

Identification Wanted

ON October 21 I tuned in during the afternoon to a station where someone was speaking very loudly in a foreign language. At one time I would receive the transmission at 60 on the dial, and at others, with intermediate periods of silence, I would receive them perhaps on 70 or 75. On one frequency there was a decided buzz closely resembling the distant hum of an aeroplane. In between the stranger's conversation, Morse on varied frequencies could be heard. The chief offender was the Awarua wireless station. On two occasions, just as the speaker finished, we could hear band music, but this only continued for one or two minutes before being shut off. Once we heard the stranger call "Hullo, hullo, New Zealand!" The transmission finished at about ten to five. We heard the same station on the 20th at about 4.30 p.m., but reception was not as good. I would very much like to know what station this is. Reception was as powerful as Wellington is on the best of nights. I have a five-valve commercially-built set, and can receive practically all New Zealand and Australian stations. —Miss Christina Dryden (Southland).

ON October 20, at 3 p.m., I received a short-wave station on my factory-built receiver, using a 14-turn and a 28-turn coil. I could not identify the call, and cannot give frequency. The station came in at 55 degrees on the dial; about three degrees below Brisbane, which is 58 degrees on the B.C. band. The call sounded like Allah-Allah.—F.B.P. (Gisborne).

ON Sunday, October 20, at approximately 12.15 p.m., I picked up a station on about 275 metres (1090 k.c.). The frequency, however, kept varying slightly. The transmission, which was very bad, was not quite loud enough for a local, but seemed too loud for a distant station. The announcer, after saying "hello" about a dozen times, seemed to be carrying on a conversa-

tion with someone. He said: "How are you getting it?—What! Got whiskers on it?" and so on. After this a talk about wireless was broadcast. No call-sign was heard.—"Steinitz" (Dunedin).

ON October 20, about 7.40 p.m., I heard an American station just above 2YA, Wellington. I heard singing, and heard the announcer speak, but I could not distinguish the call-sign. The station may be WLW, Cincinnati.—"New Chum" (Morrinsville).

ON October 20, at 8 p.m., I heard a foreign station, frequency between that of 2YA and 6WF, Perth. It sounded like a Japanese station, and it was very loud, but the transmission went on and off as if the set had been switched on and off. It might be the Norwegian whaler, the Kosmos, which was in Wellington recently.—T. M. McKinnon (Kurov).

STATION heard last night (October 16 about 9 o'clock. Wavelength about 200 metres (1500 k.c.). Items received: War songs, orchestral; 'cello, "Largo"; "Sweetheart of All My Dreams," "I Lift Up My Finger," "L'es-tudiantina," "Policeman's Holiday." (Closed down 10.5 p.m. (New Zealand time). When signing off I managed to hear: "Station —, operated by —, Transmitting from — music house, — New Zealand. Now closing down until 6.30 p.m. next Sunday."—K. A. Dixon (Wellington).

ON a crystal set I hear Sunday nights, after 2YA closes down, a station just above 2YA's frequency. It is not

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loud enough for me to understand what the announcer says. Up to now I have not heard any music from the station. Could any listener inform me what this station is?—Crystal (Lower Hutt).

TS there a station in Siberia broadcasting on about the same frequency as WENR, Chicago? This evening, about 7 o'clock, on tuning in on Chicago, I heard, very clearly, the word "Siberia." Then first a man then a man and a woman speaking, with dance music in the background. Soon the speakers were silent and after a minute or two, the music also ceased, the words, "WENR, Chicago, Illinois, being heard—static very bad.—"New Chum" (Morrinsville). The nearest Soviet station is RA64, Petropavlovsk, 350 metres (850, K.C.).

Stations Identified

IN response to many queries concerning station 3EX, Melbourne, a correspondent has sent in full particulars taken from his recently-received verification card. Particulars, however, of this station were published in the "DX Columns" recently.

IN reply to a correspondent's query concerning the times of operation of 4ZM, I submit below a list of New Zealand "B" class stations (4th district), together with their times of operation:—

4ZB, Thursday evenings, 8-10.30 p.m.
4ZL, Monday evenings, 8-11 p.m.; also 1-2 p.m. daily.
4ZM, every morning (including Sunday), 10-11.45 a.m.; also Tuesday evening, 8-10.30 p.m.
4ZO, daily 12 noon-1 p.m.; also 5-6 p.m.

