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ELECTION MEANS BIG RADIO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES UPSET

No matter which way the election goes, the reorganization of the new Congress will play havoc with the Committees in the House and the Senate which handle legislation having to do with radio and communications. If the Republicans win control of the House, as they are so confidently predicting, it will mean a change of the Committee chairman. If the Republican lightning should strike the Senate, it will, of course, mean a similar upheaval there.

All members of the House Committees are up for re-election. Members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, whose fate will be settled one way or another next Tuesday, are Senators Bob Wagner (D), of New York; Alben W. Barkley (D), Kentucky; Lister Hill (D), Alabama; Charles W. Tobey (R), New Hampshire; Clyde M. Reed (R), Kansas; and Chan Gurney (R), of South Dakota. There have already been two casualties on this Committee, both Democrats - "Cotton" Ed Smith, of South Carolina, and Senator D. Worth Clark of Idaho, who were defeated for re-nomination. Senator Clark's successful opponent was Glenn H. Taylor, a cowboy, radio entertainer of Station KSEI at Pocatello. Another vacancy has been created on the Committee by the appointment of Senator Homer T. Bone (D), of Washington State to a Federal judgeship. If Senator Truman, who is also a member of the Committee, is elected Vice-President, that naturally would also leave a vacancy.

If the Republicans should win the House, the veteran Representative Schuyler Otis Bland (D), of Virginia, who has been in Congress for almost 30 years, would lose the chairmanship of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. First in line as his successor would be Representative Richard J. Welch (R), of California. Representative Welch, however, is also ranking minority member of the House Labor Committee. If he should take that Committee in preference to the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, then the next Republicans in line would be Representative Joseph J. O'Brien, of New York, Fred Bradley, of Michigan, and Gordon Canfield, of New Jersey, respectively. Two certain vacancies on this Committee are Representative Louis J. Capozzoli, of New York, and Delegate Anthony J. Dimond, of Alaska, both Democrats, who are not seeking reelection.

If the Democrats retain control of the Senate, Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, who has been conspicuous by his failure to be heard in behalf of President Roosevelt and the New Deal in the present campaign, will most likely continue as Chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. With the defeat of Senator "Cotton" Ed Smith, however, Senator Wheeler would also be eligible for the chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture Committee. The belief is that he would stick to the Interstate Commerce Committee.

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If the miracle should happen and the Republicans captured the Senate, Senator Wallace White (R), of Maine, would be at the head of the line to succeed Senator Wheeler as Chairman. Senator White, co-author of the Communications Act and #1 radio man in Congress, who has added importance as Senate minority leader, might also be in line for the all important Foreign Relations Committee chairmanship as successor to Senator Tom Connally of Texas. His chance for this would be whether Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, would prefer the chairmanship of the Rules Committee and if the health of Senators Hiram Johnson, of California, and Capper would prevent their undertaking the heavy responsibility of the Foreign Relations Committee direction.

If Senator White didn't take the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee chairmanship, in case of a Republican victory, the next man on the eligibility list would be Senator Warren Austin, of Vermont. However, Senator Austin is ranking member of the Military Affairs Committee and might prefer that to the Interstate Commerce Committee. Next high men on the Interstate Commerce Totem Pole would then be Senators Shipstead, of Minnesota; Tobey, of New Hampshire; Reed, of Kansas; Gurney, of South Dakota; Brooks, of Illinois; Hawkes, of New Jersey; and Moore, of Oklahoma.

Senator White would also be in line to head the Patents Committee in which the radio and communications industries also have an interest. Of its present eight members, none has positive chance of serving in the new Congress. All the rest besides Senator White are up for reelection or for some reason are not continuing in Congress.

If the Republicans are successful in the House, Representative Fred A. Hartley, Jr., of New Jersey, would be eligible for chairmanship of the Patents Committee and if he didn't take it, Representative Arends, of Illinois, would be next.

