

Addresses and Addresses Wanted

H. McM. (Dunedin): KGO, National Broadcasting Co., Inc., San Francisco, Calif.; KNX, Western Broadcast Co., Hollywood, Calif.; KGU, Marion Mulrony, Advertising Public Co., Honolulu, Hawaii.

H. F.A. (Masterton): ZLIBH, A. H. Hudson, 15 Mt. Hobson Street, Remuera; ZLIBT, J. C. Callander, 121 Richardson Street, Dunedin.

"OSCAR" (Marton) would like call and address of the European station at Bratislava, from which Mr. L. Peters recently received a verification.

D. L.C. (Hamilton): There is no station with the call WBIP given in the latest call-book.

Identification Wanted

ON Feb. 28 station heard at 12.15 a.m. at 60 and 60½ on my dial. Two organ recordings were heard. The announcer, whose voice was marred by static, then stated that two violin solos were to follow, one being "— in the Twilight." He then faded out, and I was unable to pick him up again. Was this 6WF, Perth? I receive Wellington at 58 and 2FC at 65. Another station, evidently a Jap, heard at 12.35 on 79. A lady was delivering a lecture and was very clear, but I received no call (3AR on 73 and 7ZL on 84). Another Jap two degrees above 2BL (former on 46, 2BL on 44).—"Mark" (Dunedin).

STATION heard from 1.30 a.m. until 2.15 a.m. on the 3rd on approximately 700 k.c. (428 m.), 56 on dial (2YA 50, 6WF 57). Call sounded like JOXRI, Lombasa (or Mombasa). Announcer proceeded to speak about the Peace Conference and the benefit France and Italy would derive from the same. Also about the progress made in Paris and the understanding between France, Italy and America. At 1.40 gave call and went on to musical items. Second disc called "Abandon, Norado" (song). Also station on 800 k.c. (375 m.) (41 on dial), broadcasting orchestral items at 2.15 a.m., and a Hawaiian instrumental number at 2.17. Both were waltzes. Gave call, but conditions prevented my hearing this. Would this be 7CA, Calcutta? Also a Jap on 1830 k.c. (225 m.) (7½ on dial), talking at 7.30 p.m., on March 4, quite clear and strong. Congratulations to Mr. Ellis on his popular win of the first DX Cup. Quite a number are now after his "scalp," myself included.—R.L.W. (Nelson).

News and Views of the D.X. CLUB

AMERICAN station heard on February 22 on 950 k.c. (315.6 m.) from 8 to 10 p.m. He came in when KFWB closed down. Fading was bad. The first two letters of the call sign were "K.M." Another American on 810 k.c. (370 m.) relaying dance music from the Hotel, on March 1. Closed down about 7.30.—N.J. (Masterton).

STATION heard at 7.55 p.m. on March 3. Call sounded like "GBO." One of the items was entitled "Don't Forget Me in Your Dreams." Prior to closing the announcer gave the time as 12.1, followed by the weather report from different American States. Frequency given as 1290 (232 m.). Above this was an American telling fortunes or forecasting. The announcer had a very deep voice and was very hard to understand.—"Big Bill" (Timaru).

AMERICAN on 690 k.c. (435.5 m.) about 1½ deg. above WLW.—"Ray Dio" (Shannon).

WELL, DX-ers, this is my initial entry into the club. Having recently logged my 25th American, I feel entitled to say something as well as the other boys. Foreign station which sounded Chinese heard about 7.15 and 8 p.m. on 225 metres (1330 k.c.) on February 27. Items, which included stringed instruments and singing, lasted about 15 minutes. Static was heavy and no call was heard. Congrats. to S. Ellis on his fine achievement in carrying off the Cup. Drop me a line if you like, Mr. Ellis. I also correspond with our friend in Cincinnati. Address Box 9, Tuakau.—"Ray DX" (Waikato).

STATION heard at approximately 11 p.m. on February 26 operating between 7ZL and 3AR. All speech was foreign and sounded like either Japanese or Chinese. Wavelength about 395 metres (760 k.c.). Would this be XOW, Nanking?—E.W.D. (Invercargill).

AMERICAN on 950 k.c. (315 m.) heard at 8 p.m. on February 24 at 8 p.m. Strength was good, but electrical interference spoilt signals, and only one item, "Singing in the Rain," was recognised. Announcer remarked they were playing request numbers for people, whom he named. He was still on the air at 9 p.m., when 2GB was heterodyning him. This is probably the station mentioned by WSK (Nelson). Another American on 745 k.c. (402 m.) heard at 7.30 p.m. on March 1. Signals were at good strength, but gradually faded until they were just audible. Item "You're Just Love." Call sounded like KBL, Tacoma. I picked up two stations on the same frequency this evening between 7.15 and 7.40 p.m. One gave his call as WBAL, Baltimore. I heard the following from the other: "We'll continue with the test programme of Victor Orthophonic Recordings—(a) 'Dream Lover,' (b) monologue, (c) 'Lonesome Little Doll.'" Note.—Frequencies given above are dial readings and are 15/20 k.c. below the station frequencies.—"Seven Kicker" (Okoroire).

