

tions and covenants were "not unusual," and concluded that the securities were "not in any way intended in this case to prevent TBS from making a tender offer or to defeat TBS's tender offer."

■ A by-law change ending the right of 10% of the shares to call a special meeting: Vining said the evidence showed that action was planned before Turner's bid, in response to Ivan Boesky's accumulation of over 8% of CBS stock. That episode was settled out of court but the judge offered his views on Boesky anyway: "It's plain to the court that this [Boesky] was just an ordinary case of greenmail and nothing else."

■ Several other allegations in the original TBS complaint, including the arrangement of "golden parachutes"—lucrative retirement contracts in the event of a takeover: Vining said these had not "pledged out."

■ CBS founder William Paley's specially negotiated arrangement allowing him to postpone tendering his CBS stock: Here the district court judge said Turner might prevail. "I have a great problem with this," Vining said. "As with anyone, I would sympathize with Mr. Paley if he has tax problems... While his may be the only problem of this nature, that is, being a controlling person (with 6.5% of the outstanding shares), others will have problems which are peculiar to their situation."

Adding up the various allegations, Vining

concluded TBS was likely to prevail on the merits only in the objection to Paley's arrangements. In his ruling, he said the court did not find "entrenchment" to be the "sole or primary purpose of the director's resistance," and that to enjoin the repurchase just because of the Paley deal would do more damage to CBS than not enjoining it would do to TBS.

Although the judge indicated he would still review the Paley situation and possibly enjoin the CBS founder from delaying cashing in his shares until after 1988, it was not clear this would in fact be the case. To begin with, Turner by next week may have decided to officially withdraw his noncash bid for the company, and if he does so, he may also withdraw his complaint. If Turner terminated the bid, he would still have standing as a stockholder to object to the Paley arrangement, but whether the Atlanta judge would then still have jurisdiction over the matter is unknown.

As a result of last Tuesday's ruling, CBS announced two days later that its share repurchase offer had expired and that the shares offered by stockholders more than exceeded the 6,365,000 (or 21% of the total outstanding) the company will actually repurchase. As a result, approximately one of every four shares tendered will be repurchased for \$40 cash and notes paying 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ % interest. Turner Broadcasting Systems ten-

dered its 128,200 shares.

The provisions in the repurchase that effectively ended Turner's tender offer (those limiting debt, asset sales and funds transfer also apply to the company itself, but the CBS board of directors can grant exception to most of those restraints. One limitation the company has to live with for some time in the terms of the \$125 million in preference stock being issued to five institutional investors. One of the terms of the stock limits the total debt to 75% of the adjusted book capitalization of the company.

The debt/capital restriction would make difficult for CBS to undertake any large scale acquisition over the next year. But J. Garrett Blowers, vice president of investor relations for the company, noted that although the share repurchase will initially raise that debt/capital percentage (to about 66%), it will soon decline to close to 50%. That improvement in the CBS balance sheet will come from the company's cash flow asset restructuring that is expected to produce \$300 million, after-tax, by the middle of 1986, and cost cutting which the company said will reduce corporate and division overhead by \$20 million in fiscal 1986.

As predicted, the company's stock dropped last Thursday (Aug. 1) to 108 on when-distributed basis (when the tendered shares not accepted are returned to shareholders).

## Lear, Perenchio make \$1,000-share bid for ENA

**But pass at Detroit News may be only first act in many-act drama; closely held group owner says it is not for sale at any price**

The next ambition for A. Jerrold Perenchio and Norman Lear turned up last week when the business partners announced a \$1,000-per-share tender offer for the 453,000 shares of The Evening News Association (ENA). ENA President Peter B. Clark immediately responded by saying the Detroit-based publisher and station group owner was not for sale at any price. But at least some of the 350 shareholders and most observers saw a bidding war in the making with the \$1,000-per-share tender offer serving merely as a floor

price.

Perenchio and Lear presumably were hoping to make use of their proceeds from the sale of Embassy Communications to Coca-Cola last June. By the end of the week, several Detroit-based securities firms were reporting bids above \$1,100 for the thinly traded ENA stock.

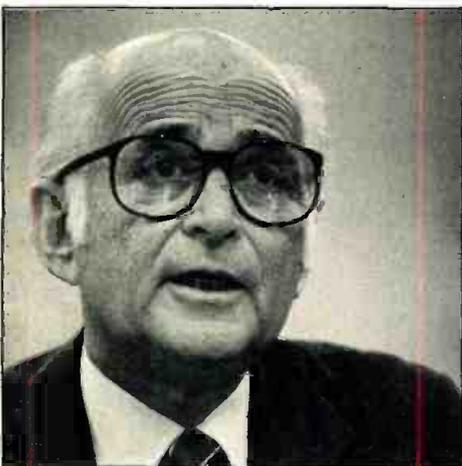
Last Monday's tender offer announcement said the two Los Angeles-based entertainment entrepreneurs had formed a Los Angeles-based corporation, L.P. Acquisition Co., in which Perenchio has a majority vote. L.P. intends to accept ENA shares through Aug. 23, a day that coincidentally marks ENA's 109th anniversary of incorporation. Withdrawal rights of shareholders would end on Aug. 16 and actual purchases would begin on Aug. 17.

The offer is contingent on approval by the FCC of former U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller as trustee to hold the shares, pending FCC approval of Lear's and Perenchio's application for transfer of ENA's five TV and two radio stations. Miller will receive a minimum fee of \$100,000, an amount that would increase to \$250,000 once any ENA shares are tendered.

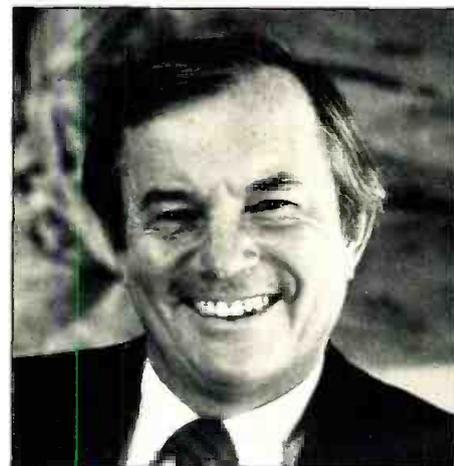
Also on Monday, the tenderers filed suit in U.S. District Court for Eastern Michigan seeking an injunction against a state takeover law that would delay the tender offer for at least five more weeks. After listening to arguments from the respective counsel, Judge Robert E. De Mascio said he would issue a written decision by Wednesday, with depositions of ENA and L.P. officials taking

place on Monday and Tuesday.

The Detroit-based company's original broadcast property, WWJ(AM) Detroit, began broadcasting in 1920. In 1941 its FM companion station went on the air and in 1944 co-located WWJ-TV began commercial broadcasting. In 1978 ENA swapped WWJ-TV (now WDIV(TV)) for the *Washington Post* WTOP-TV (now WDMV-TV) Washington. ENA also acquired KOLD-TV Tucson, Ariz., and WALA-TV Mobile, Ala., in 1969, and seven years later purchased KTVY(TV) Oklahoma City. Its most recent acquisition was in 1979 when it purchased KVUE-TV Austin, Tex. One person familiar with the company said the TV stations' operating margins are "upward of 35%," and that WDMV-TV had been returning



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