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## NAME CHANGE ADOPTED

The December 19 meeting was called to order at 10:15 a. m. at Eaton's Cafe in the San Fernando Valley. The Frequency Allocation Committee presented a request for approval of the use of 155.13 by the City of Brawley. This was approved. There was considerable discussion on the reasons no reports had been received by the Frequency Allocation Committee on the interference caused to police services by the Overseas Broadcast Station near Delano. It was stated by representatives from the San Joaquin Valley area that the reports had not been made as they were getting additional data as to frequencies and times of interference.

A previous report was presented on the recent requirement by the FCC for a 60 db reduction in all radiations, 3 mc removed from a television carrier.

Foster Strong of Long Beach presented a resolution proposing that the name of the association be changed to include the word public-safety instead of police, so that our name would conform with actual practice in the association for the last few years in accepting membership from fire, forestry and other public safety services. Bill Durham suggested action be deferred until after the national meeting in Detroit next summer so we would not be in conflict with the national and possibly have to change the name back. Ray Meyers stated that inasmuch as the national association had acted favorably in San Francisco, we were in order to go ahead without delay with the name change. Pat Amerine from Kern County stated we did not like to disagree with the national Secretary, but California has always been ahead of the rest of the United States in emergency radio and she thought we should continue to lead in this case. Durham stated that no resolution was presented in San Francisco, that the name change was adopted as the result of a motion from the floor, and that he believes that in action of this kind it is customary in other organizations to give thirty days notice and that he was against the way it was done, but in favor of the action. He states that it will undoubtedly be brought on the floor at the national meeting in Detroit and we

will have to go through the whole thing again. Foster Strong brought out that this name change merely agrees with the practice for the last several years and stated no reference need be made to the national association in our resolution. This reference was omitted. Resolution made to read so that only our chapter name change would be involved. Durham then withdrew his objection. Moved by Bill McKinley of San Diego and seconded by Durham, the resolution as amended was approved.

Foster Strong stated that he understands arrangements are being made to print resolutions in advance for the next national meeting so that all members will be afforded ample opportunity to study them.

Bob Fox of Bakersfield stated that Art McDole was appointed by Walt Williams to serve on a committee to go over the national by-laws and bring in recommendations for any needed changes at the next national meeting. Karl Sprague says he thought the resolutions should be presented by representatives of local chapters only after these resolutions have been approved in local meetings. McKinley stated that he thinks each chapter should have the number of voting delegates to a national and their alternates determined on a per capita membership basis instead of just numbers present at a meeting as this would reflect a fairer cross section of the opinion than just a majority of members present, as no matter where the meeting is held, there will be a great number of

members from the local geographical area attending the meeting and relatively few from greater distances. Carl Anderson, San Bernardino County, stated he thought we should be very cautious in adopting this policy as he believes it would deprive many cities or individual agencies of an incentive to send their own representative to a national meeting if he has no vote or right to bring up matters in which they are particularly interested.

Ray Meyers reported on an article in the December *Radio and TV News* which contains information on what is needed for a minimum of service equipment and that this information might be useful to people who control the budget and where difficulty is experienced in getting proper equipment.

Bob Miller of Riverside reported on the hazards of poisoning by selenium rectifiers. The fumes of selenium dioxide formed when a rectifier burns up are very poisonous. The rectifier also should not be handled with bare fingers as the selenium dioxide may be absorbed through cuts on the skin or transferred to the mouth. Selenium dioxide may cause skin burns even when cold. This was referred to the Engineering Committee for investigation and report.

There was considerable discussion on what channels could be used for Civil Defense, as the need is acute, so that the various agencies can go ahead and order equipment. Tom Stevens of the State Office of Civil Defense stated that

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INDIANA CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 1953, at December meeting in Cumberland. (l to r) Frank Campbell of Indianapolis, 2nd Vice President; Fred E. Haneline of Fort Wayne, President; Richard B. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer and National Sergeant-at-Arms. Photo by Harry Evans.

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## CONROY

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the fact that some of the boys forget the story of the youngster who is guilty of crying "Wolf."

Note from friend Karl Donley, SP Columbus, Ohio, which proves that Karl is continuing in his attempt to improve his mind. Sends us copy of "Dick Tracy" with Ero Erickson's name on operating console in one of the strips — KD wonders if Ero is now working for Dick Tracy, or if Dick Tracy is now connected with SP Chgo. Hi.

73, gotta go now so that Mix can run this down to the printer's office.

KEN CONROY, W8DYH

## CPRA

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in his opinion he believes it is safe to go ahead and buy equipment to conform with the State plan even though it has not yet been approved by the FCC, as he believes approval will be forthcoming. It was also brought out that Civil Defense equipment bought on a matching fund basis will have the title to the

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equipment vested in the state. Several cities in this area have elected to pay 50 per cent of the cost, with the Federal government paying the other 50 per cent so the title can be vested in the city, as they are not permitted to use funds where the title is not retained by the local agency.

The next order of business was election of officers for the coming year. Foster Strong, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, stated that the recommendations were as follows: For President, Bob Miller, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office; Vice President, Harvey

Platt, Riverside County Sheriff's Office; Secretary, Kay V. Keeley, Fire Alarm Bureau, City of Los Angeles; Treasurer, Eddy Simon, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Carl Anderson, San Bernardino County, with our latest Past President, Bob Fox, of Bakersfield, for Executive Committee Member at Large for the three year term. After asking for further nominations from the floor for each office successively, the nominations were closed and it was moved and carried that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the entire group of officers.

FRED CROWDER, *Acting Sec'y*