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Welcome aboard, WNBC Radio! We're proud to add your powerful voice to the Major Market Radio Personality Group.

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"It's not efficient if it doesn't sell."

OCCASIONAL NETWORKS  □ With advertisers stymied by a short inventory at the TV networks, the talk grows about alternative buying methods in broadcasting. B&B's Michael Lepiner, writing in "Monday Memo:" assays the needed components for national programing without recourse to formal networks. PAGE 12.

WHEELS ARE TURNING  □ NAB begins to react to the family-viewing decision—deciding to join in appeals, moving to delete mandatory code subscription and looking into new possibilities for dealing with sex and violence. PAGE 20.

PREVIEW PLANS  □ NBC-TV announces details for prescreening programing for affiliates. Up to 20 hours a week will go on overnight closed circuits. PAGE 21.

GANGING UP  □ Justice Department leads the charge in comments on Westinghouse petition to the FCC for an investigation of networks and their relations with affiliates. And now there are calls for divestiture of O&O's. PAGE 21.

HEAT'S STILL ONGOING  □ It's apparent from a meeting sponsored by Action for Children's Television and Harvard that critics of children's television are still unsatisfied. PAGE 22.

BRIDGE-BUILDERS  □ Carter transition team is announced; among its members are many of interest to communications industries. PAGE 24.

KID GLOVES  □ Senators, faced with the job of rewriting the Communications Act, are approaching the task with a great deal of caution. Commerce Committee's Pearson says the project should be broken up and considered piecemeal. PAGE 26.

THE CALM AND THE STORM  □ Participants at the NAB regional meeting in Washington hear FCC Chairman Wiley try to ease some fears on VHF drop-ins. Commissioner Fogarty, on the other hand, probably upset network representatives with his praise for Group W's petition. PAGE 26.

REGIONALS REVIEWED  □ NAB assesses its series of fall regional meetings and, even though not quite up to last year's in terms of attendance, calls them a success. PAGE 27.

BOSTON BATTLE  □ Community Broadcasting of Boston, competing for RKO's WNAC-TV channel 7, lost its latest attempt to have RKO's attorneys, Pierson, Ball & Dowd, disqualified. PAGE 29.

NBC CLEANS UP  □ Nielsen and Arbitron November sweeps place the network at the top of the heap due, in large measure, to its Big Event specials. PAGE 30.

ABC AFFILIATES READ RATING REWARDS  □ ABC analysis of Arbitron data shows network has doubled number of affiliates in number one spot in top-33 markets. PAGE 32.

CHILDREN'S TV  □ House Communications Subcommittee report says network ad revenue in children's programs rose 16% in 1975 despite decrease in advertising minutes offered. PAGE 36.

TALKING ABOUT CABLE  □ The eighth annual Western Cable Television Show and Convention will convene this week in Anaheim and will feature FCC Chairman Wiley and Commissioner Hooks and Representatives Van Deervin and Rhodes. PAGE 38. Sessions at the cable show will cover subjects from the proposed rewrite of the Communications Act to finance. PAGE 38. Equipment and services by approximately 90 companies will be on display at the convention. PAGE 39.

HAPPY DELAY  □ Cable operators generally are pleased that the FCC has postponed for one year the deadline for refranchising. PAGE 42.

DEFINITION  □ This week the FCC will be considering staff proposals aimed at redefining cable systems and at revising cable rules in terms of the system's size. PAGE 43.

NEWSE AUIDENCE  □ Viewership of network evening news is up 9% over last season's numbers, and all the networks' news shows gain in audience with CBS still leading the way. PAGE 46.

COMMENTS ON CLEARANCES  □ The 30-year-old question of how the FCC can most efficiently allocate AM clear-channel frequencies draws the same old comments. PAGE 46.

DRAWING THE BREAD FOR JWT  □ Don Johnston is a firm believer in broadcasting in the advertising mix. And it's an integral part of J. Walter Thompson's worldwide effort to break the $1-billion billing barrier in 1976. PAGE 58.
The Bethlehem Steel Corp. plant in Steelton, Pa., just a few miles from the state capital of Harrisburg, is one of the many nationally known industries which, along with prosperous agriculture, business and governmental pursuits, make steady and significant contributions to the economic stability and growth of the booming WGAL-TV market.

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Time for a change

Developing consensus that moment is right for television to escalate its efforts to tone down sex and violence (see page 20) goes beyond now-outlawed family-viewing limits of 7-9 p.m. Further evidence: Clean-up in some of CBS-TV’s 9-11 p.m. programs is under way. That’s word affiliates board got from network officials at meeting couple of weeks ago (BROADCASTING, Nov. 22). In discussion of sex-and-violence question, Van Gordon Sauter, CBS-TV standards vice president, is said to have told affiliates there’s little to be done about shows already in can but if they would bear with him for few weeks—six to eight, according to some versions, four to six in others—they would begin to see big improvement.

The affiliate’s hour

ABC-TV, CBS-TV and NBC-TV are each cursed with 60-minute slot in prime time that doesn’t get decent clearance because affiliated stations have product of their own to play off, everything from The Lawrence Welk Show and Hec Van Hollen to off-network reruns like Emergency One and The Undersea World of Jacques-Yves Cousteau. At ABC, white elephant is Sunday, 7-8 p.m. NYT, where Swiss Family Robinson perished last year with clearances of barely 90% and where Cos, this year, never got off ground and became ABC’s first casualty of new season, again getting only 166 or so stations for 90% clearance.

CBS is in even more disastrous shape on Friday from 8 to 9 p.m., where it’s had string of failures since 1973—Calucci’s Dept., Dirty Sally, Planet of the Apes, Khan Jr., Big Edie, Sarah and, just this year, Spencer’s Pilots. Most recent Nielsen poking stick reported that Spencer’s Pilots’ Oct. 29 episode got only 135 affiliates, or 83% clearance (compared to CBS’s 98-99% prime-time average). (CBS cancelled Spencer’s Pilots last month and hasn’t yet announced its replacement.) NBC’s Achilles heel is Thursday, 8-9 p.m., where recent failures include Sierra, The Mac Davis Show, The Montefusco and Pay and, this year, The Gemini Man, already cancelled, and its replacement, Van Dyke and Company, which is averaging 17 share in its first two outings in that time period. For its final air date (Oct. 28), Gemini Man mustered only 177 NBC affiliates, for 93% clearance.

Coming attractions

ABC News expects to introduce at least two new features next spring that ABC officials mentioned as possibilities when they decided not to push for longer evening newscast (BROADCASTING, Nov. 1). New five-minute daytime newscast, probably at 12:25 p.m. NYT, and one-minute prime-time news update, probably at 9 p.m. (or just before baseball on baseball nights), are expected to go into ABC-TV lineup in May or early April. Third possibility mentioned earlier, one-hour weekly magazine type show in prime time, is also under consideration and ABC News authorities hope to launch it within several months.

High technology

Fiber optics, which gives promise of being greatest spectrum-snarfer in this generation since harnessing of microwaves, will be nucleus of new high-technology element now in process of formation. Company will evolve from merger and possible spinoffs of existing firms, but identities are being withheld, presumably because of corporate and registration requirements.

Labeled premature is report that Irving B. Kahn, whose Midas touch made Teleprompter top concern in cable field, will be among principals in new company. But it was ascertained that Mr. Kahn’s Broadband Communications Co. would not figure in projected merger.

Insider out

It’s now apparent that person to fill revitalized position of TV vice president at National Association of Broadcasters will be broadcaster rather than present staff member. Speculation about choice had centered on William Carlisle, NAB vice president-government relations, who held TV title from 1967-1972. But Mr. Carlisle took himself out of running last week, because job would be rerun and also out of personal preference for government relations, “where the action is.” Carlisle withdrawal was not political. He was NAB President Vincent Wasilewski’s choice at one point, but ran up against opposition on NAB’s reform task force, which yearns for new faces. Task force is sensitive to criticism that structural reforms voted in June (BROADCASTING, June 21) amount to little more than “cosmetic” internal shuffle of personnel. Sources say that NAB is “close,” in meantime, to appointing someone for other VP opening, that for public relations.

Re-entry problem

Barring some particularly attractive job offer, White House news secretary Ronald Nessen would like to take time off after Jan. 20 switch in administrations to review his experiences with media in present post, then distill them into public-platform talks and articles on quality of media coverage of White House and government in general—on whether, for instance, television viewers are getting complete picture. He feels that, because of structure of TV news operations—briefness of time devoted to segments on evening news, for one thing—they are not.

Mr. Nessen, who was NBC-TV correspondent for 12 years before joining Ford White House in September 1974, would like ultimately to get back into news business, although not as correspondent doing short takes on air. Question raised at networks is whether his service as spokesman for Republican President has cost his credentials as objective journalist. Not all former White House news secretaries have had that problem, as witness Bill Moyers’s association with Newday, PBS and now CBS.

Upward mobility

Speculation has it that NBC-TV’s Tom Snyder will become anchorman of series of prime-time NBC network documentaries next year, in addition to continuing as host of late-night Tomorrow show (Monday-Thursday, 1-2 a.m. NYT). New deal would allow Mr. Snyder to end his stint as anchorman of wNBC-TV New York’s early-evening news show, which he is said to have found unrewarding and onerous in recent months.

Too tight a fit

Those limits on program production NBC accepted in agreement designed to end Justice Department’s antitrust suit (BROADCASTING, Nov. 22) would require ABC to cut back on its production. Whereas proposed agreement set eight-hour limit on daytime programming, ABC produces 10. CBS would have no trouble fitting into daytime, prime-time or fringe programming categories. But as officials at all three networks say, worrisome thing is limit of any kind.

Presidential proximity

Along with broadcast-related personages who have been mentioned as close to President-elect Jimmy Carter (BROADCASTING, Nov. 15), two others are likely to wind up in White House circle of Robert E. Kintner, former president of NBC and ABC, now resident of Washington, was early supporter of Carter campaign. Washington communications lawyer Robert Marmet was classmate of Mr. Carter at Naval Academy, has kept up association ever since.

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Poverty is most widespread among those least able to cope with it. The aged. Black people. Those with limited schooling. And households headed by women. (The latter have fallen so far behind, they now represent 43% of all poor families—up from 28% in 1965.)

Unfortunately, it’s these same people who are most afflicted by the pressures of recession and inflation.

Storer Stations feel that poverty shouldn’t be swept under the rug. That only by talking about it can we resolve the problems. So more and more editorials and programs are regularly devoted to the subject.

WAGA-TV in Atlanta, for example, runs a “Sound Off to TV-5” program where they meet citizens face to face, and learn about poverty-related problems. WAGA-TV also recently aired guest editorials by Georgia poverty agencies. When 21,000 people were being cut from “Aid to Families with Dependent Children,” an editorial showed how this would actually cost the taxpayers money in the long run. And when the federal Food Stamp program was threatened by charges of fraud, and cheats abusing the program, an editorial pointed out why the charges were based on ignorance and distortion of the facts.

In Detroit, WJBK-TV pushed for improving welfare by getting people off the rolls who don’t belong there and putting others on who do. It showed how a pilot project in Arkansas helped train recipients of “Aid to Dependent Children” so that 9 out of 10 who completed the program were able to find jobs. And 3 out of 10 were able to leave the welfare rolls entirely. WJBK-TV also demonstrated how tracking down runaway breadwinners could save substantial amounts and put the burden where it belongs.

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WJW Cleveland/KGBS Los Angeles/WGBS Miami/WHN New York/WSPD Toledo
Gillette: Company has series of 30-second TV spots for its various products ready for number of major-market flights, which will begin on Dec. 27 and run through March 27. Markets include New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Fringe time will be bought to reach various demographic categories, depending on product, with focus on adults, 18-49. Benton & Bowles, New York, is agency.

U.S. Air Force: Recruiting arm, through D'Arcy, MacManus & Masius, New York, is in midst of three-week spot-radio campaign designed to appeal to men, 18-24. It's a nationwide, multi-market buy, including New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas, Omaha, Boston and Detroit.

Kellogg: Corny Snaps will be centerpiece of two spot-TV flights. First is scheduled to kick off in early January for five weeks and second in late February for five weeks. Leo Burnett, Chicago, is aiming to reach women, 18-49.

General Motors: Company's Pontiac Motor Division, through D'Arcy, MacManus & Masius, New York, has spot-radio campaign that begins this week and runs for two weeks. Markets include New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit. Adults, 18-49, will be focus of 60-minute spots.

Avis Rent-A-Car: Spot-TV drive is planned by Avis to run for one week in late January. Doyle Dane Bernbach, New York, is seeking time periods aimed at men, 18-49.

Gulf & Western: Corporation's Schrafft Candy Co. subsidiary is preparing two-week pre-Christmas spot-radio campaign focusing on New England area. Independent Media Services, New York-based time buyer, will go for stations in markets like Boston (where Schrafft is headquartered) and Hartford, Conn. Adults, 18-49, is demographic target.

Continental Oil: Spot-TV promotion is being prepared by Conoco for two months starting in mid-December. Clinton E. Frank Advertising, Chicago, is setting its sights on men, 25-54.

Carnation: Evaporated milk will be highlighted in spot-TV campaign starting in early January for 10 weeks. Erwin Wasey, Los Angeles, is concentrating on time slots catering to women, 25-54.

Heinz: Spot-TV effort is in preparation for Heinz gravy to begin early in December for three weeks and for second flight to begin in mid-January for another three weeks. Leo Burnett, Chicago, is seeking to reach women, 18-49.

Delta Airlines: Company is buying time on TV stations for multi-week TV-spot campaign to begin early next year. Markets include Boston, Detroit and Chicago, Agency, Burke Downing Adams, Atlanta, will buy fringe and prime time to reach adults, 25-54.

Barry reports television-network sales as of Nov. 14

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Source: Broadcast Advertisers Reports

Gulf Oil: Company has spot-radio promotion set to begin Dec. 7. New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas and San Francisco are among markets. Agency, Ketchum Macleod & Grove, is aiming for adults, 18 and over.

American Honda Motor: Power products will be spotlighted in spot-TV push planned for February start and extending into early summer. Grey Advertising, Los Angeles, is seeking audience of men and women, 25-49.

Swift: Company's Peter Pan peanut butter is getting multi-market spot-TV campaign to begin Dec. 13 and run for 18 weeks. Markets include Detroit and St. Louis. Agency, Leo Burnett, Chicago, will buy fringe-time periods that reach women, 25-49.

C.F. Mueller: Mueller's macaroni, spaghetti and egg noodles, through Needham, Harper & Steers, New York, will receive selected-market spot-radio flight, which will begin Feb. 7 and run for five weeks. Markets include New York, Detroit and Boston. Demographic reach is women, 18-49.

7-11 Stores: This chain, through Media Corp. of America, New York, is readying selected-market spot-radio flight, to kick off Jan. 3. Markets include Houston, Atlanta and Kansas City. Length of flight will depend on market.

Dannon: Spot-TV campaign is planned for Dannon yogurt for nine weeks starting in late December. Men and women, 18-49, are targets of spots being prepared and placed by Marsteller, New York.

Belzote: Spot-TV effort is planned by manufacturer of hearing aids to start in early December and continue for two weeks. Early fringe and prime periods are being sought by Grey-North, Chicago, to reach men and women, 45 and over.

Clorox: Lither Green II is scheduled for considerable promotion over next seven months, with series of spot-TV flights planned for early December for one week; mid-January for four weeks; late March for four weeks and early June for one month. Bottsford Ketchum, San Francisco, is aiming to reach women, 18-49.

E.J. Brach: Candy manufacturer is set to launch spot-TV flight for five weeks starting in mid-January. Spots will be directed toward women, 18-49, with campaign planned by Arthur Meyerhoff Associates, Chicago.
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KOIT
WHAM/WHFM
WSYR
WTIC AM/FM

The quality of the select list concept is best reflected by the clients represented.
**Allen Products** □ Alamo dog food and Aipo dog food will be accentuated in spot-TV flights scheduled for 12 weeks starting in early January. Weightman Advertising, New York, is targeting its messages toward women, 25-49.

**Memorex** □ Two flights are in preparation for Memorex on spot TV, both running about two weeks with first scheduled to begin in early January and second in early February. Leo Burnett, Chicago, is seeking time periods to reach men, 18-34.

**Stokely-Van Camp** □ Company’s specialty-products division is planning eight-week flight to begin Feb. 23 for radio stations in Southwest. Target is women, 25-49. Company’s Beanie and Chili Weenie will be highlighted in spot-TV drive to begin in late February for three weeks. Women, 25-49, are target audience. Agency is Handley & Miller, Indianapolis.

**Neutrogena** □ Los Angeles-based manufacturer of Neutrogena soap has new major-market spot-radio campaign ready to kick off Jan. 15 for six weeks. Markets include New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Kansas City and Miami. Agency, Hal & Levine, Los Angeles, is seeking to reach teen-agers.

**J.P. Stevens** □ Company’s Fruit of the Loom pantyhose, through C.T. Clyne Advertising, New York, has major-market spot-TV campaign ready to run from Feb. 13 through Feb. 27. Markets include New York, Philadelphia and Detroit. Thirty- and 10-second spots will be pitched at women, 18-34.

**Ziebart International** □ Auto body rustproofing product will be spotlighted in spot-TV promotion starting in March for six weeks. Ross Roy, Detroit, is setting sights on men, 21 and over, via spots in early, prime and late fringe periods.

**Krazy Glue** □ First of several spot-TV flights in support of Krazy Glue next year will begin in January for three weeks. Furman, Roth, New York, is aiming to reach women, 18-49.

**Association of American Publishers** □ Trade association, which represents about 280 publishing houses, is test-marketing three 30-second TV spots in New York and Minneapolis beginning this week and running through Christmas. Theme of spots is that people should buy books for themselves and as gifts to friends during holiday season. Grey Advertising will spend $150,000 on this test marketing.

**General Mills** □ Company’s Gold Medal flour, through Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, gets three-week TV-sport flight beginning today (Nov. 29). Early and late fringes are being bought, with women, 25-49, as demographic target. Company is also planning two-month spot TV campaign for Apple Crunches starting in late January. Needham, Harper & Steers, Chicago, is seeking to reach women, 18-49, and children, 6-11.

**Hot Items** □ Approximately $1 million will be spent by Hot Items for its Crazy Super Soapers (floating bathtub toys); Press 'n Blows Bubbles, and Aero-Copter (flying helicopter). Spot TV will primarily be used in 50 markets on more than 150 stations starting in late January and continuing through early June. New agency for Hot Items is Haltizer Advertising, New York, which has replaced Robert S. Block Advertising, Milwaukee. Demographic targets are children and family-viewing audiences.

**Warner Bros.** □ McCann-Erickson, Los Angeles, has been named by Warner to place its TV network advertising and to handle other special marketing and media assignments. Warner allots about $8 million to network and spot TV. Creative work is handled by large number of agencies, specialized groups and individuals, usually on a picture-by-picture basis.

**Lipton** □ Cup-of-Soup will be spotlighted in spot TV campaign beginning in early December for about nine weeks. TJI Media, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., in-house agency, is seeking to reach women, 18-59.

**Gellis** □ Company’s frankfurters, through Helfgott, Towne & Silverstein, New York, is test-marketing series of spot-radio flights in New York City. Campaign starts Dec. 13 and will run 14 weeks in various flights over six-month period. Adults are target audience.

**Ciba-Geigy** □ Various products to be accentuated in spot-TV effort scheduled to begin in late December for four months. Keenan & McLaughlin, New York, is aiming to reach men, 25 and over.

**Caron** □ This subsidiary of A.H. Robins Co., which puts out a line of Caron perfumes, through Pen & Ink Inc. Strategic Advertising, New York, has major-market spot-radio campaign to run through end of December. Markets include New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston and Boston. Vitt Media, New York-based time buyer, is going after demographic target of women, 25-49.

**Lender’s Bagel Bakery** □ Company launches its 50th anniversary in January, with month-long campaign on NBC-TV’s Tonight, Today and Tomorrow programs. In late February or early March, Lender’s will start national campaign that will include top-25 markets by end of 1977. Venet Advertising, New York, is aiming to reach men and women, 21 and over.

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The outlook for occasional networks

This is the time of year when the eyes of everyone in the broadcast industry are focused on the early rating reports. Advertisers are concerned with how well their commitments will do and the networks with whether or not their program schedules will succeed. At one time this was the only issue of any significance during this time of year. Today this concern is overshadowed by a more important issue.

For the past 10 years or so, advertisers addressed network-television spending in a fairly uncomplicated fashion. Inventory was always in abundant supply from the three networks, and programing risk was largely eliminated through the development of multiple participation schedules. The only significant questions were how negotiable the inventory would be and what the specific composition of the program schedules would be. Two far more critical questions face the advertising community as we ponder the future:

- Will the network inventory continue to be readily available, given the growing demand? And will the future costs of network television be negotiable any longer?

The three-network economy has always represented static level of inventory, above which there can be very little expansion. In the past there generally existed only enough demand to support a two-and-a-half-network economy. The result was a readily negotiable commodity. Cyclical changes in economic conditions along with a manageable demand invariably served to guard against any continuous or extreme patterns of cost increases.

But the recent recovery of the economy during the last 10 months has resulted in dramatic changes in past trends. The combination of new advertisers using the medium and increased spending by many long-time network advertisers has resulted in an oversubscription to network inventory. This has had the effect of changing many of the negotiating ground rules overnight and quite possibly could have repercussions that will shake some of the foundations of the television industry.

The current state of the television economy not only points up the limited nature of the medium's availability but also the potential for costs to go beyond even our present estimates. Under the current three-network structure availability to the medium can only be guaranteed through increased costs. The effects of this environment will result in advertisers seeking more actively than ever before alternative avenues of spending in this national medium. By no means should this be interpreted as a search for a substitute to the three-network economy, but more appropriately as an expansion of current network opportunities.

To many people this means a fourth network. This is not the first time that such an idea has been advanced. In the past, program suppliers and independently financed companies have all counted a fourth network. However, never before has the advertising community seriously considered the support of such a venture. Why the sudden change of heart? Very simply put: The expansion of demand for network television has raised a serious question as to the further accessibility and negotiability of this commodity to the advertisers. During 1976 we have seen the levels to which the costs of network television can be pushed when the demand strips the supply. With the long-term outlook of economic growth, there can only be further pressures on the cost and availability of the current static supply of inventory resulting from a three-network structure. Where once the risk and high cost of program production associated with such ventures was not justified when measured against the highly negotiable availability from the three networks, present and future network costs make such risks look much less onerous.

