happenings

- Attendance of 1500 is expected at this year's National Association of FM Broadcasters. It's being held at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, from September 17 to 20. The Theme: how some of the leading FM stations in the U.S. are turning a healthy profit. A growing feature of the annual meeting is the equipment display: organizers say that this year nearly every important supplier and manufacturer will be represented.
- From September 28 to October 3, the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers will be holding forth at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Details of SMPTE, now held on an annual basis, are given in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue of BROAD-CAST EQUIPMENT TODAY.
- The third annual Midwest Seminar on Videotape & Film takes place in Chicago, October 17-18 at the Holiday Inn near O'Hare airport. It's aimed at the use of film/tape in business, education, medicine

- and other fields. Reservations are \$45. if made before October 1, and further information can be obtained from P.O. Box 11376, Chicago, Ill. 60611.
- October 26-28 is the date for the Central Canada Broadcasters Association at the Royal York in Toronto. The list of exhibitors appears in this issue of BET and Engineering Section chairman Dale Duffield reports that there will be a panel on electronic journalism with participants from the U.S. networks. Dale couldn't reveal all the details at press time, but indications are the CCBA will really "take off" this year!
- Effective September 1st, Willi Studer Canada Limited of Toronto and Revox Canada Ltd. of Montreal have been consolidated under the name Studer-Revox Canada Limited.

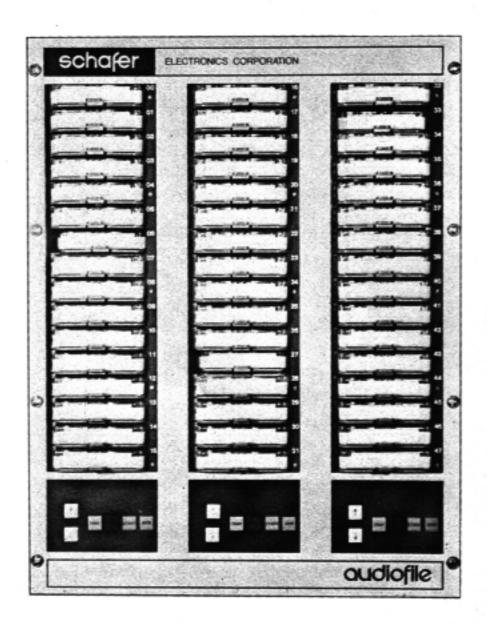
A wholly-owned subsidiary of Studer International AG, of Switzerland, Studer has specialized in professional tape recorders. Revox recorders were designed by Studer, primarily for the home entertainment market. The Revox company in Canada was previously owned by Colin Hammond of London, England.

According to Studer spokesman Bruno Hochstrasser, offices in Toronto and Montreal will now service both lines of products, with John Brynildsen moving to Toronto as Revox sales coordinator.

The existing distribution network for Revox will be maintained, with Audio-Versity as representatives in Quebec and the Maritimes, Thorvin Electronics Inc. in Ontario, and James Nelson and Associates in Western Canada.

• One of the business world's most remarkable comebacks appears to be well under way at Memorex Corporation. The company experienced severe setbacks in 1973, with losses of \$119 millions. In April of 1974, Robert C. Wilson was appointed chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Wilson, who is credited with turning around Collins Radio for Rockwell International, discussed his approach during

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a visit to Canada this summer. He cited three priorities: 1. Attitude—An essential ingredient of any organization, positive attitudes must prevail in everything surrounding a company, including those who do business with it. 2. Cash—The life blood of a business. Memorex was out of it, but in 1974, supposedly a year of recession, the company boosted sales by 23% or \$40 million. 3. Profit—With the first and second quarters of 1975, Memorex is now solidly into the black.

The company is suing IBM, whose pricecutting Memorex blames for its 1973 losses.

Looking to the future, Wilson believes there is a growing market for "memory"—the storage and retrieval of information—especially in video entertainment. The potential in developing countries is almost unlimited, and Memorex already does 40% of its volume outside the U.S., 12% of it in Canada.

When at Rockwell, Wilson recommended investment in Collins Radio, and was

subsequently given the task of making it profitable—microwave proving to be one of its successful areas.

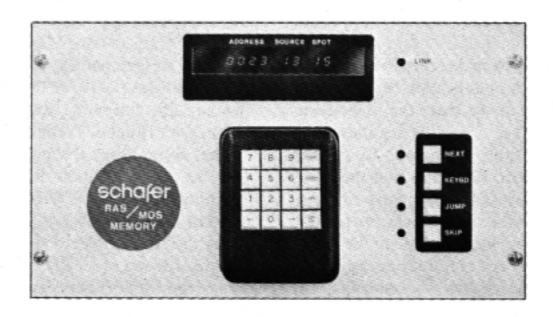
Among Wilson's words of wisdom:—
Decide what business you want to be in:
the technology follows. He says its a mistake to define a business in terms of
technology, and cites the railroads failure
to adapt as the classic example!—Anything
that improves productivity and lowers cost
becomes even more attractive in recession.—'I feel very good about '76.'

- Meritron Ltd. is the new name for Nortec East Broadcast Equipment Ltd. D'Alton B. Jolly, who set up Nortec East a year ago, remains president.
- Watch for a major Canadian Broadcasting conglomerate to move into the equipment distribution field by the end of 75.
 The company, which has invernational interests plans to carry a wide range of products.

- John Forrest of Tele-Tech—a man who keeps a sharp eye on fires—reports that CKKW Kitchener suffered one recently at its transmitter site near Ayr, Ont. It burnt out the new Continental tx, installed last March 5th when 'KW boosted power to 10 kw and moved to 1090 kHz. Fire hazard has been high in the Kitchener area lately: last November an \$80,000 fire burned out the transmitter of CFCA-FM, sister station of CKKW.
- This item from John Forrest's "They said it couldn't be done" department. Reg McCausland of VOCM St. John's, Nfld. has found that using a helicopter is an efficient way of running radials, especially in rugged terrain. The 'copter cuts time by days, even weeks.
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CALGARY'S

CBRT

by Marie Rawling

The CBC first came to Calgary on Dominion Day 1958 when a Television Delay Centre was opened in the old Alberta Government Telephone Building in downtown Calgary.

