Washington.


June 13-16—Video Systems Exposition and Conference. Third annual video hardware exhibit, held concurrently with summer Consumer Electronics Show McCormick Place, Chicago.

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December 11-18—Radio Television News Directors Association international conference. Americana hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. 1977 conference will be Sept. 14-18 at Hyatt Regency hotel, San Francisco. 1978 conference at site to be designated in Chicago.


February 12-16, 1977—National Association of Television Program Executives 14th annual conference. Fontainebleau hotel, Miami. 1978 conference scheduled for Los Angeles; site and date to be announced.


June 30-July 1—Wisconsin Broadcasters Association summer meeting. Speaker will include Charles Kurall, CBS News, and Morris Reid, Chairman, J.J. Case Co. Scotland Resort, Oconomowoc, Wis.

July

July 1— FCC's deadline for comments on its proposed amendment of noncommercial FM broadcast rules (Docket 20735). Replies are due Aug. 16, FCC, Washington.


July 1—Ideaarama, sponsored by Radio Advertising Bureau for salespeople. Omaha Holiday Inn, Omaha, Neb.

July 1—Exhibitor deadline for fall convention of Society of Broadcast Engineers. Holiday Inn, Hempstead, N.Y. Contact: Mark Schubin, SBE, R.O. Box 903, Royal City Station, New York, 10019. (212) 785-6100, ext. 317.


July 1—Ideaarama, sponsored by Radio Advertising Bureau for salespeople. Sheraton Crabtree, Raleigh, N.C.

July 7—Texas Association of Broadcasters annual convention, Americana Inn of Six Flags, Arlington.

July 9—FCC's new deadline for comments on pharmacist's review of rules regulating network radio broadcasting (Docket 20721). Replies are now due Aug. 6, FCC, Washington.

July 11-12—South Carolina Broadcasters Association summer convention. Mills-Haytt House, Charleston.

July 11-13—New England Cable Television Association summer meeting. Wentworth by the Sea, Portsmouth, N.H. Contact: Bill Kenny, NECTA, Box 321, Fall River, Mass. 02720.


July 12—Opening of Democratic National Convention, New York.


July 14—Maryland-Delaware Cable Television Association summer meeting, Hyatt Inn, Annapolis.

July 14-17—Colorado Broadcasters Association summer meeting. Douglas Edwards, CBS correspondent, will be keynote speaker. Wildwood Inn, Snowmass.


July 15—Ideaarama, sponsored by Radio Advertising Bureau for salespeople. Holiday Inn, Fargo, N.D.


July 18-18—Oklahoma Broadcasters Association summer meeting. Lake Texoma Lodge, Kingston, Okla.

July 17—Atlanta chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences second annual Emmy awards dinner. Omni International hotel, Atlanta.
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The Bill Paley story

EDITOR: I once heard someone admiringly attribute CBS’s strong position over the years to the fact that their famous cuff links were just a little bit smaller than those of most other communications companies. Broadcasting’s profile of William S. Paley reminded me that this shrewd bit of whimsy overlooked the man who wears the cuff links.

Thanks for a great, special feature on a great, special man.—William O’Shaughnessy, president, WVOX-AM-FM New Rochelle, N.Y.

Too many can do so little

EDITOR: As the program director of a small-market adult rock station, I see the major problem such a station faces in finding jocks who can consistently do even the simplest tasks and show up for work.

Having advertised extensively for air talent and having received several hundred replies, I frequently found only a few who can even be considered for jobs available. The first thing I look at is how many jobs the applicant has had during his time in the business; this eliminates about 80% right off the bat. When you do hire someone whom you’ve checked out as thoroughly as possible, you’re lucky to get one in three who is very dependable—meaning that they can follow format, show up for work and get a record cued up, not to mention keeping a log accurately.

At the recent National Association of Broadcasters’ convention, I found a lot of other PD’s and managers of stations who were having the same problem; in fact, the majority I talked to. I really feel that this is the primary reason so many stations now are going to automation. There’s a real surplus of “talent” in the jock job market. And most of them claim to know more than the people they work for.

These “stars” all want to go major market or network; if they can’t even show up for work and keep a log at a small-market station, what’s going to happen if they finally do get to the pressure of a major market?—Bud Andrews, program director, WQXR(FM) Jacksonville, N.C.

Off the wall

EDITOR: Regarding the letters from Messrs. Wain (April 12) and Wolff (May 10) on radio receivers in hotel rooms.

I have stayed in quite a few motels and I can remember few that had radio receivers. Those that did had wall sets, which cannot be moved around by the guest.

In addition to that inconvenience, the sets I’m speaking of had only five “channels” available. The innkeeper decides which stations will be switched into which channel. Out of the five channels available in my most recent encounter, the innkeeper had switched in two classical music stations, two MOR stations and one blank channel. My main gripe is that the innkeeper did not have the common sense to switch in a variety of different radio stations.

There was a regular random-channel TV set in the room. Why no random-channel radio?—Fred K. Bauer, St. Charles, Mo.

EDITOR: Your editorial (“And At Those Rates,” May 17) touched a sore spot—the accelerating disappearance of radio receivers from hotel rooms. We’re pleased to learn that the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists is also deeply concerned. Doing something about this alarming trend is indeed “worth an old-school try” and, never having been noted for avoiding seemingly impossible problems, we’ll have a go at it. We hope that the unions and other broadcast organizations will join us to put radio back into hotel rooms.—Abe Voron, executive director, National Radio Broadcasters Association, New York.

AP backgrounder

EDITOR: A small historical footnote in reference to your story in the May 10 issue regarding the admission of broadcasting representatives to the AP Board:

There had been agitation for the inclusion of broadcasters for some time, especially after AP started actively pursuing the notion of active state associations and after the inception of national AP broadcaster meetings in 1971.

In 1972 at the annual meeting of the AP Broadcasters Association in Chicago, Don Keough, then news director of WDAF-TV Kansas City and I, then news manager for WNMI New York, drafted a resolution calling for the inclusion of broadcasters on the AP board.

The resolution was opposed by Wes Gallagher. He felt the newspaper executives weren’t ready for the move. Mr. Keough and I circulated the resolution, secured signatures from delegates and forced the item to the floor. What came out of that meeting was a resolution setting up a committee that was charged with working on the problem and reporting back regularly.

As time went by, Tom Powell of WDAU-TV Scranton, Pa., the APBA president, secured observer status for broadcasters. And now Tom Frawley is on the board.—Tony deHaro, news director, KCNO-TV Kansas City, Mo.
Books


Through an extensive analysis of the FCC's fairness doctrine that includes reviews of the cases that have shaped it—Red Lion and Pensions: The Broken Promise, among them—the former president of CBS News who now teaches journalism at Columbia University attempts to illuminate what J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington meant when he said that, in the debate over the First Amendment and the broadcast media, it is difficult to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Mr. Friendly comes to the same conclusion, even after he reports on what he says was an attempt on the part of Kennedy and Johnson administrations to use the doctrine against stations broadcasting right-wing political programs.

But regardless of the value readers find in the conclusion, the book provides an example of investigative reporting in reaching it. Mr. Friendly extensively researched the Institute for American Stratigraphy-sponsored study, TV and National Defense: An Analysis of CBS News, 1972-73, and found less, and more, than met the eye. The study purported to show that CBS News had violated the fairness doctrine by underplaying the Soviet and Chinese Communist threat to U.S. security. But Mr. Friendly found the analysis was constructed in a way certain to show that CBS devoted comparatively little time to the view IAS supported—that the administration is not doing enough to develop the country's defense. (Defense Department views were regarded as not sufficiently hawkish, and stories that did not contain any viewpoint—80% of the national security stories—were not counted.) What's more, Mr. Friendly found that although the study claims that two years of CBS News programming was examined, the researchers, in studying CBS News programs of 1973, did not rely on videotapes which were available from the Vanderbilt News Archive, but on the abstracts of the programs Vanderbilt provided, or on Vanderbilt's categorization of the 1973 programs.

Mr. Friendly says the omissions and distortions "far exceed" any charge made.


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"The bulk of our news work is shot on Eastman Ektachrome video news film 7240. We've had good luck pushing as much as two stops in processing, under low-light conditions.

"Not long ago, we covered a story from two locations at the Philippine Embassy, simultaneously. We covered it live on the outside of the building, and we had a film cameraman on the inside filming the Ambassador's news conference. Then, when the film was processed, we were able to do the live report from the outside and roll the film of the inside into the piece. Worked just great.

"Most of the time, we cover an event with both film and the Mini-Cam because once you're set up for a live hookup with the ENG truck, you can't move it around. The film crews have mobility, and get into places we can't reach with the electronic cameras.

"Last December, when that airline crashed into the mountain, we sent out the videotape truck and two film crews. But the truck couldn't get a live signal through the mountains. And we couldn't get the truck up the fire road to the scene of the crash. So we sent up one of our film crews. And got a good story on film.

"So you see, in a market like ours, both film and electronic equipment are necessary. We haven't locked into either one. And using both has opened a new dimension in news coverage.

"You might say, at WTOP-TV, we think togetherness is making good things happen with the news."

Film is good news.
FCC sends its message to Congress on obscenity and indecency

Commission submits draft bill that would ban broadcast of obscene material and give it some control over cable

The FCC last week completed work on a task it took on more than a year ago under the lash of congressional and public concern over offensive material on radio, television and cable television. It approved and sent to Congress a draft bill designed to prohibit the transmission of obscene or indecent material by those media.

If the measure is enacted into law, broadcasters or cablecasters presenting the kind of material it specifically bans—an "act of sexual intercourse," for instance, or a "lewd exhibition of a human genital"—might be liable to criminal penalties of up to $10,000 or a year in prison (two years for repeat offenders) or both. FCC forfeitures of up to $100,000 would also be possible for broadcasters (the commission does not yet have the authority to fine cable operators).

The broadcast of obscene, indecent or profane material is already barred by a section of the U.S. criminal code. But that section was drafted at a time when radio was the only electronic medium, and it refers to "utterances" and "language." The proposed bill would bring the law up to date with its opening words: "Disseminating obscene or indecent material by means of radio communication or cable television..."

Another sign of the times would be the disappearance from the law of any reference to "profane" material. The commission, in a memorandum accompanying the proposed bill, says it would drop the word because of the few cases in which courts have construed it and the "sparsely of decisions which have upheld it against constitutional attack."

The draft bill, which resembles in most details one that the commission considered in September (BROADCASTING, Sept. 15, 1975), establishes even stricter standards for determining "morally offensive material"—both obscene and indecent—than the Supreme Court created in the landmark obscenity case, Miller v. California, which involved the mass mailing of unsolicited sexually explicit advertising for several "adult" books.

The court in that case defined obscene material as referring to "patently offensive" material which, "taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest of the average person applying contemporary community standards" and lacks "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value." The commission would insert after "standards": "for radio communication or cable television."

The commission contends the "uniqueness" of the electronic media—radio and television use a "scarce" resource, the federal interest in them "is legitimately..."
greater than in other forms of communication" and they are "intrusive" because they enter the home and occupy a large percentage of the time of many individuals, including children—warrants stricter standards.

The specific types of behavior defined as obscene are "an act of sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, anal-genital, or oral-genital intercourse, whether between human beings or between a human being and an animal; of masturbation; or lewd exhibition of a human genital or excretory organ."

Although "obscene" material might be "redeemed" if it does not appeal to prurient interest or if it has serious value, it could still be barred if it is "indecent." For indecent material is defined as "a representation or verbal description of a human sexual or excretory organ or function, which under contemporary community standards for radio communication or cable television is patently offensive." The language is lifted from the commission's decision holding that a George Carlin comedy routine broadcast by Pacifica Foundation's WRIFHFM New York was "indecent"—a ruling that has been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington.

The proposed bill does not state whether consideration of the material should be based on local, state or national standards, or how and by whom they should be applied. Those questions would be left to the courts.

The commission, in its memorandum, acknowledges that the law dealing with "indecency" is fraught with uncertainty. Nevertheless, it says, "it has a strong interest in controlling morally offensive material which is less than obscene and believes that it is compelled to act in this area despite these uncertainties."

And the commission makes it clear its concern is in the dissemination of "indecent" material to children.

For it proposes as an "affirmative defense" to a charge of indecent programming the claim that it was disseminated "for a per-program charge or in any other manner as to minimize the risk of exposure to children under the age of 12 or to persons who choose not to be exposed." (A locked channel or comparable protective device is also suggested in the memorandum.) Thus, the commission says in its memorandum, society's interest in protecting children from indecent material and the interest of adults in access to the widest possible range of programming is balanced. This approach, the commission believes, "avoids the First Amendment problems inherent in a standard which would totally suppress indecent material."

The memorandum also says the commission contemplates that, to minimize the risk of exposure to children, broadcasters and cablecasters would promote "offensive material" only through "non-sensational techniques," and only late at night (after 11 p.m.) or early in the morning (before 7 a.m.).

The proposed affirmative defense against a charge of transmitting obscene as well as indecent material: If it is disseminated as a result of federal law or commission rules prohibiting program content control—in the case of a cable system transmitting a television signal, for instance. However, the defense does not apply to the person actually speaking or acting in an obscene or indecent manner. The bill also specifies that dissemination carried out during cable television access programming is "a bar to any action against a cable television operator." The operator would not be criminally liable for the presentation of a "blue" movie in the access channel.

However, the commission could hold cable system operators civilly liable for the transmission of such material. Although commission rules prohibit operators from exercising control over the content of access programming, they also require operators to establish rules to bar obscene or indecent material. And last week, in an effort to reduce the ambiguity of those apparently conflicting rules, the commission issued a "clarification" asserting that operators are responsible to the commission for indecent material on access channels and stating that liability is measured on a standard of reasonableness. The commission said the rules contemplate a system operator or prescreening access-channel material if there is reason to believe it is obscene or indecent. If, for instance, a supplier had provided "morally offensive" material on a previous occasion. The commission also said a cable operator could refuse to present a program if the supplier declined a request to eliminate a portion the operator believed would violate the law.

The draft bill was promised by the commission in the report on steps it was taking to deal with allegedly offensive material on radio and television that was submitted to Congress in February 1975 (BROADCASTING, Feb. 24, 1975). The report had been demanded a year earlier by Senate and House Appropriations Committees. The bill, which has made itself heard. Last year, the commission received 24,000 complaints about programming regarded as offensive, a drop from the 32,000 complaints received the previous year but about 12 times the number received in 1972.

The promise of a bill updating the obscenity statute was not all that was contained in the report. Another item was an accounting of the steps the broadcasting industry was taking to adopt the family viewing plan—a plan that emerged after FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley conferred with industry leaders on what he said was the need for greater self-regulation to protect children against exposure to programming not designed for them.

The vote on both the proposed legislation and the clarification was the same—6 to 0, with Commissioners Benjamin L. Hooks and Glen O. Robinson concurring in the result and Commissioner Charlotte Reid absent. The commissioners voting were Chairman Richard E. Wiley and Commissioners Robert L. E. Lee, James Quello and Abbott Wasdin.  

All candidates but Mr. Ford say they'll participate in TV debates

ABC's Sheehan tells AP Broadcasters that commitments are in hand; Wiley backs equal-time repeal; Wasilewski goes after all-media togetherness

Except for President Ford, all candidates for the Presidency—both Democratic and Republican—have agreed to engage in TV debates if they win their parties' nominations. This was revealed by William Sheehan, president of ABC News, at keynoting the Associated Press Broadcasters sixth annual convention in Minneapolis last Friday (June 4). And in the case of the President, Mr. Sheehan said, judgment has been reserved.

That was but one of the headlines that emerged last week. Among the others:

- FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley came out for repeal of the equal-time elements of Section 315 of the Communications Act. He remains steadfast in support of the fairness doctrine.

- National Association of Broadcasters President Vincent Wasilewski criticized print media for standing by, if not encouraging, outlawing of cigarette advertising in broadcast media, and urged that the media stand together in the future.

- Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) underscored the responsibility of all journalists in reporting the news accurately—even precisely. He alluded to the late Edward R. Murrow's expose of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) on CBS as the kind of "precise, responsible and accurate journalism" that should be promoted by all.

- Keith Fuller, deputy general manager and president-designate of the Associated Press, reported that AP Radio's audio news service, launched less than two years ago, now has 380 stations. He said it hopes to have at least 500 a year hence. Mr. Fuller said that the present roster isn't yet enough to pay the freight. Asked if AP has plans to inaugurate a television counterpart, he said it's not in immediate view, and alluded to several other attempts at similar news services in recent years as having proved "croppers."

Mr. Fuller, like Senator Humphrey, emphasized the importance of factual reporting, especially in an election year, saying that "campaigns are more than a pretty face on the television screen." While he noted that broadcast journalism has come of age since World War II and is taking a leadership role in American journalism, he warned that "covering the news in the advocacy tradition is not a license to maim. It is not a hunting license."

Mr. Fuller also told the convention about AP's campaign issues bank in which
Keynoter Sheehan: a quick plug for longer news and warnings on show-biz news and hidden perils of investigative reporting

In his keynote address to the Associated Press Broadcasters convention, William Sheehan, president of ABC News, covered a range of television news topics including, ever so lightly, longer network newscasts.

"In television we need more time for the national news, and we're working toward that end," he said. In times of crisis the media rise to meet the challenge, Mr. Sheehan said. "But it's the answer to the daily challenge that has yet to take final form. We will have longer news programs on the network and they will not be expanded versions of what we do now."

The circumstances of the news business in general have changed radically in the space of a decade, he said, adding that newsmen have ascended "from the position of beleaguered defenders in the late sixties to a near state of idolatry today."

However, he continued, "the remarkably improved status of the reporter and the press in general has brought with it some abuses on our part."

Those abuses, Mr. Sheehan said, amount to a willingness "to accept as solid journalism a lot of rubbish that wasn't worth collecting in the first place. It's investigative journalism and advocacy journalism gone awry. There's a place for both but it's not the province of the neophyte and it's not the kind of journalism that can be turned out by quota." He acknowledged the "painstaking" work of Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, "but," he warned, "if a medium-sized newspaper or a radio or television station think they can win instant acclaim by setting up an investigative unit and turning them loose, we're on a binge that is sure to lead to a hangover that will make the Agnew illness look mild."

Mr. Sheehan devoted attention to a new television news program, MetroNews, MetroNews, on Metromedia's KTTV(TV) Los Angeles, which he described as designed to capitalize on the success of Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman. The program is "funny and irrelevant and outrageous" and, Mr. Sheehan said, "at the risk of spoiling the fun— I'm going to admit it disturbs me.... because it just might set off a chain reaction that strikes another blow at the credibility of broadcast news."

Such a threat illustrates, Mr. Sheehan said, that "the line between show-biz flair and making the news broadcast interesting must not be crossed." Through editing techniques, exaggerated copy, misleading sound and other ways, it is possible to distort the news, making it a series of robberies, stabbings and shootings at the expense of the significant stories, he said.

Addressing himself to the issue of checkbook journalism, Mr. Sheehan first noted that the anchorman's salary is not the focal point—"paying news sources is... And I say the standard should be a flat-out 'no.' No cash. No trips to exotic locations for interviews. No gratuities, gifts or other considerations." Once such enticements are used to inspire a story, he said, the probability is that credibility "goes down the drain."

On the subject of politics, he defended the manner of media coverage, faulting instead the "process that does not take full advantage of the means available... It's the fault of the politicians who are skittish about getting involved where they don't have total control." While it may be said in the future that the media missed the story and concentrated on the wrong things, Mr. Sheehan said "I don't see any evidence of it now. I've watched what we've been doing as closely and as critically as most, and I cannot see that we are going astray."

Although an incumbent President has "a great deal of leverage," the news media can do something about it, he said: "We can shout out a little bit to try to get some of our restrictions removed, and we can say out loud some of the things that we think that the candidates should do to try to incite them towards using radio and television the way broadcasting can be most effective."

Wasilewski on the need for unity among news media against threats to the First Amendment and on the need for press responsibility

National Association of Broadcasters President Vincent Wasilewski harshly scolded the print media last week for not standing with broadcasters in their fight to...
prevent Congress from taking cigarette commercials off radio and TV.

The issue, which broadcasters lost in 1971 just a few months before economic, Mr. Wasilewski said. It involved a fundamental question of press freedom, about which newspapers should have been concerned. But "newspapers let us down badly on that," Mr. Wasilewski said. "The glittering dollar signs in their eyes caused them to perceive great moral and ethical differences between advertising cigarettes on radio and television, as opposed to newspapers."

"It was not a high point in American newspapering," he continued. "But the important lesson to learn is that it should not be allowed to happen again, for example, in the case of over-the-counter medicines and remedies."

Speaking to the Associated Press Broadcasters meeting in Minneapolis Saturday (June 5), Mr. Wasilewski called on all news media to "forget our competitive differences when confronted with attempts to govern just to chill our press freedom. "We must regard an attack upon one as an attack upon all," he said.

Government and the press "will never be true and trusting friends," he forecast. "There will always be tension; there will always be emotionalism." In short, "we will always have an adversary relationship with government," he said.

Mr. Wasilewski had other suggestions for fighting future government intrusions which he thinks inevitable. First, the media must be accurate. "Mistakes not only provide our enemies with the opening they seek, but undermine our credibility with our friends," Second, he said, "we must be both fair and responsible." But fairness should not be imposed on the media by the government, he added. "The fairness doctrine constitutes intimidation, however subtle and restrained."

Third, he said, the media should avoid advocacy journalism, "a blatant deception of the people by means of news." And fourth, "we must be enterprising and not lazy."

There are probably more public information people in government than there are reporters, he cautioned — "thousands of them willing to do our work for us if we let them." Mr. Wasilewski also said that the adversary relationship between press and government extends down to the smallest municipality. Officials there, as in big governments, "have the power to assess your house, arrest you, to protect or not protect your property, to repair your streets. It takes the same courage to take them on."

Humphrey says media helped create 'big government' myth

Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) criticized broadcast and other news people last week for permitting presidential candidates to exploit a vague and negative impression in the public's mind of "big government."

Speaking to the Associated Press Broadcasters in his home state last Friday, the senator said, "When candidates charge that all of government is at fault—that 'big government' has become a monster and made life intolerable—to members of the press have made virtually no effort to verify the charge or to get the facts straight...

"When they say that they will do away with 'big government' they should be asked how they intend to get us a little government which conceivably can serve the needs of 251 million people in the most complex society on earth."

Senator Humphrey does not think the government is too big, or that the people really think that either. "What they are seeking," he said, "is a government that demonstrates a new competence, a new fairness and a new concern for individuals."

