

record of the past hearings. I don't believe there are any changes that anybody would suggest at this particular juncture.

Mr. MACDONALD. Out of courtesy, do you know the answer, just to give it to him?

Mr. ROBERTSON. You are asking for the total amount for the Corporation for Educational Television?

Mr. BROWN. The functioning corporation.

Mr. ROBERTSON. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had provided for the corporation a projection which is found on page 53 of the committee's former report by fiscal years, starting with \$9 million in fiscal 1968, and running up to \$120 million in 1973, with the comments that the long-range corporation budget is not expected to exceed \$160 million by about 1980.

Mr. BROWN. That is the answer I wanted.

Would you react to the suggestion of a possibility of a combination of subscription or pay television with a tax on broadcasters? The tax on broadcasters has some built-in thermostat because if ETV can be considered to be competitive with commercial broadcasters, then when the commercial broadcasters don't do so well because of the fluctuations in the economy, presumably ETV would have less money to operate on, too. And, you wouldn't be tied to a quixotic Federal Government, either in the Congress or in the executive branch. Could you comment on that?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I would be glad to, Mr. Brown.

I would say in answer to your comments that these are the kinds of considerations which educational broadcasters generally are in the midst of studying.

I don't think any one of the suggestions that has been made, including pay television, should be thrown out. There are specific objections and specific strengths in all of them, but I don't think we are prepared to say yet precisely the plan we would support.

Mr. BROWN. When do you think you will be prepared?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I think we need to see some action on the part of the Public Corporation.

Mr. BROWN. Roughly. One year, 5 years, 20 years?

Mr. ROBERTSON. One year.

Mr. BROWN. Thank you.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN. Have any of you read a statement made by Federal Communications Commissioner Robert Lee on January 26 on the responsibility of stations in news presentations, made to a conference held at the continuing education center at Notre Dame University?

Mr. KUBASIK. I heard reports of it, but not the full statement.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask that the statement be placed in the record at this point for the interest of the members of the committee.

Mr. MACDONALD. Without objection it is so ordered.

(The statement referred to follows:)

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT E. LEE, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, CONFERENCE AT THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER, NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BEND, IND., JANUARY 26, 1968

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATIONS IN NEWS PRESENTATION

A network commentator, covering the 1964 Convention, spotted a civil rights demonstrator who had prostrated herself on the convention floor. He told the