

MINUTES
IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
PARIS, FRANCE
27 - 29 JULY 1984

The third meeting of the Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union was convened at 9:08 A.M. local time Friday, 27 July 1984, at the Headquarters of the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais in Paris, France, with IARU President Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, in the Chair. Also present were Vice President Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; and the following members representing the three Regional Organizations: for the Region 1 Division, its Chairman, Louis v.d. Nadort, PAOLOU, and its Secretary, John Allaway, G3FKM; for Region 2, its President, Pedro Seidemann, YV5BPG, and its Secretary, Alberto Shaio, HK3DEU; and for the Region 3 Association, Chairman/Director David H. Rankin, 9V1RH, and Director Michael Owen, VK3KI.

1) The Chairman noted the presence of two new faces at the Administrative Council table, Messrs. Allaway and Nathanson, and welcomed them on behalf of the group.

2) The following agenda was agreed to:

1. Introductions
2. Consideration of the agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 1983 Meeting
4. Consultation with International Secretariat
 - 4.1 Nominees for President and Vice President
 - 4.2 Designation of Secretary by International Secretariat
5. Review of terms of reference for the Administrative Council
 - 5.1 Article III of the Constitution (review)
 - 5.2 Recognition of alternates on the Administrative Council, as designated by the regional organizations
 - 5.3 Other possible additions to operating procedures or rules
6. The new Constitution and Bylaws
 - 6.1 Review of voting on Proposal 176 and voting on Proposal 176
 - 6.2 Comments made by Member-Societies made by Member-Societies

- 6.3 Process by which further refinements to Constitution and Bylaws should be considered
7. Review of manner in which future applications for IARU membership will be processed
8. Report on Region 1 Cefalu Conference
9. The Common License concept
 - 9.1 Reports of the Regions
 - 9.2 IARU role
10. International standards for entry into Amateur Radio
11. International telecommunications conferences
 - 11.1 Report on the HF BC Conference
 - 11.2 Consideration of participation in future ITU Conferences
 - 11.3 Review of background paper on WARC-79
12. Consideration of IARU cooperation with other international organizations (CISPR, WMO, etc.)
13. Process for formulating internationally recommended band plans
14. Review of IARU position re 10 MHz
15. IARU position on:
 - 15.1 220-225 MHz band
 - 15.2 420-450 MHz band
 - 15.3 902-928 MHz band
16. Intruder Watch program
17. International Beacon Project
18. Worked All Continents Award
 - 18.1 Processing of applications and issuing of certificates
 - 18.2 Criteria for additional categories of award

19. Review of objective and rules for IARU Radiosport Championship
20. Status of "Miscellaneous Rules" of the IARU
21. World Radio Amateurs Day
22. IARU 60th anniversary
23. Invitation for Administrative Council and Region 2 Executive Committee members to meet with ARRL Board
24. World plenary meeting
25. Inter-Regional promotion of IARU activities
26. Publications Register
27. Information to be requested on 1984 Annual Progress Report forms
28. 4U1ITU support
29. Possibilities for funding of some officer/International Secretariat activities by regional organizations and/or other Member-Societies
30. Directory listing for International Secretariat
31. Date and place of next meeting
32. Other business

3) Mr. Rankin called attention to a June 4 letter from the Secretary of the Region 3 Association to the Secretary of IARU, proposing an amendment to Minute 5 of the November 1983 Meeting. It was proposed therein that a new sentence be inserted, as follows, between the first and second sentences of that Minute: "Messrs. Owen and Fujioka expressed a strong view that the texts should be distributed to Member Societies for comment, rather than submitted as a proposal at this stage." It was further proposed that the following sentence be amended to read as follows: "However, after discussion it was agreed...". There being no other requests for amendments, the Minutes were approved as amended.

4) Initial discussion of the nominations for IARU President and Vice President centered on two points: (a) the fact that the exact procedure to be followed in the "consultation" between the International Secretariat and the Administrative Council was not specified in the Constitution, and (b) the term of office of the nominees was not stated unequivocally, nor was the authority assigned for determining the term of office. Mr. Nathanson, in his dual role as

both IARU and ARRL Vice President, reported that he had received instructions from the ARRL Executive Committee that the initial nominees under the new Constitution could be made available only for two-year terms. After extensive discussion, it was agreed to defer action on agenda item 4 until the following day, to permit Mr. Nathanson to determine if his instructions permitted any flexibility. The Council was in recess from 10:55 to 11:20 A.M.

