



The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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KKH, HAWAII, 38.89 metres on January 29, was Rmax, QSA5, with an exclusive programme for the N.B.C., of U.S.A. (Note: Very few of these telephony stations will verify, as these transmissions are regarded as private.)

IT is noticed that **RNE, Moscow, 25 metres**, is now back to the hours of 10 to 12 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, and is now becoming audible on Sunday afternoons.

KNRA, the schooner Seth Parker, now on a world cruise, is being picked up in Wellington. It uses the same wavelengths as **KFZ**. A listener telephoned me that they had announced that the ship was nearing the Cook Islands.

WHEN the Byrd Expedition embarks and **KFZ** is dismantled, we may probably again hear **KJTY** on board the Jacob Ruppert. The relay of these programmes might be picked up from **LSX, Buenos Aires, on 28.98 metres, 10.35 meg.**

THE summary is that reception seems to be better. An improvement is gradually becoming evident on the 49-

metre band, and we are getting more stations. A late sitting, or an early morning one, when conditions are good, will bring results.

THE following shortwave notes are from Mr. J. V. McMinn's log for January 30:—

VQ7LO, Nairobi, 49.5 m., from 5 a.m. was R6, but static was troublesome. The call was heard at 5.30 a.m., followed by dance music until they faded out at 6 a.m. They are heard most mornings at this time.

GSA, 49.59 m., gives an excellent signal from 5 a.m. until sign-off at 5.45 a.m. They were R8 with a concert programme followed by fifteen minutes of dance music.

DJC, 49.8 m., commencing at 5 a.m. with a programme to Africa and South America with English and German announcements, reached R7. A German folk song always opens the programme. **DJD, 25.4 m.**, was also in operation then.

HVJ, Vatican City, 50.6 m., from 7 a.m. until 7.15 a.m. presented a talk in English at R8 with less static at this hour. The "tic-tac" signal precedes the opening announcement, and the call "Radio del Vaticano."

GSD, 25 m. and **FYA 25.2 m.**, were both R8 at 5.30 a.m., but subject to gushiness, although readability was good.

2RO, 30.6 m., had an R6 signal at 8.15 a.m., and was very clear and steady except for slight fading. An orchestral programme was heard.

W1XAZ, 31.3 m., at 5.30 p.m. was R6 with some fading, while **WSXK, 48 m.**, reached a steady R8 from 5.45 p.m. Both were on dance music from the Hotel Cosmopolitan.

VP1A, 22.9 m., with a strong carrier from 6 p.m. and slow fading. Their music was weaker, quality fair, while announcements were quite clear, and stronger. They are also heard giving the call "Station Suva, Fiji."

DJQ, Zeesen, on 19.63 m., is reported to have started transmission to East Asia from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. N.Z.T. **DJN, on 31.45 m.**, has a power of 50 kw.

One of the most up-to-date and expensive amateur stations in the world, namely, **XLG**, is owned and operated by Dr. James Hard, Mexico City. In addition to numerous receivers, transmitters, and testing equipment he is able to watch his antenna through a glass ceiling.

THE following shortwave notes are from Mr. H. I. Johns (ZL171W), of Wanganui:—

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

All stations very weak on all bands at 7.30 a.m. In fact, conditions on all bands very poor to-day.

FYA, 25.60 m., R3, QSA2, 2.38 p.m.: Musical programme. Station has been

consistent with good volume during the last few weeks, but last few days signals dropped. From 4 till 6 p.m. is the best time to hear this station.

W8XK, 48.9 m., R6, QSA5, 5.14 p.m., dance programme with very clear signals. Station closes at 6 p.m.

W3XAL, 49.18 m., and **WSXAL; 49.5 m.**, both very weak, with slight noise level.

VP1A, Radio Suva, Fiji, 22.96 m., R7, QSA5, 5.51 p.m., musical programme, which came in very well. This station is on the air Monday till Saturday from 5.30 till 6.30 p.m. Reports sent in by S.W.L. will be acknowledged.

GSB, 31.55 m., R8, QSA5, 9.16 p.m., musical programme, "Friendly Harmony." Signals very steady and clear. Listeners are reminded that the Empire station now operates from 8 till 10 p.m.

GSD, 25.53 m., R7, QSA5, 9.22 p.m., same programme as above. Signals clear and steady.

DJB, 19.74 m., R3, QSA3, 8.26 p.m., musical programme. Station very weak. Heard announcer say that Berlin was covered with a thick layer of snow this morning. Rather a contrast to our present summer.

German Shortwave Stations

Latest Schedules

THE latest information from the Berlin Broadcasting House advises that the present schedules for the programmes transmitted for South Asia listeners are as follow:—

DJB, 19.74m., 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 8.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.

DJN, 31.45m., 8.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.; 1 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.

DJB, 19.74m., also broadcasts musical entertainment from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Other transmissions by the German shortwave stations are:

EAST ASIA.

DJQ, 19.63m., 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

DJA, 31.38m., 1 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.

AFRICA.

DJD, 25.51m., and DJC, 49.83m., 5 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

SOUTH AMERICA.

DJA, 31.38m., 10.15 a.m. to 2.15 p.m.

NORTH AMERICA.

DJC, 49.83m., 10.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

All above times are N.Z. summer time.

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