

Fight Brewing Over Channels For Television

Movie Makers Would Close Channels To General Public

Washington. — A lively fight is developing in Washington on the question of allocation of television channels. A spokesman at the Federal Communications Commission said that a hearing, to decide whether additional wave lengths should be allocated to movie interests, would be held at some future, unknown date. The only allocations thus far, of wave lengths to be used only for transmitting movies, have been on a temporary and experimental basis. The motion picture industry is pressing for permanent and additional wave length allocations at present, however, and the FCC must decide on a fixed policy sooner or later.

Opponents of the plan to allocate wave lengths for moving picture use want television wave lengths kept free, just as radio wave lengths have been. They argue sponsors will buy and transmit movies over free television wave lengths anyhow, citing actual examples now in progress.

The motion picture industry wants to use the special wave lengths it is asking to show movies in television houses, just as in a theatre. It wants to charge admission, and be protected in that no one else could tune in on its closed wave lengths.

Toward that end, the Theatre Owners of America, Inc. have published material to influence public and congressional opinion. The latest booklet, out this week, contains a plea from Gael Sullivan, executive director of the organization. Says Sullivan:

"... the American people will not for long throw away their leisure time watching stupid television programs because they happen to be free. . . .

Through our (theatre owners) combined buying powers, 'know how', and televising over closed wave lengths, we can offer a superlative quality of talent. . . . No one likes to invest additional money in an enterprise that has been ailing, but this is no longer a question of likes or dislikes. . . . it is a question of survival."

Opponents of the theatre-owner plan foam at the mouth when television is referred to as ailing. They say it is just a baby, growing with tremendous speed, and argue that profits are but a matter of time. The theatres are the ailing industry, say opponents of the closed wave length plan, and they must improve the quality of their product or face increasing television competition.

Opponents of the closed wave length plan say competition is what Hollywood needs. They feel it would be wrong to turn over an atmosphere wave length to a private business exclusively. And to another proposal, of the movie industry, that slots be built in television sets, into which coins could be dropped for reception of movies, opponents of the plan object strenuously. The FCC must decide whether to allocate wave lengths to stations only, or to

Turpentine Drippings

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SUBSTITUTE

(Southern Pines Pilot)

An Army chaplain was entrusted with the duty of finding places for boys of all denominations to worship, during the recent maneuvers at Camp Mackall. His search took him through several towns in the Sandhills and he finally landed at Aberdeen, where he stopped at a service station to gas up and also to inquire, "Is there a synagogue here?" "A what?" asked the station attendant, looking slightly mystified.

"A synagogue. I wanted to find if you had one in this town."

The attendant scratched his head briefly, then brightened up as he reported, "Well, no, I don't believe we do—but we have a swell Junior Chamber of Commerce."

A LITTLE LATE

(Asheboro Courier Tribune) Went home to dinner the other day and the wife was out mowing the lawn. In eight years of marriage, it's the first time that ever happened. It must be because I had the mower sharpened the other day. If I'd known that, would have had it sharpened long ago.

A DOG & A CHAIR

(John Wesley Clay, Winston-Salem Journal) I told you Wednesday about the old mountaineer who had sheltered a stray hound dog for fourteen years yet to this good day he does not claim ownership of the dog. Should the original owner come along and claim the dog the mountaineer would turn it over to him. I said that was real honesty and that honesty had made America industry also. The lobbying, and button-holing, on the subject is hot and heavy in Washington these days.

