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WASHINGTON, D.C. Oct. 30, 1969---Bob Wells, Garden City, Kansas, was confirmed by the Senate today as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. He is the first Kansan to ever be nominated for the F.C.C.

Wells, age 50, started in broadcasting in 1936 while attending Garden City Junior College. Since 1961, he has been general manager of the Harris Radio Group including stations KIUL, Garden City; KTOP, Topeka; KMCD, Fairfield, Iowa; WJOL, Joliet, Ill., and KFKA, Greeley, Colo.

Wells has served as president of the Garden City Rotary Club, resident of the Kansas Association of Radio Broadcasters, a member of the Finney County Republican Central Committee and was selected as an "outstanding young man of Kansas." He also served as First Congressional District chairman for Bob Dole's successful 1968 campaign for the U.S. Senate.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and was released from active duty in December 1945 with the rank of Captain. He is married to the former Katherine J. Lovett of Great Bend. They have two children -- Kim, 19, and Kent, 15.

"Bob Wells is a man of dedication, understanding and intelligence and will serve this body with highest distinction," Senator Bob Dole said. "The presence of men such as Bob Wells in positions of high governmental authority is one of the greatest assurances we as Senators, can provide the American people that the public interest will be served first, wisely and fairly."

Senator James Pearson said, "I am very pleased to see Bob Wells confirmed by the Senate. He is an able, experienced broadcaster who knows the problems of this field and has demonstrated his concern for the public interest. He has been a community and state leader and now must meet the challenge of national leadership in the dynamic field of communications. I am entirely confident he will distinguish himself and his state in doing so."

Wells was nominated to succeed James J. Wadsworth, who resigned from a term expiring June 30, 1971. Terms on the FCC are for seven years.