

St. Paul, Minn., KUNO Corpus Christi, Tex., WCOS Columbia, S. C., KSOX Raymondville, Tex., WSBC Chicago, KISD Sioux Falls, S. Dak., WKEU Griffin, Ga., WFPA Fort Payne, WAUD Auburn, both Alabama, KVEN Ventura, Calif., WTON Staunton, Va., KAYS Hays, Kan., KVNI Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, WEPM Martinsburg, W. Va. and WINN Louisville, Ky.

Others: WMFJ Daytona Beach, Fla., WQXT Palm Beach, WPKE Pikeville, Ky., KOSF Nacogdoches, Tex., WSFB Quitman, Ga., WMBO Auburn, New York, WBEJ Elizabethton, Tenn., KSNAN San Francisco, WSTC Stamford, Conn., WJBC Bloomington, Ill., Midwestern Broadcasting Co. (four stations), WKOK Sunbury, Pa. WATS Sayre, Pa., WGGG Gainesville, Fla., WOND Pleasantsville, N. J., WDSR Lake City, Fla., WTKO Ithaca, New York, KFLY Corvallis, Ore., WASK Lafayette, Ind., WKNY Kingston, New York, WKXL Concord, N. H., WJET Erie, Pa. and WCBI Columbus, Miss.

Others: KWBE Beatrice, Neb., WHLF South Boston, Va., WSIV Pekin, Ill., WLHR Athens, Tenn., WKLK Blackstone, Va., WCMC Wildwood, N. J. WSPB Sarasota, Fla., WGAP Maryville, Tenn. WHUN Huntingdon, Pa., KPRS Kansas City, Mo., WGNC Gastonia, N. C., WDAD Indiana, Pa., WMAJ State College, Pa., WJOB Hammond, Ind., KORE Eugene, Ore., WFAS White Plains, N. Y. KPAL Palm Springs, Calif., KVFD Fort Dodge, Iowa, WHTC Holland, Mich., WJLB Detroit, WIBM Jackson, Miss., WDBQ Dubuque, Iowa, WINA Charlottesville, Va., WJET Hagerstown, Md., WJLB Detroit, WIBM Jackson, Mich., WGIL Galesburg, Ill., WBRE Wilkes-Barre, Pa., WNBH New Bedford, Mass. and WAML Laurel, Miss.

Others: WOPI Bristol, Tenn.-Va., WLAG La Grange, Ga., KLIZ Brainerd, Minn., WJOL Joliet, Ill., KSUE Susanville, Calif., KFOR Lincoln, Neb., WJMC Rice Lake, Wisc., WJIM Lansing, Mich., WJNC Jacksonville, N. C., WERI Westerly, R. I., KTTS Springfield, Mo., WHGB Harrisburg, Pa., KCOW Alliance, Neb., WKOK Sudbury, Pa., KWHW Altus, Okla., WSTC Stamford, Conn., WSRP Cleveland, WSTV Steubenville, Ohio, WKIP Poughkeepsie, New York, WHFC Cicero, Ill. WHLB Virginia, and WMFG Hibbing, both Minnesota, WGWC Selma, Ark., WIMB Brookhaven, Miss., WBAC Cleveland, Tenn., WNOR Norfolk, Va. and others.

## N.Y. STATE SEEKS WATV (TV)'S CH. 13

- Would meet NTA's price
- Petition filed with FCC

The State of New York last week put in a bid for ch. 13 WATV (TV) Newark, N. J., which transmits from the Gotham's Empire State Bldg.

The move came almost two months after it was announced that WATV and its sister stations, WAAT-AM-FM, had been sold for \$3.5 million to National Telefilm Assoc. [AT DEADLINE, Oct. 7]. This application is pending FCC approval. Ch. 13 is the only vhf assigned to New Jersey.

In a petition for rule-making filed with the FCC last Thursday, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (the state's educational governing body) asked that ch. 13 be made a reserved educational channel in New York.

It said it would immediately apply for the facility and indicated that it would accept a grant requiring operation by Sept. 30, 1958.

WATV would be reimbursed, the New York petition declared. At a news conference in New York, Jacob L. Holtzman, chairman of the New York Regents Board, indicated that the NTA price for the ch. 13 station would be met. He insisted that the board was prepared to pay the station owners "a fair price" for the tv station, and that WAAT-AM-FM would be acquired by the board if necessary, although "its interest is solely in tv.

New York State holds construction permits for seven educational tv stations throughout the state, all uhf. The grants were made in 1952, but none built.

In New York City, the state holds a cp for ch. 25.

The board declared in its petition that an educational station is needed in New York, but that it must be vhf, since New York is an all-vhf metropolis.

It added that in the light of the pending sale of WATV, "an opportunity is now presented, perhaps the only opportunity that will ever be presented, for converting a vhf channel in the New York City area to educational use without injury, financially or otherwise, to an existing licensee.

In referring to paying for the station, the petition said the board would be willing to

accept a condition "that the present operators of television station WATV shall not be the losers by reason of the withdrawal of the channel from commercial use."

At the news conference, Mr. Holtzman said the New York State legislature would be asked for funds to finance the purchase. He expressed the view that the legislature would approve this request. In case of rejection, the money would come "from other sources," he declared. He declined to elaborate, but acknowledged that there have been informal talks with representatives of various foundations.

Mr. Holtzman also acknowledged that the board has tried and will continue to try to work out some arrangement with New Jersey officials (ch. 13 is officially assigned to Newark, N. J.) for a possible bi-state agency to operate the educational outlet.

A spokesman for NTA declined to comment specifically on the New York Regents' move, but claimed that the company has "an ambitious educational project" scheduled for WATV. He said plans envision the creation of a "true television university" in cooperation with leading universities and educational groups in the New York area.

## N. J. Uhf Grantee Takes Fight For Ch. 3 to Court of Appeals

WOCN (TV) Atlantic City, N. J., a ch. 52 grantee, has asked the U. S. Court of Appeals in Washington to force the FCC to move ch. 3 from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. In an appeal from the Commission's Sept. 30 denial of its Feb. 27 petition to make this move, the uhf permit holder last week asked for a review of the Commission's action.

WOCN claimed that the FCC discriminates against New Jersey in that the state has only one vhf assignment—and it is held by ch. 13 WATV (TV) Newark, N. J. (in the New York area). New York has 14 vhf and 57 uhf allocations and Pennsylvania 11 vhf and 48 uhf assignments. New Jersey, ranking eighth in population, virtually has no vhf assignments, WOCN said, and is blanketed with vhf signals from New York and Pennsylvania. This conflicts with Sec. 307(b) of the Communications Act which requires that frequencies be apportioned equitably among the states and communities, WOCN claimed.

NBC-owned WRCV-TV Philadelphia is licensed on ch. 3 there.

## SP Showing to FCC Delayed

Subliminal Projection Co. which was expected to demonstrate subliminal perception to the FCC before the Christmas holidays [CLOSED CIRCUIT, Dec. 2], last week verbally informed the Commission that it would be unable to display its method "at this time." Reason for the delay, SP Co. told the Commission, are technical and staff problems and organizational reasons.

The Commission now hopes to hold such a demonstration, which also will be viewed by members of Congress and the press, sometime after Jan. 1. Closed-circuit facilities for the showing have been offered by WTOP-TV Washington.

