

At Deadline ...

SIX LOS ANGELES VIDEO GRANTS; DON LEE DELAYED

TELEVISION GRANTS for six of seven channels available at Los Angeles, and memorandum opinion finding Paramount Pictures controls licensees or grantees of four video stations (one short of maximum allowed by FCC) announced by FCC Friday. Paramount also found to control three pending video applicants.

Fourth Paramount grant among Los Angeles authorizations. Don Lee Broadcasting System, awaiting hearing next month on alleged violations of FCC network option-time rules, given neither grant nor denial of Los Angeles application. Hughes Tool Co., other L. A. applicant, withdrew. One channel still open there.

Broadcasting Corp. of American (licensee KPRO Riverside, KROP Brawley, KREO Indeo, Calif.) given grant for video station at Riverside using Channel 1 (44-50 mc), 1 kw visual, 1 kw aural power, antenna height 5,132 feet.

Los Angeles grantees:

NBC—Channel 4 (66-72 mc), 15-kw visual power, 8 kw aural, antenna height 3,130 feet.

ABC—Channel 7 (174-180 mc), 4.5 kw visual, 2.7 kw aural, 2,831 feet.

Times-Mirror Co.—Channel 11 (198-204 mc), 19.15 kw visual and aural, 3,098 feet.

Television Productions Inc.—Channel 5 (76-82 mc), 29.2 kw visual, 15.7 kw aural, 29.21 feet.

Dorothy S. Thackrey (KLAC KYA WLIB)—Channel 13 (210-216 mc) 16 kw visual, 16 kw aural, 3,130 feet.

Earle C. Anthony Inc. (KFI)—Channel 9 (186-192 mc), 16.1 kw visual, 17 kw aural, 3,037 feet. (Comrs. Clifford J. Durr and Rosel H. Hyde thought no action should be taken on KFI application pending action on KFI renewal.)

In first such investigation in television, FCC ruled Paramount exercises control within meaning of FCC rule—over Allen B. Du Mont Labs. [WABD New York, WTTG Washington and Interstate Circuit Inc., Dallas applicant, as well as Balaban & Katz Corp. (WBKB Chicago), Television Productions (Los Angeles grantee), United Detroit Theatres (Detroit applicant), and New England Theatres (Boston applicant)]. Paramount control of latter four had been conceded.

However, FCC noted, grant to Television Production would not bring total video outlets of these companies to maximum allowed.

Commission found Paramount "has no stock ownership or management interest in Maison Blanche Co.," New Orleans applicant.

FCC also noted Television Productions among defendants in anti-trust suit relating to television equipment but concluded "the nature of the charge against applicant does not appear to be such as to require a denial of a grant on that ground." If trial of suit develops justifying facts, Commission said, further consideration be given on license renewal.

CRS DEADLINE JAN. 15

FCC ANNOUNCES extension from Dec. 31 to Jan. 15 of deadline for suggestions on development or operation of equipment to be used in 460-470 mc band for Citizens' Radio-communication Service.

NAB ASSN. of Women Broadcasters holds 1947 convention March 7-9 at Hotel Roosevelt, N. Y. with March 8 sessions open to public, Alma Kitchell, WJZ N. Y., AWB president, announced Friday.

10 NEW FM STATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED BY FCC

(Earlier FM Grants, page 44)

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS for 10 new FM stations (eight Class B, two Class A) announced by FCC Friday; three others issued "in lieu of previous details." Permittees as follows (power is effective radiated power, antenna height is height above average terrain; AM association shown in parentheses):

WMAS Inc. (WMAS), Springfield, Mass.—Class B; 96.7 mc. (Channel 244); 3.2 kw; 975 feet.

Times Herald Co., Port Huron, Mich.—Class B; 102.3 mc. (No. 272) 22 kw; 485 feet.

Wyandotte (Mich.) News Co.—Class A; 104.7 mc. (No. 284); 1 kw; 110 feet.

*Independent Merchants Bestg. Co. (WLWL), Minneapolis—Class B; 101.5 mc. (No. 267); 34 kw; 410 feet.

WMIN Bestg. Co. (WMIN), St. Paul—Class B; 100.9 mc. (No. 265); 59 kw; 375 feet.

WHEB Inc. (WHEB), Portsmouth, N. H.—Class B; 97.7 mc. (No. 249); 20 kw; 715 feet.

Palladium-Times Inc., Oswego, N. Y.—Class B; 101.9 mc. (No. 270); 2.6 kw; 425 feet.

St. Lawrence Bestg. Corp. (WSLB), Ogdensburg, N. Y.—Class B; 100.3 mc. (No. 262); 13.7 kw; 320 feet.

Radio Projects Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.—Class B; 94.3 mc. (No. 232); 8.5 kw; 690 feet.

Samuel R. Sague, Cleveland Heights, Ohio—Class A; 104.7 mc. (No. 284); 1 kw; 250 feet.

*Ft. Hamilton Bestg. Co. (WMOH), Hamilton, Ohio—Class B; 98.9 mc. (No. 255); 6 kw; 235 feet.

