



Correspondence From Members -

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QST RAPPED

● I wish to protest vehemently the latest move in the League's pro-phone campaign. This is, of course, the laudatory "Recent Equipment" report of one more highly-technical device to give 'phone men an extra and additional advantage over cw men. This report appeared on page 56 of the August, 1972, issue of your official organ.

It was reported that for just under \$200 a radio amateur could buy a kit for a device that would indicate in digital readout form the exact (to Hz) frequency of the signal being received. However, if one carefully follows the complicated (normal *QST* style) technical discussion, he finds no indication that a *cw man* can utilize the instrument! Checking the math through on an available IBM computer, it was proved by this incensed amateur that the statements in the subject article were true only for PHONE! With cw, "It does not compute." The failure to report this fact in the pages of *QST* proves to me that, once again, *QST* and the League are anti-cw.

The computer discloses one interesting fact. The device is indeed useful and accurate if one tunes in the cw signal at "zero beat." Does this mean the League is planning to encourage the reception of cw signals at zero beat? I hope not. The device could also be used if we were permitted tone-modulated cw (T5 signals) but you took that away from us in the late 1920s with your despicable "dc power power supply" regulations. Obviously the League has long-range and devious plans to ham-string cw operation and run us out of existence!

I urge every able-bodied and clear-thinking cw man to write his Director and his Congressman and *insist* that the subject device not be allowed advertising space in *QST* until it can provide as good service for cw as for 'phone! Fair's fair, isn't it? — *Larson E. Rapp, W10U, Kippering-on-the-Charles, MA*

HQ VISITORS

● Our sincere appreciation for your warm welcome and your guided tour of Headquarters on our recent visit. We congratulate those who are responsible for the prevailing atmosphere at our "ham home."

The displays in the museum are great. They were just as I hoped they would be. Thanks for the picture I took of the "Wouff Hong!" It turned out FB. We hope everyone comes away from their visit to Headquarters all warmed and filled as we did. — *Novis Oustley, W9PO, Rule, TX*

● I just wanted to tell you how much my son Fred, WA2PAT, and I enjoyed our excellent tour and visit of the League Headquarters and Maxim Memorial Station. Please pass along our special thanks to K1ZND, who was our guide — he certainly took us on a splendid tour. I also enjoyed

speaking with him and could see that he was well informed and a good asset to the ARRL.

We also enjoyed visiting and operating W1AW and started a miniature pile up on 75 meters. We enjoyed it and I think more hams should visit during the week when so many interesting people are around to meet. — *Sid Deitz, W2FDE, Fred Deitz, WA2PAT, Trenton, NJ*

● While visiting recently in your vicinity, I dropped in at Headquarters for a short visit. Although first licensed before WW II, this was the first time I had been to hamdom's Mecca. I should like to thank you all for the courtesy offered, the Grand Tour, the opportunity to meet John Huntoon. Last, but hardly least, the Museum is marvelous.

I returned to amateur radio only 14 months ago after a 22-year absence. In order to update myself, I built a collection of *QST*'s beginning at January 1930 (when my acquaintanceship began) to the present. Rereading the old issues is a provocative experience in nostalgia; reviewing those between 1949 (when I went inactive) and 1971 (when I got back in) provides ample historical perspective.

Funny thing but amateurs were crying the blues 40 years ago in much the same way they do today: raise the code speed, lower the code speed, widen the phone bands, the League is dominated by old fogies, *QST* is boring, I'm dropping out, etc., etc. Good Lord! What would the amateur radio movement have done *without* the League? You're doing the same great job you were doing when I first got involved. With regard to *QST*, the current issue strikes me as a most professional job, both in editorial balance and appearance. It's great to be a ham again and a *bona fide* member of the League! If you choose to publish this letter, I hope some of your detractors — whom I know personally — read it. — *Edwin Dallas Kennedy, W3GPI, College Park, MD*

PULLING TOGETHER

● Having recently returned to amateur radio, I've given serious thought to the matter of joining the ARRL; originally deciding against membership. There were too many things I did not like; e.g., that matter about "incentive licensing" following the donations to the Headquarters Building Fund, the current *QST* editorial attitude toward CBERs, as well as some rather childish gibes at Novices, who at least can claim ignorance and inexperience as an excuse for some admittedly poor operating practices (What excuses do the Generals offer?), etc.

However, neither do I like the "We — They" attitude being actively promoted by another publication in amateur radio. After all, we're all in this together (in a way, even the CBer), and if things don't start shaping up soon — well, we stand to lose considerably more than we can gain by hasseling each other.