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CONGRESS ADJOURNS JUNE 16

The special or first session of the Seventy-third Congress adjourned sine die early Friday morning, June 16. The session commenced on March 9 upon call of President Roosevelt just four days after his inauguration.

The session was called for the purpose of enacting into law the President's emergency program and took no action on any of the radio broadcasting measures introduced. All of these bills, however, will be before the Congress when it meets in regular session next January.

The only action on any radio bill was a hearing before the House Merchant Marine, Radio, and Fisheries Committee on the short wave bills introduced by Representative Ludlow, Indiana. These bills have not yet been reported. Neither of them affect broadcasting.

INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY BILL ENACTED

President Roosevelt on Friday, June 16, approved the National Industrial Recovery Act which was enacted by Congress just before adjournment.

The keystone of President Roosevelt's emergency program, the bill affects every industry which is engaged in interstate commerce. With several minor changes, the bill as it became law embodies the outline of its provisions printed in NAB REPORTS, Vol. 1, No. 14, page 59.

The NAB is now giving careful study to the bill with a view to the preparation of an outline setting forth the manner in which it affects broadcasting.

Upon signing the bill, President Roosevelt said:

"History probably will record the National Industrial Recovery Act as the most important and far-reaching legislation ever enacted by the American Congress. It represents a supreme effort to stabilize for all time the many factors which make for the prosperity of the nation, and the preservation of American standards.

"Its goal is the assurance of a reasonable profit to industry and living wages for labor with the elimination of the piratical methods and practices which have not only harassed honest business but also contributed to the ills of labor.

"While we are engaged in establishing new foundations for business which ultimately should open a return to work for large numbers of men, it is our hope through the so-called Public Works section of the law to speedily initiate a program of public construction that should early re-employ additional hundreds of thousands of men.

"Obviously, if this project is to succeed, it demands the whole-hearted cooperation of industry, labor and every citizen of the nation."

At the same time the President announced that administration of the bill would be in charge of General Hugh Johnson and that Col. Donald H. Sawyer would serve as temporary public works administrator. He also announced the personnel of the Industrial Recovery Board, which will include the Secretary of Commerce as chairman, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Budget, the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, and General Johnson.

U. S. RADIO DELEGATION MEETS

A meeting of the main committee preparing for the radio conference which will open in Mexico City on July 10 was held Monday, June 12. Judge E. O. Sykes, Chairman of the Federal Radio Commission and Chairman of the United States Delegation, and Honorable Schuyler O. Bland, Chairman of the House Committee

on Marine, Radio, and Fisheries, were present. Judge Sykes presided over the meeting. The delegates received reports from the various subcommittees which have since late in February, been collecting technical data concerning the many problems confronting the delegation. The delegates will make a report to the Department of State and doubtless will receive instructions on the controversial issues.

To date there has been no announcement concerning the technical advisers to the U. S. delegates.

NAB SECTIONS MEET JUNE 26, 27

Members of the NAB were sent this week programs for the annual meetings of the NAB Engineering and Commercial Sections which will be held at Chicago, Ill., June 26, and Grand Rapids, Mich., June 27, respectively.

The Engineering Section meeting will be held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill., at 9:30 a. m., Monday, June 26, during the Eighth Annual Convention of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the program has been worked out in cooperation with officials of the Institute so as not to interfere with the main sessions of the IRE convention.

The Commercial Section meeting will be held at the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Mich., at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, June 27, in connection with the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Advertising Federation of America. The NAB Commercial Section meeting has been scheduled so as not to interfere in any way with the regular sessions of the AFA convention.

Grand Rapids is less than 150 miles from Chicago and members will be able to attend both Section meetings and combine a visit to the Century of Progress with the trip.

Members are urged to make hotel reservations promptly. Reduced railroad fares have been secured for both the IRE and AFA conventions.

POST OFFICE CLARIFIES FAN MAIL RULING

Members of the NAB this week were sent copies of a letter by Solicitor Karl A. Crowley of the Post Office Department addressed to the NAB Managing Director affirming a ruling by his predecessor, Horace J. Donnelly, relating to the forwarding of broadcast fan mail. The ruling was made following a series of conferences between the Solicitor and the NAB Managing Director and the editor of *Broadcasting*. The letter affirms the ruling of the Post Office Department as published in the April 1, 1933, issue of *Broadcasting* and in NAB REPORTS, Vol. 1, No. 8, page 31.

Mr. Crowley's letter stated:

"At the request of Mr. Harlee Branch, Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, I have re-examined and considered the ruling of Mr. Donnelly, my predecessor as Solicitor for the Post Office Department, dated March 14, 1933, relating to the forwarding of "fan" mail by radio stations to sponsors of radio programs directly or through essential intermediaries.

