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NEW COMMISSION APPOINTED

Before leaving Washington on his Hawaiian cruise, President Roosevelt appointed the seven men who will become the newly created Federal Communications Commission.

The new Commission will meet for the purposes of organization on July 11. In the meantime the Federal Radio Commission will remain in power but will not pass upon any matters of importance.

The members of the new Commission are as follows:

Judge E. O. Sykes, Democrat, Mississippi, chairman, appointed for a seven-year term.

Thad H. Brown, Republican, Ohio, appointed for a six-year term.

Paul Walker, Democrat, Oklahoma, appointed for a five-year term.

Norman Case, Republican, Rhode Island, appointed for a four-year term.

Irvin Stewart, Democrat, Texas, appointed for a three-year term.

George Henry Payne, Republican, New York, appointed for a two-year term.

Hampson Gary, Democrat, Texas, appointed for a one-year term.

Judge Sykes for eight years was a member of the Mississippi Supreme Court and was appointed to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927. He has served with distinction as a member and as chairman of the Federal Radio Commission and his appointment as chairman of the new Commission was favorably received by the industry. He has broad experience in the field of radio regulation and possesses a keen knowledge of the problems of broadcasting.

Thad H. Brown has held important public offices in his state of Ohio and was a former Secretary of State of that State. He served as general counsel of the Federal Radio Commission and as a member of the Federal Radio Commission from the second zone. He is well-informed on the subject of broadcasting and undoubtedly will be assigned as one of the Commissioners on the radio division of the Commission.

Paul Walker has been chairman of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, a lawyer of long experience in the regulation of utilities and is considered as a liberal.

Norman Case, was, for five years, Governor of Rhode Island.

Dr. Irvin Stewart is radio expert of the State Department and participated in both the Madrid Conference and the North American Conference.

George Henry Payne is a newspaper man and author and a member of the New York City Tax Commission.

Hampson Gary was Minister to Switzerland under President Wilson and is now practicing law in New York and Washington.

There is a rumor current that Representative Anning S. Prall of New York, appointed by President Roosevelt to the Radio Commission, but who never took office, will succeed Mr. Gary when the former is eligible to take office next year.

Herbert L. Pettet, Secretary of the Federal Radio Commission, will be named Secretary of the new Commission and there is a

probability that Dr. C. B. Jolliffe, chief engineer, will be retained in a similar capacity in the new Commission. Dr. Jolliffe has the unqualified support of the Institute of Radio Engineers and of the engineering profession generally.

It is expected that Paul D. P. Spearman, formerly assistant general counsel of the Radio Commission, will be named general counsel of the new Communications Commission. Mr. Spearman, before coming to Washington, was counsel for the Mississippi Railroad Commission and is experienced in the field of telegraph, telephone and radio regulation.

Directors of the three separate divisions created under the law will be named by the Commission at one of its early meetings and appointments to other posts provided for by the act also will be considered. There is every possibility that George B. Porter, acting general counsel; Fanney Neyman, one of the most able lawyers in the legal division; and Ben S. Fisher, assistant general counsel, will be retained by the new Commission. Albert Stephan, former examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, who acted as clerk to the Senate Interstate Committee and assisted in drafting of the new law, also will be named to an important post in the new Commission.

The best information obtainable is that the new Commission will give first consideration to a sweeping investigation of telephone and telegraph rates. This is indicated by the fact that Senator Dill, Washington, co-author of the Communications Act, dropped, at the last minute his resolution to investigate the telephone company with the understanding that the new Commission would undertake a thorough study of the problem. Another indication that the Commission will turn promptly to telephone and telegraph rates is the failure of the National Recovery Administration to codify these industries.

However, the law itself makes mandatory a study of the various proposals made to Congress that the Government should allocate a percentage of broadcasting facilities to religious, educational, and similar bodies. The law provides that this report must be made on or before February 1, 1935, and, of course, is of vital interest to every broadcaster.

CODE HEARINGS STILL UNDER ADVISEMENT

The National Recovery Administration is giving study to the testimony adduced at the recent hearing held in Washington on the labor and wage provisions of the broadcasters' code. It is uncertain when a decision will be reached in the matter.

NOTICE

Any NAB member desiring information relative to the Kansas City College of Management, Westover Building, Kansas City, Mo., should write to the Southland Radio Corporation, Laurel, Mississippi.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18 AND 19, 1934

COPIES OF COMMUNICATIONS ACT SENT

Members of the NAB received copies of the Federal Communications Commission Act in the mails this week.

RECOMMENDS AGAINST NEW TEXAS STATION

Charles H. Gunthorpe, Jr., applied to the Radio Commission for a construction permit for a new broadcasting station to be located at Nacogdoches, Texas, to use 1420 kilocycles frequency, 100 watts power and daytime operation. Ralph L. Walker in Report No. 571 this week recommends that the application be denied.

The Examiner found that there is need in the community for radio service but he doubted if enough talent is available there and if there is enough commercial support for a station. He also calls attention to the fact that "the State of Texas is now 44 per cent over quota, while the Third Zone is 30 per cent over quota."

