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DILL WILL PUSH COMMUNICATIONS BILL

Following a conference with President Roosevelt at the White House on Friday, Senator C. C. Dill, Washington, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, announced that he will shortly introduce a bill to create a Communications Commission with a view to secure its final enactment during the present session of Congress.

Representative Sam Rayburn, Texas, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, also was present at the White House Conference.

Senator Dill has been at work on the bill for several weeks and will have it ready for introduction within the next two weeks. It will undoubtedly carry the approval of President Roosevelt which virtually assures passage of the measure.

The President and Senator Dill have agreed, it is understood, upon the procedure to be followed in dealing with the general communications problem and no time will be lost in securing Congressional action.

The Dill Communications bill will abolish the Federal Radio Commission and create in its stead a Communications Commission which will have all the powers of the present Radio Commission and also the powers which the Interstate Commerce Commission now has over wireless and wire communications.

Senator Dill explained that the measure he will introduce will not contain any controversial features but will rather be a consolidation of existing laws on the subject of broadcasting and communications with the administrative power lodged in a new commission. This Commission would begin immediately to study the many perplexing problems tied up in the communications field and work with a view to developing a permanent communications policy for the United States.

At the present time there is no disposition to change the existing laws as they relate to broadcasting. Such changes as might be necessary would be suggested by way of amendment to the general law after the new Commission has given mature thought to the subject. It is possible, however, that the new bill would include the provisions of the old Dill bill which passed both Houses of Congress last Congress and received a veto by President Hoover. This bill was designed to correct certain procedural defects in the existing radio law. There is some likelihood, also, that the bill to prohibit remote control broadcasts in the United States for broadcasting by foreign stations will be absorbed by the new Dill bill.

By simply bringing about a consolidation of existing statutes relating to communications and avoiding controversial aspects of the legislation, Senator Dill hopes that hearings will be unnecessary. However, if requests for hearings are received, he will undoubtedly grant them although he would not permit them to become lengthy or interfere in any way with the progress of the legislation.

The Washington Senator made clear his views on the subject of radio legislation at a recent meeting of the International Committee on Radio in Washington. He said it was his belief that the American idea of private ownership and operation of communication companies had been responsible for the leadership of this nation in radio development and that this development should not be throttled by eliminating competition. He pointed out that trans-oceanic radio circuits had brought about reductions in cable rates and used figures to prove his point.

The Supreme Court of the United States, he explained, had upheld the policy underlying our present broadcasting system and it was his view that future legislation should follow this policy.

For more than ten years a leader in radio legislation, Senator

Dill, as chairman of the powerful Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, wields tremendous influence in radio legislative matters.

The announcement that a Communications Commission bill will be introduced and pressed at the present session of Congress was the most important development in broadcasting since the Roosevelt administration came into power and was taken as an indication that the administration intends to proceed carefully step by step toward a permanent communications policy.

COPELAND BILL SLATED FOR ACTION

President Roosevelt on Thursday night gave his approval to the revised Copeland bill to revise the pure food and drug bill and announcement was made that the measure will be pushed to final Congressional action at an early date.

The announcement of presidential approval of the measure followed a conference between President Roosevelt, Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, assistant secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and Senator Royal S. Copeland, New York, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Senator Copeland was completing work on his revised bill as this issue of NAB Reports went to press and copies were to become available within a day or two.

Much of the opposition to the measure was met by revisions and Senator Copeland believed the bill in its revised form would meet with the approval of newspaper publishers, magazine publishers and broadcast stations. It is understood that many of the amendments proposed by the NAB were incorporated in the altered measure.

Senator Copeland stated that he planned to call his Committee together at an early date, probably next week, and report the bill to the Senate for action.

Truthful advertising provisions of the bill place the burden of proof on the manufacturer and not the advertising media.

HEARINGS ON RADIO BILL NEXT WEEK

Senator Dill of Washington has introduced a bill (S. 2660) in the Senate amending the radio law to prevent the setting up of studios in the United States which are connected with radio stations in foreign countries that broadcast back to this country.

