

notice that when giving his call he does not pronounce the "X" nearly as loud as the three preceding letters.—"Kia Ora" (Frankton Junction).

## DX Topics

### Japanese Stations.

AFTER several weeks off the air I found the Americans were exceedingly strong on the night of January 27. Local interference was bad, however. The following night, at 8.53 p.m., I logged KMPC, Beverley Hills, California, on 422.3 metres (710 k.c.), between 2YA and WLW. On the 29th an American was transmitting right on 2MV's frequency—about 245 metres (1225 k.c.). I cannot agree with JPO (F.N.) that there are no Japs above 50L. On the 28th I heard one on KMPC's frequency (11 deg. above 2YA). "Cockney" (Inglewood) mentions JOJK on 422 metres (710 k.c.) in last week's issue. I have heard another above WLW with a bubbly carrier. Then again there is a stranger near 3AR, undoubtedly a Jap. Incidentally, J.P.A., did you notice B.S. (Stratford's) letter this week? He remarks that the station on 492 metres (610 k.c.) is undoubtedly JOJK. Several issues ago I mentioned receiving a call JOAK, but thought I was mistaken. I wonder if the Japs themselves know which stations are which?—"Ray Dio" (Shannon).

### 1ZR's Excellent Transmission.

ON the 24th 1ZR, Lewis Eady and Sons, Auckland, broadcast a splendid programme which included many old favourite songs and dances, also items of interest and topical events. This station is undoubtedly one of the best "B" class. Its volume has to be considerably reduced, which is generally not the rule with other "B's". During last week a large number of Australian "A" class stations were heard at R8. Also 4BK at R7-8, which is quite exceptional for this time of the year.—"Radio Bug" (Shannon).

### A New American.

THE 29th January was another wonderful night for reception, especially before 9 p.m. I received station WJDX, Jackson, Mississippi, on 1280 k.c. (234 m.) with wonderful volume in broad daylight. Could anyone give me his address? Is it 3GL just above 2HD? The latter comes in on 7 and 3GL on 8 (dial readings). Glad to see that with the New Year DXers are contributing more to the notes. D.N.A. (Timaru).

### Recent Loggings.

I AM one of the 20 New Zealand listeners who have written to KWK for verification. In the last mail I have received 21 verifications from American stations, including: WBT, WMOA, WAAW, WNAX, WJSV, KFXF, and WDAF. S. Ellis (Okato).

### "Kum To Hot Springs"

I RECENTLY had a letter of verification from KTHS, Hot Springs, Arkansas. The call letters stand for "Kum To Hot Springs" and certainly after having read the book which accompanied verification, one wishes one could take advantage of the invitation. The book is issued by the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, and is full of interesting information and photos, while the gaily-coloured cover is most attractive. It depicts Indians and early pioneering Americans, "beholding the vision of Perfect Health rising from the Valley of Contentment amid the picturesque Ozarko, that happy region which is near Hot Springs." Fellow DXers who write to KTHS should ask for this booklet. It is quite worth it. K.D.B. (Taumarunui).

### A Seldom-Heard American.

I received KPQF on December 8 at good strength. Heard two items plainly

but the others squashed by static. "Yankee," (New Plymouth).

### The Japanese Controversy.

J.P.C. (Palmerston North): I do not agree with your statement that there are no Japs above 50L. I have eleven Japs on my log and JOJK comes in 3 degrees above 50L. The station on 610 k.c. (492 metres) is a Jap all right. I was listening to him on 29/1/31 and at 9.20 p.m. he gave his call which as "Cockney" (Inglewood) says, sounded very much like JOKK. So this must be a new Jap station on the air. M.B.S. (P.N.).

### Another New American.

ON January 29, at 8.30 p.m., I logged a station on 236 metres (1270 k.c.) which I have not previously seen reported in these notes. The call was given as WJDX, Jackson, Missouri. Reference to the latest Call Book discloses this station to be operating on a power of 500w and owned by the Lamar Life Insurance Coy. Did any other listener hear this transmission, the volume of which was superior to that of KFOX? "Shorty" (Wellington).

### Unusual Conditions.

ON the 24th, at about 7.55 p.m., I picked up KOA, Colorado, for the first time. Their time was 1½ minutes past one a.m. They were just going to close down after their usual good night chorus, "Shine on, Harvest Moon," to reopen at 7 in the morning. This was unusual, for I was unable to pick up Auckland or Dunedin, yet KOA came in well.—"Inquisitive" (Motueka).

### Japs on Relay.

I ALSO have heard the new station 3WR just below 2NC on the dial. The latter comes in very strongly at

about 9 p.m., N.Z. time, almost every evening. 1ZR, Auckland, was coming in with great volume recently testing at about 1 a.m. The same morning I tuned into four Japs, all broadcasting the same programme, which was in English. Gramophone records were a feature. Several Americans have been coming in well lately after 12 p.m., but static was too bad to get the call signs. I heard only two of them: KRLB and KWKH. Could you publish a list of Australian "B" class stations?—"E.C." (Christchurch).

[Yes. An up-to-date list will be published in about a month's time.—Ed.]

### Frequencies of N.Z. "B's."

ON the 24th I heard station 1ZR, Auckland, operating on 260 metres (1150 k.c.). At 9.41 p.m. Miss Gleitze was relating some swimming experiences. The following are verified frequencies of some of the N.Z. "B" stations:—

2YB, New Plymouth, 243m. (1230 k.c.).  
2ZO, Palmerston North, 285m. (1050 k.c.).  
2ZF, Palmerston North, 285m. (1050 k.c.).  
2ZK, Wanganui, 500m. (600 k.c.).  
2ZL, Hastings, 225m. (1330 k.c.).  
2ZJ, Gisborne, 260m. (1150 k.c.).  
2ZH, Napier, 238m. (1260 k.c.).  
—"Red Bird" (Wellington).

### Australian "B's."

AFTER a rest of a week or two I started DX-ing again on the 27th. It was a great night for it, too, and I logged a few new stations. There was a station coming in on a frequency of

1280 k.c. (234 m.), the call of which I could not catch. The announcer spoke very fast, and the final call when closing down sounded like KDIL. Would this be KDYL? Perhaps some other DX'er heard him. They were putting over a programme by the "Boys of the Old Country Store," and asked listeners to write in for photographs. They were playing request items, and at times reception was very clear. I also logged KFVD, Culver City, on 1000 k.c. (300 m.). I see this station has a small power of 250 watts. I got him first before dark and could just hear him, but later, when darkness fell, reception was wonderful. He was putting across ballads, old and new. The programme was an organ one—and very good too.

This last week I received a batch of verifications from U.S.A. Among them was one from KGA, who stated they had 150 letters from New Zealand by that mail. I agree with the correspondent in last week's "Record" that in the next competition the B class Australian stations should be barred. Last evening I logged about 14 of them. They are far too easy to get. Best luck to the winner of the last competition, and I hope all DX-ers have good logs for the next one. Good wishes to all.—D.N.A. (Timaru).

### Synchronised Transmissions.

I HAVE recently received a verification from WTIC, Hartford, Conn., and he reminded me they would be doing some synchronisation work with WDAF in about three or four months time (March or April). This they hoped I would be able to intercept. They also asked me if I could suggest any theory why they have not been heard in Australia. After wishing me the best holiday greetings from their staff the manager finished with the following postscript: "Cheerio



Telling the world he's hungry. This is "Kilowatt," the pet of an American radio station, whose "meow" when breakfast was overdue, was heard recently in Australia.