

Short Wave News.

Central and South American Stations.

I AM indebted to Mr. A. Lambourne (Reading, England) for the particulars of the following short-wave stations: HBB, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 49.95 metres, transmits on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1.45 p.m.-5.30 p.m. HKT, Bogota, Columbia, 48.5 metres, transmits daily from 12.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

NRH, Costa Rica, 30.5 metres, daily from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., all in New Zealand times.

The latter station has been heard by Mr. Morrison (Brooklyn) and myself.

3RO, Rome, Testing on 80 Metres.

MR. MORRISON (Brooklyn) reports hearing 3RO, Rome, testing on 80 metres on Friday and Saturday mornings (25th and 26th inst.), commencing each day at 7.30 a.m., volume being R7-8 with perfect modulation. Announcements are made in Italian and English.

Extra Transmission from G5SW.

IT was announced that till May 17 there would be the following additional transmissions from G5SW: Mondays to Saturdays, 16.50 to 17.15 G.M.T., tuning signal followed by a news session. Saturdays, 18.00 to 23.00 G.M.T., relay of the London programme. The New Zealand times are Tuesday to Sunday (inclusive), 4.20 a.m. to 4.45 a.m.; Sunday, 5.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Hae RA97, Siberia, Changed Their Call?

WHILE listening to a talk in English by a lady, she was heard to give the call of "RB16, Khabarovsk, on 70 metres." A Christchurch listener also reports hearing the call.

5SW Sheds Joy in Japan.

THE "Japan Advertiser," Tokio, tells a human story of how the speech of Mr. Reijiro Wakatsuki, Japan's chief delegate at the Naval Conference, was heard by his family in Tokio. Considerable anxiety was felt by the engineers of station JOAK as to whether Mr. Wakatsuki would be heard, particularly as the earlier speeches at the inaugural session, including that of King George, were almost inaudible owing to extraneous noises. As time went on, however, 5SW's power seemed to increase, and when Mr. Wakatsuki's turn came, his speech was strong and clear. The chief delegate's family were grouped round a loudspeaker in Tokio and were overjoyed when they recognised his voice.

Daylight Saving in U.S.A.

SUMMER-TIME commences in the districts that have adopted it on Sunday morning, April 27. New York stations will therefore close one hour earlier according to our time from Monday.

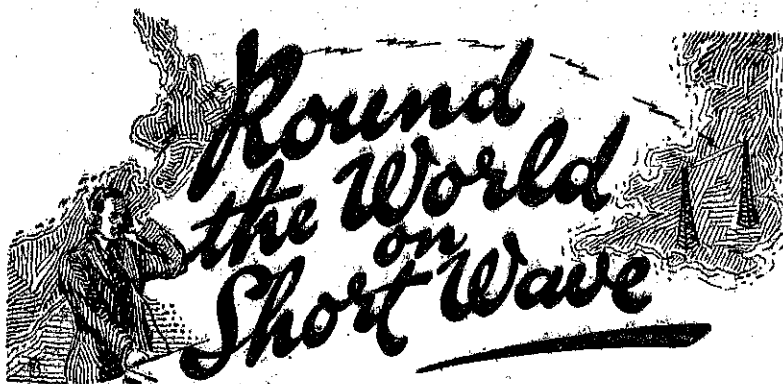
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Log for the Week

Sunday, April 20.

W2XAD at noon was R1-2, increasing to R5 at 1.30 p.m. Soon after 2 p.m. there was no sign of this station.

W2XAF were very gushy at 2 p.m., being R3. Volume and quality soon improved, being R8-9 by 3.30 p.m.

NRH, which till now has been an identified station, was tuned in about 2.30 p.m. on 30.5 metres. A clock was heard just after 2.30 p.m., followed by a metronome till an orchestra commenced. Volume

Stations Heard During Week Ended April 26

RA97, Siberia, 70 metres, each evening. W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres, Saturday.

WSXAL, New Jersey, 40.18 metres, Friday and Saturday.

W2XB, New York, 49.02 metres, Sunday, Monday and Saturday.

WSXK, Pittsburgh, 48.86 metres, Sunday, Monday and Friday.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.4 metres, Sunday, Friday and Saturday.

PCJ, Holland, 31.4 metres, Friday and Saturday.

Zeessen, Germany, 31.38 metres, each morning.

NRH, Costa Rica, 30.5 metres, Sunday and Saturday.

VK2ME, Sydney, 28.5 metres, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

GBX, England, 27.5 metres, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

KIXR, Manila, 26.3 metres, each evening except Monday.

G5SW, England, 25.53 metres, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

W6XN, California, 23.35 metres, Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

W2XAD, Schenectady, 19.56 metres, Sunday, Monday and Saturday.

Unidentified Stations.

44.2 metres (about), Saturday.

41.6 metres (about), Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

was R5, but modulation was very poor. When signing off at 2.43 p.m. all that could be distinguished of a long announcement was "this finishes our programme." Two languages are used, Spanish and English.

