

WCBS New York, KCBS San Francisco, KNX Los Angeles, KMOX St. Louis, WBBM Chicago and WEEL Boston. The network also holds 45% interest in WTOP Washington and KQV Pittsburgh and 47% in WCCO Minneapolis. Two of the minority holdings probably would be dropped, it was indicated.

Mr. McCaw's am interests, FCC reported, include KPOA Honolulu; KILA Hilo, Hawaii; KYA San Francisco; KORC Mineral Wells, Tex.; KALE Richland, Wash.; KYAK Yakima, Wash.; KLZ Denver and KELA Centralia, Wash. He also is part owner of KONA (TV) Honolulu and KLZ-TV Denver.

Mr. McCaw and associates also have purchased WINS New York, if FCC consents.

CBS' television holdings include WCBS-TV New York, WBBM-TV Chicago and KNXT (TV) Los Angeles. As in am, it has minority holdings in WTOP-TV Washington and WCCO-TV Minneapolis.

Pending television applications affected by the "grandfather" waiver clause include KMOX St. Louis for vhf ch. 11 and WEEL Boston for vhf ch. 5. KQV Pittsburgh (owned 45% by CBS) seeks Irwin vhf ch. 4 at White Oak Burrough, Pa.

FCC dismissed Storer Broadcasting Co's bid for vhf ch. 10 at Miami since the firm already has full ownership of five tv stations.

Storer operates WSPD-TV Toledo, WJBK-TV Detroit, WAGA-TV Atlanta, KEYL (TV) San Antonio and WBRC-TV Birmingham. In addition to companion am stations in these same cities, Storer also owns WGBS Miami and WVVA Wheeling.

NBC already has its total of five tv stations: WNBT (TV) New York, WNBW (TV) Washington, WNBQ (TV) Chicago, WNBK (TV) Cleveland and KNBH (TV) Los Angeles. NBC also has companion am stations in those cities.

DuMont now owns WABD (TV) New York, WTTG (TV) Washington and WDTV (TV) Pittsburgh. It could add two more.

ABC already holds the full component of five tv stations: WABC-TV New York, WBKB (TV) Chicago, WXYZ-TV Detroit, KECA-TV Los Angeles and KGO-TV San Francisco. Each has an am companion.

Crosley Broadcasting Corp., already operator of four tv stations, in early November dismissed its application for vhf ch. 11 at Toledo but retains its vhf ch. 8 bid at Indianapolis. Crosley owns WLWT (TV) Cincinnati, WLWC (TV) Columbus, WLWD (TV) Dayton and WLWA (TV) Atlanta. Crosley also owns am stations WLW Cincinnati and WINS New York, but proposes to sell WINS to Mr. McCaw and associates [B•T, Nov. 23].

General Teleradio Inc., the radio-tv subsidiary of General Tire and Rubber Co., which also controls MBS, has its limit of seven am stations: WOR New York, WNAC Boston, WEAN Providence, WONS Hartford, KFRC San Francisco, KHJ Los Angeles and KGB San Diego. It has three tv stations: WOR-TV, WNAC-TV and KHJ-TV. WONS is permittee of uhf ch. 18 at Hartford with the *Hartford Times'* WHTT to acquire 45% interest [B•T, Oct. 26]. WHTT would be sold.

Empire Coil Co. has five outlets, all uhf: WXEL (TV) Cleveland; KPTV (TV) Portland, Ore.; KCTY (TV) Kansas City; K DEN (TV) Denver, and WNES (TV) Indianapolis.

The Frank C. Carman, David G. Smith and Grant Wrathall group holds interests in seven different tv outlets, but no one person has stock in more than five outlets. Stations included are: KTVI (TV) Boise, KWIK-TV Pocatello, KLIX-TV Twin Falls, KIFI-TV Idaho Falls, all Idaho; KUTV (TV) Salt Lake City, and KOPR-TV Butte, Mont. Mr. Wrathall has 50% of KICU (TV) Salinas, Calif.



PROMINENT politician and seasoned broadcaster are hard at work here checking over a speech which Adlai Stevenson (l) delivered last week before the Georgia state legislature. J. Leonard Reinsch, the broadcaster, is managing director of Cox radio and tv properties.

Territorial Class II Grants Seen on Clears

ON THE HEELS of its ruling to allow assignment of Class II stations up to 50 kw on Mexican clear channels in the U. S. territories [B•T, Nov. 9, Sept. 14], FCC last week announced proposed rule-making to allow similar territory assignments on U. S. clear channels.

