

NAB ASKS THREE YEAR LICENSES FOR FM STATIONS

NAB FM Executive Committee, meeting Friday at Palmer House, Chicago, decided to file petition with FCC seeking revision of existing FM license applications from one to three years and to request set makers to submit definite figures on number of receivers released and areas in which distributed. Robert T. Bartley, NAB FM Dept. director, was chosen to contact set makers.

Mr. Bartley said he hoped manufacturers would submit figures to NAB research department rather than private accounting firm. Committee approved FCC action on channel numbering of FM frequencies.

Present were Mr. Bartley; Walter J. Damm, WTMJ Milwaukee, chairman; Gordon Gray, WSJS Winston-Salem; Paul W. Morency, WTIC Hartford; Les Johnson, WHBF Rock Island; Wayne Coy, WINX Washington; absent, Justin Miller, NAB president, and C. E. Arney Jr., secretary-treasurer. John Shepard 3rd, Yankee network, and Frank Stanton, CBS, were absent because of transportation difficulties.

CRNA NAMES COMMITTEES

TWO committees were named Friday to nominate candidates for office in the new Chicago Radio News Assn. and to draw up a statement of aims. Radio news editors and special events men are members. Committee to designate offices and nominate candidates includes Don Kelley, WBBM, chairman; Jim Bormann, PA; Con O'Dea, WENR. Committee to draw up statement of aims and eligibility includes Julian Bentley, WLS, chairman; Charles Ahrens, UP; Jim Dale, WIND; Everett Holles, WBBM; Robert Hurligh, WGN. Election of officers scheduled Jan. 9 at Merchants & Mfrs. Club. William Ray, NBC news chief, is temporary president.

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expected at his house. Comdr. Craven has prior Washington commitments relating to FCC allocations and hearing activity.

NAB will announce this week new chief counsel to succeed John Morgan Davis, of Philadelphia, who resigned to resume law practice in Philadelphia [BROADCASTING, Dec. 24]. New attorney expected to be former law associate and friend of NAB President Justin Miller.

LITTLE is being said publicly, but contending forces at clear channel hearing Jan. 14 are burning midnight oil preparing cases from opposite sides of technical and economic radio outlook. Regional group has aligned some 200 stations who have contributed four times their standard hourly rate with Paul D. P. Spearman as chief counsel, with Paul Godley and Dr. G. W. Pickard as consulting engineers. Clear channel group has Louis G. Caldwell as chief counsel with Andrew D. Ring as chief engineering witness.

MAJ. ARTHUR W. SCHARFELD, now on terminal leave from Army after nearly two years abroad in American Military Government, re-joins his radio law firm of Loucks & Scharfeld within fortnight. He rejected proposals from Army that he return to ETO or move to Pacific with increased responsibility.

WESTERN ELECTRIC COUNTEROFFER REPORTED

WESTERN ELECTRIC Co. late Friday reportedly attempted to avert scheduled Jan. 3 strike of 19,000 workers by offering new counterproposals to Western Electric Employees Association's demands for 30% wage increase. Report, from union sources, not confirmed as BROADCASTING went to press.

Henry Mayer, union attorney, said Frank J. Hamil, WE personnel director, called a meeting with union representatives and made an offer "slightly better" than earlier one—a 15% wage rise. Mr. Mayer said union would reply over weekend but he doubted offer would be acceptable.

COLLEGE CODE RATIFIED

REPRESENTATIVES of 19 student-operated college radio stations met Saturday in New York to ratify codes of practice which will regulate broadcasting on Intercollegiate Broadcasting System. Stations of IBS operate with low power, are heard only in college buildings. Codes set standards of news presentation, business ethics, engineering operations and broadcast quality.

FORD'S SPECIAL AD

FULL-PAGE four-color *Life* magazine ad boosting special Christmas show on *Ford Sunday Evening Hour* (ABC Dec. 23, 8-9 p. m.) cost the motor maker about two-thirds as much as show itself. Tariff for the *Life* ad, \$13,775; for show (including talent and time), approximately \$20,000.

