

The President Speaks

First, this being the January issue of our APCO *Bulletin* for this new year of 1950, I want to extend my best wishes to each member of APCO for a Happy and Productive New Year—productive not only to the individuals and their departments, but for APCO itself.

It seems only fitting that production should be the keynote of this year, for if we are to continue to hold our position, be recognized as truly representative of all police agencies, we must produce the membership to verify this claim. We must produce a more active, closer knit Association, which may be achieved only by more active Chapter meetings, and nationally through a larger *Bulletin*; all of which may be achieved only through increased membership.

I, therefore, appoint YOU a committee of one to bring at least one new member into APCO during this year. I know that many members have employees in their departments who are not members, who would be glad to join if properly approached and the benefits of the Association pointed out to them. Still others of you know of technicians and supervisors, who, if notified by Chapter Secretaries or members, would be very pleased to attend Chapter meetings and join the Association. Our present membership is approximately 1200, which is indeed a small percentage of the persons who work in police communications in the United States.

I should like to point out that production PRODUCES production, for increased membership will benefit you as individuals, your departments, your Chapter and APCO. In a group such as ours we have too little contact with our officers, between members and between Chapters, which, of course, is largely due to the geographical separation of the individual departments and members. New members should certainly serve to decrease the geographical separation of members thereby forging a closer link of communication between members in the same areas. Increased Chapter membership will enable smaller

Chapters to obtain a quorum for meetings at more frequent intervals, which certainly makes for a better organization for your benefit. Increased activity of all members makes for a stronger organization nationally with increased circulation of the APCO *Bulletin* — the national mouthpiece. It is hardly necessary to point out that the *Bulletin* exists for your benefit and that increased circulation will bring forth a larger and better *Bulletin* by attracting additional advertising and new ideas and contributions. The sole purpose of our Association is to promote improved communications through the promulgation and dissemination of new ideas!

C. P. R. A.

PETITION FOR RULES CHANGE

Regular meeting of the C.P.R.A. was held December 8, 1949 at Santa Barbara in the dining room of the Lobero Hotel.

Meeting was called to order by President Crowder and as the first order of business he turned the meeting over to our host, Mr. Brittan, who introduced several officers of the Santa Barbara Police Department, who extended a warm welcome and also expressed regret that it was raining, but further added that such a remark bordered on treason, inasmuch as the City of Santa Barbara is in a desperate situation as to its water supply.

A letter from the FCC was read, concerning our resolution sent to them relative to the licensing of portables as such. Motion was made by Whitman that we make a formal petition to change the rules by presenting our case with the

I realize that the above facts which I have pointed out to you are not new or original, but are intended to remind you that you have a definite place and part in the National Association, that you as an individual can contribute in many ways, that you have a voice in the national organization which may be heard by every member by simply expressing your ideas to our National *Bulletin* Editor, and last, that you have an important duty as a committee member to bring a new member into the Association during this coming year.

To all department heads, I send a reminder that now is the time to start making up your budget for this coming fiscal year. Don't forget to mention the Cleveland Conference as an item of traveling expense which is a must. Be sure that your department is represented. Cleveland being a very central location, and with every member working for the production of a larger membership, we should have the largest turnout in the history of the Association. Let's all produce!

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM E. WHITING, *President*

necessary 14 copies to the FCC. Motion carried.

As president of the Frequency Committee, Crowder presented the case of the Frequency Release Report of Riverside and the reasons that caused his committee to reject this proposal. A motion was made and subsequently changed about five times, to the effect that Crowder should notify Riverside in writing of the decision and to also advise the FCC of all reasons for the above action. Motion carried.

The long standing request of La Mesa for a frequency was finally disposed of by granting them a frequency of 159.15 with a proviso that this frequency should first be tested and approved by any established service that might be affected.

Bill Durham presented the new Code Book with explanations of changes. Several methods of financing the publication were presented. A motion was made and carried that this matter be left up to the Committee for any method suitable to them and which would not encumber the organization.

Clearances for the following were received and granted: Holtville, 155.25, Tulare Co. (repeater) 73.38. San Diego, 39.18.

