

logged 33. XGOA, which has now altered its frequency from 680 k.c. to 660 k.c., and interferes badly with 2FC, has been like a local during the past week, easily reaching R8 at 12.30 a.m. American reception is also excellent. KFI, KPO, and XER all reach R7 at 5.45 p.m. KLX, KFWB, KOA, KFSD, KMTR, KTAB, KMJ, and KHQ all come in at R6. KFSD at 7.30 p.m. is sometimes as loud as KFI, but is heterodyned badly by 1YX.

Recent loggings are WMAQ, WWVA, WSB, WHAM, WCAU, 1YX, JOAG, XGOD, COTN, Rome (680 k.c.), Milan (900 k.c.), Leipzig (770 k.c.), and 4ZM (1050 k.c.). Latest verifications are JOFK, XGOA (who sent a photograph of their giant wireless masts), WHIO-WOC, and VK's 3AR, 2UE (daylight, 4.35 p.m.), and 3TR. European stations are coming in at moderate volume Praha, 614 k.c., which reaches R6, is easily the best.—74W (Wellington).

A New Mexican?

A MEXICAN station calling XEGP, on approximately 585 k.c., has been heard several nights during the week ended September 2 at its closing time of 5.30 p.m. Has any other member heard this station?—"Sigma" (Auckland).

4MK Verifies Promptly.

RECEPTION has been very poor during the past week and static has been very severe on some nights. The Americans are very weak at present and consequently new loggings are scarce, the only ones being: KLZ, JOAG, JOCG, and EAJI, Barcelona. Latest verifications to hand are: WRAP, WAPI, WHAS, WSB, KMOX, KFBL, KGW, 4QG, 4RK, 4ZL, 6BY and 4MK. In their verification 6BY state they are pleased to get reports from New Zealand. I have noticed a number of times in the "Radio Record" and "Radio Times" that dxers have been unable to get a verification from 4MK, Mackay. They verified my report promptly and sent a letter, card, and souvenir of Mackay.—164A (Morrinsville).

Reports Wanted by 5DR.

IN another letter from VK5DR, in reply to a second report, he requests me to inform dxers that he is now using a new master oscillator transmitter with 10 watts input, instead of, as formerly a 25 watts Hartley. This power may be increased at a later date. He does not expect to be heard here on the low power, but would be very interested to

Special DX Programme

In a recent verification from the new Australian station 6BY, Bunbury, they state that they are putting on a special DX programme for Australian and N.Z. dxers on the mornings of September 23 and 24, from 3.15 a.m. to 4 a.m., N.Z. time. All correct reports will be verified. Frequency 980 kc., 306 metres. Address, "Bunbury Broadcasters, Ltd., Bedford Hall, Bunbury, W. Australia."—164A (Morrinsville).

hear from any dxer who might pick him up. Anybody reporting on this station can be sure of a verification, provided that 2d return postage is enclosed. Frequency is 1300 k.c.; and address: P. W. Deer, VK5DR, 21 Maitland Terrace, Seaclyde, South Australia. My only recent logging is VK3GK and latest verifications XGOA and VK3CY. I would be grateful to any member who could supply any information about VPD.—115W.

Several New Easterners.

THERE have been very few new stations logged in this district lately. On August 30 I sat up late and secured the following data:—2HZ, Rangoon (857 k.c.), is now on the air and can be heard when HSP1 (856 k.c.) signs off at 2.30 a.m. Volume was poor. VUC and VUB were both good, though the former was badly heterodyned by a Chinese station calling XX—Y. XQHE was also heard weakly, while the Eastern station on 1500 k.c. is heard now and again at R1. JOAG, Nagasaki, was testing on 935 k.c. on August 30 at R3-5. KGRH (778 k.c.) provides typical Eastern programmes and occasionally announces in English. My only verification worth mentioning is from XQHE, Shanghai, who sent a most interesting letter and mentioned that my report was the most distant ever received. Their power is 250w., and their call, "XQHE," was previously RUOK. I hope, in the near future, to be able to supply dxers with a complete list of Chinese stations and their schedules. The Europeans are still poor, but will probably improve from now on.—"Omsk" Whakatane).

A Chinese Puzzle.