After a brief discussion of the philosophy of how further Constitutional amendments should be considered, agenda items 5, 6, and 7 were deferred for later consideration.

8) Messrs. van de Nadort, Baldwin, and Shaio, who (with Mr. Allaway) were present at the Region 1 Conference in Cefalu, Sicily, in April, shared their impressions of the Conference with the other members of the Council. It was noted that the welcoming of observers from other regional organizations and the International Secretariat to Regional Conferences was a most beneficial trend, in that it facilitates communication between the regions.

The Council was in recess for luncheon from 12:10 to 12:32 P.M.

9) Region 1 reported that progress was being made within CEPT toward a common Amateur Radio license. It is not clear whether the resulting license will be limited to 144 MHz and above, or whether it will cover all bands. Further discussion of the concept will take place the second day of the meeting, when M. Blanc of the French administration has been invited to meet with the Council members. Mr. Shaio reported on his participation at the recent CITEL meeting in Mexico City, and the progress being made in that body toward a multi-lateral approach. On behalf of Region 3, Mr. Rankin reported that there was no activity in that part of the world toward a common license, noting that internal security concerns were difficult to overcome in a number of countries. The role of the Administrative Council on this subject is to serve as a medium for information exchange. Region 2 is sending a questionnaire to its member-societies, and will share the results with the Administrative Council. It was agreed that the Council supports the concept of a common license, provided that adequate standards for entry into Amateur Radio are maintained.

10) The subject of international standards for entry into Amateur Radio was discussed without formal action. It was noted that differing standards were appropriate for different countries, in view of the differing educational opportunities available. It was also noted that there is a potential for three different kinds of licenses to be made available to non-residents without requiring that they take an examination administered by the host administration: common, visitors', and reciprocal licenses. A reciprocal license is made available upon application to the citizen of a country with which the host administration has entered into a formal agreement (either bilateral or multilateral). A visitors' license is made available on the same basis as a reciprocal license, but without the necessity of there being a formal agreement between the countries concerned. The common license requires some form of agreement, but eliminates the necessity of an application or other paperwork.

11) International telecommunications conferences were discussed as follows:

11.1) Mr. Baldwin referred to his written report on the ITU HF BC Conference in Geneva, which he attended earlier in the year. No actions were taken at the Conference that could prejudice the interests of the Amateur Service. A number of potentially useful contacts with administration representatives were made, including M. Blanc.

11.2) The general question of future ITU Conference participation was discussed. During the course of the discussion it was emphasized that, while IARU should not necessarily contribute to any developing perception that another general WARC is needed, we must be fully prepared for any such eventuality. At this stage, this preparation involves (1) exposure of IARU and the Amateur (and Amateur-Satellite) Service to administrations, particularly at conferences (receptions, 4U1ITU support, etc.); and (2) continuing education and training of personnel within the regional organizations and the member-societies. Mr. Baldwin observed that in 1964, IARU activity was at a very low ebb and it was only through the vision of ARRL President Hoover that preparations began in that year which eventually led to our success in Geneva in 1979. For WARC-79 we had to build the machinery to properly defend amateur interests; for future Conference challenges it is our responsibility to keep that machinery well oiled, and ready for use.

With respect to specific future ITU Conferences and meetings, the following was agreed:

a) Region 1 will be responsible for IARU representation at the Regional Administrative Radio Conference for the Maritime Mobile Service and the Aeronautical Radionavigation Service in certain parts of the MF bands in Region 1. (Transition procedures for the amateur allocation at 1810-1850 kHz will be discussed at this Conference.) The cost of an IARU reception at this Conference will be shared equally by Region 1 and the International Secretariat.

b) The Geostationary Satellite WARC scheduled for 1985 promises to be an important and heavily politicized conference. The Council recommends that each Region plan to send a representative, to supplement representation provided by the International Secretariat.

c) A telecommunications exhibition scheduled for Singapore on 14-19 May 1985 may provide an opportunity for amateur participation. Mr. Rankin will determine the extent of our involvement that would be appropriate.

The Council was in recess from 2:30 to 2:47 P.M.

