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Welcome NAB Directors

As mentioned here in our January/February issue, the board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters is to hold its first meeting in Canada at the Hotel Toronto during the last week of June.

It will include a joint meeting with the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters on June 29th. The agenda for this meeting, the first of its kind, calls for discussion of regulatory policies, technological developments, cable television, pay television, copyright, the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC), and social issues affecting broadcasting in both countries.

NAB's directors are to be commended for their initiative in coming to Canada—an action which is already contributing to closer liaison with CAB. We hope their visit proves cordial and productive, and is but the first of many!

Safety First

CCBA Engineering's publicity chairman, Warren Parker, who is chief engineer of CKTB St. Catharines, Ontario, has another cause to publicize: safety.

On March 24th, Warren was working with Al Bennett, chief engineer of CKOC Hamilton, at the CKOC transmitter building, when Al received a severe electrical shock. Warren applied resuscitation and summoned assistance, and his presence may well have saved the life of his colleague. We understand that Al has made an excellent recovery, following an initial day or two on the critical list.

The incident recalls a tragic occurrence in 1949, also at Hamilton, when a young CHML employee, Bob Hendry, was electrocuted at the transmitter building. The accident deeply affected all of us who worked at CHML at the time, and certainly left this writer with a profound respect for that mysterious phenomenon known as electricity.

But, familiarity breeds contempt. You, who work and live with kilowatts every day sometimes, perhaps, grow careless. As Warren Parker will tell you: take precautions, not shortcuts. And when it's advisable, have an associate out there with you.

Warren is working with other engineers to encourage a greater awareness of safety and would appreciate your suggestions: he may be contacted at CKTB, Box 610, St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 6X7, (416) 684-1174. You will be hearing more about this all-important subject in the near future.

CAB Office Moves

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters' office in Ottawa will shortly move to the Booth Building, a block west of the present location on Sparks Street. (In writing to CAB, it's best to continue using the post office address—Box 627, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S2.) With the Blackburn building undergoing a complete renovation, engineering consultant A. G. Sandy Day is also moving to the new location, which is connected to the Parliamentary media building.

Meanwhile, CAB's Flora Love—who agreed to stay on when Dr. Pierre Camu was appointed CRTC chairman last fall—will soon begin her retirement. Flora must be satisfied that president Ernie Steele and the rest of the staff can now manage on their own—and we hope you're right, Flora! This sprightly young lady will be missed, not only at the CAB office, but by the broadcasters across the land who benefitted from her many years of efficient service to their Association. We join in wishing Flora an active and enjoyable retirement.

Our best wishes also go to Jesse Geldart, a very capable and obliging staff member, who will be taking on new administrative duties at CAB.

CABC Executive

The Canadian Association of Broadcast Consultants recently elected its executive for the coming two years. President is Pierre Labarre, Pierre Labarre & Associates Ltd., Montreal; vice-president is Ted Horrigan, E. W. Horrigan & Associates, Toronto; and the secretary is Ed Prefontaine, of D.E.M. Allen & Associates, Winnipeg.

As an association, the consultants collaborate to study technical problems facing the broadcasting industry and to provide input in the regulation process.

These little-publicized activities undoubtedly deserve greater recognition. **BROADCAST EQUIPMENT TODAY** would be pleased to help rectify the situation . . . on the understanding that we won't be billed consultants' fees, of course!

Hope to see you at WABE and COTV.

Doug Loney

happenings

• *DOC will open a new district office in Rimouski, Quebec—its 43rd. There are about 8,000 communications transmitters in the area, previously served by the DOC Quebec City office.*

• *RCA announces three major contracts: CKY-TV Winnipeg is purchasing a new 35 kw transmitter, mobile van with four TK-760 cameras, and two TR-600 quad VTRs with time code editing systems, at a total cost of \$1.4 million. CBC is adding another 19 TK-76 ENG cameras, (it already has 19), and 11 TP-66 16mm film projectors to be used at various locations across Canada, in a \$1.25 million order. CFRN-TV Edmonton is installing two TR-600 quad VTRs with time code editing, a TCR-100 cartridge recorder and a TK-46 camera in a \$500,000-plus program upgrading its production facilities.*

• *A Radio Programming Conference will be sponsored by NAB in Chicago, August 20-23, at the downtown Hyatt Regency hotel. Registration fee is \$200 for non-members; further information may be obtained from NAB, 1771 N Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.*

