

Annual Joint Meeting of CPRA and APCO

The annual joint meeting of CPRA and APCO was held at the Hotel Huntington, Pasadena, California, May 26 and 27, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the President of the host group, Herschel Calvert.

Chief Morris of the Pasadena Police Department was introduced and extended a word of welcome.

Charles Simpson of Monterey was introduced as the spokesman for APCO, due to the fact that their president was not able to attend. Ralph Moore from his group also expressed the appreciation of the northern association for the courtesies extended.

Getting into the business, Fred Crowder of Los Angeles was given the floor to present three items for consideration, as follows:

1. The possible forthcoming vacancy in the State Board. If so, he suggested a replacement from the southern area and at the same level.
2. Due to exhausted alternate channel assignments and some adjacent channels in this area, he asked for a resolution for rules change to permit joint use for Police with Fire on frequencies now allocated for Fire only.
3. Requests for frequency releases of installations that affect both groups.
 - a. State of California requested frequency for Owens Valley area.
 - b. State Bureau of Narcotics requested a frequency in 30-50 mc for mobile and walkie-talkie.
 - c. Pine Logging Company requested frequency in 72-76 mc on a non-interference basis.

No action was taken on any of the above items at this time, as the presentation was for consideration and later action.

Sheriff Biscailuz of Los Angeles County was introduced and gave a short account of the growth of radio communications in the southern area. He

also extended a hearty welcome to the northern visitors.

President Calvert pointed out the need for closer working together of the two groups during the whole year, explaining the situation now existing in the San Joaquin Valley was intolerable because of interference from both northern and southern repeater installations which were assumed to be able to cause no interference when granted, but now do so twenty-four hours a day, even over distances of over two hundred fifty miles.

The afternoon of the 26th was given over to two very informative talks by Mr. Dan Noble of Motorola, Inc., and Mr. Wagner of the Eitel-McCullough Company. Mr. Noble spoke on the design problems of adjacent channel equipment, and Mr. Wagner on tube design for higher frequency operation and with increasing power requirements.

Friday evening was devoted to a sumptuous banquet at the hotel dining room. Visiting guests were introduced, as were the various officers of both organizations. The principal speaker of the evening was Deputy Chief Hohmann, of the Los Angeles Police Department, who outlined future roads of de-

velopment and of civil defense in case of war.

Saturday morning Ray Meyers made a motion to have representatives of our organization meet with the State Communications Advisory Board to clarify and improve state teletype procedure. Seconded by Crowder; passed.

Ray Meyers, as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented a resolution for Rules Change to allow police to use fire frequencies in joint operations in the exact manner that fire can now use police frequencies in joint systems.

In asking for questions, Mr. Keeley asked the group if a request for an interpretation of the present rules would not be a better approach, as it would not call for a formal hearing and perhaps could be done very simply by this method. In the discussion, it was pointed out that it was only because a definite interpretation had recently been handed down, limiting fire frequencies to fire or associated services on a strictly emergency basis, that we were considering this rules change. Motion by Crowder, seconded by Durham; carried.

Ray Meyers also presented a resolution to ask the State Communications Board to meet with representative members of both associations at an early date to coordinate new plans of CHP with local law enforcement agencies. Moved by Durham, seconded by Bailey; carried.

Ralph Moore presented a flowery resolution, praising our hospitality, but complaining that all door prizes went to southern section, and to insure a better break next year that the joint meeting should be held somewhere in the northern section. Moved by Crowder, seconded by Whiteman; carried.

Due to various problems associated with the earlier presented frequency releases, it was moved, seconded and

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intensely interesting so far, and shows indications of additional interesting activities in the future.

"You no doubt knew that my daughter contracted polio while visiting in Michigan last summer. We were able to bring her home in October, but had to place her in the Carrie Tingley Hospital for Crippled Children, at Truth and Consequences (formerly Hot Springs), New Mexico. We were allowed to bring her home a few weeks ago, but feel that she still has a long way to go before reaching whatever her greatest improvement will be. Jim Evans, president of the Michigan Chapter of APCO, can give you additional information.

"As a result of the above, and other activities, there hasn't been much ham activity in New Mexico for me as yet, except for some 220 mc work last winter. Present call is W5PLL, but I hope to obtain W5AFH on this modification which is now pending. Does that strike a familiar chord? (Note: His former call was W8AFH in Michigan.)

"I'd appreciate it, Ken, if you or some of the boys would make a little speech for me at the next Chapter meeting, telling the fellows I think of them all, often, and wish I could be there to visit. Also, I'd like to extend to anyone passing thru Albuquerque an invitation to drop in and say hello, and spend some time if possible.

"Give my regards to all of the boys at WCK, or KQB268 1/4 or whatever it is now.

"73,

Ken Fortman,
3355—48th Loop,
Sandia Base,
Albuquerque, New Mexico
'phone 55511, Ext. 5178."

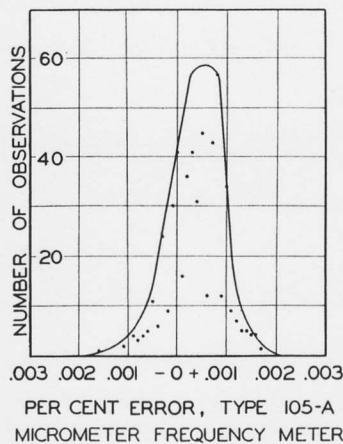
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Reply

Thanks, Ken — miss you at the meetings — also miss your pleasant fist on WRDS (that's an old fashioned call, used to be at SP East Lansing, Michigan). . . . Hope you can make the APCO Conference at Cleveland this years — Polly and I are half-planning on it. We'll have to see how things work out — working schedule, chloroform for the kids, etc.! Looks like this Conference will be a humdinger. Sorry to hear about your youngster — we are all pulling for her recovery.

73 — CUL.

Ken Conroy, W8DYH



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carried that these requests be referred to a joint northern and southern frequency committee.

Bill Whiting made an appeal to start the ball rolling and precipitate action at the forthcoming national conference to the end that our national organization retain a legal representative at Washington, D. C., to promptly and efficiently handle our affairs. So moved Tom Bailey, seconded by Bob Fox; carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. R. G. Kuck, engineer of the Bell

Telephone Company, who explained use of microwaves and coaxial lines in TV use on Mt. Wilson.

Meeting adjourned and proceeded by caravan to Mt. Wilson, stopping at a country club on the way for lunch. At Mt. Wilson, everyone had an opportunity to visit the world-famous Observatory and numerous TV installations, as well as the Bell telephone facilities described earlier. The convention came to a close with this feature and the membership gradually left for home, all declaring we had had a very enjoyable stay with our host, the City of Pasadena.

HARVEY ZIEGLER, Sec'y CPRA



AT TECHNICAL SESSION OF PASADENA MEETING ON MAY 26th, (L to R) rear, Charles Simpson of Monterey, Ralph Moore of Piedmont, Hersh Calvert of Pasadena and Harvey Ziegler of Pomona. In front is Sheriff E. W. Biscailluz of Los Angeles County and Chief of Police Clarence H. Morris of Pasadena.