

vens, president. It recently bought WMET(FM) Chicago ("Changing Hands," March 7, 1983). Buyer is majority owned by Larry Robinson, chairman of J.B. Robinson Jewelers, a subsidiary of W.R. Grace. He also is principal owner of WBBG(AM)-WMIJ(FM) Cleveland. Action Jan. 11.

■ WCOG(AM) Greensboro, N.C. (1320 khz, 5 kw-D, 1 kw-N)—Granted assignment of license from WCOG Radio Inc. to Radio Station WGLD Inc. for \$200,000. Seller is owned by Meredith S. Thoms and her son, Matilann S. It has divested itself of its broadcast properties and cable system in Asheville, N.C., and recently sold WKLM(AM) Wilmington, N.C. (see "For the Record," Jan. 23) and WEAM(AM) Arlington, Va. (Washington). Buyer is owned by National Radio Broadcasters Association President Bernard (Bernie) Mann (60%) and his wife, Roberta F. (40%). They also own WKIX(AM)-WYYD(FM) Raleigh, N.C.; app. for AM at Salem, Va.; WGLD(FM) High Point, N.C., and co-located WOKX(AM), which they donated (see below) to make room for purchase of WCOG. Action Dec. 21, 1983.

■ WOKX(AM) High Point, N.C. (1590 khz, 1 kw-D)—Granted assignment of license from Bernard Mann and Roberta Mann to Agape Ministries Inc. Station was donated. Donor also purchased nearby WCOG(AM) Greensboro, N.C. (see preceding app.). It sold WOKX, in keeping with "one-to-a-market" rule. Recipient is tax-exempt North Carolina corporation, formed to promote Christian beliefs. It is headed by David J. Roddick, president. It has no other broadcast interests. Filed Nov. 15, 1983. Action Dec. 28, 1983.

■ WLNC(AM) Laurinburg, N.C. (1300 khz, 500 w-D)—Granted assignment of license from Laurinburg Broadcasting Co. Inc. to Contempo Communications Inc. for \$315,000. Seller is owned by George W. Phillips. Laurinburg Broadcasting was an original petitioner in FCC rulemaking on Docket 80-90, which led to proposed addition of approximately 1,000 new commercial FM's (BROADCASTING, Oct. 6, 1975, and May 30, 1983). Buyer is owned by James C. Clark (51%) and John W. Pittman (49%). They also own WFMO(AM) Fairmont, N.C. WLNC has CP for 2.5 kw-N with separate TL. Action Jan. 11.

■ WVCB(AM) Charlotte, N.C. (1400 khz, 500 w-D)—Granted assignment of license from Charlotte Broadcasting Co. to John G. Worell for \$30,000. Seller is owned by estate of Rufus D. White Jr. (50%), Alvin Earl Milliken and Auburn E. Dutton (25% each). Milliken also is permittee for co-located WAEM(FM). Buyer has no other broadcast interests. Action Jan. 9.

■ WVOT(AM)-WXYX(FM) Wilson, N.C. (1420 khz, 1 kw-D, 500 w-N; FM: 106.1 mhz, 23 kw, HAAT: 225 ft.)—Granted assignment of license from Century Communications Inc. to Voyager Communications III Inc. for \$1,750,000 including \$300,000 noncompete agreement. Allocation of price is—WVOT: \$600,000 and WXYX: \$1,150,000. Seller is owned by Wade H. Hargrove (32.5%); Wade M. Smith and brother, Roger W., (22.5% each), and J. Harold Tharrington (22.5%); who are all partners in Tharrington, Smith & Hargrove, Raleigh, N.C.-based communications law firm. Buyer is owned by Jack P. McCarthy and Carl V. Venters Jr. (42.3% each), and Fred Setzer Jr. (15.4%). They also own WMFR(AM)-WMAG(FM) High Point, N.C. Action Jan. 16.

■ KBJH(TV)[CP] Tulsa, Okla. (ch. 47; 344 kw vis., 62.75 kw aurt.; HAAT: 638 ft.; 486 ft. above ground)—Granted transfer of control of KBJH Inc. from Church of the Christian Crusade (100% before; 15% after) to Oral Roberts University (none before; 85% after). Consideration: will be 85% of expenditures—as approved by FCC—and is anticipated to be \$255,000. Seller is Tulsa-based Christian ministry headed by Rev. Billy James Hargas and is also licensee of KDLF(AM) Port Neches, Tex. Buyer is Tulsa-based private liberal arts college and graduate school with 4,100 enrollment, and headed by Granville Oral Roberts. Action Jan. 12.

■ KAST(AM)-KBKN-FM Astoria, Ore. (1370 khz, 1 kw-U; FM: 92.9 mhz, 99 kw, HAAT: 210 ft.)—Granted assignment of license from Kast Broadcasting Inc. to Youngs Bay Broadcasting for \$750,000. Seller is owned by Robert Chopping and wife, Margaret. They also own 60% of KOHU-AM-FM Hermiston, Ore. Buyer is headed by Earle M. Baker, chairman and chief officer of Art Moore Inc., Bellevue, Wash.-based broadcast rep firm. Other owners, none of whom have other broadcast interests, also work for firm. Action Jan. 11.

