

dorsed by the responsible trade. Supplementary details of listeners' practices are of course valuable. In the case of other listeners sending in logs we would suggest that we are unable to afford space for unnumbered competitive lists involving duplication but where new information is available of value to others it is appreciated.—Ed.]

Special News Service.

KINDLY allow me space to record my heartfelt appreciation of the "Special News Service" inaugurated by station 2YA a month ago. Listeners in my district have favourably commented upon it, and all are unanimous in their decision that is the best service one could wish for. To have all the results of sporting fixtures, etc., put on the air promptly, has made non-listeners take notice of what they are missing. I was particularly thankful for the wonderful service rendered during the Australian racing campaign when the great Limerick and others were competing. Now we are having first class reports of the Australian-English cricket matches, and the results of the day's play nightly. The Tasman flight created intense enthusiasm, but now it is over. It is this "Special Service" that is going to hold them. Musical numbers can be heard any old time, and it is the news, sporting items, etc., that the public demand, and 2YA has risen to the occasion in great style. The person responsible knows his job and his reviews of race meetings take some beating. I would like to hear him chat about his sporting news over the air, if it is possible. Lastly allow me to congratulate 2YA on its programmes. —"One of the Satisfied."

4YA'S Quality.

A WRITER signed "Equality" in this week's "Record" makes sarcastic complaints about 4YA. He states he has a great struggle to get 4YA at 40 miles. Well, Sir, I get 4YA good on two valves with 'phones, good loudspeaker strength, on three valves and on four volume is too great. During the late football season I several Saturdays listened in to 4YA, and reception was A1. Of course I sympathise with the southern city, and hope it will not be long before they have a 500-watt station, when I expect the number of licenses will be more than doubled. Perhaps a more efficient set would give "Equality" satisfaction. I have a first-hand knowledge of wireless programmes in England and Australasia, and think the R.B. Co. of N.Z. deserve great credit for their achievements, which I consider have been very gratifying.—"Canterbury."

Static on the West Coast.

IT is quite a while since I wrote last, but reception down here during

the past month has been impossible—one continual roar of static, with the exception of a couple of nights. Tonight is perfect; hardly any static and volume is tremendous. Wellington used to be my best New Zealand station, but Auckland now tops my list for absence of fading and clarity. Wellington fades about every ten minutes, sometimes longer periods. Fades last about 30 seconds. Can this be explained? Can any reader oblige me by identifying a station about 1 degree above Wellington on the dials of my set. While waiting for the clock to strike 8 p.m. I was surprised to hear faint orchestral music. I altered the dials and the music became louder. At this moment the clock struck. My hope of logging a new station was doomed, for to-night anyway. Carry on with your A1 programme.—Radio Fan (Westport).

Who's on Morse?

I WOULD like to ask who it is that consistently works morse, interfering with Christchurch broadcast, and to suggest that measures be taken to prevent this very annoying interference. Thanking the Broadcasting Company for their very fine programmes and for the manner in which they handled the Tasman flight. I remain a very pleased listener.—Gramo-Radio (Arapuni).

Morse on Wellington's Wave.

COULD you advise me as to the following: On Tuesday, 6th, after Wellington 2YA had closed down for the night, I was turning the tuning dial of our set (three-valve), when I distinctly heard morse being sent on Wellington's wave. Noticing in the "Radio record" that various boats in port are only allowed to send messages after 2YA has closed down, I was wondering if I had picked up some boat in port (what boat, if any, was it likely to be?). After about three or four minutes the signals stopped. Congratulations to the Broadcasting Company for the wonderful service given during the Tasman flight and while the airmen were in New Zealand.—Robpuni (Puniho). [We think the data insufficient to identify.—Ed.]

Can They do Better?

I SHOULD like to express our very hearty appreciation of the many varied and interesting programmes we enjoy from 2YA. We are oftentimes filled with amazement on the criticisms on these and I think it would be a splendid scheme to invite all these grumblers to perform for one night, and then we would see if they could do better. Some of the items are beautiful. "Voices of the Bells," "Light Cavalry," and all the many

beautiful items from the Operas. Then the local items, many are real gems. To say nothing of Mr. Dug. Stark and Mr. Geo. Titchener with their large fund of humour. As for the announcers. Well, I assure you, we all appreciate their clear and pleasant voices, with no disrespect, we distinguish them as old Mr. Announcer and young Mr. Announcer—the reason being that when we got our set first the former was always on duty, and we particularly enjoyed his little "good night, by the way" motto. We get 2YA well and if it is not just clear some nights, we blame the air. Before closing I would like also to thank the company for the wonderful broadcast of the Tasman flight.—"Ngaio."

German Radio

Interesting Exhibition Attracts Much Attention

THE Olympic Radio Exhibition is not the only herald of the northern season. The Germans have organised their fifth wireless exhibition, which has earned the praises of the guests assembled in Berlin for the meeting of the International Wireless Union. Generally speaking, it was a display by the broadcasting authorities rather than by the manufacturers.

The impression of a casual visitor writing to an English wireless magazine is that although multi-valve sets were still much in evidence, there has not been the effort in this direction that there was last year. The crystal set has, of course, not disappeared. Loudspeakers were again mostly of the cone type, though horn speakers were still in evidence.

The Germans have given great attention to the problem of battery elimination, but in this are still behind the English and Americans.

That radio has become more popular can be gauged from the fact that this year's exhibition is much larger than that of previous years. Twice as much floor space as was used last year was required.

Interesting Exhibitions.

AMONG the exhibitions is one that has created more than passing interest. Two fully-equipped studios depict the progress made by the broadcasting authorities since their inauguration in 1923. They are reproductions of the old and modern studios. Near to it was an amusing little tableau of a postman emptying out of his bag a half-million or so letters received by the organisation since its foundation. All the uppermost letters, it is stated, were recognisable by their senders.

Another little pile of letters attracted great attention; it was those received from critics. Among these was one from a gentleman who asked whether they had never heard of classic music, of Wagner and Beethoven; from another who inquired when they were going to have some dance music, and from a third who applied for a loan of 2000 reichmarks (£100) for a seaside trip to restore his nerves, which were shattered by their "wretched catermanling." This exhibit was one of the minor sensations of the exhibition, and created much well-deserved amusement.

THE most interesting of the exhibits is the one including a memorial exhibition of the earlier appliances of the great German pioneer, Heinrich Hertz. The widow of the inventor visited the exhibition at the invitation of the broadcasting authorities, and a little ceremonial reception was held.

An exhibit which aroused general attention was that of the police. This is the first year they have exhibited. A large map of Germany fitted with glow lamps showed where the police have their broadcasting stations. In addition to their main 5 k.w. station in Berlin, they have twenty-five transmitting stations of 300 watts and over fifty of 25 watts. The apparatus which tunes a receiving set in the suburbs from the Police Presidency was also shown.

ANOTHER very popular feature was a speaking film, shown thrice daily. This gives in a rapid succession of speaking pictures glimpses of the widely separated and diversified towns which are the headquarters of Germany's broadcasting stations, as well as glimpses of the stations themselves, their work and their workers.

Systems of picture transmission, including that adopted by the British Broadcasting Corporation, which, incidentally, commenced picture broadcasting last week, are also shown. Altogether 370 firms exhibited at the show.

IMPROVEMENT in the naval communication system is indicated by the fact that the average time of messages between the Philippines has been reduced to one hour and fourteen minutes in May, 1928, as compared with seven hours and five minutes, the average obtaining in June, 1926.

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