The plant received a flow of programs via a microwave closed circuit network, committed them to videotape and released them to each time zone from the Lakehead to the Pacific coast in accordance with the national schedule's timetable.

A year and a half later the facility moved to its present premises, a single storey building on Westmount Boulevard in west Calgary on the north bank of the Bow River and, in October 1964, the delay centre operation was joined by a 50,000 watt AM radio operation, CBR.

This year, the centennial birthday of the city of Calgary, still more changes are occurring at the CBC plant. Two years ago, when the satellite ANIK was launched, the television delay pattern was drastically changed and the million-dollar-plus delay centre's equipment was relocated at CBC television plants throughout the nation since the old delay pattern no longer served a purpose.

Meanwhile, an association of 20 years' standing with the privately-owned CFAC-TV was drawing to a close. Channel 2 had carried a hefty portion of CBC shows but Calgarians still had not been serviced with the full CBC-TV network schedule.

September 1st, 1975 was slated as the inaugural date of a full CBC network service on CBRT, Channel 9 (cable 6); October 1st has been earmarked as the start date of CBR-FM radio at 102.1.

The staff force has ebbed and flowed with these changes and a program and support services staff of about 30 marked the low point when CBR AM radio alone occupied the dun brick building on Westmount Boulevard. Now the work force is swelling, the main building is being renovated, the staff has been scattered during alterations. The CBRT facilities so far have been installed in what used to be the delay centre section of the building. Very shortly that building will become a core, for the new premises will 'sprout' all around—front, back, ends, and above!

CBRT's beginning is a modest one with two daily weekday local periods focussed upon local community news, sports and weather. This enables CBRT to assume the long-waited role of a telecaster of the entire CBC television service. Then, as the new premises become available out and around 'the broom closet' as TV Director Don Carroll calls it with a grin, CBRT's staff will polish its skills, then take its place in a new and functional array of studios, workshops, offices and labs. The station's role as a new sight and sound of the greater Calgary community broadens and matures.

For the past three months the sales staff has been pitching the new services to advertisers in the greater Calgary area and have found the CBC to be received with enthusiasm in the commercial sector of the community. In fact such is the demand for advertising time that CBRT is having to take great care that some time is left for the station to advertise its own programs and radio shows. The arrival of the station was also awaited with interest by the local press, who have followed its development carefully and seem to be keen to find out what programming the full CBC service will provide.

Naturally, not all the preparation and planning has gone without a hitch, but fortunately CBRT and its director Don Carroll have all that behind them and can now concentrate on providing first-class television for Calgarians.

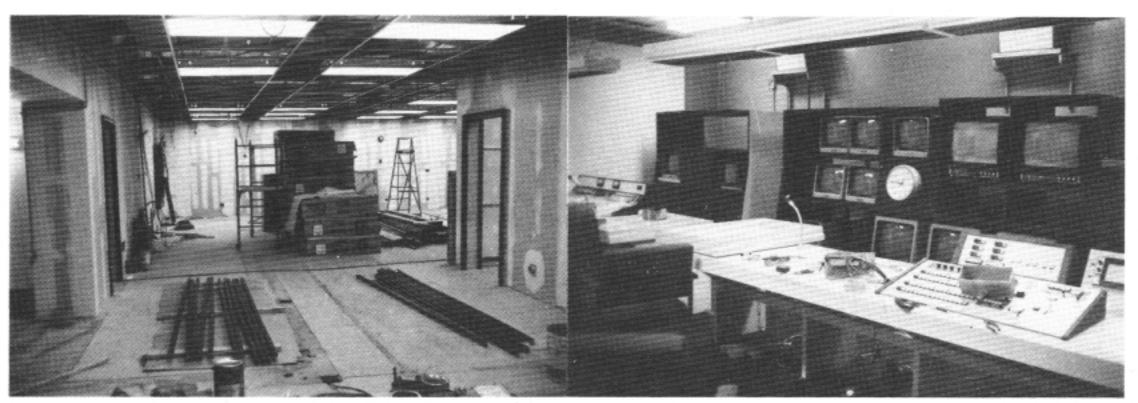
Canadian Content a Priority

In equipping its new Calgary television station, the CBC has placed emphasis on buying Canadian and, where possible, on buying locally. Detail is given below on many of the components, and BROAD-CAST EQUIPMENT TODAY wishes to thank, among others, Peter Crawshaw and Hugh Potter of CBC Engineering Headquarters, Jack Peach and Marie Rawling of CBC Public Relations in Calgary, and Canadian General Electric for their cooperation in preparing this information.

- The transmitter and directional 8-slot antenna have been supplied by Canadian General Electric. ERP is 325 kw, the maximum power for VHF stations. GE estimates its input to be 85 to 90 per cent Canadian. The \$300,000 transmitter installation suffered a serious setback when a large section of the tower fell while under construction, causing a two or three-week delay. However, work was back on schedule by mid-August.
- The transmitter site, three miles west of Calgary, has an elevation of 4,050 feet above sea level. The tower is 820 feet high, 877 feet with antenna, and the radiation centre is at 845 feet. The tower will ultimately include French TV and FM antennas, as well as those for CBRT and CBR-FM, and is also capable of handling additional FM antennas.
- CBR-FM Stereo, to be operational October 1st, will use the same tower, with both horizontal and vertical polarization. The FM tx is a Gates 20 kw with 100 kw ERP. CBR-FM is Calgary's second FM station.
- Andrews heliax transmission lines have been used—4-inch for TV, 3-inch for FM.
- Microwave facilities for the studio-trans-

