Growth in Top 100 chart spots dazzles industry, doubling in last five years

With the music explosion still resounding happily through the nation's radio and television sets, insiders note that the biggest and most dramatic success story in the business today is the extraordinary performance of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Founded in 1914, America's oldest and most prestigious music licensing organization is showing impressive growth in every department, expanding with the youthful vitality that keeps it No. 1 in America.

Cash Box reports that 6 albums by ASCAP licensed writer-performers have occupied the No. 1 chart spot for 21 of the first 22 weeks this year: Chicago's Greatest Hits, Dylan's Desire, Frampton's Come Alive, Eagles' Greatest Hit, Led Zeppelin's Presence, Rolling Stone's Black and Blue.

Hard-nosed show business lawyers and managers have brought their clients to ASCAP producing an extraordinary migration of very heavy talents: Motown's Jobete was part of a pilgrimage to ASCAP that brought the music organization—long famous as the home of established giants Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and the Gershwins—a company of such soulful superstars as Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and 94 others. Since then the Rolling Stones (PRS), Isley Brothers, Elton John and Bernie Taupin (PRS), Steve Stills, Average White Band, Peter Frampton (PRS), Bruce Springsteen, Eagles, America, Dan Fogelberg, Phoebe Snow, Pati Smith, Morris Albert, just to mention a few who made the move to ASCAP.

Building creatively on its traditional dominance in stage and screen action that has brought ASCAP writers the overwhelming majority of coveted Academy Award Oscars (108 of the 121 given for music) and Tony awards (24 of the 28 given for Best Musical), ASCAP's dynamic membership team in Hollywood, New York and Nashville has won the allegiance of many of the top writers writing for today's television.

ASCAP's importance to television was underlined by the industry itself when this year's Emmys for musical achievement went to three distinguished writer members: Leonard Bernstein for "Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic"; Cy Coleman, among others, for Shirley MacLaine's musical spectacular "Gypsy in My Soul"; and Alex North for the season's biggest hit "Rich Man, Poor Man."

During the past decade, the potent "pickers" of Nashville's Music Row and adjacent studios have been all over the chart, influencing the pop market as well as traditional Country enthusiasts. ASCAP's roots in Country go back to the 20's and 30's with Fred Rose and Bob Wills, but it's in the 70's with Foster & Rice, Billy Ed Wheeler, Ronnie Milsap, Jim Stafford, Bobby Russell, Ray Griff and Dave Loggins that the performing rights organization has made a strong and sustained drive in this area. Working from the Society's building near the Country Music Hall of Fame, a team of savvy Southern Gentlemen has more than tripled ASCAP's Country chart positions during the past eight years.

As a direct result, hundreds of stations that feature Country music are enjoying an ever-increasing catalog of ASCAP works. ASCAP songs are also playing an important role in the world of Gospel, where ASCAP writers led by Gospel-greats Bill Gaither and Andrac Crouch carry off many of the top Gospel Music Association awards each year. Once thought of as an organization resting on its outstanding "evergreens" ASCAP now enjoys the warm glow that comes from dominating the CBS-TV Rock Music Awards (11 of 15 Rockies last year) and the American Song Festival and scoring impressively in the Grammys presented by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

"We've always had the greats," ASCAP President Stanley Adams said recently, "and we're working hard to make sure that we always will. We are also committed to delivering to our customers the very best of every type of 20th century music. That's why so many top foreign writers license through ASCAP in this country, and that's why we offer a repertory unmatched in America."
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The Week in Brief

ONE DOWN □ The first of the series of presidential debates went off last week, not exactly as planned. PAGE 25. Behind-the-scenes squabbles over coverage preceded Thursday night's telecast. PAGE 26. And more legal struggles in court and at the FCC by minor-party candidates are expected. PAGE 26.

OH, HAPPY DAYS □ ABC-TV is out of the new-season blocks ahead of the field, winning three of first four nights of the new season. PAGE 29.

ONE TO GO □ Dan Schorr has won his battle with the House Ethics Committee. Will he do as well with CBS? PAGE 27.

YES, ANOTHER □ A second group owner faces the real possibility of losing all his licenses. PAGE 30.

TOGETHER □ NAB attracts most black station owners to a management conference. PAGE 30.

INSIDE RADIO □ A BROADCASTING special report takes a long look at the many faces of radio, 1976. PAGE 33. Business if running toward a super year with sales up 20% or more from last year's figures. Estimators see a booming year for radio in general as well as for most stations, networks and sales organizations. PAGE 34. Making the top of the chart in radio popularity is the contemporary format—135 contemporary stations scored in Arbitron's top-10 ratings of the first 50 markets. Stations with beautiful music formats and MOR also share a good piece of the action in the top-50 markets. PAGE 44. Rock is here to stay and is growing on FM stations. Present formats are expected to survive through the next decade, while album-oriented rock is increasing in popularity. PAGE 52. A smorgasbord of music—from Al Martino to Elton John—and features eliminate the routine sound from MOR-formatted stations, which are holding their own in the ratings across the country. PAGE 64. The progressive country sound is making inroads into some country stations, but whether you want to call it hillbilly, bluegrass, progressive or country-politan, country music is still country music and the stations that play it are happy with their large audiences. PAGE 86. Beautiful music formats are undergoing some changes in hopes of appealing to younger audiences. Programmers are adding some soft-rock sounds, splashing in a little disco beat here and there, and even garnishing their formats with vocals. PAGE 87. Regardless of disco music—which many music directors believe is fading—black radio has still got soul and is leaning more heavily toward jazz.

PAGE 65. Classical stations add vocal selections to their playlist to liven things up and are moving from records-only toward specially produced programs, e.g., Chicago Symphony Orchestra on reel-to-reel tapes. PAGE 66. To use automated music packages or not to use them, that is the question radio station managers often ask themselves. Some of the top syndicated programers shed some light on the formats they offer, price tags of their service and trends of the future. PAGE 70. Those radio featurettes of five minutes or less are creeping into programming more and more and to the delight of such syndicators as O'Connor, Alcare and Nightingale. PAGE 72. Longer programs—everything from mysteries to Fibber McGee to rock—are also finding homes on stations, and it's more than a fad since CBS Radio Mystery Theater is scheduled to make its 100th broadcast this Friday (Oct. 1). PAGE 74. No news isn't good news for all-news stations, and in addition to using network news services, stations are concentrating on the local angle, becoming the "conscience of their community." PAGE 74. Everybody is talking, and radio's got it, giving listeners a chance to add their two-cents worth. PAGE 76.

COUNTERATTACK □ Chairman Wiley defends FCC's cable regulations at the last day of CATV legislation hearings before the House Communications Subcommittee. PAGE 77.

CONVENTION WRAP-UP □ There's a consensus of satisfaction after NRBA's San Francisco convention last week. Attendance was up and so were equipment sales. PAGE 78. The association's two top officers were re-elected and the group voted to offer aid to some stations under renewal pressure. PAGE 81.

SPIN-OFF □ General Tire & Rubber announces a plan to separate its broadcasting subsidiary, RKO General. Move, subject to FCC and SEC approval, is hoped to isolate RKO from problems of parent. PAGE 83.

ANOTHER FOR DEREGULATION □ OTP's Houser says that he's in favor of some radio deregulation, including test suspension of the fairness doctrine, but would restrict FCC involvement to cases in top-10 markets only. PAGE 64.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT □ Tom Cousins's life is promotion and he's kept busy as president of BPA and promotion director at WCCO-TV. PAGE 105.
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**Damage report**

Station Representatives Association is understood to be putting together study analyzing economic impact on TV stations if TV networks expand half-hour evening newscasts to hour, as forecast. Report, still in drafting stage, will be made by committee headed by Alfred Masini, president of Tele-Rep.

**Odious comparison**

Coming off what it thinks is its most successful convention (see page 78), National Retailers Association is having second thoughts about choice of Chicago as site for next year's gathering. San Francisco's winning ways with tourists and fine weather had lot to do with high spirits last week, NRBA planners figure, and they're afraid Chicago can't top that.

Most troublesome prospect about Chicago is unhappy memories of disputes that equipment exhibitors had with unions at bigger National Association of Broadcasters convention last March. NRBA's convention—which attracts many of same exhibitors—is scheduled for Palmer House hotel rather than main convention center. McCormick Place, where NAB exhibits were installed, so union trouble might not recur. But had taste remains. Said one NRBA exhibitor last week: "You can tell 'em for me that if they go to Chicago next year, we won't be there."

**First hurdle**

Field Enterprises, 22.5% owner of Kaiser Broadcasting Co. and holding first refusal on buying rest of package from Kaiser Industries, may ask FCC for waiver of crossownership rules so that Field, publisher of Chicago Sun-Times, may become sole owner of WFLD-TV in same city. That's biggest stumbling block to Field's exercising option to take over five major-market UHF's in Kaiser group: Chicago station plus KNX-TV San Francisco, WIXI-TV Boston, WKBW-TV Buffalo, WKBST-TV Philadelphia. Group has been valued at $60 million-plus by Salomon Brothers, New York investment house ("Closed Circuit," Aug. 23).

Kaiser has sold interests in WUAB(TV) Lorain, Ohio (Cleveland), and KBCS-TV Corona, Calif. (Los Angeles), piecemeal (BROADCASTING, Sept. 20), but insists it won't deal off core stations of group in same channel block. Present management has interest in holding group together; additionally, Kaiser feels whole is worth more than sum of parts. That's difficult proposition, of course, except to Field or other buyer not now in multiple station ownership.

**Cables' way out**

Cable television systems' access channel may provide means for freeing cable systems from kind of equal-time and fairness-doctrine obligations now imposed on broadcasters. FCC's Cable Television Bureau has drafted notice of proposed rulemaking that would permit cable systems to substitute use of their access facility for compliance with equal-time and fairness requirements. Channel would be made available to candidates and to advocates of various proposals for controversial issues on first-come, first-serve basis. One provision of draft notice would make it clear systems are not expected to comply with fairness doctrine's affirmative obligation to cover controversial issues.

FCC Cable Television Bureau chief, James Hobson, in remarks to National Cable Television Association board last week, said he expected FCC to act on issue soon, but he didn't describe proposal. Matter is due for commission consideration this week, though action is not expected.

**One-night stand**

NBC-TV's vice president of sports, Carl Lindemann Jr., and National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle have quietly buried idea of playing Super Bowl XI as night game on Jan. 9, 1977. NBC reportedly lobbied Mr. Rozelle to make it night game to fit into NBC's open-ended Big Event time period on Sunday. But problem of inadequate lighting at Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., where Super Bowl will be played, was cited as key reason for Mr. Rozelle's unwillingness to change from set starting time of 12:30 p.m. West Coast time.

NBC, of course, was more successful with baseball commissioner, Bowie Kuhn, who agreed earlier this month to change second World Series contest (Sunday, Oct. 17) from day to night game (it'll start at 8:30 p.m., NYT) to accommodate Big Event (BROADCASTING, Sept. 13). Various sources say, however, that if seventh Series game is necessary on Sunday, Oct. 24, it will definitely be played in afternoon.

**Saying 'uncle'**

FCC has decided not to seek rehearing of U.S. Court of Appeals decision overruling commission's 1975 denial of certification of Teleprompter Corp.'s cable system in Johnstown, Pa., because of bribery committed by Teleprompter's former president, Irving Kahn, in obtaining original franchise, in 1966. Commission does not think it would be worth effort; commission attorneys are persuaded they won main point—that commission can deny certification when local franchising process is tainted by corruption. Court reversed commission because violations occurred before commission adopted its certification process (in 1972) and because offending official had been removed from corporation (BROADCASTING, Aug. 30).

Latter point puzzles commission attorneys, however. They note that in earlier case involving broadcast applicant, same court said that removal of official who had been convicted of crime did not cleanse applicant. However, commission attorneys say they can probably "distinguish" between those decisions if matter like it rises in future.

**One-way street**

While Canadian authorities pursue anti-American policy in Canadian advertisers' use of U.S. television and Canadian cable systems' importation of U.S. signals, there's brisk export of Canadian television signals to U.S. FCC's Cable Television Bureau has completed analysis showing that 39 Canadian stations in 26 cities are being picked up by U.S. cable systems numbering in hundreds in 16 states. Some U.S. systems carry as many as four Canadian stations.

Implications are numerous. Canadian pre-release of U.S. network programs is sore point with U.S. broadcasters into whose areas cables are importing Canadian broadcasts of shows U.S. affiliates haven't carried yet. Canadian advertising is getting unrestricted exposure in U.S. while U.S. advertising is being deleted by Canadian cables. Canadian government's elimination of tax deductions for Canadian advertising placed in U.S. became effective last week (see "In Brief" this issue).

**Open shop**

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, with membership in excess of 30,000 representing all facets of journalism, will be importuned to adopt resolution at its annual convention in Los Angeles Nov. 10-13 opposing compulsory unionism on First Amendment grounds. Resolution originates with National Right to Work Committee, Fairfax, Va., which claims signatures of 400 journalists on petition of support. It argues journalists should have right but "should not be compelled to join or support any labor, fraternal, professional or any other private organization in order to report or interpret the news." SDX resolutions committee chairman is Scott Aiken of Cincinnati Enquirer.
General Motors □ In extensive radio drive planned for 1977, GMC trucks will make use of both network and spot radio. General Motors has used television in past to help build GMC awareness but increased price tags of TV dictated stronger emphasis on radio, according to McCann-Erickson, Detroit. GMC will be running more than 2,800 commercials in 24-week period, consisting of six four-week spots on ABC, CBS, NBC, and representative network and spot radio in more than 100 markets. According to McCann, plans for TV are not set but investment in TV will be minimal, if used in 1977. Radio was chosen to increase brand awareness through continuity and frequency. McCann is gearing its commercials toward men 25 and over, through use of news, sports and special-interest programs.

RCA □ Company, through Al Paul Lefton, New York, has major-market radio promotion slated to begin Nov. 1 for four weeks. Chicago, Houston and Boston are among markets to reach adults, 25-64.

GAF □ Various photo products will be spotlighted in six-week spot TV run in long list of markets, starting in mid-November. Daniel & Charles, New York, is focusing on men and women, 18-49.

Ralston-Purina □ Consumer products division’s Grins and Smiles for children will get flight of TV 30’s and 60’s, beginning Oct. 4. Kids, 2-11, are targets. Gardner Advertising, St. Louis, is agency.

Mink International □ In its first use of TV, trade group promoting American fur industry and various Canadian mink associations, is putting together spot TV effort set to begin on Nov. 7 and continue to end of year in 14 major markets. Commercial also will be made available to retailers for use in their local markets. J. Walter Thompson, New York has prepared 30-second spot with motif, “Mink. There is nothing remotely like it,” to reach women, 21-54.

Toyota □ Intensive one-week radio campaign for auto company’s latest spot begins Oct. 4. Major-market stations that reach men, 18-34, are targets of this flight. Agency is Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, New York.

Coca-Cola □ McDonald & Little, Atlanta, has been named advertising agency for company’s sugar-free, citrus-flavored soft drink, Fresca. Advertising was formerly handled by Marschak of Columbus, Ohio. Advertising responsibility for company’s sugar-free cola beverage, Tab, has been shifted within the Interpublic Group from Marschak to McCann-Erickson, New York.

General Mills □ Latest radio spot for company’s new graham crackers, Golden Grahams, gets two-week campaign, beginning Oct. 11, in major markets including Chicago and Detroit. Demographic target of Campbell-Mithun agency is women, 25-49.

Carnation □ Various products will be highlighted in spot TV runs in long list of markets for six weeks starting in mid-October to early November. Los Angeles, is concentrating on time slots catering to women, 35 and older.

TRW □ Corporate advertising push for conglomerate will be launched in early January and continue throughout year, with total of 32 weeks on air in substantial number of markets. Meldrum & Fewsmitl, Cleveland, is concentrating on news and sports programs to attract men, 35 and over.

Welch Foods □ Welch grape soda will get TV drive Oct. 18-Nov. 14 in number of markets. Fringe and daytime 30’s are directed to women, 18-34, Richard K. Manoff, New York, is agency.

Time □ Time magazine is subject of quickie flight to begin Dec. 31 using news and prime-time TV 30’s in long list of markets. Men, 18-49, are targets. Wells, Rich, Greene, New York, is agency.

Helnz □ Gravy products will be advertised in late fringe, daytime and prime-time TV 30’s to run Oct. 4 through Nov. 28, focusing on women, 18-49. Leo Burnett, Chicago, is agency.

Royce Electronics □ On behalf of its line of CB radios, spot TV will supplement network TV promotion in 56 markets to run for 13 weeks until early January. News and sports programs will be used to reach men, 25-54. Gardner Advertising, St. Louis, is agency.

Jimmy Dean □ Sausage is subject of two-week flight beginning Oct. 20 in number of markets. Fringe, daytime and prime-time 30’s are zeroing in on adults, 18-49. RDR Associates, New York, is agency.

Progresso □ Soup company’s latest radio spot buy is multi-market seven-week splurge, beginning Oct. 3. Markets include Boston, Miami and Hartford,
Conn. Media Corp. of America, New York, has bought time on stations whose appeal is to women, 25-49.

**Nivea** Company's skin cream searching for October availability in major markets to promote its latest radio spot in eight-week drive. Markets include New York and Boston. Media buying service C.P.M., Chicago, is going after women, 25-49.

**Jelmar** Tarn-X, one-coat antiquing kit, will get three-week try-out beginning Nov. 8 in number of markets. TV 30's are aimed at women of all ages. A. Eicoff, Chicago, is agency.

**Daddy Crisp** Atlanta-based potato chip firm is set to begin spot TV advertising of "the first real potato chip in a can" in Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Dallas-Fort Worth and New Orleans-Shreveport as part of roll-out to other markets throughout next 12 months. Needham, Harper & Steers, Chicago, is aiming to reach women, 21-49.

**Valleymade Packers** Meat products will be showcased in spot TV promotion for selected major markets in South for four weeks beginning in mid-October. Noble-Dury & Associates, Nashville, Tenn., is setting its sights on women, 21 and over.

**Genesee Brewing Co.** Rochester, N.Y.-based brewery is blueprinting two spot TV flights to run for three weeks each in substantial list of markets; first to kick off in mid-October and second in late November. Wm. Esty Co., New York, is directing its commercials toward men, 18 to 49.

**Sharp Electronics** Color TV's will get two TV efforts, Oct. 11 to Nov. 1 and Nov. 22 to Dec. 18. Fringe 30's are geared to men, 18-49. Isidore Lefkowitz Elgort, New York, is agency.

**Mentholatum** Company's ointment is set for two three-week runs, Oct. 25 and Nov. 29, in number of markets. TV 30's in early fringe time are concentrating on adults, men and women. J. Walter Thompson, Chicago, is agency.

**Circus World** Toys are subject of pre-holiday campaign, Oct. 25-Dec. 12, in number of markets with TV 30's aimed at children. William B. Tanner, New York, is buying service.

**Northwest** Airline company, through Campbell Mithun advertising, is scheduling its latest radio spots to East Coast for three week try beginning Nov. 1. Markets include Atlanta and Boston. Agency will buy time on stations appealing to men, 25-64.

**Chrysler** Auto company's corporate radio spots have just begun major nationwide two week effort. New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Miami and San Francisco are among markets covered. Agency Ross Roy is pitching spots to adults, 18-49.

**American Honda** Honda motorcycles will be featured in spot TV drive in substantial number of markets for two weeks starting in mid-November and for one week in early December. Grey Advertising, Los Angeles, is zeroing in on total adults, 18-34.

**Sunshine Biscuit** Spot TV campaign in support of Cheez-it is in preparation for start in mid-November for approximately six weeks in long list of markets. SSC&B, New York, is seeking time slots to reach women, 18-49.

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**ESB** Company's Ray-O-Vac division has eight-week radio drive scheduled to begin Oct. 11. Markets include Los Angeles, Detroit and Houston. Ray-O-Vac's ad agency, Howard Monk & Associates, Rockford, Ill., is seeking men, 25-49.

**Love** Cosmetics company's new radio spot getting six-week pre-Christmas try, to kick off Nov. 13. Houston and Milwaukee are two markets whose radio stations appealing to women, 18-24, will be sought by SFM Media, New York.

**Hughes and Hatcher** Detroit-based retail chain is readying intensive four-day regional radio promotion, which kicks off Oct. 11. Markets such as Detroit and Milwaukee will be covered by campaign. Grey-North, Chicago, is buying stations that reach men, 25-49.

**RCA** J. Walter Thompson's communications division has resigned RCA corporate advertising account, which is said to bill less than $1 million. JWT said that "after careful review, it foresaw limited financial future in continuing to handle account."

**Big M Mid-State Markets** Association of 83 independently owned super markets in New York state has appointed Lee Keeler Advertising, Rosemont, Pa., to handle $250,000 TV campaign set to break next month.

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Sept. 27 — Federal Communications Bar Association luncheon. Speaker will be Werner Hartenberger. FCC general counsel. Army-Navy Club, Washington.

Sept. 27-28 — Annual convention of Midwest Chapter of the National Religious Broadcasters, Charles Colson, former White House advisor. Among speakers: Chicago O'Hare Airport Exibit Exhl, Chicago.


Sept. 27-29 — Council of Better Business Bureaus sixth annual assembly. FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley will be featured speaker. Also on the agenda will be addressed by Representative John Anderson (R-Ill.); Marvin Kostow, vice president, marketing services. Bristol-Myers Co.; William B. Clemons, vice president/general manager General Electric Co., and Bartosz Collins, chairman, executive committee. Compton Advertising. Fairmont hotel, New Orleans.


Oct. 1 — Deadline for entries in media awards program of American Cancer Society. Categories include multiple classifications in local and network radio-television information: ACS Mass Media Awards Committee, 801 Second Avenue, New York 10017; (212) 749-8338.


Oct. 1 — FCC's deadline for comments on amendment of noncommercial FM broadcast rules. Reply comments are due Nov. 16. FCC, Washington.

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posed amendment of rules to issue separate program logging rule common to all noncommercial educational broadcast stations. Replies are due Oct. 18, FCC, Washington.

Oct. 7-9 — Pennsylvania Cable Television Association fall meeting. Sheraton-Piccaso Inn and Resort in Pocono Mountains (I-80 at Pennsylvania Turnpike Northwest Extension).

Oct. 7-10 — Women in Communications Inc. national meeting. George E. Read, writer-lecturer and former presidential press secretary, will be keynote speaker Oct. 7. Marc Plaza hotel, Milwaukee.


Oct. 7-9 — Seminar of California Trial Lawyers Association for Northern California news media. Subjects will include libel and slander, reporter's shield law, media gag rule, invasion of privacy and public figure status. Hilton Inn, San Francisco International Airport.

Oct. 7-9 — Seminar workshop of Florida Association of Broadcasters on selling, sales management and ascertainment of community needs. Featured will be Carlton F. Lourcks, sales and management consultant, and Richard F. Shible, chief of Renewals and Transfers Division, FCC. Bay Point resort, Panama City, Fla.

Oct. 8-10 — New England College Radio Conference, sponsored by WUMB (AM) Boston. Massachusetts Student Broadcasting Association and Intercollegiate Broadcasting System. Hanover Campus, University of Massachusetts, Dorchester. Contact: Mark Goneo or Pat Monifith, WUMB, Dorchester 02123: (617) 297-1900, ext. 2250.


Oct. 10-12 — Fall convention, Kentucky CATV Association, Continental Inn, Lexington.

Oct. 11 — Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters fall seminar. Penn Harris Motor Inn, Harrisburg.

Oct. 12 — Public hearings begin in Dallas on first phase of Federal Trade Commission's proposed trade regulation regarding information and claims in food advertising. FTC regional office, 500 South Ervay Street.

Oct. 12-13 — Special meeting of the engineering committee of the Association of Maximum Service Telecasters. Featured will be discussion of general proposals for reducing FCC established minimum mileage separation requirements for VHF stations and studies and reports on needs to achieve UHF service on a technical parity with VHF service. Other topics: the proposed circularly polarized transmission for TV. CB and FM interference problems for TV and U.S. planning for participation in the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference. WTVF(TV) Nashville.


Oct. 18 — Mississippi Cable Television Association meeting. Biloxi.


Oct. 18-20 — Mid-American Cable Television Association, Wichita, Kan.

Oct. 19 — FCC regional meeting with broadcasters and members of the public from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Hyatt Regency hotel, Houston.

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Misinterpreted

EDITOR: The report on page 25 of Broadcasting for Sept. 20 of the argument in the United States Court of Appeals in the newspaper/broadcast station crossownership appeal states that I "spoke for WTOP-TV Washington and other broadcasters in arguing that the commission's rule was reasonable—that a prospective rule would serve the cause of diversity."

My argument was entirely in support of the FCC's determination not to require across-the-board divestiture of newspaper/broadcast ownership as proposed by the Department of Justice and National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting. I did not state that the commission's rule banning crossownership prospectively was reasonable or that it would serve the cause of diversity. Rather, I argued in part that the fact that the commission reached those conclusions in no way required the commission also to order across-the-board divestiture—that divestiture presents very different considerations than does a prospective rule.—Ernest W. Jennes, Covington & Burling, Washington.

An Ochs to grind

EDITOR: The Postal Service is issuing a commemorative stamp honoring Adolph S. Ochs. "Who is this fellow Ochs, who will get his picture on a 13-cent stamp?" you ask. Is he a Bicentennial hero we all forgot? Nope. Was he a famous man in American history sometime in the dim past? Nope. Was he a broadcaster? Heavens no—he was a not-so-famous publisher of the New York Times until 1935.

Douglas Kahle, of KBND(AM) Bend, Ore., wrote in "Open Mike" Aug. 23 that the Progress in Electronics stamp issued a few years ago was a recognition of broadcasting. Sorry, Doug, no such thing. Of the 74 commemoratives scheduled this year, there's nothing for us. The next time you write or talk with your congressman, tell him (or her) to drop a note to the U.S. Postal Service, requesting a stamp for American broadcasting. Our industry, with its public service to the taxpayer as well as government is certainly more important than a newspaper publisher who passed away 41 years ago. Remember, broadcasting has never had a commemorative stamp.—Peter K. O'Neill, president, Jampro Antenna Co., Sacramento, Calif.

PSA or bonus spot?

EDITOR: In the Aug. 30 editorial concerning the decision by the Department of Defense to buy broadcast advertising you point out that although DOD will buy advertising, it will "count on broadcasters to continue the generous carriage of unpaid public service messages."

I wonder if these "public service messages" would qualify as "bonus spots" as defined in Note 3 of 73.112 of the FCC rules. It would appear that they

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Poverty is most widespread among those least able to cope with it. The aged. Black people. Those with limited schooling. And households headed by women. (The latter have fallen so far behind, they now represent 43% of all poor families—up from 28% in 1965.)

Unfortunately, it’s these same people who are most afflicted by the pressures of recession and inflation.

Storer Stations feel that poverty shouldn’t be swept under the rug. That only by talking about it can we resolve the problems. So more and more editorials and programs are regularly devoted to the subject.

WAGA-TV in Atlanta, for example, runs a “Sound Off to TV-5” program where they meet citizens face to face, and learn about poverty-related problems.

WAGA-TV also recently aired guest editorials by Georgia poverty agencies. When 21,000 people were being cut from “Aid to Families with Dependent Children,” an editorial showed how this would actually cost the taxpayers money in the long run. And when the federal Food Stamp program was threatened by charges of fraud, and cheats abusing the program, an editorial pointed out why the charges were based on ignorance and distortion of the facts.

In Detroit, WJBK-TV pushed for improving welfare by getting people off the rolls who don’t belong there and putting others on who do. It showed how a pilot project in Arkansas helped train recipients of “Aid to Dependent Children” so that 9 out of 10 who completed the program were able to find jobs. And 3 out of 10 were able to leave the welfare rolls entirely. WJBK-TV also demonstrated how tracking down runaway breadwinners could save substantial amounts and put the burden where it belongs.

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are indeed bonus spots, given to a paying advertiser. If this is the case, we are required to log these PSA’s as commercial announcements.

