

F. C. C. ASSAILS FOES OF COLOR TV ORDER

Agency Says They Fail to Show It Would Cause Them to Suffer Irreparable Legal Injury

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission contended today that the Radio Corporation of America had "flagrantly" disregarded the record of the commission's hearings on color television.

It filed its answer today to R. C. A. and other television equipment makers who are opposing the F. C. C.'s order of Oct. 11 giving the Columbia Broadcasting System permission to start commercial telecasts.

The F. C. C. answer said that such "flagrant" disregard for its previous hearings was "itself recognition of the soundness of the commission's determinations."

It contended that R. C. A. and its backers had failed to show they would suffer irreparable legal injury should the F. C. C. order go into effect.

The F. C. C. brief claimed:

"The present attempt to re-argue issues already determined by the commission is an imposition on this court, especially since they have relied heavily on matters outside the record * * *."

Under the F. C. C. order, C. B. S. color telecasts were to start Nov. 20.

But a Federal court panel of three judges issued an order in Chicago last week temporarily blocking them.

R. C. A. and other makers of TV equipment want a permanent ban.

The court panel says it will need time—maybe a month or more—to study the case.

R. C. A. contends the C. B. S. system is inferior and would cost present owners of black and white sets \$1,500,000,000 to convert their sets to that system of color.

C. B. S. competitors say they can produce color television which can be picked up on present sets—in black and white—with no added equipment.