

'NOTHING TO HIDE,' JOHNSON ASSERTS

Senator Hopes 'Every Shred' of His Correspondence on TV Color Will Be Made Public

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (UP)—Senator Edwin C. Johnson, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, said today he had "nothing to hide" in the current controversy over color television.

The Colorado Democrat made the statement in telegrams to Chairman Wayne Coy of the Federal Communications Commission and Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The nation's major television setmakers have hurled a legal challenge at an F. C. C. decision authorizing C. B. S. to begin commercial operations with its mechanical "color wheel" system on Nov. 20.

The manufacturers contend the commission should have approved a compatible electronic system—one that would permit 8,000,000 present television set owners to receive color in black and white without buying adapters.

The C. B. S. system requires an adapter to receive color in black and white and an additional converter for color.

One of the set makers, Pilot Radio Corporation of New York, had subpoenas served Wednesday on both C. B. S. and the F. C. C. to produce all letters and other communications with Senator Johnson on the color issue.

Pilot's president, Isidor Goldberg, said Senator Johnson had "evinced far more than a legislative interest in the controversy."

In reply, Senator Johnson asserted today that he hoped "every shred of correspondence between me and the F. C. C. and C. B. S. will be made a matter of public record. I have nothing to hide and nothing to cover up."

His sole interest, he said, "has been to see that the public is not denied color television."

"In addition, I believe it would be well for Pilot Radio Corporation to make full disclosures of meetings, correspondence and understandings between them and other TV manufacturers in relation to color television," he added.

Meck Changes Mind on System

CHICAGO, Nov. 9 (AP)—John Meck Industries, television set manufacturer, said today it had changed its mind about the C. B. S. color broadcasting system and believed it to be practical "though it may not be the ultimate in color transmission."

John S. Meck, president of the concern, said all sets built since Nov. 1 had incorporated, without any increase in price, special design and circuit features for use with color units for the C. B. S. system.

He added that adapter units were being supplied to distributors and dealers to equip all sets built before Nov. 1 to take the color unit when desired.

Mr. Meck said the new sets also would "be ready for auxiliary units to show any electronic system of color TV that may later be approved."