"The ruling has been approved and is now in effect. The ruling referred to is published in full text in April 1, 1933, issue of *Broadcasting* magazine."

Stations located in most of the larger cities were sent copies of the ruling as published in the magazine and copies of Solicitor Crowley's letter with a suggestion that these stations bring the ruling to the attention of their postmasters.

POWER TAX PROVISION CHANGED

During the last week of the special session of Congress, the House and Senate agreed upon a provision in the so-called gas tax bill

under which the tax on electrical energy after September 1, 1933, must be borne by the power companies. The new provision of the law amends the Revenue Act of 1932 under which the three per cent tax was imposed upon commercial and domestic users of electrical energy. Over the protest of the NAB, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has ruled that broadcasting companies were commercial users of power and therefore subject to the tax. Under the new law this tax must be borne by the power companies after September 1, 1933.

As enacted the law reads as follows:

"Sec. 6. (a) Effective September 1, 1933, section 616 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 616. Tax on electrical energy for domestic or commercial consumption.

"(a) There is hereby imposed upon electrical energy sold for domestic or commercial consumption and not for resale a tax equivalent to 3 per cent of the price for which so sold, to be paid by the vendor under such rules and regulations as the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe. The sale of electrical energy to an owner or lessee of a building, who purchases such electrical energy for resale to the tenants therein, shall for the purposes of this section be considered as a sale for consumption and not for resale, but the resale to the tenant shall not be considered a sale for consumption.

"(b) The provisions of sections 619, 622, and 625 shall not be applicable with respect to the tax imposed by this section.

"(c) No tax shall be imposed under this section upon electrical energy sold to the United States or to any State or Territory or political subdivision thereof or the District of Columbia. None of the provisions of this section shall apply to publicly owned electric and power plants. The right to exemption under this subsection shall be evidenced in such manner as the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, may, by regulation, prescribe."

"(b) Despite the provisions of this section the tax imposed under section 616 of the Revenue Act of 1932 before its amendment by this section on electrical energy furnished before September 1, 1933, shall be imposed, collected, and paid in the same manner and shall be subject to the same provisions of law (including penalties) as if this section had not been enacted."

RADIO OMITTED FROM REORGANIZATION

The Federal Radio Commission was not included in the reorganization proposals submitted to the Congress during the week by President Roosevelt. The executive orders were confined to the reorganization of certain government services which will result in a saving of \$25,000,000. The fact that the Radio Commission was not included in these orders is taken as an indication that no change in the status of that body is contemplated, for the present, at least. Whether further reorganizations will be forthcoming when Congress returns next January is a matter for conjecture at this time.

FOOD AND DRUGS REVISION BILLS

Identical bills (S. 944 and H. R. 6110) were introduced in the Senate and House on June 13 by Senator Copeland of New York and Congressman Sirovich of New York, providing for a general revision of the food and drugs law and for the prevention of false labeling and advertising of food, drugs, and cosmetics.

The bills were drafted by the Department of Agriculture, and while no action was taken on them during the special session, it is expected that hearings will be held during the regular session beginning next January. The Senate bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and the House bill was referred to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Section 9 of the bill provides that an "advertisement of a food, drug, or cosmetic shall be deemed to be false if in any particular it is untrue, or by ambiguity or inference creates a misleading impression regarding such food, drug or cosmetic."

Section 17 of the bill prohibits "the dissemination of any false advertisement by radio broadcast, United States mails, or in interstate commerce for the purpose of inducing, directly or indirectly, the purchase of food, drugs, or cosmetics" but another paragraph of the same section exempts any publisher, advertising agency or radio broadcast station from penalties "if on request of an officer or employee duly designated by the Secretary, he furnishes the name and post office address of the person who contracted for or caused him to disseminate such advertisement."

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace made public the following digest of the bill:

"(1) The prevention of false advertising. The need for the control of serious abuses in this field is generally recognized.

"(2) The inclusion of cosmetics. Serious injuries have occurred through the sale and use of cosmetic products of a character harmful to the user. The practice of deceptive labeling and advertising of such products should be regulated.

"(3) The establishment of tolerances for added poisons in foods. A complete elimination of all poisonous substances from foods may be impossible. Where the presence of poisons is unavoidable, their amounts should be kept so low that by no possibility will the food be harmful to health. The present law contains no provision authorizing the establishment of tolerances for poisons, but imposes upon the Government the obligation of showing affirmatively in every case that a food containing poisonous substances may be harmful to health independent of similar adulterations prevailing extensively in other foods.

