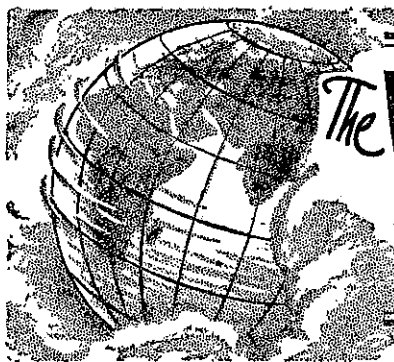




The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

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Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

(By A. B. McDonagh, Sec., N.Z. S.W.C.,
4 Queen St., Wellington).

UP to the time of writing, the night stations, with the exception of RV15, and the Australian shortwave stations, have gone off considerably. These conditions will be temporary. The powerful RNE, Moscow, on 25 metres, on his broadcast on March 31, surprised us by being only R1. On Wednesday, April 3, he was stronger but very gushy.

OWING to news of several special broadcasts coming at the week-end I was unable to publish details in the last issue. The Hong Kong and Mexican stations are coming to the fore and several new arrivals as well as one or two old-timers have appeared. W3XL put on a test during the week at excellent strength, as also did the Alaskan Telephone Coy.'s new telephony station, WVD.

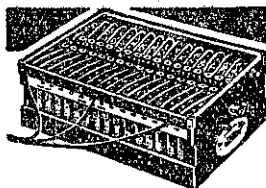
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ONE of the chief attractions during the Sydney exhibition was the free telephone conversations to Java. We wonder if Mr. Vanderveit got tired of telling his callers the correct Java time; most of those who spoke were lost for words and asking the time was an excuse.

MR. FARMER, the popular announcer of VK2ME, is still on furlough. This station is on the same schedule as it was in March.

DAVENTRY is well worth watching for many interesting items are coming over, including talks by well-known people. The lectures by Mr. Ashridge, the B.B.C.'s chief engineer, are very explanatory indeed.

NEARER home, with the ever-increasing work of the Club, I find I have to curtail visitors' time and request, where possible, that the telephone be used.

Hong-Kong Testing

GSL was heard testing on 31.8 m. on April 3 at 3 p.m. Hong-Kong has been heard testing from midnight with the following announcement: "Hong-Kong calling on 34.29 metres for experimental purposes. Address, Hong-Kong Broadcasting Committee, Hong-Kong, China."

Radio Coloniale seem to have changed their times, as they have closed at 2 p.m. and reopened at 3 p.m. this week.—DX164W (Wellington).

Shortwave Jottings

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

HVJ, Vatican City, Rome.

THE following are a few details concerning the above station heard at 7 a.m. daily on 50.26 m., in the following languages:—

- Zondag, Sunday, Dutch.
- , Monday, Italian.
- , Wednesday, English.
- Tuives, Thursday, Spanish.

Vendredi, Friday, French.

Samstag, Saturday, German.

Saturday and Sunday at 3.30 a.m. in Italian.

Their hours of transmission are: 6.30 to 3.45 a.m., N.Z.S.T., 15,121 k.c., 19.84 m.; 7 to 7.15 a.m., N.Z.S.T., 5,969 k.c., 50.26 m.; 10 p.m., N.Z.S.T., 5,969 k.c., 50.26 m.

Station signals are: (1) Tic-tac heard 10 minutes prior to transmission; (2) Clock of St. Peter's heard sounding the hour; (3) Speech.

Empire Shortwave Stations.

S.W.L.'s are reminded that the Empire stations will again change the hours of transmission for zone 1 on April 15, when the time will be further advanced to 5.15 p.m.

U.S.S.R. Transmissions.

Station RNE is the same as station RW59. The call letters RNE are used for telegraph transmission purposes only, while RW59 is the call when the station is used for broadcasting, both on 50 and 25 metres.

DX Tips.

VK3LR was heard giving out DX tips at 8.20 p.m. on March 30.

W8XK on 25 m., and 48.9 m., also giving out shortwave tips, every Saturday at 4.45 p.m. S.W.L.'s would do well to tune into these stations at above hours.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31.

HVJ, 50.26 m., talk in Italian. Signals R7, QSA5 at 7.10 a.m.

RW59, 49.9 m., musical programme. Great improvement in strength from two or three weeks ago; signals at present, R7, QSA4.

OER2, Vienna, Austria, 49.8 m. heard giving out call-sign at 7.40 a.m., "Hullo, hullo, this is OER2." Prior to giving out call-sign, musical programme was heard. Signals R6, QSA5.

GSD, 25.5 m. at 7.45 a.m. musical programme with good strength, but spoilt with a very quick fluttering surge. Signals R6, QSA5. Was still at good strength at 9 a.m., with musical programme.

GSB, 31.5 m., same programme as above, Signals R7, QSA5.

ORK, Belgium, 29.04 m., weak at 8.10 a.m., with news in French.

2R0, 30.7 m., at 8.15 a.m. Putting over some beautiful choir singing. Very clear signals, R7, QSA5, at 9.5 a.m. R6, QSA4, with musical programme.

At 8.30 a.m. on 19 m., a foreign station was heard with very good musical programme. Signals R7, QSA5.

At 9.7 a.m., this station appears to be DJB, with very clear signals and good music. Signals at 9.7 a.m. R7, QSA5.

A number of foreign stations could be heard round 9.30 a.m. on the 19, 25 and 31 m. bands, also two foreign stations on