

COLOR VIDEO DELAY SEEN

R.C.A. Official Expects No Sets on Market for Year or Two

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP)—
A vice president of the Radio Corporation of America said today the general public would not be able to buy color television sets for another year or two at least.

Dr. Elmer W. Engstrom told the Federal Communications Commission it would take that long to get sets on the market even if the FCC and the industry started working out color video standards "tomorrow."

But Adrian Murphy, vice president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, said his company's color system had no fundamental faults and called on the commission for "prompt adoption of color."

The officials testified as the FCC reopened hearings on whether color video was ready to go on the market and, if so, which of three competing systems should be approved.

Dr. Engstrom said his concern planned to reduce the minimum number of tubes needed in color sets from sixty-four to thirty-seven "in the not too distant future." This, he said, will be possible because of a single three-color tube on which RCA is working.