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HIGH-FREQUENCY HEADLINES

We are now beginning the last month in which summer static retains its firm hold upon the lower frequencies. With the approach of cooler autumn days the noise level will gradually drop and we may again explore the region around 49 meters which many DXers consider the most interesting in the way of new stations, frequency changes, etc. However, this summer, even more so than in the past, the higher frequencies have steadily provided those DXers, who have not been lured astray too far by that vacation feeling, with plenty of very fine catches. In the broadcast bands new stations have taken the air, while the 20-meter Amateur band has been open all season with stations from all over the world jamming the dial. Following are the most interesting notes gathered during a month of dial twisting, Eastern Standard Time throughout:

The new Danish Short-Wave Station has taken the air. Operating on a frequency of 11805 kilocycles, Denmark is heard practically every evening at 7 or 8 P.M. testing with music. Various antenna systems are used, both directional and omni-directional. Announcements are made in English between each musical selection.

HP5A, Panama City, Panama, has also taken the air on a frequency of 11700 kc. It has been heard testing regularly every evening from about 9 to 11 P.M. or later. The address is announced as: HP5A, Star and Herald Radio Theatre, P. O. Box 954, Panama City.

COBZ, approximately 9020 kc., is a new station in Havana, Cuba, relaying CMBZ. The signal is R 9, and modulation is fine.

COBC, Radio General Electric, Havana, reported last month on 9365 kc., is now down on 9325 kc. after wandering around up to 9450. The signal is stronger than ever, and modulation is very fine.

The program of Argentine propaganda, formerly broadcast over LSX on Monday and Friday evenings, is now heard over LSY, 18115 kc., 5 to 6:30 P.M. Other stations simultaneously transmitting this program are LRX, Radio El Mundo, 9660 kc., and LRA, the government station on 750 kc. (BCB).

For about a week in the beginning of July a N.I.R.O.M. broadcasting station was heard operating on 9660 kc., YDB's old frequency, at the same time that YDB was transmitting on 9550 kc., and broadcasting the same program. This station was much stronger than any of the other Japanese stations, including PLP who is usually best. It may have been YDA with its 10,000 watts trying out a new frequency.

Chinese telephone station XTR, 9360 kc., is heard regularly at 5 A.M., calling XTV, Canton, 9495 kc. XTV answers whenever he is ready, sometimes as long as 50 minutes later, and the conversation is switched over to inverted speech.

JVA, 18910 kc., Nazaki, Japan, was heard telephoning Europe at 8 - 9 A.M.

TFZ, 12120 kc., Alger, Algeria, contacts TYA, 12215 kc., Pontoise, France, Regularly at 4 P.M. Side-band modulation is used by both stations.

HSP, 17740 kc., Bangkok, Siam, is no longer used for telephony. The modulator has been removed from this frequency, and the CW note is now only T 2, a rough AC tone.

FZS, 18388 kc., Saigon, Fr. Indo-China, was heard phoning Paris at 5:30 A.M. Signal was surprisingly steady and strong, R 7.

The SS Normandie broadcast a special program from shipboard in celebration of Bastille Day, July 14. FNSK, transmitting on a frequency of approx. 4570 kc., relayed the program to JKP, Rocky Point, N. Y.,

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where it was picked up and rebroadcast by the N.B.C. Some of the ship's passengers appearing on the program were Jack Benny, Jack Pearl and Cole Porter. The Normandie's position was 380 miles out of New York.

CLX, the National Observatory at Havana, Cuba, was heard QSOing VP2CD, Antigua, CLX was enlisting the service of VP2CD for the purpose of obtaining weather reports from Antigua as an aid in making their weather forecasts. CLX operates near 7000 kc.

W1OXDA, the Schooner Morrissey, is again heading north to Greenland. Operating on a frequency of 14250 kc., W1OXDA is frequently heard contacting VO1I and W2OJ. A frequency of 12862 kc. is also occasionally used. W2OJ is the home station of Clif Foss, the Morrissey's Radio Operator.

All Welsh amateur stations now use the prefix GW which became effective about July 5. The most consistently heard Welsh station is GW5KJ, located at Llanelly, Wales, G.B.

Perry Girton, owner and operator of TIPG, 6410 kc., San Jose, Costa Rica, has just begun operating on 20-meter amateur phone with a new 300 watt transmitter, call TI2PG. TI2PG will QSL on the regular TIPG verification card. During its first transmissions TI2PG was operated by W9GFH, Chicago, who is now down in Costa Rica.

You remember LU6AP, Buenos Aires, one of the most popular amateurs on 20-meter phone from Argentina, heard regularly about a year ago. After being off the air since then, Eric Sowards (LU6AP) is now back again with a new 150-watt transmitter, and with a new call, LU7AC. Because his QRA is not yet in the Call Book, Eric asks that all QSLs be sent to the address of the present LU6AP.

CPLAA, 14000 kc.; ZP2AC, 14035 kc.; and CX2AK, 14055 kc. are now coming through quite regularly from these rarely heard countries. They are usually on the air around 6 to 10 P.M.

