MINUTES OF FINAL PLENARY MEETING

June 1963

The meeting was called to order at 9.35 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 1963 by the Chairman of the Conference (Mr. H.A. Laett).


All members of the Executive Committee, namely, Mr. H.A. Laett (Chairman), Lt. Col. P.A. Kinnman, (Vice Chairman), Mr. John Claricoats, (Secretary), Dr. J. Simonnet (Treasurer), Mr. A. Schadlich (Ordinary Member), Mr. J. Znidarsic (Ordinary Member) were present.

Mr. John Huntong (General Manager, A.R.R.L./I.A.R.U) and Mr. Noel Eaton (Canadian Director, A.R.R.L.) were present as observers.

Agenda of Business

Document M.C.12

The Agenda as set out in M.C.12 was accepted subject to the addition of (i) an item 4a "To receive a letter from the President of the A.R.R.L/I.A.R.U", (ii) an item 6a "Other Business".

Opening Plenary Meeting

Document M.C.2/3

RESOLVED to receive and adopt the Minutes and Report of the Opening Plenary Meeting, as set out in Document M.C.2/3, subject to an amendment to the style and title of the Secretary of the V.H.F. Committee, Ir (not Dr.) C. Van Dijk.

Opening Ceremony

Document M.C.29

RESOLVED to receive the Report on the Opening Ceremony, as set out in Document M.C.29, subject to an amendment to the style and title of P.A. Kinnman, Past (not Vice) President of S.S.A.
Reports and Recommendations of Committees

Credentials & Finance Committee

The Chairman (Mr. Dalmijn) submitted as a Report the Minutes of a meeting of the Credentials & Finance Committee held on June 10, 1963. (M.C.11).

RESOLVED to receive the Report and to accept and adopt the Recommendations (A and B) contained therein.

In regard to Recommendation A the delegate of the U.S.K.A. expressed the opinion that the proposed basis of computation (50 Sw. Cts per licenced member) was too low. The delegate of E.D.R considered that the proposed basis of computation was too high. (Voting 14 for, 2 against).

Recommendation B was amended by substitution of the word "Region I" for the word "European" (N.R.R.L. and U.S.K.A. voted against the amendment).

The meeting took note that the total annual amount to be collected from Subscribing Member Societies for the years 1964-66 would be approximately 15520 Swiss Francs (about £1291).

The Executive Committee were requested to take steps prior to each future Conference to ensure that applications from persons asking to be given observer status are received by the Secretary some time prior to the opening of each Conference.

The Executive Committee were requested to draw the attention of I.R.T.S and R.S.S.R to the fact that their proxy votes could not be used because their contributions for 1963 had not been received by the Divisions' Bankers' in Berne prior to the opening of the Conference.

RESOLVED to record a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr. Dalmijn) and Secretary (Mr. Claricoats) of the Credentials & Finance Committee for their services to the Conference.

Administrative & Operational Committee

The Chairman (Lt. Col. Kinnman) submitted a Report of meetings of the Administrative & Operational Committee (M.C.6).

RESOLVED to receive the Report and to accept and adopt the Recommendations contained therein subject to the amendments listed below:

Rec.E Amended to read "Member Societies are requested to use only parts of the amateur bands for contests and to inform other Societies about those parts".

(Proposed by V.E.R.O.N, seconded by O.a.V.S.V)
R.S.G.B. and U.S.K.A. voted against the recommendation

Rec.I amended to read "non-member National societies"

Rec.P text of draft rules slightly amended (M.C.20).
Para (ii) amended to read
"expenses of Working Groups can, insofar as within reason and only in relation to the Honorary Secretary of each Group, be brought in charge of Region I funds".

Para (iv) added
"the period of office of such Groups shall be from the 15th day of the month following the end of the Conference at which they were appointed to the 14th day of the month following the next Conference".

Para (i) amended to read
"have a minimum size of 8 cm by 13.5 cm and a maximum size of 10.5 cm by 15 cm".

In connection with Rec.A the R.S.G.B. presented the copyright of Document M.C.15 to I.A.R.U. Societies. In connection with Rec.B attention was drawn to Document M.C.32 (Form for reporting Intruders). In connection with Rec.C A.R.I. and Z.D.R. voted against the recommendation to assign the segment 14100 - 1410 kcs/s for radio teletype. Attention was drawn to the fact that "telephony" includes all modes.

V.E.R.O.N. thanked those societies who had agreed to allow the band 1825 - 1835 kcs/s to be used exclusively by the amateurs of the Netherlands, Finland and Federal German Republic. It was noted that the segment 1832 - 1835 kcs/s would be used in the aforementioned countries for s.s.b. telephony only.

D.A.R.C. asked to be recorded as voting against Rec.H (News Bulletins and Morse Practices).

