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Howdy folks, here's that little publication which we put out each week, known as the DX News. We hope you've all had lots of good luck during the past week, especially with the frequency checks which have just been concluded this month. Here at headquarters, we found conditions generally poor on almost every morning during these monthly tests. Therefore we can only hope that the rest of you did not fare likewise.

A letter addressed to Bob Martin our York CPCer, from KFVB, 950 kcs., Hollywood, Calif., advises him that they expect to test their new 5000 watt transmitter, which they are now in the process of installing, between the hours of 3:00 and 9:00 A.M., E.S.T. on Monday morning, November 23rd. They say they will appreciate any reports on the reception of these tests. They also state that they will in all probability present a DX program which will be dedicated to the members of our club on Sunday morning, December 13 from 3:00 to 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. The only question about this program being, whether or not their new studios will be ready for use at that time.

Art Brackbill, our CPC Chairman advises us that a recent verification from KFJM states that their station will begin testing on 1410 kcs., in all probability sometime this week. This station is located in Grand Forks, N. D. Art suggests that you all keep a close check on 1410 kcs., in order that you may not miss the tests which will emanate from this station. Art also advises us that he has arranged for a DX program to be dedicated in part to the members of our club. This program will be broadcast by WEEU, 830 kcs., Reading, Penna. on Sunday morning, December 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 A.M., E.S.T., the first hour of which will be dedicated to NRC.

Some more good news from Bob Martin, he advises us that he has just received word from KRCW, 930 kcs., Oakland, Calif. and they state that they will dedicate a program to the members of our club on Sunday morning, November 22 between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., E.S.T.

Bill Stone, our Toronto CPCer is making arrangements for a "British Columbia on Parade" series of broadcasts which will be dedicated to the members of our club. The date which he has set aside for this DX Party is Sunday morning, December 6. During the past week we have received favorable replies from CFJC, 880 kcs., Kamloops who state they will be on the air with a DX program between 5:00 and 6:00 A.M., E.S.T. and CJAT, 910 kcs., Trail who promise to be on the air between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. However, inasmuch as CJAT operate on the same frequency as XENT, the success of their program will depend upon whether or not we are successful in our efforts to have XENT remain silent for this broadcast. We have already written the latter station and we believe that our appeal may merit some consideration. CJOR, of whom we informed you last week, will also take part in this series of broadcasts, although they will be on between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., on Thursday morning, December 10. They regret that station policies will not permit them to go on the air Sunday morning with the other stations of their Province.

Warren Routzahn advises that he has received a letter from WFTC, Kinston, N. C. in which they state that they expect to be on the air

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with their new transmitter in about two weeks time. This station operates on 1200 kcs. and were granted a construction permit about a month or six weeks ago. They certainly aren't letting anything stand in their way, in an effort to rush this station to it's completion. Don't forget that WBLV, 1210 kcs., Lima, Ohio are also supposed to begin testing around the 20th of this month.

Some more news which we are sure will please our members. We have just received a letter from Floyd Smith, our Greenville, Ill. CPCer and he sends us word of several more NRC dedications. KRMD, 1310 kcs. Shreveport, La. will dedicate their December and January frequency checks to our club. KGEZ, 1310 kcs., Kalispell, Mont. will dedicate a program to our club on January 24 between 4:00 and 5:00 A.M., E.S.T. We want to quote a few excerpts from KGEZ's letter. "We trust you will give us all the advance publicity you can in order that we may secure a certain amount of satisfaction in DX returns. We issue station stamps and acknowledgements at the usual 10% fee. We insist however, that verifications be genuine, and will not issue a stamp to anyone that does not give us very specific information." Last season this station refused to present a DX program for our club, due to several previous broadcasts having received very unsatisfactory response, so that it's really up to you members to determine whether or not, KGEZ will ever present any more programs of this type or not. We suggest you do all you can to publicize this broadcast among your friends.