OA4N, is back on 14260 kc. with a new transmitter.

HI7I, 14060 kc., is a new amateur phone in Ciudad Trujillo, D.R.

Now that Generalissimo Francisco Franco of the Spanish Insurgents is concentrating practically all his forces in a 'big push' on Madrid, the campaign against Santander on the North Coast seems to have been abandoned for the present. That is probably the reason why the station on the Santander Front, called "Radio Rachete" or "Radio Requete", is no longer heard broadcasting the Salamanca News Bulletins and contacting American amateurs. This station, working on 14020 kc., was operated by the Insurgents from the Santander battle front, and asked that reports be sent by way of Bilbao, North Spain. It was indeed interesting to hear his announcements: "This is Radio Requete (or Rachete), located on the Santander Front between Bilbao and Santander, at the service of Generalissimo Franco, waging the Spanish War of Liberation against the Communists and Spanish Marxists in the North of Spain".

While the shells are exploding in the streets and bombers are droning overhead, and while the Insurgent lines seem to be slowly drawing closer, EAR, Madrid, is still bravely holding forth on 9488 kc. EAR requests that reports of reception be sent to EAQ, P. O. Box 951, Madrid, Spain.

Mr. George L. Brode, First Assistant Publicity Director, 2454 Sepviva Street, Phila., has sent us a fine report of his recent DXing activity. Although he says that the summer vacation spirit has reduced his Dial Twisting activities there in the Quaker City, he lists the following fine catches: VK2HF, VP3BG, KALME, K4SA, HI7G, and K6NZQ. George states that the outstanding signal at his QRA this July was the R 9 plus signal that K6NZQ pushes through with 275 watts, using a new 50T tube in final and a Beam Antenna on 14250 kc. The above stations were heard on 20 meter phone. George also reports hearing F3MN on 20-meter CW.

For you SWLs who like to tune CW, the following two tips may be useful: FB8AB, Madagascar, 14050 kc., heard P 6 at 7 A.M. FP8PX, 14400

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Box 61, St. Pierre, Miquelon Islands, R9 at 5 P.M. (Ed.)

Mr. Brode also enclosed the following news item:

The F.C.C. in Washington granted the WCAU Broadcasting Company a construction permit for a high frequency broadcasting station to use the call letters, W3XIR. The station will be in operation early in 1938, and will be located atop a central city building. It will operate with 100 watts on four frequencies: 31.6, 35.6, 38.5, and 41.0 megacycles.

I am sorry to report that Mr. John J. Oskay, who has been a faithful reporter to this Bulletin, suffered a serious injury some time ago and has just had an operation performed upon him. He needs a series of three more operations, and feels that he will be unable to DX again until this winter. It is indeed very unfortunate that Mr. Oskay has had this run of bad luck, and I wish that every one of you would send him a letter or card wishing him a speedy recovery. Your best wishes will be greatly appreciated. His address is: Mr. John J. Oskay, R. 1, Box 85-V, New Brunswick, N. J.

That's all the news on hand this month. Your comments and reports are always welcomed, so let's hear from you. The QRA is: R.F.D. # 2,
Penna. Best 73 and DX,
Kermit Geary.

Pat Reilley, 810 N. Main St., Jamestown, N. Y., sends us the following report on the S&E Contest as of July 31, 1937.

Singletons:-

Joe Becker (Ohio) WRTD.
Irwin Beitman (Ohio) LU2 PRA8.
Walter Birch (Mass.) CB138 LR9 PRH8.
Bob Botzum (Penna.) PRA3 PRA6 W2XAL (790) KAWM CMHM YV5RA.
Eddie Grant (Nova Scotia) VOXM XEI LN NN SN I1RO3 Portugese Nacional 629.
Charles Hesterman (Sask.) 2AY 2WL 2YB 2ZP 3DB 3GL 3MA 3UZ 4AY 4BU 4GR
4MK 4RO 4TO 7NT 7UV YLZ Vienna JOAG JOBG JOCG JODG JOFG
JOKK JOLK JONK JOOK JOPK JORK JOSK JOUK.
Ray Lewis (Ohio) CMHD KFQD VOWR EAJ41 LV1 HJLABA JFAK JOBK2 I1PA I1NA
XEBZ.
Bob Ludwig (Ohio) CX16 TIGPH OAX4I.
E. L. Peters (Nova Scotia) Lwow EAJ8.
Bob Rawstron (Mass.) KZRM 2XN 3BO SKA VE9LP.
Pat Reilley (N.Y.) KRIS.
Julian Schaefer (Ohio) CMJF.

Eliminators:-

Steele - Reilley's WEAU - Ston's WMBS.
Snyder - Botzum's KAND.

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Pat Reilley also reports that WAGA, 1450 kcs., Atlanta, Ga., "Atlanta's Blue Ribbon Station", were heard testing on the morning of July 28.

