

Answers to Correspondents

P. B. (Palmerston North).—The fact that you receive Japanese stations with excellent volume indicates that you should have little difficulty in picking up the Americans. The latter are on the air in general until about 8 p.m., but a few stations transmit almost continuously. The latter you should hear best from about 10 p.m. onwards. Of course, you realise that in general, long-distance reception conditions are in summer much inferior to those obtaining during the winter. The frequencies on which American stations may be heard can be determined best from the D.X. Club's columns.

Identification Wanted

ON January 23 conditions for DX-ing were particularly good in Christchurch, and I derived much enjoyment in searching for Americans on my three-valve commercial receiver. The first one I contacted was on 24, 36.5, just a shade above 4ZM. After listening to a few Wurlitzer organ solos, I heard his call—WTAN, Cleveland. On 28, 38.5, I heard another American on organ solos, but I could not get his call sign. On 23.5, 35, I heard still another, broadcasting organ music at about 1.15 a.m. Amongst the items played was "The Old Folks at Home"—Jaconseck (Christchurch).

ON January 16, just after 3AR, Melbourne closed down, I heard a station commence transmitting on about 610 k.c. (492 metres). The announcements were made very quickly and the music came through at faint volume. Another was heterodyning 2ZM, Gisborne, on January 15. Volume was very poor. On the 16th, I also heard an American on 1220 k.c. (246 metres) playing dance music.—T.J.L.T. (Wellington).

ON January 21, an exceptional evening for reception in my locality, I heard an American station at good speaker strength. Unfortunately he gave no call sign. He was on 2ZO, Palmerston North's frequency.—"Wireless Bug" (Raetihi).

ON January 20 at 11.30 p.m. I located a station on 2YB's frequency. They were broadcasting community singing, and the conductor said: "Now for another old-timer, 'Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes.'" No announcement was given. After that transmission faded. Could this be KFOX, Calif.?—"Little Willie" (Timaru).

STATION operating on about 610 kilocycles (492 metres) on January 20. At 9.30 p.m. he was coming through very clearly and with quite good volume, and talk was in Japanese, interspersed with the usual Japanese music. I hung on until 10 p.m., when the announcer gave his call as JOKK, which was very distinct. It was not JOJK as I tuned in later to this station on 710 kilocycles (422 metres). I have searched the "Guide" for a Jap. call sign of JOKK, also "Record," and can find no such call listed. Has anyone heard this station before? If so, what did they make of his call sign, and does any-

one know if there is a new Jap. station on or about this frequency?—"Cockney" (Inglewood).

AMERICAN station on 224 metres (1840 kcls.), at 1.35 a.m., on January 17. The announcer said: "We will open the programme this morning with 'Day by Day.'" Two male voices and one female then sang the number. Then: "We now present to you the Rev. —." A parson then gave a short sermon. 2 a.m.—"My Blue Heaven" was played. Another foreign station on 390 metres (770 kilos.—JOHK's frequency), at 2.5 a.m. on the 17th. A march was heard first, followed by announcements in a foreign language (sounded like Chinese). Then he announced in very slow and perfect English: "This is a phonograph record." It was followed by a baritone solo—"Jaka" (Wellington).

FRIDAY, 9-1-31, at 10.7 p.m., on 226 metres (1820 k.c., approx.). I was just in time to hear the following: "—ZO, testing. Signing off now, until—" At a friend's place on the following night, at 10.43 p.m., I was tell-

ing him about this station, and I turned his dial to show him about the position I received it, when I was unfortunate enough to again catch him closing down with, "—ZO closing down now until 7 p.m. on Monday, when we present our children's session." Who can this fellow be? I have closely scanned the DX notes in the last two issues to see if any mention was made of him. I receive him on 5, 4ZO on 13½, and 2ZO on 17.—"Amazon" (Palmerston North).

Stations Identified

"NEW CHUM" (Napier): KFKB can be heard from about 11 p.m. any night when conditions are favourable, and from about 11.30 p.m. onward WOAI, KMOX, WTAM, and KWKH and a few others, which I am still trying to identify.—"Jaka."

"JACONSECK" (Christchurch): Your "Hullo, Hullo," station is 1ZQ, owned and operated by Roy Keith, H. L. White's Buildings, Karangahape

Road, Auckland, 252 m. (1190 k.c.). There is another B class station on the air, 1ZS, owned and operated by McCabe's Radio, Upper Queen Street, Auckland, 211 m. (1420 k.c.), power 5 watts. He broadcasts 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. each morning.—"Shunter" (Mercer).

