

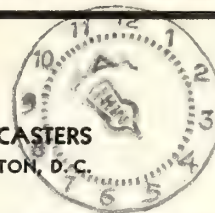
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C O N G R E S S

Differences between the President and Speaker Garner over important provisions of the relief bill and the insistence of anti-prohibitionists that Congress vote on the beer question have served to block adjournment of Congress for this week.

Leaders in the Senate and House, in the light of this situation, are non-committal about an adjournment date at this time.

Should Congress remain in session for several weeks more, which some think likely, there is a possibility that the Sirovich copyright bill will come up for consideration. As the Bulletin goes to press, there has been no definite decision on the order of business for next week if Congress remains in session.

The Patents and Copyrights Committee has the next Calendar Wednesday call in the House and the Sirovich Bill is at the head of this Committee's business.

At the present time there seems to be little danger that action will be taken on any other of the radio bills pending in the Congress. However, if Congress remains in session several weeks longer there may be an attempt to report out and pass the Davis Bill (H. R. 7716) which has already passed the House but is now before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee where a number of amendments are under consideration.

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LEASED LINE TAXATION

The NAB has received information that telephone companies in some instances are assessing a five per cent tax on leased broadcasting lines notwithstanding the fact that the revenue bill of 1932 specifically exempts such charges. The NAB fought successfully for this exemption and stations billed for the tax urged to refer the telephone company to Section 701 (b) of the Revenue Act of 1932 and the following regulation by the Treasury Department promulgated thereunder:

Article 18 - Exemptions - The exemptions authorized in section 701 (b) are twofold in their scope, one being with reference to payments for services or facilities furnished "to the United States or to any State or Territory, or political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia" and the other being with reference to payments received for services or facilities "utilized in the collection of news for the public press or in the dissemination of news through the public press, if the charge for such services or facilities is billed in writing to such person."

In addition to those exemptions, section 701 (a) (2) provides that the tax in the case of a leased wire or talking circuit special service shall not apply to any amount paid for so much of such service as is utilized in the conduct, by a common carrier or telephone or telegraph company or radio broadcasting station or network, of its business as such (See art.21)

The term "common carrier" means one who undertakes for hire or reward to transport from place to place the goods or person of such as choose to employ him.

The term "broadcasting station" means a station used for the dissemination of radio-telephone emissions intended to be received by the public.

The term "net work" means two or more broadcasting stations connected by talking circuits.

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SIROVICH STILL SICK

Congressman William I. Sirovich (D) N. Y. chairman of the House Patents and Copyrights Committee, is still confined to his New York hotel apartment because of illness. It is doubtful if he will be able to return to work for several weeks, his physicians refusing to permit him to leave his apartment.

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SPAIN REORGANIZES BROADCASTING

The Spanish Government recently adopted a decree reorganizing its broadcasting facilities under government control. Delay has been encountered, however, in putting the new plan into effect. The original government program was based on a high-powered station located in Madrid with low-powered stations as outlets. The Madrid station would broadcast on a wave length of 1395 meters with a local feeder on 424 meters. The other five outlet stations would operate on wave lengths between 229 and 368 meters.

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COL. BROWN ADDRESSES BAR

Colonel Thad H. Brown, member of the Federal Radio Commission, Washington, D.C. and former Secretary of State of Ohio, yesterday delivered a striking address before the Ohio State Bar Association at Cedar Point, on "Federal Regulation of Radio."

In a succinct and graphic manner Colonel Brown presented a general review of current radio legislation and judicial results in a branch of law which, "though young in years, has become vastly important to all of us."

To President Hoover, when Secretary of Commerce, he gave much credit for laying the foundation for the wonderful radio structure now existing in the United States, pointing out that the framework for broadcasting, to a large extent, was the outcome of conferences called by Mr. Hoover of the various radio interests. Briefly he told of the breakdown of federal regulation of radio in July, 1926, when a Chicago station challenged the right of the Secretary of Commerce to regulate broadcasting under authority of the Marine Act of 1912, as amended, and the chaos and confusion which followed, which led to the creation of the Federal Radio Commission.

He stressed the importance of a recent decision by the Supreme Court of Nebraska, reversing the lower court, in which it was held:

"The Federal Radio Act confers no privilege to publish defamatory utterance."

