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along with the Chief over at Topknot influences the coordination problem in that area. If we could just recommend an ideal frequency in an ideal part of the spectrum, with beaucoup channels available, we'd still have coordination problems. That's why I feel that the coordination problem is not just one of having enough frequencies. It's the thing that knits Public Safety work into a program that functions well all over the nation, as well as in your immediate neighborhood. Since our communication systems convey all kinds of intelligence, they affect over-all operations. If we ever get through coordinating frequencies, there are still plenty of other items to coordinate. That's why we have Engineering committees, Teletype committees, CW committees, etc. If the Commission had to take over the whole coordination program in Public Safety tomorrow, we'd still be involved because we would be consulted for recommendations on how

to handle certain problems in certain areas. We've had the experience, and experience is an important part of education. Computers, data processing, etc., are only tools to get the job done. They must be fed good information to come up with good answers. That information is primarily based on experience.

The "experience" that is indicated from the reports we are receiving on the Coordinating Committees' activities is plenty, believe me. There are many man-hours of conscientious wrestling with coordination problems indicated. I'm sure you'll be impressed with the statistics we come up with in our Annual Report. While these figures won't spell out in detail how many hours of midnight oil you've had to burn in coordinating, nor the frustrations (and some self-satisfaction, too) you've encountered, they are a yardstick of the extent of the problem, and will be good information to feed LMAC for inclusion in the formula they finally recommended to the Commission as a solution to

the Land-Mobile communications problems.

We welcome John Tordik as the new coordinator for the Four-State Chapter. His summary of about 60 days activity indicate there is plenty of work ahead for those in the NY, NJ, PENN, CONN area.

Our thanks, too, to Harry Sharkss, the retiring 4-State coordinator for a job well done under particularly trying circumstances. I wish there was some other way than a few words in the Bulletin to let you know that we not only fully appreciate the difficulties of the job, Harry, but that APCO and the 4-State Chapter are sincerely grateful to you.

See you in next month's column, Lord willin' and the Mississippi don't flood.

Four State Chapter coordinator:

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Seattle, Wash., the site chosen for our 1966 APCO Conference, has a committee already working to make Seattle a happy place to be on 2, 3, 4, and 5 August, 1966, at Olympic Hotel.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada's *George Long* wants you and your family to start planning for the 1967 APCO Conference.

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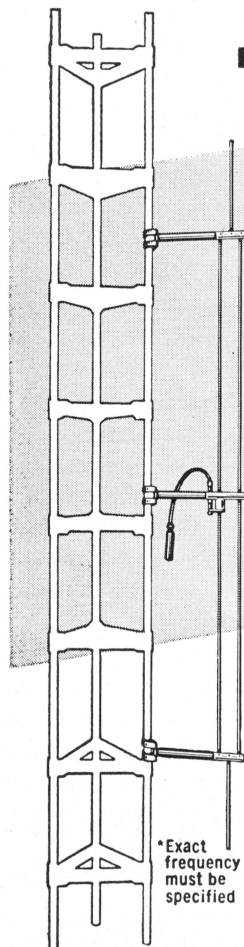
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