

Identification Wanted

COULD you identify a station on about 260 metres (1150 k.c.) which I heard at 10.40 p.m. on Wednesday (January 8). A lady was singing, "If You Want the Rainbow." This was followed by a march. About half-way through this piece transmission stopped. It was being relayed from a hall or theatre, as there was very loud cheering. Full loudspeaker strength.—T.S. (Palmerston North).

SINCE the set we are using was installed I have logged no less than 15 unidentified stations. From most of these I have heard either music or speech, but one or two have only been audible by carrier waves (all through speaker). One carrier directly behind 1YA was very strongly in evidence the Monday before Christmas, but has not been heard since. However, on December 29, prior to 1YA opening at 11.40 a.m. this carrier was very strong, and I imagine I could hear a muffled voice. I already have KHL, U.S.A., about this wavelength. On the evening of January 2 I had KPO, San Francisco, for the first time for about six weeks, but it was not very loud. I also had two stations I would like to identify, transmitting duplex telephony. These were heard at 7.15 p.m.-7.20 p.m. both quite plain on 1350 k.c. approx. It was the same type of work that I heard from the two Tasmanian stations I asked identification for (September 27) on approximately the same frequency. The following is part of their conversation, and I'm inclined to think they are New Zealanders:—

From the first: "How's that now?" (preceded by "Hallo" The second (and louder): "Oh! All right! Getting that well now. Friend in engineer's office getting report of receiving transmission. It's quite a change to hear your voice!" First: "Yes! / —?" (missed). Will you ring up William Charles Henderson? If you can't get him come back." Second: "I'll try and get him." (Much speech missed.) The first: The only trouble is when the lights are on, as that causes interference, as "—?" (man's name) has a motor running. I might ring up —? ten o'clock or later perhaps as he may have gone out to the pictures—he often does." Second: "Righto, I got that O.K. Best keep all your messages till after quarter to eight o'clock this evening." Though I went back after that time I heard nothing further from them. On Friday, January 3, I had the two above stations at 2.55 p.m. for about three minutes on messages. The carrier on 900 k.c. was also loud at 2.40 p.m., music being audible.—Arthur E. Allen (Avondale).

THE D.X. CLUB

Views and News.

ON January 4 at 11.40 a.m. I received a station playing gramophone music. Among the items was a song which commenced with "Dreams," repeated three times, and the second verse with "Smiles," similarly repeated. The song finished with "In that little place called home, sweet home." The last record played was, "I lift up my finger and say Tweet, Tweet." The station closed down at 12.35 p.m. Station call sounded like 1FO or 1ZO. Static interfered with announcements, but music came through very well. During the programme something was said about "radio service." I have received this station (at 96½ on dial calibrated 1-100) many times, but plainest

call clearly, five times, and twice not so clearly. I think that he was there the night before, on musical items and reading telegrams (reports or reception) between, but did not hear a call sign given. As this was a special programme running through the night, you will probably have received a host of other letters noting this station.—J. Currie, Wanganui.

SEEING that the "Radio Record" of December 13 had Station WHK, Cleveland, Ohio, listed as not having been heard in New Zealand, I would like to report that I received that station to-night (January 8), from 8.50 until 9.30 p.m., on a 7-valve all-electric set, on approximately 1445 k.c. (207 metres). The reception was very clear, but not of great volume. We heard songs, music, and the announcer read telegrams received from all parts of America, advising him of the reception. He also asked distant listeners to let him know if they heard him. Have any others yet notified you of receiving this station?—Mrs. L. W. Davies, Nelson.

[We believe that yours is the first report of reception of this station.—Ed.]

Stations Identified

SOME time ago Mr. Blucher inquired about a station on 1060 k.c. (283 metres). I think this would be KWJJ, Portland, Oregon. Power, 500 watts.—Kauspanka (Hawke's Bay).

DX Topics

LAST evening (January 8, 1930) at 9.25 p.m. I logged station WHK, Cleveland, Ohio, on 1390 k.c. broadcasting a test programme. Several reports were read from listeners in Quebec, Manitoba, Three Rivers, Oklahoma and other places, all of which stated transmission was excellent. I noticed in "Radio Record," December 13, 1929, this station has not been reported as heard in New Zealand before.—J. I. Bilton (Cromwell).

