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GERMAN SERVICE



The German staff on the air

In 1953 a new language was added to the schedule of HCJB broadcasts. At that time David Nightingale, with his wife Anne, arrived in Quito to begin programming in German. At first, two daily programs were beamed to listeners in Europe. The first broadcasts to South America were inaugurated the following year. From this humble start, the German Service has grown until now there are five full-time workers broadcasting six programs each day, three to Europe and three to South America.

The German Service beams its transmissions to listeners in two major target areas. First, of course, are the millions of people in the two Germanys and other neighboring European countries. The other area is South America with an estimated three million potential listeners. About half of them live in Brazil with the rest divided among Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

A wide variety of German programs are released. Approximately fifteen are prepared by the personnel in Quito each week with the others coming, on tape, from Europe and Canada. Not only are religious programs included in the schedule but there are also interesting cultural releases, such as news and pictures of life in Ecuador. One program that might be of in-

terest to ANDEX members who speak German is a ten-minute DX spot included on each of the three Saturday transmissions to Europe. These are prepared by different DX clubs in Germany especially for transmission by HCJB. Clubs cooperating in this way are the ADDX, AGDX, SWLCS, and MIRAMO. Religious programs are also of a wide variety. Some are for women, others for youth, and one is prepared for children. Bible teaching and preaching, questions and answers, church and mission news are featured on different broadcasts. One popular program includes greetings and musical numbers requested by listeners.

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WORLD DX-CLUB YEAR

At the suggestion of Arne Skoog, the well-known Swedish DXer, 1976 has been named World DX-Club Year. This excellent idea has been officially supported by the European DX Council. ANDEX is in agreement with this proposal and will do all it can to make it a complete success.

This, then, is the year for all DXers, everywhere, to join with others of like interest. We're glad you have joined ANDEX, but would encourage you to become active in a local club as well. Don't be a loner. Get together with other DXers and promote the hobby! DX clubs are fundamental to the hobby of DXing!

During this year, you as a DXer, should tell your friends about the pleasures and usefulness of DXing. Introduce them to the hobby, perhaps by a personal demonstration with your own receiver. Help them compile their first reception report and encourage them to join a good DX club.

Your participation and cooperation can make World DX-Club Year a tremendous success during 1976. We'll keep you informed of any special activities during the year.

MEET THE STAFF



The Cornelius Balzer family

During 1970, a new member of the HCJB staff arrived in Quito, with his family, to begin working with the German Service. This was Cornelius Balzer. His background and experience very uniquely fitted him for his new radio ministry. In July of 1975 he assumed the responsibility of Director of the German Service.

It may surprise you to know that Corny was born in Russia. In the 1860s a number of German families emigrated to Russia where agricultural colonies were established and the German language was spoken. Corny was born into one of the Christian families descended from the original settlers. In the early 1920s Russia was undergoing revolution and disastrous famine. Corny's family barely survived the famine. When he was one year old they were able to move to Western Canada.

Corny received his early education in Western Canada and grew up speaking both German and English. He attended college in Winnipeg and was graduated with a music major. The next eight years were spent teaching in an elementary school in Winnipeg. Because of his love for music, he became involved in directing a church choir. They sang not only in English, but also in German and Russian. In connection with the choir work he received valuable radio experience. The choir also had another very important effect on his life. The soprano soloist, Elfrieda, soon became Mrs. Balzer. She was also an elementary school teacher whose parents came from Russia.

After eight years of teaching, the Balzers decided

to go to Germany for two years of intensive music study. Their thought was to return to Canada to continue their teaching career. However, God had different plans for their lives. During their time in Germany they were asked to direct a radio ministry on Radio Luxembourg. This was called Fountain of Life. Instead of returning to Canada they continued with this program for ten years. It was during these years that Corny heard of HCJB. Tapes of his program were sent to HCJB as well as to Radio Luxembourg. Before long Corny was appointed an official representative of HCJB in Germany. Then, as God continued to lead, he moved to Quito in 1970 to work full-time with the German programming.

The Balzer family now includes four lovely children. Ruth, the oldest, is a freshman in high school. Rebecca is in the seventh grade. David and Daniel, twin boys, are in the fourth grade. The entire family is musical and all the children are learning to play musical instruments. Some of their most enjoyable moments are spent singing and playing together as a family. The children help on a German youth program that is very popular with HCJB listeners.

Corny found Christ as his Savior at the age of eighteen. Although he grew up in a Christian family and knew all about the Gospel, he did not have the assurance of salvation. He envied others who did have this assurance. During an evangelistic meeting he realized his need of making a personal commitment to Christ by faith. Christ took over and his life was changed. He no longer lacked the assurance of salvation that he had sought for many years. He gives the following Bible verses as his favorites: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5 and 6).

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FUTURE SHOCK

In his best-selling book, *Future Shock*, Alvin Toffler says, "Future shock is the dizzying disorientation brought on by the premature arrival of the future. I just can't keep up with it all. Time moves so fast and life is so busy."

That kind of comment used to come from the older people who were wearying of life. Now middle-aged and even younger people are dismayed at the speed with which things are happening. A premature weariness and a desire to get away from it all can easily overtake us. "Stop the world and let me off," would express our feelings. Life still goes on, and the future closes in.

"Come to me and I will give you rest - all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke," says Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28). When you trust him as Savior, he doesn't take you away from it all - but he does give you an inner tranquility so that life doesn't overwhelm you. And isn't that what you need and want?

The Christian is one who honestly admits that he can't go it alone. He admits his sin and weakness and need of help, and turns, in faith, to Jesus Christ who promises salvation and rest. His promise is still valid, "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27).