• *CFLP, the new Rimouski station licensed to André Lecomte, is expected to be on the air by early May. It operates on 1000 kHz with 10,000 watts, and employs a four-tower array for its nighttime directional pattern.*

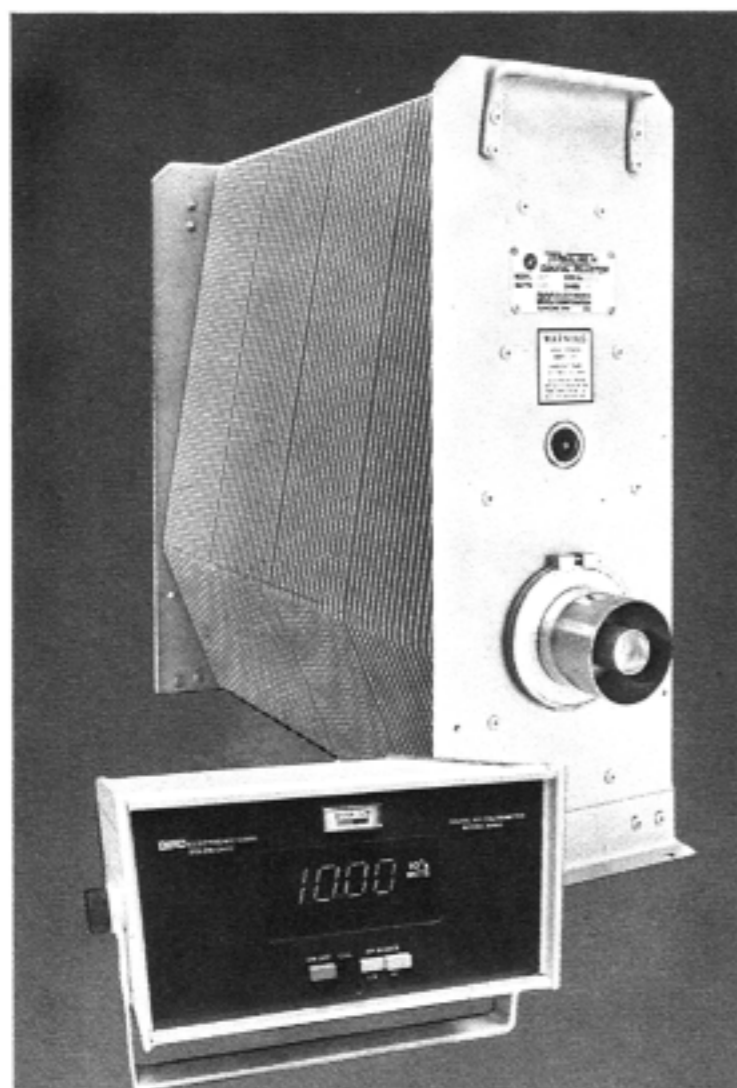
• *Subsidies to the CBC for 1978-79 will reach \$522 million, or nearly \$24 for each Canadian—an all-time high.*

• *Selkirk Holdings Ltd. will invest over \$9 million in a U.S. cablevision franchise recently awarded to the Canadian company. Selkirk president Stuart Mackay claims the facility "may well become a model for the future development of cable television in North America".*

• *Research into new in-home communications services—and the terminals they'll require—is being jointly financed by the Quebec and federal governments. L'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal has been granted a \$10,000 contract, with participation by the University of Sherbrooke and various electronics companies and telecommunications carriers.*



Torsten Walther (left), managing director of Bayly Engineering Ltd., Ajax, Ont., receives Achievement Award from John Rhodes, Ontario minister of Industry and Tourism, while Joost von Wrangel (right), chairman of AEG-Telefunken group in Germany, looks on. Founded in 1947 by B. deForest Bayly, an electrical engineering professor at the University of Toronto, the company now employs 265 and anticipates sales close to \$10 million during 1978. An expansion program now underway will double its manufacturing facilities. The award recognizes Bayly's contribution to Ontario's economy, particularly its development of export markets.