During the past week, the reception of the European stations has just about passed out of the picture, inasmuch as we explained before, conditions were not very favorable. However, we would suggest that you all keep a close watch for those stations from Europe, which we feel will be the most consistently heard here in America this season. We believe that Rennes on 1040 kcs., and Fecamp on 1113 kcs., will be the two watch most closely, inasmuch as they have been the regular standbys in other seasons, although as stated last week, Fecamp may encounter quite a bit of interference from XELO this season, inasmuch as the latter station has joined the all night broadcasters. We are now at the season of the year when we can soon begin to expect some very good reception of these European stations, inasmuch as in other years, we have found the best reception reported from these stations around December 1st. Therefore, let us again urge all of you to keep a constant watch for any signals that you might hear from these Trans-Atlantic stations.

We have just finished printing a new verification form sized 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . These can be supplied at a cost of 30% per hundred. This will include your name and address printed on each of these forms, in order that the stations may not have any difficulty in determining to whom they are to send their verifications. We will endeavor to fill these orders for these forms as rapidly as they are received. So, let us know in the event that you are interested in purchasing some of them.

We were sorry that we had to omit Art Johnson's short wave column, last week, but it was not received until an hour or so after we had our Bulletins in the mail. We will print last week's column, and this week's also, if Art sends us another column for this week. At any rate we want to apologize for having omitted this department last week, but hope that we shall be able to continue with it the same as before.

Again we want to call your attention to the fact that all of the stations presenting DX programs for the members of our club are very anxious to receive your reports on the reception of their station. Let's all make an effort in the future to send in as many as we possibly can. Your efforts along this line will be greatly appreciated!!!!!!

## THE HI-FREQUENCIES

By Art Johnson

Reception the past week has been quite erratic. One day all signals would come in with unusual signal strength and next day were hardly audible. I suppose that that is the definite change for better reception now with winter DX in full swing. Especially erratic reception has been experienced from our "foreign locals" on the 25 and 31 meter bands. Altho England stations were fair this evening (Sunday) the Germans were barely audible. - Coincidental with this, the Central and South Americans came in with extra ordinary quality and clearness. Even experienced fine reception of a few rarely heard South American stations on the regular broadcast band.

On Nov. 1, DJC at Berlin started its winter schedule on 6020 kcs. with a bang. For the past week this famous German, has come thru excellently, and its opening on the 49 meter band for also this season has been heralded. Numerous reports have notified me that they are again broadcasting. We knew beforehand that they were to start on Nov. 1, as The Reichs Rundfunks Gesellschaft had notified me of it, and I was on hand on Nov. 1, at 5 P.M. to hear the initial broadcast.

Reception from now on will be centered on 30 meters and upwards as the Higher frequencies are dying out. We did in the last week catch one new and quite good DX catch on 16385 kcs. Taking a tip from Joe Miller of Brooklyn, N. Y. present DX Editor of "Short Wave Craft" magazine. We heard ITK at 6:30 P.M. They are located at Mogadiscio, Italian Somaliland. Only had a chance to try for them once and got a verifiable report. Joe says that they are on every morning from 6-8 A.M., E.S.T.

Kernit Geary reports hearing VP3MR on 6015 kcs. after HI3U signs off. He also reports HJ2ABD, Bucaramanga as now operating on 9630 kcs.

EHZ acknowledges reports nightly at 6:30 P.M. Heard our reporter R. B. Oxrieder's letter acknowledged on Wednesday evening, Oct. 28.

DJP on 11855 kcs. heard lately an R6 on its South American programs at 4 P.M.

Hong Kong has a good signal on 19 meters mornings till around 10 A.M. I'm not sure of the frequency as Oxrieder reports it as 15190 kcs. I thought it was 15180 kcs. but I haven't had a chance to give it an accurate check of late. Oxrieder also reports he also operates on 9525 kcs.

