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## RADIO'S STRENGTH IS UNDERSOLD

## Discount-crazx" is Charge

## â BCAB Meet

## By Bob Francis

Victoria, B.C.-Canadian radio as an advertising medium is only half as expensive. at most, as American in terms of doing a job of comparable circulation, and at best one-fifth as costly, Pat Freeman, CAB director of sales and research, told the annual meeting of the B.C. Association of Broadcasters.
"We have gone for years without measuring our own strength," Freeman said. "There have been many things we never knew about ourselves.
"We have never realized what a terrific medium our own industry is, and it's so inexpensive in Canada.

Freeman was making a presentation resulting from months of research, comparing readership of newspaper ads to listenership of radio time of the same cost.

His survey covered Canadian radio advertising costs as against U.S. costs, and analysis of listenership and readership ratings. The study also contrasted the circulations obtained by weekly and monthly publications against the daily circulation of all radio stations.
"By cost, or by circulation," he said, "our story is so good we cannot lose

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Using BBM and ABC as the basis for his figures, he said he leaned over backwards in his research to put other media in their best possible light.

Freeman began to prepare his material, he said, on the basis that "radio needs a new sales story." He decided what was needed was the story of daily circulation.

Taking newspaper circulations, and using the cost of a given amount of newspaper lineage, he compared the proved readership with the proved listenership of radio time costing the same amount, in the same region.

Whichever way you looked at it, Freeman concluded, radio time was a better buy for the sponsor.

Answering questions from rural station owners as to the value of his survey to them, Freeman called his conclusions "an industry presentation for national advertisers on your behalf."
"No other advertising message," he said, "competes for attention with the radio message while it's on the air. There is nothing to distract the listener, in the way

## "TRAIL" WHOOPS 12th BIRTHDAY ON 600th PROGRAM



Photo by Trifoli.
DURING THE TWHLFTH BIRTHDAY celebration of the network quiz program "Treasure Trail," the show's producer, Mrs. Muriel Murray, prepares, in the above picture, to cut the first slice in the cake. She is flanked by others who help put the show on the air. They are, left to right: announcer Jack Dennett; interviewer Wally Crouter; emcee Jack Dawson; operator and studio engineer for the program since the first broadcast, Bill Baker; and Ross Patterson, assistant producer.

Toronto.-Last month Treasure Trail celebrated its twelfth birthday, chalked up its 600th consecutive broadcast, and received from its sponsor, Lambert Pharmacal Company's G. Russell Hogg, best wishes for many more to come. And while a spirited studio audience, one of the largest yet. looked on, a little old lady who had walked off with one of the first silver-dollar prizes on the inaugural broadcast correctly answered the question which entitled her to four more of the 250,000 bright coins handed out so far
When Treasure Trail first went on the air, under the sponsorship of the Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Company, it went out from the studio audi
torium of CFRB to a network of seven stations. Now, 12 years and only one sponsor later, the voices of Trail's Jack Dawson, Wally Crouter and Jack Dennett, respecticely emcee, interviewar and announcer, go out from CFRB to 32 Dominion network and six French network stations. Mail from listeners quite often hits 100,000 letters per week.

The program was originated by the late Jack Murray, making him a pioneer of audience-participation radio. Originally the mike work on the show was handled by such radio veterans as Rai Purdy, Ramsay Lees and Alan Savage. Many have come and gone since, such as Todd Russell, Jack Fuller, Wes Mc-

Knight, Stu Kenney and Hugh Bartlett, but always the hand on the console controls has been the same, belonging to CFRB's chief studio engineer, Bill Baker.
Production and direction of the program for the past two years has been handled by Mrs. Muriel Murray, widow of the show's founder. During the airing of the birthday celebration she received gifts of flowers from roving women's radio commentator Kate Aitken and members of the program's staff.
In congratulating the program and its producer, CFRB president Harry Sedgwick commented: "600 consecufive broadcasts is an outstanding achievement in Canadian radio.
> that a newspaper layout, even of the ad in question, let alone surrounding ads and news stories, can draw a reader's attention from the message."

