

Neal Spelce, associate news editor, KTBC-AM-FM-TV Austin, Tex., named science editor, that station.

PROGRAMMING

Robert A. Cinader, former vp of NBC's California National and recently with Paramount Television Productions, appointed vp and general manager of Red Skelton Enterprises, Hollywood producer of taped and filmed programs and commercials. **Rupert Goodspeed**, director of technical operations, promoted to manager of Skelton studios.

William Self elected vp in charge of production, 20th Century-Fox Television. Mr. Self joined production company in 1959 as an executive producer. Earlier he was director of programs administration for CBS-TV Network, Hollywood.

Merrill Lindsay, vp of operations, Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers Inc. (licensee of WSOY-AM-FM Decatur, WVLN-AM-FM Olney, WSEI (FM) Effingham and 20% WCIA (TV) Champaign and WMBD-AM-FM-TV Peoria, all Illinois), and **Robert O. Reynolds**, president of KMPC Los Angeles, KSFO San Francisco, and KVI Seattle, Wash., elected directors of Broadcast Music Inc., New York. They succeed **Herbert Hellister**, retired, and **J. Harold Ryan**, deceased.

EQUIPMENT & ENGINEERING

Gene R. Marner, assistant director of research, Cedar Rapids division of Collins Radio Co., named director succeeding **Ralph McCreary**, who has been elevated to staff of R. T. Cox, vp of Cedar Rapids division. Mr. Marner joined Collins as physicist in 1948. Later he served as director of research in such areas as microwave propagation and radio celestial navigation.

Robert G. Urban, vp for marketing, Philco Corp., Philadelphia, resigns to become president of American Safety Razor Co., New York, subsidiary of Philip Morris Co.

John Birch named senior broadcast design engineer, and **R. C. Curry** appointed assistant director of sales for proprietary items, Vitro Electronics, Silver Spring, Md. Mr. Birch was formerly with Gates Radio Co., Quincy, Ill. Mr. Curry formerly was broadcast sales engineer for Vitro, and earlier general manager, WEER Warrenton, Va.

William Tauber appointed sales rep in upstate New York area for Transistronics Inc., Los Angeles manufacturer of hi-fi and stereo amplifiers and tuners.

Ralph A. Anderson, vp in charge of engineering and manufacturing, and operating executive of Conley Electronics Corp., Evanston, Ill., elected president of firm.

Bill L. Dunbar, co-owner KQAL (FM) and chief engineer, KMEQ, both Omaha, Neb., appointed sales rep for General Electronic Lab., Cambridge, Mass., to cover Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and North and South Dakota, with headquarters in Omaha.

Alfred G. Holtum Jr., chief engineer of California operations of Andrew Corp., named chief of company's newly formed government research and development group.

GOVERNMENT

James T. Barker, legal assistant to FCC Commissioner Rosel H. Hyde since July 1959, rejoins National Labor Relations Board as trial examiner. Mr. Barker was with NLRB in 1955 as legal assistant.

ALLIED FIELDS

Quayle B. Smith, formerly with Segal, Smith & Hennessey (now Smith, Hennessey & McDonald) and later with own practice, joins Pierson, Ball & Dowd, both Washington communications law firms.

INTERNATIONAL

Mathew Vieracker, general manager, ABC-owned WBKB (TV) Chicago, leaves to become consultant to Televisora Nacional, new ch. 2 tv station that will begin operation in January in Panama City as affiliate of ABC International Television Inc., subsidiary of American Broadcasting-Paramount Theatres Inc. Earlier this year, Mr. Vieracker assisted new ch. 4 tv affiliate of ABC International at Caracas, Venezuela. His Panama City assignment is for one year.

Paul Henissart, Vienna bureau chief for Radio Free Europe, named bureau chief in Paris for agency, succeeding **Lucien Agniel**, appointed director of program guidance, RFE, Munich. **Donald Graff**, Stockholm bureau chief, named bureau chief in Vienna. **Kurt DeWitt** succeeds **A. John Adams** as bureau chief in Bonn. Mr. Adams resigned to return to newspaper work.

DEATHS

Rodman S. Reed Jr., 57, vice-chairman, board of directors, Marsteller, Richard, Gebhardt & Reed Adv., New York, was killed Nov. 20 in automobile accident in Pittsburgh. Mr. Reed, former vp and manager of Pittsburgh office, was elevated to vice-chairman last year.

Judge Frank Roberson, former assistant general counsel of Federal Communications Commission, and senior member of law firm of Spearman & Roberson, died Nov. 17 at his home in Washington after long illness. Mr. Roberson was elected to bench in Westchester County, N. Y., in 1930, and left to become assistant general counsel

of FCC in 1934. After two years he retired from government and established own law firm specializing in communications law.



Mr. Slater

Thomas G. Slater, 54, vp for radio-tv, Fuller & Smith & Ross, Pittsburgh, died Nov. 17 in Presbyterian (Pittsburgh) Hospital. He joined Ruthrauff & Ryan, New York, in 1946 as business manager and director of talent, and was later elected agency's vp in charge of radio-tv. Mr. Slater joined Fuller & Smith & Ross in 1954, being responsible for all radio-tv and film production of agency's western division. Later that year he was transferred to agency's headquarters as vp for radio-tv, and as special tv account executive for Alcoa, an agency client.

Martin F. Hogan, 51, vp in charge of radio-tv, John B. Morrissey Adv., Chicago, and former manager, WCFL, that city, died Nov. 19 at Columbus (Illinois) Hospital. He had suffered cerebral hemorrhage two days earlier.

Ralph Clark Jr., 33, news editor and announcer, WIL St. Louis, died suddenly, Nov. 11 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Ill.

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