



ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE DIRECTORS



Dolores "Dee" Baklenko

We all live in a world of change where it is hard to keep up with the daily developments that take place rapidly. At HCJB people come and go, and this involves changes in responsibilities. On the first of May we had a change in the director of our English Language Service.

For the past two years Dolores "Dee" Baklenko has served as director of the English Language Service, responsible for all English-language programs broadcast on HCJB. Dee has been well qualified for this position with her wide background of training and experience. She was born and grew up in North Dakota near the town of Minot. She received further education at Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, and at Minto State College. It was while she was a student at Prairie Bible Institute that she first heard of HCJB when Dr. Clarence W. Jones, co-founder of HCJB, spoke at the school. Trained as a teacher, she then spent four years in Haiti with the West Indies Mission where she taught in the mission school. Always interested in radio, Dee listened frequently to programs from HCJB while on the island of Haiti.



John Adams

After returning to North Dakota, Dee was listening to a broadcast of the Hour of Decision and was surprised to hear that this broadcast was originating in Quito where Billy Graham was conducting one of his campaigns. This motivated her to write to HCJB to see about the possibility of serving in Ecuador. It wasn't long before she, along with her nurse sister, Lois, were on their way to Quito. After spending ten months in language school in Costa Rica, they arrived in Quito during June of 1964.

Dee has had many responsibilities since arriving at HCJB. She has always done some programming, including singing and some Spanish children's programs. For one period she worked in the accounting office. Another of Dee's accomplishments is cooking. Anyone who has attended her famous breakfasts will attest to her ability in the culinary art. A few years ago, during a furlough period, Dee spent a year at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, where she completed her work for a Master's Degree in Communications. She was then involved in program research and two years ago assumed the post of director of the

English Language Service. One of Dee's major goals has been the desire to make HCJB's English programs more meaningful to listeners in different cultural areas of the world.

Late in June Dee left Ecuador for a few months to be spent in the United States and Europe. She looks forward to meeting listeners to HCJB in various places. One of her greatest joys has been learning to know listeners through correspondence and now she looks forward to meeting them in person. We trust many ANDEX members will have the opportunity to meet Dee personally during these next few months.

One of Dee's favorite Bible verses is, "As for God, his way is perfect" (Psalm 18:30).

Our new director is John Adams who comes from Canada. He was born and reared in the city of Whitby, near Toronto. It was while he was a student at the Ontario Bible College, where he took a five-year course in missions, that he became acquainted with HCJB. Several members of the HCJB staff visited the college and John had the opportunity of meeting them. John had an unusual interest in radio as a young boy and frequently pretended that he was a radio announcer or disc jockey.

John sent in his application for missionary service with HCJB while he was still a student at the Ontario Bible College. Soon after his graduation, in 1973, he was accepted. He and his family arrived in Quito in April, 1975, after spending eight months in Costa Rica studying the Spanish language. John met his wife, Carol, at a Bible camp in Canada where they were both working as counsellors with the young people. Their family now includes three small children.

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During the past three years, John has been involved primarily in English programming and has been heard regularly on many programs. He enjoys announcing and working on program continuity. He also does a fair amount of shortwave listening to various stations. One of his favorite shortwave broadcasters is Radio Canada International which helps him keep in contact with his native land. As a sports fanatic he also spends many enjoyable hours listening to the American Forces Radio and Television Service. Their wide coverage of hockey, baseball, and football games are right in line with his interests. Now, since May 1st, John has taken over the responsibility of English Language Service Director. We know he will do an excellent job.

John and Carol have found the following Bible verse to be very meaningful in their life together. "Let me see your kindness to me in the morning, for I am trusting you. Show me where to walk, for my prayer is sincere" (Psalm 143:8).

DX WITHDRAWAL

Did you know that DXing can be dangerous to your health? Yes, it can have very serious physical results, especially if you have only one shortwave receiver! To explain the danger we will let Dave Hayt, of West Lafayette, Indiana, tell his own personal experience. Dave is ANDEX member No. 1087.

"One of the most unfortunate things that can happen to an avid DXer is to suffer SWL withdrawal symptoms. This has happened to many serious shortwave hobbyists. For those of you who have never experienced it, I will relate my own personal sufferings.

"It all started one clear summer night when it looked as though listening should be perfect. I made a quick rush to my radio and in a flash the familiar lights came on. I sat down and anticipated a few hours of good listening. I eagerly started searching around on the 49-meter band. Almost imperceptibly the lights on the radio flickered. I dismissed this as being of minor importance. Then, it happened again, and a third time, and the radio went dead.

"In a rush of panic I checked the switches, plugs, and wires, but all to no avail. The radio had just ceased to function! After the initial frustration I

went to bed thinking there was nothing else I could do at the moment. The next morning I took the set to a repair shop and the technician told me it would take at least two weeks to make the repairs. I thought to myself that I would never make it. I was right!

“During the first week disappointment and frustration set in. All those club programs and other interesting things that I hadn’t missed before were on the airwaves without me and there was nothing I could do about it. I would sit at my desk in utter frustration as I looked at the empty spot in front of me. I tried reading old ANDEX bulletins, but that wasn’t really the same. I felt I was doomed! During the second week I resorted to more drastic measures. I called up some SWL friends but they were busy so I couldn’t get together with them. I was now definitely suffering from SWL withdrawal symptoms. I didn’t know what else to do! I felt guilty about all the letters I should be sending to radio stations with reception reports. Now the stations would hate me!

