

they are arranged.

Announcement of the President's plan to meet with the agencies, which are considered an arm of Congress and independent of White House direction, came as something of a surprise. There is believed to be no precedent for such a series of meetings.

However, the White House spokesman said the purpose is simply to give the President an opportunity to meet the agency members face to face. "There will be no attempt at discussing substantive matters," he added.

The spokesman also noted that the President had held a series of meetings with personnel in executive-branch departments since he assumed office in January.

CATV probe on tap by House subcommittee

A long-planned, full-scale hearing into cable television, the FCC and its CATV rules, both in force and proposed, is set to begin next Monday (May 19) before the House Communications Subcommittee under the chairmanship of Representative Torbert H. Macdonald (D-Mass.). The opening phase of the hearings, which are to begin with congressional and FCC witnesses, has been penciled in for the full week. It is expected that subsequent sessions will also be necessary.

The main focus of the probe is to be cable regulation, but other communications issues, such as domestic-satellite distribution and subscription television, which are interwoven with aspects of the CATV questions, can be expected to work their way into the proceedings. Subcommittee Chairman Macdonald has been long known to have had an interest in a top-to-bottom review by the Commerce Committee of all aspects of communications policies.

The CATV investigation has been urged by a number of congressmen who have expressed displeasure with the commission's proposed rules for cable systems.

Eight news fellows named by CBS Foundation

The CBS Foundation Inc. is to announce today (May 12) the selection of eight news fellows for a year of study at Columbia University in New York during 1969-70.

The recipients are John H. Jones Jr., CBS News, researcher; Stephen J. Lawrence, KNX Los Angeles, desk editor; Marjorie S. Margolies, WCAU-TV Philadelphia, reporter; James M. Ritter, WCAU-TV, reporter-writer; Robert C. Simmons, KNXT(TV) Los Angeles, capital correspondent; Norbert John Tatro Jr., WBBM-TV Chicago, news producer;

Gene Tollefson, KIMA-TV Yakima, Wash., news director, and Lloyd Weaver, WCBS-TV New York, associate producer.

Chernoff set for Japan

Howard L. Chernoff, a former broadcaster and deputy director of the U. S. Information Agency, was named last week by President Nixon as commissioner general for the U.S. exhibit at the Japanese world exposition, set for 1970. In making the appointment, the President conferred the personal rank of ambassador on Mr. Chernoff.

Reeves gets new name,

Reeves Broadcasting Corp. became Reeves Telecom Corp. last week after stockholders voted on the new name at the annual meeting Thursday (May 8). The stockholders also re-elected six directors and voted for a qualified stock option plan.

President Richard L. Geismar told the stockholders that the company would show a loss in the first-quarter report, to be issued this week, and also predicted a deficit for the first half of fiscal 1969. He remained optimistic about the second half of the year, however.



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