STATION on 1300 k.c. (230.6m.), heard at 8 p.m. on March 5. I could not catch the call, but I heard Dunedin mentioned. One item heard was "Happy Days are Here Again," and then another station came on the air and spoilt the transmission.—"Yankee" (N.P.).

Stations Identified

"DINK" (Helensville): Station on 1YA's frequency is without doubt KHX, Los Angeles, on 833 metres (900 k.c.). During last winter I heard him every Monday night, but he has not been so good lately.—"Ray DX" (Waikato).

"OCOL" (H. Bay): Station broadcasting foreign music was probably KGMB. The station puzzled me until

Relay from Whangarei

LAST year a number of very successful relays from Whangarei were carried out by 1YA, when concerts given by the Whangarei Municipal Band were broadcast. On Wednesday, March 25, 1YA has arranged another such attraction, and listeners can look forward to a very enjoyable programme.

I heard the announcements a few nights ago. "Sneak" (Christchurch): WBAF has been testing for several nights lately on 660 k.c. (45 metres).—N.J. (Masterton).

"DORIS" (Dunedin): KFOX, Long Beach, California. A.M.H. (Timaru): Probably KFWB, Hollywood, California. "Oscar" (Marton): Station on 680 k.c. (441m.) is KPO, San Francisco, and the other on 640 k.c. (469m.) is KFI, Los Angeles. "Clive" (Cambridge): All the New York stations' calls commence with "W," and not "K."—"Yankee" (N.P.).

DX Topics

A New Jap?

WHILE listening-in on the 31st at 7.40 p.m. I heard what I thought was a new station, but I was surprised to hear Mr. Drummond's voice announcing race results (probably 2YA's first harmonic, on 208.2 m., or 1440 k.c.). A few minutes afterward I received KGMB, Honolulu, for the first time. On March 3, at 7.45 p.m., I tuned in to the latter and heard a Japanese voice. Then followed some typical Japanese music and the announcement KGMB, Honolulu. The remainder of this was obliterated by a local power leak. Would this be a new Jap, or Honolulu broad-

casting a Jap record? KGMB, California, was logged shortly after, and also a station with a call that sounded like KNX. As the latter was on a slightly higher wavelength than Honolulu, however, and as KNX is listed as being on 286 metres (1050 k.c.), it does not appear possible that this call was correct. My total log, including 5 Japs and 18 Americans, is 81. I attribute my success to the earth system used, which comprises eight 4½ ft. long pipes driven into the ground. A coil of heavy copper cable is used to connect them together and to supply a lead running to the set. The pipes are not driven in a straight line as in the Pierce system, but are two feet apart and zig-zagged to ensure contact with different stratas, as earth resistance varies every few inches.—"Wireman" (Masterton).

WJZ Testing.

RECENT loggings include KHQ, Spokane, on practically the same frequency as 2ZR; WMAQ, Chicago, just below 2FC and heterodyning with it; and WJZ, New York, a little above 4QG, with whom they were heterodyning from 7.45 p.m. onward on March 4. WJZ (the "Z" is pronounced "Zee") stated that they were testing. Reception was marred by a peculiar "shaking" effect which seemed to vary in speed every few minutes or so. When it slowed down the station appeared to be surging, as on shortwave. Following this it would quickly speed up until the effect on speech or music was almost like a.c. hum. Several of the American seem to be afflicted periodically with the same trouble, notably KFOX, KFWB and WTIC, on 650 k.c. (461 m.). Has anyone else noticed this?—"Ray Dio" (Shannon).

Beverage Aerial Successful.

I HAVE just rigged up a Beverage aerial, 400 yards long and 16 feet high, and although I am using only a home-made resistance, pencil lines on a piece of card, at the distant end, the first try-out indicates that it would prove a complete success. KYW, KFBD, KFI, WSUI (heard this station for the first time) and KTM coming in so strongly that volume had to be cut down. KGO was at the same strength as 2YA at 7.45 p.m. In addition I also logged four new stations. As a test I tuned in KTM, Hollywood, using the Beverage. Announcements were clearly heard. Then I changed to my inverted "L" aerial, 182 feet long and 35 feet high, but could not even get a whisper from this station. In just under seven months DX-ing I have heard the calls of 49 Americans.—"Seven Kicker" (Okoroire Springs).

European Reception.

AT 5 a.m. on February 28 I heard four foreign stations coming in at 17. The station on 780kc. (384m.) was at excellent strength, and the music could be heard all over the house. The music was of a classical nature, one item taking 15 minutes to complete. Announcement was in a foreign language, and this, combined with static, prevented my getting the call. I presume this to be a Rumanian station on a power of 12 kw., though my latest call books are of no assistance in identifying this. Stations

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