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Cahan Named Executive Producer Of California National Productions

GEORGE M. CAHAN, NBC producer-director since 1955, named to new post of executive producer, California National Productions Inc., NBC subsidiary, Robert D. Levitt, president, announced Friday. Mr. Cahan, headquartered in Hollywood, will report to Robert Cinader, CNP's director of program planning and development.

Mr. Cahan initially was associated with stations—among them WCAU Philadelphia, WTNJ Trenton, WHP Harrisburg, WFIL-AM-TV Philadelphia. Executive producer for ABC-TV's Western Div. in 1948, he worked freelance in 1951, later joined Ziv Television Programs as director. He directed *My Friend Irma* for CBS for two years, joining Desilu staff in 1954. His NBC-TV credits include *Medic* and *Frontier*.

Meanwhile, Frederick (Fritz) Jacobi, CNP's publicity manager, resigned Friday, effective Feb. 1, to take top-level public relations post with Harvard U.'s "Harvard Program" that seeks to raise \$75-100 million in funds.

Also leaving CNP will be Sherman Adler, who has been handling film sales in Washington-Baltimore-Philadelphia area and who joins CBS-TV Spot Sales, New York, in February.

Hope, Police Plan Tv Series

CONTRACTS were signed last week between Bob Hope Enterprises and International Assn. of Chiefs of Police to produce new tv series, *Police Hall of Fame*, based on actual cases. Mr. Hope will host each program and will present award of merit or medal to "national police hero" to be chosen from the 39 films in the series at the annual police chiefs' convention. Scripts are currently in work and production on series will begin within 30 days.

Art Carney to Quit Gleason

TV COMEDIAN Art Carney, who is cast in supporting role to Jackie Gleason, has announced intention to leave Mr. Gleason's tv show on CBS when his contract expires in June. He indicated he would consider roles on stage, in movies or on other tv shows. He was "second banana" on Gleason show for more than six years. Mr. Gleason reportedly is considering reduction of number of tv shows (now weekly) next season.

Equal Access Bill in California

TELEVISION cameras and radio microphones would be permitted in all California court proceedings except secret procedures under bill introduced in State Legislature by Sen. Robert I. McCarthy of San Francisco. News photographers would be included. Sen. McCarthy said privilege would apply to all but federal courts in the state.

Western Union Retains Webster

EDWARD M. WEBSTER, former member of FCC, retained by Western Union as consultant on international communications. He has attended 24 telecommunications conferences. He was member of FCC from 1947 until recent retirement and previously had been chief engineer.

UPCOMING

Jan. 21-25 Winter general meeting, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Hotels Statler and Sheraton McAlpin, N. Y.
Jan. 23-25: 12th annual Georgia Radio & Television Institute, U. of Ga., Athens.
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Close, Estes Buy WKXL Concord

SALE of WKXL Concord, N. H., by Tele-Broadcasters Inc. to Joseph K. Close and Frank B. Estes for \$108,000 announced Friday. WKXL is CBS affiliated and operates on 1450 kc with 250 w. Mr. Close at present serving as special radio-tv assistant to director, United States Information Agency, owns WKNE-AM-TV Keene, N. H., and 50% of WKNY Kingston, N. Y. Negotiations handled by Blackburn-Hamilton Co., station broker. Tele-Broadcasters, controlled by H. Scott Killgore, owns WKXV Knoxville, Tenn.; WPOP Hartford, Conn.; KUDL Kansas City, Mo.; WBBR Brooklyn, N. Y., and KALI Pasadena, Calif. Application for FCC approval filed Friday, with WKXL balance sheet showing deficit of \$7,830.

Feb. 19 Target for New WKAZ

TRANSFER of ownership of WKNA-AM-FM Charleston, W. Va., to WSAZ Inc. principals, approved by FCC last week (see story page 92), scheduled for Feb. 19. At that time call letters will be changed to WKAZ-AM-FM and joint programming between WSAZ Huntington, W. Va., and WKAZ will begin, covering Central Ohio Valley area, according to Lawrence H. Rogers II, president of Kanawha Valley Broadcasting Co., new owners of 950 kc, 5 kw day, 1 kw night facility. Rogers group bought WKNA facilities from Joe L. Smith Jr. for \$150,000; sold WGKY Charleston (1490 kc with 250 w) to Jacob A. (Jake) and Walter Evans for \$90,000. William R. Murray will continue as general manager of Charleston outlet; Don O. Hayes, program director. WKAZ will continue as NBC affiliate.