WLEY MOVE RECOMMENDED

Examiner Ralph L. Walker this week recommended favorable action on the application of Albert S. Moffat, owner of Station WLEY, Lowell, Massachusetts, for construction permit to move WLEY to Lexington, Mass., without change in frequency or power assignment.

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION ACTION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

First Zone

NEW—Irving D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.—Construction permit for new station on 950 kc., 1 KW, daytime. Transmitter site to be determined at or near Pittsfield, Mass. Studio located Park Hotel, Pittsfield, Mass.

WNYC—City of New York, Department of Plant and Structures, New York, N. Y.—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 1 KW.

WJAR—The Outlet Company, Providence, R. I.—Extension of special experimental authority to use additional power at night of 250 watts (licensed already 250 watts night, 500 watts daytime) for regular license period, 9-1-34 to 3-1-35.

WNAC—Shepard Broadcasting Service, Inc., Boston, Mass.—Modification of license to change frequency from 1230 kc. to 830 kc. (facilities of WHDH).

Second Zone

WJBK—James F. Hopkins, Inc., Detroit, Mich.—Construction permit to make changes in equipment and increase power from 100 watts to 100 watts night, 250 watts daytime.

Third Zone

WSFA—Montgomery Broadcasting Co., Inc., Montgomery, Ala.—Modification of license to increase power from 500 watts to 500 watts night, 1 KW daytime.

WACO—Central Texas Broadcasting Co., Inc., Waco, Tex.—Modification of license to increase time from specified hours to unlimited time.

WSFA—Montgomery Broadcasting Co., Inc., Montgomery, Ala.—Authority to determine operating power by direct antenna measurement.

Fourth Zone

WKBB—Sanders Bros. Radio Station, East Dubuque, Ill.—Construction permit to change equipment and increase daytime power from 100 watts to 250 watts, also change from specified hours to unlimited time.

KGNF—Great Plains Broadcasting Co. (a corp.), North Platte, Nebr.—Modification of license to increase power (day) from 500 watts to 1 KW.

KGCU—Mandan Radio Association, Inc., Mandan, N. Dak.—License to cover construction permit authorizing removal of transmitter and studio and equipment change.

WAAF—Drovers Journal Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.—License to cover construction permit authorizing rebuilding of station destroyed by fire.

NEW—Edward Hoffman, St. Paul, Minn.—Construction permit to erect a new station to be operated on 1310 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time.

WLBL—State of Wisconsin, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Stevens Point, Wis.—Modification of license to change hours of operation from daytime to from 8 a. m. to local sunset.

Fifth Zone

KVOS—KVOS, Inc., Bellingham, Wash.—License to cover construction permit to move transmitter and studio locally.

KGIX—J. M. Heaton, Las Vegas, Nev.—Modification of construction permit authorizing removal of station and new equipment requesting authority to move transmitter locally and extend dates of commencement and completion.

NEW—Palmer Broadcasting Syndicate, Inc., Cheyenne, Wyo.—Construction permit to erect new station, operating on 1210 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time, transmitter site to be determined.

KECA—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—Modification of construction permit (granted to install new equipment and increase power from 1 KW to 1 KW night, 2½ KW daytime) to request further increase in daytime power to 5 KW and extension of commencement and completion dates.

KOOS—H. H. Hanseth, Inc., Marshfield, Ore.—Modification of license to change frequency from 1370 kc. to 1200 kc.

KTM—Pickwick Broadcasting Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.—Authority to determine operating power by direct antenna measurement.

APPLICATIONS RETURNED

WKFI—J. Pat Scully, Greenville, Miss.—Modification of construction permit granted 10-10-33 to move station to 1635 Carrollton Ave., Greenwood, Miss., and extension of commencement and completion dates. (Request of applicant; construction permit retired to closed files.)

KGNF—Great Plains Broadcasting Co., North Platte, Nebr.—Construction permit to install new frequency control equipment. (Wrong form.)

WCFL—Chicago Federation of Labor, Chicago, Ill.—Modification of construction permit to extend date of completion to 2-1-34. (Verification of date.)

NEW—W. L. Gleeson, Alameda, Calif.—Construction permit for new station on 1500 kc., 100 watts, unlimited time; transmitter located Central and Broadway, Alameda; studio, Alameda Hotel. (Secs. 26 and 9 unanswered.)

WQDM—A. J. St. Antoine and E. J. Regan, St. Albans, Vt.—Consent to voluntary assignment of construction permit to E. J. Regan and F. Arthur Bostwick, d/b as Regan & Bostwick. (Improperly executed.)

NEW—Clinton Broadcasting Corp., Clinton, S. C.—Construction permit to erect a new station to be operated on 1120 kc., 500 watts, daytime. (Improperly executed.)

KFJI—KFJI Broadcasters, Inc., Klamath Falls, Ore.—Construction permit for new equipment to change system of modulation. (Incomplete.)

KSD—The Pulitzer Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Modification of license to increase night power from 500 watts to 1 KW. (Unnecessary, and Rule 49.)