

DISCUSSION PROGRAMMING POLICY

The station follows a policy of making time available for discussion of public issues, both local and national, presenting speakers, forums and panel discussions. Equal opportunity is given for the presentation of all sides of an issue. In addition to discussion programs produced by the network, the station actively seeks out spokesmen for the opposing sides in local issues and makes available its best production facilities.

Here are some examples of local discussion programs originated by the station during the past license period.

Virginia News Conference, February 1960, series half hour programs during the Virginia General Assembly in which delegates and senators were questioned by news reporters on issues before the legislature.

Chesterfield Sanitary Referendum, 1960, one time discussion of question subject to county vote.

Election Preview, June 12, 1960, special hour and a quarter program presenting all candidates in Richmond City Council election, June 14, 1960.

News Beat, February and March, 1960, nightly 15 minute reports from Senate and House of Virginia General Assembly covering both factions in state government and argument on legislation in process.

Governor Almond's address to 1959 Special session of Virginia General Assembly (February session on schools crisis) (Remote)

States Rights Mass Meeting in Capitol Square in reply to Governor Almond's stand. (Remote) 1959.

Council-City Manager Discussion, October 1958, Special forum on city government types during recurring consideration of issue in Richmond

Great Book Series, 1958, 13 weeks series, half hour, discussions of classic books in cooperation with Richmond Public Library (cultural issues, as compared to governmental, legislative and community problems.)

Forum, 1957, regular weekly series, half hour discussions in cooperation with Richmond Jaycees, Richmond Professional Institute and University of Richmond.

Chesterfield School Bond Debate, October 13, 1957, special half hour discussion of "pay now" or "pay later" aspects of county school problem.

Brainstorming, March 31, 1957, special trial of new discussion technique on the air to survey methods of helping community problems.