

NAEB NEWS LETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTERS

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NAEB HOLDS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

TWENTY REPRESENTATIVES FROM NAEB MEMBER STATIONS CONVENED IN THE MADISON ROOM OF THE LASALLE HOTEL, SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18 FOR TWO DAYS OF PROVOCATIVE DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING. WHEN THE MEETINGS WERE CONCLUDED TUESDAY AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY IN ATTENDANCE AGREED THAT IT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTIONS IN YEARS.

THE MONDAY MORNING SESSION WAS GIVEN OVER TO STATION REPORTS. THERE WERE MANY NEW AND INTERESTING PROGRAM IDEAS SUCH AS: (1) THE CURTIS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM--PREPARED BY THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY BUT A VERY GOOD NON-COMMERCIAL CHILDRENS SHOW NEVERTHELESS (COLEMAN OF WKAR); (2) IOWA EDITORS PROGRAM--LIVES, OPINIONS, AND PHILOSOPHIES OF IOWA NEWSPAPER EDITORS COLLECTED BY THE JOURNALISM STAFF AND PREPARED INTO A RADIO SCRIPT (MENZER WSUI); (3) CHILDREN'S QUIZ--A REGULAR QUIZ SHOW FOR CHILDREN WITH THE QUESTIONS BEARING ON GRAMMAR, LITERATURE, SPELLING, ETC. (MENZER WSUI); (4) I SAW IT HAPPEN--A SCRIPT ON RECENT EVENTS PREPARED FROM THE ACTUAL PUBLISHED WORK OF SOME ONE WHO WAS ON THE SPOT WHEN THE EVENT TOOK PLACE. (MILLER KUOM); (5) ENCORE PROGRAM--A REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF ONE OF THE BEST SHOWS ON THE STATION DURING THE WEEK. (McCARTY WHA). THERE WERE MANY OTHERS REPORTED WHICH SHOULD BE MENTIONED HERE BUT LACK OF SPACE AND THE TEMPERATURE OF YE EDITOR'S NOTES PREVENTS THEIR INCLUSION.

THE REPORT ON BUDGETS WAS INTERESTING. MOST OF THE STATIONS ARE EXPANDING THEIR BUDGETS. SEVERAL WERE ALMOST DOUBLED. WOI AND WKAR ARE SPONSORING THEIR FOOTBALL BROADCASTS. WCHU TAKES COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS TO DEFRAY OPERATION EXPENSES IN ORDER TO FINANCE THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. WHA PUT THRU A BUDGET ITEM OF OVER \$70,000 FOR FM STATIONS IN THE LAST HOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION--BILL HARLEY DID THE LOBBYING. WKAR GETS FEDERAL AG. ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR BUDGET. WNYC HAS NO BUDGET WORRIES AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE TO DO THE JOB.

REPORTS ON THE STAFFING OF STATIONS SHOWED THAT STATIONS REPORTING OPERATED WITH SURPRISINGLY LARGE STAFFS. A LARGE PART OF MOST OF THE OPERATING BUDGETS WERE FOR SALARIES AND WAGES.

THERE SEEMED, FROM THESE STATION REPORTS, TO BE AN INCREASING TREND TOWARD ON THE SPOT PICKUPS FOR EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTS. WHA KEEPS ITS RECORDING TRUCK BUSY CONSTANTLY. WOI HAS A WIRE RECORDER FOR OUTSIDE PICKUPS. WNYC GOES ALL OVER NEW YORK CITY TO GET EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS. WOSU MAKES MANY MOBILE PICKUPS USING SHORTWAVE. SO MUCH FOR THE STATION REPORTS.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF FM EDUCATIONAL STATIONS AND FM OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE STATIONS REPORTING INDICATED THAT THEY WERE CONTEMPLATING FM STATIONS IN THE FUTURE. SOME OPERATORS WERE VERY HOT ON FM AS A MEDIUM FOR EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING WHILE OTHERS WERE COOL BUT WERE PLANNING STATIONS ANYWAY AS A PROTECTION AGAINST FUTURE CHANGES. ALL AGREED THAT THE STATIONS SHOULD BE FULLY PROGRAMMED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THE MERIT OF THE 40-15,000 CYCLE AUDIO FREQUENCY RESPONSE REQUIREMENT WITH NO CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM RCA MANUFACTURING CO., GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., AND GATES AMERICAN CORPORATION MET IN PANEL DISCUSSION ON PROSPECTS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT. THEY REPORTED THAT AUDIO EQUIPMENT WAS COMING ALONG NICELY AND ONLY THE TRANSFORMER SITUATION WAS HOLDING UP FULL PRODUCTION. DELIVERIES WOULD BE SLOW ON FM EQUIPMENT AND THERE IS A LARGE BACKLOG OF ORDERS. NONE OF THE EXPERTS PRESENT COULD SEE HIGH POWER FM EQUIPMENT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

