

mines access to programming by dish owners, but cable subscribers and network broadcast viewers," said Tom Rogers, senior counsel of the House Telecommunications Subcommittee. "We are very concerned that there is a potential here for a major disruption of the nation's communications system." He said that the subcommittee will broaden the scope of its satellite scrambling hearing on May 21 to include intentional interference.

Although it's certain that Captain Midnight has become a kind of folk hero among dish owners who feel cheated by the scrambling and sale of cable programming on the

satellites, nobody was declaring solidarity with him last week.

The Satellite Television Industry Association (SPACE), which believes HBO is overcharging dish owners for their services, issued a statement saying it neither condones nor tolerates intentional interference. "Incidents of this nature are entirely wrong," it said.

"Quite frankly," added SPACE spokesman Joe Boyle, "he should be thrown in jail." He said federal authorities are vigorously pursuing Captain Midnight, hoping to catch and make an example out of him.

Radio Liberty editor turns up in Moscow

A high-ranking editor of Radio Liberty who had disappeared in Munich two months ago turned up at a news conference in Moscow last week. Oleg A. Tumanov, who was born in the Soviet Union and defected to the West 21 years ago, when he was 21, refused to answer questions at the news conference regarding his disappearance and return to Moscow. Instead, he used the news conference to denounce the station and its affiliate, Radio Free Europe, as a front for U.S. intelligence operations against his native Soviet Union.

Tumanov was the third-ranking official of Radio Liberty, which broadcasts to the Soviet Union. The station and RFE, which broadcasts to Eastern European countries, are financed by Congress and supervised by the Board for International Broadcasting. The stations, which are jammed by the Soviet

et Union, are located in Munich. Tumanov was last seen in that city on Feb. 25, a day after he left work early complaining he was not well.

Tumanov said in a prepared statement that the radios "are a convenient front for covert operations against the Soviet Union and oth-

er socialist countries." He named directors of the stations he said were members of either the Central Intelligence Agency or U.S. Military Intelligence. As for his years in the west, Tumanov said they had been a "nightmare." He said his return to the Soviet Union had been "tortuous."

RFE was founded in 1950 and RL a year later. For the first 20 years, they had secretly been funded by the CIA. When the CIA connection became known, Congress acted to provide them with their own funds that would be funneled through a semiautonomous agency, the BIB.

An RFE/RL spokesperson in Washington said the radios had no more information on Tumanov than was available from the wire services. Asked for comment on the charge that the radios were a nest for CIA agents, the spokesperson said, "We've heard that from our own media." Then she said there had been no RFE/RL employees who had also served the CIA for 15 years.

She said Tumanov had been considered "a nice guy and a good editor." □

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KVIQ-TV Eureka, Calif. □ Sold by California Northwest Broadcasting Co. to Miller Broadcasting Co. for \$3.9 million. **Seller** is owned by Leah McConnell and her husband, Carl, who have no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is owned by Ronald W. Miller, general

manager of station. Miller's wife, Diane, has interest in KMST(TV) Monterey and KJEO(TV) Fresno, both California. KVIQ-TV is independent on channel 6 with 100 kw visual, 16 kw aural and antenna 1,740 feet above average terrain.

KPOI-FM Honolulu □ Sold by Robert W. Sudbrink to Kilohana Broadcasting Inc. for \$2.6 million. **Seller**, Robert W. (Woody) Sudbrink, owns Delray Beach, Fla.-based group of four AM's and two TV's. **Buyer** is owned by Charles K. Cotton and three others. Cotton is former sales manager of KFMB-AM-FM San Diego. KPOI-FM is on 97.5 mhz with 83 kw and antenna 86 feet above average terrain. **Broker: Blackburn & Co.**

KTOB(AM) Petaluma, Calif. □ Sold by KTOB Inc. to North Bay Broadcasting Inc. for \$800,000, comprising \$400,000 cash and remainder note. **Seller** is principally owned by Robert S. Lipman and family and four others. It has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is owned by Barton J. Fenmore and Edward Gardner. Fenmore owns construction firm in Orange county, Calif. Gardner was San Francisco marketing vice president for Group W. KTOB is on 1490 khz full time with 1 kw. **Broker: William A. Exline, Inc.**

KQWK(FM) Pittsburg, Kan. □ Sold by Heartland Broadcasting Inc. to American Media Investments Inc. for \$747,405, comprising \$100,000 cash and remainder note. **Seller** is principally owned by Timothy O. Menowsky, who also has interest in co-located KNZS(AM). **Buyer** is owned by Robert D. Freeman, Frank L. Carney and O. Gene Bicknell. It also owns KKOW(AM) Pittsburg, Kan. KQWK is on 96.9 mhz with 100 kw and antenna 470 feet above average terrain.

KWBG-AM-FM Boone, Iowa □ Sold by Ken Kilmer Broadcasting Co. to KZBA Inc. for \$606,344. **Seller** is headed by Dennis W. Borwick. It has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is owned by Ben R. Doud, Tim Hob-

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