

STATE ETHNIC BROADCASTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NEW SOUTH WALES

5/6/80

5 ELIZABETH STREET,
SYDNEY N.S.W.
TEL: (02) 232 7622

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
SECRETARY
SEBAC (N.S.W.)
G.P.O. BOX 21
SYDNEY 2001
TELEX: AA21895

2 June 1980

2 JUN 1980

Dear Member

The Chairman has asked me to call a meeting of SEBAC at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 12 June 1980 in the SBS Conference Room, 11th Floor, 5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Please find enclosed the agenda of the meeting and a copy of the Minutes of the previous meeting. June '79

If you are unable to attend would you please ring Ms. Tess Rod on 232-7622.

Yours sincerely

If you are unable to attend
232-7622

*11/6/80 one 12 telephonats
non passu andario - ho
unmeeting in
Canberra -*

Ruth Holzman

RUTH HOLZMAN
Secretary

RUTH HOLZMAN
Secretary

SEBAC (NSW) MEETING

7.30 PM, 12 JUNE 1980

SBS CONFERENCE ROOM, 11TH FLOOR

5 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY

A G E N D A

1. Opening
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. Extension of SEBAC's mandate
6. Second frequency for 2EA
7. English language programs
8. Implementation of SEBAC resolutions and recommendations
9. Other Business
10. Next meeting
11. Close

STATE ETHNIC BROADCASTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NSW)

Minutes of Meeting held at
5 Elizabeth St, Sydney
on Thursday 17 April 1980

PRESENT

Mr P. Bosi Chairman
Rev. Fr. N. Mansour Deputy Chairman
Mr I. A. Birzulis
Mr P. G. Darro
Mr R. Gonzalez
Mrs O. Katchan
Mr G. Messaris

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S. Kerkyasharian Acting Head (Radio)
Mr R. Maffei Assistant Director 2EA
Ms R. Holzman Secretary
Ms T. Rod Observer

1. OPENING

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Mrs H. Eizenberg, Mr U. Honold.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 20 March 1980 were accepted (moved: Mr Birzulis, seconded: Mrs Katchan and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- (a) The Chairman reported that he had not had any response to date to his request for a meeting of SEBAC with the IMBC Implementation Committee. He felt that it was likely that the Implementation Committee had been told to keep a low profile and avoid any public controversy pending establishment of the new Corporation.
- (b) The Chairman advised that no meeting with the Minister for Post and Telecommunications had been organised to date. He was waiting for the Minister to set a date.
- (c) The Secretary informed the Committee that all action requested at the previous meeting had been taken.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that incoming correspondence be dealt with under Agenda

Item 7 as it related to the request for a second frequency.

6. APPLICATION FOR CAMBODIAN PROGRAM ON 2EA

The Chairman read out a letter from the Cambodian community requesting a program on 2EA. It was agreed that SEBAC should affirm to SBS its support for a Cambodian program in similar terms as expressed for the Laotians. The Secretary will forward a letter to SBS.

7. PROPOSAL FOR SECOND FREQUENCY FOR 2EA

The Chairman outlined the sequence of events which had taken place as a result of SEBAC's attempts to secure a second frequency.

The first thing which had occurred was the relegation of the Yugoslav groups to the 10.15 p.m. time slot. This was done with the idea that when a second frequency was brought in the Yugoslav groups would get prime time.

In April 1979, the Chairman had written to the Minister for Post and Telecommunications to explain the need for a second frequency pointing out the limited number of prime hours which clearly could not satisfy all groups. It was also explained that the cost of a second frequency would be relatively minor, no more than the cost of hire of the mast.

The Minister had replied in May 1979 saying that he was sympathetic but that other factors needed to be taken into account.

The Chairman had then written to the Prime Minister in June 1979 advising that a second frequency did not imply additional hours but more hours in prime time across two frequencies. The Prime Minister replied in August 1979 without making any commitment.

Another letter was received in January 1980 from the Minister for Post and Telecommunications advising that the Government had to consider the extension of ethnic radio to other areas before it could consider a second frequency.

The Chairman then went on to discuss letters which had been received in support of a second frequency such as from the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW and various ethnic groups. These comprise the following groups:

- (a) Those requesting more broadcasting time (eg. Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, Serbian, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian);
- (b) More suitable time (eg. Maltese, Turkish, Slovenian, Macedonian, Croatian, Serbian);
- (c) New language programs (Laotian, Cambodian, Irish).

It was noted that the languages of the Indian Sub-Continent are not properly serviced at present. This language group requires at least seven hours instead of its present three to take into consideration language and cultural differences (eg. requests have been received for

a Pakistani-based Urdu program and a Bangladeshi-based Bengali program).

It was noted that several language groups are not being serviced at all to date (p. 30 of the SEBAC Report lists these groups). It was noted that the Indonesian and Albanian groups are currently broadcasting in Melbourne.

It was resolved to prepare a submission to be sent to the relevant Ministers incorporating the above information as evidence for the introduction of a second frequency.

It was further resolved to write to the groups from whom requests have been received advising them that a submission for a second frequency has been made.

The Chairman mentioned his feeling that the Minister is favourable to the idea of a network for the major languages and another frequency for broadcasting in the minor languages.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) It was noted that at a recent workshop of the ECC Sub-committee on Ethnic Media SEBAC was again criticised.
- (b) It was also noted that the report on the broadcasting needs of the Mauritian community in Sydney promised by Father Aerts has not yet been received.
- (c) It was decided that the farewell function for SEBAC would involve only SEBAC members and friends and will be held in June at a date yet to be fixed.

9. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was not set. It will probably be held in late May.

10. CLOSE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m