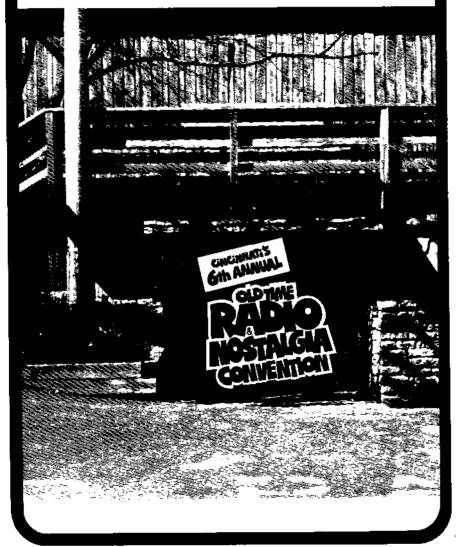
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but a knockout is problematical.

by Saul Carson



THERE is a peculiar sound in the air. It is static, but not the ordinary kind. You may not hear it too clearly as yet when you turn the dials of the radio at home, but it's there just the same. Don't bother calling a man to check the tubes or dissect the condenser. This trouble is subtle, beyond the repair of a mere mechanic. As yet, it is only the voice of premonition, the eerie beep of a presentiment. We know it comes from Radio Row. But just exactly where in the world's capital of broadcasting does that ominous noise, the sound-effect of possible doom, originate?

Could it be NBC—the National Broadcasting Company?

Has CBS—Columbia Broadcasting System—not only pre-empted NBC's-claim as the Nation's No. 1 Network but also given the coup de grace to its giant rival? And if that is true—is that good?

To be sure, a certain Mr. William S. Paley might not mind such a situation. He happens to be chairman of the CBS board of directors,

the big man atop the CBS heap. Dr. Frank Stanton, president of CBS, could presumably also stand up under the burden of sweet success. But the rise of one network to a superior position need not mean the eclipse of another of our coast-to-coast broadcasters. If it does—that's serious. That's very serious for us, the listeners.

If NBC is done, will we get better programs, and more of them? Where will they come from, and will those better programs reach into our homes or become mere sounds in the night? And what of the two remaining networks in radio, American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and Mutual Broadcasting System (MBS)? And what, further, of the television situation where it appears that we shall probably have as many as six national networks by 1952 or 1953?

It is certain that NBC has been shaken, badly. Part of that radio static heard by those whose ears are attuned to such signals comes from the gnashing of teeth on the sixth floor of Radio City in New York. There, NBC's executive offices are located. There, anguish is accompanied by anger. And the anger is directed at CBS. For CBS, this year, has wounded NBC.

Being rich and strong of purse, NBC has a whole corps of doctors studying the situation. The communiques coming from the sick room are, of course, optimistic. Sometimes the physicians fail to admit that the wounds inflicted by CBS are more than mere scratches, only superficial breaking of the outer skin. But we, the customers huddled at our radio sets, have reason to wonder: Are the NBC doctors telling us the entire story? Is the CBS-inflicted injury deeper, perhaps affecting the heart itself?

Consider that Sunday night fiasco. Jack Benny has been bought by CBS—stock, yak and hoke. There he stands, as always of a Sunday night at seven, his retinue as of old but his Hooper rating higher than ever. Rave and rant, if you will, against the habit of counting program popularity by the reports of Mr. Hooper's telephonic snoopers. The fact remains that these horrible Hooper points are being computed no differently today than they were a few short months ago. There is only one difference: Benny is now on CBS and not on NBC.

"B.B. came A. & A." No, that's not a fancy formula but a statement of fact. Before Benny there was the case of Amos 'n' Andy. When CBS took this pair away from NBC, it was the beginning of the revolution—but NBC refused to recognize the fact. Now A. & A. are on that CBS Sunday night lineup. Edgar Bergen has packed Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd into the toy chests, and is bringing his family to CBS.

Al Jolson is threatening to desert radio-and NBC.

Then there is Fred Allen. He had been slipping for a couple of years anyway. By reorganizing his Sunday night tour, at the opening of the 1948-'49 season, forsaking his old Alley for a walk down Main Street, he acknowledged that a refurbishing of his comedy apparatus was in order. He rolled up his sleeves. He not only tried to inject fresh

humor into his situations, he also battered that wise old head of his against a wall. But the wall was built of solid gold being coined on the ABC network by "Stop the Music." Allen wanted to Stop that Nonsense. But he was no Joshua, and Jericho's fortress did not fall. Someone was stopped cold—but it was not the musical quiz on ABC. It was Allen in person. He became sour. NBC's own press department admitted that fact. Said NBC's public relations boys: "Talk to Fred Allen and he'll tell you, a bit sourly, that today's humor reflects the age we live in." Those italics are mine, but the philosophy comes straight from the horse's mouth at NBC. This awful age "we live in" seems to have been unnoticed until the CBS carnage had begun to hurt. Allen's time was changed, but his decline was not braked. And that augured little good for NBC.

