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MEXICO CITY DELEGATES NAMED

The State Department this week announced the delegates to the North American Radio Conference to be held in Mexico City, Mexico, beginning July 10. They are: Judge Eugene O. Sykes, chairman of the Federal Radio Commission, chairman of the delegation; Representative Schuyler O. Bland, of Virginia, chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries; and Roy T. Davis, American Minister to Panama. The Department announced that "these delegates will be accompanied by a small staff whose names will be announced later."

In its announcements the State Department said that "the American Embassy at Mexico City today has been instructed formally to accept an invitation extended by the Mexican Government to attend a Radio Conference which will be held in Mexico City beginning July 10, 1933."

Prior to the announcement of the delegates the State Department made the following statement:

"The International Radio Convention of Washington (1927) and the International Telecommunication Convention of Madrid (1932) leave to regional conferences the solution of problems affecting two or more countries in a single region, but not affecting the entire world. There is no definition in either convention of the limits of regions outside of Europe. Those limits are left to be determined by the interested governments in the light of probable interference caused by the operation of stations. In extending the invitation to the North and Central American Regional Conference, the Mexican Government naturally included all neighboring governments which might license stations capable of interfering with stations in Mexico. As the problem of interference must be considered as a unit which can be solved only by taking into account all stations likely to cause interference, the United States is glad to participate in a conference representing the governments of North and Central America at the request of the Mexican Government."

EDITORS URGE RIGID RADIO CONTROL

More rigid control of radio broadcasting by the Government was advocated in a resolution adopted by the National Editorial Association at the organization's annual meeting in Indianapolis this week.

At the opening session of the convention E. H. Harris, chairman of the Radio Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, delivered an address on the radio subject.

Self-government, he said, rests upon the right of the individual to an unhampered and unrestricted opportunity for an expression of his opinion, spoken or printed or uttered over the radio. Foreign governments, he said, had found the solution in government ownership or control, although he pointed out that he was not recommending government ownership for the United States.

"It is barely possible," he added, "that newspapers needed a

challenge such as is offered by radio, to make them recognize anew their duty as defenders of the liberties of the people. No matter how strong our zeal may be, an outside opposing force often is required to bring us together as a unit and make us produce our best."

COMMISSION TO RECESS JULY 1

The Federal Radio Commission will begin its summer recess on or about July 1 until September 1. The Commission no longer adjourns for the summer as it used to. Hearings will continue during this summer before Examiners and it is planned to have at least two members of the Commission in Washington during the entire summer. They will be clothed with authority to handle routine and emergency matters.

RADIO COMMISSION APPROPRIATION

The Independent Office Appropriation Bill, in which the appropriation for the Radio Commission for the coming fiscal year, beginning July 1, passed the Senate this week. It has already passed the House and the bill is now in conference.

As the bill passed the Senate the Radio Commission's appropriation is left as it passed the House, that is, \$640,000. This is \$140,000 less than the Commission is using for the present fiscal year but no changes at all were made in the Radio Commission section of the bill as it passed the Upper House. The Senate failed to include the amendment which would have allowed Judge Sykes, chairman of the Commission, pay for the time he lost while his name was being confirmed by the Senate. This will undoubtedly be taken care of by a separate bill later. It is expected that a compromise will be effected on the veteran dispute and that the bill will become law in due course.

SENATE REJECTS REPORT ON POWER TAX

The Senate this week by a record vote rejected the conference report on the so-called gasoline-electrical energy tax bill which would have transferred the payment of the tax from commercial and domestic users of electrical energy to the public utilities. Objection was made because the report would have placed a tax upon municipally-owned power companies.

OFFICES FOR RADIO PROGRAM FOUNDATION

Oswald F. Schuette, president of the Radio Program Foundation, has established the offices of the Foundation in the National Press Building, Washington, D. C., on the same floor with the offices of the National Association of Broadcasters. The Radio Program Foundation has been incorporated by the National Association of Broadcasters to extend the fields from which music may be obtained for broadcasting stations of the United States.

The Foundation is the medium through which the music of independent composers and publishers who are not affiliated with the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers—both in the United States and abroad—may be made available for use by the broadcasting industry. At the same time it is the hope of the Foundation to secure music written primarily for the microphone rather than for the requirements of the stage or the dance halls to which ASCAP's music has been so largely limited.

The plans of the Radio Program Foundation also include the creation of a Registration Bureau for continuities and other literary features of radio programs.