That is not the only problem area. Giving away bonus spots might be considered giving a reduced rate on commercial advertising. Stations would have to give this same rate to all political advertisers (providing they choose to sell political ads), for this is surely their lowest unit rate. Since political advertisers need not buy in quantity to get the quantity discounts (as I understand the rules from an FCC regional meeting in San Francisco), the political advertiser may not have to buy the paid spots to get the bonus spots.

It appears that through a proliferation of rules we have worked ourselves into a corner. No matter what you do, there is a rule against it.—Harold Hallikainen, president, Hallikainen & Friends, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Local journalism letters

Editor: I am impressed by the aggressive news operations you detailed [in the Aug. 23 issue] and by the debut of electronic news gathering. ENG offers certain economies of operation and an immediacy that I hope can be utilized in the future to give the public an even more substantive news program.

Your magazine does a fine job of reporting on the broadcasting industry. I wish you continued success.—William G. Milliken, governor of Michigan, Lansing.

Editor: I found the issue interesting and stimulating.—Warren G. Magnuson, U.S. Senate, Washington.

Editor: I hope you will continue to perform a vital service by calling our attention to the best that broadcasting can become—and by implication, discouraging its worst excesses.—Hubert H. Humphrey, U.S. Senate, Washington.

Editor: I found the report concerning television journalists to be not only timely, but also most enlightening.—Robert F. Benenett, governor of Kansas, Topeka.

Editor: As you know, one of my main concerns as a senator from New Jersey is that state’s lack of a major commercial television outlet. Your magazine helped me realize again how much our state’s residents are missing without comprehensive coverage of local issues and news events.—Harrison A. Williams Jr., U.S. Senate, Washington.

WOOD-TV builders?

Editor: A reunion of all who helped put WOOD-TV (now WTV) Grand Rapids, Mich., on the air 25 years ago is set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Midway Motor Lodge in Grand Rapids. It is hoped that anyone eligible who hasn’t been contacted will get in touch.—Frank Sisson, WTV Detroit (312) 222-2655.

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By now everyone must be well aware that this is the golden year of network television advertising. Never before, and possibly never again, will the network cash registers ring as loud and fast as they have for the 1976-77 season.

As early as June this year, we found prime-time and daytime availabilities for the fourth quarter of 1976 over 90% sold out. Most of the remaining inventory was concentrated in the historically soft early fall and post-Christmas periods. Early and late fringe programing availabilities were not far behind—80% to 85% sold out. Even more incredibly, the three networks reported sales levels of over 80% in all dayparts for the first nine months of 1977.

The C-P-M levels for these April through early June 1976 up-front buys were about 15% to 20% higher over-all than they had been for the past season. Naturally we groaned as the $3 household C-P-M for prime-time thirty-second became commonplace. We groaned again when daytime started to exceed the $1.30 range for households.

Now that the new season is actually under way we step back to find that practically all areas of network programing are at or above 90%-sold status through September 1977. The quick response of most advertisers and agencies to the situation is to consider other media.

The print folks responded to the situation with aggressive selling and clever trade advertising that no doubt will result in a banner year for most of that medium as well.

The spot-television people, traditionally the first stop for over-flow network coins, started to retaliate their rate cards in anticipation of a barrage of buying. The spot television increases in many cases are at the 50% to 80% level over the year past. The radio network and spot people should also benefit from this "no vacancy" situation on the television networks.

But if you're a time-sales executive, don't run out to the backyard and start pacing off a new Olympic-size swimming pool. In the panic to enter the network marketplace as availability's were thinning out and cost-per-thousands were rising ($4 C-P-M for homes in prime time), most advertisers were caught with incomplete marketing plans and strategies for the last half of 1976—never mind the first nine months of 1977. This resulted in establishing network quarterly budgets for negotiating purposes that were based on past spending patterns and just plain seat-of-the-pants estimates.

As the advertiser's true needs come into sharp focus, we may experience the greatest juggling act of our time. All the paperwork—not neglected at the networks and agencies at the height of the buying panic and finally put in order over the summer—is now about to be drastically revised as the requests come in to the networks to change schedules to suit new goals and, alas, to sell off.

Sell-off activity, in short, will be an unprecedented level throughout the next 12 months. Some network commercial units may end up being sold three times over. I can only guess what kind of chaos this will create in the commission systems of network sales departments.

The grief that this situation holds for advertisers who find that they overbought the medium will be substantial. There is no way that they could totally recoup if the sell-off situation develops as we fear. On the other hand, the advertisers who missed the boat in April, May and June, or now require more network time, should stand an excellent chance of buying network time at least during the January to September 1977 portion of the season. The prices will be high ($4.50 plus in prime time and possibly $1.75 plus in daytime) and program selection and weekly distribution will be far from ideal. But they will be on the air.

Thus if you're selling another medium, incredible increases in 1977 are not assured. You will still have to fight for every available dollar. Things may look bleak at the moment for network advertising time for those advertisers who could not move early this year, but they still might be able to purchase all or part of their original network needs from the large quantity of sell-off units that will shortly start surfacing at all three networks and in almost all dayparts (with children's programing probably the only exception).

In addition to sell-off requests, the networks should find additional inventory turning up when the option dates for the second and third quarters of 1977 roll around. These dates are usually from 60 to 90 days preceding the start of the quarter. The ideal time to seek avail is the second quarter 1977 should then be early in January 1977. The advertiser should expect that fact decisions will be the order of the day. Prolonged negotiations involving long inventory "holds" will no longer be possible due to the anticipated keen competition for the time.

The advertiser now sitting back with a neat, orderly network prime-time schedule that fulfills all of his requirements also faces a bumpy road. The tight or nonexistent availability situation, particularly in the fourth quarter of 1976, puts a premium on the ability of the networks to provide adequate make-goods if pre-emption surfaces in their schedules. Each network has reserved some inventory for make-goods, but it is not expected to cover all needs. The advertiser who in the quieter past has dictated that his agency must obtain client approval prior to accepting any network make-goods may wish to reconsider this procedure due to the current competitive pressures.

If the advertiser cannot achieve his full network requirements or wait for the sell-off market to open, and if he must remain in the medium, the first alternative in most cases probably should be syndication. Via syndication it is possible to purchase short-term 30-second schedules in some 20 syndicated series that can provide coverage levels of from 40% to 80%. The C-P-M levels are lower than for standard network and spot television.

The drawback is that the programs are concentrated in fringe-time periods and tend to get ratings that average between 2 and 5. If the advertiser is moving into spot television, however, he most likely will be buying in or around the same programs at a higher cost level. In fact, it is not unusual to find that the cost of buying a barter-syndicated program on a spot basis in the top 10 or 15 markets will cost more than if the same show was purchased directly from the syndicator.

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Stage wait of 28 minutes mars first great debate

Estimated 100 million see opener in candidate confrontations, but they had to hold on for nearly half hour for the ending as audio breaks down; Van Deerlin says it shows that the networks should have been in control; overnights indicate so-so ratings

The first-head-to-head debate between presidential candidates in 16 years was watched by an estimated 90-100 million viewers in 35-40 million homes Thursday night as President Ford and Jimmy Carter opened what both consider the most crucial phase of their campaigns.

The first ratings, the Nielsen overnights for New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, suggested that in the first two cities, at least, the debate audience came reasonably close to normal levels for network entertainment, neither plummeting as conventional public-affairs broadcast usually do but not going through the roof either.

In New York Nielsen put the averages for the three commercial networks and the Public Broadcasting Service over the two-hour period at 53.7 rating and 82 share. Other sources said the ABC station averaged a 27 share, CBS 26, NBC 25, for a three-network total of 78—in the same ball park with a normal three-network audience. In Chicago the three network stations alone had a combined 54.9 rating and 81 share, while in Los Angeles the network stations had a 42.7 and 65.

The near-historic broadcast set an unwanted record of its own when an electrical malfunction shut off TV and radio sound with nine minutes to go in the scheduled 90-minute confrontation. The candidates stood at their lecterns and waited like everyone else during the 28 minutes it took engineers to locate the trouble and bypass it.

William Sheehan, president of ABC News, which handled the pool for the debate in Philadelphia's Walnut Street Theater, said the problem had been traced to a capacitor in the audio distribution amplifier that takes the audio signal from the mixer controlling the microphones and feeds it to the networks.

He said there was back-up equipment for the microphones, mixers and lines used in Philadelphia but that engineers had advised him there was no duplicate on hand for this particular unit because it is so reliable that it is "common practice" not to carry a back-up. "Common practice will change after this," he ventured.

The network anchormen took over with recaps and reports from correspondents while engineers searched for the problem—which was not clearly defined in time for an explanation to viewers—and found a way to get around it.

The debate, which had been scheduled to run from 9:30-11 p.m. NYT, was interrupted at about 10:51 during an answer by Governor Carter. It resumed at about 11:19 with Mr. Carter completing his answer, then went to the candidates' summations and ended at 11:27.

Representatives of both candidates, interviewed during the interruption and in network wrapups after the debate, expressed delight with the way it had gone and maintained without reservation that their man had won.

But if both were dissatisfied with league control of the debates, Congress could move "in half an hour" this week to vote the exemption needed to permit the networks to hold the remaining debates in a studio, Representative Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.) said last week.

Mr. Van Deerlin, chairman of the Communications Subcommittee where such legislation would begin, said he was prepared to move a bill, but would not do so without requests from both candidates. Mr. Van Deerlin's opposite number, Senate Communications Subcommittee Chairman John Pastore (D-R.I.) said on the other hand that he was "not prepared to go along with" the last-minute exemption, the purpose of which would be to permit the networks to carry the debates without equal time obligations.

Mr. Van Deerlin was moved to comment by his outrage over the audio failure that interrupted the candidate debates for nearly a half-hour. It was "just beyond belief, absolutely ludicrous" the congressman said.

What the incident shows, Mr. Van Deerlin said, "is that the networks know what they were talking about in the first place. As long as the candidates are going to be hermetically sealed anyway, they should have been where they belonged in the first place—in a studio."

Senator Pastore, by contrast, was unperturbed by the 28-minute gap, saying in his opinion it merely prolonged an already unexciting event. "I don't think it made that big a difference," he said.

The senator said he thinks it too late to press an exemption for the networks and believes furthermore that such a move would be an affront to the League of Women Voters, which has carried the
project from its beginnings in the spring.

Network news officials appeared to be at least as anxious as the way coverage went—except for the sound failure—despite reservations about ground rules that had made it appear, only days earlier, that the commercial networks might not cover the debate at all. CBS News went so far at one point as to suggest it might boycott the confrontation on several grounds including the refusal of the sponsor—the League of Women Voters—to allow cutaway shots of the live audience and to let the networks have their own cameras in addition to those in the pool.

Ironically, when the debate was over CBS News was the only one not pledging further efforts to get the ground rules changed before the next debate—which is scheduled for Oct. 6 in San Francisco starting at 9:30 p.m. N.Y.T.

ABC News President Sheehan said he regarded the league's limitation on camera use as a vital issue extending well beyond the question of audience reaction shots. “If we don't get it right this time,” he said, “they can also tell us we can't do tight close-ups, or medium close-ups or whatever. I intend to pursue this and hope the question can be reopened before the Oct. 6 debate.”

NBC officials also said they would do what they could in further discussion with the league to get “full journalistic rights and privileges.”

But Richard S. Salant, president of CBS News, who had been by far the most outspoken critic of the league's ground rules, wondered whether further negotiation now would accomplish anything. “I don't think so,” he said. “You beat your head against a wall and you get beat and you go on from there. Despite what my critics say, I think there are fundamental principles involved here. But you hit a stone wall and you have to start all over again. We'll certainly try again in 1980.”

For last Thursday night's confrontation, a coin flip determined that Mr. Carter would be asked the first question and that Mr. Ford would have the final summation.

Edwin Newman of NBC News was designated by the league as moderator. The questioners, also named by the league, were Frank Reynolds of ABC News, James Gannon of the Wall Street Journal and Elizabeth Drew of the New Yorker magazine. Questioning was rotated among the three, and question alternated between the two candidates.

Each candidate was allowed up to three minutes to answer each question directed to him and two minutes to respond to a follow-up question, after which—in a major departure from the Kennedy-Nixon debate format—his opponent had two minutes in which to respond. Each candidate had three minutes for a final summation.

ABC's coverage was anchored by Harry Reasoner—joined, after the audio breakdown, by Howard K. Smith. Mr. Reasoner seized that opportunity to note, quietly, that things might have gone better if the networks had run them.

ABC passed the ball back to affiliates for their regular late night newscasts after the debate, then came back for a half-hour "perspective" session moderating with Bob Smith and correspondents Tom Jarriel, Sam Donaldson and Frank Reynolds—the last named coming off his co-starring role as one of the three questioners. The post-debate show featured cutaway interviews with vice presidential contenders Mondale and Dole.

CBS-TV broke for affiliates' local news at 11:30, returning at midnight with a program of analysis that ran 23 minutes and included, in addition to anchor Cronkite, correspondents Eric Sevareid, Roger Mudd, Bob Schieffer and Ed Bradley.

During the period when the sound was off, Mr. Cronkite called in CBS correspondents Leslie Stahl in a series of interviews in the lobby with aides of both candidates, and correspondents Ed Rabel with an interview with Mrs. Carter.

David Brinkley was anchor for NBC's debate coverage, with John Chancellor making occasional comments from a "standby position." Mr. Chancellor, however, broke back to affiliates for local news after the debates, then returned at midnight for a 15-minute special report. John Chancellor appeared with Edwin Newman, who moderated the debates, and observed that both candidates, still with each other at the start, shared a camaraderie when it was over, but "just had their pockets picked," a reference to the awkwardness of the 28-minute gap. There were more interviews by Douglas Kiker, Marilyn Berger and one by Catherine Mackin with five members of the League of Women Voters.

The Public Broadcasting Service's coverage included not only by its own simultaneous sign language translation in the bottom right hand corner of the screen but also for an "instant" poll conducted by Burns Roper of the Roper Organization.

During a pre-debate show with Robert MacNeil and James Lehrer from the Philadelphia studios of WHYY-TV, Del., Mr. Roper gave the results of a 600-person survey conducted earlier last week. Follow-up started after an hour of debate and announcement of the results began when the debate was interrupted. Mr. Roper found that 56% of the U.S. adult population had watched and said the figure could be as high as 65%. Of which candidate won, 39% said President Ford, 31% said Jimmy Carter and the remaining 30% was undecided.

The debates behind the debates: Networks fought to loosen restrictions on coverage

Last week's debate followed weeks of intense and sometimes fiery negotiations between network news and league representatives over ground rules for coverage. The differences were so deep that for a while they raised the prospect that the commercial TV networks might refuse to cover the debate.

At one point, during a three-hour session Saturday (Sept. 18) in Washington, CBS News President Richard S. Salant walked angrily out of the meeting after Charles E. Walker, a co-chairman of the league, refused to go along with one of his arguments with "oh, shut up." Participants and CBS News sources said Mr. Walker apologized after Mr. Salant reached the door, and urged him to return, but that he refused and instead summoned his colleague, Robert Chandler, CBS News vice president and assistant to the president, to gather up his papers and leave with him. They did not return.

The big sticking point in that session—as in many before—was the league's refusal to allow TV cutaway shots of the audience in the theater during the debate. The three commercial networks and the Public Broadcasting Service all maintained that this was a restriction on their "journalistic right" to use their own news judgment in covering news event. Only PBS would say, at that point, that it would definitely cover the debates if the restriction was allowed to stand, and Mr. Salant said CBS News was considering a boycott. For its part, the league was saying it had agreed with the candidates from the start that coverage would concentrate on the debaters and avoid shots of the audience, which in their view might divert or influence home viewers. The league did agree to take the question to the candidates again, but their representatives refused to discuss the veto.

In one exchange on this issue, Mr. Salant had his boss's words sent back to him. He had appealed to the candidates directly, and in response Michael Raoul-Duval, special counsel to President Ford, noted that CBS Inc. President Arthur R. Taylor, in arguing for a suspension of Section 315 to permit debates in a studio setting, had suggested there might be "a substantial danger" that a live audience "could provide distractions from the substance of the debate or give supporting or negative emphasis to one participant or the other." To which Mr. Salant seemed to be replying, although indirectly, when he
said in a subsequent statement that "the problem exists because the league elected to invite an audience" to a news event.

Another major sticking point developed over selection of the panel of questioners. Mr. Salant, in a statement last Monday (Sept. 20) announcing that CBS News had decided "with substantial reservations" to cover the first debate, charged that the league "has not been entirely candid or forthcoming on this issue." The league said on Sept. 8 that the candidates would have no voice in the selection of questioners, he said, "yet it is now admitted that, beginning many weeks ago, the candidates were asked by the league to submit their own lists of potential panelists, and that a series of such lists were circulated to the candidates—for comment at the least."

"CBS News believes the panel and moderator for the Sept. 23 appearance, announced today, are journalists of the highest integrity," his statement said. "The violation of the principle, however, that interviewees should have no role in the selection of their questioners, remains a disturbing intrusion into journalistic ethics."

A third issue raised by Mr. Salant as part of a "serious" invasion of "freedom to cover news" was one that had bothered network newsmen from the beginning—the league's insistence that coverage be entirely pooled even though, Mr. Salant asserted, "there is no contention that limitations of space require or justify such a restriction. This means that individual networks cannot exercise their news judgments through the use of their own cameras."

Mr. Salant's angry walkout from the Sept. 18 meeting and blunt criticisms of the ground rules did not sit well, in at least some cases, with news executives and officials of other networks, even though they said they agreed with him in principle. One official of another network called it "an appalling performance—childish—that tends to tar us all with the same brush, as they say."

His objection—and that voiced privately by others—was that Mr. Salant's high-profile criticism encouraged the notion that the networks want to do things their own way or not at all.

"He's obscured the fact that all of us networks were trying to get Section 315 suspended so we could do a better journalistic job of covering the entire campaign, not just the debates alone," the official said. "Now people think of us as petulant children who won't play if we can't make the rules ourselves."

Despite their networks' refusal at one point to say they would carry the debate even if the restrictions were not lifted, sources at CBS agreed that, as one put it, "I don't think that in our hearts there was ever any doubt that we'd cover it."

There were other but mostly lesser problems on the way to the first confrontation.

Network representatives raised questions, for example, about whether the pool producer, Elliot Bernstein of ABC News, could deal directly with the candidates' representatives on technical matters—such as camera heights or lighting adjustments—without being subject to claims that he participated in the staging of the event, making the networks liable to Section 315 demands from other candidates.

He said later, however, that he had been authorized to make reasonable adjustments if the candidates requested it.

But he said that, unlike the producers of the Kennedy-Nixon debates, he was not allowing the candidates' representatives to be with him in the control room (in a trailer parked outside the theater) during the debate. He assured them they could reach him by telephone during the telecast, however.

The league also had at least one turnaround in its selection of questioners. ABC News' Mr. Reynolds apparently was picked after George Herman of CBS News was asked and declined. CBS News sources said they didn't know what Mr. Herman's reason was, but they confirmed that President Salant, unhappy about the way the panel was being chosen, had told staffers they were free to accept if asked but that he'd recommend they decline.

Whither CBS and Dan Schorr?

House Ethics Committee abandons efforts to get newsman to talk; now he and network have their own scores to settle

For seven months, the question facing CBS newsman Daniel Schorr was how far the House of Representatives would pursue its efforts to find the person who furnished him a copy of a classified House intelligence report. Now the question—likely to be resolved in no more than two weeks—is whether Mr. Schorr, who was suspended with pay during the investigation, will return to active duty with CBS News.

The House inquiry ended last week in a series of Ethics Committee votes not to punish Mr. Schorr for refusing to reveal his source and releasing him and three other witnesses from its subpoenas. The committee had spent seven months and $150,000 on the project. But in terminating the inquiry without further action, the committee avoided a possible confrontation between Mr. Schorr and Congress on accidental problems" and said a system to provide that protection was being worked out "within the commission." Furthermore, she said, "I expect you [the press, FCC staff and others] to be watchdogs." Neither Mrs. White nor Mr. Fogarty yet has permanent staff. Commissioner Fogarty has asked James Graf, a former FCC staff member who has yet to be released from the staff of the Senate Communications Subcommittee, to serve as his legal assistant. In the meantime, James Kizzirian Jr., of the commission's general counsel's office, and Bonnie Herold and Gloria Hilliard, who had been on former Commissioner Glen Robinson's staff, are in Mr. Fogarty's office. Commissioner White, who plans to take several weeks to name her staff, is being served by Steve Sharp, of the general counsel's office, Emmet Kitchen, former Commissioner Charlotte Reid's engineering assistant, and Delores Noble, her assistant.
discussed the matter — acting to scotch anyone.”

Both Mr. Schorr and CBS issued statements expressing pleasure at the outcome of the committee’s investigation. Mr. Schorr expressed the hope that the “painful seven-month experience has had some positive effects” — that Americans will better understand that freedom to protect news sources is indispensable to freedom of the press and that freedom of the press is indispensable to the freedom of this nation.” CBS News President Richard S. Salant called the committee’s decision “wise one,” the votes “a victory for the cause of a free and independent press.”

Both Schorr and CBS officials said anything to provide a basis for predicting whether Mr. Schorr would return to work. CBS officials said only that CBS News executives — including Mr. Salant, William Small, senior vice president, editor of news, and Sandy Socolow, vice president of CBS News, Washington — would meet with Mr. Schorr “soon,” a term of these involved later defined as meaning within a week.

Mr. Schorr is reported to have deeply and favorably impressed high CBS executives in his Sept. 15 appearance before the committee during which he refused to reveal his source and argued his First Amendment right to do so.

But CBS spokesmen talked of a need to address “whatever problems may exist between us and Dan Schorr.” These problems have never been explicitly defined, although CBS officials are known to have discussed questions of Schorr’s action in furnishing the report to the Voice. Mr. Salant, in a speech to CBS-TV affiliates last spring, said that since Mr. Schorr obtained the document in the course of his network duties, CBS, not Mr. Schorr, should have decided whether to dispose of it.

There have also been published reports of another possible complication — Mr. Schorr’s alleged effort to avoid responsibility for leaking the report to the Voice by suggesting that a co-worker, Leslie Stahl, was the source.

Mr. Schorr last week dismissed the allegation as a “blow-up of a misunderstanding that has to do with a few hours on Feb. 11. I can’t conceive why this piece of gossip appears to be important to anybody.” The “few hours” is a reference to the length of time he said he delayed in acting to scotch rumors regarding the Voice’s source that were circulating at CBS News in Washington.

Mr. Schorr said no one at CBS had ever discussed the matter with him.

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**In Brief**

- **Twenty-two of 25 markets change positions in Arbitron Television's new ranking of ADI (area of dominant influence) markets from 26th through 50th.** New rankings for top 25, with 15 changes, were disclosed earlier (Broadcasting, Aug. 30). Rest of top 50, announced Friday: 26 Kansas City, Mo. (down from 23), 27 Cincinnati (down from 26), 28 Buffalo, N.Y., (down from 27, 29 San Diego (up from 31), 30 Providence, R.I., (down from 29), 31 Nashville (down from 30), 32 Phoenix (up from 37), 33 Charlotte, N.C., 34 Columbus, Ohio, (down from 32), 35 Memphis (down from 34), 36 Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C., Asheville, N.C., 37 Oklahoma City (up from 41), 38 New Orleans (down from 35), 39 Louisville, Ky. (down from 34), 40 Orlando-Daytona Beach, Fla. (up from 44), 41 Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo, Mich. (down from 39), 42 Albany-Schenectady-Troy, N.Y. (up from 43), 43 San Antonio, Tex. (up from 45), 44 Charleston-Huntington, W.Va., (down from 42), 45 Harrisburg-York-Lancaster-Lebanon, Pa. (up from 46), 46 Dayton, Ohio (down from 40), 47 Raleigh-Durham, N.C. (up from 53), 48 Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newport News-Hampton, Va. 49 Wilkes-Barre-Scrapton, Pa., (down from 47), 50 Birmingham, Ala. (up from 51).

- **CBS-TV announced intention to change affiliations in Milwaukee at end of year from Hearst-owned wsiw-tv (ch. 12), with which it has been associated since station went on air in 1954, to Storer-owned wtvo-tv (ch. 6), now ABC-TV affiliate. Meanwhile, affiliation changes involving Storer’s kcvb-tv (ch. 39) San Diego are still unresolved, ABC-TV notified kcvb-tv of intention to switch to McGraw-Hill’s kgbv tv (ch. 10), but NBC-TV is still sticking to its kgbv contract, which runs through 1977 (Broadcasting, June 7). CBS-TV affiliate in San Diego is kmva-tv (ch. 9), owned by Mutual Television. Storer VHFs in Atlanta, Cleveland and Detroit are also with CBS-TV.

- **More than decade in works, massive rewrite of copyright law is finally passed for passage in Congress this week, final week of this session. Bill, S. 22, passed House last week 316-7, with no amendments in cable TV or public broadcasting sections. Staffs of copyright subcommittees in both Houses held meetings last week to smooth way for reconciliation of differing versions. Conference committee will comprise members of respective copyright subcommittees. Among areas of difference to be resolved in sections concerning cable TV and broadcasters are copyright rate schedule for cable systems, compulsory license for imported signals from Canada and Mexico (in House bill, not Senate’s), scope of compulsory license for public broadcasting.

- **Legislation that would authorize FCC to fine cable systems for violating its rules and to oversee pole-attachment agreements between cable systems and telephone and power companies last week was declared dead for current session of Congress. Assessment was given by Robert Schmidt, president of National Cable Television Association. “We’re damned disappointed,” said Mr. Schmidt, whose organization was prepared to accept forfeiture bill but was particularly anxious for provisions it felt would afford cable systems protection against what they feel are unreasonable pricing policies of power and telephone companies. Mr. Schmidt delivered his assessment after House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) made it clear he would block action on bill. Major factor in death of bill was Community Antenna Television Association; many of its 587 members, including several dozen in Oklahoma, contacted speaker’s office.

- **Addressing Washington board meeting of NCTA last week, Representative Lou Frey Jr. (R-Fla.) predicted “we could come close” to rewrite of Communications Act of 1934 by end of next session of Congress. Subcommittee Chairman Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.) had told Southern Cable Television Convention earlier that “the era of second class status for cable may soon be over. The era of benign neglect certainty is...We’ve gotten the message and the next few months will undoubtedly be important ones to the cable industry.”

- **New features of ABC Evening News with Harry Reasoner and Barbara Walters, which begins Oct. 4 (Mon.-Fri., 7:30-7:30 p.m.), will include on-location coverage of major news events by co-hosts; viewer-generated stories that deserve national attention; ongoing coverage of stories that affect viewers’ finances, health or safety, and conversations by Mr. Reasoner and Ms. Walters with ABC correspondents in field. Set for Reasoner-Walters will stress “stylistic simplicity and electronic complexity,” according to Robert Siegenthaler, executive producer. Co-hosts will be seated at large, dark wood anchor desk angled to allow them to work and talk easily with each other and newsmaker guests, and, through use of electronic window or screens, with guests or ABC correspondents in distant locations.**
CBS-TV President Robert J. Wussler went to Hollywood last week, coincident with beginning of new network season, to declare it will be impossible to sort out losers and winners before end of fourth quarter, due to unusual disruptions for specials, campaign and election coverage, frontloading of audience attractions. As result, he said, CBS will yank only most obvious clinkers before then, and even after that will make changes one at a time rather than at calculated "second season" point. He addressed Hollywood Television and Radio Society (where he was greeted by Norman Lear of T.A.T. and Tandem and John Mitchell of Columbia Pictures TV, flanking him in picture), defended network's program development record, said 120 projects are in some stage of development. He also predicted earlier announcement of fall network schedules, perhaps by Washington's birthday weekend.

Democratic Presidential nominee Jimmy Carter has agreed to try to meet with NAB executive committee. "Although I do not believe your concerns are justified," Mr. Carter wrote NAB Chairman Wilson Wearn and President Vincent Wasilewski, "I hope that a meeting can be worked into my schedule." There was no word of time and place at week's end. Messrs. Wearn and Wasilewski had requested meeting to "dispel some of the unease within the industry" resulting from Carter comments at Ralph Nader Forum in Washington in August (Broadcasting, Aug. 16), when he said FCC should take stronger steps to cut down violence on TV.