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BRICKER SERVES NOTICE ON ALLEGED REDS IN FCC

If the Republicans get in, Governor Bricker, Vice-presidential candidate, declared that they would make it hot for the alleged Communists in the Federal Communications Commission and elsewhere in the Government service. It was his prediction that fellow-travellers would likewise be routed out.

Governor Bricker referred particularly to the cases of Dr. Goodwin Watson, \$6,500 a year Chief Analyst of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service of the FCC, Dr. William E. Dodd, Jr., \$3,200 a year Assistant News Editor of the same service, and Dr. Robert Morss Lovett, Executive Assistant to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

These men were denounced by a House Committee a year ago as subversive. Subsequently the House as a whole attached a rider to an urgent Deficiency Bill cutting off the pay of the employees after November 15th of that year unless by that time President Roosevelt had renominated them and their nominations had been confirmed by the Senate. The Senate acceded to the rider in order to get the appropriation measure enacted. The President, refusing to renominate the men was compelled to sign the bill in order to make funds available for various agencies and termed the measure "not only unwise and discriminatory but unconstitutional". Chairman James L. Fly and Secretary of the Interior Ickes likewise protested loudly and even allowed the men to hold their jobs without pay after November 15th in their effort to establish certain legal claims.

Therefore if Governor Dewey is elected or even if a Republican House is elected - for all appropriations must originate in the House - and the threat of Governor Bricker is carried out, a wholesale exodus of crackpots and radicals now firmly entrenched in lucrative Government jobs may be expected. And very likely without quite so much formality.

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WHAT WOULD DEWEY DO TO REP. COX IN GEORGIA RADIO CASE?

Drew Pearson speculates at some length as to the change of policy there might be in the Justice Department if Dewey were elected saying:

"Meanwhile, however, it has not acted in certain political cases, one being that of Congressman Eugene Cox of Georgia, Democrat, who was shown to have received \$2500 in compensation for getting a new wave length for a radio station in Albany, Georgia.

"This column is now in possession of certain hitherto unpublished official documents in the Congressman Cox case.

"One document, a report signed by Wendell Berge, then Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, categorically recommended that criminal action be taken against Congressman Cox for violating Section 203, Title 18 of the U. S. Code, which provides that a Congressman cannot receive payment for representing anyone before a Government agency.

"Assistant Attorney General Berge recommended to his superiors as follows:

"The case is quite complete now; we are prepared for, and I recommend, immediate presentation to the Grand Jury in Washington."

"Berge reported:

"Receipt by registered mail of compensation in Washington in the shape of a certificate for 25 shares of stock in the Herald Broadcasting Company of the par value of \$100 per share is likewise established."

"Venue, in my opinion, consequently lies in Washington, although there is a "wash" transaction involving the exchange of \$2500 checks between Cox and the radio station in Georgia, which the defense may argue demonstrates payment was made in Georgia."

"Berge also transmitted to his supervisors a long report prepared by an assistant, Raoul Berger, giving the detailed evidence against Congressman Cox. Among other things, it stated:

"The documentary evidence leaves no doubt that Cox's clients regarded him as their legal representative, that they believed Cox "compelled" the Federal Communications Commission to grant the license - as, in fact, he did - and that he was paid for his services."

"However, Congressman Cox, an intimate poker-playing friend of Speaker Sam Rayburn, was never prosecuted. Should Governor Dewey be elected, the statute of limitations will not have run on this case. It would be interesting to see what Dewey would do.

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NO EASING UP ON 2-WAY RADIO EQUIPMENT ORDERS

There has been no relaxation of restrictions that would allow the sale of two-way radio communication equipment on unrated purchase orders, the War Production Board said last Saturday. Certain manufacturers who have erroneously informed their customers that they could make deliveries on unrated orders have been asked to correct this impression, WPB continued.

