

Los Angeles, appointed to newly created position of Washington correspondent for CBS Television Stations Division. Mr. Holcomb will operate outside sphere of CBS News. He will provide in-depth coverage of issues of interest to communities served by stations.

William J. Kopald, news director, KFRE-AM-FM Fresno, Calif., joins WNBC-TV Binghamton, N.Y., as weekend anchorman and reporter.

Richard J. Lampert, news editor, and announcer, WWTV(TV) Cadillac, Mich., joins WZZM-TV Grand Rapids, Mich., as sports editor.

Tricia Toyota, reporter with KNX(AM) Los Angeles, joins KNBC(TV) Los Angeles, as field reporter.

Promotion

Michael Ruppe, Jr., owner of promotion service in Milwaukee, appointed promotion manager, WITI-TV there.

Karen E. Berg, radio and TV coordinator, Hill & Knowlton, New York, appointed manager, radio and TV of international PR firm.

Edward P. Weber, former promotion manager, WSPD-TV Toledo, Ohio, appointed advertising manager of WLS-TV Chicago.

Joan Ellen, PR associate/writer, Wyse Advertising, Cleveland, appointed coordinator of press information, WKYC-TV there.

Charles S. Williams, former director of information services, WEEI-AM-FM Boston, appointed to similar position at geles as field reporter.

Equipment & Engineering

Norman A. Neumann, VP/general manager, Semiconductor and Microcircuits Division, Amperex Electronic Corp., Hicksville, New York, named president of Amperex. **Allan L. Merken**, VP in charge of marketing and sales,

Amperex, wholly owned subsidiary of North American Philips, New York, named president of newly formed North American Philips Electronic Component Corp. there. He will be responsible for reorganization and integration of marketing and sales activities of Philips' electronic component divisions and subsidiaries.

Ernest Rety, chief engineer, WDHO-TV Toledo, Ohio, named VP-engineering.

Chuck Schneider, manager of videotape, RCA Magnetic Products Division, New York, appointed manager of national sales, ColTape division, Columbia Pictures Industries, there.

Ronald N. Kahill, former product manager, cable and equipment division, Superior Continental Corp., Hickory, N.C., appointed sales manager.

Charles C. Ellis, former executive VP/controller, Irving Trust Co., New York, named senior VP, finance, RCA Corp., New York.

Norman J. Sternberg, chief engineer, WHLI-AM-FM Hempstead, N.Y., elected VP-engineering.

Jack McMurray, former national sales manager of video, Akai America Ltd., Compton, Calif., appointed national sales manager, Dage Television Products, division of Visual Educom, radio equipment manufacturer, Michigan City, Ind.

Arthur I. Bruns, technical coordinator, Sperry-Rand Corp., New York-based electronic equipment manufacturer, joins Telex Communications Division, Minneapolis, as sales administrator for broadcast and industrial products.

Allied Fields

James Katavolos, VP for marketing, Videorecord Corp. of America, Westport, Conn., named senior VP for marketing. **Edmund R. Auer**, VP and general manager for operations, named senior VP for operations. **Stan Walker**,

director of communications, named VP for advertising, promotion and PR; **John H. Barwick**, director of programming development, named VP for educational programming, and **Charles Oppenheimer**, controller, named treasurer. Videorecord is video cassette program producer and packager.

Charles F. Duvall, partner, Fisher, Wayland, Southmayd & Cooper, Washington communications law firm, retires. **Richard R. Zaragoza**, litigation attorney, office of general counsel, FCC, Washington, becomes associated with law firm.

Baxter Ward, news director and anchorman KHJ-TV Los Angeles, leaves to run as candidate for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In 1969, Mr. Ward, then news director and anchorman for KABC-TV Los Angeles, left to run unsuccessfully for mayor of Los Angeles.

Deaths

Charles Goodman Sr., 88, father of NBC President Julian Goodman, died Feb. 5 in Glasgow, Ky. Mr. Goodman was businessman there with farming interests. Besides his son Julian, he is survived by two other sons.

John A. Aaron, 51, co-producer of CBS-TV's *Person to Person* series from 1953 to 1960 and recently executive producer of WOR-TV New York's *Digest* news program, died on Feb. 6 after brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Betsy, and one daughter.

Walter Wilgus, 80, retired director of Far East division of Voice of America, Washington, died Jan. 22 in Rocky Mount, N.C. He is survived by one daughter and two sons.

Norman Powell, 54, VP of Albert Frank-Guenther law, financial advertising and PR firm, New York, died Feb. 1 at his home there after long illness. Mr. Powell served as congressional secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson from 1941 to 1942 and in 1949. He is survived by two sisters.

John B. Litel, 79, veteran actor of stage, movies and TV, died Feb. 3 in Los Angeles. Mr. Litel, who began his career in New York more than 40 years ago, appeared in many motion pictures and TV series. His TV appearances included roles in *I Love Lucy*, *77 Sunset Strip* and *Maverick*. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice.

Jessie Royce Landis, 67, stage and screen actress, died Feb. 3 at Danbury (Conn.) hospital. Miss Landis had made appearances in *To Catch a Thief*, *The Swan*, *Goodbye Again* and *Critic's Choice*. She is survived by her husband, J. F. R. Seitz.

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