Among other purposes, the certificate of incorporation of the Radio Program Foundation provides that the Foundation is "to promote advancement in the means, methods and forms of sound and visual broadcasting, and to promote and sponsor the selection of meritorious program material, as a means of promoting the cultural arts and of extending the benefits thereof to the public." It also provides that the Foundation shall "encourage and assist scientific experimentation for the improvement of radio communication, sponsor and acquire deserving productions of composers and authors and acquire copyrights therein, enter into agreements with authors and composers and establish means and agencies for fixing, collecting, and accounting for license fees or royalties, act as a clearing house for representative in agreements between authors, composers, and publishers and the users of their works, and encourage and promote the use of radio broadcasting for educational purposes."

BIG ATTENDANCE FOR COMMERCIAL MEETING

Indications are that the second NAB Commercial Section meeting to be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., on June 27 will be well attended. The program, announced in last week's NAB REPORTS, lists for discussion all of the important commercial problems now confronting broadcasters. Many NAB members in all parts of the country have written that they will be on hand to participate in the discussions.

PETITION AGAINST WGN APPEAL

The Federal Radio Commission and Stations WBBM and KFAB, intervenors, this week filed petitions with the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia asking that the Court dismiss the appeal of Station WGN against the synchronization of Stations WBBM and KFAB. The Commission issued an order granting the two stations to synchronize, following which WGN filed an appeal with the Court against the order claiming economic interest.

COMMISSION DISMISSES WIBO PETITION

The petition and supplemental petition in the so-called WIBO case was dismissed by the Radio Commission on Friday on the basis that it is without jurisdiction in the matter.

The petition asked that the Commission reconsider the case and reopen its decision of October 6, 1931, whereby the facilities of Stations WIBO and WPCC were granted to WJKS. The case was appealed through all of the lower courts and finally into the United States Supreme Court, which held in favor of the Commission. The petition asked for reopening on the ground that new and additional evidence had been found showing alleged fraud.

WAPI CONSTRUCTION PERMIT EXTENDED

The Radio Commission on Friday sustained Chief Examiner Ellis A. Yost in his Report No. 473 by finding that the construction

permit granted to Station WAPI, Birmingham, Ala., on November 7, 1931, authorizing it to increase its power from 5,000 to 25,000 watts should be modified so as to permit the construction commencement by June 17 and completion by December 17, 1933.

In its decision the Commission found that the station is financially and otherwise qualified to construct and operate the proposed station. It was also found that preliminary steps have been taken to comply with the terms of the existing construction permit, and "in view of all the circumstances as disclosed by this record, it is believed that an extension of time as requested is warranted."

ENGINEERING SECTION MEETING

The program for the meeting of the NAB Engineering Section, to be held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Monday morning, June 26, at 9:30 a. m., has been arranged tentatively. Dr. C. B. Jolliffe, Chief Engineer of the Federal Radio Commission, has been invited. The present program comprises the following discussions:

Need for Standards in Broadcast Practice, led by E. L. Nelson, of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Progress in Antenna Development, led by Walter C. Evans, of Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.

Present Status of Television, led by L. F. Jones, of RCA-Victor Co.

Synchronous Operation of Broadcast Stations, led by C. B. Aiken, of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Technical Aspects of North American Radio Conference, led by James W. Baldwin, of NAB.

Professional Ethics, led by J. A. Chambers, of WLW.

NAB Engineering Service, led by J. C. McNary, of NAB.

Acoustics and Studios, led by J. G. Leitch, of WCAU.

Evaluation of Frequencies, led by Dr. J. H. Dellinger, of Bureau of Standards.

Power Increases for Local and Regional Stations, led by W. C. Bridges, of WEBC.

J. A. Chambers, Chairman of the NAB Engineering Committee, will preside.

COLONEL BROWN ADDRESSES RMA

Col. Thad H. Brown, Vice Chairman of the Federal Radio Commission, in an address before the RMA Convention June 6 at Chicago, emphasized the necessity of the closest kind of cooperation between the Federal Radio Commission and the Radio Manufacturers Association. Referring to mutual problems affecting the allocation of channels, Colonel Brown said:

"Improper allocation of transmission facilities which do not fit the characteristics of receiving sets can destroy the effectiveness of such sets with consequent inconvenience and expense to the listening public. Conversely, receiving sets which are designed without regard to the allocation plan followed by the Commission may render such allocation subject to very severe criticism by and consequent dissatisfaction of the listening public.

"It must be understood, of course, that the allocation plan must be built for a comparatively long period of time, and that it must take into account not only the newest type of receiving set, but also a cross section of all types of receiving sets. It must fit not alone the best receiving set nor the poorest receiving set. If the former, the public would be required to continually change their receivers;

if the latter, there would be no incentive to improve receivers. A medium must be struck and it is this medium which forms the basis for the allocation plans of the Commission.

