

Short-wave News

France's Colonial Station.

THE new short-wave station destined for communication between France and her colonies is approaching completion. It will be installed at Pontoise, near Paris, and will be officially opened, if all goes well, in February. The aerial power will be 30 kw. This station should be heard in all the French colonies of the world.

OTBAG, Funchal, Madeira.

THIS station broadcasts every Friday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m., New Zealand summer time, on a wavelength of 47 metres. Announcements are made every half-hour in Portuguese, English, French, Spanish, and German.

LSX, Buenos Aires.

THIS station is now on the air one hour earlier or from 12 noon to 1 p.m. New Zealand time. This 10 kw. station works on 28.9 metres, can be identified by the call "Allie Essie Axie, Transradio, Buenos Aires."

Poznan, Poland.

THE short-wave station at Poznan, Poland, "Raadio Poznonskie," on 27.3 and 33.7 metres, can be identified

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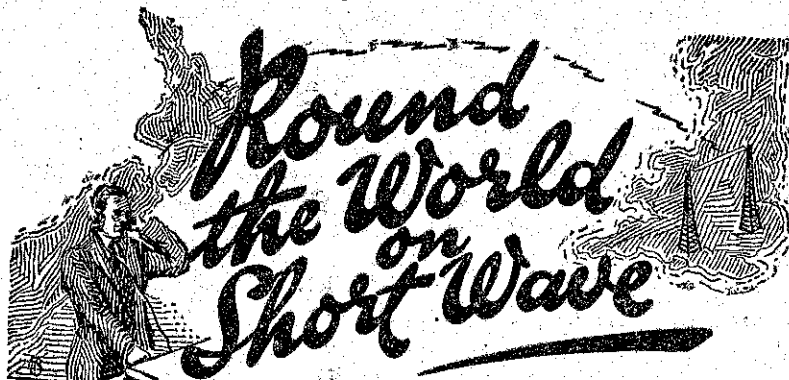
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by the interval call, a blast on a trumpet. They broadcast on Mondays and Thursdays from 4.30 a.m. till 10.30 a.m., New Zealand time. Announcements are made in Polish and French. The Polish National Anthem, "Dombrowski Mazurka," is played at the conclusion of each programme.

HVJ, Vatican City, Station, Opened by the Pope.

THE call sign that the new Vatican City station uses is HVJ. Reception when they were testing on 50.26 metres was considerably better than when the station was officially opened by his Holiness the Pope on Friday morning, when they were transmitting on 19.84 metres. On this occasion they came on the air at about 2.30 a.m. to make tests and adjustments. Volume at this time was about R4, but the wave was swinging badly at times, it being necessary to adjust the tuning condenser continually. This trouble continued all through the transmission. At 3.30 a.m., when the Pope left his apartments, a fanfare of trumpets was just audible, volume having decreased slightly. The station then went off the air for an interval while his Holiness went through the ceremony of "putting the station on the air." When they came on again, the volume had improved slightly and continued to do so till about 4 a.m., after which it rapidly decreased.

Log for Week Ending
February 14

RECEPTION on the whole has been fairly good. On account of there being so many short-wave stations working on duplex telephony, only broadcast stations were listed.

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: Each evening from about 8 p.m., at good volume.

PMY, Bandoeng, 58 metres: Friday morning, 2 a.m., R7-8, good quality, but spoilt by static.

HVJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres: Testing on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Tuesday was calling GLN, Dorchester, volume R9, with one of audio. On Wednesday the order of the opening ceremony was broadcast.

TLO Nairobi, 50 metres: Each morning, volume best about 6 a.m., spoilt by static as a rule.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres: Continues to come in well after 5.30 p.m. till 7 p.m.

PKSAN, Sourabaya, 49.7 metres: Friday morning, 2 a.m., at R8, static very bad.

WSXAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres: Testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, good volume after 6.30 p.m. On Wednesday they were still on at 10.30 p.m. Volume was R8 at 6 p.m., increasing to R8-9 by 6.30 p.m., remaining at that till after 10.30 p.m. Static was very bad.

W3XAL, Boundbrook, N.J., 49.18 metres: Still the best from U.S.A., till 6 p.m. each evening.

HSP, Bangkok, Siam, 49.3 metres: At 1.45 a.m. Friday morning, orchestral music was received at R8-9, static, as on

all these 49-50 metres on Friday morning, was very bad.