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HEARINGS

OTTAWA—APRIL 4

TELEMEDIA REORGANIZED: RIMOUSKI RECONSIDERED

The CRTC moved the April 4 hearing to Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel, and, in addition to the items listed in the March/April issue of BET, heard the following applications:

- **Télémedia Communications Ltée**—for a reorganization which would amalgamate various subsidiaries into one company, Télémedia, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beaudem Ltée. Télémedia would then become the direct licensee of the six AM and three FM stations it already controls in the province of Quebec.
- **CBC**—for acquisition of CJBR Radio and Television, Rimouski. The purchase was previously considered at a hearing in Rimouski, March 1, 1977.
- **CBC**—for new FM rebroadcasters at Mont-Laurier, Que. (38 kw on 96.3 MHz—French) and Trois-Rivières (4,326 watts on 106.9 MHz—English).
- **CKCH Hull, Quebec**—for a reduction in authorized power from 50 to 10 kw. The station recently came under CRTC criticism for its failure to implement a power increase.
- **Radio des Plaines Ltée**—for transfer of ownership of CKRV Drummondville, Que., to P. Germain, M. Bourget and G. Leblanc.
- Transfers of ownership affecting cable systems in Bromptonville, Richmond, St. Gregoire de Nicolet, Waterloo, Sawyer-ville and Windsor, Quebec.
- **TV Communautaire de St-Jérôme Inc.**—for a television station at St-Jérôme, 46.7 watts on channel 4.
- In hearing the request of CING-FM Burlington, Ont., for deletion of the condition that it not solicit advertising in the city of Hamilton, the CRTC announced that it would also review the station's adherence to its promise of performance.

ROUYN-NORANDA—APR. 11

A special hearing was scheduled at the Noranda Hotel to consider competing television applications from **Radio Nord Inc.** and **Radio-Québec**. Radio Nord seeks a TVA affiliate at Rouyn-Noranda, 251 kw on channel 13, with a rebroadcaster at Lithium Mines, 24.1 kw on channel 10. The province's educational network applied for

the same channels, proposing ERPs of 203.1 kw at Rouyn-Noranda, and 230.5 kw at Lithium Mines.

In a separate development affecting northwestern Quebec, Conrad Lavigne's Mid-Canada network is reportedly seeking a buyer for its CBC-TV rebroadcaster on channel 5 at Malartic, Quebec.

MONTREAL—APRIL 13 TORONTO—APRIL 25

BATON AND CHUM WHEEL AND DEAL

The CRTC wasted no time in scheduling hearings on the proposed sale of CFCF-TV Montreal and CITY-TV Toronto (see March/April BET, page 45).

The **Montreal** hearing, at Hotel Le Meridien, considered the transfer of 54.4% ownership of Multiple Access Ltd. to Baton Broadcasting Inc., which owns CFTO-TV Toronto. The purchase would include CFCF, CFQR-FM and CFCX shortwave, as well as CFCF-TV. It would also give Baton 45% of the common shares of CITY-TV Toronto, but this conflict of interest would be overcome by the proposed purchase by CHUM Limited.

The **Toronto** hearing, at the Hotel Toronto, was to consider a complex reorganization of the ownership of CITY-TV, resulting in effective control by CHUM Limited. The final distribution of common shares would be:

CHUM Limited—67.2%
Founders group (Moses Znaimer, Jerry Grafstein, Phyllis Switzer, Edgar Cowan)—28.2%
Employee group (James West, Fred Klinkhammer)—4.6%

Observers speculate that the CRTC would require CHUM Limited to dispose of CKVR-TV Barrie, should its purchase of CITY-TV be approved. Local FM station CHAY promptly announced it was in the bidding for CKVR, but CHUM's stance at this point in time is that the station is not for sale.

CALGARY—MAY 9

CABLE TV DOMINATES WESTERN HEARING

Over 80 applications for new cable systems in 35 Alberta communities will be heard at the Sheraton-Calgary Inn commencing May 9, 1978.

The applications are for the following centres. (Numbers after each indicate *applicants*, as listed below.)

