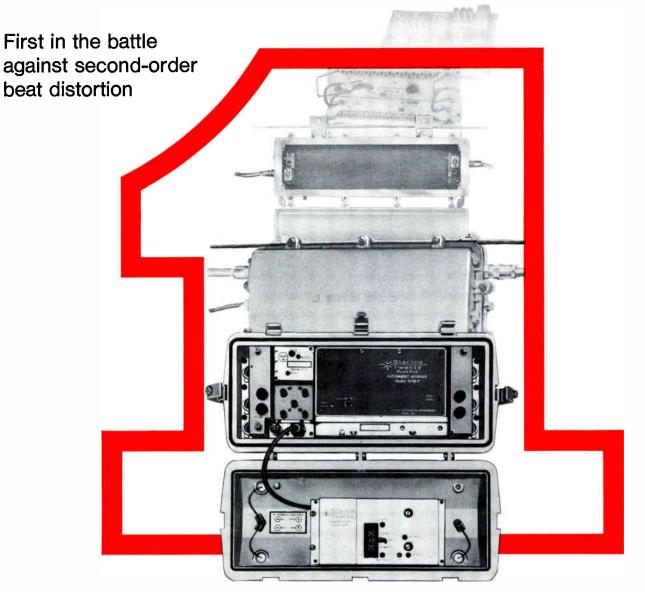
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Signing an agreement for a joint venture between TeleVision Communications Corp. and Bendix International are (left to right) Alfred R. Stern, chairman and president of TVC; W. Michael Blumenthal, president of Bendix; and Joel Smith, the managing director of the new venture. For full details see story inside.



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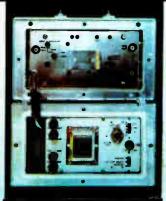


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# Viewpoint

Robert A. Searle Editor

# Broadcasters Yell "Foul" Again

An essential part of the "bargaining" technique of broadcasters has always been overstatement. The idea seems to be that yelling "Foul!" long enough and loud enough will deafen the umpires to any voice of reason. It has worked in the past—and apparently AMST and NAB see no reason why it will not work now on the copyright issue.

Admittedly, this magazine speaks to and for cable operators. We hardly apologize for any "bias" in favor of CATV interests. Nevertheless, even the most objective observer would have to admit that cablemen have a great deal more to be unhappy about in the proposed copyright legislation than do the broadcasters—and that in light of the *facts*, the broadcasters' weeping and wailing is more than a little hypocritical.

First it should be pointed out that for years cable television operators have been rendering a basic and much-needed service to the American television viewer—and without the enormous profit margins or protective government security blanket which broadcasters have become accustomed to enjoying. And during all of this time, on the authority of no less than the United States Supreme Court, no copyright fees have been due or owing for this service. If anyone has reason to complain of the proposed bill, it is the system operator whose gross profits—already bitten into by all the usual expenses of doing business *plus* a percentage-based franchise fee to the city—will now be whittled away even further. Add to that the costly proposition of cablecasting which, for many, is no longer a matter of choice by virtue of the FCC's First Report and Order. The decision to go into local origination, which used to be and ought to be dictated by economic business concerns, is now dictated arbitrarily by subscriber count.

With these points in mind, it is hard to credit the broadcaster melodrama which sees massive distant signal importation and a deadly concentration of CATV commercials "killing free TV."

NCTA has thus far refused to play the broadcasters' game. The CATV industry's objections to the bill are at least as strong and certainly more firmly based than the broadcast industry's. And those objections will be voiced by cable television's national association. It remains to be seen whether the quiet voice of reason will be effective against the hysterical voice of emotion. NCTA believes it will be. We sincerely hope it will be.

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# Industry Leaders Meet in Washington To Draw Up Copyright Bill Resolution

Association's special meeting results in support for revision bill "in principle," but reserves right, if necessary, to dissent to insure that it serves public interest.

CATV industry leaders met at NCTA headquarters in Washington last Wednesday in an attempt to puzzle out the details of the Senate Copyright Subcommittee's proposed Copyright Revision Act and to decide what attitude to take toward the bill.

The upshot was NCTA board of directors approval of a resolution that stated support of the CATV provision of the bill "in principle."

