

XEN, Mexico City? Compliments of the season to dxers.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

The Black List.

I SEE by last week's "Radio Record" that DX21W has 3HA, Hamilton, on his black list. I sent 3HA a report two months ago and have had no reply so far. Also 3SH, Swan Hill, has not replied to two reports sent. I received a card last week from 1ZM, Manurewa, by return mail and 2ZM, Gisborne, sent a verification three months after. I sent my report on reception.—DX27OC (Dunedin).

A Heilsberg Letter.

BY the latest mail I received a verification from Heilsberg. The manager also sent a book of 62 pages dealing with his station, and a copy of the evening's programmes with the items I heard underlined. Everything is written in German. I enclose a copy of the verification. I will try and get some of the book translated so as to let dxers know something about Heilsberg.

Mr. R. J. Brown asks if anyone has a verification from KTM or WABC. I wrote to KTM over six months ago, but have received no answer. I also sent reports to WABC and WBOQ, and received a verification from the latter, but the former has not yet replied. Another station on my black list is WLAC. I posted a report to that station on May 14.

By the latest American mail I received a verification from KGW after waiting some time. The reason why I was so long in receiving it was because it was sent back to KGW for additional postage. Words to this effect were stamped across the envelope.—DX73OC (E. J. Mullin), Oamaru.

The letter from Heilsberg reads:—"We thank you sincerely for your friendly letter of September 19, referring to the reception of our transmission from Heilsberg.

"Will you please look through the enclosed cutting of our programme for the days in question, in which we have marked with pencil the items you heard, showing that you actually heard our transmission.

"As requested, we send you a booklet of our Heilsberg station, which we trust will be of interest to you, and beg to remain etc., Ostmarken-Rundfunk A.-G."

Details of 4TO, Townsville.

THE following are particulars of station 4TO, Townsville, Queensland, taken from a verification card: Frequency, 1170 k.c.; power of 100 watts; operated by Amalgamated Wireless (A/sia.) Ltd. The slogan is: "The Gateway of Tropic Queensland."

I also received a letter from 2KO, Newcastle, which stated that when I heard the station it was operating a temporary service on a power of 25 watts.

My black list is: 3WR, Newcastle, 2KY, Sydney; 7LA, Launceston; 3SH, Swan Hill; and 3HA, Hamilton. Has any dxer received replies from any of these?—"Country Lad" (Gore).

Leipzig Heard.

I HAVE recently received a verification from "Leipzig," Germany, a translation of which appears below. I heard this station up till sunrise on and after last September 28.—C. V. Blucher (DX27A).

"We enjoyed receiving your letter and are pleased to know that you have picked up our broadcasting programme. We enclose a copy of this programme for your information. You will be interested that two other listeners in New Zealand have received our station at approximately the same time as you did. With best wishes for further success in radio.—Mitteldeutsche Rundfunk A.-G., Technische Betriebsstelle."

Useful Verification Data.

THE following extracts from verifications received recently by me may be of interest to dx and sw readers:—

From Radio Saigon: There are three stations in Saigon, Franco-Indochine—(1) F3-1CD, Cie Franco-Indochinoise de Radiophonie, 106 Boulevard Charner, Saigon. Station site, Chi-hoa, 6 kilometres from Saigon; aerial power, 12 k.w.; wave length, 40 metres; call, "Hello! Hello! Here is Radio Saigon." (General outline of station plant and equipment.) (2) FZR, the Government station, working on 24.91 metres. Telegraph and telephone connection with Paris and Japan. (3) A private broadcasting station working on 31.50 metres, aerial power 800 watts.

From the P. and T. Department, Bangkok, Siam: HSP-1 (Radio Bangkok) transmits daily on 350 metres 2½ k.w., except on Mondays, from 12.00 to 15.30 G.M.T. HSP-2 (Radio Bangkok), s.w. station. This station is now undergoing a series of tests on 41 metres, 2½ k.w., every Monday from 13.00 to 16.00 G.M.T. Both stations may be recognised by the distinctive call notes in the form of chimes of six notes up and down the scales of a

gong at various intervals during programme. (Also further station plant particulars.)