A suitable frequency for San Bernardino County, which now wishes to

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Trade News

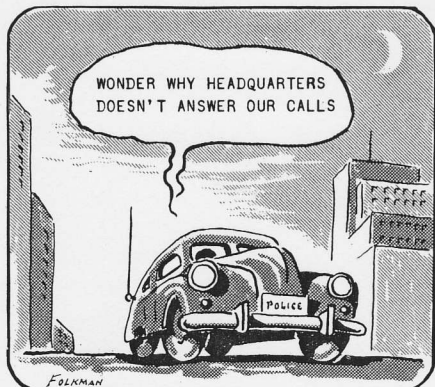
FROM THE MANUFACTURERS

New Lab

Paul V. Galvin, president and founder of Motorola Inc., announced plans for the erection of a new research laboratory and specialized production building in Phoenix, Arizona, to supplement the space now occupied at 1100 N. Central Avenue in that city. The building will be a 40,000 sq. ft. single story structure, with simple Southwest-Modern lines. Allison Steel Manufacturing Company will erect the structure on a fifteen acre plot at Ingleside Avenue between Thomas Road and Osborne Road. The building will be ready for occupancy on March first.

Correction

In a recent Trade News item, announcing the new 100 kc Bliley Frequency Standard, the information in the press release was in error. The second paragraph should read, "Under adverse conditions of temperature and humidity and semi-portable operation the instrument will maintain an accuracy of two parts in one million for a thirty day period without resetting."



Memo

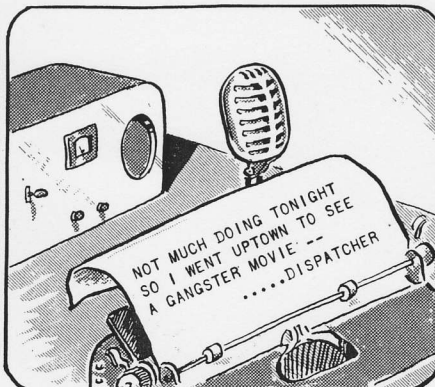
FROM: Directory Committee
TO: Mr. Manufacturer
SUBJECT: New APCO Directory

We are preparing a bigger and better Directory — if you sell to Police Services it will be a must for you. Budget for it now. Prospectus is getting to the "action" stage.

Q & A Manual

John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal Street, New York 13, N. Y., announces its new book, *Radio Operator's License Q&A Manual* by Milton Kaufman, is currently at all Rider distributors.

The new book systematically lists the questions and answers to past FCC exams, plus a follow through discussion



to the answer, so necessary for complete understanding of the technical question. The book is up-to-date in all respects, as of the publication date. It is based upon the latest Government Study Guide and supplementary FCC releases. A valuable "extra" is the useful appendices (Small Vessel Direction Finders and Automatic Alarm) never before available in a book of this type. Abundant illustrations make difficult technical questions picture-clear.

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operate part of its system on 155 mc was not found, but tests are to be made to find one.

The Frequency Committee was requested by Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties to write a strong supporting letter to the FCC in their urgent desire to be allowed to continue to operate on their present frequency, which has been reassigned to mobile marine service. The above licenses are due for renewal and a change would cause an undue financial hardship on these communities and, as yet, no use has been made of these frequencies and none is in sight. Request granted.

Art Seth asked that the next meeting be held at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Range some time around January 9, 1950. Invitation accepted.

The Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for office for the coming year: President, Herschel Calvert; Vice-President, Bill McKinley; Secretary, Harvey Ziegler; Treasurer, Charles Smith; Sgt.-at-Arms, H. W. Brittan.

Nominations were closed and the above candidates declared unanimously elected.

The new vice-president, Mr. McKinley, was instructed to take over the work of publicity, especially in the case of the publication, "Western City."

Jerry Dycus volunteered to give CPRA publicity in his radio show program featuring the history and development of California.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Brittan, who described a new triple antenna and a device to couple all three to one receiver. This idea received much interest and almost all present took notes.

The Commercials were now given their chance to expound on any of their wares, after which one of the longest meetings was adjourned.

H. W. ZIEGLER, Secretary

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