Outlet Communications announced proposed sale of KOVR-TV Sacramento, Calif., to Narragansett Capital Corp. for $104 million. Sale, brokered by Howard Stark, will reduce effective purchase price being paid for other Outlet properties by current management, who, in conjunction with Wesray Capital Corp., are buying remaining stations for $625 million ("Top of the Week," Feb. 10). KOVR, ABC affiliate, was purchased by Outlet in 1980 for $65 million. Spokesman for Narragansett, Providence, R.I.-based venture capital firm, said it was "too early to comment" on whether current management would continue to run station. Spin-off of Outlet's WCXP-TV Orlando, Fla., is expected to be announced shortly for price near $200 million.

Cable partnership between Tele-Communications Inc. (TCI) and Scripps-Howard, Tele-Scripts Cable, is coming to end. Companies announced last Thursday (March 13) that Scripps-Howard will pay TCI $78 million and end up owning whole operation, which serves 265,000 subscribers in cable systems mostly in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. Scripps-Howard is participant in several other joint ventures and also has direct ownership of cable systems in Colorado, Florida and California.

NBC has added WOwt-TV Omaha, owned by Chronicle Broadcasting, to its affiliate lineup. It has been CBS affiliate. Former NBC affiliate in market was KVTV (TV), which has yet to announce affiliation status. Change, which will take place this summer, was result of initiative taken by NBC. NBC television network president, Pierre Mapes, said NBC has targeted six more markets (out of 207 total affiliates) in which it is interested in gaining new affiliate. Mapes said all six are in top 75 markets, and some are in top 25. Omaha is 69th market, according to Nielsen, and 70th, according to Arbitron. Along with NBC's improved ratings, one reason for switch is ability to reach Lincoln, Neb., market as well, where NBC affiliate exists. Lincoln already has CBS affiliate, KOLN-TV. Mapes said NBC lost 26 markets during 1979's, when ratings were low. Since March 1985, NBC has picked up six new affiliates. WOwt started out in 1950's as NBC affiliate.

Satcom Inc., Laurel, Mont.-based cable operator that owns six small cable systems, has petitioned FCC to deny transfer of Group W's cable systems to consortium of Tele-Communications Inc., American Television and Communications Corp., Comcast Corp., Daniels & Associates and Century Southwest Cable Television. In petition at FCC, Satcom said it opposed transfer because it would result in "unreasonably high level of concentration in the cable television industry." At very least, Satcom said FCC should defer action on application until it has adopted multiple ownership rules Satcom has proposed. In petition for rulemaking, Satcom suggested MSO's be prohibited from owning or controlling systems serving more than 50% of cable subscribers in any state or more than 25% of nation's cable subscribers (BROADCASTING, March 3). Among other things, Satcom said TCI currently had interests serving 51.6% of Montana's subscribers. With Group W acquisition, TCI could end up serving 88% of state's cable subscribers, Satcom said.

New directors. The National Association of Broadcasters announced the results of its 1985-1986 election cycle for seats on the radio and television boards. Elected to the radio board (eight directors won seats in an earlier election [BROADCASTING, Jan. 13]): District 1—Ray Sack, KXNO/KXAM, Norfolk, Nebr.; District 10—Jeffrey Smulyan, Emmis Broadcasting, Indianapolis; District 18—Lowry Mays, Clear Channel Communications, San Antonio, Tex.; and District 22—Ronald Sack, KXNO/KXAM, Santa Fe, N.M. Elected to fill six at-large seats on the television board: William Duhamel, KOTA-TV Rapid City, S.D.; Tom Goodgame, WBZ-TV Boston; Benjamin McKee, Nationwide Communications, Columbus, Ohio; Harold Potter, WNOH-TV New Orleans; Patricia Smulian, KXNO/KXAM Medford, Ore.; "Greg" Stone, WBBG-TV Charlotte, N.C. * Denotes incumbents re-elected to the boards.

Paramount has made deal with TBS-IV to carry Entertainment Tonight at 7:30 p.m. for fall 1986. Paramount, which renewed E.T. in nine out of 10 markets, had been without a station in New York since last fall when WABC-TV did not renew E.T. in favor of first-run episodes of Orion Television's New Hollywood Squares. Pickup by TBS-IV keeps E.T. in its same access time period.

Westwood One, which purchased network radio assets of Mutual Broadcasting from Amway Corp. late last year, has filed $10-million lawsuit in California Superior Court in Los Angeles against Amway and its MultiComm Telecommunications Corp., subsidiary satellite distribution unit—alleging that former Mutual owner has broken written, three-year, non-compete agreements by operating "shadow" and "independent" networks with radio programming in competition with Mutual. "We have read the complaint and we are convinced it has absolutely no merit," said Bruce Goodman, chief operating officer of MultiComm. MultiComm unit is currently distributing Mutual programming over Westar IV.

Closing of Turner Broadcasting System's (TBS) acquisition of certain assets of MGM-UA will be delayed by about week, although events early last week threatened to delay it for several weeks. Cause of problem was failure of those holding majority of current MGM-UA notes (roughly $400 million worth) to exchange them for TBS notes. To obtain majority consent, TBS announced last week it had improved return on its notes from 10% to 10 1/2% and had granted 10-day extension for exchanging securities—expiration date is now April 1. Friday afternoon, informed observer said changed terms had enabled TBS to achieve majority of consents and that complete deal could likely close next week. This week should see pricing of other TBS securities, which will raise more than $1 billion in acquisition financing.