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DEFENDING MR. FLY CONGRESSMAN ATTACKS RADIO INTERESTS

Saying that he was sure his colleague Representative Cox (D) of Georgia had been misinformed in the latter's charges against James L. Fly, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, which resulted in Mr. Cox introducing a resolution to investigate the Commission, Representative Rankin, (D) of Mississippi, took up the cudgel for Mr. Fly and at the same time sideswiped the so-called "Radio Monopoly". Mr. Rankin said, in part:

"In my opinion, James Lawrence Fly is a most valuable public servant. I have known him for many years. I know there is a great deal of criticism now being inspired from the outside because of his opposition to the radio monopoly, because of his opposition to certain big interests monopolizing the radio business throughout the country; but I believe if Members of the House will investigate the record of Mr. Fly they will find that he is one of the most valuable servants of the American people at this time.

"Now, as my colleagues know, I have nothing against investigations. Frequently they are necessary, and often have salutary effects. Members of this body will recall that I proposed on this floor many years ago that we investigate and expose the Electric Power Trusts which have ruthlessly exploited the people of this country. Since Franklin D. Roosevelt became President, we have been able to get relief from those exploitations; and even though today its satellites occupy positions of influence in some Government circles, and are attempting to block our power program including rural electrification, I am confident that the Roosevelt administration has made clear to the people of the United States that monopolies and trusts are no longer running the Government.

"Imagine my surprise then, to find my friend from Georgia last week attacking the Federal Communications Commission, and yesterday criticizing it again, and introducing a resolution to investigate it. At least 90 percent of all the criticism hurled at Chairman Fly and the Federal Communications Commission has come straight from the powerful radio monopoly.

"That criticism has come because under Mr. Fly, for the first time in history, the Commission has regulated the industry instead of the industry regulating the Commission. For the first time in history, the Commission is being run in the interest of all the people of the United States instead of in the interest of the half dozen interlocking corporations best known as the Radio Trust.

"Calling these interests who dominate broadcasting all over this country the Radio Trust is not just my idea. In April 1940, the gentleman from Georgia himself took the floor and praised the Federal Communications Commission for its fearless administration of the law in the public interest, in spite of attacks from the trust. Let me remind my friend of his very forceful remarks then when he said: And I am quoting now the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Cox) - 'an att

is being made on the Federal Communications Commission on the ground that the Commission is retarding the growth of television. The investigation I have made discloses the fact that the reason for the attack is that the Commission will not permit the Broadcasters' Trust to exploit the public through the sale of near-obsolete television sets. What we probably need more than anything else is an investigation of the Broadcasters' Trust. It is time they were stopped from monopolizing the air.'

"That was the opinion of the gentleman from Georgia less than 2 years ago when somebody suggested an investigation of the Federal Communications Commission; in his usual keen and fearless fashion he hit the nail on the head.

"It is common knowledge that ever since the Federal Communications Commission, under the dauntless leadership of this rangey Texan, began to administer the law without fear or favor, the Radio Trust has sought to blitzkreig him. Every attempt has backfired. Mr. Fly has gone his way undisturbed, confident that honest administration of the law will bring better radio service to the public, and will eventually end the unholy dominance of the industry by two New York corporations.

"Nobody can persuade me that a Wall Street hireling or a Philadelphia cigarmaker should have the right to dictate what radio programs the people of Mississippi, Iowa, Texas, or Georgia ought to hear. On that subject, I much prefer to trust the judgment of my friend, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Cox).

"I am sure the worthy gentleman introduced his resolution from the very highest motives, but the ones who will now try to use it may not be similarly motivated. No doubt before the ink was dry on the bill, the walking delegates of the Radio Trust were packing their bags and catching the express for Washington.

"I deplore any effort to hamstring an agency which is doing an honest job of administration; particularly do I deplore this proposal for a congressional investigation at a moment when the Federal courts are in process of deciding a major case brought against the Commission by the Broadcasting Trust; and most important of all, I deplore this threat to investigate an agency which is bending its energies not only to aid the war effort in so many important ways but also to give all the American people the benefits of radio without favor or discrimination.

"I hope the gentleman from Georgia will not press his resolution."

