Last week we presented the views of some of our members with regards to the verification plan which Radex adopted during the course of their recent Mystery DX Contest. During the past week we have received a very lengthy letter from Carleton Lord, DX Editor for that publication in which he explains their position in this matter. We feel that in order to be fair with Radex as well as with our own members that a few excerpts from his letter might be interesting to our members.

"First of all, the contest was not intended to be a means of increasing one's list of veries. If such was the case, we would have picked some of the harder stations. The whole idea was to build up a weekend of unusual dialing for the DXers -- and I think we accomplished that purpose. Therefore, since the stations chosen are relatively easy to hear there should have been no great demand for veries."

"Secondly, we started out with the idea of verifying no stations ourselves and having all such requests go direct to the stations themselves. This was what we did last year. However, the stations came right back and more than a dozen of them asked to be relieved of the necessity of verifying. They were willing to put on the broadcast, but felt that the job of issuing confirmations was just a little too much."

"That put the job of verifying on my shoulders -- and I can tell you that I didn't relish the task at all. So I hit upon the 10-cent idea with two purposes in mind -- to discourage requests because of the price and to pay the expenses of those that did come through."

"It is not part of my job to run a Mystery DX Contest and I am under no obligation to do so. It is merely my idea of adding a little something to the general interest of the magazine, and I do it entirely on my own. Furthermore, I get no extra pay for it whatever."

"For each of the 42 stations which actually agreed to come on for us, three more letters have so far been mailed. In many other instances, follow-up letters and incidental correspondence was necessary. To date I have typed and mailed out over 500 letters on contest business. I try that on your typewriter sometime -- and you'll realize that I'm not exaggerating when I say that every available evening for the past three months has gone into the contest."

"And now the reports are beginning to come in. Every one has to be checked carefully and it will take most of my time for the next month to take care of that. Two additional letters will still go to each of the 42 stations, the reports segregated and mailed out, the prize winners notified."

"Don't you think that is enough work for any one chap to undertake, without any extra remuneration?"

"And so to the question of veries. That is where I must set the limit on my work. That listeners want veries of contest stations is shown by nearly a hundred requests received so far. And who is going to check those hundred reports, type letters of confirmation, and get them mailed. I think I have reason enough to draw a line at that additional work."

"Hence, the 10 cents charge. Three cents will go for postage. Roughly
for the labor of checking and typing. For the hundred veries which we
will probably send out, that leaves $8 for the labor. I may be able to
get a girl who can do the job in two days -- doing it right. If so, she
is entitled to that six bucks."

We have just received a revised list of frequency checks and at
this time we are listing only those changes which do not appear in the
March issue of Radex, next week or within two weeks at the most, we hope
to be able to send each one of you a complete list of these stations.
Dick Cooper our Kittanning, Penna. member has kindly volunteered to
print this list for us and we are certain that the system Dick has pla-
med for us will enable us to keep abreast with the changes made in this
list, at least until next fall.

2nd Monday each month.
Delete:

WCM, 1210 kcs., Gulfport, Miss., from 5:00 to 5:20 A.M.

Add
KFUE, 1420 kcs., Price, Utah " 4:50 to 5:10 "
KERS, 1500 " Big Spring, Texas " 5:00 to 5:20 "
WFOY, 1210 " St. Augustine, Fla. " 5:00 to 5:20 "
KFGQ, 1370 " Boone, Iowa " 5:30 to 5:50 "
WGL, 1210 " Mississippi City " 5:30 to 5:50 "

2nd Tuesday each month.
Add
KLAH, 1210 " Carlsbad, N. M. " 5:50 to 6:10 "

2nd Wednesday each month.
Add
KFLT, 1500 " Paris, Texas " 4:40 to 5:00 "

2nd Thursday each month.
Delete
KIIBC, 1400 " Hilo, Hawaii " 5:00 to 5:20 "

2nd Saturday each month.
Add
KCOA, 1210 " Kilgore, Texas " 4:30 to 4:50 "

This coming Saturday morning, March 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 A.M.,
E.S.T. the DXers will have another opportunity to hear one of the excel-
ent programs which is transmitted from KFUO, 550 kcs., St. Louis, Mo.
on occasions such as this. We understand that they have been having
quite a fight on their hands with KSD of the same city who are anxious
to receive the facilities of KFUO. Therefore it appears that KFUO may
possibly use the reports which we DXers send them, in an effort to prove
to the FCC that they really do have a large listening audience. As we
all are aware, practically all of the church owned stations have passed
out of existence, the two out of three or four that remain are now hav-
ing quite a battle to stay on, namely KFUO and WLWL, both of which are
fine stations. Therefore here is an opportunity for the DXers to aid
these stations which are having such trouble at this time. Let's all lis-
ten in and send KFUO a report on their broadcast, for should they and
WLWL lose their court battles, that will leave KFSC, WMPC and WBBL the
last of their kind. Here's your opportunity to do a piece of good work;
let's all co-operate with KFUO as much as we possibly can during the
course of their program which will take place this coming Sunday morning.
(Note: The above line should read This coming Saturday morning.)
Reception during the last few days has been very satisfactory, and all bands furnished excellent results. 49 meters, which in a few more weeks will fall prey to summer conditions, came through without a trace of static. On 19 meters, SJF's signal on Transmission 5, 6 to 8 P.M., was reminiscent of summer reception; 25 meter stations were also very fine. 10 meters has been very active in the morning from 10 to 12, at which time CW stations from all over Europe and South Africa can be heard.

