



TIC TOC

May 1969

PRESIDENT PATRICELLI PRESIDES AT STATE BROADCASTERS' MEETING

President Patricelli, as president of the Connecticut Broadcasters Assn., presided at the Association's spring meeting at Wesleyan University May 8.

Among the highlights were a welcoming address by Wesleyan President Edwin Etherington, a banquet address by Congressmen Thomas Meskill and seminars on CATV, ratings, promotion and research.

At the CATV seminar, Mr. Patricelli attacked the Connecticut Public Utility Commission's decision to bar broadcasters from CATV licenses as "unconstitutional."

Noting that Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. has joined Channels 8 and 30 in their appeal of the PUC decision, Mr. Patricelli said he would fight the decision as long as necessary.

Mr. Patricelli was responding to remarks by PUC Attorney Frank Odlum who explained that the Commission had ruled against broadcasters on the grounds that the stations would enjoy "undue influence" if allowed to own CATV systems.

Mr. Patricelli said the Company had joined Channels 8 and 30 as a friend of the court because the two stations were only "trying to improve their own signals in their own markets. The PUC," he said, "is denying them the right to reach their own audience."

STATIONS RECEIVE RED CROSS AWARD

A plaque was presented to WTIC Radio and Television May 27 in recognition of the station's outstanding performance in the 1968 Blood Symposium.

The Symposium is held annually to honor organizations that have made outstanding records in the Red Cross blood donor program.

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STATIONS' EDITORIALS RECEIVE HIGH PRAISE FROM AUDIENCE

The inauguration of editorials on WTIC Radio and Television has drawn a great deal of favorable comment from listeners and viewers.

President Patricelli's first editorial, on the language of the campus radical, stimulated an extraordinary response from the radio and television audience. Dozens of viewers and listeners wrote to commend the editorial and request copies. The editorial was also reprinted in "The Congressional Record." It appears on Page 2 of this issue of TIC TOC.

ROBERT PATRICELLI APPOINTED TO TOP POST IN HEW DEPARTMENT

Robert E. Patricelli, son of President and Mrs. Patricelli, has been named deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In announcing Patricelli's appointment, HEW Secretary Robert H. Finch said he will be his special assistant for the Urban Affairs Council and will play a key role in the formulation of HEW policies on such programs as model cities, manpower training and providing social services.

Patricelli is 29. He lives with his wife, the former Susan Schaffer, and their two children in Woodacres, Md.

He graduated in 1961 from Wesleyan and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received a law degree from Harvard in 1965. While at Harvard Law School, he helped the then-Rep. John V. Lindsay, now New York City Mayor, on the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Patricelli has been working as executive secretary of two Office of Economic Opportunity programs that are scheduled for transfer to HEW.

These programs are Head Start and neighborhood health centers. Patricelli directed the citizens advisory committee on the programs.

Patricelli was minority counsel for the senate subcommittee on employment, manpower, and poverty from September, 1966, until he came to HEW. While with the subcommittee, he was responsible for researching and writing legislation on antipoverty, hunger, juvenile delinquency, and manpower training programs for the members, and originated several major legislative changes including the language in the antipoverty law which provides the primary

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WTIC EDITORIAL COMMENT

FIVE PROMOTIONS
ANNOUNCED IN MAY

Among the many casualties of college campus violence the English language. As used by youthful dissenters, words simply don't mean what they once meant.

Take, for example, the word liberate. It brings to mind American soliders marching into a French or Belgian village and freeing the cheering citizens from Nazi oppression. Today, campus building seized by students is said to be liberated--although the liberation consists of destroying property that doesn't belong to the liberators.

Demand is another word heard with increasing frequency on the campus. A demand is what used to be a request--back in the days when deans and college presidents commanded some respect from students. Demands, of course, are always non-negotiable. But non-negotiable really means that discussion is suspended until the food runs out, the police arrive, or a face-saving device is found for both the demonstrators and the dean.

In the demonstrator's jargon, a policeman is a pig. But in olden days, a pig was someone who dressed in a slovenly fashion, didn't bother with niceties like haircuts and baths and tended to be profane and obscene in his speech.

Segregation is a word that used to mean separating black people from white people and it was wrong. But now, segregation has become respectable because it has been enshrined in Afro-American Institutes.

And finally, there are two words used by members of the SDS when they try to explain just what it is they're after. The words are participatory democracy. In the hands of student radicals, participatory democracy is practiced by seizing buildings, blocking job interviews, shouting down those with differing points of view, and committing acts of vandalism. In an earlier time, there was another word for participatory democracy. That word was fascism.

Leonard J. Patricelli
May 2, 1969

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authority for the jobs program. Concurrently, he served as chief legislative and policy aide to Senator Jacob Javits of New York in the area of urban affairs.

In September, 1965, Patricelli was appointed a White House Fellow, one of 15 chosen from among 3,100 applicants. He spent the next year in the office of Secretary of State Dean Rusk, where he handled special projects on Vietnam, Congressional presentations, and departmental administration.