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LABELS DOUGLAS KPAS SPONSOR LEFT WINGER

Charging that he bought time to broadcast Harry Bridges' side of his own story and that he is one of the sponsors of Station KPAS in Pasadena, Representative Carl Hinshaw of California (R) took Melvyn Douglas, moving picture actor for a very rough ride. Mr. Douglas was recently appointed Publicity Chief in the Office of Civilian Defense, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is the Assistant Director, and is said to be a friend of the latter. Rep. Hinshaw said:

"It would seem to me that screen actors can do more for their country

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in these difficult times, by carrying on in their accustomed ways than they can by coming to Washington, even for the purpose of adding glamour to the Office of Civilian Defense. The people of the United States do not need the inspiration of glamour to realize the seriousness of the situation we all face. Glamour is not needed to inspire our people to rally to the defense of our country even through the Office of Civilian Defense. It seems to me a farce - yes, even a tragedy - to make of the Office of Civilian Defense a pink-tea party, where well-known faces of social life and on the screen can obtain added publicity.

"I do not say that Melvyn Douglas is or ever has been a Communist, but he has been associated with organizations and movements which, according to the records of the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, are Communist sponsored or led and are generally considered to be Communist-front organizations.

"He was one of those who welcomed Tom Mooney when the latter was released from prison in California, and it is well known that Tom Mooney was both identified with disloyal groups in the last war, and is now national chairman of the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder.

"In the records of the Federal Communications Commission Melvyn Douglas is listed in an application made for a permit to build and operate a 10,000 watt radio station in Pasadena, Calif., as one of the sponsors and subscribers, with the intention of becoming one of the directors. In that application it stated as follows:

"Another one of the subscribers to take stock in KFVD (now KPAS), and who will be one of the directors, is peculiarly fitted to aid in making a broadcasting station a success, both from an entertainment point of view and of service along civic lines. This man is Melvyn Douglas, the actor. Mr. Douglas not only stands high in his profession but his study and interest in civic affairs makes him of great value.

"Mr. Douglas expects to devote considerable attention to this new broadcasting station appearing on it professionally, and also speaking over it as a citizen interested in civic affairs. In fact, he has agreed to go on each week with a commercial program under a sponsor, taking no money therefor for himself but granting the station the profits from his part in such effort to be used to put other civic programs that might be of value to the hearers, and yet such that might not be sponsored by any commercial advertiser.

"Radio station KPAS made its initial bow to the public on February 5th.

"As I stated in the beginning of my remarks, I do not know that Melvyn Douglas is a Communist or a fellow traveler of the Communist Party, nor am I willing to believe that he is either of these or that he is even a sympathizer of the Communist principles. Until such fact, if true, is amply demonstrated, if he is not any of these things - and I am willing to believe that he is not - then the least that can be said is that he has amply demonstrated his very left-wing tendencies."

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Japanese Army headquarters at Manila has banned wireless, telegraph and telephone communications from occupied areas of the Philippines except by Army permission.

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FM KEEPS CLEVELAND TRANSIT SYSTEM ON ITS TOES

A new two-way frequency modulation radio system is keeping the Cleveland Railway Company's transit system working at highest efficiency. The equipment consists of a 250-watt dispatcher transmitter and ten 25-watt mobile units. The headquarters transmitting antenna is mounted 270 feet above street level. All equipment was supplied by the General Electric Company.

Since the installation of this new FM emergency communication system, delays in car service have been shortened and in some cases entirely eliminated by the ability of zone supervisors to reach a congested area quickly and to restore the flow of vehicles or direct the replacement or repairs of damaged equipment.

The headquarters station, with call letters WDCZ, is located at East Ninth Street and Carnegie Avenue in Cleveland. The ten zone cars are operated throughout the city, patrolling the lines of the company. The two-way feature of the communication equipment permits the supervisors to report to headquarters on traffic conditions, to learn immediately of traffic complications resulting from fires or other causes, and to reroute the company's vehicles as conditions require.

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CODE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NEWS "COMMERCIALS"

Further improvement of radio advertising in connection with war broadcasts will be discussed by the Code Compliance Committee of the National Association of Broadcasters at a special meeting in Washington today, February 6th.

The NAB already has made several suggestions to the industry for the improvement of war news commercials, from the viewpoint of both listener and advertiser.

In its Wartime Guide for broadcasters, the NAB said that news should never be used as a "springboard" for commercials.

"Such practices as starting commercials with 'now for some good news' etc. should never be permitted," the guide said. "Also it is important that such news-phrases as 'bulletin', 'flash', 'news' and the like should be used only in their legitimate functions."