On the subject of rates, he said, one way to stiffen tariffs would be to stop giving so many discounts.
"In the whole field of advertising, radio's base rates are the lowest for the job done," he said "But we are discount crazy. If we stopped giving so many discounts, rates in effect would go up.'
F. H. Llphicke, of CKWX, Vancouver, was re-elected president for a further year; Bill Rea, of CKNW, New Westminster, reelected vice-president and M. P. Finnerty, M.L.A., of CKOK, Penticton, was re-elected director-atlarge.

The convention closed with a cocktail party for Mrs. Mary Farr, new member of the CBC Board of Governors.

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T. J. Allard, general manager of the CAB , told the convention it "might be time to review policy on free time." He suggested half
the ordinary card rate for benevolent organizations, even locally, might be suitable.
"But you should be certain the organization is charitable or benevolent, and not commercial.
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There was also a brief discussion on the subject of free time for professional organizations.

Allard also suggested any remaining sustaining time should be used to build up the station and its staff, private enterprise generally, and the brand name system, which was the basis of advertising.

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## Behind the Scene in Radio

as franscribed by H.N. Stovin


"This day comes news from The Advertising and Sales Club of Toronto that my friend, Walter Elliott, will speak before that body of estimable men on Tuesday next, being the 13th. Do learn, further, that his discourse reviews recent research done by his organization as to publick attitudes toward advertising. This study is of more than passing merit, and was the subject of comment recently in these notes - From CIEM, Edmundston, the good word that the mail pull on the final week of their program for Marven's was 1,941 lettersa goodly response indeed, and proof of a truly loyal audience. Fine mail response, too, to CFOR, Orillia's 'Mail Bag Program.' These smaller, but sales-conscious stations do indeed have something to offer to the national advertiser which is not fully yet appreciated or used-namely, the locally produced quarter hour program with proven local interest, which does oftentimes produce results beyond those of more elaborate packages - From CJBQ, Belleville-whose manager does rubber-stamp his mail with a humorous though none too flattering caricature of his familiar features-the results of a new survey showing that this station has a loyal and consistent rural audience in Northumberland, Prince Edward and Hastings counties; the same being a rich market not adequately covered EXCEPT by CJBQ - - To end, as we began, with Walter Elliott, was interested by his account of one Ebenezer Elliott, an ancestor, beyond doubt, who did in 1831, an hundred and score years since, pen these lines:
"What is a Communist? One who hath yearnings For equal division of unequal yearnings.
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## Horace N. Stovin

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## PROMOTION

## Share Public Service Info

Victoria, B.C.-The CAB Public Service Promotion Kit was described to the BCAB annual meeting by Bill Rea of CKNW, New Westminster, in his report to members on the CAB directors' meeting.

The difficulty of getting out this guide, Rea said, was in persuading stations to submit examples of their own activities in the public service field.

He felt there would be a worthwhile collection of examples if stations would send them in, such as the Victoria campaign by CKDA and CJVI in which the Red Feather appeal last fall was put over in a single day.

Details of such a project would be a valuable guide to other stations in similar tasks, he said. The whole compilation would go to every CAB station, and they could pick out useful background from others' experience to apply to particular problems in their own areas.

Rea also proposed that rate cards should carry a note to the effect that "political broadcasts are carried at the usual rates." This would show there was no discrimination in "gouging" politicians on private stations, as one speaker charged last fall.
He also suggested managers would do well to warn staffers specifically that no one except engineers should touch consoles or other equipment. He gave examples of non-technical men being killed by tampering with equipment which they did not understand. Even qualified technicians, he said, often became careless.

## Stations To Use Sales Kit

Victoria, B.C. - A provincial sales presentation, prepared by the B.C. Association of Broadcasters for the use of all members in approaching potential sponsors, was demonstrated at the association's annual meeting here.
The 29 -card presentation was demonstrated by association president F. H. Elphicke of CKWX, Vancouver, who pointed out that while much of it would be standard for all 17 B.C. stations, some cards would be replaced by special inserts at individual stations.
Elphicke suggested that each station in the province might keep the presentation for two weeks before shipping it on to the next owner requesting it. In this way all B.C. stations would have the use of it within less than a year.

The presentation was originally conceived as a sales tool with which to approach the provincial government. It is now proposed to make it available to stations to use in connection with their contacts with commercial sponsors.