Thayer on what's in store for radio

Describing himself as "a flaming optimist," Jack G. Thayer, president of the NBC Radio network, addressed the Associated Press Broadcasters convention on the future of radio. In remarks prepared for delivery June 4, Mr. Thayer said radio sales are "booming...last year Americans spent $2.4 billion on radio sets."

Some of his predictions: the growth rate for FM is "prohibitive"—the prime mover will be automated beautiful music; radio drama will generate increased interest; competition will produce all-news FM stations; citizen band radio "could become the next FM, a vital new competing medium." Continued growth for cable radio, and the rise of "localized news and information" Mr. Thayer also said news people must become specialists to interpret news precisely. The term "features" may be on the way out, he said.

On bringing the people into the conflict between media and government

Panelists at journalism conference—Monroe, Loevinger, Mitchell—state their cases for allowing greater public participation

Establishment types recruited by professional organizations to discuss the present state of the First Amendment as it affects broadcasting, usually talk about it in terms of the media and the government. But in one session of a conference on the First Amendment the Washington Journalism Center held in Washington last week, there was a looking outward, too. Each of three speakers—Bill Monroe, executive producer of NBC's Meet the Press, former FCC Commissioner Lee Loevinger and Maurice B. Mitchell, chancellor of the University of Denver—reflected, if in different ways, the feeling that the public's role in the controversy should not be ignored. (Another speaker at the conference to head off on a different tack was CBS commentator Eric Sevareid, see facing page.)

Mr. Monroe did not give an inch in his long-held view that such FCC regulations as the fairness doctrine violate the spirit and letter of the First Amendment. He blamed government regulation for what he said was broadcast journalism's failure to exhibit the same degree of aggressive reporting that marks print journalism. And he expressed the fear that government regulation of broadcast journalism could be extended to newspapers and magazines.

But while he said broadcasters should struggle against government regulation and muster up the courage to do more investigative reporting, he also said they should "do more to allow their own audience to talk back: experiment with how to establish the broadcast equivalent of letters to the editor...There is something arrogant and one-sided...for any media not to regularly use their own facilities to allow the public to talk back, disagree, comment, correct and have their say."

Mr. Loevinger, now a partner in the law firm of Hogan & Harwood, also did his thing, in knocking "liberals" he says are on the leading edge of those favoring government regulation of programming: "Broadcasting is the Waterloo of liberals," he said, "They have won control of the media but have lost their principles."

But for lawyers, journalists and others with a professional interest in the problem to discuss the problem—as they were doing in Washington last week—is something of a waste of time. "The courts and Congress will reflect public opinion, and now, public opinion is against broadcasting," he said. So, go to the people, he advised. "Convince them that programing that makes television and radio worthwhile will be interfered with by government—and that's a fact." He said "liberals"—he cited as an example former FCC Commissioner Kenneth A. Cox with whom he jousted vigorously on programing matters when both were on the commission in the 1960's—want to impose "better" programing on the public and "elevate" public attitudes.

But it remained for Mr. Mitchell virtually to place the blame on the media for whatever First Amendment problems they face.

The public is not concerned with the "sophisticated" arguments members of the media use to discuss the First Amendment issue, he said. Indeed, the media are failing to demonstrate that the First Amendment is designed to benefit not them but the public. The press, said Mr. Mitchell, a former member of the U.S. Commission Civil Rights, is seen as "digested, racist and insensitive to minority rights." And if there is a decline in the guarantee of the First Amendment, that's the problem, not that we are losing our freedom. The media, he said, are "not reflecting the people's concerns."

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Sevareid criticizes the TV critics

CBS commentator lashes out at print treatment of broadcast; he says writers are wrong about television—in their assumptions, their attitudes and their facts

For most commentators at the Conference on the First Amendment that the Washington Journalism Center held in Washington last week, the adversary relationship that concerned them was the one between government and the media. But the relationship that veteran CBS newsmen Eric Sevareid discussed was the one between print journalism and electronic journalism, and "adversary" was not too strong a word.

He criticized the TV critics. He talked of the "hypocrisy" of publishers in denouncing low-brow television entertainment, and of their lack of consistency in failing to support intellectually superior programming. And he deplored the print media's "one-way" reporting on events in the broadcasting industry.

Mr. Sevareid was concerned with the printed press's treatment of broadcast journalism in general. But he was specific, too, regarding CBS. In the process, the commentator, who after 37 years with CBS News is approaching retirement, held up CBS News as an example of independence and integrity, and heaped a large measure of credit for that state of affairs on CBS Chairman William S. Paley.

He ridiculed the myth that "an ogre" named William S. Paley discourages "idealistic talents down the line" and keeps "news people nervous if not cowardly" at CBS News. That organization has grown in size and effectiveness, has built its "unmatched record of innovation and boldness in dealing with public issues," and waged "repeated wars with the most powerful figures of government and business" largely because of Mr. Paley's presence, certainly not in spite of it, as some suggest, Mr. Sevareid said.

Why the vigorous rebuttal? Why the violation of what he said was Ed Murrow's old precept of never replying to critics? Someone must, he said. "The criticism exchange between print and broadcasting is a one-way street... a mythology is being slowly, steadily set in concrete." A new generation of writers, he said, is perpetuating myths in their books that are "being read and believed by a new generation of students and practitioners of journalism." That is what concerns him.

The speech generally was a rebuttal to a broad range of criticisms that have been directed against television for years. He said, for instance, that it is "nonsensical" to contend that television is destroying reading habits. Book sales have increased well beyond the increase in population during the lifetime of television, he said. But it was the professional critics that received most of his attention.

Returning the favor of television critics who comment on everything seen on the screen—drama, soap operas, political coverage—he suggested they stop "trying to be the renaissance man." Newspapers, he said, should assign specialists to dramas and to programs on science, politics and other specific disciplines.

In calling for "a little less hypocrisy" on the part of publishers, he advised them: "Don't publish lofty editorials and critiques berating the culturally low common denominator of TV entertainment programming and then feature on the cover of your weekly TV supplements, most weeks of the year, the latest TV rock star or gang-buster character." Or, he said, they should be honest enough to admit they appeal to mass audiences for the same reason the networks do—"because it is profitable."

Mr. Sevareid made special mention of TV Guide, owned by former multiple-station owner Walter Annenberg. He noted that most weeks it not only features the most popular television programs; "it also lectures network news people for our supposed political bias—this from a publication dedicated to the propagation of extreme right-wing ideology. 'Annenberg's revenge,' we call it."

Mr. Sevareid supported his charge of a lack of consistency on the part of the printed press with an example from his own experience. He recalled that last year he did seven hours of conversations with some of the "most experienced, wisest minds around"—former West German premier Willy Brandt and former U.S. diplomat George Kennan, among them. And although he had thought the series would appeal to newspaper critics who had deplored the scarcity of such programming, there was from the press, with only a few exceptions, silence. "How do you extract scarce air time from a network for this kind of program if you not only can't show vast ratings, which nobody expected, but you can't even show a good press reaction?" Mr. Sevareid wondered.

And he deplored the "myths" he said are being perpetuated by writers who rewrite another one. One he cited was the report that Fred Friendly resigned as president of CBS News in 1966 "over an issue of high principle involving some public service air time"—a reference to CBS's refusal, after devoting two days to the subject of Vietnam, to provide coverage for live coverage of a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the Vietnam war.

(But Mr. Sevareid declined to elaborate on that point, other than to say there was "a whole complex of reasons" involved in Mr. Friendly's resignation, including the dispute over the refusal another day clear time for live coverage of the hearing. Mr. Friendly, now teaching journalism at Columbia University, said the only other factor was that he was being asked to report to John Schneider, then the new president of the CBS Broadcast Group. Mr. Friendly said he had understood he would report to Mr. Paley and CBS President Frank Stanton. Mr. Schneider's "first decision," Mr. Friendly said, "was not to put the hearings on." As for the reference to "high principle," Mr. Friendly said, "I never called it that. But others did."

Mr. Sevareid denounced, too, "the myth" that CBS News has been less daring since the ground-breaking programs of Messrs. Murrow and Friendly. Since those early days, CBS dealt "forthrightly with every conceivable controversial issue"—drugs, homosexuality, government corruption, pesticides, tax frauds and the like, he said. There has been no reluctance to tackle such issues.

And again, he cited his own experience to support his contention that CBS News is independent. After 13 years of doing more than 2,000 pieces of commentary on the nightly news, he can count only three scripts that were "killed because of their substance" by CBS News. Each was killed by a different executive, and none ever did it again, he said. (But he declined to disclose the substance of the killed scripts.)

One reference he does clarify is to a series of articles that "cut...to ribbons" a man whom CBS News had recently appointed to a high post. The man is William Small, now CBS News senior vice president, Mr. Sevareid said. And he said the

...many of these critics are simply wrong—wrong in their attitude, wrong in their premises, repeatedly wrong in their facts."
Bundy criticizes CPB role in public television

He says it is a trustee, not a manager, of the system

McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, took the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to task last week for failing to perceive "its true role is that of the insulating and arbitrating trustee, not that of the bureaucratic manager" of public television.

Mr. Bundy's remarks, delivered at non-commercial wcmh-TV (Cincinnati), came down hard on CPB in the ongoing power struggle that has existed between it and the Public Broadcasting Service. A better arrangement of responsibilities among the stations, PBS and CPB is needed, he said, and the place where change is needed most is at CPB.

"As with other grown-up organizations," said Mr. Bundy, "the right place for program decisions is as far from the original source of funds, and as near to the consumer, as it is possible to get. If CPB and PBS resolve their differences by this basic guideline, PBS will be the active agent and CPB the trustee and public defender." Mr. Bundy also criticized the White House for refusing to produce nominations for the five vacancies on the CPB board. He further charged the administration with not seeking CPB leadership that "remotely approaches" the standard set by James Killian, the first CPB chairman and Carnegie Commission head that helped map out the public broadcasting structure.

In Brief

- "The cable industry in the United States has not made very much of the opportunities which it had a year ago. It was out-lobbied at the White House and was out-argued during the recent hearings [of the House Communications Subcommittee] by the broadcasters. The broadcasters have many compelling arguments, and they have been making them in compelling fashion. No convincing effort has been made by the cable industry ... Possibly it is because the industry has already reached its potential and is about to be left behind by even more exciting technologies such as video disks." - Harry M. (Chip) Shooshan, III, House Communications Subcommittee counsel and co-author of subcommittee staff report on cable TV, in speech last week before Canadian Cable TV Association, Toronto.

- McGraw-Hill's VHF ch. 10 kgtv-tv will replace Storer Broadcasting's UHF ch. 39 kcsst-tv as ABC affiliate in San Diego. KCST-TV is expected to assume kgtv's present NBC affiliation. Question is when. NBC's contract with kgtv runs until November 1977, and network says it will hold station to it. ABC also announced that Garyowen Corp.'s KKL-tv Butte and satellite kpxx-tv Missoula, both Mont., currently CBS primaries and ABC secondaries, will become ABC primaries Sept. 1.

- FCC has ordered Don Burden's Wife(AM) Indianapolis off air when it grants program test authority to Indianapolis Broadcasting, competing applicant that has been awarded facility. Wife call will remain temporarily; new licensee has until October to choose another.

- Cosmopolitan Broadcasting has been denied renewal of its whbi(FM) Newark, N.J. FCC agreed with initial decision that held licensee abdicated control over programing by selling "virtually every available minute" of air time to brokers. Also cited were violations involving lottery information, false advertising and improper logging and financial records.

- Hearing on family viewing and children's TV planned by House Communications Subcommittee for Denver, July 9, is on again, contrary to earlier report (page 40). Los Angeles hearing remains postponed.

- Young & Rubicam seminar in New York last Thursday (June 3) heard presidents of three TV networks take common, hard line on subject of prices. ABC's James E. Duffy said cost-per-thousand rates were at record high because of supply and demand, and that medium had previously been underpriced. CBS's Robert Wustrler said prices are not likely to fall, or even to stabilize, because of "skyrocketing increase" in cost of entertainment programing and news coverage. NBC's Robert T. Howard said current price of single hour for prime time is over $300,000.

- Indications that FCC would take harder line on UHF ("Closed Circuit," April 19) have come true. In order setting for hearing application by VHF WFMX-Tv Greensboro, N.C., to improve facilities in way that would increase service in area served by several UHF's, and with unused U's allocated there, commission said opposition would have to bear burden or proving near-term potential of activating unused UHF's in area, or expansion of existing UHF service. Commission posture is that new policy signals UHF's being able to stand on its own, end to need to shelter that segment of medium, and that V's should have chance to show what they can do in such situations.


Parting shots from John Eger

OTP acting director sends Congress two draft bills that have little chance of passage, but which he feels deserve scrutiny; one is for cable, one for radio de-regulation

John Eger, the acting director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy, who is expected to depart government service in a matter of weeks, appears to be clearing his desk of legislative proposals and related matters. However, the purpose seems primarily to assure that the items receive some attention; there seems little chance of the enactment in this Congress.

One package, sent to Representative Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee, is a draft of a cable television bill OTP has been laboring over for several years, along with a comparative analysis of it and its net cable television regulation prepared by the Cabinet Committee and the Communications subcommittee staff.

The second item involves a draft bill submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance to Congress that would authorize a procedures measure of freedom from government control. It would provide for a test suspension of the fairness doctrine as it applies to radio stations in major markets, and it would prohibit the FCC from considering format changes or program content when passing on sales of AM or FM stations.

The proposed cable television legislation is OTP's third draft of a bill designed to implement the report of the Cabinet Committee, whose chairman was Clay T. Whitehead, then director of OTP. The first two drafts—one completed in May 1974, the second in January 1975—were taken back without being criticized by the Justice Department, other agencies, and the affected industries. The latest draft, like its predecessors, is aimed at shifting the burden of regulatory authority from the commission to nonfederal government and the courts (BROADCASTING, Jan. 20, 1975). However, changes have been made to satisfy some critics of the earlier drafts, particularly the Justice Department. For instance, where the earlier drafts would permit crossownership of cable television and television in the same market, the new draft would authorize the commission to adopt such crossownership, as it has, if necessary to assure competitiveness. The new rules would also restrict the commission's authority to adopt rules limiting the number of distant signals cable systems could import or protecting broadcasters against the siphoning of programs by pay cable operations.

However, as Mr. Eger noted in a letter to Representative Van Deerlin, the draft bill "does not represent the administration's position." Rather, he said, it represents OTP's effort to translate the Cabinet Committee Report into a legislative format. It does not address the matter of cable television's economic impact on broadcasting—a subject under study by the Domestic Council's regulatory reform group, which is now in over-all charge of drafting cable legislation.

Mr. Eger sent the draft bill to Representative Van Deerlin because of the hearings his subcommittee is holding on cable television regulation and, it is understood, because he feels the bill'sathy of use in consideration, whether it had administration backing or not.

As for the comparative analysis, the OTP staff found that on most major issues, the similarity among the subcommittee staff report, the Cabinet Committee report and OTP positions "is striking." The main expert in the House, said, are crossownership (the staff report favors the ban on co-located crossownership and the Cabinet Committee would permit it to continue, while the draft bill would authorize the ban only if restraint of trade or restriction of viewpoint would otherwise result), and the so-called separations policy. The cabinet committee reported that, when 50% of the nation's homes are wired for cable, control of cable distribution facilities should be separated from control of programing, although the committee would have permitted an operator to program two channels. The draft bill would establish such a policy as a goal, while the subcommittee staff would support prompt implementation of a separations policy.

The draft bill sent to OMB, dubbed the "Radio Program De-regulation Act of 1976," reportedly has not received even one week of test scrutiny. However, as in the case of the draft cable bill, Mr. Eger feels it deserves consideration.

The section on the fairness doctrine would eliminate the problem the FCC faced when it was considering Chairman Richard E. Wiley's proposals to suspend the doctrine on a test basis for radio in major markets. There was and remains doubt the commission has the statutory authority to conduct such tests. The OTP bill would authorize such a test for five years for AM and FM stations in the 10 largest markets. And it reflects Mr. Eger's view that the doctrine, particularly in the case-by-case manner in which the commission now administers it, raises First Amendment questions.

Enforcement of the doctrine, Mr. Eger says in a draft letter to the House of Representatives accompanying the proposed bill, "results in increasing governmental intrusion into the professional journalistic decisions of broadcast licensees." And the proposed suspension, he adds, would test the hypothesis that, with the growth of competitive forces in the top markets in recent years, "economic incentives can fulfill the public interest objectives presently insured through government regulation."

The provision dealing with formats results from a number of court cases holding the commission must hold hearings in assignment and transfer cases when groups in the affected community complain that the sale will result in the loss of a "unique" format.

Requiring the commission to pass judgment in such matters is inappropriate, according to Mr. Eger. "The substitution of the programming judgments of a few government officials for those of broadcast licensees is not in the public interest," he says. "It is the licensee, after all, who is located in the community, and who is in a better position to determine the most effective manner in which the tastes and interests of the listeners in his markets can be satisfied."

Mr. Eger also contends that any solution to the problem of increasing diversity of expression that involves governmental analysis of speech and selection of speakers is clearly and specifically forbidden by the First Amendment. The legislative desk-clearing will probably be among Mr. Eger's last official duties at OTP. The man reported to be President Ford's choice to assume the role of OTP director, former FCC Commissioner Thomas Houser, of Chicago, is expected to be nominated soon, probably this week.

No phone?

Should the FCC change or do away with its license requirements for broadcast station operators? This is one of the questions the commission is asking in an inquiry into the relevancy of its operator rules. Comments are being solicited on whether current license requirements are up-to-date and insure competent operators; whether a "beginner" class of license should be issued for an apprentice
period prior to the issuance of a regular license, and whether all responsibility for proper technical operation of a station should be placed on the licensee, rather than the operator, leaving the licensee free to hire anyone, licensed or not, to run the station.

Comments on the proposal (Docket 20817) are due at the commission by Sept. 1 and replies are due Sept. 15.

BPA gathers next week in Washington

Broadcast promoters will hear from Humphrey, Wiley, Walters; attendance expected at 400

In advertising its 22nd annual seminar June 16-18 in Washington, the Broadcasters Promotion Association promises "ideas to steal, brains to pick." But as Gene Davis, WTOP-AM-TV Washington's advertising, sales promotion manager, is making the arrangements, he has a higher goal in mind: to clarify the "identity of the advertising and promotion manager at his station" so "people go back knowing who they are."

Among those that have been lined up for those purposes are keynoters Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley and Joel Chaseman, president, Post-Newsweek Stations; NBC's (soon to ABC's) Barbara Walters; Hal Davis, president, Grey-Davis Advertising; Arthur Hecht, president, Hecht/Vidmer Advertising; Bob Klein, president, Klein & Co.; James Yergin, vice president, research, Westinghouse Broadcasting, and Jane Cohen, program manager, WRC-TV Washington.

Speeches and workshops will be held at the Statler Hilton hotel. The BPA is aiming for an attendance of 400 and, according to Mr. Davis there were about 350 paid registrations by last week. Attendance at last year's Denver convention was 299.

A convention first, Mr. Davis says, is a joint research and promotion session featuring representatives of Arbitron, Nielsen, Puls and Mediasat. Other sessions will carry such titles as "What the Hell is an Ad Agency," "TV: an Overview," "Developing a Dynamite Radio Contest," "The Trade Publications," "Sales and Sales Promotion," "Promoting the Independent TV Stations" and "The One Man Band."

Election of officers and members of the board of directors of BPA will take place during the BPA seminar. Officer nominees: president, Lynne Grasz, KOLN-TV Lincoln, Neb. and KGIM-TV Grand Island, Neb.; president-elect, Roger Ottenbach, WEEK-TV Peoria, Ill.; vice president, Kenneth Taishoff, WTMJ-TV Milwaukee; secretary, Terry Simpson, 11WTV(TV) Indianapolis; treasurer, Al Gordon, WIC-TV Pittsburgh. Nominees for board of directors (three years): Tom Smidt, KWGN-TV Denver; Ron Lorenzen, KING-AM-TV Seattle; Gene Davis, WTOP-TV Washington and Bob Edell, Storer Broadcasting Co. Miami. Gord Hume, CHYM-AM-FM Kitchener, Ont. has been nominated for a one-year term. Nominations for a one-year associate-member seat on the board will be accepted from the floor.

Other events are to include the presentation of BPA awards, and the results of a nationwide survey of the state of the broadcast promotion industry, and a banquet and circus performance sponsored by Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey.

Aside from the BPA convention, other meetings earlier that week will be drawing promotion directors to Washington. By synchronizing with the BPA, both the CBS and NBC networks have scheduled their fall regional promotion meetings in Washington, as have the ABC affiliates for their promotional meeting. The NBC and ABC gatherings will be held at the Statler Hilton; CBS's at the Mayflower hotel. Several rep firms have also scheduled meetings in Washington near the time of the BPA convention, Mr. Davis said.

Helping hands. In a closed meeting during their convention in Los Angeles ABC-TV affiliates voted to take a more active role in support of stronger legislation than is now in sight for cable television copyright liability. The affiliates voted to assess themselves $30,000 now and $20,000 more if needed for legal fees. The cable copyright bill passed by the Senate and legislation marked up by a Judiciary subcommittee in the House (BROADCAST May 24) were called "a travesty against us" by Tom Goodgame, KTVU-TV Tulsa, Okla., retiring chairman of the affiliates. Political education of congressional delegations was also pledged by the affiliates.

Changing Hands

Announced

The following broadcast station sales were reported last week, subject to FCC approval:

- WBOC(TV) Bowling Green, Ky.: Sold by Professional Telecasting Systems to Bluegrass Media for $1.75 million. Principals in seller are D.C. Combs and John M. Berry who have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Clyde Payne (20%), present general manager, and eight
business and professional men from Bowling Green, none of whom has any broadcast interests. Wbko is ABC affiliate on channel 13 with 316 kw visual, 30.2 kw aural and antenna 740 feet above average terrain.

- Wraw(AM) Reading, Pa.: Sold by Rust Communications Group to Camelot Communications for $340,000 plus $10,000 noncompetition agreement. Seller, William F. Rust Jr., principal, also owns wham(AM)-wbfm(FM) Rochester and wfly(AM) Troy, both New York; wabe(AM)-wknk(FM) Allentown and wnow(AM)-wqxa(FM) York, both Pennsylvania; wklx(AM) Portsmouth and wrlx(AM)-wrlx(FM) Richmond, both Virginia, and has 34.5% interest in Buxa Vista, Va., cable system. Principals in buyer are brothers, Jeffrey and Stephen Levin, who are secretary and general manager, respectively, of Reading Coca-Cola Bottling Works. Wraw is on 1340 khz with 1 kw day, 250 kw night.