A survey shows that news broadcasts, as a group, are radio's most popular programs. Among all listeners, 78.5 per cent like them better than any other type of program.

The Code Committee includes: Earl J. Glade, KSL, Salt Lake City, Chairman; Edgar L. Bill, WMBD, Peoria; Gilson Gray, Columbia Broadcasting System, New York; Hugh A. L. Halff, WOAI, San Antonio; Henry P. Johnston, WSGN, Birmingham; Janet MacRorie, National Broadcasting Company, New York; William B. Quarton, WMT, Cedar Rapids; Edney Ridge, WFIG, Greensboro, and Calvin J. Smith, KFAC, Los Angeles.

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PROPOSED DENIAL OF WCSC TRANSFER

Public interest would not be served by transfer, as proposed, of The South Carolina Broadcasting Co., Inc., licensee of broadcast station WCSC, Charleston, S. C., from The Liberty Life Insurance Co. to John M. Rivers, according to proposed findings of the Federal Communications Commission. It concludes:

"Under the terms of the contract entered into between the applicants, the proposed transferor retains substantial financial control of the licensee corporation and the proposed transferee assumes no personal financial obligation. There has been no showing that the proposed transferee contemplates the investment of his personal funds toward payment of the purchase price. Nor has it been shown that the Board of Directors of the licensee corporation, in the event of approval of this application, will not be associated with the proposed transferor. With control so divided, only a partial transfer would be effected, and neither the transferor nor the transferee would have the control over the licensee requisite for the operation of Station WCSC in the public interest.

"The performance of the contract upon which the instant application is based would impose a constant charge upon the gross revenues and resources of the licensee and thus would tend to impair its ability to operate Station WCSC in the public interest."

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TOP FLIGHT PUBLICISTS ATTEND WOODS PARTY

There was a notable turnout in the Capital last Wednesday afternoon for the party given in honor of Mark Woods, President of the new Blue Network by Frank M. Russell, Washington Vice President of NBC. Among those present were Byron Price, Director of Censorship, J. Harold Ryan, Assistant Director in charge of Radio, Brig. Gen. A. D. Surles, Press Relations War Department, Frank Mason, Assistant Public Relations Advisor to the Secretary of the Navy, Capt. Leland P. Lovette, U. S. N., just back from Pearl Harbor, who it is reported may succeed Admiral Hepburn as head of Naval Public Relations, and Douglas Meservey, of the office of Facts and Figures.

Also present was Kenneth Berkeley, Manager of stations WRC and WMAL. Ordinarily the presence of Mr. Berkeley at these pleasant NBC functions is taken for granted, but last Wednesday it was different. And thereby hangs quite a tale. Thought to have been brought on by overwork, a chronic ailment from which the Washington station manager suffered was brought to a climax with the crucial duties of the outbreak of the war. The result was that Mr. Berkeley landed in the hospital. Fortunately the ailment was not serious but it did require a slight operation and a good rest.

Being very popular with his employees they immediately began taking up a collection for flowers to send to the hospital. One of those solicited was the Superintendent of the Trans-Lux Building, in which NBC and RCA are housed. He somehow got the idea that it was for a funeral and meeting Roland Robbins, Manager of the Trans-Lux Theatre, told him about it. "That's terrible!" Mr. Robbins exclaimed. Being on his way to a meeting of the Washington Rotary Club he passed the word along with the result that the supposed bad news about Mr. Berkeley was announced to those gathered at the luncheon with the usual ceremony of such an occasion.

In the audience and one of the most astonished persons to hear this was F. P. Guthrie, District Manager of RCA Communications, Inc., neighbor and

lifelong friend of Mr. Berkeley. Word got back to NBC where Mr. Russell quickly punctured the rumor. He also tried to keep it from getting to Berkeley. Later Mr. Russell laughingly told him the Rotarians had sent along the comforting word: "Wait... till Berkeley hears the cheering at the next meeting when they announce that the rumor was not true." To this Mr. Berkeley, who this writer believes hasn't an enemy in the world, replied: "There will be two or three so and sos there who will be badly disappointed."

As yet Berkeley hasn't faced the music at the Rotary Club, but he did receive an ovation at the Woods luncheon and he never looked better in his life.

