

and 61 UHF construction permits in the hands of permittees. There were also 85 educational stations on the air and an additional 28 education construction permits outstanding.

In the period between the lifting of the freeze (1952) and January 1, 1964, 15 VHF and 108 UHF stations went off the air. In the same period, 71 VHF and 262 UHF construction permits were surrendered or cancelled. During 1963 alone, one VHF station and two UHF stations went dark.

The Commission's release of final television broadcast financial data for the year 1963 (the most recent available) reveals that 17% of the VHF stations (77 stations) and 42% of the UHF stations (33 stations) reported losses. As related to the Commission's priorities for the development of a nation-wide television system set forth in its Sixth Report and Order on Television Allocations,¹⁴ approximately 45% of the present communities having television stations have only one station, approximately 25% are two-station markets, approximately 20% are three-station markets, and slightly less than 10% have four or more stations.

The Commission, as part of its program of fostering UHF development, has proposed a revised allocation plan for UHF channels which, among other things, has attempted to provide at least one commercial channel to any community with a population of 10,000 or more, with both UHF and VHF channels being utilized in reaching that goal. The Commission also sponsored the all-channel television receiver legislation, which will undoubtedly assist in the future development of UHF. However, the Commission recognized that this legislation was not the sole answer to the problem of UHF development.¹⁵ Additional economic support and program sources must be developed.

The Commission has at this point done perhaps all that its regulatory power permits to encourage the development of UHF and to encourage the achievement of all goals established in its priorities for a nation-wide competitive television service except to promote more economic support and program product through the authoriza-

¹⁴ Para 63, released April 14, 1952 (FCC 52-294).

¹⁵ See Statement of Newton N. Minow, then Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, in Hearings on H.R. 8031 and related bills, Before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, 87th Cong., 2d Sess., pp. 123, 151-194; see also Statement of Commissioner Robert E. Lee, *id.* at pp. 199-207.