- Airdrie—1
- Bashaw—4
- Black Diamond/Turner Valley—5
- Bonnyville—2, 3, 6
- Bow Island—7
- Bowden—3, 8, 9
- Cardston—3
- Claresholm—3, 5, 10, 11, 12
- Cochrane—1
- Didsbury—3, 9
- Drayton Valley—3, 13
- Drumheller—3, 14
- Edson—3, 15
- Ft. MacLeod—3, 5, 10, 11, 12
- Granum—3, 10, 11, 12
- High River—3, 5, 10, 11
- Innisfail—3, 8, 9, 16
- Lacombe—3, 4, 16, 17
- Lloydminster—2, 3, 18
- Nanton—5, 10
- Ototoks—3, 5, 10, 11
- Olds—3, 8, 9, 16
- Peace River—2, 3
- Penhold—3
- Ponoka—3, 4, 16, 17
- Raymond—3
- Stettler—3, 4
- Strathmore—1, 5, 19
- Valleyview—3
- Vegreville—2, 3, 18
- Vermilion—2, 3, 18
- Viking—2
- Vulcan—5
- Westlock—2, 3

The *applicants* (with the *number of applications by each* in brackets) are:

1. Calgary Cable TV Ltd. (3)
2. Northern Cablevision, Edmonton (8)
3. QCTV Ltd., Edmonton (26)
4. Thomas A. McLaren, Camrose (4)
5. Foothills Cablevision, Taber (8)
6. Raymond J. Muller (Bonnyville)
7. Taber Cable Television (Bow Island)
8. Douglas Garraway, Barrie, Ont. (3)
9. Chester D. Wiens, Calgary (4)
10. Gordon Bulmer, Ottawa, Ont. (6)
11. J. W. Gillespie, Pincher Creek (5)
12. Douglas Robinson, Lethbridge (3)
13. D.V. Leasing Ltd. (Drayton Valley)
14. K. M. Greentree, Taber (Drumheller)
15. G. K. Nelson, Hinton (Edson)
16. Community Video (Red Deer) Ltd. (4)
17. R. J. McIntyre, Edmonton (2)
18. Three West Cable Co., Lloydminster (3)
19. Ted Marietta, Strathmore (Strathmore)

A number of applications by Abraham Berday of Camrose, Alberta, were withdrawn.

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HEARINGS HELD IN NORTH

A series of hearings were scheduled in northern centres to receive public comment on the CBC Northern Services, in advance of the April 12 CBC hearing in Ottawa. Locations included were:

Inuvik, NWT—April 7
Yellowknife, NWT—April 10
Cambridge Bay, NWT—April 12
Rankin Inlet, NWT—April 13
Pond Inlet, NWT—April 18
Frobisher Bay, NWT—April 19
Fort Chimo, Que.—April 20
Nain, Labrador—April 21

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Other cable applications: Taber Cable Television Ltd., Taber, for an increase in service area; Ponteix (Sask.) TV Club, for a change in headend site; and Hedley (B.C.) Cable TV Ltd., for purchase of the Hedley system from Penticton Cable TV Ltd.

Radio and TV applications to be heard include:

- CBC, for French radio/TV at Grande Prairie, Alta. (5 kw on 90.5 MHz, 3.3 kw on ch. 19); Bellegarde, Sask. (4.7 kw on 91.9 MHz, 11.4 kw on ch. 26); Gravelbourg, Sask. (20.9 kw on ch. 39); Ponteix, Sask. (19.4 kw on ch. 22); Willow Bunch, Sask. (9 kw on ch. 21); and Prince George, B.C. (130 watts on 95.5 MHz, 36 watts on ch. 4).
- CBC, for English radio at Prince George (100 kw on 91.5 MHz) and Grande Prairie, Alta. (100 kw on 102.5 MHz); and television at Cypress Hills, Sask. (2,450 watts on ch. 2), Ponteix (10.5 kw on ch. 3), Beaverlodge, Alta. (10 watts) and Fox Creek, Alta. (10 w).
- CBC, on behalf of Parks Canada, for six 5-watt transmitters at Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta (2), and Glacier National Park, B.C. (4), operating on 1230 and 1490 kHz.
- The University of Alberta Students' Union, for a 20 watt carrier current station on 1580 kHz, to serve the Edmonton Campus.
- CKAY Duncan, B.C., for a daytime power increase to 10 kw.
- Charest Communications Ltd. and Radio 1310 Ltd., for share transfers.
- Moffat Communications Ltd., to amend the promises of performance for CHFM Calgary and CKY-FM Winnipeg, changing the formats and reducing classical music content.
- CFRN-TV Edmonton, for a rebroadcaster at Lougheed, Alta., 5 kw on channel 7.
- Northern Cablevision, Edmonton, for a 4-watt rebroadcaster at Beaverlodge, Alta., to carry CJDC-TV Dawson Creek, B.C.
- Hendrix Lake (B.C.) TV Society, for an 8-watt rebroadcaster to carry CHAN-TV Vancouver.
- The University of Lethbridge Students' Union, for a 20-watt carrier current station on 560 kHz.
- Western World Communications Ltd. (CJWW Saskatoon), for transfer of controlling interest to Saskatoon Telecable Ltd. Roy H. Currie would continue to be a major shareholder.

