

## A *Globe Circler* Photo Album

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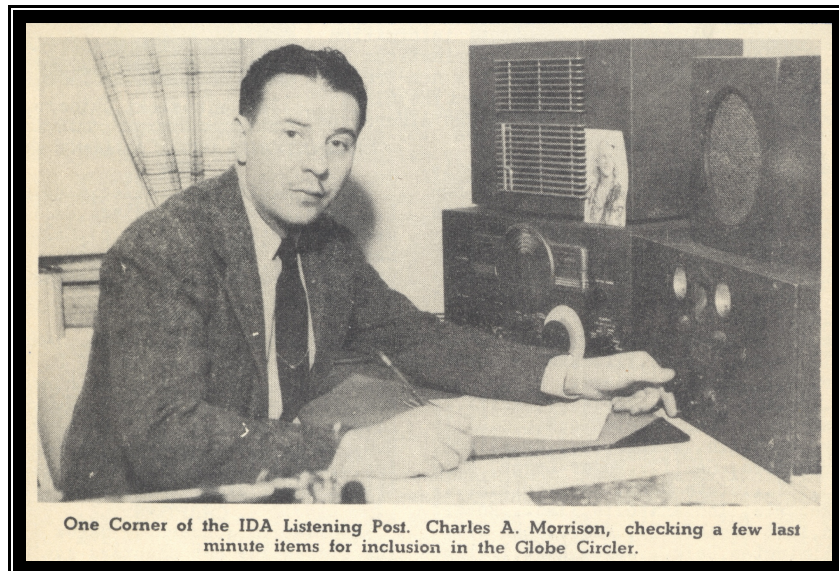
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The International DXers Alliance (IDA) was formed in 1932, and during its 100-issue lifespan, which ended in July 1943, it became one of the major DX listening clubs of its day. Its bulletin, the *Globe Circler*, covered nearly all types of DX, although the focus became shortwave broadcasting. With its “typewriter” typeface it wasn’t quite as spit-and-polish as some of the clubs whose bulletins were professionally typeset, but it did offer one eye catcher: every issue had a picture on the cover, and others inside. They were small, and black and white, and sometimes grainy, but they added flavor. I present some of them here. (Zoom in for detail.)

Many of the photos were of stations and station personalities. There were many pictures of IDA members, and I have included only those whose names are still familiar or who distinguished themselves in some way. I have tried to get as much resolution out of the pictures as possible; I have left the captions as is, and added a few notes where some further explanation might be helpful. Parts I and II, starting below, cover club members and professional monitoring respectively; two more parts will cover stations.

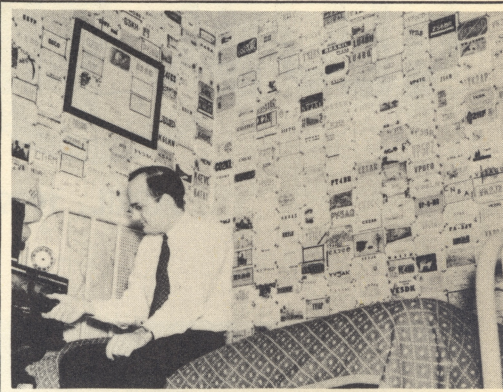
### Part I – IDA Members

Notes: Charles A. Morrison (below) was *Globe Circler* editor-in chief, and the key man in the IDA. . . . In 1939 the *Globe Circler* started featuring pictures of “World’s Leading DXers.” But only four appeared (pg. 2). . . . Murray Buitekant became well known as a long-time NNRC stalwart (pg. 3). . . . “Captain” Horace L. Hall edited DX news in several publications, including the *New York Sun*. His wife, Dorothy, was a well-known ham (W2IXY) (pg. 3). . . . The six-month IDA Randolph Contest trophy was awarded for the most mediumwave QSLs from stations 2,000 miles distant (pg. 4).





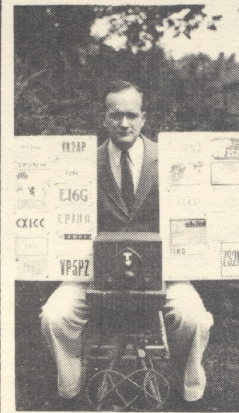
WORLD'S LEADING DX'ERS: No.1: J. DeMyer, 2230 Maplewood, Lansing, Mich...Has Scott rcvr...vertical aerial...DX'ing since 20; verifying since 32...On S.W. has VIC 136/VAC 78; is DSW; Chairman 100 CLUB...On BCB, has VIC 37/VAC 2.