CONDITIONS for dxing have been very bad during the last fortnight on account of QRN, which has been very troublesome, but on Saturday, September 2, conditions were ideal. My loggings for this date were: 3AK (50w.), Melbourne; VK5LR (12w.); JOQK (500w.); JOTK (500w.); JORK (500w.); and JOJK (3k.w.). American stations have been very poor, my best being KFI, KNX, KHJ, WHO-WOC, and KPO. The Australian stations have also been very good, 3AK coming in at R8, and VK5LR at R6. Latest verifications are:—KFI, KNX (2 cards), KSL and 6PR, Perth. On Wednesday I logged JOCK No. 1.

On Sunday morning, September 3, at 12.38 a.m., I picked up a Chinese station on 660 k.c. At 12.50 a.m. the call ABOA was given out, and talking continued for the next 22 minutes. At 1.12 a.m. the call XKOR, Nanking, was given. XGOA, Nanking, is on 680 k.c., but was missing. Three months ago I heard the same call, ABOA, XKOR. On Sunday night XGOA, Nanking, was on 680 k.c., but XKOR (660 k.c.) was missing; on

Wednesday night, at 12.36 a.m., XKOR and XGOA were both on. This has puzzled me, and if any member could supply any helpful information I would be exceedingly grateful.—186W (Wellington).

ACCORDING to new regulations in Germany, the sale of wireless sets is to be restricted to registered dealers who, with their assistants, must pass a test in wireless theory and practice.

NEWS bulletins in the English language are being broadcast daily by the Zeesen (Berlin) short-wave station. In the main they consist of official communiques mostly of a political nature, and generally refer to topical events which have taken place in Germany.

"Lone Star" Ladder

For the benefit of new readers, the object of the Competition is to see who can 'top' the 'Lone Star' ladder by claiming (and maintaining that claim) the largest number of verifications that no other members hold. If a member claims a verification held by someone else, verifications "challenged" are automatically deleted from the score. Stations operating outside the broadcast band cannot be entered for this competition.

The editor reserves the right to call in any verification or to request that it be shown to any dxer nominated.

- 1.—A. Greening (9T) 26
KGEF, KFKX, KFOW, KFUM, KPSN, WFCJ, WJAZ, WJBX, WOS (U.S.A.), XEQ, XEI (Mexico); LR2, LR5 (Argentina); CX26, ERMJ, VPD, CMCN, OAX, VUL, VE10BI, VKS, 3CX, 2TW, 3JB, 4EM, 4XK.
- 2.—Ken Graham (38HB) 15
WKZO, LWL, KJBS, KFBK, WIOD, WBZ, KRBG, WLAC, KWSC, WMT, EW7, Q1 (U.S.A.); 10BQ (Canada); XEJ (Mexico); Radio Saigon.
- 3.—F. Carr (150W) 14
WHA, WPCB, KLO, KBSO, WKRC, WOKO, WRR, WCAH, WAAB, WPBA, KICA, (U.S.A.); VK4YG, VK4LP, VK4WJ.
- 4.—S. Robson (1HQ) 13
Lyons (France); Berlin (Germany); Sundsvall (Sweden); Gleiwitz (Germany); Florence (Italy); WRDO, WGBG, WILL, WNBX, WBYD (U.S.A.), VK's 30Y, 3KW, 2FW.
- 5.—J. E. Downes 12
WAAT, WBXL, WMBH, WHEC, KFYD, KGDE, KWKC, WRNY, KBPS, WJTL (U.S.A.); CKCD (Canada); 4NW.
- 6.—A. Maule (37T) 8
Huizen; VK's 2DS, 2BK, 2WS, 2RJ, 2SS, 2CM, 3CI.
- 7.—L. G. Hopkins (164A) 7
KGHL, WSAI, WBSO, WWL, KDB (U.S.A.); 4MK, 6BY (Australia).
- 8.—"Bulova" 6
KFDY, WBUE, WGCP, KUT, WSMK, WFOV (U.S.A.).
- 9.—"Omsk" (121A) 5
CHRC, CKFC, CKNC (Canada); LSH (Argentina); XQHE (China).
- 10.—N. Jenkins (22W) 4
KFOR (U.S.A.); XEX (Mexico); Paris, 670 k.c. (France); VK3CB (Australia).
- 11.—"Digger" (Hamilton) 3
WEW (U.S.A.); Vinpuri, Finland; Algiers.
- 12.—"Amazon" (Palm, Nth.) 2
VJNL, (s.s. "Noora," Aust.); KPOF (U.S.A.).

