

## Number of Allocations for Television Is Questioned at Telephone Convention

CHARGE that the FCC thus far has relegated the necessity of frequency allocations for purpose of expanding radio-telephone and mobile service to a secondary position behind that of television was voiced last week by E. H. B. Bartelink, radio engineer of the General Telephone System.

Mr. Bartelink spoke at the 50th annual meeting of the U. S. Independent Telephone Assn. which opened a three-day session Oct. 14 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, with representatives of some 6,000 independent telephone companies.

"The FCC holds the key which can unlock the door leading to future developments in radio-television," Mr. Bartelink stated categorically, "... unfortunately, the FCC thus far has shown very little indication that it recognizes the pressing need for frequencies on the part of telephone companies, and it seems difficult to shake the impression that some others whose needs do not seem more urgent than those of the telephone companies have received more consideration."

The General Telephone System

spokesman pointed out that, while FCC has proposed to assign 12 channels to television, it has suggested only three channels for telephone companies to handle the combined services of urban mobile, short distance toll and rural.

Mr. Bartelink questioned the number of television allocations at this time, saying that there was no proof that a television industry of that size would be needed "after the newness has worn off."

Characterizing the situation as one of "sharp contrast," he explained that in the telephone industry "the present known demand indicates a need for frequency assignments approximately five to 10 times larger than the present assignment in small cities and rural areas, and approximately 30 times larger for urban areas."

He emphasized that the commission has delayed its decision on future policies for mobile radio-telephone service, adding that proceedings on the question had been postponed three times during the summer. New date, he said, for hearing has been set for Dec. 8.

## Radio Barred

BARRING of radio, press and public from Los Angeles hearings of Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities which start today (Oct. 20) was protested by Bartley Crum, San Francisco attorney, and Robert W. Kenny, former California attorney general, in telegram sent to Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, committee chairman. Mr. Crum and Mr. Kenny represent clients who are to appear before committee at hearings.

## Richardson Is Assigned Shortwave Post at NBC

STANLEY RICHARDSON, formerly assistant to the vice president in charge of NBC's News and International Relations Depts., has been assigned to the network's international shortwave service, it was announced in New York last week.



Mr. Richardson

Mr. Richardson will be responsible for programming, administrative, and operational activities.

Fred Bate, Mr. Richardson's International Division manager, has been appointed assistant to William F. Brooks, vice president in charge of news and international relations, and will be responsible for maintaining contacts with NBC's foreign affiliates and with other networks and stations abroad. Cal Abraham, International Division manager of Station Relations, will report to Mr. Bate.

Mr. Richardson has been with NBC since 1942, when he joined the network as London news director. His new post and Mr. Bate's become effective Nov. 1.

## AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT of citations in the annual School Use of Radio Competition will be made at the Tuesday (Oct. 28) luncheon session of the School Broadcast Conference at the Hotel Sheraton in Chicago. Conference's 11th annual meeting, led jointly by the Assn. for Education by Radio and the National Assn. of Educational Broadcasters, commences Oct. 27 [BROADCASTING, Oct. 13].

Simultaneous with citations announcement will be that of the recipient of the annual Award of Merit for Outstanding Service in the field of Educational Radio. Dr. Herold C. Hunt, general superintendent of Chicago public schools, will preside as principal speaker at the luncheon.

Various educational programs and their uses will be demonstrated during the three-day sessions.

## ATOM BOMB SHELTER McCormick Plans One With All The Latest at WGN

CHICAGO's first atom bomb shelter [BROADCASTING, Oct. 6] will be located in the basement of WGN, Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune* and president of WGN Inc. revealed during his weekly appearance on *The Chicago Theater of the Air*, Oct. 12.

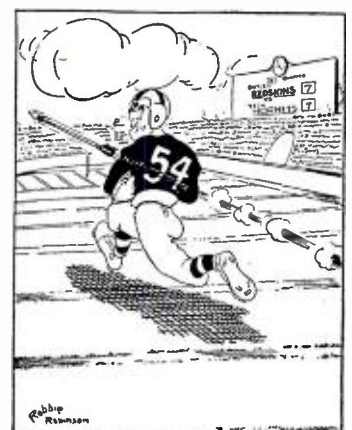
Col. McCormick said WGN's sub-basement (situated 75 feet below the level of Michigan Avenue), had been chosen because it offered the best protection against A-bomb radiation. The shelter reportedly will have facilities for receiving and transmitting by AM, FM and television.

Employees would be prepared to live in the shelter for "at least 24 hours" in the event of a direct hit, the publisher said. Radium-resistant clothing will be supplied if such is available, plus an adequate supply of pineapple juice, which he said scientists had discovered is the best remedy for radium burns.

## WOR Commended

WOR NEW YORK has been termed an "indispensable ally in the maintenance of high spiritual morale demanded by the exigency of the times" by the Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York. The commendation, presented on behalf of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, was accepted by WOR President Theodore C. Streibert during the Oct. 4 broadcast of WOR's *Sunday Radio Chapel*.

CKCO Ottawa has installed new 5-kw daytime transmitter, using 1 kw at night with directional array, on 1310 kc, according to a report of Radio Branch, Dept. of Transport, Ottawa. CKRM Regina has increased power from 1 kw to 5 kw on 980 kc.



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