

Shortwave Club Notes

(By A. B. McDonagh, Hon. Sec.)

ALTHOUGH I made every endeavour to speed up the final list of stations broadcasting for the International Competition, it did not arrive until October 9. However, to date nobody seems to have done much with the first broadcasts, so a few chances still remain. Even if only one good report comes in, it may merit a prize. The schedules of the stations taking part are given below.

Special Jewish Broadcast.

Closing down at 3.50 a.m. on Monday, October 7, HBO and HBL relayed to New York a service in commemoration of the Day of Atonement. An interesting feature was a scene in a very old Jewish cemetery, where a visitor had many things explained, including the history of famous Rabbis buried there. Also, a description was given of the oldest Synagogue in the grounds. This was followed by a service, which included "Kol Nidrei," and psalms, with soloist. Local Jewish people, on hearing the description, state the broadcast originated in Palestine.

Several new Italian telephony stations are now working, including one in Eritrea, which rebroadcasts 2RO and works JVI.

Moscow (RNE on 25 metres), has inaugurated a new feature at the conclusion of the Sunday night transmission—a relay from the studio of the Moscow radio station of a talk on "World Affairs."

The Zeesen shortwave headquarters writes that more reports would be appreciated, giving opinions of the programmes. This also applies to the B.B.C. and Radio Coloniale.

It is not generally known that reports on PCJ's 19-metre transmissions on Tuesday and Wednesday nights may be sent to Philips Lamps, Ltd., Wakefield Street, Wellington. PCJ is now coming in very well, and is worth listening to.

I have just received a letter re the DX competition. As it is of general interest, International Reply Coupons are not necessary. Just send me sufficient postage at letter rates and one stamped addressed envelope for my acknowledgment. Reports may be sent to me singly or all together.

Mystery Stations.

It will be of general interest to readers to know that the Java station heterodyning 3LR is said to be YDA, lately on 49 metres. The transmission on 25.4 m. from about 9 p.m. is evidently 2RO; that



an approximately 26 m. is Geneva, or a harmonic of an Australian broadcast station. On each side of Hong-Kong there are harmonics of RV15 and a Java station, which can be identified on an all-wave receiver by switching over to the other band.

International DX Competition

FOLLOWING are the schedules of the stations participating in the International DX Competition, which is being held during October. Reports on other stations and on the stations given below at times other than those shown will not be counted. In cases where two stations are on at the same time, listeners may choose either. All times quoted below are New Zealand daylight-saving time, and in each case the megacycles are shown in parentheses.—A. B. McDonagh (N.Z. Rep., I.S.W.C.).

- 9th, 3.30 to 4 a.m. HVJ, 19.84 metres (15.11 meg.).
- 10, 4 to 4.30 a.m., VUB, 31.36 (9.57).
- 11, 6.35 to 6.45 a.m., VQ7LO, 49.5 (6.06).
- 11, midday to 12.30 p.m., EAQ, 30.4 (9.87).
- 11, 1 to 3 p.m., HJ5ABC, 48.78 (6.15).
- 13, 6 to 7 p.m., W8XAL, 49.5 (6.06).
- 16, 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., HC2RL, 45.00 (6.66).
- 18, 3 to 3.30, HP5B, 49.75 (6.03).
- 19, 1 to 3 p.m., TIRCC, 45.81 (6.55).
- 20, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., HJ1ABG, 49.65 (6.04).
- 20, 3.40 to 4.40 p.m., HIZ, 47.5 (6.31).
- 20, midnight to 12.30 a.m., VK2ME, 31.28 (9.59).
- 21, 10 to midday, W1XAL, 25.42 (11.79).
- 21, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, XEGR, 40.65 (7.38).
- 21, 12.30 noon to 1 p.m., YV6RV, 46.01 (6.52).
- 21, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., HJ1ABD, 49.05 (6.11).
- 21, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., W2XE, 49.02 (6.12).
- 23, 1.30 to 2 p.m., YV2RC, 49.08 (6.11).
- 23, 1 to 3 a.m., PCJ, 19.71 (15.22).
- 27, 7 to 8 a.m., LKJ1, 31.48 (9.53).
- 26th (note date), series of programmes from PI1J on 42.33 (7.082), 1.40 to 2 a.m.; 3.40 to 4 a.m.; 5.40 to 6 a.m.; 7.40 to 8 a.m.; 9.40 to 10 a.m., and 11.40 to midday.
- 27, 7.45 to 8 a.m., CR6AA, 41.8 (7.17).
- 27, midday to 1 p.m., VE9GW, 49.22 (6.00).

- 27, 5 to 8 p.m., CJRX, also CJRO, 25.60 and 48.55 respectively (11.72 and 6.15), same times.
- 28, 5 to 7 p.m., W9XAA, 25.3 (11.83).
- 31, midday to 4.30 p.m., OAX4G, 48.22 (6.22).
- November 1, 2 to 3 p.m., HJ1ABD, 41.2 (7.28).

THE RULES.

1. Any listener, except I.S.W.C. officers, the judges and their relatives may take part. Members and non-members will be treated alike.

2. The judges are Arthur H. Lynch, Clifford E. Denton, Jacob Kielmans, Arthur E. Bear, Joseph B. Sessions, Joseph and Thomas Reaney.

3. The persons sending the best reports on programmes listed will be awarded the prizes. This list is official, and any station changes will not affect it. Reports may be sent to me at the end of each day or posted on November 1 with postage. It is preferred that entrants write each programme on a separate sheet.

5. Reports will be judged on accuracy and completeness of detail. Titles of selections heard, names of speakers, type of music heard and such details as those should be given in the report.

6. Any person found guilty of sending in a false report on one station will be eliminated from the contest entirely. Allowances will be made for discrepancies in times, etc.

The Week's Log

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6.

GSE, on 10m. band, heard at 10.55 a.m., signals being weak but fairly clear.

Radio Coloniale opened up at 11 a.m. with a weak signal, after which a talk in French was given. At 12.20 a.m. news in English was given out.

DJA, 31.38m., was heard at 12.45 p.m., also with a weak signal, the clarity being fairly good. This station is getting weaker now, and in a week or two will not be heard on this session. At 2.10 p.m. it was better strength, being RQ, Q5.

HJ4ABA—Good strength at 2.15 p.m., with musical items.

DJN signed off at 3.22 p.m. with a good signal, playing as usual the two German National Anthems.

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