An identical bill (H. R. 7800) has been introduced in the House by Representative Bland of Virginia, which has been referred to the House Committee on Merchant Marine, Radio and Fisheries. Announcement has been made that hearings will be held on this bill beginning February 15th.

The Dill bill, which has been referred to the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, is as follows:

That the Radio Act of 1927, approved February 23, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1162), is amended by the addition of a new section to follow section 28 of said Act (44 Stat. 1172), said new section to read as follows:

"No person, firm, company, or corporation shall be permitted to locate, use, or maintain a radio broadcast studio or other place or apparatus from which or whereby sound waves are converted into electrical energy, or mechanical or physical reproduction of sound waves produced, and caused to be transmitted or delivered to a radio station in a foreign country for the purpose of being broadcast from any radio station there having a power output of sufficient intensity and/or being so located geographically that its emissions may be received consistently in the United States,

without first obtaining a permit from the Federal Radio Commission upon proper application therefor.

"Such application shall contain such information as the Commission may by regulation prescribe, and the granting or refusal thereof shall be subject to the requirements of section 11 of the Radio Act of 1927 with respect to applications for station licenses or renewal or modification thereof, and the license or permission so granted shall be revocable for false statements in the application so required or when the Commission, after hearings, shall find its continuation no longer in the public interest."

ROPER COMMITTEE PLANS INDEFINITE

Plans of the Roper Committee, which will shortly undertake a study of broadcasting with a view to making a report to the President, were indefinite as this issue of NAB REPORTS went to press.

Secretary of Commerce Roper announced this week that he would appoint a committee of perhaps three or four persons to study broadcasting and formulate a report to supplement the recent report on point-to-point communications. He stated that Herbert Pettey, secretary of the Federal Radio Commission; Dr. Irving Stewart, radio expert of the State Department; and perhaps some one from the U. S. Office of Education as an advisor will constitute the committee.

This committee, it is believed, will study all phases of the broadcasting problem and invite all interested parties to submit their views. While this committee is expected to get into action within the next two weeks it has not yet made known its plans nor indicated whether it will hold open hearings or simply ask interested parties to submit their views in memoranda.

The study is regarded as important in view of the reported interest of both the President and the Secretary of Commerce in the undertaking. What relationship, if any, it will have with the recently announced legislative program is not yet known.

REDUCTION OF WORKING HOURS PROPOSED

Concrete proposals for further reduction of working hours in all industries will be laid down by General Hugh S. Johnson on March 5 at which time he will call to Washington code authorities and trade association executives. The announcement of the NRA chief was made late Thursday.

LABOR SEEKS CODE AUTHORITY PLACES

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement published in the official labor publication, made a new demand for labor representation on code authorities.

Green argued that the customary view of industry that the code authorities deal with management questions and therefore should not include labor representatives, was not sound because principal responsibilities of the code ruling committees were administrative.

"Since the code authority exercises public control," he said, "labor maintains that in addition to representation of the industry, it shall provide representation for workers and consumers, either in an advisory capacity or as members."

CODE COMMITTEE COMMENCES STUDY

The subcommittee of the Code Authority for the Radio Broadcasting Industry held a conference in New York this week preliminary to commencing a study of radio performers which is provided for in the code.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Every member of the NAB who reads this issue of NAB REPORTS must get some idea of the demands which are being made upon the Association these days. These demands will increase rather than decrease. As predicted by your Managing Director, the income to the Association under the new system of dues has been far less than the expenses of operation despite curtailments

in headquarters office expenses. If every member paid his January dues the income would still be inadequate. But combine with this the fact that twenty-five per cent of all members have not paid January dues and you can get some idea of our financial situation. Further reduction in expenses cannot be put into effect without materially curtailing the activities of the Association. While such curtailment would be unfortunate at this particular time, no alternative is left if revenue does not pick up promptly.

If you have not paid your dues, won't you please attend to this at once? This will help some.

