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College Station, Texas Friday, February 26, 1971

Warning system changed to give AP, UPI control

WASHINGTON (AP)-The Fed- said Thursday that automatic for national emergency announcements will be temporarily discontinued in the wake of last weekend's system failures.

The FCC assented to a recommendation from a communications advisory committee that such announcements be sent to the broadcast news desks of The Associated Press and United Press International starting this

Defense. Then, in Sunday night's test, The news desks would then relay the alert messages to all radio

the usual practice message did not get through to the AP wires, although the UPI wire was activated.

In Thursday's meeting of the advisory group, both AP and UPI asked to retain control over their wires in the future.

This procedure was adopted and apparently will be tested at least until April 27, a date set by the advisory committee for submission of final proposals.

Although the advisory cominto the AP and UPI wires mittee has no legal authority to change the rules, administered by the FCC, participation in the emergency broadcast system is on a voluntary basis.

David Bowen, director of com-

munications for The AP, said after the meeting that civil defense authorities at Colorado Springs would continue to send out the alert messages, known as **Emergency** Action Notifications, on their existing teletype links to AP in New York and UPI in Chicago, but without activating the "seize-key" devices that would otherwise take control of the AP

and UPI broadcast news wires. Instead, he said, news person-

nel would relay the message, after telephoning the White House communications office for confirmation.

He said this relay procedure would take about one minute longer than an automatic wiretakeover by civil defense, but

would be more reliable.

Bowen said the news services want the system changed so that alert messages would originate directly from the White House, with some system of authentica tion. Under the law, the President of the United States is the only person authorized to put a real alert into motion.

Earlier Thursday, Sen. John C. Stennis, D.-Miss., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced that a preparedness subcommittee is investigating the problems in the emergency broadcast system.

He said the subcommittee would try to find out why Saturday's false alert occurred and whether the system would work properly in a real emergency.

and ordered dossiers on the

scheduled speakers from Ft. Hola-

He said the intelligence back-

ground received from Ft. Hola-

bird on civil rights activist Dick

Gregory "was so tainted that it

was unusable." It was "com-

pletely subjective, based on un-

substantiated information and un-

tempts were made to link indi-

viduals to Communist organiza-

tions through a process of guilt

"though I am sure he would not

condone premature termination

Lane said that, typically, at-

reliable sources," he said.

by association."

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ral Communications Commission take-over of the major news wires **BUSIEK - JONES AGENCY** REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE F.H.A.-Veterans and Conventional Loans

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It's often spy vs. spy, Congress told WASHINGTON (P)-Congress

was told Thursday that the military's domestic surveillance often is a case of spy vs. spy, like the time 53 agents watched one another among 66 civilian demonstrators.

have sent two intelligence experts from "somewhere on the West Coast" to infiltrate the peaceful, mid-September 1969 antiwar gathering outside Ft. Carson, Colo., an Army installa-

and television stations on their

wires, treating them as top-

The Emergency Broadcast

System is tested each Saturday

morning and Sunday evening

with test messages transmitted

from civil defense offices at Col-

Last Saturday, a civilian em-

ployee of the Army grabbed the

wrong tape and mistakenly trans-

mitted, through an automatic link

nationwide, a real alert message

directing most stations to go off

the air and others to clear the

airwaves for a further message

from the President or from Civil

priority news stories.

orado Springs, Colo.

Stallings will be in the cast of ABC Sunday fishing show

Page 3 Saturday.

Gene Stallings, athletic direc- 3:15 p.m. Sunday (5:15 on KBTX, tor and head football coach at Channel 3, in Bryan). Texas A&M, will be featured on "The American Sportsman" over bass fishing in Ocala National the ABC television network at Park in Florida.

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The 45-minute show will be on

mendous and I had a great time."

examples were advanced to the Senate subcommitte on constitutional rights by Lawrence Lane, former intelligence coordinator at the post and now an aide to Rep. Robert N. Giamo, D.-Con.

Under questioning by Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr., D.-N.C., Lane declared, "Rivalry between various military intelligence groups was so great the agents were watching each other to determine what the others were watching so we could see what was important."

Even the Navy was said to tion. Even the Navy was said to tion. Even two intelligence ex-That account and other such 5th Military Intelligence Detach-Lane, who was assigned to the Violence" at Colorado College, ment at Ft. Carson, said he once found himself named on another agent's report as a "dissident soldier" because he was spotted attending a civilian antiwar meeting. Lance said he was there on surveillance duty himself.

Lane, like several other former agents, testified that he and his colleagues maintained extensive files on civilian goups and individuals.

In one case, he said, his unit was to monitor a "symposium on

Spare parts medicine

and even autopsy, are probably being carried on today in respect to feelings about transplants."

"The first kidney transplants premature . . . just as the Wright it is to argue for human parts."

after death, he commented.

keep kidneys for more than 28

Is it then ethical to speed up the dying process if there is no of life for the sake of saving an

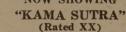
way to save the patient? Fletcher believes so if the patient has agreed previously. rest of the body going," he said.

minus?" he argued.

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Stallings said : "It was a real pleasure working on the show with Curt Gowdy and John Willham, known as the Florida Out-(Continued from page 1) doorsman. The fishing was trephilosophies concerning dissection still beating."

the best ones for transplants are the sake of the whole," he said,