

Roy E. Crummer Co., a municipal bond firm. The report was presented to the House Judiciary Committee by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N. Y.), chairman of a special subcommittee investigating the Justice Dept. The report said Mr. Fly was retained by Mr. Whitehair in 1945, soon after Mr. Fly completed his term at the FCC. Thereafter, Mr. Fly is mentioned throughout the subcommittee summary of the Roy E. Crummer case.

The disputed report criticized Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark for declining to testify after he joined the high court but said it had no proof of wrongdoing while he was Attorney General.

The document drew fire from Rep. Byron G. Rogers (D-Colo.), a member of the subcommittee, who dissented hotly from the Republican view. Rep. Rogers pointed out that Messrs. Whitehair and Fly complained to Mr. Clark that "their clients had been denied any kind of hearing and that the prosecution represented an outrageous miscarriage of justice. Such representations and requests for hearings are part of the day-to-day business of the Dept. of Justice."

Rep. Rogers bitterly denounced the majority report as being "shot through with half-truths, innuendoes, and examples of the smear technique."

Secrest Gets FTC Post

THE SENATE has confirmed the nomination of Rep. Robert T. Secrest (D-Ohio) as a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Rep. Secrest will replace FTC Comr. Albert A. Carretta, a Democrat, whose term on the FTC expires Sept. 25.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL SET BACK IN SENATE

THE SENATE's anti-gambling bill, which has the Justice Dept.'s blessing, is not the good bet for passage it appeared to be a few weeks ago.

A group of Senate Republicans, as represented by Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson (R-N. J.), who acted on their behalf although not necessarily supporting their position, in effect spiked the measure last week, probably sounding its death-knell since Congress soon will be adjourning.

The measure (S 3542), introduced by Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) and reported by his Senate Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee a fortnight ago [B•T, July 5], made its bow on the Senate "calendar" Tuesday but its debut was short and its apparent demise swift. Sen. Hendrickson asked that the bill be "passed over."

Behind the scene, however, moves were reported underway to save the Bricker bill's chances before the end of this month [see CLOSED CIRCUIT, page 5].

Reportedly among a number of Senators who oppose the measure are Republicans John M. Butler and James G. Beall, both of Maryland, and John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky.

The Bricker bill would ban broadcasting and other interstate transmission of "gambling information" on certain sports events and would require an hour's time lag before details of a horse race or dog race are put on the air [B•T, June 14 *et seq.*].

P.O. Clerks Sponsor

NATIONAL Federation of Post Office Clerks was to sponsor a special program last Friday, 10:30-45 on the DuMont Television Network. It will originate in Washington, D. C., and feature a forum discussion by a Democrat and a Republican congressman. They will discuss impending legislation which may be introduced in Congress at the request of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. The contract was negotiated through Robert J. Enders Adv., Washington.

Shreveport Proposed Grant Hit by KRMD, Southland

EXCEPTIONS to the FCC examiner's initial decision favoring Shreveport Television Co. for ch. 12 in that city [B•T, June 14] were filed last week by KRMD Shreveport and Southland Television Co.

Both attacked the examiner's ruling that Shreveport Television is to be preferred because it does not have radio facilities and has proposed better programming, facilities and made staff commitments.

At stake is the ownership of KSLA (TV), now operating under a temporary FCC order on ch. 12. It is owned equally by the three applicants, who established the interim station in order to bring a tv service to their city.

Vigorous protest was lodged by KRMD, whose principals also have interests in KLPC-AM-TV Lake Charles, La.; KALB-AM-TV Alexandria, La.; WSLI Jackson, Miss., and KRRV Sherman, Tex., against the examiner's attitude toward radio ownership.

"The long and meritorious past performance and service of an existing broadcaster should be given controlling weight . . .", KRMD said. The ownership interests of KRMD principals are counterbalanced, KRMD said, by the ownership interests of Shreveport Television principals in the motion picture theatres. A grant to Shreveport, KRMD said, would result in a greater degree of concentration of control of mass media in Shreveport than would result in a grant to KRMD.

Southland Television Co., whose principals own KCIJ Shreveport and WMRY and WCKG (TV) New Orleans, objected along the same lines.

