Kingston

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lose Jan, but feel very confident in the strengths a programmer like Steve can bring us. His knowledge of the market is deep; we have some holes to fill, and he's the one to do it. I'm flattered that so many strong candidates called concerning this job, but Steve's winning track record, enthusiasm, and team concept make him the right choice."

Rumors regarding the station softening its sound were denied by Fox. "The competitive nature of a market determines how far you can broaden your base, and now is not the time to be traveling into unfamiliar areas. One of Steve's first things to work on is to fill our morning vacancy, with **Pat Reilly** and **Wally Hines** joining Jan in Chicago. We're looking for the right team to make a lot of noise in this market."

Kingston, who returns to the Baltimore/Washington area (having previously programmed **WPGC-AM & FM/Washington** and **WYRE/Annapolis**), said, "This is great. I'm leaving one fine group of broadcasters and joining another, plus I'm going back home after two years in Pittsburgh. B104 is a winning situation and for me to have preconceived notions about the station from this far away would be wrong. My plan is to go in and learn about the station, then add my thoughts into the mix. Jim Fox is an aggressive manager who will supply all the support I need to bring B104 the best product I can."

DeYoung

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though we're already highly successful. WCLR represents a great symphony orchestra in Adult/Contemporary. All we needed was the right conductor, and that's what we got in Lee DeYoung."

DeYoung leaves WCUZ after 18 months as OM. He previously spent six and a half years at **WBBM-FM/Chicago** as PD, MD, air personality, and Assistant to the GM. Before that, he served three years at **WZZM/Grand Rapids** (now **WLGH**), first as MD and later PD. DeYoung told **R&R**, "It's hard to avoid mixed feelings about leaving the tremendously positive atmosphere at WCUZ, but I'm thrilled with the opportunity to return to my home town of Chicago to work with top-notch professionals like Chet and (VP/Assistant Station Manager) **Chuck Tweedle**. It's obviously a rare privilege to join a fine company like **Bonneville** as PD of one of radio's most consistently successful and best-run stations."

Meyer

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him for quite a while. Finally, the opportunity and timing was right for this to happen on both ends. Tex will help maximize our efforts at B94. We feel fortunate to be able to add such a talented individual to our company. He'll increase our growth instantly."

Meyer, VP/GM at KX104 for the past year and GSM for the previous four, commented to **R&R**, "The success of KX104 is one I'm most proud to have been a part of. It's been great to see KX104 grow and prosper in numbers and profit. I'm enthusiastic about B94 in Pittsburgh and look forward to working in one of the finest radio markets in the country with the excellent management team at EZ Communications."

Strider

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ited. He'll be a big part of the team as we push on with Phil."

Strider said, "I'm looking forward to working with Gale Johnson, (SRO Broadcast Director) **Cliff Hunter**, and the other great people I met at the stations. Seattle hooked me the first day I visited; the area is absolutely gorgeous. My four and a half years with **Sandusky** and **KBPI** were very rewarding on all levels, but now it's time for a new challenge."

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FTC CHALLENGE

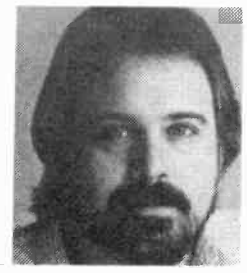
WCI And PolyGram Hold Merger

Following the **Federal Trade Commission**'s decision last week to fight the **WCI/PolyGram** merger (**R&R** 3-9), the two companies decided to postpone their agreement from the original March 12 date to April 15. As a result, the FTC will not ask for an immediate temporary restraining order to halt the deal, but still seeks an injunction nullifying the merger.

The FTC intends to hold an administrative trial to rule on the merger. The Commission objects to the formation of what would become the largest U.S. record distributor (**WEA** is now No. 2, PolyGram No. 6), believing it would further consolidate an already-shrinking industry and would make pricing less competitive.