Two-way emergency radio communication equipment is available only in limited quantities for essential use by police departments, public utilities, railroads and other essential industries when the equipment is vital to their operation, WPB said.

Those who have need of such equipment should make application for priority assistance to WPB. Public utilities should use Form WPB-2774, which is filed in Washington. Other applicants should use Form WPB-541, which should be filed in the nearest WPB field office, from where it will be sent to Washington for processing, according to WPB.

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Herbert S. Moore, President of Transradio Press Service, Inc., is among those signing a plea in New York asking citizens to vote for Roosevelt, Truman and Wagner on the Liberal Party line.

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COL. MITCHELL, R.C.A. COMMUNICATIONS, GETS LEGION OF MERIT

In the presence of Lieut. Gen. James G. Harbord, U.S.A. retired, Chairman of the Board of the Radio Corporation of America, Brig. Gen. Frank E. Stoner, Chief of the Signal Corps Communications Service, presented Lieut. Col. Thompson H. Mitchell, Vice-President and General Manager of R.C.A. Communications, Inc., with the Legion of Merit medal for "conspicuous achievements" and contributions of "lasting benefit to the military service" when Colonel Mitchell served in the Army Communications Service.

Colonel Mitchell, a graduate of Annapolis, had previously been in Washington as Chief of the Traffic Operational Engineering Section of the Army Communications Service. He was assigned to inactive duty after serving 26 months in the Signal Corps, two of which were spent in the European Theater.

First employed by RCA 17 years ago, Colonel Mitchell has since served as RCAC Superintendent at Honolulu, as engineer in charge of construction at Radiomarine's coast station at Torrance, Cal., and at RCAC's stations at Marshall and Bolinas. He had been Manager of our operations in Southern California, with his office at Los Angeles, for 7 years when he went on Military Leave on May 21, 1942.

Colonel Mitchell last July succeeded the late William Winterbottom as Vice-President and General Manager of R.C.A. Communications, Inc.

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SHOUSE, OF CROSLY, IS NEW NAB DIRECTOR

James D. Shouse, Jr., Vice-President in charge of Broadcasting at Station WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio, was unanimously elected Director of the Seventh (Ohio-Kentucky) District of the National Association of Broadcasters in Louisville, Kentucky. October 28. Mr. Shouse, a veteran broadcaster and several times member of the NAB Board, comes to the directorate now for the first time as a District Director. His previous terms were as Director-at-Large, representing large stations. He was unopposed for the District job.

Nathan Lord, Manager of Station WAVE, Louisville, Kentucky, is the retiring Director of District Seven.

The Ohio State Broadcasters' Association, in a meeting preceding the District session, elected Robert T. Mason, WMRN, Marion, Ohio, President; Arch Shawd, WTOL, Toledo, Vice-President and Carl Everson, WHKC, Columbus, Secretary-Treasurer.

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MUTUAL ELECTS EDGAR KOBAK PRESIDENT

The appointment of Edgar Kobak as President, effective November 20th, was announced Tuesday by the Board of Directors of the Mutual Broadcasting System to succeed Miller McClintock, who resigned last week.

Mr. Kobak was formerly Executive Vice President of the Blue Network and before that Vice President of the National Broadcasting Company and played an important part in their development. His career started as a member of the Electrical Engineering Department of the Georgia Railway and Power Company of Atlanta, following his studies at Georgia Tech.

After five years with the utility company, he spent 18 years with the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. in the circulation, editorial and advertising departments. Later he became publisher of electrical and radio publications, as well as a Director and Vice President in Charge of Sales of all McGraw-Hill publications.

In 1934, Mr. Kobak joined the National Broadcasting Company as Vice-President in Charge of Sales. Then followed four years as Vice-President of the advertising agency, Lord & Thomas. He was called back to NBC to assist in setting up the Blue Network as a separate division of RCA, early in 1942, becoming its Executive Vice-President and General Manager. To Mr. Kobak goes much of the credit for building that organization and developing it to its present position.