#### Improve, Clarify, Even Dissent

The board said it reserves the right, as the bill proceeds through the legislative process, to work with Congress "to improve, clarify, and even to dissent if necessary, in order to insure that it provides the best opportunity to serve the public interest."

The board also heard of the resignation of NCTA general counsel Bruce Lovett, who is to join American Television and Communications Corp. (see separate story).

The Wednesday meeting was split into two parts. In the morning, industry leaders, including state and regional CATV association presidents, were briefed on the actual contents of the bill. In the afternoon the legislation's merits were debated and the resolution was finally drawn up.

#### Chairman's Letter

NCTA National Chairman M. William Adler in a letter to all CATV operators explained the resolution and the attitude of the organization.

"Unquestionably, we would prefer not to pay copyright royalties," said Adler. "No one likes to incur additional expenses, but through the payment of copyright fees, a number of gains have been made."

"First, for the payment of one percent of the system's income derived solely from its reception service," said Adler, "the CATV operator secures at the very least his right for all time to carry the television signals he currently provides." He went on to say that many existing CATV systems will for this payment have the immediate right to add some signals-currently banned by the Commission-without having to seek FCC authority or the so-called retransmission consent.

"Secondly," said Adler, "the royalty payments for total copyright clearances (radio and television) are reasonable. For the great bulk of existing systems, copyright royalty fees are one percent of the total income derived from the basic reception service only. This means that about 80 percent of all existing CATV operations will pay five cents (a nickel) per subscriber per month for copyright fees.

## **Liability Limitations**

The NCTA chairman mentioned that the CATV section of the copyright legislation places limitations on the extent of CATV's copyright liability. If the CATV portion of the proposed bill were deleted and the then remaining legislation were passed into law, the CATV industry would be fully liable for copyright infringement and would have to bargain with each copyright owner on a program-by-program basis.

Adler also pointed out that the Copyright Revision Bill would guarantee grandfathering privileges, meaning that the "existing industry has been well

# First Report and Order Flies By NAB Request

The FCC has turned down NAB's request for a stay of the effectiveness of the Commission's First Report and Order on CATV program origination and advertising.

The reconsideration bid was blocked by a 4-2 vote, with Commissioners Robert E. Lee and Robert Wells dissenting. provided for in the proposed copyright legislation."

He also noted, however, that "changes will be suggested to clarify the language and intent of the legislation." He said that a number of special state and regional CATV association meetings are being arranged for next month in order to explain the provisions of the bill and to gain insight into membership thinking. "In the meantime," Adler said, "opinions and suggestions can be forwarded to NCTA no later than January 10."

#### **Additional Benefits**

"Finally," Adler concluded his letter, "if copyright legislation which both protects the existing industry and permits its continued growth is enacted into law, many additional benefits will accrue to all CATV operators. Certainly the value of all CATV systems will be enhanced by the stability copyright legislation will confer. New CATV growth will mean new advances in CATV technology and will benefit all systems. And through our emerging technology the day is hastened when all the public has the opportunity to obtain the benefits of our present and potential services."

# Lovett Leaves NCTA For ATC Vice Presidency

Bruce Lovett, NCTA general counsel for almost three years, last week announced that he has accepted a post as vice president-corporate development of American Television and Communications Corp.

ATC president, Monroe M. Rifkin, said that Lovett will be stationed in Washington at a new firm office at 1629 K Street, N. W. Lovett's last day on his NCTA job is expected to be January 16.

Lovett's job change came out at the NCTA board meeting in Washington last week (see separate story). No word was immediately available on who the NCTA would pick to succeed Lovett, who has been instrumental in copyright negotiations in particular.

The vacancy in the general counsel's office signals the second top-level job (Continued on page 15)

# Broadcasters Irate Over Copyright Plan

The heart of the broadcast industry lobby in Washington, the National Association of Broadcasters and the Association of Maximum Service Telecasters, reacted with shock and horror to the provisions for regulation of CATV contained in the Copyright Revision Bill reported by the Senate Copyright Subcommittee a fortnight ago.

