

## JOB LOSS DUE TO EQUAL TIME

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Candidate Is Dismissed  
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PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — A television personality running for tax collector lost his job Tuesday because the Federal Communications Commission ruled his opponent deserves 22 hours of equal time—even if he fills the screen with rock 'n' roll music.

The FCC ruled that George Logue Jr., 43, a department store executive, is entitled to matching time for the hours Donnell Brookins, 41, spent reading news and weather reports and emceeding a morning variety show.

Logue started two-a-day political broadcasts without charge Tuesday as Brookins cleaned his desk.

"This is a stupid decision," Brookins said of the FCC action.

Television station WJHG-TV agreed last May to give Republican Logue equal time when Brookins won the Democratic nomination to the \$12,700-a-year job as Bay County tax collector.

### STATION REFUSED

But when Logue showed up June 3 for his first installment

he brought high school students to entertain and the winner of an auto raffle who was to receive the car keys on Logue's equal-time show.

The station refused, saying Logue must appear alone.

The wrangle went to Washington where the FCC ruled last week that Logue was right—that a candidate entitled to equal time under Section 315 of the Communications Act can have costars and make music if he chooses to skirt the issues.

So, Logue was assigned a 20-minute slot each morning to use as he wished. The first day he aired an amateur rock 'n' roll group.

"Public response was so bad he has dropped the entertainment," Brookins said Tuesday. Logue now airs brief talks at 7:40 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### 'DID ALL THEY COULD'

"As we get nearer election late, I'll use the 50 minutes a day I'm entitled to," Logue said. "If I've got a good band we'll have the band on."

And Brookins had to go so Logue would not continue to pile up the right to free time, the station said.

"The station here did all they could for me. They had to fire me so I'm out of a job," said Brookins as he cleaned his desk after eight years with the station. He said he would continue to buy time for political broadcasts as he did in the Democratic primary.

Brookins said he would have had to quit the TV job if he were elected.