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BROADCASTING NEWS HASN'T CUT CIRCULATION FCC TOLD

Dr. Herman S. Hettinger, Professor in the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, testifying before the FCC which is investigating radio-newspaper relationships, said newspaper circulation had kept pace with the increase in population and that this demonstrated that the public has confidence in the press.

During the period 1920-40, Mr. Hettinger said, newspaper circulation in the United States increased 24.1 per cent, while the population increased 24.5 percent.

He told the Commission that while newspapers and radio were competitors, the principal competition was for national advertising. Newspapers, he said, receive a major part of their advertising revenues from local advertising, while radio's major part comes from national advertising.

In most cases, Mr. Hettinger testified, he regarded it as a "matter of small consequence" to a newspaper's financial stability whether it operated a broadcast station at present. He added, however, that he could not predict what result the development of television and fac-simile might have.

Another witness, Ernest Angell, New York lawyer and President of the Council for Democracy, said he felt prohibitions against operation of broadcast stations by newspapers would be "fraught with a great deal of danger to the democratic process."

Mr. Angell told the Commission the Council was organized after the fall of France when "a wave of defeatism and an apparent loss of faith in democracy" swept this country. Its purpose, he explained, is "to help the American people rebuild their faith in democracy." The Council's activities include broadcast to Germany "to explain what the American war effort is and why."

Calling maintenance of freedom of speech and freedom of the press "important to democracy," Mr. Angell expressed a fear that prohibitions against newspapers might eventually lead to prohibitions against radio station operation by other classifications such as employers, labor unions or church groups.

Donald Harris, an FCC attorney, asked Mr. Angell whether he would oppose action by Congress to establish some system of apportioning stations among various groups, the witness described that as "completely unworkable."

Roscoe Pound, Dean Emeritus of the Harvard Law School was to testify today.

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NILES TRAMMEL ON THE MEND

Reports from New York are that Niles Trammel, President of the National Broadcasting Company, who was operated on for appendicitis last week, is improving right along.

Mr. Trammel's duties are being carried on by Frank Mullen, Vice President and General Manager.

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CALIFORNIA STATION WOULD JUMP FROM 100 WATTS TO 10 KW

KROY of Sacramento have applied for a construction permit for change in frequency from 1240 to 1030 kilocycles, increase in power from 100 watts to 10 kilowatts.

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CBS BEGINS SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS VIA THREE NEW TRANSMITTERS

The Columbia Broadcasting System has revised its shortwave schedule to coincide with commencement of full scale operations over its three new powerful transmitters - - WCRC and WCBX, 50,000 watts each, and WCDA, 10,000 watts - - beginning Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12.

From early morning to late afternoon, the CBS transmitters are to be beamed on Europe and thenceforth, until 11 PM, Eastern War Time, directed toward South America.

This provides at least a fortnight's testing period for the transmitters serving Columbia's new Latin American network before it gets under way early in March. Combined with augmented CBS technical facilities, altering shortwave broadcast frequencies, based on ionospheric studies, is held certain to result in better reception for foreign radio audiences.

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Hay McClinton, Vice President in charge of radio of N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc., has taken a leave of absence to supervise "This is War," a series of radio programs which will be produced in cooperation with the Office of Facts and Figures over four nation-wide networks on Saturday evenings starting Feb. 14. The program will dramatize and interpret the Government's wartime activities.

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Four stations have been added to NBC's Pan American Network, which now totals 124, and has representation in every one of the 20 Latin American Republics. The latest additions are all in Mexico, and increase that nation's NBC affiliates to 31 stations. They are located in Guzman, (XEBA), Sabinas, (XEBX), Saltillo, (XEDE), and Los Mochis, (XEDF).

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Tom Harris, former law clerk to Chief Justice Stone, has been appointed Assistant General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission.

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RIO CONFERENCE WAS BIG COMMUNICATIONS TASK

The Conference of American Foreign Ministers which ended last week in Rio de Janeiro entailed the largest communications job ever handled in Latin America, it is indicated from preliminary reports from its operating subsidiaries received by International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Never before has there been such intense interest in any Western Hemisphere event, it is indicated, and the international telephone, cable and radiotelegraph services and broadcasting channels were employed almost to capacity throughout the conference. An International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation bulletin says:

"Approximately 220 telephone calls aggregating thirty-four solid hours of talking time were made over the radiotelephone from Rio to the United States, while 192 calls involving twenty hours were made to Argentina and fifty-seven were handled with other countries in the New World. These calls were transmitted through I.T.&T.'s radio station in Rio over the commercial radiotelephone channels connecting with stations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New Jersey. From there they passed to the long distance network of the Bell System.