11.3) A background paper prepared by Mr. Baldwin to document WARC-79 preparations was reviewed, and several editorial suggestions made. Mr. Baldwin was asked to incorporate these suggestions, and to circulate the revised paper as a guide to future Conference preparation. The paper discusses not only the success not of

cesses of WARC-79, but also the areas in which our experience should make it possible to do better in the future.

12) After a discussion of the ways in which IARU participation in other international organizations (such as CISPR and the World Meteorological Organization) might be beneficial, the Secretary was asked to obtain and circulate background information on these organizations sufficient to permit the Administrative Council to make a determination as to the appropriateness of our participation.

13) Mr. Sumner was asked to introduce this item. He observed that until the formation of the Administrative Council, the only mechanism for adopting worldwide band plans for setting aside portions of the various amateur bands for particular operating activities and modes was the presentation of a proposal for vote by the member-societies. This mechanism had been seldom used for the purpose. Accordingly, the recommended band plans now in existence had been adopted at the regional level, and were not truly international in scope even though in a number of cases they were quite similar. A discussion of the differences between the three regional plans for the 10-MHz band served to underscore the point. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Secretaries of the three Regional organizations would send copies of the band plans adopted in their Regions to the International Secretariat by 1 November, for publication in the next issue of the Calendar in a format that will permit comparison. The members of the Council are to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss the band plans, with the objective of adopting such internationally recognized band plans as may be appropriate at that time.

14) After further discussion of the 10-MHz situation, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-1

The IARU Administrative Council,

taking into account the discussions at WARC-79 which led to the allocation of a band at 10 MHz to the Amateur Service,

taking into account the size of the allocation and the fact that it is shared on a secondary basis, and

recognizing that conditions, both political and propagational, vary in the regions, and

further recognizing that any IARU policy on the use of 10 MHz must not only be responsive to the needs of the member-societies but should also express a philosophy which assures the maximum long-term protection of this allocation to the Amateur Radio Service,

does therefore RESOLVE

1. that the next three IARU regional conferences should hold in-depth discussions on this topic, with special consideration as to the coordination of operating restrictions on the use of 10 MHz that might best protect the continued allocation to the Amateur Service and might guarantee future expansion;

2. that the conclusions of these discussions be reviewed and consolidated by the Administrative Council by its 1988 meeting;

3. that in the interim, there be no change in the already-expressed IARU policy on 10 MHz; and

4. that in the interim the regions should make no changes in their internal 10-MHz recommendations to their member societies.

15) The status of the 220, 420, and 902-MHz bands was reviewed as follows:

15.1) The 220-225 MHz band is available only in Region 2. Region 2 is promoting activity in the band. Mr. Rankin noted that 223-230 MHz is now in use as an additional television channel in some parts of the world, reducing the likelihood of a future amateur allocation outside Region 2.

15.2) Worldwide, there is considerable pressure on the spectrum in the vicinity of 420-450 MHz. In Region 2, this led to a reduction in the amateur allocation to 430-440 MHz in most of the countries of the region; however, other services have been slow to implement their operations in the 420-430 and 440-450 MHz bands, leading to some speculation that retention by the Amateur Service in some countries may be possible. The Region 2 representatives expressed the desire that IARU promote the fullest possible use of the available allocation.

15.3) The 902-928 MHz band, newly allocated to the Amateur Service at WARC-79, is available only in Region 2 and owes its existence to the presence of industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) equipment operating in the vicinity of 915 MHz. The representatives of the other regions were not optimistic about the prospects for a future allocation, but asked that Region 2 share information on band utilization so the possibility of a narrow allocation, corresponding to the part of the band used for moonbounce and other weak-signal work in Region 2, may be explored.

The Council recessed for the day at 5:01 P.M., resuming its work with all members present at 8:42 A.M. the following day.

16) Since the last meeting of the Administrative Council, the Intruder Watch has been discussed extensively, particularly at the Region 1 Conference in Cefalu, the Region 2 Executive Committee meeting in Mexico City, and the meeting of the Region 3 Directors in Tokyo. In the United States, a revitalized Intruder Watch program under a new name, the ARRL Interference Reporting System

(AIRS) has been implemented. Considerable work also has been done in New Zealand. After discussion of these developments, and review of Administrative Council Resolution 83-1, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-2

THE IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL,
28 July 1984

taking into account Administrative Council Resolution 83-1;

taking into account the Recommendation of the Region 1 Conference, Cefalu, 1984, entitled "IARU Monitoring System";

recognizing the need for a realistic review of international monitoring for the protection of the amateur bands ("Monitoring Service");

noting the desirability of forming an international working group to undertake a study of all the relevant issues;

further recognizing the desirability of such a working group being convened under the chairmanship of the President of the IARU, or his delegate from the Administrative Council.

