

Short-wave News

Russian on 43 Metres.

MR. M. McCAUL (Nelson) reports having heard a station on the afternoon of Friday, 7th inst., on about 43 metres. What appeared to be political speeches were being transmitted, each lasting about ten minutes. After each speaker concluded, the audience were heard applauding. Some popular marches were played. Three times Mr. McCaul heard the announcement, "Allo, Allo, here is Moscow." Reception was quite good in Nelson, being R8-9.

Notes From U.S.A.

AN interesting letter has just been received from Mr. Joseph B. Sessions, Connecticut, U.S.A. The following extracts will be of interest to short wave listeners in this country:—

"I received with loud speaker volume, sufficient to be heard in the street, from VK2ME a record programme played in the studio of W2XAF, which is only 75 miles from my home. I really feel the world is quite small, this programme having been sent by Schenectady to Australia and returned to me after travelling approximately 21,000 miles. Only a short time ago I heard the operator's voice in Schenectady after having been relayed clean round the world through the co-operation of Holland, Java, and Sydney, also with loud speaker volume, and with only one eighth of a second time lag."

Commenting on my report of LSH, Buenos Aires, Mr. Sessions writes:—"Regarding the South American station in Buenos Aires, may I correct the call letter to LSS instead of LSH as you have it? For some time I thought it was LSH, but after receiving a printed circular of the station sent me by Senor Cespedes (of NRH, Costa Rica) I find that LSS is the call. Their power is 20 kilowatts."

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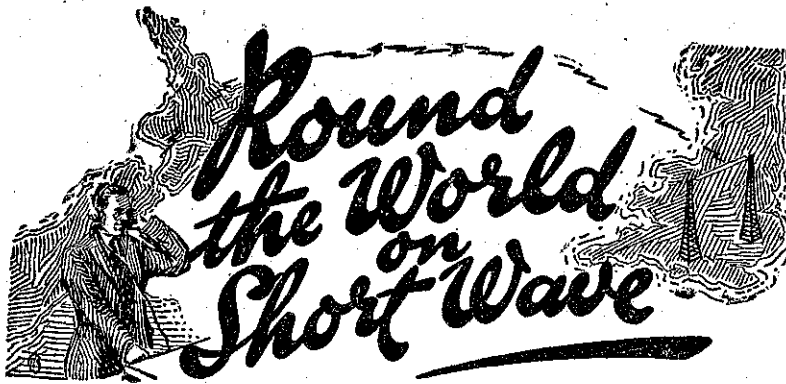
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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs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

Regarding G2NM, England, Mr. Sessions says: "I have also recently received acknowledgment from G2NM, which I understand is the only amateur broadcasting station in England. They are on every Sunday afternoon from 12.30 to 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. (Monday morning 5 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. N.Z. summer time, on 20.9 metres)."

Log for the Week

MORNING reception continues very poor, but interesting, as a number of new stations have been heard, but not identified. Static has again been bad on the higher waves.

RV15, Siberia, 70 Metres.—Good strength each evening, but static still very bad.

ZL2XX, Wellington, 62.8 Metres.—Testing on Monday and Friday. Good quality and volume.

3ZC, Christchurch, 50 Metres.—Friday evening, R8-9 with severe fading. Static bad.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 Metres.—Good volume, but noisy background till 7 o'clock each evening.

W3XAL, New Jersey, 49.18 Metres.—Still excellent at R9 till 6 p.m. each day.

Saigon, Indo-China, 40 Metres.—Midnight, Saturday, R9, with musical programme. Static terrible.

W8XK, Pittsburgh, 48.86 Metres.—Sunday, only R3 at best, about 4 p.m.

KIXR, Manila, 48.86 Metres.—Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, on this wave-length, strength good, but plenty of static.

HRB, Honduras, 48.5 Metres.—Sunday afternoon, 4.45 p.m., R3, very poorly modulated.

45.4 Metres (About).—Every morning being best about 6 o'clock. Music and talk; not identified yet.

WND, America, 44.4 Metres.—Sunday, 5 p.m., distorted duplex, at R8.

35.5 Metres (About).—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from about 6 o'clock, R9. All foreign talk, quite a lot of counting and "Allo." On Wednesday he called what sounded like "Allo, Allo. Radio de Lorenzo."

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 Metres.—On Sunday at 8.15 a.m. a football match was being described. Strength was about R4. There were two announcers, one was clearly readable, the other indistinct at times. They were heard again at 4 p.m. at R4. Saturday, R2 at

1.30 p.m., increasing to R8 by 4 p.m., when they signed off.

Zeeseen, Germany, 31.38 Metres.—Reception too weak to bother with these mornings.

WIXAZ, Springfield, Mass., 31.3 metres.—Saturday reached R7-8 by 4.30 p.m., after which volume decreased.

PCJ, Holland, 31.28 metres.—Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings very poor, being weak and gushy. Saturday afternoon they reached R8-9, but static swamped their music and talk.

NRH, Costa Rica, 30.8 metres.—Sunday just audible 3.30 p.m., increasing to R4 at 3.45 p.m., closing at 4 p.m. Too gurgly to be readable, except to identify.

31.31 metres (about).—Tuesday, 11.20 p.m. R8 music and foreign talk. Static very bad.

30.1 metres (about).—Friday and Saturday mornings at 6.30 a.m., foreign talk—Dutch, I think. Heard calling Bangkok at one time. R9 each morning.

KIXR, Manila, 29.97 metres.—Tuned in at 12 p.m. on Saturday (midnight). Music with "Hullo," and counting. Soon after "Radio Manila" was heard, and their regular programme followed. The early part apparently was a test. Volume at first was R9 with two stages of audio, which increased to the same volume at 12.30 a.m. with only one stage of audio, static decreasing.

29.7 metres (about).—Sunday, 4 p.m., American voice at R5 with word tests.

29.7 metres (about).—Thursday and Friday at 6.30 a.m. R9 each morning, calling places and people in broken English. Sounded like the man at Bangkok.

LS8, Buenos Aires, 29 metres.—Sunday and Saturday, reaching R8-9 by closing time—3 p.m.

28.7 metres (about).—Tuesday, 11.15 p.m., records at R9. A call was heard; sounded like 2ME, only was a little higher than their wavelength.

26.5 metres (about).—Saturday, 11.15 p.m., music and foreign talk at R8-9. Static very bad.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres.—Tried each morning, but too weak and gushy.

W8XK, Pittsburgh, 25.25 metres.—Heard every morning at about R2-3. Does not increase above this, and is readable only at times. Wednesday was an exception, when they were R5 at 7.30 a.m.

GBS, Rugby, 24.6 metres.—Friday, 7.30 a.m. Duplex at R7. Trans-Atlantic telephone service.

FTN, Paris, 24.46 metres.—Nearly every morning at good strength on duplex.

KIXR, Manila, 24.4 metres (about).—Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Usually better than on 48.8 metres except that FTN often interferes, being almost on top and, if anything, a little stronger in volume.

23.8 metres (about).—Always heard the same time as FTN, weaker as a rule.

20.4 metres (about).—Tuesday, 7.30 a.m., reading or talking in English. R4, but too gushy to be readable except odd words.

Interference Problems

BECAUSE of the interference a broadcast station in the heart of a city occasions to listeners, many of the French stations are being removed into the suburbs. This plan was adopted by English engineers some time back and has proved most successful. It has helped in no small measure to overcome station interference problems.

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