

Confab Announces Electronic Aids Code

Montreal—A substantial step toward world-wide standardization of electronic aids to air navigation was taken by the Radio Technical Division of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization which held its final meeting here on November 23.

The division, which began its meetings on October 30, reviewed the full range of navigation equipment now available to aviation, much of which was brought to its present state of development during the war, and has now been made available to civil aviation services. The division made recommendations on each category of air navigation aids; instrument approach and landing systems, short and long range navigation systems and aerodrome zone aids.

U. K. and U. S. Compromise

The controversy which developed between the United Kingdom delegation, which largely supported radar aids, and the United States delegation, which supported radio, apparently was compromised to include the best of each. The main bone of contention was over short-range navigation aids. Here "Ge" which had the support of the British was temporarily shelved to give way to omnidirectional range, a radio device. Dr. Edward Warner, president of the PICA Council, declared that "the agreement that has been reached by experts from 28 nations represents one of the greatest advances made by PICA in bringing about uniformity in the facilities and services used by international air transport. The agreement is a practical example of international cooperation, which is hopeful augury for the future relationship of nations in the air. The world's travellers by air will be the direct beneficiaries.

"When the division's recommendations are carried out, civil aircraft will be able to use a uniform navigational system as they fly along the main international air routes of the world. This will result in a simplification of aircrew training and a much lower financial burden to airline operators and governments than if the present measures for uniformity were not being taken. The program will contribute to safe, regular and efficient flight."

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COAST-TO-COAST

—NEBRASKA—

OMAHA—Arlone Twyman will be back on KOAD with a new series of crime plays, titled, "Spinetinglers" . . . Floyd Olds gave the inside information on the reorganization of the Western Baseball League, the night before the loop was completed at Omaha, on his KOAD "Six O'Clock Sports Club." . . . Both Floyd Olds and Howard Wolff have been picking football winners on KOAD's "Six O'Clock Sports Club," and so far both have winning averages. . . . E. M. Hosman, Director of the School of Adult Education at Omaha U., has been named president of the Radio Council of Omaha.

—COLORADO—

DENVER—Sears, Roebuck & Company has just signed a contract with KFEL for six half-hours a week participation in the Ray Perkins' show. . . . Cecil Seavey and Joe Rohrer have resigned from the KOA staff. . . . KOA will carry the Army-Navy game November 30th. . . . The Spray Coffee and Spice Company has renewed for six months its schedule of two one-minute live announcements weekly over KOA. . . . Skinner Raison Bran renews its contract for 52 weeks of two one-minute transcribed announcements weekly via KOA. . . . It took the KLZ staff, covering an afternoon football game, exactly three hours to get back to the studio recently, when game was called off due to blizzards. Staff battled the elements of icy streets for that long a time.

—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—

WASHINGTON, D. C.—WWDC plans to give a "Good Neighbor Christmas Party" for the aged and infirm at Blue Plains. . . . Many people in Washington are receiving frying pans and other cooking utensils being sent by WWDC as publicity for the new "What's Cooking" show. . . . Willis Conover, record specialist and announcer at WWDC, served as announcer for the Duke Ellington concert given at Carnegie Hall. . . . WRC commentator, David Brinkley, recently played recordings featuring sounds made by fish. Seems fish talk to each other by making drumming, hooting, and even whistling sounds.

—ILLINOIS—

DECATUR—WSOY—FM went on the air November 25 on a full 18:05 daily schedule of broadcasting, duplicating approximately half of the WSOY programs and originating the other half itself. . . . WSOY—FM is using the 250-watt RCA transmitter that was on the floor at the NAB convention in Chicago. . . . PEORIA—During National Radio Week, WMBD conducted special demonstrations of FM radio as it compares to AM broadcasting in eight department and radio stores. . . . WMBD has an application for FM pending with the FCC. . . . JACKSONVILLE—Edgar Parsons, former manager of WLDS, joins the Fred A. Palmer Co., to specialize in sales organization and training.