"(4) Authority for the Secretary, after notice and hearing, to promulgate definitions and standards for foods which will have the force and effect of law. Under the present law such authority extends to the field of canned foods only. Legal food standards like those now existing for official drug products are essential for efficient enforcement operations.

"(5) Power to require manufacturers to procure in certain cases Federal permits. This method of regulation will be invoked in those instances only where a menace to health is involved and where adequate protection to the public cannot be effected through the other provisions of the bill.

"(6) The control of drug products on the basis of therapeutic claims which are contrary to the general agreement of medical opinion. This removes the burden imposed by the present law of proving not only that such statements are false but that they were made with fraudulent intent on the part of the manufacturer. This has seriously handicapped the department in the extension of adequate protection to the public in the purchase of drugs labeled as treatments for various diseases.

"(7) Requirement of informative labels. With one or two minor exceptions the present food and drugs act contains no positive labeling requirement. It merely prohibits false or misleading statements and these prohibitions are to some extent minimized by excepting provisos. A disclosure on the label of sufficient facts to enable intelligent and discriminating buying will operate unquestionably to the advantage of the consumer."

NAB PROTESTS UNLICENSED STATIONS

Acting upon complaints from members, the NAB on June 13 addressed a letter to the Federal Radio Commission asking that prompt action be taken by the Government against unlicensed broadcasting stations now operating in Texas and other states.

The following news item, which appeared in the Brownwood, Texas, *Bulletin*, May 17, was attached to the letter:

"Terms of 'Illegal,' 'Bootleg' and 'Unlawful' that have been used in referring to Texas independent radio stations operating without federal licenses are unfair and misleading, members of the board of directors of the Texas Independent Radio Advertising Association said at a meeting here today. The radio station operators met here in a luncheon conference at Hotel Brownwood.

"Members of the board of directors are: E. J. Turner, Denton, and Howard Cox, Temple, North Texas District; Sam Morris, Stamford, and A. W. Stewart, Brownwood, West Texas District; W. A. Needham, Taylor, and Bill Lowry, Austin, South Bend District. B. W. Downing of Belton is president of the Association.

"Thirty-five stations were represented in person or by proxy at today's meeting. There are 57 stations in Texas eligible for membership, most of which have joined the organization.

"The board maintains that as long as the stations do only intrastate broadcasting they are violating no laws or regulations and are within their rights. These stations can be regulated only by the State, the operators say.

"Gus Rosenberg, President of the Chamber of Commerce, attended the luncheon and made a talk. Tom Posey of Brownwood also was a guest.

"The visitors were entertained by Alton W. Stewart, operator of the Heart of Texas station here."

The Commission indicated that it had collected evidence against a number of the unlicensed stations and was prepared to institute prosecution under the Radio Act of 1927.

LAFOUNT PLANS COAST TRIP

The Federal Radio Commission will carry on regular operations during the summer months although individual commissioners will be away from Washington from time to time on inspection tours and other official business.

For the first time in three years, Commissioner Lafount will make an official inspection of his fifth zone, including the Pacific states and the Rocky Mountain area. Leaving Washington early in July, he plans to stop in the larger cities and to hold conferences with broadcasters on problems of mutual concern. He will be away from Washington about six weeks.

Mr. Lafount's proposed itinerary is as follows:

Salt Lake City, July 6-7; Ogden, Utah, July 8; Pocatello, Ida., July 9; Idaho Falls, Ida., July 9; Butte, Mont., July 10; Great Falls, Mont., July 10; Spokane, Wash., July 12; Seattle, Wash., July 13-14; Tacoma, Wash., July 15; Portland, Ore., July 17; Sacramento, Cal., July 19; San Francisco, Cal., July 20-21; San Jose, Cal., July 22; Los Angeles, Cal., July 23-25; Long Beach, Cal., July 26; Santa Monica, Cal., July 26; Santa Ana, Cal., July 27; San Diego, Cal., July 28; El Centro, Cal., July 29; Phoenix, Ariz., July 30; Tucson, Ariz., July 31; El Paso, Tex., Aug. 1; Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 2; Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 3; Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 3; Denver, Colo., Aug. 4-5.

Commissioner Starbuck contemplates an inspection of radio operations of leading airlines beginning late in the summer. His itinerary has not yet been arranged.

Commissioner Hanley is scheduled to deliver the dedicatory address over KICK in connection with that station's opening on June 19 at Carter Lake, Iowa, near Council Bluffs.

