

# FCC TO OPEN PRESS-RADIO HEARING SOON

By PETER EDSON  
WASHINGTON, July 21 — The seven-man federal communications commission, headed by anti-monopolist James Lawrence Fly, has shown an electrician's penchant this year for sticking its collective hand into transformers labeled "dangerous," and will do a standing broad jump into another coil of live wires.

July 23 it opens hearings to determine the extent to which newspapers will be permitted to own or control radio stations licensed to operate under the new FM — frequency modulation — system of broadcasting and reception which largely eliminates static, fading and some of the other nuisances of the standard methods now in general use.

FCC has just completed a survey of newspaper participation in broadcasting. The results won't be announced until the hearings get going, but to get its data, the commission sent big long questionnaires to the nearly 900 radio broadcasting stations now licensed. Instead of asking newspapers how they were tied up with, and how they handled radio and radio news, the radio stations were asked how they were handled by the newspapers.

**Ten Worries**  
In brief, what the radio stations were asked specifically, was: (1) List of all the local and out-of-town newspapers in the radio area. (2) Whether newspapers charged radio stations for printing programs. (3) Relations between newspaper advertising and radio advertising departments, including information on rates charged one medium by the other for space or time. (4) Relations between newspaper and radio publicity and promotional activities, and how these are paid for. (5) Full information on news broadcasts used by the radio stations. (6) Station methods of obtaining local news. (7) How news broadcasts are edited and sponsored. (8) Name of every person working for the radio station who is in any way connected with a newspaper, and what his duties are. (9) Business connections between radio station and newspaper. (10) Degree of consultation between radio station and newspaper management on matters of policy.

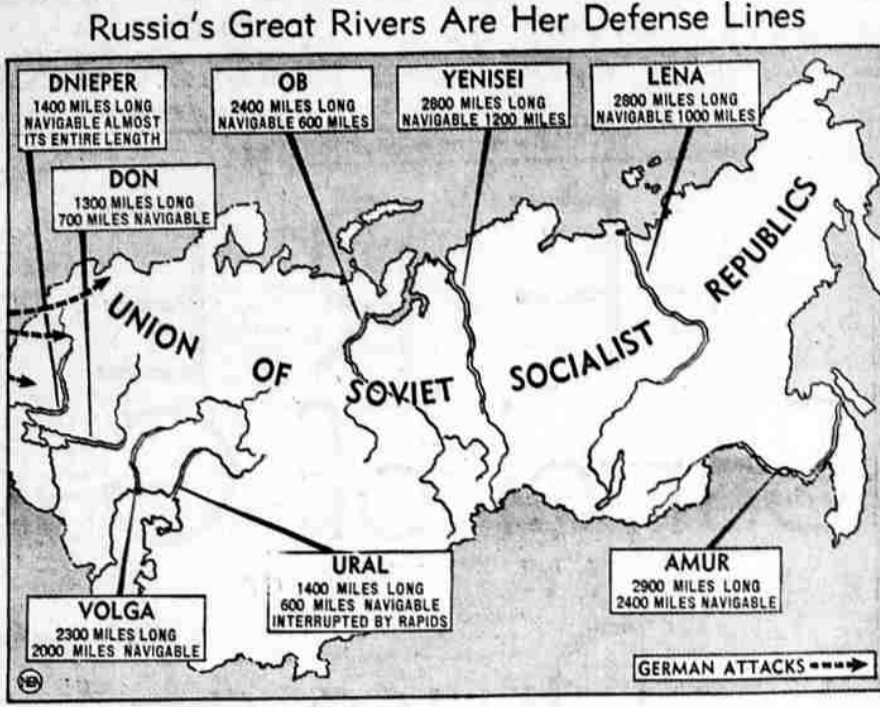
The broad nature of this inquiry and the detail of the information requested, down to the names of individual employees mixed up in both radio and newspaper, give the tipoff to what the FCC is looking for. What it apparently fears is that your favorite newspaper or any other newspaper will get some kind of nefarious control over all the methods of news dissemination in the community, and thereby work against the public interest.

While the commission insists that its forthcoming hearings are to be unbiased, and solely with the view of determining what its future policies should be in granting radio station licenses to newspapers, the fact remains that its policy in the past has been to give preference and to grant radio station licenses to non-newspaper organizations whenever a newspaper and a non-newspaper company have both been applicant's for permits in the same territory.

Licenses already granted to newspaper-owned or controlled stations are not to be disturbed, the commission declares, but as station licenses are granted for only one-year periods, a change in policy could mean that as licenses expired they might not be renewed.

In the existing field of standard broadcast, the commission declares that more than a third of the stations now operating are identified with newspapers. It is this third that might be hit hardest should the FCC embark on some new policy. In more than 80 localities, the only radio outlet is in the control of the only local newspaper.