"In the establishment of the existing allocation of broadcast stations the Commission has given close attention to the progress made in the art by the manufacturers of radio receiving sets. This has been necessary because there is a close relationship between the selectivity of present-day receivers and the spacing of stations from a geographical standpoint so as to eliminate interference."

Emphasizing the high standards attained by broadcasting stations in the technique of transmission and the importance of equal efficiency in receiving equipment, he said:

"The Commission has diligently endeavored to maintain very high standards for the transmitters of broadcast stations and has insisted on accurate monitoring equipment. These standards are set up in order to give the best possible service to the listening public. Transmitters with very few exceptions are capable of giving high quality transmission. It is equally imperative in order to satisfy the public that the reception be of the same high quality. What I am endeavoring to drive home is the necessity of the closest possible cooperation between the Commission and your Association, the representative of the designers and manufacturers of receiving sets. The Commission invites such cooperation to the end that the 'public interest, convenience and necessity' may be best served.

"On account of the many developments in the field of radio transmission, particularly with respect to the use of directional antenna, synchronous operation of stations, and television, and the problems in allocation which will naturally flow from the North American Conference to be held in Mexico City this summer, in my opinion, it is quite imperative that a very close liaison be kept between your Association and the Commission."

DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA AUTHORIZED

The Federal Radio Commission this week authorized WORC-WEPS, Worcester, Mass., to install a 3-element directional antenna system. The use of the directional system will permit a change of frequency from 1200 to 1280 kilocycles and a power increase from 100 watts to 500 watts, experimentally, with the proviso that the grant will be terminated if interference results to other stations on the same or adjacent frequencies. Commissioner La Fount opposed the grant.

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION ACTION

HEARING CALENDAR

The hearing involving the applications of KECA, KFBK, and the Don Lee Broadcasting System for the facilities of KTM and KELW, and the applications of KTM and KELW for renewals of licenses and voluntary assignments of licenses will be held Monday, June 12, 1933.

June 14, 1933, before Commission en banc

Oral argument in re the applications of the International Broadcasting Corp. and the National Union Indemnity Association, of Shreveport, La., WWL, and WSPA for facilities of KWKH, Shreveport, La., and the application of KWKH for renewal of license.

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NEW—Philip J. Wiseman, Lewiston, Maine—Construction permit for new station to use **640 kc.**, 500 watts, limited time.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

First Zone

WCAC—Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn.—Granted special temporary authority to operate certain specified hours.

WCAD—St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.—Granted special temporary authority to operate certain specified hours.

WORC-WEPS—Alfred Frank Kleindienst, Worcester, Mass.—Granted authority to change frequency from **1200 kc.** to **1280 kc.** and increase power from 100 to 500 watts experimentally with directional antenna.

Second Zone

WJAC—Johnstown Automobile Co., Johnstown, Pa.—Granted consent to voluntary assignment of license to WJAC, Inc.

WTAR—WTAR Radio Corp., Norfolk, Va.—Granted authority to reduce power temporarily.

Third Zone

KARK—Arkansas Radio & Equipment Co., Little Rock, Ark.—Granted construction permit to install new transmitter.

WPTF—WPTF Radio Co., Raleigh, N. C.—Granted construction permit to install new equipment and increase power from 1 KW to 5 KW, and move transmitter locally.

WFBC—Greenville News-Piedmont Co., Greenville, S. C.—Granted license covering move of station from Knoxville.

Fourth Zone

WEW—St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.—Granted authority to discontinue operation from June 15 to August 1.

WNAX—House of Gurney, Yankton, S. Dak.—Granted a modified construction permit to install a new transmitter and increase daytime power to $2\frac{1}{2}$ KW.

Fifth Zone

KGEK—Elmer G. Beehler, d/b as Beehler Electrical Equipment Co., Yuma, Colo.—Granted modification of license to change name to Elmer G. Beehler, and to change certain specified hours.

KGFL—KGFL, Inc., Roswell, N. Mex.—Granted license, **1370 kc.**, 100 watts, shares with KICA.

KIEM—Harold H. Hanseth, Eureka, Calif.—Granted license, **1310 kc.**, 100 watts, daytime.

APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING

WEXL—Royal Oak Broadcasting Co., Royal Oak, Mich.—Construction permit to make changes in equipment to increase power to 100 watts.

KSO—Iowa Broadcasting Co., Des Moines, Iowa—Construction permit to install new transmitter, move transmitter locally, change frequency from 1370 kc. to 1120 kc., and increase operating power (facilities of WIAS).