■ KZEL-FM Eugene, Ore. (96.1 mhz, 100 kw, HAAT: 870 ft.)—Granted assignment of license from Jayar Communications to Mike J. Pappas and wife for \$1,050,000. Seller is owned by Jayar Securities Corp., New York investment firm (50%); Charles R. Skinner, station general manager (25%); Peter L. Townsend, (12.5%), and his sister, Jeanette T. Brophy, homemaker (12.5%). It is also selling co-located KBDF(AM) (see below). Among sellers only Townsend has other broadcast interests, 14% of KEZY-AM-FM Anaheim, Calif. Buyers also own 35% of KTRB(AM)-KHOP(FM) Modesto, Calif. Action Jan. 11.

■ WCRO(AM) Johnstown, Pa. (1230 khz, 1 kw, 250 w-N)—Granted assignment of license from Century Broadcasting of Pennsylvania to Hamilton Communications Inc. for \$210,000. Seller is headed by Henry Gladstone, who is former announcer at WOR(AM) New York. None of owners have other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Robert J. Hamilton (70%) and James London (30%). Hamilton is national music director for RKO Radio and operations manager at RKO's KHJ(AM)-KRTH(FM) Los Angeles. London is North Hollywood, Calif., home improvement contractor. Action Jan. 12.

■ WTKN(AM)-WWSW-FM Pittsburgh (970 khz, 5 kw-U; FM: 94.5 mhz, 50 kw, HAAT: 810 ft.)—Granted assignment of license from WWSW Radio Inc. to Shamrock Broadcasting Co. for \$4,750,000. Seller is subsidiary of Blade Co., owned by William Block and brother, Paul Jr. Toledo, Ohio-based newspaper publisher and MSO, also owns WLIO(TV) Lima, Ohio, and WLFI-TV Lafayette, Ind. It recently purchased WDRB-TV Louisville, Ky., ("Changing Hands," Sept. 19, 1983). Buyer is Los Angeles production company and group owner—one AM, five FM's and two TV's—owned by Roy E. Disney and family. Action Jan. 11.

■ WADK(AM) Newport, R.I. (1540 khz, 1 kw)—Granted assignment of license from Key Station Inc. to Spectrum Communications Corp. for cancellation of \$500,000 indebtedness and release of all claims, plus half of station's resale value above \$500,000. Previous terms of sale between same two principals—for between \$600,000 and \$700,000 and incorrectly reported in "Changing Hands," Oct. 10, 1983—were renegotiated at request of seller. Seller is principally owned by Peter Kuypers, president of ancillary rights division of MGM/UA, and Peter G. Mangone Jr., president and CEO of Telecrafter Corp., Englewood, Colo.-based LPTV equipment supplier, programmer and group owner. Buyer is publicly held corporation headed by Harry Conlin, president. It also owns KYLT(AM)-KZOO(FM) Missoula, Mont. It will immediately resell WADK to repay bank debt. Action Jan. 12.

■ WJOT(AM)-WGFG(FM) Lake City, S.C. (1260 khz, 1 kw-D; FM: 100.1 mhz, 3 kw and HAAT: 295 ft.)—Granted transfer of control of Coastline Broadcasting Co. from estate of F. Arnold Graham Sr. (33 1/3% before; none after) to S. Charles Green and estate of James W. Floyd Sr. (33 1/3% each before; 50% each after). Consideration: \$177,500. Action Dec. 22, 1983.

■ WPKZ(AM) Pickens, S.C. (1540 khz, 10 kw-D)—Granted assignment of license from Charles E. Stovall to Tabernacle Christian Schools for \$150,000. Seller is East Point, Ga., minister. He bought station two years ago for \$225,000. Buyer is associated with Ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church at Greenville, S.C. Dr. Harold B. Slightler is pastor. Action Jan. 11.

■ KELP(AM) El Paso (1590 khz, 1 kw-D; with CP to increase power to 5 kw-D)—Granted assignment of license from Good News Broadcasting Co. to McClatchey Broadcasting for \$590,000. Seller has also sold, subject to FCC approval, KRIZ(FM) Roswell, N.M. (see above). Buyer is owned by Arnold McClatchey, who is former general manager of KYMS(FM) Santa Ana, Calif., and veteran radio announcer. Granted Jan. 11.

■ KAUZ-TV Wichita Falls, Tex. (ch. 6, 100 kw vis., 10 kw aurt., HAAT: 1,021 ft.)—Granted assignment of license from Wichita Falls Telecasters II to Adams TV for \$10,925,000. Seller is principally owned by Ray Clymer and has no other broadcast interests. Buyer also purchased WWLP(TV) Springfield, Mass.; WKEF(TV) Dayton, Ohio, and KSTU(TV) Salt Lake City (see above). Action Jan. 5.