*Sharon (Pa.) Herald Bestg. Co. (WPIC)—Class B; 102.9 mc. (No. 275); 27 kw; 450 feet.

Greater Huntington Radio Corp. (WHTN), Huntington, W. Va.—Class B; 99.9 mc. (No. 260); 53 kw; 560 feet.

(*) In lieu of previous details.

WSPD VIDEO ORDER

FIRM ORDER for approximately \$200,000 in RCA television equipment placed Friday by Fort Industry Co. for WSPD-TV Toledo by P. B. Reed, RCA Victor Washington representative. Order covers type TT5-A transmitter (5 kw video, 3 kw audio, plus antenna system, four image orthicon cameras for field and studio use, control equipment for field and studio, and motion picture projection equipment for both 16 mm and 35 mm projection. WSPD-TV assigned channel No. 13 (210-216 mc).

CITES TV OPPORTUNITY

RADIO PARTS manufacturers urged to get into television by Irving Kane, president of Viewtone Television & Radio Corp. at a meeting to introduce video receiver, the "Futura," retailing at \$225 plus installation. Pointing out that with 60,000,000 radios in use and retail sales and prices dropping, he said television "is here and will pick up the slack."

WLIB-ACA EXTENSION

WLIB N. Y. and American Communications Assn. (CIO) extended for two weeks old contract for WLIB announcers. William Bender, chairman ACA Atlantic Branch, reported "negotiations are now going on between union and WLIB, and station has agreed to make any wage increases agreed upon retroactive to Dec. 14, date old contract expired."

WBS, GUILD AGREE

WORLD BROADCASTING System, N. Y., and United Office & Professional Workers of America (CIO), Radio Guild, have come to agreement of all points of contract for WBS white-collar staff. Contract expected to be signed about Jan. 6, retroactive to Nov. 1.

FOUR NEW AM OUTLETS ARE GRANTED BY FCC

GRANTS for four new AM stations announced Friday by FCC, along with withdrawal of one of near-record 22 grants issued Tuesday (story page 80). Grantees:

Pittsburg, Kan.—Pittsburg Publishing Co. 1340 kc, 250 w, fulltime. Owned (98%) by Stauffer Publications, 94% owner KGFF Shawnee, Okla., and publisher of papers in Pittsburg, Topeka and Shawnee. Arkansas City (Kan.), Grand Island (Nebr.), Maryville and Nevada (Mo.). Oscar S. Stauffer, president. Granted Dec. 19.

Lawrence, Mass.—Lawrence Broadcasting Co. 800 kc, 1 kw, day only. Principals: George H. Jaspert (40%), Boston consultant on radio station operations; Gordon S. Ley (60%), research engineer, Submarine Signal Co. Douglas L. Ley holds one qualifying share; Harold A. Ley, real estate company executive, to take 10% stock interest. Granted Dec. 19.

Kannapolis, N. C.—Fred H. Whitley, part owner W. H. Whitley & Sons Funeral Home, Kannapolis, 870 kc, 1 kw, day only. Granted Dec. 19.

Johnson City, Tenn.—Washington County Broadcasting Corp. 1050 kc, 1 kw, day only. Principals: M. T. McArthur (66%), president John Sevier Hotel Corp., other business interests; James C. Wilson (34%), Navy veteran, with WOPI Bristol, Tenn.

Grant withdrawn was one issued Dec. 17 to Snowy Range Broadcasting Co., Laramie, Wyo., for fulltime on 1340 kc, 250 w. Snowy Range application set for hearing with Voice of Wyoming request for same facilities, also at Laramie.

SMITH WOULD APPLY LEA ACT TO ALL BUSINESS

REVISION of Lea Act, making it applicable to all business rather than broadcasting, planned in new labor legislation to be introduced early next month by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), according to statement released Friday by Mr. Smith. Republicans planned similar move [BROADCASTING, Dec. 9].

Late Friday Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio), chairman Senate GOP Steering Committee and slated to become Labor Committee chairman, said new Congress will be ready to enact labor legislation by Feb. 15. Special Republican Labor Committee expected to have bill ready for Congress opening Friday, he said, with hearings immediately.

'GUIDING LIGHT' SETTLEMENT

FIVE-YEAR litigation in Illinois over ownership of *Guiding Light* program on NBC General Mills hour ended when attorneys for Irna Phillips, defendant, in suit filed by Emmons Carlson, NBC Central Division promotion manager, agreed to settlement reported in excess of original \$125,000 offer. Mr. Carlson had won court appeal in claim of half ownership of program.

Closed Circuit

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port to Congress, now being drafted. Committee investigators turned up choice morsels about alien influences in Government—particularly FCC, with foreign-directed move to unseal public on American System of doing business, especially broadcasting. Report scheduled for filing before Dec. 31.

SHOULD Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R-Ohio) decide not to press for majority leadership in new Congress, it's sure bet he'll head Interstate & Foreign Commerce subcommittee on communications. His first task, should events develop in that direction, would be complete overhauling of FCC. There's talk in some quarters of requiring networks and stations, by legislation, to employ competent copyreaders to edit all newscasts and commentaries before broadcasts.