"The opening and closing ceremonies and other high lights of the conference were broadcast throughout the Americas, and several programs were relayed by way of the United States to England. The I.T.&T. station alone transmitted thirty special programs over the telephone circuit for re-broadcast in the United States and seven for re-broadcast in Argentina in addition to transmitting over three short-wave channels the opening and closing sessions.

"The All America Cables system and its associated radiotelegraph service, which operates with the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company - all companies in the I.T.&T. group - handled a considerable volume of news and many diplomatic messages in addition to the normal volume of commercial business from Rio de Janeiro.

"Advance figures indicate that in spite of the large volume of news of the conference used throughout the United States, only about 40 per cent of the material for the press telegraphed from Rio was for the United States, Canada and Europe, with 60 per cent being taken by Latin-American newspapers.

"A survey of the Western Hemisphere communications map shows that the same telegraph and telephone coverage would have been available in almost any other Latin American city. All the countries are interconnected by telegraph and all but Ecuador are interconnected by telephone. The telegraph service goes back to the early 1880's when, after 20 years of indifferent service by way of Europe, the original company of the All America Cables system established direct service between the United States and Central and South America. This service has reached out into every country, equipped its 8,000 mile main line with three parallel cables and added radiotelegraph."

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WJSV IN "BOMBER FOR MacARTHUR" DRIVE

Station WJSV in the Capitol, under the direction of Harry C. Butcher, CBS Vice-President, is cooperating with the WASHINGTON POST in a new wrinkle to stimulate the sale of Defense Bonds.

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"Here is your chance to help Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his valiant men", says the POST announcing the plan.

"A 'Bomber for MacArthur' campaign to send a \$200,000 war-plane from Washington to the gallant defenders of the Philippines is begun today by The Washington Post, Radio Station WJSV and the Junior Board of Commerce. The campaign has the approval of the Army Air Forces.

"The bomber will be christened 'The City of Washington'. It will go to the Pacific theater of war, there to aid MacArthur's forces in the fight for our way of life.

"You may do your part by buying United States Defense Savings Bonds on a special 'Bomber for MacArthur' form.

"Here's how you do it: Go to one of the following places and ask for a 'Bomber for MacArthur' form - the front counter of The Post, 1337 E Street Northwest; the WJSV-Junior Board of Commerce booth at the corner of Thirteenth and E Streets Northwest, or to any bank or building and loan association.

"This form is similar to the regular Defense Bond except for a picture of a plane and the words 'Bomber for MacArthur' surprinted across it. Fill it out for a bond of your choosing. Most popular are the Series E bonds, whose denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000 sell respectively for \$18.75, \$37.50, \$75, \$375 and \$750 and mature in ten years.

"The 'Bomber for MacArthur' bonds you buy will go toward the purchase of a \$200,000 Martin B-26. This is the deadly medium bomber the British have dubbed 'The Marauder'. It is the fastest bomber of its class in the world.

"If you can't buy bonds to help purchase the plane, you can buy stamps. If you buy them at The Post's counter or at the WJSV-Junior Board of Commerce booth, the total purchase will go to help pay for the bomber."

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ASCAP COMPLETES REORGANIZATION

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers has completed reorganization of its branch office set-up so that all ASCAP branch offices are now directly managed by the home office under John G. Paine, General Manager of the Society.

The Society now has twenty branch offices in the United States. These offices are divided into four geographical divisions with a supervisor in charge of each division. In eliminating the last of the remaining lawyer-representative offices, ASCAP made a number of promotions and transfers of personnel. Some of the territories were reallocated in the reorganization. The new set-up is as follows:

1. Western District - Supervisor Robert J. Powers, who supervises four branch offices as follows: DENVER, covers Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. PORTLAND, covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. SAN FRANCISCO, covers northern part of California and the state of Nevada. HOLLYWOOD, covers southern part of California and the state of Arizona.

