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One of the fellows who was standing beside the writer during a free period between Convention sessions was heard to remark: "Say—that bunch is as full of ideas as Missouri is of mills!" Meaning of course those pesky little chunks of zinc which the State of Missouri gives you to make you believe that the Sales Tax is painless or something (personally we never could keep them out of our quarter pocket) but—that fellow was telling the truth! When APCO is in convention—and we are all milling (there's that word again) around the hotel—ideas pop like shootin' crackers on the Fourth of July! But—again—when we return to our homes those ideas simply shrivel up and blow away—for want of the time and the energy to get them on paper and in the mailbag to the Editor's desk!

Just take a glossary of radio terms—there's one in every ordinary library—and run down the listing of words and phrases—ANTENNAS! Aha! There's an idea—the very first word! Now—do you get the idea?

Put your pet antenna theory down on a piece of paper—and send it on to the little man at Jefferson City—and follow that one up with some other little thought—and you will be surprised—(we have) at the vast number of fellows in this world who won't agree with YOU.

Then next month—YOU get YOUR turn—and can take a crack at Bob's pet thoughts on UHF or something else! LET'S put some real dope in those next issues of the BULLETIN! IT'S YOUR PAPER!

Hail To "Royal Order of Fez"

Mayhap the title does mis-justice to the idea which prompted our honorable friend and co-conspirator Admiral Lowe, of Illinois, to bring to the Kansas City Convention its most 'heady' touch of clean enjoyment! The thought behind the act is the one which must be counted in the long-run, and if anyone can catch up with those boys from the state which WQPS and all the other little QPs represent, then they have a right to know what it is all about!

IT appears that in our nautical chieftain from Illinois the organization hath produced more than one stroke of geenuse—and the birth of the Royal Order of the Fez is but one of those!

From 1939 on and henceforth—it appears that anyone who has the misfortune to render good and faithful service in behalf of an entirely worthy cause such as that of the organization in which we are members, lays himself wide open to the merciless attack of the tassled cohorts of the Fez!

Mysterious whisperings reached the ears of your Secretary, on the final day of Convention, which caused this unworthy individual to seek the welcome sanctuary of his quarters—and to remain there behind closed portals—pending the departure of the terrible ten (or was it twenty?) from Illinois!

An Idea for Future

On the other hand—now that we consider the matter sanely and from an unbalanced viewpoint—we feel that there may be something of startling value in the privilege of wearing the truncated conical top-piece, and the endless variety of ribbons which appeared with never-failing regularity upon the chests of those already afflicted with the hand of the Fezzents!

Springing like the break of dawn in the midst of a perfectly calm session of the Convention, Ted Lowe's men introduced to APCO the '40 and 8' of Police Communications men, and we who have been "in" on the story deeply appreciate the splendid gesture which the men of a truly great system have made, toward the perpetuation of the clean and lofty ideals of our profession.

It is our fervent wish that ere the Orlando Convention time appears many others among our numbers may have been nominated for that great and suspicious occasion, the first initiation program of the Royal Order of the Fezzents!

Teletype Dope In July Issue Gets Approval

That the appearance in the July issued of the BULLETIN of the splendid map of the Teletypewriter systems of the East Coast, with their accompanying listings of cities and points of contact, has incited no small amount of interest is evidenced by the fact that your secretary has received no less than thirty letters during the past several days complimenting the publication. (Editor's Note: Why don't you correspond with the Editor and get in print?)

It is the first concrete evidence of the fact that teletype and the teletype interests of the Eastern States are definitely in the business of bringing about a better understanding of our mutual problems of traffic handling and delivery throughout the Continent.

Now with that map and its list of contacts under the glass on our desks, we may begin to route traffic through those states in a businesslike and orderly manner, which no doubt will delight the fellows at Buffalo, and at other points, for the headaches which they must have experienced during the past four years must have been something terrible. Which brings us to the point of wondering why it would not be an excellent idea for the teletype services to forward to our Editor a copy of their data on filing, and the procedure which they follow in the handling and routing of teletype traffic with notation