NDEA LEGISLATIVE SITUATION

The House Education and Labor Committee has reported a bill (HR 11904) which, among other things, provides for a two-year extension of NDEA: adds English, history, and geography to Title III; and adds a $35 million program to provide for institutes to train librarians, guidance personnel, and teachers of history, geography, modern foreign languages, and English.

The next step is a hearing before the House Rules Committee; it is expected that the bill will be granted a rule and be called up within the next two weeks. A similar bill has been passed (August 1) by the Senate which adds remedial reading and civics to Title III, adds institutes for educational media specialists, and grants a three-year extension to NDEA.

ADDITIONAL ETV FACILITIES GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Approval of three more grants under the ETV Facilities Act has expanded the total number of grants to thirty-seven since funds became available in May, 1963. They total $6,123,040 in Federal funds.

On July 31, it was announced that grants had been approved for Yakima School District No. 7, Yakima, Washington, for $79,278 to provide studio equipment for Station KYVE-TV, Channel 47. Estimated total cost is $129,967.

A grant was also given on the same day to Mohawk-Hudson Council on Educational Television, Schenectady, New York for $163,626 to expand and improve the facilities of Channel 17, Station WMHT-TV, a project costing an estimated $259,163.

Ohio University in Athens, Ohio received a grant of $149,347 on August 3 to expand existing facilities of reserved Channel 20, Station WOUB-TV. The total cost of this project is an estimated $199,130. The expanded coverage would include portions of Ohio and West Virginia and will provide service to a population in excess of 490,000.

HEW APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Five new applications, four of them from the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, have been accepted for filing under a program of Federal assistance to establish or expand educational television broadcast facilities. The four applications for the Vermont institution, located at Burlington, are: For $307,061 to activate channel 22, Burlington. Total cost, $614,123. For $98,820 to activate channel 49, Rutland, total cost $197,640. For $86,162 to activate channel 30, St. Johnsbury. Total cost, $172,365. And for $154,682 to activate channel 26, Windsor, total cost, $309,365.

The fifth application was filed by San Bernardino Valley Joint Union Junior College District in San Bernardino, California. It calls for Federal expenditures of $74,366 to improve the operation of channel 24, KCVR-TV. Total cost wofuld be $101,405.

The five new applications bring to 38 the number accepted for filing and awaiting further action. They request a total of $8,161,101 in Federal funds.

ADDITIONAL UHF CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS APPROVED

By Supplement to the Third Report and Order in Docket 14229, the FCC acted on additional UHF channel assignments as follows:

Santa Barbara, California. Reserved Channel 20 (now commercial) for educational use. Already has UHF commercial Channel 26.

San Diego, California. Continued assignment of Channels 39 and 51 (already has Channel *15 for education) but took no action on other proposed UHF assignments there.

Austin,Texas. Added Channel 42 and modified the construction permit for KTXN to specify operation on that channel instead of Channel 67. Latter is retained for Austin which also has UHF Channels *18 (educational) and 24.

Olney, Illinois. Reserved its only present channel--16 (Commercial)--for educational use.

Cleveland, Ohio. Continued to retain Channel *25 for educational use, but took no action on other proposed UHF assignments there. Also has UHF Channels 19 and 65.

Portsmouth, Ohio. Continued to assign Channel 30, but took no action on proposal to assign Channel *61 (educational) there.

Hanover, New Hampshire. Added Channel 49 (making it also available to nearby Lebanon). Hanover already has Channel *20 (educational).

Rutland, Vermont. Substituted Channel *75 for Channel *49 (educational) and added Channel 81.

These actions are in accordance with the Commission's announced intention to adopt certain assignments in the proposed UHF channel assignment table which will expedite the inauguration of new UHF service without impairing the adoption of the overall assignment plan.

OTHER FCC ACTIONS (RADIO AND TELEVISION)

License to cover construction permit which authorized changes to antenna-transmitter location, ERP, HAAT, TPO, antenna system, and install new transmitter and antenna at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California.

License to cover construction permit which authorized installing new transmitter and new antenna and changes to ERP and TPO at Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science, East Lansing, Michigan.

License to cover construction permit which authorized a new non-commercial educational FM broadcast station at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Granted CP for a new non-commercial educational TV station to operate on Channel *17; ERP 23.8 kw visual, and 11.9 kw aural; antenna height 490 feet, to Twin City Area Educational Television Corporation, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Petition by South Central Educational Broadcasting Council to request amendment of rules to delete reservation on channel 65 and make channel 33 educational in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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