National Capital Radio & Television Museum

Artifact Showcase:

President Hoover Speaks on WFBR

Baltimore radio station WFBR often did remote broadcasts for newsworthy events. Note the spring-held carbon microphones. On July 15, 1929, President Herbert Hoover was speaking at a parade to honor French general Henri Gouraud. Late in World War I Gouraud commanded the 4th French Army and was considered a war hero. He received the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Medal

As Secretary of Commerce for Presidents Harding and Coolidge in the 1920s, Hoover encouraged the growth of radio. He was responsible for radio regulation, and so was very familiar with this new means of mass communication. However, he never learned to use radio as a medium to reach out to the American people the way his successor Franklin Roosevelt did.

This example is just one of the hundreds of photographs of Washington/Baltimore radio stations in the museum's library.



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