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DX reception during the past week has again been most unsteady. The last few days of last week found reception improving and then on Sunday morning reception conditions again suffered a relapse and it became quite a task to hear any stations of great distance. Signal strength dropped off and reception became quite miserable. However on Tuesday morning of this week, the first morning of the frequency checks we again found conditions improved quite a bit and once again stations were coming through with their old "pep". We believe that the drop off in reception over Sunday and Monday can be attributed to the poor and unsettled weather conditions which prevailed at that time. Sunday we experienced one of the worst rainstorms that we had had in quite some time here at headquarters.

One thing which we noted the first morning of this month's frequency checks was that WLEF had changed their call to KCKN, and also changed their frequency from 1420 to 1310 kcs., and were testing the second Tuesday of each month from 3:20 to 3:40 A.M. instead of the second Friday from 4:10 to 4:30 A.M., as heretofore. They stated that this was their first monitor test on their new frequency and were anxious to receive reports of reception. This station is located in Kansas City, Kans.

LRI, 1070 kcs., Buenos Aires, Argentina continues to come through well on the National Bureau of Standards tests although on December 8, CMHA, also operating on the same frequency, located in Sagua la Grande, Cuba were on with a test program at the same time, and there was quite a mix-up as a result of both stations being on at the same time. Last Thursday morning, reception of Belfast, Ireland was also heard between 1:30 and 3:00 A.M. for the first time. This is another of the stations that are participating in this series of test programs for the Bureau. Rennes has been heard quite frequently during their tests, as well as many other mornings besides, this station has become the most reliable of the European stations this season and can be heard best between 1:00 and 2:15 A.M. any morning during the week.

During the past week two more new stations have taken the air for the purpose of testing their new transmitters. WBLY, 1210 kcs., Lima, Ohio was heard several mornings and WNNY, 1420 kcs., Watertown, N. Y. was heard very faintly Saturday morning. We suggest that you all keep close tabs on these two stations, as they may resume their test programs just as soon as the monthly frequency checks are over. We have also learned that KBST, 1500 kcs., Big Springs, Texas are expected to begin testing probably sometime between December 10 and 15th. We therefore suggest that you keep a close check on this frequency for the first tests to emanate for this particular station.

A letter from Alec Kinghorn during the past week, advises us of two DX programs which will be dedicated to the members of our club. The first will take place from CMCY, 1030 kcs., Havana, Cuba on Sunday morning, December 20th, between 1:00 and 2:00 A.M., the occasion will be the first DX program from this station using their new 8 KW transmitter. The second program will take place on Sunday morning, January 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 A.M., from stations CMCD-COCD, Havana, Cuba. This latter broadcast however will only be partially dedicated to our club, between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M. Alec will be at the mike during both of these DXes.

With the Pan American Conference in session, many of the very seldom heard Commercial phone stations have been heard for the past week, and excellent reception has been experienced. I personally get a great "kick" out of it, when, it is possible for me to get better reception than the networks are able to get. I realize that they use Super equipment, etc, but reception conditions always differ in different localities. Next time the networks are rebroadcasting a foreign station's program, tune to that particular station on the short waves that they are rebroadcasting, and you will invariably be surprised to note that you, yourself can get them as good if not better than the Network. The stations that were heard broadcasting the President's message were:-

From Rio: PPM, FPQ, PFU, PSE, PSH and PSK.

From Buenos Aires: LSN, LSN2, LSX, and LSY.

Kermit Geary reports the 3 following items: IUG, Addis Abbaba, on 15,450 kcs., phones IAC every morning at 9 - 10 A.M.

IDU, Asmara, 13,380 kcs. phones IAC each morning at 10 to 11 or 12 A.M., EST, and IBS "Radio San Paolo" heard phoning Addis Abbaba at 7:45 A.M. on 14,480 kcs. Location of course is Rome.

SUZ is very active during the daytime, phbning GBB and also DGH.

VK6ME at Perth, Australia is reported in various magazines as being in operation but it really isn't on the air as yet. Station is still under construction but will be on the air real soon according to a report from a correspondent in Australia.

Our ever active S.W. friend R. B. Oxrieder is again on hand with a good report. He says "JZK and JZI both on here last Thursday, generally started off poorly here but are OK by 4:20 P.M. Haven't pulled in JZJ as yet, but the 25 meter band is pretty dead just now anyway".

HJ4ABH now announcing 9520 kcs. but is actually jumping around, 9542, 9533 and also in the vicinity of 9520 kcs.

EA9AH has been found on 7000, 7100, and 7165 kcs. They seem to move to a different frequency every night.

YV1RH back to 6362.5 kcs. at present. YV1RG, Radio Valera are now being heard on 6370 kcs.