## 'Critical Question'

Aside from initial reactions of extreme distaste by officials of the NAB, the official position was best stated by Dale G. Moore, Chairman of the NAB Secondary Market Television Committee, after his panel met last week at NAB headquarters in Washington to discuss "this critical question."

Moore said that "our committee concluded that the deadly concentration of CATV originations with commercials-as permitted by the First Report and Order-and the excessive signal importation incorporated in the draft Copyright Bill will debilitate or destroy free television in the smaller markets of America. The result inevitably will be pay television with millions of people paying for the same kinds of programs they now receive free. Our committee intends to marshal the combined strength of secondary market television stations to alert the public to the dangers inherent in these government actions."

Moore, president of KGVO-TV in Missoula, Mont., made it plain that the NAB will bring all its power to bear to oppose both the copyright bill advanced by Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark.) and his subcommittee and the First Report and Order of the Commission.

## 'Favorable to CATV'

Lester Lindow, executive director of AMST, reacted at least as harshly to the McClellan bill. He noted that it embodied the approach of the NCTA-NAB staff compromise worked out last summer, and he stated: "As nearly as we can make out, most of the provisions of the NCTA-NAB staff proposal that were favorable to CATV interests, especially larger CATV interests, were incorporated in the bill and other provisions favorable to CATV were added. On the other hand, most of the provisions of last summer's NAB-NCTA staff proposal that the NAB staff apparently felt were important for free television broadcasting have not been included. If adopted, the result of the bill would be to impair seriously the public's free television service.

"Last summer's staff proposal was unacceptable. This bill is even less acceptable."

AMST and its "hard-line" broadcasters were instrumental in fighting against the staff proposal before the NAB board, and the "hard-line" faction carried the day when the NAB board voted to reject the compromise worked out by its staff in conjunction with the NCTA.

# TVC Joins with Bendix For International Probe

The Bendix Corporation and Tele-Vision Communications Corporation (TVC) last week reported the formation of a joint venture to study the international market and investment opportunities in cable television. Signing the joint venture agreement were W. Michael Blumenthal, president of Bendix International, and Alfred R. Stern, chairman and president of TVC (pictured on cover).

The new venture will be headed by Joel Smith, 38, who will serve as managing director. An experienced cable television executive, he has held key positions in various cable television companies, including Jerrold Electronics.

He will be located in Paris at the Bendix International offices. 18 Rue Marbeuf. Smith's activities will be concentrated initially in developing information on cable television's potential in Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, Holland and Belgium.

In a joint statement, Mr. Blumenthal and Mr. Stern said: "We believe that the combination of Bendix's world-wide operations and technological capabilities with TVC's cable television expertise ensures that the full potential of cable communications can be realized on an international scale." They further noted that "the development of cable tele-

# MEETING CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

5-7-Kaiser CATV Technical School, Seattle, Wash. To attend contact Ben Forte, Kaiser CATV, Kaiser Center, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, Calif., Phone (415) 271-4653.

6-9—Jerrold Technical Training Cable Television Basic School, LeBarron Hotel, San Francisco, Calif. For further information contact Jay Lerman, Jerrold Electronics Corp., 401 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

8-10-Rocky Mountain Cable Television Association Annual Meeting. Safari Motel, Phoenix, Ariz.

13-14—Jerrold Technical Training Cable Television Seminar. Manger's Motor Inn, Charlotte, N.C. For further information contact Jay Lerman, Jerrold Electronics Corp., 401 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

15-16-Louisiana Association of Cable TV Operators, annual convention. Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact Lytle Turnley, chairman, Box 369, Kaplan, La.

**16-17–Georgia Cable Television** Association Annual Meeting. Gordon Hotel, Albany, Ga.

20-21—Jerrold Technical Training Cable Television Seminar, Holiday Inn, New Stanton, Pa. For further information contact Jay Lerman, Jerrold Electronics Corp., 401 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

26-28-Kaiser CATV Technical School, Los Angeles, Calif. To attend contact Ray Kerbaugh, Kaiser CATV, 3708 S. Marine St., Santa Ana, Calif., Phone (714) 545-7419.

#### FEBRUARY

1-7-National Cable Television Week.

