



The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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Information of Special Broadcasts, Received from Members.

MR. W. FINDLAY (N.Z.60A.), Wairarapa, reports hearing arrangements regarding a special broadcast between France and Germany. FYA on 25 metres is to broadcast to either JVM or JVN on May 15 at 13.00 to 13.30 G.M.T. It will be a musical programme and most likely it will be a two-way exchange programme.

A reminder is given of the special broadcast from EAQ on May 26.

Mr. F. V. Shann (N.Z.40C.), Christchurch, reports special broadcasts from PHI, Holland, on 25.57 metres from 3 p.m. to 5 or 6 p.m., N.Z. Time, from May 3 to 7, and May 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. A. Tossman (N.Z.304W.), Wellington, reports that HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, is now on 36.5 metres daily except Monday, usually about noon. Messrs. I. K. Henderson and J. V. McMinn, of Wellington, and Mr. S. Conner, of Masterton, also report this station at good strength.

Replying to W.H.M. (Christchurch) in last issue Mr. Conner says the station is HJ4ABA on every day until about 3.30 p.m., but sometimes FYA cuts them out. Mr. Conner's receiver (Schnell circuit) is well calibrated and he gives the wave as 25.65 metres approximately, while my official list gives 26.62 metres (11.71 meg.). Mr. Henderson asks for information regarding another station, American, very near to this wave, so far not listed.

THE N.Z.S.W.C. now has a very fine membership certificate on which is impressed the club seal; this will now take the place of the original design. It was specially designed to harmonise with members QSL cards on the wall. An entirely new QSL card for members will be to hand very soon. All members will be issued with authority to use the official members' emblem, a diamond design, on their own notepaper, cards, or DX forms. A fresh supply of badges is now to hand.

I HAVE been asked by a member who wishes to remain anonymous to publish the following letter. I agree entirely with the sentiments contained therein; the only way to encourage and attract programmes is to supply reports. Without reports stations might as well discontinue transmitting.

The only addition I would like to add is a request to the stations to keep me posted with information so that, as in the past, I will be able to keep listeners posted with information as it comes to hand.

"I gather that once short-wave listeners have received a verification card from a short-wave station they do not trouble about making further reports. Also there are many others who do not worry about reporting at all. Overseas stations, particularly the principal Europeans, Australian and U.S.A. stations, welcome reception reports from listeners from time to time. This gives the stations' engineers an idea what reception is like at various times of the year, and furthermore it shows them that listeners are taking an interest in what is being heard. In the long run listeners get better reception and improved programmes."

I WOULD like to draw attention to the voluntary services of two members, Messrs. J. V. McMinn and H. I. Johns, who assist readers with addresses of world amateurs. I might mention that, to keep up to date with the ever increasing army of "hams," costs no less than 30/- per annum. Both these gentlemen, since the inception of the N.Z.S.W.C., have done a great deal for listeners.

Colombian Station on 27.67 Metres

I HAVE pleasure in reporting that the Colombian station reported in your pages of the issue dated April 26, was heard at good volume last Saturday afternoon from 2.15 to 3.50 p.m. summer time, sending a musical programme to Caracas, Venezuela.

I have a list of the Spanish equivalents of the English alphabet and was able to pick up the last three letters of

their call which was Ah Bay Ah or otherwise ABA, and the location Manizales was mentioned many times, also Colombia. The wavelength was 27.67 metres. The numeral preceding ABA I could not catch.

I am also able to report KKZ Bolinas, California, 21.90 metres relaying President Roosevelt's speech on the unemployment relief legislation, over the Columbia Broadcasting System, this afternoon (April 29) from 2.30 to 3 p.m. standard time. Readability was poor, being QSA4, R6 at best.—J.W.A. (Auckland).

Schedules of Radio Centre, Moscow

RADIO Centre, Moscow, advise that broadcasts take place on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 p.m. G.M.T. (8.30 a.m. N.Z.S.T., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) on 127.4 metres and 50 metres simultaneously. On Sundays two broadcasts take place on 25 metres only, at 11 a.m. G.M.T. (10.30 p.m. N.Z.S.T.) and at 3 p.m. G.M.T. (2.30 a.m. N.Z.S.T., Monday). On Wednesdays at 11 a.m. G.M.T. (10.30 p.m. N.Z.S.T.) a broadcast takes place on 25 metres only.

Reception Notes

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28.

OER2, Austria, 49.3 m., coming in very well at 7.10 a.m., with musical items. Shortly after above time one can hear announcer give out call sign, "Hullo, hullo, this is short-waver OER2." They do not seem to have an interval signal. Signals R4, QSA4.

DJC, 49.83 m., fairly weak this morning, giving talk in German. Signals R4, QSA4, at 7.16 a.m.

GSB, Trans. No. 4, 31.5 m., very good signals; speech being clear. Signals R6, QSA5, at 7.30 a.m.

ORK, Belgium, 29.02 m., with news items, fair strength. Signals at R5, QSA4, 7.32 a.m.

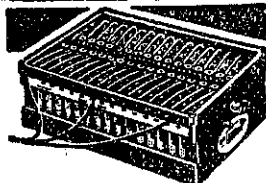
FYA, 25.25 m., fairly weak this morning, with musical programme. at R4, QSA4, 7.42 a.m.

RNE, Russia, 25 m., talk in German being given from this station this morning.

GSD, London, 25.5 m., better than GSB both in audibility and readability.

2RO, Rome, 30.7 m., not so good as usual so far as audibility is concerned, but programme of music very fine. Signals R5, QSA4, at 8 a.m.

DJA, 31.38 m., with a programme of orchestral music. In about another week



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