If there are stations in your locality who are not members of the Association, won't you please call on them personally, phone them or write to them and sign them up as members?

Won't you please put your shoulder to the wheel and help us? We need members and we need money.

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION ACTION

HEARING CALENDAR

Monday, February 12, 1934

KWWG—Port Arthur College, Port Arthur, Texas—C. P. to move station from Brownsville to Port Arthur; 1260 kc., 500 watts, share with KRGV.

KWWG—Frank P. Jackson, Brownsville, Texas—Renewal; 1260 kc., 500 watts, shares with KRGV.

KWWG—Frank P. Jackson, Brownsville, Texas—Voluntary assignment of license to Port Arthur College; 1260 kc., 500 watts, shares with KRGV.

KRGV—KRGV, Inc., Harlingen, Texas—Modification of license; 1260 kc., 500 watts, unlimited time (facilities of KWWG). Present assignment, 1260 kc., 500 watts, shares with KWWG.

Wednesday, February 14, 1934

Hearing Before Commission en banc

KTHS—Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, Hot Springs National Park, Ark.—Special experimental authorization; 1060 kc., 10 KW, simultaneous operation with WBAL 6 a. m. to LS, suspending LS to 8 p. m., CST; unlimited time 8 p. m. to 12 p. m. Present assignment, 1040 kc., 10 KW, shares with KRLD.

WTIC—Travelers Broadcasting Service Corp., Hartford, Conn.—Special experimental authorization; 1040 kc., 50 KW, simultaneous operation with KRLD (unlimited). Present assignment, 1060 kc., 50 KW, shares with WBAL.

KRLD—KRLD Radio Corporation, Dallas, Texas—Special experimental authorization; 1040 kc., 10 KW, simultaneous operation with WTIC (unlimited). Present assignment, 1040 kc., 10 KW, sharing with KTHS.

WBAL—Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Special experimental authorization; 1060 kc., 10 KW, 6 a. m. to LS at Hot Springs simultaneous with KTHS, unlimited time LS to 9 p. m.; synchronizing with WJZ on 760 kc., with 2½ KW, from 9 p. m.; 1060 kc., 10 KW, shares with WTIC.

KWJJ—KWJJ Broadcast Co., Inc., Portland, Ore.—Renewal; 1060 kc., 500 watts, limited time.

WESG—Cornell University, Elmira, N. Y.—Renewal; 1040 kc., 1 KW, daytime.

WJAG—The Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebr.—Renewal; 1060 kc., 1 KW, limited time.

Friday, February 16, 1934

WBHS—Radio Station WBHS, Inc., Huntsville, Ala.—Voluntary assignment of license to Virgil V. Evans; 1200 kc., 100 watts, shares with WFBC.

WBHS—Radio Station WBHS, Inc., Huntsville, Ala.—Renewal; 1200 kc., 100 watts, shares with WFBC.

NEW—Virgil V. Evans, Rock Hill, S. C.—C. P.; 1370 kc., 100 watts, daytime (facilities of WBHS).

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

First Zone

- WMEX—The Northern Corp., Chelsea, Mass.—Granted modification of C. P. for approval of transmitter site authorized to be determined by construction permit, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from center of Boston, Chelsea, Mass.
- WICC—The Bridgeport Broadcasting Station, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.—Granted modification of license for direct measurement of antenna input to determine power.
- WBSO—Broadcasting Service Organization, Inc., Needham, Mass.—Granted authority to operate from 2 to 4 a. m., EST, February 18, 1934, in order to broadcast DX program. Stations WRAX-WPEN and WWJ, with less than recommended mileage separation, have consented to the requested operation.
- WTAG—Worcester Telegram Publishing Co., Worcester, Mass.—Granted C. P. to move transmitter locally from 52 Front St. to 20 Franklin St., Worcester, Mass.
- WHEB—Granite State Broadcasting Corp., Portsmouth, N. H.—Granted authority to operate from 3 to 4 a. m., EST, February 15, in order to broadcast DX program.
- WORC—Alfred Frank Kleindienst, Worcester, Mass.—Granted extension of special experimental authority to operate unlimited time on 1280 kc., with 500 watts, until June 1, 1934. (Normally licensed 1200 kc., 100 watts, unlimited.)
- WMAS—WMAS, Inc., Springfield, Mass.—Granted license covering increase in day power and changes in equipment; 1420 kc., 100 watts night, 250 watts day; unlimited time.

