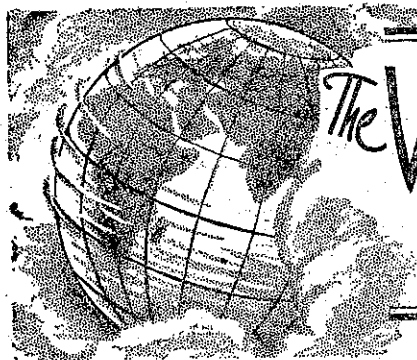




The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

(By A. B. McDonagh, Sec., N.Z. S.W.C.,
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THOSE who look for W1XAZ on the 31-metre band at midnight will miss the station call, which has been changed to W1XK. (Note, many people confuse the letter "I" with the figure 1; e.g., it is "I"2RO, not twelve RO. The prefix "I" identifies the Italians.

AS soon as the last "Radio Record" was published I was asked to make my note re the International Short Wave Club plainer. This does not refer to the International Dxers' Alliance, but to a radio club which has added another word to the I.S.W.C.'s title. This latter club is connected with a radio station and does not issue a magazine. Nearer home many people confuse the issue. I am a member of the I.S.W.C., which was formed a few months previous to the N.Z.S.W.C.

MR. F. N. ROBERTSON, of Christchurch, advised hearing arrangements for a weekly broadcast to VK2ME from a South American about 10 a.m. our time. Good wishes for a pleasant furlough came over the air to Mr. Farmer, VK2ME's popular announcer.

CHANGES are to take place in short-wave radio stations of the Dutch East Indies, where a number of sta-

tions operate. Different wavelengths and powers will be used. I hope to include these in the members' station list which is now being prepared.

I WAS interested to read the note re FB1CD returning. We have heard a newcomer from 11 p.m.; he is above W3XAL on the 49-metre band, with characteristic Annamite music, but nothing like the strength of the old "Allo, allo, here is Radio Saigon," and the familiar gong. This station used to come on with a "swish," and could not be missed. The radio operator of the Discovery told me that, down in the Antarctic, it was just like a local.

ON Thursday, March 14, at 10.25 p.m. I understood VK3ME to say that they would be on the air every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m., Melbourne time. We are certainly getting a number of regular short-wave broadcasts at night now.

Shortwave Jottings

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10.

The best morning stations are GSB (31.5m.), GSD (25.5m.), and W3XAU (31.35m.). IRM, Rome, and FYA are inaudible. Conditions were very poor on Sunday morning.

FYA, 25.60m.: Just signing off at 3 p.m. with the National Anthem. Only R4, QSA5, but at 5.30 p.m. was R8, QSA5.

W2XAF, 31.48m.: Programme of dance music. Clear signals at R6, QSA5, 3.40 p.m.

W8XK, 25.5m.: Also dance music. Signals R4, QSA4, at 3.43 p.m.

RNE, 25m.: Not heard to-day at usual hour.

W8XK, 48.9m.: Dance music programme. R6, QSA5 at 5.35 p.m.

W9XF, 49.18m.: Also dance programme. R6, QSA5 at 6.2 p.m.

W8XAL, 49.5m.: Also on a dance programme. R5, QSA4, at 6.5 p.m.

VK2ME, 31.28m.: Programme of good recordings. Good volume, but some slight fading at times. Signals R8, QSA5, at 6.10 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11.

2RO, 30.1m.: With a programme of good music at 8 a.m. R7, QSA5.

GSB, 31.5m.: Putting over a religious service. Signals fairly weak, only R6, QSA5, at 8.5 p.m.

GSD, 25.5m.: Religious service as above, but signals better and clearer than GSB. R7, QSA5, at 8.10 a.m.

FYA, 25.60m.: Talk in French. R5, QSA4, 8.15 a.m.

W8XK, 48.9m.: With usual dance music. Very clear signals at R7, QSA5, 5.45 p.m.

W3XAL and W8XAL: Very weak to-day; have not been up to standard for some days.

W2XAF, 31.48m.: Dance music; station also very weak. Signals only R5, QSA4, at 5.47 p.m.

W8XK, 25.5m.: Dance music. Best American station to-day by far. Signals at R8, QSA5. Very clear signals at 5.51 p.m.

GSB, 31.5m.: Giving out a running description of football match, Ireland v. Wales. Very good signals, R8, QSA5, at 8 p.m.

League of Nations from VK3LR came over very well. The usual address was given on the working of the League. Signals were very good, 95 per cent. readable.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

GSB, 31.5m.: With good musical programme. Signals R7, QSA5, at 8 a.m.

2RO, 30.7m.: With good musical programme, easily the best morning station, with wonderfully clear signals, at R8, QSA5, 8.7 a.m. Station held till 9.20 a.m. at good strength.

FYA, 25.60m.: Talk in French; station noisy. Signals R6, QSA5, at 8.10 a.m. FYA's best session is from 4 to 6 p.m.

GSD, 25.5m.: Musical programme at R6, QSA5, at 8.12 a.m.

No station on the 49m band audible this morning at 8 a.m.

W1XAZ, 31.3m.: Heard at 9.15 a.m. with musical programme at fair speaker strength.

FYA, 25.60m.: Heard giving talk in French at 9.20 a.m. Signals R6, QSA5. At 10.5 a.m. R5, QSA4.

W2XE, 25.30m.: Heard with musical programme. Clear signals, R4, QSA4, 9.24 a.m.

W2XAF, 31.48m.: Programme of dance music. R7, QSA5, at 5.10 p.m.

W8XK, 48.9m.: With a programme of dance music from Pittsburgh. Very clear signals, R7, QSA5, at 5.42 p.m.

VPD, Radio-Suva, Fiji, 22.96m.: Still carrying out the tests on above wavelength from 5.30 till 6.30 p.m. our time. Asks for reports from S.W.L.'s on strength and quality of signals.

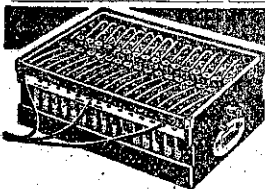
The writer of the above notes will be absent from Wanganui for two weeks. On his return the shortwave notes will be continued as usual.

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