RESOLVES

1. That an International Working Group be formed, under the chairmanship of the President of the IARU, or his delegate from the Administrative Council, and including one representative nominated by each Region;
2. That the International Working Group so formed may meet where and when determined by the Chairman, after consultation with the Administrative Council;
3. That the terms of reference of the International Working Group shall include, without limiting the generality of its terms of reference,
 - 3.1. Defining realistic objectives, and identifying the framework within which those objectives can be achieved.
 - 3.2. Having regard to 3.1, defining the role and method of the international coordination of the Monitoring Service.
 - 3.3. Recommending the best methods of improving the efficacy of the monitoring service, including special reference to the reporting systems used, guidelines for operators, and guidelines for national and regional coordinators.

4. That the International Working Group report to the Administrative Council by not later than 1 September 1985.

The Council was in recess from 9:52 to 11:18 A.M. for a discussion with M. Blanc of the French administration on the subject of a common Amateur Radio license (see agenda item 9). Upon resumption of the meeting, Mr. Baldwin left the room to escort M. Blanc and Mr. Nathanson assumed the Chair.

17) Mr. Shaio introduced the subject of the International Beacon Project. The effort of the Northern California DX Foundation to establish beacons throughout the world, time-sharing the frequency of 14.100 MHz and cycling through several power levels, was noted with approval. Discussion led to the conclusion that the approach used by the NCDXF, together with other technological advances, might profitably be used in our 28-MHz beacon project, which perhaps could be extended to other bands. The Secretary was instructed to contact the NCDXF, to explore ways in which the two organizations might cooperate more closely on the subject of beacons. The Secretary was also instructed to ask the regional representatives to the Administrative Council to nominate two member-societies per region to form a group to develop a modernized approach to high-frequency beacons. Mr. Baldwin returned to the meeting, and Mr. Nathanson relinquished the Chair at 11:54 A.M. The Council was in recess for luncheon from that time until 12:34 P.M.

18) Worked All Continents award

18.1) The Secretary asked the Council if the task of issuing Worked All Continents awards could be delegated to member-societies on a selective basis by the International Secretariat, to reduce the expense and delay associated with issuing these awards. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the function should remain with the International Secretariat.

18.2) To now, new endorsements for the Worked All Continents award have been established in a somewhat inconsistent fashion. Because funding for the Worked All Continents award program must be provided by the International Secretariat - - presumably at the expense of other programs the Council might wish the International Secretariat to undertake on its behalf -- it is appropriate for the Council to consider the relative merit of continuing its support of the WAC program. After discussion, it was agreed that the International Secretariat should be asked to continue the program, because WAC provides an opportunity for the IARU to be promoted to relative newcomers to Amateur Radio. It was also agreed that a WAC award for high-orbiting satellites should be established if AMSAT deemed it desirable to do so, and that a QRP endorsement should be established. It was noted that the facsimile endorsement created at the Tokyo meeting had not yet been announced, and that this should be done in conjunction with the above.

19) Mr. Shaio reported that the Region 2 Executive Committee had noted a comment in QST that changes in the rules of the IARU Radiosport Championship were being considered. Mr. Sumner explained that preliminary discussions had been held to explore ways of making the Radiosport activity more than "just another contest," and to have it address more directly the objectives of enhancing international goodwill and promoting the IARU. After discussion, the International Secretariat was asked to continue this process in consultation with the Administrative Council. It was noted that the rules of the Radiosport Championship should be circulated separate from QST, and sufficiently in advance to permit the regional organizations and the member-societies to promote the activity in their own journals and other media.

The Council was in recess from 2:13 to 3:16 P.M. Upon reconvening, the Council returned to agenda item 4.