DECISIONS

NEW CBC STATIONS FOR MARITIMES

Seven radio stations have been approved for the CBC French service in the Maritimes area. An FM rebroadcaster of CBAF Moncton will be built at Halifax, 100 kw on 92.3 MHz, and an AM station at New Carlisle, Que., 10 kw on 540 kHz, will rebroadcast CBGA Matane.

Five other FM stations—all with 100 kw power—were approved in principle. Three of these will be at Moncton, the others at Campbellton and Neguac, N.B. Two Moncton stations would carry the English and French FM networks, and a third would rebroadcast CBAF, the city's French AM station. (With CBA, the CBC will then have five radio stations in Moncton.) Final approval is awaiting completion of study, jointly undertaken by the CRTC, DOC and CBC, to optimize the use of FM frequencies.

In renewing the licences of the existing French radio and TV stations in the Maritimes, the CRTC noted that the CBC plans a second television studio at Moncton by the end of this year and that a power increase is planned for the TV rebroadcaster at Edmundston, together with new transmitters at Fredericton and Saint John, N.B.

AM Radio

The CRTC has told both **Radiomutuel** and **Télémedia** to meet their commitments to provide news services.

Both of the privately-owned radio networks in Quebec were established on the premise that they would offer their stations improved national and international news coverage, leaving each affiliate free to concentrate on local news. While both licences were renewed for two years, Radiomutuel was instructed to broadcast at least one hour a week of public affairs, in addition to its 7½ hours of news, and to reduce music to three hours; Télémedia is to maintain at least 9 hours of news a week and is to strengthen local news service.

Other AM decisions:

- In renewing the licence of CFRA Ottawa, the CRTC advised further discussion to resolve the issue of a power increase for CFCF Montreal (600 kHz), which must give technical protection to CFRA (580).
- In renewing the licences of CBC French stations **CBOF** and **CBOFT** Ottawa, the

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CRTC called for **greater emphasis on regional production.**

- **CHLN Trois-Rivieres—disaffiliation** from CBC approved: **AM network service** is provided by **CBF-1-FM**, which went on the air last November.

- **CFCL Timmins—to explore** extension of services to **Timiskaming area.**

- **CHAP Longlac, Ontario—renewed** for one year to permit **resumption of service**; transmitter has been off air since May, 1977.

- **CHFC Churchill—CBC** permitted to **discontinue studio operations**, while providing **community access**; a northern production centre is to be established at **Thompson**, in north-central Manitoba, with a second smaller production centre in the Territory of **Keewatin**, north of Manitoba.

- In issuing short-term renewals for **CFOK Westlock** and **CIOK St. Paul, Alta.**, the CRTC called for progress reports within six months on the establishment of studio facilities at **Barrhead** and **Bonnyville**. The licensees had promised to open such studios within the first year of operation of **CFOK** and **CIOK**, both of which went on the air in 1975.

- Networks were approved for **Toronto Blue Jays** baseball broadcasts (by **CKFH** and 19 Ontario stations) and for **Montreal Canadiens** hockey broadcasts (by **CFCF** and **CKBY-FM** Ottawa).

FM Radio

CLOSED CIRCUIT AUDIO LEFT OPEN

Closed circuit audio services on cable television have been given a new lease on life.

At the end of 1975, the Commission required that such services be provided only by licensed broadcasters. However, despite two extensions of the deadline, few of the services (mostly ethnic or student broadcasters) have been able to meet this requirement. The CRTC has now extended the deadline "until further notice" for study, allowing cable systems to continue carriage of services which were in operation on or before December 16, 1975.

NEW FACILITIES APPROVED

- New FM stations for the CBC have been licensed at **Edmonton** (100 kw on 93.3 MHz), **Fort Albany, Ont.** (1 kw on 102.3) and **Attawapiskat, Ont.** (34.6 watts on 101.5).