While it is premature to think in terms of a network service as extensive as those currently available, it is certainly practical to address the development of an "occasional network." A.C. Nielsen defines an occasional network as an entity offering an interconnected program service via telephone lines on an occasional basis (such as one night per week). While this is only one option to the expansion of current avenues of television spending it may be the most important. The key to the success of an occasional network will lie in three areas.

- A programming concept. The catalyst to any legitimate network will be in the development of first-run, quality programing. Without it there will be no station interest nor widespread advertiser support. The availability of the financial backing by the advertising community should be a strong attraction to the creative community. A fourth customer will be welcomed with open arms by the program producers.

- A station facility. The implementation of a network service will depend on the development of a strong station facility. There is little question that such a facility will have to be made up principally of independent television stations. Currently, there are stations representing approximately 55-60% of TV-household coverage with more than half of them UHF facilities. If a network service is to be successful, many of not all of these UHF facilities will have to alter traditional viewing habits overnight. In addition, in order to truly provide national coverage, the independent stations making up the "occasional network" will have to be supplemented with clearances by some VHF network affiliated stations.

- A sound economic proposal. Finally, the success of an "occasional network" must be predicated upon a sound economic proposal to both the advertiser supporting it and the stations clearing it. This will mean a very realistic evaluation of the performance of such a facility and the development of a sponsorship proposal that will provide competitive costs to the advertiser and still serve the interest of both the stations and the production community.

There is little question that the continuation of the current economic climate will almost demand some expansion of the network-television alternatives available to the advertiser. If accessibility to network inventory is to be retained through any means other than dramatic increases in costs, additional avenues of network expenditure must be developed. While the environment has never been more fertile for the development of an additional network service, its successful implementation will depend upon the joint cooperation of advertisers, independent stations and program suppliers. Each will have to make certain short-term compromises with the outlook for a brighter future.
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Dec. 1-3—American Management Associations' 'First National Forum on Business, Government and the Public Interest.' Speakers will include: Eric Shere, CBS News correspondent; Martin Agronsky, WETA-TV Washington correspondent; Roberta Romberg, NBC vice president for public relations; Calvin J. Collier, chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Robert E. Lee, commissioner, FCC; Sandy Socolow, CBS News bureau chief, and Peggy Chareen, president, Action for Children's Televison, Shoreham Americana, Washington.

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Dec. 2-4—Fifth annual general assembly of UINDA (USA National Catholic Association for broadcasters and allied communications). Eleventh annual Galile Awards banquet will be held Dec. 2. Assembly: Galt Ocean Mile hotel; awards banquet, Pier 66 hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dec. 3-5—Mutual Affiliates Association advisory council fall meeting, New York Hilton, New York.

Dec. 3-7—Eleventh Hollywood Festival of World Television, featuring award-winning programs from 31 countries. Seminar on pay television will be held all day Dec. 4; FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley will preside. Dr. Lee deForest award at Dec. 3 opening dinner. Contact: HFWT, (K), Box 2430, Hollywood 90029.

Dec. 5—Fall seminar of the Association of News Broadcasters of Kansas, Ramada Inn, Manhattan.

Also in December

Dec. 8—FCC’s new deadline for comments on reopened rulemaking proceeding on program records to be maintained by broadcast licensees, including listing of letters received by licensee from public for three years and retention and disclosure of transcript tape or disk of all programs except entertainment or sports (Docket 19687). Replies are now due Dec. 27, FCC, Washington.


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my "brother-in-law" (as he used to put atrociously to our class at American University).

"The National Association of Broadcasters indeed is fortunate to have someone of his skills and mind; so too is the broadcasting industry. I'm only sorry that I'm going to have to tell him on the policy issues now.


One answer to 'Carter question'

EDITOR: There is no question but that the business community, including the broadcasting industry, is apprehensive of Jimmy Carter as President because he is known as a national figure.

I gave 10 of the best years in my life to direct participation in the political arena. Since that time I have been a far more active and close observer than the average businessman. This has taught me a great deal about campaign rhetoric, which is often the product of a speechwriter who handled the press a prepared position which the candidate may not have the opportunity to digest.

Based on my close observation of Jimmy Carter, the broadcasters should not be concerned that he will willingly or knowingly do anything that would weaken the industry or erode its independence from government interference. —J.B. Fuqua, chairman, Fuqua Industries, Atlanta.

Look homeward

EDITOR: Regarding Beryl Seidenberg's "Monday Memo" (Nov. 15), all I can say is: "Where have you been?" On the basis of a recent trip to London she concludes that "there is a special audience for dramatic radio programming in the U.S. ... if this kind of vehicle existed." I suggest she listen to the CBS Mystery Theater or National Public Radio's Earplay. As to her statement that "We have recently seen the development of the single-format station," I think Ms. Seidenberg needs to cut down on her trips abroad and catch up on what's been happening here in the states over the past 20 years." —Bob Aulert, operations manager, WEAI(AM) Jacksonville, Ill.

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EDITOR: In your Nov. 1 issue in "For the Record," you mention the sale of KWINA(AM) Winnemucca, Nev. It is such a good station that it would be a bargain at any price, but not $29,000, as you reported. This happens to be the down payment. Total price is $115,000. —Leon C. Borer, president, KWINA.

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Signs point to increased response to public pressure on sex-violence even as NAB decides to appeal judge's ruling that family viewing concept violated First Amendment; association takes first steps to rescind mandatory code policy

The National Association of Broadcasters will appeal parts of the Los Angeles district court's decision against the NAB-enforced family viewing policy. The association also has taken the first step toward rescinding its rule requiring NAB television members to be members of the TV code also.

Those decisions were reached after roughly two-and-a-half hours of deliberation by the association's executive committee last Tuesday in Washington. The decision to appeal was apparently founded in part on the feeling that NAB should be in court during the appeals which have already been announced by all three networks and the FCC, which have given notice that they will contest all or parts of the decision of Judge Warren Ferguson in favor of the Writers Guild of America against family viewing.

Furthermore, NAB has begun an internal analysis of its existing code—now, by court order, minus the family-viewing provision—to see what might be done to strengthen program self-regulation. It's part of a growing mood in broadcasting to do even more to respond to public pressure. As put by Robert Gordon of WCPO-TV, Cincinnati, chairman of the NAB TV board: Judge Ferguson's decision "does not alleviate the fundamental problem that led to the family-viewing decision in the first place"—that is, the concern, shared with the viewing public by an increasing number of broadcasters, in Mr. Gordon's opinion—about excessive violence and sex on television.

"We need more controls," Mr. Gordon said, "but of the proper kind."

The executive committee released a statement last week explaining its intent. It applauds the judge's castigation of any government interference with broadcast programing decision making, but expresses fear about passages in the judge's opinion that appear to extend the First Amendment argument against the NAB's own code.

The executive committee's statement reads in full: "Judge Ferguson's decision in the Writers Guild case strongly and correctly reaffirms the First Amendment prohibition against government interference with broadcast programing. It appears, however, that portions of his decision have the potential for effectively destroying the viability of the NAB television and radio codes. The NAB believes that the public and the broadcasting industry support the concept of self-regulation as an essential means of assuring that the nation's broadcasting stations serve the public interest."

"Judge Ferguson's decision, even if read in its narrowest terms, also establishes a precedent for the imposition of damages on the NAB for alleged violations of the First Amendment."

"Accordingly, NAB will appeal any imposition of damages and those portions of the decision that appear to preclude broadcasting's right to engage in meaningful, voluntary industry self-regulation. This decision is subject to review and ratification by the full board at its meeting in January 1977."

NAB has until Dec. 8 to file its notice of appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Mr. Wearn issued his own statement following the executive committee meeting, outlining his and NAB's concern about the impact of Judge Ferguson's decision on the future of the TV and radio codes. "Personally I share the considerable body of opinion...that there is too much sex and violence on TV," he said. "I feel the best way to deal with the problem is through more effective industry code of good practice. Furthermore, I believe this position is the consensus of broadcasters on our TV board as well as the TV constituency of the NAB."

He continued: "Although the FCC rules—properly, I think —prevent a licensee from delegating program decisions, we certainly feel a licensee still has a constitutional right to subscribe to an industry code—provided he has the full right to resign from that code immediately should the code board take some action that goes against the dictates of his conscience."

Flowing from that last expression is the executive committee's decision to recommend repeal of the mandatory code subscription rule, the rule made effective last April that requires all TV members of the association to subscribe to the TV code.

The executive committee's recommendation to repeal mandatory TV code subscription will be placed before the TV board, then before the full board, at the winter board meeting Jan. 25-28 in Maui, Hawaii.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Wearn said the association, "with the advice and counsel of our attorneys," will seek ways to make the code more effective. Whether that means seeking alternative enforcement mechanisms to mandatory subscrip-
Advance feeds will go out 2-5 a.m., include any possibly objectionable programing

Beginning today (Nov. 29), NBC-TV plans to feed up to about 20 hours of entertainment programs a week to its affiliates in advance of broadcast, so they can screen them for violence, so-called adult material and anything else they may consider objectionable.

Donald Mercer, NBC station relations vice president, detailed the plan in a telegram to stations last week. It was a follow-up to NBC officials' assurance that they would expand the opportunities for affiliates to prescreen programs "within the limits of program production schedules and availability of closed-circuit facilities" (Broadcasting, Nov. 22).

Mr. Mercer said NBC would reserve the use of its network lines from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. NYET each morning, "for the prefeeding of pilot programs, episodes in series, theatrical movies, made-for-TV movies, specials and other programs and, particularly, any candidate network program fare that might raise any questions."

Affiliates of all three networks have complained frequently that often they don't get a chance to prescreen programs in time to schedule substitute material for those they consider unsuitable for their communities. NBC officials have said they will do all they can to encourage producers to deliver programs further in advance of air date, to permit more realistic prescreening.

"Prefeeds," Mr. Mercer said, "will include episodes from such continuing series as Police Story, Police Woman, Sunday Mystery Movie, The Quest, Serpico, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Gibbville and The Rockford Files. We will, of course, continue to be meticulous in prefeeding any program or program episode which will carry an audience advisory legend."

"NBC management is convinced that subject to the limits of program production schedules, this expanded use of our closed-circuit facilities will be a significant accommodation to affiliate management's ability to meet licensee responsibilities."

The dedication of some 20 hours of closed-circuit time each week for this purpose, he said, "will represent a significant addition to presently established procedures [such as] network program presentations at affiliate meetings, the program descriptions circulated in advance bookings to affiliates, conferences on individual programs and the other special information exchanges."

Networks stand alone in opposing Group W petition

Justice Department spearheads column of comments supporting request for inquiry into relations with affiliates; several call for divestiture of owned-and-operated stations

The Department of Justice led a host of network critics last week in urging the FCC to conduct a wide-ranging inquiry and rulemaking aimed at strengthening the power of affiliates in dealing with networks.

Broadcasters, public interest groups and independent program producers protested the "creeping network dominance of television programing," as the United Church of Christ phrased it, and generally supported Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.'s petition for the major rulemaking (Broadcasting, Sept. 6).

The Justice Department, in a filing received one day after the FCC's deadline, called for a "broad investigation into network structure, power and affiliate relationships," contrasting it with special FCC task force, to determine if Westinghouse's allegations are true. Group W's statements and data suggesting increased control of broadcast revenues and "significantly enlarged" proportions of network broadcast programming, the department said, "seriously issues both as a matter of commission policy and of antitrust policy" if proved true. The commission should fully investigate the charges raised by the petition, Justice said, with the aim of identifying the problems and instituting rules if necessary.

The Justice Department, as have several citizen groups, suggested considering divestiture of network owned-and-operated stations. Such groups as the National Organization for Women and the Citizens Communication Center (petitioning on behalf of four public interest groups), in earlier comments, had called for outright divestiture of O&O's and the possible creation of a fourth network (Broadcasting, Nov. 1). Justice didn't propose outright divestiture, but did suggest the commission add the proposal to its list of inquiries in the comments sought in a full rulemaking proceeding. The Justice Department said "many of the questions raised by the Group W petition "may be integrally related to the continuing network ownership of individual broadcast stations in major markets."

The three networks, reacting to the Justice statement, maintained, as CBS put it, that because the Westinghouse petition was without merit, so was the Justice Department proposal. ABC said, "the position of the Department of Justice sets forth no novel facts and is based upon... unwarranted inferences." NBC called the Justice Department proposal "misdirected." NBC said the petition ignores the needs of affiliated stations in small markets throughout the country for the economic and programing support networks can give.

Donald H. McGannon, chairman and president of Westinghouse Broadcasting Co., said Justice's filing came as "a complete surprise to us." There had been no contact between Westinghouse officials and Justice on the matter, he said. He also said he had "no position" on the department's proposal. That, he said, is a matter for resolution between Justice and the networks.

Westinghouse's petition had charged that at least one and probably two networks have become involved in producing their own syndicated programs not meant for network distribution. These programs are then aired on the network's O&O's and for distribution "in the national first-run syndication market through another entity."

The Justice Department, said that "given their combined market share and current levels of profitability, network control will well contribute importantly to the networks' ability to pre-empt program acquisition and to reap a disproportionate share of programing and broadcast revenues.

Both the National Association of Independent Television Producers and Distributors and Worldvision Enterprises Inc. agreed that the network into previously local time hurts program producers. NAITPD said that FCC safeguards originally securing local and syndicator time through its prime-time access rule have been increasingly eroded by the networks and that statistics show a marked decrease in public affairs, local programs and independently produced syndicated shows. NAITPD said the commission's reliance on the "obsolete" Barrow Report of 1957 and the prime-time access rules is insufficient in light of the growing power and dominance of modern television net-
works. NAITPD cited CBS’s “invasion” of access time on nine consecutive Fridays from 7:30 to 8:00 for national election specials as one example of network encroachment into affiliate time for presentation of material of such importance that it would have been presented in prime time in any event. Stations and syndicators suffer economic and other damage from such network actions, NAITPD said in its comments.

Blackhawk Broadcasting Co., licensee of three television stations—KWWL-TV Waterloo KTVIV(I), Sioux City, both Iowa, and both NBC affiliates, and KASK(TV) Austin, and both ABC affiliates, agreed, however, stating that the FCC’s authority to regulate in antitrust matters, and no plan for the procedure of program review has been established.

There is little reason to believe,” the Justice Department said, “that continuation of the status quo will cause irreparable injury” pending a full investigation of the allegations and the establishment of reliable information as to the problems which exist.

Both CBS and ABC protested the Westinghouse petition on grounds that many of its tables of data suggesting network time expansion into affiliate programing contain arithmetical errors, and a failure by the petitioner to place the data in perspective. Much of the data used with respect to both, networks said, reflects the commission’s own encouragement to allow ABC to catch up—to become a fully competitive third network.” CBS’s own data, CBS said, shows an actual decrease of regularly scheduled network programs.

CBS also questioned the commission’s authority to grant an immediate freeze on network programing. CBS said there is no authority for such extraordinary agency action in administrative procedure rules or in court precedent. CBS said that Westinghouse’s prescreening proposals were proffered “merely to poison the waters” of the other questions. Group W gives no specifics as to which network programs it finds objectionable, CBS said.

CBS said it has considered the Westinghouse proposal, however, and that it will schedule affiliate screenings of movires about four weeks in advance of the scheduled broadcast date, when possible, and will make efforts to allow similar prescreening of other programs, such as made-for-television movies and specials.

CBS said that the Group W proposals, for the most part, were put together with no factual or legal basis, either for the inquiry for a rulemaking or a grant of special relief.

ABC added that the Westinghouse argument that affiliates aren’t adequately compensated for the time they surrender overlooks the fact that affiliates profit from national advertisers, and can take advantage of locally produced advertising placed within or adjacent to popular network programs. Charges that affiliates don’t sufficiently profit from their relationships with the networks fail to take into account the “vast financial commitments and very substantial risks—in both programing and the sale of advertising” the networks take. ABC said suggestions that networks unduly profit from their operations are “wholly specious.” From 1960 to 1975, ABC said, its own profits for its television network operation averaged less than one percent—“well below what is appropriate for the undertaking and risks involved.”

NBC said none of the three points cited by Group W warrants the requested inquiry.

NBC noted, for instance, that the networks have abandoned the idea of hour-long news shows. But even if they had not, the network said, it is difficult to see how the commission “could tell the networks not to lengthen” those programs. As for other network programing, NBC’s increase over the past 16 years was “a miniscule 5%,” according to the comment. As for prescreening, “there are ample opportunities for affiliates to acquire advance information as to network program content,” NBC said. It added that there has been “continuing, voluntary expansion of prescreening for affiliates over recent years, and most recently NBC has established methods to prescreen up to 20 hours of programing weekly.”

And the charge that affiliates are not “paid enough,” NBC said, can be translated into, “Westinghouse believes it is not paid enough.” But, NBC said, that company can negotiate for itself “and does not need the commission to impose collective bargaining on the industry to the benefit of the major market station owners like Westinghouse.”

NBC also said that there is no financial reason for the commission to be concerned about reductions in station service. It noted that in 1975, total broadcast income of all television stations in the five markets where Westinghouse owns outlets was 27% of broadcast revenues. And small-market stations, it added, are paid relatively more network compensation per hour than are large market stations.

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Consumerists keep up pressure on kids’ television at ACT meeting

Criticism of programing and ads aimed at children abounds

There were many speeches but few surprises for the 500 network executives, independent producers and advertising agency representatives attending last week’s Action for Children’s Television symposium in Cambridge, Mass.

The ACT meeting, presented in cooperation with Harvard’s Graduate School of Education, heard industry boasts of “bringing the toy store into the living room” and of substantial progress in feature and public service programing for children. But consumer group representatives still complained that tougher TV standards and ads are needed to protect youngsters’ physical and mental health and that networks and stations are foot-
FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley said his agency and the Justice Department will appeal a judicial decision outlawing curbs on sex and violence during “family time,” repeating (Broadcasting, Nov. 15) his contention that “we acted at all times in a thoroughly responsible manner and with appropriate sensitivity to the very important First Amendment values involved.”

David Rintels, president of Writers Guild of America, West, which along with ACT was a prime mover in the suit against the family-viewing restrictions, told the ACT meeting that he and colleagues “are as dissatisfied with television as it exists as you are, and as committed” to positive change.

“More freedom—freedom with responsibility—is the answer, instead of more censorship,” said Mr. Rintels, the symposium’s keynote speaker. “There is as much violence on TV as the networks want, no more, no less. They know they can attract viewers by it.”

He proposed “quality programming” to serve—not simply cater to—the public interest. He said he hopes groups such as ACT will help demonstrate that children’s rights in television have been ignored but still believes network executives and station owners are the only ones who should decide whether the family-viewing decision opens “the floodgates to vulgarity and violence.”

With toymakers estimating they spend about $100 million a year on television ads and with children watching—in ABC Children’s Programs Vice President Squire Rushnell’s estimation—26 hours of TV a week, can television be trusted to regulate its children’s advertising?

The question was debated as ACT developed the conference’s “child as consumer” theme. NAB assistant general counsel Brenda Lee Fox, who defended TV ads for “ ushering the toy store into the living room,” said children simply disregarded misleading advertisements. She called attempts to impose tougher standards on commercials “emotional responses to general societal ills,” saying protection of the young should not mean “innoculation from the real world.”

Jerome Lansner, assistant director of the NAB’s Code Authority, conceded the NAB cannot monitor local advertisements and that a member station has never been expelled for violations (“We prefer to convert them”). While nutritionists detailed the shortcomings of sugary “junk foods,” Mr. Lansner stressed that the code required that sugared cereals be promoted only as part of a balanced breakfast.

Connecticut lawyer Madeleine S. Large, founder of Families Against Censored Television, said the NAB code is excessively restrictive and allows no advertising creativity. “Parents have the sovereign right to raise their children,” she declared. “Don’t step between us and the television set.”

New York communications lawyer Ellen Agress, whose clients include TV consumer groups, charged television “teaches how to consume” and that “it’s foolish to expect the industry to deal definitively with this problem when it’s against its economic interests to do so.” She and the other consumer-oriented speakers said they didn’t seek to censor but that a mixed group of broadcast, advertising, government and public representatives could best regulate commercial content.

Warren Braren, who helped draw up the NAB code’s guidelines before becoming associate director of the Consumers Union, said the code is “well-meaning but woefully unacceptable” because it allows nine and a half minutes of commercials an hour in weekend children’s shows and 12 minutes weekdays. “It is unconscionable to advertise directly to pre-schoolers,” he claimed.

Equally unconscionable, to Media Access Project Executive Director Harvey Shulman, is broadcasting’s “remarkable ability to react, not initiate” in the public-service announcement area.

“There’s a broad definition of what ‘serving the community interests’ is,” he told the symposium. “And when local stations tell you otherwise, they’re not telling the truth.” Mr. Shulman called PSA’s an “aggravation” to too many licensees, whom he charged with relying on their “cozy relationship with the industry-dominated Advertising Council.” He blasted advertisers for seeking First Amendment sanction for commercials (which several industry speakers had cited) while “having persuaded the FCC” to lift requirements that equal time be given to reply to controversial ads.

Sherryl Graves, a New York University psychology professor, criticized PSA’s for talking about, not showing, the right thing for kids to do. “Even the ‘Cookie Monster’ [who gobbles a balanced meal before wailing down his favorite in a popular PSA] eats things in the wrong way,” she said.

Advertising Council President Robert P. Keim accepted criticism that some PSA’s ignore women and blacks and said “we should test all PSA’s to see if they’re getting through” to their audience. Herminio Traviesas, NBC’s vice president for broadcast standards, said his network opted for “quality not quantity” in PSA’s and has had more chances in this area since the NAB code, in 1973, cut the maximum children’s commercial time per hour and thus freed more minutes for public service.

Can the public interest win the ratings game? Avram Butensky, senior vice president of Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, told an audience considering this question that “the public interest may very well be the ratings game.” A 6-year-old “is entitled to a part in the decision-making process,” he said. “He’ll seek out the fantasy that suits his needs.” ABC’s Rushnell agreed that children, like adults, are quick to turn off the set if they see nothing they like.

Mr. Rushnell said he thinks “parents should get more involved” with their children’s TV-viewing habits and “kick them out into the sunshine” once in a while. He calls youngsters as selective, if not as discriminating, an audience as their parents, and said ratings and quality can go hand in hand.