- mitter link were supplied by Farinon Electric of Canada, Ltd., Montreal.
- Phase One of the building program provides for only one studio of 720 square feet for news and information programming.
- Phase Two, scheduled to be constructed starting in November, calls for a 3,500 sq. ft. studio for variety programming, a small single-camera news studio, and a secondstorey addition for administrative offices.
- Cameras include three German-made Fernseh KCU-40 studio cameras, and Fernseh's KCN-40 electronic news-gathering system. A portable, back-pack system, the KCN-40 has its own power supply. The station has also acquired an Ampex VR-3000.
- Lighting is by Control Lighting of Calgary.
- Richmond Hill Laboratories provided the automated multibuss multiple system which is programmed to automatically connnect and start the various program sources. The system was built to CBC specifications. (The CBC has pioneered automated broadcast systems, CBXT Edmonton being one of the earliest stations in North America to use this technology when it went on the air in 1961.)
- There are two RCA TK-28 telecine chains, each consisting of color camera, two 16mm RCA TP-66 projectors and a slide projector.
- VTR facilities include two Ampex AVR-2 units, and the Ampex ACR-25, virtually a "cassette computer system".
- The production switcher (or vision mixer) was supplied by Ross Broadcast Products.
- CBRT boasts a large, well-equipped editing department, and anticipates heavy

- film production. Editing equipment is by Steenbeck, and processing will be done by a Calgary film lab.
- Ward-Beck Systems Ltd. designed and installed the 12-track audio console.
- Cartridge machines include ITC and the Schafer multi-cart Audiofile.
- Intercom equipment and portions of the audio equipment for the automatic programmer are by McCurdy Radio Industries.
- The sync system which provides central control for the timing and phasing of inplant and external feeds is by Leitch Video.
- Monitors have been supplied by Conrac and Barco.
- Sony cassette video recorders are used for off-line editing and general production purposes such as private monitoring by producers.
- Measuring and testing equipment is by Techtronix, Amalgamated and Hewlett-Packard.
- Equipment racks and control consoles are by Premier Metal of Montreal.
- CBRT will acquire one of four large mobile units now being built for coverage of the Olympic Games in Montreal next summer. After the games, the unit will provide Calgary with the latest in remote facilities, including slow motion capability, and also serve as a second control booth when installed at the studio location.
- CBC Calgary will be the delay centre for network FM in the Mountain Time zone. An Ampex automatic sequencer, using a series of reel-to-reel tape recorders, will automatically record and replay programming from the national stereo network.



The transformation of CBRT's Master Control is shown, from un-walled area where air-conditioning is being in-

stalled, to near-completion with monitors and control panel in place. (Photos courtesy of D. Mittag.)

FM's FORWARD MARCH

CRTC finalizes policy and schedules hearings for long-awaited development of FM

The publication of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission's policy on Frequency Modulation broadcasting opens the way for the long-awaited development of FM in this country.

Only 106 channel assignments had been made as of June 15, 1975, and these include more than a dozen rebroadcasters. The Department of Communications Allotment Plan, published elsewhere in this issue of BROADCAST EQUIPMENT TODAY, provides for close to 400 additional stations.

In releasing the finalized FM policy, the CRTC announced the dates for a series of public hearings to deal with the licensing of new stations and the re-licensing of existing FM stations. Except under special circumstances, no more than one new commercial station will be licensed in any one market. Applications for CBC FM on Special FM licenses will be treated separately and may be granted in addition to a licence for a private commercial FM station.

The following hearings have been scheduled:

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Toronto—Jan. 13 Vancouver—Feb. 3 Regina—Feb. 9 Edmonton—Feb. 16 Winnipeg—Feb. 16 Ottawa—Mar. 9 Montreal—Mar. 30 Moncton—Apr. 12 Halifax—Apr. 12 Windsor—May 4

To provide sufficient time for the hearings and consideration of all applications, the CRTC has issued six-month renewals for a lengthy list of stations, both AM and FM, most of which were due to expire on March 31, 1976.

The CRTC policy document, originally issued on January 20, 1975, and entitled *FM Radio in Canada*, has been amended as follows:

1. Effective Date

The new regulations will come into force September 6, 1976, instead of September 1, 1975.

2. Classes of Licence

Three classes of licence had been previously proposed.

- The most common class is "joint FM licences" for licensees operating both AM and FM stations in the same language and in the same market.
- Licensees having FM only are designated "independent". At present there are only two such commercial FM stations in Canada, CFGL-FM Laval and CFMC-FM Saskatoon.
- "First local FM" has been clarified and is now designated "first radio service FM licences".

Two additional classes are now added:

- CBC FM licences.
- Special FM licences, for educational, community and institutional stations.

(Publicly-owned stations were excluded in the CRTC's Proposal for an FM Policy in the Private Sector, issued April 19, 1973, but are now brought under the FM Policy.)

Commercial regulations in the policy do not apply to the latter three classes of station: CBC radio outlets are now generally

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First radio service and special FM licensees will not be required to meet "foreground format" quotas, but will be required to indicate such programming in their logs.

Rebroadcasting stations are not subject to the regulations, as the "parent" station is fully regulated.

3. Commercial limits

The limit of 40 minutes for joint FM stations and 50 minutes for independents during each of the 6-hour periods from 6:00 a.m. to midnight remains unchanged. However, both classes of station will now be permitted up to 10 minutes of commercials in any clock hour. There is no limit on the number of units, within these limitations.

The requirement that the first 10 minutes of newscasts may not be interrupted by commercials now makes it clear that such newscasts may be immediately followed by commercial messages.

