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COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE FAVOR KEEPING THEIR RADIO SYSTEMS UNDER COUNTY CONTROL

The January meeting brought out many points relative to the hearing being held by the California State Public Utilities Commission to decide whether or not to grant the Southern California Gas Company and the Southern Counties Gas Company permission to sell their existing communications system to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Bob Miller reported that lightning struck one of the Riverside radio control lines in a recent storm and that it was out of service for 35 hours. President Platt reported telephone communications from Whitewater to Riverside were out for an hour and 35 minutes.

Riverside Fire Chief Ray Allen and Assistant Fire Chief McMillan were introduced upon arrival by Bob Miller.

Riverside County Sheriff Joe Rice, after being introduced by President Platt, stated, "In a meeting of all county chiefs of police regarding county communications, all chiefs were in favor of keeping their own systems under complete county control! I am always as near as our radio system!"

William Whiting volunteered to work towards obtaining new safety frequencies in the 88-108 mc band at the APCO National Conference this year.

Harvey Platt reported that the Riverside County sheriff in a meeting with the PT&T Co. asked what radio priority they could give him on radio communications. The PT&T representative answered No. 2; and the sheriff stated he must have No. 1 priority!

It was noted that the counties of Los Angeles and Ventura are now conducting surveys of telephone facilities; and it was suggested that others throughout the state do likewise.

Wally Collins, electronics engineer with the county of Los Angeles, stated that the PT&T states they have been asleep radio-wise for 25 years; thus we can and should stay ahead on an engineering basis.

Fred Crowder said, "We should let government officials and taxpayers know what is being done; start a record system to show how much it cost to operate units and systems (service vs. cost),

compare with your telephone company (cost vs. service)."

Eddie Simon asked the question, "How many rate increases has the PT&T asked for in the past 30 years, while gas and electric companies have actually cut cost?"

Tom Stevens reported that approximately \$500,000.00 in Federal matching

funds for communications in California is available; and suggested that all communications people study the FCDA (M-25) Manual. The manual states that equipment can be leased from the telephone company!

Herschel Calvert introduced his guest, Bob Brown, Fire Alarm Superintendent of Pasadena.

K. V. Keeley noted that the PT&T contract with the Southern Counties Gas Company gives no level of engineering, i. e., power output, modulation, sensitivity, etc.

Fred Crowder suggested that at least one microvolt sensitivity for receivers, and 50% of rated power and modulation for transmitters should be set as minimum requirements for all safety radio systems (Engineering Committee to study and make their recommendations).

Captain Berkett from San Diego gave

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Inland Individuals

MANY REQUESTS FOR PROCEDURE MANUAL SOON TO BE RELEASED

Harold Gibson, Chief of Police at Kellogg, Idaho, and newly elected President of the Inland Empire Chapter, APCO, has appointed the following members to his procedure committee: Bob Strand, chief operator, Spokane Police Department; Bill Swenstead, chief operator, Spokane Sheriff, and Wilber Earl, chief operator, Washington State Patrol, Spokane. Harold says he will appoint more committees at a future date.

Sheriff Floyd J. Windsor of Ferry County, Washington, dropped into the

Spokane Police radio room recently. He is interested in APCO procedure and wants to get one of the new manuals soon to be issued by the chapter. Floyd's office at the county seat of Republic, Washington, is in a sparsely settled wilderness country, with only three law enforcement officers for the entire county. Floyd has no deputies, except for a Doberman Pinscher dog he is training to assist him, as sometimes he has to transport prisoners sixty or seventy miles to the bastille.

The main radio transmitter (KOG-327) at Republic has a remote control that may be operated by members of the sheriff's family from their residences, so that Floyd is never without communications at any time.

Bob Strand received a letter from Long John Heenan, formerly with the Pullman, Washington, Police Department and Whitman County Sheriff, an old-time APCO member. He says he is now a lieutenant with the Coos Bay, Oregon, Police Department, where he says they never heard of APCO, or if they did, thought it was alphabet soup. Long John is trying to inject some better methods and order to his station's operation, and also the local net, but requests some APCO literature on same.

Almost 100 communication men attended the Civil Defense meeting at the City Hall in Spokane February 15th and threw a barrage of questions at Chet Brown, who answered as many as he had time for, as well as showing three movies on survival under atomic attack.

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and also save overnight stays, was seconded and carried.

A motion to hold meetings in Binghamton, N. Y., on May 17-18, and in Atlantic City October 18-19, 1955, was seconded and passed.

The advisability of members bringing along wives and families was discussed, and also members pooling together in cars so as to cut expenses.

Mr. Murphy of the Motorola Corporation was introduced to the membership present as a new Commercial member.

Captain Doyle spoke of the Bridgeport department that is experiencing some trouble in the operation of an experimental radar speed control station. It was advocated that APCO endeavor to get the FCC to relax stringent laws laid down for these experimental stations. Doyle suggested a letter from Four-State to the National and from National to the FCC for relaxation of these laws. The experimental frequency now being used is 2450 mc. It was felt that it would be a good idea to have this assigned as a permanent frequency.

A resolution was made to form a committee to contact both the National and the FCC to have 2450 assigned as a permanent frequency for radar traffic control stations. The following were appointed to the Resolution Committee: Walter Boas, Captain Doyle, Chief Burns and Ducky Dengler.

A suggestion was made to ask a representative of the manufacturer of radar traffic control equipment or pocket radios to present a paper to us at the next meeting to give the membership a better idea of these subjects.