- Wbdf(AM)-wakm(FM) Bedford, Pa.: Sold by Inquirer Printing to Bedford Broadcasting for $265,000. Seller is owned by John H. Biddle and Hugo K. Frear. Mr. Biddle is officer and director of wcpa-AM-FM Clearfield, whun-AM-FM Huntingdon and wadad(AM)-wqmv(FM) Indiana, all Pennsylvania. Mr. Frear owns Bedford Gazette. Buyer is owned by Paul D. Imgrund who is sports director at the stations. Wbdf is 5 kw daytimer on 1310 khz. Wakm is on 100.9 mhz with 3 kw and antenna 205 feet above average terrain. Broker: Blackburn & Co.

- Wlfa(AM) Lafayette, Ga.: 60% of Radio Dixie sold by J.A. Gallimore to C.W. Gwyn for $260,000. Seller also owns wsnw(AM)-wbfm(FM) Seneca, S.C., and 51% of Seneca Journal & Tribune and Messenger. Buyer owns remaining 40% of licensee. Wlfa is 5 kw daytimer at 1590 khz.

Approved

The following transfers of station ownership were approved last week by the FCC:

- Wapa-TV San Juan, P.R.: Sold by Columbia Pictures International to Puerto Rican Broadcasting for $11 million. Seller, New York-based group owner, also owns wdde(AM) Birmingham, Ala., wvue(tv) New Orleans; wnnu-Tv Linden, N.J.; kcpp-am-FM Salt Lake City; wwa-am-FM Wheeling, W.Va., and wole-AM Agua Dulce, P.R. Buyer is owned by Dale Moore and John Price. Mr. Moore owns, through subsidiaries, ksei(AM) Pocatello and kmvt(tv) Twin Falls, both Idaho; ktvm(tv) Butte, kcap-am-FM Helena, kcpp-tw Kalispel and kqvo-am-TV Missoula, all Montana, and has bought, subject to FCC approval, kidl(AM) Boise, Idaho. Mr. Price is Utah builder and real estate developer. Wapa-TV is on channel 4 with 53.7 kw visual, 8.1 kw aural and antenna 2865 feet above average terrain.

- Kpel-am-fm Lafayette, La.: Sold by Radio Lafayette Inc. to Lafayette Broadcasting Inc. for $1,025,000. Seller is owned by First National Bank in Dallas as trustee under estate of Edward L. Francis. Principal in buyer is Ronald J. Gomez, present vice president and station manager. Kpel(AM) is on 1420 khz with 1 kw day, 500 kw night. Kpel-FM is on 99.9 mhz with 38 kw and antenna 165 feet above average terrain.


NATO finds welcome mat but lukewarm reception at FCC

Theater-owner group restates its plea for protection against pay cable, complains of Justice's injustice; commissioners indicate economic problems are industry’s concern

The National Association of Theatre Owners last week took advantage of the FCC's open invitation to anyone with something to discuss with the commission. NATO's concern, as it has been over the past several years, is pay cable and its possibly adverse impact on theaters. The commission's reaction seemed generally the same as it has been; it can't be concerned with the economic viability of theaters.

NATO's presentation was made by Martin Newman, chairman of NATO's pay-TV Committee, and Martin Firestone, the association's counsel. For the most part, the arguments were those advanced a week earlier at the House Communications Subcommittee hearing on cable television.

They also presented a study indicating that pay cable poses a real and present danger to theater owners. It indicates that pay TV will in time elbow theaters out of the way in the competition for motion-picture product. What's more, it shows that theaters exhibiting films already seen on pay cable in the market do not do as well as at the box office as theaters not facing that kind of competition.

The commissioners, particularly Chairman Richard E. Wiley and Glen O. Robinson, seemed unmoved; the commission was not responsible for the theaters' well being, they said. But Mr. Firestone sought to persuade them otherwise.

When the commission adjusts the relationship between pay cable and television in a way that affects competition by weakening a third industry—theaters—it has a public interest mandate to act, he said.

NATO contends that the commission's rules, in requiring pay cable to select gen-

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Sex, racial discrimination charges hit La. outlets

Informal objections filed against 29 stations by blacks, women

Twenty-nine stations in Louisiana are targets of discrimination complaints filed with the FCC.

The Louisiana state chapters of the National Organization for Women, the Southern Media Coalition and the National Welfare Rights Organization charge that eight TV and 21 radio stations are responsible “for a continuing pattern and practice of discrimination” against employees and applicants on the basis of sex, race and national origin.

The groups, in an informal objection, are asking the FCC to investigate their charges and to designate for hearing—and then deny—the license renewal applications of those stations found in violation of commission rules barring such discrimination.

The groups allege that the stations have unlawfully excluded women and minorities from the top four job categories, have segregated women and minorities into lower paying jobs, and have excluded blacks totally in employment or from upper middle and higher level positions.

An analysis by the groups of the total work force of the 29 stations shows that of 707 workers, 11% are minorities, although minorities make up 24% of the work force in the state, and 24% are women, although women constitute 33% of the state’s work force. White males constitute 69.2% of all employees and 83% of those holding positions in the top four categories.

The stations named in the informal objection are KBDS-AM-FM Alexandria; WHPB-TV, WRBT(TV), WAIL-AM-FM, WIBR(AM), WYAK-AM-FM and WLC5-AM-FM Baton Rouge; WIKC(AM) Gogalusa; KAJN(AM) Crowley; KDLA(AM), KEAZ(FM) DeRidder; KELJ(AM) Eunice; KJJE-AM-FM Jennings; KFLY-TV, KLNI-TV and KKKW(AM) Lafayette; KKOJ(AM) and KLWU(AM) Lake Charles; KNOE(AM) Monroe; WWVE(TV), WNQQ(AM), WSHO(AM) and WSMB(AM) New Orleans; KSLA-TV, KTBS-TV, KBCM(AM), KRMF-AM-FM and KWKH(AM) Shreveport; and KWWM-FM Winnfield.

The informal objection against the Louisiana stations is expected to be followed by others directed against stations elsewhere in the country. Kathy Bonk, NOW’s national Media Task Force Coordinator, said, “We are planning similar actions against Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan television and radio stations—all of which are up for license renewal in the next year.”

Media Briefs

This is a test. FCC has scheduled closed-circuit Emergency Broadcast System test for June 17. Stations participating are radio affiliates of ABC, CBS, NBC, Intermountain Network, Mutual Broadcasting System and National Public Radio and clients of UPJ Audio. Stations will be told of test procedure four days before.

Music to their ears. American Federation of Musicians membership has approved two-year contract with TV networks and producers of TV programs. Agreement calls for increase in rates and improvement in fringe benefits, retroactive to May 10. Rates have been increased by $80.50 for half-hour variety show to $86.50 and $90 in 1977. Reloading rates jump to $23.25 per hour from $21 and climb to $25 in May 1977.

WNEW-TV scholarships. Eight full-tuition scholarships will be sponsored by WNEW-TV New York for undergraduate members of minority groups or women, at St. John’s University, Jamaica, N.Y. Two recipients each year over the next four years will be selected by joint committee from St. John’s admission office and WNEW-TV executives.

Trafficking charged. Citizens Committee to Save WEFM is opposing $1 million sale of Chicago FM from Zenith Radio to GCC Communications and resulting format change from classical to rock (Broadcasting, April 12). Group has asked FCC to reopen hearing so it can present evidence that GCC is “trafficking” in licenses. Citizens quotes GCC’s 1975 annual report concerning its broadcasting properties (including WEFM) as stating, “It is the intention of management of sell these investments...” Citizens claims GCC did not tell FCC of this decision to sell and said GCC was “deliberately concealing its intention [to buy WEFM] for the purpose of selling, rather than operating the station.”

CPB training grant. First in series of women’s training grants have been awarded by Corporation for Public Broadcasting to 14 public radio and television stations. Grants are part of newly established Women’s Training Grant Program, which will hold another round this September.

Justice answers. Justice Department defended its right to oppose FCC in court on commission’s crossownership rules. National Association of Broadcasters had urged U.S. Court of Appeals to remove
Justice from case saying law prohibited it from taking different position from commission's (Broadcasting, May 17). "There can be little doubt" that applicable statute "contemplates United States/commission conflict in the appellate courts," department said in its response.

Little goes long way. Rust Craft's broadcasting properties, contributing only 21% of company's net sales and revenues, provided 87% of total income reported for year ending Feb. 29, 1976. Rust Craft operates six TV stations and 11 radio stations along with its greeting card and allied products division. Net sales and revenues for 1976 were $82.9 million and net income was $2.8 million. That represents .9% and 19% increase respectively over year-end results for 1975. Fully diluted earnings per share remained at $.40 for both 1975 and 1976. Broadcasting's 87% contributed largest chunk to company's net income since 1974, compared to 82% in 1975 and 69% in 1974.

Negotiating. Officials at American Federation of Televison and Radio Artists (AFTRA) and of WETA-TV Washington, WQED(TV) Pittsburgh, KOED(TV) San Francisco, WGBH-TV Boston and KCET(TV) Los Angeles were in negotiations for contract covering public TV stations. AFTRA has no national agreement covering public stations, and unions and stations have been living under contract covering national production with WNET(TV) New York. That pact expired several months ago. Other public TV stations have been asked to participate in discussions. AFTRA also reported it has filed petition with National Labor Relations Board for representation of on-air personnel in informational programming division of National Public Radio.

Facilities funds to Ford. Bill authorizing $30 million in fiscal 1977 for improvement and construction of educational broadcasting facilities cleared House last week and was sent to President Ford for his signature. Bill, H.R. 9630, also authorizes $1 million for demonstrations in telecommunication technologies for distributing health, educational and social service information. Money is significantly higher than $7 million per year for next five years that administration recommended for educational broadcasting facilities.

Still some left. Peter S. Starr, head of Starr Broadcasting, says company is putting KABL(AM) Oakland, Calif.-KABL-FM San Francisco up for sale. Broadcast company, he continues, needs cash to "pay off a big debt load" and is asking $10 million. Starr paid $10.5 million for stations three and a half years ago. Group says it has no prospective buyers. FCC recently granted sale of Starr's WNNC(FM) New York for GAF Broadcasting for $2.2 million (Broadcasting, May 10) after three years of ownership. Remaining holdings include: KXLR(AM) North Little Rock, Ark.; KHOV(TV) Hilo and KITV-H Honolulu, both Hawaii; KDDLM(AM) Fairway-KDUL-FM Kansas City, both Kansas; WTVQ-TV Lexington, Ky.; WBOB-FM New Orleans.

No appeal. United Broadscast renewal of its license for Washington last year for false and broadcasting lottery info (Broadcasting, Sept. 15, 1975), another round with FCC. Commission turned down United's request for relief and rehearing of case. FCC said no new specific information presented by United there was no arguing "matters previously cons. and resolved." Out to suburbs. Mutual Broadscast System has completed first phase of $1 million to larger accommodation in Arlington, Va. Administrative has been relocated with broadcast studio to move in August. MBS moved headquarters to Washington in 1972, new address and telephone number: 11 South Jefferson, Davis Highway 22202; (703) 885-2000.

One moves, one stays. Code Authority of National Association of Broadcasters will move headquarters, effective June 14, to 477 Madison Avenue, New York 10022. New telephone: (212) 759-7020. New York office of NAB research remains at 483 Madison Avenue, (212) 688-6285.

Honored. Hanna Broadcast Center, comprising new transmitter and related facilities for Ithaca (N.Y.) College's WCB(FM), has been named in honor of Michael R. and Lola Hanna, major donors to project. Now one of school's trustees, Mr. Hanna has been associated with radio operation since 1940.

For children only. First CBS scholarship awards for children of employees have been announced, 27 in all—24 for college and three for vocational or technical school—with grants ranging from $500 to $2,000 annually. Amount originally appropriated fund was increased 25%, "because of the large number and high quality of applicants." Recipients were selected on competitive basis from among 225 qualified applicants, determined by committees of Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., and amount of each award was based upon applicants' financial need.

Davis pleads guilty to tax evasion

It's part of plea bargain; he'll likely receive suspended sentence; CBS suit, however, is still pending

Clive Davis's legal problems—a legacy of the payola-ridden early seventies—continued to make news.

On May 24, Mr. Davis, who was president of the CBS/Records Group from
Broadcast Advertising

Spot-TV rates seen catching up with others now, decelerating later

They still trail other media, though recovering from 1970-75, Westinghouse advises clients

Spot television prices have lagged behind those of other elements of the economy and, in addition, have started their current upturn from a "depressed" condition, Stephen D. Seymour, Westinghouse Broadcasting's vice president for corporate sales and president of its Television Advertising Representatives, told clients last week.

He gave his views to allay "concern" he said some agencies and clients had recently expressed over spot TV costs because of the tight inventory currently existing in television.

"If spot television had followed the inflationary pattern existing elsewhere," he said in a letter to clients, "its prices would be well above the current level."

Mr. Seymour said he couldn't envision the cost of spot TV returning to the depressed levels that prevailed in the 1970-75 period, "or even remaining constant." But he did expect the present rate of increase to continue, and said he expected 1977 increases "will more closely reflect the inflationary pressures."

He noted that he had forecast the current tight inventory in a letter last August pointing out that an upward in the general economy, Olympics coverage, Bicentennial programming and political advertising would have a strong impact on availability.

But to put spot rates "in their proper perspective," he said that between 1968 and 1976 the national consumer price index rose 61.4%, a minute on the Tonight show increased 86.4% a black-and-white page in Time, 55%; a page in the New York Times, 106%, and a Super Bowl minute, 397%. By comparison with these increases, he said, a minute in the local early evening news on the five Westinghouse TV stations combined had increased 28.2%.

Between 1970 and 1975, he said, TV station advertising was depressed by a number of factors including the loss of cigarette advertising, the emergence of 30 seconds as the standard length for network commercials, the prime-time access rule's creation of additional station inventory and a generally downward economy through mid-1975.

"These conditions," Mr. Seymour wrote, "created an imbalance with the supply outstripping the demand for spot television availabilities. As a result, 18 months ago spot prices were considerably below those of 1968 as well as those prevailing today. In fact, the cost of spot television regressed between 1968 and 1974, countering the inflationary trend."

"The five 60-second announcements in the five Group W early news shows could have been purchased for $3,390, 34% less than 1968. Agreed the 1973 price is half what it is today, but only 28% above 1968.

The sales increases of the recent past have been a product of stations selling more time, not a function of rate increases."

However, he continued, the supply-demand relationship has been altered by other recent developments, including a reduction in station inventory through network expansions into station time, growing acceptance and heavier use of TV by advertisers and an upsurge in new-product introductions and increased use of TV for corporate advertising.

"In addition," he said, "local station costs (e.g., equipment, labor, etc.) have risen significantly in recent years because of the inflationary spiral, forcing stations to demand higher rates for their product."

Although he anticipated a slowdown in spot TV's rate of increase, he said the basic question "is not whether television has become too expensive but rather: Does television produce economic results? Does it do the job? Spot television remains one of the least expensive and most effective media for targeting in on a mass audience. Although costs have increased significantly during the past 18 months, spot has—in reality—only been catching up.

"For [clients'] planning purposes," he added, "we feel modest increases in your 1976 actual spot expenditures should be adequate in executing your 1977 spot plans."

Owens-Corning bows to FTC over ads for home insulation

Consent order will keep firm from making cost-saving claims, require substantiation in future

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted a consent agreement from Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., prohibiting the Toledo-based firm from making false and unsubstantiated claims about its home insulation products. At issue were television spots handled by Ogilvy & Mather, New York, which promised money and energy savings.

In its complaint, the FTC cited two versions of the basic advertisement in question. One aired in Birmingham, Ala., said: "Insulate your attic yourself with Fiberglass six inches thick. You'll save $175 a year on air conditioning and heating."


Owens-Corning "did not possess or rely upon a reasonable basis for making these representations," the FTC said. It added
that the savings also were based on abnormal conditions.

Owens-Corning has agreed to stop making the claims in question, to substantiate future advertisements and to maintain the substantiating information for three years.

NBC study disclaims link between drug ads, illicit drug use

Report of three-year study of teen-age viewing and drug habits is being widely circulated now

NBC is undertaking a massive distribution of its long-term study rejecting the theory that exposure to drug advertising on TV somehow causes young people to use illicit drugs (Broadcasting, Dec. 15, 1975).

Some 18,000 copies of the report are being sent to government officials, civic organizations and other opinion leaders, including NBC-TV affiliates, to help counter the widely held but unproved and for the most part untested theory on which some critics have based calls for restrictions if not an outright ban on drug advertising on TV.

Results of the study, conducted over a three-year period among the same lower-income and middle-income teen-age boys in two medium-sized cities, were made public in limited detail last December, and the report itself was subsequently published in the winter issue of The Public Opinion Quarterly, where it occupied 25 pages.

But the report is highly technical as well as lengthy, and with it NBC is distributing a summary of major highlights in layman's language. In a covering note, William S. Rubens, vice president, research and corporate planning, calls attention to both the summary and "the carefully documented full report."

"The data— in the first scientific study of the matter—clearly refute the speculation that television advertising of over-the-counter medications leads to the use of illicit drugs," Mr. Rubens asserts.

"In fact, the study shows that teen-agers who are exposed to more TV drug advertising are less likely to use illicit drugs. Two unpublished studies, cited in the report, by researchers outside the industry, show similar findings."

One of the unpublished studies is described in the report as having been made by Professor James Hubbert of the Columbia University School of Business Administration, the other by Dr. Denise Kandel of the Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine. NBC's summary said "both studies showed similar results: the greater the viewing of television, the less the use of illicit drugs."

Of its own findings, the summary reported:

"Use of illicit drugs by boys in the study increased over the course of the study as the boys grew older. The proportion of boys ever having used marijuana increased from under 10% in May 1970 to over 50% in May 1973. Use of other drugs, such as heroin or cocaine, amphetamines and LSD, also increased over time, although the percentage of users of these hard drugs remained relatively small."

"The key finding of the study shows that the greater the exposure to TV drug advertising, the less the use of illicit drugs—marijuana and other illicit drugs. This finding is contrary to unsubstantiated charges that greater exposure to TV drug advertising leads to more use of illicit drugs."

"Because this is such an important finding, every effort was made to corroborate this result with research done by others. Two other relevant but as yet unpublished studies were found [by Professor Hubbert and Dr. Kandel, reaching similar results]."

"In addition to examining the direct connection between exposure to TV drug advertising and illicit drug use, possible indirect connections were also examined: that is, whether exposure to TV drug advertising leads to some condition which in turn leads to illicit drug use."

"One of the indirect measures examined was whether TV drug advertising led to proprietary drug use which in turn led to illicit drug use. There was a slight tendency for those boys who saw more TV drug advertising to use more proprietary drugs. (This does not necessarily mean that TV drug advertising is causing use of proprietary drugs by teen-agers, who are not the group primarily addressed by the advertising; other factors may be responsible for both greater exposure to TV drug advertising and greater use of proprietary drugs.)"

"However, the second link in this indirect path does not exist: Use of proprietary drugs does not lead to use of illicit drugs."

Thus, a pattern of influence from TV advertising to illicit drug use via use of proprietaries can be ruled out.

"The other indirect mechanism examined was whether exposure to TV drug advertising promotes illicit drug use by fostering an attitude of 'readiness' to take proprietary drugs. The data indicated that those who are more 'ready' to take proprietary drugs are more likely to use both proprietary and illicit drugs. However, TV drug advertising and the 'pill popping' attitude are not related. This finding does not support the claim that exposure to TV drug advertising promotes illicit drug use by fostering an acceptance of 'pill popping.'"

"The over-all conclusion of the study is that exposure to TV drug advertising neither directly nor indirectly leads young people to use illicit drugs."

NBC said that over the three-year fieldwork period, 1970-73, information was obtained five different times from the same boys and that additional information was obtained from their friends, schools and parents.

"As part of the basic study," the summary continued, "information was obtained about how often the boys viewed each of many TV programs, and this enabled us to calculate a measure of exposure to TV advertising by each boy. Special analysis of this measure indicated that it was indeed a valid measure of actual exposure to TV drug advertising."

"Measures of other aspects of the problem were also devised: These included the amount of illicit and proprietary drug use, knowledge of the effects of proprietary drugs, acceptance of 'pill popping' and several others."

The formal report was by NBC's J. Ronald Milavsky, director of social research; Berton Pekowsky, manager of social research, and Horst Stipp, senior research analyst.

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Forward March. Network TV billings in March reached $246.1 million, up 16.3% from March 1975 levels, according to estimates by Broadcast Advertiser's Report being released today (June 7) by the Television Bureau of Advertising. The March figures brought the network total for the first three months of 1976 to $703.1 million, a gain of 17% from the year-ago total.

The largest March gain was in weekday daytime, up 30.7% to $60.1 million. Nighttime gained 14.5% to $160 million, and weekend daytime remained virtually unchanged, up 0.4%, despite two fewer March weekend days this year. For the quarter, weekday daytime was up 37.5%, weekend daytime was up 17.9% and nighttime was up 13.4% (see table).

In the three-month figures, CBS-TV was first with $244.3 million, NBC-TV second with $238.1 million, and ABC-TV third with $220.7 million.

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Note: Figures are in millions.
Where and how to introduce products, plans

DFS lists 51 markets and methods of media use in test programs

Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, New York, has issued "A Guide to Test Market Media Planning and Market Selection" to assist advertisers in introducing new products or in devising new plans for going brands.

To set up these studies: There should be a minimum of two markets for a test in addition to a control area; a test should be run for at least six months; the test area should total at least 3% of the total U.S.; markets should be distributed geographically and, for a going brand to test a new weight plan, a minimum of a 50% increase or decrease should be tested.

DFS's recommended test markets total 51. They are Albany-Schenectady-Troy, N.Y.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Amarillo, Tex.; Atlanta; Austin, Tex.; Beaumont-Port Arthur, Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Cedar Rapids; Des Moines, Iowa; Charleston-Huntington, W.Va.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Colorado Springs; Columbus, Ohio; Corpus Christi, Tex.; Davenport, Iowa-Rock Island-Moline, Ill.; Dayton, Ohio; Denver; Des Moines, Iowa; El Paso, Tex.; Fargo, N.D.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo, Mich.; Greensboro-Winston-Salem, N.C.; Indianapolis; Jacksonville, Fla. Also Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky.; Lubbock, Tex.; Milwaukee; Mobile, Ala.; Pensacola, Fla.; Nashville; New Orleans; Oklahoma City; Omaha, Neb.; Orlando-Daytona Beach, Fl.; Peoria, Ill.; Phoenix; Portland, Ore.; Richmond, Va.; Rochester, N.Y.; Rockford, Ill.; Sacramento-Stockton, Calif.; Salt Lake City; San Antonio, Tex.; San Diego; Seattle-Tacoma; Syracuse-Elmira, N.Y.; Tucson, Ariz.; Tulsa, Okla.; Wichita-Hutchinson, Kan.