To consternation and dismay of owners of U.S. television stations along northern border, Canadian government has proclaimed—put into effect—tax law designed to cut off flow of advertising dollars across border. U.S. broadcasters and State Department had expected question of whether law would be proclaimed, as well as Canada's policy of requiring cable systems to delete commercials from American television programs they import, to be subject of discussions U.S. and Canada will hold in Washington on Oct. 6. Americans last week were considering retaliation—filing complaint with President's special representative for trade negotiations. Complaint, which would be based on both tax law and commercial deletion policy, would seek presidential retaliation for alleged restraints on U.S. commerce that are "unreasonable" and "unjustifiable." Broadcasters' representatives have already prepared complaint, but last week were undecided whether to file it in advance of Oct. 6 meeting.

Washington-based Public Media Center has announced campaign to counter public service announcements on economy produced by Advertising Council, which center claims has "monopoly on issue advertising." Center will ask stations and networks to air its PSA's and also requested Commerce Department to give it financial aid equal to $239,000 received by Ad Council.

At annual meeting, Corporation for Public Broadcasting board re-elected its executive line-up. Among those returning by unanimous vote are Henry Loomis, president; Robert S. Benjamin, chairman, and Thomas W. Moore, vice chairman. Other action involved authorization of 1977 expenditures including approval of $1 million matching grant to Norman Lear's Tandem Productions for eight one-hour dramas called American Theater.

Adam Young, chairman and chief executive of Adam Young Inc., station representative, also resumed presidency last week after resignation of Frank Martin in policy dispute. Mr. Martin, one-time president of John Blair & Co., joined Young in July 1975 as executive VP, became president last January (Broadcasting, Jan. 5).
rolled to a huge 32.0 rating and 51 share against reruns on CBS and an old Hercules movie, plus a 30-minute spot featuring Ronald Reagan, which was paid for by the President Ford Committee (10:30-11 p.m.), on NBC. The Reagan talk staggered to an almost invisible 5.1 rating and 9 share, the lowest-rated show of the week. Six Million scored a healthy 29.5 rating and 47 share against the first half of the Hercules movie on NBC (13.9 rating and 22 share) and a Johnny Cash summer variety hour on CBS (16.4 rating, 26 share). Cos, with Bill Cosby, got a 16.2 rating and 30 share, which are not good numbers, according to various sources, because Cos was up against a Walt Disney rerun on NBC (13.7 rating, 25 share) and the season premiere of CBS's 60 Minutes, abbreviated to a half-hour because of a pro-football overtime (6.0 Minutes got a 17.4 rating and 31 share from 7:30 to 8 p.m.).

NBC mopped up on Monday with the TV debut of the big-grossing theatrical movie, "Airport '75" (8-10 p.m.), which scored a 31.6 rating and 46 share opposite CBS's toughest two-hour sitcom block: Rhoda (16.0 rating, 24 share), Phyllis (14.4/21), Maude (16.2/23) and All's Fair (16.9/24). "Airport '75" fed a sizable chunk of its audience into Van Dyke & Company (10-11 p.m.), NBC's new variety series (whose regular berth will be Thursday at 10), allowing it to win the time period with a 20.3 rating and 34 share. Its CBS competition, the new dramatics, Executive Suite, also got respectable sampling (18.4 rating, 31 share). ABC's new show on Monday, The Captain and Tennille variety show (8-9 p.m.), satisfied ABC, according to sources there, with its 20.8 rating and 31 share, followed by the Oakland-Kansas City football game (9 p.m.-12:10 a.m.), which came up with an 18.2 rating and 32 share. (Football averaged a 34 share last year.) On Tuesday, Happy Days at 8 (a special one-hour edition highlighting Fonzie's girl friend, Pinky Truscadero) and a two-hour introductory Rich Man, Poor Man Book II episode at 9 won every time period for ABC. Happy Days harvested a 34.7 rating and 53 share and Rich Man grabbed a 26.7 rating and 42 share. NBC's line-up suffered the most on Tuesday, with the special two-hour Baa Baa Black Sheep premiere at 8 managing only a 15.9 rating and 24 share and Police Story at 10 stumbling to an 11.5 rating and 20 share. CBS's special premiere episode of M*A*S*H at 9 got respectable numbers (23.5 rating, 34 share), but the two 60-minute shows sandwiching it were cut up by ABC: Tony Orlando and Dawn at 8 (11.7 rating, 18 share) and Switch at 10 (16.4 rating, 28 share). ABC also put together an easy win on Wednesday, with The Bionic Woman's 28.1 rating and 46 share taking its 8-9 time period with no trouble and Charlie's Angels' 26.4 rating and 45 share dominating its 10-11 time period. CBS won the 9-10 timeslot with a special 60-minute edition of All in the Family, which came up with a 27.8 rating, and 41 share against ABC's cop show, Baretta, which still scored a solid 23.1 rating and 35 share. CBS also showed some strength with its returning sitcom, Good Times (8-9:30 p.m.), which got a 19.9 rating and 33 share. But despite the Good Times lead-in, CBS's new 8:30 sitcom, Ball Four, squandered nine of those share points and ended up with poor sampling (15.1 rating, 24 share). As with Tuesday, NBC suffered the most on Wednesday, its made-for-TV movie, "The Million Dollar Rip-Off" (8-9:30 p.m.), managing only a 13.1 rating and 21 share and the special 90-minute episode of the new Western, The Quest, getting a 15.6 rating and 25 share.

Second group owner is in license jeopardy

Burden precedent may be followed as FCC sets hearing on renewals for six Faulkner radio stations

Another group broadcaster is heading down a path first blazed by Don Burden in losing the licenses to all five of his radio and TV stations (BROADCASTING, Sept. 6). The FCC last week ordered oral argument to determine whether renewal of license for the six radio stations in Alabama and Georgia owned by Faulkner Radio Inc. should be denied.

The commission already has rejected renewal of one Faulkner license, for WLBB(AM) Carrollton, Ga. And the offenses leading to the lifting of that license are the same ones that are the basis for the new proceeding.

In the earlier decision, the commission affirmed the administrative law judge's finding that Faulkner had not only filed a petition to deny against Radio Carrollton's application for a new AM in Carrollton for the "invidious or underhanded purpose of delaying" the commission's processing of Radio Carrollton's application, but, through its vice president, Robert Thurman, was "either... reckless with the truth or... willfully misrepresented the facts."

Because of the "serious nature" of those conclusions, the FCC said last week, "a substantial and material question exists regarding Faulkner's qualifications to remain a licensee." The commission said that since the facts are not in dispute, an evidentiary hearing is not required.

The stations involved are WAA(AM) Opelika, WFR(AM) Auburn, WCCA(AM)-WSM(FM), Bay Minette, all Alabama, and WGBA(AM)-WBTR(FM), Cedartown, Ga.

Common goals. The National Association of Broadcasters last week was host in Washington to a "Broadcasting Management Seminar for Black Owned Stations" which, for the first time, assembled owners and representatives of nearly all the estimated 50 black-owned radio stations, as well as two television stations immediately following the seminar, black owners made plans to form their own organization. The meeting, held Sept. 21-23, addressed a variety of issues. One panel, made up of FCC staff members, was moderated by Chairman Richard E. Wiley, and another, advice on programming and community involvement was given by (above, l-r) William V. Banks, president and general manager, WPAM-TV Detroit; D. Parke Gibson, D. Parke Gibson International, New York; Paul Yates, president, Sheridan Broadcasting Co., Pittsburgh; Pierre Sutton, general manager, WBLS(AM)-WLIB(FM) New York, and Nani Kilkenney, public affairs director, WHUR-FM Washington. Top right, the seminar audience; below it: a break in the seminar brought together (l-r) FCC Commissioner Mergie White, who stopped by following her swearing-in (see page 27), FCC Commissioner Hooks; Eugene Mason, president, National Black Network and the NAB's sole black board member; Carl Rowan, syndicated columnist and broadcast commentator, and NAB President Vincent T. Wasilewski.
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(E) WSB Station Manager Bill Viands accepts award from Myer O. Sigal, Georgia Heart Association board chairman. (F) WSB Vice President and General Manager Elmo Ellis receives 1976 National Association of Media Women Award from Jean White. (G) Sheila Knowles spreads the word about WSB’s “Dateline America,” winner of five major program awards. (H) WSB Radio celebrates the Bicentennial with the World’s Largest Kazoo Band.

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The Many Worlds of Radio '76

A SPECIAL REPORT
Radio 1976: running toward a record year

Local looks to make further gains in size and in dollars; spot begins to move up again; even networks might make money

This is the kind of radio year it is: A little while back, between middle and late summer, there came a lull in radio business that most station reps and many stations describe in terms ranging from "moderate" to "devastating." No matter how black the adjective, however, many of those stations and virtually all of the reps concede that even during this dry spell business was better than in the same weeks of 1975—which were pretty good weeks themselves.

"In any other year but this one," a group broadcaster said, "that would have been a very respectable period." A station rep was more blunt: "I think a lot of people bitched," he said, "just because suddenly business wasn't as good as in the first half of the year. But it's super again now. The whole year is going to be super." "Super" is one of several enthusiastic terms that radio sales leaders use in describing 1976 business, "Fantastic," "outstanding," "booming" and "incredible" are others. "It's so good it's almost embarrassing," one broadcaster said. "I've never seen anything like it!

Barring catastrophe of dimensions no one can imagine, then, 1976 seems assured of being a record sales year for radio generally and certainly for many if not most stations, networks and sales organizations.

The Radio Advertising Bureau estimates that sales are up 20% or more from year-ago levels and predicts they will maintain or exceed that pace for the year. If so, 1976 will be the biggest percentage growth year since 1944 and the biggest dollar growth year in radio history.

Gains are apparent in all three components of the radio business—local, spot and network.

It's certainly one of the biggest booms in post-TV memory for the networks, and local sales growth appears to be at least keeping stride with that of national spot—which seems headed for its biggest percentage advance in 20 years. The general range of forecasts anticipates about 18%-22% growth in network sales and at least 20% each in local and national spot.

What all this means is that local, which has risen consistently to a point where it represents approximately three-fourths of all radio revenues, will get bigger in its share of the pie-chart as well as in absolute dollars. National spot, which represents about 20% of the total, will be getting off the plateau on which it has seemed stuck in recent years, and the networks, though down to 5% or less of all radio revenues, could have their first profitable year—as a group—since 1972 and perhaps one of their most profitable years in a decade.

One caveat on the network prediction, however, informed sources emphasize, is that NBC's few News and Information Service, admittedly still at operating at a loss, could pull the networks as a group into the loss column. But there seems little doubt that the so-called old-line networks will have a profitable year indeed.

The boom in national and regional spot is not evenly distributed among stations, of course. Spot business never is. There are variations by market size, by local market conditions, sometimes by region or other identifiable difference and sometimes for no discernible reason at all. It is generally agreed that spot's biggest growth is in larger markets, but both stations and reps report gains in many smaller markets as well.

"There are bound to be peaks and valleys," says Miles David, RAB president. He suggests that while some stations are enjoying spot radio booms, others are at least getting the benefit of booms: "If you take a market that has, say, 30 radio stations and in a normal year five or six get the bulk of it [spot business], in an excellent year 10 or 12 or more can be getting a bigger share." He says RAB isn't wavering from its prediction of at least a 20% increase in spot radio business this year, despite all the talk about a slowdown in July and August.

That talk is very real—as Mr. David acknowledged. Virtually all leading radio reps say it happened to them, though they differ somewhat on the timing. Most say it occurred in August, but others say they felt its worst effects in July or that it overlapped the two months.

They also differ over how severe it was. Some, like Frank Boyle, president of Eastman Radio, say their July-August sales ranged "from good to flat"—and a few say they experienced no real let-up at all—while others are closer to the position of Alan Torbet of Torbet-Lasker Associates, who says "it was like a spigot being turned off."

"Around the end of June," Mr. Torbet said, "buying just seemed to stop. All through July you couldn't sell anything. Nobody would buy anything. Or that's the way it seemed. Then, starting in early August, buying picked up again and we had a good month, and September is going great."

Actually, Mr. Torbet added, those dry weeks weren't as dry as they seemed at the time: "They were pretty good in comparison with other years, but not in comparison with the rest of this year."

M.S. Kellner, managing director of the Station Representatives Association, who keeps an eye on spot's ups and downs, says that's exactly the way it's been—up and down. "It's going to be a good year for radio," he says, "but the gains have been erratic from month to month, up 10% to 20% or more one month and flat, or nearly flat, the next."

In a reprise of the first half of 1976—before the slowdown that startled so many—he said spot radio sales in January were "good," February "terrific," March "flat," April "very good," May "terrific" and June "flat."

Why the slowdown happened is a ques-
tion on which reps do not agree fully. Most tend to think that television was involved—that advertisers "were regrouping," as one put it, or had overspent in television in some markets and were temporarily holding back, or were waiting to see what, if anything, was going to happen to television prices toward the end of the third quarter. General economic conditions and accompanying uncertainties were also cited by some.

President Richard Harris of the Westinghouse radio station group, for one, said he detected "a very large dip in local sales," though not in national spot, during August, but reasoned that it might have been the same slowdown that many reps were talking about—because, he explained, national accounts in major markets where Westinghouse operates are treated as local there but as national spot by reps. He thought a failure of department store sales to keep their expected pace during the summer might also have contributed to the dip.

In any case, he said, the dip was a dip only in terms of what the preceding seven months' records had been, and in an ordinary year the August results would have been quite decent. Better yet, he added, "in September sales came back again and are moving quite well"—a judgment in which most reps concur heartily.

The radio networks may have encountered some softness, but their officials say that for them there's been no real slowdown.

Harold L. Neal Jr., president of ABC Radio, says he's restricted about divulging details because ABC is currently in registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission. But ABC authorities were on record—before the SEC registration—as saying their radio business was up about 20% over year-ago levels.

"I've never in years seen so much advanced placement of network business," Mr. Neal says. "We exceeded our fourth-quarter projections about six weeks ago. There seems to be a genuine appreciation on the part of agencies that they may not be able to get radio network time. This is a new experience for them—and for radio."

Sam Cook Diggins, president of CBS Radio, is equally bullish. "Business is good—great," he says. He offers no estimates on the gains expected by the CBS Radio and CBS-owned radio stations but leaves no doubt he thinks they'll be strong. "Radio has got more attention from advertisers and agencies in the last couple of years," he says "than at any time since the advent of television."

Gary Worth, executive vice president of Mutual, says, "our network business is excellent. This will be a record year. Every month so far is a record month." In total, he estimates, Mutual's 1976 sales should exceed last year's by 25% to 35%. "And 1975 was a good year," he adds.

Jack Thayer, president of NBC Radio, says business "looks real good." NBC Radio, he says, will have its "best year since 1972," and the new News and Information Service has "opened up accounts it's never had before" and is gaining strength. NBC officials, who had hoped to get NIS into the black this year, say they're confident they'll get it there in 1977. In the meantime, Mr. Thayer's book, "1976 is one of the all-time best sales years radio ever had." And NBC's radio stations, he adds, "are all having record years."

Thom McKinney, general manager of the Mutual Black Network, takes a cautious approach: 1976, he says, will be better than 1975 for MBN, but 1977 looks to be even better. "My problem is getting advertisers and agencies to recognize the viability of the black medium," he asserts. "Unless they have a black consumer product, they tend not to think of black people's spendable income as important. I think we're gradually overcoming that—but it's a long process."

Eugene Jackson, president and chairman of the National Black Network, also finds 1976 better than 1975 but looks to 1977 for bigger strides. The third quarter hasn't been up to expectations, he says, and he feels "some softening in the market right now" that doesn't encourage him to expect the fourth quarter to be substantially above last year's fourth. But 1976 will still be NBN's best year yet, he says, "and 1977 should be a record for everyone in the business unless the economy gets into dire straits."

Network officials and reps alike attribute the 1976 boom to a happy coincidence of many factors, some linked to the generally booming advertising economy and some identified with radio alone.

There is of course the widely credited spill-over from television. And there is the frequently claimed defection of advertisers unhappy with rising rates in other media, especially television.

Just how many advertisers have diverted substantial budgets to radio because of TV rates is hard to pinpoint, however, though a few—Muellers Macaroni and British Airways, to name two—have told station reps they are doing so. And GMC Trucks is currently reported to be going heavily into radio because of TV costs (story page 8).

Other advertisers have stepped up their use of radio in support of TV. But for the most part the current consensus seems to side with Blair Radio President Thomas C. Harrison's view: "I haven't seen any real shift of television money into radio," he says. "But I think we may see some shifts in 1977."

Whatever their reasons, a lot of new advertisers have been coming into radio.

Network newcomers of the last year or so, according to a list compiled by CBS Radio, include Airborne Air Freight, Amana, Avis, Breon Labs, Budget Rent-A-Car, Carrier Air Conditioning, Arrow Shirts, Minute Maid Lemon Juice and International House of Pancakes.

Newcomers to spot radio have included six new Bristol-Myers accounts and four from American Home, plus such others as Porsche-Audi, London Town Manufacturing, Lancia, Equitable Life Insurance and a whole series of citizen band radio manufacturers and book publishers (which have also broken into network radio).

Torbet-Lasker's Alan Torbet also checked up and found notable increases from such advertisers as Robert Hall Clothes, A&P, Skippy Peanut Butter, Best Foods' Nucoa, Suburu and Ajax on his stations, plus 11 clients he didn't have last year but has added this year for the Torbet-Lasker "unwired" network.

(The unwired network, a development of the last few years in the spot-radio field, was designed to compete directly with the conventional or wired networks but is still a controversial issue among reps, though more and more firms are offering it. Among the principal practitioners are Blair, Eastman and Katz Radio, McGavren-Guild, Torbet-Lasker and H-Ray/Stone. Many reps have resisted it on grounds that, as President Robert V. Copinger of Buckley Radio Sales puts it, they compete not only with the wired networks but also with regular spot radio, and give extra discounts as well. On the other hand, Blair Radio's Tom Harrison says all but 2% to 3% of the 15% increase in sales his firm expects this year will come from Blair's unwired network plus FM sales gains.)

More and more advertisers are adding

ABC's Neal: "exceeded our fourth-quarter projections about six weeks ago." CBS's Diggins: Radio is getting more buyer attention now than at any time since "the advent of television."

NBC's Thayer: "Record years" for the O&O's, "best year since 1972" for the network.
Why do SRP subscribers among all AM and FM stations rank Number One in Arbitron with adults 18+? There's more than 40% of the following SRP subscribing stations rank Number One in Arbitron with adults 18+.

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Source: ARB—April—May 1975 and 1976 (Adults 18+, 6am—mid. Mon-Sun. avg. 1/4 hr total area. ADI and/or Metro Share)

If you want to move up in...
We provide more than beautiful music to our subscribers. That’s why so many rank Number One. Here’s what’s involved:

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- Music tapes unmatched in the industry for technical excellence...so beautiful that people actually feel the difference and listen longer.
- Exclusive recordings by the “beautiful music” orchestras of the BBC...plus a $100,000 package especially recorded by SRP in London...plus recently commissioned material just completed and never before heard by any audience.
- Consultation and recommendations on format execution by Dave MacFee...Music is important, but it won’t produce maximum results without good execution.
- Monitoring via recorder-coupler to provide outside perspective on format execution.
- Survey-proven promotion ideas, including TV commercials and schedules, plus billboard, bushboard and newspaper layouts.
- Perspective on ratings survey results and growth patterns by Bill McClenaghan.
- Continuing research and recommendations in RF engineering, studio equipment and audio processing...a vital part of SRP’s consistent record of success.

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radio to their other media—a process accelerated considerably in recent years by reach-and-frequency analyses churned out by computers. RAB has done more than 70 at advertiser request based on its ARMS II (All-Radio Marketing Study) project, and a number of individual broadcast sales organizations offer similar analyses. What they show is how much an advertiser can gain by diverting to radio some or all of the money it's spending in other media—or, in CBS Radio's Sam Digges's terms, "that if it adds radio, the size of its audience just balloons."

There are other contributing factors, including hard missionary work by many individual broadcasters and reps as well as the RAB, and the RAB-led "Radio: Adflation Fighter" campaign, carried by hundreds of stations and credited with helping to turn the late recession to radio's advantage. But one of the biggest contributors, sales leaders emphasize, is the results advertisers get when they use radio smartly.

"Radio works like hell," in the words of one broadcaster. "When they find out from experience what it does for them, they spend more. And that helps attract others. We're getting more and more new advertisers. And then they learn from experience and spend more. It's a nice circle."

There is another factor—FM—whose precise effect on the radio sales picture is hard to judge. FM audiences have been growing steadily, to a point where, at least in the top-10 markets, FM claims an average 40% share of radio listening. And Cox Broadcasting Corp. projects that by 1980 FM will equal AM in audience share, have about one-third of combined AM-FM net revenues—and account for almost three-fourths of AM-FM pre-tax and net income (Broadcasting, Sept. 13).

No one questions that FM sales, like FM audiences, are growing by leaps. And as FM audiences grow, the audiences of some competitive AM's decline. AM competitors offering music formats seem most vulnerable. Many AM music stations have trimmed back their commercial loads—but also have compensated, partially or wholly, by increasing their rates, as FM stations have too, of course.

The fact that the present radio economy has tended to encourage rate increases in general, both AM and FM, is one more complexity for anyone trying to judge FM's real impact on 1976 radio sales. Some observers suggest that the first detailed picture may not come until a year from now, when the FCC releases its radio financial data for 1976.

Those figures will also show which markets fared well and which not so well in local and national spot in 1976. For all their bullishness, sales leaders repeatedly emphasize that even when most markets are doing beautifully, some are doing poorly, and some stations may do poorly even in beautiful markets. That is true, they stress, in local business as well as national spot.

The extent to which it prevails in national spot is hard to determine, because different reps offer differing reports.

"We're way up in total billings," says one who prefers anonymity. "But most of our increase is in the top-25 markets. The top stations in those markets are going like gangbusters. The 25th to 35th markets are up, but not a hell of a lot. Below that, the increases are not that great, and some stations are not getting increases."

Bernard Howard, president of Bernard Howard & Co., which specializes in representing black-oriented stations, also sees market size as a major factor in determining where the spot money goes. He estimates his firm's sales are up 35% from last year, and explains: "Most black stations are in the top markets, which is where most of the spot budgets are spent."

Buckley Radio's Bob Copping also reports that "increases in national spot are greatest in major markets—smaller markets have to depend more on business opportunities in their particular regions."

At the other extreme, several reps report gains in markets all along the line—if the markets normally get any significant volume of spot business at all. For one, Sam Brownstein, president of Pro/Meeker Sales, which is especially active in smaller markets, says that in his experience, "most stations in most markets are up—but some, of course, are not." His firm's
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sales, he says, reached a record one-month total in July, exceeded that figure in August and seem likely to set another new record in September.

James Alspaugh, president of H-R/Stone, whose station list offers a cross-section of market sizes, says stations in major markets are generally getting substantial increases but that the pattern is uneven in smaller markets. In the latter, he says, "some stations are way ahead [of last year], but some are behind." Overall, he estimates his firm’s sales through August ran about 30% ahead of last year’s pace.

Jack Masla, president of Jack Masla & Co., whose list also cuts across many market sizes, is another who reports widespread but not universal gains—enough, he says, to make this "probably the best year we've ever had." In fact, he says, he expects his 1976 total to be up "considerably" from last year.

Even in leading markets, the boom can be uneven, according to George Lindman, president of Major Market Radio. He predicts MMR will tack another good gain onto a 1975 increase of 26%, but says that "it varies from market to market." Some stations are running 30% or 40% ahead, he says, while others are not near that level. In some of the slower cases, he says, the stations did exceptionally well last year, which makes big percentage gains harder to come by, while in other cases there are other difficulties, such as unexpectedly large TV commitments needed by some advertisers to achieve their television goals in some markets.

The biggest worry for many radio salesmen now is how to improve on 1976 in 1977. The dominant theme is "don't ease up." RAB's President David and ABC Radio's Hal Neal, who is chairman of RAB, have been urging broadcasters since early this year not to get complacent, not to take growth for granted, not to forget that radio sales had a strong year in 1973 and then slumped unaccountably in 1974. The important thing, to Mr. Neal, is to increase the size of the radio pie, and any broadcasting organization that claims to be a leader has an obligation "to put something into the pot." (For its part, he says, ABC Radio's agenda includes a good deal more research on questions important to the entire radio business, such as commercial acceptance, how listeners perceive commercials, what the effect of cutbacks in commercials might be.)

RAB meanwhile will be issuing over the next three or four months what Mr. David calls "the most concentrated series of major sales tools in RAB history." In the forefront of these will be a book containing the co-op advertising plans of more than 750 manufacturers, due for mailing to RAB members in November. Others, according to Mr. David, will include a calendar system for retailers to use in long-range radio planning and a new presentation technique to make sales-development pitches sharper and easier for station salespeople.

A chief target of radio has been and will continue to be advertising that goes into newspapers. It's such a big target. CBS Radio's Sam Dinges reminded the CBS Radio affiliates' convention a couple of weeks ago, for example, that newspapers' billing last year ($8 billion) was more than TV's and radio's combined.

There are signs that radio is gaining ground. Among them: The National Retail Merchants Association reported earlier this year that a survey showed retailers' use of radio "surprisingly strong." It said 91% of retailers use radio.

This was still below the 99% who said they use newspapers, but NRMA also found that 50% said they increased their use of radio last year, as opposed to 40% who increased newspapers, and 20% cut back their newspaper use while only 10% cut radio. In addition, NRMA reported, 56% of stores doing an annual volume of $5 million or more used at least one radio-only campaign.

However they're created, new accounts will come in handy next year. Most sales specialists tend to expect another gain in 1977, probably in the 8%-to-12% range, but they agree it'll take some work: 1976 looks to be a tough act to follow.
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The 500 of fortune: radio's biggest stations

The top-10 outlets in the top-50 markets that bring in the largest audiences; contemporary sets the pace as the most-heard format.

Next: MOR, beautiful music

Contemporary radio formats are the most popular in the top-50 markets. Based on Arbitron Radio's April/May ratings, 135 contemporary stations are among the top-10 stations in the first 50 markets for an average quarter-hour audience of 2,937,800, consisting of 12 year olds and older for the 6 a.m.-to-midnight time period.

The top three formats—contemporary, beautiful music and middle of the road (MOR)—have a 56% share of the pie in the top-50 markets, with 22 other formats—many of which are variations of the top three—taking the remaining slice of audience on the Arbitron list.

AM outlets still show their dominance of the elite 500 listing: 279 make the Arbitron ratings, with their strongest showing of 41 stations in the number-one spot.

FM's are represented by 199 outlets, and their worst performance is in the top slot where only seven scored number one. There are 22 AM-FM outlets on the list.

Contemporary music stations consistently made strong showings in all markets. Another 41 stations that program rock also schedule other formats—MOR, album-oriented rock (AOR) or the softer sound of "mellow rock"—and it becomes a fine line in determining what constitutes a contemporary format. When these 41 outlets are added with the total audience of 135 "pure rock" stations, an audience of 3,684,000 is reached.

Beautiful music formats on 88 stations rate second over-all with a total audience of 1,836,900. However, when the 68 MOR stations (1,641,400 audience) are added with the 42 stations that schedule MOR with other formats, the audience total jumps to 2,787,400, outdistancing beautiful music formats.

The 45 country stations making the Arbitron list reach an audience of 858,900, and added with the part-time country WSM(AM) Nashville, the total is 875,100.

Twenty stations program all-news, reaching an audience of 813,000, and two outlets program news and beautiful music, producing a total audience for the 22 stations of 844,200. News stations had their best outing in the top-10 markets, where nine of the 10 stations scored in the upper half of the top-10 slots. However, the number-three spot is the highest a news station could attain.

Another 13 stations on the Arbitron list schedule news but also are heavy in talk and discussion programs. They have a 622,000 audience, while the five all-talk formatted stations reach an audience of 144,400.

Black (R&B and soul) formats made poor showings in most markets. Only two of the 24 black stations managed to rate in the upper half of the top 10 of the 50 markets, and only one—WDIA(AM) Memphis—scored number one. But they have a total audience of 415,200, and added with one disco station and a religious/black format, a 437,000 total audience is reached.