The new President of Four-State thanked the membership for the honor accorded him and promised to do his utmost to further the aims of the organization, and promised close cooperation with the Secretary-Treasurer, Sam Husk.

The meeting closed at 3:47 p.m.
SAM HUSK, Sec'y-Treas.

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Four-State Committees

The following committees were named by Chief Walter H. Atkinson, Sr., President of the Four-State Chapter, for the year of 1955.

ENGINEERING: Lieut. Walter Boas, Chairman; Walter H. Atkinson, Lawrence Smith, Robert Johnson, and Louis Raub.

MEMBERSHIP: Samuel B. Husk, Chairman; William O. Gwyer, E. Jack Kerns, Capt. J. H. Goldrick, and Thomas A. Maquire.

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credit to Eddie Simon for a good radio system with top maintenance priority (equipment monitored in shop, van truck for field maintenance, cost low, service high).

Chief of Police Jack Bennett and Assistant Chief Kincade of the City of Riverside were introduced by Bob Miller. Chief Bennett said he wanted No. 1 radio priority under his control and could see no reason why any police chief should go along with anything less.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Von Perry, K. V. Keeley and Bob Miller of Los Angeles County were appointed to the Auditor's Committee.

A report from the January 17, 1955 Broadcasting Telecasting Magazine, regarding possible military use of TV channels 2 to 6 was sent in by Robert Brookings and was read to the body.

It was moved by Calvert and seconded by Strong that a letter be sent to the Governor recommending that Northern APCO Frequency and Engineering Chairman McMurphy be reappointed to his Communications Advisory Board. Said motion was passed by the body and the Secretary so instructed.

From a discussion of the value of CPRA memberships and meetings, the fact that all meetings are for the 100% benefit of government agencies and employers having radio systems, with no personal benefits to individual members, was made very clear to the body.

Frequency Chairman Fred Crowder presented the following requests and recommendations: Los Angeles County Sheriff & Air Pollution request base with 100 mobile units in the county, frequency 39.98 mc (30 day test to be made). The frequency was approved by the body, subject to the 30 day test and approval by the City of Huntington Park. Office of Civil Defense for the City of Santa Barbara, 155.43 mc and 73.18 mc (referred to the Frequency and Inter-City Committee for report). The City of Burbank was approved for inter-system use of 155.43 mc. (subject to all applicable inter-system rules and regulations).

A very interesting report on police radio operations in Mexico was given by Max Elliott.

Calvert moved that a meeting of the Inter-System Committee be called for

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reorganization of system rules and regulations; and that a report be presented to the CPRA membership at the February meeting, seconded by Crowder and passed.

President Harvey Platt stated there would be a presentation next month of FCC proposed rule making, Docket 11253 (interested parties must file on or before March 25, 1955). A motion was passed to request the FCC to do all they can to expedite the highway maintenance portion of said docket. Fred Crowder agreed to send a letter to the FCC, making said request.

The Commercial members were introduced and a letter from Frank Walker of Motorola was read. It stated that the Motorola representatives had been very busy last year and were sorry they had not been able to attend all the meetings. However, they would make a special effort to be at all of the 1955 meetings.

Future meetings will start at 10:30 a. m., promptly. Morning and afternoon sessions to be open to all members.

FEBRUARY 25TH MEETING AT SANTA BARBARA

The February meeting featured a report on proposed rule making, FCC Docket 11253 (split channel operations) by Fred Crowder, Frequency Committee Chairman. After Mr. Crowder's report a rather thorough discussion of the characteristics, advantages, limitations, and possible improvements of split-channel use and operations followed.

The Commercial members were introduced, and John Clark of Motorola and Sam Combs of RCA both stated that their respective companies can provide service when necessary for their own manufactured equipment.

Bill Cleves, Vice-President of the Yellow Cab Co. of Los Angeles and Joint National Radio Committee for Region No. 8, stated it should be the responsibility of the manufacturers who sell radio systems to see that the corporations and organizations that purchase these systems have a ready supply of factory trained technical men who can be hired when needed to provide planning and maintenance.

Fred Crowder said, "A training program is necessary when new men are hired by most large organizations. System planning must be considered; and this can best be done by personnel close to the organization and the radio systems!"

Sergeant Span of the Los Angeles Police Department was introduced by Fred Crowder. Span reported that the county has too many emergencies, like calling "wolf-wolf-wolf," many "C" type

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Bill Whiting reported that the Chiefs of Police Association is waiting for a new Teletype Operating Procedure.

The Treasurer's and Auditing Committee report was read and accepted by the body.

The value of public relations with our public officials was stressed by Carrol White, Director of Civil Defense for the City of Glendale.

A portion of the January Executive Board minutes was read: "The report on the value of CPRA should be approved and mailed to all known responsible parties connected with public-safety radio. In addition to a written report, executive meetings should be conducted on the door steps of operational and executive heads concerned with public-safety radio, as a means of working out and keeping each other informed of mutual problems. FCC recognition and dollar and cents value of CPRA and APCO should be pointed out at all such meetings. Reports and letters should go to publications such as: Western Cities, American Cities, Police, Fire, and all other users of public safety radio."

It was moved by Chief Curtis Hart that the Executive Committee draw up a proposal for a joint state meeting, once a year, between CPRA (APCO) and IMSA. This was seconded by Kenneth Corner and passed by the body.

It was pointed out in a discussion by Bill Whiting, Harvey Platt and Fred Crowder that many visitors and some members at times misunderstand our comments that are given in a light vein, and that we should be more conscious of the things we say in open meetings!

The March meeting is scheduled for Alhambra on March 25, 1955, and the April meeting for Bakersfield.

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