Some of the DFS criteria for best-market selection: the availability of three to five TV stations with no single one dominant; availability of at least four radio stations, a daily and Sunday paper, a supplement and test-market editions of magazines, DFS also decreed that for TV there should be a minimum of 40% or 80% of listening to home-market stations and a minimum of 50% of listening to home-market radio outlets.

The guide includes a detailed description of each of the 51 test markets providing special characteristics; major businesses and industry; major retail outlets; test market usage from 1972 to 1975 and a listing of the media available.

Collaborating on the preparation of the guide were Ira Weinblatt, vice president and associate media director, and Martin Friedman, editor of the DFS New Product News. It will be circulated generally this week. Agency management and clients will receive it free of charge. Others will be charged $250.

The Ones: 'Time' spots

Eight TV and two radio commercials and campaigns have been honored with first-prize gold medals in The Annual One Show sponsored by the Art Directors Club and the Copy Club of New York.

Winners were chosen on the basis of creative excellence. One team was cited for first-place awards in both the single radio commercial and the commercial radio campaign categories. These commercials were produced for Time magazine, with Dick & Bert Inc., New York, serving as production house and Young & Rubicam International, New York, as agency.


ANA-RAB's one-day radio-sales school

New York seminar at end of month features success stories, how-to's, advice on research and retailers

Close to 1,000 advertiser and agency executives, commercial producers, broadcasters and researchers are expected to be on hand for this year's all-day radio workshop sponsored by the Association of National Advertisers and the Radio Advertising Bureau. The annual event is scheduled June 29 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

The agenda is strong on radio advertising success stories, how-to advice from experienced radio users, tips on research available to sharpen radio's effectiveness as a marketing tool, new looks at creativity in radio commercials and panels on radio in retailing, creativity and media planning. The attendance goal of 1,000 was exceeded last year by about 100.

A.G. Atwater Jr. of Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., chairman of the ANA radio committee, will open the sessions at 9 a.m., followed by a report on "How Young & Rubicam Uses Radio as a Mainstream Medium," by Alex S. Kroll, executive vice president and managing director of Y&R, USA, and Joseph W. Ostrow, senior vice president and director of communications services.

Warren Rucker, advertising director of Continental Air Lines, will tell how radio's selectivity, reach/frequency and copy flexibility helped carry his company to the highest revenue gains of any U.S. air line, and Bruce Sutherland, vice president and management supervisor of Campbell-Mithun, will report on the use of local radio personalities to introduce, build awareness and increase sales for three new General Mills package brands.

A. Spencer Bruno of Spencer Bruno Research, Princeton, N.J., will offer do's and don'ts for commercial producers, drawn from analyses based on his technique for pretesting radio commercials. Sales results obtained for Borden's Kava coffee when it turned to radio after four years of TV will be presented by James Barten, marketing director of Borden's beverage products, and Don Bratuda, executive vice president of Campbell-Ewald. Midas International's success in using car radio to sell car mufflers will be recounted by Gerald R. Kerr, advertising director.

Marketing and other material available through special analyses drawn from the data bank of the $400,000 multi-media All Radio Marketing Study (ARMS II) will be outlined by RAB's President Miles Davis and Executive Vice President Robert H. Alter. Howard Cohen, chairman of the Cohen-Pasqualina, Timberman agency, will round out the morning program with a look at radio creativity.

Bert Berdis and Dick Orkin, the voices behind Time magazine's current radio campaigns, will examine the use of humor in selling serious products as principal speakers at the workshop luncheon. Afternoon sessions will be devoted to three concurrent panels: radio in retailing, creative trends and the ARMS II data bank as source for custom-tailored planning material for marketing/research executives.
"The changes in SPACE: 1999 Year 2 are unbelievably great! It's a different, much improved show!"

- Pep Cooney, General Manager
  KRON-TV, San Francisco

"Once I saw it, I renewed. You have performed miracles! It's breathtaking. Everyone will love it!"

- Clark Davis, Vice President
  WTVQ-TV, Lexington, Ky.

"You have fulfilled all of your promises to deliver a more exciting product. Without qualification, it is an immense improvement. All the elements lacking in Year One have been remedied!"

- Chuck Gingold, Dir. of Programming
  KATU, Portland, Ore.
"Barbara Bain is terrific in new interpretation! SPACE: 1999 Year Two is one of the finest productions I've ever seen. Barbara Bain is terrific in her new interpretation of Helena. I think the show now moves twice as fast. Every scene is packed with action."

—Lionel Schaen, V.P. & General Mgr. KHJ-TV, Los Angeles

"Much better than first season! The new characters work well. Much better than the first season. A lot of care and a lot of dollars have been put into the second season. SPACE: 1999 will be with us for a long time."

—Gordon Bussey, Sales Mgr. KVAL-TV, Eugene, Ore.

"Catherine Schell new 'Wonder Woman' of sci-fi! There is much more action and better pacing in Year Two. Catherine Schell and Tony Anholt are tremendous assets. You have a new 'wonder woman' of sci-fi in Catherine Schell."

—Jack Jacobson, VP, Mgr. Programming WGN-TV, Chicago

"Greater sci-fi stories! New characters and greater sci-fi stories highlight Year Two. It has all the ingredients of a big winner."

—Bill Franks, Program Dir. WVTW, Milwaukee

"Fred Freiberger very impressive! There is greater emotional impact in SPACE: 1999 Year Two. Fred Freiberger, who was very successful with Star Trek, is very impressive as new producer."

—Julian Smith, General Mgr. WBFF-TV, Baltimore

"Weaknesses in scripting and characterizations have been completely corrected! The improvements you promised for Year Two have been delivered. It is a much, much better program. The weaknesses in the scripting and characterizations have been completely corrected. We were very successful with Year One. Based on the improvements, the second year should be more successful."

—Irwin Starr, Program Mgr. WMAL-TV, Washington, D.C.

"Super! Extremely improved! The first season performed well in Providence, and was very strong among viewers 18-49. Now it's extremely improved. It's super!"

—Gary Dreispul, Program Dir. WJAR-TV, Providence, R.I.

"New characters, very exciting! Superb production values, fast-paced storylines, and strong new characters, will make a very exciting and successful second year."

—Tom Rose, Program Dir. WTHA, Indianapolis

"Will appeal to broader audiences! Actors show much more emotion. It will definitely appeal to much broader audiences."

—Don Hess, Program Mgr. WDSU-TV, New Orleans

"Catherine Schell a big plus! You have enhanced the production qualities and made it more action oriented. Catherine Schell is a big plus."

—Jim Edwards, Program Dir. WJAC-TV, Johnstown, Pa.

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—Tom Shelburne, President WNEP-TV, Wilkes-Barre

"A winning entry for 1976—77! The series contains new elements that will make it a winning entry for the 1976-77 season."

—Jon Ruby, General Mgr. KVOA-TV, Tucson

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—Art Dorfner, President WWHO-TV, Toledo

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—Art Dorfner, President WWHO-TV, Toledo

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GMA uses Va. ruling in petition against food ad strictures

Hearings on FTC proposal set in five cities

Now that the Supreme Court has shot down the state of Virginia’s ban on prescription drug advertising, the Grocery Manufacturers of America (GMA) is employing the high court’s decision in its fight against proposed food advertising rules.

The Washington-based trade association, just four days after the Supreme Court ruling last month (BROADCASTING, May 31), called upon the Federal Trade Commission “to reassess its proposed rule in light of today’s controlling First Amendment protections of such commercial expression as food advertising.” In its decision, the court, for the first time, held that “purely commercial speech” held some claim to First Amendment protection.

The FTC rule, which has bred controversy since its proposal in 1974, would affect information and claims in food advertising; a staff proposal would also require a partial nutrient profile (BROADCASTING, Nov. 11, 1974 et seq.). In comments filed at the FTC, the proposal generally has met with approval by consumers but the disdain of broadcasters, advertising agencies and manufacturers.

According to the GMA, “there are certain provisions in all ‘phases’ of the proposed rule which, on their faces, appear to violate the Supreme Court’s ruling that the government may not ‘suppress the dissemination of concededly truthful information.’” For example, the GMA said, the proposal would “suppress the use of” such “potentially truthful terms as nourishing or wholesome” or “natural, organic and health food.” In addition, it said that certain aspects of “affirmative disclosure would halt all food advertising that did not include a commission-required message.” The GMA claimed that the FTC now must limit itself to the regulation of “false, misleading or deceptive advertising.”

Public hearings on the trade regulation are to begin July 21 in San Francisco and continue in Chicago (Sept. 13), Dallas (Oct. 12) and Washington (Nov. 15). Hearings were to begin today (June 7) in Washington but were postponed to allow more preparation time and since hearings in Washington are expected to last longer.

N.Y. may disallow ad costs in utilities’ rate-making

New York TV and radio stations are lined up solidly against a state bill that would exclude the cost of public utility advertising from expenses allowed for rate-making purposes.

The state assembly passed such a bill two weeks ago and a state Senate version of it awaits action. The New York State Broadcasters Association, which represents more than 25 television stations and more than 100 radio stations, has been trying to persuade legislators that institutional or corporate advertising strengthens the local utilities and enables them to better serve the public. The rationale for the proposed legislation is that it would tend to maintain reasonable and low-cost service to the public.

The association’s position is that if utilities are not permitted to show advertising as an expense when they seek rate increases, they will be discouraged from advertising. A spokesman said a similar legislation is cropping up in other parts of the country.

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Blair TV expands. Blair Television has opened new office in Minneapolis area at Suite 1438, Midwest Plaza Building-West, 801 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis 55402. Telephone is (612) 339-8894. Mark Robbins, account executive with Blair’s NBC Chicago sales unit, has been named manager of new office.

H-R Television growing. H-R Television has opened three more offices, raising its total to 15. Additions are: 5821 Park Road, Suite 116, Charlotte, N.C. 28209, (704) 366-7124, Sam Fuller, manager; 1130 S.W. Morrison, Portland, Ore. 97205, (503) 226-2991, Richard Ohlman, manager; 1411 Fourth Avenue Building, Seattle, 98101, (206) 624-4191, Mick Tatcher, manager.

TVB down South. Television Bureau of Advertising will open its fourth regional office in July, this one in Atlanta at address to be announced, under direction of William A. Troubridge. Southeast territory specialist for TVB since 1973, has been named director of Southeast sales, Atlanta.

Two up, two down. National Advertising Division of Council of Better Business Bureaus resolved four challenges (out of total of 10) to TV advertising in April. Council backed advertisers for Haley’s MO laxative (Sterling Drug) and Hertz Rent-A-Car, discontinued were commercials for Miracle White Super Cleaner and Quaker Oats’ Cap’n Crunch cereal.

Label clarification. Sound Alike Music Corp., Los Angeles, has agreed to list actual performers or include statement: “This is not an original artist recording” in all radio and TV advertisements for its tape recordings. Federal Trade Commission accepted consent agreement from firm following FTC complaint that, “directly or by implication,” Sound Alike claimed tape products featured original artists. According to FTC, typical tape labels include “A Tribute to Ray Price,” “The Best of Tom Jones,” “A Salute to Chicago” and “Carpenters.”

Labunski, Mills advise NRBA sales seminar

Radio station operators have been urged by Stephen B. Labunski, executive vice president, Merv Griffin Group Radio, to pay more attention to nighttime radio. He reminded an audience at a sales seminar of the National Radio Broadcasters Association in New York that there are some convincing arguments for buying nighttime. Mr. Labunski emphasized that “people are generally doing what they want to, rather than what they must do, so they’re obviously more relaxed and in a more receptive frame of mind.” He said the composition of the audience is “ideal—everybody is potentially available.”

But he warned station executives they must extend some support to nighttime programming. Mr. Labunski said the typical music station uses the youngest disk jockey from 7 p.m. to midnight, pays him the lowest wages, provides him with scant support in news and leaves him unintended. He urged that this period of the day get its fair share of the station’s resources.

Kenneth A. Mills, director of creative services of The Katz Agency, New York, called on stations to work more closely with their station representatives. He said the representative’s effectiveness depends on how well he knows the stations and markets under his wing.

He cautioned his audience not to provide material obtainable from such standard sources as government documents, industry publications or rating reports, and added, “What we do need is data that only the station can give us: dramatic developments in your market and information about your sound, your personalities, your news and your promotion that will allow our sales persons to tell your station’s story more effectively.”

Must log: ‘sister’ promos

Promotional announcements for commonly owned or “sister” stations must now be logged as commercials. The rule change by the FCC was one of two logging requirements the commission proposed last year (BROADCASTING, Dec. 1 and 8, 1973).

Most of the comments received, the FCC said, were not opposed to the change and many licensees said they were already logging such announcements as commercials. The reason for the change, the commission said, was to promote “full competition” and take away from multiple owners “substantial benefit and advantage... that is not available to the licensee of a single station.” Educational stations are exempted from the rule.

The other proposal, that self-promotions by stations also be logged as commercials, met with strenuous objections from broadcasters and was turned down by the commission.
Pay-cable fever strikes Canada

Government's go-slow policy shows sudden signs of shift; boon to domestic production cited

Momentum for introducing pay television in Canada is building, and clear evidence of that could be found in Toronto last week during the Canadian Cable Television Association's annual four-day convention.

A shift in government policy, which has held the introduction of pay cable to be "premature," was forecast in a speech by Communications Minister Jeanne Sauve last Wednesday (June 2). Mrs. Sauve said the introduction of pay TV on a large scale was "inevitable," and she suggested the formation of either a public or private pay-TV network to provide national programing.

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission had opted to hold back on pay television in its policy statement issued last winter (Broadcasting, Jan. 5), chiefly out of concern that pay TV would bring on an onslaught of foreign (mostly U.S.) programing material to compete with the underdeveloped Canadian TV and movie production industry.

Since that time, pressure has continued to come from Canadian cable interests for the introduction of pay television. Adding steam to their efforts was the establishment of pay television last month by a master antenna operator serving a Toronto apartment complex ("Closed Circuit," May 10).

Mrs. Sauve outlined no precise plan for how pay TV should be implemented, but she did ask the CRTC to reopen its study and cable operators and broadcasters to update their comments filed with the commission last summer. She invited suggestions for the proper "structural development" of pay TV in Canada.

Any structure for pay TV, she said, must foster a greater range of programing, avoid duplication of what is now being broadcast and refrain from siphoning programing from existing broadcast operations. It must also foster production of Canadian programming for domestic and international sale, she added.

Although Mrs. Sauve characterized her analysis of the pay TV situation as "incomplete," she favored a concept not too different from a proposal issued in the CRTC's "pay TV" original position paper (Broadcasting, June 16, 1975). Accordingly, Mrs. Sauve said cable would be best for delivery of pay TV, but programing responsibilities should lie elsewhere. She favored the establishment of a nationwide pay-TV network to be operated by the public, as a private enterprise or as a mixture of both. It would be operated independently of existing cable operators or broadcasters, she suggested. (Canadian cable operators had opposed such a division in their response to the CRTC's position paper.)

The great advantage in the development of pay television in Canada, said Mrs. Sauve, is its ability to provide financial support to the country's lagging program production industry. Based on a 35% pay penetration among Canada's 2.7-million CATV subscribers and a typical $8 monthly pay charge, she estimated $13.5 million would be put back into Canadian production annually, given an automatic allocation of 15% of a cable system's gross pay-subscriber revenues.

While cable would appear the best means to deliver pay television, Mrs. Sauve pointed out that broadcasters might carry pay programs in noncable rural areas.

Harry Boyle, CRTC chairman, another speaker at the convention, urged cable operators "not to underestimate the minister's remarks." The introduction of pay television is "an important and serious first step toward the repossession of Canadian broadcasting," he said.

The interest in pay television at the Toronto convention was also apparent from the speakers' roster. Key pay-cable figures from the U.S included Gerald Levin, Home Box Office Inc.; Alan Greenstadt, Optical Systems Inc.; Robert Weisberg, Teleman Program Services, and Russell Karp, Teleprompter Corp. (see box below).

Another Philadelphia franchisee backs out

Commonwealth Cable TV Co., a subsidiary of Triangle Publications, Radnor, Pa., last week relinquished its franchise to construct and operate a cable television system in Philadelphia and turned it over to the city. The firm had not initiated construction.

Commonwealth Cable was one of six groups granted 10-year franchises in 1966 up for renewal in December, and the subject of dispute by local citizens groups. (Other Philadelphia franchise holders include the Philadelphia Bulletin, Comcast Corp., Telesystems and Mid-New York Teleman, the sixth, has already turned back its franchise to the city.)

Citizens for Cable Awareness in Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Community Cable Coalition have alleged in complaints to the FCC that the city's franchise ownerships have been illegally transferred. Lois Brown, chairperson of PCCC, contends that Communications Properties Inc. (parent of Telesystems) has designs to take over all the cable franchises for Philadelphia.

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Score one. New York state senate voted 46-9 to repeal cable TV sales tax that went into effect this month (Broadcasting, May 24). Similar bill is pending in state Assembly at committee level.

Warner pay. Warner Cable Corp.'s system at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., began providing Star Channel pay service June 1. Advance sign-up for service amounted to 25% of system's 4,800 subscribers. Pay service initiated at Warner's Hampton, Va., system in April netted over 3,000 subscribers out of 12,000.

Boogie-woogie pay. Home Box Office, pay cable network, will present two-and-one-half hour taped performance June 19 and 21 by pop singer Bette Midler, as part of On Location series. Performance, taped at Cleveland Municipal Auditorium during Mr. Midler's recent 20-city tour, will be presented unedited.
Network talk of expanded news worries NAITPD

Producer-syndicator association asks FCC to make sure that access time isn’t disrupted

The increasing speculation that the television networks will expand their nightly news programs into access time—7:30 to 8 p.m.—is causing uneasiness among independent producers and syndicators who depend on that half hour for a large part of their sales. A measure of their uneasiness was revealed last week in a letter their counsel sent to FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley, asking that the commission “reaffirm” its intent to preserve the access rule—designed to reserve the second half hour of prime time for nonnetwork programming—against “further erosion.”

Executives at CBS and ABC have talked about increasing their half-hour news programs, either to 45 minutes or an hour. Precisely how this might be done has not been pinned down, but taking the additional time on to the end of the 7 p.m. programs has not been ruled out.

As a result, Katrina Renouf, counsel for the National Association of Independent Television Producers and Distributors, in her letter to Chairman Wiley, told the association “it is gravely concerned about the implications” of the reported network plans. “Such a programming change on a national basis would constitute a mortal blow to the entire prime-time access principle,” she wrote, adding: “The networks ought not to be encouraged to proceed along that line. A commission access waiver is a mere technicality if satisfied after they have formalized their plans to enlarge the network news by invading access time.”

Ms. Renouf said NAITPD “applauds commitments by stations and networks to serious coverage of the news.” But, she added, the exemption from the prime-time access rule that the commission has provided for network news at 7 p.m. “does not envision a revamping of program schedules throughout the country by network flat.”

She noted that there are “many other ways” the networks can expand their evening news programs within commission rules. The networks could run longer news programs in mid-evening, late evening, “or in the various time periods now programmed by the networks,” she said. Television news, she added, is not the “loss leader” it was once considered to be, so “economic considerations need not dictate scheduling plans.”

Accordingly, she said, NAITPD asks the commission to “reaffirm, in letters to the networks, firm intent” to preserve the rule as amended “against further erosion through general waivers.”

Bicentennial leader. Among NBC’s specials keyed to America’s Bicentennial celebration is “1776” (based on the Broadway production), a musical tracing events connected with the Declaration of Independence. The film premiere is June 29 (8-11 p.m.) under full sponsorship of Borden Inc. through Conshah & Lyon Inc.

NBC which claims to be presenting more hours of Bicentennial programming than the other two networks combined, is still building toward its “unprecedented day-long schedule” of televised events on July 4. By NBC’s count, the three-network totals for Bicentennial-oriented fare through March 31, 1976, are: NBC, 142 hours; CBS, 33 hours. 30 minutes; ABC, 24 hours. NBC’s leadership claim in that area is not challenged by the other networks, who declined to furnish their own Bicentennial tabulations.

L.: Howard de Silva (Benjamin Franklin); Ken Howard (Thomas Jefferson), and William Daniels (John Adams), all retaining their roles from the stage version.

Can TV do something about alcoholism?

That’s question senator is asking of TV producers and networks

Senator William Hathaway (D-Me.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics, met privately last week with a dozen Hollywood television producers to talk about what TV might contribute to the stemming of alcohol abuse.

The meeting, arranged with the help of Motion Picture Association of America President Jack Valenti, and another one like it to be held next month with network executives, are part of an effort by the senator to “raise the consciousness of alcohol depictions” in TV shows and to secure voluntary help from TV people, according to one of his aides. They stem from hearings his subcommittee held earlier this year on alcohol abuse (BROADCASTING, March 15).

No formal agreements emerged from last Tuesday’s meeting, held at the Beverly Hilton hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., but according to the aide, it was “amicable and productive.” He added: “We’re not trying to make the broadcast industry the scapegoat for the problems of alcoholism.”

The producers, he said, afford “a pretty potent pool” of talents for an attack on alcoholism.

Present at the meeting with Senator Hathaway were Dennis Stanfill of 20th Century-Fox Television; Frank Price and David Victor of Universal Television; Sterling Silliphant, independent screenwriter; John Mitchell of Columbia Pictures Television; Sidney Sheinberg of MCA TV; Bud Yorkin of Tandem Productions; Al Burton, representing Norman Lear, and Mr. Valenti.

The Hathaway aide said the senator will meet with the networks’ program-practice executives in the first week in July. He has no plans currently to meet with advertisers or agencies. For the moment he is focusing on programs rather than commercials.

Around the world with Paramount, ICM

Two firms announce joint operation to sell TV programs internationally

Paramount Television and International Creative Management last week announced the creation of a joint distribution venture.

The new entity will be called Paramount International Television Sales.

“We’ll basically be in business to syndicate television products worldwide,” said Alvin Schulman, president of Marvin Josephson Associates Inc., the parent company of ICM. As of now, that product comprises off-network reruns of hit Paramount series such as Star Trek, The Brady Brunch, The Untouchables and Mannix, and various packages of the more than 700 theatrical movies in the Paramount catalogue.

Sources at Paramount said the company expects to draw on the expertise of ICM in putting its finger on network and syndica-
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tion trends. ICM has developed this expertise, these sources said, in years of successful dealing with networks and syndicators for the services of its talent pool of actors, writers, directors, producers, etc.

A spokesman for ICM said it expects to increase the revenue of its various clients by giving them more lucrative distribution outlets for the movies and TV series they become involved in.