Second Zone

- WBNS—The Commercial Radio Service Co., Columbus, Ohio—Granted modification of license to change name to WBNS, Inc.
- WBNS—The Commercial Radio Service Co., Columbus, Ohio—Granted C. P. to move transmitter to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Route 40 and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of James Road, Truro Township, Ohio.
- WSAI—The Crosley Radio Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio—Granted extension of special experimental authority to May 1, 1934, to operate with 1 KW power nighttime, $2\frac{1}{2}$ KW daytime, using special directional antenna array. (Normally licensed 1330 kc., 500 watts night, 1 KW day, unlimited.)
- WIBM—WIBM, Inc., Jackson, Mich.—Granted C. P. to move station locally and make changes in equipment.
- WCAE—WCAE, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Granted C. P. to move auxiliary transmitter from Pittsburgh to Baldwin Township, Pa.
- WAVE—WFIW, Inc., Louisville, Ky.—Granted modification of license to change name to WAVE, Inc.

Third Zone

- WGST—Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.—Granted authority to operate with power of 250 watts, daytime, for a period of approximately 10 days on account of construction work authorized by construction permit 3-P-B-3038.
- WJBO—Baton Rouge Broadcasting Co., Inc., Baton Rouge, La.—Modification of C. P. to move transmitter locally from Lafayette and Convention Sts. to Magnolia and 5th St., Baton Rouge, La., and extend commencement date from 2-2-33 to 30 days after the granting of this application and extend completion date from 5-31-33 to 120 days after granting of this application.
- WENC—Americus Broadcast Corp., Albany, Ga.—Modification of C. P. granted for approval of transmitter site to be determined at 107 N. Jackson St., Albany, Ga., and extension of commencement date from 1-5-34 to 30 days after granting of this application (March 6) and extension of completion date from 4-5-34 to 60 days after granting of this application (May 6, 1934).
- KARK—Arkansas Radio & Equipment Co., Little Rock, Ark.—Granted modification of C. P. to move transmitter locally;

extend commencement date immediately after this date, and completion date to March 11, 1934.

Fourth Zone

- WFAM—The South Bend Tribune, South Bend, Ind.—Granted license covering changes in equipment; 1200 kc., 100 watts, shares with WWAE.
- WLBC—Donald A. Burton, Muncie, Ind.—Granted modification of C. P. to extend completion date of C. P. from February 10 to March 10, 1934.

Fifth Zone

- KGCX—H. E. Krebsbach, Wolf Point, Mont.—Granted special temporary authorization to operate from 9 p. m. to 10 p. m., MST, February 12, 1934, in order to broadcast the complete proceedings of the Wolf Point Commercial Club banquet.

ACTION ON EXAMINER'S REPORTS

- NEW—Ex. Rept. No. 492: Philip J. Wiseman, Lewiston, Maine—Denied application for a new station to operate on frequency of 640 kc., 500 watts, limited time, sustaining Examiner Geo. H. Hill.
- NEW—Ex. Rept. No. 529: Harold Thomas, Waterbury, Conn.—Granted C. P. for a new station to operate on 1190 kc., 100 watts, daytime hours, sustaining Examiner Ralph L. Walker.
- NEW—Ex. Rept. No. 530: Willard G. Demuth, Uhrichsville, Ohio—Denied C. P. for new station to operate on 1370 kc., 100 watts power, daytime hours, sustaining Examiner Geo. H. Hill.
- NEW—Ex. Rept. No. 532: Thomas R. McTammany and William H. Bates, Jr., Modesto, Calif.—Granted C. P. for new station to operate on 740 kc., 250 watts power, daytime hours, reversing Examiner R. L. Walker.
- WMBG—Ex. Rept. No. 533: Havens & Martin, Inc., Richmond, Va.—Denied C. P. to increase power from 100 watts to 100 watts night, 250 watts LS, sustaining Examiner Geo. H. Hill.
- WPHR—WLBG, Inc., Petersburg, Va.—Granted renewal of license to operate on 1200 kc., 100 watts night, 250 watts LS, unlimited time, sustaining Examiner Hill.