4-Congressional Reception for National Cable Television Week. Mayflower Hotel Grand Ballroom, 6:30 p.m. in Washington. Contact Chuck Walsh, NCTA. vision in Europe is not as widespread as it is in the United States. Therefore, it should offer the same opportunity for growth."

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# CATV Veteran Dies In Florida Home

CATV veteran Howard W. Moffat, 57, died recently at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, after a brief illness. He had joined TelePrompTer Corp. in 1968 after a long CATV career beginning in 1955 as system manager in Pocatello, Idaho, for the Jerrold Corporation.

## Long CATV Service

In this initial CATV post Moffat helped pioneer one of the first educational closed-circuit TV operations, including transmission between Idaho State University and the Pocatello Public School system. He also helped inaugurate the news coverage procedure that later developed into the Associated Press news service used by CATV today.

Moffat joined H & B Communications when it acquired the Pocatello system and after managing a number of other H & B systems became a regional executive with responsibilities in five states.

Other industry posts held by Moffat included general manager of CATV operations with Cox Broadcasting Corporation for Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania; franchise development head for Triangle Publications, and management of Southwest CATV, Inc., Brownsville, Texas, for International Telephone & Telegraph.

He is survived by his wife and one son.



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Jerrold Electronics Canada Limited has announced the appointment of *Les Jakobsen* to the position of manager, Canadian field engineering (consultant) representative. He will be responsible for customer liaison specifically in the operation of the firm's products. Jakobsen was with Ottawa Cablevision where he was in charge of outside plant maintenance for the past 2½ years. Prior to this position he was employed by Hamilton Coaxial Limited as chief technician.

Douglas C. Williamson has been appointed to head up the northeastern region for JFD Electronics Corp., system division. As regional manager, he will be responsible for sales and field engineering backup from Maine to Virginia. Prior to assuming his new post, Williamson was district sales manager for the firm. Before joining the firm he

had 14 years experience in sales management and communications.

Vikoa, Inc., communications division, has appointed Norman Koetke to director of sales, western division, for internal distribution systems, wire, cable and electronic equipment. Koetke, formerly the firm's general manager, communications division, in charge of district sales for communications wire, cable and electronic components, will now head up all sales efforts for this division. He will be directly responsible for the sales efforts of the communications division in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Cox Cablevision Corporation has announced the appointment of *Roger Pierce* as system manager of their

# System Construction

CALIFORNIA: Cablecom General of Southern California has announced that construction is presently under way in Placentia. The firm expects service to be available in less than two months.

International Cable Television Corp. has announced that construction is under way in Rancho Verde and Rialto. The firm is constructing a 27-channel capacity system.

FLORIDA: General Cablevision of Palatka, Inc. has asked the city commission for permission to raise its rates by \$1 to \$5.95 monthly. The firm offers Palatka subscribers 8 video channels.

**ILLINOIS:** North Western Cable TV has announced that construction is presently under way in Monmouth. The firm is planning to install a 350-foot tower.

KANSAS: Fort Riley Cable TV Service

has announced the addition of Kansas City's Channel 50 to its previously 11 video channel system which serves Fort Riley.

MASSACHUSETTS: Middlesex Cablevision has announced that construction is scheduled to begin shortly in Framingham. Firm president John DeCollibus stated that the project is expected to involve a \$1 million investment.

**MICHIGAN:** Manistee Cable Television Co. has announced that cable has been installed for its system which will serve the Parkdale and Reitz Park areas.

NEW MEXICO: Santa Fe Cablevision has announced that construction of its 12 video channel system to serve Santa Fe is continuing. The system is scheduled to be operational by February, 1970. Aberdeen, Washington system. He will be in charge of the firm's properties in Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis, Washington. Prior to joining Cox, Pierce was in the automobile and insurance business in the Aberdeen.

Kenneth J. Gordon has been appointed to the United States sales force of Cascade Electronics Ltd. He has a background of 17 years in electronics with the U.S. Air Force. Gordon will be based in Belfonte, Pennsylvania, and cover the south-central section of the eastern states.

The New Jersey CATV Association has elected *Robert McGinty*, Atlantic Coast TV Cable Corp., president; *John Scarpa*, National Television Systems, vice president; and *Ed Murray*, Tri-County Television Co., secretarytreasurer.