THE FIRST PART OF THE TUESDAY MORNING SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL. CARL MENZER EXPLAINED THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HE AND YOUR EDITOR ARE MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE WAYS AND MEANS TO CHANNEL THIS EQUIPMENT TO EDUCATION. MANY OF THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WHICH THE PROJECT FACES WERE OUTLINED AND THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER EQUIPMENT LIST BY THIS COMMITTEE WAS DESCRIBED. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THE WHOLE TOPIC BY ALL PRESENT. ON A MOTION BY NOVIK OF WNYC THE NAEB PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. MENZER AND EBEL BE APPOINTED AS AN NAEB SURPLUS PROPERTY COMMITTEE.
2. ALL STATIONS BE INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE LISTS OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT COPIES OF WHICH THEY WOULD PASS ALONG TO THE ABOVE COMMITTEE.
3. EXPENSES, IF NEEDED, BE UNDERWRITTEN BY THE NAEB.

THE SECOND HALF OF THE MORNING AND PART OF THE AFTERNOON WAS SPENT IN A DISCUSSION OF THE CLEAR CHANNEL PROBLEM. HANNA OF WCHU EXPLAINED THEIR STAND AND THE BASIS FOR THEIR APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING. COLEMAN OF WKAR, AND GRIFFITH OF WOI DID LIKEWISE. EBEL PRESENTED A PLAN FOR ALLOCATING ALL EDUCATIONAL STATIONS TO CLEAR CHANNELS BY RESTRICTING CLEAR CHANNEL PROTECTION TO THE SAME VALUE AS REGIONAL CHANNEL PROTECTION. THE ALLOCATIONS HAD A NUMBER OF ENGINEERING BUGS AND WAS ONLY PRESENTED TO PROVIDE SOME STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM. HANNA COUNTERED WITH PROF. SMITH'S CLEAR CHANNEL PROPOSAL WHICH MAKES LOTS OF SENSE. THE OUTCOME OF ALL THE HEATED DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED WAS THE CLEAR CHANNEL RESOLUTION, A COPY OF WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED. FURTHERMORE THE PRESIDENT WAS INSTRUCTED TO APPOINT ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLEAR CHANNEL COMMITTEE TO APPEAR FOR THE ORGANIZATION AT THE COMING CLEAR CHANNEL HEARINGS.

THE REMINDER OF TUESDAY AFTERNOON--AFTER THE CLEAR CHANNEL SMOKE HAD CLEARED AWAY--WAS DEVOTED TO A BUSINESS MEETING. THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS NOMINATED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED:

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A PROPOSAL BY JOHN W. DUNN FOR A SUITABLE PLAQUE TO INDICATE NAEB MEMBERSHIP WAS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT.

CARL MENZER SET FORTH THE NECESSITY FOR COORDINATED PLANNING FOR STATE FM NETWORKS IF THEY ARE TO WORK TOGETHER ON AN INTERSTATE BASIS AND IF INTERFERENCE IS TO BE PREVENTED. A CONFERENCE OF STATE NET PLANNERS WAS SUGGESTED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD HANDLE THIS MATTER AND TRY TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE THRU CONTACT WITH THE FCC AND THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THE REPORTS OF THE TREASURER, THE SECRETARY, AND THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WERE ACCEPTED WITH THANKS.