EAQ the station that was noted for keeping a set frequency has set to wandering now! I've heard him on several occasions on 10050 kcs. and a little higher. Oxrieder reports him on 10070 kcs. Last night heard him back on his usual spot. So if you don't find him on his usual assigned frequency, try a little higher up around 10050 kcs--and you'll locate him there somewhere.

HJ2ABC "La Voz de Arcuta on 9.57 meg. is a regular on Saturday evenings from 6:30-9 P.M. A strong hetrodyne does cause considerable distortion but the signal is readable throughout.

OLR (11.87) Czechoslovakia has been putting thru a good signal ~~thru~~ considering the season of the year. Heard Mondays and Thursdays 7-9 P. M. Reports requested and verifications promised.

Oxrieder again on hand with a good report that YVLRG has changed call to YVLRF and so now announce - YVLRF and YVLRH. He says this is not a correction but an actual change in call letters. This station has been bouncing around again. In my last report on this station they

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were on 6375 kcs., then went back to 6390 kcs. and heard last night on 6360 kcs., but doubt if he will stay put on 6360, as he is QRM'd there.

TIPG back on 6410 kcs. the last few nights, so the answer seems to be that if you can't find him on 6410, look around in the 31 meter band, trying both 9590 and 9550 kcs.

HI2D mentioned in my last report, now definitely identified as HI2D, La Voz d'association Catolica, Trujillo and has been on quite a bit of late.

Remember that I reported a few months ago that a new station HP5L, at David, Panama was being built? Well, Oxrieder says they are now on the air, on 11740 kcs. testing. Guess they will be on regularly so look for them.

A station in Madrid, Spain, announcing as UGT1, has been broadcasting news in several languages including English on 9475 kcs around 4-5 P.M.

YV7RMO back on the air, after an absence of a month. Heard on 6070 kcs. just above HJ3ABF and some mess -

2RO at Rome is to leave the 25 meter band and will resume on 9635 kcs., their winter frequency on Nov. 15.

A verie from the recent YV1RG-H has been received, and it is a card well worth sending for. White card with very large YV1RH call letters in RED. This station now has changed its call to YV1RF-H.

Bob Ludwig of Toledo reports hearing CN8AA Morocco on about 14280 kcs. PAQMQ on 14270 kcs. ZZ, G2IN, LU4BH, LU7ET, HK4AG, EI2L, and reports latest QSLs are VP7NA, TI2LR and EI6G.

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DK CHATTER-SW's

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DID YOU KNOW...that HC2CW, Guayaquil, Ecuador, will broadcast a DK program to listeners in North American from 7:16-10:46 P.M., November 21, on 8.40 megacycles.

## RADIO GOSSIP

Pottsville, Pa., will probably receive a new 250-watt station on 580 kilocycles, to be owned and operated by the Pottsville Broadcasting Company, composed of leading local business men...WJZ, Bound Brook, N.J., has completed its 640-foot steel antenna on a ten-inch steel ball, insulated by a porcelain cone thirty inches high. A 1000-watt beacon flasher lights forty times per minute, and is visible beyond Philadelphia. The tower is said to be capable of withstanding winds in excess of 125 miles per hour. As is true with the tower used by WLW, WJZ's new tower actually rests on this porcelain base, which in turn rests on the steel ball...We suggest you verify CRCK and CRGM, Canada, if you haven't already done so. The new Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is considering abolishing the two old CRC stations...The Broadcast Division of the F.C.C. did not pass upon any applications during election week, and will resume the regular order of business this week...The Columbia Broadcastings System is applying to the F.C.C. for permission to own outright stations which they now control under other corporation names. Federal sanction is expected, with other chains following suit.