- Early approval is expected for changes in facilities for **CKO-FM-6** Edmonton, from 64 kw on 105.9 to 100 kw on 101.9, with change of antenna site, to be implemented within six months of approval; and for the

CBC station licensed at **Swift Current, Nfld.**, from 32 watts on 99.5 to 86 watts on 104.3 MHz.

- A power increase from 34 to 130 watts and change of antenna site have been granted for **CHLG-FM-5** Duplinter, Que.

CFBC-FM RE-LICENSED

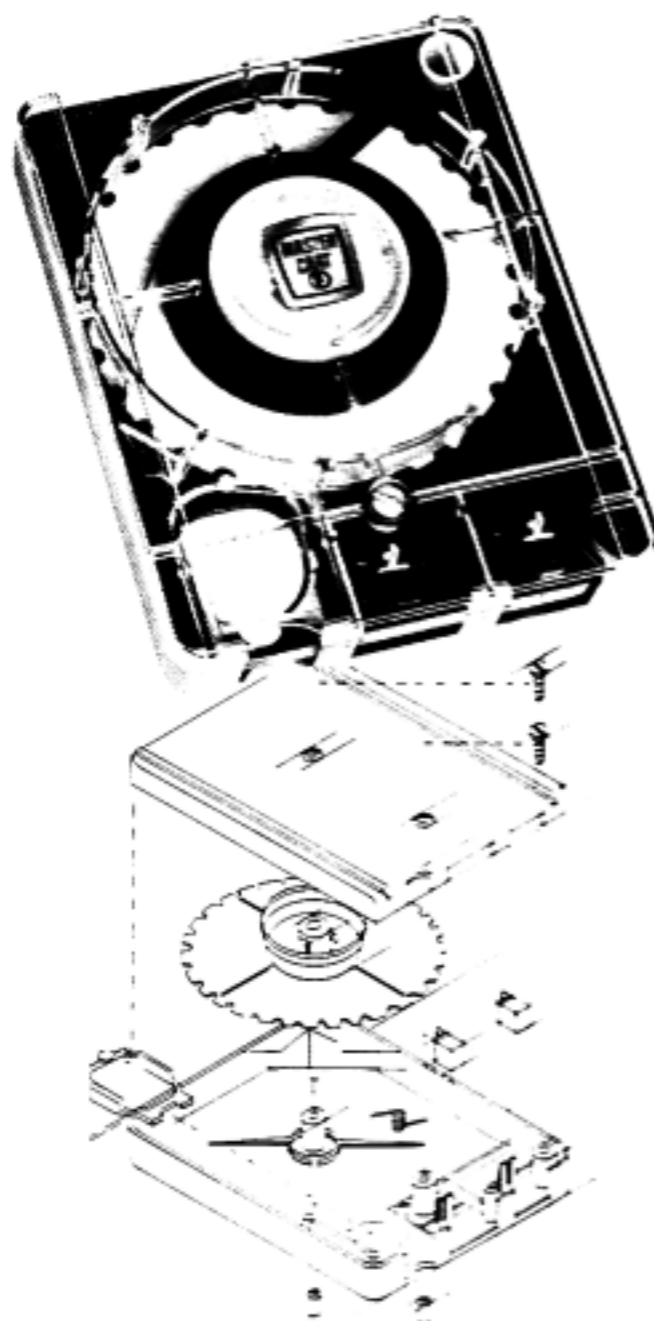
The application by **Fundy Broadcasting** of **Saint John, N.B.**, to continue its FM operation has been approved. The CRTC had denied renewal of **CFBC-FM** on July 20, 1977, and called for applications.

Fundy was the only applicant, and the CRTC now appears satisfied that the company intends to meet programming requirements.

Other FM decisions:

- **CKCU-FM** (Carleton University) **Ottawa—licence** extended to end of 1978, to allow more time for preparation of a new application responding to concerns of CRTC.

- **Northern Broadcasting** and **CBC** to meet with CRTC to correct technical factors which have resulted in degradation of signal of **CKAT-FM** North Bay since two CBC FM stations went on the air.



