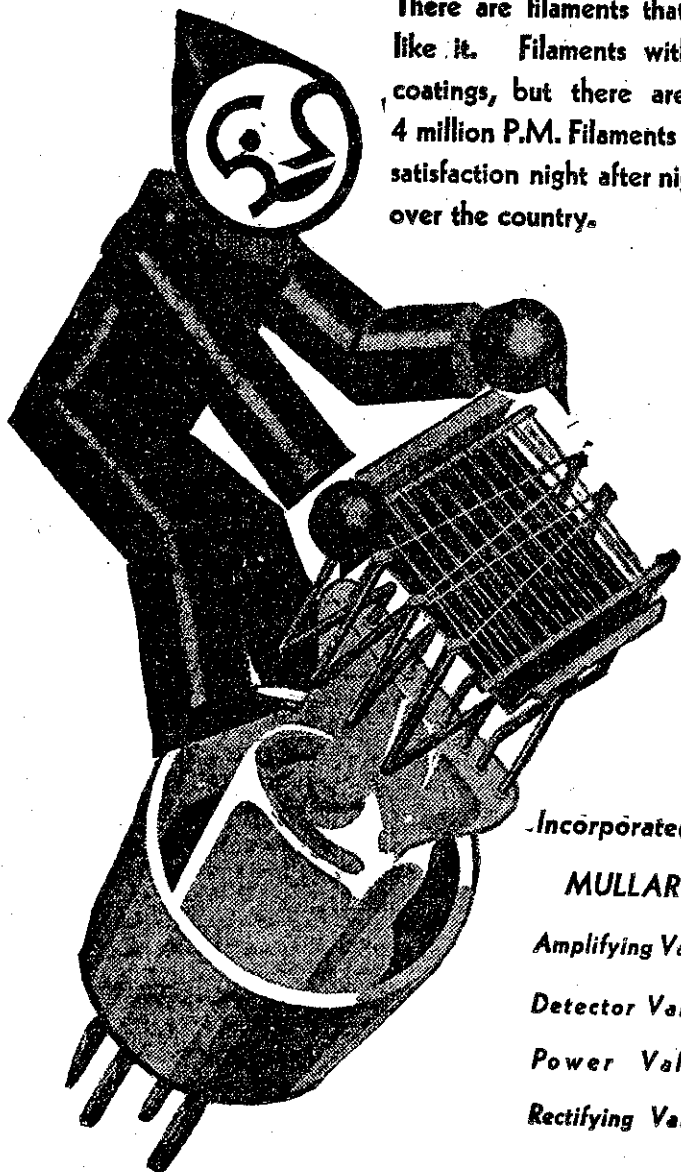


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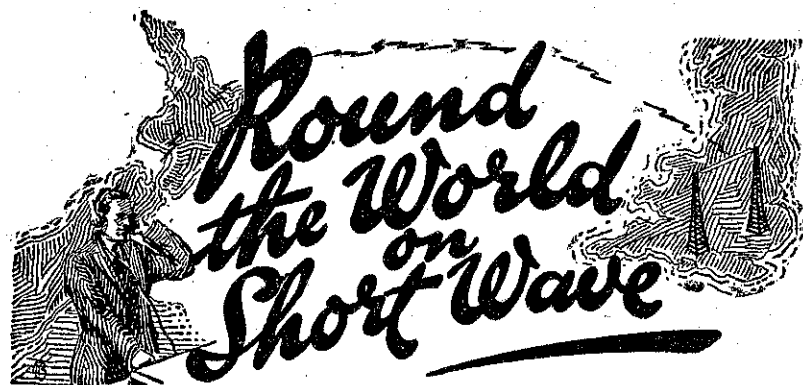


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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs of general interest.

The Recent Silence of RV15.

A SHORT-WAVE listener reports that this Russian announced a few weeks ago that the station was closing down indefinitely because of lack of funds. This trouble has apparently been arranged satisfactorily, as they are as talkative as ever.

FL's New Job.

THE Eiffel Tower has been fitted with a special short-wave transmitter for the purpose of keeping in touch with receivers installed in police stations in other French towns. The wavelengths used will not be disclosed, and the idea is to cover the country with a secret police radio network.

Rome Short-wave Station.

THE Turin correspondent of "World Radio" announces that early in July the new Rome short-wave station began

regular transmissions, and is now relaying the evening programme from the Rome studio.

A New Short-wave Station for Turin.

A NEW short-wave station is under construction at Turin. When ready, it will begin by relaying the Milan-Turin programmes.

Its ultimate object, however, appears to be the transmission of pictures. The wavelength of the station will be in the neighbourhood of 80 metres.

The Vatican Short-wave Station.

Nothing definite appears to be known about the operation of this station. It is stated that test transmissions will be conducted on 50.26 and 19.84 metres.

Stations Heard During Week Ending August 16

3RO Rome, 80 metres: This is one of the best stations now for clarity, although the volume is seldom more than R5-6. Each morning from soon after 7 a.m.

RV15 Siberia, 70 metres: Comes in well each evening. Plenty of talk as usual, but some very good musical items at times.

W9XF Chicago, 49.83 metres: Only heard on Sunday this week. Not so strong as usual.

W9XAA Chicago, 49.34 metres: Was heard at R8 on Friday after 10.30 p.m.

W3XAL New Jersey, 49.18 metres: Saturday and Sunday. R3 at 4 p.m., increasing to R7 by 5 p.m.

W2XE New York, 49.02 metres: Tuned in on Saturday at 4 p.m. when they were R4 with a slight gush. They signed off at 4.30 p.m.

Radio Sarjon, Indio-China, 49 metres: The schedule of this station is not known yet. They are on nearly every night, but sometimes are too late in commencing for me to hear. On Sunday, Friday, and Saturday they were good volume. R8 early reaching R9 later.

KIXR Manila, 48.8 metres: This station has made another change in wavelength, being back to 48.8 metres, where we used to hear them. They were heard each evening except Sunday and Monday. Volume as a rule about R7, but up to R9 on Saturday. Modulation is not the best; this, with static at times, mars reception.

W2XAF Schenectady, 31.4 metres: This one time regular station to be heard, is more or less a stranger now. Was on the air on Tuesday at 10 p.m. with records and calling 2ME Sydney. R8 at first with slight gushiness, becoming more steady and louder by 10.30 p.m.

Zeeseen, Germany, 31.38 metres: This German is not the station it was in the morning. It is heard each evening from about 6 a.m., usually reaching R7-8 by 7.30 a.m. It used to be R9 before the latter time.

PCJ Holland, 31.28 metres: On Friday at 6.30 a.m. they were very gushy at R5, increasing to R7-8 by 7.32 a.m., when they signed off. Saturday the quality was also poor, and only R6 at 7.30 a.m. During the afternoon, reception was not worth while. The best was at 5 p.m., when they were R7-8, but gushy.

2ME Sydney, 28.5 metres: Duplex with GBP.

GBP Sydney, 27.7 metres: Duplex with 2ME. Both these stations are on morning and early evening.

5SW Chelmsford, 25.53 metres. Heard each morning except Sunday and Monday. Not audible now till about 7 a.m., and still very weak when I have to close down.

At long last some definite agreement seems to have been reached at Home in regard to the establishment of a high-power short-wave transmitter working at regular hours for the benefit of listeners in the colonies. Last week it was announced that a piece of land adjoining the existing Daventry stations has been purchased by the British Broadcasting Company for the erection of such a station. There is a possibility that overseas listeners will be asked to contribute 5/- per annum for its maintenance.