

RADIO CREATES WORLD FRIENDSHIP

THAT radio does really create friendship among listeners in different parts of the world is borne out by the following extract from a letter received by Mr. W. T. Choppen (a member of the N.Z. DX Club) from Ricardo F. Rubio, Cuban Representative of the N.Z. DX Club. Mr. Rubio writes:—

RECENTLY I received a letter from Amando Cespedes Marin, owner-operator of Station TI4NRH, Costa Rica, sending me the famous diploma and some other enclosures. In the letter he informed me that he was leaving that day for New York, but would be passing through Havana and would like me to meet him. I immediately contacted the Director of the "Cuban Radio Guide," and some other listener-friends, and together we formed a committee which met Cespedes on the ship.

On the ship I had the pleasure of meeting Adolfo Leonard Fernandez, who, in turn, had been

to the Cuban people and the authorities, and also to his family who were listening in Costa Rica, as the speech had been arranged before his departure for Cuba.

We then proceeded to the COCQ plant, and stayed there until 4.10 p.m.

After we had visited the homes of several friends, we took Cespedes back to the ship and arrived ten minutes before the ship was due to sail. Cespedes was deeply moved by the manner in which we received him, and was very sorry to have to leave us.

From The Mailbag

THE number of schools registered for listening in April, 1935, was 3656; in April, 1938, it was 8250; and by the end of May, 1938, this number had increased to 8477. Of the total 8250, 891 were secondary schools and 7359 were elementary and other schools.

TODAY'S problem which is exercising the mind of the BBC is whether two, or perhaps three, 100 kilowatt stations could cover the British Isles effectively in the event of a national emergency assuming such serious proportions that the closing-down of most of the transmitters became unavoidable. It is a foregone conclusion that only those transmitters which are more or less remote from air raids would be able to continue in service. In the construction of Start Point, therefore, provision is being made for a power unit of 100 kilowatts, although, it should be added, that power may not be used when the station first comes into the service next spring. Burghhead, in Scotland, operates at present on a power of 70 kilowatts, capable of increase to 100 kilowatts. These two transmitters, with the addition of Droitwich, can, it is estimated, serve the whole of the British Isles.

A RECENT traffic census carried out by Imperial Airways reveals the remarkable extent to which air transport is used in the wireless industry. Not only does this form of conveyance reduce the time element to a matter of hours instead of days, but it dispenses with elaborate packing and makes breakages practically unheard of.

Firms who at one time found it necessary to keep large stocks of components at their branches abroad, to ensure against running short of supplies, now find that urgent orders can be fulfilled in a few hours. The result is that supplies in hand can be kept down to a minimum with a subsequent saving in floor space and the certainty of stocks being fresh.

While heavy batteries and accumulators still go by steamer, during practically every working day throughout the year a consignment of wireless valves leaves Croydon by air.

ABOUT two hundred of Iceland's fleet of seagoing fishing vessels are equipped with Post Office radio-telephonic apparatus. Calls can be put through to any subscriber ashore at the rate of 1.5 kroner (approximately 1/4) per period of three minutes.

This service is the result of experiments successfully carried out by the Icelandic Post Office in 1932 when the significance of such a scheme was appreciated by the authorities and then quickly taken advantage of by owners of small craft.

THE most enthusiastic radio subscriber in the world must surely be C. M., of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Recently he sent a cheque for 12,000 dinars (about £54) to radio authorities to pay for his wireless licence until January 1, 1938.

ALTHOUGH the name of the Vienna broadcasting station changed to Reichsender Wien in March on the annexation of Austria by Germany, the former Austrian broadcasting company, which still exists, but under the direction of Dr. Glasmeier, Director-General of German broadcasting in Berlin. He has been appointed acting DG of Ravag until the company has been liquidated and the shareholders (the Government and Municipality of Vienna) have been paid out.

The Austrian transmitters were not Government-owned, but on the completion of the winding-up of Ravag they will become the property of the German Post Office, as are all the transmitters in Germany, where the broadcasting authorities provide only the programmes.

Exchange Of QSL Cards

THE following list of dxers, in all parts of the world, who wish to exchange QSL cards was sent in by G. Empson (DX81MC). All the people listed guarantee to reply.

Denis J. Nolan, 3 Mount Pleasant Villas, Ranelagh, Dublin, Eire. Luis Diez A, P.O. Box 21, Retalhuleu, Guatemala.