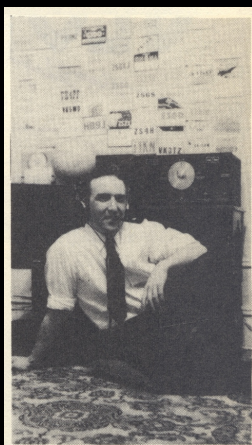
WORLD'S LEADING DX'ERS: No.2: ROGER LEGGE, 20 Beethoven St., Binghamton, New York...Has a RME70/DB70 rcvr...On S.W. has VIC 124/VAC 53...IDA 100 Club...Editor of Ama-Touring...Graduate Univ. of Pa...Bank employee



Listening Post of Ama-Touring Editor, R. Legge, Binghamton, N.Y.



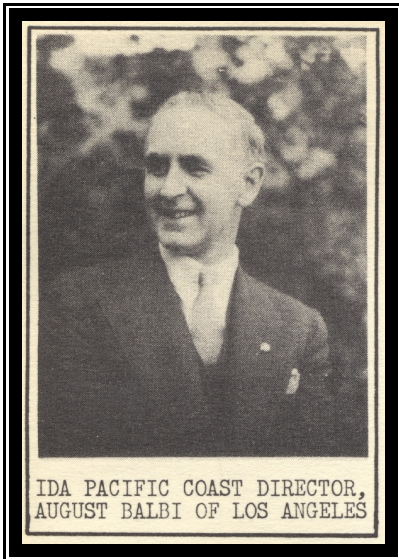
ROGER LEGGE, JR.  
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.



WORLD'S LEADING DX'ERS: No.3. JOHN BARRE, Bronx, N.Y.C., ...On S.W. has VIC 100/VAC 23...IDA 100 CLUB...DSW...Works for G.Motors



WORLD'S LEADING DX'ERS: No.4: JOHN MAY, Wilkinsburg, Pa...IDA 100 CLUB...VIC 141/VAC 90...Rcvr. HRO Sr; Brush crystal headphones; 4 directional antennas...Engineer for Westinghouse..



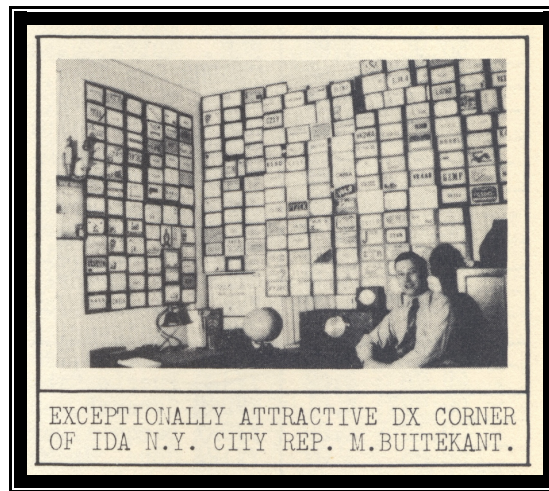
IDA PACIFIC COAST DIRECTOR,  
AUGUST BALBI OF LOS ANGELES



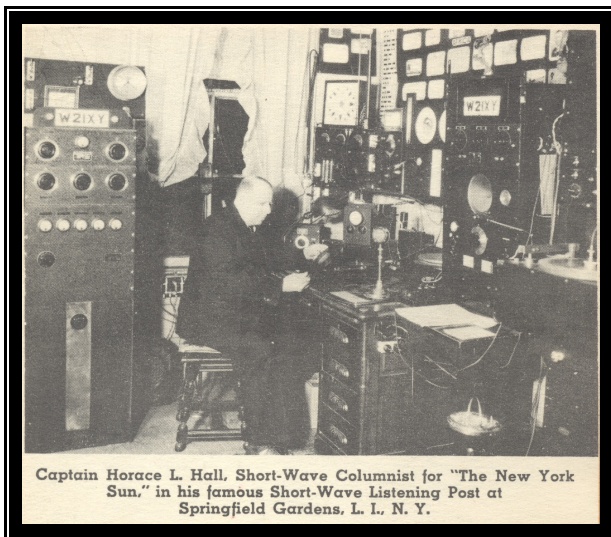
LOS ANGELES LISTENING POST OF  
LEADING WEST COAST REGIONAL  
MONITOR, AUGUST BALBI.



