

AN ACT GRANTING THE FAR EAST BROADCASTING CO. (PHILIPPINES), INC. A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPP...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 596, March 06, 1951

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, as well as of Act No. 3846, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands and for other purposes"; Act No. 3997, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law; and their amendments, and other applicable laws, the Far East Broadcasting Co. (Philippines), Inc. is hereby granted a temporary permit to construct, maintain and operate, in the public interest and not for commercial purposes, radio broadcasting stations in the Philippines: Provided, That this temporary permit shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting station be begun within one and a half years from the date of approval of this Act: Provided, further, That the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to enable the Government through the stations herein authorized, to reach the population on important public issues; shall assist in the functions of public information and education; shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and shall not use said stations for the broadcasting of obscene or indecent language or speech, or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or wilful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health, or to incite, encourage or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 2. In the event of any competing individual, partnership or corporation receiving from the Congress a similar permit in which there shall be any term or terms more favorable than those herein granted or tending to place the herein grantee at any disadvantage, then such term or terms shall, ipso facto, become a part of the terms hereof and shall operate equally in favor of the grantee as in the case of said competing individual, partnership or corporation.

SEC. 3. In the event the Government should desire to maintain and operate for itself any or all of the radio broadcasting stations herein authorized, the grantee shall turn over such station or stations to the Government with all the serviceable equipment therein, at cost, less reasonable depreciation.

SEC. 4. The grantee shall be liable to pay the same taxes on its real estate, buildings and personal property exclusive of the temporary permit, as other persons or corporations are now or hereafter may be required by law to pay.

SEC. 5. The grantee shall file a bond in the amount of fifty thousand pesos to guaranty for the full compliance and fulfillment of the conditions under which this temporary permit is granted.

SEC. 6. The grantee shall not require any previous censorship of any speech, play or other matter to be broadcast from its stations; but if any such speech, play or other matter should constitute a violation of the law or infringement of a private right, the grantee shall be free from any liability, civil or criminal, for such speech, play or other matter: Provided, That the grantee, during any broadcast may cut off from the air the speech, play or

other matter being broadcast if the tendency thereof is to propose and/or incite treason, rebellion or sedition, or the language used therein or the theme thereof is indecent or immoral.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, March 6, 1951.

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