The Mid-America CATV Association has elected *Harold E. Phillips*, Fidelity Cables, Inc., president; *Jack Williams*, TelePrompTer of Liberal, vice president; and *Kenneth Schuelein*, TV Cable of Elk City secretary-treasurer.

**NEW YORK:** Construction is scheduled to begin in February or March in Albany according to Capital Cable-Vision Systems, Inc.

Antenna-Vision, Inc. has announced that new equipment is presently being installed to improve reception on its system which serves Frankfort, Herkimer, Ilion, Mohawk and Little Falls.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Henderson CATV has received permission from the city council to originate local programming in Henderson.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** United Transmission has announced plans to replace feeder amplifiers on its system which serves Claysburg, Martinsburg and Roaring Spring.

Towanda Cablevision has announced that repairs are currently under way on its newly acquired system which serves Monroeton.

Troy TV Cable, Inc. has announced that it is presently rebuilding its system which serves Troy. May the coming year bring happiness and prosperity to one and all.

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# Digest of Earnings

BURNUP & SIM	S INC.		Stock
Quar Oct. 31:	1969	1968	Ameco
Share earns	\$.29	\$.19	Amer.
Revenues	6,034,300	3,772,400	Amer.
Inc bf tax	305,000	137,900	Avnet Cable I
Net income	160,900	90,700	Cablec
6 month share	.44	.27	Citizen
Revenues	11,555,300	7,693.000	Colum
Inc bf tax	483,000	203,500	Comm
Net income	238,200		Cornel
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Quar Oct. 31:	1969	1968	Famou
Share earns	\$,08	\$.07	Genera
Revenues	3,833,057		Gulf +
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	396,475	359,819	Kaufm
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			LVOC
			Maclea Reeves
VIKOA, INC.			Scienti
Quar Sept. 30:	1969	1968	SKL
Share earns	\$.17	\$.16	Sterling
Sales	5,716,000	4,911,000	TeleMa
Inc bf tax	329,000	428,000	TelePro
Net income	298,000	272,000	TeleVis
9 month share	.53	.58	Vikoa
Sales	17,890,000	15,466,000	
Inc bf tax	1,505,000	1,571,000	These
Net income	954,000	905,000	Exchan
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# Industry Stocks

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Stock	Exchange		Last Week		Year Low	Shares Outstanding
Ameco	AM	14	13 1/8		7 1/2	1,200,000
Amer, Elec, Labs	OTC	6	6 3/4		5 5/8	1,516,432
Amer, TV & Comm.	010	19 1/2	18 1/4		11 7/8	1,775,101
Avnet		11	11 7/8		11 //8	9,909,054
Cable Info, Systems	отс	2 3/4	2 7/8		2 1/2	995,000
Cablecom General	AM	24	25 1/2	=	8 3/8	1,605,000
Citizens Fin, Corp.	AM	11 7/8	13 1/2		13 1/8	994,689
Columbia Cable	OTC	12 1/4	12 1/4		9	994,689 876,000
Comm. Properties	OTC	6 3/4	7 1/4		9 4 1/2	644,621
Cornelia Corp.	отс	3/4	7/8		3/4	044,021
Cox Cable Comm.	OTC	24 1/2	23 1/4	- • ·	13	3,550,000
Cypress Comm,	OTC	131/4	14	19	10	839,000
Entron	OTC	2 3/8	27/8	-	2 3/8	600,900
Famous Players Ltd.	c	11 5/8	12 3/8		11 5/8	6,948,000
General Inst.	ŇY	28 1/2	30 1/8		27 5/8	6,026,000
Gulf + Western	NY	17 5/8	18 3/4		27 5/8	15,120,860
H&B American	AM	25 1/4	27 1/4		13 5/8	4,972,589
Kaufman & Broad, Inc.	~~~	50 1/4	50	50 1/8	29 1/2	3,900,909
Lamb Comm., Inc.	отс	6 1/2	6 1/4		3 1/4	2,468,284
LVO Corp.	NY	7 3/4	8 1/2		7 3/4	5,692,078
Maclean-Hunter	C	17	17 1/2		13	2,000,000
Reeves	ĂM	14	13 3/8		12 7/8	2,163,000
Scientific-Atlanta	AM	7 1/2	6 3/4		61/2	903,442
SKL	отс	4 3/4	5	8 1/4	3 1/2	550,000
Sterling Comm.	OTC	7 3/4	6 1/4		5 1/2	550,000
TeleMation Inc.	OTC	24 1/2	25 1/2	30 1/2	14 1/2	1,086,735
TelePrompTer	AM	107 3/4	110	110	42 1/8	1,086,735
TeleVision Comm.	отс	20	17	20	10 3/4	2,645,046
Vikoa	AM	25 3/4	30 3/8		21 5/8	2,183,382
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### Lovett to ATC