Jeff Schiffman, program development manager for Westinghouse Broadcasting’s TV station group, asserted that ratings have never decided his company’s children’s programming criteria. “The Fonz will still outdraw us,” he said, but “even though the costs are high, we all think the risk is essential.”

To National Black Media Coalition Director Pluria Marshall, however, blacks of all ages are nearly completely absent from programs and network programming decisions. “The Jeffersons ain’t us,” he said, while complaining no TV show
The meantime men and women for Carter

Wellford and Lazarus top teams of concern to communications

The Carter-Mondale transition planning group has announced the members of the team that will help smooth the way for the advent of the Carter administration next January. In general, the team members will examine problems facing the government in the areas to which they have been assigned, collect information and develop analyses designed to help the officials ultimately named to the Carter administration.

The FCC will come under the responsibility of a Government Reorganization Group headed by Harrison Wellford, who at 36 has served as a legislative assistant to Senator Philip Hart (D-Mich.) and, in 1969-70, as executive director of Ralph Nader's Center for the Study of Responsive Law.

Several team members are assigned specifically to regulatory reform and will maintain liaison with the FCC and other regulatory agencies. They are headed by Si Lazarus, 35, who has been a legal assistant to former FCC Commissioner Nicholas Johnson and who took a leave of absence from the Arnold & Porter law firm in Washington to work in the Carter campaign ("Closed Circuit," Nov. 22). Those working with him on regulatory reform are Mary Schuman, 26, a former Senate Commerce Committee staff member, and Debbie Gotthell, 24, a former assistant project manager in the Carter campaign's policy planning office.

Mr. Lazarus said the liaison work his group will do with the regulatory agencies will differ from other teams that will perform with executive branch agencies and departments. "The President is responsible for the executive agencies but not the regulatory agencies, which are independent," he said.

"We'll collect information on matters at the FCC, but we'll lean over backwards to avoid the appearance of abusing the independence of the regulatory agencies," Mr. Lazarus noted, however, that the President is not completely divorced from policy formulation at the agencies. He does select the chairman. The President, in fact, nominates all members of the regulatory agencies, subject to Senate confirmation. The new President will be faced early in his administration with the task of nominating a member of the FCC to replace Benjamin L. Hooks, who has been picked to head the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. And what vet is nominated may also be designated as chairman.

The Office of Telecommunications Policy is another area of government that falls under the jurisdiction of the Lazarus group. But unlike the regulatory agencies, OTP is an executive branch agency.

R. Lazarus said he did not know who would be assigned to perform liaison with OTP. However, OTP Director Thomas Houser said he had heard Barry Jagoda, Mr. Carter's television adviser, is interested in telecommunications matters, and telephoned him with an invitation to discuss OTP matters at breakfast Wednesday. Mr. Houser stressed that the meeting was "informal," outside the transition activity.

The members of the transition team liable to be of interest to the communications industry include the following:

Office of Transition Coordinator — Jack Watson, 36, Attorney; national finance director and chairman of the Georgia finance campaign for Carter campaign; partner in Atlanta law firm. (Transition coordinator) □ Larry Bailey, 35, Assistant director, U.S. Conference of Mayors; software systems designer in private industry; legislative counsellor, National League of Cities. (Assistant to transition coordinator) □ Barbara Blum, 37, Deputy campaign director, Carter campaign, Atlanta; vice president, Restaurant Associates of Georgia Inc.; chief lobbyist in Georgia general assembly and Washington for SANE (Save America's Vital Environment). (Director of transition operations) □ Peter G. Bourne, 38, Psychiatrist; director of Georgia Narcotic Treatment Program; special assistant in Office of Drug Abuse; director of Washington office of Carter campaign. (Special projects) □ Walter V. Kallaur, 32, Deputy administrator of the Carter campaign. (Transition administrator) □

Office of the Vice President-Elect — Michael S. Berman, 37, Attorney; former administrative assistant to Senator Mondale. (In charge of general planning) □ Monica Borkowski, 36, Former legislative assistant to Senator Philip Hart; assistant to Senator Hubert Humphrey's administrative assistant; and assistant to the executive director of the Democratic National Committee. (Special assistant) □ Gene Godfrey, 37, Formerly chief of Mondale advance; administrative assistant to Senator Thomas Eagleton; and counsel to Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. (Aide) □ Gail Harrison, 29, Mondale speechwriter.
during Carter-Mondale campaign; formerly legislative assistant to Senator Mondale. (Special projects)

PETER N. KYROUS, Jr., 28. Attorney; Mondale trip director for Carter-Mondale campaign; counsel to Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me.). (Assistant)

BRECKIE MCGOWN, 26. Former legislative assistant to Senators Aladai Stevenson III and Frank Church; deputy director, Senator Stevenson's 1974 senatorial campaign (Aide)

First Lady's transition staff

MARY HOG, 52. Writer, author, and public affairs consultant; press secretary and transition coordinator for Rosalynn Carter in Carter campaign. (Press secretary and transition coordinator)

MADELINE MACRON, 37. Background in public relations, staff director for Rosalynn Carter in Carter campaign. (Transition director)

Personnel Advisory Group

HAMILTON JORDAN, 33. Carter campaign manager. (Director) BENJAMIN BROWN, Georgia state representative; deputy director of Carter campaign. (Assistant)

KARL VAN BUTLER, 35. Housing developer; political director of the Carter campaign. (Assistant) JOSHDUBF, 44. On leave as executive director of the American Association of University Professors: associate issues director of the Carter campaign. (Assistant)

DAN GANNMILL, 23. Convention coordinator of the Carter campaign. (Assistant) RICK WISE, 34. Deputy press secretary and national campaign coordinator of the Carter campaign. (Assistant)

WILLIAM B. JONES, 26. Field director of the Carter campaign. (Assistant) MARK KEY, 30. Assistant professor at Loyola University; executive director of the Democratic National Committee. (Assistant) ANNE WELEZ, 46. Associate publisher of Rolling Stone; National Steering Committee member for Carter campaign. (Assistant)

PHIL WISE, 25. Southern region coordinator for Carter campaign. (Assistant)

Press


BRENNAN, 25. Former reporter, press director, Carter campaign. (Spokesperson) BARRY JUGDA, 32. Television adviser to Governor Jimmy Carter; former producer at CBS News and NBC News. (Spokesperson) RICHARD NEUSS, 28. Attorney; assistant professor at Loyola University; executive director of the Democratic National Committee. (Assistant)


Congressional Relations

FRANK MOORE, 40. Director of congressional liaison, Carter campaign; financial director; Southern States coordinator. Mondale campaign; executive secretary Governor Jimmy Carter (Director) FREDERICK P. MERRILL, 37. Legislative coordinator, House Democratic Study Group. (Assistant) JOSEPH A. MICHIEL, 34. Former executive director, state Ethics Commission, state of Georgia; administrative assistant and executive secretary to Governor Jimmy Carter (Deputy director) NANCY A. WILLING, 27. Office manager for Congressman Berkley Bedell; fund-raiser for University of Pennsylvania. (Administrative assistant)

Government Reorganization Cluster

HARRISON WELFORD, 36. Attorney; former chief legislative assistant to Senator Philip Hart (D-Ill.). (Cluster leader) K. K. BEARDSLEY, 27. Attorney. Special assistant to mayor of Doug Caste, 37. Assistant director of Congressional Budget Office; Connecticut Commissioner of Environmental Protection; Georgetown University. (Assistant)

Chief administrative officer, city of New Orleans; president, National Community Development Association. (Spokesperson) DEBBIE GOTHET, 24. Former legislative assistant; Assistant project manager in Policy Planning Office, Carter campaign. (Deputy director) BOBBY HARMON, 32. Attorney. Practiced law in France from 1972-1976 (Aide)

JEFFREY SMART, 31. Legislative director, Senate Committee on Banking and Currency; staff counsel for Senate Commerce Committee. (Spokesperson) JUNE SUGARMAN, 49. Public administrative director; advisor on management agencies (Paul Supina). (Spokesperson) (MC) SHUMAN, 26. Staff counsel for Senate Commerce Committee. (Spokesperson) (Deputy director) of veterans affairs for Carter campaign; former director of analysis programs, Federal Energy Administrator. (Organization liaison)

Office of Policy Analysis and Agency Liaison

STUART EISENSTADT, 33. Attorney. Issues coordinator. Carter campaign, and former issues director for Jimmy Carter gubernatorial campaign. (Director of policy development and agency liaison)

Office of Budget Analysis

BOUMAN CUTTER, 34. Assistant to the president. Washington Post Co., director: Cable Television Information Center (Team leader)

Talent Inventory Program

MATTIE B. COFFEE, 35. On leave as president, Association of Public Radio Stations; previously director of engineering, research and development, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; staff assistant to the President, The White House, 1964-1969. (Senior advisor: director of talent search)

Aspen Institute Program on Communication and Society has offered suggestion for policy consideration to Carter transition team. Roland S. Horst Jr., director, dropped in on Harrison Wellford, head of unit concerned with government reorganization and regulatory reform, with papers summarizing research projects Aspen is undertaking and suggesting six courses of action: Review Communications Act of 1934, appoint special communications adviser to President, form interagency communications policy council, appoint advisory council on communications, develop screening process for FCC appointments and make provision for annual reports to Congress on communications.

FCC last week cited its interest in advancing cause of black-owned stations when it waived its rules and accepted for filing an application for nighttime operation by WPRW-AM Chicago, 1 kw daytimer owned by Johnson Publishing Co., publisher of Ebony magazine.

Mutual Broadcasting System, whose move of headquarters from downtown Washington to suburban Arlington, Va., has been in progress for months, made it official last Saturday (Nov. 27). First broadcast was to be 7:30 p.m. newscast. Mutual Black Network also will be housed in new quarters, at 1755 South Jefferson Davis Highway (telephone 703-685-2046).

Katz Television, New York, has landed two stations in middle-sized markets: KTVN-TV Reno, Nev., and KBMK-TV Bakersfield, Calif., both previously represented by H-R Television, New York.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, now meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, will, as expected, delay for at least two years action on Soviet-inspired resolution that U.S. and other Western nations describe as threat to press freedom. Special 25-nation negotiating committee, to which resolution was referred last month (BROADCASTING, Nov. 15), was unable to reach compromise and last week recommended further study by UNESCO's conference in 1978. Committee's decision marked successful culmination of drive by U.S., Western Europe, Japan and some Third World supporters to kill or shelve resolution they feel would give moral sanction to government control of mass media.

EARL BEALL, VP-general manager of Taft Broadcasting's wgun-TV Buffalo, named VP-general manager of WOAF-FM/KYSS-FM. Taft properties in Kansas City, Mo., replacing ROBERT FANNING, for whom new duties in broadcast group are expected to be announced shortly.

JOHN O. GILBERT, formerly president of Telcom Associates Inc., New York, broadcast consultancy firm, named president and general manager of KOAA-TV in Pueblo, Colo., succeeding ROBERT J. MCMAHAN, who has resigned for health reasons.
Senators carry 10-foot poles on rewrite of FCC legislation

Hollings extremely wary; now Pearson sees faults in House's approach while saying his side will be active in broadcast area

Members of the Senate who might have a hand in a rewrite of the Communications Act are approaching the task with far less enthusiasm than the House Communications Subcommittee, which already has its staff involved in the project.

Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), likely heir to retiring Senator John O. Pastore's chairmanship of the Communications Subcommittee, told a National Association of Broadcasters regional meeting last month in Houston how he would approach such an undertaking: "like a porcupine makes love—very cautiously."

And last week in Washington, at the final NAB regional, Senator James Pearson (R-Kan.), a member of the Commerce Committee, said the project should be broken up and considered piecemeal. The senator said the House subcommittee's plan for putting all the issues "in a big bundle" is "easier" than dealing with them one by one, but such a bundle would deal with "in a political way" legislating broadcast regulation in any case, he said, "gets to be pretty hard ball."

Senator Pearson added, however, that if they [the House] send over a bill, of course we'll respond to it.

He also predicted that the Senate—in part because of the normal competitive relationship between the House and the Senate— "is going to become more involved in the broadcasting field next session than it has been in the past. But another reason he cited is growing public concern over what appears on television. Because of the intrusive nature of the medium, the public interest in frequency space, the increased attention to industry self-regulation (evidenced by NAB's family-viewing policy) and to the quality of children's TV, "some balance has to be struck between the industry and the government," he said.

"Congress will get involved," he remarked at one point, and, at another, "if the industry doesn't come forward with something, then Congress will have to fill the void as it always does." He added, "I really don't think I'm misreading the growing public attitude."

The senator predicted the following for the next Congress in the area of broadcasting and cable: (1) A license renewal bill extending the broadcast license term from three years to five will pass the Senate; (2) no change in the fairness doctrine, equal time or reasonable access provisions of the Communications Act; (3) some relaxation of regulation for the cable industry ("but I can't specify") and (4) trouble for resolutions to permit live telecasting of Senate floor proceedings, a measure he feels "would be a disaster."

The senator noted the large number of changes in the Senate membership brought about by retirements and upsets in the last election. "I don't think there's ever been a year when we've had 18 new people come into the Senate," he said. On the Commerce Committee alone there are seven vacancies to be filled after the elections (BROADCASTING, Nov. 8).

And there will soon be an eighth, he said, with the imminent move of Senator Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) to the Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Baker apparently told Senator Pearson of his decision to leave Commerce during a three-week tour they and several other senators recently made of the Middle East.

Senator Baker's departure would create a vacancy in the ranking majority position on the Communications Subcommittee. Senator Pearson announced his intention to appoint Senator Robert Griffin (R-Mich.) to fill it.

Senator Pearson noted, however, that both Hollings and Griffin are running for the top leadership positions in their parties in the Senate. If they won, he said, "I don't quite see how in the world they're going to have the time to follow this very intricate business [broadcasting]." In the event Senator Griffin could not fill the ranking minority post on the Communications Subcommittee, Senator Pearson said he would appoint Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska). And if that did not work out, "I might do it," he added.

There is another variable in the future Senate committee assignments, Senator Pearson said—a proposed reorganization of the Senate Committee structure that might be acted on at the start of the next session. The renovation would have little effect on the structure of the Commerce Committee, but could result in still more moves to and from that panel.

The future of broadcast legislation is bound up with all these potential shifts in Commerce Committee and Communications Subcommittee membership. What effect they will have on broadcasting is difficult to forecast right now, he said. But that does not change the fact, in the senator's opinion, that "for better or worse you'll be doing business with the government."

Stroking from Wiley, stoking from Fogarty

At NAB Washington regional, chairman of FCC does his best to calm drop-in fears; commissioner praises Group W's petition as 'step in right direction'

FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley and two of his colleagues—Margita White and Joseph Fogarty—dropped in at the National Association of Broadcasters regional meeting in Washington last week to answer questions. The chairman did what he could to lessen concern about the VHF drop-in issue. But for network representatives attending the NAB television executive seminar, Commissioner Fogarty had what were probably some chilling words of praise for Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. President Donald McGannon and Group W's petition for an inquiry into relations between networks and affiliates.

Questions about the inquiry into the proposal to add 96 short-spaced VHF drop-ins to the nation's top-100 markets seemed to concern most of those in the audience. Chairman Wiley, who in the past has said he would not oppose drop-ins solely on economic grounds (BROADCASTING, Sept. 13), said the number of drop-ins that would be available for "technically feasible" stations was "extremely small . . . something in the nature of a handful." Accordingly, he said, expectations of such developments as a fourth network flowing from the drop-ins are not realistic.

The chairman also said such questions as whether even a single drop-in would constitute the danger of "a camel's nose under the tent" for UHF—"Commissioner Robert E. Lee has said that even a small number of drop-ins would inversely affect the development of UHF—would be considered. He said the commission believes in aiding UHF, and is working in a number of areas to do just that. Commissioner Fogarty generally agreed but did not rule out drop-ins that would not cause UHF "irreparable harm."

There is no likelihood of precipitous action in the matter. The commission staff is expected to complete its work on the issue and submit a proposal to the commission for inclusion on its agenda on Dec. 15. However, Chairman Wiley said that the
commission would not approve any drop-ins without a further rulemaking proceeding. And, he said, "there's no decision yet whether we'll do even that."

(The markets on which the staff is zeroing is as possible candidates for drop-ins have been a closely held secret—a fact that caused some eyebrows to rise when Commissioner Fogarty mentioned three markets as candidates: Evansville, Ind., Albany, N.Y., and Knoxville, Tenn. However, the commissioner, who joined the commission in August, said later that he had heard those markets mentioned when he was still on the staff of the Senate Communications Subcommittee. And commission staff members working on the drop-in matter say no commissioners have been briefed on the work (thus far.)

As for the Group W petition seeking FCC intervention in relations between networks and affiliates, Chairman Wiley said in response to a question that, whatever his concern might be, he would have to decide whether it was "appropriate" for the government to play the required role.

(The petition asks the commission to undertake an inquiry and rulemaking dealing with a number of programming and economic areas in which Group W contends the networks exert undue dominance over their affiliates. But Commissioner Fogarty, while stopping short of any kind of commitment, said Mr. McGannon deserved "kudos" for raising the questions that he did. The issues are "difficult," Mr. Fogarty said, and Mr. McGannon is "a courageous guy."

The commission, he said, is a "little gun shy" as a result of the decision by Judge Warren Ferguson in the family-viewing case—he concluded that the commission, through Chairman Wiley, had used "threats" to coerce the broadcasting industry into adopting the family-viewing plan. But, Commissioner Fogarty said, "the McGannon petition is a step in the right direction. I look forward to studying the matter."

The commissioner said that since joining the commission he has talked to network affiliates. And, he said, "Networks are great for the public, but we have to decide whether affiliates' rights are fully observed."

In other matters discussed at the Washington session:

■ Chairman Wiley and Mrs. White made it clear they opposed one of the provisions of the rulemaking proposal detailing the kinds of programing records that radio stations would be required to make available for public inspection—a provision that would require the retention of tapes of public affairs programs.

■ Commissioner Fogarty, although concerned about Canada's policy requiring cable systems to delete commercials from the American programs they import, indicated he would oppose the kind of retaliation the affected stations have suggested "Soviet-style jamming" of the signals to prevent them from reaching the cable systems. Commissioner Fogarty, noting that U.S. and Canadian representatives are attempting to settle the issue through negotiation, said he hoped the two nations could resolve their differences in a way that protects the interests of the broadcasters and the national interests of Canada.

NAB staff assesses regional meetings as being a success

Attendance was slightly down this year as compared to last; there were no big issues to discuss because 'business is good'

The National Association of Broadcasters wound up its annual series of fall regional meetings with a sparsely attended meeting in Washington last week. The low attendance—240 radio and TV executives and engineers—was blamed on the close proximity of the Washington meeting to New York, where attendance was even lower at 236.

This was the first, and possibly the last year NAB will put on seven meetings. The greater effort brought fewer registrants over-all than last year's six meetings did. Six is the traditional number of meetings. Attendance at this year's meetings was 2,092 by NAB's count—2,142 counting the 50 who signed up late to hear President Ford when he spoke at the meeting in Portland, Ore., in late October. That compares to record-setting attendance of 2,206 at last year's fall meetings.

The NAB staff which put together the meetings felt that the attendance shortfall was offset by the gatherings themselves, which were generally successful nuts-and-bolts sessions in its opinion.

Several staffers said they received numerous compliments about the format of the meetings. Each was three different meetings—one for radio, one for TV and another for engineers. According to NAB's count, 1,244 radio executives, 495 TV executives and 353 engineers attended.

The radio sessions, generally were issueless—in the sense that there seemed to be no single Washington regulatory or legislative concern in the minds of the radio broadcasters. Their sessions and cocktail conversations focused on running their businesses, sales, staffing, news departments and other problems shared in day-to-day operations of stations. An innovation that was particularly successful at this year's radio meetings, according to Charles Jones, NAB vice president for radio, was the radio breakfast, an informal session that began the second morning of each radio conference, during which radio executives sat down with NAB staffers over doughnuts and coffee to discuss their specific problems.

The TV meetings had built-in government issue forums, including one panel session at each on cable TV versus broadcasting. Attendees were attentive, but displayed no sense of urgency about cable television. "Business is just too good," one NAB staffer surmised. Toward the end of the string of meetings, the Los Angeles district court's decision in the family-viewing suit dominated much of the informal conversation of the TV executives. The NAB staff said they found the broadcasters were coming down on either side of the decision, which found in favor of the Hollywood writers, producers and directors, who argued that the family-viewing policy is an intrusion into their First Amendment rights. The majority, said one staffer, seemed to side with the California judge.

Open meeting. General managers from six Forward Communications Corp. stations held a corporate meeting before students and faculty of Indiana University's Department of Telecommunications. Students heard discussions on ENG, network encroachment on local time, minority intern programs and station security. Richard Dudley (far right), president of Wausau, Wis.-based Forward, was accompanied by (l-r): Bart Kellinhuaser, WSKU-TV Wausau; Doyce Elliott, KOSA-TV Odessa (Midland), Tex.; William Turner, KCAU-TV Sioux City, Iowa; Robert Rice, WRAU-TV Peoria, Ill., and Thomas Bolger, WMTV-TV Madison, Wis.
Changing Hands

The following broadcast station sales were reported last week, subject to FCC approval:

- **WLAC-AM-FM Nashville**: Sold by WLAC Inc. to Billboard Publications Inc. for approximately $3 million. Seller is owned by Life & Casualty Insurance Co. of Tennessee, which is principally owned by R.N. Woodson. Seller has no other broadcast interests. Principal in buyer is W.D. Littleford, chairman of Billboard. Buyer has no other broadcast ownership, but publishes Billboard magazine, as well as nine other publications in London, Tokyo, and U.S., and sells programing services to radio stations, discotheques and airlines. WLAC is on 1510 khz full time with 50 kw. WLAC-FM is on 105.9 mhz with 100 kw and antenna 410 feet above average terrain.