Other formats making the Arbitron list were golden oldies (five stations), ethnic-Spanish (five), classical (one), Hawaiian (one) and big band (one) for a total of 196,900.

The formats of the 500 stations making the Arbitron list are the ones used during the April/May rating sweep.

In describing some formats: contemporary station are ones that program pop 40 and rock. Contemporary/AOR play rock singles and album cuts; contemporary/MOR play rock and easy listening and crossover artists, and mellow rock represents a "soft rock" sound. AOR stations play rock-album cuts and heavy or progressive rock music. MOR/talk/news stations program music and either talk or news or both, and may even include some sports in their daily programming.

Following are the top-10 radio stations in the top-50 markets. Ratings are for Monday-Sunday, 6 a.m. to midnight, average persons 12-plus, average quarter hour, April-May 1976. Asterisks (*) denote stations from an outside market. (The data is copyrighted by Arbitron. Nonsubscribers to Arbitron's syndicated radio service may not reprint or use this information in any form.)

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nce upon a time, Baltimore boasted an extraordinary full-service radio station.

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In Baltimore, full-service, top powered WBAL Radio 11 is alive and well... the dominant number one station.

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With a mix of music, news and commentary, interviews, movie and business reviews, plus 50,000 watts, WBAL Radio remains number one.

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The top 25 formats in radio

Following are the formats represented among the 500 radio stations that occupy the top-10 rating positions in the first 50 markets in April/May 1976, according to Arbitron Radio, and the number of stations programming a particular format. Each is listed in order of popularity, showing the average number of persons (12 years and older) listening to all the stations programming a particular format in an average quarter hour from 6 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

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What's your network done for you lately?

An exclusive retail co-op information service free every month.

How can you increase your sales?

NBC Radio Network affiliates find out every month from the best and most experienced co-op advertising people in the country. So their sales departments can turn the information into solid orders. Orders which otherwise just might not have been written.

What else are we doing? News on the Hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Expanded on-location weekend sports reports with Barry Tompkins, C.W. McCall and the only nationally broadcast program about CB radio. Consumer information from Bess Myerson. Health tips from Hugh Downs. And five special 55-minute programs covering the first fabulous 50 years of the NBC Radio Network.


Think about what your network's done for you lately. If it isn't doing everything from sending you a monthly Sales Dataline Service, to feeding 24 hourly newscasts every day, to providing significant programming from the top personalities in the business — it isn't giving you the kind of service that NBC Radio Network affiliates want. And get.
### Station Format Avg. Persons

| 2. KOSI(FM) | Beautiful music 132 |
| 7. KOSI(AM) | Beautiful music 100 |
| 23. Milwaukee | MOR 154 |
| 29. Indianapolis | Country 217 |
| 30. Portland, Ore. | Contemporary 119 |
| 32. New Orleans | MOR 217 |
| 33. Columbus, Ohio | Contemporary 199 |
| AM vs. FM competition | Country 217 |
| 35. San Antonio, Tex. | Contemporary 241 |
| 36. Providence-Warwick, R.I. | City 156 |
| 37. Sacramento, Calif. | MOR 217 |
| 38. Louisville, Ky. | Country 232 |

### AM vs. FM competition

A listing of the number of AM, FM and AM-FM combinations that figured in the top 10 competition in the first 50 markets in Arbitron's April/May 1976 rating sweep. For example, reading left to right in the top row: 41 AM stations placed first in the top 50 markets, seven FM stations placed first in those markets, as did two AM-FM combinations. Taking the bottom line: 24 AM stations placed 10th, 23 FM's placed 10th and three combinations rated 10th.

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*(Based on April/May 1976 Arbitron estimates by share of total adults. Monday-Sunday, 6 am-12 Midnight, top twenty markets all have two or more Good Music stations. Complete listing of stations, markets and shares available on request.)*
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7. WYOR(AM)  | Spanish      | 130             |
*8. WJZ(AM)  | News         | 128             |
9. WSSS(AM)  | MOR/contemporary | 127             |
*10. WEAT-FM | Beautiful music | 109             |

40. Memphis
1. WDIA(AM)  | Black        | 268             |
2. WHBO(AM)  | Contemporary | 263             |
3. WMPS(AM)  | Contemporary | 223             |
4. WEZI(AM)  | Beautiful music | 198             |
5. WMC(AM)   | Country      | 165             |
6. WMC(AM)   | Contemporary | 120             |
7. WLOK(AM)  | Black        | 73              |
8. WQUD(FM)  | MOR/contemporary | 63             |
9. KWAM(AM)  | Religious/black | 61             |
10. WREC(AM) | MOR          | 59              |

41. Dayton, Ohio
1. WHIO(AM)  | MOR/contemporary | 208             |
2. WONE(AM)  | Country       | 192             |
*3. WLW(AM)  | MOR/contemporary | 177             |
4. WHUO-FM   | MOR          | 167             |
5. WING(AM)  | Contemporary | 139             |
6. WWUD(FM)  | AOR/contemporary | 83             |
7. WDAO(AM)  | Black        | 81              |
8. WAVE(AM)  | Talk/news    | 74              |
9. WTUE(FM)  | Contemporary | 72              |
*10. WKBQ-FM | Contemporary | 70              |

42. Hartford-New Britain, Conn.
1. WTIC(AM)  | MOR/talk     | 566             |
2. WDRS-FM   | Contemporary | 228             |
3. WISS(AM)  | Beautiful music | 227             |
*4. WHYN(AM) | Contemporary | 215             |
*5. WFLR(AM) | MOR          | 184             |
7. WDRC(AM)  | Contemporary | 162             |
*8. WHYN(AM) | MOR          | 150             |
*9. WAGY(AM) | Contemporary | 131             |
10. WRCQ(AM) | Old goldies  | 115             |

43. Albany-Schenectady-Troy, N.Y.
1. WGY(AM)   | MOR/talk     | 261             |
2. WGF(AM)   | MOR/contemporary | 189             |
3. WROW(AM)  | MOR          | 140             |
4. WTNT(AM)  | Contemporary | 138             |
5. WPTI(AM)  | Contemporary | 105             |
6. WPFW-FM   | Beautiful music | 69             |
7. WQMK(AM)  | Talk        | 57              |
8. WOK(AM)   | Country      | 54              |
9. WHSH(AM)  | Beautiful music | 52             |
*10. WWSC-AM-FM | MOR/talk | 38           |

44. Birmingham, Ala.
1. WVOK(AM)  | Contemporary | 153             |
2. WENN-AM-FM | Black     | 114             |
3. WATV(AM)  | Talk/news   | 111             |
4. WER(AM)   | Contemporary | 100             |
5. WSGN(AM)  | Contemporary | 91              |
6. WYDE(AM)  | Country     | 83              |
7. WAP(AM)   | MOR/talk    | 74              |
8. WERC(AM)  | Contemporary | 72             |
9. WZKZ(AM)  | Country     | 65              |
10. WBUL(AM) | Black       | 58              |

45. Toledo, Ohio
*1. CCKW(AM) | Contemporary | 202             |
2. WSPD(AM)  | MOR/talk    | 128             |
3. WHRJ(AM)  | MOR/talk    | 113             |
4. WTKO(AM)  | Country     | 106             |
5. WLOR(AM)  | MOR          | 106             |
6. WXEZ(AM)  | Beautiful music | 91             |
7. WMHE(AM)  | Contemporary | 65             |
8. WLOD(AM)  | Beautiful music | 58             |
9. WCWA(AM)  | Country     | 57              |
10. WOHU(AM) | Contemporay | 55              |

46. Oklahoma City
1. WXY(KAM)  | Contemporary | 260             |
2. KTKO(AM)  | MOR          | 175             |
3. KOMA(AM)  | Contemporary | 134             |
4. KFNB(AM)  | Beautiful music | 85             |
5. KKNG(AM)  | Beautiful music | 83             |
6. KOFM(AM)  | AOR/contemporary | 81             |
7. KEBC(AM)  | Country      | 79              |
8. WNAD(AM)  | Country      | 62              |
9. KXYY(AM)  | AOR/contemporary | 55             |
10. KFJL(AM) | Black        | 49              |

47. Nashville-Davidson
1. WSM(FM)   | Country/MOR | 162             |
2. WSX-FM    | Country      | 160             |
3. WLCAC(AM) | Contemporary | 136             |
4. WSM-FM    | MOR/contemporary | 128             |
5. WMAK(AM)  | Contemporary | 127             |
6. WDKA-FM   | AOR          | 100             |
7. WVOL(AM)  | Black        | 57              |
8. WLAC-FM   | MOR/beautiful music | 54             |
9. WSX(AM)   | MOR/contemporary | 53             |
10. WAMB(AM) | Bigband     | 49              |

48. Salt Lake City-Ogden
1. KSL(AM)   | MOR/talk    | 143             |
2. KCPS(AM)  | Contemporary | 135             |
3. KSL-FM    | Beautiful music | 120             |
4. KLUB(AM)  | Beautiful music | 87             |
5. KRSP(AM)  | Contemporary | 71              |
6. KSDP(AM)  | Country      | 67              |
7. KLUB-FM   | Beautiful music | 59             |
8. KALL(AM)  | MOR          | 50              |
9. KRSF(AM)  | Contemporary | 50              |
10. KRGQ(AM) | Country      | 45              |

49. Honolulu
1. KGMB(AM)  | MOR         | 147             |
2. KKUA(AM)  | Contemporary | 122             |
3. KORL(AM)  | Contemporary | 118             |
4. PKKNO(AM) | Hawaiian    | 65              |
5. KHSS(FM)  | Beautiful music | 62             |
6. KHVI(AM)  | News        | 59              |
7. KUMU-FM   | Beautiful music | 53             |
8. KOMO-FM   | AOR          | 50              |
9. KGU(AM)   | MOR/sports  | 49              |
10. KIKI(AM) | AOR         | 46              |

50. Jacksonville, Fla.
1. WKTZ-AM-FM | Beautiful music | 187             |
2. WAEK(AM)  | Contemporary | 172             |
3. WPDQ(AM)  | MOR/talk    | 162             |
4. WIVY-FM   | Contemporary | 150             |
5. WAI(AM)   | MOR          | 142             |
6. WJAX(AM)  | MOR          | 140             |
7. WMBR(AM)  | MOR          | 132             |
8. WWJU(AM)  | Country      | 129             |
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Contemporary: variations of familiar themes

Predictions by the experts:
FM rock stations will continue to grow but not at the expense of AM's; today's formats may survive through next decade

Ask one of the pre-eminent contemporary music programers in the country how those radio giants can keep going in face of increasing specialization from the competition, and ABC's Rick Sklar answers, "it isn't easy."

The broad-appeal contemporary format has a good chance of continuing for the next decade and a half, says Mr. Sklar, vice president, ABC-owned AM stations, because of the shift in demographic bulges in the general population. "There are not too many 18-24's around; the bulk of the audience will be 25-54 in years to come," and that should help adult contemporaries he said.

Side-effects of this demographic shift will be the demise of disco (to fade slowly over 10 or 15 years) and bad news for

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record companies, since "no one over 25 buys records." The researchers are seeking ways to change that buying habit and ABC will eventually get involved in large, hence costly, sample field studies.

Even though the rate of FM growth is building, WABC(AM) New York's curve has held steady "at five million for a while now," Mr. Sklar said, and WLS(AM) Chicago has held the line and been even more aggressive. He sees FM as growing as a result of the technological revolution and FM will continue to grow regardless of what AM is programming, "good, bad or indifferent." But, Mr. Sklar said, "Our FM's will continue to grow not necessarily at the expense of our AM's." Allen Shaw, president of the ABC-owned FM stations group, estimated the group's combined sales for the year at 50% ahead of last year.

The questions now, Mr. Sklar proposed, are how long FM will continue its growth; whether AM stereo comes to pass; whether CB radio will hurt AM or FM.

A continent away, the other half of the dynamic duo of American contemporary radio—Paul Drew, the program chieftain for RKO General's chain of contemporary radio stations, in Los Angeles—also pays heed to the magnetic pull of demographics. "They've made program directors more conservative," he says—and thus cautious about trying out new sounds.

That tendency to "wait and see" on harder sounds isn't so evident in England and Australia, which have far fewer stations and thus much less competition. The result is that those playlists are far harder than America's.

That doesn't mean the U.S. sound has gone to ballads. Elton John, who has reigned as contemporary music champion for the past two years, still holds that honor. The crown prince, in Mr. Drew's view, is Paul McCartney, and coming up fast is Peter Frampton.

The contemporary sound itself is still home for Mr. Drew and RKO, and there are no present plans—or even signs—that it will change. He recognizes that FM will become an increasingly important competitor to AM's contemporary dominance, but at the same time, thinks FM will become more MOR-ish as more of the audience comes its way. The leader of that trend, he says, is Metromedia's WASH(FM) Washington, which has some of the highest drive-time demographics on the FM side of the dial. But FM itself, he believes, will remain the medium for beautiful music, and for the audience that wants to turn on its radio and stay put.

Album-oriented rock (AOR) takes a bigger chunk of the younger listeners who otherwise would desert contemporary stations, but the AOR format "has its limitations," Mr. Sklar said. Oldies are not doing well, he observed, and country has more appeal in Chicago than in New York but is not a real threat in either market.

In short, Mr. Sklar said, the greatest threat for a good contemporary operation is another good contemporary operation. "And you don't find them often."

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forced WQFL(AM) to bail out and adopt a beautiful music format. It was an unusual situation as John Gehron, program director of WLS, tells the story, to have two major rock AM's competing in one market. "WLS was stronger and stronger with each book" and after a 10-year fight, it won out as the solo "mass appeal" contemporary top-40 station, gaining a high percentage of WQFL's former listeners.

Rock music has adapted to the specialization prevalent in today's formats, Mr. Gehron said. "Every variation is represented, from Barry Manilow to Led Zeppelin... Music, like the universe, continues to expand and absorb variations. Zeppelin is still popular, the Beatles and the Beach Boys both just had number-one records in Chicago and the Manilow end of the spectrum is thriving also." It's a healthy change, he thinks, from the days when anyone outside the mainstream had a hard time selling albums and getting airplay.

WLS plays the most popular music aimed for the 12-49 range (mainly 12-34) and "we make the obvious compromises to appeal to each group within that range."

The future for WLS looks very good, according to Mr. Gehron. "Our growth [i.e., in listeners] has stopped. We must become aggressive defensively to hold those we have. The threat is from rock stations targeting younger, or any station targeting any one of the smaller audience segments."

The country station there, WMAQ(AM), is not considered a threat. WMAQ General Manager Charles Warner has baseball (which steals listeners). Mr. Gehron stated, "but he considers me as a prime threat."

WLS does not go in for syndicated programs which appeal to narrow age groups. However, the station's own show, "Music People," features artist interviews reminiscent of the King Biscuit Flower Hour. Will automation ever make inroads in the contemporary format? "Automation is very important for stations with specialized, controlled formats... On a station like WLS that is popular because of its personalities, wit and spontaneity, automation would not work," Mr. Gehron said.

Jay Cook, program director of WFL(AM) Philadelphia, finds it increasingly difficult to identify and serve the mass audience flocking to contemporary radio formats. The competition is largely from FM, he said, and while WFL's cue is "holding up well," the problem for Mr. Cook is "to remove the irritants." The quick rotation of music on top-40 stations is a necessary evil, and "yelling" to "sell" the music seems necessary, too; "We have to be a little larger than life," he said.

Although Mr. Cook identifies the 25-44 age group as most desirable, WFL's strength lies in the 18-34 bracket. Because the demographics skew young, the station "likes to think we're riding and anticipating the trends" that are youth-oriented.

Mr. Cook believes guidelines for putting together a playlist have changed. Record store sales, formerly a key indicator of audience response are on the way out as a research aid. Call-out research and
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WBYU ranks no. 1, adults 18-49, 6 AM to Midnight, Mon-Sun (average quarter hour), Metro.
KKNG ranks no. 1, women 25-49, 10 AM to 3 PM, Mon-Fri (average quarter hour), Metro.

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person-to-person research are on the way in. “Anyone who can use these methods will have a competitive edge,” said Mr. Cook. WRI is currently working with Temple University, Philadelphia, on a call-out research project to be implemented this month. (Rick Sklar would disagree; he feels cash sales are the single most objective research tool available.)

There’s an offshoot of the contemporary format that has gone through evolutions and name changes as the former counterculture has become a culture all its own. It was called “underground” radio in 1971; then the “progressive” and “alternative” labels came and went; now the genre is AOR. Album-oriented rock covers a broad spectrum, generally FM stereo, emphasizing artists rather than hits. The concept goes back to KMPX(FM) San Francisco and Larry Miller and Tom Donahue.

In Los Angeles there are now five album-oriented rock FM’s, ranging from KNX-FM soft rock to KWST(FM) very hard progressive. In California alone, there are over 30 AOR stations, mostly FM. The total in the U.S. is upwards of 200, although an accurate count is virtually impossible.

The demographics are the middle of the top-40 range: Whereas WABC(AM) gets 12-49 men and women, AOR stations reach 15-34, mostly male although the sex distribution is balancing out.

Tom Yates, program director at KLOS(FM) Los Angeles, said, “It’s been a great year.” Specialization of formats and sophistication of audiences are evident.

“We’re not trying to pretend it’s 1968 any more—the audience is more sophisticated musically, less political, aspiring to individual lifestyles without mass movements.”

Tom Donahue in 1971 said he hoped the form—“underground” then—would not disappear or be co-opted under the pressure of commercialism. Today’s proponents of AOR are indeed commercially oriented but are no less involved with their particular brands of rock music. Far from disappearing, the formats have specialized, identifiable types of sound, which Tom Yates illustrates as (uptown) “la la la” versus (heavy metal) “chunka chunka” songs.

Up from the underground:
NRBA panel session examines AOR and its new acceptability

“Programming album-oriented rock (AOR), progressively better,” was the title of one lively workshop at the National Radio Broadcasters Association convention last week. It might have been better entitled, “AOR: from underground headed for the top floor,” because that is the clear impression made by the panel of experts.

The panelists—seven plus a moderator—all young, all casually dressed and with long hair, some with beards or mustaches, faced an audience whose average age looked to be more advanced. There was no gap in understanding, how-
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ever, as the members of the audience repeatedly nodded their assent as the young programers talked about the radio format they have made successful.

AOR, descendent of what was originally termed "underground" when it emerged in the late 1960's "is not underground anymore," said Jeff Pollack of KBPI(FM) Denver. On the contrary, AOR is out front competing with top-40 and easy listening and in fact influencing the longer-standing formats, he said. "We can break albums and get credit for it for the first time."

The transition to the top floor was literal in one case. Norm Winer of WBCN(FM) Boston, called one of the "legendary progressive" programers at the session, said his station now occupied the top floor of Boston's tallest occupied building.

There are now about 120 AOR's around the country, according to moderator Michael Harrison of Radio & Records magazine, Los Angeles. And they continue to pop up, sometimes at a rate of two or three a week, he added.

The panelists offered several reasons for AOR's success. Said Jack Crawford of WKDA-AM-FM Nashville, "One reason for AOR's success is that we do not repeat music every two hours as top-40 does." Mr. Winer said another reason is that, from the beginning, "we didn't talk to the listener loud and fast or sell them pimple creams."

But perhaps the greatest reason is that AOR is not constrained to any one style of music—rock, country or top-40, the panelists said. "Our genre of music," Mr. Winer said, "is not limited by our name. We can choose from all the available resources...We can play anything we like as long as it's good."

AOR's influence can be seen at some top-40 stations that are now using fully researched album selections to fill an hour of hits. In those instances, and others, AOR has penetrated the AM dial. But largely it still occupies the FM dial that it has become so closely associated with, the panelists said. And that is as it should be, said Mr. Winer. "AM is insulting to music," he said, "It doesn't do it justice."

Mr. Winer said he thinks eventually people will no longer want to hear music on AM for that reason. Another panelist, John Gorman of WHK(AM)-WMMS(FM) Cleveland added there is no longer an AM rock station in his market. But Mr. Harrison, responding to a questioner, hypothesized that the potential spread of AM stereo might arrest the music exodus.

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Elmo Ellis, vice president-general manager of WSB(AM) Atlanta, bristles at the mention of the term middle-of-the-road. "In Atlanta, nobody refers to us as MOR. If a station is as comprehensive and varied in what it does as WSB," he said, "it can't be labeled."

Large comprehensive stations similar to WSB must constantly develop special programs to hold audience interest. So much is available in specialized music and there is competition from television, that WSB "constantly feels the challenge of coming up with new ideas," he says. In fact, one of the reasons for a variety of formats is the near-obsession of avoiding routine or predictability, according to Mr. Ellis.

He notes, by way of example, the variety of WSB's morning programs for a week in early September: Monday 9:05-10 a.m. WSB Guessing Game with clues every five minutes and prizes for guessing the person/place/thing; Tuesday (same time), Rate the Record Show, in which a panel listens to and scores 12 new songs, some to be added to the playlist (WSB's playlist currently comprises 100 songs; Mr. Ellis estimates the station plays 500 songs per week); Wednesday, a mobile microphone "goes underground" live from locations where a subway is being built; Thursday, an engineer or other station staff member selects the music for an hour and serves as guest and Friday, Battle of Music selects a most-popular album according to phone-in requests.

These are 9 o'clock samplings—and it goes on all day on approximately 2,400 stations that have variety/comprehensive/total service or MOR formats, similar to WSM.

At WCCO(AM) Minneapolis, Phil Lewis manages a "full service" station, including some emphasis on farm service or agricultural news, and music from what he calls the "top 10,000." The format hasn't changed for 52 years, Mr. Lewis says, and offers something for everyone in music and variety features. He claims the station was one of the first to move away from the idea of news-on-the-hour or half-hour. Instead, WCCO "breaks in" any time when there is news of importance to report. There has been a "small erosion of the 18-25 year-old" audience in the last year, Mr. Lewis admits, due to the increased specialization of stations within the market. He cites the rise of NIS (News and Information Service) country and rock formats as probable cause of WCCO's demographic slippage.

Robert Henley, vice president and general manager, WGN(AM) Chicago, denies that "fractionalization" of radio formats is a trend for the future, although all-news, classical, stock market/business formats may be possible exceptions. And even there, he says, "I'm a classical music lover myself, but I don't want 24 hours a day of it. There will always be a market for what we do, as long as we do it well," he says. WGN's mix of talk, phone call-ins, free-flowing music, baseball (81 Cubs games), farm reports (90 minutes, Monday-Saturday) and service-oriented contests and games—makes the station "extremely difficult to imitate." The format is "expensive to do and to do well," and it is only in rare instances that FM will attempt to duplicate it, he said.

Mr. Henley stresses that WGN "is not an easy station to listen to: our personalities are too good, services too broad," including public affairs discussion (9-11 p.m.) that is not "gutter-level," and contests that are not "hype."

James Wesley Jr., vice president and general manager of KFI(AM) Los Angeles, believes MOR succeeds and will continue to succeed in the face of increasingly specialized formats because of its personalities and the supermarket of broadcast services it provides. He says the continued influence of contemporary music has given MOR a more up-tempo format in recent years, except in the manner of presentation, which remains distinct. KFI's is a "fun format" which has never pushed contests/games/promos for prizes, but rather to help promote station personalities.

Mr. Wesley said KFI has not had the demographic slippage reported elsewhere, that the 18-49 and especially 25-49 groups are still strong. The trend toward specialization? "It's gone as far as it can go in Los Angeles," where all manner of formats are represented—but he agrees the trend will continue in other markets.

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night, 8-midnight, KFI counter-programs with talk against all-talk KABC(AM), at which time switches to sports. It's "the lemming theory at work," Mr. Nevins observes, and the talk audience is left to KFI.

"The L.A. Dodgers are the only thing that beats us, and they beat everything." KFI's playlist has been cut from 60 to 50 songs, eliminating the "stiffs," Mr. Nevins said. The music styles range from Elton John to Al Martino: a consistent format, geared to the station's median age audience, 30-35, who were "weaned on Elvis, Chubby Checker, R&B.'" Crossovers are evidenced only sporadically, Mr. Nevins says: "We're ready if a Tammy Wynette crossover comes along. We'll play it, but not pressure play three or four times a day... We're always on the lookout for R&B or disco crossovers to pop." And he likes reggae but is "careful about how abrasive our reggae sound is." The guideline is whatever appeals to the 18-49 KFI audience. And as Mr. Nevins explains, "we could wear out that welcome very quickly."

No matter what the label, country music is country

Crossover problem that was evident a couple of years ago seems to have stabilized

Hair-splitting distinctions within the 1,100-plus country music stations' formats—bluegrass, country-pot, contemporary country, modern country and country and western—won't wash with most station managers. "They are figments of some sales manager's imagination," said Don Nelson, vice president-general manager of WIRE(AM) Indianapolis; "country is country."

Whatever country is, it has been growing rapidly in every dimension, to the consternation of some country purists and to the delight of numbers-watchers.

"There was a time when we even questioned playing John Denver," Mr. Nelson said. Arlo Guthrie's "City of New Orleans" was banned from wire because Mr. Guthrie's freaky side showed through in the movie "Alice's Restaurant" and elsewhere. Now, Mr. Nelson said, "we play it as gold." In general, the crossover problem which loomed large on the country horizon for a couple of years seems to have stabilized.

The single most important growing branch of country music, in Mr. Nelson's opinion, is the Austin sound—a vein of progressive country gaining ground for several years, represented by Willie Nelson and the Pure Prairie League, for example, and most popular among the 18-24 age group (younger than traditional country demographics).

Charles Warner, general manager of WMAQ(AM) Chicago, would agree that the hottest subdivision of country is progressive country or "redneck rock, if you will"—his term for the Willie Nelson brand of country music.

The problem of the "closet" country music fan lingers on, and WMAQ never identifies itself on the air as a country station. There's still that "poor white trash, hillbilly" image that alienates urban listeners, according to Mr. Warner.

He describes WMAQ as seeking the broadest possible audience, crossing the lines of popular/contemporary sounds. With a cume of over two million listeners a week and as the number-four station in the U.S. in total survey area, 25-49, WMAQ "must have mass audience appeal to make it... to be hard, pure country makes no sense. I have no choice," Mr. Warner said.

"At WMAQ, country music is defined as music that people who like country music want to hear..." That, in combination with providing good services (news, information, sport, weather, time, community happenings), gets a good audience, he said. And, he claims, while MOR skew toward the old and contemporary skews toward the young, country has the broadest demographic appeal, 25-49.

Geography is a determining factor in country music, more so than in other formats, as WBAP(AM) Fort Worth will attest. The image problems Charles Warner talks about in Chicago are nonexistent at WBAP, where country music listeners are "without inhibitions."

General Manager Warren Potash and Program Manager Don Thompson explain that the station is "on the traditional side of country," but the base is broadening. Mixing in a little bluegrass and some modern country, the station still tries "to maintain the integrity of what we started with." While the range of artists played may be wider ("not the Eagles, but, yes, some Olivia Newton-John"), the playlist is down from 110 songs a few years ago to 49 charted and 10 extras now. WBAP does best among men, 35-49, and women, 50-64; its total cume is Monday-Sunday, age 12-plus, is 1,078,000.

Messrs. Potash and Thompson stress that traditional country is very stable. They have been watching the progressive country or so-called Austin sound for 18 months and, contrary to what Don Nelson predicts as the growing trend, Mr. Thompson says no artist has become a major national force without being rooted in the traditional country vein.

Talking country. At this year's NAB convention, the success of country formats were discussed by (l to r) Bill Ward, KLLC(AM) Los Angeles; James Goodrich, KYSS(AM) Missoula, Mont.; Don Nelson, WIRE(AM) Indianapolis; Charles Warner, WMAQ(AM) Chicago, and Craig Scott of Plough Broadcasting.

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Could that be John Denver in among all those violins?

Beautiful music begins to change, even adding some soft-rock sounds in hopes of attracting audience that’s younger; some stations are making it by programing their own.