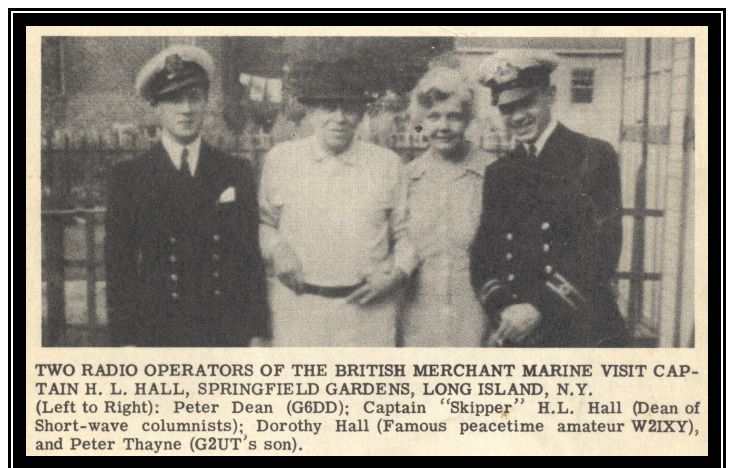
A DUO OF DX'ING DEMONS,  
THE BUITEKANT BROTHERS OF THE BRONX



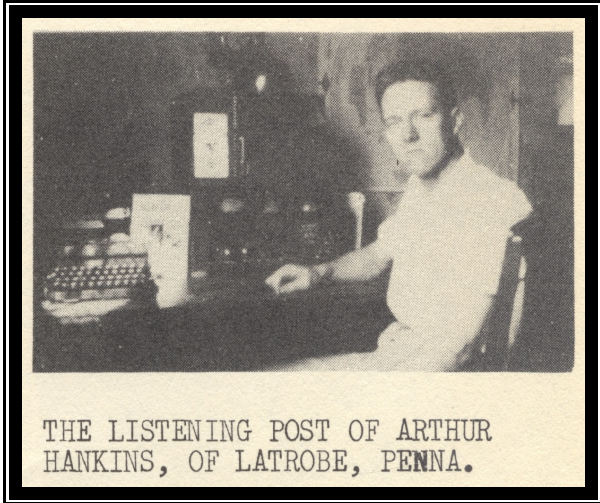
EXCEPTIONALLY ATTRACTIVE DX CORNER  
OF IDA N.Y. CITY REP. M. BUITEKANT.



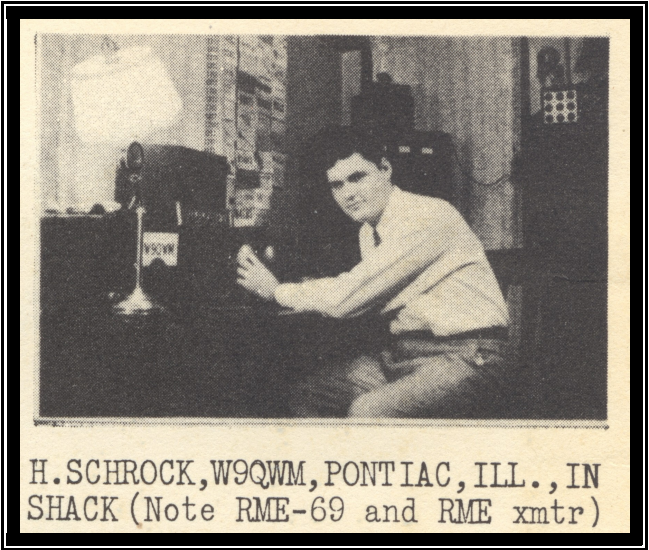
Captain Horace L. Hall, Short-Wave Columnist for "The New York Sun," in his famous Short-Wave Listening Post at Springfield Gardens, L. I. N. Y.



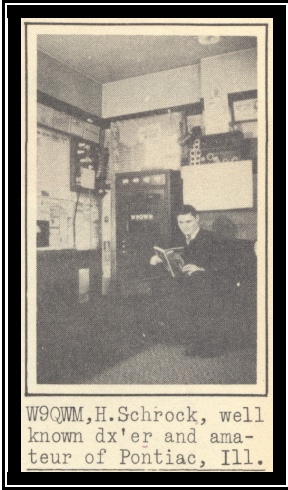
TWO RADIO OPERATORS OF THE BRITISH MERCHANT MARINE VISIT CAPTAIN H. L. HALL, SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, LONG ISLAND, N.Y. (Left to Right): Peter Dean (G6DD); Captain "Skipper" H.L. Hall (Dean of Short-wave columnists); Dorothy Hall (Famous peacetime amateur W2IXY), and Peter Thayne (G2UT's son).



THE LISTENING POST OF ARTHUR HANKINS, OF LATROBE, PENNA.