- **KUAM-AM-FM-TV Agana, Guam**: Sold by Pacific Broadcasting Corp. to Pacific Telestations Inc. for $650,000, assumption of $525,000 bank loan and $110,000 non-competition covenant. Buyer is requesting waiver of FCC's multiple-ownership rules because of seller's financial instability. Buyer cited past FCC policy of allowing relaxation of rules for "small, economically marginal markets." Seller is principally owned by H. Scott Killgore, who has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Lawrence S. Berger (51%), Ronald E. Pritchard (17%), Elliott L. Cushman (14%) and two other stockholders. Mr. Berger is principal of KVTV(AM) Honolulu, and all buyers but Mr. Cushman have interests in WWUV(AM) Leone, American Samoa. Mr. Cushman has minority interest in KHMB-TV Honolulu, awaiting FCC approval for sale from Heftel Broadcasting Corp. to Lee Enterprises for over $10 million (Broadcasting, June 13). KUAM-TV is affiliated with CBS, ABC and NBC and is on channel 8 with 25.1 kw visual, 2.57 kw auroral and antenna 140 feet above average terrain. KUAM is on 610 khz with 10 kw day and 1 kw night. KUAM-FM is on 93.9 mhz with 3.9 kw and antenna 77 feet above average terrain.

- **WAEG-TV Rhinelander, Wis.**: Sold by Northland TV Inc. to Northwoods Television Inc. for $723,625. Seller is principally owned by Alvin E. O'Konski who is retiring and has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by George N. Gillett Jr. (100%). Mr. Gillett is also vice chairman and a major stockholder of publicly traded Globe Broadcasting Co. (formerly Globetrotter Communications Inc.) which owns WVON(AM)-WGCI(FM) Chicago, WMGC(AM) formerly WXYL-FM Cleveland, and WDEE(AM) Detroit. WAEG-TV is NBC affiliate on channel 12 with 316 kw visual, 57 kw auroral and antenna 1,650 feet above average terrain:

- **KWAG-TV**.

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**The sale of WAGF-AM, Dothan, Alabama for $350,000**

from Julian C. Smith and Fred C. Moseley to B. Carroll Eddins and Clark P. Jones has been approved and closed.

Blackburn & Company, Inc. acted as broker in this transaction.

This sale marks the retirement from the industry of pioneer broadcasters Messrs. Smith and Moseley. We congratulate them and wish them luck.

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■ KDEX-AM-FM Dexter, Mo.: Sold by Dexter Broadcasting Co. to Dexter Broadcasting Inc. for $157,500. Seller is owned by Gerald, Meyer, Joseph and Eugene Grojean, all brothers, who have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is equally owned by Leon Steinbrueck and his wife, Joann, and Jerry Quinlan and his wife, Loretta. Mr. Steinbrueck is sales manager at KWRT-AM-FM Boonville, Mo., and Mrs. Steinbrueck is executive secretary at Columbia, Mo., firm. Mr. Quinlan is in real estate business in Boonville, and Mrs. Quinlan is housewife. KDEX is 1 kw daytimer on 1590 kHz. KDEX is on 102.3 mhz with 2.35 kw and antenna 51 feet above average terrain. Broker: Ralph E. Meador.

■ Other sales reported at the FCC last week include: KCTO(AM) Columbia, La. (see page 52).

Approved
The following transfers of station ownership were approved last week by the FCC:

■ WZGC(AM) Atlanta: Sold by GCC Communications Inc. to First Media of Georgia for $2,510,000 plus $990,000 covenant not to compete. (Price was originally reported as flat $3.5 million [BROADCASTING, July 19]). Seller, owned by Alexander M. Tanger, president (100% common stock), and publicly held General Cinema Corp. (100% preferred stock), has been involved in years of litigation before courts and the FCC to acquire WFM(AM-FM) Chicago and change format from classical music to contemporary. It has been selling off other properties to cover Chicago losses (BROADCASTING, March 15). General Cinema owns 97% of WCMX-TV Miami, with Mr. Tanger as station’s president. It owns major motion-picture theater chain, 21 bottling and canning plants and other enterprises. GCC Communications retains WHTF(AM) Philadelphia. Buyer is owned 49.2% by Richard E. Marriott, 30.78% by his brother, Jay W. Marriott Jr., and 18.01% by Richard’s wife, Nancy P. Marriott. Marriott family is principal in publicly held Marriott Corp., Washington-based hotel, restaurant, airline catering and entertainment chain. Buyers also own WPGC-AM-FM Morningside, Md. (Washington), and KAYK-AM-FM Provo, Utah. WZGC is on 92.9 mhz with 100 kw and antenna 590 feet above average terrain.

■ KZAZ(AM) Nogales (Tucson), Ariz.: Sold by I.B.C. to Roadrunner Television for $1,985,000 plus assumption of $187,000 in mortgage payments and liabilities. Seller is limited partnership owned 53.03% by television personality Danny Thomas; 17.67% by partnership of brothers Paul, Leo and Lester Ziffren; 17.92% by Carlotta Kirkeby; 5.68% by television personality Monty Hall and 5.68% by Stefan and Shirley Hatos. Sellers have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is limited partnership with Eugene D. Adelstein and Edward B. Berger as general partners and 110 other limited partners. Mr. Berger is Tucson, attorney and Mr. Adelstein is general manager of KZAZ, which is independent on channel 11, with 150 kw visual, 15 kw aural and antenna 1570 feet above average terrain.

■ Other sales approved by the FCC last week include: KPLA-AM-FM Moscow, Idaho; KPLA(AM) Ftonton, Mo.; WCVR(AM) Randolf, Vt. (see page 52).

LIN reaches $6 million
LIN Broadcasting Corp., group station owner, reported last week that its 1976 earnings should reach approximately $6 million. The company said Wall Street estimates that its 1977 net income will increase 20%-25% appear to be "reasonable," based on a fairly strong economic environment. LIN also expects the number of its outstanding shares to rise 200,000 to 400,000 above the present 2.4 million. The company said these projections were made by LIN officials in an informal meeting with representatives of several financial institutions Nov. 22.

Pierson, Ball stay with WNAC-TV case; more protest GT&R spin-off of RKO
Community Broadcasting of Boston Inc. has lost another round in its effort to have the Pierson, Ball & Dow law firm disqualified as counsel for RKO General Inc. in the comparative hearing in which Community and Dudley Station Corp. are seeking to supplant RKO as licensee of channel 7 Boston, on which RKO operates WNAC-TV. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington granted the motion of the FCC and RKO to dismiss Community’s appeal of a commission order denying Community’s petition to disqualify the firm.

Community based its request on the ground that Dean Burch, a former FCC chairman, had participated in preliminary rulings on the RKO renewal application during his service on the commission. The court, in an unsigned order, agreed with the commission and RKO that the agency’s order is not reviewable at the present stage of litigation.

Meanwhile, in a related development, a citizen group in Boston joined Community and Dudley in opposing the plan of RKO’s parent, General Tire & Rubber Co., to spin off to its stockholders 18 radio

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and television stations now licensed to RKO. Committee for Community Access says the transfer is not "pro forma," as General Tire contends, and should be carefully considered by the commission in the "crucible of an evidentiary hearing." General Tire has said the purpose of the proposed transfer is to disassociate RKO in its FCC litigation from problems General Tire has encountered as a result of Securities and Exchange Commission allegations that it has engaged in a widespread pattern of improper activity, including the bribery of foreign officials (Broadcasting, May 17).

Foreign-language outlet finds support for fight in court over lost license

WHBI (FM) Newark, N.J., which is faced with loss of its license, is going to court to plead its case, backed by two alliances—the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey and the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation.

The commission said its last word in the case last month, denying a petition for reconsideration of an earlier order affirming an administrative law judge's decision denying the station's renewal application. A key factor in the case is that a substantial portion of the station's format—68% of it—is devoted to foreign-language programs, which are presented by time brokers. The judge concluded, and the commission affirmed, that the licensee, Cosmopolitan Broadcasting Corp., had virtually relinquished control over the station's programming to time brokers, religious broadcasters and commission salesmen.

It is not often that stations appealing such decisions receive outside help. But the New Jersey ACLU, in its notice of appeal, said its last word in the commission's action will "silence a significant voice in the community." The chapter serves. This, it adds, will deprive "a significant number of persons of their right to the benefits of speech and other communications in languages other than English and will also abridge the rights of significant groups peaceably to assemble as a community bound together by the voice of their ethnic identification provided by WHBI."

The Freedom Fighters made a similar argument. The commission's action, the group said, will silence a source for Hungarian-language programming and "will abridge the rights of the Freedom Fighters' members to assemble as a community bound together by the Hungarian language programming provided by WHBI.

The FCC has admonished an attorney for the National Business Aircraft Association for the association's claim that the Broadcast Bureau yielded to political pressure in filing its findings in the WCCO/AM Minneapolis-WNYC/AM New York case. The case, which involves a proposed transmitter relocation and more powerful antenna system for the clear-channel WCCO, and an increase in power and limited nighttime authority for WNYC, on the same 830 kc frequency as WCCO, is being protested by NBA A because WCCO's new antenna would be erected close to the Minneapolis airport. NBA A's allegations that the Broadcast Bureau filed its findings late because of political pressure were scandalous, FCC said, and would be stricken from the record.

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Paper plans. Kansas City (Mo.) Star reports that Capital Cities Communications, group broadcaster and publisher, had made offer to buy its stock (owned by paper's employees) and that offers from others, not identified, had followed. Capital City officials confirmed offer was made and pending but would not say how much they offered.

Post splits, increases dividend. Washington Post Co. directors have approved two-for-one split of its common stock (both classes A and B) to take effect Dec. 15 for stockholders of record that date. It will be first split since firm went public in 1971. Company also announced 44% dividend increase on split shares in 1977, "assuming continuation of present level of operations." Present dividend rate is 50 cents per share annually.

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NFC cleans up during sweeps

'Big Event' does it for the network, landing it three first-place finishes; but it's fast approaching time for all networks to make their second-season decisions

NBC-TV is well on its way to delivering fat ratings and shares to its 200-plus affiliates during the Nielsen and Arbitron November sweeps (for October measurement results, see page 32).

NBC has finished first in prime time the past three weeks, covering Nov. 1 through Nov. 21, winning the most recent week (Nov. 15-21) with a 21.0 rating to ABC's 20.6 rating and CBS's 19.1. But ABC, by coming in first during each of the first six weeks of the season (Sept. 20-20-Oct. 31), has a fairly firm 20.9 rating in the season-to-dates, compared to NBC's 20.2 and CBS's 18.3.

Three blockbusters put NBC over the top in the week ended Nov. 21: "The First Fifty Years" anniversary special on The Big Event (Sunday, Nov. 21, 7-11:30 p.m., NYT), which finished first in each half-hour of its full four-and-a-half-hour running time and ended with a 28.9 rating and 44 share; part two of the made-for-TV movie "Sybil" (Monday, Nov. 15, 9-11 p.m.), which topped part one's numbers the previous week (26.9 rating, 40 share) with a 28.7 rating and 43 share; and the NBC Saturday Night Movie telecast of "Billy Jack," the 1971 hit theatrical movie, which rolled to a 27.5 rating and 46 share.

NBC was also expected by insiders to continue fairly strong in the final sweep week, with two exploitable made-for-TV movies in "The Savage Bees" and "Flood" and two theatrical movies, "Blue Water, White Death" and "The Front Page."

But once the sweep period ends, industry sources say, all three networks will have to start patching up their schedules, dumping the weak sisters and making the most of the projects in development.

Analyzing the line-ups night-by-night, industry thinking goes roughly as follows: On Monday, NBC appears the most solid, with The Little House on the Prairie and the NBC Monday Night Movie delivering at least acceptable (and, with strong movies, sometimes more than acceptable) ratings and shares. CBS's comedy block of Rhoda, Phyllis and Maude on Monday night is turning out to be the strongest ratings performer of the season. (All three were expected to rack up 40 shares and instead they're barely averaging the high 20's.) But none of them is in danger of cancellation. However, All's Fair and Executive Suite, the CBS shows that wind up the evening, are getting borderline ratings and could be scuttled in second season. ABC's The Cap-
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tint and Tenille is also borderline at 8 on Monday, and when pro football (9 p.m. conclusion) goes into hibernation at the end of the year ABC will have to come up with two new hours of programing in second season.

But on Tuesday, ABC’s four series—Happy Days, Laverne and Shirley, Rich Man, Poor Man, Book II and Family—are getting the kind of numbers that will ensure prosperity in second season.

NBC’s Tuesday line-up of Baa Baa Black Sheep, Police Woman and Police Story while not as strong as ABC’s, has been renewed for second season. CBS still has cannibalism programing for the canceled Tony Orlando and Dawn at 8, but the network has renewed the three series that round out its Tuesday schedule: M*A*S*H, One Day at a Time and Switch.

ABC is also in the driver’s seat on Wednesday, with all three of its series—The Bionic Woman, Baretta and Charlie’s Angels—coming through consistently as top-10 winners. Charlie’s Angels is far and away the most successful new show of the season. CBS is solid on Wednesday from 8 to 9, with the veteran Norman Lear sitcoms, Good Times and The Jeffersons, but its two-hour series of theatrical movies at 9 is acknowledged by CBS sources to be stopgap programing that will have to be replaced by weekly series, possibly as early as January. NBC weighs in with three new comedies this Wednesday (Dec. 1)—C.P.O. Sharkey, The MacLean Stevenson Show and Sirota’s Court—that may plunge straight to the bottom (**Closed Circuits** Nov. 22), taking the low-rated holdovers they precede on Wednesday night (The Practice and Quest) right along with them.

CBS has pushed ahead of the pack on Thursday, led by that hardy perennial, The Waltons, which has supplied enough of a lead-in audience to resuscitate the nine-year-old veteran, Hawaii Five-O (which was thought to be on its last legs), and the five-year-old Barnaby Jones. ABC’s 8- to 9-sitcoms, Welcome Back, Kotter and Barney Miller, get consistent 30-plus shares, but the new sitcoms that follow them, The Tony Randall Show and The Nancy Walker Show, have fallen below the 30-share dividing line the past three weeks and may have to be canceled or shifted around in second season. ABC’s 10-o’clock show, Streets of San Francisco, is in no danger. Two-thirds of NBC’s Wednesday schedule—The Dick Van Dyke Show at 8 (a 9.5 rating and 15 shares in its last outing) and Gibbaskets at 10 (which is nowhere in the Nielsen with an 11.0 rating and 20 share its last time out)—are almost certain bets for cancellation, but Best Sellers at 9 has a full season’s commitment, although it could wind up in new surroundings.

On Friday, ABC is in good shape, with Donny and Marie getting the youngsters at 8 and the Friday movies (most of which are of the made-for-TV variety) getting good ratings and demographics from 9 to 11. NBC, with Sanford and Son, Chico and the Man and The Rockford Files, gets reasonably healthy Nielsens until 10 o’clock on Friday, but Service, with mid to low-20’s shares, may have to be canceled or shifted to another time period.

CBS is still looking for a suitable replacement for the canceled Spencer’s Pilots at 8 (possibly its new magazine-show spin-off from 60 Minutes) but its two-hour movies at 9 are averaging satisfactory 30 shares.

Both CBS, with The Mary Tyler Moore Show, The Bob Newhart Show, All in the Family, Alice and The Carol Burnett Show, and NBC, with Emergency and two-hour shows, figure to stand pat on Saturday. ABC’s lead-off sitcoms on Saturday, Holmes and Yoyo and What’s Happening, are not getting good ratings to survive into second season. At 9, Starsky and Hutch is chalkling up surprisingly high 30-plus shares despite tough competition, whereas Most Wanted, at 10, which fell to a disastrous 13.0 rating and 22 share on Nov. 20, is headed for the houyhnhym.

On Sunday, ABC has to find a replacement for the canceled Cos at 7 o’clock. But, for the rest of the night, The Six Million Dollar Man and a two-hour schedule of mostly theatrical movies keep ABC in the heady land of 30 and 40 shares. NBC has the indescribable Wonderful World of Disney as its Sunday lead-in, but once The Big Event specials start thinning out, NBC will be forced to rely on the less imposing Sunday Mystery Movie rotations (Colombo, Quincy, McCloud and McMillan).

CBS’s 60 Minutes, Sunday at 7, has established itself as the highest-rated regularly scheduled public-affairs show in the history of television, consistently harrowing 30-plus shares. Sonny and Cher at 8, by contrast, has managed only low 20’s shares for the most part, and may not survive beyond January. Kojak and Delvecchio, CBS’s 9-11 shows, have been hurt by blustering Big Event (NBC) and movie (ABC) frontloading. CBS has renewed Kojak and Delvecchio, however, and expects them to be successful in second season.

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**ABC-TV says 22 of its affiliates in top-33 markets are number one during prime time**

This is twice the number over last year’s Arbitron ratings; network’s analysis indicates gains are being made in other dayparts; CBS outlets rate second at night, NBC third

ABC-TV’s first-place run in the ratings this season carried many of its affiliates to prime-time dominance in their markets in October and the effects apparently rubbed off on other day parts as well, according to an ABC analysis of Arbitron Television’s measurement of the top 33 markets in October.

In the 33 markets, the only ones Arbitron measured in October, ABC-TV affiliates were number one in prime time in 22—exactly twice as many as in October 1975. CBS affiliates were first in eight markets (including one tie) as compared with 11 a year earlier, and NBC affiliates were first in four (also including one tie) as compared with 11 in October last year.

ABC affiliates were first in each of the 13 largest markets measured, ranging from New York through Minneapolis, and in 15 of the top 20.

The measurement period this year was Sept. 29 to Oct. 26. Last year it was Sept. 24 to Oct. 21.

While the results of the October measurements tended to reflect ABC’s prime-time gains in the national ratings, they did not seem to reflect NBC’s second-place ranking or CBS’s third-place position in the national results. In total, ABC affiliates tended to fare better than NBC affiliates in these markets. (NBC officials say their affiliates will do much better in the November sweep measurements currently under way, thanks to NBC’s surge into first place in the nationals for the past three weeks.)

In the 33-market October measurements, ABC affiliates had an average prime-time audience of 8,895,000 homes, up 17% from a year ago, while CBS affiliates had 7,808,000, down 3%, and NBC
affiliates had 7,270,000, down 7%, according to the ABC analysis.
Along with 22 first places, ABC affiliates ranked second in eight markets (up from six in October 1975) and third in three (down from 16). CBS affiliates were second in 15 (up from 13 a year ago) and third in 10 (up from nine). NBC affiliates were second in nine (down from 14) and third in 10 (up from eight).

ABC researchers also noted substantial local audience gains for ABC Evening News, Good Morning, America and ABC's daytime lineup.
The 33 markets in the October measurement—the first since Barbara Walters joined Harry Reasoner on the Evening News on Oct. 4—gave the ABC news an average audience of 4,172,000 homes, up 18% from October 1975. The CBS Evening News was in first place with 5,141,000 homes, down 2% from a year ago, and NBC's was second with 4,442,000, down 3%, according to ABC's calculations.

Good Morning, America was in second place, well behind NBC's Today, but ABC program's 957,000 homes represented a 133% increase while Today's 1,674,000 were down 17% from a year ago. CBS Morning News, third early-morning competitor, averaged 577,000 homes, 8% fewer than in October 1975.

In addition to Good Morning, America's own gains, the analysis continued, the local programs following it registered a 41% increase in audience, as against a 32% increase for programs following CBS Morning News and a 1% decline for programs following Today.

In daytime programming, ABC said, CBS remained first with a 13% increase that put its average at 3,038,000 homes, but ABC also experienced a 15% increase that lifted it into second place with 2,584,000 homes while a 1% decline dropped NBC's to 2,572,000.
The ABC analysis also examined the 33-market results in terms of viewers aged 18-49 and said that it found ABC's showing to be "even more dramatic" on that basis than in terms of total homes.

ABC's 'Roots' in eight straight
Miniseries telecast will run on consecutive nights in January

ABC-TV will te lecast Roots, its 12-hour "novel for television," on eight consecutive nights, beginning with a two-hour opener on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 9 p.m. (NYT) and ending with a two-hour wrap-up on Sunday, Jan. 30, also at 9 p.m. Two-hour episodes will also be telecast Monday and Thursday.

Fred Silverman, president of ABC Entertainment, called this saturation scheduling an "unprecedented approach" to playing off a miniseries, which will "insure maximum impact and continuity" for Roots.

The novel, written by Alex Haley and published by Doubleday, focuses on one black family, taking it from its arrival in this country on a slave ship in 1767 to its first days of freedom at the end of the Civil War.

Roots, which, according to ABC, cost more than $6 million to make, is a David L. Wolper Production.

Lexington Broadcast goes full steam into syndication
Lexington Broadcast Services Inc., New York, which began operations two weeks ago as an independent unit of Grey Advertising (broadcasting, Nov. 22), is stepping up its activities in the barter syndication field.

When still in the Grey corporate structure, the firm had been represented and still is with Not For Women Only produced by WNBC-TV New York; Andy Williams Show, produced by Pierre Cossette; Hot Fudge from WXYZ-TV Detroit and Coral Jungle from Group W. As part of the firm's expansion plans, Henry Siegel, president of Lexington, outlined projects in various program areas.

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Q. What is product liability?
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Q. Is the manufacturer "off the hook" if his product is constructed properly to known standards of safety?
A. Not necessarily.

Q. Why?
A. Until a few years ago, product makers were held responsible only for defects and breaches of warranty. Today, the courts are holding manufacturers and vendors strictly accountable for product-related injuries, even where the victim contributes to his or her injury through negligence and even though the product may have been in use for many years. This "open season" on product makers has been woven into the fabric of the nation's tort system.

Q. Who backs up this responsibility for safety?
A. The first line of defense is the insurance company. Manufacturers and vendors purchase insurance to protect them financially from claims resulting from the use of all types of products. But ultimately it's the product user who absorbs the costs of product liability.

Q. What makes product liability newsworthy?
A. A crisis is brewing that some observers believe will dwarf the medical malpractice problem in its impact on the economy and the public. Product makers are faced by proliferating lawsuits and either spiraling insurance costs or difficulty in obtaining insurance at all.

Last September, the Senate Select Small Business Committee heard nearly 50 business leaders testify that rising insurance costs and lawsuits could drive many small companies in high risk industries out of business. Among those industries: chemicals, capital equipment, sporting goods, aviation components, auto parts and pharmaceuticals.

Q. How is the public affected?
A. Inevitably, the rising costs of claims, lawsuits and insurance result in higher prices for products and services.

Also, when businesses limit growth or close down because of the economic threat posed by this problem, there is a direct adverse impact on local taxes, employment and, of course, productivity. Some valuable businesses, because of the liability risk, may never get started. One top corporate executive recently said: "If we shy away from anything entailing risk...we will in fact be programing the nation for stagnation and retreat."