'ADVENTURE' RETURNS

WGN Chicago's *Human Adventure*, dropped by Revere Copper & Brass on MBS Nov. 24 and replaced by *Exploring the Unknown*, returns to MBS as sustainer Jan. 2. Produced under auspices of U. of Chicago, show will be heard 7-7:30 p.m. (CST). First show titled "Atlantic Migration", story of immigration to America.

MORE THAN 1,300,000 gift packages were distributed to sick, wounded and disabled servicemen at Christmas as a result of Eddie Cantor's radio drive, according to John Stelle, national commander of American Legion, joint sponsor of campaign.

FCC HEARING SCHEDULE

- Jan. 2: Hearings begin before FCC Commissioner Wakefield in Fresno, Cal. on Central California AM applications.
- Jan. 2: Hearings begin in Washington on Louisiana AM applications.
- Jan. 3: Hearings begin before FCC Commissioner Wills in Glens Falls, N. Y. on applications for AM facilities in Glens Falls.
- Jan. 3: Hearing in Washington on AM application of Diamond State Broadcasting Corp., Dover, Del.
- Jan. 3: Hearings begin before FCC Commissioner Denny in Charleston, W. Va. on applications for AM facilities in Charleston. Shift to Huntington, W. Va. Jan. 7.
- Jan. 3: Hearings begin in Washington on applications from Syracuse, N. Y. and Erie, Pa. for use of 1260 kc.
- Jan. 7: Hearings begin in Washington on applications from New York, New Jersey and Vermont for use of 620 kc.
- Jan. 7: Hearings begin in Washington on AM applications from Georgia and Florida.

LT. COL. DeQUINCY V. SUTTON, FCC head broadcast accountant, on leave for nearly four years with Army Signal Corps, returned to Washington last week and now is on terminal leave. He served in Mediterranean and European theatres nearly three years, rising in rank from lieutenant. He reported for duty at FCC, remaining in Signal Corps Reserve.

L. L. COLBERT, vice president of Dodge Division, Chrysler Corp., Detroit, and recently general manager of company's Dodge Chicago plant, elected president of Dodge Division. He replaces H. L. WECKLEY, vice president and general manager of corporation and president of Dodge Division since 1943, who will devote full time to parent company.

WILL H. OLDHAM Jr., released from Navy as lieutenant, resumes duties as WLW Cincinnati director of grocery trade relations. With WLW since 1939, he joined Navy in 1942 and served aboard carrier *USS Marcus Island*.

HOYT ALLEN, master sergeant in Army, re-joins radio department of Benton & Bowles, New York. Ted Barash, former Navy lieutenant, returns to agency and will do contact work on Best Foods account.

HARRY W. PASCOE, who left WAAT Newark in fall of 1941 to join Office of Inter-American Affairs, has returned to station as night program supervisor.

MAJ. WILLIAM E. ROWENS Jr., former production manager of WSOC Charlotte, named officer-in-charge of the Armed Forces Radio Services' 18 stations in Japan and Korea.

ROBERT MELLIN, former general manager of Bourne Music, joins BMI Jan. 1 in executive capacity in professional department.

WILLIAM B. CASKEY, assistant manager of WFIL Philadelphia, about mid-January joins WPEN Philadelphia executive staff as liaison officer between station and *Evening Bulletin*, licensee, and between station and N. W. Ayer & Son, its agency.

KOMA TO GET 50 KW, DIVIDING 1520 KC CHANNEL

FCC last Friday adopted as final its recommendations of last September, subsequently modified, for solution of interference problem involving KOMA Oklahoma City, WKBW Buffalo, KGGF Coffeyville, Kan., and foreign stations.

Commission granted temporary authorization to KOMA to operate 1520 kc 5 kw unlimited, non-directional antenna, until completion of directional antenna and issuance of construction permit to increase power on same frequency to 50 kw.

Station's original application requesting a shift to 690 kc, frequency used by KGGF, was denied.

Application of KGGF for license renewal granted for period ending Nov. 1, 1946 and station authorized to increase from 1 kw day 500 w night to 1 kw day and night directional.

KOMA sought change in frequency because of objection by TGW Guatemala City to interference in its primary coverage area [BROADCASTING, Sept. 10] and WKBW which operates on same frequency with 50 kw and a directional to protect KOMA. Present nighttime activities interfere with CBF Montreal.