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U.S. broadcasters plan tv in Caribbean

Two leading U.S. radio and television ownership groups have organized a new company, Hemisphere Television Corp., with plans to operate a series of tv outlets in the Caribbean area. Announced Thursday (July 8) was an on-air target date of Nov. 1 for a vhf station in Haiti.

Hemisphere's organizers are Mike Rosenberg, Haiti industrialist; Gerald A. Bartell, president of Bartell Family Radio, and J. Elroy McCaw, president of Gotham Broadcasting Co.

The Haiti tv franchise, Tele-Haiti as the station will be known, will be installed by Bartell engineers and operated under a programming arrangement to include network shows, feature films, local news and educational programs. The island's population is estimated at four million.

Stations in the Bartell group are: KYA San Francisco, KCBQ San Diego, WOKY Milwaukee, WAKE Atlanta, WYDE Birmingham and WOV New York. (Purchase of the last awaits FCC approval.) Gotham's outlets: WINS New York, KTVR (TV) Denver, KTVW (TV) Seattle, KDAY Los Angeles and KONA (TV) Honolulu.

Bay fms organize

First steps to form the San Francisco Fm Broadcasters Assn. were taken at a June 22 meeting of stations in the Bay Area. It is designed to promote the medium throughout Northern California, calling attention to recent fm progress and emphasizing its

listener advantages. Officers will be elected at a second meeting to be held early this month.

NBC AFFILIATIONS KOMA cuts network; WVET replaces WHAM

NBC Radio got the air from one affiliate last week and gave it to another.

KOMA Oklahoma City, a Todd Storz station whose affiliation with the network last winter made a big splash because of Mr. Storz' standing as a leading independent operator (BROADCASTING, Dec. 1, 1958), gave notice it was cutting network programming down, if not out.

In a separate development NBC Radio cancelled its affiliation with WHAM Rochester, according to network officials, and announced that WVET would become its outlet in that market effective Aug. 1 (see picture). The move was attributed to a network desire for more program clearances in Rochester. WVET officials were quoted by NBC spokesmen as saying they intended to clear all NBC programs. WVET is on 1280 kc with 5 kw; WHAM is on 1180 kc with 50 kw.

The Storz move in Oklahoma City caught NBC by surprise. Matthew J. Culligan, executive vice president in charge of the radio network, said he received a letter from Mr. Storz last Tuesday (July 7), a day after KOMA's cutback in NBC programming oc-



NBC Radio switch in Rochester

• Matthew J. Culligan (c), executive vice president in charge of NBC Radio, discusses the affiliation of WVET Rochester with the network, effective Aug. 1, with Paul C. Louther (l), station manager, and Ervin F. Lyde, president and general manager. WVET, which operates on 1280 kc with 5 kw, replaces WHAM Rochester as the NBC affiliate there (CLOSED CIRCUIT, July 6).

curred. He quoted Mr. Storz' letter as saying the KOMA operation as a network affiliate had been "unsuccessful by any measure," though not necessarily through NBC's fault.

The letter didn't cancel the NBC affiliation, Mr. Culligan said. Rather, he explained, it served notice of the decision to cut back NBC programming and suggested that "you [NBC] may wish to terminate the affiliation agreement." This seemed a likely result, although as of last Thursday Mr. Culligan was still waiting to speak to Mr. Storz. No decision had been reached on a possible replacement in the NBC lineup, but observers thought there might be some significance in the fact that NBC Radio's coverage of the All-Star baseball game last Tuesday was carried in Oklahoma City by KTOK (1000 kc, 5 kw).

Tv in Florida court

Tv coverage of a northern Florida courtroom by WFGA-TV Jacksonville brought comments of approval last week from Criminal Court Judge Lloyd A. Layton.

"I can't say it hampered or delayed or took any dignity away from the court at all," Judge Layton said. "It was not distracting and I don't think the majority of persons in the courtroom ever noticed it."

One sequence used on the air showed the breakdown of a 16-year-old boy sentenced to 20 years for a fatal stabbing. "I thought it might serve as a deterrent to crime," Judge Layton observed.

No lights were used in the filming. The sound camera microphone was placed before Judge Layton but out of view of others in the courtroom. WFGA-TV reported one Circuit Court Judge accused Judge Layton of trying to run a circus sideshow.

Tv in Alabama capitol

Tv news cameras have been granted access to the House of Representatives in Alabama. A resolution (HR 46) authorizes, if there is no member objection, "proceedings of the House to be fully televised, or photographed for television" and also permits "sound recordings for use on telecasts."

Burt Lydic, WSFA-TV Montgomery, said cooperation with House Speaker Charles Adams allows cameramen to film proceedings unobtrusively by picking up the sound directly from the chamber public address system. A similar arrangement with the Senate permits sound-on-film cameras on the floor "provided authorization of the members present has been received."

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