Q. Is insurance at the root of the problem?
A. No. Insurance is merely a mechanism for spreading the losses of a few among many. When the cost of paying for product liability claims goes up, the cost of insurance must follow. Lasting remedies will require changes in tort law.
Q. Why have insurance rates increased?
A. Because the frequency of claims and lawsuits is increasing and the dollar amounts of settlements and awards are escalating. The Insurance Services Office, a national insurance rating and advisory organization, says a review of product liability policy data shows that from 1969 through 1973 (the latest year for which such insurance statistics are available), the number of product liability claims increased 26 per cent, the average loss per claim rose 202 per cent and total incurred losses jumped 279 per cent.

An even more spectacular finding evolved from a membership survey conducted in mid-1976 by the Risk & Insurance Management Society, an organization of corporate buyers of insurance. Collectively, the buyers reported that product liability claims against their firms had increased by some 400 per cent in the last five years.

Q. What’s behind today’s proliferation of product liability claims?
A. Today, many persons file claims and sue under conditions that would not have led to claims in the past. Often, injured people sue regardless of a contribution they may have made to an accident through their own carelessness.

The public has come to perceive product makers, their distributors and insurers as being wealthy and thus best able to redress injury. And case law has eroded most of the product makers’ defenses. Juries frequently find against a manufacturer regardless of negligence or whether the product is defective.

Q. Are product makers to blame?
A. There are no ready scapegoats. The record makes it clear that lawsuits do not necessarily track with a manufacturer’s failure to live up to known safety standards. Indeed, one survey by a group of manufacturers illustrated that machines built years ago to exacting standards often are judged in today’s courts by today’s improved standards.

Almost half the lawsuits studied involved machines 20 or more years old, many of them resold, remodeled or repaired by others. Of all the accidents studied, only 27 per cent were traceable to mechanical failure.

Q. What solutions are being suggested?
A. Insurers believe that lasting remedies are available only through legislation. Among suggested solutions:
- placing limits on punitive damage and pain and suffering awards;
- providing immunity from product liability suits if product designs are certified as having all risks reduced to an acceptable level;
- setting reasonable statutes of limitations in product liability cases, dating from the time of manufacture;
- eliminating duplication of benefits;
- regulating plaintiff attorneys’ contingency fees;
- establishing compulsory arbitration.

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minute late-night series titled Las Vegas Nites from Cossette; a weekly, one-hour Hollywood Palace (produced by Yongestreet) which Metromedia has agreed to take; Bunkhouse Blues, a pilot by former CBS-TV President Robert Wood to be offered for prime-access on CBS-owned TV stations and other outlets; and a new situation comedy on which an O&O deal is being negotiated.

Lexington is headed by Mr. Siegel and Roger Leffkon, former director of programs for NBC-owned TV stations.

N.Y. NATAS says no

The membership of the New York chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has voted unanimously to reject a plan put forth by the Hollywood chapter that would split NATAS's structure into a Hollywood-based national organization and a council of regional academies. New York members claimed the proposal would give ownership of the Emmy Awards to Hollywood and provide the western chapter with total control of the national award structure and telecast. Through their action, the New York members expressed their sentiments to their trustees, who will vote on the Hollywood proposal at a meeting in Los Angeles on Dec. 11.

Top Gabriels go to WCVB-TV, WRFM

For the second year in a row, WCVB-TV Boston has been named the outstanding television station by UNDA-USA, the Catholic Association for Broadcasters, in its annual Gabriel Awards. WRFM(FM) New York received the radio station Gabriel Award.

Scott Craig, executive producer at WBBM-TV Chicago, was named recipient of the personal achievement award, and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was named for a special Gabriel Award for his outstanding service to the church and to the broadcasting industry.

NBC-TV's Farewell to Manzanar won the top honor for entertainment programming. WGBH Boston and the Public Broadcasting Service received Gabriels for the program, Dying, in the category of informational/educational programming. The religious program award went to With Just a Little Trust by the Franciscan Communications Center, Los Angeles. NBC's Pope and Me won for youth-oriented programming. The United States Catholic Conference received the public-service announcements award for Campaign for Human Development.

BBC/T-L miniseries buyers includes noncommercial TV

Time-Life Television Vice President Wynn Nathan says that a six-hour BBC/Time-Life miniseries The Fight Against Slavery has been sold to 47 stations, among them KLCA(TV) Los Angeles, WGN-TV Chicago, KTUN(TV) San Francisco, WDDA-TW Washington and KPRC-TV Houston. Noncommercial WNET(TV) New York has paid a reported $100,000 for the miniseries, but Mr. Nathan says WNET will probably be the only public broadcasting station willing to bid that high. WNET, he says, had been working with Time-Life to get corporate underwriters to sponsor the program on the full Public Broadcasting Service network when Petry Television's director of programming, John Serra, offered to promote series to its commercial clients. BBC spent a three years researching and filming the series in the West Indies and in Africa, according to Mr. Nathan.

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Network revenues from children's shows rise 16% over last year's

Increase is recorded by a House Communications Subcommittee report which indicates $90 million sales in 1975 despite decrease in ad time; CBS still leader in dollar amount but has done least well in overcoming the loss of commercial minutes

The three networks' revenues from children's TV programs have increased in 1975 despite substantial decreases in the number of advertising minutes for the same programs, says a report by Alan Pearce, staff economist for the House Communications Subcommittee.

The gross advertising revenues for all three networks combined reached $90,805,400 in 1975, an all-time high, and a 16.46% increase over the $77,969,500 for all three networks in 1974, according to Mr. Pearce's figures. That increase is against a 12-17% decrease in the amount of advertising allowed in children's programming.

The decrease in time was mandated by the National Association of Broadcasters TV code which, in January 1975, reduced the number of commercial minutes per hour during children's programming from 16 to 14 minutes on weekdays and from 12 to 10 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays.

The gross revenue figures include revenues from children's specials, but not from NBC's Sunday evening program The Wonderful World of Disney, which was not affected by the NAB TV code change because of its time slot. If the Disney program were included, the 1975 revenue figure would be $113.2 million compared to $99.7 million in 1974.

Mr. Pearce concludes from his figures that "it seems clear that the three networks combined have lost nothing in gross advertising in children's programming."

He continues with the forecast that "it seems likely that the third and final reduction that was introduced on Jan. 1, 1976, will also have no impact on revenues." The reduction he refers to, also imposed by the NAB TV code, lowers the advertising levels to nine-and-a-half minutes on weekend children's shows and 12 minutes on weekday programs.

According to Mr. Pearce, CBS, the traditional ratings leader in children's programming, has done least well in overcoming the loss of commercial minutes, while NBC, usually third in the ratings and revenues for children's shows, has done the best.

His breakdown by network shows the following:

ABC increased its revenues from children's programming by 15.8%, from
$25.9 million in 1974 to $30 million in 1975. The network increased its revenues from regularly scheduled children's shows by roughly $3.5 million and its income from specials by about $0.5 million.

NBC increased its children's TV revenues by 42.37% from $14.4 million in 1974 to $20.5 million in 1975. Most of that increase was from regularly scheduled programs—$19.3 million in 1975 compared to $13.3 million in 1974.

CBS had only a slight increase in revenues in 1975 over 1974—$40.4 million compared to $39.3 million—and most of that increase was from children's specials. Revenues from specials brought in $6.8 million in 1975, up from about $6 million in 1974. The increase in revenues from regularly scheduled children's programs, including Captain Kangaroo, was insignificant, says Mr. Pearce—$33.5 million in 1975 compared to $33.3 million in 1974.

The 1975 code change followed an earlier one in 1973, which caused some initial setbacks in children's ad revenues at ABC and CBS. ABC lost ground for two years from its 1972 children's revenues, but by 1975 was back above the 1972 level. NBC has continued to climb all the while. But CBS's children's revenues remain below their 1972 level, "CBS has suffered in gross advertising revenues from children's television over the last few years," Mr. Pearce observes, but he concludes that the reduction in commercial minutes is not to blame. "It appears," he says, "that the over-all reduction in advertising revenues at CBS was due much more to a slip in ratings and some reduction in the number of specials rather than from the decrease in the amount of advertising."

What impact the children's advertising reductions have had on the advertisers is difficult to measure, Mr. Pearce says, because too little time has passed since the reductions were put in force. However, he says, "it can be said that the major advertisers will remain in children's television because it has proved to be effective and profitable for them. Their only fear is that the Congress, the Federal Trade Commission or the FCC might in some way restrict what can be advertised in programming directed toward children."

He notes that there are relatively few advertisers going after the children's time—90 in 1975. And of those, the top 18 accounted for over 80% of the time bought on regularly scheduled children's shows. The top three—Kellogg, General Mills and General Foods—accounted for about 30% of all advertising on network children's shows.

The top 18 advertisers on network children's shows in 1975 were: Kellogg ($9.9 million), General Mills ($9.6 million), General Foods ($9.3 million), Quaker Oats ($5 million), Mattel ($4.8 million), Nabisco ($4.4 million), McDonald's ($4.2 million), Hasbro ($3.5 million), Nestle ($3.3 million), Pillsbury ($2.8 million), Mars ($2.8 million), Ralston Purina ($2.6 million), Hershey ($2.5 million), Swab-Beech Nut ($1.8 million).
Spotlight will be on cable TV at Anaheim show

FCC's Wiley, Hooks and legislators Van Deering, Rhodes are scheduled to address convention; 90 exhibitors will display their equipment

A record-breaking attendance of 2,200 persons is expected this week at the Disneyland hotel in Anaheim, Calif., for the eighth annual Western Cable Television Show and Convention. The show also will have its largest equipment exhibit. Some 90 exhibitors have bought space for 194 booths, 60 more than last year.

The convention, Dec. 1-3, runs the gamut of cable issues and will feature a delegation of Washington officials including House Communications Subcommittee Chairman Lionel Van Deering (D-Calif.); House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.); FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley; FCC Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks, and Thomas Houser, director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy.

One panel expected to attract considerable attention will concern the proposed rewrite of the Communications Act. Moderated by Edward M. Allen of Western Communications, that session will feature House Communications Subcommittee members Lou Frey Jr. (R-Fla.), Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.) and Timothy E. Wirth (D-Colo.). Their "interrogators" will be Ralph M. Baruch of Viacom, Richard A. Forsling of Cablecom-General and Henry Harris of Cox Cable Communications.

Another panel, on copyright, will be moderated by Rex Bradley of Telecable, immediate past president of the National Cable Television Association. Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee, George E. Danielson (D-Calif.) and Charles E. Wiggins (R-Calif.) will be questioned by Douglas Dittrick of Viacom and NCTA President Robert Schmidt.

Pay cable sessions will cover areas including programing, marketing and market research. One session, "Hollywood Looks at Pay TV—The Play's the Thing," will be moderated by Robert Weisberg of Telecommunication Program Services and will include Allen R. Adler of Columbia Pictures, Edward Bleier of Warner Cable Corp., Jack Gordon of MGM-TV and Peter Kuyper of Paramount Pictures.

Financial management sessions will cover such subjects as FCC financial reporting form 326, replacement cost accounting, regulation and undergrounding. Technical sessions will cover security devices, "smart taps" and optical cable. The agenda is below.

Event-by-event: the complete agenda for the Western Cable TV Show

Tuesday, Nov. 30
Early registration, 4-6 p.m.
Golf and tennis reception, Pacific room 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1
Registration, 8 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Golf tournament, 8:30 a.m. Chino Creek golf course at the El Prado. Bus leaves Hotel Entrance at 8 a.m. Charles E. Smith Jr., chairman.
Tennis tournament, 9 a.m. Tennisland Raquet Club, Disneyland hotel. Shuttle buses at hotel entrance. John W. Goddard, chairman.
Exhibit hall open, 1:30-8 p.m.
Financial management seminars. South lounge, 2-5 p.m. Coordinator: John W. Goddard, Viacom. Interrogators: Carolyn Chambers, Liberty Communications; Bill Guerra, TM Communications; Ben Pellegrino, Viacom. FCC finance reporting form 326; 2 p.m. John Whetzel, Economist, FCC. Replacement cost accounting. 3 p.m. Alan May Jr., Coopers & Lybrand. Survival in a regulated environment. 3:45 p.m. Richard N. Hildahl, Ernst & Ernst. Underlying—ending unprofitable investments. 4:30 p.m. R. Michael Kruger, ATC;

Thursday, Dec. 2
Breakfast session, Center ballroom, 7:45 a.m. Welcome: Ted W. Hughett, President, CCA. Address: Benjamin L. Hooks, Commissions, FCC. Introduction: Donald E. Anderson, HBO.
Financial sessions. South ballroom, 9 a.m.-noon. Coordinator: John W. Goddard, Viacom. Rate regulatory problems. 9 a.m. Moderator: Allen T. Gilliland, Gill Cable. Panelists: Alfred E. Alquist, California state senator; Nate Holden, California state senator; M. Christian Derick, Viacom; Harold R. Farrow, Farrow, Schildhause and Dent; Walter Kaltz, general counsel, CCA. Address: Thomas J. Houser, Office of Telecommunications Policy, 10 a.m. Introduc-
Viacom.

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Subcommittee Luncheon.

Exhibit general counsel, Joseph Nathanson, Falcon Communications.

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tion: Marc Nathanson, Falcon Communications. Property taxation. 10:30 a.m. Moderator: John W. Goddard, Viacom. Panelists: James Delaney, counsel, California State Board of Equalization; Abram F. Goldman, assistant executive secretary, State Board of Equalization; Joseph B. Harvey; Spencer R. Kaitz, assistant general counsel, CFTA.

Exhibit hall open. 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon. Center ballroom. Noon. Address: Lionel Van Der Lin (D-Calif.), chairman, House Subcommittee on Communications. Introduction: Donald O. Williams, Cox Cable.

Payable sessions. South ballroom. 2-5 p.m. Coordinator: Gene G. Cook, General Electric Cablevision.


Exhibitors' reception. Exhibit hall. 6-7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Breakfast session. Center ballroom. 7:45 a.m. Addresses: James R. Hobson, chief, Cable Television Bureau, FCC; and Thomas C. Dowden, Carter campaign staff, Introduction: Donald O. Williams, Cox Cable.

Technical sessions. South lounge. 8:30 a.m. Noon. Coordinator: Bill Schiller, Storer Cable, and Jay Baer, Society of Cable Television Engineers.

Security—an end in sight for this bottleneck? 8:30 a.m. Moderator: Bill Schiller, Storer Cable. Panelists: Christopher Derick; Viacom; John W. Margraf, Margraf Auditing & Marketing; Ross Willeman, Storer Cable. Smart taps. 9:30 a.m. Moderator: Frank J. Bias, Viacom. Panelists: Ivan Bigelow, Ameco; David Fear, Delta-Benco-Cascade; Tom Sartwell, Procom. Optical cable. 10:30 a.m. Moderator: Judy Baer, SCTE. Panelists: Ron Simon, Teleprompter; Bob Bilodeau, Suburban Cablevision; Frank Cabby, Fiber Communications; Herb Lubars, General Cable; James O'Brien, RCA.

Governmental sessions. South ballroom. 9 a.m.-noon. Coordinator: Eugene A. Iacopi, Multiview Systems.


Address: 9:45 a.m. John E. Moss (D-Calif.), chairman, House Subcommittee on Oversight and investigation. Introduction: Eugene A. Iacopi, Multiview Systems. Copyright. 11 a.m. Moderator: Rex A. Bradley, immediate past president, NCTA. Interrogators: Douglas Dittrick, Viacom; Robert Schmidt, President, NCTA. Panelists: George E. Danielson (D-Calif.) and Charles E. Wiggins (R-Calif.).

Exhibit hall open. 11:30 a.m.


Operations sessions. South ballroom. 2-5 p.m.


Translators. 3 p.m. Aaron Fleischman, Fleischman & Walsh. Payable operations checklist. 3:15 p.m. Moderator: M. Christopher Derick, Viacom. Panelists: John Calvetti, Oceanic Cablevision; Del Henry, Gil Cable; Dee Miller, Theta Cable; Arden Tyler, Viacom. MDS—a status report. 4 p.m. Mark Foster, Microband National System.

Banquet reception. Ballroom foyer. 6-7 p.m.

Banquet and entertainment. Ballroom. 7-11 p.m. Masters of Ceremonies: Ralph C. Dills, California state senator; Address: John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.), House minority leader. Introduction: Kenneth Ferguson, Sierra Vista CATV.

Where the wares are

Equipment and services ranging from amplifiers to pay programing will be offered in the exhibit hall at the Disneyland hotel. The following capsules includes the firms and their booth numbers, as well as their products and personnel attending. An asterisk (*) indicates a new product.

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3175 Bowers Avenue, Santa Clara, Calif. 95051

Belden 10/11
2000 South Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Ill. 60134

Bestvision 204
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Blonder-Tongue 65
One Lake Brown Road, Old Bridge, N.J. 08857
Product: Over-the-air and cable pay-TV encoders*, decoders* and modulators*. Centap system. Personnel: Issac Blonder, Bill Trueman, Jay Shapson, Ray St. Louis, George Bahn, George Freeman.

CableData 100
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2444 Pulmbo Drive, Lexington, Ky. 40509

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60 Dechel Road, State College, Pa. 16801

CCS Hatfield Communication Products 207/208
12 Commerce Drive, Cranford, N.J. 07018

Cerro Communication Product, Division of Cerro-Marmo 6
Halls Mill Road, Freehold, N.J. 07728

Cinemark 174
9477 Brightway Bivd, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210
Product: Motion pictures for cable and pay-cable, pay-cable programing, marketing and consulting services. Personnel: Kenneth Silverman, Carol Hunter, Joan Peterson, Sharon Crenshaw, George Brownstein, Leora Glass, Larry Feinberg, Joe Letekomiller, Claudia Joseph, Lynne Williams.

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Delta Benco Cascade 53/54
128 Belfield Road, Redale, Ont. M9W 1G1
Product: KAM 6 Feedforward APT AMR/1, IT-4, IT-60. Personnel: David Feat, Philip Allman, George Mierisch.

Durrell Engineering 183
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Box 1548, San Pedro, Calif. 90733

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500 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Conn. 06830

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Product: Model 4010 midband-to-UHF con-

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33 River Road, Cos Cob, Conn. 06807
Product: Short and long haul communications equipment. Personnel: Nora King, Raymond Mahoney, Elliot Ball.

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Product: Television receive only earth stations, earth station TV receivers. Personnel: Don Buscher, Conrad Fiorelli, Robert Pinto.

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200 Wilmer Road, Horsham, Pa. 19044
Product: JLE-series* line extenders; series II* repackaged 3-channel set converter for remote control; "CATV system display" in console form including Commander III signal-processing equipment, Starline 20/300A signal distribution equipment, SLR-series line extenders, FMT and 36-channel set converter, FFT-series future features tap; DST-1 and DST-1C descrambler terminals. Personnel: George E. Sapiol, Robert D. Eisenhardt Jr., Bert Wolf, Michael F. Jeffers, William H. Lambert, Al Michiel, John J. Sie, Lee Bonin, Mike Martell, Steve Schoen, Sy Syversen, John Barnes, Chris Allinson, Bill Redstreet.

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Box 165, Carrollton, Tex. 75006

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8 Research Road, Salt Lake City 84112

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901 South Avenue, Horshad, N.Y. 14845

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153/154/155/138/137/138
100 Fairgrounds Drive, Marius, N.Y. 13104

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P.O. Box 1527, Rockville, Md. 20850

Mid State Communications 105
Box 203, Beech Grove, Ind. 46107

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4788 South Street, Salt Lake City 84107

Oak Industries, Communications Group 79/80/81
Crystal Lake, Ill. 60014
Product: Pay-TV terminal equipment including single and two-channel* Econo-Codes, Multicode and Mini-code; CATV terminal equipment including Trimline II converters, single and two-channel* converters, communications financing. Personnel: Donald V. Pascarella, Werner R. Koester, Graham Stubbs, Joseph Speils, Paul Wheaton, Sean O'Neill, Arthur Johnson, Lester Golbeck, David Robbins.

Optical Systems 194
433 Airport Boulevard, Suite 333, Burlingame, Calif. 94010

Prodelin 192
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*Serial number futurism tap;
Cable operators mostly happy with postponement of deadline for re franchising

Some wish commission would come to some decision, others fear more regulation, but in general, action is applauded; agency issues interim procedures

While cable operators generally breathed a sigh of relief at the FCC's postponement of the March 31, 1977, re franchising deadline, many are approaching the commission's plans to modify or eliminate franchise standards with caution.

"We are disappointed at the extended state of limbo," said Monroe Rifkin, president and chief executive officer of American Television & Communications Corp. Like several other cable operators, Mr. Rifkin would have preferred "to see an intelligent resolution" now instead of further inquiry at the FCC.

The FCC, in a decision that was being examined by the cable industry last week, postponed for one year the deadline when existing uncertified cable operators must obtain franchises conforming to FCC standards and include them as part of their certificate applications (Broadcasting, Nov. 22). It also asked for comments on revis-
ing franchise standard requirements and proposed reducing the filing requirements of certificate applicants.

The one-year postponement was generally applauded. "We are happy that reality has been faced," said Gustave Hauser, chairman of Warner Cable Corp. "We simply couldn't meet the deadline."

"We think it's great," said Walter Kaitz, general counsel for the California Community Television Association, who said that with the March 31, 1977, deadline the cities were holding a gun to our head." Richard Young, vice president of TM Communications, said "another year of history on what the industry can do" and help tone down the demands of of local franchisers.

William Bresnan, Teleprompter senior vice president and cable division president, was gratified that the "conformity aspect" was postponed but said that the commission should have de-regulated cable instead of calling for another rulemaking. He characterized the rulemaking as "just another delay" and said that the comment period will allow the cable industry "another bite at that apple" as well as offering a forum for those with differing viewpoints. The 1977 rules, he said, are just one aspect of over-regulation.

The National Cable Television Association reiterated its position that the present franchise standards are adequate and acceptable and "we were prepared to comply with these standards in 1977." Like others in the industry, NCTA was just beginning to analyze the commission's statement, noting that "we have not yet seen the full text of this rulemaking." In a prepared statement NCTA President Robert Schmidt said, "We were concerned with the possible ramifications of having to renegotiate existing franchises. While the commission's action has for the time being alleviated the need for reframe, the FCC members open the door to question both the form and the substance of the reframe rules." NCTA Chairman Burt Harris, when questioned, said that "if the rulemaking brings in a wrath of demands, it will mean more headaches."