W6XN was very good from tuning-in at 2.30 p.m., when they were R8, till they closed down. A morse station on the same frequency blotted out W6XN at times. On closing, a "Sunrise Easter Service" was announced to commence at 4 a.m. with an organ recital, followed at 5 a.m. with a service.

WSXK (KDKA) were R8 at 3.45 p.m. on 48.86 metres (no sign of them on their lower wavelength), with a programme for Admiral Byrd. An early morning Easter service was relayed from 4.30 p.m. (midnight in Pittsburgh) till 5 p.m. from the Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, for the special benefit of

those in the Far North, the Orinoco Expedition, Byrd's Antarctic Expedition, etc. This came through very well at R8-9.

W2XE were R4 at 5 p.m., but was spoilt by rapid fading. KIXR, Radio Manila, were R8 at 7.50 p.m. The volume was the same when reopening again at 9.30 p.m.

RA97 static was, if possible, worse than usual.

Monday, April 21.

ZEESSEN at 7 a.m. were R9, with choral music. W2XAD were only audible for a short time about 1.30 p.m., being R2 at their best.

WSXK at 4 p.m. were R2-3, increasing to R8 by 4.15 p.m. Again they were on 48.86 metres only. Reports were asked for to be sent c/o William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. W2XE was very weak at 4.30 p.m.—not readable. RA97 again spoilt by static.

Tuesday, April 22.

STATIC was very bad on short waves both morning and evening.

Zeessen, R8 at 6.45 a.m. 41.6 metre stronger, just audible through QRN. W6XN, R5 at 7 p.m. KIXR, R5 at 9.30 p.m. RA97, R9 10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23.

5SW at 6.15 a.m. their carrier only was audible. At 7 a.m. music was R4, but very gushy.

Zeessen was only R5 at 6.20 a.m., but increased to R9 by 7 a.m. The carrier only was heard of the 41.6 metre station. 2ME and GBX were both very good at 7 p.m. with duplex through the post office at either end.

RA97 were R8 on 70 metres and R6 on 35 metres, first harmonic.

KIXR were tuned in at 8.30 p.m., when they gave the time as 5 p.m. and were signing off till 6 p.m. Strength was R7 with plenty of static and morse QRM. At 9.30 p.m. volume had decreased to R5.

Thursday, April 24.

THIS was a poor day for reception, most signals being weak and mushy. 5SW inaudible at 6.10 a.m. R5 at 7 a.m., but very gushy. Zeessen, R5 at 6.20, increasing to R8 by 7.30 a.m. 2ME and GBX were good strength at 8 p.m. but not so clear as usual. KIXR was weaker than usual, while RA97 was swamped by static.

Friday, April 25.

PCJ was not tuned in till 7.15 a.m., when they were R8 with plenty of static and mush. They signed off at 7.40 a.m.

Zeessen at 7.30 a.m. was R.8. GBX and 2ME were both R9 at 7.15 when the telephone girls at each end were talking about the weather, etc.

5SW at 7.20 a.m. were R7-8, very gushy. The Greenwich time signal was heard at 7.30 a.m. It was announced that G5SW would be on the air on Saturday from 1800 to 2300 G.M.T. An organ recital came through fairly well after 8 a.m.

W6XN was R5 at 2 p.m. with the "Barwell Coffee Hour" till 2.30 p.m. This was followed by the RCA and Victor C. How. Volume reached R9 by 5

p.m. W2XAF was fair volume, but was troubled with a background of noise.

WSXAL at 4 p.m. were R8, and, except for slight gush and static, quite good. WSXK signed off at 4.43 p.m., being R7 at their best.

RA97 was almost free from static at 8.30 p.m. when tuned in. An orchestra was quite good at R9. This was followed by the news of the world as regards revolutions, woollen mills strike, Communist activities, etc., by a lady talking in English. She concluded by giving the call as "This is station RB16, Khabarovsk, on 70 metres." The call was repeated in English and then given in Russian, after which that language only was heard.

KIXR, with Victor recordings from 9.30 p.m., were excellent at R8-9, except for slight slow fading.

Saturday, April 26.

STATION PCJ was perfect from 6 a.m. till 7.30 a.m., being R8 at first, decreasing to R7-8. 2ME and GBX on duplex at 6.10 a.m. were R9 and R8 respectively.

The 41.6-metre station was R3 at 6.20 a.m.

5SW was quite good at R9 when tuned in at 6.10 a.m. A talk was in progress about allotments and smallholdings. Every word was clearly readable. The musical programme commenced at 6.15 a.m.

Zeessen was excellent at R9 from 6.30 a.m. with orchestral items. PCJ was very poor during the afternoon; R1 at 1 p.m., with a very slow increase to R3 at 4.30 p.m. After this volume increased more rapidly, but quality was poor till the conclusion at 5.30 p.m., by which time volume was R8-9. Signals were gushy all through the transmission. W2XAF from R1 at 1 p.m. increased to R9 by 4.30 p.m. The last hour's programme was from the Hotel St. Regis, New York City.

W2XAD with the same programme as W2XAF was R3 at 1 p.m., increasing

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