

these changes, the effort will probably not come until full Judiciary Committee mark-up, sometime in the future. The subcommittee has been haggling over copyright-revision for such a long period that a consensus has been reached and it would be difficult to get members to change their minds at this late date, the thinking goes. "But the full committee, that's another matter," the NAB staffer said.

Taft in, ABC out of Pittsburgh radio

Network plans to sell AM-FM holdings for \$3.5 million, says it is shopping around for replacement properties

ABC Inc. has agreed in principle to sell KQV(AM)-WDVE(FM) Pittsburgh to Taft Broadcasting Co. for \$3.5 million in cash.

In announcing the proposed transaction last week, Harold L. Neal Jr., president of ABC Radio, said ABC has a long-range commitment to the future of radio and intends to maintain and upgrade its full complement of owned radio stations by acquiring replacements for the outlets it is relinquishing.

The sale of the Pittsburgh stations is subject to the execution of a definitive agreement and the approval of the FCC.

Other ABC-owned radio stations are: WABC(AM) and WPLJ(FM) New York; WLS(AM) and WDAI(FM) Chicago; KGO-

(AM) and KSFJ(FM) San Francisco; KABC(AM) and KLOS(FM) Los Angeles; WXYZ(AM) and WRIF(FM) Detroit; KXYZ(AM) and KAUM(FM) Houston.

The purchase would restore Taft to ownership of five AM and five FM stations. Taft now owns and operates WTVN-AM-FM-TV Columbus, Ohio; WDAF-AM-FM-TV Kansas City, Mo.; WGR-AM-TV and WGRQ(FM) Buffalo, N.Y.; WKRC-AM-TV and WKRQ(FM) Cincinnati; WBRO-TV Birmingham, Ala., and WTAF-TV Philadelphia.

Reports had circulated for some time that ABC was negotiating for the sale of the Pittsburgh stations. Officials confirmed several weeks ago they had been "listening" to prospective buyers (BROADCASTING, March 4). An ABC spokesman said last week the company has discussed the purchase of other radio stations with many owners over the past few months, but has come to no decision. He declined to identify the stations.

Changing Hands

Announced

The following broadcast station sales were reported last week, subject to FCC approval:

▪ WHTN-TV Huntington, W. Va.: Sold by Reeves Telecom Corp. to Gateway Communications Corp. for \$8 million (see story, this page).

▪ KQV(AM)-WDVE(FM) Pittsburgh: Sold by ABC to Taft Broadcasting Co. for

\$3.5 million (see story, this page).

▪ KFML-FM Denver: Sold by Joseph McGoey to Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co. for \$450,000. Mr. McGoey retains KFML(AM) Denver. Charlotte, N.C.-based Jefferson-Pilot seeks KFML-FM to complement Denver AM—KIMN—it purchased from Pacific & Southern Broadcasting Co. earlier this year (BROADCASTING, Jan. 14). Other P&S stations now under Jefferson-Pilot's wing are WQXI(AM) Atlanta and WQXI-FM Smyrna, both Georgia. It also owns WBT-AM-FM-WBTV(TV) Charlotte, N.C., WBIG(AM) Greensboro, N.C., and WWBT(TV) Richmond, Va. Charles Crutchfield heads firm, subsidiary of Pilot Life Insurance Co., Charlotte. KFML-FM is on 98.5 mhz with 10 kw and antenna 720 feet above average terrain. Broker: R. C. Crisler & Co.

▪ KOFM(FM) Oklahoma City: Sold by Loyd Benefield and others to Robert D. Freeman, Lowell Denniston and Frank Carney for \$450,000. Buyers own KEYN-AM-FM Wichita, Kan., and KCSJ(AM) Pueblo, Colo., and hold CP for KBJQ(FM) Pueblo. Mr. Freeman heads broadcast operations. Mr. Denniston operates Kansas supermarket chain. Mr. Carney is president of Pizza Huts Inc., nationwide restaurant chain. KOFM is on 104.1 mhz with 100 kw and antenna 1,425 feet above average terrain. Broker: Sovran Associates, Dallas.

▪ WEEW(AM) Washington, N.C.: Sold by Roy D. Wooster Sr. and Jr. and Margaret Wooster to Charles D. Carawan for \$150,000. Messrs. and Mrs. Wooster retain WRON(AM) Ronceverte, W. Va. and WHAT(AM) Hopewell, Va. Mr. Carawan is sales manager of WYNG(AM) Goldsboro, N.C. WEEW is daytimer on 1320 khz with 500 w. Broker: Blackburn & Co.

Approved

The following transfer of station ownership has been approved by the FCC (for other FCC activities see page 43):

▪ KTVW(TV) (ch. 13) Tacoma, Wash.: Sold by Blaidon Mutual Investors Corp. to Christian Broadcasting Network Inc. for \$5,167,025. M. G. (Pat) Robertson heads Portsmouth, Va.-based CBN, licensee of WXRI(FM) Norfolk and WYAH-TV Portsmouth, both Virginia; WXNE(TV) Boston; KDTV(TV) Dallas, and following FM's: WEIV Ithaca, WBIV Wethersfield, WMIV South Bristol, worv DeRuyter township and wjiv Cherry Valley township, all New York. KTVW, independent, operates with 31.6 kw visual, 46.6 kw aural and antenna 800 feet above average terrain.

Reeves sells last TV

Purchase of WHTN-TV brings Gateway's portfolio up to four

In a transaction signalling the exit of Reeves Telecom Corp. from television broadcasting business, the company has agreed to sell its only TV station, WHTN-TV Huntington, W. Va., to Gateway Communications Corp. for \$8 million. Sale, subject to FCC approval, would bring Gateway its fourth TV station.

Gateway was formed last year to ac-



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