PLP, 11000 kcs. and YDC, 15150 kcs., put in good signals daily at 6 P.M., at which time they begin their day's activities in Java. PLP is generally stronger with an R 6 signal; YDC is about R 4 or 5.

That station on approximately 20025 kc., mentioned here some time ago, has been found to be an erratic signal put out by TYE, Paris, on 13090 kcs.

LZA, Sofia, was audible on Sunday afternoon on their regular frequency of 14915 kc.

OAX4J, that new Peruvian near 9340 kc., relaying the programs of OAX4I, "Radio Internacional de Lima", puts in a strong signal throughout the evening. Quality is a bit "mushy".

JEDQ on 9480 kc. is another one that has lately begun coming through with a fine signal.

CTI4AA, 9650 kc., is heard frequently until 9 P.M., broadcasting programs for North and South American listeners.

HP5I, Aguadulce, Panama, is one of the newer stations that is heard with an excellent signal during the evening. He operates on an announced frequency of 11895 kc.

The U.S.S. Pennsylvania on 13240 kc. is frequently heard in contact with JOO, 12840 kc.

A German ship on 17300 kc. was heard phoning another German vessel on Sunday at 2 P.M.

Art Johnson reports hearing the following list of Amateurs recently: VE5TV (Baffinland), VE1KI (Labrador), VP5AF, P3HZ, HC2CG, OA4AC, and FYR-001 (FYB4AD).

That phone station near 21140 kc. is still testing around 1 or 2 P.M. As yet I have been unable to identify it.

I hope you've all heard W6XKX, 25950 kc., as reported in the last bulletin. It is heard here in the East daily from approximately 9 A.M. to 7 P.M., and the signal is always R 8 to 9. This is the first Pacific Coast SW Broadcaster to be heard in the East. W9XAZ, the Milwaukee Journal station, also operates in this band, 26400 kcs., but as yet I have not located him. W9XFD, St. Louis, is also supposed to be operating here near these two stations.

Since news is scarce, this will end our chat for this week. Your reports will be greatly appreciated.

73 es Bat IX ----
Kermit Geary
DID YOU KNOW...that ZM3BJ, S. S. Awatea, uses 8.34 and 4.42 megs., and is on the air usually from 1 to 3 and from 6:45 to 7:30 A.M. YV5RI, 6.21 meg., a new station at Coro, Venezuela, is being heard in the early evenings...HI8Q, formerly on 6.24 meg., Trujillo, D.R., now uses an approximate frequency of 6.19 megacycles.

**LATEST LIST OF SW STATIONS IN VENEZUELA**

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(YV2A was formerly YV10RSC and are on daily from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and from 5:30 to 9:30 P.M. Sundays from 5:30 to 10 P.M.)

**RADIO GOSSIP**

By Al Oppel

According to newspaper reports Mexico is going to "clean house" in radio within the next twelve months. Mexico has begun to realize the borderline stations are doing much to harm the flow of tourists into the country and it is believed that these stations which read your fortunes over the air for a dollar will be the first to go! The borderline stations (independently owned), newspaper reports state, will be replaced by five super-powered government owned stations. Programs of all Mexican stations will be patterned after the U.S. style of broadcasting. Transmitters will have to install the latest developments in radio in keeping with this sweeping reform. Talking about "cleaning house"—Columbia, S.A., is at present doing the same thing in radio. It is expected many stations will lose their licenses to operate, especially the "HJ's" on the 49 meter band. Increased power, better signals and modulation will be demanded of existing stations in good repute...The Australian government proposes to erect a new EBC station at Canberra.

