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Cuba's third television station went on the air experimentally in Camaguey last week. This 500-watt station. which is owned by the CMQ network, will operate on channel 6, the same channel CMQ-TV uses in Habana. It will not be connected to the Habana station at present but will transmit local programs, as well as programs recorded on film in the studios of the parent station in Habana.

The third station in the CMQ-TV chain is expected to go on the air in Santa Clara in about a month, transmitting on channel 5. Other stations in the proposed CMQ network, and their channel designations, are listed below: \

<u>Location</u>	Channel No.
Matanzas	9
Holguin	4
Santiago	2

Eventually all the stations in the CMQ network will be connected together by a microwave relay system.

For the Ambassador:

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