COMMISSION APPROPRIATION APPROVED

The Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, containing an appropriation of \$640,000 for the Federal Radio Commission for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1933, was approved by Congress on June 15, just prior to adjournment.

This amount is \$140,000 less than the sum allocated to the Commission for the fiscal year which ends on June 30, and although the Commission has already effected a number of economies, further reductions in expenses will have to be worked out to stay within the curtailed appropriation. Indications are that the Commission, during the coming week, will adopt either a system of furloughs for present employees or announce further dismissals from the service.

COPIES OF SECURITIES ACT MAILED

Within the next few days members of the NAB will receive copies of the Securities Act of 1933, which provides for the full and fair disclosure of the character of securities sold in interstate and foreign commerce and through the mails. An analysis of the bill was contained in NAB REPORTS, Vol. 1, No. 14, page 58. The copies of the law being sent to members will be punched to fit into the NAB Handbook binder. It is urged that all members read the act carefully and then insert it in the handbook for future reference.

UIR AND NAB EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS

The first step in bringing together in closer collaboration the Union Internationale de Radiodiffusion and the NAB was taken when the Bureau of the Council of the UIR at Geneva recently approved a regular exchange of publications between the NAB and the UIR. The decision of the Bureau was communicated in a letter from A. R. Burrows, Secretary-General of the Union, to the Managing Director and expresses the hope that still closer collaboration may be possible in the future. The UIR is the fact-gathering body for broadcasting organizations in European countries and was active in behalf of broadcasting interests at the International Radio Conference held at Madrid last fall.

AUSTRALIAN PRAISES NAB REPORTS

J. Malone, chief inspector (wireless), Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, C. 2, Australia, has included a word of praise for NAB REPORTS in his recent communication to the Managing Director. "I think the new form is a distinct improvement and the change is appreciated by us who are readers of all that you send out," Mr. Malone writes. For more than a year the NAB has been

exchanging information with Mr. Malone's department which is responsible for radio broadcasting in Australia.

500,000-WATT STATION FOR MEXICO

The Secretary of Communications at Mexico City has granted permission to Senor Gumaro Lazarraga, of Matamoros, to construct a 500,000-watt radio broadcasting station in Matamoros, which will be the most powerful in the world, according to a report from Vice Consul Henry G. Krausse, Matamoros, Mexico, made public by the Commerce Department.

The owner of this concession is not known in Matamoros, and as yet plans regarding construction and operation of the station have not been made public, the report said.

The station has been assigned the call letters WEM.

ASCAP CAMPAIGN AGAINST RESTAURANTS

Latest reports indicate that the campaign of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers against small restaurants has now spread to Michigan and Nebraska. So far there has been no indication that ASCAP intends to live up to the pledge it made a year ago to the House Committee on Patents. The victims of this campaign should communicate with their Congressmen and Senators, or directly with Hon. William I. Sirovich, Chairman of House Patents Committee, Washington, D. C., to whom the ASCAP pledges were made.

McCOSKER NAMES NEW COMMITTEE

President Alfred J. McCosker of the NAB this week named William S. Hedges, KDKA, Pittsburgh, Pa., Leo Fitzpatrick, WJR, Detroit, Mich., and Henry A. Bellows, vice president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, as a committee to cooperate with committees of the Radio Manufacturers Association and the Institute of Radio Service Men in the development of a public relations campaign for the radio industry.

MORE INDEPENDENT MUSIC AVAILABLE

The American Music Corporation, 1619 Broadway, New York, Sam Wigler, manager, is sending copies of the following compositions to all member broadcasting stations:

"Looking Forward" (title based on President Roosevelt's book).

"I'm Crooning A Love Song To Heaven" (ballad).

"Song Of The Legionnaire" (fox-trot).

"Your Uncle's Ankle" (comedy-novelty fast fox-trot).

"Just Another Dream Gone Wrong" (fox-trot).

The copies of this music sent to stations will bear this imprint:

"By arrangement with the Radio Program Foundation all broadcasting stations are authorized publicly to perform the within composition for profit, without the payment of a copyright fee."

Because member broadcasting stations are assured of the unrestricted use of this music, it is suggested by Oswald F. Schuette, NAB copyright director, that, so far as it meets the musical standards of their Program Departments, preference be given to this music over that published by members of ASCAP, whose music is subject to constant restriction.

MILLS RETURNS FROM EUROPE

E. C. Mills, general manager of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, returned from Europe on June 9 aboard the S. S. *Aquitania*. While abroad he attended the conference of European performing rights societies which was held in Copenhagen.

