

meeting of its 25 members in Nassau, Bahamas. Ray Anderson, research and marketing director of the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., parent company of Mutual, was named consultant to the research committee.

MAAC unanimously commended the administration of the network and its news and special events divisions for performing "a most outstanding job in serving the affiliates with a superior radio service."

The committee re-elected Victor C. Diehm, WAZL Hazleton, Pa., chairman. Other officers elected were Carter C. Peterson, WBGY Savannah, Ga., vice chairman, and Ed Breen, KVFD Fort Dodge, Iowa, secretary.

WUHY-TV gets CBS grant of \$100,000

CBS-TV continued its financial support of educational television with the announcement last week of a \$100,000 grant to assist operation of WUHY-TV, the ETV outlet for Philadelphia.

According to CBS officials, the contribution raises to \$1,350,000 the amount which the network has given in cash contributions to various ETV enterprises in the country.

WUHY-TV previously had received equipment, facilities and technical aid from CBS, and when the station's studios were hit by fire in 1960 the CBS-owned WCAU-TV in Philadelphia made its studios and facilities available to WUHY-TV then WHY-TV.

In making the gift, CBS President Frank Stanton said that CBS supported efforts to make television "a useful tool of instruction, to develop new educational techniques, and to supplement the intellectual and cultural activities of commercial television. We welcome, both the opportunity that commercial television has to learn from educational television's greater freedom to experiment and the increased competition to earn the viewer's attention," he said.

Microwave for ETV planned

An agreement to exchange educational TV programming by microwave transmission has been announced by the New Jersey Educational Television Corp. and WHY-TV Inc. of Philadelphia.

Initially the system will link NJ-ETV's proposed channel 77 Essex with WUHY-TV and later connect ETV outlets in New Brunswick, Atlantic City and Glassboro as part of the "live network." The proposed system will link the four New Jersey educational stations with each other as well as with WUHY-TV.

FCC okays sale of KTTV(TV) Los Angeles

METROMEDIA PURCHASE GIVES IT FULL TV QUOTA

The FCC unanimously approved the sale last week of KTTV(TV) Los Angeles from the Los Angeles/Times Mirror Co. to Metromedia Inc. for \$10,390,000, one of the highest prices for a broadcast property.

In approving the transfer, with Commissioner Robert T. Bartley abstaining, the commission said it was without prejudice to its avowed hope that one of Los Angeles' seven VHF stations might become an educational, non-commercial outlet. This was expressed in the FCC's 1961 notice of inquiry.

The grant was conditioned on (1) the outcome of the ex parte proceedings involving WFTV(TV) Orlando, Fla., and (2) that John P. Crisconi relinquish his stockholdings in either Metromedia Inc. or WKTV(TV) Utica, N. Y.

The Orlando case involves allegations of ex parte contacts with members of the FCC resulting in the channel 9 grant to Mid-Florida Television Corp. in 1957. John W. Kluge, president of Metromedia, was at that time a principal stockholder in the Orlando applicant. He has since disposed of his interest in that station. WFTV(TV) prin-

cipals were cleared of the off-the-record taint by the FCC after a rehearing.

Mr. Crisconi owns less than 1% of Metromedia stock and a little over 6% of the WKTV ownership. With the acquisition of KTTV, Metromedia becomes the owner of five VHF and two UHF television stations. In an attempt to overcome this technical violation of the duopoly rule (which prohibits any one entity from owning more than five VHF and two UHF television outlets), Mr. Crisconi placed his WKTV stock in a trusteeship. The commission, however, did not accept this arrangement. WKTV principals recently purchased KSYD-TV Wichita Falls, Tex. (BROADCASTING, March 18).

The transaction involves the acquisition of all the stock of the Times Mirror Broadcasting Co., licensee of the channel 11 independent. Robert W. Brechner, president and general manager of the station, will remain in charge.

Still To Come - Still pending FCC approval is Metromedia's purchase of KLAC-AM-FM Los Angeles for \$4.5 million (BROADCASTING, March 18). Only

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