



WCAO Baltimore's new FM transmitter undergoes inspection by Martin L. Jones (l), WCAO chief engineer, and Irving Mager, Westinghouse sales engineer. The new transmitter is expected to be in operation in the near future.

Groups to Deal With War Propaganda to Be Set Up

NATIONAL associations representing the U. S. radio, newspaper, magazine and motion picture industries were asked last week to appoint committees for dealing with war propagandizing within their respective fields.

The proposal was made in letters sent by the Committee of Public Relations Counsellors on the United Nations to Justin Miller, NAB president; Cranston Williams, American Newspaper Publishers Assn., general manager; Frank Braucher, Periodical Publishers Assn., president, and Eric Johnston, Motion Picture Assn., president.

It followed adoption last week by the UN General Assembly of a resolution condemning all propaganda likely to threaten world peace.

WIOD Miami was recently presented a certificate from the Nation American Legion Auxiliary and the Miami Harvey Seeds Unit No. 29 in recognition of "important contributions to the education, entertainment and inspiration of this community."

Five Pressing Applications For FCC Grants on 1560kc

IS 1560 kc a Class I-B or Class II channel? And if I-B, does the claim of WQXR New York to that assignment effect "an equitable allocation of facilities"?

Those were the basic questions considered fortnight ago in a proceeding before FCC Hearing Examiner James D. Cunningham and involving the applications of KPMC Bakersfield, Calif., Lake Broadcasting Co. Inc., Gary, Ind., and KWCO Chickasha, Okla., in addition to that of WQXR.

KPMC seeks boost from 1 kw to 10 kw on 1560 kc, with directional array fulltime. Lake Broadcasting, which originally had been party to another proceeding and whose application was incorporated by the Commission in the present case, requests a new standard station at Gary on 1560 kc with 500 w night and 1 kw day. KWCO requests change from 250 w daytime on 1560 kc to 250 w fulltime operation on the channel.

Petition Content

The WQXR application asks increase of power from 10 kw to 50 kw on 1560 kc, directional. The *New York Times* station further pursues recognition of its six-year claim to I-B status on the frequency. FCC's rules permit assignment of both Class I and II stations on 1560 kc.

In a petition to the Commission preceding and indirectly related to the hearing, WQXR stated that ever since its assignment on 1560 kc was first authorized, it has "endeavored to obtain a ruling from the Commission that it was a I-B station or to have the Commission take such steps as might have been required by the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement to obtain the requested classification." The petition cited correspondence with FCC dating from April 1941 unsuccessfully seeking I-B acknowledgement and steps which would afford it I-B protection from potential Cuban I-B operation.

In concluding the petition requested that FCC protest the temporary authorization by Cuba to CMBH Havana for 5 kw on 1560 kc; to notify Cuba that WQXR has been operating with its existing service being afforded I-B protection since NARBA went into effect in 1941 and that FCC advise of steps being taken to protect status of 1560 kc and present WQXR service in forthcoming NARBA revision.

This background underlay most of WQXR presentation. President John V. L. Hogan testified on the importance of I-B operation in reaching an extended audience with WQXR's non-duplicated and distinctive programming. He pointed out that the station enjoys a consistent audience of 700 to 800

miles radius in scope. Mr. Hogan substantiated this with figures on requests for program booklets, correspondence volume and source and location of homes of members of the program advisory committee.

Mr. Hogan's relation of the part skywave transmission plays in serving this extended audience was supported by testimony of Frederick Schottland, New York consulting engineer. His allegation that FCC's skywave propagation curves (Figure 1 of the standards) don't apply at 1560 kc was accompanied by data on recordings of measurements made independently by the National Bureau of Standards from January 1945 through July 1946.

Elliott Sanger, executive vice president of WQXR, told of program efforts and station policy.

WQXR counsel at the proceeding was Philip G. Loucks, Arthur W. Scharfeld and Maurice M. Jansky of the radio law firm of Loucks & Scharfeld. The firm also represents KPMC.

Engineering testimony only was offered in behalf of KPMC by William E. Plummer, member of the consulting radio engineering firm of Glenn D. Gillett & Assoc. It was indicated the proposed operation of that station in no way would af-

fect that of any other of the stations in the proceeding. The presentation was not contested.

The record has been left open to receive if necessary any further testimony from KPMC since President F. G. R. Schamblin had been advised by his physician not to make the trip to Washington at this time.

Lake Broadcasting, through its counsel, Robert L. Irwin of Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, held to its position that WQXR use of the 1560 kc frequency has been considered by the FCC as a Class II assignment and therefore Gary should be given local service. Such would not be possible if WQXR were I-B.

Similar stand was taken by KWCO. The outlet was represented by its president, George C. Robinson Jr., and Thomas P. Littlepage Jr. of Littlepage & Littlepage.

WTOD Toledo, Ohio, which had been a party to the proceeding in seeking switch from daytime to fulltime 1 kw operation on 1560 kc, earlier had been granted petition by FCC to dismiss its application without prejudice. It was stated WTOD was looking for another frequency.

The Commission earlier also had granted petition of WQXR and KPMC to dismiss the application of The Montana Network for failure to file a written appearance due May 27. Montana Network had sought a new AM station at Butte, Mont., on 1560 kc, 1 kw fulltime.

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