Strange vibrations are cropping up among those lush strains of beautiful music. The format that is programed mostly by syndicators is undergoing some changes—soft-rock sounds, even disco beats, will be featured and vocals are being added—all with the idea of attracting younger audiences.

Many stations that program beautiful music receive their formats from radio program packagers. One of the more prominent is Schulke’s Stereo Radio Productions, South Plainfield, N.J. (see page 70), which supplies formats for such top-rated beautiful music stations as KJOH(FM) Los Angeles, WLAK(FM) Chicago and WWSI(FM) Philadelphia.

Ed Winton, president and general manager of WWBA-AM-FM Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla., programs his own beautiful music format but surmises that he is in the minority. “There are quite a few syndicators lower-priced than Schulke’s SRP or Bonnville, and a lot of FM’s in secondary markets are using syndicated formats, many of them automated,” he said.

WWBA-AM-FM claims to be first among major market beautiful music stations, based on April-May Arbitron estimates by share, total adults, in the top-20 markets with two or more good music stations. The station has a 18.1 share (combined AM and FM), and that in a market of five good music competitors.

In the Tampa/St. Petersburg market, WWBA-AM-FM competes in the same format against WDUV(FM) Bradenton, which uses Peters Productions of San Diego; WQXM(FM) Clearwater, which uses the FM-100 package from Century Broadcasting of Chicago; WAVV(FM) Tampa, using TM Programming of Dallas; and WFLA-FM Tampa, which programs its own beautiful music format.

William Elliott, program director at WQXM, thinks the vast majority of beautiful music stations use syndicated services due to the cost factor, the availability of beautiful music itself and the fact that many are “not free-standing FM’s, but are connected with AM-TV operations.”

KRFM(FM) Phoenix programs its own beautiful music format, and comes out number one (average quarter hour, April-May ARB) against four syndicated beautiful music formats on competing stations. Operations manager Eric Johnson said the station dropped its SRP affiliation a year ago last May because “we simply weren’t getting the response...Since we went to our own music, we have nearly doubled our share”—now it is 11.1.

Mr. Johnson confirmed that beautiful music formats in general are tending toward soft rock, although he hates to think of it in those terms. British, Canadian and German orchestras picking up on American hits can be heard on beautiful music formats now, he said, carried over from MOR success. KRFM is using a few more group vocals, “coming foreground a bit,” and standard single vocalists Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Dickie Carr, et al. John Denver and Neil Diamond have not been granted airplay on KRFM yet, but Mr. Johnson expects to take that step in a year or so.

In predicting trends in the beautiful music format that are programmed by radio packagers, Jay Taylor, president of Master Broadcast Services of Morrisville, Pa., sees the addition of more MOR artists; old favorite tunes done to disco beats; increasing use of synthesizers and electric pianos; and more vocals, particularly female vocals.

KXYX(FM) San Diego counts itself among that “vast minority” of beautiful music stations programing their own music and that’s slightly stretching the truth because KXYX simulcasts part of each day’s program from sister station KIXI-FM Seattle. KIXI-FM syndicates a sedate program of beautiful music through Broadcast Programing International, Bellingham, Wash., to some 30 stations around the country.

The San Diego market calls for a more up-tempo sound—not intrusive or abrasive but “bright and beautiful” as KXYX’s format is labeled. The station steers clear of the “dental office waiting room” sound and avoids “MOR stuff,” according to assistant program director Jonathan Hartzell, playing instead Ray Conniff, Olivia Newton-John, Letterman and—as a “sparkler” coming out of a commercial break—John Denver.

At the NRBA convention in San Francisco last week, a workshop was conducted to discuss the “simple, yet sophisticated format” of beautiful music and why it is thriving across the country. “It is here to stay,” predicted Kenneth Mellgren, operations manager at WJIB(FM) Boston and moderator of the workshop panel. One of the trends in beautiful music seems to be toward the direction of syndicated formats, Mr. Mellgren said, “although local operators are doing successful programing of their own.”

The latter goal is represented by Ted Dorf, one of the panelists and general manager of WGY-FM Washington. “We feel we control our own destiny,” Mr. Dorf said, for three reasons primarily: “We are fairly consistent in our programing, we have one of the largest record libraries and we know our market better than anyone.”

Marlin Taylor of Bonneville Broadcasting Consultants, Tenafly, N.J., laid down these rules for a successful beautiful music format: (1) the announcer should project a warm, mature human being; (2) commercials should not be irritating; (3) all the program elements should fit; (4) the talk should be as good as the music; (5) the music should be as good as the talk; (6) the news and weather should be understandable, and (7) the station should project its own style. According to his definition, style is an expression of individuality impossible to copy. “Radio stations with it have got the ratings and money, too,” he said.

The syndicator side was represented by Mr. Schulke of Stereo Radio Productions. A key to beautiful music, he said, is good technical quality. He urged antenna optimization (“I feel RCA does it better than all the others”) and said that experience has shown him that “whatever you spend on basic RF signal will come back to you in share points and dollars.”

Richard Ferguson of WZEN(FM) Bridgeport, Conn., stressed promotion to make beautiful music work. “Every good beautiful music station is a personality station—even though most don’t have on-air personalities,” he said, and the promotion should express that personality. WZEN, he said, looks for “classy” promotions doing things like buying four-color ads in the local editions of Time magazine, putting soothing ads on all-news WCBS(AM) New York and on local television. All the parts of the promotion, from newspapers to billboards, he said, are key to the same personality.
Black radio: It's still got soul

Wider variety of music changes ethnic sound of R&B programming

There are approximately 225 commercial stations which identify themselves as black, soul or rhythm and blues formats and the trend among all these designations is toward a wider spectrum of music. The preferred label is "black-oriented" for, as one program manager related, "R&B and soul sound tacky."

There is a movement toward jazz in a more commercial vein that is accompanied by a move away from the earlier ethnic sound of James Brown and others. Commercialism has put a polish on some older music types: gospel records, for instance, are now acceptable in discos. Artists such as George Benson, Natalie Cole and Nancy Wilson have become commercially viable.

The disco format itself, in the opinion of Sonny Taylor, program manager of WWR(L) New York, has become tiresome in the New York area but is still fresh in Washington and Chicago. Disco has branched out into various forms, making songs like "A Fifth of Beethoven" acceptable.

WWR(L) is number one of three black-oriented AM stations in New York. Its playlist is tight (24 singles, nine album cuts and seven disco records are played in a typical week) and its audience is 18-49 (12-34 is strongest), mostly women. "We lose men to FM," Mr. Taylor conceded. Black AM's are suffering from two things, he said, the influx of FM and the preference of audiences for all-news stations, especially in the morning. "They don't want to boogie out of bed into the bathroom anymore" because "news affects blacks, now."

Arnold Schorr, vice president and general manager of KGFI(AM) Los Angeles, agrees that the trend is to a general market appeal, but thinks those "crossovers from soul to pop still must start in black radio."

Mr. Schorr noted three subdivisions of the black format: disco, progressive soul (on FM, album-oriented and increasingly important), and the original top-40 soul in the South (rapid paced, using many production aids, still popular in smaller markets).

KGFI, Mr. Schorr said, is "very general top-40" because "Los Angeles is the least traditional black market in the country. The influx of the black population (now in excess of one million) was from the midwest, not the south and "they expect general music appeal, they want jocks who speak good English." The image is 'West Coast' he said, and attempts to be as "slick and tight as any top-40 rocker" with news on the same level as the local all-news station.

There will always be a place for black radio, even though it has become diluted with crossovers, he said, "The black community is our reason for being."

In Detroit, according to WJL(AM) disk jockey Claude Young, disco is the last word in black radio. Black AM's are playing jazz more than ever before, he said, (WJL plays three or four selections each week), but disco dominates everything. Gospel is big, Mr. Young said, but it has changed "from 'sound like you wanna die' to almost a disco sound."

At WOOK(AM) Washington, Program Director Leonard Roberts said the trend is toward a hybrid of musical types: the instrumentation of jazz and the commercial sound of disco. The station has programmed black-contemporary or black-top-40 since February, a unique mass appeal format using only hit singles and selected album cuts, aimed primarily at a black audience. WOOK plays no jazz, no gospel, but will sometimes play older black hits from the last 20 years (by the Drifters or the Shirelles for instance). The prognosis for disco? Mr. Roberts said, "As long as there are people who enjoy dancing, there will be disco music."

The changed look of jazz. There may be as many as 37 commercial and about 45 noncommercial stations (many of them college stations) programming jazz. However, the number of full-time jazz stations is closer to 10. WQXR New York is a jazz station that is about to change its format to rock under the new ownership of Sonderling Broadcasting. But Program Director Barney Lane is optimistic about the shape of jazz radio, despite WQXR's detection from jazz ranks. "If anything, jazz is enjoying a bit of a renaissance at the moment," with many stations at least experimenting with jazz programs within other formats, he said. It is a "pan-ethnic and international" format with an audience dominated by males 18-49 "but not ethnic enough to be considered an ethnic station." Jazz is "broadening its musical elements and in the base of its appeal," Mr. Lane said, and wave, for one, has witnessed a steady growth since the jazz format was implemented in February 1974. The volume and type of sales have changed, he said, from retail and jazz-related businesses at first, to national and large regional advertisers. One reason why used to be an esoteric format has now broaden its appeal, according to Charlene Watts, program and music director of WYLY Boston, is that a lot of artists—especially black artists—have become more commercially oriented. Jazz will outlive the disco formats or any fad format, Ms. Watts believes. "The longevity of jazz is due to its being straight ahead, down to earth."

Classical formats: a distinct breed

'Recession-proof' audience provides amount of stability to stations that often have financial headaches

The Classical Music Broadcasters Association lists as members 269 concert-music stations, of which all but 86 are noncommercial. Loyalties to the format are fierce and, even though the number of stations is relatively few, the challenges to change classical formats in some markets stir great animosity.

While classical music formats remain defiantly distinct from every other breed of radio, the strains within the breed are somewhat vague. Concert, fine music, semiclassical and serious music are all acceptable designations, and all program directors will argue the sounds are difficult to define.

"There's no such thing as semiclassical any more," according to Jerry Lyman, vice president and general manager of WQAM-FM Washington. The misnomer is frequently used to identify "the Montovani thing," he said, which is now classified as "easy listening or background music."

"Semiclassical is a different kettle of fish," in the concurring opinion of Robert Sherman, program director of WQXR-AM FM New York. He doesn't hide his disdain when he describes semiclassical as "paper music," calling it no more than "upgraded top-40 music." He identifies WQXR's sound as "a fine-arts service, a more thoughtful program package than the classical music jukebox others have become. We program the way Bernstein programs a Philharmonic concert."

The major change Mr. Sherman has noted over the past five years at WQXR is that the station is becoming entirely classical, edging out the show music and jazz, Rogers and Hart, and others. "We're forever tinkering," says Mr. Sherman—which would apply to
just about all stations with any imaginable format on radio today.

But the classical format's special financial headaches are obvious: less program time for commercials, smaller audience numbers and very selective tastes, making for a tough sell. On the positive side, the hallmark of classical stations is stability.

Mr. Sherman notes that at WQXR, "our junior announcer has been here 15 years—there's no cult of personality here." The only future trend he anticipates is a change in subtleties, more vocal music perhaps.

A trend pointed out by Mr. Lyman is support given to the community fine-arts efforts, financially and otherwise. Mr. Lyman emphasizes the personality element of WGMS—"We believe in radio; a classical music station should have all the elements of a good radio station"—and he has been known to knock the "sleepy sound" of some others of the genre.

President and general manager of WFMT, Ray Nordstrand sounds more serious than sleepy when he declares that "ours is a very personal communication with the listener, respecting the taste, intelligence and dignity of the kind of professional, executive, well educated listener that classical music attracts . . . Jingles and gimmicks are an affront to this sophisticated audience." While WFMT's personalities are known and liked, Mr. Nordstrand says, they do not try to impose their own styles on the listener. He stresses the refined attitude the station wants to convey, adding it is the music rather than the announcer that controls the environment.

Both stations' approaches have been highly profitable, which indicates, according to Mr. Nordstrand, that "audiences tend to expect what you have conditioned them to like. A WGMS in Chicago would be a disaster, and a WFMT in Washington would be a disaster." Trends on the part of classical format stations:

"Serious music stations are tending to be a shade more serious." Lighter, shorter classical music—still serious—has been applauded; "sympy," Montovani-type and show music has not.

Folk music and comedy have been proved compatible with classical formats. WFMT's Midnight Special, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays, which began 24 years ago, is still the most popular single program on the station. KYXO(FM) Denver, WCLV(FM) Cleveland, WCRB(FM) Waltham, Mass., and WONO(FM) Syracuse, N.Y., in recent years, have successfully included folk/comedy programs in their classical formats.

Stations are moving away from recordings and toward specially produced programs. Eight symphony orchestras are now available on reel-to-reel tapes. WFMT's program of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra circulates to 230-plus stations. The program is underwritten by Standard Oil (Indiana) and, west of the Rockies, by United Airlines, to begin Oct. 1.

A national sales representative firm, Concert Music Broadcast Sales, New York, has signed seven classical stations and expects to have 10 by the end of this month. President of the new rep firm, Peter J. Cleary, is backed up by Mr. Nordstrand when he predicts "the wave of the future for sales reps" is in the specialized service.

Finally, Mr. Nordstrand, who is also chairman of the Classical Music Broadcasters Association, relates the optimistic tone expressed at that group's August convention: Classical music stations are "far more resourceful than ever and have more resources than ever." Part of the reason, he said, is the unique "recession-proof" audience.

According to KFAC-AM-FM Los Angeles Music Director Clyde Allen, the FM side plays "typical" classical music, with emphasis on romantic orchestral music. There's "nothing ultra avant-garde" and not an overdose of Gregorian chants at the other extreme.

The AM side programs only popular classical music, not accurately classified as "light," he said (Beethoven's Fifth is popular but not light, for example). The repetition rate is higher than on the FM, with repeats every two weeks.

KFAC does simulcast a lunch-time interview program (1-2 p.m.) and another 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. program, with very long works left to the near-dawn shift. On-air promos run on each station for the other and the sales department aims to sell both stations as a package.

"Some purists might feel some of what we play on AM isn't classical," Mr. Allen said. For instance, "Switched on Bach" is still controversial but KFAC plays it.
Success stories: packages of automated musical formats

Syndicated programers are capitalizing on their lucrative track record with proved systems and trying out new ones based on old, familiar themes

Radio program packagers, initially limited to beautiful-music formats and geared to cost-conscious FM's, have in recent years branched out across the spectrum of stations and musical formats. They are going after younger demographics, exploring rock, country and variations on MOR themes — and coming up with some success stories.

Jim Schulke's Stereo Radio Productions, one of the originals in the field, will gross $1.5 million-plus this year — on target for the projected $2-million mark by 1980. Based on the April-May ARB's, 23 of the 70 SRP subscribing stations rank number one in their markets (among all AM and FM stations, persons 18-plus).

"No one is doing as much gross on just one format as we are," Mr. Schulke says, and the news for this year is expansion: "We are contemplating two new formats."

One new MOR format will go into test first, then to AM stations "not designed to be number one." It will take about six months to master a library, he said.

The second innovation is a soft-rock format targeted to younger demographics, 18-35, aimed to women rather than men. It will be based on the successful "magic" format (WMGK(FM) Philadelphia), and Mr. Schulke is certain he will have no trouble selling it.

"Each year, tastes change a bit," he said. The beautiful-music formula used to be "quite unobtrusive, with no rock beat. Over the last four to five years, you hear more and more rock." Traditionally, beautiful music is not a vocal format (vocals only 25% of the time and then mostly groups), but Mr. Schulke is using a few more original artists' hits — like Neil Diamond and John Denver — and it seems a trend likely to continue.

Although slightly more than a third of SRP's clients operate live, Mr. Schulke said automation is increasingly convenient. Four SRP clients are semi-automated, recorded just prior to broadcast, many are live to six hours each day, and many are fully automated (including two top ranking stations, WGEF-FM West Palm Beach, Fla., and WOOD-FM Grand Rapids, Mich.). Each subscriber receives a basic library of 170-190 tapes, 53 minutes of music each, supplemented during the year with 80 additional tapes.

In June, SRP signed with the British Broadcasting Corp. to import BBC beautiful-music orchestra tapes exclusively. The amount of material, according to Mr. Schulke, "is equal to more than one-third of all the renditions of songs we now have in play." The total cost to clients for two-year minimum contracts in smaller markets, for three years in larger markets, ranges from $900 to $6,000 a month (not including New York).

Bonneville Broadcast Consultants has four packaged program services — two beautiful-music and two MOR — currently running on 80 stations, 90% of them FM, half fully automated. A fifth format, soft rock, was introduced at the NRBA convention.

Marlin Taylor, president of Bonneville Broadcast Consultants, sees automation as more and more the mode, "not only to cut costs, but to free station personnel for other things." Musically, his forecast is for a convergence of previously distinct styles: contemporary and MOR.

Of the 50 stations in ARB-rated markets subscribing to Bonneville, 29 are in the top five in their markets; three or four are number one, and about a dozen are number two. Monthly prices range, according to market size, from $400 to $3,000, and all formats are exclusive.

Two of Bonneville’s formats are beautiful music; one is a quarter-hour segmented service, totally controlled and designed for larger-market FM stations. There are 200 hours in that library and a 50% turnover each year. The other is a random-select beautiful-music package, geared for AM's in smaller, less competitive markets. This package is inexpensively produced and less expensive to buy. Its 130 hours have a two-thirds turnover annually.

Two more Bonneville formats are MOR, one traditional, built on artists in the style of Andy Williams, Tony Bennett, the Carpenters and "soft-John Denver." The library has 65 tapes in one-hour reels, plus a current hit tape sent to subscribers every 10 days. The other is contemporary MOR, which is more uptempo (Captain and Tennille or Barry Manilow). Fifty tapes are supplemented by a weekly hit tape.

The new soft rock format will be patterned after the "easy listening rock sound," Mr. Taylor said, likening it to WKTI(FM) New York. The target audience is 18-34, balanced between men and women. The formula will allow for softer cuts of actual rock artists.

Musically, according to Mr. Taylor, "the road becomes narrower every month. We are moving closer to original rock arrangements. Beautiful music is becoming more contemporary; contemporary music on the average is softer today" (to wit: Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow). The softest Beatles' hits are actually in traditional MOR, he said, and the Carpenters are represented on all four Bonneville formats.

Some things haven’t changed. Asked whether his music service is background or elevator music, Mr. Taylor replied, "We believe we have a foreground sound — music for people who really want to listen and to enjoy it." The announcers talk on a one-to-one basis in a friendly tone, and the music is to be heard, he contends.

TM Programing, Dallas, will introduce its fifth format Nov. 1—a beautiful-rock package already signed by four pilot stations. Beautiful rock will feature turntable hits as opposed to radio hits, a soft, mellow, nonelectric sound, according to Ernie Winn, executive vice president and general manager of TM Programing.

Other TM formats: Good music, which has 78 clients, is "foreground sound" with a high content of vocals, targeted to the 25-49 audience. Beautiful music, with 22
clients, is string-oriented “romance” music, also for the 25-49 group. Stereo rock, with 60 clients, features hits of 1968 through today, for 18-34 demographics. TM country, with 16 clients, is modern country’s proved hits, targeted to the 18-49 audience.

Mr. Winn said fees range from $700 to $3,000 per month, depending on the market, and he projects a $2 million gross for the year.

TM’s most recent success is WCFL(AM) Chicago, which dropped its rock format March 16 and switched to beautiful music. According to the April-May [Arbitron] book, its cume went up to over one million in 23 days, the fourth-highest beautiful music station cume in the U.S.,” Mr. Winn said, pointing out the station reached that million from “virtually zero”.

Drake-Chenault Enterprises has been at it since 1968 and counts over 200 clients for its eight formats. Art Aster, executive vice president and general manager, projects 1980’s gross at $3 million, not including special programs. Prices (“nobody prints a rate card in the syndication business”) range from $550 to $5,000 monthly, according to market size.

Drake-Chenault formats have been successful in medium-size and smaller markets, and among teen-agers and 18-34 age groups in most cases.

The formats: “Great American Country,” targeted to 25-49 demographics, is modern as opposed to progressive country, from Johnny Cash to Linda Ronstadt. “Supersoul,” just getting started on a handful of stations, is black-oriented for AM or FM. “Classic Gold,” is an oldies format from 1955 forward with more than 2,000 selections. “Contempo 200,” aimed at 18-49-year-olds, is oldies from the last 15 years plus current rock hits. “Contempo 300,” adult contemporary music, is cur-

Basic libraries for each format are 50 one-hour reels (150 for "Beautiful Music-Plus").

Additionally, Drake-Chenault offers the following special programs (one per market, clients have first-refusal rights): A new version of "History of Rock 'n Roll" (50 hours) will be ready in late 1976; "Golden Years of Country" and "Golden Years of Rock" (both 20 hours) are being updated and will be syndicated late this year; and "Top Hits of the 60's" (12 hours), currently in over 100 markets.

Radio Arts Inc., Burbank, Calif., has for a year and a half produced and syndicated an adult MOR music package, "The Entertainers," now on 50-plus stations. The music blend is a vocally based combination of standard MOR (Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett), current MOR (the Carpenters, Captain and Tennille) and country crossover (John Denver, Olivia Newton-John).

President of Radio Arts, Larry Vanderveen, said "The Entertainers" originated with his "long-standing belief that MOR has disintegrated into a soft-rock substitute and play-the-hit orientation which tends to mean rock."

"The Entertainers" package comprises 24 hours of music daily, on tape, with or without customized promo's/ID's and announcements (half of the stations go with, and half without the option). Costs are scaled by market size, from $375 to $3,800 monthly (WITHAM Baltimore being the largest).

Mr. Vanderveen said, "We're riding the crest of a wave some people haven't recognized yet." The emphasis is on melody. Today the rhythm and harmony of rock are the focus. "The trend musically is to bring back contempered arrangements with standard artists." He sees a continued trend toward automation.

With 20% of the stations in the country at least partly automated already, "the cost-efficiency factor has been replaced by the recognition that better quality, consistency and control" can be had through automation, he contends.

And now Radio Arts has branched off into country. A new program service, to be available in early December, is titled "Easy Country". The sound will be "the smoother, MOR country sound" as opposed to hillbilly, bluegrass or progressive country, according to Mr. Vanderveen.

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**How to get rich in radio in five minutes or less**

Short syndicated programs begin to make their mark as stations weave them into their formats.

"Ideal selling tools" are what Harry O'Connor calls the batch of radio features he syndicates in forms ranging from one minute to five minutes.

Mr. O'Connor, who numbers Ronald Reagan's three-minute daily commentaries among the programs he distributes (to the tune of an annual gross income of around one million dollars, he says), is one of three prominent short-form syndicators (the other two are Alcave Communications in Philadelphia and Nightingale-Conant in Chicago) who are swimming against the tide of strictly formatted radio.

Most syndicators say that fewer than 600 out of the more than 7,000 radio stations in this country will even bother to listen to a distributor who has program material that he wants to sell or barter.

But the good news in that statistic, according to the New York-based radio syndicator, Robert Franklin, is that five years ago there would have been only about 150 or so radio stations willing to take outside material.

Mr. O'Connor says he wishes he could go to a station's sales manager rather than to its program director. The reason: Program directors "are actually inhibiting creative programming today," according to Mr. O'Connor. "They have more hang-ups about syndicated programming than anyone else at the station level," he continues. "Their constant goal is to sound as good as the major-market station they hope to go to work for next week."

Ronald Reagan's return to the airwaves will be one of the factors, Mr. O'Connor says, in swelling his 1977 gross income to a figure that could go as high as $1.4 million. Mr. Reagan's three-minute daily commentaries (with commercials, the feature runs closer to five minutes each day) are now being heard on about 150 stations and Mr. O'Connor expects to hit the 500-station mark by year's end.

Some other O'Connor Creative Services (Box 8888, Universal City, Calif. 91608) radio features that are racking up sales:

- **Kids Say the Darndest Things**, starring Art Linkletter, consists of 260 five-minute segments (each of which can be edited down to two minutes) that begin their broadcast live in 45 markets next month on a five-a-week basis.

- **Viewpoint** offers the 75 or so stations carrying it five-minute daily commentaries by Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), who had originally taken over for Ronald Reagan when Mr. Reagan announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination earlier this year.

- **The Rip-Off**, the newest ingredient in Mr. O'Connor's program mix, focuses on "con, swindle, and consumer-fraud cases," accounts which are packaged in 260 two-minute segments and read by Jack Webb of Dragnet fame. This one is just now being offered.

- **Profiles in Greatness**, with the actor Efrem Zimbalist Jr., as narrator, presents five minute capsules of people who reached public notice by various achievements. This series is three years old and is being heard in 85 markets.

Another West Coast personality, Ralph Story, is host of You're the Judge, a 90-second summary of a legal case in which both sides are presented, followed by a
commercial break, which allows the listener to guess which way the judge decided. About 100 stations are running it.

The economist, Eliot Jareway, has also begun taping a new 90-second daily series for Alcare Creative Services called You and Your Money, made up basically of practical tips on stretching a buck. Twenty-five stations are aboard (it's just been put on the market).

Mr. O'Connor's company has also just picked up worldwide distribution rights to Superfun, daily one-and-a-half-minute features covering everything from one-liners to crazy sound effects. New production of Superfun II will begin soon, according to Mr. O'Connor, but there are still 700 or so segments that'll be resuscitated from material done in the late sixties and early seventies.

Mr. O'Connor's East Coast competitor in volume of short-form radio features is Alcare Communications Inc. (Box 72, Philadelphia 19105). Jordan Schwartz, the president of Alcare, says he expects the company's gross income for 1976 to fall into the $750,000 range.

"Our hottest property right now," Mr. Schwartz continues, "is a show called Update: Where Are They Now." Produced in cooperation with the Newsweek Broadcasting Service, the three-and-a-half-minute daily feature zeroes in on nostalgia, "bringing alive events of yesteryear through the voices of the people who lived them and through the actual sounds of an era never to be again," as Alcare's brochure puts it. Some of the people who turn up in these features: Stan Musial, Jersey Joe Walcott, Alger Hiss, Rosemary Clooney and Dr. Edward Teller.

The host of the series is a Philadelphia-based journalist/author named Mort Crim, who also presides over the daily 100-second commentaries Alcare sends out under the title, One Moment Please With Mort Crim. (They're mailed in packages of 20, every four weeks.) About 150 stations now carry the commentaries, according to Mr. Schwartz. The station first comes up with a local sponsor and then purchases the show.

Bernard Meltzer on Living Better, a third Alcare syndicated radio feature now being heard in about 30 markets, puts its emphasis on answering, as Alcare puts it, "everyday questions about real estate, investments, home repairs and life's everyday problems." Mr. Meltzer heads Bernard C. Meltzer and Associates, a Philadelphia firm specializing in real estate and urban finance.

Probably the most widely distributed short-form radio syndicated commentaries are the upbeat, homespun essays of Earl Nightingale, a 56-year-old self-made philosopher who calls himself the "dean of personal motivation." Since 1959, the Nightingale-Conant Corp. (6677 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago 60645) has sent out some 4,500 five-minute commentaries under the umbrella title, Our Changing World.

Lloyd Conant, the company's president, says more than 900 stations throughout the world carry these commentaries. Major-market stations pony up as much as $150 for a week's worth of commentaries, with the smaller-market stations paying as little as $15 a week. Mr. Conant says the series will gross in the neighborhood of $700,000 this year.

Progressive-rock and top-40 stations are
latching on to a three-minute satirical feature called News Blimps, which is being sold by a company known as Progressive Radio Network (321 Rider Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10451). According to Earl Riback, the company’s sales manager, each “blimpy” takes a new story relating to areas like politics, the environment or youth culture and comments on it with appropriate lyrics from a contemporary song. “The production style is upbeat,” Mr. Riback says.

Progressive is also ready to put on the market a series of three-minute programs aimed at buyers of hi-fi/stereo receivers and amplifiers. Called Sound Advice, the feature is hosted by Seattle engineer Dave Corry, who has written a book on audio that will be used as a tie-in to the series.