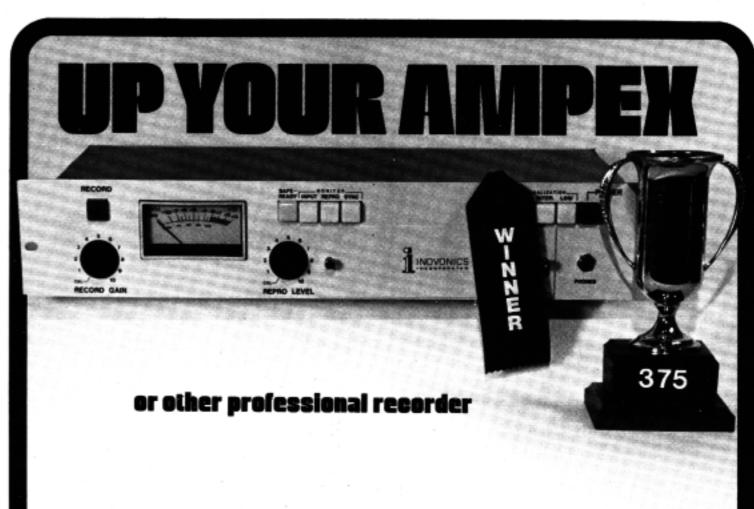
4. Simulcasting

Prohibited in the January statement, simulcasting is now allowed between midnight and 6:00 a.m. and in a public emergency. It may also be permitted if specified in the station's licence, and applicants are cautioned to include all possible simulcasting in filing their application with the commission.

5. Foreground Format

The required percentage of "foreground format" between 6:00 a.m. and midnight has been reduced to 20% for joint FM and CBC FM stations, and 12% for independent FM stations. The minimum length of "foreground" programs remains 15 minutes, including commercials. Foreground programming must be related to a theme or subject (the previous option of "personality" has been dropped); it requires listening, but need not be mostly verbal; and has a clear beginning and end. Sports actualities and city council meetings are examples which would qualify.

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SOURCE: Department of Communications. Revised to June 15, 1975.

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CRTC note: "This list should not be considered as covering all complexities related to FM frequency allocations."

Frequency/Channel Key

| Frequency | Channel | 99.9 |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| (MHz): | No. | 100.1 |
| (MIIIZ). | 110. | 100.1 |
| 88.1 | 201 | 100.5 |
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| 88.5 | 203 | 100.7 |
| 88.7 | 204 | 101.1 |
| 88.9 | 205 | 101.3 |
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| 89.3 | 207 | 101.7 |
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6. Syndicated Programs

Short syndicated material of less than 15 minutes, while not meeting the "fore-ground" requirements, is encouraged and may be used to qualify programming as "mosaic format". The CRTC considers this a highly desirable form of programming for both AM and FM, and has added a specific question to the Promise of Performance where applicants may indicate the amount of time each week to be devoted to syndicated radio packages.

The new regulations prohibit stations from contracting with outside firms or consultants for gramaphone or rolling format material. (The January policy statement ruled out the use of pre-recorded music and semi-automated disc jockey services on FM.) The CRTC makes it clear that there is no intention to exclude Canadian music such as that provided by the CBC and the Canadian Talent Library.

7. The Promise of Performance

With some re-wording, the FM application form and the Promise of Performance—which constitutes the second part of the application form—are substantially the same as issued in January.

However, stations will now be permitted to create their own working for the weekly announcement which is to inform listeners of the existence of the Promise of Performance and the location where the station's licence may be examined.

8. Schedule of Implementation

Phase 1 of the implementation of the FM Policy continues to March 31, 1978. During this time, applications will be considered for new FM stations and the amendment and renewal of existing FM licences. (See schedule of hearings above.) All licences granted during this phase will expire March 31, 1978.

Phase 2 will be the two-year period from April 1, 1978 to March 31, 1980. Applications will continue to be heard for unallocated channels, stations will be expected to fully implement the FM Policy, and normal terms of licensing will be resumed.

Amendments to AM Regulations

Regulations which relate solely to the use of the new content categories for logs of both AM and FM stations also go into effect Sept. 6, 1976. Logs need indicate only the 11 program categories—the subcategories being intended solely for use in station analysis. When a program consists of several categories, only the two most prevalent categories need be identified.

The FM Policy has been both clarified and softened by the CRTC, in a reasoned response to industry representations.

At regional meetings across the country, CRTC spokesmen emphasized that the policy will continue to evolve and that the commission is looking for "good faith" on the part of broadcasters. The intention to enrich programming is primary.

Broadcasters were urged to follow the policy carefully as they prepared their applications. It was noted that repetition of "foreground" programs is not discouraged (particularly useful in "shift" towns), and that making time available for community programming fulfills the obligation, even if no one makes use of it.

Quotable quotes from CRTC officials as they earnestly attempted to re-assure broadcasters:

- "It's always safest to under-commit but over-perform".
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| Assigned Frequencies | | | | | | | |
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| NWT Baker Lake | CKQN-FM | MHz 99.3 | Watts 60 | | | | |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | | | | | | | |
| Bonnington | CBUD-FM | 92.3 | 40 R | | | | |
| Chilliwack | CBUF-FM-1 | 102.1 | 81 R | | | | |
| Clearwater | CFFM-FM-2 | 92.7 | 2 R | | | | |
| Clinton | CFFM-FM-4 | 106.5 | 12 R | | | | |
| Dawson Creek | CBKQ-FM | 93.7 | 70 R | | | | |
| Invermere | CFWL-FM | 107.1 | 1 R | | | | |
| Kamloops | CFFM-FM | 98.3 | 4,000 | | | | |
| Kelowna Kitimat | CJOV-FM CBUK-FM | 104.7 101.1 | 3,800 | | | | |
| Merritt | CFFM-FM-3 | 103.9 | 65 R 12 R | | | | |
| Mt. Timothy | CFFM-FM-5 | 99.7 | 80 R | | | | |
| New Westminster | CFMI-FM | | 100.000 | | | | |
| Penticton | CKOK-FM | 97.1 | 1,800 | | | | |
| Savona | CFFM-FM | 101.9 | 8 R | | | | |
| Trail | CJAT-FM | 106.7 | 12,600 | | | | |
| Vancouver | CBU -FM | 105.7 | 100,000 | | | | |
| Vancouver | CBUF-FM | 97.7 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Vancouver Vancouver | CFRO-FM CHQM-FM | 102.7 103.5 | 3,717 100,000 | | | | |
| Vancouver | CKLG-FM | 99.3 | 100,000 | | | | |
| Victoria | CFMS-FM | 98.5 | 19,000 | | | | |
| ALBERTA | , CUEN EN | | 44.000 | | | | |
| Calgary Edmonton | CHFM-FM CFRN-FM | 95.9 | 11,600 | | | | |
| Edmonton | CJCA-FM | 100.3 97.3 | 100,000 100,000 | | | | |
| Edmonton | CKUA-FM | 94.9 | 100,000 | | | | |
| Lethbridge | CHEC-FM | 100.9 | 250 | | | | |
| Peace River | CBXG-FM | 93.9 | 44 R | | | | |
| Red Deer | CKRD-FM | 98.9 | 1,460 | | | | |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | | | | |
| Regina | CBKF-FM | 97.7 | 8,500 R | | | | |
| Regina | CFMQ-FM | 92.1 | 6,200 | | | | |
| Saskatoon Saskatoon | CFMC-FM CJUS-FM | 103.9 | 6,020 | | | | |
| MANITOBA | GJUS-FM | 98.7 | 3,800 | | | | |
| Brandon | CKX -FM | 96.1 | 58,000 | | | | |
| Thompson | CBTF-FM | 99.9 | 86 R | | | | |
| Winnipeg | CBW -FM | 98.3 | 354,000 | | | | |
| Winnipeg | CFRW-FM | 94.3 | 6,500 | | | | |
| Winnipeg | CJOB-FM | 97.5 | 310,000 | | | | |
| Winnipeg | CKY -FM | 92.1 | 360,000 | | | | |
| ONTARIO Belleville | CJBQ-FM | 07.1 | 17 400 | | | | |
| Big Trout Lake | CFTL-FM | 97.1 100.3 | 17,400 60 | | | | |
| Brampton | CHIC-FM | 102.1 | 857 | | | | |
| Brantford | CKPC-FM | 92.1 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Cornwall | CJSS-FM | 104.5 | 850 | | | | |
| Guelph | CJOY-FM | 106.1 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Hamilton | CKDS-FM | 95.3 | 200,000 | | | | |
| Kingston | CFRC-FM | 91.9 | 1,270 | | | | |
| Kingston | CKCL-FM | 98.3 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Kingston Kitchener | CKWS-FM CFCA-FM | 96.3 105.3 | 5,400 | | | | |
| Kitchener | CHYM-FM | 96.7 | 100,000 50,000 | | | | |
| Kitchener | CKWR-FM | 98.7 | 202 | | | | |
| London | CFPL-FM | 95.9 | 179,000 | | | | |
| North Bay | CKAT-FM | 93.7 | 5,860 | | | | |
| Oshawa | CKQS-FM | 94.9 | 100,000 | | | | |
| Ottawa | CBO -FM | 103.3 | 70,000 | | | | |
| Ottawa | CBOF-FM | 102.5 | 70,000 | | | | |
| Ottawa | CFMO-FM | 93.9 | 196,000 | | | | |
| Ottawa | CKBY-FM | 105.3 | 148,000 | | | | |
| Peterborough St. Catharines | CHEX-FM CHSC-FM | 101.5 105.7 | 31,400 100,000 | | | | |
| St. Catharines | CKTB-FM | 97.7 | 250 | | | | |
| Sault Ste. Marie | CJIC-FM | 100.5 | 3,600 | | | | |
| Sault Ste. Marie | CKCY-FM | 104.3 | 6,760 | | | | |
| Smith's Falls | CJET-FM | 101.1 | 47,600 | | | | |
| Sudbury | CKSO-FM | 92.7 | 100,000 | | | | |
| Thunder Bay | CKPR-FM | 94.3 | 95,000 | | | | |
| Tillsonburg | CKOT-FM | 101.3 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Timmins | CKGB-FM | 94.5 | 425 | | | | |

| Toronto | CBL -FM | 94.1 | 55,700 | Quebec City | CBV -FM | 95.3 | 100,000 | |
|---------------|-----------|-------|---------|----------------------|---------|-------|---------|---|
| Toronto | CHFI-FM | 98.1 | 420,000 | Quebec City | CHRC-FM | 98.1 | 81,000 | |
| Toronto | CHIN-FM | 100.7 | 50,000 | Quebec City | CKRL-FM | 89.1 | 1,400 | |
| Toronto | CHUM-FM | 104.5 | 100,000 | Radisson | CBFR-FM | 100.1 | 199 | |
| Toronto | CJRT-FM | 91.1 | 50,000 | Rimouski | CJBR-FM | 101.5 | 20,000 | |
| Toronto | CKFM-FM | 99.9 | 100,000 | Sherbrooke | CHLT-FM | 102.7 | 62,000 | |
| Windsor | CJOM-FM | 88.7 | 160,000 | Verdun | CKVL-FM | 96.9 | 307,000 | |
| Windsor | CKLW-FM | 93.9 | 50,000 | NEW BRUNSWICK | | | , | |
| QUEBEC | | | | Richibucto | CBHM-FM | 98.5 | 58 | R |
| Chicoutimi | CBJ -FM | 100.9 | 98,000 | Saint John | CFBC-FM | 98.9 | 5,600 | |
| Chicoutimi | CBJE-FM | 107.9 | 98,000 | NOVA SCOTIA | | | ,-, | |
| Chicoutimi | CHUT-FM | 96.7 | 25,600 | Halifax | CBH -FM | 102.7 | 100,000 | |
| Drummondville | CFDM-FM | 104.3 | 100,000 | Halifax | CHFX-FM | 101.9 | 100,000 | |
| Hull | . CKCH-FM | 94.9 | 74,000 | Kentville | CKWM-FM | 97.7 | 18,000 | |
| La Pocatiere | CHGB-FM | 102.9 | 1,000 | Sydney | CJCB-FM | 94.9 | 675 | |
| Laval | CFGL-FM | 105.7 | 100,000 | Truro | CKCL-FM | 100.9 | 11,500 | |
| Magdalen Is. | CBIM-FM | 93.5 | 4,500 R | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | | | | |
| Maniwaki | CBFL-FM | 98.9 | 58 R | Charlottetown | CBC -FM | 103.1 | 59 | R |
| Montreal | CBF -FM | 100.7 | 100,000 | NEWFOUNDLAND | | | | - |
| Montreal | CBM -FM | 95.1 | 24,600 | Churchill Falls | CFLC-FM | 97.9 | 8 | R |
| Montreal | CFQR-FM | 92.5 | 41,400 | Deer Lake | CFDL-FM | 97.9 | 16 | |
| Montreal | CHOM-FM | 97.7 | 42,000 | St. Andrews | CFCV-FM | 97.7 | 73 | |
| Montreal | CINQ-FM | 99.3 | 7 | St. Anthony | CFNN-FM | 97.9 | 126 | |
| Montreal | CJFM-FM | 95.9 | 41,200 | , | | | | |
| Montreal | CKMF-FM | 94.3 | 41,400 | R-Rebroadcaster only | , | | | |
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LOCAL TV FOR VANCOUVER

