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For June 1945 to the

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Gentlemen:

**WALKER RESIGNS - GROENIER NOW APCO PRESIDENT.**

In a letter addressed to the Executive Committee dated June 22, 1945, Frank Walker writes, - "It is with deep regret that I announce my resignation as president of the APCO. I am leaving the police service for an allied branch of emergency communications."

Frank is reportedly joining the Grehound Bus organization as radio engineer. His resignation, which became effective June 30, was necessitated by the requirement embodied in Article II, Sec. 8 of the APCO constitution which provides that all officers maintain their Active membership.

During Walker's term in office as president, great strides were made in the growth of the APCO and gratifying results are now a matter of record in the protection and expansion of police radio frequencies. The mileage necessary for representing the police services in all of the vital meetings and FCC hearings dealing with postwar frequency allocations, was travelled by Walker with productive results. We are indebted to Frank and his former employer, the Michigan State Police, for their generous contribution of time and expense to our mutual welfare.

As first vice-president, Ray Groenier of Madison, Wisc., automatically becomes president of the APCO, with Sgt. Don. McFarlane of Boston moving up to become first vice-president. President Groenier is noted for his successful Madison Conference, which started a trend in productive and hardworking annual meetings, and his untiring efforts in behalf of the police postwar planning group. Having appeared in Washington with the police radio delegation and having followed very closely all of the frequency allocation developments, President Groenier is well versed in the job ahead. Ray stated he would work even harder and would do his utmost to make the APCO bigger and better. We pledge our new president all of our co-operation and we know that the APCO will forge ahead.

**FCC CHOSE ALTERNATIVE NO.1**

In a swift and surprising move, the FCC announced their choice of Alternative Number 1, on June 27, which definitely places 36 new police channels in the 72-76 mcs. band, instead of in the hoped for, 102-108 mc. space.

In selecting the space least desirable to the police, insofar as skywave interference is concerned, the FCC established FM Broadcasting in a band from 88 to 108 mc. to avoid the same skywave interference to that service. The band from

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106 to 108 mc. was given to facsimile, which would later be assigned to additional FM Broadcasting channels after facsimile is moved higher up. The 1 mc. band now used by aviation marker beacons at 75 mc. figured in the decision since emergency services could move into 72-76 mcs. without need for waiting to have the beacon service vacated, which would not have been the case if television or FM were assigned to that area.

Two megacycles for non-government services at 42-44 mcs. was confirmed by the Commissions report and will be available to police in good part as soon as FM stations begin to move out. This area remains the same as previously announced in earlier reports, with assignment favored for State Police and County systems in general.

An important assignment task arises from police channels equally split between 76 mc. and 154 mc. bands. Without doubt a number of police group meetings must be held to determine the policy to be followed and what use of these channels is to be recommended to the FCC. The Indiana Chapter and the ESPRL have already gone into this problem quite extensively.

#### GROENIER TO ANNOUNCE VACANCY APPOINTMENTS.

President Groenier stated that he would announce appointments to fill the vacancies in a number of national committees. These include members for the Engineering Committee (G.R. Quantz of Olympia is out of police employ and apparently in the Army), the Operating Procedure Committee and the Intercity Relations Committee. Leo Fetcher, Chairman of the Intercity Relations Committee resigned on June 27 for reasons of poor health and a replacement will be required for his post.

#### ADDITIONAL CONSTITUTION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE.

Each AFPO member has now been mailed a copy of the AFPO Constitution booklet and those chapter officers who wish additional copies can obtain them by requesting more. The cost of printing 1500 copies at \$48.50, plus 11.25 for envelopes, made the total for this necessary project, \$77.75 including postage.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

At this time it does not appear that there is any hope of holding an Annual Meeting of the AFPO in 1945 due to the steadily declining travel situation. The ODT is becoming stricter in issuing authorizations for large gatherings.

The IACP has postponed their annual meeting until conditions improve and the current officers are being retained in office until the next conference becomes possible. Apparently the AFPO will have to do likewise.

The joint meeting of the CPRA (So) and the NCFPOA (No) of California, held at Monterey on May 12 passed a resolution recommending to the AFPO that the next annual meeting be scheduled for DENVER, Colorado, with Kansas City their second choice. This helpful expression is appreciated and if we obtain a favorable response from either of the above places, you will be advised of developments.

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ESPRL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.

Former secretary, and now President, Lt. Arthur H. Vickerson of Boston and the Eastern States Police Radio League, reports that their 2 day conference at Hull, Mass., was very successful and that ground work for a national frequency allocations plan was begun. Sgt. Don McFarlane retired after 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  years as president to become the chairman of the Executive Committee. Financially a success, the meeting drew close to forty guests from beyond the ODT limit and due to being held in the population center, the gathering was well attended without much outside travel. Various manufacturers displayed their equipment and participated in the technical discussions in this regional conference.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY.

The Indiana Chapter held an outstanding meeting and outing at Monticello which was very well attended by a good cross section of manufacturers representatives. Problems surrounding the new 156 mc. channels were much discussed and available equipment information exchanged. Indiana appears all primed to go 156 mc. and much time is being spent by Audritsh and Batts in gathering information which will point the way to the most efficient assignment of channels within the state. Point-to-point police radio is receiving much consideration in an effort to find room for this feature on a channel other than the regular channels used by the mobile units.

The Ohio Chapter meeting is scheduled for Columbus on July 17 with election of officers on the agenda.

The Wisconsin Chapter meets in GreenBay Wisc. on July 10. This is the first time this city has been on the list of meeting places and is new territory.

The Illinois Chapter met in Cicero Ill. on July 5 and laid emphasis on gathering the old members who had become delinquent in dues. The revitalization program was put into effect and the group expects to participate in a local 156 mc. test within a short time.

Silence continues to attract our attention to the areas of Okla. and Texas. A steady influx of national members continue to move in. Communications have been received from new areas in Canada and New Zealand, inquiring about the work of the APCO.

DIRECTORY DOPE.

Has your chapter elected a committee to handle the network information survey required by the National Directory Committee? There are only a few weeks left before the July 31 deadline. Let's make the Directory as complete as possible in your state. Please rush this important job.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Eric Erickson - Secretary.