DXTopics

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ber of the Indian team that has just completed a tour of Japan, thanking them for the hospitality shown the visitors and assuring them of as good a reception if they came to India. This was also spoken in English.

On Monday, May 19, station KGO put over a very fine concert by the National Broadcasting Company's "Mu-sical Musketeers" signing off at two minutes past midnight, Pacific standard time (7.32 p.m. here).

On Tuesday, May 13, KFOX did not sign off till 10.12 p.m. (our time), while other stations that came over well during the week, all being well

received on the loudspeaker, metres, 781 k.c.; KPO, 440 metres, 680 kc.; KFI, 470 metres, 635 k.c.; KFSD; 500 metres, 600 kc. I have a five-valve commercially-built battery set using five separate earths, and have just raised my aerial to 50 feet and lengthened it to 160 feet. I find that the difference it made to reception of distant stations has made it well worth while making the alterations.—"Vogeltown" (New Plymouth).

Identification Wanted

ON the 19th I heard three stations between 2YB and 2HD. The first

KHJ, 333 metres; 900 kc.; KTM, 384 mushy. He seemed to be on duplex, as he disappeared at intervals. The other two were broadcasting records. "The Man from the South" was put over at 8.20, then this station closed down about half an hour later without announcing. The last was a degree above this. The only announcements were three in Morse. I cannot read this very well, but I think I heard the letters "OM" and "RI." I think the last ones were preceded by the figure three. On May 13 I heard KFSD close down at 6.30, and then I went on to 500 k.c.'s (508 m.), just in time to hear another close down. I missed the call.-Kauspanker (Hawke's Bay.)

> HAS any listener picked up KGMV. Honolulu, this year? I did, 281 metres (1300), (10 on 1-100 dial), May 18, between 6 and 10.15 p.m., on loudspeaker, fading badly. On the 21st I heard KSGB, 211 metres (1420), (5 on 1-100 dial), but I could not get the name. One item at 6 p.m. was "Wedding of the Painted Doll," and one at 6.5 p.m., "If I Only Do as You Do." Majestic 1995 (Masterton.)

At Last A Replaceable Filament

RADIO valves, with a removable filament have been devised by an American woman radio engineer in order to re-duce the cost of set mantenance. When a valve burns out, all that is necessary to render it efficient once more is the insertion of a fresh filament. The invention, should it prove practicable, will be a veritable loom to radio ex-perimenters in particular.

Stations Identified

THE two men heard by "Amazon" were ZL2AX and ZL2BY, Wanganui, on 235 metres. I heard them Sunday morning at about 10 a.m. till 11.45 p.m.-T.S.

IN reply to Mr. Arnold—the station above 2BL is probably KOA, Denver. Colorado. The best time to get it is Thursday night. KWKH is on the same frequency as 2BL. S. G. Det probably heard WTAM, Cleveland,

were about three degrees below 2YB was Ohio, 1070 k.c.'s (280 metres). Dixon, I think, heard KFVD on 1000 k.c.'s (300 metres), and WLW, Ohio, 700 k.c.'s (428 metres).—Kauspanker (Hawke's Bay.)

New Stations.

NEW stations to my log since I last wrote are KTAB, Cal., 560 k.c.'s (535 m.); WHK, Ohio, 1390 k.c.'s (216 m); WHAS, Kentucky, 820 k.c's' (366 m.); KGU, Honolulu, 940 k.c.'s (319 m.); KGMB, Honolulu, 1320 k.c.'s (227 m.); XEN, Mexico, 730 k.c.'s (411 m.); KJF, Oklahoma, 1480 k.c.'s (203 m.); and 2ZR, Wanganui, and 1ZH, Hamilton, in their noon transmissions.

The Honolulu station KCMB comes in well any night when static is not too bad. I have received several letters from America, and the following extracts from some of them might be of interest to D.X. enthusiasts:—From KEJK: "Our call sign was changed to KMPC, and frequency to 710 k.c.'s (422 metres), on March 12." From WF1W: "We are on every morning from mid-night until 3, Central time." From WCKY: "We are not on with late programmes as a general thing, but if the letters from N.Z. keep rolling in 't looks like we shall have to arrange a special N.Z. broadcast. In the event we do this or intend to have a regular late broadcast, we shall be pleased to let you know, so you may arrange to listen-in for the number we shall most certainly dedicate to you." A letter from KGFC stated: "We are very proud of our little 100-watt transmitter, as it was designed and built by myself, assisted by a young chap who is our operator at the present time. We use crystal control and 100 per cent. modulation. We are in hopes that you will be able to hear us again, and the next time we are on late we are sure to mention your name as you are our only N.Z. listener."—Kauspanker (Hawke's Bay.)

Speaking with London

IN Melbourne, "Listener-in" states, in twelve months, perhaps, a call from London will be quite a common occurrence, and we will think no more of it than a conversation over an ordinary Australian trunk line." At all events New Zealand will in the not distant future have its own shore-wave 'phone station for talking to Australia.

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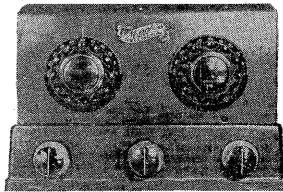
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