4.1) Mr. Nathanson reported on his consultations the previous evening with ARRL President Price. After discussion, at 3:35 P.M., the Council again recessed for informal discussion. Mr. Nathanson and Mr. Sumner were asked to leave the meeting room; at 4:45 P.M. Mr. Baldwin also was asked to depart. The Council reconvened at 6:10 P.M. Mr. Nathanson was asked to convey the nominations of the International Secretariat for IARU President and Vice President; he thereupon nominated Mr. Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, as President, and Mr. Carl L. Smith, W0BWJ, as Vice President. It was agreed that the Administrative Council, having considered the position of ARRL as put forth by Mr. Nathanson, and having regard to the need to facilitate a nomination to societies, accepts the nominations; and the Administrative Council hereby fixes their term of office (if their nomination is ratified) until the nomination of themselves or their successors is ratified in accordance with Article III.3, with the procedures of consultation and nomination of Article III.3 to take place in early 1988; and the Secretary is directed to forthwith circulate the nominations for ratification by vote in accordance with Article VI.5.

4.2) Mr. Nathanson noted that the International Secretariat had designated Mr. David Sumner, K1ZZ, as Secretary of IARU for a term expiring at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors.

The Council recessed for the evening at 6:26 P.M., reconvening the following morning (Sunday, 29 July 1984) at 8:50 A.M. with all members present.

The Secretary was instructed to record that the Administrative Council members representing the Regions wish to express their appreciation for the nominations and designation of Messrs. Baldwin, Smith, and Sumner as IARU officers. It was felt especially appropriate to mention the quiet, efficient work of the Secretary, who carries the burden of keeping the Administrative Council alive between meetings. They requested that the record show their appreciation for ARRL again making Mr. Sumner available for this role. (Applause.)

Agenda item 5 was combined with item 6. With respect to item 5.2, it was agreed that alternates to the Administrative Council designated by the regional organizations shall receive correspondence circulated to Administrative Council members. To now, only Gustavo Reusens, OA4AV, on behalf of Region 2, has been designated as an alternate.

6) On behalf of Region 3, Mr. Owen asked that the Council consider a paper proposing an approach for further Constitutional revision. Mr. Owen proposed that the Council adopt a resolution recognizing that there is room for improvement in the Constitution and that some member-societies already have offered suggestions; soliciting further suggestions from member-societies; and making its own suggestions of a non-contentious nature. After a period of time sufficient to ensure full discussion at the regional level, the suggestions would be formulated into a proposal (or series of proposals) for formal consideration. After discussion, it was agreed that the concept had considerable merit, but that it was premature to circulate specific suggestions even for non-contentious improvements. The Constitution had just been ratified by an overwhelming vote of the member-societies, indicating a high degree of acceptance despite the practical constraints imposed upon the Administrative Council during the drafting process. During the course of discussion, Mr. Nathanson left the meeting at 10:08 A.M. to fulfill a prior commitment.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-3

THE IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, JULY 1984,

noting the passage of Proposal 176,

recognizing that there was a need for the speedy adoption of a new Constitution and Bylaws for the IARU,

recognizing that there may be an opportunity to improve the Constitution and Bylaws as adopted,

recognizing that in considering possible improvements to the Constitution and Bylaws it is desirable to give Member-Societies and the Regions the opportunity to both offer and respond to suggestions, and that an adequate period of time must be provided for this to take place,

RESOLVES

1. To invite Member-Societies to offer suggestions for the improvement of the Constitution and Bylaws.
2. To invite each Region at its next Regional Conference to consider suggestions for improvement and, if they wish, to formulate suggestions for improvement.
3. To circulate to the Regions, in order to encourage discussion and suggestions, the items received by the Administrative Council for the Regions to act upon as they see fit, but making it clear that these do not constitute formal proposals for amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws.

4. Following the completion of the procedures referred to in 1. and 2. above, and after reviewing the suggestions thus made, the Administrative Council shall formulate to the extent that it thinks proper a series of proposals for amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws in such a way that each proposal may be voted upon separately.

7) The status of pending applications and expressions of interest in IARU membership from countries not now represented was reviewed briefly. Interest was known to exist in Kuwait, Gabon, Brunei, and the Turks & Caicos. Mr. Rankin distributed a paper outlining the process which Region 3 will use in handling applications for membership in its region.

It was agreed that agenda items 23 and 24 would be taken up here, followed by items 20 through 22 and then continuing through the balance of the agenda.