On accepting his new duties, Mr. Kobak stated, "I feel very humble about my expanded opportunity to serve the listening public in the new horizons and larger opportunities which lie ahead. We have a free radio - it is up to us to keep it free in order to make America a stronger and better informed nation. The challenge is there - I will do my best to help Mutual become the leader - to work to make all broadcasting service better and build the industry. The listener is my boss. I want to be a good servant. Our immediate job is to help win the war."

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FM NOT YET CLEARED WITH SIDNEY

Someone asked Sidney Hillman, who was speaking at the National Press Club in Washington, if the CIO intended entering the FM field.

"Probably something should be done about it", Mr. Hillman replied. "We have no program for it."

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FCC ALLOCATIONS HEARINGS NEAR CLOSE; EARLY DECISION

Great pressure is being exerted to wind up the Federal Communications Commission allocations hearings. Also it is expected that contrary to its usual custom, the FCC will come through with a prompt decision. Presumably this burst of speed has been caused by the reported retirement of Chairman James L. Fly week after next who, if he is going, naturally wants to dispose of any unfinished business between now and then.

Former FCC Commissioner George Henry Payne, Vice-President of Finch Telecommunications, testifying with regard to facsimile, stated that his company was not seeking any bands of frequencies in the spectrum.

Mr. Payne said: "Our position is rather unique in that we believe that separate and additional frequencies need not be allocated for facsimile operation and that facsimile may be multiplexed on existing frequencies allocated to existing services. If the frequencies assigned to existing services are changed and if new services are authorized, the situation with regard to multiplexing of facsimile will not be altered."

Maj. Frank R. Brick, Jr., Vice-President, Finch Telecommunications, stated that multiplexing, or the transmission of both sound programs and facsimile on the same frequency without interference one with the other, is entirely feasible. He urged that the present band width of 200 kc for FM be maintained.

R. J. Rockwell, Technical Director of the Broadcast Division of the Crosley Radio Corporation, supported the Finch recommendations to continue facsimile multiplexing. Mr. Rockwell said that shortly before the war, Crosley manufactured facsimile receiving equipment for Finch and set up a news editing department by facsimile during the time WLW was not sound broadcasting. Fifty facsimile receiving sets were installed in the Cincinnati area and on the basis of this experiment, Crosley got an experimental license for a 1 KW transmitter and used it for tests.

Former Commissioner T.A.M. Craven, Vice-President of the Cowles Broadcasting Company, held that since no one now can estimate with precision the future of facsimile broadcasting, radio spectrum space should be reserved to permit its development.

"We believe that facsimile broadcasting should not superimpose on FM or television broadcasting but should stand on its own feet and be allotted its own space", he said.

John V. L. Hogan told the Commission that the demands for facsimile by police, fire departments, public utilities, school districts and others can be met by permitting transmission over frequencies assigned for other uses, without interference.

Additional statements were made by George Lewis of the Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation and J. E. Brown, Assistant Vice-President and Chief Engineer of the Zenith Radio Corporation of Chicago. Mr. Lewis said his company considered facsimile an important medium for transmission of words and pictures.

Space in the spectrum for two-way frequency modulation radio taxicab communication service was requested before the hearing by representatives of the industry, and by Oliver W. Moore, Chairman of the Radio Technical Planning Board's Taxicab Committee.

The Taxicab subcommittee is composed of spokesmen from the National Association of Taxicab Owners, operating about 17,000 cabs; the Cab Research Bureau, Inc., which has a membership of non-competing operators in thirty cities; the American Taxicab Association of Chicago, representing nearly 5,000 cabs, and representatives of three manufacturers, the General Electric Company, the Galvin Manufacturing Company and the Radio Corporation of America.