Asks Ch. 8 Move to Tulsa

TULSA Broadcasting Co. asked FCC Friday to move ch. 8 Muskogee, Okla., to Tulsa. Tulsa Broadcasting owns ch. 8 KTVX (TV) Muskogee and KTUL Tulsa. FCC announced Friday move of ch. 19 from Altoona to Johnstown, Pa., but turned down request of ch. 56 WARD-TV Johnstown, which asked for shift, that it be ordered to show cause why it should not change to ch. 19. Commission said WARD-TV could apply for lower channel.

Laurel Tv Alone for Ch. 7

LAUREL TV Co. in line for grant of ch. 7 Laurel, Miss., following withdrawal last week of only other applicant, Mississippi Bcstg. Co. (ch. 30 WCOC-TV Meridian, Miss.). Mississippi Bcstg. had requested ch. 7 for Pachuta, near Laurel. Laurel TV will pay Mississippi "out of pocket expenses." President-25% owner of Laurel TV is Meridian Mayor William S. Smylie. Other stockholders include D. B. Marcus (publisher of evening *Laurel Leader-Call*) and T. M. Gibbons, both 11.8% owners of WAML Laurel.

PEOPLE

VINCENT F. AIERLLO, vice president and copy chief, and WILLIAM J. GRIFFIN, senior vice president and director, have been elected executive vice presidents of Kudner Agency, N. Y. PAUL E. NEWMAN, vice president and director, elected senior vice president, and ANDEE COLE, vice president and copy chief, named member of board of directors.

JULES TRIEB appointed vice president and director of merchandising at Lennen & Newell, N. Y., assuming responsibility for creative merchandising efforts on agency's accounts. He formerly was associate director of marketing and member of plans board at McCann-Erickson, N. Y.

A. E. ROOD, senior vice president in charge of finance for Foote, Cone & Belding, Chicago, assumes administrative duties formerly handled there by HAROLD H. WEBBER, executive vice president and general manager who resigned last week. Mr. Rood continues as national administrative officer of FC&B.

ORRIN SPELLMAN, regional vice president of Kenyon & Eckhardt, N. Y., and head of its Philadelphia office, has resigned to become senior vice president with Geare-Marston, which has merged with Ruthrauff & Ryan, N. Y., as R&R's Philadelphia Subsidiary.

JAMES H. WEST, radio-tv director of H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co., Chicago, appointed vice president in charge of radio and tv.

ROBERT H. BENNETT, general manager of General Foods' Jello-O Div. since 1952 and vice president since 1955, named vice president for marketing. HARLAN LOGAN, recently vice president with responsibility over personnel administration, public relations and advertising and consumer services, appointed vice president for development.

STEPHEN B. LABUNSKI, general manager WDCY Minneapolis-St. Paul, appointed vice-president of Storz stations.

PAUL MacNAMARA, vice president in charge of sales for Jack Chertok Productions, Hollywood, resigned, effective end of January, to open own public relations office.

ALBERT G. LOOMIS, production services director, former Scheideler & Beck agency, to McCann-Erickson, N. Y., in similar capacity.

MAC DUNBAR, media supervisor for Ted Bates, N. Y., for past 14 years, has joined Reach, Yates & Matton, N. Y., as media director.

WARREN SMITH, formerly with Vick Chemical Co. in advertising, marketing and new product development, to assistant account executive, Compton Adv., N. Y.

ROBERT CHRISTENBERRY, with N. W. Ayer & Son, N. Y., to N. Y. office of Guild, Bascom & Bonfigli, S. F.

ARTHUR J. MILLER, general manager of Pathe Labs' east coast operation and previously in film processing executive capacities with various motion picture companies, elected vice president of Pathe.

OLIVER CALLAHAN, former MGM animator, joins Animation Inc., L. A., as production animator for tv commercials. Animation is making three new tv spots for Johnson's wax.