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Short-wave News

EAQ, Change of Schedule.

SEVERAL members of the New Zealand Short-wave Club have reported very fine reception from EAQ recently and have noted that their schedule is to be amended on July 1 to 11 a.m. till 12.30 p.m., New Zealand time (one hour earlier than at present). A special programme is to be broadcast on August 25; it is understood to be for New Zealand.

They announce that they will soon be publishing in Spanish a "EAQ Review," which will contain a full list of short-wave stations and deal with all matters of interest to short-wave listeners.

Reports on reception of EAQ, besides being acknowledged "over the air," are replied to by letter.

KKW, California.

MR. J. CROSDALE (Takaka) reports KKW, Bolinas, California, on 21.62 metres every day from 12.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. They sometimes relay KGU and KGMB, also the N.B.C. programmes. KKW is heard at Takaka at R8-9.

News from Japan.

TWO stations in Japan have been heard recently, one on about 30 metres and the other on about 30.6 metres. The one on the lower wavelength has been broadcasting news in several languages, including English, between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., at good volume.

Try for These!

MR. A. A. HASSAN (Bay of Plenty) sent the following notes:—
Mukden, Manchuria, 27.4 metres: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 3 a.m., 20 minutes.

W10XAO (U.S. Airship Akron), 48.5 and 62.5 metres.

YVQ, Venezuela, 16.35, 25.7 and 32.8 metres.

VRT, Bermuda, 29.8 and 60 metres.
KKP, Hawaii, 18.7 metres, and KKH, Hawaii, 40 metres.

League of Nations (call, Radio Nations): HBQ, 40.3; HBJ, 20.6; HBL, 31.3; HBP, 38.6, till 9.30 a.m.

Canadians: CKS, Calgary, 39.74 metres; VE9CL, Winnipeg, 48.8 metres; VE9CS, Vancouver, 49.93 metres; VE9GW, Bowman, 25 and 49.96 metres. (The 25-metre station is often heard between 3.30 p.m. and 4 p.m., also another Canadian at the same time on 45 metres.) VE9DR, Drummondville, 4 k.v., relays CFCF, Montreal, on 49.96 or 49.43 metres.

Schmeling v. Sharkey.

AN interesting sporting event was broadcast on short waves on Wednesday by several of the American stations. The writer was ready to listen to W2XAF, as this station announced the fight earlier in the week.

Reception was gushy from W2XAF, so W2XAD was tried, which proved to be the best American on the air. As both these stations turned their microphones over to a German announcer at 1.30 p.m. for the fight description, another station had to be found. W8XX, on 25.25 metres, was fair, volume about R8-9, with a noisy background, but I was able to get most of the description. The verdict came as a surprise to me after hearing nearly all of the fight described.

All Blacks v. New South Wales.

VK2ME was not at its best on Saturday for the broadcast of the first match of the All Blacks in Sydney. Reception during the first half of the game was quite good, but later, fading was very severe for long periods, the description being missed several times. An improvement near the finish allowed us to hear the details of the closing moments of the exciting game.

Log for Week Ending June 26

ALL Continents (including South America) were again heard during the week; in fact, they were all heard on one day—Monday.

Special Transmission from YV11BMO

MR. PAGE TAYLOR, Detroit, U.S.A., has made arrangements with short-wave station YV11BMO, "La Voz del Lago," Spartado 112, Maracaibo, Venezuela, working on 48.95 metres, to broadcast a special programme for reception in New Zealand.

The time to listen is from 4.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. on either July 2 or 3. As this special transmission commences at midnight (Venezuela time) there is some doubt which day is meant. However, if listeners fail to find the station on the 2nd, try again on the 3rd.

Mr. Taylor says: "They may announce in English at this time, but if they don't it is easy to understand 'La Voz del Lago' in Spanish which they repeat after every second selection. The call letters sound like 'Egrees Vay uno y diez bay emmay oh.'"

A very nice verification, similar to NRH, is sent to all who report this station.

12RO, Rome, 80 metres: Wednesday and Saturday morning. Wednesday was quite good, being R7 at 6.45 a.m. to R5 by 8 a.m. Signals on Saturday were very weak.