THE OVER-PACKED AGENDA DID NOT ALLOW FOR A REPORT BY MORRIE NOVIK (WNYC) OF HIS EUROPEAN RADIO TOUR SO BY INFORMAL AGREEMENT THE CONVENTION WAS EXTENDED BEYOND THE CLOSING TIME TO HEAR THIS REPORT:

BASED UPON HIS RECENT TOUR OF THE ETO WHICH INCLUDED ALL THE MAJOR EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND BROADCASTING STATIONS, MR. NOVIK DECLARED THAT "THE PROGRAM SCHEDULES OF A GREAT MANY EUROPEAN BROADCASTING SYSTEMS ARE AT THEIR WEAKEST, AND IN THE POOREST CONDITION AS REGARDS IMAGINATION, INTEREST, AND AUDIENCE APPEAL DUE TO THE VERY SMALL BUDGETS ALLOTTED FOR

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PROGRAMMING." "HOWEVER," NOVIK WENT ON, "EDUCATIONAL, UNIVERSITY, AND STATE-OWNED RADIO STATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO LEARN FROM THE EUROPEAN STATIONS."

IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION WERE: BOB COLEMAN, WKAR; CARL MENZER, WSUI; BURTON HOLMBERG, KUOM; HUNNINGTON MILLER, KUOM; I. KEITH TYLER, WOSU; JOHN HENDERSON, WBAA; ARMON BONNEY, WSUI; M.C. JENSEN, WCAL; F. E. SCHOOLEY, WILL; A.J. EBEL, WILL; JOHN STIEHL, WHA; H.B. MCCARTY, WHA; BILL HARLEY, WHA; MRS. GROVER, WCHU; MIKE HANNA, WCHU; W.I. GRIFFITH, WOI; DICK HULL, WOI; PROF. WEBB, KUOM; PROF. ROOK, KFJM; MORRIS NOVIK, WNYC.

ABBOT REPORTS IN

HERE IS A LETTER FROM WALDO ABBOT EXPLAINING HIS ABSENCE FROM THE CONVENTION:

DEAR JIM:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS IN GIVING ME ADVICE ON WHAT STUDIOS TO SEE IN PREPARATION FOR OUR CONSTRUCTION OF STUDIOS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. I WENT OFF WITH THE ARCHITECTS AND VISITED WGY; MAKING A VERY THOROUGH STUDY OF THEIR AM, FM AND TELEVISION STUDIOS. AT CBS IN NEW YORK, WE WERE TAKEN THROUGH THE STUDIO BUILDING AND SAW THEIR TRANSMITTER FOR FM AND THE CONTROL ROOM. NBC EVEN SHOWED US STUDIOS THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THERE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT; ESPECIALLY ON THAT IS THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION.

ED CONTENT AT WOR CONDUCTED US THROUGH THREE NEW STUDIOS THAT THEY ARE BUILDING ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THEIR BUILDING. HE HAS REALLY MADE A STUDY OF ACOUSTICS AND THE SHAPES OF SOME OF THE STUDIOS GIVE ME THE HEEBY-JEEBIES, BUT THEY REACT ALRIGHT ON SOUND. LESLIE JOY DOWN AT KYW WAS WONDERFUL. HE EVEN TURNED OVER TO US ALL THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THEIR STUDIO BUILDING. WE SAW NOT ONLY STUDIOS AND CONTROL ROOMS, BUT AIR CONDITIONING;--LOTS OF INFORMATION.

I EXPECT THAT THEY WILL TEAR DOWN MORRIS HALL VERY EARLY IN 1946 AND CONSTRUCT THE NEW SERVICE BUILDING. UNIVERSITY BROADCASTING FACILITIES WILL BE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THIS NEW STRUCTURE AND WILL INCLUDE FOUR STUDIOS, THE LARGEST OF WHICH WILL BE 28 X 40; THREE STUDIO CONTROL ROOMS AND A MASTER CONTROL; OFFICE AND RECEPTION ROOM FOR ME; CONTINUITY ROOM AND A SCRIPT ROOM; MUSIC LIBRARY AND SOUND EFFECT ROOM; AND A LARGE LOBBY. IN THE MEANTIME THE UNIVERSITY IS CONSTRUCTING TWO STUDIOS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH IN ANGELL HALL WHICH WILL BE TEMPORARY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR THE BROADCASTING OF OUR PROGRAMS. WE ARE PROGRESSING AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE FM CONSTRUCTION PERMIT, BUT ARE BEING HELD UP BY CHANGE IN THE TRANSMITTER SITE AND BY LACK OF EQUIPMENT.

