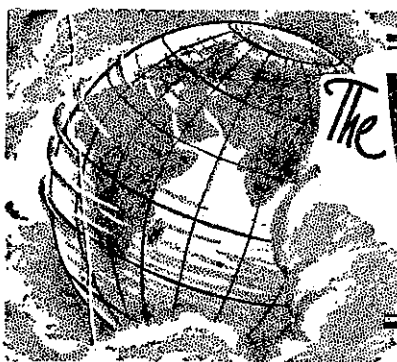




The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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A CABLEGRAM to the N.Z.S.W.C. secretary, from Radio Centre, Moscow, advises that RNE, on 25 metres, will have a new schedule of English broadcasts which will correspond to 10 p.m. N.Z. time on Wednesday and Sunday nights. This new schedule will come into force as from January 1, 1935.

UNFORTUNATELY the letter giving details of the special programme arranged for shortwave listeners of the world by Mr. Robert Bear, of London, arrived too late for publication. Mr. Bear is European and colonial representative of the International Shortwave Club. The programme was broadcast from EAQ, Madrid, Spain, on 30.40 metres on Saturday, December 22, from 11.30 a.m.

THE chief Christmas broadcast will be the Empire station. It is understood that the bells of the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem, will be heard at the commencement. Doubtless many other interesting Christmas broadcasts will be heard from various coun-

tries, particularly Germany, America and Italy.

ON New Year's Day the interesting event will be following the New Year around. Very often, after following the stations from coast to coast in America the final festivities are heard up to 9 or 10 p.m. on New Year's Day.

AT the present time, owing to Christmas overtime, I cannot give first-hand information from the receiver, but listeners tell me that JVQ has returned to 40.16 metres, and that a strong station is on 19 metres.

PRELIMINARY tests of the Club's transmitter, ZL2QZ, show everything to be in order and in readiness for going on the air. The transmitter embodies several of Mr. Clarke's own ideas.

I WISH all readers the season's greetings, and trust that the coming holidays will enable me to straighten up arrears of work and sort out news.

THE following notes on shortwave reception have been received from Mr. J. V. McMinn (N.Z.16W.), Wellington: From W8XX, Pittsburgh, on 25.2 and 48.8 metres, a variety programme has been heard as late as 8 p.m. on Sunday, reaching R8 with a steady signal on 48 metres. The programme is, a "Milk Fund" broadcast, for the benefit of some 3000 children in various institutions in Pittsburgh.

Also on Sunday, COC, Havana, on 49.9 metres, with a regular DX programme, is heard best between 5 and 5.30 p.m., when they sign off. All DX mail is answered by this station.

W9XF, Chicago, on 49.1m., has improved, and is heard best between 6 and 7 p.m., reaching R7 with dance music from the Morrison and Congress Hotels in Chicago.

JVT, Nazaki, on 44.4m., heard when testing in code at 6 p.m., was R6.

JVH, on 20.5m., is operating daily from 7 p.m. These stations verify.

COH, on 31.8m. Their latest schedule to hand is from 1 to 2 p.m. Address is Calle B, No. 2, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

With the amateurs, VK4BB on phone test on 40m. band at R6; also VK4FB, with music, and requesting reports.

VK3ZX, on 42.83m., has excellent test programmes on Sundays, between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. at present. Recently, listeners in U.S.A., one in Trinidad, and the writer, were called in, acknowledging reports on this "Voice of the South" ham, who only uses 25 watts power.

On the 20m. band at nights, phone signals have been logged from LA1G, Norway, and ON4AU, Belgium, both these hams calling ZL stations.

MR. A. STEVENS (N.Z.15W.—ZL2HR), of Hawera, sends the following notes:—

The new Suva radio station at Fiji has been heard testing at good strength. Future test transmissions were announced as Monday to Saturday, inclusive, 5.30 to 6.30 G.M.T., on 29.94 metres.

DJB is R8 almost nightly, with some fine orchestral music on relay from Breslan.

VK3XX has been heard testing antennae on various frequencies, several mornings at 8.30 a.m.

GSF is R7, but QRM from Japanese commercial stations and QRN spoil signals on most nights.

VK3ME and VK3LR are excellent stations here.

JVN has been heard, R7, at 11.5 p.m., and JVT regularly at R7-S.

A stranger was logged between 9750 and 9800 k.c., at 8.45 a.m. on December 3, at R7, but no call was heard.

Several Dutch stations have been heard on duplex, using various frequencies; nearly all were logged at good strengths.

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