The Court held further:

"We are of the opinion that the prohibition of censorship of material broadcast over the radio station of a licensee merely prevents the licensee from censoring the words as to their political and partisan trend, but does not give the licensee any privilege to join and assist in the publication of a libel nor grant immunity from the consequences of such action."

Colonel Brown expressed the hope that in view of the importance of the Nebraska case it will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

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N O T I C E

The following letter has been received from Stanley F. Northcott, General Manager of Station WBCM, Bay City, Mich.:

"Please inform your members to be on the lookout for a man representing himself as S. Overton of the Air Log Service, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"This man contacts local merchants for log hook ads and tells them these logs are sponsored by the local radio station. He furnishes them with a few logs and tells them they can have any number by calling the local radio station.

"If you know the whereabouts of this man, wire this station collect."

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PUBLIC LOSES FOOTBALL BROADCASTS

Action of two important football conferences in barring broadcasts of games has not disturbed broadcasting companies. Football broadcasts are usually handled at great expense to broadcasting companies as sustaining programs.

Games are broadcast for the benefit of the public and without thought of commercial advantage.

College athletic authorities fear that broadcasts destroy the commercial value of football and for that reason barred the broadcasts.

Sport writers do not share the opinion of the football moguls.

"Advertising for the game of football worth millions of dollars is tossed aside," says Harry Costello in the Washington "Times". Lawrence Perry, writing in the Washington "Star" says that "in thus turning its face against the latest and one of the greatest achievements of the human scientific mind, the association is facing backward in a manner wholly inconsistent with men associated with institutions devoted to the advancement of learning."

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MADRID PREPARATIONS PROGRESS

A special committee giving consideration to the use of frequencies in the band from 10 kc to 550 kc in the United States will hold a meeting shortly to complete its report to the main committee preparing for the Madrid Conference which convenes on September 3.

Louis G. Caldwell, chairman of the NAB committee on International Relations, was named a member of the special committee by Dr. C. B. Jolliffe, chief engineer of the Commission and chairman of the committee. Mr. Caldwell has completed an elaborate study of the bands below 550 kc and their availability for broadcasting and he will present this information to Dr. Jolliffe's committee. Mr. Caldwell is planning a trip to Europe late this Summer and he will represent the NAB at the Madrid Conference.

The bill authorizing expenditure of funds for the U. S. Delegates to the conference has struck a snag in the House and unless this measure is finally approved the U. S. Delegates will be severely handicapped in their activities at Madrid.

The President is expected shortly to name delegates to the conference.

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PENNSYLVANIA FARMS HAVE RADIOS

Out of 172,500 farms in Pennsylvania, 55,330 are equipped with radio receiving sets, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

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INDIANA TELEVISION GRANTED

The application for new television facilities filed by the United States Radio and Television Corporation, Marion, Indiana, was granted by the Commission this week sustaining the recommendations of Examiner Pratt (Report No. 368). The authorization will permit operation by the applicant on the frequencies 43-46; 48.5-50.3; 60-80 megacycles with 1 KW and unlimited time.

In its statement of facts accompanying the decision, the Commission said the applicant is planning research along two lines--one, continuation of laboratory work with reference to design of transmitting and receiving equipment and synchronization of sound and pictures; and second, further experiments as to the nature of the propagated wave and the effects which occur between transmitting and receiving sets with relation to distances, field strengths, fading absorption, shadows cast by high buildings at ultra high frequencies, etc. In addition the problems of antenna construction will be studied.

The applicant plans to cooperate with other experimenters and will continue to maintain a complete laboratory for television research. In its decision the Commission found the applicant was fully qualified from a financial as well as a technical viewpoint to conduct the proposed station.

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APPROVE KGBX MOVE TO SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

The Commission this week granted the application of Station KGBX authorizing removal from St. Joseph to Springfield, Missouri. The station is licensed to operate on 1310 kc with power of 100 watts. This decision sustained the recommendations of Examiner Yost (Report No. 379.)

The Commission found the applicant station has been rendering a generally meritorious service at St. Joseph and from the evidence introduced at the hearing it was indicated that the same class of operation would be continued at the new location. A further reason for granting the removal was cited in finding the city of St. Joseph now receives good service from local stations at that place as well as other stations located in nearby communities, while the city of Springfield is without any consistent broadcast reception. Reference was also made to the elimination of interference which is expected by the removal of the station from St. Joseph.