THERE'S SOME NEWS FOR YOUR LETTER. SORRY I DIDN'T GET TO THE CHICAGO MEETING, BUT I EXPECT TO GET A REPORT ON IT FROM YOU.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

WALDO ABBOT

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PLANS AN FM STATION

DOCTOR NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PLANS TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN FREQUENCY MODULATION RADIO STATION. THE RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SAID IT WAS PLANNED TO BROADCAST EVENING COURSES IN SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

SCHOOL BROADCAST CONFERENCE PROGRAM SET

A FULL TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR THE NINTH ANNUAL SCHOOL BROADCAST CONFERENCE HELD IN CHICAGO OCTOBER 22 AND 23 HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. FEATURED WILL BE THREE CLASS ROOM DEMONSTRATION SESSIONS WITH HERVEY ALLEN, AUTHOR OF "ANTHONY ADVERSE", MALCOLME CLARE, RADIO STORY TELLER, AND FRANK ERNEST HILL, WRITER, COMMENTATOR, AND MODERATOR AS GUEST SPEAKERS. A JOINT SESSION OF THE ILLINOIS R.T.A. AND THE ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS RADIO CHAIRMEN WILL BE HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON. ALSO THAT AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF FREQUENCY MODULATION BROADCASTING DIRECT FROM THE CONFERENCE.

LUNCHEONS ARE PLANNED FOR BOTH DAYS WITH OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS SCHEDULED. THE TUESDAY SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED LARGELY TO WORK STUDY GROUPS AND THE FINAL OPEN MEETING. A NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS HAVE SCHEDULED SPACE FOR PRESENTATION OF NEW MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND IDEAS. THE SBC MEETS AT THE MORRISON.

DURR CRITIZES COMMERCIALS

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER CLIFFORD DURR SHARPLY CRITICIZED RADIO COMMERCIALS. DURR EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT RADIO IS BECOMING PREDOMINANTLY AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM AND ASSERTED THAT PROGRAM PRODUCTION IS BEING TAKEN OVER BY ADVERTISERS AND ADVERTISING AGENCIES.

SAID DURR: "NEWS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE IS SOMETIMES OVERWHELMED AND DEPRIVED OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE BY THE COMMERCE ADVERTISEMENTS WHICH PRECEDE, INTERRUPT AND FOLLOW IT." AND HE ADDED THAT SOME BROADCASTERS FIGHT AGAINST THIS TREND BUT THEIR BATTLE IS AN UPHILL ONE.

DURR MADE THE STATEMENTS IN AN ADDRESS TO THE CHRIST CHURCH FORUM IN NEW YORK.

WILL STAFF CHANGES

LANSON F. DEMMING, MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF WILL FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS HAS RESIGNED THIS POSITION TO GO TO HOUSTON, TEXAS AS MINISTER OF MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH. THIS IS A GRAND ADVANCEMENT FOR LAN AND THE BEST WISHES OF ALL OF THE NAEBERS GO WITH HIM.

GEORGE SHARP HAS BEEN APPOINTED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE STATION. THIS IS A NEW POSITION CREATED TO IMPROVE AND BROADEN THE SCOPE OF WILL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTS. MR. SHARP COMES FROM THE NEC SUMMER RADIO INSTITUTION AT NORTHWESTERN AND HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF DRAMA.

MARGOT MORRIS, FORMERLY OF WHA AND MORE RECENTLY OF WQWS, HAS BEEN

PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE WILL CONTINUITY DEPARTMENT. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS SHE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH ARMEDA KOIVISTO IN THE PREPARATION OF MUSICAL SCRIPTS AND IN THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MUSIC LIBRARY TO INCLUDE A THEASARUS TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE. MISS KOIVISTO IS LEAVING THIS MONTH TO CONTINUE HER STUDY OF MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

GEORGIA TECH MUST OPERATE OWN STATION

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION PROPOSES TO DENY A RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO GEORGIA TECH'S RADIO STATION WGST, ATLANTA, UNLESS THE OPERATORS BREAK CONNECTIONS WITH THE SOUTHERN BROADCASTING STATIONS, INC.