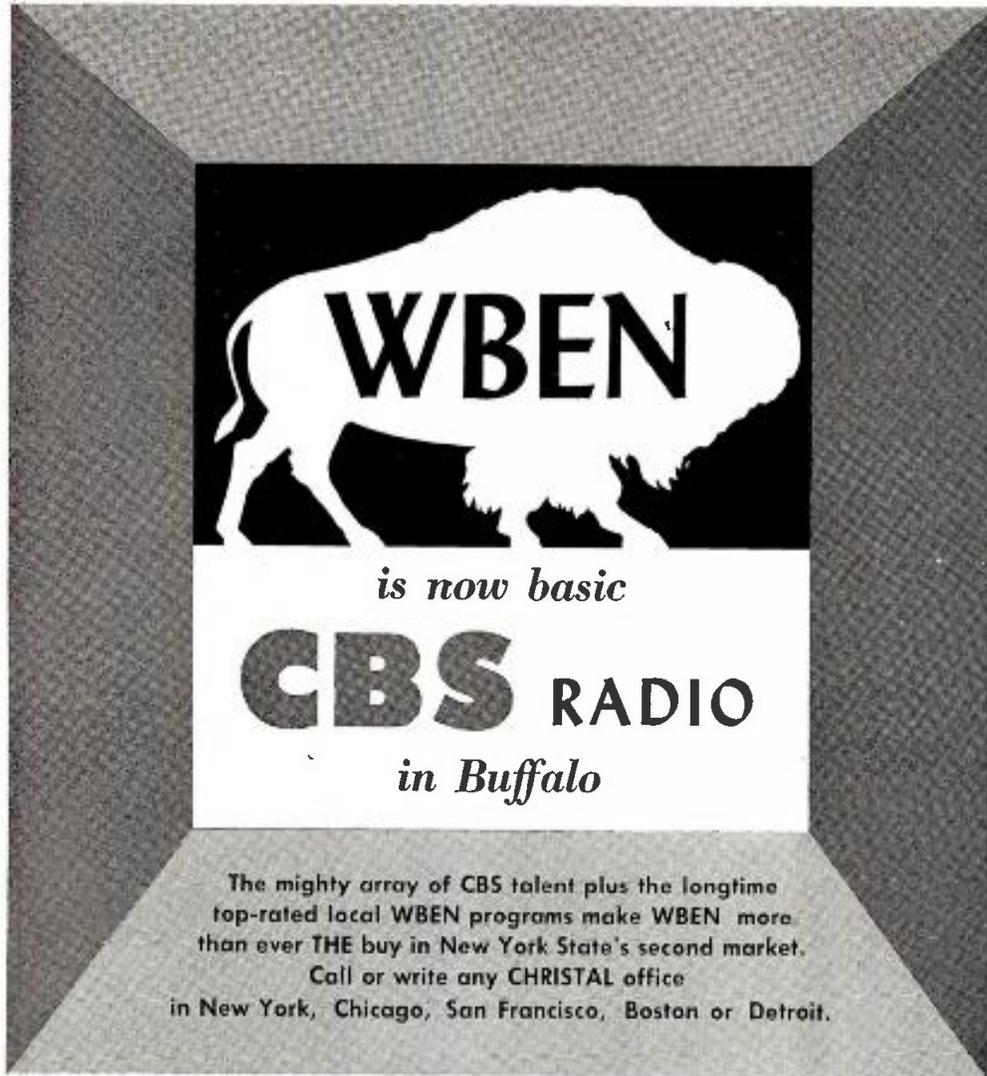
Shreveport Television is owned by Don George, who owns six motion picture theatres in the Shreveport area; Ben Heckham Jr. and Henry E. Linam, oilmen; and Carter Henderson, real estate.

Biloxi Initial Decision Favors WVMI Over WLOX

INITIAL decision proposing to grant WVMI Biloxi, Miss., a new tv station on ch. 13 there was issued last week by FCC Hearing Examiner Harold L. Schilz. The decision proposed to deny the competing application of WLOX there.

The decision concluded that preference must be given to WVMI because of superiority of integration of ownership and management, more widespread and varied experience in radio broadcasting, conduct and demeanor of witnesses, and superiority in its proposals as to local programming.

Among reasons for ruling against WLOX, Examiner Schilz concluded, was the admission by J. S. Love Jr., president and 44.6% stockholder of WLOX, that he operates a bar in Biloxi's Hotel Buena Vista, contrary to Mississippi state law.



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