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NEW EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING FORMS

The new forms recently authorized by the FCC for noncommercial educational broadcasters (Docket 14690) will be available as follows: New renewal forms (Form 342) will be sent to licensees with June 1, 1963 renewals by January 15, 1963. The remaining new forms should be available early in February. These are: Form 340 for application for CP for new or changed facilities; Form 341 for application for initial license; Form 323E for ownership reporting. Until the new forms are available, noncommercial educational applicants and licensees should continue using the old forms.

In announcing adoption of the new forms, the FCC stated that they would be applicable to all noncommercial educational stations, and not just those operating on reserved channels, in line with the recommendations of the NAEB. However, they declined to accept the NAEB's contention that the showing of a detailed balance sheet by private institutions is unduly burdensome and that an annual budget, with specific showing as to the applicable source of funds, should be acceptable instead. Therefore, the new form still requires this information, although certain minor revisions have been made in the interest of clarity.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT REVISED

The FCC has announced that a somewhat revised Annual Financial Report form (324) will become effective February 1. Noncommercial stations, deriving no revenue from the sale of station time, are required to fill out only a few sections of the report. These require the following information: Total broadcast expenses, number of full time and part time employees, and total cost of tangible property (broken down into Land and Buildings, Tower and Antenna System, Transmitter Equipment, and All other property).

WILMINGTON GETS CH. 12 FOR ETV

On December 27, the FCC announced that it had granted the application of WHYI, Inc., for a new TV station to operate on a noncommercial educational basis on commercial Ch. 12 in Wilmington, Delaware. The Commission had announced its intent to make such a grant in an Initial Decision last September 27.

NAEB PROTESTS MOBILE USES OF CHS. 14 & 15

The NAEB has filed a statement with the FCC opposing the petition of the Land Mobile Communications Section of the Electronics Industry Association for the deletion of Television Channels 14 and 15 from TV broadcast use and their assignment for mobile land uses. The NAEB pointed out that there are 12 stations operating on these channels, and two more are under construction, five of which are noncommercial educational stations (KCSM, San Mateo, Calif., WFPK-TV, Louisville, Ky., WLET, Ithaca, N. Y., WMUB-TV, Oxford, Ohio, and WHRO-TV, Hampton-Norfolk, Va.). It was further

pointed out in the NAEB petition that 93 of the channels contained in the FCC Table of Assignments are on Channels 14 and 15, and in 64 cases, this represents the only channel assigned to a given community. Sixteen of these assignments are reserved for non-commercial educational TV stations.

FCC REAFFIRMS POSITION RE CLEAR CHANNELS

The FCC has reaffirmed its previous decision on the use of clear channels. In doing so, it made the following statement: "The National Association of Educational Broadcasters takes issue with our decision not to reserve any of the new Class II-A assignments for noncommercial educational use. The Commission recognizes that time lags occur before education can receive proper authorization and funds to make application for broadcast facilities. We are not persuaded, however, that the public interest requires reservation of some of the Class II-A stations for educational use. The public interest will best be served if new Class II-A stations can be established quickly and start rendering needed service to the public. If there is commercial demand for the frequencies, the public interest would not be served by refusing to meet such demand and by withholding use of certain frequencies for possibly extended periods of time to see if there is sufficient educational interest. On the other hand, should there not be commercial interest in some of the frequencies, the time lag would appear sufficient for interested educational groups to pursue the matter. Moreover, we have indicated that no such application should be acted upon for a period of 90 days. Thus, some time is afforded all interested parties in charting their future course of action."

KEPPEL APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Francis Keppel, dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, has been appointed, by President Kennedy, to be the United States Commissioner of Education. Dean Keppel, 46, has been dean of the Harvard School since 1948. From 1955 to 1959, he served as chairman of the American Council of Education's Council on Cooperation in Teacher Education.

OHIO REQUESTS ADDITIONAL ETV CHANNELS

The Ohio Educational TV Network Commission has petitioned the FCC, requesting amendment of the rules to provide additional UHF TV channels, reserved for non-commercial ETV channels, in the State of Ohio. Altogether they have petitioned for the addition of 20 reserved channels, as recommended by the NAEB Spectrum Study, to be accomplished by the reservation of certain unused commercial channels and transfer of certain other channels.

MISCELLANEOUS FCC ACTIONS

On 12/28/62, the FCC granted CP for new noncommercial educational FM station to Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., to operate on 88.1 Mc with 33 watts power.

On 1/2/63, granted license for noncommercial educational FM station to WCDR-FM, The Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.

On 1/3/63, finalized rule making and shifted reservation from Channel *15 to Channel *12 for noncommercial educational use in Moscow, Idaho, and retained Ch. 15 for commercial use in that city. The University of Idaho had petitioned for reservation of the VHF channel.

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