Proposing to amend Sec. 3.25 of its rules, the Commission explained that "the purpose of this amendment is to make the frequencies concerned available for assignment in Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico in the same manner in which they are presently being used, or may be used, in other countries of the North American region that are closer to the continental United States" than are these U. S. territories.

For example, heretofore a Class II station could not be assigned on a U. S. clear channel in Alaska but such a secondary station could be built in Canada if it were 650 miles from the U. S. border.

Comments are due on the proposed amendment by Jan. 15, with replies thereto 10 days later. The proposed amendment reads:

3.25 Clear Channels: Class I and II stations. The frequencies in the following tabulations are designated as clear channels and assigned for use by the classes of stations given:

(a) To each of the channels below there will be assigned one Class I station and there may be assigned one or more Class II stations within the continental limits of the United States operating limited time or daytime only: 640, 650, 660, 670, 700, 720, 750, 760, 770, 780, 820, 830, 840, 870, 880, 890, 1020, 1040, 1100, 1120, 1160, 1180, 1200, 1210 kc.

There also may be assigned to these frequencies Class II stations operating unlimited time in Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico which will not deliver over 5 microvolts per meter groundwave day or night or 25 microvolts per meter 10% time skywave at night at any point within the continental limits of the United States. The power of the Class I stations on these channels shall not be less than 50 kw.

Propose Tv Grant to WNOP For Cincinnati Uhf Ch. 74

INITIAL decision proposing to grant Cincinnati's uhf ch. 74 to nearby WNOP Newport, Ky., was issued last week by FCC Hearing Examiner Annie Neal Hunting.

The ruling was made possible by the withdrawal a fortnight ago of a competitive ch. 74 application by Gordon Broadcasting Co., operator of WSAI Cincinnati. The Ohio River separates Newport from the Queen City. WNOP is headed by James G. Lang, president and 52.3% owner.

President's Group Urges Pre-Hearings

STRONG recommendation that all government administrative agencies follow the lead of the FCC and require pre-hearing conferences was adopted by the President's Conference on Administrative Procedure, which met for two days in Washington last week.

The conference also adopted a recommendation that an Office of Administrative Procedure be established in the Department of Justice.

Report on pre-hearing conferences was made by a special committee headed by FCC Commissioner John C. Doerfer. Among its members was J. D. Bond, FCC hearing examiner.

In essence, Comr. Doerfer's committee recommended, and the Conference unanimously adopted, that a pre-trial hearing be held before any administrative hearing begins to clarify the following: (1) simplification of the issues, (2) amendments, (3) stipulations, (4) limitation on number of expert witnesses, (5) other matters to aid in the "speedy" determination of the hearing. It also suggested that hearing officers be given authority to keep hearing length and issues to a minimum.

Although the final report of the Conference is not binding on any government agency, its recommendations will carry weight, it is understood. Its purpose was to work out methods of decreasing the length, expense and record of administrative hearings and court appeals [B•T, May 4 et seq.].

Seek FCC Approval For KRMG Tulsa Sale

APPLICATION for approval of the sale of KRMG Tulsa from Kerr-McGee interests to the Altus (Okla.) *Times-Democrat* for \$305,000 was filed with the FCC last week. The Altus newspaper owns 50% of KWHW Altus, and in turn is owned by the Wimberly family, who also own the remaining stock in the radio station.

The four-year-old Tulsa radio station is being relinquished by Sen. Robert E. Kerr and D. A. McGee because of their association with KVOO Tulsa principals in the Tulsa vhf ch. 2 application of Central Plains Enterprises Inc. KVOO is owned by W. G. Skelly. KRMG operates on 740 kc with 50 kw daytime and 25 kw nighttime. Sen. Kerr and family own more than 60%; Mr. McGee 15% of KRMG. Sen. Kerr and family also own 72%, and Mr. McGee 15% of WEEK-AM-TV Peoria, Ill. Messrs. Kerr and McGee own 50% and Mr. Skelly the other 50% of Central Plains.

In an Oct. 31, 1953 balance sheet, filed with the license transfer application, KRMG showed total current assets of \$45,360.53 out of total assets of \$355,584.96. Current liabilities were \$10,583.43 and a deficit of \$158,178.47 also was shown. Initial investment was listed as \$409,073.96, with replacement value put in excess of \$300,000.

A new company, Western Broadcasting Co., wholly owned by *Altus Times-Democrat*, has been formed to take over the license of KRMG. Principals in the Altus newspaper are former Federal Power Commissioner Harrington Wimberly and Frank E. Wimberly, president and general manager of KWHW. The 250-w Altus station (on 1450 kc) is carried on the newspaper's books at \$7,500 for half interest.

Application declared that no change is contemplated in present personnel. KRMG is managed by Frank S. Lane.