H. SCHROCK, W9QWM, PONTIAC, ILL., IN SHACK (Note RME-69 and RME xmtr)



W9QWM, H. Schrock, well known dx'er and amateur of Pontiac, Ill.



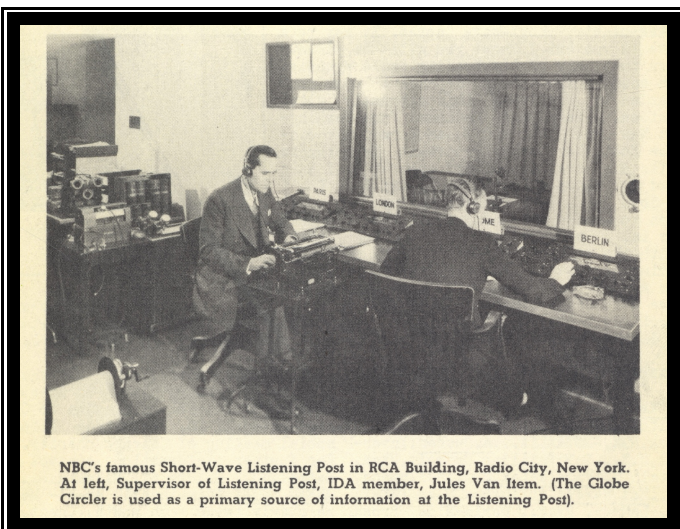
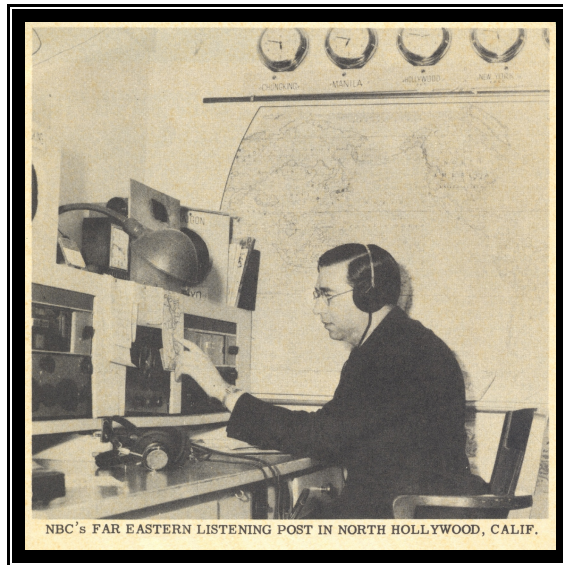
Members of the Cleveland Radio Club gathered around the 'mike' at WTAM (1070 kcs.) for the DX Round Table broadcast Saturdays at 11:30 p.m. EST.



The Randolph DX Trophies  
1934-35  
Contest Conducted By  
International DXers Alliance

Trophies By Dodge Inc., Chicago

## Part II – Monitoring

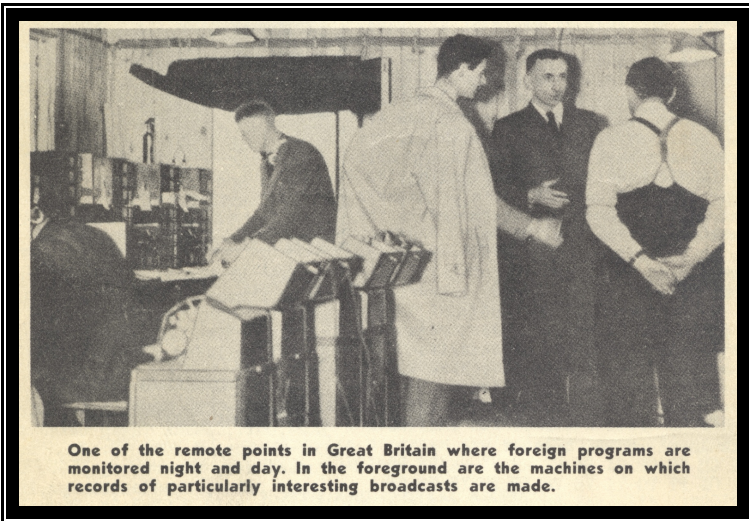




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SHORT WAVE LISTENING POST OF THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, AT BRITANNIA HEIGHTS, ONTARIO



One of the remote points in Great Britain where foreign programs are monitored night and day. In the foreground are the machines on which records of particularly interesting broadcasts are made.



Otto Zausmer, news analyst and editorial writer for "The Boston Globe," operates his own Listening Post; writes a column, "The War on Shortwaves"