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Costa Rican Awarded Tricentenary Medal

For outstanding work in connection with the relaying of the church services from Cartago by remote control over station Ti-RCC at San Jose during the festivities commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the Virgin of the Angels, Sr. Amando Cespedes Marin, Costa Rican radio pioneer of NRH fame, has been awarded a tricentenary medal of gold. His fellow members of the Chicago Short Wave Radio Club extend to him their heartiest congratulations.

"La Voz de ?"

The station on 6.40 meg. (46.88 m.) referred to in the last two issues of the Bulletin as possibly being YV9RC, "Ondas Populares," remains unidentified.

Though originally signing off with the Venezuelan National Anthem, or one closely resembling it, it has recently been signing off with "La Paloma."

Station YN1GG, "La Voz de los Lagos," at Granada, Nicaragua, which operated on the same wavelength, has been testing, Sr. Cespedes informs us, as YN1JG, having heard it one night when at the microphone of his own amateur station, Ti4AC. It is quite likely, however, that YN1JG was also on the 7.15-meg. (42-m.) amateur band.

The music comes through fairly well, but the announcements are noticeably weak. This station evidently is not "Ondas Populares," as it announces "La Voz de ?"

The Last of HC2AT?

Notwithstanding the fact that reports indicated that HC2AT had officially announced that it had permanently discontinued transmissions, this station, or another Spanish-speaking station on exactly the same wavelength, has been heard irregularly during the past four weeks. In view of the uncertainty, reception reports were omitted from our last bulletin. Static and code interference make identification of this generally weak signal difficult.

It is to be hoped that listeners who thus far have not heard this station will not be deprived of another opportunity of obtaining one of the unique "monkey" verification cards, on which appears the ejaculation, "HC2AT at last!"

Javanese Transmissions

According to the latest reports, the programs from Bandoeng, Java, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. are broadcast over one or more of the following transmitters: PLV, 9.415 meg. (31.90 m.); PLE, 18.83 meg. (15.93 m.); PMA, 19.345 meg. (15.51 m.). PLV is an 80,000-watt transmitter, PLE and PMA being of 40,000 watts power.

(See Bulletins No. 140 and No. 145).

Ríkisútvarp Islands

The Icelandic State Broadcasting Service, or *Ríkisútvarp Islands*, has notified us that their new 7,500-watt, short-wave transmitter at Reykjavik was opened for telephony communication with other countries on August 1.

This transmitter has occasionally been used for broadcasting and later on probably will be so used daily, though as yet no regular schedule has been decided upon. Thus far the station has operated chiefly on 12.235 meg. (24.52 m.) with antennae directed towards Europe.

On September 1 from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. a program was transmitted by TFJ, intercepted in Germany, and retransmitted by DIQ and DJB to America for relay by the N.B.C.

Note: Island is the Viking name for Iceland, having been discovered by the Norsemen in 868.

(See Bulletins No. 136, No. 138, and No. 144).

"The Letter Box"

Every other Wednesday, at 10:30 p.m., reports of reception from listeners are acknowledged over the Reichs-Rundfunk-Gesellschaft stations at Zeesen, Germany, during a section of their program known as "The Letter Box." This feature appears in our picked programs, "Hitting the High Spots," and is at present heard best over stations DJC and DJN.

"The Mail Bag"

Early morning risers, who have sent reports of reception to station VK3ME, Melbourne, Australia, may hear their letters acknowledged over the air on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. during a section of VK3ME's program, "A Tour of the World," known also as "The Mail Bag."

From four to five weeks should be allowed before expecting an acknowledgment over the air and from two and one-half to three months for a reply by mail.

Ralph Stranger's Science Review

The World-wide Radio Research League (W.R.R.L.) will soon issue its own magazine. All those interested in subscribing to this journal, which will deal with all branches of science as well as the work of the League in connection with the interaction of radio waves, fading, echoes of long delay, effect of the moon and of sunspots on radio reception, and numerous other problems, should communicate immediately with Ralph Stranger, Hon. Secretary, W.R.R.L., c/o Editor, World-Radio, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London, W. 1, asking that a copy be reserved provisionally.