Newsletters Will Be There  
While the FCC is obtaining its basic information on the relation between newspaper and radio station from the broadcasters, this does not mean that only the radio men will be represented at the hearings. The newspaper men will be there too, particularly those who have



The rivers of Russia form north-south defense walls of water across the vastness of the Soviet Union, those of the west against German attacks, those of the east against possible thrusts by Japan. In comparison with rivers shown on map, Mississippi is but 2470 miles long.

## Don't Worry About Rising Costs, But Stay in Income

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are some parting suggestions from Paul Gesner and John Beckley concluding a series of three of their daily columns for the Special News Service which they have devoted to beating the jump in living costs.)

By PAUL GESNER and JOHN BECKLEY  
NEW YORK, July 21 (The Special News Service)—There's a question in many minds today:

In a cycle of rising prices, should hobbies and amusements be maintained? We put this question to three commercial bankers well qualified at giving sound financial advice.

The three also are well qualified to speak on hobbies and amusements. All have hobbies and amusements of their own. Said banker number one: "I like to play golf. I play twice a week. It costs me money. But I like to play golf. If my salary was cut to \$25 a week, I'd move out of my home, maybe, and take a furnished room somewhere, but every week I'd save a dollar or two out of my salary to pay the green fee on some public links. I'd keep on playing golf."

Said banker number two: "I like fresh water fishing. It is an expensive pastime. If I had hobbies that were taking dollars that I needed for rent and food, and a rise in the cost of living made me scrimp, I'd reduce expenses all along the line. But I'd keep on fishing. A hobby doesn't have to be expensive to be fun. Some day I'm going to try clay modeling. That's not expensive. And I'll bet it's entertaining and relaxing."

Banker number three called in his secretary, scratched his head, then dictated a few words to the secretary. She typed the words on a sheet of paper. He edited what she had transcribed, then said, "Here, read this. It is what I think about hobbies and amusements when living costs are going up."

Here is what he wrote: "Don't deny yourself and your family its quota of relaxation and fun. Maintain present interest in photography, fishing, golf, motoring, hiking, theatre, or whatever combination of pastimes you like. Put hobby and amusement spending, however, on a rough budget basis to see exactly what costs are each month. Try not to exceed present hobby and amusement outlay. Later, if rising living costs demand, reduce the number of hobbies or replace expensive ones with inexpensive ones."

Here are some other suggestions on living costs: Installment buying: a rise in interests in existing stations and those who have applied for licenses to operate the new FM stations.

One curious sidelight of the hearings is the fact that while a majority of the FCC members have aroused the ire of the newspapers interested in radio station operation, the commission has also irked the broadcasters no end by its anti-monopoly decrees of last May, intended to make all stations free agents and permit any station to buy any other station's programs, thus breaking up the chains.

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## WATER IN ICELAND WARMER THAN AIR

REYKJAVIC, Iceland, July 21 (AP)—A United States naval officer who has been here a week is still somewhat flabbergasted at finding rivers of hot water and daylight around the clock in Iceland.

"It's not nearly as cold as the name (which in Danish actually means island) of the country suggests," he said. "Rivers of hot water astonished us at first but now we've got used to the idea of swimming in water warmer than the air."

A member of the U. S. occupying force, he summed up these impressions: "Thanks to British cooperation and thoroughness in their preparations for us we are much more comfortable than we expected to be."

"Stores are well stocked with American and British goods, but American magazines, cigarettes and soda fountains are conspicuously absent. Most of the people seem glad to see us and since a great many of them speak some English it is not at all hard to transact business. English, American and Icelandic money circulate together in a cashier's nightmare. "It's a very pretty country. I'm surprised the tourist industry and steamship lines haven't made more of it. The steep rugged mountains and fjords are unusually impressive."

(Although northernmost Iceland scrapes the Arctic Circle and about an eighth of it is covered by icefields, the island is built up chiefly of volcanic rocks and the rivers of hot water are explained by numerous hot springs.)

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Final analysis: The whole secret of beating rising prices is keeping your spending within your income, no matter what means you take. And—don't worry too much about rising living costs yet. The administration in Washington insists it is not going to let living costs get out of hand. Much can be done to avert or brake runaway prices if federal officials keep alert, watch trends closely, and handle their price control powers wisely.

**AMERICAN MEAT**  
On January 1, 1940, there were approximately 145,133,000 head of most animals on American farms and range lands. Cattle accounted for 68,769,000 of this number. The remainder included 54,473,000 sheep and 58,312,000 hogs.

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# ANNUAL PICNIC OF TULELAKE GROUP SLATED

Invitations to all residents of the Klamath basin were issued by the Tulelake chamber of commerce with plans complete for the annual picnic at Medicine lake July 27, when the Tulelake chamber will be host group to friends from Klamath in the north, to points throughout northern California. The public was cordially invited.

President Prior announced a water carnival, softball, surfboard, water ski performances and speeches, included in the day's program.

Roads to Medicine lake are said to be greatly improved. The road will be thoroughly checked by a group making plans for the day before the picnic.