Raymond M. Wilmotte, consulting radio engineer, who appeared on behalf of the National Association and Cab Research Bureau said that six channels at least were required to meet its present needs, although this number would not take care of special conditions existing in New York, Chicago and Washington, where service is largely on the pick-up basis and if, owing to the advantages of radio which have never before been available, the dispatching type of operations were to be adopted in those three cities, then thirty channels would be required.

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SHORTAGE OF WOMEN IN RADAR PLANTS

There is a critical shortage of women workers in the 12 major plants producing radar tubes, the War Manpower Commission said today (Wednesday).

WMC officials said they had been informed by the War Production Board that tubes were the "bottleneck" in the lagging radar program. A need for additional workers has been developing for months, but did not become acute until September, when the 12 plants reported 2,100 separations, chiefly women. The percentage of women in the plants is from 75 to 80 percent. The work is comparatively light and working conditions are excellent, two factors that have served to attract women, WMC said. The plants made only minor restrictions as to age and physical abilities to encourage the employment of women.

Recently, however, women have been leaving in increasing numbers. The majority, in giving their reason for leaving, say they have home duties or merely that they are tired of working, WMC said. Battle successes have made them over-optimistic, WMC said.

Radar is on the production urgency List, the agency pointed out, and it is vital to victory. The services of these women are still desperately needed, WMC said. The loss of women workers has been made doubly serious by the additional loss in September of students and teachers returning to school.

Total employment in the 12 plants on October 1 was 25,600 and of these 20,100 were women. WMC officials said that an additional 3,300 workers must be found by December 1 if radar production is to be brought up to schedule.

The plants are situated in New Jersey, Kentucky, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, but not all are in tight labor areas. Inter-regional recruitment is not entirely practical since the need is for women. As a rule, women do not always find it possible to leave their home areas.

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RADIO CANDIDATES COMING DOWN ELECTIONS HOME STRETCH

Candidates who in one way or another are being watched by the radio industry are now on the last lap.

The eleventh hour charge that was made against Hal Styles, radio columnist of Los Angeles, Democratic nominee for Congress, that he was a former Kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan and that he was once in Sing Sing for perjury, has now been hooked up with the charge that the Democratic Vice-presidential nominee was also a Ku Kluxer. The Chicago Tribune had a front page cartoon by Orr in color captioned "The Man Who Might Become President Endorses a Candidate". It shows Senator Truman pointing to a Klansman saying, "We're for him". The Klansman is designated: "Hal Styles, Ku Klux Klan Ringleader and New Deal candidate for U. S. Congress in California supported by Harry S. Truman."

Senator Bob Taft, of the Ohio broadcasting and publishing family, is encountering stiff opposition for re-election. Homer Capehart, Republican candidate for Senator in Indiana, is reported to be having a tough fight against Governor Schricker, one of the most popular men in the State. Republicans are counting on a Dewey trend to pull Mr. Capehart through.

The return of Representative Eugene Cox (D), of Georgia, foe of the Federal Communications Commission, appears to be certain. Representative Lea (D), of California, age 70, Chairman of the House FCC Investigating Committee being the nominee of both the Democratic and Republican parties (as he has been for the past 24 years) is in a unique position.

Charles H. Garland, Assistant Sales Manager of WBBM, Chicago, who resigned after having been there 19 years, to accept the Republican nomination for Congress from the 7th Illinois Congressional District, is making the fight of his life. His district, said to be the largest in the U. S. is normally Republican but during the New Deal it has been Democratic in a lessening degree each election.

Senator Clyde Reed (R), of Kansas, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, has the CIO on his neck, but reports are that he is leading in the race by 3 to 2.

Nothing has been heard from Glenn H. Taylor (D), cowboy broadcaster, of Station KSEI, Pocatello, Idaho, who beat Senator D. Worth Clark for the nomination by only 203 votes.

Luther Patrick (D), former commentator of WBRC, Birmingham, for two terms Representative from the 9th Alabama District is apparently assured of return.

