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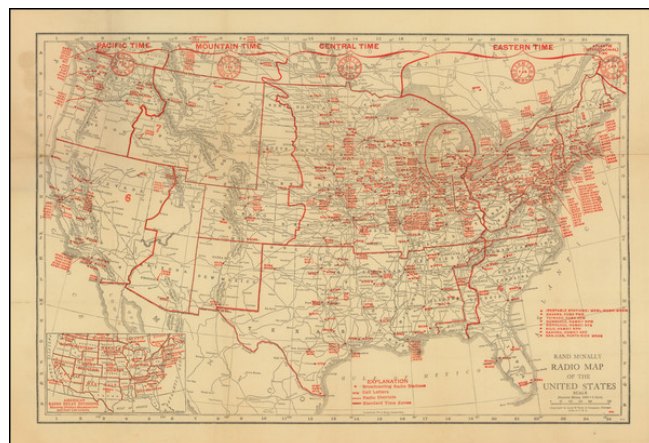
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### Rand McNally Radio Map of the United States

**Stock#:** 72846  
**Map Maker:** Rand McNally & Company  
**Date:** 1925 circa  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

##### *The Early National Radio Landscape.*

Interesting circa 1925 small folding map of the United States, illustrating the broadcasting radio stations, their call letters, radio districts, and standard time zones.

The map was issued by Rand McNally to capitalize on national interest in new radio stations, and perhaps for radio enthusiasts who were able to pick up far-flung stations from elsewhere in the nation.

The map was probably issued in 1925 or 1926. We date it in part based on the existence of KFVW in San Diego. As [the San Diego History Center essay on early radio history in the city notes](#):

*Further confusion is also understandable; for KFVW, the second continuously licensed radio station in San Diego, first aired on June 3, 1925 at a frequency of 1220 kilocycles with 500 watts of power, only to leave the air before the end of the year. The station resumed operations in March, 1926, at its new location atop the U.S. Grant Hotel. One month later KFVW's call letters were changed to KFSD.*

Furthermore, the Rand McNally printing code in the lower right reads 3R24 for the base map and 9R2[5/6] for the red overprint.

#### Detailed Condition:

Folding map with original printed paper covers. Map is VG+, covers are VG.