SLANDER SUIT
Reaches Across Border

WHEN an alleged slander about an Ontario resident has been broad-
cast from a radio station in the U. S., the trial for damages should be
heard in Ontario where the plaintiff lives, Chief Justice McRuer of Ontario ruled at Toronto
on Feb. 19. The action sets a prece-
dent.

Clifford Jenner, a Toronto broker-dealer, is seeking damages from Sun Oil Co. Ltd., a Canadian
firm, Sun Oil Co. Ltd. of New Jersey, and also from Ray Henne and Ned Brooks, American radio
announcers and WBEN Buffalo.

Mr. Jenner claims that defama-
tory statements were made about him in broadcasts on an NBC net-
work broadcast last March 12, 13
and 14, and these were heard by
Ontario residents. An application for a writ of summons for serv-
ing out of Ontario on the U. S.
defendants was issued last July.
Chief Justice McRuer on Feb. 19
dismissed an application to have
this order set aside.

The writs have already been
served, but since this is not a
criminal action there can be no
extradition. In civil cases where
Americans are defendants, judg-
ments can be collected only if there
are assets in Canada. It is under-
stood that there will be an appeal
from the decision.

Chief Justice McRuer stated that
"the matter to be decided is of
great importance not only to those
concerned in radio broadcasting but
to everyone within Ontario who
wishes to protect his good name
from attacks made from abroad by
means of radio broadcasting...I
have come to the conclusion that
there are fundamental and com-
mon sense principles which govern
the present case. Radio broadcasts
are made for the purpose of being
heard. The program here in ques-
tion was put on the air for adver-
tising purposes."

He stated he considered it a
startling proposition to say that a
person could "utter defamatory
matter which is heard in a Cana-
dian province and not be said to
have published a slander in the
province in which it is heard and
understood."

BMI Honors WNYC

WNYC, municipal station of New
York City, has been cited by
Broadcast Music Inc. for "ex-
service in music to the community" in
presenting its annual American
Music Festival and for "outstand-
ing achievement in fostering and
presenting the music of American
composers."

REACHES 93,217 RADIO FAMILIES
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
REPRESENTED BY
E. D. MCKINNEY, INC.

 Knights Firm

Knights Firm
Buys Doolittle FM Div.

ACQUISITION of the FM Monitor Division of Doolittle Radio Inc. by
the James Knights Co., Sandwich, Ill., has been announced by Leon
Faber, president of the Knights firm, which manufactures elec-
tronic equipment.

James Knights Co. has begun
production of the Doolittle "JK"
monitor, with manufacturing addi-
tion as it is known as the Electronics Product Division. E. H. Aberdeen,
vice president of Knights, was
named sales director. Sales poli-
cies of Doolittle will be pursued in
monitor sales and distribution, he
announced.

Manufacturing equipment and
sales department, located at
Doolittle's Chicago plant, is being
moved to the Knights plant at
Sandwich, 56 miles west of
Chicago.

Anthony F. Walberg

Funeral services were conducted
Thursday in Cincinnati for Anthony
F. (Tony) Walberg, 35, pianist,
accordionist and arranger at WLS
Chicago who was killed the previous
Sunday in a head-on automobile
collision near Berwyn, Ill. A mem-
ber of the Captain Stubby and the
Buccaneers team, Mr. Walberg
starred on the National Barn
Dance. Survivors includes his
wife, Ruby; a son, William, 11, and
a daughter, Antonette, 8.

Feature of Week

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could be in the midst of some dull,
routine business and be considering
switching back to the studio pro-
grams when a delegate in the back
of row would stand up, make a
motion, and throw the convention
into a turmoil.

WKY-TV was as well equipped
could be expected to cope with
technical problems. It used a
mobile unit and staff of 11—direc-
tor, audio and video engineers, three camera men, two announcers,
a production assistant and relay
tower engineer.

Although the convention was an
all-day affair, early business was
routine until 1 p.m. when WKY-TV
picked up the proceedings for a
brief moment. More extensive cov-
erage was telecast from 2:30-3:30
p.m., 5:45-6:40 p.m. and concluded
5:50-6:45 p.m.

WKY-TV recommends to other
stations considering similar state
convention coverage that they make
sure delegations are seated alpha-
tetically. This will save "consider-
able effort" in locating speakers
during roll call votes, WKY-TV
says.

Considerable interest in the
Oklahoma GOP state convention
implied WKY-TV to telecast the
proceedings, though the expected
fight between Taft and Eisenhower
supporters never really material-
ized. Mr. Rogers commented.