

The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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AT the present time there are a large number of telephony stations on the air which come on and go off, and pop up in all kinds of places. In addition there are new and old short-wave broadcasters appearing. A number of these stations we do not receive owing to time, seasonal and other differences. Also directional aerials may be used.

We cannot guarantee that these stations will keep strictly to their schedules as do the "old reliables," so that information from listeners who pick up news is always very acceptable.

My request that listeners ask stations to forward me information of special broadcasts, schedules, tests, etc., is already showing results, and, in time, we will have a kind of amateur radio centre in New Zealand. As an instance of this, somebody made this request to Radio Nations, and a 75-word cable was the result. This was published in the "Record" and a copy was sent to Australian papers

so that thousands of listeners will be listening in at the advertised times. As a result of the reports received, the station engineers will decide on the most suitable wavelength for the regular service, so the efforts of this unknown listener will be appreciated by a great many people.

It is not always possible to answer each letter personally, apart from the cost of postage, but efforts are being made to clear up the remains of the holiday overflow. Doubtless quite a few members will receive a surprise in the near future.

The Byrd Broadcasts.—I have no word of the doings of the expedition other than that all hands are safely aboard and will probably head direct for home. However, probably the ship station KJTY may again broadcast. It might be as well to listen to LSX, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 28.98 metres (10.85 meg.), as they have usually picked up the signals which were again picked up by Rocky Point for transmission over the network.

Forthcoming Special Broadcasts.—A reminder is given of the remaining two special tests from the League of Nations, which are as follow: Monday, February 18, 8.15 to 8.30 p.m., N.Z. time, on 24.94 metres. Monday, February 25, same time, on 31.27 metres.

Four Days of Shortwave Listening

THE following shortwave notes are from Mr. H. I. Johns (N.Z.171W.), Wanganui:—

So far as short waves are concerned, the best times to listen for European stations during the winter are as follow:—
9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for 25-metre band.
8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for 31-metre band.
7 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. for 49-metre band.
6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. for 31-metre band.

In the summer the morning reception from Europe is very poor, unreliable and inconsistent, so it is the night reception that we have to depend on. The best times are as follow:—

11 p.m. to 2 a.m. for 16-metre band.
1.30 a.m. to 4 a.m. for 19-metre band.
12.30 a.m. to 5 a.m. for 31-metre band.
4 a.m. to 9 a.m. for 49-metre band.

It must be remembered that reception can be had at other times not mentioned here, but it is at these times that the signals are at their best strength.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Up till 5 p.m., FYA was the best station of the day, being at good speaker strength. Other stations were very weak.

RNE was not heard between 3 and 4 a.m. on 24 m.

At 5.20 p.m., WSXK, 25 m., was at good strength. Announcer was heard reading letters to friends in the Far North. At 5.36 p.m. WSXK was putting over musical items by English composers. The other American stations were very weak.

VK2ME, 31.28 m., with usual good programme and at good speaker strength. They close at 8 p.m. and open up again at 10 p.m., our time.

GSB, 31.55 m., on opening up at 8 p.m. was at fair speaker strength with musical programme by B.B.C. Empire Orchestra. Very clear and steady signals.

JVN, 28.14 m., was at fair speaker strength at 10.10 p.m. At this time talk was being given in Japanese.

VK2ME on their second session from 10 p.m. were not so good, fading being very bad at times.

JVT, 44.4 m., was coming in at good strength. A great deal of clapping and shouting was heard; apparently a concert was in progress.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

FYA, 25.60 m., very poor at 4.30 p.m. Only carrier can be picked up.

KEE, Bolinas, Calif., 38.89 m., R5, QSA4, 4.35 p.m. with a musical programme and the usual advertisements.

WSXK, 48.9 m., R5, QSA5, 5.42 p.m. Musical programme, signals good, but spoilt by bursts of QRN.

VE1A, Suva Radio, Fiji, 22.94 m., R5, QSA5, 5.56 p.m., musical programme. This station is on the air from Monday till Saturday from 5.30 till 6.30 p.m., our time, which is the same time as Fiji.

GSB, 31.35 m., R8, QSA5, 8 p.m., opening up with "Big Ben" striking 8 a.m., G.M.T. Clear and steady signals.

VK3LK, 31.5 m., R8, QSA5, 8.15 p.m. This station was heard testing with League of Nations station, Geneva. The League of Nations was supposed to be on 16.25 m., but I could not pick them up.

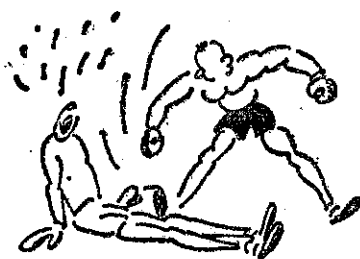
PMY, 58 m., R6, QSA5, 10.30 p.m. This station can always be depended upon to put over a first-class programme consisting of records.

YDA, 49.02 m., R6, QSA5, 10.40 p.m. Another station which puts over a good musical programme. Comes on the air 10.30 p.m.

JVT, 44.4 m., R7, QSA5, 10.45 p.m. Talk being given in Japanese.

RV15, 70.2 m., R8, QSA5, 10.55 p.m.

DOWN AND OUT!



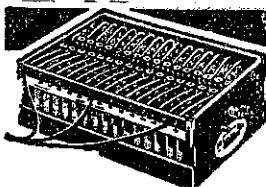
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