The cards include such sales angles as: radio's geographical position in B.C.; the potential of listeners; do British Columbians listen to B.C. stations?; no delivery delay; radio is persuasive; radio is economical; such and such sponsors are finding radio successful; there are more radios than hot water taps in B.C.; people do listen to radio in their spare time; and, radio fills a basic human need.
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## News Vs. Publicity

With most of Canadian radio about to descend on the citadel of Quebec for the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, one thought seems worthy of planting ahead of time while something can be done about it.

One of radio's prime problems has been, is, and in all probability always will be, that of getting its story across to the public. It is the people who are on the receiving end of all radio's efforts, good, bad and indifferent. It is supposed to be on their behalf that radio legislation and regulations are enacted and imposed. Yet Mr. and Mrs. John $Q$ seem to be perpetually in the dark, especially as regards private radio.

The private enterprise broadcasters have steadfastly refrained from telling their own story over their own facilities.

There are those who regret this failure to use a little dexterity in preparing programs for their own stations that would inform the listeners without appearing to be blowing their own trumpets. Others believe that, however astutely such material was prepared, it would be biased and consequently unconvincing, because it was presented by those who have the most to win or to lose. Whatever one's view on the subject, it cannot be gainsaid that the public is still painfully uninformed on the internal workings of their number one instrument of entertainment and information.

It is at CAP Conventions that private enterprise radio is afforded a golden opportunity of getting itself and its problems discussed in the daily press. Yet it is an opportunity of which it seldom takes the fullest possible advantage.

Obviously the most important matters up for discussion at such meetings are those which directly concern the business of broadcasting. The trade press gives ample and eager coverage to such activities

But the daily press and the news services are always on hand as well, looking for stories of the proceedings which will interest the public. Yet the amount of mate-

"Good God, I've forgotten the sponsor's name!'"
rial which emanates from these functions which could, at the longest stretch of imagination, be deemed to be of general interest, is extremely small. And we cannot blame the papers for this.

Radio and its friends, who will be holding forth at this year's CAB Convention, will be doing the industry an immeasurable service if they will include a couple of paragraphs in their talks which will interestingly convey to the public something they would want to know about the radio picture. Speakers who deliver their harangues "off the cuff" can, with very little trouble, commit at least this much to paper, and make copies available to the press

The daily newspapers do not cover radio conventions because they want to publicize their keenest competitor. They do so because they hope to gain information, in the form of news stories, to hand on to their readers on the one-time squawk in the ether which has developed into as important an industry as itself.

The problems of private enterprise radio, on the other hand, need all the airing (even in print) that they can get. And the $C A B$ Convention is one place where such utterances meet with willing ears and open notebooks, not for publicity releases, but for news.

## This Is Radio

At this moment it seems fitting to trot out the old cliché-"we can't see the forest for the trees."

Many of us-and this journal is by no means in the background-are wont to spend more time trying to carp about what is wrong than to extol what is right. This, we have decided, is off balance.

In our present mood of contrition, we have administered to ourselves a sound spanking, and would add, as a codicil"hoping you're the same."

As evidence of the new leaf we have just finished turning over, we should like to announce that our next issue-the annual CAB Convention number-will be largely devoted to a feature we have named "This is Radio."

This will take the form of a symposium of factual stories-not an editorial or even an opinion in the whole shebang-displaying free enterprise radio as a force for good in its communities and also as an economic giant in the field of advertising.

We looked everywhere for the stories and items we wanted, to make this project worth while. At first we seemed doomed to disappointment. Stories-good stories, that is-are hard to come by. We cotildn't pile more than twenty working hours into the day, and the broadcasters have limited themselves to eighteen!

Then we had an idea.

A quick run through the 24 issues of 1950 was the formula, and pretty soon we found enough potential material on our desks to fill six such issues. And now we're half way through the weeding-out process.

This business of seeing the forest for the trees may not be confined to the broadcasting fraternity after all. We wanted to make what the agencies boys call a "preesentation" on private enterprise radio and there it was right in our own back numbers.

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one's appendix seems to be either in or out at the present moment, and although "The Desk" is piled higher than usual, even with large quantities of "possibles" for the bumper CAB issue that is already shaping up, there seems both time and space for me. So here goes.