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ORAL ARGUMENT GRANTED

Oral argument before the full Commission was granted this week on the application of W. H. Allen Company, Alexandria, Louisiana, requesting the facilities of Station KWEA, Shreveport, Louisiana, operated by Hello World Broadcasting Company. The Shreveport station also is requesting a construction permit to move the station to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After hearing before Examiner Hyde, the recommendation was made that all applications be denied in Report No. 360. Oral argument is scheduled to be heard before the full Commission at 10 a.m., on September 7, 1932.

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DENY LONG ISLAND TELEVISION

The application of Radio Engineering Laboratories, Long Island City, New York, was denied by the Commission this week, sustaining the findings of Examiner Pratt (Report No. 369). The applicant had sought authority to use the television channel between 23,000 and 60,000 kc with power of 250 watts.

Finding that the applicant had failed to establish public interest, convenience and necessity would be served by the granting of the request, the Commission said: "Satisfactory showing is not made that applicant has competent technical resources available to insure an efficient program of research; it does not appear that applicant has engaged in any past experiments in the visual broadcasting field and sufficient showing is not made of a definite plan of proposed research and experimentation to warrant a finding that the granting of this application would result in any advancement or development in the visual broadcasting art."

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NEW MARYLAND STATION AUTHORIZED

The Commission this week granted the application for a new broadcast station at Hagerstown, Maryland, filed by A. V. Tidmore with daytime operation on 1210 kc and 100 watts power. This action sustained the recommendation of Examiner Yost (Report No. 366.)

In its conclusions, the Commission found the granting of this application would provide broadcast service to Hagerstown during that period when reception from any other source is unsatisfactory and further that the operation of this station would not be expected to result in any objectionable interference to other stations. It was also held the applicant is qualified financially as well as technically to operate the proposed station.

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KRMD LICENSE RENEWED

The Commission issued a renewal license for the regular period this week to Station KRMD, Shreveport, Louisiana, and thereby sustained the recommendation of Examiner Yost in Report No. 373. The station had been ordered to file application for renewal, since a new applicant had requested its facilities. At the hearing the party seeking the KRMD assignment did not appear and the Examiner found under these circumstances the Shreveport license should be renewed.

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APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING

At its sessions during the current week the Commission designated the following applications for hearing:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF APPLICATION</u>
WLAP	American Brdcstg. Corp. of Ky. Louisville, Kentucky	Requests C. P. to change frequency from 1200 kc to 940 kc; increase power from 100 watts night, 250 watts daytime, to 1 KW. (Facilities of WFIW)

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APPLICATIONS GRANTED

During the current week the Commission granted the following applications subject to the provisions of Rules 44 & 45 providing that proper protests may be filed within twenty days from the date of the action:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF GRANT</u>
		<u>FIRST ZONE</u>
WQDM	A. J. St. Antoine St. Albans, Vermont	Granted consent to Vol. Assign. of license to A. J. St. Antoine & E. J. Regan.
WNBX	The WNBX Brdcstg. Corporation Springfield, Vermont	Granted C. P. to install new equipment and change frequency from 1200 to 1260 kc; increase power from 10 watts to 250 watts and hours of operation from sharing with WCAJ to daytime only, and to move station locally from Main Street to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -miles from Springfield.

SECOND ZONE

WWSW	Walker & Downing Radio Corp. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Granted C. P. to install new equipment and to increase daytime power from 100 to 250 W.
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THIRD ZONE

WSM	National Life & Accident Insurance Co., Nashville, Tennessee.	Granted Mod. of C. P. to extend completion date to August 17, 1932.
WSB	The Atlanta Journal Co. Atlanta, Georgia	Granted Mod. of C. P. for a new site for 50 KW transmitter.
WTFI	Toccoa Falls Brdcstg. Co. Athens, Georgia	Granted consent vol. assign. lic. to Liberty Broadcasting Company.