Arrangement committee members are R. M. Prior, William Seigler, John Cortez, W. A. Clendenen, Mrs. Toohig, E. A. Davis and A. A. Rodenberger. Mrs. Nicholas will be assisted by a group making plans for the free lunch to be served at noon. The program is scheduled for 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Frank Payne, author of "Captain Jack, Modoc Renegade," and her husband will be among prominent guests of the day. Mrs. Payne, authority on Indian history of the territory, will speak during the afternoon. Vivid pageantry will be supplied by costuming of committee heads, a subdivision in charge of John Cortez.

## Dead Man's Coat Leads to Arrest

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21 (AP)—A few minutes after the body of Francis T. Erickson, 55, Portland, was discovered in a lumber yard Saturday, Detective W. J. Nelson arrested James Ward, 55, who was sleeping nearby. Ward was held for the district attorney.

The officer said Ward was wearing Erickson's coat which he (Ward) declared the dead man had given him shortly before Erickson got in a fight with a third man.

Deputy Coroner G. W. Smoock ordered an autopsy. He doubted that bruises on the body were serious enough to have caused death.

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## Women of Tomorrow



Remarkably good in penmanship is Gladys Charles, above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles of 1518 Worden avenue. Gladys attends the fourth grade at Fairview school.

Gladys has a pet which is older than she is. It is Buster, her dog.

Her hobbies are collecting marbles and writing. Her birthday is in April.

## PETE GRUBB GIVEN CALIFORNIA TITLE

Pete Grubb, fiery-headed bronco buster expert from Florence, Ariz., and one of the top performers at Klamath Buckaroo Days the past few years, is the 1941 champion cowboy of California according to word received here Monday from Salinas.

The announcement of point totals followed conclusion of the 30th annual California rodeo in Salinas Sunday. Grubb succeeds Fritz Truan, Salinas, the 1940 champion.

Grubb suffered painful injuries the last hour of the show here July 6, when a horse he was riding in the professional bronco class, fell with him in the center of the arena, completely rolling over the cowboy.

**HIM STITCHING**  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—A stitch in time saves a soldier lots of embarrassment—so Mrs. J. H. Lynch is inaugurating a free sewing service for men in uniform. Office hours are from 1 to 4 p. m. Wednesdays at her home.

He has spent four months of the current year in Washington, and on the trip from which he has just returned worked with the attorney general in the preparation of legislation soon to be brought before congress.

Attorney Gordon is a world war veteran and has served as department commander of the American Legion.

# Nothing Heroic, Thrilling In Ferrying British Planes

MONTREAL, July 21 (UP)—The reporter thought there was a chance to write a thrilling piece about the men who ferry bombers to Britain, so he went up to the four men sitting in the hangar and plied them with questions about their hazardous work.

They would be in England in 8 to 12 hours. They were Capt. D, who operated a Texas air line, Capt. X, former oil com-

pany flier in Los Angeles, Capt. Y, of Hartfordshire, England, who had been a pilot 15 years with Imperial Airways, and Capt. W, of Ontario, former flying instructor. They answered the questions. Here they are:

Q. Do you ever see enemy planes?  
A. No.  
Q. Ever see any Nazi submarines or warships?  
A. No.  
Q. What was the worst difficulty you ever encountered?  
A. None.  
Q. What if an enemy plane appeared?  
A. There are nice, big, fluffy clouds to hide in.  
Q. Don't you almost freeze?  
A. I've always been very comfortable.

Q. What do you think about A. Flying.  
Q. How do you feel on arrival in England?  
A. Hungry.  
Q. Do you go out and get tight?  
A. This organization is no place for drinking.

They get \$300 a trip, with two trips a month guaranteed. They're being called "dare-devils." According to the Texan, it is "pure fiction" that their job is either heroic or thrilling.

## Roseburg Man To Run For Congress

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 21 (AP)—Attorney Guy Gordon of Roseburg, legal adviser for the association of Oregon Counties, announced Saturday his intention of becoming a candidate next year for the office of congressman from the newly-created fourth congressional district of Oregon. Gordon returned Thursday from two months spent at Washington, D. C., where he has been assisting in preparing legislation desired by Oregon counties in connection with federal payments in lieu of taxes on federally controlled land.

"I feel," Gordon said, "that my long period of experience in dealing with the federal government in matters pertaining to public lands can be of value to the state of Oregon. During many trips to Washington I have had occasion to work closely with the members of the Oregon delegation. The position of congressman or senator holds no glamour for me. I know the members of congress to be hard working people. Any man who goes to congress from this new district will find plenty of good hard work, that will call for all he can learn and all he can do."

Gordon served as county assessor of Douglas county for three years, during which time he was concerned with the O. and C. grant land question. He was district attorney from 1923 to 1925 and since retirement from that office has continuously represented Oregon counties in connection with public land problems.

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