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ROOSEVELT AND DEWEY TRAINS EQUIPPED WITH RADIO

Both President Roosevelt's and Governor Dewey's campaign trains had special radio installations.

The recent installation of sound equipment on Governor Thomas E. Dewey's private train makes the fourth national presidential campaign in which RCA has provided sound-equipped train service. The first RCA installation was made on President Roosevelt's private train in the 1932 campaign. A similar installation was made for the late Wendell L. Willkie.

Sound equipment services of RCA have ranged from the installation and supervision of public address systems at both Democratic and Republican conventions to the installation and operation of electronic sound equipment for the private trains of presidential candidates on tour.

On September 19, when Governor Dewey's train was in the wreck of the Great Northern Railway near Castle Rock, Washington, two RCA service engineers on board met the most challenging sound problem to arise on a presidential tour. Considerably shaken by the wreck themselves, they received first aid for bruises and lacerations, and turned at once to the job of reassembling the sound equipment, which had shaken loose. They found damaged cases and dented mechanisms which at first sight looked rather hopeless. Nevertheless, it was still in operating condition and the two engineers were able to quickly reassemble and readjust the apparatus.

Another engineering problem encountered by RCA sound engineers on the Dewey campaign trips was the frequent necessity for changing the sound equipment from one car to another. The train used by Governor Dewey on his West Coast trip could not be kept intact for the West Virginia trip, which meant that RCA engineers had to dismantle the equipment and make new installations. The same problem arose again in connection with the St. Louis-Pittsburgh trip.

The sound equipment installed on the Dewey campaign train provided for amplifying or broadcasting speeches from the rear platform; and for transmitting speeches throughout the train to enable

press representatives on board to obtain the full story, and for stenographers to take down the speeches. Facilities were also installed for the transmission of radio programs through the public address system in order to give train coverage of any special broadcasts desired. During the trip, news broadcasts were frequently picked up and broadcast throughout the train.

On the rear platform of the Dewey train, the new RCA Varicoustic microphone was used to pick up rear platform programs. The system was one capable of covering the groups which assembled to hear Dewey speak. The largest audience served was estimated to be 14,000 persons.

Six RCA loudspeakers were installed on the roof of the rear platform, two facing the rear and two on each side. In the first compartment back of the observation lounge a motor generator and a 50-watt amplifier was installed, with a second 50-watt amplifier as a spare. Throughout the train, six accordion-edge loudspeakers were installed; one in Governor Dewey's private dining room, one in his private observation car, one in the press car and another in the lounge area of the press car, one in the club car, and a monitor in the amplifier room.

Governor Bricker's campaign train had a similar system as that on the Dewey train with the exception of one additional feature, a recorder which enabled Governor Bricker to play back his speeches for study after delivery.

On several occasions, Governor Dewey expressed appreciation for the excellent performance of the RCA sound equipment on his campaign trains, and gave the RCA field engineers special commendation for their quick work in reassembling the sound system following the railroad wreck at Castle Rock, Washington.

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RADIO EDITOR NORM-N SIEGAL VS. ELLERY

Norman Siegel, radio editor of the Cleveland Press, and a syndicated radio columnist, will be the guest armchair detective for Ellery Queen's "The Adventure of the Election Day Murder", Saturday, Nov. 4 (NBC, 7:30 P.M., EWT).

The mystery begins late on Election Night at the headquarters of a successful candidate with the Queens joining in the celebration. But tragedy strikes in an adjacent Turkish bath with Inspector Queen (Santos Ortega) in somewhat of a jam, and Nikki Porter (Marian Shockley) a not too helpful assistant.

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Appeal For Money To Broadcast Roosevelt Speeches

A spontaneous movement to raise special funds for the Democratic National Committee's use in broadcasting President Franklin E. Roosevelt's campaign addresses has spread to Indiana. It costs \$650 a minute if he uses only one network.

The movement started in New York had wide-spread and popular appeal. Up to noon last Friday over \$17,000, mostly in contributions of one dollar each, had been received in the "Radio Fund Room", of national headquarters in New York.

