

new form by both houses of Congress and the President's signature.

Not all meetings would be open, under the bill. Those involving sensitive subject matter such as national security, trade secrets, internal personnel matters, investigatory matters and discussions of cases in hearing (adjudicatory cases) and matters that, if made public, would lead to financial speculation, could be closed. However, minutes would have to be kept for meetings dealing with adjudicatory matters or financial information, transcripts for the others. All but portions of those records that agencies are authorized to keep confidential would be made public.

One restriction now in effect and continued in the bill would prohibit ex-parte communications—that is, off-the-record contacts between agency members and interested parties.

But for all of those qualifications, it appears more likely than ever that citizen groups, industry types and reporters who have become accustomed to depending for information of what took place at meetings on leaks and briefings from friendly sources, will watch and listen to commissioners and staff members discuss rulemaking matters, station sales, policy proposals and the like.

The bill even requires that public notice be given a week in advance of all regularly scheduled meetings.

The bill does not provide for the imposition of any sanction on agency members

who violate the sunshine provisions. The only recourse open to citizens in event an agency refuses to abide by the provisions is injunctive relief from the courts. The Ford administration sought the protection from liability.

## Changing Hands

### Announced

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

■ **KDNT-AM-FM Denton, Tex.;** WSLC(AM)-WSLQ(FM) Roanoke, Va.; KFDW-TV Clovis, N.M.: Sold by Bass Broadcasting Stations to Mel Wheeler Inc. for \$2,171,000 plus assumption of about \$325,000 in liabilities. Seller of radio stations is owned by brothers, Robert M., Sid R., Edward P. and Lee M. Bass (25% each). KFDW-TV is owned 48.42% by brothers and 51.58% by their father, Perry R. Bass. Bass family has been selling broadcasting properties to devote resources to oil and gas exploration and production and has application pending for sale of KFDA-TV Amarillo, Tex. (BROADCASTING, May 10). Buyer is owned by Melvin L. Wheeler, president and director of seller. Mr. Wheeler also owns 50% of KITT(FM) San Diego, and is vice president and 25% owner of KROD(AM)-KUOE(FM) El Paso, Tex. KDNT operates full time on 1440 khz with 5 kw. KDNT-FM is on 106.1 mhz with 100 kw and antenna 265 feet above average terrain. WSLC is on

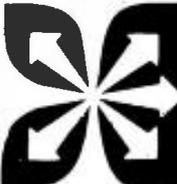
610 khz with 5 kw day and 1 kw night. WSLQ(FM) is on 99.1 mhz with 200 kw and antenna 1,890 feet above average terrain. KFDW-TV is CBS affiliate on channel 12 with 178 kw visual, 35.3 kw aural and antenna 670 feet above average terrain.

■ **KZAZ(TV) Nogales (Tucson), Ariz.:** Sold by I.B.C. to Roadrunner Television for \$1,985,000 plus assumption of \$187,000 in mortgage payments and liabilities. Seller is limited partnership owned 53.030% by television personality Danny Thomas; 17.677% by partnership of brothers Paul, Leo and Lester Ziffren; 17.929% by Carlotta Kirkeby; 5.682% by television personality Monty Hall and 5.682% by Stefan and Shirley Hatos. Sellers have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is limited partnership with Eugene D. Adelstein and Edward B. Berger as general partners and 110 other limited partners. Mr. Berger is Tucson, Ariz., attorney and Mr. Adelstein is general manager of KZAZ, which is independent on channel 11, with 150 kw visual, 15 kw aural and antenna 1570 feet above average terrain.

■ **WCTI(TV) New Bern (Greenville), N.C.:** Sold by Continental Communications Inc. to Malrite Broadcasting Co. for \$2 million. Seller is principally owned by Quanta Systems Corp., Rockville, Md., communication, electronic and mechanical engineering equipment production company. Quanta has been buying up stock in financially troubled seller to protect its original 20.76% investment. Buyer, group owner voted 100% by Milton Maltz, owns WBRB-AM-FM Mount Clemens, Mich., KEYE-AM-FM St. Paul, WNYR(AM)-WEZO(FM) Rochester, N.Y., WHK(AM)-WMMS(FM) Cleveland and WZUU-AM-FM Milwaukee. WCTI(TV) is ABC affiliate on channel 12 with 316 kw visual, 31 kw aural and antenna 940 feet above average terrain.

■ **WIKI(AM)-WDYL(FM) Chester, Va.:** Sold by WIKI Radio Inc. to Hoffman Communications Inc. for \$760,000. Seller is owned by John Laurino, who is also president and owner of WYAL(AM) Scotland Neck, N.C., is applicant for new FM in Suffolk, Va., and is 49% option holder in WARR(AM) Warrenton, N.C. Principals in buyer are Hubert N. Hoffman (51%) and his son, Hubert N. Hoffman III (39%), who are builders and developers based in Alexandria, Va., and have no other broadcast interests. Buyers are reserving 10% of stock of stations for management personnel not yet selected. WIKI is 5 kw daytimer on 1410 khz. WDYL(FM) is on 92.1 mhz with 3 kw and antenna 260 feet above average terrain. Broker: Larson/Walker & Co.

■ **WDIX-AM-FM Orangeburg, S.C.:** Sold by Frank Best Sr. (58%) and Frank Best Jr. (42%) to Smiles of South Carolina Inc. for \$625,000. Sellers have no other broadcast interests. Principals in buyer include Norman J. Suttles, Derwood H. Goodwin and John Ingram. Buyer also has interests in WLPM(AM)-WFOG(FM) Suffolk, Va.,



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