■ WDIC(AM) Clinchco, Va. (1430 khz, 5 kw-D)—Granted transfer of control of Dickinson County Broadcasting Corp. from R.E. Baker, Vera S. Peters and others (100% before; none after) to Richard W. Edwards and others (none before; 100% after) for \$366,850. Previous sale of station for \$425,000, approved by FCC ("Changing Hands," Dec. 6, 1982), was never completed. Seller is owned by group of local stockholders who have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Edwards (49.4%), Birchleaf, Va., country-store owner; his father, Olney W., retired (1.2%), and Jerry Donald Baker (49.4%), Pound, Va., funeral home owner. They have no other broadcast interests. Action Jan. 9.

■ Lansing, Mich.—American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan has filed notice with U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. circuit, appealing commission's decision (FCC 83-443) which denied ACLU's request for reversal of Review Board's grant of app.'s of Gross Telecasting Inc. for renewal of license for WJIM(AM) and WJIM-FM and grant of short term renewal of Gross's license for WJIM-TV Lansing. (Case no. 83-2308).

Et cetera

■ On Jan. 17, representatives of U.S. and Canada signed new bilateral agreement that takes immediate effect. It supersedes North American Radio Broadcasting Agreement (NARBA) insofar as United States and Canada are concerned. Resulting agreed assignment are included in new bilateral AM plan. They are set out in List I B attached to Part VII of Annex I to the agreement. Administrations of both countries wish to proceed further with carrying out needed adjustments before channels in question are opened up to submission of further app's. Accordingly, freeze on filing of app.'s for unlimited-time stations on 25 U.S. Class I-A clear channels (640, 650, 660, 670, 700, 720, 760, 770, 780, 820, 830, 840, 880, 890, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1100, 1120, 1160, 1180, 1200 and 1210 khz) that commission announced in release of Nov. 18, 1983, will remain in effect for another six months. Freeze does not apply to app.'s for CP's that are mutually exclusive with app.'s for license renewal, nor to mutually exclusive app.'s that are timely filed in response to public notices of cut-offs.

■ Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Commission has proposed eliminating rules that prohibit any party from directly or indirectly owning, operating or controlling three commercial AM, FM or television stations where any two stations are located within 100 miles of third and where there is primary service contour overlap between any of stations. Action came in response to petition for rulemaking filed by National Association of Broadcasters. Rules were adopted in 1977 to replace case-by-case approach of regional concentration issues. Commission asked for comments on adequacy of current rule, impact of growth of media outlets on diversity of voices and levels of competition in various markets and how rule should be changed if it should not be totally eliminated. It also asked for information on effect of other provisions of multiple ownership rules, such as 'duopoly' and 'one-to-a-market' rules, as well as non-FCC limitations on ownership concentration such as antitrust laws, have on continued need for regional ownership restraints. (MM 84-19). Commissioners Fowler, Quello, Dawson and Patrick with Commissioner Rivera dissenting. Filed Jan. 12.

■ Commissioners granted 82 app.'s of Public Broadcasting Service for national network of station in Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS). Petition to deny, filed by Microband Corp. of America, was denied. Network of stations would be joined through PBS's satellite distribution network. PBS has agreed to assign its ITFS stations, upon request, to member PBS station serving community where proposed ITFS station will be located. (FCC 83-611). Commissioners Fowler, Quello, Dawson and Patrick with commissioner Rivera dissenting. MO&O adopted Dec. 30.

■ Commissioners have issued notice of proposed rulemaking on compensation to U.S. AM broadcasters for expenses they incur in mitigating effects of Cuban interference to their service. Action is in compliance with Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, enacted Oct. 4, 1983, which requires that while Secretary of State is seeking to settle interference claims against government of Cuba, interim assistance be available to U.S. broadcasters who are adversely affected by Cuban radio interference. Areas to be explored in rulemaking proceeding include: defining interference; establishing level of interference that will constitute pre-condition for compensation; determining qualifying interference duration periods; specifying types of expenses that would be compensable, and adopting procedures for application process, including whether it should be done by FCC, industry or combination of both. Statutory deadline for new regulations is April 2. Notice adopted Jan. 4.

■ Commission is seeking comments on its proposal to grant blanket section 214 authorization to allow telephone common carriers or their affiliates to provide cable television service outside carrier's telephone service area. Commission annually processes about 20 such app.'s and knew of no such app. that was denied. (CC 84-28). Notice of proposed rulemaking issued Jan. 16.

■ Commission granted Harris Corp. waiver of rules to permit type acceptance of its Model STX-1A stereophonic exciter equipment. (FCC 84-1). Order adopted Jan. 3.

■ Petition for reconsideration of action in rulemaking proceeding—amendment of section of commission's rules—additional city identification. Petitioner: National Association of Broadcasters. (BC 82-374). Filed Dec. 9, 1983.

■ Commission conducted lottery to determine tentative winner among low power television app.'s, Jan. 27 in Washington.

In contest

Legal activities

■ Los Angeles—Faith Center Inc. has filed with U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. circuit, appealing FCC's order (FCC 83-530) affirming decision by Review Board that denied its app. for renewal of license for KHOF-FM Los Angeles. (Case no. 83-2295).