Stephen Effros, attorney for the Community Antenna Television Association, explained that "we are pleased that the commission postponed the 1977 deadline" but that the "ramifications" of the rulemaking have to be analyzed. "It has to be measured against the possibility that it would invite more state regulation," he said.

In the interim period, the commission adopted procedures for the filing of certificate of compliance applications.

For existing cable systems that already have been certified, no filing will be required unless the system desires to carry an additional television signal. Existing systems not previously certified will have to file all but franchising information in order to continue its operating authority beyond March 31, 1977. Existing systems adding signals will have to file all but franchise information. New cable systems will have to file all except franchise information and will need to possess all necessary local authority.

For systems that do submit franchise information, if it complies with the present rules, the FCC will issue a certificate of compliance. And any franchise fee higher than that allowed by present regulation will be treated as "null and void." The announcement made it clear that "the commission's primary intention during this interim period is to maintain the status quo." It also noted that the postponement does not affect commission rules in federally pre-empted areas such as pay cable, technical standards, access and signal carriage.

FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley, in a concurrent statement accompanying announcement of the postponement in which he was joined by Commissioner James Quello, said: "I seriously question the need for filing of signal carriage information on or before the former deadline of March 31, 1977," noting that "our current annual report [Form 325] is sufficient to satisfy the commission's present needs." He also questioned whether a change in the franchise fee could be justified, expressing concern that "high local franchise fees may burden cable television to the extent that it will be unable to carry out its part in our national communications policy."

On FCC agenda: More precise cable definitions, rule revisions that would dovetail

Staffers favor engineering criteria to determine systems, but feel their proposals are not specific enough

The FCC is expected to consider this week staff proposals aimed at redifining a cable television system and at revising cable rules in terms of the size of the systems. But, as of last week, the Cable Television Bureau had not yet completed to its satisfaction the redefinition it would support before the commission.

Staffers want to define systems in engineering terms, but thus far the definitions they have drafted, they feel, are too broad. One official said the definition in the staff document would extend to AT&T's Long Lines Department.

At present, a cable system is defined as one serving 50 or more subscribers in a particular community. The staff would alter this by defining systems in terms of the headend from which they flow.

The staff is suggesting a new "system community unit" that would be defined as a system operating within a single community. But the unit would be broken into two respects: signal-carriage rules and franchise requirements would be applied on a community-by-community basis.

As for the number of subscribers a system should have before being subjected to commission rules, the staff is suggesting that the minimum be increased from 50 to 250. That would eliminate some 40% of all cable systems from the commission's rules, though not necessarily from local regulation.

The staff is also suggesting that smaller systems—those with between 250 and 1,000 subscribers—that carry only off-air signals would be removed, but local signals would be exempt from other signal-carriage rules. The systems would also be exempt from sports-carriage rules—the staff feels such small systems would have little impact on local sports gates—although not from the antiphonishing rules.

Another element to be considered is whether master antenna television systems serving apartments and hotels should continue to be exempt from the commission's cable television rules. The staff is understood to feel that in most respects, at least, MATV's should be treated the same way as cable television systems; one exception: the staff would make would be to continue to exempt MATV's from the need to obtain franchises from local authorities.

However, commission officials do not expect that proposal to be adopted. That "expansion of jurisdiction" runs counter to the commission's effort to reduce government regulation, one official said.

WSYR-FM Goes Harris!

WSYR-FM, Syracuse, New York goes Harris with the SC-90 System Controller
NIS faces the music

Thirty subscribers to lameduck service meet in New York, hear NBC offer to help them stay all-news, scotch rumors that NBC Radio may be on its way out, too.

NBC officials told subscribers to its radio News and Information Service last week that NBC would do everything it could within reason to help them remain all-news stations even though NIS will be discontinued on May 29.

They gave the assurance to some 30 station officials assembled in New York for an expanded session of the NIS stations advisory council. From two thirds to virtually all of this group were said to have indicated plans—or at least hopes—to continue the all-news format or to keep as close to it as possible with combinations of news, talk, sports or syndicated materials.

The meeting, which lasted all day Monday (Nov. 22), was described by both NBC and station participants as having been warmed, especially in its early stages, by heat from subscribers disturbed if not embittered by NBC’s decision to close down NIS. But the atmosphere was said to have moderated as the meeting progressed. “It was not nearly as rancorous as you might expect,” one station participant reported.

The mood undoubtedly was helped by NBC’s decision, disclosed to all 62 NIS subscribers when the termination notices went out, to waive all fees from the stations for the service’s remaining six months.

Some stations urged NBC officials—led at the meeting by Chairman Julian Goodman, President Herbert S. Schlosser, Vice Chairman David Adams and NBC Radio President Jack G. Thayer—to reconsider the shut-down decision. But the NBC leaders made plain that the decision was irrevocable and also that they could not, as some stations proposed, cut back to a limited budget of, say, five or 10 minutes of news on the hour and half hour.

Beyond that, they were quoted as saying they would consider any relevant suggestions the stations might come up with. In addition, a committee was formed to recontact NIS subscribers and consider the possibility of forming some sort of clearinghouse through which the stations might exchange ideas and, perhaps later, features and other material. Named to the committee were Bill Weaver, KNWZ(AM), Albuquerque, N.M.; Richard Brady, KXXA(AM) Little Rock, Ark.; Frank Scott, NBC-owned WRC(AM), Washington, and Jerry Coffin, NIS station services rep.

NBC officials said they hoped the necessary evaluations and studies might be completed by mid-December and that there might then be another meeting with subscribers, though none was scheduled.

Proposals advanced by station executives, aside from limited additional service from NBC, were said to include formation of a consortium of stations to provide a service that would help fill the gap left by NIS’s demise and the use of other services such as NBC’s conventional network and other networks, AP Radio, UPI Audio and various syndicated services. Some stations said they were particularly impressed by the lengths to which NBC Radio and NIS executives seemed willing to go to let the stations know what material is available and, if necessary, to encourage other suppliers to enter the field.

(One supplier that needed no outside encouragement last week was AP Radio. While the meeting was in progress at the Roosevelt hotel, it set up equipment in the nearby Biltmore and invited NIS subscribers in for a good listen to its news service. In addition, AP Radio announced plans to increase its Washington staff by 18% with the addition of five members in January. That, officials said, will make a 63% increase since the service was launched two years ago. It currently has 415 station subscribers.)

In the NIS meeting some station executives were said to have questioned whether NBC’s conventional radio network may itself be dropped. NBC representatives’ response, according to participants, was that they intend to keep the network, the O&O radio stations, the radio division and, Jack Thayer, president of the division and principal architect of NIS.

Other NBC officials, confirming these intentions afterward, also said that without the financial drain of NIS, the radio division—that is, the network and the O&O stations—would have turned a profit this year. Just what NIS’s losses have been has never been officially disclosed, but authoritative sources have indicated the figure is well over $10 million for the 18 months NIS has been in operation.

Of the 62 stations that were NIS subscribers when the shut-down plans were announced, most of the 30 or so not at last week’s meeting were presumed to be planning to convert to primarily music formats. Some have made clear that they do not feel able to continue with all-news without NIS. At least one, KJSN(FM) Klamath Falls, Ore., has already switched (to country music). Another, WSTV(AM) Steubenville, Ohio, has signed as a CBS Radio affiliate and plans to introduce middle-of-the-road music on Dec. 6 but still keep a heavier than usual emphasis on news, sports and information (BROADCASTING, Nov. 22).

And on into the night

At AIM debate, fairness doctrine is hashed over once again by proponents and opponents

The fairness of the fairness doctrine was the subject of arguments pro and con at a symposium in Washington of Accuracy in Media, the conservative media watchdog group that dedicates itself to fighting what it sees as a left-liberal bias in the national media.

For the anti side at the AIM gathering
No corner on news. Radio Television News Directors Association President John Salisbury told the Oregon Association of Counties— in remarks reported nationwide by UPI—that people who want to be better informed in current events should not rely solely on radio and television news. Among the comments made to the county commissioners, Mr. Salisbury also is news director and special projects director of KXL-AM-FM Portland, Ore., said that radio and television news do not have the time to go into all of the news that there is to report and that people also should read newspapers, news magazines and special magazines to stay abreast of the news. He cited surveys that show 60% of American people receive the majority of their news from radio and television. If these surveys are correct, he said, “this means we are woefully ill-informed and under-informed.”

Nov. 19 was a local Washington broadcaster, Ted Landphair of WMAL-AM-FM, and Carl Effer, aide to Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis.), who introduced legislation in the last Congress to abolish the doctrine. On the pro side was Reed Irvine, AIA chairman, and William Ray, chief of the FCC Complaints and Compliance division.

The latter three appeared on an afternoon panel devoted specifically to a fairness doctrine discussion. Mr. Landphair participated in an earlier panel on the more general topic, “rights and responsibilities of the media,” but he used his time to discuss the doctrine, which he dubs the “apple-pie doctrine.” “You see,” he said, “like apple-pie, any rule with a Jack Armstrong name like ‘fairness’ is awfully hard to oppose. But most of us in broadcast news do oppose it,” because it “casts media broad as newspapers’ retardate siblings, who just can’t handle full constitutional freedom.”

Few broadcast newsmen would argue against fairness in news reporting, Mr. Landphair argued. As defenders of the fairness doctrine, we believe there ought to be responsible, noninflammatory, balanced, thoughtful and—yes—fair treatment of issues. We just don’t think it should be the government rapping our knuckles to tell us so.

Mr. Landphair said the doctrine does inhibit vigorous reporting at stations, particularly at small- and middle-market ones that “just don’t want the hassle. Their news directors know gutsiness leads to a phone call from a nervous general manager.”

A fairness complaint could lead to court suits, he said, “at costs of money.” He said, “So who’s going to swim up that stream to air truly courageous material? Not very many of us almost-press editors. “It’s kind of funny. I’m told that when I first joined WMAL in 1970 there was one other finalist for my job. Some suburban newspaper reporter . . . a fellow named Bob Woodward.

“Suppose Woodward and some Bern- steinesque broadcast colleague had stumbled upon Deep Throat. How many ‘reliable source’ stories do you think they would have aired, how many doors pried ajar, how much misfeasance rooted out, before some presidential emissary put the fear of God and the FCC in management?”

Mr. Landphair said he does see the disagreement over the fairness doctrine as a “liberal versus conservative fuss,” but those are precisely the terms in which Mr. Irvine said he sees it.

In his remarks, Mr. Irvine said, “there is a very simple way to test the sincerity of opponents of the fairness doctrine. Ask them if they would oppose the fairness doctrine if broadcasting were completely dominated by people whose views they did not like. For example, what if CBS, NBC, and ABC were bought up by conservatives who replaced Walter Cronkite and M. Stanton Evans, Eric Severeid with Bill Buckley, John Chancellor with Pat Buchanan, Barbara Walters with Phyllis Schlafly. And so on? Would William Paley, Sander Vanocur and Senator Proxmire accept that without complaint? Or would they see some merit in the fairness doctrine?”

Mr. Irvine said he has asked that question of the heads of the networks and has never received a straight answer. He did put that sort of question to Mr. Effer, asking if Mr. Proxmire would still be opposed to the doctrine if all the stations in Wisconsin afforded time during an election to Mr. Proxmire’s opponents but gave none to him. Mr. Effer’s reply that the senator would still oppose the doctrine drew disbelieving murmurs and laughs from the audience, including from Mr. Irvine. But Mr. Effer was insistent. Mr. Proxmire was an author of the legislation that gave statutory authority to the fairness doctrine, he noted, but has since changed his mind. The question of the fairness doctrine, he said, is a constitutional one. Because of the doctrine, “broadcasting has less than full freedom under the First Amendment.”

Mr. Irvine said the fairness doctrine is intended as “a curb on the arbitrary power of a few individuals who hold government licenses to operate broadcasting stations. Without some curb, those individuals can arbitrarily silence spokesmen for points of view they do not like. The purpose of the fairness doctrine is not to curb free speech, but to open up the broadcast media to a greater diversity of views.”

He also said, “I am confident that if the networks were to ever become as dominated by conservatives as they are now dominated by liberals, the fairness doctrine would again achieve the status of holy scripture. Those now demanding its abrogation would be standing in line to file fairness complaints.”

Mr. Ray argued the FCC’s stand in support of the fairness doctrine, and added his own personal endorsement of it. Recalling his days as Midwest regional editor for NBC, he said he never felt himself inhibited by the doctrine. “I think no newsmen who has any guts need fear anything from the fairness doctrine,” he said.

Barry Gray suspended

WMCA (AM) New York’s President R. Peter Strauss said last week that the station has placed Barry Gray, its talk-show host of more than 25 years, on “indefinite suspension.” Industry speculation centered on a possible conflict of interest in which Mr. Gray, on the air, might have pushed a particular enterprise he had a financial interest in without disclosing that interest to the public. Mr. Strauss refused to comment on that speculation and re-emphasized his formal statement, which asserted that Mr. Gray “has failed to disclose essential information, which violates our established standards of conduct,” which “strikes at the heart of the responsible relationship between a broadcaster and the listening community.”

Mr. Gray was unavailable for comment, and his producer, Marian Bone, said her lips were sealed “on advice of counsel.” In a formal statement distributed by WMCA, Mr. Gray said that “I deeply regret” the suspension, adding, “I am confident that the problem will be resolved fairly.”

Earlier this year, the FCC fined WMCA for not logging as commercial time some of Mr. Gray’s plugs for a commercially sponsored cruise that was to be presided over by Mr. Gray.

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Total audience up for network news

CBS grabs largest share of added viewership, said to amount to 28.4 million homes

Network evening news audiences are running 9% higher this season than they did in the same period a year ago. That translates to almost 2.4 million extra households per evening.

Network ratings as a whole were somewhat abnormally low at this time last year (for reasons that, it was finally agreed, were primarily technical). So part of this year's gain could reflect a correction of last fall's technical problems. But informed sources suggest that the greater part of the gain is in real-life audiences.

For the first seven weeks of the fourth quarter, the combined ratings of ABC Evening News, CBS Evening News and NBC Nightly News have averaged 39.9, which represents about 28.4 million viewing homes. For the same seven weeks of 1975 the average was 37.4, or 26 million homes. In ratings the increase is about 7% in homes, due to the larger number of TV homes this year, it is 9.1%.

All three evening newscasts have shared in the increase, though not evenly.

ABC's seven-week average rating is 10.5, about 6% higher than a year ago. In homes, ABC is up about 586,000, or 8.5%.

Since these seven weeks cover the time that Barbara Walters has shared ABC's anchor post with Harry Reasoner. The figures suggest that thus far ABC is doing better than last year but its gains are not quite up to those in the combined ABC-CBS-NBC newscast audience.

NBC, in second place behind CBS in the three-network race, also is doing a little better in these seven weeks, though its gain is less than ABC's. The Nightly News rating average is up from 13.6 to 13.7, an increase of about 1%, but owing to the increased three-network audience, NBC's share is off 4% while ABC's is up 5%.

CBS Evening News is the big gainer thus far, the only one whose increases exceed the three-network averages. CBS's seven-week average rating is up from 13.9 to 15.7, an advance of 13%, and its share is up 7%.

League faces big tab

The League of Women Voters education fund has been able to raise only $105,000 of the $270,000 it cost to put on the presidential and vice presidential debates, which the league sponsored this fall. Ruth Clusen, chairman of the league, assailed the decision by the Federal Election Commission to disallow corporate and foundation contributions to the debates. Peggy Lampi, executive director of the league education fund, said that when all contributions are in, the league will make up the difference. "That will be our contribution," she said.

Public comments are rehashed on AM clears

FCC notice of inquiry and proposed rulemaking draws views on options ranging from creating 'superpower' stations to breaking down some 50 kw facilities for local service

The latest public comments in the 30-year-old question of how the FCC can most efficiently allocate AM clear-channel frequencies to provide nighttime service to the rural areas of the country produced very little that has not been heard before.

A year ago the commission reopened the proceeding, which had been closed since 1961, and called for comments on a notice of inquiry and proposed rulemaking which requests opinions on options ranging from allowing dominant class I-A clear-channel stations to increase power above the present 50 kw limit to breaking down the 12 unduplicated clears for local service (Broadcasting, Dec. 8, 1975).

The most volatile issue is the creation of "superpowered" clears with up to 750 kw. Coming out in favor of this idea was the Clear Channel Broadcasting Services, an
informal organization made up of licensees of 16 of the 25 U.S. clear, which said that the problem of poor or no service to rural areas (white areas) "remains unsolved and can only be remedied through removal of the present 50 kw power limitation" on I-A clears. CCBS also said that if a "clears area were to be broken down and turned into a regional or local channel in order to provide for a number of facilities designed to render local or regional groundwave service, this would inevitably result in the creation of new 'white areas' and result in a loss of skywave and groundwave service to millions who have had such service for years.

In addition to increased power, CCBS suggested that the AM band be increased from the current allocations of 535-1605 kHz to 525-1805 kHz to allow more stations and to increase the number of FM assignments in urban areas by adopting a new mileage separation table, restricting new or modified class C facilities to 1,000 feet at 100 kw and reallocating 806-830 mhz from land mobile service to FM.

This concept of expanding the AM band was also suggested by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which also wants some of the new frequencies reserved for noncommercial stations. "It is no longer possible," CBP said, "to satisfy the expressed wishes of Congress and the American people for adequate noncommercial educational radio services without the reservation of additional channels beyond those currently available in the FM band." It wants reserved for noncommercial use, "about 10% of the channels expected to be assignable by 1983" and would like the commission to look into the possibility of assigning the frequencies between 150 and 285 kHz for AM use.

Many existing clear-channel stations supported the superpower proposal with WAJ San Antonio saying the plan "deserves the benefit of a meaningful trial."

On the other side of the coin were many opposed to the superpower idea. The Daytime Broadcasters Association said that clear-channel broadcasting "is today devoid of any rational justification; it militates against basic statutory and regulatory principles, and constitutes a great waste and monopolization of valuable radio spectrum space."

Such high powered stations, the National Radio Broadcasters Association said, "would impair the diversity and quality of broadcast service available in the large cities to which they probably would be assigned by reducing the revenues of other stations licensed to these cities. And it would certainly have an adverse impact on small local stations operating in less populated areas. The loss of national and regional advertising could even prove fatal to many of these stations." Loss of advertising revenue to the superpower stations concerned WCN Cincinnati, which said, "Diversification is not achieved by creating a situation where a small group of stations have all of the wealth, power and programming talent whereas the other local stations must compete with minimal advertising and audiences."

The networks, for the most part were content with the status quo, with ABC and NBC against the creation of superpowers and for the preservation of present class I-A clears. "Existing clear-channel and skywave service," said NBC, "must be preserved" since much of the country relies on clears for nighttime service and long-distance service while traveling. It also felt that superpower stations may not be practical due to economic factors. It estimated that installation costs alone of increasing power of its WNBC New York from 50 kw to 500 kw would run between $1 million to $2 million and added that "high power operation of some stations may have severe adverse effects on existing service of others."

ABC agreed and added that "expanded use of FM, rather than either superpower or breakdowns, is the much preferred means of providing expanded nighttime service."

CBS was also against the breakdown of existing clears but was not for a ban against superpower. It said that "those who are willing to undertake to provide such service should be permitted a reasonable opportunity to do so. However, since the provisions of higher power stations will permanently displace possible future local or regional assignments, the commission should require a showing as to how each station's proposed programing will be of service to the area."

It went on to protest against the breakdown of present clears, a position urged, it said, by groups with a "desire to make new stations available for 'emerging minorities' in areas which may already have multiple aural services" but believe that "racial minorities are underserved and will continue to be so until members of those minority groups are able to own stations... There should not," CBS said, "be any rush to add stations—for the wrong reason—to the already crowded AM band. CBS does not believe the commission should abandon sound and tested standards of good engineering practice, thus causing widespread degradation of service, in order to facilitate such ownership."

Facilitating minority ownership is just what the FCC should be doing, said the National Black Media Coalition in comments prepared by the Citizens Communications Center. NBMC would like to see the clears broken down to increase the number of possible AM stations "by over 1,000," thus making it easier for women and minorities to participate in ownership.

It also wanted the commission to provide for two or three superpower noncommercial stations "in the event that rural areas cannot get adequate local service by means of a reallocation of power assignments using regional rather than clear channels and the use of FM translators and boosters.

The new stations that would emerge as a result of the "splitting" of the clears should be allocated not only to rural areas, NBMC said, but to cities for ownership by minorities not served by existing stations. The benefits resulting from these new stations, according to NBMC, would include: an increase in employment in broadcasting of blacks and women; an increase in diversity of local formats; a decrease in the scarcity of frequency space and possibly a partial decrease in the need for program content regulation; an increase in economic competition among broadcasters, and an opportunity to serve First Amendment goals by increasing amount of local news.

Another group calling for the breakdown of the 12 unduplicated clears was the Association for Broadcast Engineering Standards which suggested setting the maximum power of I-A stations at 50 kw; setting up a new class of stations, II-X, to provide full-time service on I-A frequencies with maximum power of 1 kw and minimum power of 250 kw, and giving the II-X stations co-channel and daytime adjacent channel protection.

A different alternative was suggested by the consulting engineering firm of PH. Lee Associates of Thousand Oaks, Calif., which urged the development of eight high-power, low-frequency stations that would cover the U.S. with an adequate clear-channel signal. The stations would be on the band between 150 and 285 kHz with a power of 1,000 kw. "The existing class I-A assignments," Lee said, "could be broken down to I-B to provide limited regional coverage."

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**Texas tale.** "Funky" music and "good hard rock 'n' roll" is the sound Dallas Texans prefer. So says Mike Baker, music director of KFUV in Dallas, where the fastest movers are black records. "It's more of a black-music-oriented city than a lot of people realize, and we're taking xur towards that sound," says Ms. Baker. But just because it's Texas, she says, most people think country music is the rule. Only a few progressive country artists—like Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson or the Amazing Rhythm Aces—bridge rock 'n' roll and country formats, says Ms. Baker. The xur audience "doesn't like sophisticated English rock or slick rock 'n' roll and is not really into disco, either," Ms. Baker.

