

TV in addition to high-grade voice, data and telex services. It will be installed, operated and maintained by an ITT subsidiary in cooperation with the government.

Standard Radio Up ■ Standard Radio Ltd. has reported record profits of \$1,482,692 for the year ending March 31, up 16% from the \$1,269,367 of the

previous year. Per share earnings rose from \$1.17 to \$1.36. Standard Radio Ltd. owns CFRB and CKFM(FM), both Toronto, and CJAD and CJFM(FM), both Montreal.

Ripolin appoints ■ BBDO, Paris has been named agency for Ripolin, a leading manufacturer of paints and varnishes in France.

New studios ■ More than 1,200 invited guests this week are participating in activities marking the official opening of CKTR Three Rivers, Quebec's modern studios on the 12th floor of the Place Royale building.

New rep ■ CFCN Calgary, Alberta, has appointed Canadian Standard Broadcast Sales, New York, as U.S. representative.

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Sigma III may become Filmways subsidiary

Filmways Inc., which started out modestly 15 years ago as a producer of commercials, last week continued its steady, comprehensive diversification within the entertainment field. The independent production company revealed that it will acquire, subject to execution of agreements and receipt of a favorable tax ruling, the common stock of Sigma III, a motion picture distributor. Filmways, listed on the American Stock Exchange, plans to exchange 85,880 shares of its stock for all the Sigma shares outstanding and also will give up additional shares of its stock, up to a maximum of 12,268, based on potential television income from the feature film distributor's current library.

That library includes such motion pictures as "Dear John," "My Sister, My Love," and "An Evening with the Royal Ballet." Sigma III has long-term U. S. and Canadian distribution rights to these products. It also is involved with the coproduction and world-wide release of a new movie, "Ski on the Wild Side."

Indications are that Leonard S. Gruenberg, president of the distribution company, will join Filmways as chairman of the board. Martin Ransohoff, current chairman of Filmways, is expected

to become president and chief executive officer, while Lee Moselle, now president, will move up to vice chairman of the board and also become chairman of the executive committee. If the deal goes through as planned, Mr. Gruenberg also will continue as president of Sigma III, which will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Filmways.

Besides producing television series and commercials and feature-length motion pictures, Filmways also has its own TV distribution operation and recently acquired Acme Film and Videotape Laboratories Inc. (BROADCASTING, Jan. 23). The production house will have four prime-time film series on the air during the 1967-68 network TV season. In addition, Filmways coproduces two daytime programs.

\$690,000 deficit is UN bankruptcy filing

United Network Co. and United Network Inc., owner and operator of the ill-fated fourth network, filed a petition last Thursday (June 22) in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for an arrangement under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act.

The petition lists liabilities of \$1,822,486 and assets of \$1,132,410. Among the top creditors shown were Chase Manhattan Bank, \$571,782; D. H. Overmyer Network and Productions,

\$112,500, and Texas Bank and Trust Co., \$100,000. Also listed was a debt of \$25,700 to Bill Dana, star of the nightly two-hour *The Las Vegas Show*, the network's sole offering.

Assets listed included more than \$216,000 in cash receivables; \$38,250 in checks on hand; \$20,059 cash in bank and \$27,555 in prepaid insurance.

A filing under Chapter 11 permits a company to continue business while a settlement is arranged.

United Network ceased on-air operations May 31 after 31 days because of a financial squeeze (BROADCASTING, June 5, et seq).

Columbia's earnings best since 1955

Consolidated earnings of Columbia Pictures Corp. for the nine month period ended April 1, 1967 were "the best such period since 1955," it was reported last week by A. Schneider, president. He said earnings for the third fiscal quarter represented "a record period."

For 40 weeks ended April 1, 1967 and 39 weeks ended March 26, 1966:

| | 1967 | 1966 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Income per share | \$1.58 | \$0.27 |
| Net income | 3,305,000 | 675,000 |
| Income before taxes | 5,505,000 | 2,272,000 |

Cox collects new subsidiary

Cox Broadcasting Corp., Atlanta, group broadcaster and CATV system operator, through its United Technical Publications Inc., publishing subsidiary, last week acquired 80% interest in National Auto Research Co., Gainesville, Ga.

NAR publishes a weekly "black book," which lists current prices of used cars and light trucks, as well as a monthly used-car depreciation guide for fleet owners and leasing companies. The amount of the transaction was said to involve less than \$1 million.

Trans-Lux offers stock

Trans-Lux Corp. announced last week that its stockholders have approved a proposal to increase the num-

CBS at odds with Warner over 'Lady'

Pretrial examination is in progress on a suit filed by CBS in New York state supreme court against Warner Brothers for an accounting and for a ruling on what constitutes the "distributors gross" under terms of their contract with respect to the "My Fair Lady" feature film.

According to the CBS complaint, Warner has made "material errors" in calculating gross income derived

from the film, principally by deducting overseas tax items that CBS claims are "not properly deductible." Both CBS and Warner stressed that no improprieties are alleged and that the parties are on friendly terms.

Under the contract, CBS is entitled to collect half of the Warner Brothers' rentals above \$20 million. CBS reportedly has collected more than \$17 million to date.