ACTION ON CASE HEARD BEFORE COMMISSION EN BANC

- WLWL—Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, New York City—Denied application for unlimited time on 1100 kc. (Commissioners Starbuck and Hanley dissented.)
- WPG—WPG Broadcasting Corp., Atlantic City, N. J.—Granted renewal of license, 1100 kc., 5 KW power, specified hours, sharing with WLWL. (Commissioners Starbuck and Hanley dissented.)

ORAL ARGUMENT GRANTED

Oral argument in re Examiner's Report No. 534, involving Station KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn., and the application of Herbert H. Fettee for the facilities of Station KGDE, was granted to be heard March 7, at 10 a. m.

APPLICATIONS DENIED

The following cases, heretofore designated for hearing, were denied because applicants failed to enter their appearances within time allowed:

- NEW—John E. McGoff, Julius Schaeffer, and Francis Thurston, Newport, R. I.—C. P., 1500 kc., 100 watts, 9 hours per day.
- NEW—Henry Clay Allison, Fort Worth, Texas—C. P., 1370 kc., 100 watts, share with KFJZ (facilities of KFJZ).
- WDEL—WDEL, Inc., Wilmington, Del.—Modification of license; 1120 kc., 500 watts, unlimited time.

NEW—M. L. Myers, d/b as Richland Sound Systems, Mansfield, Ohio—1310 kc., 50 watts, specified hours (facilities of WHBD).

KUOA—KUOA, Inc., Fayetteville, Ark.—Modification of license; 1260 kc., 1 KW, specified hours.

SET FOR HEARING

NEW—Pittsburgh Radio Supply House (exact location to be determined), Greensburg, Pa.—C. P. for 620 kc., 250 watts, daytime.

WSMK—Stanley M. Krohn, Jr., Dayton, Ohio—Special experimental authorization to increase hours of operation from simultaneous day, specified at night, sharing with KQV, to unlimited, simultaneous day and night with KQV, for the period ending 5-1-34.

KQV—KQV Broadcasting Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Special experimental authorization to increase hours of operation from simultaneous day, specified at night, sharing with WSMK, to unlimited, simultaneous day and night with WSMK, for the period ending 5-1-34.

WJBK—James F. Hopkins, Inc., Detroit, Mich.—Special experimental authorization to operate unlimited time experimentally until July 1, 1934, expiration date of license. (Normally licensed 1370 kc., 50 watts, unlimited day, specified hours night.)

WHAD—WHAD, Inc., Milwaukee, Wis.—Special experimental authorization to move transmitter locally, install new equipment, change frequency from 1120 kc. to 580 kc., increase power from 250 watts to 1 KW, and increase hours of operation from specified to unlimited experimentally.

NEW—E. L. Landsbert and K. V. Martin, Las Vegas, Nev.—C. P. for new station, 1420 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time (facilities of KGIX).

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

First Zone

WEAN—Shepard Broadcasting Service, Inc., Providence, R. I.—Extension of special experimental authorization to use additional power of 250 watts, night, until 9-1-34.

WJAR—The Outlet Co., Providence, R. I.—Extension of special experimental authorization to use additional power of 250 watts, night, until 9-1-34.

Second Zone

WBNS—The Commercial Radio Service Co., Columbus, Ohio—Modification of license to change corporate name to WBNS, Inc., and change studio location to 33 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

WBNS—WBNS, Inc., Columbus, Ohio—Construction permit to move transmitter to ½ mile south of route 40 and ¼ mile east of James Road, Truro Township, Ohio.

