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## DX NOTES

THESE notes bring news about stations in other countries, programmes information and details of special broadcasts for New Zealand listeners. They are supplied by the New Zealand Radio DX League, 212 Earn Street, Invercargill, from which further information can be obtained.

THE forthcoming elections in the Philippines on Tuesday, November 19, are being looked forward to by DX listeners as a means of hearing some of the lesser known broadcasters in that country. Already the schedules of some stations, it has been noted, have been extended to enable election speeches to be broadcast, and the best signal of the newcomers has been from DXMC on 900 kcs. DXMC is operated by the Mindanao Colleges and broadcasts from Davao City.

The station normally signs off at 4.0 a.m., but has been on the air to after 5.0 a.m. with recordings of election addresses. It is expected that the morning following the election will find the stations in the Philippines operating for many hours after the scheduled sign off and maybe some signals will continue to be heard till daybreak here.

### Shortwave

The return to standard time by stations in the Northern Hemisphere from the summer time, is at present the reason for many stations making schedule changes, and most are doing this in their overseas transmissions, with the idea of an improved service to this area in the hours of darkness during our summer months. The improved reception in the 16, 13 and 11-metre bands has been noted, and the increase in the use of these bands is to be expected from stations in Europe in the next few weeks.

**UNITED KINGDOM:** The BBC in the Pacific Service has revised its schedule from September 29. The Service is carried 8.0-8.45 p.m., on 11860, 11955, 15310 and 15435 kcs. The Service will open with a Programme Parade and commentary, followed at 8.15 p.m. by talks and special programmes.

**TURKEY:** The English session from Radio Ankara, which was a favourite with listeners in this area some years ago, has been reinstated, and each Monday morning letters from listeners are answered. The session from 9.0-9.45 a.m. is heard on 9465 kcs.

**ICELAND:** Farthest from New Zealand and one of the lesser-known broadcasting stations, TFJ (operating on 12175 kcs), has been heard on Mondays from 8.0 to 9.0 a.m., in its weekly transmission. The station, which uses 7000 watts, has since confirmed our reception with a card. The station is operated by the Iceland State Broadcasting Service, and transmits from Reykjavik, the capital. A 100 kw. long wave, and a 1 kw. medium wave transmitter, carry the major broadcasting service to this isolated island.

**UNITED NATIONS:** The present meetings of the United Nations are carried to a world-wide audience, over the shortwave stations of UN Radio. The English services are best received on 15270 kcs., and the programme generally lasts to the conclusion at 10.30 a.m. The programme is carried in the New York area on WNYC, which is operated by the City of New York—one of the few cities in the world which operates its own station for the relay of important information for the listeners in the city area.

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