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"Is it any wonder," the dissenters said, "that our youth are cynical about our values when the very committee which reported the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act now is trying to flim-flam the House of Representatives with a bill which, according to its label, regulates STV, when each and every member of this committee knows that that legislation is intended to destroy any possibility of STV."

The minority acknowledged that pay TV might flop in the marketplace, but urged that it be given the chance to stand or fall on its appeal to the public. If it fails, they said, "only its entrepreneur will lose their investment"; if it succeeds, "a very useful supplement to the existing system of television will have been developed. . . ."

Signing the minority report were Representatives Macdonald, Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.), Fred B. Rooney (D-Pa.), Richard L. Ottinger (D-N. Y.), Robert O. Tiernan (D-Mass.) and Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio), all of the Communications Subcommittee; and Representatives Eckhardt, Samuel N. Friedel (D-Md.) and W. S. Stuckey (D-Ga.). Representative Brock Adams (D-Wash.) endorsed the minority report but did not sign it because he did not participate in subcommittee consideration of pay TV.

## Capcities sells its AM in Huntington, W.Va.

The sale of WSAZ(AM) Huntington, W. Va., by Capital Cities Broadcasting Corp. to Stoner Broadcasting System Inc. for \$900,000 was approved last week by the FCC.

Stoner Broadcasting is owned by Stoner System Inc., licensee of KSO(AM) Des Moines, Iowa. Stoner System is 96.7%-owned by The Stoner McCray System, which in turn is owned by several trusts. The trustees include Thomas H. Stoner, who is president of Stoner Broadcasting.

In addition to KSO, the Stoner companies own outdoor advertising companies in Des Moines; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Toledo, Ohio. Their other interests include correspondence schools in Dallas and Washington, and real estate.

Originally, Capcities had agreed to sell WSAZ last year (BROADCASTING, Sept. 22, 1969) after it had agreed to buy Rust Craft Broadcasting's WRCP-AM-FM Philadelphia for an estimated \$1 million. Capcities owns six AM's, five FM's and six TV's and would have had to sell one AM to comply with the commission's rule limiting to seven the number of AM stations under common ownership. However, Capcities cancelled

its agreement to acquire the WCRP stations when it made a deal to buy Triangle Publications' AM-FM-TV combinations in Philadelphia; New Haven-Hartford, Conn., and Fresno, Calif., for \$110 million with Triangle's syndications division (BROADCASTING, Feb. 16, et seq.). It is spinning off the Triangle radio stations, and selling two of its own TV stations (WSAZ-TV Huntington, W. Va., and WTEN[TV] Albany, N. Y.)—again to keep within FCC station ownership rules.

The vote on the WSAZ sale was 6-to-0 with Commissioner Kenneth A. Cox abstaining. The station is full time on 930 kc with 5 kw day and 1 kw night.

## New Orleans stations to trade channels

In an unusual move, WVUE(TV), a station owned by Screen Gems of Louisiana, and WYES-TV, an educational station, both in New Orleans, will switch channels on June 8. Thereafter, WVUE will operate on channel 8 and WYES-TV on channel 12.

Douglas J. Ellison, vice president and general manager of WVUE, said in an interview in New York last week that on channel 12 the station's signal is restricted by the FCC to a power output of 34.41 kw ERP in a north-south direction for a 126 kw power output over-all. He added that when it moves to channel 8, its signal will be a full 316 kw output in all directions.

WYES-TV will move to the channel 12 tower in St. Bernard parish in Chalmette, La., giving it a 600-foot increase in tower height from its present location. Since the station telecasts to a five-parish area, its move to channel 12 will provide a stronger signal and eliminate many of the blind spots caused by interference from high city buildings in its present location, according to Mr. Ellison.

The switch of channels was approved last fall by the FCC. WVUE will herald the move with an extensive advertising and promotion campaign, using spots on radio stations in New Orleans, billboards and advertisements in newspapers and trade publications.

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## Changing Hands

### Announced:

The following station sales were reported last week and will be subject to FCC approval.

■ WCTU-TV Charlotte, N. C.: Sold through bankruptcy by Dr. Harold W. Twisdale, David L. Steel and others, to R. E. Turner and Milton Ledet for assumption of about \$1,225,000 in lia-