YV5RP La voz de la Philco, in Caracas heard on 6370 kcs. recently testing their transmitter. HI8A are now being heard on a frequency of 6479 kilocycles.

OLR is now on 11,840 kcs. evidently making this change to get clear of the U.S. station on 11,870 kcs. (W8XK).

HJLABB after operating on several night on 6115 kcs., was found on 9559 kcs. on Sunday evening, haven't heard him since. Is not on 6115, as XECU is coming thru again.

HH3NW not found recently, a check was made on HH3W, and it was noticed that they were not announcing HH3NW, so they are evidently off the air, at least temporarily. HH3W now on 9645 kcs, to escape interference from 2RO on 9635 kcs.

YV4RC in Caracas on 6380 was heard last night and also night before. They have been off the air for a long time and I understand that

they had some financial trouble to keep them off the air.

CO9WR says Oxrieder has changed its call letters to COHB and announcing it thus.

New Mexican XECW being heard on 6045 kcs. First time I have had him, and I say new because he is not listed in any log I can find at least SW, and I am sure that he hasn't been there long.

CT1AA on 9770 kcs. last few times he has been checked.

YNLF on another frequency or else relaying YNLF on 7563 lately on several occasions.

YV7RMO on 6075 kcs. now to get away from HKF.

YV15RV is in Maracay at present altho the transmitter is to be situated at Valencia after it has been thoroughly tested and shipped. They announce 5910 although they are really on 5918 kcs.

Germany has a transmitter on 7090 kcs. several times lately. Am not sure of the call letters altho it sounds like DZA, but that doesn't seem right as when Germany opens a new transmitter on a new frequency they usually give it a new call. Don't be fooled by him, as he frequently picks up a U. S. chain program and relays it. Had him relaying the Phillips Milk of Magnesia program one night, ads and all, Hi.

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ART JOHNSON

Unfortunately for we here at club headquarters, reception conditions were not very favorable this past Sunday morning, during which time our series of broadcasts known as "British Columbia On Parade" was on the air for the members of our club, hence the result was that we were unable to hear any of these scheduled broadcasts for our club. We hope however that those members residing further West were able to hear all of these broadcasts without a great deal of difficulty. We did note however, that Dr. Baker did not stand by, as per our request, with XENT, in order that CJAT in Trail, B. C. could participate in this series of broadcasts. They may have gone ahead anyhow, but of course it was impossible to hear them with a station of XENT's size, operating at the same time. We hope that Bill Stone will be able to repeat this series of broadcasts later in the season, under more favorable conditions.

A letter received from Joe Becker, our ever active Vice-President advises us more definitely, concerning the broadcast which is to be dedicated to the members of our club, from station WAPO, 1420 kcs., Chattanooga, Tenn. He says he has received word from Mr. Gene Remington of that station, and he says that owing to the Xmas season being so close at hand that they are going to take off the lid, and give us a real DX dedication. We understand that it is their intention to dedicate selections to quite a few of the members of our club and that this program will really be worthwhile sitting up to listen to. In return, they at WAPO are hoping that we will be very liberal with our response to this broadcast. The time and date for this program are: Sunday morning, December 27 from 3:00 to 4:00 A.M., E.S.T.

We want to call your attention to a DX program which has been lined up by the NNRC. This coming Saturday morning, December 12., VOXM, 1006 kcs. St. Johns, Newfoundland will present a program between 1:30 and 3:30 A.M., E.S.T. Here is an opportunity to log Newfoundland!!!!

RADIO GOSSIP

By A. W. Opper

As we predicted in this column awhile ago, Arde Bulova (WNEW) has purchased WOV. We believe it may mean a switch of frequencies, or possibly call letters. John Iraci, former owner of WOV, comes out of the deal with a three-year managerial contract of WOV...WIRE, Indianapolis, expect to take the air with their 5-kilowatt xmr about December 15th ...Stations soon to be testing, also, are: WABI, Bangor, Maine; KGFV, Kearney, Nebr; WKZO, Kalamazoo, Mich., and KVOA, Tucson, Ariz. All are building, or have built, new transmitters...Jessica Dragonette, Cities Service Star for seven years, switches to the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet hour the latter part of January at twice her present salary (\$1000 per broadcast.)