**DX CHATTER**

By Al Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that several DXers report the 1220 kilocycles station to be FIRE, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on every Sunday to 2 A.M. Another DXer reports hearing it Tuesdays until 3:30 A.M. Others report it as PRA9. Looks to us as another XEMX-YNLF episode...now that XEAW, 960 kcs., Reynosa, Mexico, sign off at 2 A.M., it might be wise to listen for CFRN, Edmonton, Alberta, on the same frequency...DXers are reporting reception of CBG7W, 750 kcs., Havana, Sundays, up to 3 A.M...KVOB, 1370 kcs., Great Bend, Kans., is expected to start regular broadcasting on March 1st...KOKO are the call letters assigned to the Southwest Broadcasting Co., station at La Junta, Colo...WKBW, Buffalo, N. Y., granted permission to use the antenna facilities of WGR...KRC, 920 kcs., Houston, Texas, granted temporary authority to operate with 5 Kw nights, instead of 1 Kw as at present.

Dick Cooper, our Kittanning, Penna. OPCer sends us word of two more frequency check dedications for the members of our club. The first of which will take place Monday morning, March 8 from 4:50 to 5:10 A.M., E.S.T. Please note the change in KEUB's time, inasmuch as they had previously been assigned another frequency check period. KEUB operates on 1420 kcs., and is located in Price, Utah. The second dedication is from KCKN, 1310 kcs., Kansas City, Kansas, on Tuesday morning, March 9th from
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A. W. COFC, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116K. Reception Feb. 28 very poor, with static strong. CMGH and VGRC both strong at 3 A.M. COFC and VOCE not heard up to 3:15.

George B. Bade, Erie, Penna. - RCA 251. Reception poor, very heavy static, however picked up the following. Feb. 27. WHS R6, WIBW R7, WLL R6, WQAL R9 between 5:30 and 6 A.M. Feb. 28. CGQ R8 at 12:30. WLCQ R8 12:45 (Capt. Hadley's DX Tip Program), WGY testing 1:15 A.M. R9.

KTO R6 2 A.M. CMCD R7, CMGH R6 at 2 A.M. March 1. WIBW R8, WAAT R9. On 20 meters K6ULG wk WAAT at 4:30-5 A.M.

E. T. Stilley, James town, N. J. - Philco 16. Feb. 22 snowing, terrible. Thunder storm Sunday evening and static was very bad. WFTIC all A.M. 7CI at 2:40 for Redex. WJEX for Redex at 3 P.M. WMEN Radar at 5:12. Feb. 23. Clear and very little noise. Pacific coasts were mostly all quiet. 20 meters open after 3 A.M. Feb. 24. Clear and B CB static was terrible. Plenty of Coasters heard WPAY at 4:02. 20 meters open. 16 meters open to 3:30 and faded out. 19 meters still open at 4:30. Feb. 25. Terrible blizzard, static quite bad in spots. WBIF at 3:50. KG3M at 4:30 and plenty of 20 meter hands heard. Does anyone know QRA of ELFA in Liberia, West Africa on 20 meters? Feb. 26. Blizzards and too noisy to DX. 20 meters good all morning. Feb. 27. Still snowing hard but very little static. WFTIC all A.M. CGFC at 3:10. WICC at 3:30 and somebody bothering WJBA on 1500 most of the day. The call ended in L. Probably WAAL since they tested all Saturday morning with some new equipment. Feb. 28 No DXing done due to bad cold. A resume of 20 meter calls heard the past week: VK2F, VK3HL, VK7BJ, VK3AL, G6X, ON4CB, G5PP, QA4C, ELFA, G5ML, K6UL, VK5MP, G5JO, G5UV, G2XV, VK2QX, G5JA, SYLKE, G6TX, VK2FX, G6LK, VK3LA. March lst too noisy to DX either on SW on B.CB.

Dick Cooper, Kaitanning, Penna. - Advises us that he has received a pour of reports from IJFC for having been one of the five most distant listeners on their February frequency check. New catches have been very few. WFT was added on the 27th at 3:25. Very high noise level ruined all hopes of new catches on the 28th and was sorry to have missed the fine line up of NRC dedications.

Adana L. Good, Topeka, Kansas. - Reception here was very unfavorable on the 20th and 21st inasmuch as a driving snow and sleet storm produced a high static level. Everything cleared up by the 22nd and reception was keen that morning except that there were not many contest stations on then. The western stations co-operated in splendid fashion this year and I found 15 stations who last year participated in this contest, again participating this year. The biggest fight came from WTRC who were covered up by KJY who were testing. The 5 to 6 A.M. period on the 22nd nothing was heard of any contest stations. The following stations were heard, Sat. 20th. 2-5: WHAM, (WLAP) 3-4; KFSD, KVOE, CFCO. 4-5; KMC, KWD. 5-6 WPBC. Sun. 21. 2-5; WAAW, WBIG. 3-4; KWSC, KDLX, KKA. 4-5; G5J, NIRA, WHF, WIAF, (KJY). (WWJ) 5; WTRC, WHA. No n. 22. 2-3; WHS. 3-4; WJAN, WOI. 4-5; WADD, NFNF, KVI, 5-6 None. ( ) indicate the station was heard but definite participation in the contest was not established.

