

groups accused the state authority of "consistently" practicing racial and sex discrimination in its hiring and promoting practices, and of failing to provide programming that interests and meets the needs and interests of the state's blacks; indeed, the petition says, "MAET has repeatedly scheduled programs which contain material demeaning and insulting to black people and women."

What's more, the petition accuses MAET of violating the fairness doctrine and the equal-time law in failing to include the only black candidate—Henry Jay Kirksey—in a series of programs on the state's gubernatorial candidates last year. The network presented Mr. Kirksey in a program following the conclusion of the series, but the petition says that did not meet the network's obligations, in view of "the expensive advance promotion for the series (which included seven appearances for each candidate)."

The petition directed against the renewal application for the 68 stations—filed by the state branch of the NAACP and seven other groups—charges them with discrimination in employment. It bases the charge on a survey of the stations which is said to have found "gross statistical disparities" between blacks employed and those living in the service area—whatever the commission's zone of reasonableness, the petition says, the station fall outside of it—and not a single operative affirmative action plan that worked.

The petition cited five AM-FM combina-

tions whose employment practices were inquired into by the commission three years ago but which, it added, still place obstacles in the way of equal employment opportunity. They are WDAL-AM-FM and WOOK(AM)-WALT-FM, all Meridian, WELO-AM-FM Tupelo, WJDX(AM)-WZZO(FM) Jackson, and WVMJ-AM-FM Biloxi. Those stations, the petition said, "should not be allowed to make a mockery out of the commission's policy."

The other stations cited in the petition: WRBC-AM-FM, WSLI(AM)-WJFR(FM), WJQS(AM), WLIN(FM), WWUN(AM), WJTV(TV) and WAPT(TV), all Jackson; WLOX-AM-TV, Biloxi; WLSM-AM-FM Louisville; WJNS(FM) Yazoo City; WONA(AM) Winona; WMAG(AM)-WQST(FM) both Forest; WQBC(AM) Vicksburg; WMPA(AM) Aberdeen; WMBC(AM), WJWF(FM), WACR(AM) and WCBI-AM-TV, all Columbus; WFOR(AM), WHER(FM), WXXX(AM), WHSY(AM), all Hattiesburg; WCPC-AM-FM Houston; WSJC-AM-FM Magee; WHNY(AM) McComb; WROX(AM) Clarksdale; WSEL-AM-FM Pontotoc; WJPR(AM), WGVN(AM), WDMS(FM), all Greenville; WRJW(AM) Pucayne; WHII(AM) Bay Springs; WHOC(AM) Philadelphia; WKOR(AM) Starkville; WNAU-AM-FM New Albany; WROA-AM-FM Gulfport; WJRL(AM) Calhoun City; WPMP-AM-FM Pascagoula; WKPO(AM) Prentiss; WCSA(AM) Ripley; WDDT(AM) Greenville; WXAG(AM) Grenada; WBIP(AM) Booneville; WLAU(AM), WAML(AM) and WDAM-TV all Laurel; WNAT(AM)-WQNZ(FM), and

WMIS(AM), all Natchez; WMOX(AM) and WTOK-TV, both Meridian; WCMA(AM), WADI(FM) and WKCU-AM-FM, all Corinth.

One other petition to deny filed with the commission last week was of a different order. It was filed against a station in Louisiana—WXEL(FM) Slidell. William R. Stoltz Jr., a businessman and Republican state central committeeman from St. Tammany and Washington parishes, who said he was acting in behalf of local residents, attacked the station for allegedly failing to serve its city of license. Mr. Stoltz and WXEL—the only FM assigned to the town—provides the only nighttime service of any kind it gets; yet, he said, it serves New Orleans.

Changing Hands

Announced

The following broadcast station sales were reported last week, subject to FCC approval:

■ KFDA-TV Amarillo, Tex.: Sold by Bass Broadcasting Co. to Amarillo Telecasters for \$2.8 million. Principals in seller are Perry R. Bass and sons, Robert M., Sid R., Edward P. and Lee M. Seller also owns KFDA-TV satellite, KFDW-TV Clovis, N.M. (not included in KFDA-TV sale); KDNT-AM-FM Denton, Tex., and WSLC(AM)-WSLQ(FM) Roanoke, Va. Buyer principals are Ray Herndon, owner of KMID-TV Midland, Tex., and R.H. Drewry, who owns KSWO-TV Lawton, Okla. KFDA-TV is CBS affiliate on channel 10 with 302 kw visual, 30.2 kw aural and antenna 800 feet above average terrain. Broker: Doubleday Media.

■ KVFM(FM) San Fernando, Calif.: Sold by Pacific Western Broadcasting Corp. to Buckley Communications Inc. for \$500,000. Principals in seller are John J. Shepard and Gilbert Gans. Mr. Shepard has interests in WLAV-AM-FM Grand Rapids, Mich., and KITT(FM) San Diego. Mr. Gans also has interest in KITT as well as KQAM(AM)-KSAQ(FM) San Antonio, Tex., and, with Bernard Mann, in WGLD-AM-FM High Point, N.C. Buyer, (Richard D. Buckley Jr. and Stanley G. Warwick principals also owns KGIL(AM) San Fernando, Calif., WDRC-AM-FM Hartford, Conn; KKHI-AM-FM San Francisco, and WWTC(AM) Minneapolis. KVFM is on 94.3 mhz with 3 kw and antenna 72 feet below average terrain.

■ KORL(AM) Honolulu: Sold by Radio Hawaii Inc. to O'Day Broadcasting for \$210,000 plus \$155,000 noncompetition covenant. Seller is owned by Founders Corp. (John M. Shaheen, principal) which has interests in WFBL(AM) and WNYS(TV) Syracuse, N.Y., and WSMB(AM) New Orleans. Buyer is owned by Pat O'Day and H. Rand Ginn. Mr. O'Day owns Seattle, Wash., boat charter firm and Mr. Ginn owns ski manufacturing and retailing companies in Redmond, Wash., and Ketchum, Idaho. KORL is on 650 khz with 10 kw full time.

■ KSDR(AM) Watertown, S.D.: Sold by Berry-Iverson Co. to Vern McKee for \$300,000. Seller, owned by Ronn Iverson and Alfred G. Berry, is also selling



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