

Cold Turkey

OR

DANGER AT HOLLYWOOD AND VINE

The following diatribe may be slightly inaccurate, irrelevant and immoral, but my concern in reporting this incident is to warn the fraternity of which I am a member of the dangers that lurk in the most unexpected places — in other words, aiding in the preservation of the species.

As recorded in the minutes of C.P.R.A., we held our last meeting in the NBC Building, Hollywood. When we had adjourned for lunch, we walked a short distance to a swank hash-house near the famous corner of Hollywood and Vine. We finally found the room reserved for us, after wandering around upstairs and downstairs in almost total darkness. They must be having a dry year out in the Hoover Dam country, as it seemed the vogue to cut down drastically on the electric lights in these places in Hollywood. It doesn't appear to be an economy measure to compensate for poor business, as I have noted that the prices in these sorts of places are inversely proportional to the amount of light provided.

Another thing that worried me was the ultra soft rugs. Now, I have no fault to find with any ordinary rug, I'll even clean the bottom of my shoes on a genuine Persian without any embarrassment, but that two-inch stuff embarrasses me no end, especially in the dark. This phobia may be due to the fact that I operate an orange grove out in the sticks, at Pomona. If all this doesn't make sense, let me explain: in the management of an orange grove, two important operations are frost protection and soil refreshment, also known as fertilization. It has been slurringly said that everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it. That is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. At least, as far as California is concerned. Out here, if it gets even slightly chilly, we heat up the whole country with millions of smudge pots. Due to

some astrological phenomenon, it always happens that it gets coldest during the night, and many a night I have spent walking around in the utter darkness, lighting and adjusting smudge pots. However, it is only when this operation follows closely the operation lastly named that I developed the aversion to walking around in the dark on anything soft.

Back to the subject. We found our places and read the menu in Braille. Almost everyone ordered a hot turkey dinner, which was the Blue Plate Special, for a buck seventy-five. After we had ordered, we all sat around a half hour or so waiting for the lunch to be served. By this time, my eyes had adjusted themselves to the dim light to the point

C. P. R. A.

PHONETIC CODE

CHANGE SUGGESTED

The regular meeting of C.P.R.A. was held in the NBC Studio, Hollywood, California, on Friday, April 21, 1950, at 10:00 A.M. A previous plan to hold this meeting in Palm Springs was postponed until some time this Fall, due to lack of accommodations on a satisfactory date. It was also pointed out that Palm Springs is already experiencing temperatures of well over 100°, so everyone seemed happy about the later date.

President Calvert turned the meeting over to host Bill Stancil. Bill, in turn, introduced Mr. Pickett, Chief Engineer of NBC, who gave a word of welcome

where I finally made out a sign on one of the doors that said, "Gentlemen." I was interested. I walked over and entered the door and discreetly closed it behind me. But there was no "gentleman" there. It was merely a hallway. So, I proceeded around several corners, the distance was considerable, but by now I was moving fast and, in due time, I found another sign on a door saying "Gentlemen." With no ceremony at all, I rushed in and slammed the door. This, at last, was the "Gentlemen."

It was when I was ready to leave that disaster struck in an unexpected fashion. I reached for the door, only to discover that there was no door knob. Some *\$#&!>("« must have been in a bigger hurry than I had been and had yanked it clean out. Anyhow, it was definitely not there. I tried, with several keys, to turn the little square hole where the shaft had been, but no luck. At first, it was funny, but now it was getting serious. A feeling of claustrophobia seized me and I became panic stricken. I banged on the door, loud and long, but no help came. They were too far away and there were too many doors between us. I banged louder and longer, even shaking the building slightly, but still no luck. I was trapped—doomed—and right in the middle of Hollywood at Hollywood and Vine.

I have read many times that in such
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and explained the various gadgets in the TV Studio.

Bud Whiteman gave details of corporation procedure and reviewed reasons for going through this action. Upon his completion of explanations, a move was made, seconded and carried to proceed at once to incorporate.

Frequency releases were granted to Manhattan Beach, 155.61 mc, and to the Southern California Edison Company for a repeater frequency on 72.98, subject to the approval of Harvey Gillette, who has charge of other installations on the same mountain.

Treasurer's report was read by Charles Smith, which showed a healthy financial condition, even after paying up some long standing bills. Report approved.

Fred Crowder introduced Deputy Chief Hohmann, of the Los Angeles Police Department, who had an important subject to bring up. This talk lasted a full hour and was so well received that it was decided to ask Mr. Hohmann to be the principal speaker

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Police Radio in Jamaica B. W. I.

The police of the British colony of Jamaica in the Caribbean will shortly have a modern VHF mobile radiotelephone system which will effectively cover the entire island, it was disclosed by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd. of England, which has received an order for the equipment. It will serve the Jamaica police force both on land and afloat and the network will be controlled from the police headquarters building at Kingston.

The Jamaica police system consists of two 50 watt VHF transmitters at the police headquarters building and two Marconi transmitter-receivers for linking the headquarters to these main transmitters which are to be installed at a central point on a hilltop which will afford full coverage of the island. Seven Marconi transportable transmitter-receivers are to be installed in the mobile units.

Five of the transportable sets are being installed in the police cars, and the remaining two in police launches.

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at the joint meeting next month, at which time he will repeat the same talk before the combined group and a special effort will be made to get the various Chiefs and City Managers out to the meeting. Obviously, the details of this speech will not be included here, since it appears reasonable to delay such a report until the next meeting.

Bud Whiteman notified the group about a meeting of the users of the inter-city net to be called in the near future.

Fred Crowder brought up for consideration the confusion caused by the present phonetic code that made use of the names of cities or personal names. Some definite improvements were suggested, but it was decided to start this change on a national basis, rather than to proceed independently at this time.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at the "Nickodel," which was close by.

After lunch, the meeting was resumed and a motion made to invite Mr. Allen and Mr. Maki, of the State Commissioners Advisory Board, to give a report on their work at our next meeting.

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Details of plans for the joint meeting were discussed and largely completed.

Commercials were given the floor, after which the meeting was adjourned.

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MICHIGAN

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bility of a combined meeting was discussed.

Mr. Williams reported that field work on the new directory was progressing very well, but response from advertisers was below expectations and new efforts must be made to arouse their interest if the directory is to become a reality.


Mr. Vogler read the membership application of George H. Puterbaugh. His application was approved by the group.

Mr. Sellon inquired about members whose dues were in arrears. Discussion followed concerning these members.

A meeting regarding inter-city problems was discussed and Mr. Weston of Highland Park offered his city for either the regular meeting of an inter-city meeting.

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