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Roman Schedule

Just too late to make the necessary changes in our last bulletin, a telegram was received from Harold Wright, president of the C.S.W.R.C., who was vacationing at Round Pond, Maine, to the effect that station 2RO at Rome announced that, beginning August 26, the afternoon programs would be broadcast on 11.81 meg. (25.40 m.) A few days later this was confirmed by a letter received from G. M. Giannini, New York representative of the E.I.A.R., the information having been cabled to him from Rome.

Paul Dilg, with the aid of a recent verification card, gives us the complete schedule as 8:15 to 9:00 a.m., 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and 1:45 to 5:00 p.m. daily on 11.81 meg. (25.40 m.); and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on 9.64 meg. (31.13 m.)

When the Cuckoo Calls

Not only in the Springtime, but the year 'round may be heard the triple call of the cuckoo, "harbinger of Spring," from Lisbon, Portugal's capital city.

For the benefit of new members and others who might never have been able to identify the popular Portugese station, CT1AA, the best time to hear the three cheery cuckoo calls is just before 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. CT1AA has been testing a new antenna and would appreciate reports.

"La Voz de la Victor"

The director of station HJ3ABH at Bogota, Columbia, informs us that they broadcast on 6.012 meg. (49.92 m.) from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. with 1,200 watts in the antenna. The transmitters are built at Bogota by their engineer, César Estévez León.

Venezuelan Relay

On August 29, from about 9:30 to 10:00 p.m., a Venezuelan program was broadcast by stations YV2RC, YV3RC, YV4RC, YV5RMO, YV8RB, PRADO (Ecuador), and a station on 6.05 meg. (49.59 m.)

The latter station has been reported by Edith F. Reeks since August 5. She believes it to be HJ4ABC, "La Voz de Pereira," Colombia.

Hitting the High Spots

- Sept. 8. 4:30 to 8:30 A.M. Program. VK2ME. 7:00 P.M. Bells, and an Empire Service, St. Pauls Cathedral. Daventry. 7:00 P.M. I.B.C. Program. EAQ. 9:15 P.M. Military Music. Zeesen. 10:00 P.M. "Cats." Daventry. 10:30 P.M. "Taxi-Fare." Daventry.
- Sept. 9. 6:00 P.M. "Holiday Time." Daventry. 6:15 P.M. "Madonna Imperia." 2RO. 10:30 P.M. CLUB PROGRAM, HJ1ABE.
- Sept. 10. 7:00 P.M. "Notes and Nauticalities." Daventry. 8:30 P.M. Newark News Radio Club Program. YV2RC.
- Sept. 11. 6:00 A.M. The Mail Bag. VK3ME. 6:15 P.M. Royal Navy Band. 2RO. 10:30 P.M. The Letter Box. Zeesen.
- Sept. 12. 9:00 P.M. Band Concert. YV2RC. 9:20 P.M. Ecuadorian Music. PRADO.
- Sept. 13. 6:00 P.M. Symphonic Concert. Zeesen. 6:15 P.M. "La Manon." 2RO. 10:00 P.M. See Sept. 10, 7:00 P.M.
- Sept. 14. 6:00 P.M. "Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing-Wax." Daventry. 7:30 P.M. String Quartet. Zeesen. 10:00 P.M. "Foreign Affairs." Daventry.
- Sept. 15. 4:30 to 8:30 A.M. Program. VK2ME. 7:00 P.M. I.B.C. Program. EAQ. 9:15 P.M. Military Music. Zeesen.
- Sept. 16. 6:00 P.M. Request Program. Zeesen. 6:15 P.M. "Riverside Drive." Daventry. 10:15 P.M. "Holiday Time." Daventry. 10:30 P.M. CLUB PROGRAM, HJ1ABE.
- Sept. 17. 8:30 P.M. Q.R.C. Program. YV2RC. 9:20 P.M. Tuesday Program. HC2RL.
- Sept. 18. 6:00 A.M. The Mail Bag. VK3ME. 6:15 P.M. Band Concert. 2RO. 9:15 P.M. Orchestral Concert. Zeesen. 10:00 P.M. "Riverside Drive." Daventry.
- Sept. 19. 7:00 P.M. "Of Cabbages and Kings." Daventry. 9:00 P.M. Band Concert. YV2RC. 9:20 P.M. Ecuadorian Music. PRADO.
- Sept. 20. 6:15 P.M. "Jacqueries." 2RO. 10:00 P.M. "Under Big Ben." Daventry.
- Sept. 21. 6:45 P.M. "Under Big Ben." Daventry. 7:00 P.M. Short-Wave Follies. Daventry.