Ray M. Jordan, Erie, Penna. - Sends us a short report on the Redex Contest. Feb. 20. KJY, WPIC, CFCO, WHAM, WIBW. Feb. 21. WFTIC, KJSF, KFCO, WIAF, WHAM, WAFF, (WHAR)???? Feb. 22. KFCO, WIBW, KVI, CJFW, KADD, WJEX, WO1, WAFF. There were 17 30-pointers; 1-10 pointer; 5 20-pointers for a total of 500 points. Weather conditions poor. Static almost drove the tubes out of the set. Last year I received 34 stations.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 6.

WACO 1420 Waco 1:45-2:15 KTEK 1370 Temple 4-6
WFOY 1210 St. Augustine 1-2

CMKX 1330 Santiago 1-2 KALA 1210 Elk City 3:30-3:50
KFUO 550 St. Louis 2-4 WGAL 1500 Lancaster 5:45-6

SUNDAY, MARCH 7.

XEL 1100 Mexico City 12-4 CMGH 790 Matanzas until 4
WJEO 1420 Baton Rouge 2-4 KDYD 1340 Huron 4-4:30

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

WHEF 1500 Kosciusko 1-2 KEUS 1420 Price NRC 4:50-5:10

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

KCKN 1310 Kansas City 3:20-3:40 NRC WHEC 1430 Rochester 5:30-5:45

WELL 1420 Battle Creek NRC 3:30-50 WMPC 1200 Lapeer NRC 4:20-4:40

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

CJOR 600 Vancouver 3-4

WFOY 1210 St. Augustine 1-3 KPOF 880 Denver 2:15-2:45

SATURDAY, MARCH 13.

CMKX 1330 Santiago 1-2 KGFF 1420 Shawnee NRC 5-5:20

KCLC 1420 Texarkana 4:40-5 NAC 5-5:20

CMGH 790 Matanzas till 4 SUN, MARCH 14.

National Post Observer Reports (Continued).

JOHN J. OSKAY, New Brunswick, N. J. - Hallicrafters Sky Chief. Short
Wave report. Feb. 27. (31 meter band) Stations marked (*) time between
6-7 A.M. EST. WX:-Cloudy. Tem. 32. Hum. 54. Bar. 29.93. Stations not
marked (*) time between 5:30-7 P.M. WX:-Clear. Tem. 33. Hum. 30. Bar
29.93. RBP R6, COCH R6, *VKSM R4, HLJABE R6, GSB R5, HJ4AB R4, *ZEBW
R4, 12XAF R6, DJN R6, DAA R5, W6XK R8, *VK3LR R5, GGO R6, W3XAU R7, HBL
R5, RAN R4, JF5J R4, HLJABF R4, T2FQ R7, CT1AA R7, LKJ R6, COCH R6,
EAQ R7, GSO R7, EA4J3 R3. (25 meter band) Time between 5-7:30 P.M. EST.
CSW R6, COCH R6, TPA4 R6, OJ4K R5, GSO R7, DJD R6, W1KAL R8, W5XK R4,
T743 R6, XE4I R5. EBC report. Feb. 28. WX:-clear; Tem. 23; Hum 40; Bar.
29.93; QRN XX; DX conditions poor. Time 2-3 A.M. KPI R4, KPO R2, KG0
R2, XE6A R6, XENT R7, KXJJ R1, KX6 R5, KSL R5, WFGC R6, KDWL R6, KGA R2,
KPBK R2 and KMAC R3. Short wave news and tips.-HLJABF, 9618 kc. is heard
Sundays working amateurs around 6 to 7 A.M. OX1LB, 6165 kc. is heard
from 8-11 P.M. Greece will soon have a 10 kw. station on 19230 kc. Swe-
den will soon have a powerful S.W. station on. Turkey will soon have a Z8
20 kw. station on also. XE4I, 6118 kc. is heard around midnight, relays
XEPO. OX1LB, 9330 kc. is heard from 7 to 12 P.M. OLR, 9550 kc. is heard
ondays 7-9 P.M. very strong.

A. J. BARKLOO, Bradford, N. Y. - Reception generally poor during past
week. Caught WFOY on test X7 the 26th. Remarkable coast reception the
27th. 28th. naturally CHMK not heard thru the Californian on same fre-
quency. WDMX heard breaking thru after 2 A.M. badly overlapped most of
the time. Some definite material was heard along with call given sever-
al times. were an R5 when audible. March 1st, very bad, but was able
to identify 3 selections on CKUA during last half hour. They were honoring
NAC in fine style R5-6 here.

BILL, CFBY, Toronto, Ont. - Says that unlike Dick Cooper, he had a verif
from WDMX on their Feb. frequency check very promptly. