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NEWSLETTER TO ALL MEMBERS

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You were all to receive this newsletter before our rally on August 10th, but unfortunately it got lost on the way to the printers - and now we have had to re-write part of it!

In case you missed the rally, it was a big success! We had speaking, members of the National Commercial Radio Movement, David Prewett, Chairman Designate, Frederick C. Hasler, Chairman, and compering was Martin Rosen, Hon. Press-Public Relations Officer. From Free Radio Campaign, Alex McKenna spoke, and Sid Conway from Bristol Free Radio Movement. Our celebrities were, Martin Kayne (ex-Caroline and 355), Ted Allbeury (former Managing Director of Radio 355/390), we had a taped message from Ian Macrae (ex-City and Caroline), and Mark Roman (ex-London). Also on tape, was a recording of a speech made by Eldon Griffiths M.P., who unfortunately could not attend due to a sudden illness in his family. Other d.j.'s, that spoke were, Jason Wolfe, and there were tremendous cheers when our Honorary Member Roger "Twiggy" Day appeared. Representing the housewives, and all women was Mrs. Doreen Barnes, and representing the Young Conservatives, the Vice-Chairman of the Greater London Young Conservatives, Keith Brown. To all our speakers, we are extremely grateful.

The meeting lasted until almost 5.00 p.m., and was filmed, in parts by Thames Television, "This Week" and was included in a recent programme. During the meeting, hundreds of people signed their names to the petition, calling for the Conservative Party to introduce both regional and local radio stations, as an alternative to the B.B.C. This was signed by approximately 1500 people, and handed into the Conservative Party headquarters.

A tape was made of the proceedings, by the engineers, and we are selling copies of this tape. If you would like a copy, and we are selling it very cheaply, from only 8/-, as we do not believe in making fantastic profits out of our members, please send an S.A.E. so that details can be sent to you. It is most important to include the S.A.E., and mark the envelope "Tape".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY N.C.R.M.

In the middle of July, the N.C.R.M. was one year old. During the year we have been actively campaigning for support. Such support has come from a number of M.P.'s. including Eldon Griffiths, Paul Bryan (the Shadow Postmaster General). The Association of Broadcasting Staff (the union representing producers, and others inside the B.B.C.), the Composers' Guild, and other bodies.

We are recognised by the B.B.C., the Conservative Party, Liberal Party, Federation of Broadcasting Unions, Musicians' Union, Association of Broadcasting Staff, Composers' Guild, Writers' Guild, Greater London Council and Greater London Young Conservatives.

We would like to thank all the people in the past year who have helped us in our campaign. There are too many people to name, but we would like to thank all the Editors of the National Newspapers, who have printed our letters, or mentioned us editorially.

There are perhaps just two people we would like to single out for special thanks, and they are:

Shaun Usher - Radio - T.V. Reporter for the DAILY SKETCH. He was the first to print details of the N.C.R.M. and has continued to support the cause in whole, over the past year.

Paul Phillips - of Record Retailer, the trade paper of the music industry. He wrote the wonderful article in the magazine which he called. "Blueprint for Free Radio", which you should all have received a copy of.

To these people - many thanks, and also all the others who we just do not have the space to mention.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Recent members of the N.C.R.M. have had a box to tick on their membership form if they wanted to become a Committee Member. Those that did will be contacted in the near future. However, for the benefit of the earlier members who missed this opportunity, we should like to extend this to all members who are over the age of 21 to join our Committee. Should you wish to join, please write to us as soon as possible, and each person will be duly considered, as soon as places fall vacant. It is our policy to recruit as much new blood as possible, because different people, all have different ideas.

STICKERS

With this newsletter you will receive two car stickers absolutely FREE!! However, if you should require more they are available at 6d each or 2/0d. for 5. The wording for the sticker was chosen as the winning entry from the car-sticker competition we ran some time back. The winning entry came from Mr.A.M.Bunzl living in Bromley. - Thank you for the entry, and congratulations.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Now is the time when members subscriptions are beginning to expire. It would save us considerable expense if you would send in your renewal automatically, without us having to send a reminder. So to give you time to do this, we shall give you 2 months grace from the date of expiry. If we do not hear from you within two months, we will presume you do not wish to re-join, and we thank you very much for being a member of the past year. We hope that a lot of you will want to re-join the fastest-moving organisation supporting free radio in this country. The membership is still 7/6d., (Memberships falling due in August and September 1969 will have two months grace from the receipt of this letter).

DONATIONS

A number of people have sent in donations in the past to help us in our cause. If the truth be known, it is the Committee members who are continually putting their hands in their own pockets to come up with costs. Our Broadcasting Study (details below), had to be paid out of our pockets. The cost of hiring amplification in Trafalgar Square, for the 10th, was £35, we paid this between us. Whenever we go to meetings, whether to the House of Commons or to a Committee Members meeting, we pay ourselves. So for this reason we are extremely grateful for any money received. We shall not be launching any form of appeal, but we just ask you to help us, help you to try and bring independent radio in this country.

BROADCASTING STUDIES

We sold a number of these at Trafalgar Square, and were very popular there. If you would like a copy of the N.C.R.M.'s look into the radio situation of this country, which shows how independent could be set up in this country. The cost of these Broadcasting Studies is 2/- each, and they are well worth reading.

Well, that is all for present, (printers willing), we hope to have another Newsletter to you round about Christmas time. So until then, keep supporting us, and look out for our name everywhere!

THE COMMITTEE.