

Short-Wave Topics

Broadcast of King's Speech.

THE opening speech of his Majesty the King of the Indian Round Table Conference on Wednesday, November 12, will be broadcast by G5SW. An announcement was heard from W3XAL during the week that the national network of the U.S.A. stations were going to broadcast the speech, which is timed to commence at 11.58 p.m., N.Z. summer time. W3XAL works on 49.18 metres, and if conditions here are not suitable for G5SW direct, should be a reliable stand-by.

Java Short-Wavers.

JAVA has five main short-wave stations in use. One is used for duplex telephone service with Holland; one for Berlin, Germany; one to Saigon, Indo-China; the fourth for broadcasting, and the fifth for the new service to Australia. The most important transmitters are: PLW, 36.92 metres; PLR, 28.2 metres; PLE, 16.8 metres; PMC, 16.53 metres; PLE, 15.93 metres; and PMB, 14.55 metres. Every Wednesday they broadcast from PLE at 1.40 a.m. to 3.40 a.m. Every day, except Sundays and holidays, gramophone music is played to regulate the transmitters (adjustments of the transmitters and receivers) from

Round the World on Short-wave

11.40 p.m. to 12.40 a.m. (All times given are N.Z. summer time.)

New 58-Metre Station.

A NEW station is now operating on 58 metres in the vicinity of Prague, and is managed by the Czecho-Slovak Government. The hours for New Zealand listeners to tune-in are 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday.

A Stranger on 45 Metres.

A STATION has been heard on about 45 metres, volume being R8-9, at 6 a.m., slowly decreasing to just audible by 7.30 a.m. Both men and women announcers have been heard. Music is high class, all talk in foreign.

PCJ's Revised Schedule.

PCJ, Eindhoven, Holland. Wave, 31.28 metres; power, 25 kilowatts. Times of transmission (N.Z. summer-time): Thursday, 4 a.m. till 8 a.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 12 noon to 3 p.m., and fortnightly 11 a.m. to noon; Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Notes of the Week

RV15, Siberia, 70 metres. Good volume every evening from about 8 p.m. Music is very good, but not much of it.

ZL2XX, Wellington, 62.8 metres, was heard on Monday and Saturday nights. Quality was excellent.

58 Metres (about). On this wavelength, a station commenced at 11.40 o'clock on Saturday night with the Dutch National Anthem. A clock was heard after, then a short talk, in Dutch, which was followed by orchestral music. Reception good at R8.

7LO, Nairobi, 50 metres (about). Has been heard several mornings between 6 and 6.30 o'clock. Thursday was best, when volume was R6, but static was very bad.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres. This station can be heard with dance music till 7 o'clock each evening now at full loudspeaker strength.

W9XAA, Chicago, 49.34 metres. Another international programme was received from W9XAA on Sunday. At 5 p.m. strength was not good enough to be readable, but by 6.30 p.m. they were R8, increasing to R9 later. Announcements were made in several languages. Letters were read from persons reporting on previous transmissions, and in some instances the next musical item was dedicated to certain listeners. On Saturday they closed before reaching good strength, but were good strength when heard again just after midnight with their early morning programme. 7.15 a.m. New York time.)

W3XAL, Boundbrook, New Jersey, 49.18 metres. Until 6 p.m. this American station comes in at excellent quality and strength.

W2XE, New York, 49.02 metres. Sunday and Saturday, not heard so clearly as some of the others on this band.

Radio Saigon, India-China, 49 Metres. Volume from Saigon is all that can be desired. Heard Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. The commencing time varies. On Wednesday they were heard soon after 10 p.m. Thursday they commenced at 10.40 p.m., while on Saturday it was still later. Volume is always R9 with two stages of audio, it being necessary to reduce volume after midnight.

48.8 Metres (about).—On Saturday afternoon music and talk at R7 was heard on this wave, but was too rough to be readable.

W8XK, Pittsburg, 48.86 metres. Messages to the "Far North" were being transmitted from here on Sunday. R7 at 4.45 p.m., increasing rapidly to R8-9.

KIXR, Manila, 48.86 metres.—This station comes in very well now after 10 p.m.; static is often troublesome, so is a morse station not far from Northland.

45 Metres (about).—This is a new station to be identified. Heard Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings at excellent volume and clarity, maximum at 6 a.m., slowly decreasing. Again on Saturday night, just after midnight (early Sunday morning). Much talking is heard with some

music. A lady announcer, commencing with "Alla Alla —." The call, I think, is a place name, does not sound like letters.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.4 metres.—Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday. On Wednesday they were going late, giving the election results, being R7-8 at 6 p.m. with medium static.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres.—This German station has gone off a great deal recently. The volume at best is R7, but gushiness spoils them.

WIXAZ, Springfield, Mass., 31.28 metres.—Saturday afternoon R5 at 3.30 p.m., increasing to R7 by 4 p.m. Gives the calls WBZ, WBA, and WIXAZ. Again at midnight with a "Quaker Oat" programme. R8, increasing to R9 by 12.45 a.m. I kept on to this station longer than usual to satisfy myself about the Z in the call. After hearing it several times I am quite certain that it is WIXAZ, the Z being pronounced Zee.

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