Contributions to the fund in Indiana should be addressed to Eugene B. Crowe, Democratic National Committee Finance Director for Indiana, Room 525, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. Checks should be made payable to the Roosevelt Radio Fund. Corporation checks cannot be accepted. All donations must be personal. While small contributions are suggested, the committee, of course, will appreciate donations in any amount.

- (New Harmony (Indiana) Times)

Almost 2,000 Radio Distributors

1750 Distributors - that's our answer to recent request for jobber statistics. These include 1000 radio-set distributors, and 750 parts jobbers.

- (Radio Retailing)

An S.O.S. For His Friend Petrillo

A cartoon in the Washington Daily News (Scripps-Howard) by Talburt showing a phonograph grinding out Dewey speeches labelled "Facts and figures" from President Roosevelt's "record" and the President appealing to Petrillo by telephone saying: "Listen, Jimmy, can't you pull a strike on this fellow?"

Dewey Aims At Radio Audience

As a further indication that Mr. Dewey is counting on the radio, over which his voice is widely regarded as quite effective - those covering at the halls have no direct way of knowing - the Republican National Committee has embarked on a novel method of introducing him. Instead of having the real announcement of Mr. Dewey's address come from the hall, the radio audience is presented first with a commercial announcer, hired by the Republican National Committee (Ford Bond). The announcer gives about a one-minute introduction, the mike is switched to the hall, Mr. Dewey delivers his speech, and any time left over is consumed by the commercial announcer reading telegrams of congratulations, or other Republican campaign material. Before and after the commercial announcer goes off the

air the listening audience is told that the entire program was sponsored by the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Dewey is deliberately keeping his speeches on the air snort. He makes it no secret that he regards anything after twenty minutes as wasted. No one is converted from that time on. This is smart, and so are many other things about the trip.

- (Warren Moscow in the New York Times)

Laugh On FCC For Giving Out Stale Jap War News

With Reuters News Service of London scoring one of the war's greatest news beats with its exclusive pickup of General MacArthur's broadcast proclaiming defeat of the Jap fleet, FCC officials blamed the weather for their own failure to make the news known to the American public first.

But, even as Paul A. Walker, Assistant to James Fly, FCC Chairman, disclaimed responsibility by saying "FCC doesn't try to give out news" and, contradictorily, said the fault lay with the Army Signal Corps, one fact leaked out which, apparently placed the responsibility for the British "scoop" squarely in the lap of the Commission.

The disclaimer of responsibility seemed particularly strange in view of the fact that under the act creating the Commission, it "regulates interstate and foreign commerce in communication by wire and radio so as to make available to the people of the United States rapid, efficient, nationwide and worldwide wire and radio communications."

- (Washington Times-Herald)

"No Time To Coast" - Gen. Harbord

In the remarks of General James G. Harbord at the recent annual meeting of the New York Chapter of the Red Cross there was a pointed suggestion for all Americans. Said General Harbord, "We can't afford to coast now on the comfortable theory that with victory assured the need for real sacrifice has passed."

- (New York Times)

Facsimile For Railroad Train Orders

Radio-facsimile may find important use in railroad signaling where written train orders are required by law. Already, near Chicago, the Rock Island is carrying on extensive experiments.

- (Radio Retailing)

Senator Snort's Pauses

"Ah - this radio time is costing the Party 150 bucks a minute, Senator - stop making those significant pauses in your speech!"

- (From a cartoon in the Chicago Times by Lichty)

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The Engineering Department and Parts Divisions of the Radio Manufacturers' Association, have prepared for extensive standardization of radio components for postwar civilian production. Arrangements have been made for cooperation between company executives of the Parts Division and the Engineering Committees which have been reorganized for the postwar standardization work.