If you can stand further sorrow, let's go on with this roster of NBC calamities. Horace Heidt was taken from his relatively safe spot of Sunday night at 10:30, and moved into Jack Benny's former time on NBC. The network made a great-to-do about this being radio's No. 1 spot. It became radio's No. 1 tragedy for Heidt. He was secure where he had been. Pitted against Benny on CBS, Heidt was like a

Golden Gloves winner put into the ring against Jack Dempsey. Sure—the one Jack, like the other, is a tired old battler, while Heidt has youth on his side in more ways than one. But even in his dotage, the old master can show faster footwork and swing a punch more deftly than any amateur. Heidt, no amateur himself, acts only as master of ceremonies presenting hopefuls. They couldn't stand a single round against Benny on CBS. Again, the loss in audience was NBC's, the gain was CBS'.

CBS did not stop with the break-up of NBC's Sunday night roster. It went after everybody in sight—with large wads of Uncle Sam's soundest currency. Red Skelton was signed up. Fibber McGee and Molly were wooed. Duffy's Tavern was eyed. Having tasted blood, CBS went after more—again, and again, and again. In-



deed, it went beyond NBC. It went after everything else that's big, and profitable, on the air. Paley himself went to Hollywood to tackle Bing

Crosby, who has been doing his stuff on ABC. NBC tackled Crosby. ABC tried hard to hold on to Crosby. They fought for him as if—well, as if he were Bing Crosby. CBS won. The loss was not only ABC's—which can ill afford such damage. The CBS-Crosby deal affected also NBC.

NBC's failure to get Crosby symbolized all the trouble facing this network. It was in deep trouble, And it had much to lose. NBC was a very profitable organization. A network's profit comes from various sources. One of these sources is the quality and popularity of its talent. When you, the listener, tune in on Network A, preferring it to Network B, the advertiser wants to give his biggest business to Network A. But there is another important consideration—the ability of any network to reach you at your radio receiving set. That ability depends on the locations of its transmitters and on the amount of power behind those transmitters. A 50,000-watt transmitter located in a large metropolitan center like Kansas City can reach more listeners-and sell them more of the advertiser's goods—than a half-dozen transmitters operating at 10,000 watts in smaller cities like Keokuk or Topeka. Well, NBC was in the network business first, before CBS or any of the others. NBC had behind it the backing of Radio Corporation of America it is still a fully-owned subsidiary of RCA. NBC used to have two national networks-the old "Red" and "Blue." When the federal government forced NBC to sell one of these networks—that one is ABC now-NBC took the best locations and the majority of 50,000-watt transmitters.

As you can see without the aid of a table of logarithms, the network with the best affiliate stations around the country stands the best chance of making the most money. That was the position of NBC. But if CBS should prove to advertisers that it gets and keeps more listeners than NBC? The advertisers would, then, switch mostly to CBS. Many affiliate stations would, then, want to switch also. Do you see how a blow at NBC's Benny, followed through with a punch at ABC's Crosby, could weaken-the heart of a network?

How many more punches has CBS up its sleeve? And if it should land a few more—would it bring about the death of NBC? Would the empire crumble?

Don't get the idea that NBC is in complete coma. It has been knocked down, but it isn't out. It's still in there trying. How hard it tries—and how successfully—upon these factors depends the answer to our prime question about the possible demise of NBC.

A long time ago—back in the summer of 1947—Niles Trammel, president of NBC, assured me in all sincerity that NBC doesn't make any money out of its network operations anyway. He said its profits come from the stations which it owns and operates. Shortly after he had told me that, there was an amusing incident at a labor-management conference in which the four networks were negotiating a contract with the Radio Writers' Guild. Every time the Guild

representatives asked for more money in a certain department, the NBC man spoke up in protest. The NBC man insisted that NBC makes no money out of its news department, makes no profit on dramatic programs, earns no dividends on soap operas—in short, NBC is starving. The union rep finally spoke up: "What do you make money on—the Radio City Guided Tours?"

Trammel didn't go quite that far. He admitted that NBC did make money on six individual stations which it owns. But his bosses—at RCA—might ask: "Then why bother having a network? Let somebody else have the network headaches, and we'll just run our own stations."

