



MODELLED by the girls seated above are the first-round prize-winning entries in 22B's crazy hat competition, "Hatsmania." They are, from left, "Clean Sweep" (2nd), "Professor Mundy" (1st), and "United Nations" (3rd). In the back row, from left, are Elsie Lloyd, "Hatsmania's" commère, and the judges, Molly Cook, Neville Lodge and Mrs. M. McMillan. Miss B. Vaile, Whangarei, created "Professor Mundy"

DX NOTES

THESE notes are supplied by the New Zealand Radio DX League and are designed to record items of interest from overseas stations on both the broadcast and shortwave bands. Inquiries sent to *The Listener* regarding the identification of stations will be forwarded to the League for attention. Particulars of the type of programmes, approximate frequency, date and time heard, are necessary.

WINTER, with its long hours of darkness, is a busy time for the keen DX listener. From now until spring stations throughout the world can be heard any night when static is not too severe. American stations, which are best heard in the summer, are heard for only a short period before dark during the winter months, but this is more than compensated for by the wide variety of stations now appearing on the broadcast band. Listeners in good locations can start DX-ing as early as 3.0 p.m. in the middle of winter. At this time, broadcasters in South America are nearing the end of their broadcasting day and many have been heard signing off at 3.0 and 4.0 p.m. Most widely reported of these Spanish and Portuguese-speaking stations is OAX4A, "Radio Nacional," in Lima, Peru, on 854 kilocycles. North American stations put in an appearance a little later and are heard until signals from Australia swamp them out around dark.

The Australian broadcasters usually dominate the dial until they sign off



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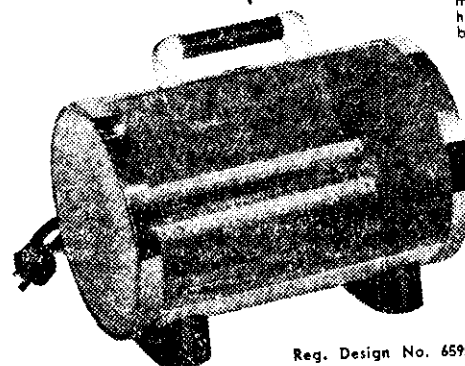
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