**KLIP climbers.** Texas artist England Dan's *Night's Are Forever Without You* (Big Tree) is the fastest mover in his home town. Mac Davis, another local, is moving with *Every Now and Then* (Columbia). Still other movers include Engelbert Humperdinck's *The Love of the Woman* (Capitol), Alice Cooper's *I Never Cry* (Warner Bros.) and Electric Light Orchestra's *Làndin Things* (United Artists). Ballads on xur "usually take longer to get off the ground than rock 'n' roll or black records, but, surprisingly enough, Burton Cummings' *Stand Tall* (Portrait) is moving," says Ms. Baker.
Media

J. Barnett Woodruff, engaged in administration of various Woodruff real estate enterprises, named president-treasurer of Columbus Broadcasting Co., licensee of WRBL-FM-TV Columbus, Ga. He succeeds his brother, late Jim Woodruff Jr, president-general manager who died last month (Broadcasting, Nov. 1).

George Gingell, VP, assistant to president, appointed general manager of stations. Jim Holder, senior trust officer of First National Bank of Columbus, appointed board member and secretary of Columbus Broadcasting.

David M. Mënzel, audit principal, Arthur Young & Co. certified public accountants, Orlando, Fla., joins Cowles Communications, Daytona Beach, Fla., as controller.

Jeffrey Ruthizer, director of labor relations, RKO General Radio and TV, New York, named VP in charge of labor relations.

John J. Agoglia, associate director of talent and program negotiations, business affairs, CBS-TV, New York, promoted to director of research and planning, business affairs there.

Jerry Hellard, promotion manager of Taft Broadcasting's WTVN-TV Columbus, Ohio, has joined ABC's public relations department in Los Angeles as supervisor, special projects, West Coast.

Tim O'Donnell, assistant community services director, KNX-I AM Los Angeles, promoted to community services director.

William Reed, director of station relations, and Neil Mahar, director of administration, Public Broadcasting Service, Washington, appointed VP's in their respective areas. Michael Hobbs, VP, corporate planning/secretary; Charles M. Lichenstein, VP, public information and financial affairs; Frank Little, VP, development; Norman Sine, VP, corporate affairs and general counsel, and Daniel Wells, VP, engineering and operations, named senior VP's.

Torey Southwick, director of programming, noncommercial KPISTV Hutchinson, Kan., appointed VP of licensee, Sunflower Educational Television Corp.

James J. Froehler, Upstate New York field director, People-to-People Health Foundation of Washington (Project HOPE), joins noncommercial WWLI-FM-TV Rochester, N.Y., as manager of community relations.

John W. Holihan, executive producer, noncommercial WTVT Morgantown, W.Va., joins noncommercial WMFE-TV Orlando, Fla., as public affairs director.

Broadcast Advertising

John E. Cullen, account executive, Campbell-Ewald, Los Angeles, appointed VP/account supervisor on Rockwell International western divisions account, succeeding Michael W. Marsak, transferred to C-E Phoenix division/branch operations as VP/account supervisor on Ramada Inns account. He replaces Anthony J. Hopp, who returns to C-E Detroit office as VP, broadcast advertising, small car market segment of Chevrolet account.

Paul Singer, from Scull, McCabe, Solves, New York, joins DKG advertising there as VP/creative supervisor.

Dick Benzon, sales manager, WLSAM Chicago, joins Major Market Radio as VP/manager of its Dallas office.

LaRae Petrovich, from Vidtronics Co., Los Angeles, named media supervisor, Associates & George & Brock Advertising, San Francisco.

Peggy Ann Tipton, from WSR-TV Syracuse, N.Y., joins Lee Keller advertising/marketing firm, Rosemont, Pa., as manager of new office in Syracuse.


Gary Lancaster, art director, Noble-Dury, Nashville, named to same post, D'Arcy-MacManus & Masius, St. Louis. Judy Canter, media buyer, Format Communications, Minneapolis, joins DM&M, St. Louis as time buyer.

Greg Ottersbach, from D'Arcy-MacManus & Masius, St. Louis, joins Botsford Ketchum, San Francisco, as media supervisor. Karen McFee, from Clinton E. Frank, San Francisco, joins Botsford there as account coordinator. Craig Mathiesen, Ronald Meszaros and Tony Smith, Botsford copywriters, named creative supervisors.

Ron Wayland, manager, Christal Co.'s Boston office, joins Buckley Radio Sales as manager of its new Boston office. Gordon McCaw, account executive, Buckley's Detroit office, promoted to sales manager there.

Alan Schlossberg, Midwest sales manager, Radio Advertising Representatives, Chicago, appointed Eastern sales manager, RAR, New York, succeeded by Erle Yountken, account executive with Chicago office.

Linda Grabiec, public relations director, Higbee's Department Stores, Cleveland, joins Byer & Bowman advertising, Columbus, Ohio, as account executive. John Kellogg, broadcast advertising manager, Lasalle's Department Stores, Toledo, Ohio, joins Byer as account executive. Gerry Semanso, writer/producer, Artie Fields Productions, Detroit, named Byer & Bowman copywriter. Matthew Dee, Byer account executive, promoted to account executive. Carol Barrett, Byer and Bowman time buyer, promoted to retail media director. Bruce Reid, account executive, promoted to retail broadcast director.

Mark W. Moffett, VP/creative art director, McKinney, Silver & Rockett advertising, Raleigh, N.C., joins Siddall, Matus & Cougher Advertising, Richmond, Va., as creative director.

Leigh Kimball, public relations account executive, Fawcetti McDermot Cavanagh, Honolulu, joins Mayfield Smith Park Advertising there as account executive.

Allen Hundley, former VP/Southwest regional manager, Radio Advertising Bureau, Detroit, joins Radio Southwest, Dallas-based regional radio network, as director of sales.

James R. Sterling, account executive, KNBCTV Los Angeles, promoted to local sales manager.

Hugh Robinson, national sales manager, WSFA-TV Montgomery, Ala., promoted to general sales manager.

Joan E. Carson, account executive, KSTV-TV San Diego, appointed retail sales manager.

John Ivan Marshall, former station manager,
Joanne Harrelson, account executive, WNIT-FM, Dearborn, Mich., named local sales manager, WNIT-AM-FM.

Dennis L. Zorn, salesman, KXPK-AM-FM, Garden City, Kan., appointed sales manager.


Louise A. Arkoft, assistant to board chairman, American International Productions, Beverly Hills, Calif., named VP.

Jane Schiaksker, former radio-television director, Witherspoon & Associates, Portland, Ore.-based advertising/public relations firm, has opened Jane Schiaksker & Co., specializing in production of radio and television commercials and films plus public relations. 1313 West Freeway, Fort Worth.

Phillip C. Lancer, private attorney, Los Angeles, appointed associate director, business-affairs department, Columbia Pictures Television, Los Angeles.

Peters Sardelich, productions manager, KBCTV-Los Angeles, promoted to manager, productions/operations.


Joseph Carolei, associate director, KYW-TV Philadelphia, named producer/director, WEX-TV-Petersburg (Richmond), Va.

Shirley Schell, executive secretary, WHPM-FM-TV Harrisburg, Pa., appointed radio program director.

Jay Blackburn, part-owner/chief operating officer, Hope, Bennett, Blackburn, San Juan, PR-based engineering and program consulting firm, joins WSDM-FM, Chicago as program director.

Bruce N. Wexler, program director, WBNM-AM Philadelphia, joins TQKOK-AM Oklahoma City as program manager.

John Scott, from WLOF-AM Orlando, Fla., joins WMQ-AM-PWIQ-FM Dayton Beach, Fla., as program/music director.

Russell F. Vossen, station/operations manager, WAXY-TV Huntsville, Ala., joins WOTVTV Grand Rapids, Mich., as production manager.

Thomas S. Artabas (Tom Scott), from WOPD-AM Lakeland, Fla., joins WXTS/AM Sheboygan, Wis.

Allen W. Jackson, program director, WYRS(FM) Melbourne, Fla., named to same post, WNTS-AM Saline (Ann Arbor), Mich.

David Bacon, sports director KML-TV Midland, Tex., joins KMOL-TV San Antonio, Tex., as sportscaster.

Ted Mullins, sports director, WBSN-TV Columbus, Ohio, joins KORTV Stockton, Calif., as sportscaster.

Hal Houtkoff, production manager/field producer, noncommercial WNET(TV) Newark, N.J. (New York), joins noncommercial WETA-TV Washington, as coordinating producer.

Broadcast Journalism

Marilyn Russell, regional manager, station relations, NBC-TV New York, appointed coordinator of NBC News Information Services, New York.

Dan Cooper, assignment editor, WJKN(TV) Huntsville, Ala., promoted to director of news and public affairs.


John Ray, reporter, WPTV(TV) West Palm Beach, Fla., appointed assignment editor.

Elisabeth Sommers, reporter/newscaster, KGUN-AM-KBOI(FM) Edmonds, Wash., joins KVI(FM) Seattle as reporter.

Henry Del Castillo, director of rates and economic analysis, Data Transmission Co., Washington, joins Cable Television Information Center there as economic analyst.

Terrie Blair, communications graduate, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, joins WTVN(TV) Columbus, Ohio, as weather reporter.


Cable

David Hanson, VP, pay-cable services, TeleVus Systems, Viacom's cable TV subsidiary on West Coast, appointed director of affiliate relations, for Showtime, Viacom's pay-cable service, New York.

Curtis W. Hart, news/sports director, WOSN-AM-WQXQ-FM Henderson, Ky., joins WBZ-AM Evansville, Ind., as reporter/newscaster.

Equipment & Engineering

Carl J. Bradshaw, group VP, communications, Oak Industries, Crystal Lake, III., named senior VP, succeeded as group VP by Werner R. Koester, president of CATV division, position he retains.

Frederick G. Ramback, VP, international operations, Data Pathing, Sunnyvale, Calif., joins International Video Corp. there as director, Western hemisphere marketing operations.


James J. McTernan Jr., VP, finance, Communications Satellite Corp., Washington, has resigned. He will continue, however, to perform special assignments for president, Joseph V. Chary. Carl J. Reber, assistant VP, financial administration, will replace Mr. McTernan on acting basis.

John L. Charlton, national sales manager, Wabash Tape Corp., Des Plaines, Ill., named director of marketing, succeeded by Kenneth R. Bacus, Midwest regional sales manager. Wabash Tape manufactures and markets computer tape, flexible disks, digital cassettes and magnetic cards.

Neal Keehn, sales VP, Byron Motion Pictures, Washington, and former VP of sales for DeLuxe General, Hollywood, for 15 years, joins Motion Picture Laboratories, Memphis, as VP, sales and service, Eastern division, based in Washington.

Don Stafford, chief engineer, KENV-TV Rapid City, S.D., named to same post, KMOT-TV Hannibal, Mo.-WTDAMI-WOYV(FM) Quincy, Ill.

Phil Linn, chief engineer, Sacramento studio, KOVR Stockton/Sacramento, Calif., promoted to chief engineer, succeeded by Ray Lambert, engineer. Duane Thompson, engineer, appointed lead technician, Sacramen- to studio. Chuck Knight, engineer, Stockton studio, named assistant chief engineer there.

Allied Fields

William S. Paley, CBS chairman, named to receive 1976 First Amendment Freedom's Award of Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at Dec. 7 dinner in New York. Burton M. Joseph, league chairman, said Mr. Paley "personifies and symbolizes the CBS commitment to the people's right to know and to the great journalistic tradition of uncovering and disseminating the facts without fear or favor."

Harvie E. Schwartz Jr., manager of engineering, Byron Motion Pictures Inc., Washington, named to newly created post of director of technical operations, Goldmark Communications Corp., Stamford, Conn.

Norfleet R. Turner, president, Data Communications Corp., Memphis, elected chairman of DCC's board of directors, succeeded by James L. Thornton, executive VP/head of computer operations. James E. McKee, senior VP, sales and marketing for BIAS Division (Broadcast Industry Automation System), named president of that division.

NEWLY elected officers, National Association of Farm Broadcasters: Marvin Vines, KAYAM-AM Little Rock, Ark., president; Rich Hull, WBBW-AM Topeka, Kan., president-elect, and...
James Wychor, KWOA(AM) Worthington, Minn., associate chairman, National VP's elected; Davonna Oskarson, WLAM(AM) Cincinnati (Northeast); Billy Yeargan, Farmers Information Network, Raleigh, N.C. (Southwest); Bruce Lease, KWOA(AM) Worthington, Minn. (North Central); Joe Brown, KDVAM(AM) Lubbock, Tex. (South Central) and Lynn Adair, KSSL(AM) Salt Lake City (West).

Charles Cappieman, director of program production services, CBS, elected to four-year term as president of United Methodist Church's Central Conferences Agency, Dayton, Ohio. Barbara Blackstone, assistant professor of communications, Slippery Rock (Pa.) State College, elected VP.

For the Record

As compiled by Broadcasting for the period Nov. 15 through Nov. 19 and based on filings, authorizations, petitions and other actions announced by the FCC.

Abbreviations: ALJ—Administrative Law Judge, all.—alternate. ann.—announced, anti.—antenna, aux.—auxiliary, CH—critical hours, CP—construction permit, D.—day, DA—directional antenna, Doc.—Docket, ERP—effective radiated power, HAAT—height of antenna above average terrain, kw—kilowatts, kw–mhz—megahertz. mod.—modification, N.—night, PSA—presure service authority, SH—specified hours, trans.—transmitter, TPO—transmitter power output, U.— unlimited hours, viz.—visual, w—watts. *—noncommercial.

New stations

TV starts

KETG Arkadelphia, Ark.—Authorized program operation on VHF ch. 9 (186-193 mhz); ERP 392 kw vis., 28.2 kw aur. HAAT 1,080 ft; ant. height above ground 1,349 ft. Action Oct. 1.

WQTO Traverse City, Mich.—Authorized program operation on UHF ch. 29 (660-666 mhz); ERP 371 kw vis., 74.1 kw aur. Ant. height above ground 1,100 ft. Action Oct. 28.

FM applications

Shelbyville, Ill.—Hanson Broadcasting Co. seeks 104.9 mhz, 3 kw, HAAT 120 ft. P.O. address: 200 Jamesstown Rd., Shelbyville, Ill. 6109. Estimated construction cost $65,000; first-year operating cost $72,000; revenue $85,000. Format: C&W. Principals are Doris and Hanson. Mrs. Hanson, Hanson's former general manager of WSHT-AM-FM Shelbyville. Mr. Hanson is engineer with WKKV(AM) Rockford, Ill. Ann. Nov. 8.

Indianapolis—Indianapolis Communications Corp. seeks 107.9 mhz, 41 kw, HAAT 907 ft. P.O. address: 400 Ober Blvd., Indianapolis 46204. Estimated construction cost $325,000; first-year operating cost $300,000; revenue $300,000. Format: Country. Principals include Leonard E. Walk (26.4%), Edward J. Zebrowski, John R. Nichols, Paul Huttman (16.9%) each; Herbert Roller and William M. Dunzch (13.2%) each. Mr. Walk is broadcast consultant with real estate firm. Mr. Huttman owns Indianapolis building demolition firm. Mr. Nichols is partner in farm equipment manufacturer. Mr. Huttman is vice president of New York clothing firm. Messrs. Roller and Dunzch have interests in women's clothing firm. Applicants are seeking facilities of former WIFE-AM. Ann. Nov. 8.

Indianapolis—Mediacom Inc. seeks 107.9 mhz, 40.6 kw, HAAT 907 ft. P.O. address: 3646 N. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis 46240. Estimated construction cost $265,700; first-year operating cost $260,000; revenue $670,000. Format: MOR. Principals include James E. Weir and George P. Sweet, Mr. Weir owns Indianapolis ad agency. Mr. Sweet owns real estate development and construction firm there. Applicant is seeking facilities of former WIFE-AM. Ann. Nov. 8.


Indianapolis—Radio Circle City Inc. seeks 107.9 mhz, 41 kw, HAAT 910 ft. P.O. address: 7800 Hobson Creek Ln., Indianapolis 46240. Estimated construction cost $165,700; first-year operating cost $215,000; revenue $244,000. Format: Popular. Principals are Robert D. Kiley (61.1%) and seven local business and professional men, each with 5.59%. Mr. Kiley was former general manager of Star Stations Inc., former licensee of WIFE-AM-FM Indianapolis, facilities of which Radio Circle is seeking. Ann. Nov. 8.

Indianapolis—Radio Corp. of Indianapolis seeks 107.9 mhz, 41 kw, HAAT 910 ft. P.O. address: 3737 N. Meridian St., Suite 400, Indianapolis 46208. Estimated construction cost $116,874; first-year operating cost $145,050; revenue: not given. Format: Popular, folk. Principals include Michael E. Gradison (51%) and Marvin J. Frank (49%). Mr. Gradison is president and director of Concrete Corp. of Indiana. Mr. Frank is partner in Indianapolis law firm. Applicant is requesting facilities of former WIFE-AM. Ann. Nov. 8.


FM actions


Broadcast Service Group granted following CP modifications to extend completion time to date shown:


Ownership changes

Applications

KTAN-AM-FM Sierra Vista, Ariz. (AM: 1420 kw, 1 kw-D, 300 w-N; FM: 106.9 mhz, 3 kw) Seeks assignment of license from Huachuca Broadcasting Co. to Dennis Behan and Marvin Stras for $450,000. Seller is owned by Kenneth Ferguson and his wife, Betty, who also own cable television company in Sierra Vista. Buyers also have interests in KLMR(AM) Lamar, Colo., and KATO(AM) Safford, Ariz. Ann. Nov. 10.

WKSS(FM) Hamden-Meridian, Conn. (95.7 mhz, 14.5 kw) Seeks assignment of license from Connecticut Inc. to Covenant Radio Corp. for $1,250,000 plus up to $49,500 for seller's obligations. Seller, principally owned by Frederic D. Constant, also owns KPOF(AM)-KHS(FM) Honolulu, and has bought, subject to FCC approval, KVQ(FM) Lake Oswego, Oreg. (BROADCASTING, May 31). Buyer is owned by publicly held Broad Street Communications Corp., which also owns WELI(AM) New Haven, Conn., WQSO(AM)-WXQE(FM) New Orleans, and KTOK(AM)-KAG(FM) Oklahoma City. Ann. Nov. 8.


WYZE(AM) Atlanta (AM: 1480 kzw, 5 kw-D) Seeks assignment of license from WYZE Communications Inc. to George H. Buck Jr. for $400,000. Seller is owned equally by George Johnson III, George Barber Jr. and Lathrop W. Smith Jr. Mr. Johnson also owns 40% of WILD(AM)-WZKK(FM) Birmingham, Ala.
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**Calls**

**Sought by**

**New AM**

WKWM


**New FM**

*WGAG-FM*

Oak Ridge High School, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

*WING-FM*

National Substation Foundation Inc., Tampa, Fla.

**KHIU**

Elcom Corp., Honolulu

**WPCD**

Parkland College, Champaign, Ill.

**WWUO**

Great Down East Wireless Talking Machine Co., Auburn, Me.

**KJTI**

KBJO, Inc., Farmington, Mo.

**WKhR**

Kenston Local School District, Bainbridge, Ohio.

**KXUJ-FM**

KXUJ Inc., Seapug, Ohio

**WQXQ**

Millwells State College, Millville, Pa.

**KSDN-FM**

Green Bay Broadcasting Co., Aberdeen, S.D.

**KWCB**

Wilson County Broadcasting Co., Fordsville, Ky.

**KEX**

Con Cast Media Services Inc., Wats Walla, Wash.

**WRRL-FM**

R-B Co. Inc., Rainier, Wash.

**KTPV**

KXQ TV-Fayetteville, Ark.

**Existing AM**

**KJBE**

KXQ TV Capon, Calif.

**WFAN**

WOKC Washington

**WZZZ**

WBSK West Point, Ga.

**WYOL**

WKRZ City Pa.

**Existing FM's**

**WKHJ**

WVFL Fremont, Neb.

**KKXX**

KUZZ-FM Bakersfield, Calif.

**WOKF**

WAFK Washington

**WUVE**

WEVC Evansville, Ind.

**WRRK**

WOBW New Bern, N.C.

**KXT**

KXK Oklahoma City

**WRJS**

WORC City Pa.

**WWWV**

WOCY Charlottesville, Va.

**Grants**

**Call**

**Assigned to**

**Existing AM's**

**WKKN**

WKYF Rockford, Ill.

**WRJZ**

WGET Knoxville, Tenn.

**Existing FM's**

**KAZY**

KLZ-FM Denver

**WLCO**

WLNC-FM Northw. Conn.

**KKXZ**

KRUS-FM Ruston, La.

**KACW**

KPL-FM Paris, Tex.

and operate by remote control from studio location (BML-2609). Action Nov. 9.

**WXIV South Parls, Me.**—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of license covering change in studio location and remote control to 114 Maine St., Norwalk, Me. (BML-2606). Action Nov. 9.

**FM actions**

**KJNP-FM** North Pole, Alaska—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of license to change trans. location to 2189 ft. N.E. near top of Esther Dome. N.W. of Fairbanks, Alaska; ERP 25 kw (H&V); ant. height 1,970 ft. (H&V); remote control permitted (BMPH-14942). Action Nov. 10.

**KUNA(FM)** San Luis, Calif.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change studio location and remote control to 1002 Marshal St., San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and circular polarization to ant.; change TPO: ERP 7.0 kw (H&V); ant. height 900 ft. (H&V); conditions (BPH-10253). Action Nov. 10.

**WEE(FM)** Taylorville, Ill.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change trans. location/studio location to S.E. on Byass Rd., Taylorville; install new trans.; install new ant.; make changes in ant. system (increase height); change TPO: ERP 780 w. (H&V); ant. height 900 ft. (H&V); conditions (BPH-10190). Action Nov. 11.

**WZOW(FM)** Goshen, Ind.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of CP to change trans. change ant. height 145 ft. (H&V); ERP 3 kw (H&V); conditions (BMPH-14947). Action Nov. 10.

**WJRS-FM** Jamestown, Ky.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of CP to change trans.; change TPO and transmission line; change studio location and remote control to Berry's Mill Rd. West, Bath, Me. (trans. permit grant pending) ERP 50 kw (H&V); ant. height 500 ft. (H&V); remote control permitted (BMPH-14945). Action Nov. 10.

**WJTO-FM** Bath, Me.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of CP to change trans.; change ant. system (decrease height); make changes in ant. system (increase height); change ant. height: ERP 50 kw (H&V); ant. height 500 ft. (H&V); remote control permitted (BMPH-14984). Action Nov. 10.

