



Shortwave Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen

(By A. B. McDonagh, 4 Queen Street, Wellington, E.1.)

THOSE who receive German programmes may be mystified by the item "A Little German ABC." This refers to the lessons in German which take place at about 11.45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Unfortunately at the present time it is hard to pick up the 19-metre transmissions.

JVH, Japan, is on 20.55 metres (14.60 m.c.), but I have heard this call used simultaneously on other telephony stations right down to 16 metres, when calling FVA, a French telephone station on the 19-metre band using a peculiar three-note whistle. At times FVA plays a weird little tune of 5 to 8 notes, which is kept up until contact is made with JVH.

KAZ, Manila, 30.09 metres (9.97 m.c.) was used for phoning PLV, but has been rebroadcasting KZRM, and looks as though it will settle down to a regular schedule.

The mystery station on 44.65 metres has for the first two letters of his call "PM," and the words "Bandoeng, Java," have been heard.

RV15, Kharbarovsk, on 70.2 metres (4.25 m.c.) is back to form. Those who have very early copies of the "Radio Record" will see this station reported under the original call of RFM by Mr. F. W. Sellens and Mr. A. P. Morrison.

F31CD, Saigon, about 44 metres, and Shanghai, on the 31 metre band, have so far failed to appear. As YDB, Java, and CQN, Macao, are on most nights on the latter band many people are confusing them. There are also two Japanese there and an Italian East African station.

ZEK (ZBW), Hong Kong, 34.29 metres (8.75 m.c.), seems to be among our winter "gone but not forgotten" stations. Very close to him are harmonics of RV15 and a Java station.

An Australian listener heard a station just below RV15. He is quite right, there is a weak Java station there, and also one above 60, and yet another away up above the amateurs.

Most radio listeners appear to tune within a limited space on both the medium waves (what we term broadcast in New Zealand), and from 25 to 49 metres on shortwave, but there are stations from below 5 metres to nearly 2000. What is above we do not know, but it is stated

that code stations are up to 5000 metres.

When the Empire stations commence to come in later in the evenings, France and Germany will be better. The B.B.C. engineers study each report from overseas and so they have found that in order to present a reliable service they have to commence our transmission much earlier, otherwise, owing to seasonal conditions, our average reception would not be what we wish it to be.

In a recent talk on "Selectivity" from Darenty, the chief engineer dealt with some very interesting subjects, and particularly mentioned the congestion on the 49-metre band, explaining why for "local" purposes this is so. I understood him to say that the B.B.C. had printed a pamphlet on his talk. All these talks are printed in the "Weekly Newsletter," which is posted for 5/- per annum, but, as the programmes arrive too late, listeners should pick out the sitemes they like from the advance programmes in this paper.

VK3XB and VK4KL do not use telephony and any transmissions on voice, using these calls, are "pirates." (Per ZL156.)

In view of very many requests from Australia it has been decided to make the N.Z.S.W.C.—VK2DL 5-metre Challenge Cup open to the first New Zealand or Australian listener who secures a 5-metre verification from across the Tasman. VK2DL transmits for ZL2QZ experimental receiving station each Sunday night from 8.30 to 10.30, when he transmits slow morse for learners. In order to cover cost of printing and postage, listeners who wish for a snapshot of 2DL are asked to send 4d. in Australian stamps to Mr. W. Phelps, VK2DL, 14 Watkin Street, Canterbury, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Some of the letters I receive are practically examination papers, but one, short and sweet, reads: "Please send me price of shortwave set and oblige." This reminds me of when, during the early days of the club, in 1930, a very young boy wrote that Dad had given him an old valve and asked if I could tell him how to make a radio set with it.

DX Topics

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Station Changes.

LATEST news from abroad states that WTAR has increased power to 1k.w.; KPRC from 1000w. to 5000w.; KBIK is a new station on 1500 k.c., with 100 watts of power.

The station at Bratislava has been re-

placed by a new 100k.w. station, and Viipuri has increased power to 15k.w.

The new Australian station, 2NR, will be heard testing any time now.—217W (Marton).

New Station In Hawaii.

RECEPTION of overseas stations still remains excellent, although QRN has been severe on some nights. Now that Australian stations are coming in earlier in the evenings they cause a lot of heterodynes with American stations.

A new station, KHBC, Hilo, Hawaii, was logged at 5.48 p.m. on June 2. Mostly native music was put over. Signals were R4, QSA2-4.

Recent loggings are: XEFO, KTHS, KHBC, KWYO, 4LG, VK's 2LS, 2KD, 3BH, 3FW, 4BJ, 4EC and 7RC. Verifications: 2BH, 4RO, 5KA, 6WF, VK's 2AJ, 3HF and 7RC, ZIV, VUB, VUD, KIEM, KFNF, KHA, KJR, KMOJ, WOW, WOR, WAAB, WHAS and XEPN.—370A (Te Pahu).

Two Stations to Try For.

RECEPTION has not been too good in this district recently, owing to severe QRM. Members are advised to try for the following stations:—KDON, 1210 k.c., which closes down on Sundays at 7.30 p.m. N.Z.T.; KHBC, Hilo, Hawaii, has been heard closing down at 9.30 p.m. N.Z.T. on Sunday evenings. Although the frequency of this station is listed as 1420 k.c., I have found that it is on 1400 k.c. The power of the station is only 100 watts, but it comes in at good volume.—4H.Q. (Waipukurau).

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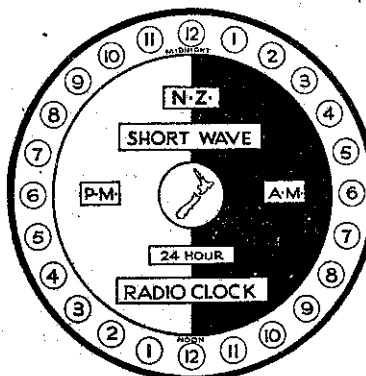
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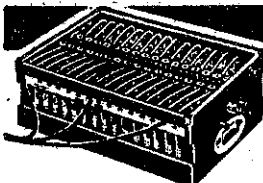
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