WDEL—WDEL, Inc., Wilmington, Del.—Modification of license to increase night power from 250 watts to 500 watts.

NEW—Leo J. Omelian, Erie, Pa.—Application for construction permit for new broadcasting station at Erie set for hearing because of protests made by Broadcasters of Pennsylvania, Inc., Station WLBW. Grant made by Commission on May 9, 1933, suspended pending outcome of hearing.

KFAC—Los Angeles Broadcasting Co., Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—Application for modification of license for increase time set for hearing because of protest of Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Station KECA. Grant made May 12 suspended pending outcome of hearing.

WIAS—Iowa Broadcasting Co., Ottumwa, Iowa—Renewal of license.

WPTF—WPTF Radio Co., Raleigh, N. C.—Modification of license to change hours from limited with KPO to unlimited.

WJBK—James F. Hopkins, Inc., Detroit, Mich.—Modification of license to increase hours of operation from specified to unlimited.

WIBM—WIBM, Inc., Jackson, Mich.—Modification of license to increase hours from specified to unlimited.

NEW—State Investment Co. (formerly Nelson Bros. Bond & Mortgage Co.), Chicago, Ill.—Application for construction permit for new station to use 560 kc., 1 KW night and 1½ KW LS, unlimited time. Transmitter at Lake County, Ind., studio at Gary Ind. (Facilities of WJKS in so far as use of 560 kc. is concerned.)

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSION ACTION

KGER—Consolidated Broadcasting Corp., Ltd., Long Beach, Calif. Modification of license to move main studio to Los Angeles, heretofore set for hearing, was dismissed at request of applicant.

NEW—Hager & Hunter, Owatonna, Minn.—Construction permit for new station heretofore set for hearing, was dismissed at request of applicant.

WIBO and WPCC—Nelson Bros. Bond & Mortgage Co., Chicago, Ill., and North Shore Church, Chicago, Ill.—Dismissed petition and supplemental petition asking for reconsideration and reopening of Commission's decision of October 6, 1931, whereby the facilities of these stations were granted to WJKS, Gary, Ind., on the ground that the Commission is without authority to take such action.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

First Zone

WCAC—Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn.—Modification of license to change name of licensee to Connecticut State College and increase power from 250 watts and 500 watts.

WICC—Bridgeport Broadcasting Station, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.—License to cover construction permit to move transmitter from Easton to Bridgeport.

WICC—Bridgeport Broadcasting Station, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.—Modification of license to increase power from 250 watts, 500 watts LS, to 500 watts night experimentally and 500 watts day, amended to omit "experimentally."

Second Zone

None.

Third Zone

KWKH—Hello World Broadcasting Corporation, Shreveport, La.—Consent to voluntary assignment to International Broadcasting Corporation.

WSOC—WSOC, Inc., Gastonia, N. C.—Construction permit to move transmitter and studio from Gastonia to Charlotte, N. C., and make changes in equipment.

Fourth Zone

KWKC—Wilson Duncan, tr. as Wilson Duncan Broadcasting Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Modification of license to increase hours of operation from specified to unlimited.

WCAJ—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebr.—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW (filed under Rule 6-g—facilities of WOW in terms of quota units).

WGES—Oak Leaves Broadcasting System, Inc., Chicago, Ill.—Modification of license to change hours of operation from sharing with WJKS to specified hours, amended to change specified hours.

NEW—John L. Hopkins, Hammond, Ind.—Construction permit for new station to use 1360 kc., 1 KW, share with WGES. Requests facilities of WJKS, Gary, Ind., when that station shifts to 560 kc.

NEW—State Investment Co., Gary, Ind.—Construction permit for new station at Gary, site to be determined, 560 kc., 1 KW, 1½ KW day, unlimited time subject to filing of similar application by North Shore Church, then share with that station. Facilities of WJKS in so far as 560 kc. is concerned.

Fifth Zone

KNX—Western Broadcast Company, Los Angeles, Calif.—Special experimental authorization to increase power from 25 KW to 50 KW.

KECA—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—Construction permit to change transmitter location and increase power amended to request facilities in terms of quota units of former Station KGEF (now assigned to KFAC).

KFXD—Frank E. Hurt, Nampa, Idaho—Consent to involuntary assignment of license to H. L. Peterson.

NEW—Hilo Broadcasting Co., Ltd., Hilo, T. H.—Construction permit for new station filed by Otis Hill to use 1210 kc., 100 watts daytime, amended as to name of applicant and to request 8 hours day.