## DX CHATTER

A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that WYX, 1200 kcs., Waycross, Ga., tests the second Wednesday of each month from 5:20-5:40 A.M...KBIX, 1500 kcs., Muskogee, Okla., starting next month, their frequency check will be from 5:30-5:50 A.M. the second Saturday each month, instead of Tuesdays as heretofore...XEBG is in Tijuana, Mexico using 1000 watts on 820 kilocycles. For verification purposes address: "Magnolia Radio News, Radio Station XEBG, 1065-2nd Ave., San Diego, Cal...WKRC's (Cincinnati, O.) new transmitter is expected to be completed December 15, using 5000 watts days, 1000 nights. Tests are to be expected between that date and January 1...CMOJ, 1320 kcs., Havana, announce two DX programs from 3 to 6 A.M., on December and January 13...the call letters assigned to the new station in Moorhead, Minn., 1310 kcs., owned by Robert K. Herbst, are KVOX...WCAZ 1070 kcs., Carthage, Ill. and WFEG, 1310 kcs., Altoona, Pa. will increase their day power to 250 watts...WTAD, 900 kcs., Quincy, Ill. to increase day power to 1000 watts...KRNK, 1500 kcs., Roseburg, Ore., KGKB, 1500 kcs., Tyler, Texas and KMAC, 1370 kcs., San Antonio, Texas will increase their day power to 250 watts...WIBX, 1200 kcs., Utica, N. Y., are to reduce their day power from 300 to 350 watts...WBCM, 1410 kcs., Bay City, Mich. to increase day power to 1000 watts...WATL, 1370 kcs., Atlanta, Ga. and KTSM, 1310 kcs., El Paso, Texas to increase their day power to 250 watts...KFVD, 1000 kcs., Los Angeles, Cal. to increase their power to 1000 watts...WEAU, Eau Claire, Wis. to increase their day power to 1000 watts from 250...KSCJ, 1330 kcs., Sioux City, Iowa to increase day power to 5000 watts...WPRO, 630 kcs., Providence, R. I. to increase night power to 500 watts from 250...KRNT, 1320 kcs., Des Moines, Iowa to increase day power to 5000 watts and night power to 1000...there is a station in Lancaster, Pa. operating on 1480 kcs., using the call letters WJL.

On Tuesday morning, November 17, LRL, 1070 kcs., Buenos Aires, Argentina was heard testing between 2:00 and 3:30 A.M., for the National Bureau of Standards. Ye' Editor has already written to Washington seeking information as to whether or not they contemplate another series of programs from the European and South American stations, similar to that which they conducted last season. As soon as we get any definite information from them, we shall immediately pass it along to you. In the meanwhile we suggest that you watch for another test of this same type next Tuesday morning, inasmuch as they may be on the air during the next three or four Tuesday mornings.

## NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

A. W. OPPEL, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116X. - Good reception Nov. 10. XEJ heard at 2:58, XEBG at 2:55, KDAL at 3:05, KBIX at 3:22, WNAD at 3:45, WSAY at 5. Between 3:15 and 5:15 A.M. a dead spot appeared in DX-ing. Did anyone else notice this? Nov. 11, WJRD's test was heard R-7, also WYX on their unannounced test period (which is the second Wednesday, from 5:20-5:40 A.M) with a R-8 signal. Nov. 12 QRM ditto, with it even overriding WHT so it could not be verified. WLBK did not use the KCKN call this test. WLFK was caught, however, for a new catch. Nov. 14 reception a bit better. WFOR at 3:40 and WPRP at 3:12, both R-7. CMCG was also heard testing their new 1 kw. xmtr at 4:56. Western checks did not register here, with KWTN and KVSO too weak to verify. Nov. 15 reception poor, with noise presaging rainy weather. XEP was heard R-6 at 3:20 and who was the station testing on 1420 around that time? Nov. 16; Received a veri from WJRD, signed by Ted Woodard, program director and operator. Who said they wouldn't verify?