**WGDR-FM** Rapid City, Mich.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change trans. location to 653 East Chicago Rd., Coldwater; operate by remote control from studio location. 1.3 miles S. of city on Business Route 1-99; Coldwater; make changes in ant. system (increase height); make changes in ant. system (height): ERP 50 kw (H&V); remote control permitted (BMPH-5866). Action Nov. 9.

**WMRF-V(FM)** Endicott, N.Y.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of license covering change in remote control and studio location to 2719-2721 E. Main St., Endicott, N.Y. (outside city limits) (BMLH-556). Action Nov. 9.

**WWLI(FM)** Wilmington, N.C.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of license covering change in studio location to 3106 Wrightsville Ave., near Wilmington (outside city limits); operate by remote control from proposed studio location (BMLH-558). Action Nov. 10.

**WBNS-FM** Columbus, Ohio—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change trans. location, studio location and remote control to 770 Twins River Dr., Columbus; install new trans.; install new ant.; make changes in ant. system (increase height); change TPO: ERP 26 kw (H&V); ant. height 660 ft. (H&V); remote control permitted (BPH-10264). Action Nov. 10.

**KTAI(FM)** Kingsville, Tex.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change trans. location, studio location and remote control to Armstrong & Wess Ella Ave at N.E. corner of East Wing of Manning Hall, Kingsville; make changes in ant. system (decrease height) (BPH-14947). Action Nov. 10.

**KIOIF(FM)** Orange, Tex.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of CP to change trans. location to 3.5 miles W. of Yidor, Tex.; change trans.; change ant.; make changes in ant. system (increase height); change TPO: ant. height 1060 ft. (H&V); ERP 100 kw (H&V) (BMPH-14951). Action Nov. 10.

**KTYL(FM)** Tyler, Tex.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change trans. location to 0.5 miles E. of Loop 323, Tyler; install new trans.; install new ant.; make changes in ant. system (increase height); change TPO: ERP 100 kw (H&V); ant. height 470 ft. (H&V); remote control permitted (BPH-9953). Action Nov. 9.

**WWL(RF)** Lynden, Vt.—Broadcast Bureau granted modification of CP to change trans. location and studio location to Vail Center, Lyndon State College, Lyndon, Vt.; make changes in ant. system (increase height); conditions (BMPED-1453). Action Nov. 11.

**FM start**

Following station was authorized program operating authority for its modified trans. Confederate for changes on date on broadcast: KAYL Provo, Utah (BPH-10716). Nov. 4.

**In context**

**Case assignments**


**CALHoun, Ga., AM proceeding:** Frances Lanford and Cherokee Broadcasting Co, competing for 900 kHz (Doc. 20978)—Designated ALJ Thomas B. Fitzpatrick to serve as presiding judge; scheduled hearing for Feb. 8, 1977. Action Nov. 10.

**Procedural rulings**


**WWL(AM)** Garden City, N.Y., renewal proceeding: Stereo Broadcasters, and A.M.S. Radio Inc., seeking same facilities (Docs. 20590, 20833)—ALJ James F. Tierney granted petition by A.M.S. for leave to amend its application to reflect updated information concerning its ascertainment efforts. Action Nov. 2.

**DICKinson, N.D., AM proceeding:** Badlands Broadcasting Co. and Roughrider Broadcasting Co., proposing for 1460 kHz (Docs. 20691)—ALJ James F. Tierney, in response to request by Roughrider, extended from Dec. 3 to Jan. 3 time for filing proposed findings of fact and from Dec. 10 to Jan. 10 time for filing reply findings. Action Nov. 15.


**Initial decision**

**WHBB(FM)** Selma, Ala., renewal proceeding: Talon Broadcasting Co. (Doc. 20723)—ALJ Joseph Stirmer granted joint request by Talton, Dallas County

**KJH-TV Goes Harris!**

KJH-TV, Hollywood, California
an RKO General Station

goes Harris with 5
TE-80 Live Color Cameras

For complete information, write Harris Corporation, Broadcast Products Division, 123 Hampshire Street. Quincy, Illinois 62201

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Applications

- Mohave County Board of Supervisors, Bullhead City, Ariz.—Seeks ch. 66 rebroadcasting KVVU-TV Las Vegas (850-319) Nov. 15.
- Mohave County Board of Supervisors, Kingman, Ariz.—Seeks ch. 62 rebroadcasting KVVU-TV Las Vegas (850-319) Nov. 15.
- Mohave County Board of Supervisors, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.—Seeks ch. 4 rebroadcasting KVVU-TV Las Vegas (850-319) Nov. 15.
- Mohave County Board of Supervisors, Mohave Valley, Topock, Gas City, all Arizona, and Needles, Calif.—Seeks ch. 58 rebroadcasting KVVU-TV Las Vegas (850-319) Nov. 15.
- State Educational Radio and Television Facility Board, Ottumwa and surrounding areas, Iowa—Seeks to amend CP to change primary station to KIIN-TV Iowa City, Iowa (850-3073) Nov. 17.

Action


Allocation

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Cable

Applications

- Pryorcell CATV Corp., Box 2604, Youngstown, Ohio 44507, for town of Lexington, Ohio (CAC-07500): KOCO-TV, KTOM-TV, KETA, KOKI-TV, WREX-TV, KCOC-TV, WREX-TV, KCOO-TV, KETA, Ohio City: KXCT-TV-Dallas; KTVF Fl. Worth: KBMA-TV Kansas City, Mo.
- For West Communications for Watertown, Ore. (CAC-07503): CHAN-TV Vancouver, B.C.
- Storer Cable for Calistoga, St. Helena, (unincorporated area of) Napa county, all California (CAC-07504): KDTV San Francisco.

Translators

Applications

- Bay Cablevision, for Berkeley, Calif. (CAC-07511): Requests certification of existing operations.
- Lower Bucks Cablevision, for Bristol township, Pa. (CAC-07513): Requests certification of existing operations.
- Cablecom-General, for Joplin, Mo. (CAC-07514): KOZK Springfield, Mo.
- Coleman TV Cable Co., for Coleman, Tex. (CAC-07515): Requests certification of existing operations.
- NW Transmission, for 20422), Michigan—Broadcast Board notified licensee of apparent liability of $1,000 for operating standard broadcast station at times, or with modes of power, other than those specified in basic instrument of authorization or pre-suit authorization. Action Nov. 10.
- KWYN Bonham, Tex.—Broadcast Bureau notified licensee of apparent liability of $1,000 for failing to perform quarterly tow tests and associate circuit inspections. Action Nov. 10.

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**Wanted:** Sales person for west coast AM-FM. Box W-187, BROADCASTING.

**Top-notch NJ operation seeks top-notch salesperson:** EOE. Immediate opening for experienced go-getter. Details to Box Y-160, BROADCASTING.

**Coastal Massachusetts-attractive single station market.** Offers unusual growth opportunity for radio salesperson ready for move to sales management. Box Y-223, BROADCASTING.

**HELP WANTED TECHNICAL**

**Chief engineer for directional AM & full Power FM.** Microwave, two Schaefer 900's. Must be mature, experienced, with excellent references. Perfect working and living conditions with good income and benefits. Write to KURV-KESI, P.O. Box 1638, Edinburg, TX 78539.

**Major market SW AM (directional nightflight) seeking experienced salesperson:** Box 3877, Wilmington, DE 19802. Requirements include solid sales experience, plus solid experience in rates, calls, and market research responsibilities. For more information write to Contact Manager, KNXZ, 814 Plaza #1, Sheboygan, WI 53081, 414-457-5551.

**HELP WANTED TECHNICAL**

**Chief engineer, North East directional AM, requires strong background experience in audio and DA's.** Group ownership and excellent benefits. WAMS, Box 3877, Wilmington, DE 19802. 302-654-8881.

**Chief engineer for upper northwest directional daytimer.** Take charge of complete responsibility for engineering. Excellent opportunity in stable community on the shore of Lake Michigan. EOE. Contact: Manager, WKTS, 814 Plaza #6, Sheboygan, WI 53081, 414-457-5551.

**Immediate opening for first phone engineer for Miami, Florida, AM station.** Four tower directional, dependable, plus solid experience in rates, calls and market research responsibilities. Solid state studio equipment isotope XMR site requires 4 days on duty. Good pay and benefits. Contact: L. Shea, WRAC Radio Corp., 5035 SW 82nd Ave., Miami, FL 33135 or phone 305-541-3300. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Chief engineer, experienced or willing to train the right person.** Some announcing. Contact Jim Ballard, 606-248-5842.
HELP WANTED NEWS

Radio news reporter: Duties include a drive-time shift, public affairs and outside reporting. Minimum 2 years experience and college degree required. Rush résumé and resume to News Director: KNOW- KCSW News, PO Box 2137, Austin, TX 78765. KNOW-KCSW is an equal opportunity employer.


Newscaster/reporter, experienced in field re- porting and studio air. Will be responsible for news on daytime AM and 50,000 watt stored FM. Excellent living conditions in historical college town. Send tape, resume, salary requirements and writing samples to Don Bentley, GM, P.O. Box 160, Williamsburg, VA 23185. EOE.

NIS maybe going, but all news is here to stay in our market. Seek dynamic electronic journalist with strong interest in press. Strong, strong desire to give sports interest. Third en- dorsed mandatory. Send tape, resume, writing sam- ples to Box 17-442, West Hartford, CT 06117. EOE/M/F.

News director and newspeople wanted for future positions. Contact Bartel Broadcasting, 205 E. 42 St., New York, NY 10017. EOE.

HELP WANTED PROGRAMING, PRODUCTION, OTHERS

Program director, modern country specialist. $9600 & rating bonus, P.D. experience required. Medium market, beautiful coastal community. Send resume to Box Y-173, BROADCASTING.


SITUATIONS WANTED MANAGEMENT

Equipment sales rep, 15 yrs exp in broadcasting, first phone, seek general or sales manager position. Box Y-211, BROADCASTING.

Co-op specialist. Crack the toughies, rob the newspapers, puzzle your competition. Management experience that produces. Prefer R&B, AM-FM, but all offers answered. Write now, you won't be sorry. Box Y-215, BROADCASTING.

Looking for small to medium market as manager- operations. Over 30 years complete experience. Great production ability ideas that sell plus great voice heard on national commercials. Family man cliche minded. Looking for security. Can make your station money. Call after 7 p.m. Est. Gordon Walsh, 305-287-5599 or write Box 356 Stuart, Fl 33494.

SITUATIONS WANTED ANNOUNCERS

D.J., 3rd phone, light board, good news and commer- cials, ready now! Anywhere. Box H-5, BROADCAST- ing.

Female announcer, 1st class, 2 yrs exp. seeks Rock, C&W or Jazz in medium/small market. Box Y-164, BROADCASTING.

Experienced small market announcer with 3rd en- dorsed desires adult con tempt in mid Atlantic. Box Y-194, BROADCASTING.

1st phone, broadcast grad, good music bizgend, looking for first breaks. Box Y-213, BROADCASTING.

SITUATIONS WANTED ANNOUNCERS CONTINUED

Contemporary personality wants to leave mis- management and low pay. Why settle for less? Hire a 3 year pro. Box Y-221, BROADCASTING.

MOR one to one personality eleven year back- ground, smooth voice, approach, production, music/talk. Box Y-224, BROADCASTING.


DJ, 3 years on air, emphasis jazz and electronic music, 3rd endorsed production and board experi- ence, University Wisconsin grad. Seeks position with jazz, contemporary, classical, MOR anywhere, resume, tape. Cary Appenzeller, Call evenings only 516-791-9349, 64 Cloverfield Rd. South Valley Stream, NY 11581.

Contemporary personality with six years experi- ence looking to relocate. Would like to stay in top 10 markets. Please call Denny at 716-763-8996.

Personality strong on jazz and classical music, news-oriented, looking for challenge after enough years of broademusic in New York City. Gordon Spencer (Kahn), 42-47 Parsons Blvd, Queens, NY 11355.

8 year pro, all formats, 1st phone family man will relocate for better support I know I'm worth. 904-781-8920.

Attention southeast: Small market top 40, MOR, DJ quality voice, good production and news. 3rd phone, some experience. Marc 404-252-7075.

Everybody tells me I'm good. Small town radio has given me general knowledge of the facet. Announc- ing first love, news, sales, follow. 3rd Greg Pangallo, Star Rt. Solon Springs, Wi.

10 years experience, jock, news, PBP, Prefer C&W or MOR. Box 3, Coming, NY 14830.

D.J. great board, own commercials, experienced will go anywhere. Contact: Bob Fowles, 92 Alder Dr., Mastic Beach, NY 11951.

Wanted: Position with small market station desir- ing the sound of the major markets. Experienced and qualified in board work, news, sports, public affairs, programming, management. Box 11053, Nashville, TN 37211.

Major market sound available for your small or medium. 4 years experience, program director in 2 small markets. Personality plus, production, copy writ- ing and news. Call Gary, 314-896-5518 before noon.

SITUATIONS WANTED TECHNICAL


SITUATIONS WANTED NEWS

Professional broadcast journalist of 10 years with pleasant voice, basic general assignment or documentary write/reporter position with established station. Box Y-210, BROADCASTING.

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Don Johnston: riding atop Thompson's biggest year yet

In mid-October, Don Johnston, president of the J. Walter Thompson Co., New York, was smiling broadly and greeting friends and agency co-workers warmly during a party at a Burger King restaurant on East 59th Street.

Now Burger King is not Mr. Johnston's usual choice in restaurants. But the occasion was symbolic as well as festive. For Mr. Johnston and J. Walter Thompson, the party was more than a celebration for landing the $30-million Burger King account in the face of sharp competition; it was the high point of a bonanza new-business year during which more than $60 million was added in the first nine months of 1976 alone. At the same time, the atmosphere underscored the contrast between 1976 and 1975.

Mr. Johnston had reason to be jubilant. For the first nine months of 1976, Thompson had a net income of $2,148,000 versus a net loss of $530,000 in the same period last year (although the year as a whole was profitable).

At 49, G. Donald (Don) Johnston Jr. is a moderately tall, trimly built man, whom colleagues and business associates find "charming." But they caution he is "no back-slapper, no hail-fellow-well met." One close friend confided, "Don laughs easily and often but some people don't always see the sparkle."

The past two years have been hectic and sometimes chaotic for Mr. Johnston as he directed a reorganization of the agency. But he looks forward to a milestone year in 1976: Thompson may crack the $1 billion mark in worldwide billings, the first U.S. agency to reach that figure. (In U.S. broadcast billings, JWT has been the perennial leader and is expected to retain that distinction with 1976 expenditures well in excess of $300 million.)

In the peripatetic agency business, Mr. Johnston is a rarity: he has worked for one agency only—Thompson—and for 25 years. But he has been no stick-in-the-mud: his agency assignments have moved him to such locales as Bogota, Colombia; Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Tokyo; Frankfurt, Germany; and London, where exposure to a wide diversity of projects sharpened his skills in advertising and in advertising management.

Mr. Johnston was born in Elmira, N.Y., but was raised in Michigan and considers himself a Midwesterner. He worked briefly as a reporter for the Durand (Mich.) Express after he received his BA in journalism at Michigan State University in 1950. He joined Thompson in the mail room in Detroit, in 1951. Showing promise, he was given a scholarship to Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, where he earned his MA in international economics in 1952.

His career started to ascend. After a brief assignment in New York, he was transferred to Bogota in 1953 where he was responsible for service to JWT clients and adjoining countries, working through correspondent agencies. In 1956 Mr. Johnston was shifted to New York as an account supervisor on Pan American and Lever Bros.

With the account management training under his belt, Mr. Johnston was moved in 1961 to Amsterdam as managing director. In 1964 he was advanced to managing director of Thompson's Tokyo office. He was named vice president of JWT's continental European operations in 1966 and assigned to Frankfurt. He was elevated to senior vice president—Europe in 1969 and relocated to London.

Mr. Johnston returned to New York in 1971 and assumed responsibility for administration and planning within the New York office and for the agency's operations in Latin America. He was named executive vice president—international in July 1972 and a member of the board of directors and of the executive committee a few months later. In August 1974 he was elected president and chief executive officer of Thompson.

Mr. Johnston oversees a staff that numbers more than 5,000, scattered in 27 countries throughout the world. In the U.S. alone the agency serves more than 100 accounts for advertising services and has a generous number of public relations clients. For many years, JWT has had the largest worldwide billings of any U.S. agency.

He is no 9-to-5 worker. He generally arrives at his office between 7 and 7:30 a.m. and often remains there until 9 p.m. He finds the early morning period is particularly useful to complete the garbage work.

This schedule could be strenuous for a commuter, such as Mr. Johnston, who lives with his family in New Canaan, Conn. But he maintains an apartment in midtown Manhattan where he stays two or three nights a week.

He spends a considerable part of his time on new business activities, flying to different parts of the country on presentations. In addition to Burger King, good-sized accounts landed by Thompson this past year included Allegheny Airlines, Kawasaki Motors (motorcycles), W.A. Taylor (wineries), Orkin and Abbott Laboratories. The agency also received a renewal of the U.S. Marine Corps account ($10 to $12 million), which is put up for assignment each year.

Mr. Johnston spent 16 years in the international sector for Thompson, but has been more or less home-bound in the past two and a half years. But he maintains close watch on overseas business, which is enjoying a brisk year in 1976.

He met his wife, the former Sarita Behar Villegas of Bogota, while he was stationed there for Thompson. His wife was a tournament tennis player and he has since become an avid devotee of the sport.

For relaxation Mr. Johnston also likes to play the piano and the guitar. He is a music enthusiast and the family often attends performances of the Metropolitan Opera, where he maintains a box.

Though he still has a long way to go before retirement, Mr. Johnston confides that after years at the top of the advertising world, he'd "like to own and run a small newspaper. That would be fun."
... and where she stops, nobody knows

It is far too early to tell just what direction will be taken by Lionel Van Deerlin's projected rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934. That the chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee does indeed have in mind a "basement to attic" house-cleaning becomes increasingly apparent as he assigns his staff to various, and ambitious, areas of investigation (Broadcasting, Nov. 22). That his new broom may sweep both ways is also apparent, from such "thinking out loud" as whether we really need all those local broadcast stations when so much TV programing is national, or whether broadcast licenses might be granted for 15 years.

We're not without opinions on those subjects, but prudence suggests keeping powder dry until the targets become more certain. In the meantime, it may be appropriate to remind Mr. Van Deerlin of what happened on another occasion when Congress set out to modernize old law. Twenty-one years ago, in 1955, the register of copyrights was asked to produce model legislation for amending the 1909 copyright law. It took eight years, until 1963, just to come up with a preliminary draft, and another year before the first bill was introduced. And then it took 12 years to reach congressional enactment.

If Mr. Van Deerlin and company really want to have a positive impact on what happens to telecommunications in this century, they may find it advisable to narrow the focus. They're dealing with media that move at the speed of light, not sound.

Score one for the marketplace

Back in the spring, the conventional wisdom in broadcasting was that if one network went to a longer evening news form, the other two would have to follow. Then, five weeks ago, one network (NBC) said it would not go to longer news. Domino-like, the other two now say they won't either. So much for conventional wisdom.

It may be just as well. Perhaps, as Rust Craft's Ralph Becker argues (Broadcasting, Nov. 1), the reason television ranks first among the nation's news media is that it specializes in "abbreviated journalism." That he may be right is little consolation to those concerned that the president of the Radio Television News Directors Association (page 45) has to advise viewers to read the newspapers.

Now that it's all over, we confess to a measure of disappointment. Not because we were anxious to see the networks increase their share of tube time, or to siphon more dollars away from their affiliates. (We have always had a quiet confidence in the ability of affiliates to negotiate a fair quid for whatever quo the networks would have asked for a longer news segment.) And certainly not because we wanted to see local news operations circumscribed in covering their own beats. But because we felt those extra minutes—as few as 15, in the most probable configuration—might have made a significant difference in the quality and diversity of TV reporting. The network evening news, in the final analysis, is our national glue. All else being equal, we'd like it bigger and better.

None of this is to say that the affiliates may not be right in their collective opposition. Theirs, however, is not so much a position for as a consensus against, for a variety of reasons. Not the least of those is the consideration that local news, too, must be given opportunity to flourish and prosper. In many markets, management is already so ambitious that any more news flowing down from the networks might supersaturate the viewer's information appetite.

In the long run—or the short, depending on your view of broadcast evolution—no one network turned out to have either the muscle or the stomach to insist. CBS and NBC are too preoccupied with their efforts to recapture prime-time position to demand concessions in news. ABC, which hasn't yet shown it can achieve parity in 30 minutes, is in no shape to press the advantage of its entertainment gains. Discretion became the better part of valor.

Ironically, if not coincidentally, the networks were beaten back on the longer-news front just as the Justice Department joined Westinghouse Broadcasting and other voices in demanding an investigation of whether the networks are too powerful. The immensity of that tussle may have played a part in lessening the networks' taste for battle, but it was not the decisive consideration. This is one industry confrontation that was decided in Peoria, not Washington. As we've said all along, that's where it belonged.

Lest we forget

A house ad in the Washington Post last week contained a claim that may have started some of its readers. Proclaiming its primacy as an advertising outlet in that area, the Post announced that its revenues were nearly twice those of all five television stations there, and four times as much as those of 40 radio stations.

Television has been treated so long as vast, pervasive and monolithic that it must have come as a surprise to some to read that, compared with the newspaper in their hands, television is pretty small potatoes, and radio small potatoes indeed. The fact, although often overlooked, is that newspaper revenues have always exceeded television's, and they are apt to do so for some time to come.

The over-all disparity is not as extreme as in the Post's version of the Washington situation. Total newspaper advertising revenues in 1975 came to some $8.44 billion, while television's were just under $5.3 billion. Radio's totaled a little more than $2 billion, so newspapers outsold TV and radio combined. And of course in retail advertising, the backbone of newspaper business, the superiority is much, much greater.

We mention all this as a reminder, again, that there's a big market out there that offers virtually unlimited potential for TV and radio growth. As the Television Bureau of Advertising and the Radio Advertising Bureau have been pointing out, broadcasters cannot find a bigger target than the retail money that now goes into newspapers. They've been plugging away at it, and making some inroads. But there is plenty of room for further gains. It may be a long time before broadcasters get as much retail business as newspapers do, but the gap should be narrowed as soon as possible—to a point where the newspapers can't brag about it.

"Betty, why don't you and the girls get us some sandwiches while we outline this program on sexism?"

Drawn for Broadcasting by Jack Schmidt
Letters to a broadcaster.

Here are excerpts from letters WKZO has received in recent months:

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