

Short-wave Notes

VORZ Vienna Off the Air.

THE Vienna short-wave transmitter which up till recently has relayed several times weekly the studio programmes on 25 and 49 metres, has suspended its broadcasts indefinitely.

OK1MPT, Radio Elektra Mars.

AT Hlubetin, a small town some three miles east of Prague in the direction of Brno, the Czecho-Slovak Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs has installed an experimental short-wave station. Broadcasts of gramophone records and of information of interest to amateur wireless transmitters, are made on 58 metres between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., New Zealand time, every Wednesday and Saturday. All announcements are given out in the Czech, German, French, and English languages. The official call-sign OK1-MPT, but during broadcasts at intervals the name of the station is mentioned; it is Radio Elektra Mars.

High-Power Short-Wave Transmitter for Spain.

NEW plans have now been formulated for the reorganisation of the Spanish broadcasting system. The latest scheme provides for a 30-kilowatt transmitter at some spot approximately in the middle of that country, four 15-kilowatt stations at Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, and Vigo, and a high-power short-wave transmitter to relay the capital programmes.

PK3AN Sourabaya, Java.

THE Sourabaya Amateur Radio Society would greatly appreciate reports from listeners in regard to reception of their short-wave transmitter, 3AN, on a wavelength of 49.7 metres. They request that listeners forward their reports to the secretary, Mr. H. Budding, jun., Balistraat 20, Sourabaya.

3AN as a rule, starts too late for the average listener. The writer heard them recently commence about midnight with several records. At 12.10 a.m. a clock chimed, and struck eight. This was followed by the Dutch National Anthem, and then talk in this language. Volume was R9. They sometimes commence one hour earlier.

The Log

Stations Heard During Week Ending September 27, 1930.

3RO Rome, 80 metres. Very weak now at 7.30 a.m., but is always very clear and steady. Heard each morning.

RV15 Siberia, 70 metres. Full speaker volume every evening from about 9.30 p.m. On Thursday and Friday only one stage of audio was required, the volume being too much with two stages. Static has not been so bad on this station recently.

W9XF Chicago, 49.83 metres. On Saturday and Sunday, "The Voice of Service, Chicago," was heard from R3 at 4 p.m., increasing to R8-9 by 5 p.m.

49.8 metres (about). A station was tuned in on about this wavelength on Saturday night at 11.30 p.m. Volume was R5, with foreign talk, which, I think, was Russian. Music was heard later.

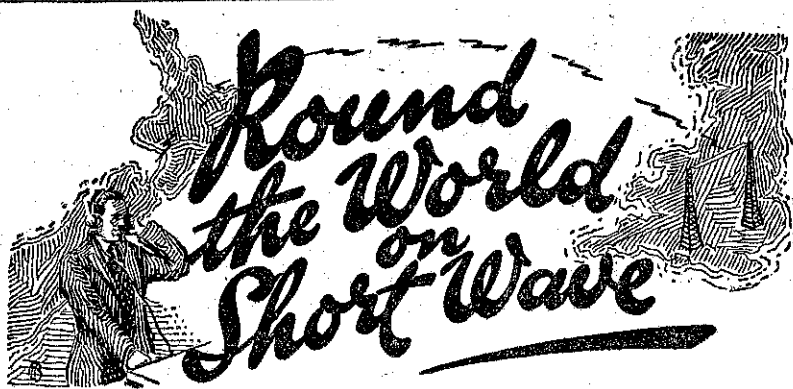
PK3AN, Sourabaya, Java, 49.7 metres. Tuned in about midnight on Saturday. Details given previously.

W8XAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres. Just audible from 4 p.m. on Saturday.

W9XAA, Chicago, 49.34 metres. Saturday and Sunday, R5 being maximum volume, with a noisy background.

W3XAL, Boundbrook, New Jersey. Sunday R6 when signing off at 4.30 p.m. Saturday up to R9 at the same time.

Radio Saigon, Indo-China, 49 metres (about). Heard first at 11.45 p.m. on Saturday. Received at R9. They were



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.

apparently testing, as parts only of records were transmitted, with slight pauses between. Talk was heard later—not any English.

K1XR, Manila, 48.8 metres. Each evening except Monday, from 9.30 p.m. Volume R8-9, with medium static, except on Thursday and Friday, when strength was up to R9 by 10 p.m.

37.4 metres (about). At 10.15 p.m. on Tuesday, a foreigner was calling "Allo," and what I took to be counting. No call was heard, but think the station was HS4PJ, Bangkok, Siam.

CXY, Lyngby, Denmark, 31.6 metres. Was R3 at 6.30 a.m. on Thursday.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.4 metres. At 1 p.m. on Saturday, they were R3. When tried for a little later, they had closed down.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres. Saturday was the only morning this station was good. R9 from 6 a.m. till 6.30 a.m., decreasing to R7 by 7 a.m., and up to R8 by 7.30 a.m. On the other mornings volume was below the average.