BOB BOTZUM, Reading, Pa. - LRL heard testing for National Bureau of Standards between 2:15 and 3:10 A.M. All announcements were in English. R-6-7. Tried for other Argentine stations but nothing doing. Heard a hissing noise on 1190 and 990 kcs. but nothing more. Received 3 verifs.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.					
KTEM	1310	Temple	4-6	NNRC	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21.					
KIUP	1370	Durango	3-4	NNRC	WCOP 1120 Boston 5-6
WEKL	1310	Royal Oak	3:30-4	NRC	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22.					
WFMD	900	Frederick	2-5	NRC	WKBK 1000 N. Laredo 3-4 NNRC
KROW	920	Oakland	3-4	NRC	WMBD 1440 Peoria 4-5 NRC
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.					
KBLX	1500	Muskogee	5:30-6		
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.					
WHBQ	1370	Memphis	2:30-3	NNRC	KHBC 1400 Hilo 3-4 NNRC
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.					
CJOR	600	Vancouver	3-4		
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.					
KTEM	1370	Temple	4-6	NNRC	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.					
KFRO	1370	Longview	3-4	NNRC	WTRC 1310 Elkhart 6-7 NNRC
WCOP	1120	Boston	5-6		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.					
WBIG	1440	Greensboro	1-2	GCDX	WMC 780 Memphis 3-4 NRC
CFLC	930	Prescott	2-5	NRC	

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Bob Botzum - from W2XAL on 790 kcs., using 250 watts...

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Reports fair success on the FCC tests. Has had a very bad buzzing noise since last Tues. morning. Caught KDAL and KAST on Tues., the latter coming in FB. Wednesday added WHLB and WJRD. Caught WTN the 12th and WTHT the 13th.

CARL FORESTIERI, Bronx, N. Y. - AK 711. Says since November, it's been hard to even pick up KFI. Weak signals all throughout the FCC tests. No TA reception during the past week. Reports that the SAs are heterodyning our U. S. stations; WGY, WENR, WRC, WBZ, WTAM, WOAI etc.

NANCY LEE SAXTON, Chicago, Ill. - Reports that since Nov. 1, she's heard 30 new stations, to bring her total for the season up to 39. On the 1st, WSOC and KEOK. 9th - WLNH, with this station she completed the states, WHBB, WURL, WMBR, WESD, WMBQ, WMPF, WPAS, KROC, KALB, WLAK, and WTAL. 10th - KBIX, WBNY, WPAY, WNEF, and WWSW. 11th - WMFJ, WAIM, KABR and KPLC. 12th - WCPO. 13th - WTHT, WNLC and WMFG. 14th - WMFR, WMFO and KVSQ. Nancy says she hopes she'll hear at least 1 TA or TP this year.

DICK COOPER, Kittanning, Pa. - Reports Radio Normandio R7 Nov. 10 at 3:55. WJAX at 1:30 on Nov. 12. WILH heard signing at 2:03. KGKB, KGHF, KXO, KHSL, KMEJ new catches. WTRC in fine NRC dedication. Nov. 13. WJAG excellent during their annual DX program. CMOX FB for NRC at 4. Verif. from CKCH, Hull, Que. advises they are on nightly 11 P.M. to 2 A.M.

FRANK FIELD, Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. - Reports that thus far he's only logged 12 new stations this season. The only catch which he considers good, that he has recently picked up has been KXRO. Static was heavy throughout October and 1st week in November. Says that winter weather has just begun to set in, so that he feels reception will improve too.

HAROLD BUTTELS, Aurora, Ill. RCA/V. C-11-3. Nov. 7. heard HH3W (9.64) at 10:17 P.M. Nov. 9. Static bad but heard 31 of the 54 stations on FCC checks. KKKL test at 2:15. WTAL at 5:10 for NRC FB.

LLOYD REES, Ridgewood, N. J. - Nov. 5. heard WCAD thru WCAE at 3:50 P.M. CFLC heard thru WDBJ at 6:30 P.M. Nov. 13. WPRO heard fine now in day-time with new 1 KW transmitter. KHJ to go Mutual in January.

ART JOHNSON, Brooklyn, N. Y. - NRC's portion of WJAG DX heard Nov. 13. Rennes heard same morning R4. Received KHBC verif Saturday. Nov. 17. Heard WTRC between 9 and 9:40 A.M. (Have many good info for next week Ed.)