From Japan: We have a chain system in this country in which 14 stations are included. Programmes are relayed to others and vice versa; as, for instance, JOAK to others and vice versa.

Increased Power for 2UW

ON Thursday, December 10, station 2UW, Sydney, 269m. (1110 k.c.) increased its power from 500 watts to 1500 watts. A special programme was broadcast to commemorate the event. Featuring on the programme were the famous New Zealand conductor-composer, Alfred Hill and the English humorists, John Henry and Blossom.

From Crosley Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.: WLW, 700 k.c., 50,000 w.; WSAI, 1330 k.c., 500 w.; owned and operated by Crosley Radio Corp. "You might not consider your individual comments important—but we do. When you have anything to suggest—how any detail can be improved—we want you to write us. We want our audience to know in advance that these comments are and will continue to be greatly appreciated. We are particularly pleased to receive reports from so far away as New Zealand."—Yours, etc., DX25W.

Publicity for New Zealand.

MR. SPENCE R. ELLIS, of Okato, Taranaki, ex-president of the DX Club, has forwarded the following two interesting paragraphs taken from American papers. The first, captioned "CJOR Heard in New Zealand," runs: "CJOR's recent increase in power and transmitter improvements has certainly made it a target for reception letters from all over the world. Following are the addresses of four letters extracted from one mail, Friday, October 9:—

Hubert D. Hunt, Alfred, New Zealand.

Edward Anderson, 27 Shortland Street, Caversham, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Spence R. Ellis, vice-president New Zealand DX Club, Okato, Taranaki, New Zealand.

Frank Barnett, Broadcasting Station 4ZO, Lower Octagon, Dunedin, New Zealand.

All letters contained a wealth of information proving conclusively they were authentic. One had heard the Lido Cafe programme, and mentioned such minute details as 'phone numbers, addresses, names, etc. Two others had heard Mart Kenny's orchestra from the Alexandra Ballroom, and commented on them concluding their programme with "God Save the King."

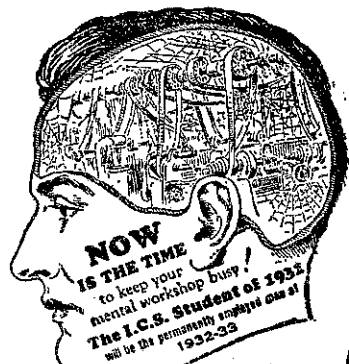
The other is a discussion of a radio problem which has recently arisen in the States, and which, it is reported appears likely to cause international complications:—

"A new fly has appeared in the radio onment, so to speak. Ambitious United States broadcasters, refused channels in the States, are building their transmitters just across the border in Mexico and pirating Canadian and United States waves. The worst offender is XER, a station with its studios in Texas and its transmitter just across the Rio Grande, at Della

Acuna, Mexico, according to the announcement which I heard the station making on two occasions last week. This station comes through to Toronto with all the field intensity of a local station; and no wonder, for the announcer stated that they were using 75,000 watts power, which is 25,000 watts higher than any other station on the continent is using at the present time. The station registered on my supers at a point midway between WSB, Atlanta, Georgia, and OKAO, Montreal, and its sidebands interfered with the broadcasts of both OKAO and WSB. As a matter of fact, XER has brazenly seated itself in a channel that leaves only five kilocycles separation between it and WSB on the one side and five kilocycles between it and CKAC on the other. With its high power it is not only prating parts of both waves but actually is wrecking the broadcasts of CKAC and WSB, both of which are popular stations with Canadian and United States listeners.

"Later investigation brings information that the station XER was built by a Dr. John R. Binkley, a medico-broadcaster and former politician of Kansas, who, having failed to get a channel in United States, hit on the idea of building his transmitter in Mexico.

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