Actually, NBC started thinking about tightening up its network programming some time before Mr. Paley of CBS started ladling gold



Battle for network supremacy continues as stars flock to CBS banner.

out of his rich pans. For a number of years, NBC programming has been very smug, afraid to experiment, afraid to try any new tack. Then a new program vice president was appointed. His name is Ken R. Dyke. He didn't move very fast. But he had begun to do something about programs by the time CBS opened its war.

Dyke did not exactly go after brand new ideas with the hunger of one who knows he must eat to live. NBC was still eating. But he did give NBC's "University of the Air" more freedom. He did finally let NBC concede that the documentary form is here to stay, and thus NBC started its fine "Living: 1948" program (which is now, of course, "Living: 1949").

But when CBS brought out the heavy artillery, new life came suddenly to the NBC program department. The complacent giant

opened his doors wide open to all who might have fresh ideas or talent. Dyke set up a special unit to consider new programs, and the word went out that anyone with an idea could have it considered at NBC. Overnight, ideas began pouring in. They came, for a while, at the rate of 50 or 60 a day. Dyke's new program unit set aside 52 new programs for detailed consideration in the first three weeks after Benny had moved to CBS.

Naturally, NBC was not telling what those new ideas were. When Gimbel's is ready to tell Macy's—it's through full-page ads informing the customers that the goods are actually on the counter. But for once,

NBC was really in the market—and for people with program ideas, the seller was on the favorable side.

NBC was also trying to fight fire with more of the same, jingling its coin against all comers. It lost on Crosby, but it did try to get "Theatre Guild on the Air" away from ABC, and stood ready to buy anything that's proven successful. And NBC did go one step further. It actually developed a brand new comedy team, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

In preparation for this jeremiad, I looked into the forthcoming Martin and Lewis show. The principals are young men who met up in an Atlantic City bistro and found that Lewis' squeaky comedy voice





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complements Martin's handsome personality and pleasant singing. They went down to Miami, and Walter Winchell heard them there as a duo, and dubbed them "terrific." Hollywood put them into the filming of "My Friend Irma" (which is an air-package owned by CBS) and Arthur Godfrey gave the boys a big send-off on the CBS network (if that seems ironic, make the most of it).

I heard the recording of the program which Martin and Lewis did as an "audition" for NBC. I think they were very amusing. NBC will probably have them on the air by the time you read these lines, and NBC hopes some advertiser—on the basis of the same "audition platter" that I heard—will sponsor the new Martin and Lewis show. I wish NBC, and anyone who sponsors the program, best of luck. I think Martin and Lewis deserve a break, and I hope, profoundly, that they get it. But—

But Martin and Lewis are not the answer to NBC's loss of Jack Benny, plus the loss of Edgar Bergen, plus the loss of Red Skelton, plus the possible loss of Allen, plus the bruited loss of Jolson. Nobody is that good.

There is another point that's extremely important to us listeners. Suppose NBC does develop two, three, four teams like Martin and Lewis, and suppose they are judged tops? Will that amount to a new type of programming? The answer is: It will not. NBC is still thinking along old channels, still operating along old worn-out patterns. NBC could have shown courage, for instance, when its Sunday night lineup was broken up.





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There is a non-network station in New York (WNEW) which practices a type of programming called by a fancy label, "counterpoise." All that high-falutin' name means is this: Do the opposite of what the other fellow is doing. Put another way, it means: If your competitor has the best mousetrap - don't try to outsell him on mousetraps, sell cats instead. NBC might have taken a lesson from WNEW. Then, instead of trying to put Heidt up against Benny, it would have made an announcement along these lines: "NBC has decided that the Sabbath hours from seven to nine shall be dedicated to the best of drama. We shall have two solid hours of the best dramas, performed by the finest stars in the world, in plays especially written for us by the greatest playwrights in the world, scored by the greatest musicians"... etc., etc., etc. That would have shown imagination and courage. WNEW has made a lot of money through "counter-poise" imagination, NBC showed no such tendency.

By displaying lack of imagina-





America and founder of NBC; Niles Trammell, President of NBC; William Paley, Chairman of the Board, Columbia Broadcasting System, and Dr. Frank Stanton, CBS President.

tion and courage, NBC affected all of us listeners in more ways than one. It not only took from us the opportunity of getting really fresh, vigorous programs by tuning in on our local NBC affiliate. It also threatened to affect the programs of all other networks.

Mutual, which has more stations than any other network, has never been too sharp in developing new type of commercial programs (except in news). Its educational and religious department is also good, but has too few opportunities to show its stuff. NBC's lying down on the job was no shining example for Mutual.

ABC, staggering under the loss of Crosby and threatened with the loss of "Theatre Guild," had only one big league star left—Walter Winchell. ABC's slip, when it starts showing in public, is no prettier than any other dame's.