23) The Council members noted with approval the interest in IARU shown by the ARRL Board of Directors in extending an invitation for the members of the Administrative Council and the Region 2 Executive Committee to meet informally with the ARRL Board in connection with its 1984 Second Meeting in October. Mr. Seidemann informed the Council that the Region 2 Executive Committee was inclined to accept, but that budget and time constraints made it impossible to do so this year. The desire of the Region 2 Executive Committee was to find another opportunity, perhaps in June 1985, at which time a meeting of the Region 2 Executive Committee could be held coincident with an Executive Committee meeting of ARRL. The representatives of Region 3 observed that time would be a problem for them in October, and the representatives of Region 1 mentioned budgetary considerations; however, all endorsed the concept of meeting with the ARRL Board, as long as at least one representative of each region could be present. It was generally felt that separate meetings with the Region 2 Executive Committee and the Administrative Council would be best, since the roles of the League as a major member of Region 2 and as International Secretariat are quite different. The Secretary was asked to convey to the ARRL Board the thanks of the group for the invitation, and to report the regret of the Council that it would not be possible to organize such a meeting for October of this year; however, that the Council would be very desirous of setting up such a meeting in the future, perhaps in 1985, if an invitation again could be expected.

24) After a discussion of Resolution 83-3, concerning a world Plenary Meeting of IARU, the following further resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-4

Resolved, that in view of Resolution 83-3, the Administrative Council hereby encourages the Regions to share among themselves whatever background information concerning the concept of plenary meetings as the Regions deem appropriate; and the Regions are further encouraged to ascertain the views of member-societies on this issue.

The Council was in recess for lunch from 12:17 to 1:04 P.M., at which time the Council returned to agenda items 20 through 22.

20) Mr. Sumner noted that the status of the Miscellaneous Rules of the IARU adopted under previous Constitutions was unclear; some were clearly obsolete, while others must be continued in one form or another. After discussion, it was the sense of the meeting that the Administrative Council will continue to observe those Miscellaneous Rules adopted under previous Constitutions that are not clearly obsolete, with the International Secretariat to provide a report by 31 December proposing an appropriate disposition for the Miscellaneous Rules.

21) After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-5

Resolved, that in view of the general acceptance by the Amateur Radio community of the suggestions offered by the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters on the manner in which World Radio Amateurs Day should be observed, such suggestions having been carried in Calendar No. 121 and being the subject of the QST editorial for April 1984, these suggestions are hereby adopted as encompassing the spirit of World Radio Amateurs Day.

22) Next year marks the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union in Paris. After discussion, it was agreed that after consultation with Réseau des Emetteurs Français a plaque should be placed in a suitable location in Paris to commemorate the event, carrying the names of the founders; and that the ARRL is requested to publish a suitable article in QST calling attention to the anniversary and to World Radio Amateurs Day.

25) It was noted that information of interest in other regions is not always communicated effectively outside the region in which it originated. It was agreed that the following steps should be taken in an effort to minimize this problem:

a) Administrative Council meetings should begin with region-by-region activity reports, along with officers' reports.

b) Observers to regional conferences from outside the Region should be invited to submit informational papers on matters which are deemed to be of interest.

Mr. Owen stated that IARU could provide enormous assistance to member-societies and to administrations if it maintained a reservoir of information on telecommunications regulation in each country; the basic legislation, the legislation authorizing the establishing of regulations, the regulations themselves, any handbooks or guidelines for interpretation of the regulations; and an explana-

tion in lay terms of the underlying principles therein embodied. Mr. Shaio concurred, indicating that Region 2 planned to send a questionnaire to its member-societies seeking similar information. Mr. Sumner observed that we probably could collect such information from a number of countries, but that it would be difficult to keep the file up to date. Difficulties also were identified with language, and with obtaining an adequate lay explanation.

26) The experience of the Region 2 Executive Committee suggests that it would be useful to have a register of the significant publications published by the member-societies, so anyone interested can learn what is available. The International Secretariat was asked to solicit this information from member-societies in an upcoming issue of the Calendar, and to publish the information received (however incomplete) organized by language, with a brief description of each publication. Those of a commercial nature are to be avoided.

27) The Council requested that the following information be included in that requested on the Annual Progress Report forms:

- a) Physical location of the society's Headquarters, if any
- b) Telex and telephone numbers
- c) Address of the telecommunications administration, and name of the person responsible for Amateur Radio administration (or the position, if identifying the individual would be inappropriate)
- d) To replace existing questions 7 and 8, the following: "Is it possible for visiting amateurs to obtain operating permission? If possible, attach a specimen of the application to obtain such a license, a description of the application procedure, and any restrictions which may apply. If this information has already been supplied, please detail any recent changes here, or affirm that the procedure is unchanged."
- e) Description of the classes of Amateur Radio license available; the requirements and privileges of each.
- f) A question as to whether domestic (as opposed to international) third-party traffic is permitted.