The finished version of the CAB agenda has not reached us yet. We have, however, received a pretty comprehensive provisional one.
It looks like an energetic kind of "do," filled with provocative topics which should be productive of a colorful convention.
The convention is under the general chairmanship of Bill Guild, CAB chairman of the board and the key word in the discussion panels is "earnings." The all-Montreal agenda committee, consisting of chairman Vic George (CFCF), Arthur Dupont (CJAD), Phil Lalonde (CKAC) and Wilf Dippie (Radio Reps), have apparently reached the conclusion that even the exponents of a highminded art like radio must eat.

On the opening day the topic is "Earnings and Services," with a discussion on libraries, transcriptions and news services under the chairmanship of F. H. "Tiny" Elphicke of CKWX, Vancouver. Tuesday morning, it's "Earnings and Audience" compered by Ralph Snelgrove of CKBB, Barrie. Wednesday afternoon it's "Operations and Earnings" with W. F. "Doc" Souch, Canadian Marconi Company, playing the role of surgeon.

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There is quantity as well as quality in Vic George's "Information Please" panel which is doing a come-back after its successful effort in Niagara Falls last year, on the first (Monday) afternoon. Vic has gathered together a truly representative covey of Canadians and Americans from agencies, reps and sponsors, viz and to wit: Jack McGill (Tucketts), Bill Byles (Young \& Rubicam), Guy Herbert (All-Canada), Ruth Jones (Benton \& Bowles), Bob Campbell (J. Walter Thompson), Joe Weed (Weed \& Co.), Carlton Hart (Procter \& Gamble), and Wilf Dippie (Radio Reps)

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Closed meetings have been confined to two Tuesday afternoon sessions. At 2.30 p.m. delegates will discuss association business and hear the annual report. At 4.15 the meeting, still in closed session, moves into a panel on Emergency Communications, chaired by Vic George, supported by George Chandler (CJOR, Vancouver), Bill Speers (CKRC, Winnipeg), Finlay MacDonald (CJCH, Halifax), Ken Soble (CHML, Hamilton), and General Worthington, civil defence co-ordinator.
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The final day, Thursday, has been left clear to "clean up all unfinished business and other matters as required."

Luncheons have been arranged for Monday and Wednesday. On Monday the speaker will be Maurice Mitchell whose "Mitch's Pitch" stole the show at last year's CAB Convention. It was a two-hour harangue, and then he came back to do an encore.

Information received to date makes no mention of a noon event on Tuesday. On Wednesday, however, delegates and guests will either stay in their rooms or stand ready to face up with life's grim realities. The speaker (if you will pardon the expression) will be that unbiased philosopher, that Adonis of the Dial (thanks, Tom) your humble servant. The title as it sits now-maintaining the "moola motif"-is "Broadcasters are People" or "Who Says You Can't Take It With You?" I'd let you in on the subject matter, but Tom Briggs and Art Benson haven't finished writing the script yet. I can tell you this, though I was a wow in Amherst.

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On the social side, the CN and CP telegraph companies are throwing their usual cocktail party on the first (Monday) evening. Canadian Marconi Company is turning it on in traditional style on the second evening. This function is followed by the annual dinner at which CAB president Malcolm Neill will preside. The

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speaker will be Dr. J. R. Petrie research director of the Canadian Tax Foundation. There is a variety of awards to be presented as well as membership certificates in the new CAB Quarter Century Club. Entertainment, which is under the chairmanship of Jack Slatter, Radio Representatives Ltd., is to be announced.

Earl McCarron, production manager of CHSJ, Saint John, N.B., who believes his composition 'When We Ride on the Merry-Go-Round" was the first Canadian tune to be used in an American movie (back in 1933), says that Canadian talent's failure to reach the level it should is attributable to "Canadian talent's unwillingness to support Canadian talent."
Earl's beef is that while the radio industry, through its BMI Canada Ltd., is untiring in its efforts to exploit Canadian composers of all kinds of music, the radio artists themselves - band leaders and singers in particular -consistently refrain from using Canadian music on their national programs.
McCarron, who works in collaboration with Raleigh Keith ("You Hold the Reins"), Whitey Hains ("The Wind and the Rain"), and Ralph Bolton and Johnny Mercer ("Merry-GoRound"), says he has a catalogue of popular tunes comparable to anything performed on the Canadian air. He says he has contacted everyone from CBC production headquarters to many well-known leaders and singers, but unknown tunes never get a start because, as he feels, "the Happy Gang would prefer to play an established tune-even an inferior one."

