

Class B Stations Slated to Divide Time on Air

WASHINGTON.

NEARLY every class B broadcasting station in the country, with the exception of those on the Pacific Coast, may be required to divide time at least two ways by Christmas. This prediction, which is made by the Radio Bureau of the Department of Commerce, is based on the expected increase of this class of stations during the next few weeks.

It was believed by radio officials that the National Radio conference had made provision for a sufficient number of new class B channels to accommodate all such stations that might be licensed during the next several months.

During the last week, the Radio Bureau has learned of 36 new class B stations which are either under construction, or which are now in classes A or C and intend to transfer to B. In addition, the Radio Bureau knows

of 20 more new class B stations which are being contemplated.

As the wave length situation now stands, there are 47 class B channels or wavelengths. With two stations on each wavelength and dividing time, these 47 channels will accommodate 94 stations.

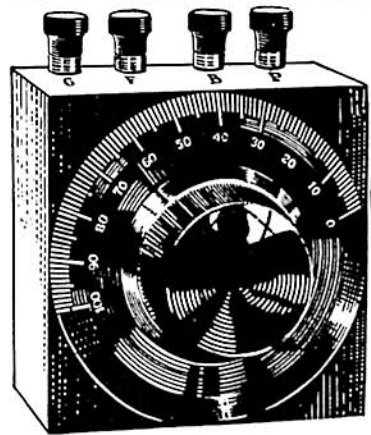
According to estimates of the Radio Bureau, within a very short time the total number of class B stations will be increased to 100. However, 13 of these stations will be located on the Western coast, which will eliminate them from the problem. Because

of the difference in time and distance, stations on the Pacific Coast use the same wave lengths as stations on the Atlantic.

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