FCC Adheres to Decision In 1230 Kc Appeals Brief

The FCC followed a proper course in deciding between Allentown Broadcasting Co. (WHOL) and the Easton Publishing Co. (Easton Express) in its 1950 hearing on which Pennsylvania censors could not pre-censor "M" and "La Ronde," a German film about a group of young girls, which was banned by Ohio censors on the ground it was "harmful." "La Ronde," a French import, was banned by New York censors as "immoral." The examiner's initial decision turned on the facts that (1) the reports of the Easton examiner would be considered after the decision by the FCC was final. "La Ronde," a German film about a group of young girls, was banned by Ohio censors on the ground it was "harmful." "La Ronde," a French import, was banned by New York censors as "immoral." The examiner's initial decision turned on the facts that (1) the reports of the Easton examiner would be considered after the decision by the FCC was final.

High Court to Hear Banned Film Arguments

The U. S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Jan. 6 on two motion pictures which have been banned in two states [8 T, Dec. 14]. The films are "M" and "La Ronde." Private showing for the court will take place Jan. 4 and 5. "M," a remake of a German film about a group of young girls, was banned by Ohio censors on the ground it was "harmful." "La Ronde," a French import, was banned by New York censors as "immoral." The examiner's initial decision turned on the facts that (1) the reports of the Easton examiner would be considered after the decision by the FCC was final.

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TOTAL operating tv stations nearied the 350 mark last week. As of last Wednesday, 226 vhf and 116 uhf, were reported on the air with six more scheduled to begin commercial operations later in the week.

At present, ten are slated to start programming before the year is out and another 14 to begin on New Year's Day.

The six stations slated to start at or before Christmas were:

- KOA-TV Denver, Colo., vhf ch. 4 (NBC), represented by Edward Petry & Co.
- WMGY (TV) Adams-Pittsfield, Mass., uhf ch. 3 (CBS), represented by John E. Pearson TV Inc.
- WECT (TV) Greenville, N. C., vhf ch. 9 (CBS, DuMont), represented by John H. Hellsberg Co.
- WSTV-Teaneck, N.J., uhf ch. 3 (CBS), represented by Avery Knodle Inc.
- WNCT (TV) Eau Claire, Wis., vhf ch. 13 (ABC, DuMont), represented by George P. Hellsberg Co.
- KFBC-TV Cheyenne, Wyo., vhf ch. 5 (CBS), represented by George P. Hellsberg Co.

This gives Cheyenne (and Wyoming) its first home video outlet: Adams-Pittsfield, Green- ville, Teaneck and Eau Claire also get their first. Denver gets its fourth. KOA-TV and KFBC-TV both had their transmitter towers toppled by strong winds in early December. At the time, the stations pledged they would begin Christmas despite a handicap of having to construct new towers.

Starting at full power of 100 kw, KOA-TV will present a dedicatory program including a filmed sequence depicting the outlet's hopes and plans, Don Searle, executive vice president, reported.

KTVU (TV) Stockton, Calif. (ch. 36), which began regular operation Dec. 18, will serve a primary area extending from Sacramento to Modesto and west to Berkeley Hills, according to Knox La Rue, general manager. Good signal has been reported from 160 miles north and south.

Commencing programming Dec. 13, WHFP-TV Jacksonsville, Fla. (ch. 36), is affiliated with NBC-TV and ABC-TV, a station spokesman said.

WCOC-TV Meridian, Miss. (ch. 30), expects to be on the air Jan. 1 with full 252 kw power, Withers Gavin, president, announced.

Construction of a new transmitter and studio building of WKNY-TV Kingston, N. Y. (ch. 66), was begun last week, Robert M. Peabody, vice-president-general manager, announced. It is expected to be completed by Jan. 22. Lesser anchors and foundations for the station's 600-ft. tower have been poured.

WWTV (TV) Cadillac, Mich., started regular test patterns Dec. 13 on ch. 13, the station reported. Regular programming is slated for Jan. 3.

First station for Alaska, KFIA (TV) Anchor- age (ch. 2), according to Glenn Hunt, director of programming, went on the air commercially Dec. 14. The outlet has been transmitting test patterns and trial program material since October. It is affiliated with CBS-TV and ABC-TV.

KAVT (TV) Pine Bluff, Ark. (ch. 7), started test patterns Dec. 18 and regular programming the evening after. Reports of signal reception have been gratifying, James P. Walker, general manager, said.

WTTSK TV Knoxville, Tenn. (ch. 26), which went on the air Oct. 18 with regularly scheduled CBS-TV, DuMont and ABC-TV programs, featured 22 live programs the first week of operation and now boasts a total of 35 lives shows, according to Jay Miller, production manager.

Stations due on the air in the next 30 days are:

**CALIFORNIA**
- KQED (TV) Berkeley-San Francisco, vhf ch. 5, January '54.
- KBIK (TV) Fresno, uhf ch. 53, represented by Mobber, TV Inc., January '54.

**COLORADO**

**CONNECTICUT**
- WNLC-TV New London, uhf ch. 36, December '53.

**FLORIDA**
- WEAR-TV Pensacola, vhf ch. 3 (CBS), represented by George P. Hellsberg Co., Dec. 31.

**IDAHO**

**ILLINOIS**
- WDAN- TV Danville, uhf ch. 24, represented by Evers-McKinney Inc., December '53 (grand- ed STA Dec. 18).

**KENTUCKY**
- WLOU-TV Louisville, uhf ch. 41, January '54.

**LOUISIANA**
- WCN-TV New Orleans, uhf ch. 33, Jan. 1.