Radio Sargon, India-China, 49 metres: Saturday from 11.30 p.m., R9, with one audio.

WSXK, Pittsburgh, 48.86 metres: Messages to the far north on Sunday, R6 at 5.30 p.m.

VE9CL, Winnipeg, 48.7 metres: Wednesday at 6 p.m., R7, very gurgly, only odd words readable. They closed just after 6 p.m.

HRB, Honduras, 48.62 metres: Sunday, R3 at 4.45 p.m., too gurgly to be readable.

3ZC, Christchurch, 46.3 metres (about): Came in at good volume on Friday evening, but spoilt by a harmonic of 2YA.

Radio, Piacenza, Italy, 45 metres: Good volume every morning, best between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.

JIAA, Japan, 37.5 metres: Tuesday, 8.50 p.m. Talk at R7; Morse interference very bad.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres: Excellent each Saturday, from 10 p.m.

W2ZAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres: Sunday till 4.27 p.m., reaching R8. Saturday not so strong.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres: This station has been heard at its best several times during the week. On Friday at 1.20 a.m. (an all-night sitting) they were excellent at R9 with an organ recital. Volume was down to R6 at 5 a.m., but up to R9 again by 6 a.m., when a choir rendered some fine items. Other good mornings, about 6.30 a.m., were Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

W1XAZ, Springfield, Mass., 31.35 metres: Sunday R3 at 4.30 p.m. About the same at 1.30 a.m. Friday. Saturday, good at R8-9 till signing off at 4.45 p.m.

PCJ, Holland, 31.28 metres: On Friday and Saturday mornings our old friend was back to his old time volume and quality, being R9 from 6 a.m.

NRH, Costa Rica, 30.5 metres: Sunday at 3.45 p.m. R5 with a long talk, odd words only being readable. The closing announcement was made at 4.3 p.m., followed by their usual signing-off song.

LSX, Buenos Aires, 28.98 metres: Sunday, R3 at best.

VK2ME, Sydney, 28.5 metres: was heard calling HVJ, Vatican City, on Thursday morning, but the latter station could not be heard.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: The usual morning transmissions have been louder, but still subject to rapid fading. On Friday morning from 12.30 a.m. till 1.30 a.m., reception was all that could be desired, both as regards quality and volume. An organ recital was heard during the first half hour. After the Greenwich Time signal, 6 pips, at 1 a.m., vocal and pianoforte items were broadcast till closing time.

12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres: Has not been so good as usual. They have been gushy each morning except on Thursday, when they were R8-9 at 7.30 a.m., with what appeared to be a debate between a lady and gentleman.

WSXK, Pittsburgh, 25.25 metres: Each morning, but too weak to listen to.

HVJ, Vatican City, 19.84 metres: Friday morning. Report earlier in notes.

W2XAD, Schenectady, 19.5 metres: Each morning, but only just readable now.

Amateur Transmitters
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ScheduleGeneral Meeting Next
Week

THE second District Board of the N.Z.A.B.T. will hold their first general meeting for the ensuing year on Tuesday, 24th instant, and it is rumoured that there are big things doing. The committee have been working hard and have a real live schedule ready for the next half-year.

At the above meeting all the cards will be laid on the table, and members and others interested will be able to make their plans ahead so as to be sure not to miss any particular meeting of interest to them. Incidentally, it will be apparent after the meeting that this will entail only one evening per month, as it will be obvious then that every meeting will be worth attending.

At the meeting on the 24th there is to be a talk which none should miss. The services of several hams who did good work at the time of the recent earthquake have been obtained, and with some of the apparatus used, set up as it actually was, members will be told in graphic language, first hand, what the feelings and experiences of these men really were. To give an idea of the worth of the talk and demonstration that is forthcoming, the following names are sufficient testimony:—Mr. W. M. Dawson (2XP) President 2nd District, Messrs. Don Cooper 2AK, C. Liddel 2B1, and S. Perkin 2GK.

Earthquake Service

I WOULD like to express my sincere appreciation of the splendid services which have been given by the Broadcasting Company during the past week. Although I have, fortunately, no friends or relatives in the stricken area, I feel that the heavy work in tracing persons, etc., must have been a drag on the energies of the staff. In this connection I especially commend the work of Mr. Drummond, 2YA's popular announcer.—L.J.R. (Wellington).

TWO WORLD BEATERS

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