WIRED RADIO IN CLEVELAND

Information from reliable sources is to the effect that the stage is set in Cleveland, Ohio, for a tryout there of wired radio. The latest information is to the effect that two sub-stations of the Bell Telephone Company have been especially equipped for the service. Apparently about all that is holding it back is the depression. There will have to be an improvement in general conditions, advises say, before the experiment is actually started, but it is said they are

ready to start immediately whenever they receive the word to go.

A recent demonstration in Washington, D. C., by the Bell Laboratories, under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, whereby there was reproduced in the city of Washington, by wire, a program by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra playing in Philadelphia, aroused considerable speculation concerning a possible new competitor of broadcasters.

HEDGES TAKES CHARGE OF KDKA

William S. Hedges, president of the NAB during 1928 and 1929 and chairman of the Executive Committee during 1930, assumed the management of Station KDKA, Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 16. Hedges, who is well known throughout the broadcasting industry, began his radio career in 1922 as manager of Station WGU in Chicago which later became Station WMAQ. Later he became president of the latter station and more recently was a member of the executive staff of the Chicago offices of the National Broadcasting Company.

WFIW TO MOVE TO LOUISVILLE

The Radio Commission on Friday sustained Chief Examiner Yost in his Report No. 449 by granting Station WFIW, Hopkinsville, Ky., a license renewal to operate on 940 kilocycles, 1000 watts power, unlimited time, and authority to move the station to Louisville, Ky. In the same opinion the Commission denied Station WLAP, Louisville, Ky., permission to have the facilities of WFIW for which it had applied.

It was found by the Commission that WFIW presented a definite plan for the use of the regional facilities "that affords reasonable assurance that no substantial increase in interference in the reception of stations assigned to the 940 kilocycle frequency would be caused by the proposed change in the allocation of these facilities." It appeared further, says the Commission, that in the case of WLAP "the operation of this applicant's station on the 940 kilocycle frequency would result in increased interference in the reception of at least one other station." It was further found by the Commission that the operation of WLAP would cause blanketing effects against the reception of other stations in an area having a relatively large population.

WKRC DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA AUTHORIZED

The Commission sustained Chief Examiner Yost in his Report No. 446 in the case of Station WKRC, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Commission in part granted a renewal of license to the station so as to authorize its continued operation on 550 kilocycles, with 500 watts power, unlimited time, and granted special experimental authority to operate with an additional 500 watts output on the condition that such additional power be used in such manner that the field intensities of WKRC radiated in the direction of St. Louis and Buffalo are of no greater value than the intensities radiated in those directions by the station when employing 500 watts power and its present antenna.

It is stated by the Commission in its decision that the station now causes interference with other stations operating on the same frequency. It is further pointed out that if the applicant's "proposed experiments with a directional antenna prove successful the applicant will be able to continue the operation of Station WKRC with 1,000 watts power, maintain the present service area of the station, and at the same time materially reduce existing interference in the reception of other stations assigned to the 550 kilocycle frequency."

COMMISSION APPROVES KMBC MOVE

Station KMBC, Kansas City, Mo., was granted permission by the Radio Commission to move from Independence, Mo., to Kansas City, Kans., sustaining Report No. 478 of Examiner R. H. Hyde.

Moving of the station as proposed, it was found by the Commission, "would improve the service of the station as it affects a substantial number of people in the logical or natural service area of the station."

Granting of permission for the move would not change the quota of broadcast facilities assigned to the State of Kansas, the Commission states.

NORTH CAROLINA STATION GRANTED

Chief Examiner Yost in his Report No. 477 was sustained by the Commission by its granting to William A. Wynne permission to construct a new broadcasting station at Greenville, N. C., to operate on a frequency of 1420 kilocycles, 100 watts power day-time operation.

It was found by the Commission that there is a need for the proposed broadcast service in the area of Greenville and that "the application being from an under quota state and for facilities which would not cause interference with any other station or stations now licensed may be granted in conformity with Rule 6 (f) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations."

RECOMMENDS ADDED POWER FOR WMAS

Station WMAS, Springfield, Mass., asked to increase its power from 100 watts to 250 watts local sunset. The station operates on a frequency of 1420 kilocycles. Report No. 487 (Yost, c. e.). Recommended that application be granted.

The Chief Examiner found that by granting the application no objectionable interference would result; and that "the people residing within the service area of Station WMAS are entitled to the improved radio service which the granting of the application would provide." It was further found by the Examiner that the State of Massachusetts is due 11.84 units of radio broadcasting facilities and is assigned 10.46 units. The granting of this application, says the Chief Examiner, "would increase the present under quota status of Massachusetts by .1 of a unit."