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: As usual every evening, average R8-9.

HVJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres: Only up early enough on Wednesday, when they were R8-9 till 6.45 a.m.

RV59, Moscow, 50 metres: Received quite well each morning. During the English session on Monday reports were asked for, with the statement "We answer every letter."

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres: This station has "come back" with its old-time volume. On Tuesday they were on till 5.30 p.m., but were a little lower in wavelength than before.

ZL2ZX, Wellington, 49.5 metres: Volume and quality good each evening they are transmitting.

W3XAL, Boundbrook, 49.18 metres: Sunday only now, R9 till 4.30 p.m., with medium static.

W8XX, Pittsburgh, 48.86 metres: Tuesday till 4 p.m. at R8-9. Very jerky with bad static.

REN, Moscow, 45.38 metres: Wednesday, 6.45 a.m., excellent at R9. Saturday, a little weaker, with slight static at the same time.

Radio Maroc, Rabat, 32.26 metres: Monday, 7.50 a.m., R8-9, with rapid fade; 8.30 a.m., less volume, but more steady.

PRPA, Rio de Janeiro, 31.58 metres: Sunday and Monday from 10.30 a.m., with a programme from the studios of Radio de la Brazil. Volume about R8-9. Local QRM spoilt reception.

OXY, Denmark, 31.51 metres: Heard several mornings, but very weak.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres: Audible from about 11 a.m. till signing off at 3.30 p.m. Readability is usually good soon after midday. An organ recital by Jesse Crawford was well received on Monday till 3.30 p.m.

Zeelen, Germany, 31.38 metres: Heard each day except Wednesday. Volume is best about 8 a.m.-8.30 a.m., usually about R9 at this time.

W1XAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres: Reaches R9 by 3 p.m. as a rule, quite a good reliable station now. An organ recital from the Metropolitan Theatre, Boston, till 3.30 p.m. on Monday was very enjoyable.

VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 metres: Sunday, 5.30 to 7.30 p.m., R9 with long, slow fades. Saturday, relaying football match, R9 at first with slight fading, later R7 with severe fading.

? Japan, 30.6 metres (about): 10.30 p.m. on Monday, at R9, with some very fine music, mostly violin and piano. Still going strong at 11 p.m. when I closed down. On Friday, at the same time, volume was R8-9, but all talk this time.

EAQ, Madrid, 30.4 metres: Still received well—R8-9, from 12.30 p.m.

? Japan, 30 metres (about): Thursday, from 10.30 p.m. till 11 p.m., Japanese music, one item without a break during this period. Talk followed after 11 p.m. in Japanese. A friend informed me that news in English was broadcast prior to 10.30 p.m.

Radio, Colonial, Paris, 25.6 metres: Still very good each morning till 10.30 a.m.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: Quite good now after 8 a.m., sometimes gushy, but better than for some months.

12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres: Each morning except Wednesday and Saturday, when they were on 80 metres. Volume R8-9 at best.

W8XX, Pittsburg, 25.25 metres: Early Sunday afternoon, R8-9, with a political talk. Wednesday, the fight was heard from this station at about R8-9.

W2XAD, Schenectady, 19.56 metres: Tuesday and Thursday mornings, R3 between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday R8-9, very clear and steady from 12.30 p.m. till after the fight (Schmeling and Sharkey).

Revised Schedules

THE following revised schedules to commence on July 1 were announced on Sunday, June 26, from these two stations:—

EAQ, Madrid, Spain (30.4 metres), will operate from 11.30 p.m. to 1 a.m., station time, or from 10 a.m. until 11.30 a.m., New Zealand time. Moscow (50 metres) will commence their English session one hour later than usual, 12 p.m. to 1 a.m., station time, or from 8.30 a.m. until 9.30 a.m., New Zealand time.

KKW, California, was heard from 1 p.m. until 2.55 p.m. on approximately 22.5 metres at R7-8 for the first time relaying portions of N.B.C. programmes, and later working duplex telephony with KGU, Honolulu, received during weekend.—J. V. McMin, NZ16W (Wellington).

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