IN your list of American stations recently published in the "Record" some are "starred" as not having been heard in New Zealand. Among them is WHK, Cleveland, Ohio. It may interest you to know that I picked this station up last night on the speaker. He was on a "special test programme," and I listened in at various times, from about 8.30 p.m. to 10.5 p.m., when he was still on the air, evidently operating right through the night. I got his

IN the last three months I have added six more stations to my log. One is 3EX, Melbourne, and the other KLO, and KOMO, both in Washington; KYW, Chicago; WTAM, Ohio, and KPRC, Texas. In the list of stations in the "Record" the last two stations are marked as not reported in New Zealand. There is also an asterisk by WGOA, which I have verified. My log now totals 92, 47 being American, and 43 verified. Since 1YA shifted to 900 kcs. it has been troubled with interference every night, until KHT closes down. Would it be too much to ask the engineers to put it back to 895 kcs., where it was working until Mr. Bingham gave it a spring clean.—Kauspanka, Hawke's Bay.

ON Friday, January 3, I received KPO, on dance music, quite loudly. Also KGO, on dance music, several well-known fox-trots being heard. At approximately 8.3 p.m. (N.Z. time), the announcer of this station gave the California weather report, easily readable, and then closed down (12 midnight, Pacific U.S. time). This station was still on its old frequency, and not on WLW's, as Mr. Ellis, Okato, mentioned in the "Record" of December 20. In the December 27 issue I see a letter from WLW sent to A. D. Rogers (Wellington). I also have a letter from that station which reads word for word with Mr. Rogers' except that it gives WSAI as 1330 kilocycles, instead of 700 k.c., as you published. However, as it was written a month earlier (October 25, 1929) the frequency may have changed. Lately I have noticed a curious phenomenon. On Monday, December 30, I received 4ZL, Dunedin, at good speaker early in the evening. In fact, the volume

was surprising. On tuning in to 4YA's wave, I found it was inaudible, and during the evening rarely came up to good volume. And yet when 4ZL closed down at 11 o'clock, it was audible all over the house. As you mentioned in the "Record" of November 29, there may "possibly be some relationship between distance and wave-length."—Arthur E. Allen, Avondale.

Speech by King George

Impending Short-wave Broadcast

EXPERIMENTAL station NEW, Chelmsford, England, announced late Wednesday night last that the King's speech at the opening of the big Naval Conference on the 21st instant would be broadcast between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., G.M.T., which will be 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., N.Z. time. This announcement was picked up by Mr. R. L. Jones, of Lyall Bay, at the conclusion of the usual transmission by G5SW, Chelmsford. Reception last Wednesday when Mr. Jones was listening-in was perfect, and if the same conditions obtain on the 21st instant short-wave listeners will have no regrets. The same evening 2MB, Sydney, did not receive GBX, London, too well, during their usual tests, yet strangely enough GBX (direct) was received at excellent volume; and immediately afterwards both GBX and 2MB were heard simultaneously on Duplex.

It frequently happens that Sydney does not at some time or other perhaps pick up GBX as loud and clear as they would desire, yet on tuning direct to London it might happen that GBX, London, is heard more clearly than at Sydney; and the reverse is also the case at times. In view of the fact that the King's speech at the Naval Conference will be of special interest, it is hoped transmitters will refrain from causing QRM between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, in order that listeners may have a clear opportunity of hearing the speech; and it is not asking too much to request those with short-wave sets (without screen-grid valves) to refrain from "howling" during that two hours.

Amateurs Heard in England

SHORT-WAVE transmitters and listeners will be interested in the following extract from an English magazine short-wave notes:—"As for the Antipodes, I have been in two-way communication with them regularly every morning on 20 metres for the last four or five weeks! There are, however, only a few regular stations at 'the other end,' mostly New Zealanders, the best being ZLAAA, ZLSAS, ZLSCM, ZL2BG, and ZL2BX."

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