There was even danger that NBC's losses might affect CBS, although in a different way. CBS has been, for many years, the outstanding network for the creation of new types of programs, development of new types of talent.

It has had more genuine artistic sense than all the other networks combined. It is CBS that electrified radio years ago with Archibald MacLeish's "The Fall of the City." It was CBS that took a young fellow off a local station and gave him his head-his name is Norman Corwin. It was the "CBS Workshop" that developed some of the most exciting shows ever heard on the air. It was CBS that first gave to radio an example of how music can really be integrated with drama in the work of composer Bernard Herrmann. Furthermore, CBS developed programs that were more popular-like "My Friend Irma," "mr. ace, and JANE," "Life With Luigi," and many others. CBS developed the great radio documentaries, and set the pattern along those lines for the rest of radio to follow.

I recite these grand accomplishments here for one reason. Will CBS continue along those pathsor will it lie down, putting all its eggs into the Benny-Crosby baskets? There are ominous signs. The "mr. ace" show was taken off the air, a victim of Hooperitis. Quietly. Corwin's contract was terminated, and Herrmann was not scoring any music for CBS. "Workshop" went the way of all Hooper flesh a long time ago. Let's hope CBS has not lost that old drive. Let's hope its increased profits from more popular programs will be poured right back into more, rather than less, experimental work toward better listening. But while we don't lose sight of CBS, let's keep that NBC situation in focus. If NBC was so far behind CBS innovation when

it had all the big stars—what kind of NBC will we have now that the big money fellows don't live at NBC any more? Are RCA's accountants likely to step in and ask the worried brass at NBC: "Isn't there some way to turn an honest dollar in addition to the Guided Tours?"

The RCA accountants may have to take other factors into consideration. These include:

- 1) General David Sarnoff, head man of RCA, takes great pride in NBC. Sarnoff founded and developed NBC. He won't let it go by default without a fight. If he has to chop heads at NBC, from the very top, he'll do so. He is very sentimental about his NBC baby.
- 2) RCA needs NBC in radio because RCA manufactures and sells not only radio receiving sets but also radio transmission equipment.
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If all the Sarnoff sentimentality and the hard facts of accountants probing into NBC radio are not convincing enough, television makes it mandatory to keep NBC

But how will NBC radio be kept going? Where is that shot in the arm? It has the dollars, but it has had vast financial resources for a long time. That's not enough. Paley also has dollars, and is putting them to better use now. And if dollars alone cannot turn the trick, how will NBC's heart be kept going? And if the heart stops— Is NBC finished?

To change the simile, the answer is this: There are two strikes against NBC, but the ball game isn't over.

RCA may throw in a new pitcher.

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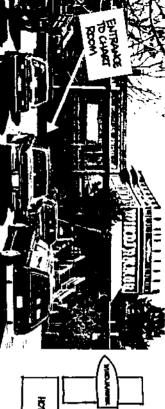
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outstanding guest performances on shows like Bonanza. His major motion picture credits include: Riding High, It Happens Every Thursday, Hollywood or Bust, Auntie Mame, The Apartment and Hail to the Chief! More recently, he has concentrated on stage roles. He has appeared in the musical Mame on Broadway and on tour with Angela Lansbury, Janis Paige, Jane Morgan and Ann Miller. Other musicals include: How To Succeed in **Business Without Really Trying** (as J.B. Biggley); Pajama Game (as Hassler); Arsenic and Old Lace (as Teddy) and The Music Man (as Mayor Shinn). We will be privileged to see him re-create his most popular radio role as The Great Gildersleeve,



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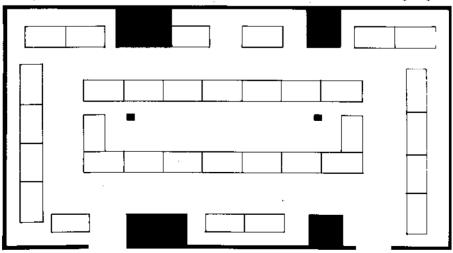


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Jim next made four stacks of books upon a worktable. These stacks, arranged in a square, made a sort of nest to support the board holding the turntable. The books were placed to a sufficient height to insure that the turntable motor cleared the work table underneath.

The only remaining problem was to jury-rig a tone arm long enough to reach

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What surprised us the most is that the balance on the jury-rigged tone arm was like something out of a dream, and I don't mean a nightmare.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

This has nothing whatsoever to do with OTR. However, I thought Digest readers might enjoy the following line which appeared in exactly this way in the NEW YORK TIMES for December 8, 1988:

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