

NABET taking ABC strike vote

Threat of strike at ABC developed Friday when National Assn. of Broadcast Employees & Technicians announced in Cincinnati it has instructed its local members at ABC installations throughout country to vote over weekend on strike authorization against network (see story, page 48). Present contract expires midnight Jan. 31.

Clifford Gorsuch, NABET director of network relations, said union took this step after ABC negotiators stalled on union's demand to establish pension plan at ABC. He reported ABC was notified Jan. 24 that further talks on new contract would not be pursued until ABC agreed to concept of pension plan. Mr. Gorsuch added that since ABC had made no overtures by last Friday, NABET negotiators decided to seek strike authorization from its members. He said it would not be "accurate" to say that negotiations had broken down with ABC, since network can resume talks by offering to discuss pension plan.

NABET has been meeting with negotiators from both ABC and NBC since early this month. Mr. Gorsuch said negotiations are still continuing with NBC, which has pension plan for NABET members through RCA. He summarized progress at NBC negotiations this way: "It's still in a state of trading. Things are not quite as bad as at ABC."

ABC officials declined to comment on developments. It was reported network had alerted its non-union employees, who had technical training, to stand by for any emergency.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and CBS which held week-long conferences in Washington, planned to continue sessions this week. Main issue is job security, according to union.

CBS-TV autumn planning ahead of other networks

CBS-TV is closest of three networks to firming its nighttime program schedule for next season, exact reversal of situation last year at this time when CBS-TV was late in planning. Only night badly in need of repair: Thursday, with possibly entire 7:30-9 p.m. block to be reprogrammed. New hour show is expected to fill vacancy on Wednesday, 8:30-9:30, while there's talk *Aquanuts* may be moved from earlier hour that night; Tuesday starts

Spotted by FCC

While Navy was given credit in press, it actually was FCC which first pinpointed location of Portuguese cruise ship *Santa Maria* (see story, page 48). Broadcasts of commandeered vessel, which used assigned call letters and regular maritime frequencies, were picked up and identified by several commission monitoring stations on eastern seaboard in early hours Jan. 25. Three definite "fixes" were obtained and this information was relayed to Navy by Frank Kratokvil, assistant chief of FCC field offices, at 3:30 a.m.

at 7:30 with *Gunsmoke* repeats followed probably with *Rifleman*. New shows mentioned: *Defenders* and *Joey Trouble*, both hour-long, while new one-hour *Gunsmoke* goes into Saturday, 10 p.m. spot.

ABC-TV's scheduling is already taking on substance with sales pitches settling on at least two programs: hour-long *The Corruptors* (Four Star) and *Dr. Kate* (Telman Productions). Of interest among several other shows on ABC-TV's probabilities: Hubbell Robinson's *Studio 61*, made up of hour-long dramas, and Warner's latest, *Las Vegas File*, also one-hour series. Half-hour possibilities: Warner's *Room For One More* (situation comedy) and *Small Town D.A.* (Ziv-UA). NBC-TV's lineup is furthest from settled, mainly because of near-complete revamp said to be as high as 70% of nighttime schedule and possibly higher.

New legislation prescribes ethics for Capitol Hill

Continuing Congressional concern with ethics in government reflected in legislation introduced last week.

New York's Republican Senators Jacob J. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating proposed measure to deal with conflicts of interest in legislative branch as well as executive. Rep. John Lindsay (R.-N.Y.) is sponsoring similar bill in House.

New Yorkers' bill would require member of Congress or employee of either House to disclose financial interest of \$10,000 or more in any activity subject to regulatory agency jurisdiction. Measure would also require any ex parte exchange between Congressman or Senator and regulatory agency to be made part of public record.

In separate development, joint reso-

lution was introduced calling for creation of Commission on Ethics to help implement Government's code of ethics. Commission would be nine-member quasi-judicial body, composed of representatives of executive and legislative branches and public.

Resolution is being sponsored in Senate by Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) and in House by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D-Fla.).

Milwaukee stations to switch networks

Exchange of CBS-TV and ABC-TV affiliations in Milwaukee is coming up in April, when Hearst Corp.'s ch. 12 WISN-TV switches from ABC-TV to CBS-TV, and Storer Broadcasting's ch. 6 WITI (TV) moves from CBS-TV to ABC-TV.

WISN-TV signing with CBS-TV was announced Friday by William Goodnow, vp and general manager of station, and Carl Ward, CBS-TV vp and affiliate relations director. WITI alignment with ABC-TV was announced, also Friday, by Lee B. Wailes, executive vp of Storer. Effective dates of changeovers were given as April 30 for WITI, and "In April" for WISN-TV; presumably dates will be made to coincide. Hearst publishes *Milwaukee Sentinel*.

WTMJ-TV (ch. 4), owned by *Milwaukee Journal*, is NBC-TV outlet in Milwaukee.

KMSP-TV Twin Cities joins ABC-TV, replacing WTCN

KMSP-TV Minneapolis-St. Paul (ch. 9) will replace Time Inc.'s WTCN-TV (ch. 11) as ABC-TV primary affiliate in that area effective April 16. Signing of currently independent KMSP-TV was announced last Friday by Julius Barnathan, ABC vice president for affiliated stations, and Don Swartz, president-general manager of station. KMSP-TV is owned and operated by United Television Inc. Signing of KMSP-TV was preceded by reports of differences between network and WTCN-TV regarding affiliation relationship, despite ABC-TV's recent and apparently still untroubled association with WTCN-TV's parent, Time Inc., in co-production of four documentaries this season (BROADCASTING, Nov. 21, 1960).

4.18 viewers per household shown by ARB profile

Average of 4.18 different viewers per household—1.98 males, 2.2 females—watch television in average week, ac-

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