

Caplan/Sauvageau at month's end

OTTAWA - More than a year after the federal task force on broadcasting policy review was announced, its co-chairman Gerry Caplan will finally present its report June 30 to Communications Minister Marcel Masse.

That date, which Caplan publicly promised in late May in Banff, Alberta, follows earlier deadlines of January 15 and the end of March which were rejected by the task force as unrealistic in the name

of producing a thorough report.

Caplan, speaking to *Cinema Canada* May 27, said then that several more works of translation and graph construction remained to be done to a report he now anticipates will run some 350 to 400 pages in length. Asking of the repeated delays "What can you do?" and noting the task force's repetitive efforts at putting final touches to the report, Caplan added the task force's seven members also had two days of meetings in Toronto at May's end and then again in Ottawa in mid-June to ensure they would be in final agreement

with each other.

Following those get-togethers Caplan, responding to an inquiry about whether the report would contain consensus or a dissenting minority viewpoint, anticipated "There's a good chance we'll have a single report."

Much more certain, intimated the co-chairman, are specific sections to be contained in the report: separate sections on technology, minorities and racial issues in broadcasting, and Quebec's broadcasting system; a "quite significant one" on the principles and legal framework of broadcasting in Canada; and what Caplan described as "an objective analysis" of the private radio and television sector as well as the CBC.

Asked about his concern that the broadcasting policy review task force's report not end up as just another government-commissioned review left to rot, Caplan remarked, "Our assumption is that if all seven of us agree that's a powerful enough weapon to force

the Government to take action."

Optimistic that the public and private sectors would similarly be encouraged to take action, Caplan added - with just a fatigued, resigned trace to his voice - "You break your ass and hope something happens."

TVO reorganizes executive posts

TORONTO - TVOntario, in an executive re-organization effective June 1, has created two new senior posts as well as re-shuffling and upgrading other executives.

Formed from the abolition of the executive director's position are the offices of director general and chief operating officer, respectively filled by Mimi Fullerton and David Melville Wood. Fullerton, currently serving on the Caplan-

Sauvageau federal task force reviewing broadcast policy, has been planning and development manager at Telemedia Inc. for the past two years. Wood, meanwhile, most recently was assistant deputy minister for finance and administration at the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

As part of TVO's renewed accent on programming, Gene Lawrence and Don Duprey have been upgraded to managing director status respectively for the English and French programming services, responsible to the director general.

Senior executives re-shuffled were Sandra Birkenmayer (moved from managing director of corporate development to senior managing director of external relations), Howard Krosnick (moved from managing director of educational telecommunications to managing director of policy, planning, and allocations), and Bill Milliken (since 1974 manager of personnel services, now appointed to director of human resource services).

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