

FCC has adopted order denying renewal of license of WLIR(FM) Garden City, N.Y., to Stereo Broadcasters Inc. on grounds including misrepresentation and unauthorized transfer of control. Order is result of commissions' ruling last March upholding initial decision of ALJ James Tierney denying renewal.

Only amendment definitely expected at this week's markup of resolution to allow televising of Senate proceedings is that of Senator Wendell Ford (D-Ky.) who will propose confining coverage to radio (BROADCASTING, June 15). Senator John Warner (R-Va.) had not decided last Friday whether to propose TV coverage of selected debates rather than gavel-to-gavel. Rules Committee staff will recommend that Senate control cameras rather than allowing network pooling arrangement and will advise committee that covering only certain debates would necessitate creating method of selecting sessions, implying that would be more costly than gavel-to-gavel. Recent poll of committee members indicated vote is four favoring, four opposing and four undecided on issue.

Amendment that would authorize use of commercials on public broadcasting for 18-month experiment is expected to be introduced this week in House by Representative Tom Tauke (R-Iowa), member of Telecommunications Subcommittee. Amendment would be attached to H.R. 3238, public broadcasting bill authorizing appropriations for Corporation for Public Broadcasting for 1984-86. Bill is scheduled for floor debate June 23. "In view of the reduction of federal funds, public broadcasting must explore a variety of revenue-producing avenues," Tauke said. Among those who have expressed doubts about desirability of amendment is Vincent Wasilewski, president of National Association of Broadcasters. He has sent letter to House Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman Timothy Wirth (D-Colo.) urging him to oppose amendment. "Noncommercial television and radio should remain just that — noncommercial," Wasilewski said.

Twelve applications were filed at FCC for VHF drop-in channel 8 at Knoxville, Tenn., on or within one week of June 15 cut-off deadline that was triggered by first applicant (Knoxville Broadcasting Corp.) for that allocation back in February (BROADCASTING, Feb. 23 et seq.). One applicant filing at deadline was licensee of WTVK(TV) Knoxville (ch. 26), which is seeking to switch its operation to channel 8. Only then will surviving applications be designated for hearing. BROADCASTING will publish list of applicants next week.

Imminent acquisition of Chicago Cubs by Tribune Co. there, parent of WGN Continental, for \$20.5 million, will increase to four number of major league franchises now held by broadcast-oriented companies and consummate transaction first broached decade ago by former WGN management. Late Philip K. Wrigley, chewing gum magnate, refused to sell during his lifetime, but estate tax problems motivated new transaction by his heirs who include William Wrigley Ward L. Quaal, former WGN president, originally suggested deal for team whose games are still broadcast, at home and on road, over WGN-AM-TV, and also fed by cable. Other major league clubs now identified with broadcasters are California Angels, whose owner, Gene Autry, was close friend of Philip K. Wrigley; Detroit Tigers, owned by John Fetzer, of Fetzer Stations, regarded as baseball's top statesman, and Ted Turner, who owns Atlanta Braves and transmits its games over his WTBS-TV there and its cable network.

Rodney Joyce, 30, associate with law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, has been named minority counsel for House Telecommunications Subcommittee. He succeeds Bernard J. Wunder, whose appointment as assistant secretary of commerce for communications and information was confirmed by Senate on Wednesday. Joyce will assume new duties today (June 22).



With overall investment of \$10 million (of which \$2 million is for uplink), Mutual Broadcasting System Friday dedicated what it described as commercial radio's "first satellite broadcast facility" at Bren Mar, Va., outside Washington. Network's programing is now uplinked by 11-meter dish to Westar I satellite and received by 350 affiliates (network expects 650 to have earth receive station in by end of year). Participating at ceremony were Jay Van Andel (l) and Rich DeVos (r), co-chairmen of MBS (and heads of parent Amway), and Martin Rubenstein (center), MBS president/CEO, as well as FCC and broadcasting industry leaders and representatives of Fairfax county, where facilities are located.

Daniel J. Ohlbaum, 58, one-time deputy general counsel of FCC and currently acting chairman of FCC review board, will retire from agency on June 27. Ohlbaum joined commission in 1949 and, except for four years, from May 1957 to March 1961, when he served in Justice Department, has been on commission staff. He was deputy general counsel from March 1964 to September 1975, when he joined review board. He has been acting chairman of board since November. Joseph Marino, acting chief of Common Carrier Bureau, is said to be in line to succeed Ohlbaum.

Upcoming

On Capitol Hill: Senate Commerce Committee will hold hearing on rural telecommunications issues in room 235, Russell Senate Office building at 10 a.m. today (Monday) □ Senate Rules Committee will mark up S. Res. 20, to allow televising of Senate proceedings in room 301, Russell, at 10:30 a.m. (Tuesday) □ House Telecommunications Subcommittee will hold hearings on users and telecommunications in room 2123, Rayburn House Office building, at 9:30 a.m. and on Wednesday in room 2325, Rayburn, at 1:30 p.m. □ House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and Administration of Justice will hold hearings on copyright issues in room 2226, Rayburn, at 10 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. **Also in Washington:** Norman Lear's People for the American Way will hold news briefing on national media campaign for freedom of expression at Shoreham hotel at 10 a.m. Wednesday. □ International Hospitality Accountants Association convention at Sheraton Washington includes panel on uses of satellite earth stations in hotel/motel industry at 10 a.m. Friday. □ National Association of Television Program Executives' first teleconference Wednesday will originate from WDCA-TV Washington and be distributed by satellite nationwide Wednesday and Thursday. **In Chicago:** National Broadcast Editorial Association convention at Sheraton-Plaza opens Tuesday (see page 54).