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RENEWALS GRANTED

During the current week the Commission granted applications for renewal license for the regular period to the following stations: WAAW, Omaha, Nebraska; WABC, New York City; WAIU, Columbus, Ohio; WBT, Charlotte, North Carolina; WBZ-WBZA, Boston, Massachusetts; WCAU, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; WCCO, Minneapolis, Minnesota; WDCY, Minneapolis, Minnesota; WDZ, Tuscola, Illinois; WDAF, New York City; WDAF (auxiliary); WEEU, Reading, Pennsylvania; WENR, Chicago, Illinois; WENR (auxiliary); WGN, Chicago, Illinois; WGY, Schenectady, New York; WHAM, Rochester, New York; WHDH, Boston, Massachusetts; WINS, New York City; WJR, Detroit, Michigan; WJZ, New York City; WJZ, (auxiliary); WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio; WMAQ, Chicago, Illinois; WMAZ, Macon, Georgia; WOAI, San Antonio, Texas; WPG, Atlantic City, New Jersey; WPTF, Raleigh, No. Carolina; WRUF, Gainesville, Florida; WRVA, Richmond, Virginia; WSB, Atlanta, Georgia; WSM, Nashville, Tennessee; WTAM, Cleveland, Ohio; KEX, Portland, Oregon; KFAB, Lincoln, Nebraska; KFBI, Abilene, Kansas; KFEQ, St. Joseph, Missouri; KFVD, Los Angeles, California; KGDM, Stockton, California; KGO, San Francisco, California; KGO (auxiliary); KJR, Seattle, Washington; KOA, Denver, Colorado; KOA (auxiliary); KPCB, Seattle, Washington; KFLO, Dallas, Texas; KTHS, Hot Springs, Arkansas; WOJ, Ames, Iowa.

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MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSION ACTION

At its sessions during the current week the Commission took the following action of a miscellaneous nature:

KMBC	Midland Broadcasting Co. Kansas City, Missouri	Granted 10 day extension of equipment test period.
WKBB	Telegraph Herald Company East Dubuque, Illinois	Granted permission to take depositions in case of WKBB, request change in frequency and time of operation.
WTAR	WTAR Radio Corporation Norfolk, Virginia	Granted authority to operate with reduced power of 140 watts for period of 15 days, while high voltage transformer is being repaired.
WHZ	Radio Air Service Corp. Cleveland, Ohio	Denied authority to operate with $2\frac{1}{2}$ KW daytime as applied for in application which has been designated for hearing.
WCAP	Radio Industries Broadcast Co. Asbury Park, New Jersey	Denied authority to increase power from 500 to 1000 watts experimentally, for period July 1 to September 5, 1932.
WSUI	State University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa	Granted authority operate from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight, CST, Saturday, July 9, 1932.
WFDW	Raymond C. Hammett Anniston, Alabama	Granted permission to remain silent until August 1, 1932.
KLCN	Charles Leo Lintzenich Blytheville, Arkansas	Granted authority remain silent until September 22, or until necessary apparatus is installed to permit compliance with Rules 144 & 145.
WNBO	John Brownlee Spriggs Silver Haven, Pennsylvania	Denied authority move transmitter to Elmira, Pennsylvania, under Rule 44; increase time from sharing with WHBO to unlimited; and increase day power to 250 watts.
KFYR	Meyer Brdcstg. Company Bismarck, North Dakota	Granted special authority operate on Saturdays from 12:30 to 1 p.m. beginning July 9 for summer months and in no event later than 3 a.m. September 1, 1932, provided KFDY remains silent.
KFDY	South Dakota State College Brookings, South Dakota	Granted special authority operate on Saturdays from 2 to 2:30 p.m. beginning July 9 for the summer months and in no event later than 3 a.m. September 1, 1932 provided KFYR remains silent.

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HEARING CALENDAR

The following hearings are scheduled for the week commencing Monday, July 11, 1932. All hearings commence at 10 a. m.

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1932

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Docket #1625	NEW	Harold H. Hanseth Eureka, California	C. P. 1210 kc; 100 watts; daytime and 12 to 2 a. m.
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THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1932

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Docket #1693	WKBB	Sanders Brothers Radio Station, Joliet, Ill.	C. P. 1500 kc; 100 watts; specified hours. (Request authority to move to East Dubuque, Illinois.)
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FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1932

BROADCASTING

Docket #1678	KICK	Red Oak Radio Corp. Red Oak, Iowa	C. P. 1420 kc; 100 watts; unlimited time. (Requests authority move to Carter Lake, Iowa.)
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APPLICATIONS RETURNED

During the current week the following applications were returned by the Commission either at the request of the applicant or for the reason they did not comply with regulations:

1-PB-2056	John N. Brahy Long Island City, N. Y.	WLBX	C. P. for 1300 kc; 500 watts. (WLBX deleted)
2-MLB-928	Upper Michigan Broadcastg. Co. Calumet, Michigan	WHDF	Mod. Lic. for specified hours. (Request of applicant.)
3-MLB-1001	Georgia School of Technology Atlanta, Georgia	WGST	Mod. Lic. to increase power to 500 W day and night. (Rule 6 a and d)

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS GRANTED

During the current week the Commission granted applications for license covering previously authorized construction permits to the following station: WNBO, Silver Haven, Pennsylvania.