Best news to reach these ears for a long time is the approach to recovery of Ramsay Lees, radio director of Ruthrauff \& Ryan, who has been in the Hamilton San for nearly two years. Ramsay spent Christmas day with his family in Hamilton. He has been to his own home in Oakville once. He will emerge from the San at the end of February. Then, after a month in his own bed, he'll be back at his desk, bright and early on April Fools' Day!

First to arrive east of the Prairie invaders for the CAB Convention is Bob Buss of CHAT, Medicine Hat. So far our intercourse with him has been purely telephonic, but all good things must end.

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Nobody will deny that radio has considerably changed our mode of living. For example, the two Toronto evening papers are currently indulging in a bitter and highly amusing gimmick war beyond anything ever conceived by a rate-hunting broadcaster. The Telegram started it with a "Match the Twins Contest." The Star countered with one about "Famous Sayings." Next came the Telegram's "Ontario Landmarks," followed immediately with a revival of the twin gag. And now the Star has taken the stage with a "Know Ontario" contest. All of which is a good stimulant for competitive business to the point where it even has Art Benson reading the Telegram now. (His wife still likes the Star's funnies.)

And that cleans it off until next issue

## TWO-WAY GABFEST

Winnipeg.-City housewives are now able to hear their telephone conversations with announcer George McCloy on the air, thanks to a two-way telephone system installed by CJOB.
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"Showtime" is a new series of weekly half-hours (Tuesdays, 10 p.m.) sustained by CFRB which makes a fair attempt at recalling to memory, even if only momentarily and with no lack of intended nostalgia, the tunes of the past generation. When one considers the glut of revivals on the various hit parades these days, it is amazing how many old tunes producer Wishart Campbell can dig out of the twenties that are still considered "oldies."
There is nothing new about the program's format. Every listener has a special seat in the "thea-tre"-front row, centre-and when the house lights are dimmed and the orchestra has finished the introduction, a male and female vocalist do two solos each and a couple of duets. Then it's over. It's as old as the songs.
But very ably holding down a big share of the show is a man with a good voice, William Blaine Williams. He has quality, depth, power and reveals a sense of familiarity with the music that is welcome. Nor is there a hint of any contempt for his material, a feeling which has marred the work of many good vocalists when handling such songs. Williams sounds as if he feels that young or old, highbrow or low, giving it the full treatment is what it deserves. And in doing so he scores. Last week he did it with pieces such as "Rose Marie" and "Until I Met You," and if you like this sort of thing Williams offers a pleasant way to take it.
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receives scant attention. So be it If the notes can't tell the story then the piece should be forgotten. Others with less ability will throw themselves physically and mentally (and some even morally) into a pseudo-dramatic interpretation for the benefit of the few feeble-minded.
Williams can also be thanked for saving the often uncertain efforts of the show's feminine star, Yolanda di Paolo, especially in the duets. When the going seems tough, as in her high-register work and supplying melody to contrast with powerful Williams, she shines. In passages which are simple enough Miss di Paolo relaxes, listens to herself and wavers away
Showtime's orchestra, conducted by Fred Rous, capably pours out notes for the whole 30 minutes, usually deciding to put all of its brilliance into a single brief number about midway through each program. Last week, for example, in a relatively ancient bit called "I Told Every Little Star' somebody displayed a bit of genius for arranging. The smallness of the orchestra was overcome by marked economy in the use of instruments which camouflaged the lack of depth and brought each of the instruments to the fore at effective points. The players followed through and provided, in addition to rhythm.
Unfortunately, some of the program's appeal is defaced by a silly thing-a sugar-dosed script which announcer Frank Grant is called upon to read. Several times throughout the show the listener is reminded that this half hour, designed "for vour listening pleasure," presents two "brilliant" singers and an "all-star" orchestra. It might be an idea to let the listeners decide the proper adjectives.

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It was first found that the Gardens would not be available for the broadcast on any Sunday due to the fact that Junior hockey playoffs are being held Sundays throughout March. It was felt by the radio committee that it would be better to make arrangements with some Toronto theatre than to move the program to a weekday.

However, Conn Smythe stepped in the breach and has changed one of the games to accommodate the show.