ANNOUNCING ITS PROPOSED DECISION ON THE STATION'S APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSES, THE COMMISSION SAID IT HAD FOUND A RENEWAL "WOULD NOT SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY." THE COMMISSION PROPOSED TO DENY THE APPLICATION "WITHOUT PREJUDICE."

THE STATION WAS GIVEN 90 DAYS IN WHICH TO SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE TO OPERATE ON ITS SAME FREQUENCY OF 920 KILOCYCLES.

THE NEW APPLICATION, THE COMMISSION SAID, MUST SHOW THAT "NO FURTHER EFFECT IS GIVEN TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE SOUTHERN BROADCASTING STATIONS, INC."

THE AGREEMENTS, THE COMMISSION SAID, WERE CONTRARY TO THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH OPERATION OF THE STATION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST."

SINCE THE DECISION IS NOT YET FINAL, A COMMISSION SPOKESMAN SAID THE STATION MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND MAY ASK FOR ORAL ARGUMENT TO REVIEW THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED DECISION.

THIS AND THAT

MORRIE NOVIK SAYS THAT THE TAPE RECORDER HE HEARD IN EUROPE IS SO FAR SUPERIOR TO ANYTHING IN THIS COUNTRY THAT THERE IS NO COMPARISON..... WOJLIKES THEIR RESULTS FROM THEIR WIRE RECORDER....WILL HAS JUST STARTED USING THEIR NEW WIRE RECORDER AND ARE GETTING SATISFACTORY RESULTS ON SPEECH.....WE CHANGED THE MIKE AND TRIMMED UP THE OUTPUT CIRCUIT FOR DUBBING PURPOSES.....THE NEW RCA FM RECEIVER CIRCUIT SOUNDS INTERESTING....ANDREW HAMMERSCHMIDT, FORMER CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WOSU, WAS ONE OF TWO NBC TELEVISION ENGINEERS STRANDED IN THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING DURING THE RECENT ELEVATOR STRIKE.....HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT BACK UP TO PREPAR POWER YET?.....IF YOU WANT TO MONKEY AROUND WITH FIGURED THAT MEANS A 25% INCREASE IN POWER..UNFORTUNATELY A 10% INCREASE IN POWER DOESN'T MEAN MUCH AS FAR AS THE LISTENERS ARE CONCERNED.....BOY DOES THAT RETURN TO STANDARD TIME HIT US DAYTIME OPERATORS IN THE NECK...I'M FOR WAR TIME THE YEAR AROUND--CAN'T EVEN GET WORK DONE AROUND THE HOUSE WITH THAT SUN GOING DOWN SO SOON....THE TUBE GUYS ARE PECCALY SCRATCHING THEIR HEADS TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING FOR HIGH POWER AT 100 MEGACYCLES.....WHEN THEY DO I BET YOU WON'T RECOGNIZE THE THING AS A RADIO TUBE....THE FCC MONITORING PROGRAM TO DETERMINE PROPAGATION CHARACTERISTICS AT THE HIGH FREQUENCIES CLOSED OCTOBER 1. THERE WILL BE A REPORT AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL WEEKS WHICH SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING

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ING.....CARL MENZER COMMENTED ON SOME OF THE MEASUREMENTS AT THE IOWA CITY MONITORING STATION DURING OUR CONVENTION FM DISCUSSIONS....CLEAR CHANNEL DATA FROM YOUSE GUYS IS COMING IN TOO SLOW. SEND IN THE INFORMATION ASKED FOR IN CARL'S LETTER PRONTO.....NOTE ALSO THAT YOU HAVE AN EQUIPMENT LIST TO PREPARE FOR THE SURPLUS PROPERTY COMMITTEE. PUT YOUR CHIEF ENGINEER TO WORK ON THE JOB; HE IS JUST A LAZY BUM WITH NOTHING TO DO ANYWAY. (TO MY BROTHER ENGINEERS: FOR THE ABOVE DISGRACE, I WILL HARI-KARI ON THE TOP OF OUR 325 FOOT TOWER AT LOCAL SUNSET TOMORROW.) SORRY TO HEAR THAT JIM MILES WAS HOSPITALIZED AND COULDN'T ATTEND THE CONVENTION. BROTHER HENDERSON DID A SWELL JOB FOR BAA BUT WE MISSED JIM. GLAD TO REPORT THAT HE IS OK NOW.....CAN YOU IMAGINE ANY ORGANIZATION PROPAGATING A SHEET LIKE THIS BY REAPPOINTING YOUR HUMBLE EDITOR? ALL GOES TO SHOW YOU WHAT A SEVERE MANPOWER SHORTAGE WILL DO.

