

Mr. BROTZMAN. I am more interested in this, though.

There is a purpose in my question. This is a foundation question I am asking you.

That is, I wondered if this committee was consulted as this thing developed concerning some offer to different individuals to compete. I wondered if you might know that.

Mr. DINGELL. I recall no consultation with the committee during the time I have been a member and that goes back to about 1956 as I recall.

My recollection is that they had a hard time to find someone to carry the test out.

Mr. BROTZMAN. There was an editorial in this morning's paper.

Mr. DINGELL. The Washington Post?

Mr. BROTZMAN. Yes.

Mr. DINGELL. I am an avid reader of the Washington Post, but I find I am reading them more and agreeing with them less.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Not to get down to their particular attitude here but I note one thing. I had been under the impression that there was only one test or one experiment that had been run in the Hartford area. I find the editorial referring to the fact that there have been test runs in several cities.

Mr. DINGELL. That is correct. There was one up in Canada, around Toronto. There was a wire subscription TV service that was instituted out in California—

Mr. MACDONALD. There have been about six.

Mr. DINGELL (continuing). Which wound up in a big fight, amendment of the Constitution or referendum out there that held it to be unlawful. Finally this was set aside by the court. While the court case out there was successful the patient died.

For one reason or another the entrepreneur who was running that particular test went broke.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Are we going to have testimony about these other experiments or are we going to limit ourselves to just the Hartford experiment?

Mr. MACDONALD. I am sure that the people who ran the test in Hartford have the knowledge of what happened in the other tests and I am sure they can be questioned about them.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Were they involved in these tests, too?

Mr. MACDONALD. I don't believe so but I am sure they must have studied them before they invested an amount of money in the Hartford test.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Turning to your testimony on page 7 regarding the Hartford test, where did you find these figures? You said the Hartford trial was supposed to begin operations after 2,000 subscribers were obtained and so forth.

Mr. DINGELL. That comes out of two places. One is the report of the Commission and the other is the comments that were made by some of the individuals who have testified before the Commission in connection with this subscription television proceeding. I believe that this committee could well scrutinize the statements. I would refer particularly to the statements made by the National Broadcasting Co. which was a rather fine presentation and also some statements made by Motorola in connection with that which I believe were very useful.

Mr. BROTZMAN. That was testimony before the FCC?