A. R. Buckles has been appointed by Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corporation to the newly created post of Chief Inspector. Mr. Buckles was with the War Department as Supervisor in charge of the installation and maintenance of radar equipment and more recently as field engineer responsible for the design and development of radar equipment.

During the first nine months of 1944, the Blue Network added 33 new national advertisers, as a result of which 92 percent of all evening network optional time and 71 percent of all daytime network optional time is sold.

Foreign markets and promotion for American radio - sets, tubes, parts and transmitting equipment - will be canvassed at a meeting of RMA export managers which has been arranged for Thursday, November 16th in New York City.

Ejnar O. Sandstrom has been appointed Controller of National Union Corporation, cathode ray and electronic tube manufacturers. He was elected Assistant Secretary of the Corporation in 1935 and Assistant Treasurer in 1937. He will continue to serve as Secretary, to which position he was elected in 1941.

As further proof of the existence of the One Thousand Club, a letter was revealed from Representative Kefauver, of Tennessee, to a Tennessee business man, a paragraph of which read:

"I don't know if you have heard much about the One Thousand Club, but the idea is this - we want to get one thousand people willing to give \$1,000 for the re-election of our President. The money will be used for radio time to put him on the air. The suggestion came from the President himself. He said he would like to have one thousand business people who would show their interest in his re-election by giving \$1,000 and that he would like to counsel and advise with them through the rest of his term, if he were re-elected*** Each member receives a copper-plated identification plate and certificate which is all the pass they need here in Washington to go anywhere."

With the armed forces demanding approximately 300,000 miles of communications wire a month, the prospects are that manpower in the producing plants will continue to be a problem indefinitely, Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission said.

Nine members of the Overseas Branch of the Office of War Information have been assigned to cover the International Civil Affairs Aviation Conference in which delegates from 55 nations will participate beginning today (November 1), in Chicago.

The OWI group will obtain material for short-wave radio broadcasting and for newsreels for distribution outside the Western Hemisphere. Developments will be reported by a direct telegraph line to the New York headquarters of the Overseas Branch.

OWI personnel assigned include the following: J. Arthur Lazell, Assistant Chief, Special Events Section, Radio Program Bureau; Louis Danis, Multilingual Radio Producer and Sam Felsing, radio engineer.

Appointment of James H. Rasmussen as General Sales Manager of the Manufacturing Division of The Crosley Corporation was announced yesterday by R. C. Cosgrove, Vice-President and General Manager. Mr. Rasmussen has been with Crosley since 1941 and had been Commercial Manager of the Manufacturing Division before promotion to his present post.

Lucien Fernand Felignes was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in Paris on a charge of collusion with the German occupants as a radio commentator. Felignes repeatedly had urged exchange of prisoners of war for French workers. Phonograph records made by a patriotic engineer helped to convict him.

Any postwar prices above the 1942 level must be approved first by OPA Administrator Bowles and afterward by Economic Stabilization Director Vinson. This new procedure applies to radio products.

At the recent meeting of the Set Industry Advisory Committee, R. C. Cosgrove, of Cincinnati, RMA President, was elected Chairman and Paul V. Galvin of Chicago, Vice Chairman. Others appointed include E. E. Lewis, Camden, N.J.; Chairman of the subcommittee, as well as Ben Abrams, New York and A. S. Walls, Chicago, to draft suggestions for a price formula, for submission to OPA as a basis for further consultation.

Senator Harry S. Truman, of Missouri, Democratic vice-presidential candidate, had this to say of radio, "Radio has made the United States one great auditorium. In no other way can men instantly talk to all of this nation's 130 millions. To safeguard our basic democratic principles, radio must be utilized to its fullest extent. Then the ancient demagogues of the Old World will find no place in our way of life."

Part 4 of the report of the hearings of the House Committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission of which Representative Lea (D), of California, is Chairman, has just been published. It is entirely devoted to the investigation of the sale of Station WFTL at Fort Lauderdale to Commander George B. Storer.

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