

official interpretation on application of the open meeting law.

The original request to the board of regents for permission to cover the hearing was made by Otto Brandt, KING-AM-TV vice president and general manager. When Mel Meadows, INS newsman, asked the attorney general's office for a clarification of the 1953 open meeting law, Mr. Eastvold gave this interpretation.

"The 1953 session of the Washington State Legislature clearly provided that radio, television and newspapers should be allowed to report freely all decisions reached by a public body. This includes the Board of Regents of the U. of Washington.

"The law contemplated two things: The public is entitled to know all the facts concerning public decisions of public bodies. All news media are to be treated equally and fairly.

"The Board of Regents of the U. of Washington is entitled to meet in executive session to discuss background material and confidential matter. But when final decisions are reached, such decisions and the vote of each member on the same should be reported at open meetings with the right of equal representation by radio, television and newspapers."

Mr. Brandt later wrote Elroy McCaw, KTVW (TV) Seattle, president of Washington State Assn. of Broadcasters, that the industry has a situation in which WSAB members "can play an extremely important role." After reviewing the exchange of letters and wires between KING-AM-TV and college officials, Mr. Brandt said:

"As you know, the U. of Washington is a state institution, principally supported by the taxpayers of this state. The university has taken a great deal of interest in the possibilities of the television medium, including the installation and operation of one of the few educational vhf stations in the country. It also has a very fine school of communications.

"If not only television, but also radio can be barred from an open public meeting conducted under what is known as Washington State Open Meeting Law, then we might as well give up any thought of developing the full potential of the broadcast medium in the important fields of news and special events."

Staff Appointments Made By KOSA-TV Odessa, Tex.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS for KOSA-TV Odessa, Tex., new CBS-TV affiliate scheduled to begin commercial operation Jan. 1 (see story, page 52), were announced last week by Cecil L. Trigg, the station's president and general manager.

The appointments include Bill Schock, chief engineer, formerly in the same capacity with KPLC-TV Lake Charles, La.; Bette B. Miller, women's director, formerly with KDUB-TV Lubbock, Tex.; Stu Klein, production manager, formerly with KTBC-TV Austin, Tex.; Alex Mattison, director-cameraman, formerly with CBS-TV New York, City; Al Helton, director-cameraman, formerly with KTBC-TV Austin, Tex.; Bobby Ghormley, cameraman, formerly with KROD-TV El Paso, Tex., and Lucio Orozoco, art director, formerly associated with a southwestern department store chain in its art and display department.

KSO Becomes Independent

KSO Des Moines, Iowa, has relinquished its affiliation with ABC and will operate on a music-news-sports program schedule, it was announced last week by Raymond W. Baker, the station's general manager.

Mid-Continent Names Moudy, Berthelson Vice Presidents

APPOINTMENT of two additional vice presidents for Mid-Continent Broadcasting Co. has been announced by Todd Storz, president.

Dale Moudy, who has been director of engineering for the company, has assumed the posi-



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tion of vice president and director of engineering, and Fred E. Berthelson, also named to a vice presidency, will continue as general manager of WTIKX New Orleans.

Mr. Moudy, 32, joined KOWH Omaha in 1946 as control room operator and later served as studio supervisor and chief engineer. Mr. Berthelson, 34, was associated with WWEZ and WJBW, both New Orleans, before joining WTIKX as sales manager in 1953.

Mid-Continent operates KOWH Omaha, WHB Kansas City and WTIKX New Orleans, and has an application pending to take over operation of WDGY Minneapolis-St. Paul.

WHIS-TV Gets New Relay

INSTALLATION of a three-hop broadcast microwave system which enables WHIS-TV Bluefield, W. Va., to pick up for local transmission network television programs at Roanoke 75 miles away, was announced last week by A. R. Hopkins, broadcast and tv equipment manager, RCA.

The network shows, Mr. Hopkins said, are received by telephone facilities in Roanoke and fed by microwave to a repeater station atop Poor Mountain, Va., some 15 miles away. The signals then are relayed approximately 39 miles to a second repeater station on Dismal Peak, Va., which relays them the remaining 20 miles to WHIS-TV's transmitter on East Rover Mountain, W. Va. The high-power microwave link, Mr. Hopkins said, makes it possible for WHIS-TV to receive and transmit both color and black-and-white network programs.

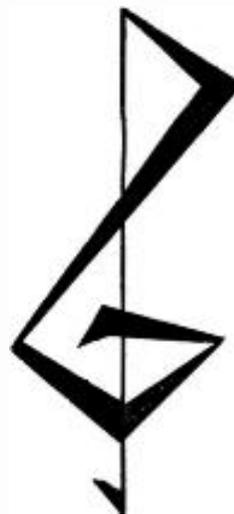
WMBI Plans Wide Network Of Foreign Correspondents

AN EXTENSIVE network of foreign correspondents throughout the world is being planned by Moody Bible Institute (WMBI Chicago) for the purpose of providing tape recordings for the station's news programs.

WMBI, religious program station, plans to recruit more than 100 newsmen from its missionary ranks, according to Don Turner, the station's news director. He said they would be equipped with tape recorders and that the institute would maintain liaison with them through its amateur radio station. A handful of missionary correspondents already is sending news back to the station for use on the air.

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