Two other short-form syndication items, both barter, that are being pitched to top-40 rockers and progressive-rock stations are Bristol-Myers’ Earth News, produced in Los Angeles by a company called Earth News Radio (which also produces a similar short-form daily show called Hot News), and Warner Lambert’s Record Report With Robert W. Morgan, which is put together by Audio Video Programming in Los Angeles.

The Many Worlds of Radio 1976

Long-form shows find homes on many stations

CBS mysteries entrenched as nightly hours; syndication of other types makes progress

The prospects are looking up for long-form radio programming.

That’s the word from the various producers who are involved in everything from the CBS Radio Mystery Theater to the three-hour weekly nostalgia-laden Dick Clark’s Solid Gold.

The CBS Radio Mystery Theater has defied the skeptics who said the whole project would come a cropper as soon as the early-seventies nostalgia wave began to recede. Instead of collapsing, Mystery Theater starts its fourth year next January, the five commercial network minutes within each daily hour being picked up by the Buick division of General Motors, Budweiser beer, Menley & James Labs, Tru-Value hardware stores, Singer, Sears-Roebuck, Seven-Up and Ex-Lax, among other national sponsors. Two hundred and seventeen stations, including 46 in the top-50 markets, carry it seven days a week. Stations get the series free and are given three commercial minutes within each hour, plus adjacencies, to sell to local advertisers.

Robert Franklin, the president of Cinema/Sound Ltd., a New York-based radio syndicator, says he’s laying out a production budget of $1,000 a week to create new half-hour tapes of five melodramas: Dick Tracy, Brenda Starr, Terry and the Pirates, Counterspy and Crime Doctor.

The umbrella title for the melodramas is Five for the Money. Thirteen episodes of each of the five are being produced for a November target date. Stations would strip the five, a different one each day, and get all six commercial minutes to sell to local advertisers.

Mr. Franklin says he’s asking big-market stations to pony up as much as $250 for a week’s worth of Five for the Money progrming, with a step-down arrangement, depending on market size, that would reach a low of $50 per week for stations in small markets. Stations signed so far include WOR(AM) New York, WBAL(AM) Baltimore, KMAX(FM) Los Angeles and KSFO(AM) San Francisco.

Even Bristol-Myers, which failed last year with an elaborately produced Radio Playhouse series of four 15-minute daily soap operas, is still looking at proposals that would put it back into sponsorship of radio drama, according to Peggy Kelly, B-M’s radio-TV supervisor.

Radio Playhouse didn’t make it because most stations are so rigidly formatted during the so-called housewife time (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) that they were reluctant to break up those formats with a 60-minute block of drama, according to Robert Turner, B-M’s media program services director.

The executive producer of Radio Playhouse, Richard Cox, says he could have cleared many more stations than the 60 or so that ended up accepting the series if Bröstl-Myers had not forced him to adhere to the limits of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the all-time radio drama and comedy, which are still the province of Charles Michelson, now relocated to Los Angeles after 38 years in New York, who reports that tapes of the original half-hour broad- cast of The Shadow are being played in 300 markets, and that 200 or so markets are plugged into To The Lone Ranger, Fibber McGee and Molly, The Green Hornet and Gangbusters.

The other healthy area for long-form radio syndication is music aimed to the youth audience, and four distributors have done particularly well in the last couple of years. They are the D.I.R. Corp. in New York, which produces The King Biscuit Flower Hour weekly concerts, Watermark Inc. of Los Angeles, which mainstay is the weekly three-hour American Top 40 countdown; Diamond P Productions, also Los Angeles, which does the Dick Clark Solid Gold nostalgia show, and RATW Inc. of Boston, whose concert series is called Rock Around the World.

Radio copes with the...
needs of a news-hungry public

taine, managing editor, notes that "consumer information seems to be very high" on the interest list of subscribing stations, as and feature reports on sports, commodities and financial matters. Frank Scorttino, audio bureau manager for UP Audio Network, comments on the demand affiliated stations have made for the longer two-minute features that his organization sends out for use on weekends. He also notes a strong interest in consumer-oriented stories. Earlier this year, UP Audio added a consumer feature to its morning feed.

And with these stories, radio takes advantage of its immediacy. According to Emerson Stone, vice president, CBS Radio News, "If anything, the interest lies in the expansion of hard news." He notes that two specialty broadcasts, What's Happening (regarding women) and World of Religion are now sent within 24 hours. There had been more leeway in the past, he says.

Over-all, ABC also has expanded its news product. As of Aug. 31, ABC joined CBS and NBC Radio as 24-hour-a-day operations. With its four radio networks—American Contemporary, Information, Entertainment and FM—it now produces 138 newscasts daily.

With the proliferation of radio news, Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. has set a new goal for itself: "We have an obligation to tell people what all of this means," says Bill Scott, vice president, news.

Mr. Scott likened the public's absorption of radio news to that of a "Chinese meal." In other words, he says, it leaves the listener with an "indefinable hunger." People have the facts, he acknowledges, but desire to know their meaning.

To fill this gap, Group W will be expanding its commentator/analyst role to create a core of experts, or a "Group W think tank." Areas to be covered include economics, international affairs, military, social problems and politics. Mr. Scott expects Westinghouse to be a trendsetter in this area.

One effort is to begin at the end of this month and concerns the small turnout of voters expected in the November presidential election. We're going to "begin to tell the public what's at stake here," Mr. Scott explains, in a combined effort involving analysis, commentary, public service announcements, public affairs programming and other approaches.

No matter what the size of the station, Mr. Scott believes this approach can be undertaken. He speaks in terms of "investigative accounting," and, for example, suggests "What does it mean that the city council did X? There is no small station in this country incapable of doing that."

John Salisbury, director of news and special projects at KXL-AM-FM Portland, Ore., and president of the Radio Television News Directors Association, has two basic observations: Those stations that are concentrating on news are doing it better than before; but it's "appalling" the number of stations that have cut back.

For those stations that are improving, he claims, they are looking at "life and lifestyles." At KXL and other stations, he says, "we're not sticking with the establishment news" but rather are "probing." He says that many stations are becoming the "conscience of their community" by doing news "that really affects every segment of the community."

However, he finds a basic problem remains with radio news: "We just don't have enough people to specialize." And he notes that many stations have complained that "we can't afford that kind of staff."

Those stations that are cutting back, he believes, are shortsighted because "news does sell." And even for the smaller operations that can work only with local community groups and a tape recorder, he says that a news operation can be built at the cost of shoe leather and extra effort.

Kiro's Mr. Whippel agrees that "it is the local ingredient that counts." That means heavy emphasis on cultivating local sources. "We have trained the Port of Seattle to call us" every time a new ship comes in, he says.

KBOI's Mr. Raper says that the key is "just getting out and dealing with the people in the community." For stations, especially those on a miniscule news budget, he suggests story trading. While KBOI ranks second in its market and has a profitable news operation, Mr. Raper says, it participates in this a great deal. "We're feeding out much more than we're getting back," he says, pointing out that among the daily recipients are six stations in Idaho, several in Oregon and KSL (AM) Salt Lake City. It's important to know that the stations will reciprocate.

A supplier to public stations that primarily operate on limited news budgets is National Public Radio. Its daily half-hour news program, All Things Considered, is aired by 95% of NPR's 170 FM and 20 AM member stations. The program, with half-hour documentaries, reviews and two-minute features of half-minutes long, is characterized by its "depth, background and analysis," according to Lee Frischknecht, NPR president. He says that the show not only presents the facts but tells why they occurred. NPR also offers a variety of other news material including coverage of congressional hearings.

"Most news directors have their hands full handling the news," says Marc Bragg, director of the Public Affairs Broadcast Group. Since 1973, Mr. Bragg and his organization have been supplying public affairs programming. Currently, the 123 subscribers take their weekly choice of either two half-hour documentaries, seven three-minute features or seven one-minute features.

Before a station can subscribe it must supply the Public Affairs Broadcast Group with a list of its ascertained problems. Programming is then devised in an attempt to meet the common needs.

Limited-sized news staffs are predominant in broadcasting, according to the results of a survey taken last spring by University of Georgia professor Vernon Stone. Under the auspices of the Radio Television News Directors Association, Mr. Stone polled a random sample of 330 radio stations, with 42% responding.

Compared to a 1972 survey conducted by Mr. Stone and James Hoyt of the University of Wisconsin, the results do show an increase in the number of stations that have at least one full-time news person. The median staff increased from .8 persons full time to 1.2. In markets with populations above one million, Mr. Stone found a median of four. He prefers to use the midpoint rather than average, noting that the few all-news stations would distort the picture. When stations cited troubles with their news operations, Mr. Stone found that the basic worry was "keeping your head above water," with problems involving budget, maintaining staff and equipment.

As for the future, there are those like Robert Mouny of NBC who expect "a wave of new formats," and who expect that one trend will be toward more and more specialization. "For instance, in a city like New York we could see one station programming only legal-oriented information geared to the legal profession." However, others such as his NBC colleague, James Holton, aren't as optimistic and believe that we may "have reached the limits in terms of specialization."
What's all this talk about?

Major market operators tap receptive and informed audiences that want to add their two cents; in many cases, talk is one element in the mix of a successful format that pays off at the cash register.

In the major markets, talk radio stations have made their mark. A look at Arbitron's April/May ratings for the average quarter-hour, 6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday, for persons 12 and older, proves it. In Los Angeles, KABC(AM) takes first. Up the coast in San Francisco, KGO(AM) ranks second. Across the continent, WOR(AM) New York is second. And in the Midwest, KMOX(AM) St. Louis holds first with a commanding lead.

With personalities, telephone talk, information and special guests, these stations have carved out loyal audiences. In New York, Rick Devlin, WOR vice president and general manager, claims the number-one morning show—Rambling with Gambling. Mr. Devlin says that the show has 450,000 listeners in the average quarter hour and the highest advertising rates in the country—$250 to $300 per minute. And he adds that Price Waterhouse has ranked WOR with the stations having the highest broadcast billings. But a heavy schedule of talk does not necessarily mean the exclusion of music.

At WSB(AM) Boston, Bill Cusack, general manager, explains that "the strength of the station lies in the diversity of its format." Music is offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and talk dominates during the evening and early morning. To Mr. Cusack, the goal is "to program what the maximum number of listeners would want during the day." At night, he says, three formats generally do well: sports, talk and rock. Since rock wouldn't mix with other WBZ programming, the other two were chosen.

At WGN(AM) Chicago, Vice President and General Manager Robert Henley talks about the "blend" of talk and music at his station, where the philosophy behind telephone talk is: "We're here if you need something."

For stations with open telephone lines, the key word is "access"—not only grabbing the listeners but also giving them a chance to get into the act. "It's a format that has proved that it's not a fad," says Ben Hoberman, vice president and general manager at KABC. Jerry Johnson, operations director at KGO, estimates that roughly 11,000 to 12,000 calls get through to the station each year, with 30% to 40% getting on the air. At WMCA(AM) New York, which also ranks among the top 10, Cathy Rehl, marketing manager, says there have been as many as 2,500 "busies"—calls that can't get through—in the course of a talk show there, or even 5,000.

KABC, a talk veteran, started its conversion in 1961. It began with a series of monologues which grew into a telephone-talk format concentrating on current events. That, however, became too serious for the audience and a "magazine format" was adopted.

KMOX also offers a diverse program mix for its format which calls talk and information. Programming breaks down to 22% news, 33% entertainment, 15% public affairs and 20% sports. "We've four stations in one," says Robert Hyland, CBS regional vice president.

One of the greatest changes that has occurred in talk, Mr. Hyland notes, is the "audience IQ." "Like others in his field, he remarks on the increasing sophistication of the public. He notes that although the station remains "the place where they can get off their chest," the bigotry in calls has stopped. KABC's Mr. Hoberman says that callers are not "anywhere near as hostile when they used to be."

At KMOX, Jack Buck, sports director and talk-show host, says that the hosts themselves "have never tried to be controversial." Rather he considers them moderators who let "the guest expound." That's not to say that hosts don't become caustic occasionally, he explains, but their role is to provide "more information than controversy."

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Counterattack by Wiley against critics of FCC cable policy

At Van Deerlin hearing, chairman vigorously defends commission's rules and actions as being for the public interest and not at the behest of CATV or broadcasting.

"The commission doesn't have to be defensive," FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley told members of the House Communications Subcommittee in its belated wind-up of 15 days of hearings on cable television legislation. "We can't please the zealots on either side. But we've made changes in the rules in the face of determined opposition. We'll make more changes. And Congress could help by enacting copyright legislation and [cable] forfeiture legislation."

The remarks, delivered with some heat, were not the only defense the chairman made of the commission's performance in regulating cable television. In the six hours the commission spent in the hearing room, he returned to the theme several times.

(The commission's performance wasn't all defense, either. Among the more positive developments indications that the agency would probably make it easier for small cable systems to make use of domestic satellites by permitting the use of smaller receive-only earth stations than those now authorized.)

For months, Mr. Wiley and the commission had been the target of criticism generated by the subcommittee. The subcommittee's report on cable television, issued in January (BROADCASTING, Feb. 2) claimed that the commission pursued "a protectionist" policy that favors broadcasters, and the charge was echoed by cable industry representatives in the 14 days of hearings the subcommittee held over a period of weeks beginning in May. And the questions by subcommittee members and the subcommittee counsel, Harry (Chip) Shoooshan III, one of the authors of the report, seemed predicated on a belief that the commission's regulations are unduly restrictive. At one point, the subcommittee, Representative Lion Van Deerlin (D-Calif.), who had said that "substantial revisions" in the commission's cable rules "may be warranted," asked Chairman Wiley to review the cable rules, explaining their purpose and defending them on public interest grounds.

Chairman Wiley proceeded to do as requested rapidly, and in a manner that impressed spectators in the audience with his grasp of the rules on a subpart-by-subpart basis, among the most complicated on the commission's books. His performance included a brief, general description of what changes, if any, the commission was considering in various areas.

Mr. Wiley—who was accompanied by all his colleagues, including the newest commission member, Robert Fogarty and Margita White (the latter not then sworn in; see "Top of the Week")—was quick to seize the opportunity the hearing offered to respond to the criticism.

He said that the report appeared to be searching for a "villain." And he said, too, that "the bottom line is to serve the public interest. I owe nothing to the broadcasting interest." He stated repeatedly that the commission feels cable television should be developed, although not at the "expense of the public interest" by weakening the existing broadcasting service. And he said that regulatory agencies must make decisions that are to a degree arbitrary but that the commission is continually reviewing its rules with a view to eliminating or modifying them. "Our rules are not written in stone," he said emphatically from his prepared text.

Mr. Wiley also offered this prediction: If the commission totally deregulated cable television, it would not be long before a consumer protection bill was introduced—"and probably with 175 co-sponsors." (That is the number of co-sponsors of legislation introduced at the request of AT&T to protect it against the procompetitive policies the commission is introducing in the common carrier field.)

It was not likely that Chairman Wiley made any converts. Members of the subcommittee staff continued to bore in with questions seeking the rationale for the distant-signal, pay-cable, program exclusivity and other rules. At one point, Representative Timothy E. Wirth (D-Colo.) said there are "a lot of mythologies in this business." He had been impressed, he said, by witnesses in the earlier hearings who provided evidence that broadcasters are doing "better than ever" in the absence of cable competition.

The hearing also produced an indication that the commission is likely to grant a request of the cable television industry that will enable cable systems to hook into domestic satellite service at relatively little expense. The Community Antenna Television Association three months ago sought a declaratory ruling permitting the construction of receive-only earth stations that are smaller than nine meters, the standard now prescribed by the commission (BROADCASTING, Jan. 7).

And Commissioner Abbott Washburn, the commission's specialist in such matters, said that the relatively uncrowded condition of the satellite orbit would enable the commission to reduce the size of receive-only earth stations it would approve from nine meters (a dish that costs between $75,000 and $100,000 installed) to four and a half meters' (one that costs between $25,000 and $30,000). A three-meter terminal would cost as little as $5,000.

Commissioner Washburn said he was reserving final judgment but that, based on the facts available, he would favor
"Maybe there should be no public interest standard. Maybe we should just let the marketplace govern. Maybe people don't have a right to receive programs at no cost. In that case, an entrepreneur can get a number of programs and distribute them for a price... But it seems to me that since people have always been accustomed to free service—and, beyond that, since some people are not able to afford $5 or $10 more for what they get, I'd lead the fight for preserving their right to that free service. We're not protecting broadcasters, but broadcasting." —Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks

reducing the specifications for receive-only stations to four and a half meters. And Commissioner James H. Quello said he had told a group of owners of small cable systems that he would support the request for approval of specifications for a smaller dish and that "that was the attitude of most of the commission"—assuming technical interference was not a problem. Chairman Wiley made no commitment other than that the commission would deal with the matter before the end of the year.

Any hope that the cable industry might get relief soon from certification requirements, however, appeared to be fading. But the commission's failure to provide relief, Chairman Wiley indicated, would be Congress's fault—and, by implication, partially the cable industry's as well.

Chairman Wiley said, as he has before, that passage of legislation giving the commission the authority to impose fines on cable systems for violating the commission's rules would make it possible for the commission to streamline or even eliminate the certification and recertification process. And, with the approach of the March 31, 1977, deadline (all systems not certified by that date must be reviewed for compliance with federal franchise standards), the commission this fall will begin a comprehensive reexamination of its certification requirements.

But indications last week were that the House would not act before Congress adjourns on legislation incorporating both the forfeiture bill and provisions authorizing the commission to deal with the cable industry's pole-attachment problems. CATS's opposition to the forfeiture bill—expressed principally through House Speaker Carl Albert—appeared to be decisive.

Representative Van Deerlin predicted passage of the copyright legislation—which Chairman Wiley said would permit the commission to take another look at some of its cable rules—would come in the present session. And although he professed optimism about the forfeiture-pole-attachment bill, he was clearly considering action in the next Congress.

At one point, the subject of the hearing veered over into a controversial area involving only broadcasting—Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.'s proposal that the commission act to curtail what Group W considers the networks' dominance over their affiliates. Representative Wirth brought the matter up in discussing the question of whether stations provide local service; he said stations in Denver complained about increases in the amount of network programming.

While no positions were laid out, some clues to commission thinking may have been revealed. Commissioner Quello said the Group W proposal, with its request that the commission halt further expansion of network programming into station time, "had slowed down" the networks' reach for another half hour of time for news. He also said that networks have the capability to do the kind of public affairs programs that local stations cannot do. But, he said, "I'm philosophically opposed to another half hour for the networks."

Chairman Wiley indicated he is not interested in further regulation of network programming. The commission, he said, is committed to a "full test" of the prime-time access rule, which reserves at least a half hour of prime time for the affiliates. But he also said the commission is far from the point of beginning to consider the Group W proposal.

The final hour of the hearing again featured the philosophy guiding the commission in regulating cable. And at that point, Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks—who is frequently mentioned in speculation as the next FCC chairman should Democrat Jimmy Carter defeat President Ford in November—carried some of the burden.

"Maybe there should be no public interest standard," he said. "Maybe we should just let the marketplace govern. Maybe people don't have a right to receive programs at no cost. In that case, an entrepreneur can get a number of programs and distribute them for a price... But it seems to me that since people have always been accustomed to free service—and, beyond that, since some people are not able to afford $5 or $10 more for what they get, I'd lead the fight for preserving their right to that free service. We're not protecting broadcasters," he said, emphasizing the last syllable, "but broadcasting."

NRBA won some hearts in San Francisco

Good attendance, brisk sales for equipment exhibitors and plenty of pride in being a radio-only group impresses many

The National Radio Broadcasters Association scored a hit in San Francisco last week. Radio broadcasters attending the convention at the impressive Hyatt Regency hotel there gave good marks to the youthful association's first national gathering under the name NRBA, its 15th since its formation under the former name National Association of FM Broadcasters.

Despite cancellations by some key people on the program, the association sustained good attendance at its two-hour workshop sessions, and luncheons during the three days from Monday through Wednesday brought land-office business to its exhibitors, while setting new attendance records.

The meeting was also a good pitch for some radio evangelizing by the association's leaders, notably James Gabbert of KQJJ(AM)-KJOII(FM) San Francisco. It is Mr. Gabbert's idea, oft expressed in recent years, that NRBA become the "separate voice" that radio needs to fight the government (Broadcasting, Sept. 20). He opened the gathering last Monday with a speech in which he proclaimed, "You know it is our position at the National Radio Broadcasters Association that radio is not television. Radio cannot be represented by television interests... No, radio, in order to emerge as the dominant force in American communications, needs its own separate voice, a separate force to speak for it, and to fight for it."

Television, Mr. Gabbert said, "borders on a monopoly. There is not enough diversity to unleash it and let it go on its own course... I do not wish to imply that I do not like TV. It's just that as a radio broadcaster, I do not want my destiny shaped or even influenced by them."

Unlike TV, radio should be unleashed because of its greater diversity, Mr. Gabbert said. "I believe that if tomorrow the FCC dropped the 6% and 8% news and public affairs guidelines, it would not make much difference. The profit motive will force broadcasters to carve a niche out in the marketplace and thus serve some segment of the public." The same holds with formats: "If Chicago were to lose its only classical music station, do you believe that if there is even the tiniest market that some smart broadcaster won't fill the gap? [Yet] with the WEFM case and the WNCN case that has appeared, it seems that no broadcaster today in his right mind would dare try a classical music format."

He argued also that the fairness doctrine and equal time law inhibit political coverage by radio stations, and that the
FCC's ruling that WHAR(AM) Clarksburg, W. Va., had violated the fairness doctrine by not covering a controversial issue (strip mining) "is very dangerous and sets some horrendous precedents."

"It is our posture at the NRBA that radio is different. Radio should be regulated, but in the following way. The FCC should make sure [stations] don't originate too much power, stay on frequency and don't overmodulate. That's what regulation was for in the first place."

Mr. Gabbert urged the radio broadcasters to join NRBA's fight against the government. He urged the "other association (the National Association of Broadcasters) "to go along shoulder to shoulder with us." He said, "we do not wish to be divisive. The last thing we want to do is anything that would hurt radio."

NRBA in fact will soon move its own shoulder closer to NAB's having voted at its board meeting Sunday prior to the convention to move its headquarters from New York to Washington. However, no increase in staff is planned to accompany the move, which will take place sometime before April 1977. And the legislative and regulatory contacts will continue to be handled as they are now by Mr. Gabbert from San Francisco, Abe Voron, the association's Florida-based executive vice president, and Thomas Schattenfield of the Washington law firm Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, NRBA general counsel.

Mr. Gabbert's address, although delivered with some zest, received lukewarm applause Monday morning. By Tuesday afternoon, however, his sentiments rebounded from members of the audience as the broadcasters confronted members of the FCC staff in a question and answer session that lasted two-and-one-half hours. Questions ranged far afield, but headed up at least one point when they homed in on the FCC's guidelines suggesting time standards for public service and news programming. Even if those guides are not ironclad rules, they are "intimidating," said one broadcaster. "I never got any letters saying, 'thank you for your six hours of public affairs,'" said another. A third drew loud applause when he said, "we would like to be free to do our own thing." After the session warmed up, any effort by an FCC staffer to defend an FCC radio restriction was greeted by hoots and cackles from some in the audience.

Eager to move to a higher plain of respectability within the industry, NRBA tried to insert some prominent Washington personalities into its program, but was thwarted at nearly every turn. The greatest blow to it was the cancellation of Senator Robert Dole (R-Kan.), President Ford's vice presidential running mate, who was scheduled as Tuesday's luncheon speaker. NRBA officers said they did not know the reason for the cancellation and voiced suspicions about scheduling foul-ups on the senator's own staff. That view was supported by timely news stories early

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in the week about a staff shakeup in the Dole campaign because, according to UPI, "of sloppy scheduling and poor advance work."

Thomas Houser, director of the White House Office of Telecommunications, also was scheduled as a luncheon speaker, but he was unable to attend because of his mother's death the previous Sunday. Mr. Houser's address was delivered for him by Joseph Ryan, a special assistant to Mr. Houser at OTP (see page 84).

The association also made a pitch for President Ford, but was satisfied to receive instead a letter signed by the President. It said: "I send warm greetings to the National Radio Broadcasters Association as you hold your First Annual Convention under your present name." The President praised the achievements of FM radio, which he called "a major institution for information, cultural enrichment and general listening enjoyment for millions of Americans... You can take pride in your sensitivity to the radio needs of your listeners as well as in your success to help preserve and perpetuate the diversity of choice in entertainment, information and opinion that is the foundation of our way of life."

Where the last-minute cancellations might have been a major embarrassment to an organization with the prestige of NAB, they seemed not to bother the NRBA people. One FM broadcaster said she was just happy to be at a place where there were only radio broadcasters and found the workshop sessions especially good. Her comments became something of a common refrain as more broadcasters were approached.

One man, prominent in NAB affairs for the past 5 years, observed that "this group isn't organized" and could not soon develop the kind of clout in Washington that NAB has. But the smaller association throws a good show, he said: "They've got some goddamn good sessions and people who come to listen. You can't convince me it's going to die."

The same man, an NAB but not an NRBA member, pointed out that NRBA's clientele appears to be different from NAB's. "I'm not seeing the same faces," particularly not the big broadcasters, the Plough's, Storer's or Cox's, he said.

It is perhaps the absence of the big broadcasters that still distinguishes NRBA as a chiefly small market club, a holdover image from its FM-only days, and several conventioners remarked that they appreciated that. "Our only worry," said one, "is that NRBA will get too big." NRBA plainly demonstrated, however, that it is eager to capture all radio. One board member said it is important for broadcasters to see that the board reflects the entire spectrum—small, medium and large broadcasters from all over the country.

Still, it was the radio-only identity that seemed to matter most to the conventioners, many of whom said they were glad to be at a gathering where TV wasn't. Retired radio news commentator Lowell Thomas struck a sentimental chord when, accepting NRBA's third Golden Radio Award, he said the pleasure was so much sweeter when bestowed by a group that is pure radio. He accepted the award at the luncheon gathering Wednesday.

The enrollment at the gathering was particularly satisfying to the planners, who said they were startled to see pre-registrations running ahead of projections. They did not have exact attendance tallies by the end of last week, but according to Mr. Gabbert, 2,450 name badges were passed.
out. Paid registrations were about 900 at the start of the gathering. On-site registrations may have raised that figure to as high as 1,200, Mr. Gabbert said.

The biggest success story, however, was the equipment show. Although its exhibit spaces were completely booked, the NRBA faced a skeptical group of exhibitors at the start, many of whom recalled the light traffic at the association's 1975 get-together in Atlanta. The poor showing last year was largely NRBA's fault for scheduling program sessions wall-to-wall and leaving little time for conventioners to visit the exhibit floor.

The association compensated this year by leaving two hours free daily after lunch, then holding cocktail receptions on the exhibit floor every evening. The result was pleasing to all the exhibitors, who experienced brisk floor activity if not brisk sales. "Our only regret" one said, "is that we didn't bring more equipment." A few said they had come with the idea that if business did not improve over last year, they would not come to NRBA's meetings any more. After three days they said they had become believers in the NRBA show.

There were the inevitable comparisons to NAB's annual trade show, but there was not a consensus on that point. One program syndicator said its business was as good as or better than at NAB. A few hardware makers said business was comparable, but a few others said NRBA is still small by comparison to NAB.

The radio-only manufacturers and programers were naturally pleased at being on a floor uncluttered by TV equipment, "distressingly pleased" one observer said. At least two old hands at broadcast conventions said they think they can see the writing on the wall. "The same thing is happening here as it did to the NAB with the film programers," one man said. "Nobody thought they'd succeed in breaking off for their own show, but they did."

In all, the convention gave NRBA a memorable week and high hopes for growth in the future. Mr. Gabbert happily summed up the association hierarchy's assessment of the program: "If there's ever any questions about NRBA surviving or existing, I think this puts those to bed."

Herpe and Gabbert remain top two officers for NRBA; association votes to give selective aid to radio stations under challenge

Robert Herpe of WPLR(FM) New Haven, Conn., and James Gabbert of KIQI(AM)-KIOI(FM) San Francisco again succeeded themselves as chairman and president respectively of the National Radio Broadcasters Association in elections prior to NRBA's convention in San Francisco ("Closed Circuit," Sept. 20). Mr. Herpe begins his fourth year (his third full year) as chairman; Mr. Gabbert begins his third as president. Both took those positions when the association was still called the National Association of FM Broadcasters.

