

California Joint Meeting

APCO-CPRA HONOR SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER AT ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was opened by CPRA President Bob Fox, at 10:15 a. m., April 25, with the introduction of guests. Mayor Norris of Santa Barbara welcomed the group to the city and expressed his appreciation of our work.

Reports of the Frequency Committees were called for, but both CPRA and APCO had cleared all business in their last local meetings.

Brower McMurphy made a notation for manufacturers, to-wit: That although the frequency assignment problem was settling down and appeared resolved there was nevertheless a continual increase in the number of operating units, and continued technical advancement should be pursued to accommodate the future.

Bill Kellogg pointed out one possibility of release of some frequencies by the encouragement of single frequency operation. He stated there were numerous cases where more than one frequency was being used by an agency which could just as well use only one. He felt the Frequency Committees should re-examine the existing assignments as to this item.

Jim Lewis defended the two-frequency situation as essential in some cases. Consensus agreed, but felt others could consolidate.

Brower McMurphy presented arguments to encourage manufacturers to standardize on as many components as possible; such as controls, connectors, and antennas.

Foster Strong presented a resolution previously passed by CPRA to the effect that, the National Association be requested to ask the FCC or Congress, if necessary, to change the method of printing modifications of rules and regulations. Under the present system it is found difficult to maintain a correct and complete copy of these rules. It was suggested that the system be changed back to the loose-leaf insert

type for both simplicity and accuracy.

This motion was first passed by the Northern Section voting alone and then carried again as a joint action.

The next business was brought up by Bill Whiting, who stated he had a rather lengthy report on "Conelrad" as he had recently returned from Washington in that connection. Several members left the room —others followed, then a general exodus. Bill began to get the feathers up on the back of his neck when he noticed Bill Durham doubled up laughing. It instantly dawned on him that someone was pulling a gag. They were! It was the First Anniversary of the date Bill was so irritated at the brethren assembled that he started his now famous one-man San Joaquin Chapter.

As soon as it was seen that Bill had caught on, they all came back in and Bill gave his report.

Motion was made by Whiting and seconded by Bailey that CPRA and APCO unanimously recommend Brower McMurphy for the now vacant position of Second Vice-President of the National Association.

A motion was made by Whiting and seconded by McKinley commending Ray Meyers for good work in behalf of the Association. Motion carried.

1st VP RESIGNS

At the California joint meeting in Santa Barbara last month, Ray Meyers officially announced his resignation as National 1st Vice-President of APCO. He has entered the commercial field and is now a Regional Manager for the Link Radio Corp. We regret seeing Ray leave the regular membership ranks, but he has pledged his continued support of APCO and we know that he will always be closely associated with both California Chapters.

Karl Sprague, Bill Durham, Foster Strong, McMurphy and McDole made comments on the codes now in use. This discussion led to a motion that a new members be appointed to fill a vacancy on the old committee, and this group re-examine the code and come up with suggestions. This motion died for lack of a second. Another motion was made to form a new committee and re-examine the code, and further, to work with the Northern Section with the view of standardizing this procedure. This motion carried.

A Resolutions Committee for the joint meeting was appointed, consisting of: Jim Lewis as Chairman, with Foster Strong and Henry Bogardus.

All members attended the banquet and entertainment at the El Paseo Restaurant Friday evening.

Saturday morning, with President Hippely of APCO presiding, the technical program got under way. A talk by Frank Hartwick of RCA on microwaves proved to be very complete and interesting. Other commercials were heard from, represented by Malcom Jeffries, George Maki, John Clark and Sammy Combs.

Herschel Calvert gave a report on the State CD meeting that took place the day before the Joint Meeting.

A suggestion was made by Bill Whiting that joint meetings be held twice a year. This matter was finally decided in the negative due to the distances involved.

A new codes committee for CPRA was appointed as follows: Chairman, Fred Crowder; members: Strong, Durham, Sprague, Whiting, Platt and Elliott.

A standing vote of thanks was given to H. W. Brittan for putting on the joint meeting.

President Hippely asked that more effort be made to get supervisory officers to attend meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p. m.

HARVEY W. ZIEGLER,
Secretary, CPRA

President Jackson

Neal Jackson, former *Bulletin* editor, has been elected President of the Michigan Chapter, APCO, for 1952. Edward Gocha was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Neal is a charter member of the Michigan Chapter and has served previously as Secretary-Treasurer. It is good to see him again actively engaged in APCO affairs.