DX CHATTER

DO YOU KNOW...that the FCC have reconsidered and granted WATR's application (Waterbury, Conn.), to change frequency from 1190 to 1290 kcs., and increase power from 100 to 250 watts...the following calls have been assigned; KLBW, H. M. & Mrs. E. Finlay, LaGrande, Ore; WOMI, Owensboro Broadcasting Co., Owensboro, Ky; KHBG Okmulgee Broadcasting Corp., Okmulgee, Okla; KARM, George Harm, Fresno, Calif; KTRI, Sioux City Broadcasting Co., Sioux City, Iowa; KDTH, Telegraph-Herald, Dubuque, Iowa; WBRK, Harold Thomas, Pittsfield, Mass; WSAL, Frank M. Stearns, Salisbury Md; WLAW. Hildreth & Rogers Co., Lawrence, Mass and WTOL, Community Broadcasting Co., Toledo, Ohio...the following were granted construction permits to erect new stations: Community Broadcasting Co., Toledo, Ohio 1200 kcs., 100 watts daytime; Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa, 1340 kcs. 500 watts daytime; The Times Publishing Co., St. Cloud, Minn., 1420 kcs., 100 watts; George Harm, Fresno, Calif., 1310 kcs., 100 watts; Hildreth & Rogers Co., Lawrence, Mass., 820 kcs., 1000 watts daytime; Harold

Thomas, Pittsfield, Mass., 1310 kcs., 100-250 watts; Central Broadcasting Corp., Centralia, Wash., 1440 kcs., 500 watts; Frank M. Stearns, Salisbury, Md. 1200 kcs., 250 watts daytime; WLLH, Merrimac Broadcasting Co., Inc. Lawrence, Mass. a satellite station on 1370 kcs., from 10 to 100 watts; State Capitol Broadcasting Ass'n., Austin, Texas, 1120 kcs., 1000 watts daytime; Red Lands Broadcasting Ass'n., Lufkin, Texas, 1310 kcs., 100 watts daytime; Sioux City Broadcasting Co., Sioux City, Iowa, 1420 kcs., 100-250 watts..The following recommendations were made: Twin City Broadcasting Corp., Longview, Wash. CP for 780 kcs., 250 watts daytime; WABY, Albany, N. Y., to increase day power to 250 watts; Carolina Advertising Corp., Columbia, S. C., CP for 1370 kcs., 100-250 watts; W. E. Whitmore, Hobbs, New Mexico, CP for 1500 kcs., 100 watts daytime; Elmira Star-Gazette Inc., Elmira, N. Y., CP for 1200 kcs., 250 watts daytime; Chase S. Osborn, Jr. Fresno, Cal., CP for 1440 kcs., 500 watts; Schuykill Broadcasting Co., Pottsville, Pa., CP for 580 kcs., 250 watts daytime and WSMB, New Orleans, La. to increase day power to 5000 watts; WRAX, Philadelphia, Pa. to increase power to 1000 watts day and night... KHSL, Chico, Calif. to change frequency to 1260 kcs...the following are to increase day power to 250 watts: KOCA, Kilgore, Texas; WJRD, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; KOVC, Valley City, N. D; WDAH-KTSM, El Paso, Texas...WCOC, Meridian, Miss. to increase night power to 1000 watts...WQAN, Scranton, Penna. to increase power to 1000 watts.

This will be the last issue of the Bulletin to be put out by the present Editor. As announced in last month's Bulletin, owing to a case of bad nerves, ye editor finds that it is necessary for him to discontinue with this work. It is needless for him to say how much he regrets having to take this course of action, but it is far more important that he protect his health, and at the same time preserve, if possible, the National Radio Club, by getting some one to assume the responsibility of running the club. It is his one hope and desire to keep the club running, and at the present time he has several prospects, of being successful in his efforts to have the club taken over by one or more of the members of the club at the present time. However if he isn't successful in his efforts, he has received several offers from other clubs to take over the club, and he will accordingly try to make the necessary arrangements to have the entire membership absorbed by some other club. Therefore he is setting August 21st as the deadline, if the club is to be preserved, which we find most of the members expressing their hope that it will, arrangements for someone to take over the club will have to be completed by that date, or he will contact the other clubs with the idea of having them absorb the membership of our club.

THEREFORE, the job is up to you, any of you who feel that you might be interested in doing what you can to save the club, kindly contact your present editor at once, the address is 603 W. Market St., York, Pa. Here is an opportunity for someone to take over the reins of a club that is well established, one that stands high in reputation among the other DX Clubs and above all a club that has been growing very steadily during the course of the past several years. Any one who will take the responsibility of running the club on their shoulders, will find that it is just about the most interesting work that they have ever tackled.

So, in closing his career as President of the National Radio Club, ye editor, wishes to take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best of luck and health during the future which lies before us. To all his old friends, he says a fond "Adieu". He has had many inquiries as to what he will do, let me take this opportunity to say that he will continue to follow with the greatest of interest his DXing activities as well as those of his many friends. So, there's 70s to all of you.