DX CHATTER

DO YOU KNOW...that according to the N. Y. Times fifty-four new broadcasting stations have been licensed in the United States, bringing the total to 675...W2XR, 1550 kcs., New York City, has changed call letters to WQXR; W6XAI, 1550 kcs., Bakersfield, Cal. to KPMC; and W9XBY, 1530 kcs., Kansas City, Mo., to KXBY. (Note: Change was made so listeners would not confuse those stations with short wave stations. This may mean that WLXBS will also change, inasmuch as they are the only one of the four high fidelity stations that hasn't done so). Address: Interstate Broadcasting Co., 730-5th Avenue, N. Y. City. WQXR are on from 2-11 P.M., daily, and 10:45 A.M.-11 P.M., Sunday. These changes are effective immediately...F.C.C. findings relative to the allocations hearings of October are expected to be made public just before Christmas...other call letters assigned are: KAND to the station in Corsicana, Texas on 1310 kcs., and KAWM, to A. W. Mills who is building a new station at Gallup, N. M....KUTO, Springfield, Mo. are to increase their day power from 1000 to 5000 watts...WBEN, Buffalo, N. Y. to increase power of auxiliary transmitter from 250 to 1000 watts...KDYL, Salt Lake City, Utah to increase day power to 5000 from 1000 watts...Southwest Broadcasting Co., Prescott, Ariz. has been granted a construction permit to erect a new station on 1500 kcs., using 250 watts days, 100 nights...Dorrance D. Roderick, El Paso, Texas to erect a new station using 100 watts on 1500 kcs.

DX CHATTER SW's

DID YOU KNOW...that KKP (16.04), Kauhuku, Hawaii, is heard very frequently near midnight. A special program is heard every Monday from 11:30 P.M. to midnight...HS8PJ (10.95), Bangkok, Siam, was heard R-7 last Monday from 8-10 A.M., on their regular broadcast, according to a letter from a correspondent...the new station at San Cristobal, Venezuela (YV1ORSO), broadcast a special program December 4 on 5.72 megacycles.

We are in receipt of a letter from Art Foerster, 1213 Bosart Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. with reference to verifying reception of WMFO and WJRD. Art says for various reasons this MUST be only on frequency checks, and NOT on regular broadcasts or special test programs of which he knows nothing. He says he mentions this because WMFO ran a test program this past Sunday morning, and several DXers have reported to him on it. He says that in this instance he was able to verify their reports by comparing them and was able to make up an accurate log on the entire test program. But you can readily see that there is a possibility of only one or two reports coming in on some tests, etc., and it would be impossible for Art to know if the report was correct or not. Art says all he wants for this service is that all members be sure to enclose a 3¢ stamps Under no circumstances should you send filled in cards for him to sign. Canadian members are requested to send in a U. S. nickel. We hope that this will clear up this matter definitely for any of you, who heretofore may have had other impressions.

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from Radio Centre, Moscow, U.S.S.R. and we take pleasure in reprinting the same for all of our members.

MOSCOW SHORT WAVE FANS

A ten-day competition for short wave fans ended on October 31st, 1936. During this competition, Moscow shortwave fans managed to establish connections with all parts of the world. One entrant established connections with Pittsburg and Los Angeles (U.S.A.), Zanzibar (East Africa), and also with the wintering group at Amderma (Soviet Arctic). Another entrant established connections with six points in the U.S.A.

With a self-made set, one entrant established connections with 25 countries in different parts of the world during the ten days of the competition. These included Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Brazil.

Results of the competition will be published shortly, when we shall know the names of the best shortwave fans, and the best shortwave receiving and transmitting stations.

TITLES FOR THE BEST SHORTWAVEERS

The number of shortwave amateur radio stations increases rapidly in the USSR. Already there are over 500 amateur stations. The Central Council of the society for Aerial and Chemical Defense (Osoaviakhim) of the USSR has decided to confer the titles, "sniper of the Ether" and "Master of Shortwave Connections" on members of the society attaining excellent results in the establishment of distant connections.

The title, "sniper of the Ether" will be conferred on a member who establishes radio-telephone and radio-telegraphic connections with all regions of the USSR, and all the continents.

A "Master of Shortwave Connections" must have established a two-way radio telegraphic connection with all the continents, and must have worked in the field of long distance connections for not less than five years. He must also have carried out experimental work.

The titleholders are given special shortwave fan badges and they are allowed to send out special "sniper" QSL cards indicating the call letters of the station.

We have received another letter from KFUC, 550 kcs., St. Louis, Mo. relative to their DX program on Saturday morning, December 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 A.M. EST. This program will feature gospel messages and Christmas music by vocal and instrumental groups of the Seminary. They also have this to say in regards to KFUC. "The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, owners of Radio Station KSD, tried to persuade the Federal Communications Commission at Washington, D. C., at a hearing on September 3 and 4, to put KFUC off the air, giving KSD full time on the 550 kilocycle frequency, which we have shared with them since 1924. We made a good showing at the hearing and expect a favorable decision soon. Since the best defensive is an offensive, we countered KSD's move by applying for a 5000 watt transmitter, the equal of theirs, and for half time on the frequency with them." We thought this news would be of interest to those DXers who have always gotten great enjoyment out of hearing these splendid DX programs from KFUC.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS.