Western Approaches Ltd. is the successful application for a third Vancouver tv station. Several years of controversy and two CRTC hearings preceded the decision, which still leaves open the use of channel 10, the last remaining vhf channel in the area, for either the CBC or educational tv.

The CRTC opted for Western Approaches' alternative bid for channel 26. But here, too, the CBC may have the last word: it wants 26 for a French station, and has offered to pay the expenses involved in switching Western Approaches to another uhf channel. The CRTC says it expects the two parties to work out a satisfactory solution.

The commission describes the Western Approaches bid as "the most realistic"—meeting local needs in an "innovative and flexible" way without undermining existing licensees. The company has widespread ownership, chiefly in the Vancouver area, and is controlled by experienced broadcasters, including Bill Bellman, ex-president of CHQM, Daryl Duke, ex-CBC producer, and John Nichol, Liberal ex-senator.

CRTC Office for B.C.

Frank Foster, a former official of the commission and more recently an Ottawa broadcast consultant, is the first director of a new CRTC office in Victoria. Foster, who joined DOT in 1938, headed regulation and licensing from 1953 to 1965.

The CRTC says its first regional office will be "a point of contact" for individuals, provincial government departments, municipal governments, industry and community groups.

Controversy over the third Vancouver station had provided a focal point for complaints about the remoteness of Ottawa and demands by the provincial NDP government for greater control over communications in the province.

CFOM Quebec Folds

Following the denial by the CRTC of a change in ownership, CFOM Quebec City announced it would go off the air effective August 8th.

Crux of the issue: the commission insists

that CFOM, as the city's only English radio station, be all things to all Anglophones. It says there's room for only one English station, so has discouraged the CBC from applying for its own outlet, and has required CFOM to be the CBC affiliate. The owners claim the station can survive only as a contemporary station.

Behind all this, the language issue rears its ugly head. The Quebec English radio station, bearing the burden of CBC affiliation, has never prospered. Logical solution: let the CBC put in a rebroadcaster. But that would double service to the English minority, antagonizing Quebec's government right in its own backyard.

CFOM's demise leaves the field open to the CBC—and Quebec's youth are spared contamination by the Top Forty.

Microwave Documentation

The difficulties encountered in working out microwave agreements—notably for the Maritime provinces' Chamcook head-end—have prompted the CRTC to require filing of more explicit plans for the use of microwave by cable systems.

Applications must detail the site of the distant head-end, the proposed microwave route, all costs and cost-sharing, and the monthly subscriber fee including microwave costs.

This documentation must be added to applications already filed before they will be scheduled for a public hearing.

Production of Commercials

The CRTC has made some revisions in its regulations on Canadian content in commercials.

For radio, effective October 1, 1976, all of the "performance components" must be produced and recorded in Canada, with only two exceptions:

- messages promoting films and artistic performances such as musicals;
- messages uniquely related to products in such a way that they cannot authentically be produced in Canada.

Musical ID's must be produced and recorded in Canada effective October 1, 1977. Stations, however, may continue to use foreign musical "beds" for commercials—as long as they're aired only on the one station's facilities.

For television, minimum Canadian content levels will be 70% for 1976, 75% in 1977, and 80% in 1978. During 1978, the

objectives for subsequent years will be set.

A CRTC registration number will be assigned to all commercials, except those produced by a station for use only on its own facilities. Advertisers and ad agencies have the responsibility to obtain a registration number prior to supplying commercials to stations. They are then obliged to supply production details in quarterly reports to the CRTC.

In tv, Canadian content is already at healthy levels. Major concern in the industry is that the regulated quotas may prompt U.S. producers—perhaps under pressure from U.S. unions—to retaliate by withdrawing work from Canadian studios.

And CKLW Radio in Windsor, Ont., faces the task of persuading its audience and advertisers—both overwhelmingly American—to accept Canadianized ads. But our bet is that the Bassett-owned station is aggressive enough to succeed—and probably turn the handicap into a profitable production sideline.

Ottawa Hearing Held

Among the applications recently heard in Ottawa by the commission:

- Transfer of ownership of CKLC AM-FM Kingston, Ont., to a company to be incorporated represented by James Allan Waters. Waters is the son of CHUM Ltd. president Allan F.
- Power increases for CHED Edmonton, to 50 kw; CKSW Swift Current, Sask., to 10 kw on 570 kHz; and CBC's CFYK-TV Yellowknife, NWT, to 2.4 kw—the latter two both with a change of antenna site.
- Television rebroadcasters for the CBC, under the Accelerated Coverage Plan, at Rae/Edzo and Tuktoyaktuk, NWT, and Pelican Narrows, Sask.; two for the Avola TV Association, Avola, B.C.; and for Manitoba Hydro camps at Jenpeg, Long Spruce and Limestone.
- A 50-watt FM station at Alert, NWT, for Canadian Forces.
- FM rebroadcasters for the CBC French AM network, at Lac au Saumon and Causapscal, Que.
- Extension of the Global Television Network to include CKND-TV Winnipeg, Man., for news.