In regard to Rec.K (Translations) it was stated that if full translations in French and German had been provided for the present Conference the cost would have been approximately 10,000 Swedish Kroners.


In connection with Rec.M (News Bulletins), S.R.A.L. appealed to the editors of other Journals to follow the example of S.R.A.L. who publish a brief synopsis in English of the feature articles appearing in each issue of "RADIO AMATORI".

In regard to Rec.O the Chairman of the Conference (Mr. Laett) expressed the opinion that this was one of the most important recommendations before the meeting. He emphasised that all five parts of the recommendation would mean hard work for every society if its terms were to be implemented effectively.

In connection with Rec.Q a vote of thanks was recorded to P.Z.K. for offering to organise the 1965 Fox Hunting Championships in Poland.
In regard to M.C.6, Agenda Item 8 (Emergency Networks) U.B.A submitted a copy of the literature issued to those who seek to join the Emergency Network operated in Belgium on behalf of the Red Cross. It was reported that a frequency of 3510 kc/s is used for emergency exercises. R.E.F. and D.A.R.C. associated themselves with the work being done by U.B.A. but S.R.A.L. and D.A.R.C. pointed out that telephony transmissions should not take place on 3510 kc/s. U.B.A explained that the use of 3510 kc/s was a temporary measure. No recommendation came before the meeting.

RESOLVED to record a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Lt. Col. P.A. Kinnman) and the Secretary (Mr. R.F. Stevens) of the Administrative & Operational Committee for their services to the Conference.

V.H.F. Committee

The Chairman (Dr. Lickfield) submitted a Report of meetings of the V.H.F. Committee (M.C.9).

RESOLVED to receive the Report and to accept and adopt the Recommendations contained therein, subject to the amendment listed below.

Rec. P. Amended to read:

"Resolved that the Plenary Meeting authorises the Chairman of the V.H.F. Committee (Working Group) to request the Executive Committee to issue Region I certificates for special v.h.f. performances."

It was noted that neither R.S.G.B. nor S.R.A.L. could be bound by the terms of Rec. H (Sub-band 145.75 - 145.85 Mc/s for s.s.b. telephony).

In connection with Rec. M (Concerning the office of Hon. Secretary, V.H.F. Committee) (Working Group) the Chairman (Dr. Lickfield) explained that this had been introduced to secure continuity.

Arising from the acceptance of Rec. O (Appointment of Dr. Lickfield as Chairman and Mr. Lambeth as Secretary of the V.H.F. Committee), Dr. Lauber (U.S.K.A) moved, Mr. Van Dijk (V.E.R.O.N.) seconded, and it was

RESOLVED (R.S.G.B. abstaining) to send a telegram to Mr. Lambeth advising him that he had been re-elected Hon. Secretary of the V.H.F. Committee (Working Group).

It was agreed that the telegram should be signed by the Hon. Conference President (Major Tottie).

RESOLVED to record a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Dr. Lickfield) and the Secretary (Mr. Van Dijk) of the V.H.F. Committee for their services to the Conference.
Working Groups

Arising from consideration of Agenda Item 4 it was moved by R.L., seconded by R.S.G.B. and

RESOLVED that a Working Group be set up to investigate the possibility of producing unified licencing rules and operating arrangements for amateur stations in Region I; the Group to report fully on the matter as soon as possible to the Executive Committee.


(ii) that R.S.G.B shall act as co-ordinators of the Group.

It was moved by R.S.G.B. and seconded by A.R.I. that a Working Group of not more than four representatives be set-up to deal with the problems of the bands between 1.8 and 30 Mc/s; the Group to make recommendations regarding band planning, contests and similar questions affecting the H.F bands and to report upon the same to the Executive Committee.

The proposal was lost by 7 votes to 5.

Presentation

At this point in the proceedings the Chairman invited Mrs Britta Kinnman (Chairman, Ladies Committee), Miss May Gadsden (Head of Secretariat), Mrs Vera Bergstrom, Mrs Van Roswn and Mrs K. Bergstrom, to enter the meeting.

Mr. Laett thanked the ladies for the help they had given to the Conference and then presented to each of them a small piece of jewellery as a token of appreciation.

The delegates greeted the presentation with applause.

Message from Mr. Hoover

The Chairman called upon Mr. Huntoon to read to the meeting a message which had been written by Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr., prior to his sudden recall on June 12 to the United States.

Mr. Huntoon read as follows:

"To my fellow Amateurs in the I.A.R.U.

It is with the deepest possible regret Mrs Hoover and I find we must return to the United States before the conclusion of the Conference. We have enjoyed our visit to Sweden with the greatest pleasure and we will always remember the warm hospitality of our hosts in Malmo. We are especially indebted to Per-Anders and Britta Kinnman for the superb manner in which they have made us feel so much at home in their country."
"It is the opinion of those of us from the A.R.R.L. who have been observers at the Conference that a very great deal can be accomplished here for the future of Amateur Radio. We believe we are facing one of the greatest periods in our history, and that by frank discussion of the problems that confront us - such as is only possible at a meeting of this sort - we can do much to assure the kind of cooperation that will be so necessary if we are to continue to serve the public welfare to our fullest capacity.

