

## PHONE SYSTEM REWROTE LAWS, FCC DISCOVERS

A. T. & T. Also Shown to  
Have Sought Utility  
Bill Defeat.

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WASHINGTON, April 3.—With elaborate precautions for secrecy, attorneys in the Bell System re-wrote a holding company bill for the Maryland Public Service Commission and a tax bill for a Governor of Missouri, records of the Federal Communications Commission showed today.

They also campaigned to defeat the Johnson bill limiting jurisdiction of Federal courts over utilities.

Among documents put into the records of the FCC's investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. were a telegram and letter sent in 1934 by former Senator Hamilton F. Kean (R., N. J.) to President Walter Gifford of A. T. & T., advising him that the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee had postponed for a week consideration of a resolution to investigate the company.

The story of the Maryland Holding Co. bill was disclosed in letters between R. A. Van Orsdel of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. and C. M. Bracelon, vice president and general counsel of A. T. & T.

### Conferences Are Revealed

Van Orsdel and other telephone company officials held a number of conferences with Chairman West of the Maryland Public Service Commission, according to the letters, and finally asked him "if it would be satisfactory if we prepared a bill that would cover the things the commission wanted and yet would in a certain degree protect our interests and not create any hardships in the future."

Van Orsdel wrote Bracelon that West "would be glad to consider any suggestions along this line," and asked Bracelon if he would care to suggest proper wording.

A subsequent letter from Van Orsdel called Bracelon's attention to the fact that his wording had been incorporated in the bill and added that secrecy had been preserved.

"What possible motive was there for concealing what was done?" Chief Counsel Samuel Becker asked Bracelon yesterday.

### Suggest Possible Reason

"No doubt Mr. Van Orsdel was afraid that if some suspicious-minded person or some wild-eyed reformer learned the general counsel of a corporation had conferred with members of the commission about the legislation they would try to embarrass the members of the commission," Bracelon replied.

The story of tax legislation in Missouri was told in a letter from George B. Whissell, tax attorney for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. at St. Louis, to A. T. & T. in New York City. The letter was dated March 15, 1935.

It began by recalling that the 1927 income tax act was "prepared by a number of corporations of which we were one, and was, when it left my hands, in what I believed fairly good shape." But after that, the letter said, amendments were added and the members of the commission of corporations designated to take the bill to Jefferson City was not as capable as the man who had worked on the drawing of the bill, and he agreed to the amendments "without consulting the rest of us."

### Rushes to Capitol

Mr. Whissell "rushed to Jefferson City," and explained "the terrible mess that had thus been created," but was unable to do much about it.

In 1929, he wrote, a new Governor had selected William Gilbert to draft a new tax bill and "at the urgent request of state officials and Mr. Gilbert himself I was asked to collaborate with him."

Mr. Gilbert refused to take Whissell's wording and rewrote it in a manner that distressed Mr. Whissell greatly, but, he added, "if the bill passes, which I doubt very much, it will not be as bad, if bad at all, as the present bill or as bad as Mr. Gilbert's first draft."

Whissell added that the information must be regarded "in strict confidence, as to disclose it to any one in the state, even any counsel which you might hire, would embarrass our new Governor personally."

### Bracelon Directed Drive

Bracelon himself took charge of the campaign against the Johnson bill, enlisting the services of counsel of associated companies in all parts of the country and writing E. D. Duffield, president of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., about bringing the matter up at a meet-

## HEADS STUDENT PARLEY



Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 3.

Sessions of the Midwest regional conference of International Relations Clubs, concluding at Indiana University tomorrow, are in general charge of Miss Amy Reminway Jones, above.

Among speakers appearing before the college student organization today, Miss Jones also is division assistant of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, which sponsors the movement.

### TECH R. O. T. C. DRILLS FOR INSPECTION HONOR

School Unit Striving to Continue High Rating.

With approximately 750 cadets enrolled, the Technical High School R. O. T. C. unit is to hold extensive drills every day the weather will permit, according to Sergt. Chester Pruett, in charge of the Tech unit. The drills are pointing toward the annual inspection date, May 19, when Tech will be striving to gain its fifteenth consecutive honor rating.

A gain of about 50 cadets over the total of last year's squad will make the Tech unit the largest since the course ceased to be compulsory about 10 years ago. A complete physical examination was given recently to all members of the squad.

### STATE TEACHERS' HEAD PRESIDES AT MEETING

Measurements Conference to End Supervisors' Meeting.

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 3.—Miss Hilda Maehling, president of the State Teachers' Association, was to preside today at the annual educational measurements conference. Today was the second day of a conference arranged for Indiana elementary school supervisors.

Today's session, closing at noon at Indiana University, was to be featured by addresses of Dr. Charles H. Judd, University of Chicago professor, and Dr. Paul T. Rankin, Detroit.

ing of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

In Washington G. R. Nixon, who according to company officials was employed for the sole purpose of collecting factual information and copies of bulletins and orders interesting to the company, sent daily reports to New York about the legislative situation. One such report, in June, 1932, said a "southern man" promised "to telephone or write direct to some friends from his part of the country and may be able to talk to one difficult man to reach, but who would be potent and helpful."

"Others here," the memorandum continued, "seemed hesitant to inform this Virginia tartar that his aid and intervention at the proper time would be appreciated. Perhaps they are wise, but the southern man is to try him out."



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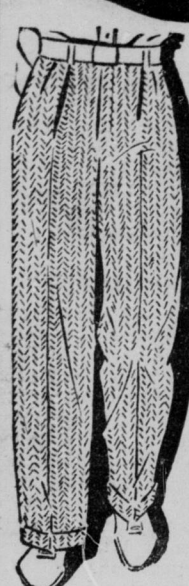
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