This spokesman added that the new joint venture will not become directly involved in film production and that it will be completely separated from the agency's dealings with major studios and independents for the employment of its clients.

But when it comes to future worldwide syndication rights to various movies and TV series made with or without ICM's clients, the spokesman said, the joint venture will aggressively seek to obtain those rights.

ABC's NCAA line-up

Nine of the 13 national and 28 regional National Collegiate Athletic Association football games to be broadcast by ABC-TV this year were announced during the ABC-TV affiliates convention in Los Angeles (BROADCASTING, May 31).

A 10th game, University of California at Los Angeles versus Arizona State on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. New York time, had been announced earlier. The others will be scheduled during the season. Those announced (all New York time):

Saturday, Oct. 9, Oklahoma-Texas at Dallas, 3:30 p.m. (national); Saturday, Nov. 13, Alabama at Notre Dame, 12:30 p.m. (national or regional); Saturday, Nov. 20, Michigan at Ohio State, 12:30 p.m. (national) and UCLA-University of Southern California, 4 p.m. (national); Friday, Nov. 26, Oklahoma at Nebraska, 2 p.m. (national) and Penn State at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m. (national); Saturday, Nov. 27, Army-Navy at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m. (national) and Notre Dame at USC, 4 p.m. (national); Saturday, Dec. 4, Arkansas at Texas, 9 p.m. (national).

Family viewing hearings are still on, says Van Deerlin

House Communications Subcommittee Chairman Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.) will follow through on his commitment to two of the subcommittee's junior members to have hearings on family viewing in their home districts. The chairman said last week the hearings, requested by Representatives Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Timoth Wirth (D-Colo.), will probably be in August or later.

Mr. Van Deerlin is personally not enthusiastic about the project. He told BROADCASTING shortly after he became chairman he would not be an "apostle" for involving Congress in the issue of violence on television. If hearings are to be held, however, he said he wants to insure that subcommittee members of both parties are represented. Because both Republicans on the subcommittee have other commitments, however, tentative hearing dates of July 7 and 8 in Los Angeles, July 9 in Denver, were scrapped.

A further difficulty in scheduling the

TIO tells true story on child viewing

The Television Information Office, attempting to correct misinformation published in the New York Times and picked up by an "authoritative medical journal", last week released Nielsen viewing-time figures.

TIO said criticism of television in the medical journal cited "Nielsen data that children view 54 hours a week," with a footnote naming the New York Times as the source. The Times article, according to TIO, actually quoted a nursery school teacher attributing the "statistic" to Nielsen. However, TIO said Nielsen data shows the most recent year-round average of viewing by children (age 2 to 11) at 24:07 hours per week. TIO added that, "Even in the heaviest viewing period, February, children spend on average only 30 and one quarter hours with television per week, considerably below the claimed 54 hours."

The year-round average hours of viewing per week by persons in the various dayparts is detailed in the Nielsen figures in the chart below:

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hearing in Los Angeles the past two months, Mr. Van Dyklin warned, "I expect the outcome there before undertaking hearings he thinks might otherwise influence the outcome.

**Rooney gets into fray over Olympic TV rights**

Representative Fred Rooney (D-Pa.) chairman of the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce, has written the International Olympic Committee to express concern over the manner in which TV rights were granted to ABC-TV for the 1980 winter Olympic games in Lake Placid, N.Y. (Broadcasting, March 15 et seq.)

Mr. Rooney pointed out Congress is considering giving financial assistance to the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee and is "extremely concerned" that every effort be made by the committee "to maximize revenues and thereby minimize anticipated losses resulting from these games."

Mr. Rooney said he has received data from both NBC and CBS in which they alleged they had not been given satisfactory opportunities to bid on the television rights. He added that NBC claims it has made a firm offer higher than ABC's. (ABC's bid was for a reported $10 million; at a later date, NBC offered $11.1 million.)

Mr. Rooney asked the IOC, which must approve the Lake Placid agreement, to give consideration to both CBS's and NBC's positions before acting.

Both CBS and NBC have sent representatives to Paris for meetings with the IOC finance commission. They outlined their plans for coverage of the 1980 winter games. They were advised in advance that although the IOC must approve any agreement, the original pact must be with the Lake Placid Committee.

**Talk for sale**

Radio stations are being offered a new program service called Talkradio which will provide up to 24 hours per day of discussion.

Robert S. Smith, former vice president and general manager of WOR-AM-FM-TV New York, has been named general manager of Talkradio, a service of Jefferson Communications, Washington. Jefferson was formed recently to acquire newspapers and television and radio stations and operate in the program syndication field.

Mr. Smith said he is now in the process of engaging talent and staff for the various segments that will make up Talkradio. He envisions segments of two, three or four hours led by a host and including participation by specialists in the different areas. The service is expected to be available by the fall.

Talkradio is making its headquarters at 221 West 57th Street, New York 10019. Telephone: (212) 247-3500.

**FBI admits meddling with scheduling of talk-show guests**

Bureau attempted to keep authors of Rosenberg book off the air, according to its own documents

The FBI tried to interfere with the scheduling of talk-show guests it felt would speak against the bureau, according to documents released by the agency in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

A 1965 memorandum by William C. Sullivan, assistant FBI director, told of his efforts to keep the authors of a book on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (convicted of giving U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union) from appearing on an unnamed Chicago talk show.

Mr. Sullivan asked a lawyer "to instruct" the show's host not to agree to Walter and Mariam Schneir's request to discuss their book since, Mr. Sullivan said, they wanted to "exonerate the Rosenbergs" and "attack and undermine the FBI in its investigations."

In addition, a letter was sent to all FBI field offices to alert agents that "attempts will be made to get the Schneirs on television programs throughout the country."

Mr. Schneir said he remembered being turned down for an appearance in Chicago on a show hosted by Sun Times columnist Irv Kupcinet, but he could not say if this was the show mentioned in Mr. Sullivan's memo. Mr. Kupcinet said he decided on his own not to do the show and that he hadn't spoke to the FBI about the Schneirs.

**Public defender**

"I sometimes get the idea that I'm the only person in this country who's pretty much satisfied with TV programming as it is. That is not to say I think everything on the tube is first-rate, but that, on balance, I feel TV does a good job of dispensing both information and entertainment. Quite frankly, I don't know why TV allows itself to be the whipping boy of the communications field. It strikes me that when you can sit home and see, in a given week, the likes of 60 Minutes, Nova, a baseball game, Masterpiece Theater, Monty Python, Police Story, half a dozen funny sitcoms, a Jacques Cousteau special, Love Among the Ruins, The Ascent of Man, NBC's Saturday Night Live, Columbo, Sesame Street, David Horowitz's Consumer Guidelines and "Casabianca" that TV can't be quite as dreadful as it's so often pictured.

To hear some people talk, you'd think TV has nothing to offer but Starsky and Hutch, Bowling for Dollars and reruns of My Little Margie. To be consistent, one might as well condemn movies because so many of them are excessively violent, books because so many are escapist fare or periodicals because such a large number are devoted to pornography, gossip or innuendo. It seems to me that if the best movie of the recent past is "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," the best book is "Ragtime" and the smash hit magazine is People, that TV is taking a lot of cheap shots from inhabitants of glass abodes. The tip-off, I think, is that so many of TV's critics are still borrowing their wit from old Fred Allen wisecracks. They thus fail to acknowledge that the over-all quality of TV has improved in the past quarter century since Pinky Lee, Milton Berle and the Super Swedish Angel ruled the roost.

TV is just the handiest of scapegoats. The chumps blame it for all of society's ills. They hold it responsible for the fact that their kids can't read, as otherwise they might actually have to hold themselves responsible. To hear the goofs talk, you'd think it was the coaxial cable, and not Christopher Columbus, that introduced social disease to the New World.

And, finally, if you listened to these saps, you'd get the cockeyed idea that before television brought the Vietnam war and S.W.A.T. into our living rooms, violence consisted of Oliver Hardy getting a dent in his derby. Makes you wonder what these folks think Genghis Khan, Attila the Hun, Adolf Hitler and Pontius Pilate might have made of themselves if only their folks had been able to afford Motorolas"—Critic Burt Prelutsky, in a column in the Los Angeles Times.
Broadcasting reaches new high in Toronto

CN tower at 1,815 feet, improves signals of five FM and five TV stations and causes some headaches for stations in nearby Buffalo

Five television stations and five FM's in Toronto last week began transmitting from the CN (Canadian National) tower, which is being acclaimed as the tallest self-supporting structure in the world.

Beginning last Monday (May 31), viewers and listeners on both sides of the border began enjoying the improved reception they had been promised. A 20-30% increase, depending on the station, had been anticipated, but according to Earl Beall, vice president and general manager of WKBW-TV, the Toronto signals have “basically doubled in strength.” Buffalo broadcasters have varying reactions—from relief to continued apprehension.

Built at a cost of $52 million, the CN tower rises 1,815 feet in the air, with the transmitting mast making up the top 335 feet. Hooked up to the tower are television stations CBLT, CBLT, CFTO-TV, CICA-TV and CITY-TV. The radio stations—which formed Master FM Antenna Ltd. in 1973 to explore ways to improve reception—are CBLO-FM, CKFM-FM, CHIN-FM, CHUM-FM and CHFI-FM.

Although “I had prepared myself for the worst,” Philip R. Beuth, WKBW-TV Buffalo vice president and general manager said it’s too early to know the effect of the stronger Canadian signals crossing the border. Topmost in Mr. Beuth’s mind, as with other Buffalo broadcasters, is the subject of pre-release—the policy of Canadian release of U.S. network programs prior to domestic telecast.

Mr. Beuth said he called ABC (with which his station is affiliated) last week to let them know that “we are no longer an exclusive franchise.” Although Buffalo stations had long been experiencing pre-release problems, the seriousness appears to have increased with the improved reception. Mr. Beuth worries about a Buffalo viewer watching the Six Million Man at 8 p.m. on Sundays when an acceptable Canadian signal brings it across the border an hour earlier. He also said that each network may end up competing against itself. As an example he said in the fall, ABC’s Happy Days and Lauraene and Shirley will be on WKBW-TV and ABC’s Bionic Woman on CFTO-TV from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays.

WGR-TV’s Mr. Beall feared that the increased Canadian strength can “potentially fragment our market.” However, he claimed, “we’re not apprehensive as long as we have free exchange.” What Mr. Beall finds “a little tough to live with” is a Canadian policy that cable systems delete commercials from U.S. stations they pick up and a proposed law denying Canadian advertisers a tax deduction for time bought on U.S. stations.

Bruce Kaplan, general sales manager at WBUF(FM), however, was optimistic. “Everybody’s breathing a sigh of relief . . . It [the tower] ain’t what’s it cracked up to be.” He said he had feared competition from CHUM-FM (which features a progressive, album-oriented format similar to his) but found that the station came in at “practically zero penetration in the city.” He did admit to better reception in the northern Buffalo suburbs, however.

John Hayes, WGRQ(FM) station manager, claimed, however, that both CHUM-FM and CBL-FM had greatly improved their reception.

Wes Armstrong, vice president of CHUM Ltd. claims that his station is getting better clarity but that “we don’t give a damn about crossing the border.” He explained that several Toronto broadcasters had boasted about cashing in on the Buffalo market but that their real motive was improvement north of the border. According to Mr. Armstrong, the five FM’s organized as Master FM Ltd. each will pay $75,000 during the next 10 years to transmit from the tower including an equipment investment and rent to CN.

The television stations made their arrangements with CN individually.

Presently the transmitter complex consists of five separate systems, four for television and one with a circularly polarized antenna capable of servicing 11 FM channels. The system has the potential to transmit eight television signals.

The tower will also have land mobile, microwave and point-to-point radio facilities. It opens to the public June 26 with the added attractions of observation towers and revolving restaurants.
British piggyback reading material on TV signals
Spare lines on scan, special encoder used in 'teletext' experiment

British television is experimenting with a new television service, popularly called "teletext," that offers viewers the option of supplanting regular programs with magazine-type information on their TV set screen. Both the British Broadcasting Corp. and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) have been providing the over-the-air service since last year under experimental authority granted by the government.

Essentially, the service allows viewers with special decoders to get visual news summaries, weather reports, gardening tips, and other digital or graphic data on home sets. The data is inserted in the vertical interval of a television picture transmission in the spare lines that make up the TV picture's 625-line standard. Viewers without special decoders watch the regularly transmitted program and cannot see the encoded data.

The magazine format enables a viewers to choose the pages or topics the person wants to read and then push buttons to allow only those pages to be accessed. A single page can be held on the TV screen for an indefinite period of time or be automatically changed after a predetermined reading time. Letters, numbers and simple graphics can appear in six colors plus white. The basic information on a page is transmitted as a series of coded electronic impulses and requires a special calculator type decoder for pick-up. News information is regularly updated by network editorial teams using computer system technology.

Both BBC's "Ceefax" (see facts) system and IBA's "Oracle" teletext system are under an experimental license that will expire later this year. British industry groups have formulated a standard for data broadcasting that enables decoders used with the Ceefax system to also be used for the Oracle system.

Manufacturers of the decoders appear to be wasting little time when the experimental authorizations terminate. As a result, there has been widespread consumer use of the new data broadcasting system. The decoders, presently manufactured in limited quantities, generally are too expensive for the average home TV watcher. Most demonstrations have taken place in public places along with business and institutional use. Nevertheless, some of Britain's leading TV set manufacturers have announced their intention of building more sets with the decoder option.

No such experiment in over-the-air TV data transmission to date has been authorized in the U.S. by the FCC. However, there is a rulemaking, initiated by the Public Broadcasting Service, that would permit coded use of line 21 on the TV screen for insertion of captioned information to help the hearing impaired (Broadcasting, May 17).

One individual, prominent in the broadcast electronics industry, suggested there is an inherent conflict of interest for commercial networks here to implement a similar teletext system. Advertisers would not want the viewer to punch out commercials and punch in news and feature material at will, he said.

Technical Briefs

Over there. Scientific-Atlanta has been awarded $700,000 contract by General Electric Space division for satellite ground station to be installed in Iran. Scheduled to be operational by early 1977, ground station will receive display data from both Landsat Earth Resources Satellite and NOAA Meteorological Satellites for scientific use.

TV transmitters. Acrodyne Industries, Montgomeryville, Pa., has developed new line of TV transmitters for both VHF and UHF operations. VHF models are offered in various powers from 100 w to 2.5 kw. UHF models are available in 10 kw and 1 kw. Depending on size, transmitters use either one or two tubes.

Tape heads. Beaucart division of UMC Electronics Co., North Haven, Conn., has introduced line of mono and stereo audio tape heads for use with all major broadcast cartridge tape machines. Tape heads meet all cart machine standards set by National Association of Broadcasters. Models with screw, pin, bracket or plug-in mountings are available.

Battle of 770 kHz moves to appeals court

As expected, the FCC was premature in describing its last action in the 35-year-old "kob" case as "settling" the matter (Broadcasting, April 26). Hubbard Broadcasting, licensee of KOB(A) Albuquerque, N.M., has gone back to court in an effort to reverse the commission's action.

At issue is the controversy between ABC and its WABC(A) New York and KOB over their recent reciprocal operating rights on 770 kHz, the clear channel on which both are located. The commission in April established WABC as the Clear 1-A dominant station—the role to which it has clung throughout the dispute. It reduced KOB from a 1-B, required to protect WABC at night if that station would suppress radiation toward Albuquerque (which it did), to a 2-A, required to protect WABC at night and not entitled to reciprocal protection.

Hubbard, in its suit in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, will oppose the commission actions renewing WABC's license and establishing the station as a 1-A and declaring KOB a 2-A.

Justus ideas for N.J. draw rebuttal from AMST

The FCC's inquiry into how to provide New Jersey with more local TV service has drawn comments from a number of parties (Broadcasting, May 10), among them the Justice Department which wants some VHF frequencies dropped-in to the state. It also recommended that "all of the various restraints imposed upon the availability of cable television" be removed.

The Association of Maximum Service Telecasters filed a strong statement with the FCC which rebutted Justice's comments and said they are "unsupported" by the facts and "would be shown to be incorrect if subjected to technical and economic analysis."

AMST also said that Justice "left unexplained" how further UHF development in New Jersey would be helped by removing the cable carriage rights of local UHF stations there, allowing the unlimited importation of distant VHF and/or UHF stations and unlimited pay-cable operations.

Sound backing

The National Council on the Arts has recommended that the National Endowment for the Arts join the Public Broadcasting Service in developing a system for delivering improved television sound. The council urged that manufacturers, common carriers, broadcasters and the FCC to cooperate in improving TV audio at the studio and in the home set.

Council members met earlier with PBS officials in a briefing on PBS's Digital Audio for Television system (DATE). The system has been in development at PBS for several years and enables TV networks to distribute up to four channels of high fidelity audio to TV stations.

"Improvement of sound," the council said, "is essential if the potential of arts programming on television is to be realized."

IBEW studies CBS pact

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is considering a CBS proposal for a new, three-year contract covering approximately 1,300 technicians employed in New York, Washington, Boston, St. Louis, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago.

Neither management nor the union would divulge the terms of the contract proposal. Most technicians at CBS now earn a basic weekly salary of $358.15 per week. The new agreement reached by NBC and the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians called for approximately 33% in wage hikes over four years, raising the weekly pay in the final year to $500 weekly (Broadcasting, May 31). Since the CBS offer is for three years, the wage provisions will not reach those at NBC.
There have been some changes made. "Playlist" is faster. This week's contemporary list—BROADCASTING's own "Top 40"—has been revised to reflect what America's leading radio stations are playing today, as opposed to what they were playing last week or the week before. The change was accomplished: (1) by converting our ballots-by-mail system to a ballots-by-phone system, (2) by concentrating calls late enough in the week to catch reporting stations after they had shifted to the playlists still current on the Monday of publication, and (3) by pushing the results through a computer fast enough to get to typesetters early enough to make a form printing late enough to produce the kind of "Playlist" you see here. We've started naming names, too, as well as call letters. Jerry Steele of WFLF (Indianapolis) says the Beatles' re-release of Get a Life into My Life "will definitely make it." Capitol version features Paul McCartney as lead vocalist, softer drums and Helter Skelter on flip side. "I think it will come home," adds Jimmy Dean of WORB (Winston-Salem, N.C.), where it's had immediate phone response. Summer sure shot. Another favorite of Steel's is Good Vibrations, original Beach Boys tune out and moving by Todd Rundgren on Beattles. It has been added this week by WFLF (Cincinnati), WOLI (Columbus) and WJAZ (Houston). Alone in splendid, Starbucks is soaking with Moonlight Feels Right (Private Stock), rates this week's only bolt. It's "really popping" in Newark, Del., says John Patrick of WRFK (WRFK, Newark).  

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PBS itself does not want the job. In a May 24 letter to Representative Sisk, PBS President Lawrence Grossman and Ward Chamberlin, president of noncommercial WETA-TV Washington, urged acceptance of the network-PBS pool plan.

Freedom of press extends to air, says Van Deerlin

On interview show he talks as one old newsmen to another

Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.) doffed the mantle of chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee for a moment last week and in a radio interview, talked a while as Lionel Van Deerlin the former local TV news director.

"In so many places you get the feeling that the television news shows are really just a reflection of the newspaper, that there isn't any original reporting," Mr. Van Deerlin said.

But if he finds local TV news spotty, Mr. Van Deerlin thinks "network news is just superb now, in my opinion."

In an interview last Monday (May 31) on MccAffrey's Washington with Joseph MccAffrey on Wnal(AM) Washington, Mr. Van Deerlin recalled his days as news director at kxTv(TV) Tijuana, Mexico (San Diego) in the 1950's and early 1960's when he "had one full-time cameraman, one part-time cameraman who also did sports, and I wrote the entire script for a half-hour show, did the news gathering. And I see some of these news departments today, which are 20, 25- or 30-people operations, and I look with great envy" television regulation (Bhe noted that the media are responsible for disentwining with government. "The media, although they may not do it in a way that pleases or disappoints, are no more than a reflection of what they are reporting," he added. "Let's take the reporting on Congress itself. When a member of Congress does something to disgrace himself, it's usually not simply because a newspaper decided to make trouble for him; it's because he made trouble for himself."

Mr. Van Deerlin came down hard against government interference in broadcast news. "I haven't seen any general reporting or editing that is so bad that I would want to change the way we go at it," he said. "Every now and then, you know, someone in the Senate, or in Congress, or in the White House, or in the Vice Presidency gets impatient and calls for new laws, which surely, as far as newspapers go, would be clearly unconstitutional. But if we believe in freedom of the press we have got to believe in freedom for the electronic news media, which would be equal to that which is accorded the print media. And I have yet seen anything that would make me want to establish any level of government with the power to be looking over the writer's or the editor's shoulder."

Speaking as a congressman, Mr. Van Deerlin turned to the hearings his subcommittee held over two weeks on cable television regulation (Broadcating, May 24,31). On pay cable, he said, "Congress will be reluctant to do anything to permit anything that would take from the free air, things like the Super Bowl and World Series that people are enjoying now, but I think you do reach a point where you have to agree that the American free enterprise system says that if technology can deliver a product to the consumer that the consumer wants and can afford, that you have to have pretty good reasons for imposing artificial barriers to say you can't have it."

Before his election to Congress in 1962, Mr. Van Deerlin had never before held office. Recalling his first days in Washington, he said: "I came back here without even a law degree or anything, and feeling, without any experience in public life, that I was inferior. I spent a lot of time listening and waiting to see some brilliant leadership around me and get guidance... What I found out was not being a lawyer or not having been a legislator was not too great a disadvantage once the uncertainty wore off. I think a lot of lawyers get by with a pretty good con job on the rest of us. "I think that—I hate to put it this way—but I think maybe Van Deerlin's career proves that anybody can be a congressman."

Networks begin Garden setups for the Democrats

Correspondents get assignments as masses of hardware are moved in

The circus is gone from Madison Square Garden in New York, and as of last week, the networks were well on the way to entrenching themselves for the Democratic convention, now only five weeks away.

CBS News announced some details of its convention coverage, which for the first time will use all-electronic news gathering equipment—some 30 ENG cameras inside and outside the halls and in four mobile units.

Correspondents have been assigned as follows: Walter Cronkite will anchor at Madison Square Garden for the Democrats July 12-15 and at the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo., for the Republican convention Aug. 16-19. National correspondent Eric Severeid will provide analysis, as will political consultant Theodore H. White. Bill Moyers, recent addition to the ranks of CBS correspondents, will report on activities at the rostrum.

