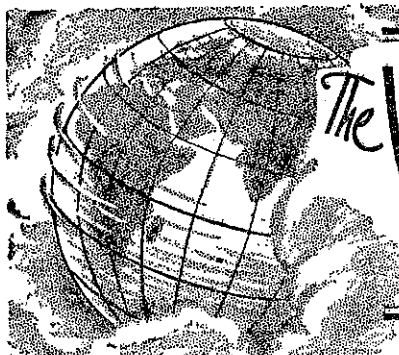




The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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VP1A, Fiji Islands, verifies with a card on which are the call letters VPD, evidently the latter will be the call when tests are completed.

KJTY, the Jacob Ruppert, was heard on 17 metres when 200 miles from Dunedin on February 17.

A STATION thought by many to be **EAQ** has been identified as Radio Roma, Bari, on 30.6 metres (9.78 meg.) from 7.30 a.m.

PHI, Holland, 25.57 metres (11.73 meg.) is said to be on at good strength at about 2 a.m. This station is clearly heard in Australia.

BERLIN is said to be quite good in the mornings when the "whine" which spoils night reception is absent.

THE third Geneva test on February 18, was better on 17 metres but was not good enough for rebroadcast. **VK3LR** made another excellent job of it, the whole transmission being put over 95 per cent. readable all through.

ANY member of the Club who has not received his copy of the "N.Z. Short-waver" is asked to notify the secretary immediately.

I WOULD be pleased if owners of all-wave receivers, when writing for information of stations, would give the megacycle markings of the dial, time usually heard, and stations on either side.

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Shortwave Jottings

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

The lowest waveband in general use lies between 13.93 metres and 13.97 metres, **WSXK** using the former and **GSH** the latter wavelength. Between 14 metres and 16.81 metres twenty-eight commercial transmitters are located, the whole band being equally divided between commercial telephony and telegraphy stations. **LSL**, Buenos Aires (14.18 metres) and **ICHO**, German (14.99 metres) are two of the commercial telephony stations, while amongst the telegraphy group are **ORA**, Belgium (15.19 metres) and **PLF**, Java 16.81 metres).

Details concerning such well-known transmitters as **GSG**, Daventry (16.86 metres), **W3XAL** (16.8 metres), and **DJE** (16.89 metres) are almost unnecessary as they are frequently heard in New Zealand.

IAC, Coltano, Tuscany, Italy, on 16.50 metres, is a commercial telephony transmitter.

On 16.48 metres **FZR**, Saigon (French Indo-China) working telegraphy, is to be heard.

The total number of stations using various wavelengths in this band is twenty-eight, only four of which are broadcasting stations, namely **W2XAD**, **W1XAL**, **FYA** and **HVJ**. They are located between 19.54 metres and 19.84 metres. (See various station lists.)

Thirty-six commercials occupy the band between 19 and 25 metres, among them being **DIO** (19.90 metres), Germany (telephony), **FXQ** (20.37 metres), France (telephony), **WMA** (22.40 metres), America (telephony), **SUV**, Egypt (25.19 metres) telegraphy.

Next week the writer will include notes re stations from 25 to 70 metres.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

WSXK, 25.25 m., with a musical programme at 5.50 p.m. Signals **R5**, **QSA4**; clear signals, but not steady.

FYA, 25.60m., not heard between 5 and 6 p.m.

W8XAL, 49.5 m., at **R5**, **QSA4** at 5.55 p.m. Programme of dance music.

WSXK, 48.9 m., best American station to-day. Signals **R7**, **QSA5**, at 5.57 p.m. Usual dance programme.

VK2MB, 31.28 m., opening up with chimes at 6 p.m., also laughter of Kooka-burra. Signals **R7**, **QSA5**. At 10.25 p.m. signals were better, **R8**, **QSA5**.

YDA, 49.02 m., with a musical programme, **R5**, **QSA4**, at 10.32 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

FYA, 25.60 m., with a musical programme at 2.43 p.m. **R5**, **QSA5**. Signals unsteady.

American stations on 49 m. band very weak. **WSXK**, 49.8 m. being the best, but also weak.

DJB, 19.73 m., with a musical programme to South Asia, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Signals **R4**, **QSA4**. Lady announcer.

Station heard testing on 81 m. at 7 p.m. at **R6**, **QSA5**. Possibly **VK3LR**.

YDA, 49.02 m. Lady heard speaking. Signals **R6**, **QSA4** at 11.20 p.m.

JVT, 44.4 m., at 11.24 p.m. Talk being given in Japanese. Good volume, **R8**, **QSA5**.

PK1WK, 85.96 m., **R6**, **QSA5**, 11.35 p.m. Talk being given. Station good to-night.

RV15, 70.1 m., **R7**, **QSA5**. Station still keeping up good volume. Good musical programme of vocal items at 11.40 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

KEE, Bolinas, Calif. 38.96 m., very weak to-day at 4.25 p.m., not worth listening to.

WSXK, 48.9 m., musical programme. **R6**, **QSA5**, 5.45 p.m.

W3XAL and **W8XAL**. Both very weak. **W1XAZ**, 31.35 m., with a programme of dance music at **R5**, **QSA5**. Signed off at 5.55 p.m.

VP1A, Radio Suva, Fiji, 22.94 m., musical programme. Signals **R6**, **QSA5**. at 6 p.m.

GSD, 25.5 m., dance music programme at 7.20 p.m., **R5**, **QSA4**. Empire stations are now on from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m.

GSB, 31.5 m., same programme as **GSD**. Signals **R7**, **QSA5**, at 7.25 p.m.

DJB, 19.73 m., with a military concert by the National Aviation Orchestra. Station very good to-night, best the writer has heard for some time. Very clear signals and good strength, **R7**, **QSA5**. at 10.15 p.m.

RV15, 70.1 m., **R7**, **QSA5**, 10.35 p.m. Talk being given in Russian. This station has kept up wonderful strength during this summer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

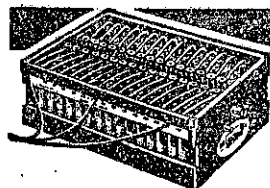
W9LD, heard on 20 m., phone at 3.30 p.m., **R5**, **QSA5**, with good clear signal.

GSB, 31.5 m., with a pianoforte recital by Ernest Lush. Signals **R7**, **QSA5**, at 8.46 p.m.

GSD, 25.5 m., **R5**, **QSA5**, at 8.50 p.m. Not so good as **GSB**.

VK3LR, 31.2 m., market reports being given out. Signals **R8**, **QSA5**, at 8.53 p.m.

DJB, 19.73 m., musical and topical events. Signals **R3**, **QSA3**, at 9.5 p.m.



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