"Christ himself is our way of peace," says the Bible (Ephesians 2:14). In other words, we don't achieve inner peace and serenity in this world of "future shock" apart from the One whose "death on the cross has made peace for all by his blood (Colossians 1:20).

You can know that peace at this very moment if you open your life to him and trust him as your Savior. Do you know him? To know Christ is to know God. "To all who receive him (Christ), he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them" (John 1:12).

Tell him now that you do trust him, and leave your future with him. Then your future will not be shocked by "future shock"!

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DXer OF THE MONTH



Jozephus Meerendonk - ANDEX # 812

In about three months the European DX Council will be holding its 10th Annual Conference near Hilversum in the Netherlands. It is from Hilversum that the very popular Radio Nederland operates its programs, including the DX Juke Box. One DXer who should be able to attend this conference of the EDXC is Jozephus Justus Meerendonk, our DXer of the Month for February.

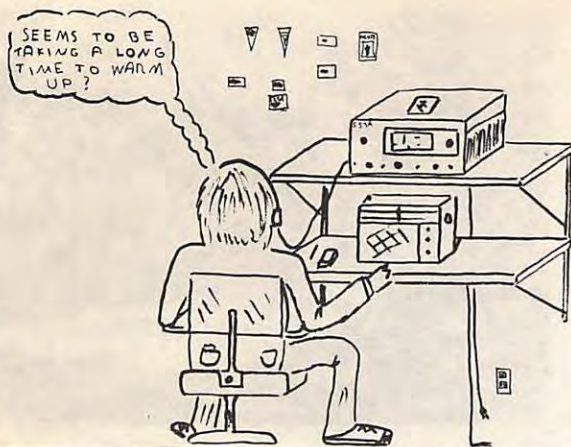
Jozephus lives in the town of Zaandam, just to the north of Amsterdam on the other side of the Noordzeekanaal. Hilversum is only a few miles to the southeast. During the 17th century Zaandam was a flourishing shipbuilding center and Peter I of Russia spent some time there learning the trade. It is now a lumber center and especially famous for its many picturesque windmills. Since Jozephus spends his working hours driving a taxi, he should know the town and surrounding area well.

When he began his DXing hobby, Jozephus used a Phillips 22PL798 receiver. This was in early 1971. During the last three months of that year he used a Sony CRF-230. He then changed to another Sony, a model CRF-220 which he is still using. This receiver has 22 bands covering a wide spectrum of frequencies, making shortwave listening a real pleasure. A 13-meter dipole antenna as well as a smaller second aerial are used with the receiver.

Additional equipment used by Jozephus includes a Sony TC-580 reel-to-reel tape recorder and a Kenwood stereo receiver. He finds time to listen to shortwave stations several times each week, usually between 1900 and 2300 hours G.M.T. Weekends

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CARTOON CORNER



Drawn by Donald Robinson, ANDEX No. 1608
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Programming for South America is entirely different. The German population in the Western Hemisphere is mainly agrarian and lives in the rural areas. In most localities there are no local radio programs in their language and churches are scarce with infrequent services. As a result many families depend on HCJB programs in their mother tongue and for their spiritual food. Many gather as a family to listen to all of the German transmissions from Quito. There are very few DXers in this part of the world. On the other hand, about 50 percent of the listeners in Europe are DXers.

Each month approximately 1,100 letters and reception reports are received in the office of the German Service. These are divided about half-and-half between Europe and Latin America. Many write with spiritual problems and receive counsel from the staff in Quito. Among DXers in Europe the cultural programs are very popular. In the latest popularity poll conducted by the ADDX club, HCJB's German programming ranked fifth among all the other shortwave stations of the world.

During 1972 an HCJB Council was organized in West Germany, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Radio HCJB e.V. This consists of a group of men whose purpose is to promote HCJB programs among the many potential listeners in that country. According to present plans, the German Service would like to see two additional full-time couples, one in Europe and the other in South America, to visit and counsel with those who

listen to the programs. This would add a more personal touch to the radio ministry as well as increase the listening audience.

If you are interested in verifying a German program from HCJB, perhaps the current broadcasting schedule will help you. The easiest program to identify would probably be the DX section of the Saturday transmissions to Europe.

To Europe:

0600-0630 GMT	9.760, 6.130 MHz
1830-1900 GMT	17.755, 15.300 MHz
2100-2130 GMT	15.300, 11.745 MHz

To South America:

0930-1000 GMT	9.680, 6.075 MHz
2300-2330 GMT	15.375 MHz
0030-0100 GMT	11.885 MHz

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often provide longer listening periods. The first time he heard HCJB was on January 18, 1971 at 2132 hours G.M.T. on a frequency of 17.740 Mhz. His receiver has been tuned to HCJB many times since that date. He joined ANDEX in mid-1974 and is member #812.

In addition to shortwave listening and DXing, Jozephus enjoys his collection of QSL cards from many stations. He is a music lover and uses his Kenwood stereo receiver and Sony tape recorder to provide many hours of enjoyment, not only listening to stereo music on FM radio stations but also recording many programs for future use.

Perhaps other ANDEX members will have an opportunity to meet Jozephus at the EDXC Conference in Hilversum. You may not live as close to Hilversum as Jozephus does, but this conference promises to be a real highlight for any DXer who can attend. Many interesting talks and demonstrations are planned, including a live broadcast with Tom Meijer in his Happy Station Show. Anyone interested in participating in this conference should write for information to the following address: Benelux DX Club, P. O. Box 234, Amstelveen, Holland. The dates for the conference are May 26 - 30, 1976.

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