Floor reporters for CBS News at the Democratic convention will be correspondents Morton Dean, Roger Mudd, Dan Rather and Bob Schieffer. The floor team for the Republican convention will
be Messrs. Dean, Mudd, Rather and Mike Wallace, with Bob Schieffer reporting on the activities of President Ford.

Additionally, Ed Bradley, Lesley Stahl, Richard Threlkeld, Connie Chung and Sylvia Chase have been designated relief correspondents with Ms. Chung covering the activities of Vice President Rockefeller.

Hour-long special reports on Sundays before and after each convention, anchored by Mr. Cronkite, will preempt 60 Minutes (7-8 p.m.) on four occasions.

The floor team for ABC News' coverage will be Frank Reynolds, Sam Donaldson, Ann Compton and Herak Kaplow. Harry Reasoner and Howard K. Smith will co-anchor for both conventions (Barbara Walters will not join the team until September). As announced earlier, Republican Barry Goldwater and Democrat George McGovern will serve as guest commentators for the opposing party's conventions and pollster Lou Harris will help with analysis. Two half-hour specials are under consideration depending on the news issuing from the platform committee and the rules and credentials committee hearings prior to the conventions. Two hour-long specials will preview each convention on Sunday evenings, 7-8 p.m., July 11 and Aug. 15.

ABC's coverage will use all-electronic equipment inside the halls with a mixture of film and ENG (predominantly ENG) on the street. Stan Opowalsky, director of TV news coverage, ABC News, said the number of correspondents this year will be more than double that of recent years since, "for the first time since Eisenhower and Taft vied for the nomination [1952] it will be an open convention with changes ballot to ballot." That will necessitate full-time correspondents covering state delegations.

The NBC News floor reporters, announced previously, will be Tom Pettit, Catherine Mackin, Tom Brokaw and John Hart. The John Chancellor-David Brinkley anchor team will call on 30 correspondents assigned to major state delegations and off-the-floor interviews (probably by Edwin Newman), but will not employ guest commentators/analysis.

Twelve unilateral cameras will be scattered around Madison Square Garden for NBC News; a remote unit will be stationed at the Democratic headquarters in New York's Statler Hilton hotel, and seven vans will provide remotes from the hotel- -headquarters of major candidates; similar remote capabilities are scheduled in and around Kansas City and at the airport, for the Republican convention. An NBC spokesman said two hour-long specials are planned prior to each convention with the Chancellor-Brinkley team, at times to be announced.

ABC will handle the radio-television pool in Kansas City; NBC is pool network in New York.

**Agronsky is key in new PBS series**

WETA-TV production will be part of network's public-affairs emphasis

The Public Broadcasting Service is working out final details of a contract with Martin Agronsky for a new public affairs series to begin this fall. WETA-TV Washington will produce the series of 34 half-hour shows with $350,000 in support from PBS.

The yet untitled interview program with Mr. Agronsky, another journalist and an individual in the news, is expected to replace USA: People and Politics after the November presidential election. It will be part of PBS's planned Friday evening back-to-back news and public affairs schedule (Broadcasting, May 31).

Mr. Agronsky is also expected to appear in other WETA-TV productions, but it is those details that have not yet been finalized.

His Evening Edition program will finish the end of this month after a five-year run.

**Fates & Fortunes**

**Media**

David Ruleman, general sales manager, KOWN-AM-FM Escondido, Calif., named VP of Tri Cities Broadcasting and general manager of its KROG-FM Carlsbad, Calif.

John R. Corporon, VP news, WPXK-TV New York, named to board of directors of WPX Inc. there.

Bernard Gold, assistant general attorney, West Coast, NBC, elected VP Law there. He succeeds Richard Graham, who retired May 31 after 38 years with NBC.

Harry P. Stephenson, sales manager, WEZK-FM Knoxville, Tenn., named station manager.


Joan Zucker, on communications staff of Illinois Governor Dan Walker, named press information manager, WSBM-TV Chicago.

Robert Altman, reporter, WMOG(FM) Washington, named public affairs director.

Sheila Bryan Butler, public affairs director, WIZ-TV Baltimore, joins WCBS(AM) there as promotions director.

Earl Ling, promotion manager, KIRO-TV Stockton, Calif., appointed station manager of co-owned KOHAMI Reno, succeeding Hewitt Kees, retired.

Roger H. Coleman, general manager, WGLI(AM)-WAAG(FM) Galesburg, Ill., has resigned.

Gloria Van Ham, acting director of development, University of Maine at Portland-Gorham, appointed director of development and audience relations, Maine Public Broadcasting Network, Orono.

Arthur R. Hook, general manager, WLVI-TV Boston, joins noncommercial KIUD-FM-TV Moscow, Idaho, in same capacity.

George Foster, managing news editor, non-commercial KQED-TV San Francisco, appointed public affairs director for KQED-FM-TV and co-owned noncommercial KQEDTVI there.

Robert C. Glazier, executive director, St. Louis Educational Television Commission/general manager, non-commercial KETC-TV there, will resign from both positions, effective Dec. 31.


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Broadcast Advertising

Joseph G. Antelo, VP, WGN Continental Sales Co. and general sales manager of WGN-TV Chicago, assumes additional responsibility as director of television sales for rep firm. John P. Fendley, national sales manager, WGN-TV, named sales manager, succeeded by Anthony C. Colosimo, account executive, Major Market TV Sales, New York. Appointments were prelude to WGN Continental Sales expansion this month to cover Detroit, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Dallas, where WGN-TV was formerly represented by Petry Television.


John Maher, senior VP, J. Walter Thompson, New York, appointed general manager of JWT's Washington office.


Al D. Kitchen, account supervisor, McDonald & Little Advertising, Tampa, Fla., promoted to administrative assistant to president, Atlanta office.

John S. Miller, Bob Shen and William A. Sommerschied, account executives, Leo Burnett U.S.A., Chicago, appointed account supervisors.

Nancy C. Widmann, account executive with CBS Radio Spot Sales, appointed New York sales manager of unit, replacing Charles D. Schwartz, who has been appointed general sales manager of CBS-owned WBAM(AM) Chicago.

Michael Miglino, account executive, Harrington, Rigter & Parsons, New York, named sales manager of firm's Philadelphia office.

Richard B. Taylor, Midwestern sales manager, ABC TV Spot Sales, Chicago, appointed general sales manager of BC-owned WXYZ-TV Detroit.

Mark Conrad, sales director, WFBG-TV Greenville, S.C., transferred to co-owned WLWT-TV Cincinnati as general sales manager, succeeded by Dave McAtee, WFBG-TV assistant general sales manager. John Scott, WFBG-TV sales representative, replaces Mr. McAtee as assistant general sales manager there.

Don Bates, with sales staff of KOCO-TV Oklahoma City, appointed general sales manager.

Joseph J. Ahern, account executive, WLS-TV Chicago, appointed local sales manager.


Clint Culp, account executive, KLIF(AM) Dallas, appointed regional sales manager.

J. Michael Henderson, local sales manager, WRIF(AM) Detroit, promoted to general sales manager.

Todd Branson, general manager, WGV(AM) Charlotte, N.C., appointed general sales manager, WCCB(TV) there.

Eddie Weiss (Charlie Brown), local sales manager, WXIX(AM) Raleigh, N.C., joins WRAL(AM) there as general sales manager.

Dick Green, sales representative, WLX(AM) lslip, N.Y., joins WGLI(AM) Babylon, N.Y., as sales manager.

Programing

Norman Powell, executive producer of various comedy programs, CBS Television Network, Hollywood, named director, comedy program development there, reporting to Andrew Siegel, VP-comedy program development.

Jean Goldberg, research department manager, Viacom Enterprises, New York, promoted to director of research. Robert T. (Bud) Donnelly, Western division manager, assumes additional responsibility as marketing director, West Coast.

William J. Urbanic, production assistant, Group W Productions Video Tape Center, Pittsburgh, promoted to program distribution supervisor. Raymond E. Porter, syndication coordinator.

Veteran's day. Howard K. Smith will become permanent host on the ABC News Closeup documentaries beginning next Jan. 1. At the same time, Mariene Sanders, ABC News vice president and director of television documentaries, said that the Closeup series would return in 1977 to the once-a-month schedule that was abandoned two years ago in an economy move.

dinator, Television Production Center there, joins Group W Video Tape Center as operations supervisor.

Warren Baker, executive producer of programming, KNBC(TV) Los Angeles, named programming director.

Richard Citron, independent producer of Great Adventure series, appointed president, R.D. Citron Associates, Miami, director of Great Adventure II.

Tony Lee Creamer, president/general manager, Kansas Midwestern School of Broadcasting, Wichita, assumes additional responsibility as program director, KFH(AM)-KBA(TF) there.

Irv Brown, head baseball coach, University of Colorado, Boulder, and NCAA basketball referee, named sports director, KHOW(AM) Denver.


Jonathan Rice, manager/program director, noncommercial KOED(TV) San Francisco, begins semi-retirement and continues as staff programming consultant and program manager of KOED and co-owned noncommercial KQED(TV) there. KQED is scheduled to return to air early next year. James Scala, general manager, appointed general manager of both stations.

Laurel E. Defoe, reporter, WHAF-TV Kansas City, Mo., joins noncommercial KFTV there as assistant producer in public affairs.

John O'Donnell, technical/program department manager, named general manager, WNAB(AM) New Brunswick, N.J., appointed program director. Gary Thompson, public affairs host, general manager, appointed educational program director. Gregg Tabakin, sports reporter, named sports director.

Broadcast Journalism

Eric Ober, assistant news director, WCBS-TV New York, appointed news director of co-owned WCAL-TV Philadelphia.

Sue O'Brien, anchor/reporter, NBC News Information Service, New York, returns to KQED-TV Denver as managing news editor.

Tripp Frohlichstein, news writer/editor/researcher and sports program producer, KMOX-TV St. Louis, appointed assistant executive news director.

Christopher Ames, community affairs director, KNX-FM Los Angeles, appointed to newly created post of director of news and community affairs.

Greg Caputo, assignment editor, KDKA-TV Pittsburgh, named assistant assignment manager for news, WBAM-TV Chicago.

Larry Gallin, reporter, WTVX-TV Columbus, Ohio, joins WCMG-TV Cincinnati as reporter/writer.

Steve Wasserman, executive news producer, Post-Newsweek's WXTV Jackson, Fla., appointed executive news editor, Newswatch, co-owned WPLG-TV Miami. Dwight Lauderdale, reporter, WXTV Miami, and Art Carlson, reporter, WOICAM Coral Gables, Fla., join WPLG-TV in same positions. Jim Reynolds, Broward county bureau chief,
WIOD(AM) Miami, named WPLG-TV reporter in Broward county bureau.

Loran Mann, reporter, KDKA-AM-FM Pittsburgh, joins WTCI-TV there in same capacity.

John R. Bobel, technical news producer, WTHR(TV) Indianapolis, promoted to assignments manager. Hank Phillipi, reporter, Rolling Stone, Washington, joins WTHR as reporter.

Don Sherry, reporter, WYWM Oklahoma City, joins KOCO-TV there in same capacity.


George Osterkamp, news department, non-commercial KQED(TV) San Francisco, appointed news director, KGSD-FM-TV and co-owned non-commercial KQED(TV) there.

Cable


George Brownstein, independent cable/pay TV consultant, joins Cinemerica Inc. Beverly Hills, Calif., as VP, corporate development.

Newly elected officers, California Community Television Association: Ted Hughtt, Monterey Peninsula TV Cable, president; Gene C. Cook, General Electric Cablevision, Walnut Creek, programming VP; Bill Schiller, Storer Cable TV, Thousand Oaks, technical VP; M. Christopher Derick, Vacom Cablevision of San Francisco, secretary, and David Lewine, TM Communications Co., Costa Mesa, treasurer.

Paul Montessoro, operations manager, Guam Cable TV System, promoted to operations VP.

Equipment & Engineering

Juan C. Chabramo, one of original founders and owners of CCA Electronics, Gloucester City, N.J., and most recently consultant to broadcast industry, rejoins CCA as operations VP.

Thomas B. Jones, with Broadcast Electronics, Silver Spring Md., joins Multirons, Rockville, Md., as sales engineer.

Allied Fields

Richard R. Collin, assistant VP/deputy director, Intelsat Division, Communications Satellite Corp., Washington, and Jose Martinez Villarejo, head of Space Sector Division, National Telephone Co. of Spain, elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, Washington.


Paul T. Kraynick, sales representative, WNDM(AM); WTQFM FM (formerly WDDS-FM) Syracuse, N.Y., named Eastern account executive, Compu/Net Sales, New York.

Bruce W. Bertsch, assistant manager, Kansas Midwestern School of Broadcasting, Wichita, promoted to VP/manager.

Gene Hartigan, promotion director, WVL-TV Boston, appointed to direct media campaign of Patrick H. McCarthy, candidate for 11th congressional seat now held by James Burke (D-Mass.).

Deaths


Robert F. Kelley, 82, one of founding officers of Radio Liberty, died of congestive heart failure June 1 at George Washington hospital, Washington. He was famed to president and subsequently VP of Radio Liberty before his retirement in 1967.

Thomas A. Rogers, 74, president/general manager, WFLA(AM) Newark, Ohio, died there May 25 of congestive heart failure. He had been general manager of station since it was founded in 1946.

Ralph A. Kwieras, 54, electrical engineer who designed cable and closed-circuit television systems, died May 24 in Hyattsville, Md., after heart attack. At time of his death, he was consultant to government and worked with electronic and acoustic installations for Defense Department and Smithsonian Institution. Survivors include his wife, Marian, one daughter and two sons.

Where Things Stand

Status report on major issues in electronic communications
children's television programming, adopted in 1974 (BROADCASTING, Oct. 28, 1974), has been appealed to U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington by Action for Children's Television (Case 74-2008). House Communications Sub-committee has held four days of hearings on broadcast station and children, and one member of that subcommittee, Timothy Wirth (D-Colo.), has introduced bill (H.R. 8613) to establish national council to study effects of advertising on children and recommend regulatory reforms if needed (BROADCASTING, July 21, 1975).

Consumer agency. Both houses of Congress have pending bills to create new agency for consumer protection (consumer advocacy is Senate's term for agency), but both bills differ in one respect significant to broadcasters: Senate bill (S. 200) has exemption that prohibits agency from becoming involved in FCC license renewal proceedings, but House bill (H.R. 7575) does not. However, committee report that accompanies House bill says agency’s “active participation should be discouraged” in renewal proceedings. Agency would have no regulatory powers; its function is to be “passenger interest in agency and court proceedings. Promised veto by President apparently has stalled conference to resolve differences between two bills.

Copyright legislation. Senate has approved unanimously its version (S. 22) of copyright revision (BROADCASTING, Feb. 23). It provides for a compulsory license for public broadcasters and cable television. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and Administration of Justice tentatively completed markup of cable section of its bill, H.R. 2223 (“In Brief,” May 24).

Crossownership (newspaper-broadcast). FCC order banning newspaper-broadcast crossOwnership prospectively and requiring breakup of 16 crossOwnership has been appealed by various parties to three different circuit courts of appeals. Suits have been transferred from Fourth and Eighth Circuits to one in Washington, where they have been consolidated (Cases 75-1064 et al.). Number of parties has petitioned commission to reconsider order (BROADCASTING, Aug. 11). FCC did, however, deny Justice Department petition seeking to break up crossowned WIBW-AM-FM-TV Topeka, Kan. (BROADCASTING, May 24).

Crossownership (television-cable television). FCC has amended its rules so that divestiture is required for CATV system co-owned with a television station to place city-grade contour over cable community (BROADCASTING, Sept. 29, 1975). Affected are eight crossOwnership in small markets, which have two years to divest. Acquisitions of cable systems by TV stations are still banned within grade B contour of station. FCC has rejected petitions for reconsideration of new rule (BROADCASTING, March 8). National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting is seeking appeals court review as are two of system owners involved (BROADCASTING, April 26).

* EEO guidelines. FCC has issued proposed rulemaking on equal employment opportunity guidelines. Comments have been filed (BROADCASTING, April 26). Commission is also considering EEO policy for cable (BROADCASTING, Feb. 23); matter is scheduled for commission consideration on June 30. Commission has received some support for its EEO authori-

ty over broadcasters but not, as it had hoped, over cable operators in Supreme Court decision involving Federal Power Commission (BROADCASTING, May 31).

* Fairness doctrine bills. Senate action on two bills to eliminate fairness doctrine has gone no further than hearings conducted for five days last year by Communications Sub-committee. Chairman Proxmire (D-Wis.) continues to promote his bill, S. 2, on Senate floor, it is not on this year’s agenda of Communications Subcommittee. Nor is other bill, S. 1178 by Senator Roman Hruska (R-Neb.). Proxmire bill has twin in House, H.R. 2183 by Robert Drinan (D-Mass.) and Mr. Hruska’s is duplicated in H.R. 4926 by Charles Thone (R-Neb.). There is no sign of movement on two House bills.

* Family viewing suit. Writers Guild of America, West and Tandem Productions have filed suit in U.S. Court for Central District of California (Los Angeles) aimed at blocking implementation of family viewing concept adopted by networks and National Association of Broadcasters (BROADCASTING, Nov. 3, 1975). FCC is defendant along with networks and NAB in both suits, which are based on antitrust and First Amendment grounds. Tandem Production’s suit is backed by plaintiffs $10 million damages. Trial in Writers Guild case was abruptly halted when district judge called for out-of-court settlement but parties could not come to terms (BROADCASTING, May 24).

* FCC fees. Sixteen parties have appealed (Cases 75-1053 et al.) FCC’s order modifying its fee schedule (Jan. 20, 1975). Oral arguments have been held (BROADCASTING, Jan. 26). More than 70 appeals have been filed by broadcasters and others from commission’s refusal to refund fees paid under previous schedule which was held by Supreme Court to be illegal (Cases 75-1087 et al.). Oral arguments have been held in that case (BROADCASTING, May 31). More than 90 parties seeking refunds have filed in U.S. Court of Appeals (Cases 82-74 et al.) (BROADCASTING, Nov. 3, 1975). FCC has submitted in 1973, 1974 and 1975 cable fees pending final court decision on legality of commission order requiring payment of those fees (BROADCASTING, Aug. 4, 1975).

* Food advertising. Federal Trade Commission attorneys are analyzing comments regarding proposal to regulate claims and information contained in food advertising (BROADCASTING, May 10). Trade regulation rule would involve such areas as nutrition claims and comparisons, and energy and calorie claims. Rule was proposed Nov. 7, 1974, with disputed issues of fact and comments submitted in opposition collections of broadcasters and advertising agencies and generally in favor by consumers (BROADCASTING, Aug. 4, 1975 et seq.). Public hearings on certain aspects of proposal will begin July 21 in San Francisco, moving later to other cities (see story, this issue).

* Format changes. FCC has instituted inquiry (Docket 206B2) to determine if it should be involved in regulating program formats. Comments have been filed (BROADCASTING, April 26).

* Indecency. FCC’s declaratory ruling on indecent broadcasts (BROADCASTING, Feb. 17, 1975) is being appealed to U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington (Case 75-1391) by object of ruling, Pacifica Foundation’s WARIHFM New York. Oral arguments have been held (BROADCASTING, April 5). Ruling involves airing of George Carlin album cut. Commission is considering proposed legislation to include television in cable. In Washington, bill banning obscenity on radio (BROADCASTING, Sept. 15, 1975). Commission also fined WXPNFM Philadelphia $2,000 for obscene and indecent broadcast, has begun hearing on license on ground of licensee abdication of responsibility. FCC last week approved application to ban broadcast of obscene or indecent material (see story this issue).

* KRLA (AM). FCC has affirmed earlier decision awarding Pasadena, Calif., frequency to Western Broadcasting Corp. (Bob Hope and others) following remand of that decision to commission by U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington for “clarification.” Commission reiterated its position that it could award license on basis of engineering efficiency alone (BROADCASTING, Jan. 5). Case now goes back to court.

* License renewal legislation. There is no date set, but House Communications Subcommittee Chairman Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.) has said there will be hearings this year on bills to revise broadcast license renewal procedures, among which leading measure is H.R. 5547, sponsored by Representative Lou Frey (D-Fla.). Mr. Frey has also said he thinks bill can go through this session, but with longer renewal term for radio than for TV (“In Brief,” May 24). Radio-only proposal by National Radio Broadcasters Association has no sponsor yet, but it is among proposals being considered in preparation for renewal bill hearings. So far more than 150 representatives and 20 senators have sponsored or co-sponsored renewal bills; nearly all provide for lengthening renewal period from three years to five years and give renewal applicant preference over challenger for substantially living up to his license commitments. Senate will take no action until House makes first move.

* Network exclusivity on cable. FCC order substituting 35- and 55-mile zones for signal contours as basis of protecting television stations has been appealed to U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington. Oral arguments have been held (BROADCASTING, April 26). Justice Department has filed on side of cable (BROADCASTING, Feb. 9). Commission has to remove restrictions on use of series-type programs by pay cable (BROADCASTING, Nov. 10, 1975). Senator Philip Hart (D-Mich.) and his Senate Antitrust Subcommittee were looking into charges that broadcasters are “throttling" pay cable (BROADCASTING, Dec. 15, 1975), but apparently nothing will come of their efforts in this Congress (“Closed Circuit,” May 31). Also, cable system (New York Cable Television Association and National Cable Television Association) are taking state of New York to court, challenging its assumption of jurisdiction over pay cable rates (BROADCASTING, April 12).

* Performers' royalty. Copyright subcommittees in both houses have held hearings on
measures to create performers' royalty to be paid by broadcasters and other users of recorded works (BROADCASTING, July 28, 1975). Bill on Senate side is S. 111, by Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), who has been trying for some 30 years to push measure through. S. 111 is being considered separately from Senate-passed copyright bill, but its chances are rated poor; subcommittee of House has killed duplica-
tede S. 5345 by Representative George Danielson (D-Calif.), as an amendment to copyright revision bill pending there (BROADCASTING, May 31).

Prime-time reruns. FCC's Office of Network Study is considering comments submitted in response to October 1974 notice of inquiry concerning proposal to limit amount of net-
work reruns shown during prime-time.

Public broadcasting funding. First-ever long-range appropriation for Corporation for Public Broadcasting has been written into legislation by House Appropriations Subcom-
mittee on Labor, Health, Education and Welfare (BROADCASTING, May 10). Bill would fund CPB for next three fiscal years at these levels: $396,-
750,000 in 1977, $107,150,000 in 1978 and $120,200,000 in 1979. Government money is available under matching plan requiring CPB to raise $2,500 privately for every federal dollar. CPB appropriation for this year of $78.5 million has passed both houses. Also bill authorizes $30 million for improvement and construction of educational broadcasting facilities has cleared House and Senate and awaits Presi-
dent's signature.


Section 315. U.S. Court of Appeals in Wash-
ington has upheld FCC's change of its admin-
istration of equal-time law. Democratic Na-
tional Committee filed full-court rehearing of decision but was turned down by court (BROADCASTING, May 24). Commission said political debates and press conferences by presidential and other candidates will be treated as on-spot coverage of bona fide news events exempt from equal-time requirements (BROADCASTING, Sept. 29, 1975). FCC has also ruled that if station gives candidates time with-
in 72 hours before election day, opponents must be notified by station promptly (BROADCASTING, April 5).

Sports blackout. House/Senate con-
teees have agreed on a bill to extend perma-
nently the experimental sports blackout law that expired at the end of last year. Com-
promise provides that professional baseball, football, basketball and hockey games sold out 72 hours in advance cannot be blacked out on home TV. It would also reduce 72-hour cutoff to 24 hours for postseason games in baseball, basketball and hockey. FCC also agreed to go to one-year trial of amendment to limit blackout zone to 90 miles around town where game is played (BROADCASTING, May 24).

UHF. FCC issued notice of inquiry in May 1975 on UHF taboos to determine if restrictions on proximity of stations could be reduced (BROAD-
CASTING, June 2, 1975). In July, Council for UHF Broadcasting filed Action Plan for UHF Devel-
opment and in August submitted to FCC peti-
tions for rulemaking to reduce noise levels of receivers and to require indoor UHF antennas to be attached to sets permanently, as with VHF (BROADCASTING, Aug. 18, 1975). Both peti-
tions are under study by chief engineer's office.

VHF drop-ins. In April, FCC adopted inquiry (Docket 2041B) into feasibility of dropping as many as 83 VHF channels into top 100 mar-
tets. Inquiry resulted from United Church of Christ petition which substantially embodied study by Office of Telecommunications Policy suggesting channels could be added if mileage-separation standards are reduced. Comments have been filed (BROADCASTING, Dec. 15, 22, 1975); matter is scheduled for commis-
sion consideration on July 30.

WPIX(TV). FCC Administrative Law Judge James Tierney has issued initial decision rec-
ommending renewal of New York station and denying competing application of Forum Com-
munications Inc., a decision contested by com-
munications bureau of Broadcast Bureau (BROADCASTING, Sept. 22, 1975). Case is moving toward oral argument stage.

As compiled by BROADCASTING, May 24 through May 28 and based on filings, author-
izations and other FCC actions.

Abbreviations: ALJ—Administrative Law Judge, alt.—alternate, ann.—announced, anti.—antenna, aur.—aural, aux.—auxiliary, CH—critical hours, CP—construction permit, D.—day, DA—directional anten-
na, Doc.—Document, E&P—Effective permitted power, HAAT—height of antenna above average terrain, kwh—kilowatt hours, MEOV—maximum effective operating voltage, mod.—modification, N.—night, PSA—preservice authority, SH—specified hours, trans.—transmitter, TPO—transmitter power output, U.—unlimited hours, vis.—visual, w.—watts, *—noncommercial.

New stations

TV action

Broadcast Bureau granted following CP modification to extend completion time to date shown: KERO-TV Bakersfield, Calif., to Nov. 21 (BMPCT-7628).

AM applications

Huntsville, Ark.—Mountain Media Corp. seeks 1190 kHz, 250 w-1u; P.O. address: Box 501, Huntsville, 72740. Estimated construction cost $21,000; first-year operating cost $26,000; revenue $30,000. Format: C&W, gospel. Principals: Orval and Elizabeth Faubus and Felix, and Felix II Brusters (25% each). Mr. Faubus is former governor of Arkansas. Brusters have funeral home interests. Ann. May 23.

Leland, Miss.—Interchange Communications seeks 1140 kHz, 250 w-1u; P.O. address: Box 4426, Greenwood, Miss. 38701. Estimated construction cost $121,652; first-year operating cost $2,590; revenue none. Form-

AM action

Steamboat Springs, Colo.—Big Country Radio. Ini-
tial construction, effect, which grants Big Country a noncommercial station at 1230 kwh, 1 kw-D, 250 w-1u; P.O. address: care of John H. Guyer 813 Reed St., Lakewood, Colo. 80215. Estimated construction cost $39,410; first-year operating cost $39,300; revenue $58,000. Format: variety. Princip-

AM license

Broadcast Bureau granted following license covering new station:


FM actions


Puna, Ill.—Puna Broadcasting Corp. seeks 100.9 mhz, 3 kw; HAAT 292 ft.; P.O. address: c/o Bob Grots, 110 W. Second St., Puna 96357. Estimated construction cost $33,049; first-year operating cost $42,000; revenue $85,000. Format: Standard pop. Principals: Larry W. Grou and Bob J. Grots (50% each); Mr. Grou owns antenna service; Mr. Grots owns real estate and insurance company. No other broadcast interests. Ann. May 25.

New Orleans—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary seeks 90.7 mhz, 10 w.; HAAT 60 ft.; P.O. address: c/o Paul Gerlic, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans 70126. Estimated construction cost $2,800; first-year operating cost $1,900. Format: Religious, variety. Principal: Applicant is private educational in-

Monroe, Mich.—Monroe Public Schools seeks 91.3 mhz, 100 kw, HAAT 110 ft.; P.O. address: 1275 N. Macomb St., Monroe. Estimated construction cost $8,750; first-year operating cost $11,100. Format: Variety. Principal: Applicant is public educational in-

Plattsburgh, N.Y.—State University of New York seeks 91.1 mhz, 1 kw, HAAT 26 ft.; P.O. address: 99 Washington Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12210. Estimated con-
struction cost $16,271; first-year operating cost $12,-
000. Format: Variety, informational. Principal: Appli-
cant is public educational institution. SUNY is also licensee of various facilities at other branch campuses. Ann. May 27.

FM stations

Clarinda, Iowa—Southwest Iowa Stereo. Broadcast Bureau granted 106.3 mhz, 3 kw, HAAT 300 ft.; P.O. address: 331 N. 3rd St., Burlington, Iowa. Estimated con-
struction cost $3,400; first-year operating cost $277,-
000; revenue $72,000. Format: MOR. Principal: Ken-
dall Light (70%) owns one-third of KCHI(AM) Wash-
ington, Iowa. Three others have 10% interests in Clarin-
da station. Original application was filed by Mr. Light and Dwain Munyon. Application was amended to show new ownership (BPH-9488). Action April 22.

Missoula, Mont.—Rex K. Jensen. Broadcast Bureau granted 93.3 mhz, 45 kw; HAAT 2480 ft.; P.O. address: 4620 N. Maple Grove, Boise, Idaho 83702. Estimated construction cost $39,100; first-year oper-
ating cost $47,940; revenue $36,000. Format: Rock. Principal: Mr. Jensen is general manager and stockholder of KBRJ(AM)-KBBK(FM) Boise. Action May 25.

FM start

KLIS Okmulgee, Okla.—Authorized program operation on 94.3 mhz, ERP 3 kw, HAAT 300 ft.; Ac-
tion May 13.
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Summary of Broadcasting

- **WFLA** in Tampa, FL, $150,000
- **WFLY** in Columbus, GA, $75,000
- **WFLY** in Columbus, GA, $50,000
- **WFLY** in Columbus, GA, $25,000

**Actions**

- KEOS (AM) Flagstaff, Ariz. - Broadcast Bureau granted acquisition of negative control of CFRK (FM) to Flagstaff Broadcasting Co., Inc.
- KALC (FM) Yuma, Ariz. (95.1) - Broadcast Bureau granted assignment of license from Lan-End Enterprises (100% jointly owned), joined by John E. Pollard (50% owned). Michael L. Wheeler and Russell B. Chambers for $135,000 (BALH-2281). Action May 20.
- WFLY (FM) San Diego (105.3) - Broadcast Bureau granted assignment of license from Sheridan Broadcast Corp. of Calif., to Melvin L. Wheeler and Russell B. Chambers for $175,000 (BALH-2281). Action May 20.
comparables Huntington, commission said its coverage is not patently inadequate according to best available information. While WHEZ's request for waiver was denied and its application returned as unacceptable for filing, it's inclusion indicated that applications could be resubmitted with measurement data showing that station does not in fact provide required principal city coverage (70 dbu). Action May 26.

FM start

Following station was authorized program operating authority for changed facilities on date shown: WANS-FM Anderson, S.C. (BH19883). Action May 13.

In context

Designated for hearing

• Tracy and Carmichael, Calif., AM proceeding: West Side Communications, Inc., operating in Los Angeles, Calif., was designated by order for renewal. Dismissed in ch. of 210 kHz. (Doc. 20796) — Order confirmed by order for renewal of the station's license to the Station's operating, original license holder.

Case assignments

Chief Administrative Law Judge Chester F. Naumovicz Jr. made following assignments on date shown:


Procedural rulings

• Milton, Fla., AM proceeding: Radio Santa Rosa, Inc., a Florida corporation, operating in Pensacola, Fla., was designated for renewal at 1300 kHz. (Doc. 19820) — Order confirmed by order for renewal of the station's license to the Station's operating, original license holder.

• KPOF(AM) and KHVN(AM) Honolulu, Hawaii, facilities changes proceeding: Commullo Oceanic Corp. and KHVN Inc. (Doc. 20740) — Designated Joseph Stirmer to serve as presiding judge; set hearing for June 7 for 1940 to 1941 kHz. Action May 18.

• Mt. Holly, N.J., AM proceeding: WJZ(AM), seeking renewal, and John J. Enrini and John H. Vici, competing for 1460 kHz. (Doc. 20739) — Order confirmed by order for renewal of the station's license to the Station's operating, original license holder.

Allocations

Petitions

• Arizona Educational Broadcasting Commission — Sought to assign ch. 38 (FM Table of Assignments) to Students' Media, Inc., and to approve construction permit for noncommercial educational use (RM-2696). Apr. May 24.

• V. Tobi Kantor, Denver — Seeks to amend rules to provide for use of frequencies 530, 1606 and 1612 kHz by community access noncommercial stations for locally produced public affairs, musical, dramatic and cultural programming (RM-2704). Apr. May 24.

• Calumet County Broadcasting Co., Kenosha, Wis. — Seeks to assign ch. 22 (TV Table of Assignments) to Chilton, Wis., and substitute ch. 68 for presently-assigned ch. 22 at Oshkosh, Wis. (RM-2701). Apr. May 24.

Other actions

• WELF-AM Marshall, Mich. — Broadcast Bureau notified licensee of apparent liability of $1,000 for operating with excess power. Action May 21.

Other actions

• WITF(AM) San Francisco, Calif. — Broadcast Bureau granted renewal of license to Shepherd Broadcasting Corp. of California, subject to condition that assignment of license (BAL-2265) be consummated within 60 days of grant. Action May 25.

• WEHRA(AM) Buffalo, N.Y. — Broadcast Bureau granted new license to Queen City Radio Corp., subject to condition that assignment of license (BAL-15378) be consummated within 60 days of grant.


• WAGI-FM Gaffney, S.C. — Commission renewed license of Gaffney Broadcasting Inc. (GBI). It denied petition to deny renewal filed by Basic Media Ltd., licensee of WISE(AM) Asheville. N.C. Basic Media contended that WAGI-FM does not serve some 715,000 North Carolinians within its service area, and that GBI's survey of community problems was limited to Gaffney, its surrounding area and Cherokee County. Commission said its review of GBI's renewal application revealed GBI did ascertain needs and interests. It said Basic Media failed to reveal specific instances of deficiencies in operation of WAGI-FM or to explain with any specificity errors in ascertainment surveys. Action May 19.

• Gregory, S.D. — Broadcast Bureau granted petition by Midwest Radio Corp. and rescinded construction permit of West Central Investment Co. (BPH-9215) granted January 29, 1976, for FM station on ch. 268 (101.3 mhz) at Gregory. Action May 21.

Petitions

• WCCO-AM-FM-TV Minneapolis — Seeks to amend station identification rules to allow insertion of identifying characteristic such as license frequency and channel number between call letters and station location in required announcements (RM-2669). Apr. May 24.

• Broadcast Interest Group-Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh — Seeks amendment of rule to require licensees on anniversary of filing of its license renewal application to publish in local newspaper list of ten most significant problems placed in its public file (RM-2700). Ann. May 24.

Rulesmaking

• Commission liberalized requirements pertaining to program logs for AM, FM, educational FM and television stations. Modified rules include: deleting requirement for initiating corrections to program logs and simply requiring person keeping log to certify, when signing off duty that log, with any changes or corrections made before he signed off duty, accurately represents what actually was broadcast; in case of automatically kept logs and of automatic maintenance of log data, person responsible for keeping log must maintain in his logs or a checklist in circulation periodically throughout his tour of duty, and that to best of his knowledge, at no time during his tour did equipment malfunction, unless otherwise noted; and, that any part of log which was kept manually, with any corrections or additions made before he signed off duty, was accurate representation of what actually was broadcast.
**Cable**

**Applications**

- Electronic Systems Co., Box 196, El Granada, Calif. (CAC-06511): KHNL-TV Chico, Calif., KRCR-TV Redding, KCA-R-TV, KVIE, KXTV, KTXL, KMUV-TV, Sacramento; KVOY Stockton-KLTV, KRVV-TV, KTBX-TV, KQED-TV, KCBY-TV, KCO-TV, KOC-TV, Modesto, all Calif.
- Texas Cablevision, 3915 Port, Bellinger, Tex. (CAC-06617): KXXV-T Dallas.
- Cablevision of Duncan, for Dallas, Okla. (CAC-06630): KTXV-T Dallas.
- Fulda Cable TV, Box 777, Hector, Minn. 55342 for Fulda, Minn. (CAC-06621): KTCJ-1, KSTP-TV, KMTV-TV, St. Paul; KEYC-TV Mankato, both Minn.; KTVT, KCAU-TV, Sioux Falls, Iowa; KXON-3, Mitchell, S.D.; WTCA-C, Manchester, all KELO-4, KSFY-TV, Sioux Falls, S.D.; KESD-TV Brookings, S.D.
- Frederick Cablevision, Box 366, Lawton, Okla. 73542, for Frederick, Okla. (CAC-06622): KFDX-TV, KAUZ-TV, Wichita Falls, Tex.; KSWO-TV, Lawton, Okla.; KTVN, KETA, Oklahoma City, Okla.; KTVF Fin, Worth, Tex.
- Nation Wide Cable, for Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Thurston county, all Wash. (CAC-06623-6): KPTV Portland, Or.
- Henderson All-Channel Cablevision, for Henderson, Ky. (CAC-06629): WVUT Vincennes, Ind.; WGN-TV Chicago; and delete WDRB-TV Louisville, Ky.
- Warner Cable of Delphos, for Delphos, Ohio. (CAC-06630): WNKY Dayton, Ohio.

**Certification actions**

- Kanawha Cable Television Co., Nitro, W.Va., commissioned denied Kanawha certificate of compliance to add signal of WXIX-TV, Norfolk, Ky., to its existing cable TV system at Nitro. System was also ordered to show cause why it should not be ordered to cease and desist from further violations of commission's signal carriage rules. Lee Enterprises, licensee of WSAZ-TV Huntington, W.Va., requested and order for Kanawha's continuing carriage of WHIS-TV Bluefield, W.Va., in violation of 1968 Communications Act, and an order to cease carriage of WHIS-TV and WDTV Charleston, W.Va. Action May 25.
- CATV Bureau granted following operators of cable TV systems, issued CATV Certificates of Public convenience and necessity: Bay Video Co., for McKinleyville, Calif. (CAC-06029R); Mosshannon Valley Cable Co., for Philipsburg borough, Pa., of Franklin township, Luzerne county, all Wash. (CAC-06163-68); Mosshannon Valley Cable Co., for Somerset township, Pa. (CAC-06169-20); Tel-Cablevision Systems Corp., for Addill, Allom, Ohio (CAC-04719); Dallas City Transvideo Company, for Dallas, Tex. (CAC-04995): Greater Humboldt-Dakota City Cable TV Co., for Pocaohatans, Iowa (CAC-05797); Teleprompter of LaCrosse, Wis. (CAC-05818); Warner City Cable, for 22nd Ave. (village of), Ohio (CAC-05821); Cass Community Antenna TV, for Fremont, Mich. (CAC-05866); Crown Communications Corp., for 12th St. (village of), of Fremont, Ohio (CAC-05917-8): Blue Ridge Cable Television, for Greenbush (town of), Wyo. (CAC-05881): Tahoe Systems, for specified unincorporated areas of Washoe county, Washoe county, all Wash., Calif. (CAC-05917-8); Blue Ridge Cable Television, for Greenbush (town of), Pa. (CAC-05930); Ashurst & Kincade Cable TV Co., for specified unincorporated areas of Douglas county, Nev. (CAC-06020); Warner Cable of Reoing Springs, for Freedom township, Pa. (CAC-06027); Cablevision of Gaffney, for Gaffney, S.C. (CAC-06039); Cablevision of Union, for Union, S.C. (CAC-06040); Washington Channels, for Washington, North Franklin township, East Washington township, Canton township, South Strasburg township, all Pennsylvania (CAC-06111-6): National Cable Television Corp., for Scottsdale county, Mount Pleasant borough, and Everston borough, Pa. (CAC-06116); National Cable Television Corp., for Mount Pleasant township, East Huntington township, both Pa. (CAC-06120-1); Highland Village, for Laredo borough, Union county, all New York. (CAC-06145-9); Central Cable System, for Clinton, Ill. (CAC-06157); Bradley Cable Service, for N. Maywood, Ill., both N.York (New York) (CAC-06201-2); Kanawha Cable Television Co., for S. Albuns and Cross Lanes, W.Va. (CAC-06213-5); Howard Cable TV, for Howard, Kan. (CAC-06216-7); Husco Cablevision Corp., for Barbourville, Mountain Ridge, West Pocahontas and Guyan Estates, W.Va. (CAC-06219-22); Husco Cablevision Corp., for Englewood, Wash. (CAC-06224); Global Communications of Reynoldsburg, for Reynoldsburg, Ohio (CAC-06282): Service Electric Cable TV, for Columbus borough and Pringle borough, W.Va. (CAC-06283-4): Suburban Cablevision, for Maplewood (township of), N.J. (CAC-06295): American Television and Communication Corp., for South Beloit, Ill. (CAC-06424)
HELP WANTED ANOUNCERS

Gardini, Sales Manager. WWVA -13, BROADCASTING.
President, Waller Broadcasting Incorporated.
15th, Greensboro.
Station Manager.
Weker, General Manager.
Vernon, IL 62964. Please do not call.

RADIO

HELP WANTED MANAGEMENT

Top-rated, medium market Midwest beautiful music FM seeks sales manager who can sell and lead sales staff. Send complete resume, earning expectations and goals to Box O-220, BROADCASTING.

General Manager of small Midwest educational FM station to start September 1, 1976. State salary requirements. Equal Opportunity Employer. Box S-230, BROADCASTING.

Person with managerial experience sales-oriented to participate as manager-operating partner with minority interest in station soon to go on air in outstanding medium to large market. Limited capital necessary for investment, between $35,000 to $50,000. Unlimited opportunity for equity for right person. Reply to Box T-13, BROADCASTING.

Station Manager will earn good salary plus bonus at WDKX, Jackson. Tennessee. Station is No. 1 in fastest growing Tennessee market. Management experience essential. Send resume to Jim Glassman, Vice President, Community Service Broadcasting. Box 1209, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864. Please do not call.

2 Residence sales managers (Midwest and West Coast). Full-time work (Monday through Friday). Salary, commission, incentives provide opportunity unlimited earnings. Availability, background, references, first letter, no phone calls. Community Club Awards, Box 151, Westport, CT 06880.

Major market religious station desires general manager. Previous religious experience not necessary. $25,000 is first-year income with this group-operated station Rick Davenport 312-893-6111, Chicago.

HELP WANTED SALES

Immediate opening for experienced RAB sales manager, in growing market, who can generate own accounts. Train and supervise sales staff, Salary, override, incentives, benefits. Box S-306, BROADCASTING.

Sales Manager. Aggressive leader for medium market North Carolina AM-FM needs good track record. Will become member of management team. Compensation negotiable. Box T-19, BROADCASTING.

Desirer, high commission, great climate, successful talk format, opportunity for man or woman to make good money. KWBZ, 3 West Princeton. Englewood, CO. Sales Manager, 303-761-1150.

Still looking for the right person to fill top spot in aggressive local sales department. Excellent growth market, opportunity and draw. Immediate opening. WBVR, PO Box 511, Beacon. NY 12508. 814-831-1260.

5,000 watt F.T. Class C FM in South Alabama county of 32,000 people seeks Sales Manager. To direct two other salesmen. If you are interested, send resume to Fred Gardini, Sales Manager, WWVA Radio. 1015 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. You start to work by July 1, 1976. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Wanted: Sharp, aggressive radio sales person. Must have experience. Good draw against competitors, expense account, and excellent major company benefits. Major market income with small market convenience. If this sounds good to you, send your resume to Fred Gardini, Sales Manager, WWVA Radio. 1015 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. You start to work by July 1, 1976. An Equal Opportunity Employer.


HELP WANTED ANOUNCERS CONTINUED

WGST is seeking a radio personality. We require a minimum of two years on-the-air experience in the industry and a current 3rd class FCC operators license with broadcast endorsement. Send tape and resume to Bill Sherard. WGST, PO Box 11920, Atlanta, GA 30355. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. No phone calls will be accepted.

Coastal Florida Station seeks experienced mature, humorous personality standard pop MOR station must be able to attract and hold majority audience which has made this station leader for the past 25 years. Opportunity for advancement. No floater. Send tape and resume with salary requirements to Randolph H. Miller, WIRA, Fort Pierce. Equal Opportunity Employer.

No. 1 Station playing Country and Western has opening for disc-jockey in country-production person. If you are qualified to work with the best personnel in the area and have a good personality, contact Vernon Arnold, Station Manager. WJEM, Vardesta, GA.

We need you but we won't promise anything we can't deliver. Evening MOR announcer-salesperson with some experience and exceptional ability, college or commercial. Sharpen your skills in good small station. Reasonable salary-commissions. EOE. Write: Ross Hunter, WJMA, Orange, VA 22960.

Immediate opening for creative, up-tempo morning personality at Central Florida contemporary-pop rock station. Must be good in production. Send resume, references to: John Lander, WLOF, PO Box 15746, Orlando, FL 32808. No phone calls accepted. EOE.

Florida coastal station has an opening for a morning personality announcer for WOWV-FM, a rock station. Must be experienced and have at least a third class license. Applicant will be judged strictly upon personality (funny, witty, topical), voice quality, production ability, talent, ability to read with color, enthusiasm and clarity. Send resume and salary requirements to Randolph H. Millar, WOWV-FM, PO Box 3192, Ft. Pierce. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. No floaters please.

