



Identification Wanted

Station on approx. 1540 k.c., heard on Tuesday, August 4. At approx. 7.25 p.m. a woman sang "She Shall Have Music Wherever She Goes"; at 7.27 p.m., an announcement was made, after which "Limehouse Blues" was played; at 7.30 p.m., a further announcement was made, followed by dance numbers. Also, a station on approx. 895 k.c., heard on Sunday, August 16, at 3.33 a.m., at which time the latest news, in English, was heard. This news bulletin lasted until about 3.45 a.m., when the latest scores in the second Test of the cricket match between England and India were announced. At 3.46 a.m. a Mr. Chapman, was introduced to listeners, and spoke for a quarter of an hour. Musical items were played at 4.2 a.m. and 4.13 a.m.—112S. (Orepuki).

DX Topics

Did Any Other Dxe?

FROM reports in "Radio Record" of 14th inst. it would appear that all your DX correspondents heard the new shortwave station "Radio Podesbrady, Czechoslovakia," on the afternoon of Saturday, July 25. I would like to say that I logged this station between 6.15 a.m. and 6.20 a.m. on Friday, July 24, on what was, I believe, his first test transmission.

At approximately 6.25 a.m., N.Z.S.T., he announced his station name in four different languages (including English), but as the station was surging badly I only caught the words "Radio —, Czechoslovakia." At the time the station was working on 49.05 metres. I told a keen DX friend of mine that same evening (Friday), and my friend caught the station on Saturday, July 25. It would be

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interesting to know if any other dxer heard this station on the 24th.—W. T. Anderson (Milburn).

The LRX-LRU Mix-up.

IT is reported that LRU is operating on 31.25 metres, whereas LRX is the correct call of this well-heard South American. The call is announced regularly in Spanish as "Elay Airray Eckiss Radio El Mundo Buenos Aires," and call is given in English when station closes. It is then that the schedule of LRU, which operates on 19.62 metres, is announced.—J. V. Mc-Minn (Wellington).

Listeners' Reports

(By Publicity Department, N.Z.A.R.T.).

LISTENERS may often wonder why they do not always receive confirmation of their amateur reports and, possibly, a few remarks and suggestions on this matter may assist listeners in compiling their future reports.

One of the reasons why reports are not confirmed is that amateur stations who have been on the air for some years know full well exactly how their signals should be received and, therefore, have no need for listeners' reports.

Another reason may be given from the fact that amateur stations are not allowed to "broadcast" and must work similar stations only. If an amateur wants a report, therefore, he can obtain and receive it almost immediately from the station he is working.

Then there is the matter of cost. Cards, envelopes and stamps cost money and many amateurs think, possibly with some justification, that they can use the money to better advantage within their own station.

However, while the above are contributory factors, the main reason is that practically every listener's report contains little or no useful information.

Listeners, if they make their reports useful and show their co-operation by enclosing return postage, have every possibility of receiving a confirmation in return, as amateurs, as a whole, are only too willing to assist those genuinely interested in their transmissions.

Amateur reports cannot be dealt with like broadcast station reports. They are a different type of transmission, and, therefore, must receive different treatment. Broadly speaking, the usual type of report form printed for broadcast station reporting is useless from the amateur's point of view, and, therefore, should not be used unless much more information is added.

As a guide to those desirous of improving their amateur reports, the following points will be of interest as they form the basis of a good amateur report.

- (1) A correct reading of signal strength and readability as you receive it... not as you think it should be received. Giving QSA5, R9 where it should be QSA4, R6 only makes the amateur think you are praising him, hoping to get his card—and generally you miss.
- (2) An intelligent check on modulation percentage.
- (3) An intelligent precis of any faults you notice such as hum, background noise, clarity of speech, etc.
- (4) Repeat any of the above when tests are being made concerning same.
- (5) Give a comprehensive, but brief, description of your receiver and antenna together with a word about your locality as regards reception generally.
- (6) Sufficient data to enable the station to verify your logging—don't give an essay.

If listeners follow out the above with any useful additions they can think of their reports will be confirmed.

N.Z. DX CLUB Meetings

HAWKE'S BAY.

In the new club room, Wood's Tea-rooms, Waipukurau, at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26.

L. W. MATHIE (4HQ),
Branch Secretary.

AUCKLAND.

In the committee room, Scots' Hall, Symonds Street, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26.

H. SUTCLIFFE (198A),
Branch Secretary.

WELLINGTON.

In the offices of National Magazines, Ltd., Third Floor, Dominion Buildings, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2.

F. J. REEVES (2HQ),
Branch Secretary.

MARTON.

At 97 Princes Street, Marton Junction, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8.

J. R. BAIN (217W),
Branch Secretary.

WHANGAREI.

In Full James' Salon at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, September 7.

R. A. ROYCROFT (222A),
Branch Secretary.

WAIKATO.

In Te Rapa Hall at 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 5. Cars will collect members at Hamilton Post Office at 7.30 p.m.

D. W. B. TURNER (292A),
Branch Secretary.

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