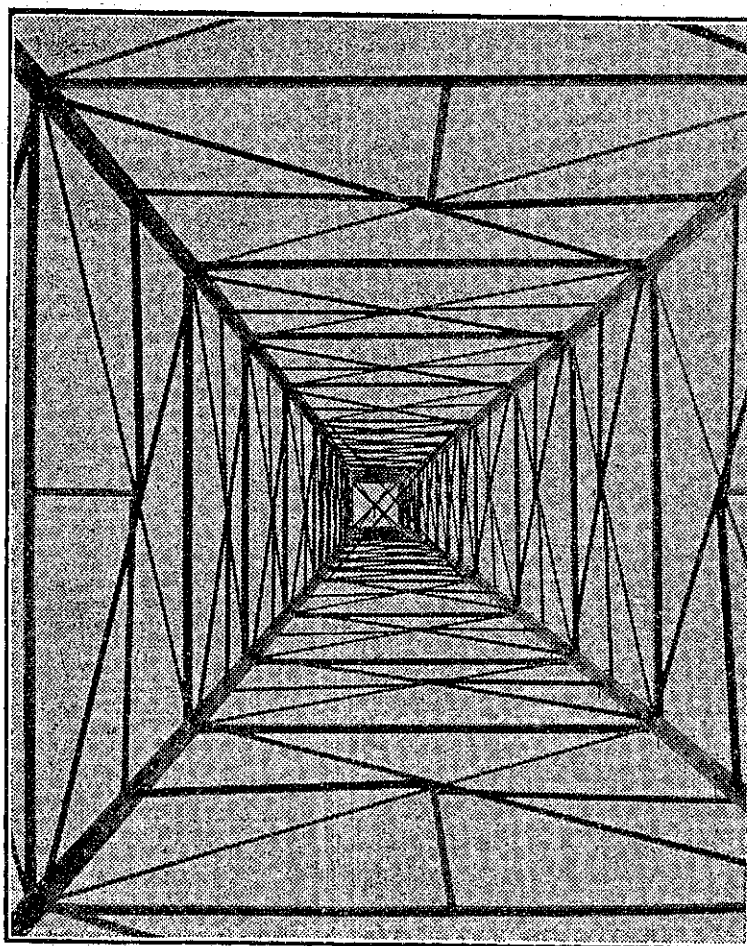
"WIRELESS BUG" (Raetihi). Probably either KPO, San Francisco, or KFOX, Long Beach. I have heard both relaying from the Silver Slipper Cafe. Station heard by W.S.K. (Nelson) is WWJ, Detroit, Michigan. The other is not KWFB, but KWSC.—"Kauspanka" (Hastings).

I PROBABLY heard the station mentioned by W.H.R. (Dunedin). He was on 1440 k.c. (208 metres), and was speaking on Scripture, at the time. Strength was quite good, but thinking he would probably turn out to be 2HD, Newcastle, I did not waste any more time with him.—B.W. (Stratford).

W.S.K. (Nelson): Probably WWJ, Detroit, Mich. "Wireless Bug" (Raetihi): Probably station KFO (not KFI), Los Angeles, Cal., broadcasting on 640 k.c. (468 metres).—W.H.R. (Dunedin).

B.W. (Stratford): I cannot find the Canberra station on 285 metres (1050 k.c.), but on tuning to 480 metres (625 k.c.) I logged a new station which may be it.—R.J.R. (P.N.).

THE station operating on 3AR's frequency, 620 kc. (483m.) which "Cromdale" (Otago) thinks is KGW, Portland, Oregon, is without a doubt KZRM, Manila. I heard KGW very often on the same frequency up till 8 p.m., as I did on January 21. At 1.30 a.m., however, I tuned in to the station mentioned and held him till 2.15 a.m., when his call, which was quite clear, was given as KZRM. I heard nothing of KGW. S. Ellis (Otago): Quite correct. On referring to the latest American list again I find KTM's daytime power is 1000 watts, but at night 500 watts. "Ray Dio" (Shannon): I heard 3WR on the 22nd after 2MC had closed down. He operates exactly on 3TR, Trafalgar's frequency. I also heard KWKH on 850 k.c. (353 metres) on an early morning programme after 2BL and JOFK had closed down. B.W. (Stratford): Thanks for correction re 2MV, Mossvale. I had a verification recently, although I addressed my letter to 2MD. I heard our stranger on 610 k.c. (492 metres) on the morning of the 22nd, but I could get no call. I cannot agree with another DX'er who claims that this station announces JOAK, as it is a positive fact that the latter's frequency is 880 k.c. (341 metres). I have logged ten Japs., and I think I am correct in saying there are none above 50L or 750 k.c. (400 metres). "New Chum" (Napier): You will be astonished to find just what times you can receive American stations. There are about 700, so you can get busy immediately. KFOX, California, is on 22½ hours out of 24. The majority close at midnight to 1 a.m. and are on the air at 6 or 7 a.m. (their time). I heard KFKB open recently at 11.50 p.m., New Zealand time. The announcer wished everybody good-morning and remarked that the studio time was 6.5 a.m., so I think you can take it for granted that there is no leg-pulling going on. Good luck, and keep going.—W.S.K. (Nelson). Station on 1200 kc. (250 metres heard on January 18 is KGDY,



No, not an intricate spider-web, but an unusual photograph of one of 2YA's towering masts, taken within the base looking upward.

—Photo, "Dominion."