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### WPB Power Order

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istrators will take into consideration the area covered by the station. If there is only one station in a given community, he felt it would not be affected by a power shortage.

Moreover, Mr. Falck pointed out that since most stations do not operate on a 24-hour basis, he did not feel that radio would be affected in any way comparable to other non-defense users of power, except in extreme emergencies.

A different, and somewhat novel, view of the WPB order came from the Federal Power Commission, which during normal times controls power in interstate commerce. An official stated he did not feel the order would affect existing broadcast facilities but he thought it would knock out use of power for any new facilities. This official said the order was issued to forestall any kickbacks when an "extreme emergency might arise" and that it would apply mostly to unnecessary uses of power such as for store window lighting, displays, neon lights, outdoor signs, billboards, and such.

The Power Commission official recalled that when the power shortage developed in the Southeast last year, there was no cut-off of broadcast stations. Only those lighting uses in the unnecessary category were curtailed, he said. Heretofore, the Power Commission repeatedly has indicated that broadcasting is regarded as a necessary service, albeit not an essential one within the technical meaning of the war program.

#### Appeals Can Be Made

Leighton H. Peebles, chief of the WPB Radio Branch, asserted that the order, as now written, obviously would strike radio hard, particularly in areas where power shortages develop. He pointed out, however, that appeals to WPB are always in order and that while radio has not been recognized as an essential service within the strict war meaning, it nevertheless is regarded as a necessary one. That is the reason broadcasting has been given an A-3 priority rating on re-

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IRONING-OUT KINKS in the new *Songs by Dinah Shore* on 104 BLUE stations for Bristol-Myers Co. (Mum), are (l to r), Truman Bradley, announcer; Gordon Jenkins, musical director of the series; Dinah Shore, vocalist and star; William Lawrence, Hollywood production manager of Pedlar & Ryan, agency servicing the account. Looking on (standing) is Walter Johnson, who is radio director of MCA. The program is heard Friday, 9:30-9:45 p.m. (EWT).



### Senate Eliminates Ouster of Watson Appropriation Rider Viewed As Being Discriminatory

BECAUSE of an evident legislative slip-up, the services of Dr. Goodwin Watson as chief analyst of the FCC Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service may not be severed by Congressional action.

Dr. Watson has been the subject of Congressional attack for alleged Communist-front activities, principally resulting from investigations of the Dies Committee.

A proposal, included in the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill by the House Appropriations Committee and approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee that Dr. Watson's salary could not be paid from FCC funds for 1943, was stricken from the bill last Wednesday by Senate vote.

Sen. Barkley (D-Ky.) led the at-

placement and repair materials.

Mr. Peebles also was confident that WPB would be loath to ration power if there is only one station in a community and where areas would be deprived of broadcast service. He felt certain that even if the order is not changed to exempt broadcasting, special dispensation will be given.

tack on the House rider stating that "a matter of principle is involved as to legislative propriety and the justice to which an American is entitled at the hands of the legislative branch of the Government."

The Senator qualified his statement to the effect that "my action in seeking to strike out this language is not in any way to be interpreted as an approval of the views expressed by Dr. Watson, or of his original appointment to the position which he now holds." He added that "Senators who will vote against this provision are in the same attitude."

Sen. Murdock (D-Utah), who followed Senator Barkley on the floor asked: "Is there not on the statute books general legislation which prohibits the payment of any money appropriated by Congress to any person who advocates the overthrow of our Government?" He then advocated that the provision be stricken from the bill since "to include such language in this bill is in direct conflict with it, and a violation of it."

#### Senate Group Suggested

The motion was agreed to and at the suggestion of Sen. McKellar (D-Tenn.), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, it was advocated that conferees be appointed to meet with the House on the matter. Senators Glass, Russell, Truman, Green, McKellar, Nye and White were chosen to represent the Senate.

It was indicated in Congressional circles that Dr. Watson may be asked to appear before a special investigating group on anti-American activities which is said to be in the process of organization with Attorney General Biddle as head.

RADIO & Radar Branch has been organized in the War Production Board with Ray C. Ellis in charge. Ellis was formerly in charge of this work in the Ordnance Branch but now is responsible to Harold E. Talbot, deputy director in the Production Division.

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