St. John's, Nfld., Next

A public hearing will be held at the Hotel Newfoundland beginning September 22, 1975, at 9:30 a.m. Applications include

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renewals for most of the island's radio and tv stations. Also, Newfoundland Broadcasting is requesting an AM station at St. Anthony on 560 kHz, 1000 watts day, 250 night; while the CBC seeks rebroadcasters at Nain, Nfld., for both AM and tv, and 52-watt FM rebroadcasters for the French radio network at Cheticamp and Margaree, N.S.

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CRTC is placing a temporary "freeze" on further commercial student stations, until it has evaluated the effects of restricted commercial activity by these two stations.

Also undergoing evaluation will be other community and co-operative stations such as CKWR-FM Kitchener, CFRO-FM Vancouver, CINQ-FM Montreal and CHUT-FM Chicoutimi.

Other CRTC Decisions:

- Local tv studios have been approved for the CBC's CBSET Labrador City, Nfld., and for CKYD-TV Dauphin, Man. CKYD is operated by Relay Communications Ltd., jointly owned by MTV Ltd. and Western Manitoba Broadcasters.
- Shortwave frequencies 9510 and 11875 kHz have been approved for Radio Canada International at Sackville, N.B.
- The Students' Union of Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S., has been licensed to operate a 50-watt carrier current station on 700 kHz, with up to four minutes per hour of advertising.
- The Alberta Educational Communications Corp. (ACCESS) has won approval for a 100 kw FM station on 97.3 MHz at Medicine Hat, Alta. It's part of a plan to cover the province with an educational FM network to rebroadcast CKUA-FM Edmonton. Previously licensed: Calgary and Lethbridge. To come: Red

Deer, Grande Prairie, Peace River, and at least seven "fill-in" stations.

- The CBC has been licensed for a 10 kw AM station at Rimouski, Que., on 1110 kHz, to rebroadcast CBGA Matane. It will be on-air in September, 1976. A timetable is to be submitted by the CBC for the establishment of a radio-tv production centre at Rimouski, and a tv application is expected by the end of the year.
- The CBC's CFLA-TV Goose Bay, Labrador, will be increasing power from 4.8 to 6.4 kw, with a change of antenna site.
- CHLT-TV Sherbrooke, Que., has been given a three-year renewal. A condition of the licence is that 20 hours of local programming be carried weekly, and CHLT is to report annually on its activities. The CRTC said it would act on complaints by the station, which joined the TVA network a year ago, that cable systems were not complying with its requests for program substitution in cases of simultaneous release. Regarding the indebtedness of Telemedia to Power Corp., the commission warned that Power Corp. not exercise control over CHLT or any other Telemedia station, either directly or indirectly.
- A 30-watt FM station has been licensed for Makkovik, Labrador, to broadcast 48 hours in English and 8 hours in Innuit weekly. Licensee is T. H. Andersen, representing an organization to be incorporated.

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Policy on Student FM

Licences have been granted for student FM stations in Winnipeg (Jim Rogers, representing a company to be incorporated) and Ottawa (Carleton University S'udents' Association Inc.).

Reviewing its policy on student stations, the CRTC said that where such stations serve the general public, use of allotted channels, as listed in the official DOC FM Allotment Plan, will be permitted. Those which are of interest to students only will be expected to make use of low power drop-in channels.

Only one student station will be licensed in any community; its facilities are to be shared if there is more than one college. However, if frequencies are available, both English and French stations may be licensed in the same locality.

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- Grand River Cable TV Limited has applied to replace its existing head-ends with one at Plattsville, Ont., adding microwave relays to nine receiving stations for distribution of signals. The system covers a large area around Kitchener and Stratford, Ont. The CRTC has called for public comment to determine if a hearing is necessary. Most of the comment will probably centre on Grand River's re-allocation of some channels, particularly the removal of the Buffalo educational station from its basic service in favor of ABC station WKBW-TV.
- Skeena Broadcasters Ltd., in northern B.C., have won approval for an unusual application. They're decreasing the monthly fee for cable from \$8.50 to \$6.50 . . . plus microwave costs.
- A cable system has been licensed for Stayner and Wasaga, Ont., to Stanley Nixon, P. Stephens, D. Stephens, J. Heslip (each 16.6%) and R. Ciupa (33%). Slightly higher fees than normal were approved to compensate for the area's low density, the frequent disconnects which prevail in tourist areas, and higher set-up costs. Limited to three Buffalo signals, the system opts to omit WGR-TV (NBC). Car-

- riage of all Toronto FM stations, except CBC, was deferred. Permitted: a local channel to include NFB feature films.
- It should be apparent by now that community access is one of the CRTC's priorities for cable tv. Giving a short-term renewal to Urban Cablevision Ltd. of Langford and Sooke, B.C., the commission requires "active steps to provide a studio and sufficient equipment" for local programming, independently of Victoria Cablevision Ltd.
- Approval has been given for a CBC FM outlet in Kingston, Ont., 100 kw on 107.5 MHz, to carry the English AM network.
- Also approved: two CBC FM stations in Sudbury, Ont., 50 kw on 97.1 and 98.1, to carry the English and French AM networks. Affiliation by CKSO and CFBR will continue until FM penetration increases. The commission warns the CBC not to relegate its AM network to the FM band, and to use AM frequencies, where they are still available, to reach the largest possible audience. It wants this done in Sudbury, with the FM stations eventually used to carry the CBC FM network.
- The application by J. Conrad Lavigne for an English AM station in Sudbury was de-

- nied. It proposed changing the frequency of his CFCL Timmins to 850 kHz, clearing 620 for Sudbury.
- Denying the application of Bluewater TV Cable Ltd. of Goderich, Ont., for a rate increase, the CRTC called for "significant technical improvements" to be made.
- BROADCAST EQUIPMENT TODAY congratulates another "BET" making its debut this month. The CBC took over CKLW-TV in Windsor, Ont., on September 1, changing the call letters to CBET.