The other board officers for the new year are: Stephen Trivers, WQLR(FM) Kalamazoo, Mich., vice president, East; Eric Hauenstein, KDKB-AM-FM Mesa, Ariz., vice president, West; Bernard Mann, WGLD-AM-FM High Point, N.C., secretary; Loring Fisher, Bonneville Consultants, Tenafly, N.J., Abe Voron, executive vice president, government relations, and Alvin King, executive vice president, station services.

At its meeting, which lasted all day Sunday last week, the NRBA board voted to

Going, going. Former auctioneer Tom Holler, now of WVE(FM) Baraboo, Wis., and an NRBA director, conducted the daily auction on the NRBA exhibit floor. Conventioners could bid on items donated by stations and exhibitors with NRBA play money, which could be accumulated in suites and at exhibits. The calculator Mr. Holler is holding sold for 190,000 NRBA dollars.

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place its resources behind individual stations "on matters of principle involving the continued vitality of radio broadcasting." The wording of the resolution is deliberately ambiguous, but it is known the board contemplates supporting radio stations faced with challenges or petitions to deny from citizen groups at license renewal time. The kind of support and whether it is given will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the NRBA board.

In other actions the board voted to join the Broadcast Ratings Council (that was one of the most controversial actions on the agenda because it involves an annual expense of $6,000); raise the ceiling on dues from $45 to $105 a month, lower the minimum from $15 to $10, and distribute the weight more equitably among members (dues are based on gross ad revenues); move NRBA headquarters from New York to Washington by April 1977; hold six regional seminars in 1977, and hold the 1977 convention at Chicago's Palmer House. The dates for the next convention are Oct. 2-6.

In addition, Mr. Gabbert pledged a "major effort" to push a radio-only license renewal bill in Congress, as well as an all-channel radio bill to force the inclusion of FM in nearly all AM tuners at the manufacturers' level.

Bob Duffy of Henry Christal Co., New York was elected a director-at-large for NRBA; that is the first time an associate member has been given a board position, Mr. Gabbert said.

### Changing Hands

**Announced**

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

- **WUAR-TV** Lorain, Ohio (Cleveland): Sold by United Artists Broadcasting Inc. (64%) and Kaiser Broadcasting Co. (36%) to Gaylord Broadcasting Co. for $10.5 million (BROADCASTING, Sept. 20). Final agreement was signed in Cleveland with Andy Albeck (r), president of United Artists; Edward L. Gaylord Jr. (c), chairman of buyer, and Don Curran (l), president of Kaiser.


- **WRMA(AM)-WMGZ(FM)** Montgomery, Ala.: Sold by Gemini Communications Inc. to Cleve J. Brien for $682,750. Seller, owned by William O. Jones, William W. Dixon and Martin E. Kilpatrick, also owns WEZL(AM) Charleston, S.C., and has sold, subject to FCC approval, WISL(AM)-WWIL(AM) Wilmington, N.C. Messrs. Jones and Dixon also have minority interests in WJEJ(AM) Jacksonville, Fla. Buyer also owns KOKY(AM) Little Rock, Ark., and WNYY(AM) Pensacola, Fla. WRMA is 1 kw daytimer on 950 khz. WMGZ is on 103.3 mhz., with 27.5 kw and antenna 290 feet above average terrain. Broker: Blackburn & Co.

- **KOGT(AM)** Orange, Tex.: Sold by Sabine Area Broadcasting Corp. to KOGT Inc. for $180,000 (60%) plus $60,000 noncompetition covenant. Seller is owned by Edward T. Loveless Jr., who has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Tolbert Foster (27.89%), Allan Shivers (27.89%), W.E. Dyche Jr. (20.42%), Edgar B. Younger (20.42%) and Ben L. Slack (3.98%). Buyers also own KVUE(AM) Austin, Tex., and all but Mr. Shivers have interests in KNET(AM) Palestine, Tex. Mr. Shivers is member of board of regents of University of Texas, licensee of educational KUT-AM Austin and KTEP(FM) El Paso. Mr. Foster is trustee of estate of his late brother, Thomas M. Foster, which owns 51% of KDET(AM) Center, Tex., and construction permit for new FM there. KOGT is on 1600 khz with 1 kw full time.

- **WOKW(AM)** Brockton, Mass.: Sold by WOKW Inc. to Sidney Sant, Arlene Sant, and Henrietta Masters for $350,000. Seller is owned by John J. Sullivan, Alan C. Tindal and Kristian Solberg. Mr. Sullivan has no other broadcast interests. Messrs. Tindal and Solberg also own WSPR(AM) Springfield, Mass. Buyers have no other broadcast interests. Mr. Sant is employed by federal government. Arlene Sant is his wife, and Henrietta Masters his mother-in-law. WOKW is 1 kw daytimer on 1410 khz. Broker: Keith W. Horton Co.

- **WALY(AM)** Herkimer, N.Y.: Sold by Owego Community Service Broadcasting Corp. to WALY Enterprises Inc. for $140,000. Seller is owned by Philip Spencer (30%) and 85 minority stockholders. Seller also owns WCSS-AM-FM Amsterdam, N.Y. Principals in buyer are Robert E. Kassi, Charles A. Rosen, Mr. Kassi is in advertising department of Youngstown Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Rosen is freelance programmer. Buyers have no other broadcast interests. WALY is 1 kw daytimer on 1420 khz. Broker: Keith W. Horton Co.
Other sales reported at the FCC last week include:\n\nKNNJ(AM) Cottage Grove, Ore.; KWDI(FM) McKeen, Pa.; KDLT(AM) Delta, Utah (see page 89).

Approved

The following transfer of station ownership was approved last week by the FCC:

KETO-FM Seattle, Wash.: Sold by KETO Associates to Golden West Broadcasters Inc. for $590,000. FCC waived "three-year rule" on showing that seller operated at loss since purchase of station for $425,000 in 1974. Seller, limited partnership of Sidney R. Knafl (50%) and George Lindemann (50%), has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is station group owned by Gene Autry and his wife, Ina Mae Autry (together, 50.1%), and The Signal Companies (49.9%). Buyer also owns KVJ(AM) Seattle; KMPC(AM)-KTLA(TV) Los Angeles; KSFQ(AM) San Francisco and KEX(AM) Portland, Ore. Mr. Autry is also stockholder in KQDL-AM-FM-TV Phoenix and KOPO(AM) Tucson, Ariz. Publicly traded Signal Companies manufactures Mack trucks and has real estate and other business interests. KETO-FM is on 101.5 mhz with 100 kw and antenna 1,140 feet above average terrain. 

Other sales approved by the FCC last week include: WCRS-AM-FM Hillsdale, Mich.; KJDF(FM) Beeville, Tex.; WSGB(AM) Sutton, W.Va. (see page 90).

RKO spin-off from GT&R is planned

Parent firm announces deal in which it hopes to alleviate problems it's causing subsidiary's station licenses; move is subject to FCC and SEC approval

One of the nation's largest broadcast groups, RKO General Inc., is to be spun off from its parent, General Tire & Rubber Co., under a plan framed to protect its TV-radio properties from license challenges.

The move was announced at a special meeting of the board of directors of General Tire at its headquarters in Akron, Ohio, last Monday. It would make RKO General, whose holdings include 17 TV and radio stations, completely independent of General Tire.

General Tire said the date of the distribution and the ratio of shares of RKO common stock to be distributed will be announced at a later date. The spin-off is subject to the approval of the FCC and Securities and Exchange Commission, and to a ruling that it would be tax-free for General Tire shareholders.

Thomas F. O'Neil, chairman of General Tire, said the action "will enable RKO to function in the broadcast area without the difficulties to which it has been subject and may be subject by virtue of its being a subsidiary of the company, including the problems involved in litigating issues before the FCC."

For RKO General Inc., General Tire & Rubber Co. has become a parent that is not only an embarrassment but a positive threat to its existence. GT&R and its president, Michael Gerald O'Neil, have been accused by the SEC of a long list of federal securities-law violations, including illegal and improper payments to officials of foreign governments, political contributions in the U.S. and maintenance of slush funds. GT&R and Mr. O'Neil, without admitting guilt, consented to the entry of a court order restraining them from such actions in the future (Broadcasting, May 17). That record could prove awkward to RKO in seeking renewal of any of its radio and television stations.

Indeed, now pending before the FCC is a petition urging the commission to consider charges similar or identical to those filed by the SEC. The petition was filed in December by Community Broadcasting of Boston Inc., one of two challengers seeking to supplant RKO as licensee of WNBC-TV (ch 7) Boston. The administrative law judge in the case issued an initial decision two years ago that favored RKO (Broadcasting, June 24, 1974). But the commission, which heard oral argument in the matter last June, has yet to rule on exceptions to that decision or on Community's petition.

RKO contends that, whatever GT&R did in its nonbroadcast ventures, it had no bearing on RKO, since, as a practical matter, RKO operated independently of GT&R. RKO's record in Boston, RKO's lawyers said, was a better gauge to future performance than GT&R's alleged activities.

But GT&R, apparently, wanted insurance; the commission, its officials know, might feel that so long as there is a formal tie between them, GT&R might affect RKO's management. Spinning RKO off to GT&R's 51,000 stockholders on a pro-rata basis would eliminate that apprehension. The stockholders who own RKO through their ownership of GT&R would own it directly; the disturbing presence of GT&R would be gone.

Nor are the SEC-type charges the only problem GT&R stockholders hope to eliminate by taking RKO out of under GT&R. GT&R has been accused of engaging in illegal reciprocity arrangements, some involving RKO stations. The charges, presumably, would not be used against RKO stations 'not owned by GT&R.

Top officials at RKO General in New York would not comment on the action at this time, saying it was still in the formative stage. But one authoritative source close to the situation said:

"Everyone in the top echelon seems highly enthusiastic about what's happening. You must remember that RKO General has been operating rather independently from General Tire for a long time; many of the top officials have only a slight

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Houser leans towards lighter rein on radio

NRBA told that he generally is in tune with earlier OTP bill, but with certain reservations; San Francisco meeting gets message from President Ford

Thomas J. Houser, President Ford's new director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy, supports the concept of legislation permitting some deregulation of radio. But he does not go quite as far in that direction as OTP did under his predecessor, Acting Director John Eger.

Mr. Houser's thinking, like that in a bill drafted by OTP earlier this year and now in the executive-branch clearing process, would permit the FCC to experiment with a test suspension of the fairness doctrine as it applies to radio in the 10 largest markets.

But where the draft bill would also prohibit the FCC from considering format changes or content in passing on sales of AM or FM stations, Mr. Houser would simply include that prohibition in the deregulation experiment in the 10 top markets.

Mr. Houser expressed his views last week in a speech read to the National Radio Broadcasters Association meeting in San Francisco by his special assistant, Joseph P. Ryan. Mr. Houser was unable to make the trip himself because of the death of his mother in Chicago.

Mr. Houser, a former FCC commissioner who assumed his new post two months ago, recalled the concern he felt five years ago at the commission about the case-by-case approach to regulation of the journalistic process and advertising judgments. That approach was, he said, "inviting with increasing frequency federal intervention into the editorial process."

Now, he said, "the astounding growth of radio in the last several years" clearly indicates that the argument of the scarcity of the spectrum "has lost enough strength in some radio markets that we can begin to see a vehicle for orderly deregulation."

But advances toward that goal, he said, "must be deliberate. We must be certain that the public interest in receiving diverse, often contrary views on issues of public importance can be better served by reliance on competitive interests and journalistic initiative of radio broadcasters in large radio markets than by continued reliance on governmental oversight."

Accordingly, he said, OTP is considering recommending "an experiment" which would allow the 10 largest markets to cover controversial social, political and other issues of public importance in a manner "they deem appropriate, and further, to choose freely the program format that they deem most suitable."

But "experiment," he said, "is a key word." If the broadcasters involved are found to have served the public interest, they "will have pioneered a future where the diversity of electronic media outlets can yield easily to self-determination." If not, their failure "is likely to carry over for many years to come."

Mr. Houser's approach appears to have been tempered by the concerns expressed by the Justice Department in comments on the OTP bill that were filed with the Office of Management and Budget. Justice endorsed the idea of a test suspension of the fairness doctrine in the 10 largest markets.

But the department is not persuaded that removal of content regulation is warranted in markets where there are not a multitude of stations assuring the safeguards Justice feels are implicit in effective competition (BROADCASTING, Sept. 13). Accordingly, Justice would not recommend submission to Congress of the provision banning commission interference in format changes.

Three CPB nominees are left dangling

President Ford's three Republican nominees to the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting were confirmed by the Senate last week; no action was taken on his three Democratic choices leaving the seats open to nominations by Jimmy Carter should he be elected President.

Approved by the Senate Communications Subcommittee and a Senate voice vote were Clyde M. Reed, editor and publisher, Parsons (Kan.) Sun; Charles W. Roll Jr., study director, Gallup Organization, and president, Polls Inc., Lawrenceville, N.J., and Louis P. Terrazas, president, Gold Bond Manufacturing, San Antonio, Tex., and executive board member of the National Hispanic Assembly.

Nominees not considered by the Senate Communications Subcommittee were Charles Crutchfield, president, Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting Co., Charlotte, N.C.; Paul M. Stevens, president, Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, and Leslie N. Shaw, vice president Greater Western Financial Corp., New York.

Subcommittee Chairman John O. Pastore (D-R.I.) was asked by Senator James A. Pearson (R-Kan.) to act on the nomination of Mr. Roll. Similarly, Senator Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.) was in Mr. Reed's camp. Mr. Terrazas already had the support of the chairman. In Mr. Pastore's opening remarks at the hearings which lasted about 15 minutes he mentioned that he and several other committee members felt "it was about time that the White House made a firm decision about the appointment of a Hispanic-American."

Mr. Reed will replace Frank Schooley, director emeritus, University of Illinois's WILL-AM-FM-TV Urbana, and Mr. Roll will take the seat held by Jack Wrather, Wrather Corp., Beverly Hills, Calif. Mr. Terrazas will fill a vacancy on the board.

General Westinghouse Broadcasting before joining RKO General's broadcast interests cover six AM, seven FM and four TV stations: WOR-AM-TV and WLOL(FM) New York; WRKO(Am), WQXR(FM) and WNET-TV Boston; WGENS-AM-FM Bethesda, Md.; Washington; WXY(WFM) Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; WFRY(FM) Chicago; WHOB-AM-TV Memphis; KFRC-AM-FM San Francisco; KIHI-AM-TV and KRTH(FM) Los Angeles.

RKO General, in addition to the broadcast stations, has these holdings: a chain of 129 motion picture theaters in 42 cities; seven soft-drink bottling plants in Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Arkansas, and more than 40 cable TV systems in 10 states. The company also owns a 58% interest in Frontier Airlines. All of these businesses will be included in the spin-off, according to General Tire. RKO General has about 7,500 employees.

John B. Poor, 61, is chairman of RKO General. He has been associated with the firm and its predecessor companies since 1952 in various executive capacities.

Frank J. Shakespeare is president of RKO General. He is 51 and formerly was a top executive with CBS-TV, the United States Information Agency and Westinghouse Broadcasting before joining RKO General in his current post in January 1975.

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**Paradox.** New York may be a trend-setter, but wacx chooses to watch and research while "Average City USA" stations such as WCMLA Columbus, Ohio ("Playback," Sept. 20) venture unknown records. Mr. Sklar explains: "It takes a while to research the reaction of the public to records. We don't believe you can research new material and get that accurate a reading." There are times, however, when wacx will add a new release. But it's got to be a sure shot. Mr. Sklar watches record reviews and if a tune is "unanimously picked by everyone as a top hit, top pick of the week, then we may figure that this is big. But that's about it." Example. *The Best Disco in Town* (Marin) by the Ritchie Family (No. 25 on "Playback" this week) was on at wacx before any other station surveyed by *Broadcasting.* Not even at wcol, where Dave Bishop says "we've never had a disco record yet that wasn't a hit in this town." Why disco success in New York? Mr. Sklar says "we have a great many discotheques here and a different ethnic make-up of the market. Discos are an important part of some of these cultures."
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Marion R. Polito, formerly assistant treasurer for firm's subsidiary, Harlem Globetrotters, which was sold earlier this year, elected assistant treasurer of Globe. Globe owns WQON(AM), WQCH(FM) Chicago, WXYW(AM)-WDOK(FM) Cleveland and WDEF(AM) Detroit.

Reed Prior and R. Scott Gilmore, co-owners of Mid-Michigan Broadcasting Corp. (WRN(AM)-WCIM(FM)) Clare, Mich., becomes president/sales manager and VP/operations manager, respectively.

John J. Daly, manager, financial administration, NBC-TV, New York, appointed director, financial administration, business affairs.

William F. Foulke, owner of Advance Productions, advertising agency in Bakersfield, Calif., joins KGGE(AM)-KGFM(FM) there as general manager, succeeding Dan Speare, who resigns.

Bill Nicholson, operations manager, WW(AM) Dallas, appointed general manager, succeeding Edd Roul, who joins KLIF(AM) there in same capacity.

Maryhelen Stepp, with public relations department, Detroit News, appointed publicity manager, WWJ-TV there, station co-owned with newspaper.

Thomas Fos, promotion coordinator, WMR-FM Detroit, named promotion manager, WSIP-TV Toledo, Ohio. Both are Storer stations.

Connie Kuegeman, assistant director of promotion, KFMY-TV San Diego, appointed director of promotion.

Douglas E. Price, broadcast standards administrator, WITI-TV Milwaukee, appointed promotion manager.

Peter V. Taylor, VP/general manager, KFOS(FM) San Francisco, re-elected president, Northern California Broadcasters Association.

Michael Luckoff, VP/general manager, KG(AM) there, re-elected VP. Newly elected were Wallace M. Hutchinson, KCB(AM) San Francisco, secretary, and Walter Carroll, KDIA(AM) Oakland, treasurer.

Phyllis Saffer, director of information services, AVCO Radio Television Sales, New York, appointed director of advertising/promotion/public relations, WNEW-TV there.

Gregory W. Taylor, promotion assistant coordinator, WABC(AM) New York, promoted to assistant director of creative services.


Mike Regan, air personality, noncommercial manager, KUNM(AM) Albuquerque, N.M., named operations manager.

Broadcast Advertising

Marjorie Marks, director of marketing and managing director of Feltsway Advertising Inc., Totowa, N.J., (New York) named VP, retail marketing, Radio Advertising Bureau, New York, succeeding Lawrence Ostrow who joined CBS Radio as director, retail marketing (Broadcasting, Sept. 20).

Stanley Schulman, associate creative director, Footes, Cone & Belding, New York, named VP.


Maria Pinne, associate director of marketing research, Golden West Broadcasters, appointed associate marketing director for radio division.


Jim Sondheim, account executive, WJIT(AM) New York, named sales manager.

Gwen Webb, with WBO(AM)-WFM(FM) Baton Rouge, named general sales manager.

Art Yavelberg, with WZI(AM) Miami, appointed sales manager.

Terri Monaghan, account executive, WYLO(AM) Fort Lauderdale, Fla., appointed local sales manager, WGM(AM) Hollywood, Fla.

Wayne Fulcher, account supervisor, Benton & Bowles, Toronto, joins Jennings & Thompson Advertising, Phoenix, as account manager.

Patrick J. Devlin, VP and sales manager of Blair's New York Station Division CBS Unit, named VP and general sales manager of Blair Television's Chicago sales office, succeeding Brian R. Hogan, whose new assignment within
copywriter/broadcast producer; James Hass, art director, and JoAnn M. English, art/production.

Stefanie Samek, creative director, Zakin & Comerford, New York, joins Parkinson Advertising there as associate creative director.

Susan Heiton, math/science teacher, Chicago Heights, Ill., joins WCCW-FM Boston as traffic director.

Hank Welt and Ted Caserta, Welt/Caserta Productions, New York, join Sound Concepts, Woodbridge, Conn., as director of audio-visual production and director of cinema production, respectively. Staff additions are part of overall expansion of TV commercials, films and audio-visual presentations firm.

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**Broadcast Journalisn**

Robert B. Knowles, news director, WHNT-TV Huntsville, Ala., named to same post, WTVY (TV) Chattanooga.

Richard L. Townley, news director, WNYT-TV Syracuse, N.Y., appointed to same post, WCNY (TV) Columbus, Ohio.

Earl Ubell, news director, WNBC-TV New York, named producer, NBC News special broadcast unit there.


Daryl Myers, with KAKC (AM) Tulsa, Okla., named news director. Larry Clark, with station, named assistant news director and sports director.

Barbara Matusew, assignment editor, WCTV-Washington, joins WMAL-TV there as assistant news director for operations. Janis Langley, communications analyst, FCC, Washington, joins WMAL (AM) as editorial director, succeeding Kathy Cunningham, named writer/researcher, WMAL-TV Mike McKinley, NBC Radio editor, Washington, joins WMAL (AM) as reporter.

Karen Nash, anchor, WTAI-TV Altoona, Pa., joins WCKT (TV) Miami in same capacity.

Robert E. Howell Jr., news director, WTVV (TV) Dothan, Ala., joins WSPA-TV Montgomery, Ala., as anchorman.

Mike Schneider, weekend anchor/reporter, WTAI-TV Altoona, Pa., joins WKBW-TV Buffalo, N.Y., as weekend news anchor.

David C. Carlson, air personality, W5K (FM) Cleveland, named news/public service director.

William Parker, news director, WDDI (AM) Orlando, Fla., joins WCNM (AM) WLRN-FM, Columbus, Ohio.

Patrick (Pam) Moore, news writer/reporter, WLAB (AM) Detroit, named reporter, WSPD-TV Toledo, Ohio.

Gary L. Stewart, from news production staff, KIRO-TV Seattle, joins KOMO-TV there as news producer.

Lorrie Roberts, newscaster, WAVE (AM)-WDAO (FM) Dayton, Ohio, joins WISH-TV Indianapolis as reporter/photographer.

Don Sherry, reporter, KOCO-TV Oklahoma City, promoted to weekend anchor, replacing Jack Bowen who moves to KTVI (TV) Tulsa, Okla., as news director.

Charlotte H. Raynor, reporter, Statewide Public Broadcasting Network, Seattle, and as program/sports director. Richard Evans, production director/air personality at WRN (AM) (WCRM's AM/courierpart), promoted to program/sports director.


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Craig Barrick, real estate investment sales- man and former reporter/writer for KIRO-TV there, join KOMO-TV Seattle as reporters.

Bruce Schwogler, meteorologist, WSB-TV Boston, named to same post at WSB(AM).

David Mark, air personality, WKSW(FM) Cleveland, named public affairs director.

Paul Peterson, with WMSL(AM) Decatur, Ala., joins WZKCI(AM) Birmingham, Ala., as police reporter.

Scott Sobel, special assignment reporter, WKY-TV Jacksonville, Fla., joins news staff of WTVK-WT.

Veria Jane Martin, air personality, WYCA(FM) Hammond, Ind., joins WYFR(FM) Chicago as public affairs producer.

Shayne Ray, freelance commercial producer, joins KPVT-TV Portland, Ore., as photographer/editor/producer.

Emily Akln, reporter, noncommercial KUNM(FM) Albuquerque, N.M., appointed news director.

Equipment & Engineering

Mark Sanders, product manager of industrial video products, and Arnold Taylor, product manager of broadcast video products, appointed senior product managers, Ampex Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif. They will coordinate engineering, manufacturing and marketing of company's audio and visual product lines. Bernard Bohunicky, Ampex engineer, named audio-visual systems division product manager, reporting to Mr. Taylor.


John Cuff, assistant chief engineer, noncommercial WLWTV Garden City, N.Y., named operations supervisor, noncommercial WXITV Rochester, N.Y.

Allied Fields

Thomas P. Campbell, acting chief, financial management division, and chief of division's budget branch, FCC, Washington, appointed chief of division.


Joseph Carlton Dine, director of public information, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Washington, joins Education and Training Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs as minority counsel Oct. 1. He was formerly director of public information for CBS News, director of NBC press department and principal in Dine & Katmus public relations firm, New York.

Deaths

Eugene J. Roth, 84, chairman of Mission Broadcasting Co., San Antonio, Tex., died Sept. 21 at his home. Mr. Roth founded KGHE(AM) San Antonio (later KONO, which company still owns) in 1926 with studio in his auto repair shop. He was founding member of Broadcast Music Inc. Survivors include sons, Jack (president of Mission Broadcasting) and Bob, and daughter, Mrs. Jack Pink, Dallas.

Jack Ansell Jr., former director of special projects for ABC-TV, died of cancer Sept. 20 at Lenox Hill hospital in New York. Mr. Ansell had been with ABC 13 years when he resigned in 1975 to write novels. His most recent book, "Giants," is novel about people who run TV network.

Al Bailey, 40, VP/operations manager, WJBY(AM) Gadsden, Ala., died Sept. 15 in University hospital, Birmingham, Ala., of injuries sustained in auto accident. He had been with station 11 years, previously with WDN(AM) Anniston, Ala. Survivors include wife, Sarah, and two daughters.

Tyron Hacker, 26, air personality, WYEL(FM) Indianapolis, died Sept. 11 after heart attack. He was host of midday Housewife Companion program.

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FM actions
- KRPS-FM Phoenix—Broadcast Bureau canceled new station to operate on 89.5 MHz and deleted call letters. Action Sept. 9.
- KMBZ, Calif.—Pepperell University Broadcast Bureau denied. 88.3 MHz, 1 kW, WPO address: 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu 90265. Estimated construction cost $14,345; first-year operating cost $5,100. Format: Variety. Principal: Applicant is private, nonprofit, nondenominational Christian university. Action Sept. 8.
- Greensburg, Ky.—Veer Broadcasting Co. Broadcast Bureau granted. 101.1 MHz, 2.7 kW, HAAT 176.5 ft. WPO address: Box 246, Greensburg 42743. Estimated construction cost $6,019; first-year operating cost $8,056; revenue $36,000. Format: standard pop. C&W: Principal: James H. May (100%) owns 50% of WEGK (AM) Jackson, Ky. (BPH-5959). Action Sept. 13.
- Jackson, Ky.—Intermountain Broadcasting Co. Broadcast Bureau granted 97.74 MHz, 580 W, HAAT 608 ft. WPO address: 1138 Main St., Jackson 41339. Estimated construction cost $27,181; first-year operating cost $6,979; revenue $20,000. Format: easy listening, country, bluegrass. Principal: James H. May (50%) owns WGBK (AM) Greensburg and 50% of WEGK (AM) Jackson, both Kentucky. A. Dale Bryant (50%) is attorney and 50% stockholder in WSKY (FM) Stanton, Ky. (BPH-9609). Action Sept. 13.
- Graysburg, Mich.—Graying Broadcasting Co. Broadcast Bureau granted 100.1 MHz, 3 kW, HAAT 871 ft. WPO address: Rt. 2, 6514 Old Lake Rd, Graying. Estimated construction cost $34,400; first-year operating cost $15,000; revenue $25,000. Format: C&W. Principal: James E. (52%) and Truman F. (24%) Sylvester, and Alvin H. Perkins (24%) own same percentages of WORY (AM) Graying (BPH-9697). Action Sept. 10.
- Mayville, N.D.—KMAV Inc. Broadcast Bureau granted 101.7 MHz, 3 kW, HAAT 122 ft. WPO address: Highway 200, Box 29, Mayville 58257. Estimated construction cost $9,448; first-year operating cost $2,600, revenue $12,000. Format: C&W. Principal: Francis J. Phelan (51%) owns potato farm. Austin G. Kramer (16.3%) is general manager of KMAV (AM) Mayville. John D. Anderson (16.3%) is employee of rental agency. John Van Derlinde is employee of General Electric. Principal owns same percentages of KMAV (BPH-9691). Action Sept. 10.
- Broadcast Bureau granted following CP modification to extend completion time to date shown:

FM starts
- WABJ-FM Adrian, Mich.—Authorized program operation on 95.3 MHz, ERP 3 kW, HAAT 300 ft. Action Sept. 9.
- *WLHS-FM West Chester, Ohio—Authorized program operation on 89.9 MHz, TPO 10. Action Sept. 9.
- WCSD-FM Warmminster, Pa.—Authorized program operation on 89.3 MHz, TPO 10. Action Sept. 1.
- WTTX-FM Appomattox, Va.—Authorized program operation on 90.7 MHz, ERP 1.3 kW, HAAT 300 ft. Action Sept. 3.
- WRJC-FM Mauston, Wis.—Authorized program operation on 92.1 MHz, ERP 1.4 kW, HAAT 390 ft. Action Sept. 1.