LAST FLASH! CLEAR CHANNEL HEARING POSTPONED AGAIN

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HAS JUST POSTPONED FROM OCTOBER 23RD TO JANUARY 14TH A HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES IN CLEAR CHANNEL BROADCASTING.

THE COMMISSION ALSO DENIED THE PETITION OF THE CLEAR CHANNEL BROADCASTING SERVICE FOR AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE HEARING.

IN A STATEMENT, THE COMMISSION SAID ITS ENGINEERING COMMITTEES CANNOT COMPLETE THE CLEAR CHANNEL SURVEY BEFORE JANUARY.

THE HEARING WAS ORDERED LAST FEBRUARY 20TH TO DETERMINE WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, SHOULD BE MADE IN THE PRESENT POLICIES FOR ALLOCATING SO-CALLED "CLEAR CHANNELS" IN THE STANDARD RADIO BROADCAST BAND.

AT THAT TIME THE COMMISSION SAID "A RE-EXAMINATION OF PRESENT CLEAR CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS IS NECESSARY SINCE COMMISSION STUDIES REVEAL THERE ARE STILL LARGE AREAS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES WHICH RECEIVE NO RADIO SERVICE AT ALL DURING DAYTIME HOURS AND NO PRIMARY RADIO SERVICE AT NIGHT."

IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED MANY APPLICATIONS TO OPERATE ADDITIONAL STATIONS ON CLEAR CHANNELS AND TO USE POWER IN EXCESS OF 50,000 WATTS, THE MAXIMUM NOW PERMITTED A CLEAR CHANNEL STATION.

A CLEAR CHANNEL IS DEFINED AS "ONE ON WHICH THE DOMINANT STATION OR STATIONS RENDER SERVICE OVER WIDE AREAS AND WHICH ARE CLEAR OF OBJECT-IONABLE INTERFERENCE WITHIN THEIR PRIMARY SERVICE AREAS AND OVER ALL OR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THEIR SECONDARY SERVICE AREA."

-----EBEL

CLEAR CHANNEL RESOLUTION:

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTERS, ASSEMBLED AT CHICAGO SEPTEMBER 17-18, 1945, RESOLVED TO SUBMIT TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ITS POSITION WITH RELATION TO THE PENDING CLEAR CHANNEL HEARING.

1. IN ITS REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED AT THIS HEARING, THE COMMISSION IS URGED TO CONSIDER THE UNIQUE PUBLIC SERVICES RENDERED BY THE EDUCATIONAL AND NON-PROFIT RADIO STATIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

A STUDY OF THE RECORD OF THESE STATIONS MUST REVEAL THE TYPE OF SERVICE WHICH IS NOT DUPLICATED BY ANY OTHER GROUP OF STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THEIR OPERATION IS TRULY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

2. THE ASSOCIATION URGES THAT THE COMMISSION SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE CONTENTION THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC SERVICE MUST PREVAIL OVER THE TRADITIONAL YARDSTICK OF THE PROTECTION OF UNREASONABLE COVERAGE.

3. THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA'S LEADING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL. YET THE BROADCAST FACILITIES OF THESE STATIONS ARE AT THIS TIME SO LIMITED IN TERMS OF POWER, FREQUENCY AND HOURS OF OPERATION THAT ONLY A PORTION OF THE AVAILABLE SERVICE IS BEING BROADCAST.

4. OUR MEMBERS ARE READY AND, BECAUSE OF YEARS OF BROADCAST EXPERIENCE, ARE ABLE TO CARRY ON AN EXPANDED RADIO SERVICE.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTERS RESPECTFULLY URGES THAT THE RULES REGARDING CLEAR CHANNEL OPERATION BE REVISED. REVISION SHOULD BE SUCH THAT FULL-TIME OPERATION,

SUFFICIENT POWER, AND IMPROVED FACILITIES BE MADE POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE TO LISTENERS IN THOSE AREAS WHICH THE EDUCATIONAL STATIONS SHOULD RIGHTFULLY SERVE.

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