My A.R.R.L. colleagues here - as well as our entire membership in Canada and the United States - join me in extending to the leaders of the I.A.R.U., who are assembled in Malmo, our sincerest good wishes for the success of the Region I Conference, and through them we send our warm greetings to the members of their Societies in their home countries.

Sincerely - and 73,

Herbert Hoover, Jr.
President, A.R.R.L.

At the conclusion of the reading of the message from Mr. Hoover, the Chairman moved and it was RESOLVED to record the thanks of the Conference to Mr. Hoover for his message and for his good wishes.

Mr. Huntoon agreed to convey the terms of the Resolution to Mr. Hoover.

Election of Committee

At this point in the proceedings, the Chair was taken by the Hon. Conference President (Major Tottie).

The Secretary reported that A.R.I., D.A.R.C., N.R.R.L., S.R.A.L., S.S.A. and U.S.K.A. had proposed the re-election of the present Committee en bloc. P.R.K. had proposed the re-election of Mr. Znidarsie.

The Conference President declared that the following had been elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

Chairman, Mr. H. A. Laett, HB9GA
Vice-Chairman, Lt. Col. P. A. Kinman, SM5ZD
Secretary, Mr. John Clarricoats, G6CL
Treasurer, Dr. J. Simonet, F9DW
Members, Mr. A. Schadlich, DL1XJ
Mr. J. Znidarsie, YULAA

The Conference President congratulated the newly-elected Committee and thanked them for their outstanding services to Amateur Radio.

The Chairman, on behalf of his colleagues, thanked the delegates for the confidence they had shown by re-electing the Committee to office. He assured the assembled company that the Committee would continue to serve the Region to the best of its ability.
Venue for next Conference

The Secretary submitted a letter from S.R.J. dated May 16, 1963 (M.C.26) in which that Society offered to organise the next Conference in Yugoslavia.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter, dated June 13, 1963, from Dr. Empain on behalf of U.B.A. in which that Society offered to organise the next Conference.

During the subsequent discussion Mr. Dalmijn, on behalf of V.E.R.O.N., expressed the opinion that, as the present Conference was being held on the outer edge of the region, it would be desirable for reasons of economy to hold the next Conference in a more central part of Western Europe. For that reason he could not support the proposal made by S.R.J., whilst personally appreciating their kind offer.

RESOLVED by 13 votes to 2 (U.B.A. and V.E.R.O.N. opposed) to accept the offer of S.R.J. to organise the next Conference.

The Chairman asked Dr. Empain to convey the thanks of the Conference to U.B.A for its offer which had been greatly appreciated.

Rules of the Division

Arising from decisions reached by the Conference the Chairman proposed and it was

RESOLVED to amend the Rules of the Division to provide for the setting up of Working Groups and to cover more precisely the duration of office of the Executive Committee.

Rules of the Division and Conference Recommendations

Arising from discussion on the foregoing matter Mr. Caws (R.S.G.B) suggested that the Executive Committee should consider printing the revised rules and issuing them to each Subscribing Member Society. He also suggested that it would prove helpful if societies could receive a digest of the recommendations adopted at this and previous Region I Conferences together with a copy of the I.A.R.U. Constitution.

The Chairman stated that the suggestions made by Mr. Caws would be considered by the Executive Committee. Mr. Huntcoom agreed to arrange for additional copies of the Constitution of the I.A.R.U to be sent to each Subscribing Member Society.

Courtesies

The Chairman (Mr. Laett) asked that his thanks and the thanks of the Conference be recorded to S.S.A for acting as hosts; to various firms and organisations who had donated gifts or made facilities available; to Collins Radio Ltd for the loan of equipment for SM7IARU; to the Secretary and Miss Gadsden for all their work prior to and during the Conference. He then thanked the delegates for their attendance and for the very many helpful suggestions they had made during the meeting.
The Conference President (Major Tottie) thanked Mr. Laett for his kind remarks and assured him that S.S.A. had been greatly honoured to act as hosts. He thanked Lt.Col. and Mrs Kinnman for the important parts they had played in helping to make the Conference a success.

Presentations

Major Tottie than made presentations of Swedish glass to Mr. Laett, Mr. Clarricoats and Mr. Huntoon and asked Mr. Huntoon to accept a similar gift for Mr. Hoover.

The Chairman, Secretary and Mr. Huntoon expressed appreciation for the gifts they had received.

The Conference ended at 4.5 p.m.

JOHN CLARRICOATS,
Secretary

JC/MG.