

Short-Wave Report

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VOICE OF THE ANDES

FROM the heights of the Andes Mountains, in the midst of tall snow-capped peaks, and from the oldest capital city in the New World, comes the voice of HCJB, *The Voice of the Andes*, in Quito, Ecuador. A pioneer in the field of missionary radio, HCJB began broadcasting over a quarter of a century ago. From a baby station rated at 250 watts, it has now grown to the point where it is on the air with as much as 50,000 watts.

During the last three years, many addi-

main transmitter which will enable HCJB to broadcast on two frequencies simultaneously with approximately 30,000 watts. Already under construction, this is expected to double the usefulness of the transmitter and permit many more listeners the world over to tune in on either the 16- and 25-meter bands or the 19- and 31-

HCJB's transmitters are located at Pifo, near Quito, Ecuador.



tions and modernizations have been made to the studio and transmitting facilities. The New World Radio Chapel was inaugurated, a large studio, equipped with a new organ and piano, from which a good many of the religious programs originate. In neighboring Pifo, the home of the transmitters, a new diesel electric plant has been added, of sufficient size to meet all power requirements.

Future plans call for an addition to the

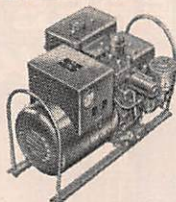
meter bands. Work is also being done on other transmitters, especially those used on the medium waves, for better coverage to Ecuador and neighboring republics.

HCJB is easily the most widespread reported station to the *Short-Wave Report* from South America and is one of the top stations in the world. You can find it on your receivers at 17,890, 15,115, 11,915, 9745, or possibly 6050 kc.

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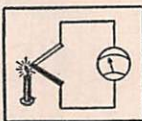
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Their English schedule reads as follows: daily at 0130-0500 (Sundays to 0430) on 6050, 9745, 11,915, and 15,115 kc. and at 0530-0600 on 9745 and 11,915 kc. to the South Pacific and Europe; daily at 0900-1000 (Saturdays at 1000-1030) on 15,115 and 17,890 kc. to the Americas and daily except Mondays at 1400-1530 to Europe and 1830-1900 to the West Indies (on these transmissions, the 17,890-kc. frequency may be replaced by 11,915 kc. if conditions so warrant); and daily except Mondays at 2100-0000 on 9745, 11,915, and 15,115 kc. to North and South America. Other transmissions include programs in French, German, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

Reports from listeners are invited. The engineers at HCJB make good use of your reports, so be sure to include all the necessary information. (Incidentally, your Editor has a leaflet available at no charge that explains the proper method of sending reports to stations and contains a general listing of the information that should be included.)

If requested, HCJB will verify a report with a QSL card, otherwise by letter. Their international program schedule is free on request. All reports and letters should be sent to: HCJB, *The Voice of the Andes*, Casilla 691, Quito, Ecuador.

Station Reports

The following is a resume of current reports. Times shown are Eastern Standard and the 24-hour system is used. Reports are correct at time of compilation but stations often change frequency and/or schedule with little or no advance notice.

Afghanistan—Radio *Kabul* has shifted from 4948 kc. to 4042 kc. for a temporary test during the period from 0830 to 1230. It has been noted in Cyprus at 1000. The schedule, which includes an Eng. period at 1150-1210, reads: 1000-1015 in Afghan-Persian or Pushtu, 1100-1115 in Persian, 1130-1140 in Urdu, and 1215-1225 in Arabic. The duration of the test period is unknown and they may try another frequency in this band. (488)

Another source lists an Eng. xmsn at 0945-1000 on 4666 kc. but this is not definitely confirmed. (378)

Barbadoes—ZNX32, Bridgetown, is noted at times from 1600 with cricket matches and s/off at 1630. (166, 240)

Bermuda—A good chance to log and verify this country is through the Kindley Air Force Base radio on 8913 kc. Tune for it between 2130 and 2230. The ID is usually given merely as *Kindley*. (476)