I.A.R.U. REGION 1 DIVISION

Second Triennial Conference - Stresa - Italy

Minutes of the Final Plenary Assembly

Item 1

The minutes of the Administrative Committee were presented and the following recommendations from that Committee were placed before the delegates:

Recommendation 1: It was proposed by the U.K. and seconded by Switzerland that the Region 1 Band Plan be continued as agreed at Lausanne except that the telephony band on 14 Mc/s shall now extend to 14,100 kc/s instead of 14,125 kc/s. This was carried by 10 votes in favour and 5 against.

(Note) As this proposition has to be implemented by the various societies the Chairman asked those delegates who voted against the resolution to accept the will of the majority.

Recommendation 2: It was proposed by G6CL and seconded by Denmark that the Plenary Session had taken note of the great improvement in reciprocal agreements since the Lausanne Conference and that the Plenary Session recommends that in view of this great progress every Member Society should do its utmost further to improve the situation. This was carried unanimously.

At this point it was decided to verify the credentials of all voting delegates in order to ensure that they had authority to vote. The following list shows the persons by call-sign and the Societies which they represented:

G6CL for IRTS
ZS5KL for SARL
FD9W for RES
IT5FO for URE and ARI
DL1WA for DARL and OSVZ
ON4BK for UBA and AAEM
YU1AA for SRJ
PAQ60N for VERON
OZ2NU for EDR and NRRL
G2WS for RSGB
SM5MN for SSA and SRAL
HB9J for USKA

Some discussion ensued regarding the right of the Belgian delegate to represent U.C.A.L., the Society of the Belgian Congo, as he held no written authority so to do. It was then proposed by G2MI and seconded by G6CL that this vote be disallowed. This proposition was carried by 9 votes in favour and with 8 abstentions.

Recommendation 3: It was proposed by G6CL and seconded by DL1KV that the Plenary Assembly urges all countries who have not been given facilities for the setting up of an emergency network to do all that they can to establish this service. This was carried unanimously.

Recommendation 4: It was proposed by ON4BK and seconded by HB9J that the frequency 14,195 kc/s should be designated an emergency calling frequency. This was carried unanimously.
Switzerland, and after a ballot HB9GA was elected. In thanking the delegates for their confidence in him, he stated that he reserved the right to decline to fill the post until the International Committee had been elected.

Nominations were then called for the post of Honorary Secretary and by unanimous acclaim G2MI was proposed. He stated however he was not prepared to accept nomination. Pressed for his reasons he stated that he had in any case come to the meeting prepared not to stand again, but had been deeply moved by the confidence shown in him, however, he felt so strongly regarding the proposition that only one person of each nation could be elected to the Committee that he would not consider allowing his name to be put forward as long as this resolution stood. The Swiss delegate then asked if G2MI would be prepared to accept the position of Honorary Secretary if the Meeting rescinded the resolution against which he felt so strongly. To this he replied that he would. It was then proposed by HB9J and seconded by SW5MN that the Meeting resolve to rescind their decision on the nationality bar on the membership of the International Committee and this was carried unanimously. The Chairman then declared the previous resolution null and void. G2MI was then elected as Secretary unanimously.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of an Honorary Treasurer. It was proposed by IT1FO and seconded by ON4BK that the new Honorary Treasurer should be F9DW. It was proposed by PAØØN and seconded by SW5M then G6CL should be nominated, and after a ballot F9DW was declared to be the new Honorary Treasurer.

The Meeting then proceeded to elect the new International Committee of 4. Seven names were nominated as follows:

- SW2ZD proposed by Germany and seconded by Denmark.
- DL1KV proposed by Sweden and seconded by Yugoslavia.
- IT1XXX proposed by Italy and seconded by France.
- PAØØN proposed by Holland, seconded by Denmark.
- YU1AA proposed by Sweden, seconded by Germany.
- G2IG proposed by United Kingdom, seconded by South Africa.
- G6CL proposed by South Africa and seconded by the United Kingdom.

After a ballot the following were declared elected: SW2ZD, DL1KV, IT1XXX, YU1AA.

It was then proposed by ON4BK and seconded by F9GB that the Region 1 Funds be banked in Switzerland; this was carried by 12 in favour and 5 against.

At this point HB9GA intimated that he would accept election as Chairman of the new International Executive Committee.

**Item 7**

The Chairman called for offers by Member Societies to act as host to the 1959 Region 1 Conference. As no offers were forthcoming, the Secretary asked the German delegation if they thought that DARC would be willing to undertake the task. The German delegate after consultation with his colleagues promised to ascertain whether this could be done in Germany, and to report at an early date to the International Committee.

7a. The Secretary drew attention to the fact that the Administrative Committee had recommended that the decision at Lausanne to seek confirmation from the Universal Postal Union that QSL cards could be sent in bulk by commercial paper rate postage should be rescinded as the Secretary had taken advice on this subject and had convinced the Committee that any such action would be highly undesirable. It was proposed by Switzerland seconded by Germany that this recommendation should be rescinded. This was carried unanimously.
G6OT referred to Appendix C which appeared at the bottom of page 5 of the report and asked that this be taken in conjunction with the proposals already submitted regarding the reporting of intruders. The acceptance of this Appendix C was proposed by G2WS and seconded by Z35KL and carried unanimously. It was then proposed that Recommendations A to D of the Technical Committee be accepted on block. Proposed by HB9GA and seconded by SW5MN, and carried unanimously.

