

Addresses and Addresses Wanted

WOULD B.W. (Stratford) please forward his address?

Identification Wanted

FOREIGNER on 351 m. (855 k.c.) heard on the morning of the 22nd, after the Japanese stations had closed down. Strength R6, static bad. Speech sounded like German. Possibly 7BY. Bombay.—"Keijo" (Invercargill).

AT 3 a.m. on the 22nd, after the boat race, I picked up a foreigner on 2BL's frequency. Someone was speaking, but static prevented my hearing the call. Also a station heard at the same time operating on 2NC's frequency. Announcer was speaking in English, but transmission was too weak to identify. It may have been one of the Australian experimental stations. Another station heard at 8.30 p.m. on the 15th close to 2BL. I listened until 10.45 p.m., but not a word was spoken during the whole evening. I have had him since then at different positions on the dial, but cannot identify him. Strength was equal to that of 1 or 3YA. Would this be 2L2XY "on tour"?—B.W. (Stratford).

TWO stations heard on the 22nd, one at 3.20 a.m. on 2NC's frequency broadcasting a piano duet, and at 4 a.m. a fox-trot with vocal refrain, and the other heard at 3.15 a.m. on 2BL's frequency. Heard announcer say "Columbia Record No. —". Both were subject to long fades, and at times the music was at fair speaker volume.—J.C.S. (Beckenham).

STATIONS heard from 5.30 to 6 a.m. in the mornings, one on 1ZR's frequency and another 1 deg. above. Also

another on approximately 1300 k.c. (231 metres). From the first, a man speaks in a foreign language, and then a lady speaks. I have also found this the case with the station on 700 k.c. Two others, one on KSL's frequency and one on 1200 k.c. (250 metres), have also been heard, but are very weak. A station one deg. above 1ZR is always playing band music and comes in very loudly.—T.B. (Rangataua).

[Probably all European broadcasting stations. Watch DX Notes for particulars.—Ed.]

"B" CLASS Australian heard at 11 p.m. on the 25th on about 270 m. (1110 k.c.). He announced—Brisbane (not 4BC) and asked often for reports. He closed down at 11.10 "until 2.30 p.m. Friday." He was heterodyning 2UW on 268 m. (1120 k.c.).—"Kilicycle" (Auckland).

NEW Australian testing on approx. 1120 k.c. (268 m), announcing "Amalgamated Wireless, Oxley Radio Station, just outside Brisbane, Queensland." Apparently no call sign has been allotted as yet. Also a new Jap on approx. 670 k.c. (447 m.). This is probably the station referred to by "Switch".—B.W. (Stratford).

THANKS, "Amazon," but that Melbourne station still baffles me. He was at excellent volume between 8.20 and 9 p.m. on the 23rd. The announcement sounded very much like 3UG, Melbourne, but static was bad and became worse.

News and Views of the D.X. CLUB

Items heard were: "Twelve and a Tanner a Bottle," "Belle of the Ball," and "Sergeant Flagg and Sergeant Quirk." After this the announcer mentioned a report from New Plymouth. He is a little below 2HD; in fact, that station "swamped" him later on.—"SGV4" (Otago).

STATION heard from 11.15 p.m. until 12.30 a.m. on the 25th on 222 m. (1350 k.c.), 1 deg. below 2AY, Albany. The announcer seemed to be very hurried in giving the call, but I could just catch "Melbourne." Call sounded like "2ZL." Also station heard on the 24th from 11.25 p.m. until 11.50 p.m., 2 deg. below 2HL, Newcastle. Call sounded like 3PO.—"Radio Boy" (Timaru).

STATION heard at fairly good speaker strength, though blurred and distorted, exactly on 2ZC's frequency, just after 7 p.m. on the 25th. Later reception became better and I noticed that the singing appeared to be foreign. The items seemed very long, one being a duet sung in a foreign language. Then the announcer spoke in English though much of his speech was very blurred and not understandable. He announced that he would next "put on some items for our Jewish friends." Afterward I heard him say "Warsaw" quite distinctly. This was followed by three or four baritone solos in a foreign language. After announcing that they were closing down until Wednesday, the station went off the air at 11.30 p.m. Not long after I heard 3DB, Melbourne, announce very distinctly. Also a station on 73 on my dial, coming in between 2BL, Sydney (6T) and 3LO, Melbourne (7T). It can be heard behind 2YA during the news session, and seems to be broadcasting a children's hour. Also another station on 2ZO, P.N.'s frequency, which is always very weak.—"Novice" (Wellington).

Stations Identified

"MARK" (Dunedin) and "Jacko" (Reinui): Station just below 2NC, Newcastle, is 3EF, Ellwood. He is usually on the air until 2.30 a.m., N.Z. time.—C.G.C. (Christchurch), KTM, Los Angeles.—J.P.C. (P.N.).