PCJ, Eindhoven, Holland, 31.28 metres. Thursday, R8 at 6.30 a.m. to R4 at 7.30 a.m. Very gushy. Very weak on Friday. Saturday R9 at 6 a.m. to R3-4 by 7.30 a.m. On Saturday afternoon PCJ was R2-3 at 2.20 p.m., but not heard again till nearly 5.30 p.m., when strength was R6.

LSH, Buenos Aires, 29 metres (about). Sunday and Saturday. R2 at 1 p.m., increasing to R9 by 2.30 p.m. They closed at 2.40 p.m. on Sunday, and 2.35 p.m. on Saturday. Reception is very good. All talk is in Spanish.

VK2ME, Sydney, 28.5 metres, and GBP, Rugby, 27.7 metres. Telephone service morning and afternoon.

G5SW, Chelmsford, England, 25.53 metres. Has been heard each morning, but rapid fading has spoilt reception.

25 metres (about). On Wednesday at 10.10 a.m., foreign talk was heard at R8. Another station on about 24.5 metres was heard at the same time at R4, also foreign talk.

Short-Wave News

MR. A. P. MORRISON (Brooklyn) contributes some interesting facts regarding short-wave stations heard in New Zealand. He has just received another letter from NRH, the remarkable 7½ watt Costa Rica station. An excerpt from that communication reads:—

"The metronome is only a small mantle clock and its tic-tac is what you hear. I use this exclusively for the noise, which has been reported from many nations. I transmit for the fun of it, and I carry no advertisements, for NRH is an exclusive amateur radio station under my care, prized by many fans, and by my Government, who help me some way or other. I am every day transmitting, therefore I beg you to write to my papers that I do it for two hours, 4 to 5 p.m., and from

8 to 9 p.m. C.S.T. in America. (The 8 to 9 p.m. broadcast is 2 to 3 p.m. New Zealand time).—Cespedes, NRH.

RE the all-night programme to be broadcast by W9XAA, Mr. Fred Easter, Ohio, sends me the following information:—Station W9XAA, Northeast Tower, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., will present an all-night programme on the night of October 4 (October 5, New Zealand time), starting at 10 p.m. and continuing until 6 a.m. eastern time, or 03.00 to 11.00 G.M.T. Do not fail to listen in on this and send in your reports. There will be many valuable prizes given for the most complete reports sent. The feature prize, for the one sending in the most complete report over the longest distance, is a 10-valve broadcast and short-wave super-heterodyne receiver, complete with a power pack. Many other prizes are offered.

A few addresses which may be of interest to s.w. listeners:—English Phones, Radio Section, G.P.O., London, E.C.1.

PHL, N. V. Phillips, Omroep, Holland Indie Kerzersgracht, Amsterdam.

Dutch Phones: Parkstart 29, S'Gravenhage, Holland.

German Stations: Reichspostzelratamt, 11-15 Schöneberger Strasse, Berlin, Tempelhof, Germany.

VRV, McInroy Building, Georgetown, British Guiana.

NRH, Box 40, Heredia, Costa Rica, Central America.

Argentine Phones: Transradio-Internacional, San Martin, 329 Buenos Aires.

VK2ME, 47 York Street, Sydney, Australia.

VPD, Amalgamated Wireless, Suva Fiji Islands.

Javanese Phones: Government Post and Tel., Bandoeng, Java.

KIORCA, Kahuku, Oahu, Hawaii.

KIXR, Radio Corp., of Manila, Philippine Islands.

HRB, Tropical Radio Tel., Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Republic. C.A.

3RO Via dei Condotti II, Rome, Italy.

HKC, Universal Broadcasting Corp., Bogota, Colombia.

G2GN, G2AA, G2/V, International Marine Radio, Connaught House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2.

In writing to stations it is always best to give time in G.M.T. A list of rules to govern mailing reports:—

(1) Write plainly the address as near as you can give it.

(2) State the day, hour, and minute of reception in N.Z. time or G.M.T.

(3) State part of the programme heard (the more the better).

(4) State how it was received, and the volume (be honest in this), noise, modulation, etc.

(5) Ask them to kindly verify.

(6) Enclose an international postage coupon.

(7) Print (not write) your address exactly as it should appear on the reply expected.

(This is important, as all nations do not use the same manner of giving addresses, and English is not universally used.)
The above rules are taken from the International Shortwave Club booklet.

DX Topics

DX on Two Valves.

I READ your answer to "Longwave's" query re distance of reception available on a 2 valve using 45 volts. I have, or rather had, a 2-valve set (for I had added a third valve lately), and I used 45 volts on it. My log on the two valve totals 57. Since adding the third valve I have received 4BC, Brisbane.—"Power Valve" (New Plymouth).

A CORRESPONDENT recently reported reception of KBJK Beverly Hills. I would be pleased to have particulars of this station as I have a verification from KMPC, Beverly Hills, dated June 24, 1930. It reads: "MacMillan Petroleum Corporation, KMPC, 9631 Wiltshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. . . . Our station call letters were changed from KBJK to KMPC on March 15. . . . Glen Rice, manager, Station KMPC."—"Kilocycle" (Bluff).

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