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Hope to Increase the Number of Practicable Radio Channels Soon

Hope for alleviation of the present shortage of radio communication channels is held by Lieut. Com. T. A. M. Craven, naval radio expert, who predicts that improvement in frequency control will increase the number of channels from 2,240 to 3,922 within five years, says a Washington Associated Press report.

A detailed estimate of the expected increase is contained in a chart prepared by Commander Craven for the senate committee on interstate commerce which is considering Senator Couzens' bill for the creation of a commission on communications.

The greatest increase, he believes, will be in the high frequency or short wave bands on which transoceanic and continental communications are conducted. In the band from 6,000 to 23,000 kilocycles, there now are 624 channels. He estimates this number will be increased to about 1,400.

Allocation of the wave lengths in this band will be a major problem at the international radio conference at Madrid in 1932.

In the low and medium frequency channels, ranging from 10 to 550 kilocycles, there are now 502 channels. He figures the increase will be 147. This band is used for intercontinental long wave transmission, ship to ship, aircraft and radio beacon service.

In the band from 1,500 to 6,000 kilocycles, which is used for communication on the North American continent, the increase should be from 639 to 1,298 channels, the expert estimates.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE IS REVIVED

Big Anniversary Celebration Planned at Freeport for August 27; Statue

A panorama, recalling a scene 71 years ago, when on August 27, 1858, more than 15,000 men, women, and children journeyed to Freeport on foot, by wagon and train to hear the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas debate the slavery issue, will realistically unfold at Freeport, Ill., Aug. 27. On that date the famous debate will be approximately revived and a statue of "Lincoln the Debater," will be unveiled at the entrance to Taylor Park, close to the site where the memorable debate occurred.

Freeport, the first city out of the seven where the historical Lincoln-Douglas debates were staged, will commemorate the event by the unveiling of a statue of Lincoln, as he appeared at the time. The different joint debate spots were marked several years ago by tablets.

Lincoln Statue

The new Lincoln statue, the work of Leonard Crunelle, Chicago sculptor, is of heroic mould. It is the gift to Freeport by W. T. Rawleigh, a citizen and business man.

"We are making an effort to have in attendance as the guests of the city, every person still living, who heard the debate," declared L. A. Fulwider, a member of the executive committee of the organization, principal of the public schools and a recognized Lincoln scholar. "Present records," he added, "indicate there are several, but we are in hopes of hearing from many others.

Among the seven joint debate cities, Freeport, has unique distinction. During this debate Lincoln propounded the "Freeport Doctrine." Although the United States Supreme court had at that time just held in the Dred Scott case that slavery might enter the new territories without restrictions, Lincoln forced Douglas to renounce the theory and declare that slavery could be excluded in any territory by "unfriendly legislation."

Prominent Lincoln scholars, national and state officials will be invited to participate in the ceremonies.

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