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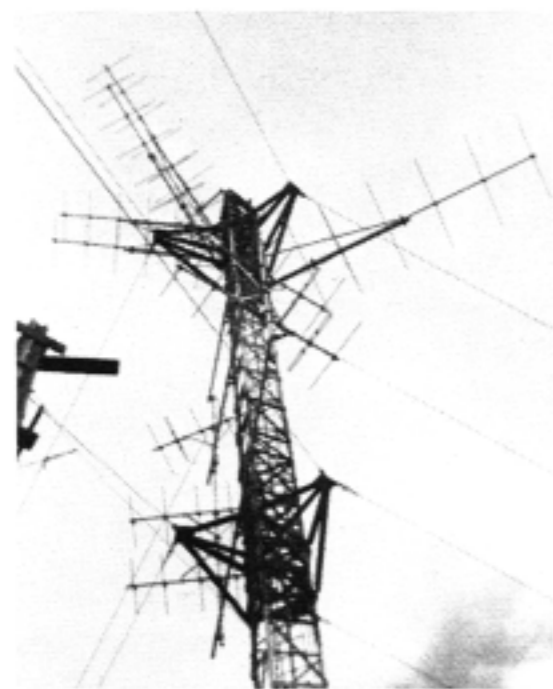
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Television

CBC EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL PRODUCTION

Sudbury and Yellowknife are expected to become future sites for CBC regional production centres.

In renewing the licences of eight rebroadcasters in northern Ontario, the CRTC noted that within a year 14 more outlets would result in 98% coverage of Ontario by the CBC-TV French network. While the CBC has no immediate plans for a TV production centre in northern Ontario, Sudbury will be given high priority when funds become available. At present, the area's 171,000 French-speaking residents receive programming from CBLFT Toronto. Meanwhile, the CBC intends to begin radio production at Sudbury "as soon as possible" to serve over a dozen rebroadcasters in the area.

In the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife is considered the likely site for a production/training/packaging centre.

Both proposals are to be explored more fully at the CBC network renewal hearing scheduled for June 12 in Ottawa.

In other decisions relating to CBC-TV:

- Rebroadcasters were licensed at Nipawin, Sask. (4340 watts on channel 10), and Fort Hope, Ont. (10 w. on ch. 12).
- Power reductions are expected to be authorized at Canal Flats, B.C. (from 5.4 to .51 kw) and at Ste-Rose du Lac, Man. (from 1.344 to 1.209 kw).
- The CRTC commended CBET Windsor, Ont., for improved local public affairs programming; mobile capability is to be added later this year.

TVA REBROADCASTERS

Revised applications have been filed by Marc Simard, representing a company to be incorporated, for TVA rebroadcasters at Rivière-du-Loup, Que., and Edmundston, N.B.

The original applications were heard over a year ago, but decisions were deferred because of technical problems. The revisions call for reduced power—14.1 kw at Rivière-du-Loup and 1.22 kw on channel 4 at Edmundston. Early approval is expected, unless the CRTC determines that further public hearing is required.

Similar approval is expected for a power increase, from 19 to 128 watts, for Radio Saguenay's CKRS-TV-1 Ville de la Baie, Que.

At Saint-Pamphile, Que., the application by Tél-Capitale for a 10-watt rebroadcaster was approved in principle. However, the CRTC called for investigation into the use of another channel, rather than channel 6, to avoid degradation of signals currently received.

In other TV decision:

- CFAC-TV Calgary was renewed with commendations for its development of

local live production, which includes 11 series and 350 hours syndicated to 10 other Canadian stations.

- CKPR-TV and CHFD-TV, both owned by Thunder Bay (Ont.) Electronics Ltd., have been permitted to combine their news resources. The stations are to acquire ENG equipment and provide complete color and mobile capability.

- Global TV has been authorized to continue its Provincial Lottery network, consisting of its own network and a dozen other stations, with their rebroadcasters, in northern Ontario and the western provinces. There will also be two additions to the network: CHRO-TV Pembroke and CFQC-TV Saskatoon.

Cable Television

APPLICATIONS CALLED FOR SHELBOURNE/LOCKEPORT, N.S.

May 31 is the deadline for applications for a cable system to serve Shelburne/Lockeport, Nova Scotia.

A licence had been granted in 1973, and renewed in 1977, to James A. Reardon (Seaview Cablevision Limited). It was surrendered last fall, when the licensee informed the CRTC that the company was financially unable to proceed.

Applicants are to provide details of their agreements, routes and costs pertaining to the use of the distant head-end at Chamcook, N.B.

QUESTIONABLE USE OF COMMUNITY CHANNEL?

The CRTC has stretched its policies on the use of the community channel to allow some cable systems to carry proceedings from the House of Commons.