ALBERT J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Reports very poor DX at his location during the past two weeks. Have arose nearly every morning for TA's but not even Rennes heard. WBLY heard testing during past week and

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.											
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KFUO	550	St. Louis	2-4				
VOGM	1006	St. Johns	NNRC 1:30-3:30	WCOP	1120	Boston	6-7				
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.											
WNBC	1380	New Britain	2-4	GCDXC	WEEU	830	Reading	3-5	NRC&		
KSL	1130	Salt Lake City	2-9	NNRC	KEP	1160	Juarez	3-5			
KDYL	1290	Salt Lake City	3-4	URDXC	CMOX	1320	Havana	3-6	CDXR		
KGB	1330	San Diego	3-4	NRC	KFWB	950	Hollywood	4-5	NRC		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.											
WVFF	1310	Plattsburg	NRC 3:30-3:50	KGMB	1320	Honolulu	NNRC 5:30-6:30				
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.											
WHAZ	1300	Troy	NNRC 12:30-1:30	LRL	1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30				
---	1040	Rennes	1-2:15	KRMD	1310	Shreveport	NRC 4:20-4:40				
WIND	560	Gary	2-3	URDXC							
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.											
WBBQ	1370	Memphis	2:30-3	NNRC	WASH	1270	G.Rapids	NNRC 6-6:15			
WOPI	1500	Bristol	3-6	WOOD	1270	G.Rapids	NNRC 6:15-6:30				
MAWZ	1350	Zarephath	5:30-6	NNRC							
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.											
---	1040	Rennes	1-2:15	CJOR	600	Vancouver	3-4				
---	977	Belfast	1:30-3	CMHJ	1160	Cienfuegos	5-6	UDXC			
LRL	1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30								
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.											
Argentine tests			2-3:30????								
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.											
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KVI	570	Seattle	3-4	UDXC			
---	1040	Rennes	1-2:15	KIUP	1370	Durango	3-4				
LRL	1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30	KVL	1370	Seattle	UDXC 3:30-4:40				
WPAD	1420	Faducan	NRC 2:30-3:30	KRE	1370	Berkley	UDXC 4:30-5:30				
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.											
CMCY	1030	Havana	1-2	NRC	WTOC	1260	Savannah	3-4	URDXC		
WHAZ	1300	Troy	1-3	ICCP	CFCT	1450	Victoria	3-4	UDXC		
WFMD	900	Frederick	CDXR 2-5	NNRC	CKWX	1010	Vancouver	3:30-4	UDXC		
KMJ	580	Fresno	UDXC 2:30-3:30	CKMO	1410	Vancouver	3:30-4:30	UDXC			
KXA	760	Seattle	3-4	UDXC	KROW	930	Oakland	4-5	UDXC		
XEBK	1000	N. Laredo	3-4	NRC	KMPC	710	Beverly Hills	4:30-5:30	UDXC		

National Post Observer Reports (Con't.)

Albert J. Bartholomew: - KQBH caught 28th. XEBG will verify promptly when sent to address given by Oppel in recent bulletin. Arose for TI4NRH but fell asleep at the switch (what's this, Al?) and awoke ten minutes to three. Logged them but with insufficient data for a veri. KID heard after 3:30. The unknown Spick on 630 kcs. turned out to be CMBC. Add to station to test in the near future KPPG. They are making changes in xmtr, believe they may test monthly for FCC thereafter. Al asks what power VOGL uses, can anyone help us there? Dec. 7. XEMX heard after 4. KEF heard on 1440. KRRV heard after 4. The Mexican on 990 kcs. is evidently KEK that signs at 3 A.M. This in answer to your query.

A. W. OPPEL, Irvington, N. J. Philco 116X - Reception Dec. 3rd poor. However WBLV, Lima, O., was heard testing with a R-6 signal, and serious QRM from CKCH. CMHJ, Cienfuegos, was also heard R-6-7. Local QRM was terrific. Dec. 5th, CMKW, 1330 kcs., not audible at 1:15 A.M. Dec. 6. local QRM terrific. DX blotto.

FRANK FIELD, Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. - Reports good reception all last week. Says on Dec. 4th he heard the following West Coasters, KFBK, KECA, KGER, KFVD all heard at 3. KERN heard signing off clearly. KTEM on day. Rennes heard but not clear. LRL fine, Spaniard spoiled Belfast Thursday.

CLIF VAN TASSELL, Youngsville, N. Y. - Reports Rennes and LRL good.