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with personnel changing, as NCTA president Frederick W. Ford is succeeded by Donald V. Taverner at the start of the year.

ATC in its announcement said that "Lovett will be primarily responsible for developing corporate programs designed to take full advantage of the industry's acknowledged long-range potential as a communications, educational and entertainment medium.

Rifkin stated: "we are extremely pleased that Mr. Lovett, in deciding to leave the NCTA and return to private industry, has elected to accept a key position on our management team. His ability, experience and recognized leadership position in the industry will be a major asset for the company."

Lovett is a native Virginian who was with Western Electric Company before joining NCTA as assistant general counsel.

# United Utilities Sells Holding in CATV System

Based on the firm's decision to divest of its CATV properties, United Utilities, Inc., has announced the sale of its 50 percent interest in Multi-Channel TV Cable Co. of Mansfield, Ohio, to Mansfield Journal Company, a publishing company in that city. The amount of the cash transaction was not disclosed.

The firm also announced that an agreement in principle has been reached

for the sale of its wholly-owned CATV properties to HarriScope Cable Corp., an Illinois corporation. Such properties include Sidney (Ohio) Cable Television Company, Telcoa, Inc., and United Transmission, Incorporated.

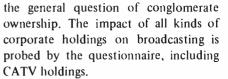
The firm's president, Paul H. Henson, stated that the sales are an outgrowth of a decision, announced last May, to dispose of the company's CATV holdings "for reason of changing regulatory policies and practices." At that time, Henson was quoted as saying, "The existing regulatory attitude affiliated common carrier toward interests penalizes customers and stockholders alike. Under existing restrictions, we are unable to utilize properly the assets employed. We propose to sell them to someone who can."

# FCC Conglomerate Study Touches CATV Ownership

The FCC last week selected six conglomerates to serve as guinea pigs for questionnaires on the impact of diversified holdings on a company's broadcast operations.

Two of the six-Cox Enterprises Inc. and E. W. Scripps Co.-were selected specifically as examples of "licensees with substantial non-broadcast interests in other mass media, primarily newspapers and some cable television systems."

The questionnaires are a follow-up to the announcement almost a year ago by the Commission that it had gone into



The vote to send out the questionnaires was 4-3, with new Chairman Dean Burch and new Commissioner Robert Wells joining Commissioner Robert E. Lee in dissenting. Lee had dissented to the original study proposal, but in picking up the votes of the newcomers he remains in the minority.

The general feeling of the dissenters is that the probe is too vague to be worth the time and money. Lee said, also, that it violates the spirit of the law that required Budget Bureau clearance of any government questionnaire sent to more than 10 recipients.

The other companies sent the questionnaires are Avco Corp., Chris-Craft Industries Inc. and Fuqua Industries Inc. for "licensees with substantial and diversified non-broadcast interests" and Travelers Insurance Co. for "licensees whose non-broadcast interests are primarily in a single large enterprise or group of closely related enterprises."

# Settlement Resumes Vikoa, Inc. Opperations

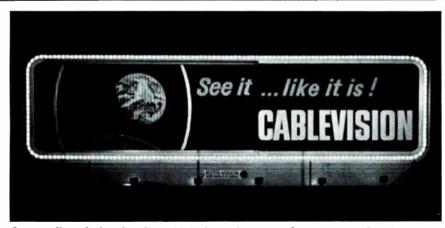
The Teamster's strike at Vikoa Inc. for the past week has now ended according to company vice president Robert E. Baum.

Baum reported that the firm had negotiated a settlement which was satisfactory to all parties and that business had returned to normal.