—NEW HAMPSHIRE—

MANCHESTER—Winners of the WFEA "Award of Merit" for November are Albert E. Lavoie and Ovilla J. Gagne. Firemen Lavoie and Gagne displayed much courage, skill and

stamina during the recent Manchester fire when they accomplished an almost impossible rescue. . . . Mel Green, WFEA manager, is back at the station after attending the CBS meeting held in Boston. . . . William J. Leahy has been appointed publicity director for WFEA. . . . Plans are being made by WFEA to salute Mrs. William Blais, Eastern Representative of Cinderella, Inc. . . . CONCORD—Sumner Fellman, Director of Promotion and Publicity at WKXL was recently married to Miss Shirley Cohen of New York City.

—OHIO—

CANTON—Dick Merrin, Farm Editor of WHBC, will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Radio Farm Directors, November 30 thru December 3. . . . Wedding bells ring today for James Roberts, WHBC announcer, and Bettie Majors. . . . CINCINNATI—Marshall Pope joins the WCKY announcing staff. . . . New advertising media offered by WCKY is time on the WCKY News-O-Graph electric sign. . . . FREMONT—WFRO will be the call letters of the first FM station in northwestern Ohio. Staff is made up entirely of World War II veterans. . . . COLUMBUS—Heart of Ohio, Inc., has been chartered and has asked the FCC for authority to operate a standard station broadcasting on 560 kilocycles, the same frequency which is being sought by Capitol Broadcasting Co., of which Sen. elect John W. Bricker is president. . . . AKRON—New announcers at WADC are Bill Plant, recently discharged from the Army, and Dick Donovan, formerly with a Charleston station.

—MASSACHUSETTS—

PITTSFIELD—A contract for purchase of WBRK has been signed between Monroe B. England and Leon Podolsky with the latter due to assume ownership and control January first. . . . WORCESTER—John A. Savage joins the WAAB announcing staff. . . . WTAG announcer, Penn Brown, is the proud father of his first child, a daughter. . . . BOSTON—WBMS became the eighth Boston radio station on November 24th. WBMS will operate at 1090 kilocycles with 1000 watts of power. . . . Commissioners of education in the New England States included inspection of the new WCOP studios in the agenda of their November 13th meeting. . . . "Bump" Hadley, WBZ and WBZA sportscaster returns Dec. 2.

Aid Xmas Planning

About 16 manufacturers of children's toys and clothing have contributed merchandise for WOR's annual Christmas party in the children's ward of Bellevue Hospital in New York. Eight dozen toys and 421 pieces of clothing have been donated for under-privileged children who will receive the gifts at a party on Dec. 23 in the auditorium of the hospital. A committee of WOR employees, headed by Edythe J. Meserand, assistant director of news and special features division, is assembling the gifts and wrapping them in Christmas paper.

Web-AFRA Meeting Continues Amicably

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Wednesday's session broke up at 7:30 p. m. after a meeting which began at 10:30 a. m. in the morning.

Although there was no joint statement issued by either group while they recessed Wednesday night for the Thanksgiving holiday, George Heller, AFRA's national executive secretary, did tell the inquiring press "We are making progress."

From a network source it was learned that, at present, things are moving as well as could be expected.

There is no basis at this time for any suggestion as to what the AFRA network contract will look like in its final form, although certainly there will be some compromises in the 37 issues. No one will be surprised if the actual writing of the code is a tedious, long-drawn-out process, since as each clause is written it has to be interpreted and understood by both sides before a final okay is placed upon it.

The four network presidents returned to the negotiations on Wednesday after being absent from the scene on Tuesday. They appeared on NBC some time before 10:30 a. m. when the meeting was scheduled for further indication that both sides are striving to prevent any further serious stalemate.

"The Satisfiers" Renewed

The Satisfiers, vocal group headed by Perry Como and Jo Stafford of the Chesterfield "Supper Club" (NE 7 p.m.) were signed for another year to record for Victor Records, it was announced this week. New contract is effective in January. In addition the group has just been renewed for 26 weeks on the Chesterfield program.

New Craig Rice Show

Hollywood—Bernard Shubert has closed a deal with the Wine Grower Guild where he will produce a Craig Rice show based on her character John J. Malone. This will start on ABC network beginning January 4th. Mr. Shubert states that it is a half-hour mystery show written by Milton Rice and directed by Bill Rosseau.

Send Birthday Greetings To—

November 29

Alan Courtney Margery Knapp
Claudine French Florence Lake
Lou Irwin Fred Brady

November 30

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December 1

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