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ONE MAN CHAPTER FORMED

The April meeting of CPRA was held at the Los Angeles Police Academy on April 20, 1951.

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with a report on the Stockton joint meeting with APCO (Northern California). The numerous resolutions were read and discussed.

Because of the technical language of one resolution not being exactly correct, a motion was made and carried to the effect that all state and county agencies be supported by the municipalities in all matters concerned in the resolution.

Fred Crowder, Chairman of the Frequency Allocations Committee, presented requests for clearances by the following agencies:

Cities of Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach — 45.18 mc — granted. Bill Whiting asked to go on record opposing this action.

County of Orange — 37.42 mc mobile only — granted.

Cities of Indio, Banning and Blythe — 158.35 — granted.

Deputy Chief Hohman of the Los Angeles Police Department was given the floor inform us that he now had definite word from Washington, in writing, for the first time that all emergency radio services would not be required to go off the air in the event of an air attack. He pointed out that this letter would definitely allow the use of radio controlled alerting systems for the various agencies concerned with such an event. He made a motion to the effect that technical designs and procedures be set up for radio controlled alerting systems throughout the ninth defense area.

Motion was carried and the Engineering Committee assigned to this work.

Motion was made and carried to prepare an addendum to resolution No. 5 pointing out the intended limited scope of the control requested in this resolution, it being evident that a misunderstanding of this resolution was entertained by some members of the State Division of Communications.

Mr. Maki, from the State Division

of Communications, was introduced and spoke on several points including our resolutions and the possible connecting of the two inter-city nets to form a state-wide net.

Bill Whiting, of Kern County, took the floor and spoke eloquently and at some length on how long he had been a member of our organization, of all the enjoyable times he had had in our Association, but that now it seemed that he was to close his career with us and just fade away. What was going on here? Many a nostalgic tear was brushed aside while the membership pondered the reasons for such a speech.

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St. Louis PD Is Ready

After the 1950 APCO Conference the writer returned home with a lot of serious resolves regarding Civil Defense. Conferences were held and our radio

operators tossed in their ideas as to just what we needed most.

With the permission of our Chief and the Board of Police Commissioners we proceeded to build a Mobile Communication Trailer large enough to house a 250 watt FM transmitter, racks for 4 receivers, a 3½ KVA gasoline powered emergency power plant. There is also provided 3 antennas; 1 mobile roof top antenna, 1 folded longwire on insulators above the roof and a 40 foot telescoping antenna for transmitting.

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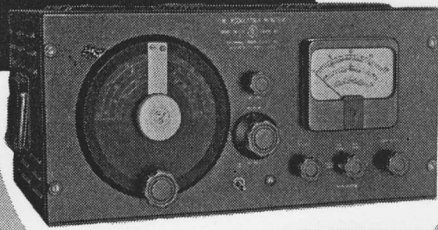


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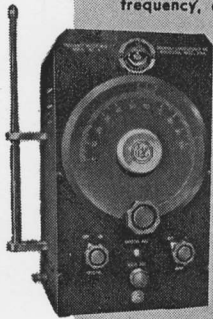
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The matter was soon explained as he displayed an official membership card signed by the National Secretary as being the first and only member of a new San Joaquin (San-Walk-Keen) Chapter of APCO. All this calls for a bit of an explanation.

At our joint meeting in Stockton with APCO (Northern California), Bill was heckled pretty soundly by one of our southern brethren. Bill was mad — and he popped-off, stating that by the eternal he would be at the next meeting as a member of the San Joaquin Chapter. Bill Durham, our National Secretary, being present, was merely making such a step legal by sending him the above card. A good laugh was had by all as we adjourned for lunch.

After lunch, the meeting was called to order again and turned over to Kenny Corner and his assistants of the Los Angeles Fire Dept., who showed their new micro-wave dual-channel teletype system. It is really a masterpiece of engineering and was greatly appreciated by all present.

Next meetings of CPRA will be held

May 1951

May 25th at Santa Barbara and June 22nd at Signal Hill, Long Beach.

The meeting was adjourned, after which the Auditing Committee met and went over the books of the Treasurer. They reported to the Secretary that everything was in order.

HARVEY W. ZIEGLER, Sec'y

FCC Rules Against Diathermy Makers

Ruling against Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fink of the Garfield Medical Apparatus Co. of New York, the FCC stated that they "exploited the commercial advantages of an FCC type approval and also betrayed the trust placed in them by the Commission and the members of the public who purchased their equipment." The company was charged with altering its diathermy equipment by increasing the power and making changes after receiving FCC type approval.