# FCC's Burch & Wells Vote In Reconsideration Case

In the first real FCC squabble over a CATV case since new Chairman, Dean Burch and Commissioner Robert Wells assumed office, Burch voted with the 4-3 majority in favor of the CATV system and Wells dissented.

The Commission thus recently granted a petition by Everett Cablevision Inc. of Everett, Wash., for reconsideration of its earlier order that it



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provide program exclusivity for KIRO-TV in Seattle over KVOS-TV in Bellingham, Wash. Both stations are CBS affiliates.

The Commission based its earlier decision on evidence that KIRO-TV placed a principal community contour over Everett and KVOS-TV did not. In asking for a reconsideration, the cable firm agreed about the KIRO-TV signal, but argued that KVOS-TV's most

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Commissioners Kenneth A. Cox and H. Rex Lee joined former broadcaster Wells in dissenting.

# Century Lighting Acquired By New Jersey Firm

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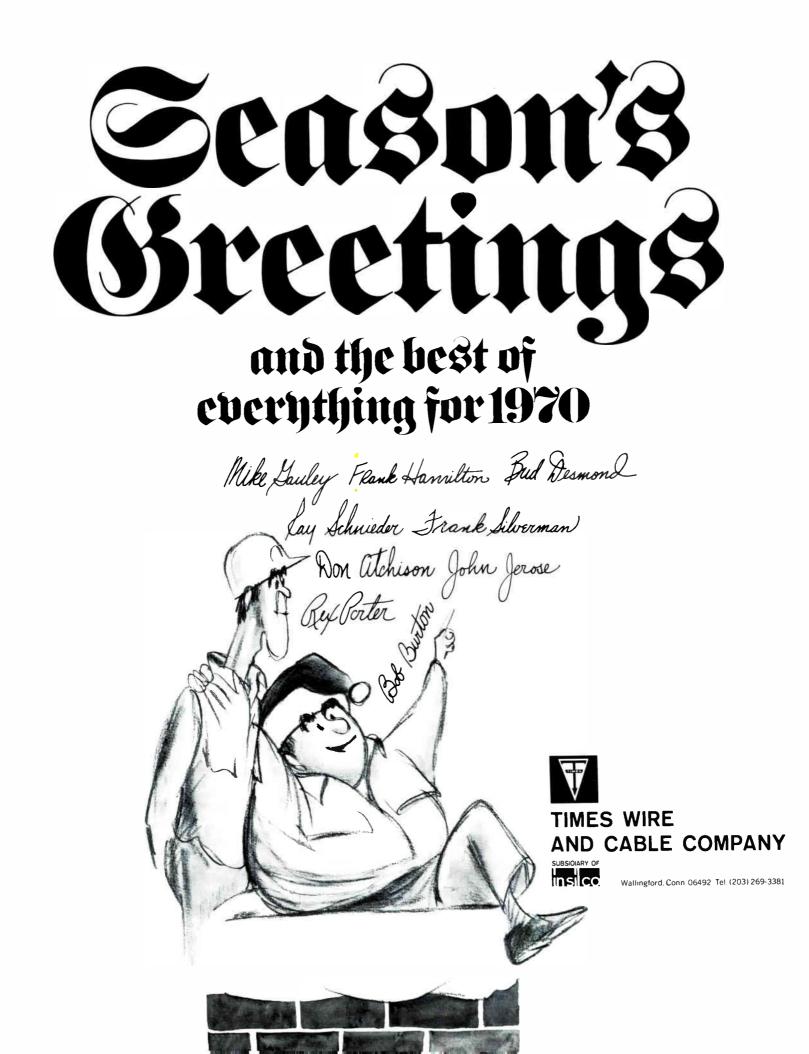
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# profile of a leader



#### **ORLANDO E. BRILLANTE**

Born in Arlington, Massachusetts, February 1, 1925. He attended the University of Maryland, but received most of his training in electronics through the U.S. Army. Served with the Army in Africa and Italy during World War II; again saw action during the Korean conflict, 1952-53; retired from the Army in April, 1964 with the rank of Major. Accepted a position in CATV management with The Jerrold Corp., and is now manager of Florida TV Cable, serving 11 communities and Patrick Air Force Base in South Brevard County, Florida. Active in trade associations, he is President of the Florida CATV Association. He is married and the father of three children.

