

On the Wane.

DX has been on the wane lately, so I have deserted the B.C. band for short-wave. To my surprise I received a card from KZRM. I sent him my third report on 16/6/32, and enclosed a reply coupon. According to his card, the power is still 50 k.w.; and frequency 618.5 k.c. (485m.). The address is Broadcasting Dept., Radio Corporation of the Philippines, Manila, P.I. This does not tally with the call book. They operate every night, except Monday, from 6.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m., their standard time, and would appreciate reports from N.Z. The "Times" is becoming a better paper every month, from the dxer's point of view. I saw a paragraph in the "Record" some time ago, where a member was asking if 4ZR had been heard up as far as Palmerston. I have a verification from him when he was using only 4 watts. What is the farthest north he has been heard?

Re these non-reply stations; I have replies from the following: 2AY, 3HA, 2SM, 2ZH, 4 ZP, 2ZJ, KZRM, 7LA, 2ZF, 7UV, 8ZR, KGER, and KMOX. Some members report these stations as not having replied, but with the exception of KZRM, and 3HA and 2SM, they all verified my report promptly. The stations that have not answered reports are 2KY and KRLD.

Recent verifications are KGRS, after six months; WDAG, return mail; KDKA and KPAG. WDAG-1410KQ-1KW, address, Smarello Hotel, Smarello, Texas. They issue Ekko stamps, only upon receipt of 10 cents., accompanied with a correct report of reception. KDKA assures a prompt reply if the reports are addressed to G. Dare Fleck, traffic manager, KDKA, William Penn Hotel. Static has been violent on the s.w. for the last week, and only slightly better on the B.C.—DX48A.

Verification from KKW.

I HAVE received an interesting letter from KKW. The station is located at Bolinas, California, and is operated on 13780 k.c. It is a point-to-point communication station, and not a broadcasting station, and is one unit of the public service world-wide communications system of R.C.A. Communications, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the R.C.A., through which direct radio telegraphic circuits are maintained between U.S.A. and 32 foreign points, and by connecting circuits at these points with practically any part of the world. Supplementing its radio telegraphic services the company also operates transoceanic point-to-point radio telephone services for the transmission of addressed programme material between the U.S.A. and points abroad.

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With this in mind you will no doubt appreciate that we do not supply any confirmation of material transmitted by our stations.—S.T. (Wellington).

Americans and Europeans.

EUROPEAN reception has been bad here lately, static very troublesome. During the month I have been able to pick up seventeen Europeans from 5.30-6.30 to 6.45 a.m. In addition to these I have picked up six or seven, but too faint to bother about; my best being as follow:—EJ13, Spain; Heilsberg, Germany; OKR, Czechoslovakia; Breslau, Germany; Goteberg, Sweden; Bucharest, Roumania; Algiers, Pitt, France.

The above listed are heard at R4-5 and R6.

On 21/10/32, from 5.30 a.m., the following were heard from R3 to R6:—Hornby, Sweden; EJ13, Spain; Heilsberg, Germany; OKR, Czechoslovakia; Goteberg, Sweden; Breslau, Germany; Brnp, Czechoslovakia; EJ1, Spain; Algiers (Pitt), France; Helsinki, Finland; LWOW, Poland; Bucharest, Roumania; Katawice, Poland; Sottens, Switzerland; IRO, Rome, Italy; OKP, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Many thanks to DX22W. and DX12W. American reception is good, from 5.30 p.m. till dark, when static is very troublesome. The following for one evening were heard from R3 to R9:—KGA, KSTP, KECA, KGER, KWK, KGB, KGMB, KFAC, KDYL, KOIL, KFOX, WOAI, WOWO, WCAU, KSL, KMOX, WTAM, KNX, KFVD, KHL, KILX, WENR, WABC, KOA, KGO, KTM, WBBM, WLW, KPO, KFI, KMT. KTAB, KNX has lately been broadcasting boxing matches every Saturday evening, 6 p.m.—131A.

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