Systems which do not otherwise have channel space are now permitted to carry the *Question Period*—from provincial legislatures, as well as Ottawa—on the community channel. Licensees must notify the Commission of this use, which is permitted only on a temporary basis while alternative methods of distribution are developed.

CABLESYSTEMS OWNERSHIP

Last fall, TWC Television Ltd., controlled by Ted Rogers of Toronto and Edper Investments Ltd., controlled by members of the Bronfman family of Montreal, purchased 25.6% and 24.2% respectively of the shares of Canadian Cablesystems Ltd.

Does that mean they now hold effective control of the company?

After a hearing in Toronto, the CRTC has ruled that registration of the share purchases, in view of agreements made between TWC and Edper, would result in change of effective control.

The understanding between TWC and Edper is summarized as follows:

- neither seeks control
- neither will increase its holdings beyond 25.6% without the other's consent

- each has **first refusal** on the other's shares
- a buy-sell **arrangement** exists
- each **seeks not more** than three members on the board
- each has **full confidence** in present management

The Commission, in supporting the position of Cablesystems' management that effective control is at stake, stated it expects an application to be filed to resolve the conflict

Meanwhile, the licence of Cornwall Cablevision, one of numerous systems owned by Canadian Cablesystems, has been renewed to the end of 1978, to allow the ownership question to be settled before renewal for a full term.

MICROWAVE APPROVED

A monthly fee of \$2.25 to cover microwave costs has been approved for three systems in western Ontario—Southport Cable, Kincardine Cable and Saugeen Telecable.

It is to be charged only when distant services become available, and Grey Bruce Microwave is to submit an annual return showing revenues from each system.

Systems in northern Ontario have received approval to carry the new TVA affiliate in Ottawa when it becomes operational. The necessary microwave facilities were constructed to relay now-defunct CFVO-TV.

Other cable decisions:

- Kings Kable Limited, Kentville, is expected to receive early approval for a second educational channel. It is an experimental project in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Ministry of Transportation and Communications.
- **Télé-câble de la Rive-Sud Inc.**, Levis, Que., has been purchased (100%) by **Télé-Câble Vidéotron Ltée.** Addition of converter service has also been approved.
- **Kenora (Ont.) CableVision Ltd.** has been told to take immediate steps to own its head-end, amplifiers and drops—previously owned by Norcom Telecommunications, which owns Kenora Cable. The system is also to give priority to improving CTV reception and to its community programming, which must receive the attention of a full-time staff member.
- Modern Radio and TV, Beardmore and Geraldton, Ont., has been authorized to distribute CJSD-FM Thunder Bay on channel 5, in view of "the size and special circumstances of this system".
- Approval for Maclean-Hunter Cable TV, Thunder Bay, Ont., to carry WDIO-TV (ABC) Duluth via a new translator at Grand Portage, Minn., is subject to a suitable revenue agreement with Thunder Bay Electronics (CKPR-TV and CHFD-TV). The system is to expand its coverage into sparsely populated areas of Thunder Bay over the next two years.
- In line with last year's North Battleford

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decision, the CRTC has deleted the condition requiring that several other systems in Saskatchewan own amplifiers and drops. No further hearing is planned on the ownership of hardware issue.

- Rocky Mountain CATV Ltd., Hinton, Alta., has been denied carriage of CITY Edmonton after a DOC ruling that the signal is not technically acceptable.
- Community Video, Red Deer, Alta., has been denied carriage of distant U.S. FM stations, received via microwave.
- Alberta Broadcasting Corp. has been denied carriage of radio stations CJOK and CBKF on video channels of its system in Fort McMurray.
- Mackenzie Media Ltd. has received approval for a community FM audio channel and for continued advertising on its local origination channel in Yellowknife, N.W.T., where there is no local TV station. Distribution of background music was denied.
- *Increases in authorized service areas have been approved for:*
Western Cablevision, New Westminster, B.C.
Coast Cable Vision, Sechelt, B.C.
Pine Ridge Cable TV, Oshawa, Ont.
Huron Broadcasting, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Ottawa Cablevision, Ottawa, Ont.
Huron Cable TV, Sarnia, Ont.
Cablovision Inc., Asbestos, Que.
Halifax Cablevision, Halifax, N.S.
Eastern Cablevision, Truro, N.S.