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COX NOMINATED AS COMMISSIONER

President Kennedy has nominated Kenneth Cox, now head of the FCC Broadcast Bureau, to serve the balance of Commissioner Craven's term (when he retires), and a full seven-year succeeding term. Mr. Cox had the strong backing of Sen. Warren Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee and a long-time friend and associate.

Succeeding Cox as chief of the Broadcast Bureau will be James B. Sheridan, economist with the Commission for many years. Other shifts are expected shortly.

MOVE TO SECURE NEW QUARTERS FOR FCC

A committee has been organized in Washington to try to secure better housing for the FCC. The all-industry group, on which the educational constituency is represented by Pres. Harley, was formed in recognition of the fact that the space situation at the FCC is already critical and will become more so with the added staffing imposed by space communications development. Currently the FCC offices are located in two other places in Washington in addition to its over-crowded location in the Post Office Building. Representatives of the Committee called on Senator Magnuson recently to enlist his support for a move to find or build a building of its own for the FCC.

NAEB STUDY DOUBLES NUMBER OF UHF CHANNELS

Last week NAEB released a report of its study of nationwide assignments of television channels by use of electronic digital computer methods. The report proposes a saturated UHF table of 3,298 assignments, placing every available channel in the UHF part of the spectrum in some community. The result of the study: "over twice the number of useable channels have been added to the FCC table, most of these channels have been placed where they are needed, either now or in the future, and this has been accomplished without disturbing any of the presently active or near active stations, while adhering to the established rules and standards of the FCC."

The report recommends that the FCC use the table thus derived from the computer as a basis for allocation determinations to meet present and future needs of education and other television broadcast services.

FCC spokesmen indicated that a new nationwide assignment of channels, taking into account the NAEB computer study and its own manual calculations, would be released for comments shortly.

PACIFICA FOUNDATION QUERIED

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee held closed hearings (week of Jan. 7) looking into possible Communist influence in operation of the three non-commercial, listener-supported stations of the Pacifica Foundation: KPFF, Los Angeles, KPFA,

Berkeley, and WBAI, New York.

Trevor Thomas, Acting President of the group, asserted there is no Communist influence in station operation, agreed that Communists had appeared on programs in keeping with established policy of presenting a complete range of viewpoints.

American Jewish Congress and American Civil Liberties Union assailed hearings as invasion of constitutional rights. NAEB indicated to Pacifica group that it stood ready to help if its support was appropriate to the circumstances and if, in fact, abridgement of rights of free speech was at issue.

MILWAUKEE TO LAUNCH SECOND ETV STATION

The Milwaukee Vocational and Adult Schools will inaugurate its second station, Ch. 36, on January 28. Milwaukee, which already has VHF station Ch. 10 in operation, will become the third community in the nation to initiate a second non-commercial channel in order to take care of the expanding needs for instructional use of TV.

NAEB PERSONNEL PROJECT GROUP MEETS

Members of the Evaluation Committee for the Survey of Educational TV Personnel (conducted by NAEB under a Title VII USOE grant) met for four days in Washington last week to evaluate the data compiled and make recommendations, based on the findings, regarding the type of training programs and other opportunities which need to be provided to develop the numbers and quality of personnel to fit the indicated needs for ETV manpower. The memorandum developed by this committee will be incorporated in the final report expected in April.

Participants: Vice Pres. Kenneth Bartlett, Syracuse U.; Hartford Gunn, WGBH-TV, Boston; Dean Arnold Perry, U. of N.C.; William Bowden, Southern Regional Ed. Board; and George Parkinson, Milwaukee Vocational & Adult Schools. James Fellows, Assoc. Director of the Project, conducted the sessions.

MPATI FILES FOR SIX CHANNELS

The Midwest Project for Airborne Television Instruction, which has been operating on channels 72 and 76 on an experimental basis, has asked the FCC for six permanent assignments in the UHF band. The six channels are not yet specified but will be indicated in a subsequent filing.

With six channels, MPATI indicates it could expand its offerings next fall to a six-hour daily service offering 72 courses for 12 grades as well as college.

Before Airborne ETV can become permanent there will have to be a modification of rules to provide for integration of its system in the UHF allocations plan designed for ground-based stations.

NAEB is studying MPATI filing in relation to its recent nationwide allocation proposals.

APPLICATIONS TO FCC FOR ETV RESERVATIONS

Request by U. of Idaho in Moscow shifting reservation for non-commercial educational use from Ch. 15 to Ch. 12. (Granted)

Request by Catrillo College, Aptes, Cal. to reserve Ch. 22 in Watsonville.

Request by Western Washington State College, Bellingham, to reserve Ch. 18, Bellingham.

Request by S. Carolina ETV Commission for a new educational station on Ch. 7, Charleston.

FCC ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The annual report of the FCC for fiscal year 1962 is now on sale by the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, for 50¢.

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