French Stations Sought

Several applications for French-language broadcasting in eastern Ontario came before the recent Ottawa hearing. They included:

- A daytime station on 1110 kHz with 1 kw at Hawkesbury, Ont., by CFML Radio (Cornwall) Ltd.
- CBC-TV rebroadcasters at Peterborough (48.6 kw on channel 44), Kingston (48 kw on channel 32) and Belleville (180 kw on channel 15).
- CBC Radio rebroadcasters at Kingston (3 kw on 99.5 MHz) and Belleville (25 kw on 95.5 MHz).

Cable for Newfoundland

The St. John's hearing to take place in the latter part of September will pave the way for cable tv in a dozen centres in the province. All applicants propose to bring in two commercial U.S. stations from Bangor, Maine, via the Atlantic provinces' microwave network, and most would also import the PBS station from Calais, Maine. The applicants are:

- Atlantic Cablevision Ltd. of St. John's (for St. John's, Mount Pearl, Gander, Grand Falls, Windsor, Deer Lake, Corner Brook, Stephenville and Port-Aux-Basques).
- Chain Rock Telecommunications
 Corp. Ltd., Patrick J. Debourke,
 representing a company to be incorporated,
 and Metro Vision Ltd., all of St. John's
 (for St. John's and Mount Pearl).
- G. J. Kazma (for St. John's, Grand Falls and Windsor) and Eleanor O'Hara (for Mount Pearl), both of Dartmouth, N.S., and each representing companies to be incorporated.
- Leonard A. Martin of Corner Brook, representing a company to be incorporated (for Gander, Grand Falls, Windsor, Bish-

EQUIPMENT EXHIBITORS MAKE PLANS FOR CCBA

Among the exhibitors expected to participate in this year's annual meeting of the Central Canada Broadcasters Association at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, October 26 to 28: Ampex of Canada Ltd. Applied Electronics Ltd. Broadcast Video Systems Caldwell A/V Equipment Co. Ltd. Clark, Alex, L., Limited Comad Communications Ltd. Decca Austin Insulators Editel Communications Limited Electro & Optical Systems Ltd. English Electric Valve Limited Glentronix Ltd. Hitachi Denshi Ltd. Kingsway Film Equipment Ltd.

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op's Falls, Stephenville and Port-Aux-Basques).

- Dr. Noel F. Murphy of Corner Brook, representing a company to be incorporated (for Grand Falls, Deer Lake, Corner Brook, Stephenville, and Port-Aux-Basques). Dr. Murphy is president of Humber Valley Broadcasting, operators of a chain of radio stations in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Daniel E. Williams, representing a company to be incorporated (for St. John's and Mount Pearl), Central Cable Systems Ltd. (for Grand Falls and Windsor), and Western Cablevision Ltd. (for Corner Brook and Stephenville), all of Box 999, Bedford, N.S.
- Jean Fowlow of Stephenville, representing a company to be incorporated (for Stephenville and area).

October 31 Deadline

The CRTC has set October 31, 1971 as the deadline for cable television applications to serve specified areas in the four western provinces. The areas are:

- Manitoba: Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Selkirk.
- Saskatchewan: Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and North Battleford.
- Alberta: Brooks, Wetaskawin and Camrose.
- British Columbia: Grand Forks, Agassiz, Harison Hot Springs, Rosedale, Hope, Midway, Sunset Beach, Lions Bay and Brunswick.

The commission emphasizes that applicants must provide full documentation on the use of microwave (see above) and that it will not consider applications predicated on videotaping of signals "unless all of the necessary authorizations have been received in writing and filed with the commission". It reminds applicants that CRTC policy is for cable licensees to hold effective ownership and control of local headends, amplifiers and drops, and restates its concern regarding the viability of "off air" service.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan applicants are expected to participate in the Tolstoi, Man. head-end.

Public hearing dates are to be announced later. When they come, much of the interest will be centred on Saskatchewan, where private enterprise will be bucking the provincial N.D.P. government's support of local co-operatives in seeking the coveted cable ty licences.

More Recent Decisions:

- Approval of the re-organization of Radio Acadie Ltee of Caraquet, N.B., to enable it to get on the air with a French station licensed over two years ago.
- CBC tv rebroadcasters are licensed for St-Fabien-de-Panet and two other Quebec communities, and six locations in Saskatchewan, while CBC Radio FM rebroadcasters are licensed for Sept-Iles and three other locations in Quebec, and four communities in Saskatchewan.
- In approving fee increases for ten Maritime cable licensees, to cover microwave costs, the commission ordered them to commence construction immediately and report back to October 15th.
- The Ontario Educational Communications Authority has won channel 9 for Thunder Bay, Ont., the commission ruling that the area has sufficient VHF channels to meet its needs.
- Applications by Calgary's two cable tv systems to add NBC have been deferred until CFAC-TV has had time to make its transition from CBC affiliate to independent status.
- CJEN St. Jerome will not be allowed to become a rebroadcaster of CJLA Lachute.

- CKCQ Quesnel, B.C. may increase power to 10 kw, switching frequencies with CKWL Williams Lake, and CKBX 100 Mile House may increase daytime power to 1kw. All three are owned by Caribou Broadcasters Ltd.
- Radio Nord Inc. has been granted two new rebroadcasters and a power increase, to improve its tv service to northwestern Quebec.
- The commission hopes it is on the way to solving the thorny reception problems in parts of New Brunswick. It has licensed New Brunswick Broadcasting (CHSJ-TV Saint John) for rebroadcasters at Campbellton (32.5 kw on channel 4) and Newcastle/Chatham (11 kw on channel 6) to provide CBC service. Moncton Broadcasting's rebroadcasters in the same areas on channels 7 and 12 are renewed, but are to disaffiliate from CBC and provide CTV service. Both companies are to improve their coverage* in the Miramichi Valley area. The CRTC, however thinks that "some reception problems occur because viewers are using inadequate or faulty antenna equipment" and proposes that the stations have an educational campaign on the proper use of antennas.

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