ROBERT E. SMITH ELECTED AGAIN

Robert E. Smith elected President for the 6th year of The Civic Music Association of Greater Hartford.

Five promotions were announced this month. They were: Richard F. Ahles to director of public relations, Maynard B. Albert to assistant promotion manager, Richard G. Huntley to assistant TV program manager, Harrison W. Parcell to TV production manager and James G. Stewart to TV director.

Ahles joined WTIC in 1961 and was named information director in 1962. A graduate of Bethany College in West Virginia, he served in the U.S. Army for two years and was a reporter for the Wheeling, West Virginia Intelligencer and The Hartford Courant and assistant public relations director of Wesleyan University before coming to WTIC.

Albert joined WTIC-TV's production department in 1957 and was later transferred to the promotion department. He attended the University of Rhode Island and was graduated from Emerson College in Boston. Before joining WTIC, he served in the U.S. Army, was an announcer and program manager of Station WRIB, Providence and radio and television director of Julian Gross and Associates in Hartford.

Huntley is a graduate of Brown University and a former officer in the U.S. Navy. Before joining WTIC-TV in 1957, he was a director at WBZ-TV, Boston and production manager of WWOR-TV, Worcester, and WCAX-TV, Burlington. Huntley joined WTIC-TV as a director and was promoted to assistant production manager in 1966.

Parcell has a B.A. and M.A. degree from Syracuse University. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he was a TV director at WHEN-TV in Syracuse and WWLP-TV in Springfield. He joined WTIC-TV as a director in 1957.

Stewart attended the University of Maryland and graduated first in his class from the RCA Institute in New York. Before joining WTIC-TV as a member of the production staff in 1963, Stewart served in the Air Force and was a lighting technician on the ABC Television Network series, "The Naked City."

SUMMER ENGINEERS SET;
RUSSELL TO TV ENGINEERING

Phillip G. Carta has rejoined the television Engineering Department for the summer months to fill in for engineers on vacation. Phil is majoring in Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania where he will begin his senior year next fall. He and his fiancée, also an Electrical Engineer, plan to be married in August.

Michael R. Russell will transfer from the Radio to Television Engineering Department for vacation coverage this summer. Mike attended Southern Illinois University and Southern Connecticut State College. He was formerly employed by WROY in Carmel, Illinois and WOWW in Naugatuck, Conn. before joining WTIC in 1967.

Bill Lamb of 50 Taylor Rd., West Hartford, a University of Detroit Radio and Television major, has joined Radio Engineering for the summer.

PHILADELPHIA NEWSMAN
JOINS NEWS DEPARTMENT

Kenneth Venit, formerly assistant assignment editor for WFIL-TV News, Philadelphia, joined the News Department this month.

Venit has a bachelor's degree in radio and television and a master's degree in journalism from Temple University. He is living at 44B Salem Court, Glastonbury with his wife, the former Beth Handelman of Hartford, and their daughter, Dawn Jacqueline.

MORE JOBS FOR JOE

It's been quite a month for Joe McGuinness. He only picked up three new jobs.

First, he was named publicity chairman of the Northeastern Connecticut Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Then, he became publicity chairman of the West District, Boys Scouts of America and did the publicity for the district's antique show and flea market.

And finally, he was elected to the executive committee of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hartford.

LETTER TO STEELE

Dear "Bob" Steele:

Thank you so very much for announcing our Dad's 80th birthday on your program yesterday. (Bill McCray, Hampden, Mass.)

He was so pleased when you spoke about the 3/4 Century Softball Club and particularly when you announced his batting average.

I recorded your birthday announcements on tape and at our family dinner celebration we played it back for Dad to hear. How thrilled he was to hear it over again. We are saving the tape so that our younger daughter, who will be home from college this Saturday, can hear what you said about her Grandpa.

We knew many people listened to your program but I was doubly surprised when friends of mine called to say they had heard the announcement and to be sure and wish my Dad a happy birthday.

I do hope I have not committed any Federal Offense for the taping. It was done strictly for personal pleasure and use.

Again thank you for my Dad's birthday announcement.

Cordially,
Althea L. Woods

EDWARDS ELECTED
PTO PRESIDENT

Fred Edwards has been elected President of the Bennet Junior High, Manchester, Parent-Teacher-Student Organization for the 1969-70 school year. His wife, Ruth, was the first president 10 years ago.

His daughter, Marian, stewardess for United Airlines, had her first emergency landing May 20 when the 727 lost all its hydraulic fluid. The plane was approaching Atlanta when the fluid loss was noticed. A safe landing was made.

His daughter, Carol, at the annual dance recital at Southern Connecticut State College, was presented with a scholarship to attend the Connecticut College Dance Festival for six weeks this summer.

RED CROSS AWARD
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The award was accepted for the stations by President Patricelli. A highlight of the symposium was a sketch, "Every Man Must Do His Own Thing," billed as "A Mike Line Stage Show," starring Brad Davis and Dick Bertel.