



**R**oger C. Legge \*1915-2000\* Of Eltan, Va. Born 10 Oct 1915 at Binghamton, N.Y. Expired age 83 on 23 March 2000. This venerable SWL enthusiast who did not obtain a ham ticket in his lifetime, but one of the best known grand old men in Short Wave Circles. Roger was employed by the Voice of America, Frequency Office for many years and the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service ex Foreign Broadcast Information Service.

Roger started in the DX hobby of short wave and broadcast listening 1933 and was active in various hobby circles, including the old International Dx'ers Alliance. Many of us will remember Roger's last major hobby endeavor, the USSR High Frequency Broadcast Newsletter, where he focused on stations and transmitter sites in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Thanks to a photo of Roger taken at the 1978 ANARC convention in Montreal which was posted on DX-Plorer sight and sound. R.I.P. to one of Short Wave's greats. We will miss his well rounded SW spots in the magazines (LEGGE)

ANARC DXER of the year 1983 and one of the best known hobby luminaries Mr. Roger Legge, I (your author) will always remember Roger's spots in the magazines. He was a major contributor to most short wave magazines and news letters, including Popular Electronics. Roger always had a few hot reports than no one else could contribute. Which he was very consistent at. Over and over again when I was a new SWL and budding amateur in the 1950's, Rogers postings were viewed with envy and most of us thought he had a receiver or location made in heaven! Many of us couldn't even get past 80 new countries but Roger had more than 300 I am sure in the log. I recall his shack picture at one point which he had so many QSL's posted on the walls that it was incredible, and only a very uncluttered shack with nominal equipment.

Following words in tribute to Mr. Legge from George Jacobs, well known amateur and ITU Conference member; Back to 1959 for a moment. I had the privilege of being the USA spokesperson for introducing the coordination procedure at WARC-1959. Credit for the idea of frequency coordination must go, however, to Roger Legge, a member of my staff at VOA. We were angered and frustrated over the increasingly harsh noises of interference and the jumbled babble of congestion in the HF broadcasting bands and the inability of the ITU to find a solution. Roger felt strongly that a radically new approach had to be taken for managing HF broadcast frequencies. He assumed that being able to coordinate operational frequency schedules each season before implementation, would produce a strong incentive to resolve many frequency conflicts before they actually happened. Events of the past 40 years have proven him to have been right.

I worked closely for several months with Roger, Jacobs said, in drafting the entire frequency coordination procedure that we had in mind for presentation at WARC-59. The plan adopted much as it was written and although it has been enlarged and revised at several subsequent Conferences, in principle, it remains much the same to this very day. (LEGGE) Written by W8SU 2002 -30-