A special effort should be made to obtain reports from member-societies which have not submitted one recently, i.e., since before 1982. The addresses of the regional secretariats should be included with the blank forms when they are sent to member-societies. The Council members asked to be supplied with blank sets of forms for their use in encouraging member-societies to respond.

28) The Administrative Council recognizes the great importance of 4U1ITU, which has the objective of providing exposure for Amateur Radio at the seat of the ITU and a station at which visiting delegates can see actual amateur opera-

tion. The Council commended Region 1 and the International Secretariat for their ongoing support of 4U1ITU, and recommended that it be continued.

29) After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-6

The Administrative Council in its Paris meeting, July 1984, analyzed the funds which the three Regions and the International Secretariat spend on the defense and promotion of Amateur Radio, and in particular the expenses of travelling to various societies worldwide and to the ITU, OAS, PTC, CEPT, and other international conferences. The Council determined that we must fully support these activities, and encourages the Regions and the International Secretariat to continue and, if possible, to increase this participation, noting that an IARU presence internationally as a worldwide organization and as the responsible representative of the Amateur Radio Service is the only effective way to guarantee proper treatment of the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services by administrations as well as by international telecommunications conferences that attribute operating privileges to us.

30) Mr. Sumner reported that plans were underway for the IARU to be listed in the Hartford telephone directory. The Region 2 representatives asked that a determination be made that such a listing would not confuse the status of the IARU Region 2 bank account in Hartford.

31) The next meeting of the Administrative Council is to be held just before the IARU Region 3 Association Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, November 1985. If possible, the schedule is to be arranged so as to permit attendance at the 75th anniversary observances of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Mr. Owen is to make further investigation as to the exact schedule, and report by mail to the Council. He reminded members that the time changes and the effects of jet lag must be taken into account when travelling the great distances that most members will be covering in coming to Auckland. Looking ahead to 1986, the Region 2 Conference is scheduled for Buenos Aires, tentatively in October. Region 2 would be pleased to have observers from other Regions.

32) Under "other business," the following items were discussed:

a) A generic publication to promote Amateur Radio. Region 2 is working on such a pamphlet for use within the Americas, and will share its work with Region 3 so the latter can determine whether it would like to have its needs included in the order for bulk copies.

b) The Council noted the trend in the direction of portable callsigns being constructed so as to identify the administration responsible for their operation first: i.e., DL/W1RU for W1RU operating portable in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Republic of Germany. The Council endorses this trend, inasmuch as it is consistent with a strict interpretation of the Radio Regulations and there are some advantages from an operating standpoint. The Secretary was asked to note this in the Calendar.

c) The Region 1 representatives asked for guidance in responding to a letter from the South African Radio League about subdividing Region 1. Mr. Baldwin provided background information on the ITU Working Party which determined that there was no technical justification for such a subdivision.

d) Following a discussion of packet radio and the potential it holds for improving Amateur Radio digital communication, the ARRL was nominated as the international clearinghouse of information relating to packet radio on behalf of the IARU, with a view to encouraging common standards and regulations.

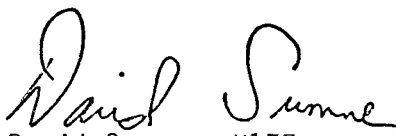
e) Mr. Rankin asked about the status of contest calendar coordination, arising from a Region 3 request at the Manila Conference. Mr. Sumner reported that a solicitation of information from member-societies had been made, but that very little had been forthcoming. The International Secretariat was asked to assemble whatever information was available, however incomplete, and to issue it as a means of stimulating responses from member-societies not yet heard from.

f) Mr. Baldwin solicited help in writing "IARU News" for QST. He reported that timely information is difficult to come by.

g) The Council expressed its profound thanks to the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais for its outstanding assistance and hospitality during the course of this meeting, and instructed the Secretary to have a suitable memento prepared and presented to REF as a token of its appreciation.

There being no further business, the IARU Administrative Council adjourned, at 5:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


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Secretary