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

During the current week the following applications were received at the Commission:

<u>FRC FILE</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF APPLICATION</u>
<u>FIRST ZONE</u>			
1-PB-2577	WEBR	Howell Brdcstg. Company Buffalo, New York	C. P. auxiliary transmitter amended as to equipment.
<u>SECOND ZONE</u>			
2-PB-2615	KYW- KFKX	Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co. Chicago, Illinois	C. P. to move station to Philadelphia amended to request change in proposed transmitter location to Whitemarsh Township, Pennsylvania.
<u>THIRD ZONE</u>			
3-PB-2638	WHBQ	WHBQ, Inc. Memphis, Tennessee	C. P. move transmitter locally
3-ALB-439	WTFI	Toccoa Falls Brdcstg. Co. Athens, Georgia	Vol. Assgn. lic. to Liberty Broadcasting Company.
3-PB-2635	KRMD	KRMD, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana	C. P. move transmitter locally.
3-PB-2625	NEW	J. E. Richards Greenville, South Carolina	C. P. new station on 590 kc amended to omit request for facilities of KCCW.
<u>FOURTH ZONE</u>			
4-IB-2636	KUSD	University of So. Dakota Vermillion, So. Dakota	C. P. make changes in equipment; increase power to 1 KW.
<p>The applicant is now licensed to operate on 890 kc sharing time with Stations KENT and WILL. The closest station to Vermillion on this frequency is Station KSEI, Pocatello, Idaho, licensed to operate with power of 250 watts and unlimited time. The distance from Vermillion to Pocatello is approximately 790 miles. The mileage tables of the Commission Engineering Division recommend a separation under similar circumstances of 1050 miles. This assignment is a Canadian Shared channel under Commission regulations. The nearest Canadian Border is 435 miles distant. The present rules will not permit the operation of a 1 KW station on a Canadian Shared frequency at this distance from the boundary. The granting of the application would increase the quota.</p>			
4-MLB-1027	WOS	Missouri St. Market Bureau Jefferson City, Missouri	Mod. Lic. increase power from 500 watts to 500 watts and 1 KW LS

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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (continued)

FOURTH ZONE (continued)

The applicant is now licensed to operate under a specified hour schedule with Stations KFRU and WGBF on 630 kc. The nearest station to Jefferson City on the frequency is Station WMAL, Washington, D. C., operating unlimited time with power of 250 watts and 500 watts LS. The distance is approximately 825 miles. The granting of the application would increase the quota.

FIFTH ZONE

5-MLB-1028	KFSD	Airfan Radio Corp. San Diego, California	Mod. Lic. increase power from 500 watts, 1 KW LS to 1 KW day and night.
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The applicant is now licensed to operate unlimited time on 600 kc. The closest station to San Diego on this frequency is Station WMT, Waterloo, Iowa, operating with 500 watts and unlimited time, approximately 1520 miles distant. The applicant is operating on a Canadian Shared frequency. The nearest Canadian Border point is approximately 1180 miles distant. This distance is greater than the Commission regulations require. The granting of the application would increase the quota 0.2 unit.

5-PB-2637	NEW	Grief & Ericson Lewiston, Idaho	C. P. erect new station on 1210 kc 100 watts and unlimited time.
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The closest station to the proposed location on the requested frequency is Station KGY, Olympia, Washington, operating unlimited time with 100 watts. The distance is approximately 290 miles. On the adjacent frequency of 1220 kc and approximately 25 miles distant, Station KWSC, Pullman, Washington, now operates with night power of 1 KW and day power of 2 KW. The frequency separation between that station and the proposed station is 10 kc. The mileage tables of the Commission Engineering Division recommend a separation of 199 miles under similar circumstances. The granting of the application would increase the quota 0.2 unit.

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

During the current week the Commission received applications for license covering previously authorized construction permits from the following stations: KRSC, Seattle, Washington; KUMA, Yuma, Arizona; KFGQ, Boone, Iowa.

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PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

During the current week the Commission received applications requesting authority to make changes in equipment including installation of automatic frequency control devices from the following stations: WCAH, Columbus, Ohio; WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut.

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