**Item 4**

**Recommendation A:** The supplementary Recommendations of the International Committee were then placed before the Committee. G66CL then proposed and HB9GH seconded that the recommendation that contribution to Fund 1 by Member Societies be re-instated and that Fund 1 in the future be used for the purpose of financing the costs of operating the Region 1 Bureau and also for meeting the cost of future Region 1 Triennial Conferences. Further that a sum of £200 including £50 already paid, be paid to A.R.I. from Region 1 Fund 1 towards the cost of the Sosta Conference, and that the generous offer of A.R.I. to contribute a further £113 be accepted with gratitude. This was carried by 13 votes in favour and 1 against.

**Recommendation B:** It was proposed by G66CL and seconded by G2WS that the amount of money to be contributed to the Region 1 Funds shall remain at £1200 per year, but that the proportions be changed to £300 for Fund 1, £500 for Fund 2, and £400 for Fund 3.

HB9J asked that the suggestion that the total should be increased to £1500 should be discussed at this point. And it was proposed by HB9J and seconded by YU1AA that this be done and that the same proportions 3-5-4 be maintained. The Secretary then read a letter from the E.D.R., asking for a decrease in the subscriptions to the three Funds and that Fund 1 still be discounted. HB9GH reminded the Meeting that if this were done there might not be sufficient funds available. Some considerable discussion ensued on the question whether the amounts due should be calculated on the number of licensees in force in each country or the number of licenses who are members of each national society, and the Secretary quoted from the figures agreed at Lausanne. The Danish delegate appreciated the arguments put forward and promised to bring the full facts to the notice of his Council. It was then proposed by HB9J and seconded by YU1AA that the total amounts collected each year should be £1500. The motion was defeated by 7 votes to 8. The original proposal was then put to the meeting that the amount should remain at £1200 but that the proportions should be changed in the ratio 3-5-4 and this was carried by 14 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

**Recommendation C:** The table of proposed payments for the period July 1, 1956 - June 30, 1959 based on 19,000 licensed members, and a grand total of £1200 was then considered.

ON4BX added his proposal that the Region Funds should be transferred to a Swiss bank in accordance with the wishes of the Lausanne Conference, should now be discussed. The Secretary then explained why it had been found unnecessary to bank the Funds in England. The Italian delegate assured the meeting that there was no question that the Funds had been administered in any but the most meticulous and satisfactory manner, but he thought that this matter should be put to the vote. The Chairman, however, intervened and ruled that this matter should be deferred until the Treasurer had been elected.
Recommendation D: The Chairman then informed the meeting that the International Committee had examined Article 7 of the Rules for Region 1 and had discovered that as they stood there was no way of limiting the number of persons who could serve on the International Executive Committee. It was therefore proposed that the words "and not more than 4" be added after the words "not less than one"; this article would then read "at each Conference an International Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and not less than one and not more than four members shall be elected" etc.

This was proposed by DL1KV and seconded by G6GCL and after some further discussions was carried unanimously.

Item 5

The Report of the VHF/UHF Committee was then presented by DL3FM.

Recommendation A: It was then proposed by DL3FM and seconded by SM5MN that a permanent VHF Committee be set up and that it should normally meet once a year except in those years when there is an I.A.R.U. Region 1 Conference. This was carried unanimously.

Recommendation B: It was then proposed by DL1KV and seconded by SM5MN that the Societies sending members to meetings of the VHF committee shall pay the expenses of their members attending. This was carried unanimously.

Recommendation C: The Meeting then considered how this committee should be constituted and after some discussion it was decided to appoint VL3FP as its Chairman and after a ballot ON4EK was appointed its Secretary in favour of PA8LR by a vote of 3 to 6.

Recommendation D: The rules for the European VHF/UHF Contests were accepted by 13 votes to 1 abstention.

Item 6

The Chairman of the existing International Committee SM2ZD stated that the Committee offered itself for re-election as at present constituted. This was proposed by PA8LM and seconded by ZS6KL, and was lost by 3 votes in favour to 11 against.

The Belgian delegate proposed in the name of Morocco that the International Committee should consist of only one person from each country and this was seconded by P8GB acting on behalf of F9DW who had had to leave the meeting. G2MI, the Secretary then spoke in the strongest terms against this suggestion. He warned the Meeting that by adopting such a policy they would be placing a limit on their ability to ensure that the best men were elected to the Committee. He said that such a suggestion as this was years out of date. There should be no "nationalities" present, but we were all Radio Amateurs with a "common enemy" i.e. the people who were trying to deprive us of our privileges. If it so happened that several men of one nationality were deemed by their colleagues to be the most suitable nominees for the International Committee, it would be folly for the delegates to tie their own hands so that they could use the talents of only one. The proposal was then put to the meeting and carried by 9 votes to 8. The Chairman then called for nominations for the post of Chairman of the International Executive Committee. Two nominations were received, SM2ZD proposed by Holland and seconded by the U.K., HB9GA proposed by Belgium and seconded by