WLAP—American Broadcasting Corp. of Ky., Lexington, Ky.—Modification of construction permit for approval of transmitter and studio sites. Studio, 106 Esplanade St.; transmitter, corner Main and Esplanade Sts., Lexington, Ky.

WJR—WJR, The Goodwill Station, Inc., Detroit, Mich.—Modification of construction permit granted 12-15-33 to make changes in equipment.

WCAE—WCAE, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.—License to cover construction permit (as modified) granted 6-30-33 to make changes in equipment and move transmitter to Baldwin Township, Pa.

WWVA (Auxiliary)—West Virginia Broadcasting Corp., Wheeling, W. Va.—License to cover construction permit granted 10-27-33 to move transmitter.

WWVA—West Virginia Broadcasting Corp., Wheeling, W. Va.—Construction permit to increase power from 5 KW to 10 KW and make changes in equipment.

WCAE—WCAE, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Authority to determine operating power by direct antenna measurement.

WSAZ—WSAZ, Inc., Huntington, W. Va.—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW.

Third Zone

WSOC—WSOC, Inc., Charlotte, N. C.—Construction permit to install new equipment and increase daytime power from 100 watts to 250 watts, amended to be considered under Rule 6g.

NEW—Charles Henry Gunthorpe, Jr., Nacogdoches, Texas—Construction permit to erect new station to operate on 1420 kc., power of 100 watts, daytime.

Fourth Zone

WLBC—Donald A. Burton, Muncie, Ind.—Extension of time under construction permit granted 10-10-33 until 3-10-34.

KWCR—Cedar Rapids Broadcast Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Modification of construction permit granted 1-16-34 for approval of transmitter site at 3d Ave. and 3d St., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

WHBU—Anderson Broadcasting Corp., Anderson, Ind.—Construction permit to rebuild station destroyed by fire.

KGCR—Greater Kameska Radio Corp., Watertown, S. Dak.—Construction permit to move transmitter locally.

WRJN—Racine Broadcasting Corp., Racine, Wis.—Construction permit to make changes in equipment.

WTAX—WTAX, Inc., Springfield, Ill.—Construction permit to move transmitter locally.

NEW—Hoosier Broadcasting, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.—Construction permit to erect new station to operate on 1360 kc., power of 1 KW, unlimited time, amended to change transmitter site (locally) and request facilities of WGES and those formerly used by WJKS (WIND).

Fifth Zone

KIEM—Harold H. Hanseth, Eureka, Calif.—Modification of license to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited, facilities of KFWI, amended to omit request for facilities of KFWI and to be considered under Rule 6g.

KGMB—Honolulu Broadcasting Co., Ltd., Honolulu, T. H.—Construction permit to make changes in equipment and change transmitter location, amended to omit request to change transmitter site.

KGW—Oregonian Publishing Co., Portland, Ore.—Construction permit to increase power from 1 KW to 1 KW, 2½ KW LS, and make changes in equipment.

APPLICATIONS RETURNED

WCAL—St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.—Construction permit to increase power from 1 KW to 1 KW night and 2½ KW local sunset; also to make changes in equipment. (Rule 6.)

WTMJ—The Journal Co. (The Milwaukee Journal), Milwaukee, Wis.—Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Request of applicant.)

WKAR—Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.—Modification of license to change hours of operation from S. H., daytime, to unlimited, and change power from 1 KW day to 500 watts night and 1 KW LS. (Violation Rules 116 and 117.)

NEW—John E. Reagan, Monongahela, Pa.—Construction permit to erect new station. (Returned Sections 14, 15, 16, and Rule 5.)

NEW—Samuel Nathaniel Morris, Stamford, Texas—Construction permit to erect new station to operate on 1420 kc., power of 100 watts, S. H. (facilities of KFYO and KFPL). (Violation of Rules 5 and 6; transmitter site.)

WDAF—The Kansas City Star Co., Kansas City, Mo.—Construction permit to install rectifier. (Unnecessary.)