When Orlando E. Brillante retired from the U.S. Army in 1964 as a young Major of only 39, it was far too early to think about a rocking chair on the front porch. So when a former Army acquaintance, who had since become a Jerrold executive, suggested a new career in cable television, Orlando gave it serious consideration. His service background in management and electronics fit in well with the proposal; and the more he thought about it, the more attractive the challenge seemed. He accepted a position as Manager of Florida TV Cable, a Jerrold system serving South Brevard County, Florida—and within a year had done such an outstanding job that he received the first Jerrold President's Award for system management.

Heavy responsibility and organizational planning were nothing new to him. During his career in the Army he had seen action in two wars, had served as European-NATO Nuclear Weapons Inspector and Chief of Operations Readiness Teams, and had served as Director of Operations, NORAD Control Center, and Chief Nuclear Weapons Inspector Team New England Defense. A battery of tests administered after his retirement from the service proved him highly qualified in management analysis, organizational planning, administrative management and operations. And all of this he brought with him to South Brevard County.

Orlando used all that he could of management techniques learned from the military-and developed others as needed for the new situations in which he found himself. But it was not his management techniques-good as they were-which ensured his success in CATV. It was above all his single-minded dedication to learning about the industry and becoming "totally involved" in cable television. With characteristic drive, he applied himself to making his system one of the best in the nation, and at the same time, helping to build the industry as a whole. His success in attaining the first objective is attested to by the awards won by Florida Cable TV-besides the President's Award given to Orlando, the system captured first place in NCTA's 1967 System Public Relations competition, and first place in 1968 in NCTA's System Community Affairs competition. On the second front-working for a strong industry as well as an outstanding system-Orlando became a charter member of the Florida CATV Association (the group which he now heads as President). He is also a former Vice President and current Director of the Southern CATV Association, and an NCTA member since 1964.

As is indicated by the awards his system has wong Orlando is very much a community-minded man. His participation in public service includes leadership in such diverse organizations as the Metropolitan South Brevard Chamber of Commerce, Brevard Symphony Orchestra, South Beaches Athletic Association and the Brevard Crippled Children's Association.

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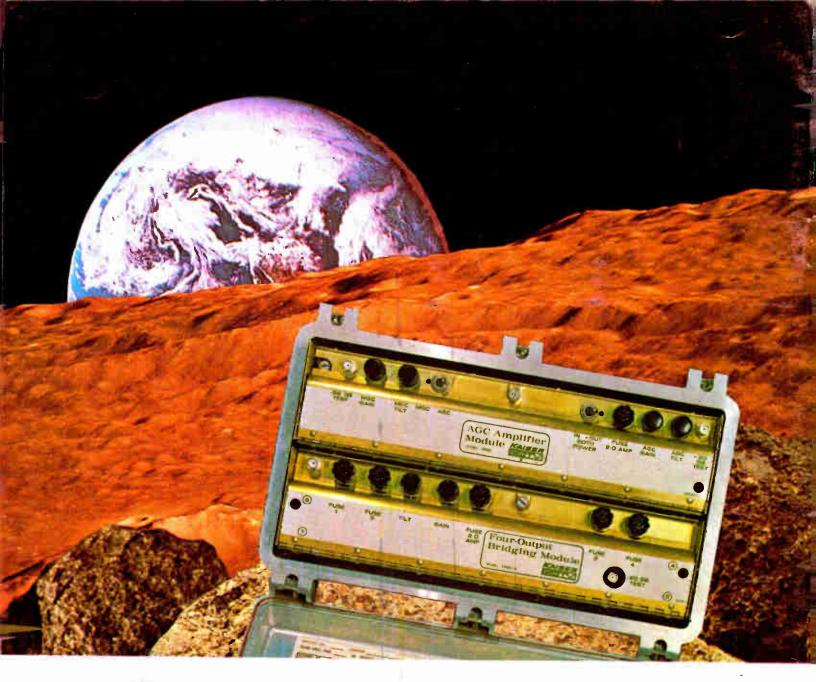
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