

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO

James H. Quello, a veteran Detroit broadcast executive, and the current "Dean" of the FCC, was initially sworn in as a member of the Federal Communications Commission in April 1974. He was reappointed by President Reagan in July 1981 for a short second term and again in May 1984 for a full seven-year term to expire June 30, 1991.

Quello was born in Laurium, Michigan, in 1914 and holds a BA degree from Michigan State University from which he graduated in 1935.

During World War II, he rose from the rank of Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel and saw combat with the Ninth and 45th Infantry Division in Africa and the European Theater. He was decorated with seven campaign stars, the Bronze Star with cluster and the Croix de Guerre.

Quello, a Democrat, joined the staff of WJR, Detroit, in 1947 as promotion manager and subsequently served as program and public affairs manager, operations manager, and in 1960 was appointed Vice President and General Manager.

In late 1964, when the station was acquired by Capital Cities Broadcasting Corporation, Quello became station manager of the corporation's WJR Division. From 1969 until he retired in late 1972, he was also a Capital Cities vice president.

Long active in Detroit civic affairs, Quello was a member of the city's Housing and Urban Renewal Commission from 1951 to 1972 and served as its president for four different terms. From 1951 to 1974, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, having been appointed by four different Governors.

Quello was also a member of the Governor's Special Commission on Urban Problems, Governor's Special Study Committee on Legislative Compensation, Mayor's Committee on Human Relations and Assistant National Public Relations Chairman for the VFW. He has served as TV-Radio Chairman of the Detroit United Way, executive board member of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Board of the American Negro Emancipation Centennial, among other organizations.

Quello is a lifetime member of the Detroit Adcraft Club and is also a 39 year member of the National Press Club. He was a member of the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and is a former president and director of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. He was a member of the Broadcast Pioneers from 1954 to 1974.

Quello was a member of the National Association of Broadcasters and from 1963 to 1972 served on the NAB Congressional Liaison Committee and from 1966 to 1971 on its National Radio Code Board.

From 1970 to 1972, while an executive at WJR, he taught courses in "broadcast management" and "practicalities of government regulations" at the University of Detroit.

In 1974, Commissioner Quello received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Michigan State University and in December 1975, he received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service from Northern Michigan University.

In 1977, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from his alma mater, Michigan State University.

In March 1984, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Public Television Stations.

In January 1985, he received the NATPE International President's Award which is usually presented to outstanding members of the industry.

He received the prestigious Silver Satellite Award from the American Women in Radio and Television on June 9, 1989, at their national convention.

On April 25, 1989, the Michigan Association of Broadcasters presented Commissioner Quello with the 1989 Outstanding Michigan Citizen Award at the annual Congressional dinner in Washington.

On May 27, 1989, the National Press Foundation presented Commissioner Quello with the Sol Taishoff Award, named after the late founder and publisher of Broadcasting Magazine.

On October 17, 1989, the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters presented Commissioner Quello with the Keystone Citizenship Award -- the first such award presented in five years.

The Quellos now reside in Alexandria, Virginia.