Backs Arms-Aid Bill



TESTIFYING in support of the \$1,222,500,000 arms-aid program, Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, tells the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington that the best chance of postponing war is "by remaining strong." Bradley declared the program puts this country "one step closer to establishing a reasonable security." (International)

SCREEN SCRIBES PLAN APPEAL



AT A PRESS CONFERENCE in Washington, five of ten Hollywood writers charged with contempt of Congress declare they will carry their fight to the Supreme Court and "insist" that it be heard. They are (l. to r.) Edward Dmytryk, Albert Maltz, Samuel Ornitz, Alvah Bessie and Herbert Biberman. Two of the ten, who refused to state whether or not they are Communists, are now serving one-year sentences. (International)

great. Of course there are lots of Americans who are not that honest. There are plenty of people who would never think of stealing from you, but they would borrow things and never return them. This same mountaineer is

not above reproach in that respect. Another resident of the hills told me that many years ago this mountaineer borrowed a rocking chair from his front porch while he was away. And he not only forgot to mention the fact but also forgot to return the chair. It was said by the neighbors that the mountaineer's baby had the colic one night and he borrowed the chair to rock the baby to sleep in. In all he has rocked six babies to sleep in the chair.

Through the goodness of heart the owner has never laid claim to the chair. If it has served a good purpose in the mountaineer's cabin that is recompense enough. And that is another thing that has helped to make America great, goodness of heart. And we got that from our fathers.

GO TO THE POST OFFICE

(Waynesville Mountaineer) We have just made a discovery, or found a perfect prescription . . . or something. If you feel the least bit discouraged with the world or its inhabitants (and who doesn't have these spells?), take a brisk walk down to the Post Office and back. Our trip was an errand but it had the same effect. We met people we hadn't seen in ages; we spoke to people we didn't even know and everybody seemed glad to see each other, and we settled

Trouble On The High Seas



The rascally seaman, Douglas Fowley, shows his true colors as he threatens star Roddy McDowell aboard the shark-fishing boat in "Killer Shark," Monogram drama at the Watts Theatre Saturday.

back to work with a deep sense of gratitude that we knew people, liked people and that we lived in this wonderful place.

BUT IT'S THERE

(Dillon Herald) The average householder can comfort himself with the thought that his lot of land contains more than \$40,000 worth of uranium.

The catch is that a fantastic amount of work is required to extract the uranium. It would mean digging down about a mile deep and processing about 2 1-2 million tons of dirt and rock.

THAT'S WHY

(Sanford Herald) Norman Branch joined his brother from Charlotte on a trip

to Tennessee last week-end. They gave a hitchhiking farmer a 20-mile ride in the mountains.

"When we let the fellow out—dressed in overalls—in the next town," Norman said, "he stomped his feet on the concrete sidewalk and said: 'Oh, now I know why they built the town here; they can't grow cotton here!'"

NEVER ENOUGH

(Goldboro News-Argus) Overheard at the Fremont road celebration last week when the crowd of people was swelled by a goodly number of office seekers was this comment:

"Look at that. Politicians shaking hands with one another. There aren't enough voters to go around!"

TOO RADICAL

(15 Years Ago. Moore Co. News) Southern Pines is to have a referendum on the question of city mail delivery. The office is entitled to this service but many business men there oppose its inauguration for fear that free delivery might keep many winter residents from their daily trips down town for their mail.

To a person standing on the moon the earth would appear to shine, as the moon shines to earth inhabitants.

U. S. SENATE VOTE SHOWS:

Graham Favors Abolition Of Segregation In D. C. Schools

In 1949 the U. S. Senate was considering a bill known as "Home Rule For the District of Columbia" which would give D. C. City Council the right to abolish existing segregation in their schools.

Senator Eastland of Mississippi proposed an amendment which would give the people of Washington a right to vote on whether they desired to abolish segregation in their schools.

This amendment was designed to give the people in Washington, D. C., the right to vote on segregation.

WE URGE YOU TO READ IT IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Every Southern Senator Voted For This Admendment

EXCEPT

GRAHAM, PEPPER, and KEFAUVER

Nineteen Southern Senators voted for this Amendment, including SENATOR HOEY of North Carolina, BUT it was defeated by Graham-Pepper-Kefauver who voted with Northern Republicans and Democrats. Thus,

Graham Denied People Of Washington, D. C., The Very Same Rights As Are Guaranteed North Carolinians

Yet, he talks glibly today about handling the Race Problem in the North Carolina way. WILLIS SMITH ALWAYS HAS — AND ALWAYS WILL—UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS OF THE SOUTH —

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