

Short-Wave Topics

Ultra-Short-wave Transmissions.

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Dutch Station on 50.1 metres.

"WORLD RADIO" (England) reports a new Dutch short-wave station working on 50.1 metres, which relays Hilversum. This station has been heard between 11.30 p.m. and 3 a.m., New Zealand time.

Time Signal from Moscow.

MOSCOW, on 46.6 metres, transmits a time signal each day at 3 a.m., New Zealand time. The signal consists of the letter G (— —) and is preceded by clock ticks, with the counting of seconds and minutes superimposed.

Prince of Wales Heard.

THE opening ceremony by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the British Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires, Argentina, was well received on Sunday morning. Just before 5.30 a.m. the announcer gave the order of the proceedings. This was followed by a band item, and at 5.30 a.m. the National Anthem was played. A speech in Spanish was then given by one of the exhibition officials. The Prince commenced by reading a special message from his Majesty the King, which was loudly applauded by the audience. This was followed by an address in English and one in Spanish.

The President of the Republic then replied in Spanish. At the conclusion

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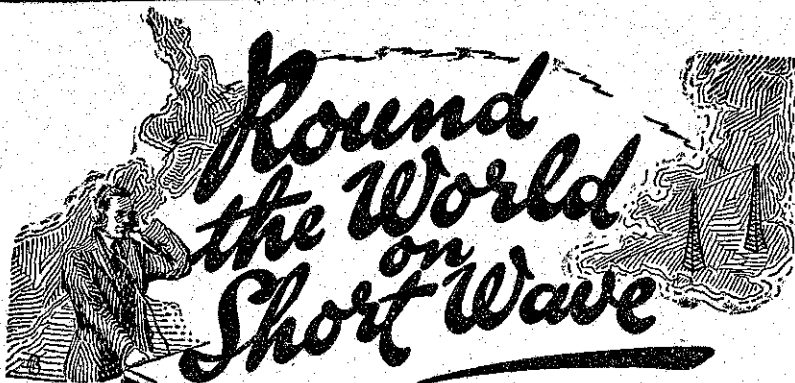
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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs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

of this talk (6 a.m.) "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was played by the band. That concluded the ceremony, after which the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince George, commenced a tour of the exhibition, visiting the pavilion of the Dominion of Canada first. The speech by the Prince of Wales, delivered in Spanish as well as the one by the President, was then translated into English. The station closed at 6.11 a.m. The station heard was the British Post Office short-wave station, GBP, working on about 27.7 metres. Volume was R9 all through, readability 100 per cent. It was one of the best receptions of a transmission of Empire interest.

Buenos Aires was not tried for direct till after the special transmission, when LSG on 15.05 metres was heard, but only at about R3.

W9XF and K1XR.

WHAT has become of these stations? They both were well received, but have disappeared recently. Has any reader heard either of these stations during the past week or two?

Log for Week Ending March 14

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: Good volume each evening.

HVJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres: Each morning since Wednesday, best about 6 a.m., when volume is R9. Static has been bad each morning.

7LO, Nairobi, 50 metres: Each morning from 6 a.m., weaker now than a week or two ago.

W8XAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres: Has had several late sessions during the week, when volume has been very good.

WTKAL, Boundbrook, 49.18 metres: Excellent till 6 p.m. each evening.

VE9CL, Winnipeg, 48.7 metres: Just audible at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Moscow, 45 metres (about): Each morning, best about 6 a.m., after which it grows weaker.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres: Excellent at R9 on Saturday from 10 p.m. Volume R9.

OXY, Lyngby, Denmark, 31.51 metres: Am not certain about this station, as the call has not been heard this season, but a station is heard each morning on this wavelength at about R5. Mostly talk by man and sometimes a lady. Music heard at times.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres.—Sunday, up to R9 before closing down at 4.30 p.m. Saturday they closed before reaching good volume.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres.—Has been well received each morning at R9.

W1XAZ, Springfield, Mass., 31.35 metres.—This station is improving quite a lot. Heard on Sunday from 9 a.m. till 9.30 a.m. at R5. An organ recital from the Paramount Theatre, Springfield, was

enjoyed on Saturday till 5.20 p.m., at R8-9.

PCJ, Eindhoven, Holland, 31.28 metres.—Thursday, R9 at 6 a.m. to R8 by 7.30 a.m. Saturday morning was not nearly so good. On Saturday afternoon they were tuned in at 2.30 p.m. and held till 6.50 p.m., except for an interval when they were off the air between 4.30 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. Volume steadily increased from R2-3 at the start till 4.30 p.m., when they reached R8-9, remaining at that till the finish.

LSX, Buenos Aires, 28.98 metres.—This one-time excellent station has gone off in volume, being at its best only about R4.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres.—Quite good these mornings from 7 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday were the best, when talk was 95 per cent. readable at R8-9.

12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres.—Excellent most mornings at R9. Is best after 6.30 a.m.

W8XK, Pittsburg, 25.25 metres.—Not much heard of this station now. Sunday, 9.45 a.m., children's session at R7, was the only time I had them readable during the week.

XDA, Mexico City, 20.5 metres.—News session each morning, much weaker now than a few weeks ago.

W2XAD, Schenectady, 19.5 metres.—Seldom heard now at more than R2-3 during the early morning.

N.Z. Short-wave Club

From the Secretary's Pen

THOUGH the club has been in existence only a few weeks, it is really surprising the way in which it has been received, from lonely farmhouses, scattered districts, outlying townships, and cities letters and inquiries are coming in daily. I am beginning to feel like a Radio Uncle. Surely this club idea (if you will excuse me), must be a "Radio Record," the idea was broadcast, and there has sprung into existence a society that is non-political, non-sectarian—a fraternal organisation of the air.

To briefly answer many inquiries, the headquarters are in Wellington, but the club is a representative one, including, as the name denotes, the whole Dominion. The H.Q. must be in a position for easy access to the radio Press, and for the quick dispatch of overseas mail, beside being centrally situated. Later on it is hoped to have representatives in the various districts to meet local needs, but members desiring pen-pals need only to send in their names and we will put them in touch with members in other districts. Many friends are being made this way.

The local member showed me a letter he had from another in which the writer asked about the badges. He mentioned

that he had made many friends through wearing his lodge badge. I then found out exactly what the club badge will mean—a member arrives in a strange town, the badge is sufficient introduction. There is nothing we like better than to talk about our sets and what we get. Truly, radio is a fraternal organisation.

The correspondence, though heavy, is most interesting and pleasant, and I have made many friends thereby. Some young listeners gave their ages, and I was able to introduce them to someone their own age. Two letters arrived by the same mail; both owned the same make of set, and wanted to know someone to compare results. Next mail saw them both satisfied; at least, I hope so.

A farmer sent along some interesting photographs and a real colonial letter. Several must have looked at the Mac in my name, because they sent stamped envelopes for replies. One man gets excellent reception, but thought the idea was a good one, and joined up to help us along. Several transmitters and their assistants sent in subs.

I have received invitations to drop into members' homes, if I am down. Truly, we "brothers of the air" are friends. I appreciate these friendly letters and their kind sentiments, but we must not forget the work of the committee, Messrs. J. Donnelly, E. Hackett, L. Saunders and A. Comfort, also Mr. Jamieson, our club artist; and last, but by no means least, Mr. F. W. Sellens, who, by his energy and persistent work at the receiver, has fired so many of us with the ambition to conquer space and become successful shortwaveers.

NZ10W might be in earnest, but his suggestion of a "Night Owl" certificate makes me think he must be a Scout. But then, Scouts don't stop up till a.m. listening to what other people say.

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