Luc D' Heilt-Lafere, Sulerbergstraat 8, Bruges, Belgium.

John Versfeld, Classenbosch P.O. Constantia, South Africa.

Oscar Westman, 24 Lawrence Road, Maitland, Capetown, South Africa.

ONARA, Roger Allard, 131 Rue Vanderkindere, Uccle Brussels, Belgium.

Heinz Pankow, Muenchen 19, Waisenhausstr 67, Germany.

Raymond Williams, P.O. Box 24, Gaza 1, Palestine.

Sergio Gomezalez, Calle 21, No. 552, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

FXCN, Sequeira, Box 562, Shanghai, China.

Josef Winter, Muenchen 19, Dom-Pedro-Str 37, Germany.

Hermann Groh, Essen Ruhr, Huyssen Allee 67, Germany.

Rudolf Moeller, Erfurt, Wenigsmarkt, Germany.

Hans Klotz, Falterweg 9, Berlin Grunewald, Germany.

V. Wofek, C.E.S. Budejovice, Radnick 1, Czechoslovakia.

Jan, ZD Cvrcek, Strakonice, Ul Svatek 468, Czechoslovakia.

Oriente Noda, 803 Sheridan St., Honolulu, Hawaii.

George Lindo, 1914 So Beretania St., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Doug. C. Johnson, 169 Coburg Rd., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Ronald Kipp, 854 Princess Ave., London, Ontario, Canada.

Lee Meade Williams, 718 Alledale St., Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

Mel Edwards, 1323, 15th St., Santa Monica, California, U.S.A.

Walter J. Makar, 7336 W. 61 St., Argo, Illinois, U.S.A.

Wally Hallgren, Box 31, Santa Rosa, California, U.S.A.

C. H. Kuebert, 7916 Tacoma St., Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Clarence O. Schwengel, 811 Oakland Ave., Port Washington, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

John P. Thompson, 1237 Sixth St., Port Arthur, Texas, U.S.A.

Fritz H. Bergh, Madison, Minnesota, U.S.A.

Ward S. Atherton, 348 South Grand St., Orange, California, U.S.A.

Robert E. Lee Hunt, 1105N Harmon Ave., Danville, Illinois, U.S.A.

Harry Honda, 429N Fremont, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Donald Stoberl, 130 Minerva St., Tonawanda, New York, U.S.A.

N.Z. DX Club Meetings

HAWKE'S BAY.

In the Club Room, above Wood's Tearooms, Waipukurau, at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11.

V. L. KING (TI9HB.), Branch Secretary.

NORTHLAND.

At 21 Anzac Road, Whangarei, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, January 16.

R. A. ROYCROFT (2H.Q.), Branch Secretary.

AUCKLAND.

In the Society of Arts Hall, Kitchener Street, at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, January 11.

F. NEWING (316A.), Branch Secretary.

WAIKATO.

In Hamilton on Saturday, January 14, 1939.

W. NORRIS (620A.), Branch Secretary.

looking for me because you had informed him that I was a friend of yours.

After greetings had been exchanged, it was decided that Adolfo and I should take Cespedes on a tour of Havana—I being appointed "Master of Ceremonies." We left the ship at 8 a.m. and after touring the town, had breakfast at 8.30 a.m.

After that we took him to our National Capitol, and we were two hours showing him around and explaining everything to him, for our capital is a 16 million dollar building, and is a marvel of construction and modern engineering. One of the features is that it contains 165 different kinds of marble, while another is a big 32-carat diamond, which is placed in the centre of the building, and indicates kilometre "0" of the Main Road (central highway), so all distances are measured from the capital. It also has a big statue which symbolises the Republic of Cuba. It is made of bronze, weighs 49 tons, is 52 feet high, and has three covers of gold-plate. This capital is considered the best in Latin-America, and the second best in the world.

At 10.30 we left the capital and took Cespedes around the commercial districts, until 11.30 a.m., at which time we had to be in the "Radio Guide's" Offices, the Director, Rafael de la Paz, was very nice to all and had a photo taken of the group, after which we all heard the whole history of "Old Little NRN."

While we were lunching, "Radio Guide's" Director prepared a visit with the owners of COCQ. The chief engineer was very kind to us and showed Cespedes the whole three-story building, specially constructed for the station, and Cespedes was simply delighted. While there, he received a telephone call from the COCQ plant out at Aldecoa, asking Cespedes to go there, as they wished to say "hello" to him. So after we had seen the studios, Cespedes made a speech

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