Summary of Broadcasting

FCC tabulations as of July 31, 1976

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*Special temporary authorization

Ownership changes

Applications
- WDIG Dayton, Ala. (1450 kHz, 1 kW, 250 W-N) Seeks assignment of license from WDIG, Inc. to Early Bird Broadcasting for $375,000. Buyer is owned by Janet B. Trout (97.2%) and a Mr. Johnston (2.8%). The Seller is owned by a Mr. Anderson (97.2%) and a Mr. Hawkes (2.8%). The Seller also owns WZZA (AM) Tuscaloosa, and KRCX-FM Bessemer, both owned by Mr. Johnson (48.9%) and Mr. Lamar Trammell (48.9%). Mr. Culpeper is owner of Dothan car rental company and Mr. Trammell is salesman for WKG. Buyers have no other broadcast interests. Action Sept. 13.
- WMEN (AM) Tallahassee, Fla. (1330 kHz, 5 kW-D) Seeks extension of control of Plantation Radio from John H. Chastain, Cecil H. Grider et al (all stockholders) to Grace Enterprises. Consideration: $227,000. Principals: Seller is owned by Cecil H. Grider, John H. Chastain and Dorothy W. Jones. Mr. Grider owns WIMO (AM) Winder, Ga., and has interests in W2WNS (AM)-WMCD (FM) Satsuma, Fla., and WPFAP (AM) Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Chastain is son-in-law of Mr. Grider and also has interest in WPFA. Mrs. Jones is niece-by-marriage of Mr. Grider and has no other interests. The Seller has no other interests. Buyer has 13.8% interest in WPFA. Action Sept. 7.
- WHYD (AM) Columbus, Ga. (1270 kHz, 5 kW-D) Seeks assignment of license from WGBA Inc. to WLK, Inc. 53% of WLK is owned by Charles A. McClure and F. Leslie Brown, who also own WCCQ (FM) co-owned with WHYD. Seller, both owned by WLK, Inc. of Ga., and has interests in WJSW (FM) Athens, Ga. Buyer is nonstock corporation owned by nonprofit AMG International, New Jersey-based religious organization primarily engaged in missionary activities in foreign countries. Stock is voted by AMG president, Spiris Zodihades. CLF offers broadcast consultant services, religious programming services and equipment sales. It also owns WSCW (AM) South Charleston, W.Va., and is permittee of WERCJ (AM) Jacksonville, Fla., and is permittee of WIFAD (AM) Mobile, Ala. Action Sept. 1.
- WQAK (AM) Decatur, Ga. (1130 kHz, 500 W-D) Seeks assignment of license from George H. Buck Jr. to RFB Radio Inc for $325,000. Principals: Mr. Buck also owns WQAK-FM (FM) Hartville, N.C.; WMGY (AM) Montgomery, Ala., and WACOS-AM Columbia, S.C. Principals in buyer are Robert F. Belsky (65%), John C. Emerick (24.6%), and Thomas Hurvic (14%). They also have interests in KFMF (FM) Fremont, Calif., and Mr. Belsky is vice president of group-owned, Chicago-based Globalstar Communications Inc. Action Aug. 23.
- KFNFM (AM) Shenandoah, Iowa (920 kHz, 1 kW-D, 500 W-N) Seeks assignment of license from Shenandoah Broadcasting Co. to Family Stations for $300,000. Principals: Mr. Buck also owns WQAK-FM (FM) Hartville, N.C.; WMGY (AM) Montgomery, Ala., and WACOS-AM Columbia, S.C. Principals in buyer are Robert F. Belsky (65%), John C. Emerick (24.6%), and Thomas Hurvic (14%). They also have interests in KFMF (FM) Fremont, Calif., and Mr. Belsky is vice president of group-owned, Chicago-based Globalstar Communications Inc. Action Aug. 23.
- KINP (AM) Nashville, Tenn. (1540 kHz, 10 kW-D) Seeks assignment of license from Mr. John J. Kopecky (75%) to KMZK (AM) Knoxville, Tenn. Action Aug. 23.

*Includes of-air licenses

Summary of Broadcasting

Broadcasting Sept. 27 1976
is enterprises to WCSR Inc. Bureau granted BALTI
buyer Whalcock (50%), Broadcast Bureau granted
equipment, Ohio. Kaiser
(8036), Broadcast Bureau granted licensing
incorporated owner by Mr. Neatherly, who
also has interests in KVCM(AM) Thursday, Mo.,
MAMSF Mammoth Spring, Ark., KUKU(AM)
Willow Springs, Mo., and KBHM(AM) Brandon,
who was former owners, new
primary owner by Jerry Perenohio (50%) and publicly traded
industries (50%). Mr. Perenochio is TV series and
special producer. Oak production television and
set is based in Crystal Lake, Ill. FCC also approved
subscription television authority for KBSC-

WTAN-AM-FM Clearwater, Fla. — Broadcast
Bureau granted transfer of control of Clearwater Radio from H.D. Parker, James J. Short, and Frank L. Reid (all stockholders) to WOAK Inc. for $850,000. Principals: Sellers have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is subsidiary of Broadcast Enterprises Network (Ragan Henry and Stan Raymond, principals) and also owns WAOX-AM Atlanta and WGBI-AM Chatsworth, N.C. (BTC-8060). Action Aug. 31.

WEXI(AM)-WIVY-FM Jacksonville, Fla. — Broadcast Bureau granted transfer of control of Jacksonville Broadcast Corp. from Y. Thomas Kirby, Robert E. Lieb and Edward Laughlin to Torrid for $1,250,000. In simultaneous transaction, Broadcast Bureau granted assignment of license from Torrid to Hayes Broadcasting Corp. for $250,000. Principals: Jacksonville’s principals are Edwin B. Laughlin (50%), Y. Thomas Kirby (25%) and Robert E. Lieb (25%) who have no other broadcast interests. Torrid is owned by Allen Weiner who also owns KOME(FM) San Jose, Calif. Hayes is owned by Patrick R. Hayes, present chairman of the board of WEXI and WIVY-FM (BTC-8036, BAL-8649, BAL-8695, BTC-8037). Action Sept. 9.

KCBI-TV Boise, Idaho — Broadcast Bureau granted assignment of license from Boise Valley Broadcasters to Eugene Television for $2,087,000. Principals: Seller in which has no other broadcast interests, is Robert W. Howell (10.9%), H. Westernman Holmgren of Edmonton, Canada (6.8%), and Jerry Tillman (11.6%). There are 15 other stockholders (BAL-TCT-593, BALT-TM-139, BAPT-32, BAL-FM-197, BAL-197, BALT-348, BALT-701, BALT-120). Action Aug. 31.

WCRS-AM-FM Hillsdale, Mich. — Broadcast Bureau granted assignment of licenses from Flynn Enterprises to WCIR Inc. for $310,000. Principals: Seller is owned by Fahey J. Flynn, news anchorman at WLS-TV Chicago, who has no other broadcast interests, but whose wife, Mary, has minority interest in KTIV-TV Sioux City, Iowa. Principal in buyer is Anthony F. Flynn, brother of seller and present vice president and general manager of stations (BAL-1876, BAL-2337, BALRE-3073). Action Sept. 8.

KWAM-AM West Memphis, Mo. — Broadcast
Bureau granted assignment of license from Robert F. Neatherly to KWPW Inc. Principal: KWPW Inc. is newly formed corporation owned by Mr. Neatherly, who also has interests in KVCM(AM) Thursday, Mo., KAMS(FM) Mammoth Spring, Ark., KUKU(AM) Willow Springs, Mo., and KBHM(AM) Brandon, Mo. Articles of incorporation state -intermediate, 81 hires, (50%)

KNZKP-AM Frenso, Tex. — Broadcast Bureau granted involuntary transfer of control of North Texas Radio from Geraldine J. Whan and Forest Living Whan to Forest Living Whan, individually and as independent executor of estate of Geraldine J. Whan. Principal: Mr. Whan also has interest in North Texas Radio, licensee of KKF(T) Wichita Falls, Tex. (BTC-8094). Action Sept. 9.

WKG-AM Wichita Falls, Tex. — Broadcast Bureau granted involuntary transfer of control of North Texas Radio from Geraldine J. Whan and Forest Living Whan to Forest Living Whan, individually and as independent executor of estate of Geraldine J. Whan. Principal: Mr. Whan also has interest in KCNY(AM) San Marcos, Tex. (BTC-8093). Action Sept. 7.

WREG-AM Memphis — Broadcast Bureau granted transfer of control of New York Times Media to New York Times Media Co. Principal: Transfers include corporate reorganization. New York Times owns Inter-

WSGB(AM) Studio, S. Va. (1490 kHz, 1 kw-D, 250 w-N) — Broadcast Bureau granted assignment of license from Multi-Media Associates to Centerstate Broadcasting for $134,000. Seller: Assignor cannot identify specific assets. Certain of seller’s owners own WRGT(FM) Clarksburg, W.Va. Buyer is William P. Becker (100%) who owns majority interest in WWO-
KPRC-AM and KHVH(AM) Honolulu, facilities changes proceeding: Communio Oceanic Corp. and KHVI Inc. (Docs. 10740-11) — ALJ Joseph Stirmer granted motion by Communio and canceled all procedural dates including hearing scheduled for Oct. 19, pending action on joint petition by applicants for approval of agreement. Action Sept. 13.


Review board decision

Lakewood, Wash., AM proceeding: Clay Frank Huntington, applying for 1480 kHz (Doc. 20455) — Review Board reopened record and remanded case to presiding judge for further proceedings. In initial decision released last April 23, ALJ Frederick W. Denson ruled in favor of Huntington only discounting issue regarding whether he had misrepresented ERP of KLAM-FM Tacoma, Wash. and effect on Huntington’s basic and/or comparative qualifications to be commission licensee. In exceptions to initial decision, board maintained that judge unduly restricted scope of hearing issue, reiterating in proceeding Board request for production of documents and Board proposed hearing exhibits. Action Sept. 14.

Other actions

WBM(FM) Elwood, Ind. — Broadcast Bureau deleted call letters, no renewal of license for station having been received. Action Sept. 9.


WBK-TV Detroit — Broadcast Bureau granted renewal of license, conditioned on whatever action, if any, commission deems appropriate upon final determination of employment discrimination complaint filed by Jymier Turner pending before Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and that licensee immediately notify commission of final disposition of case. Action Sept. 15.

WRFF(FM) and WXYZ-TV, both Detroit — Broadcast Bureau granted renewal of licenses, conditioned on whatever action, if any, commission deems appropriate as result of final action in pending civil anti-trust actions in which American Broadcasting Companies is defendant and that defendant immediately notify commission of final disposition of each case. Action Sept. 15.

WTVS(TV) Dallas — Broadcast Bureau granted renewal of license, conditioned on whatever action, commission deems appropriate upon final determination of employment discrimination complaint pending before U.S. District Court. Action Sept. 15.


KOIL(AM) Omaha — Broadcast Bureau deleted call letters and dismissed pending applications (BL-12,426 and BL-12,729). Action Sept. 8.


WSUM(AM) Panama, Ohio — Broadcast Bureau granted renewal of license subject to condition that assignment of license covered by BAL-8552 be summarily cancelled within 60 days of date of grant and that commission be notified of such consummation within one day thereafter. Action Sept. 15.

KKK(AM) Waco-Marlin, Tex. — Broadcast Bureau granted modification of license covering change in licensee name to KKK Inc. (BML-260). Action Sept. 9.


In contest

Case assignment


Procedural rulings


Tracy and Carmichael, Calif., AM proceeding: West Side Radio and Olympia Broadcasters, respectively, competing for 710 kHz ( Docs. 9944, 20819) — ALJ Walter C. Miller set hearing for Dec. 1. Action Sept. 8.

Rulemaking

Petitions


Action

Commission adopted rule setting forth regulations pertaining to licensee-conducted contests, which states: “A licensee that broadcasts or advertises information about conduct it contests shall fully and accurately disclose material terms of contest, and shall carry out contests substantially as advertised. No contest description shall be false, misleading or deceptive with respect to any material term.” (Doc. 23500). Action Sept. 8.

Translators

Applications


Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District-Deer Lodge, Madison, and Oconto counties, N.Y. — Seeks CP for following translators: 1) ch. 56 rebroadcasting WSKG Binghamton, N.Y. via BPTT-2941 Unadilla Center, N.Y. for Franklin; 2) ch. 38 rebroadcasting for South Otsego and Georgetown; 3) ch. 59 rebroadcasting as above for Guilford; 4) as above for Treadwell; 5) as above for Unadilla; 6) ch. 62 rebroadcasting as above for Downsville; 7) ch. 63 rebroadcasting as above for Bainbridge and Afton; 8) ch. 65 rebroadcasting as above for Mt. Upton; 9) as above for Mt. Upton and Gilberville; 10) as above for Ostego and Wellsbridge; 11) ch. 66 rebroadcasting as above for Norwich and Oxford; 12) ch. 67 rebroadcasting as above for New Berlin and South New Berlin; 13) as above for Walton; 14) ch. 69 rebroadcasting WSKG Binghamton, N.Y. via BPTT-3099 Norwich and Oxford, N.Y., for Smyrna, Sherburne and Earlville (BPTT-3089-3102). Ann. Sept. 16.

Actions

K64AP Williams, Grand Canyon and Ash Fork, Ariz. — Broadcast Bureau granted CP for new UHF TV translator station to operate on ch. 64 rebroadcasting KAET Phoenix; TPO 50 w (BPTT-2982). Action Sept. 8.

K04AO Dolores, Colo. — Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change frequency of TV translator station from ch. 4 (66.72 mhz) to ch. 5 (76.82 mhz); change type trans.; make changes in anc. system; change call sign to K03GA (BPTT-5593). Action Aug. 27.

K56AT Gare Pass and Blue River Valley, Colo. — Broadcast Bureau Granted CP for new UHF TV translator station to operate on ch. 56 by rebroadcasting programs of KDTV Denver; TPO 100 w (BPTT-3016). Action Aug. 30.

K11MN Montum and vicinity, Ore. — Broadcast Bureau granted CP for new VHF TV translator station to operate on ch. 13 rebroadcasting programs of KIVI TV is operated by KIVI Amendments to CP. Action Sept. 8.

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Arkansas. Excellent situation. Dual market contemporary with major market programing needs stable sales manager to do the same for sales. You must love sales and be capable of building your ability. Send resume and letter detailing what you've accomplished, if you prove yourself we'll give you part of the action. Once approved. Bruce Higgins, Progressive Broadcasters of Arkansas, Inc. P.O. Box 1231, Jonesboro, AR 72401. EOE.

Major midwestern station needs local sales manager. Working knowledge of systems, planning, motivation a must. Prefer one year sales management experience. Approximately first year: $35,000. Dick Davenport, 312-693-6171.

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New Jersey Shore station needs resumes from experienced newspaper man who can write, edit, and deliver local newscasts. References will be thoroughly checked. Equal Opportunity Employer, Send resume to Box W -125, BROADCASTING.

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KGW, Portland seeks experienced radio reporter. Minorities encouraged to apply. Tapes, resumes, and writing samples to Radio News Director, 1501 SW Jefferson, Portland 97201.

New, Iowa fulltime AM. Need commercial and news oriented talent. Tape and resume to Braverman Broadcasting, 402 McLean St., Iowa City, IA 52240.

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Southern top 75 market powerhouse station, changing ownership and format. Experienced newspeople. Box V -280, BROADCASTING.

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Program director needed: Seven market group needs a program director to go after some market stations. If you've got a good broadcasting background, this could be the move you've been looking for. Resume to: Box W -149, BROADCASTING.

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Production person with good voice, engineering knowledge, desirable, some experience necessary. Apply WWVO, P.O. Box 247, Havelock, NC 28532, 919-447-5100.

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First phone, BA, major market experience. Air shift O.K. Prefer west coast. Box W-197, BROADCASTING.

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Aggressive young man BA speech seeks job in television radio small to medium size mkts. 3 years college radio experience in sports and news. Strong on PBP. Location and salary open. Call 818-854-8543.

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Program manager for a young aggressive independent station in highly competitive market. Must have good knowledge of research, FCC regulations and sales. Complete resume with salary history. Box W-201, BROADCASTING.

Associate director of television and WHA-TV station manager for the University of Wisconsin-Extension Telecommunications Center, responsible for administration of broadcast and non-broadcast television activities. Major duties include: personnel management and supervision, development, review and administration of substantial University and production contract funds; primary stewardship of broadcast responsibilities and policies of WHA-TV; development, supervision and evaluation of total program efforts; representation to and liaison with University units, state and national agencies, and the WHA-TV citizen advisory board. Bachelor’s degree and experience in television administration required. Master’s degree preferred. Applicants should have minimum of three years senior management experience; knowledge of technology, demonstrated leadership and experience in personnel, fiscal and program management. Salary minimum: $23,500. Ap- plications due November 4, 1976. Write for application and details to: Ronald Börnstein, Director and General Manager, UW-Extension Telecommunica- tions Center (WHA-TV), 821 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Development director for regional PTV network. Individual will work nationally and within region to de- velop funding for regional programming and produc- tion projects. Will be responsible for proposal devel- opment, review of grant applications and execution of aggressive marketing campaign to secure funding sources from industry, foundations, governmental agencies. Will work closely with mem- ber stations on underwritten projects and creation of new activities. Individual should have minimum of 5 years experience in sales, fund-raising or related field and be familiar with proposal development and writ- ing. Experience in advertising and/or institutional de- velopment projects necessary. Previous experience in PTV desirable. Salary $23,000 to $25,000, based on experience with liberal benefit program. Desirable Rocky Mountain location. Application deadline Octo- ber 27. Interviews available during NAEB in Chicago. Send resume to: Development Committee, RMPBN, Suite 50B, 2480 W. 26th Ave., Denver, CO 80211, Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Television account executive. We are a top rated VHF network affiliate in a small, growing, Florida mar- ket. We are looking for an “aggressive”, “hard-working” salesperson. Direct retail sales experience a plus: most of our local business is direct, very little agency work. Knowledge of the industry is helpful. A good account list is available, size will depend on experi- ence of applicant. Training position also available to those with limited broadcast experience or a degree in broadcasting. Equal Opportunity Employer. If qualified send resume (in confidence) to Box W-139, BROADCASTING.

General sales manager needed by major TV station in midwest. We normally promote from within but this vacancy is an exception. Experience and production skills are required. We need an aggressive, hard-hitting, competitive sales manager. We would like manage- ment experience. Ability to handle a diverse account list and communicate effectively with clients. Salary competitive. Send resume to Employment agency thru Box W-181, BROADCASTING.

Sales manager for a major eastern television mar- ket. National accounts experience preferred. Send resumes to Box W-186, BROADCASTING.

HELP WANTED TECHNICAL

Maintenance engineer with 5 years experience needed by religious broadcaster with nationwide mini- stery and worldwide vision. Top professional needed to join this spiritually rewardin effort. Write Box W-45, BROADCASTING.

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Tom Cousins of BPA: finding the good life in station promotion

Tom Cousins thinks that broadcast promoters have identity and image problems to solve.

Mr. Cousins, director of promotion for WCCO-TV Minneapolis and president of the Broadcasters Promotion Association, isn't out to bite the professional hand that has fed him for more than 20 years. But he does feel he has a strong, valid point to make.

"A lot of us think the word 'promotion' is a misnomer—even more than that. The word smacks of hoopla and high pressure that are not applicable to broadcast promotion."

"Some of us in the BPA are asking members to come up with a new word that would reflect more accurately what we do. I've mentioned this in articles in the BPA Newsletter and have received such suggestions as 'creative services' and 'information services.' We'd like to get as much feedback as possible."

It's understandable that Mr. Cousins is concerned about the connotations of "promotion"—he notes his deep respect for the English language and his 22 years in the broadcast promotion business, all of them with WCCO-TV ("I'm in a rut," he says jokingly).

His interest in words came early. As a youngster, Daniel Thomas Cousins (he's always been called Tom) was an avid reader. After finishing his chores on the family farm outside of Griswold, Iowa, he would read books and magazines dealing with adventure in far-away places.

But, "I guess I got cured of adventure and far-away places during World War II when I spent two years with the Navy in New Guinea," he says. "I discovered Minneapolis 22 years ago and have never left."

Also as a young man, Mr. Cousins had harbored dreams of becoming an aeronautical engineer, but after his discharge from the Navy, he had a change of heart—engineers, he found, had become a glut on the post-war market.

In the fall of 1946, he enrolled at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, where he majored in history and minored in English. A new interest, in journalism, was nurtured when he worked for a few years on the student newspaper at Fairfield. But his new interest leaned to a newer medium.

"I felt broadcasting was a growing field and decided to go for my master's at the University of Iowa," he recalls. But his education was interrupted again, this time by the Korean War. He was in the Navy Reserve for a little more than a year, then went back to Iowa and got the degree he had been after, in February 1953. He was ready to take on the world of broadcast journalism.

But it wasn't ready for him. Though he had an advanced degree and had worked as a stringer for WHOAM (Des Moines, Iowa, most of the offers he received in the radio-TV field were for $30 a week or less.

Mr. Cousins was into broadcasting, however, a year later. The University of Iowa placement center had recommended him for the post of assistant promotion director at WCCO-TV. He was hired by Gene Godt, then the promotion director for the station and now retired and living in Vermont.

"Hiring Tom was the best thing I ever did," Mr. Godt says now. "Not only was he an excellent promotion man, he was a wonderful human being. We worked very closely together and we went along just fine." In 1959, Mr. Cousins succeeded Gene Godt as promotion director.

Mr. Cousins is a tall, friendly man with a reputation for working hard and turning out highly professional promotional materials. He's also known for his willingness to assist colleagues in the field with suggestions or ideas. He's active in community affairs in Minneapolis and served as chairman of the Minnesota division of the American Cancer Society and on committees for the Boy Scouts. He also does work for the Minnesota Advertising Club.

At WCCO-TV, he supervises a staff of five full-time and two part-time workers who function in the areas of advertising, promotion, public relations and public service.

Among the special projects he helped develop during his years at the station are the origination of live programming from the state fair each year for 12 days; the creation of "hunters' clinics" that are located in a shopping mall (Minneapolis is hunting territory); and tie-in promotions with the St. Paul Winter Carnival each January and the Minneapolis Aquatennial (water carnival) each July.

Though Mr. Cousins has a rugged work schedule at WCCO-TV and often takes unfinished assignments home with him, he has devoted much time over the years to BPA activities. He has been a member since 1959, on the board since 1969 and has served on numerous committees. He was elected president in June 1975, took office last Jan. 1 and will complete his term on Dec. 31.

Mr. Cousins regards BPA as a "great forum" for the exchange of promotional information among stations. Membership now stands at 558 and the goal is 600 by the end of the year, he pointed out.

"We will be in Los Angeles in June for the 1977 seminar," he says, and pausing significantly, "in Minneapolis in 1978."

Mr. Cousins cheerily says he is a "workaholic" and doesn't have much time for hobbies. He still enjoys photography and uses this skill both for professional and personal fulfillment.

One avocation Mr. Cousins is sorry he has had to give up is flying. While he lived in Florida, he worked part-time at an airport in return for flying instructions. He has a private pilot license but says, "Who can afford to rent a plane at the prices they charge these days?"

Mr. Cousins is a devoted family man: he has nine children of his own and four step-children. Following the death of his wife of 22 years in 1974, he married Ann Marie Nelson, a widow who lived across the street from him, the following year.

"And guess where Ann Marie and I spent our honeymoon?" he asked. "At the BPA seminar in Atlanta."
Political device

Whatever the political consequences of the Ford-Carter debates that began last week, the events are certain to create a good case for repeal of Section 315, the political broadcasting law. Without a Section 315, there would have been no need for a contrivance such as the forum arranged by the League of Women Voters and no grounds for the numerous legal complaints and appeals that will no doubt linger in the FCC and courts long after a President is elected next November.

Section 315 insures artificiality at best and outright governmental censorship at worst in broadcast coverage of political campaigns. As amended in 1959, the section first invited an FCC to rule that candidate debates arranged by organizations outside broadcasting did not qualify as bona fide news events of the kind exempt from equal-time requirements. The same Section 315, unchanged, invited a later FCC to reverse the earlier ruling.

The reversal gave Jim Karayn, who was between jobs at the time, the idea of enlisting the League of Women Voters as the instrument for the debates of 1976. The league sponsored debates among Democratic candidates in the primaries, with little media attention. Once the principal nominees had been chosen and had agreed to joint appearances on television, the league’s role was immediately magnified.

It may never be known how large a voice Mr. Karayn, the league or its special advisers, including the former FCC chairman and faithful Democrat, Newton Minow, had in the selection of sites, times, participants and ground rules for the Ford-Carter appearances. Probably the voice was smaller than the voices of the candidates and their own advisers. But inevitably the league shared the target zone with Ford and Carter aides when networks began shooting at such restrictions as the prohibition against pictures of audience reaction in the theater last Thursday night. If broadcasters had been free to deal directly with the candidates, their journalistic functions would have been enhanced.

In the aftermath, however, the imperfections of the debate arrangements may diminish in comparison with the legal troubles that will arise if other candidates or political activists persist in claims to time. None has yet begun to test the remedies that may be available under the fairness doctrine from which no program is exempt.

Before the last litigation is retired, Section 315 will be exposed once again as a measure that does nothing but obstruct the broadcast coverage of politics. Perhaps that is the way the politicians want it.

Light and shadow

Along with 50 other federal agencies, the FCC six months from now must begin operating under the government-in-the-sunshine law that the President signed two weeks ago (Broadcasting, Sept. 20). Naturally there is speculation about how radical a change will occur in FCC procedures.

The conjecture here is that the change may be slighter at the FCC than at some other agencies that have been less in the public eye. As the regulator of highly visible communications enterprises, the FCC is already highly visible itself.

Still, the visibility is destined to increase, with results that on the whole may be predicted to be salutary. The law will require the FCC to open many of its deliberations to the public. Rulemakings, for example, are legislative exercises that all along ought to have been conducted as openly as sessions of the Congress.

The new law permits the FCC to continue carrying on some of its most sensitive work out of public view. It can lock the door on meetings that deal with trade secrets, financial information obtained from a privileged or confidential source, adjudicatory proceedings, criminal accusations, personnel rules and practices, investigatory matters or those that, upon disclosure, would constitute unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. That is a long list.

Records of the closed meetings must be kept, however. Undoubtedly a lively subpractise in legal representation before the FCC will be created in the litigation over access to minutes and transcripts.

The new law in one provision confirms a practice that has been in effect at the FCC for a long time: the prohibition of informal, off-the-record contacts between agency officials and participants in adjudicatory cases. It apparently will not curb the present practice of free association and exchange of views on matters of general inquiry or rulemaking.

It will be government in the sunshine, sometimes, but sometimes back in the shade.

Vital signs

The range of formats represented in the list, appearing elsewhere in this issue, of the 10 leading radio stations in each of the 50 biggest markets is argument enough that the government no longer has any excuse to tamper with radio programming. Competition is fierce. Stations and services are abundant. The justification traditionally used by advocates of government control—that facilities are scarce and their use must be supervised—has disappeared in the proliferation of radio outlets, AM and FM.

The new director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy, Tom Houser, has renewed the OTP’s statement of interest in legislation to permit the “experimental” lifting of the fairness doctrine and format review in the top-10 markets. The Justice Department would be more liberal, lifting all program controls in markets where competition was vigorous.

The truth is, of course, that competition is vigorous almost everywhere, as the special report in this issue clearly indicates. How about general deregulation in the public interest, not to mention the interest of the First Amendment?

“Tt still think we should have paid more for the rights.”

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