

did the right thing when it removed channel 2 from Springfield in order to make the Illinois capital all-UHF. There is no question, it said, that keeping a VHF channel in Springfield would have "blighted" the UHF stations already operating.

KTVI argued against the Sangamon charge that Sec. 307(b) of the Communications Act requires each state to have equal distribution of facilities. This means, KTVI contended, that states should have equal distribution of service, and both VHF and UHF must be considered TV service. Otherwise, it added, there would have to be two separate allocation tables, one for VHF and the other for UHF.

The U. S. Court of Appeals in Washington last June upheld the FCC's most recent decision in a 2-1 vote. Petitions for rehearing en banc by the circuit court were denied last September and again in November.

This is the second time the case has been to the Supreme Court. After the 1957 decision, Sangamon appealed, lost in the circuit court, and asked the Supreme Court to review. The Supreme Court returned it after allegations that off-the-record contacts had been made to FCC commissioners. In a special hearing, affirmed by the FCC in 1961, it was found that although the 1957

decision was voidable, no commissioners were disqualified and none of the parties were disqualified. This was accepted by the appeals court which remanded the case for a new hearing on the basic question of whether channel 2 should be moved from Springfield.

AFTRA strikes KCMO; IBEW respects pickets

A strike by the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists against KCMO Kansas City, Mo., was reported still in progress last Thursday (Jan. 23).

The strike began Jan. 10 and affected about 30 AFTRA members at the station. About 30 engineers, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have stayed out, respecting AFTRA picket lines.

KCMO, a Meredith station, is being operated by supervisory personnel from Meredith stations in Omaha; Phoenix, Ariz; Syracuse, N. Y., and Kansas City.

MBS moving New York setup to new building

Mutual will double the size of its physical setup in New York during the first week of February when it moves into new offices occupying the entire

16th floor of the new American Management Association building at 135 West 50th Street.

The new facilities include four studios and a tape center, each of which are self-contained and designed to take over immediate control of the network's 490 affiliates at a moment's notice.

MBS President Robert F. Hurleigh said a major reason for the move from the network's original Broadway location for the past 30 years is the expanding demand for network radio services which has resulted in the addition of more than 50 new affiliates in the past two years.

Meredith, Jerrold to build 3 CATV's

Meredith Broadcasting Co., operator of radio and TV stations in four states, will build and operate community antenna systems in Eau Gallie, Melbourne and Ormond Beach, Fla., in conjunction with the Jerrold Corp., Philadelphia, veteran CATV firm, the companies are to announce today (Jan. 27).

The venture marks Meredith's initial entry into CATV, said Fred Bohlen, president of Meredith Publishing Co., parent of the broadcast licensee, and Milton J. Shapp, chairman of the board and president of the Jerrold Corp.

Frank P. Fogarty, Meredith executive vice president, will head the CATV operation.

Their systems, the firms said, will serve 12 TV channels and FM. Service is expected to be available by the end of the year. Mr. Bohlen said Meredith is "vigorously investigating" other possible CATV installations.

Meredith Broadcasting of Omaha is licensee of KCMO-AM-FM-TV Kansas City, Mo.; KPHO-AM-TV Phoenix, Ariz.; WOW-AM-FM-TV Omaha, and WHEN-AM-FM-TV Syracuse, N. Y.

Changing hands

APPROVED ■ *The following transfers of station interests were among those approved by the FCC last week (for other commission activities see FOR THE RECORD, page 91).*

■ KICA-TV Clovis, N. M.: Sold by John H. Marshall and family to Texas State Network Inc. for \$350,000 and agreement not to compete. Texas State Network, principally owned by the estate of Sid W. Richardson, owns or controls KFJZ-AM-FM Fort Worth, KRIO McAllen and KFDA-TV Amarillo, all Texas. KICA-TV, on channel 12, is affiliated with CBS and ABC.

■ WACE Chicopee, Mass.: Sold by Communications Industries group to

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