"NOVICE" (Hamilton) and L.H. (Invercargill): Probably 6WF, Perth. They usually broadcast pony races on Saturday nights.—"Cromdale" (Otago). I have without doubt logged KZRM, Manila, and KGW, Portland, Oregon, on 620 k.c. (483 m.), so apparently everybody is correct.—"Red Bird" (Wellington), "Radio Boy" (Oamaru). 2ZR should have read 2ZI.—B.W. (Stratford).

A.E.B. (Auckland): Station on 277 m. (1080 k.c.) is in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. I heard him at excellent volume at 5.30 a.m. on March 6, and I have never had him as well since. On that morning I counted seven carrier waves between WENR and 4QG's frequencies, but none of them was as strong as the Bratislava station, which was audible all over the house for 15 minutes on end.—SGV4 (Otago).

"BIG BILL" (Timaru): Station just above KGO is KTM, and was apparently broadcasting horoscope readings and handwriting. The person making the readings was described by KTM's announcer as "Damon, the Mystic Horoscope Reader," and then his address and fees charged for readings were given. I have written for verification. Is there a station KROB on approximately 1040 k.c.?—Rangi (Mangawhata). [The latest call book to hand does not include such a call.—Ed.]

DX Topics

4BC Heterodyning 2UW.

4BC, Brisbane, has recently changed its frequency from 1287 k.c. (233 m.) to 1143 k.c. (262 m.). This should adequately clear 2UW on 1121 k.c. (267 m.), but other DXers have reported that these two heterodyne. Power used is 500 watts.—"Kilicycle" (Auckland).

Logging a 100-watt American.

AMONG other verifications, just received is one from KGDY, Huron, South Dakota, in which they state that such reception is phenomenal because they use only 100 watts power. On the morning of the 26th I heard the Bombay station at excellent strength. A new Australian has been heard testing this week on 252 m. (1190 k.c.), using the call "Amalgamated Wireless, Radio Station, Oxley, Queensland." Incidentally, Oxley is in New South Wales. He asked for reports and guaranteed a reply.—J.T.C. (Palmerston North).

Test Transmission on 400 k.w.

TRANSMISSIONS on a power of 400 k.w. will shortly be carried out by WSKAR, auxiliary station of KDKA, Pittsburgh. It is intended at first to transmit on this power only between the hours of 6 and 11 a.m., G.M.T., on a wavelength of 306 metres (980 k.c.). Other high-powered stations which will be operating this winter are: Warsaw, 158 k.w.; Prague, 120 k.w.; Paris, 60 k.w.; and Toulouse, 60 k.w.—"Keijo" (Invercargill).

[A list of some of the more powerful European stations was published recently. Watch the D.X. pages for further particulars.—Ed.]

Americans on Altered Frequencies.

AT 7.35 p.m. on the 13th I heard a station on 1290 k.c. (232 m.). Announcer was reading out names of Canadian and American people. A gramophone record "When the Bloom is on the Sage" was played, and the call KFRC, San Francisco, was given. Without further announcement the station went off the air. During the last month or so I have often listened to KFRC, but on 610 k.c. At 7.24 p.m. on the 22nd I heard a station on 835 k.c. (358 m.) playing a pianoforte solo. A few minutes later the call "W9XA testing" was heard and the announcer spoke in technical language. I listened until 7.34 p.m., when "W9XA testing, W9XA, Denver, now signing off" was heard. What is wrong with this station? This is the third I have heard off its listed frequency during the last three weeks. Incidentally, does a verification from a station temporarily off its frequency count in the D.X. competition?—"Seven Kicker" (Okoroire Springs).

[No. To count stations temporarily off their frequencies, unless they are recognised experimental stations, would unfortunately introduce serious complications. Your questions appear to have gone astray. Would you please repeat them?—Ed.]

Russia on the Broadcast Band.

I HAVE not done much D.X.-ing this summer because a number of refrigerating plants have been installed here and power interference is very bad on some evenings. I have picked up most of the "B" class Australians, some of them at excellent volume. During January I heard a Russian station, but could not get a call sign. Speech was

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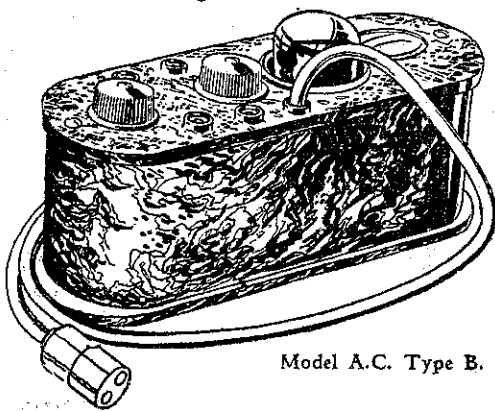
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