2. Mid-Western District - Supervisor R. W. Rome, who supervises six branch offices as follows: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota & South Dakota. DETROIT, Michigan. ST. LOUIS, southern Illinois and Missouri. CHICAGO, northern Illinois, northern Indiana and Wisconsin. CLEVELAND, northern part of Ohio. DESMOINES, Iowa.
3. Southern District - Supervisor I. T. Cohen, who supervises four branch offices as follows: DALLAS, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana and Mississippi. CINCINNATI, southern Ohio, southern Indiana and Kentucky. ATLANTA, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.
4. Eastern District - Supervisor F. C. Erdman, who supervises six branch offices as follows: BOSTON, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island. PHILADELPHIA, eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. NEW YORK CITY, Connecticut, the district surrounding New York City and northern New Jersey. PITTSBURGH, western part of Pennsylvania. BALTIMORE, Maryland & the District of Columbia. ROCHESTER, northern part of New York State.

The following changes have been made:

The territory of the Cincinnati office was increased by all of Kentucky and the southern part of Indiana.

Frank H. Hemby, formerly Manager of Dallas office, now in charge of St. Louis office.

Samuel Berkett, promoted to managership of the New England District with office located at Boston, replacing Mr. Rome, who was made Supervisor of the Mid-Western District.

Edward A. Sherwood, transferred from Baltimore to Cleveland, Ohio.

Philip O. Alexander, formerly of Atlanta office, promoted to managership of the Dallas office.

Stanley Shepard, formerly manager for the district of Puerto Rico, promoted to the managership of the New Orleans office covering Louisiana & Mississippi.

Territory covered by the Philadelphia office, increased by the southern part of New Jersey and Delaware.

Arthur L. Rothkranz, promoted to managership of the Baltimore office covering Maryland and the District of Columbia.

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NBC TELLS THE TRUTH TO DENMARK AND CAUSES A RIOT

When Hitler expanded the anti-comintern pact recently, Denmark's foreign minister was one of the signatories. Goebbels and his censors knew that this news must not leak out, because it would cause widespread unrest, so he clamped down and the Danish press carried no mention of the minister's signature. However, NBC's short-wave stations WRCA and WJBI broadcast the news to the Danes. The reaction was quick and definite. A large group of loyal Danish citizens marched to the King's palace, acclaimed their ruler, sang "Tipperary" and hanged the foreign minister in effigy. Then they proceeded to the German barracks and demonstrated until the Nazis had to call out the riot squad.

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Thomas E. Harris, Assistant General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission since last May has resigned to become an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of Price Administration.

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Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation - Six months to Oct. 31: Net profit, \$205,944, contrasted with \$94,592 loss for comparable period of previous year. Unfilled orders on Jan. 31 were in excess of \$16,000,000, E. A. Nicholas, President, reported. On Oct. 31, 1941, unfilled orders totaled more than \$7,000,000.

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The Bamberger Broadcasting Service of New York has applied for a construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station to be operated on Channel # 6, 96000-102000 kilocycles (Formerly W2XBB); Power Aural: Max. 2 kilowatts; Visual: Max. 4 kilowatts.

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Permits have been asked for new stations by J. C. Horton of Santa Ana, Calif., to be operated on 830 kilocycles, 10 kilowatts, limited time; and B. Loring Schmidt, Salem, Ore., to be operated on 1490 kilocycles, 250 watts, unlimited hours.

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Station KDB Thomas S. Lee & R. D. Merrill, Executors of the estate of Don Lee, deceased (Transferors) and the Don Lee Broadcasting System, (Transferee) Santa Barbara, Calif., have been granted consent by the FCC to transfer of control of Santa Barbara Broadcasters, Ltd., Station KDB, from Thomas S. Lee and R. D. Merrill, Executors of the estate of Don Lee, Deceased, to Don Lee Broadcasting System.

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WNOE, New Orleans, seeks to increase its power from 250 to 50,000 watts and to use 1060 kc.

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"Words That Shook the World," an album containing complete recordings of President Roosevelt's speech asking Congress for a declaration of war against Japan, and Churchill's historic address to the joint session of Congress, has been released for commercial sale by the WOR Recording Division on February 4. The Roosevelt and Churchill speeches were taken from WOR's collection of over 2000 off-the-air recordings of historic broadcasts of the past five years.

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Production of radios in Canada in 1942 will be reduced to 50 percent of the monthly average number of units made in 1940. The new order revises the order under which production of radios in January was to be cut by 40 percent of the monthly average of 1940 and by 25 percent in February 1942 and each month thereafter.

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Having what seems to be a good name for the job Harold P. Sec, NBC Engineer, has been appointed Senior Television Supervisor.