

FCC SAYS GROUP MUST GET TIME

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission ruled Friday that a radio station that editorially attacked the W. E. B. DuBois clubs as being "controlled by American Communists" must give the group radio time to answer.

The decision on the DuBois clubs—which have been identified both by the FBI and the Department of Justice as being Communist fronts—was one of four decisions the FCC handed down in a single day in connection with its fairness doctrine.

Under the fairness doctrine broadcasters are obligated to present all sides of controversial issues.

The DuBois Clubs decision was by a 6-1 vote, and the dissenter, commissioner Robert E. Lee, said "the fairness doctrine ends at the international border and I would not take the responsibility of turning the microphone over to those who would advocate the overthrow of the government by other than the democratic process."

In the other actions the commission ruled:

—The University of Houston's educational station, KUHT, must give the John Birch Society time to answer statements broadcast by the station in a program entitled "Star Spangled Extremists," which was produced by the anti-defamation league of B'nai B'rith.