WJBY TEMPORARY LICENSE FAVORED

Station WJBY, Gadsden, Ala., applied to the Commission for license renewal using 1210 kilocycles, 100 watts power unlimited time; for permission to move locally and to change equipment. Report No. 485 (Yost, c. e.). Recommended that the station be allowed to move locally, change its equipment and that the license be renewed "temporarily, pending Commission action on other applications from the State of Alabama now on file with the Commission."

The Examiner found that the applicant is qualified to operate the station but that the station was moved and made changes in its transmitter in violation of Commission rules.

It was found further by the Examiner that the station has not at all times operated in accordance with the Commission rules but it was found also that "the continued operation of Station WJBY and the change of transmitter location as proposed by applicant, would serve public interest, convenience and necessity."

PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZES CONCERTS

Act No. 308 of the Pennsylvania Legislature, which became law on approval June 2, 1933, legalizes the receiving of compensation by musicians for Sunday concerts, the rendering and broadcasting of the same after twelve o'clock noon, and the charging of an admission fee thereto, provided that authorization is obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and any excess admission fees over the actual expenses are paid to the Department. The Department may authorize concerts provided they maintain music of a high order although not necessarily what is known as sacred music.

CALIFORNIA SHORT WAVE ACT VETOED

The California Legislature, like many others, passed an act relating to the maintenance and use of short wave radio receiving sets in vehicles, one of the principal features of which was to prohibit the use of sets capable of receiving above 1500 kilocycles in private automobiles without a permit. The act, however, met an unusual fate in that it was vetoed by the Governor on June 12, 1933.

WISCONSIN FAVORS EXEMPTION

Passage by the Senate on June 9, 1933 of the Grimes Bill, No. A. 252, which had previously passed the Assembly, leaves solely in the hands of the Governor the question of adding radio receiving sets to the list of household furniture exempt from taxation in Wisconsin.

RADIO EMPLOYMENT UP

The May index number for radio employment increased from 67.2 in April to 81.3 in May compared with 61 in May of last year taking 1926 at 100 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. Payroll index number for May was 62.3 compared with 50.5 in April and 53.6 in May of last year.

ASKS RADIO INVESTIGATION

Shortly before Congress adjourned Representative Ellzey of Mississippi introduced a resolution (H. Res. 181) asking for the appointment of a committee of ten members of the House to carry on a complete radio investigation.

The resolution asks for an investigation "(a) the manner in which the Federal Radio Commission is carrying out the provisions of the Davis amendment; and the reasons for any inequalities, injustices, or lack of consistency that might develop from such investigation; (b) the extent to which the two large chain networks have been favored by the activities, regulations, and decisions of the Commission against independently owned and operated radio stations; (c) the extent to which broadcasting stations in the United States are under the control of either of the two large networks by ownership, lease, stock control, or other devices; (d) the extent to which annual license fees properly may be assessed for the privileges of using licenses issued by the Government authorizing the operation of radio broadcasting stations and (e) such other matters pertaining to the business of radio broadcasting stations and chains or networks or other broadcasting companies or systems as the committee may in its discretion determine to be necessary or advisable under the circumstances."

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules of the House. No action was taken before adjournment.

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION ACTION HEARING CALENDAR

June 19, 1933

- WIP—Pennsylvania Broadcasting Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Special authority to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW experimentally, 610 kc.
WFI—WFI Broadcasting Co., Philadelphia, Pa.—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW, 560 kc.
WLIT—Lit Bros. Broadcasting System, Philadelphia, Pa.—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW, 560 kc.

June 20, 1933

- WCAO—Monumental Radio Co., Baltimore, Md.—Modification of license to increase power from 250 watts to 500 watts, 600 kc.
WICC—Bridgeport Broadcasting Station, Bridgeport, Conn.—Modification of license to increase power from 250 watts, 500 watts LS, to 500 watts.

June 21, 1933

- WHDH—Matheson Radio Co., Inc., Boston, Mass.—Modification of license to change hours from limited time to unlimited, 830 kc.

June 22, 1933

- WBCM—James E. Davidson, Bay City, Mich.—Special experimental authority to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW, 1410 kc.
NEW—Raymond M. Brannon, Fremont, Nebr.—Construction permit for new station to use 100 watts on 1500 kc., daytime (facilities of KFOR).
KFOR—Cornbelt Broadcasting Corp., Lincoln, Nebr.—Renewal of license, 100 watts, 250 watts LS, 1210 kc.

June 23, 1933

- WJJD—WJJD, Inc., Mooseheart, Ill.—Renewal of license, 1130 kc., 20 KW, limited time.

