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The Committee appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to study the problem of radiobroadcasting in this country in its relation to the European situation held a meeting today with members of the radiobroadcasting industry to exchange ideas and to discuss the problem of radio coverage of the war in Europe.

At this meeting the representatives of the industry submitted statements of policies and practices of their respective companies in regard to war coverage. They also submitted the "Memorandum of European War Coverage" adopted by a committee of the National Association of Broadcasters at a meeting in New York on September 7, 1939. Cooperative consideration was given to a number of problems which have arisen, but no final conclusions were arrived at.

Chairman Fly expressed the thought that the radio industry, taken by and large, had rendered an important public service in broadcasting news and comment on war conditions. He said that all parties will continue to give consideration to the most effective means of assuring that broadcasting operations in this period of stress will promote the public interest.

Those attending the meeting were: Neville Miller, President of the National Association of Broadcasters; Alfred J. McCosker, Chairman of the Board of Mutual Broadcasting System; Niles Trammel, Executive Vice President of National Broadcasting Company; Edward Klauber, Executive Vice President of Columbia Broadcasting System; William B. Dolph, Manager of the Mutual Station in Washington (WOL); Harry C. Butcher, Vice President and Manager of the Washington office of Columbia Broadcasting System; and Frank M. Russell, Vice

President and Manager of the Washington office of National Broadcasting Company.

The Committee of the Commission is composed of James Lawrence Fly, Chairman, and Commissioners Thad H. Brown and T.A.M. Craven.