AIRPLANES: 5.70, 3.46 meg.; 52.62, 86.77 met.
 AMATEURS: 14.21, 3.98, 1.87 meg.; 21.12, 75.40, 160 met.

POLICE: 2.46, 1.64 meg.; 122, 183 met.
 SHIPS: 12.82, 8.51, 4.25 meg.; 23.40, 35.26, 70.52 met.

Frequencies and wavelengths represent the middle of the bands.

STATION NOTES

- (*) Cuban, Mexican, Canadian and U. S. stations listed as guide in tuning.
- (1) YV-10-RSC: Not heard since Aug. 5.
- (2) OAX4D: Special program Aug. 30, Q3 R6; Sept. 2, Q4 R7.
- (3) HIX: Also Sundays 7:40 A.
- (4) DJC: To North America.
- (5) HJ4ABL: Saturdays 10 to 11 P.
- (6) HJ4ABB: Also Sundays 11 to 12 P.
- (7) YV2RC: Sundays to 10:30 P.
- (8) HJ1ABE: Programs dedicated to C.S.W.R.C. and other clubs on Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 P.
- (9) OAX4G: Uses higher power on Wed.
- (10) HIZ: Also Saturdays 11 P. to 1 A.
- (11) Ti-RCC: Sun. and Thurs. until 10 P. Special late programs during Costa Rican Festival.
- (12) HC2AT: Not positively identified.
- (13) VK3ME: Best toward end of schedule.
- (14) DJN: To Central America.
- (15) DJA: To South America.
- (16) VK2ME: Best from 7 to 8 A.
- (17) VK2ME: To England.
- (18) CT1AA: Best towards 6 P.
- (19) 2RO: To North America.
- (20) 2RO: To South America.
- (21) EAQ: To Canary Isles, etc.
- (22) ORK: To Belgian Congo. Best near end of schedule.
- (23) JVM: Best from 6 to 7 A.
- (24) Radio Coloniale: To South America. Best at beginning of schedule.
- (25) Radio Coloniale: To North America.
- (26) GSD: Best toward end of schedule.
- (27) DJD: To Africa. Best toward end of schedule.
- (28) DJD: To North America. Best before 8 P.
- (29) 2RO: To Eastern Zone.
- (30) 2RO: Moved from 31.13 to 25.4 m. on Aug. 26. Best towards end of schedule.
- (31) Radio Coloniale: To Madagascar.
- (32) Radio Coloniale: To French Africa. Best toward end of schedule.
- (33) RNE: Also 6 A. and 10 A. Sun.; 6 A. Wed.
- (34) DJB: To South Asia.
- (35) PCJ: Announces schedule 3 to 7 A. Tues., 7 to 11 A. Wed.
- (36) Radio Coloniale: To Indo-China.
- (37) DJE: To South America.
- (38) GSG: Begins at 6:30 A. on Sundays. Best after 7:30 A.
- (39) GSJ: Seldom heard before 8 A.

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