TENTATIVE HEARING CALENDAR

(Dates subject to change)

June 26, 1933

- WDBO—Orlando Broadcasting Co., Inc., Orlando, Fla.—Modification of license to increase power from 250 watts to 500 watts, 1 KW LS.
WRUF—University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.—Renewal of license.
WGNV—Peter Goelet, Chester Township, N. Y.—Modification of license to increase power from 50 watts to 100 watts.

June 27, 1933

- WRHM—Minnesota Broadcasting Corp., Minneapolis, Minn.—Modification of license to increase hours of operation.
WLB—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.—Modification of license to increase hours of operation.
WCAL—St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.—Construction permit to increase day power, and modification of license to increase hours of operation.

June 28, 1933

- Oral argument before Commission en banc in re Examiner's Report No. 479, relative to applications of Herman Radner, Lansing, Mich., and Capital City Broadcasting Co., Lansing, Mich., for construction permit for new station.

June 28, 1933

- WAMC—Raymond C Hammet, Anniston, Ala.—Construction permit to move station to Muscle Shoals.

June 30, 1933

- Hearing involving the applications of WFOX, WARD, WLTH, and WBBC for modifications of licenses and renewals of licenses, and application of WARD for construction permit to move transmitter.

July 6, 1933

- NEW—Leo J. Omelian, Erie, Pa.—Construction permit for new station to use 1420 kc., 100 watts, 250 watts LS, unlimited time.

July 7, 1933

- WNBW—WNBW, Inc., Carbondale, Pa.—Renewal of license, and involuntary assignment of license.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

First Zone

- WHAZ—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.—Granted authority to remain silent on Monday nights from August 7 to September 4.
WGNV—Peter Goelet, Chester Township, N. Y.—Granted authority to operate from 6 to 9 a. m. for one week to make field intensity survey.
WICC—Bridgeport Broadcasting Station, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.—Granted license covering move of transmitter from Easton to Bridgeport, 600 kc., 250 watts night, 500 watts day.

Second Zone

- WAZL—Hazleton Broadcasting Service, Inc., Hazleton, Pa.—Granted special temporary authority to operate a maximum of 4 hours daytime only simultaneously with Station WILM for period July 1 to January 1, 1934.
WJSV—Old Dominion Broadcasting Corp., Alexandria, Va.—Granted regular license, with certain requirements and restrictions, to operate on 1460 kc., 10 KW, unlimited time.

Third Zone

- WKFI—J. Pat Scully, Greenville, Miss.—Granted authority to remain silent for 90 days to rebuild transmitter.
- WQBC—Delta Broadcasting Co., Inc., Vicksburg, Miss.—Granted full-time operation upon a special authority for experimental purposes, in keeping with previous action, since WGES has withdrawn protest.

Fourth Zone

- KGIZ—Grant City Park Corp., Grant City, Mo.—Granted renewal of license and dismissed application from hearing docket.
- KGCA—Charles W. Greenley, Decorah, Iowa—Granted authority to remain silent from July 15 to July 23 to permit employees to take a vacation.
- WBAA—Purdue University, W. LaFayette, Ind.—Granted special temporary authority to operate from 1:45 p. m. to 5 p. m. CST October 7, with power of 1 KW provided WKBF remains silent.
- KFDY—S. Dak. State College, Brookings, S. Dak.—Granted special temporary authority to operate from 2 to 3 p. m. CST June 30, provided KFYR remains silent.
- WJKS—Johnson-Kennedy Radio Corp., Gary, Ind.—Granted construction permit to install new equipment only.

Fifth Zone

- KUJ—KUJ, Inc., Walla Walla, Wash.—Granted renewal of license, 1370 kc., 100 watts, 6 a. m. to local sunset; also renewed special authority permitting unlimited time experimentally during next license period.
- KIEM—Harold H. Hanseth, Eureka, Calif.—Granted authority to operate nighttime June 19 to broadcast election returns.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSION ACTION

- NEW—Juan Piza, San Juan, P. R.—Suspended grant of CP issued May 19, 1933, for new station to operate on 1290 kc., with 500 watts, unlimited time, because of protest by Radio Corp. of Puerto Rico, and set application for hearing.
- KECA—Earl C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—Application for construction permit to move transmitter locally, make changes in equipment, increase daytime power, was returned to applicant because it was inconsistent with Rule 49.

APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING

- KROW—Educational Broadcasting Corp., Oakland, Calif.—Construction permit to increase hours of operation from sharing with KFWI to unlimited; install present equipment of KFWI, and facilities of KFWI requested. Also requests modification of license to change hours from sharing with KFWI to unlimited.
- WLWL—Missionary Society of St. Paul The Apostle, New York—Modification of license to increase hours of operation from specified hours to unlimited time. (To be heard by the Commission on September 6.)
- WPRO—Cherry & Webb Broadcasting Co., Providence, R. I.—Special experimental authority to change frequency from 1210 kc. to 630 kc., increase power from 100 to 250 watts experimentally, and install new equipment.
- WMT—Waterloo Broadcasting Co., Waterloo, Iowa—Modification of license to increase daytime power from 500 watts to 1 KW.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

First Zone

- WPCH—Eastern Broadcasters, Inc., New York—Consent to voluntary assignment of license to Knickerbocker Broadcasting Co., Inc.
- WQDM—A. J. St. Antoine & E. J. Regan, St. Albans, Vt.—Modification of license to change specified hours of operation.
- WSAR—Doughty & Welch Electric Co., Inc., Fall River, Mass.—License to cover construction permit for changes in equipment (resubmitted in proper form).

- WHN—Marcus Loew Booking Agency, New York—Construction permit to move transmitter from New York City to Astoria, L. I., and install new equipment.
- WEVD—Debs Memorial Radio Fund, Inc., New York—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW, resubmitted without amendment.
- NEW—Donald E. Bean and Wendell S. Clark, d/b as The Connecticut Broadcasting Co., Danbury, Conn.—Construction permit for a new station to use 100 watts on 1310 kc., daytime, resubmitted.
- WGLC—O. T. Griffin & G. F. Bissell, Hudson Falls, N. Y.—Modification of license to increase power from 50 watts night, 100 watts day, to 100 watts day and night.

Second Zone

- NEW—Rav M. Thompson, Youngstown, Ohio—Construction permit for a new station to use 1370 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time, facilities of WHBD, Mt. Orab, Ohio.
- WJR—WJR, The Goodwill Station, Inc., Detroit, Mich.—Construction permit to install new transmitter (site to be determined) and increase power from 10 KW to 50 KW.

Third Zone

- WJEM—Britt A. Rogers, Jr., Tupelo, Miss.—Modification of construction permit for a new station to extend commencement and completion dates to 7-9-33 and 10-9-33, respectively.
- KMLB—Liner's Broadcasting Station, Inc., Monroe, La.—Construction permit to move transmitter locally and change equipment, frequency, power, and time from 1200 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time, to 590 kc., 250 watts, specified hours, amended as to transmitter location and hours of operation.
- KTRH—KTRH Broadcasting Co., Houston, Tex.—Special experimental authorization to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW for term ending 10-1-33.
- WSB—The Atlanta Journal Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Modification of 50 KW construction permit to extend completion date to 8-14-33.

Fourth Zone

- KGNO—Dodge City Broadcasting Co., Inc., Dodge City, Kans.—License to cover construction permit to make changes in equipment, change frequency from 1210 kc. to 1340 kc., and increase power from 100 watts to 250 watts.
- WJKS—Johnson Kennedy Radio Corp., Gary, Ind.—Construction permit to move transmitter locally (site to be determined) and install new transmitter, and change power from 1 KW night, 1¼ KW day, to 1 KW, amended to omit request to move.
- KFAB—KFAB Broadcasting Co., Lincoln, Nebr.—Modification of construction permit to increase power to 25 KW to extend commencement and completion dates from 11-1-32 and 1-1-33 to 7-1-34 and 1-1-35, respectively.
- KFOR—Cornbelt Broadcasting Corp., Lincoln, Nebr.—Construction permit to make changes in equipment.
- KGIZ—Grant City Park Corp., Grant City, Mo.—Construction permit to move station from Grant City to Springfield, Mo., install new transmitter, and change from 1500 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time, to 560 kc., 500 watts, daytime (facilities of KGBX, Springfield, in terms of quota units).
- KGIZ—Grant City Park Corporation, Grant City, Mo.—Voluntary assignment of license to KGBX, Inc.
- KGBX—KGBX, Inc., Springfield, Mo.—Modification of license to change hours of operation from unlimited to from local sunset to midnight.

Fifth Zone

- KGIR—KGIR, Inc., Butte, Mont.—License to cover construction permit to make equipment changes and increase day power to 1 KW.
- NEW—Fred L. Packard, G. Happ and Judge J. W. Schulman, d/b as Acme Broadcasting Co., Huntington Park, Calif.—Construction permit for a new station to use 1300 kc., 500 watts, share with KFAC, amended to change transmitter location to "to be determined" as to equipment and name of applicant.