MCA Distributing Sets Three VPs

Kent Crawford


Bob Schneiders

Harold Sulman

MCA Distributing last week set three new vice-presidential appointments. **Kent Crawford** joins the organization as VP/Branch Distributing from National Sales Manager at **Warner Bros. Bob Schneiders** moves from VP/West Coast Marketing & Administration for **MCA/Nashville** to VP/National Accounts for the distribution arm. **Harold Sulman**, formerly VP/Sales for **MCA Records**, has been named to the same position for MCA Distributing. Sulman will oversee five new regional singles sales specialists, to be named shortly.

MCA Distributing Senior VP **John Burns** stated, "We are ecstatic that we can announce the appointments of three such experienced, intelligent, and energetic executives to such key positions. Kent, Bob, and Harold bring with them the precise qualities that our newly-streamlined distribution arm needs to function at its maximum."

TRANSACTIONS

days/5 kw nights; KOMA programs a Country format with 50 kw at 1520 kHz.

Price Communications President **Robert Price** stated, "We are extremely pleased with the acquisition of these important stations. They are properties with superior signal power and important histories of service and entertainment."

Gulf Coast Broadcasting is the proposed licensee for WTIX, while **United Radio Corp.** is slated as licensee for KOMA. Both companies are subsidiaries of Price Communications, which also owns **WOWO/Ft. Wayne, KIOI (K101)/San Francisco,** and **WPCK & WIRK/West Palm Beach.**

Storz retains ownership of **WDGY/Minneapolis, WHB/Kansas City, KXOK/St. Louis,** and **WQAM/Miami.**

Joe Sitrick of **Blackburn & Co.** served as broker.

Northeast Buys WEEX & WQQQ For $3 Million

WEEX, Inc. has sold **WEEX & WQQQ/Easton, PA** to **Northeast Radio, Inc.** for $3 million, subject to **FCC** approval. WEEX operates on 1230 kHz with 1 kw days and 250 watts nights. WQQQ broadcasts on 99.9 mHz with 50kw and antenna height of 450 feet above average terrain.

WEEX, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Easton Publishing Company.** Major stockholders in Northeast are **Michael Schwartz, Donald Wilks** and **James Shea, Jr.** They own **WOSC & WKFM/Fulton, NY; WIXY/East Longmeadow, MA; WAQY/Springfield, MA; and WXFM/Briarcliff, NY.** They are in the process of acquiring **WSNE/Taunton, MA** and of selling **WPET/Greensboro, NC.**

Blackburn & Co. brokered.

Grossman

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Grossman told **R&R**, "PolyGram has always been a wonderful company for me to be associated with, and I'm very pleased with this promotion. It's so good to see this label develop over the past several years, and together with everyone else, we've been able to turn PolyGram from a follower to an industry leader."

Lee

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Wendell told **R&R**, "After 12 years with Capitol I needed to find a new challenge and goals to attain. This will give me the chance to reevaluate some new directions and opportunities within the record industry. My time at Capitol has been one of the most rewarding experiences I could have ever hoped for.

"My personal thanks to (Capitol-EMI Chairman) **Bhaskar Menon**, Jim Mazza, and Capitol Records for giving me the opportunity to develop my promotional skills. To Walter Lee, my successor, the warmest wishes and best of luck. With the help of **Michael Lessner, Bill Bartlett,** and **Rusty Moody**, I know he'll be very successful."

KOSY

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listeners what was happening – they just had to run for it."

The blaze, which took six hours to put out, reduced KOSY's newly-redesigned control rooms to cinders, along with the production rooms, sales offices, records, furniture, and most of the equipment. "We got some things out," said Michaels, "but everything we had coming up for the book is gone, as well as a lot of personal items. We really need Country and A/C record service badly to replace the oldies and currents."

Until a new home is either found or built, KOSY is broadcasting out of its emergency broadcast room at the transmitter site. Michaels added, "We're on the opposite end of town from the temporary offices, and being 30 miles apart makes it tough for communicating. But the listeners know we've been running on a shoestring, and they've been very supportive and understanding. All I can say is, thank God no one was hurt."

Patton

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Indicating that Patton would be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the company's Laurel, MD office, Hiber also said, "John's research and marketing background, as reflected in his having been President of **RAM Research Company** and Bonneville, makes him a valuable addition to Jhan Hiber & Associates."

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