We are seeking a special caliber of person, who has some knowledge of the fundamentals of communica- tion. Prior experience is not required, but a first ticket is, for those of you who want to learn our brand of radio. Call or write Broadcast Enterprises, Box 96B, Powell, WY 82435.

Morning Announcer-Production Asst. Program Director. Two years of commercial broadcast experience necessary. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send salary required, resume and tape to T-M, Inc., Personnel PO Box 688, Dubuque, IA 52021.

Dedicated morning personality with PBP experience desired by Central Nebraska's top sports station. Right person could work into management. Write General Manager, Box 146, Holdrege, NE 68949, include resume and tape, or call 308-995-4200. EOE.

HELP WANTED TECHNICAL

Engineer, North Central Texas FM station, automation, experienced. Some air work, needed immediately. Good opportunity for steady person who wants to settle down. Box T-1, BROADCASTING.

Technical Chief Engineer, WMAD AM/FM Madison, Wisc. AM Daytime directional Class A FM Stereo. Send resume and equal opportunity employer. Contact Don C. With, Box 4408, Madison, WI 53711, 608-271-6511.

Arkansas Company looking for chief engineer and engineer/operator. Contact James Cope 501-376-9292.

Classified Advertising
See last page of Classified Section for rates, closing dates, box numbers and other details.
HELP WANTED TECHNICAL
CONTINUED

Chief Engineer, fulltime engineer. 5 KW-D County. all news "C" FM, mobile units, public address equip- ment, installation. Station interests: FM, 4 tower, possible 150 watt market. Cascade Mountains of Oregon. If you like outdoor living, you'll love this country. Pays better than many larger markets. Lower living costs. EOE. Mr. Smith 503-882-8833 to arrange interview.

HELP WANTED NEWS
News Director for two person midwest department. Personal interview required. Box S-239, BROAD- CASTING.

News director with talk show experience. Sports op- portunity if qualified. Small northeast market. 3 man news staff. 3rd endorsed. EOE. Box S-293, BROAD- CASTING.

News Director: Chain operation. Excellent opportu- nity to move into Top 10 market, even though you'll start in mid-size southeast market. Must have good voice, write well and be a hustler. Two years experi- ence required. EOE. Box S-311, BROADCASTING.

News Director for 5,000 watt AM/FM combination; must have good presentation, be aggressive, and know how to use actualities. Strictly local news retinaired. Small market, county 50,000. AM top rated contemporary; FM county; EOE: salary flexible to $200 weekly, with news car; good references im- portant. JA West, KOMS-KRL, PO Box 1565, El Dorado, AR 71730 501-863-5121.

WGAI Radio has opening for lead afternoon announcer. Must be experienced journalist with personalizable 50,000 watt clear channel, excellent salary. EOE. Tapes to John Barger, GM, 1031 Navarro, San Antonio, TX 78205.

News director who can dig, write, air and direct 2 man staff for growing AM in good medium market. NY state. Tape and resume to PO Box 27, Binghamton, NY 13904.

HELP WANTED PROGRAMMING, PRODUCTION, OTHERS

Experienced Beautiful Music programmer wanted by top syndication service. Tremendous opportunity for right person. Send resume to Box S-290, BROADCASTING.

Professional/experienced radio person to teach radio production courses and advise campus radio stations. $11,500 12/months, MA required. Box S-313, BROADCASTING.

Program Director for top ten market contemporary station. Send resume to Box S-316, BROADCASTING.

Ohio Powerhouse with midwest coverage looking for production/traffic director. A perfect position for the right person. Prior experience is desirable. Excellent benefits, salary, EOE, M/F. Send examples of work, a resume, references and salary requirements to Box T-11, BROADCASTING.

Operations Director for upper Midwest medium market adult contemporary. Full responsibility for program- ming and production in addition to air shift. Must be creative and well organized, able to take charge and get the job done. 1st and technical skills a plus. Sal- ary, package negotiable with experience. Send resume with references to: Box T-15, BROADCASTING.

Applicant must have direct production experience. Mature voice required, along with ability to create ex- citing original production. Send tape and resume to Bili Smith, WGST Radio, PO Box 11920, Atlanta, GA 30355. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. No phone calls will be accepted.

Immediate opening for copywriter. Central Florida personality rock station. Send samples, resumes, references to John Landes, WLOF, PO Box 15746, Orlando, FL 32808, EOE.

HELP WANTED PROGRMING
PRODUCTION OTHERS CONTINUED

Copy writer/receptionist. If you are original and creative and are looking for a change, contact WRGI Naples, FL. Must relocate to Naples, FL. Work with a profes- sional contemporary staff in one of the most beautiful areas in the country. Submit application in writing to WRGI, PO Box 3940, Naples, FL 33940. An EEO Employer.


SITUATIONS WANTED MANAGEMENT

N.Y.'s No. 1 producer of radio talk shows wants PD/ OD with talk/news station. Box S-225, BROADCASTING.

Experienced group V.P. Consider good G.M. position if group position unavailable. Under 35, family, references. Box S-236, BROADCASTING


14 years experience all phases desires manage- ment. Must relocate to lower humidity area. Bob Clark, 24 Clarion Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 24401. 703-371 3840 after 5 P.M.

SITUATIONS WANTED ANNOUNCERS

DJ. 3rd phone, light board. good news and commer- cials, ready now! Anywhere: Box H-5, BROADCASTING.

Contemporary program director seeks Top 40 rock or programming position at medium or major market station. I'm ready to move now. Box S-265, BROADCASTING.

Avid sports fan seeks opportunity in radio sports. College journalism grad, currently employed at 5000 w NBC Top 40 station. 3rd endorsed. locate anywhere. Box S-268, BROADCASTING.

Female D.J., 6 years experience. Excellent voice. Wants large or medium market. Contemporary MOR or rock, I would be an asset to your station. Box S-296, BROADCASTING.

Progressive rock full time position is what I'm look- ing for. Dependable, 2 years experience. Currently employed part time at Top 50 market pro- gressive station. Must relocate, will relocate. Box S-301, BROADCASTING.

Attention contemporary stations! A true profes- sional wants to work for a winner. Box T-2, BROAD- CASTING.

FCC First PD/Morning man with heavy production, copy, news experience. Dedicated, hard worker; good voice. Seeking immediate, permanent position offer- ing good salary and growth. Medium market situated in Northeast. Please be specific about position and salary, first. No items. Tiny markets. Please Box T-5, BROADCASTING.

Experienced, creative 3rd phone producer seeking Top 40 station. Will adjust to your format, Ready to relocate anywhere. Box T-14, BROADCASTING.

Experienced announcer, Top 40. MOR. Country. 3rd. Pa. or neighboring states preferred. 717-284-3645. Box T-18, BROADCASTING.

5 years, 3rd on the way to 1st, seeks top spot C&W in mid or Southwest. Voted Top DJ, in Ohio in 1974, Mar- ried looking to settle. News pro with local angle. Soon. Box T-20, BROADCASTING.

Strong professional. Over eight years all phases radio and TV. Medium/Major market. Box T-22, BROADCASTING.

New England Area station needing person with these qualifications: Production, jock, news, music and program direction. Promptly employed Call Dave Macaulay, 617-922-0761 I am an Equal Opportunity Broadcaster.

SITUATIONS WANTED ANNONCERS CONTINUED

Versatile announcer, strong voice, bright per- sonality, wants to move up and settle down. PD, coun- cils, sales, other management positions. 6 years. 3rd endorsed. Willing to relocate. 312-741-4081.


H. Taylor. A top 40 rock DJ presently employed look- ing to move medium to major market. A cooker, 6 years experience. 1127 Columbus St., IL 61550. Phone 815-434-0000


Actor, first ticket, good voice, appearance, writing skills, well educated, stable, mature. Seek local PT or FT outlet for talent. Tape, Huston, 26 High, Rockport, MA 01966.


Young aggressive D.J. w/5 years experience, BA, 3rd looking for progressive or jazz gig or MD post. Production, news, R&R. Medium market. references upon request. Neal Monastoris, 26 Bedford Court, Spring Valley, NY 10977. 914-356-7244.

Announcer, ten years experience. Excellent references. Crack copywriting and production News or DJ. First phone, 404-523-5571.

Certificate, knowledgeable, responsible, well-read, bright, well traveled. Seeking position, radio talk show host. Spent 20 years in show business, ATFRA mem- ber, know radio well. Was born for this new career. 212-854-8191.

SITUATIONS WANTED NEWS

Total news professional looking for a challenge! I have experience in anchoring newsblocks, writing, producing and street work. I want a position that I can get my teeth into, Box S-274, BROADCASTING.

Outstanding interviewer and experienced news professional is seeking a station that offers an aggres- sive, dedicated and talented man in their news department. Box S-277, BROADCASTING.

Fifteen years experience last five Top Ten TV mar- ket. Play by playcolor hockey, football, basketball; street; six eleven Strip, Strong investigative, opinion pieces, light scripts. Personable, no nonsense package. 313-352-6672 or Box T-12, BROADCAST-ING.

Experienced news director and reporter in medium size station seeks greater challenges. Third phone endorsed, will relocate. Steve Kremer 301-926-5005 or Box T-18, BROADCASTING.

Strong professional, Over eight years all phases radio and TV. Medium/Major market. Box T-27, BROADCASTING.

Returning to radio, 20 years experience, sales, man- age, production, air personality. 609-883-8990.

SITUATIONS WANTED PROGRAMING, PRODUCTION, OTHERS

Looking for small market Texas operation needing PD. Seven years experience, rate included. Box S-64, BROADCASTING.

Experience: major, small market news, medium, small music. B.A. Penler SW. Whatcha get? Box S-315, BROADCASTING.

1st phone wants to try programming. Loves produc- tion. Some broadcast experience. For resume write Mike Swetz, 1031 East 231st Street, Bronx, NY 10466. 212-654-7874.
HELP WANTED MANAGEMENT

Network affiliated UHF in stable market seeks business manager capable of running the inside shop from administration to budgets and cost control in order to train manager for emphasis on sales. Resume and financial requirements to Box S-259, BROADCASTING.

Traffic Manager for progressive station in Gulf Coast Market. Presently in process of converting to Bias Computer Traffic System. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume and salary requirements to Box S-284, BROADCASTING.

Interdisciplinary education and research institute seeking Assistant Director for Community Education to develop and deliver professional programming in community education and manpower development in criminal justice. 12-month salary $20,000-33,000 DUE. Appointment during June/July. Send vita to: Dr. John Heafner, Director, Interdisciplinary Center, University of Alaska, 3211 Providence Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99504. Further information on request. We are an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

Chief Financial Officer. Major group broadcaster located in upstate New York needs chief financial officer. Key top management member, must have demonstrated ability in internal controls, operating budgets, financial planning, and capital structures. CPA preferred. Resume to W.M. Thomas, PO Box 550, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Community Club Awards Inc. (CCA). Two resident area sales managers (Midwest and West Coast) Full-time (Monday-Friday). Radio/TV sales management experience preferred. Salary commission, incentives, provide unlimited earnings opportunity in excess of current salary. Availability background, first letter, John C. Giamore, Box 151, Westport, CT 06880.

Think you can raise $3,000,000 a year in voluntary contributions? Think you can do it while working with a 300-member Advisory Council, 19-member Board of Trustees, and a staff of 110 persons? Experience in multi-media is required along with wide experience in public and institutional television production conceptualization and funding. Position is that of General Manager for major market public TV organization. Station is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer, but persons without five to ten years of successful public television management responsibility need not apply. Send resumes to: Search Committee, PO Box 24130, St. Louis, MO 63130.

HELP WANTED TECHNICAL

Chief Engineer for television remote company. Min. 3 yrs. experience, familiar with maintenance of RCA cameras and Ampex 1200 VTRs. Must be willing to travel. Southwest area Box S-287, BROADCASTING.

Maintenance engineer with experience in electronics and Supervision for TV station in top 10 market with very active remote schedule. Applicant must have FCC first class and 5 to 10 years experience. Box S-294, BROADCASTING.

Operating Engineer, with first class FCC license to work television station. First class Advisory Committee opening. Ideal community located in Alaska. Send resume and salary requirements to: George Howard, Chief Engineer, KHTV, Anchorage, Alaska, 99510.

Chief Engineer wanted with UHF transmitter experience. Prefer experience with RCA equipment. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to: E.F. Bigbee, Vice President of Engineering, WJCL, PO Box 13646, Savannah, GA 31406.

Upstate New York CCTV & production center requires maintenance engineer for full color facility. Experience should also include Ampex one-inch video tape systems and Vesteline CCTV gear. Salary $15,000-20,000, good benefits with major university. Reply to: Doug Dunning, Chief Engineer, ETV Center, MVR Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Operating Engineer. First Class FCC license to work studio and master control operations. Experience needed. Phone 517-755-8191, EOE.

HELP WANTED NEWS

Anchor, experienced. Must be able to edit, write and deliver news. Must be a reliable reporter, able to work with film and camera. Contact News Director, WEAU-TV, 1907 S. Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54701. 715-832-3474.

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Bob Schmidt at NCTA: making those first downs

Robert L. Schmidt, president of the National Cable Television Association, has competed in many arenas. They range from the basketball court to the football field to courts of law to the halls of Congress. But the competitive spirit that once drove him in the early 1960's as quarter- back of the University of Southern California Trojans football team is still within him today as he quarterbacks the cable television industry.

Sports is a nearly continuous thread running through Mr. Schmidt's background. He was All-American in basketball in high school, made varsity football as a freshman at Notre Dame, led the USC football team after transferring there, was drafted by the New York Titans (forerunner of the Jets) professional football team and coached the Georgetown University football club. Today, he is owner of the Washington Tennis Center, an indoor facility in McLean, Va., and he keeps in shape playing golf, tennis and, according to one NCTA staffer, a still main game of basketball.

Sports, however, is only one reflection of Mr. Schmidt's will to win. His father died when he was a teen-ager, and Mr. Schmidt worked then and all through college to support himself. It was the reason he left Notre Dame: USC athletes were allowed to work part-time, and the Los Angeles location was closer to home, in Bakersfield, Calif. Like many of the USC jocks, Mr. Schmidt worked as an extra and as a stuntman in the Hollywood studios.

"I was one of the guys that gets blown up or put on fire," Mr. Schmidt says. He worked in "Elmer Gantry" and in "Spartacus" as an extra and had speaking roles in the TV series, "Ozette and Harriet," and in the movie, "The Outsider," a biographical sketch of Ira Hayes, the American Indian who helped raise the flag on Iwo Jima. Another of his nonspeaking roles was when Mr. Schmidt's underarms were featured in an early Right Guard antiperspirant commercial (a role that paid for his first year of law school).

It was not the entertainment world, however, that drew Mr. Schmidt away from a sports career. It was politics.

In 1960, the Democrats held their national convention in Los Angeles, and Bob Schmidt did volunteer work for them chauffeuring the then governor of Ohio, Mike DiSalle, around town. Mr. Schmidt says that Governor DiSalle "was the kind of person who took you inside his circle." And that was the beginning of politics for Mr. Schmidt.

All political roads lead to Washington and it was there that Mr. Schmidt went after graduating from USC, working for the Democratic National Committee in "the basement" during the day and attending Georgetown University Law School at night. He began with the DNC by running the Addressograph machine, but later served as assistant to the chairman, special assistant to the treasurer and as an advance man for President John F. Kennedy.

In 1964, Mr. Schmidt joined ITT's government relations department in Washington. Later, he was moved up to director of public affairs for Washington, serving during the time of "the merger that never came off" between ITT and ABC. He also during that time acquired his law degree and an international business degree.

Mr. Schmidt left ITT in 1974 and set up his own law practice in Washington. His clients included ITT, the Trial Lawyers Association, a World Football League franchise and various tennis, football and soccer notables.

It was a fellow attorney who first approached Mr. Schmidt about the job as president of NCTA. His first reaction was negative. "I was not high on trade associations generally," he confesses. He thought they were "hard-pressed" to carry out their responsibilities, he says, since their efforts are tied down by "action by committee" and the "multifaceted interests of its members."

But he elected to take the job, partly out of his unrequited desire to work in the political process, partly because of the challenge. Eleven months ago, when he joined the association, he knew next to nothing about cable. Today, he is genuinely enthused about cable and where it is going. (He will proudly display NCTA's "new toy," a video-tape playback unit that association staffers can use to demonstrate CATV program offerings to legislators and regulators.)

Mr. Schmidt is "anxious" to do more next year than he has accomplished in the first months of his administration. Once the copyright issue is out of the way, Mr. Schmidt says the key problem for cable will be for it to establish itself as a separate medium and not as a service ancillary to over-the-air broadcasting.

Many in the cable industry give Mr. Schmidt much of the credit for NCTA's victories so far on copyright. Indeed, most of Mr. Schmidt's time has been spent on copyright rather than on other political issues or administrative tasks. That has not been a personal choice, he says, but one he had to take because copyright is "the most divisive issue" for the cable industry. He is pushing hard to put copyright to bed before it takes an international and US busi- ness. His outlook is optimistic for passage of a copyright bill that NCTA, and, he hopes, the rest of cable can live with. All that can prevent that now, he says, is if "broadcasters do everything in their power to kill the bill."

In fighting for cable in the copyright arena, Mr. Schmidt has shifted NCTA's lobbying focus away from the FCC and up on Capitol Hill. And it is there that Mr. Schmidt can call on his background. "Sports and entertainment," he says, are the "two greatest bridges" to political connections. Sports and movie people have the means to communicate widely, he says, and they reach a great number of influential Americans. Mr. Schmidt's acquaintances on both sides of the sports bridge are impressive. And it is a bridge across which he often travels.

Mr. Schmidt has run up a string of successes in most of the arenas he has com- peted in. It is probably too early for Mr. Schmidt's score to be added up in the arena of cable television regulation, but he has already demonstrated his will to win in the first period of play.
Elitism at its worst

Eric Sevareid last week delivered an eloquent plea for a restoration of reasonableness to discussions of television's place in the nation's culture. His lecture at the Washington Journalism Center's seminar was in no way a defense or an apology. It was the considered judgment of a journalist who has seen his own calling debased by those in the print media.

What Mr. Sevareid was saying, in a nice way, was that the intellectuals who write deprecatingly of television don't know what they're writing about. "Television is a combination mostly of lowbrow and middle brow, but there is more highbrow offered than highbrows will admit, or even seek to know about," he said. "They will make plans, go to trouble and expense, when they buy a book or reserve a seat in the theater." But when it comes to television, "They want to go home, eat dinner, twist the dial and find something agreeable ready, accommodating to their schedule."

There is also hypocrisy among publishers who editorially decry the low quality of television programing but who feature on the cover of their weekly TV supplements "the latest TV rock star or gang-buster character," said Mr. Sevareid. The same hypocrisy is evident when publishers "lecture the networks" for violence ("and it is excessive") but in the same papers publish advertising for the most violent and pornographic plays and films.

Mr. Sevareid's comments are reported at some length elsewhere in this magazine and are commended to the attention of readers who agree that television could be better but is being grossly undervalued in the nation's press. This is not the average hurrah-for-television speech prepared for a Rotary luncheon. Considering its source, it must be heeded—even by the targets of Mr. Sevareid's obvious if tempered scorn.

Win some, lose some

The National Association of Broadcasters has won at least a temporary reprieve from attempts on the Hill to create a new copyright covering the manufacture and performance of recorded music (Broadcasting, May 31). The House Judiciary subcommittee that is drafting a general copyright bill has rejected the adoption of a recording royalty now, but with the stipulation that the register of copyrights will study the matter and advise the Congress in 1978 whether such legislation is desirable.

It says something about the esteem in which broadcasting is held in Washington these days when the mere neutralization of a legislative threat can be called a victory for broadcasters. Still, the NAB is entitled to dance once around the Capitol—before going back inside to renew the struggle to neutralize other copyright legislation that would favor cable television.

With exceptions too slight to matter, the same Judiciary subcommittee three weeks ago adopted cable provisions that had been drafted jointly by the National Cable Television Association and the Motion Picture Association of America (Broadcasting, May 24). The subcommittee's bill would exempt cable systems from any copyright liability for local television signals and establish royalties for distant signals as follows: 0.675% of gross receipts for the privilege of carrying distant signals, to be credited against the first such signal picked up; 0.425% for second, third and fourth distant signals, and 0.2% for each signal over four. Systems grossing $160,000 or less semiannually would pay flat fees at much lower scales for any number of distant signals.

No wonder the majority of cable operators support that fee schedule. It is a cheap price to pay for their anticipated release from regulations that they say will no longer be justified if any copyright liability is legislated.

There are other features of the subcommittee bill that give some comfort to broadcasters. The royalty tribunal that would ordinarily meet every five years to review the fee scales would meet additionally whenever the FCC changed rules governing distant-signal importations or exclusivity of syndicated programing. It would also be required to assess how any changes in the FCC's distant-signal rules would affect broadcasting. Those provisions are read as an implied endorsement of the FCC's continued regulation of cable and as a deterrent to radical relaxation of its distant-signal rules.

Still to be considered by the subcommittee is the new bill's section on remedies and enforcement. In that, the NAB hopes to get the authority for radio and television stations to sue cable systems for the deletion or substitution of commercials.

As we say, there may be time for a brief victory celebration on the Hill, but no more than that.

Fees and fiddle faddle

The FCC seems bent on defending to its last lawyer its steadfast refusal to refund fees that were clearly outlawed by a Supreme Court decision back in March 1974. As reported here a week ago, the agency once again asserted the righteousness of its position in arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals, where broadcasters and a number of common carriers are seeking treatment equal to that accorded cable operators, whose fees the FCC long ago refunded.

Once again there was the claim that the Supreme Court decision applied exclusively to cable because it was rendered in a case that only the National Cable Television Association pursued after the National Association of Broadcasters dropped out, upon an adverse appellate-court ruling. Once again the FCC conveniently de-emphasized the fact that it scaled down its whole fee schedule, for broadcasters and everybody else, after the Supreme Court acted. And, once again, the FCC was silent on the most bureaucratic reason of all for its disinclination to make general refunds: As disclosed in a report in this publication's issue of last Jan. 19, the FCC staff is horrified at thought of the administrative burden it would face if required to refund parts of all the hundreds of thousands of fees paid by licensees in citizens-band radio.

Justice and equity have been singularly lacking in every FCC action on fees, since it first began reading political signals from Congress as orders to soak the regulated for 100% of the cost of regulation. Perhaps those qualities may at last be introduced in the appellate court's decision. We would have more confidence in the outcome if the whole story had been told to the court.
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