Sales of Easter Seals last year amounted to $\$ 350,000$, with much of the success of the campaign being credited to Ontario radio stations and the radio industry for producing and airing the hourlong broadcast.

During the meeting Foster Hewitt, president of Toronto's newest station, CKFH, was appointed chairman of the committee. He will take over this post from bandleader Mart Kenney. Other officers appointed were: Waldo Holden, sales manager of CFRB, as first vice-president; and Cy Mack, free-lance radio artist, as second vice-president.

ROSY PASSES
Toronto.-Maurice Rosenfeld, radio director of MacLaren Advertising Co. Ltıl., died Monday, February 5.
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## ROA TO ADDEA <br> No York_-RCA and a whole stris of other companies, dissat-

isfie with the decisions of both the ederal Communications Commissm and Chicago District Cou on the color television question have been granted permissionto appeal to this country's dighst tribunal, the U.S. Supreme Cou.

Ely last month the lower cou upheld the FCC's decision to sopt CBS standards for color telesion. Backed by intervenors sucias Emerson Radio \& Phonogra: Corporation, Pilot Radio Corration, The Radio CraftsmerInc., Wells-Gardner \& Compan Sightmaster Corporation, A.F of L.'s Local 1031 of the Intunational Brotherhood of Electric Workers, and the Television Insilation Service Association, ${ }^{\mathrm{RC}} \mathrm{C}$ is apparently going to carry the ight right to the top.
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Plans for a merger of the nation's two television broadcasters' associations seemed a little more concrete, following a conference in Chicago late last month. But reports pointed out a number of problems which would have to be solved before the wedding takes place.

At the moment many of the country's TV stations, operating independently of AM stations, are represented by the Television Broadcasters Association, headed by Paramount Television Corporation's Paul Raibourn, who was one of the speakers at the Canadian TV Clinic in Toronto last December. Among its members are three networks: CBS, ABC and DuMont. Other TV stations, most of them with AM affiliates, belong to the National Association of Broadcasters TV section.

Directors and members of both the associations have for some time advocated a single organization to represent TV stations in matters pertaining to legislation, unions and music rights. It would also be useful in setting up TV research, some point out.

But TBA is holding out for autonomy for any new organization, except in matters of general policy, fearing the same fate the FM association met at the hands of NAB; that is, being swallowed and forgotten. TBA also feels that network participation in a TV group is essential, but its three web members at the moment are having nothing to do with NAB and a reconciliation will have to be worked out before any merger is finalized. Another contentious point is where to locate headquarters for the association. With its large organization in Washington, NAB heads feel that is the logical place to quarter the group's executives. TBA, on the other hand, likes

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Former Canadian comic Alan Young is considered the best television actor in America by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, at least during the past year. Young came in for two awards given out by the Academy during its third annual awards dinner in Hollywood last month. The second one came his way as top man on the Alan Young Show, voted the best TV variety program of the year.

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NBC will start telecasts from the new co-op tower on the Empire State Building, March 1. Others to follow in the next few months include WCBS-TV, WABDDuMont, WJZ-TV and WATV, and two FM stations.

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## Canada Week On US TV

New York. - Last week was "Canada Week" on television in this metropolis, as WOR-TV, with the co-operation of Canadian National Railways, launched a series of filmed telecasts designed to give New Yorkers a better understanding of the scenic loveliness and vacation possibilities of their neighboring country to the north.
Films on Canada were shown each day by this key station of the Mutual network, highlighted by a showing of the $40-$ minute "This Is Canada" film, considered by critics as "the most complete picture ever made of Canada," last Sunday.
A total of 10 programs were carried by the station, all consisting of films taken by the CNR in various parts of Canada.


## New Hope For Small TV

Clifton, New Jersey. - A new system of television broadcasting, which may be the answer to lowcring the costs of smaller-market operations, was announced late last month by Dr. Allen B. DuMont.
DuMont, who is head of the DuMont Laboratories here and the DuMont TV network, revealed some of the results which had come from experiments using light beams to transmit TV programs. DuMont said that light beam transmitters have been developed in the laboratory with a range of about a quarter mile, adding that he hopes the range can be increased to about 10 miles.

The cost of such transmitters, DuMont said, would be about onetenth that of conventional types, while the cost of producing receivers is only about one-third.
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