“The last few days are blank in my memory. I can recall the newly repaired radio finally being put on my desk. I turned it on and what a relief! I think I’ll always keep a spare receiver on hand from now on!”

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

This month the United States celebrates another 4th of July, the 202nd anniversary of its independence as a free nation. On July 4, 1776, the United States obtained its political freedom. However, many people who live in the United States, as well as other parts of the world, still do not have complete freedom. They have no peace and security concerning the future. They live under the bondage of fear. They would give anything to obtain freedom from fear.

One of the greatest fears that people have is for the terrors of the “hell bomb or hydrogen bomb.” Dr. Harold Urey, one of the bomb’s inventors, has said, “Frankly, I’m scared to death. Sometimes I feel prayer is the only solution and I wish I had a direct line to the Almighty to ask him for guidance.” Terrorized by the child of his own brain, and aware of the utter helplessness of man to control this terrible weapon, this great inventor is driven in his extremity to seek the help of a God whom he does not know.

How sad to hear one of the world’s most intelligent men wishing he had a direct line to the Almighty! Such a statement would give the impression that God is available to only a select few, in contrast to the emphatic teaching of the Bible that God is available to all who seek him in trust and reality. “So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need” (Hebrews 4:16). This is the direct line to the Almighty which is open all day and night, all the year round. This includes you as well as Dr. Urey.

One could say much of the terrors of the H-bomb which is of vital interest to the multitudes threatened by sudden annihilation, but it is more profitable to think of a more awful terror which awaits every person who refuses to turn from sin and who rejects the mercy offered by God through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that the God who prophesied these terrible days in which we live, and worse soon to come, also assures us of the fearful torments of the lake of fire for all who refuse the Savior. Here is just one of the many verses that describe the place. “The smoke of their torture rises forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night” (Revelation 14:11). If Christ is not your personal Savior, you are living in very great danger and have every reason to fear. You have desperate need to avail yourself of this direct line to the Almighty.

If the sense of sin’s guilt and the fear of judgment distress you, take comfort, for God offers you mercy sufficient to cancel all your debt of sin. “Come boldly,” he says, to encourage your fearful heart. “Come boldly,” that you may receive mercy from God. You must also come believing that Christ will not refuse you what he offers to all who will come. The invitation is to everyone, everywhere; but remember, you must come with the assurance in your heart that when you ask for mercy, he will give it. The Bible says, “If we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive and cleanse us from every wrong” (1 John 1:9).

Jesus Christ invites you lovingly to come to him for the mercy and forgiveness you so much need. Come now, come boldly, come trustingly, and be assured he will answer your call abundantly. Then you will find that your life has complete freedom from fear!

DXer OF THE MONTH



Kouji Yamada writes another reception report

Quito will soon enjoy the beauty of Japanese cherry trees. Recently, in a simple ceremony, the Japanese Ambassador to Ecuador presented one-hundred-and-fifty cherry trees to the acting mayor of Quito, Engineer Galo de la Torre. These trees, considered among the most beautiful in the world when in full bloom, are symbolic of the country of Japan. The ambassador, who had the trees sent specially from Japan to Quito, assured the mayor that they would quickly adapt to the climatic conditions of Quito. The trees have been planted in the municipal nursery and will be cared for there until they grow to sufficient size to be transplanted in the various parks and gardens of the capital city. This gift of cherry trees is an evidence of the friendship that exists between Japan and Ecuador.

It is also very fitting that, as an indication of the friendship between HCJB and Japan, we should select an outstanding Japanese DXer to be our DXer of the Month. Kouji Yamada has been a member of ANDEX for three-and-a-half years. He was born in Tokyo but was living in Nara City, near Osaka, about 250 miles west of Tokyo when he joined ANDEX. He was employed by the Warner Brothers Record Company in Osaka as the chief of their sales section. Recently he returned to Tokyo where he is now residing. In addition to being an active DXer, Kouji is also an amateur radio operator with the call sign JH1KFY.

As can be seen from the photograph, Kouji has a great deal of radio equipment which should make any DXer happy. On the left are some Collins receivers and a war-surplus Hammarlund. On the right can be seen a Barlow-Wadley XCR-30 and a Yaesu FRG-7. In addition there is a Collins

amateur transceiver, a panoramic adapter, a General Dynamics RT-662 synthesizer, a cassette recorder, and a large library of technical books and magazines. When Kouji makes out his reception reports he has typewriters that will handle English, Russian, and Japanese.

Kouji has been an active shortwave listener for nearly twenty-five years. Hardly a day goes by but that he has his shortwave receivers in operation. It may be for just a few minutes or it could be an all-night session. Usually he does most of his listening between the hours of 8:00 and 11:00 P.M. local time. He first heard HCJB back in 1958 and has a QSL card confirming reception on April 21 of that year.

In addition to being a member of ANDEX, member No. 1147, Kouji is active in two Japanese clubs. He served as editor for the Japan Short Wave Club and has led the Tokyo Radio Club. It is obvious that shortwave radio plays a major role in Kouji's life.

When Kouji joined ANDEX he used two antennas, a forty-meter random-wire and a twenty-meter dipole. Having later moved back to Tokyo, he has probably changed his antenna facilities. We congratulate Kouji Yamada for his excellently-equipped DXing room and are happy to name him as DXer of the Month for July, 1978! We would also like to thank him for a very beautiful 1978 calendar. We will be reminded of him during the rest of this year as we look at the very attractive pictures of Japan each month.

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