—C. MacFarlane (Dunedin).

DX Topics

SHORT-WAVE enthusiasts will be interested in four new stations picked up by me during the week. They are as follow: October 10, station testing on 20 metres (approx.) at 11.30 a.m. Gave call-sign as Bombay, India. October 15, at 6.50 p.m., station on 25 metres, after transmitting music, calls California. Call sign, K10. Beam station, interferes with reception. October 17, station, on 32 metres. Calls London. Lady speaking at 6 p.m. Ontario was mentioned. Probably is CF., Drummondville, Quebec, Canada. WENR and W9XF have been broadcasting all this week ("Voice of Service," Chicago). This comes in at good speaker strength at 6 p.m. Transmitting on 345 metres (870 k.c.) and 49.90 metres (6040 k.c.).—S. Saunders (Wellington).

Some time ago I reported hearing two stations on 208 metres (1480 k.c.), WHT and WSOA. I wrote to WHT and have recently received verification. I have logged six more sta-

tions during the last few weeks: 6WF, Perth, 435 metres (690 k.c.); WJL, Michigan, 400 metres (750 k.c.); WBBM, Chicago, 390 metres (770 k.c.); WCCO, Minnesota, 370 metres (810 k.c.); WGN, Chicago, 416 metres (720 k.c.); KGBZ, Nebraska, 322 metres (930 k.c.). The following is an extract from the letter from WSOA. "Radio station WHT came on the air on February 12, operating on 203 metres (1480 k.c.) They had two periods of broadcasts, the first from 6 to 7 o'clock in the evening, and the other from 10 in the evening to one or two the next morning. Some time later in February the call letters of the station were changed to WSOA. The station has operated on this latter call since that time. I am taking the liberty of sending you an ekko stamp, the official stamp for confirming receipt of a station. The price of each stamp is 10 cents. We would appreciate hearing from you again, and then you may enclose the equivalent of twenty cents in our money. Thanking you very much for your report, which is really remarkable in many ways, and with best wishes, etc.—J. P. Holmes. As WHT and WSOA are the same station, I am not able to count them as two when totalling up.

Regarding the Japs, the card I received from JOAK showed that the seven stations with the exception of JOIK (Sapparo) are all joined by land line, so it is not possible that when when the station which is broadcasting the programme gives the call sign it will also be broadcast by the other stations? The company have also studios in Kyoto and Fukuoka connected to the chain.—Kauspanker (Hawke's Bay).

IN the short-wave notes in this week's "Record" I see where Mr. Stanton, of Christchurch logged ten countries on October 10: I thought perhaps you might be interested to know on that same day I logged twelve different countries, as follow: Germany, Holland, England, U.S.A., Siberia, Java, Siam, South Africa, Philippine Islands, Suva, Australia and New Zealand. I generally average eight different countries each day now that TLO, Nairobi, is again on the air.—Another Short-Wave Fan (Auckland).

IN reply to a correspondent last week the hours of 4ZM were given. Since then they have been altered. This station is operated on 277.8 metres (1080 kilocycles), by Chas. Begg & Co., Ltd., 21- Prince Street, Dunedin, and transmission hours are as follows: Daily, 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. This information was given in a letter dated October 11, 1929, and received from Chas. Begg and Co. in reply to a report on transmission which I sent in.—W.B.T. (Petone).

THE following letter was received from Mr. F. G. MacSherry, of Auckland. He also enclosed two letters he had received from two American stations in confirmation of his reception of them:—

"In your issue of October 11 you refer to my letter in the DX column, in which I gave the power of KGER (100 watts) and WLW (50,000 watts). The logging of these two stations was mentioned, not as something recently achieved, but as an interesting sidelight on DX reception, the two stations coming in at equal strength, although

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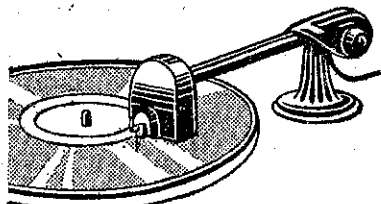
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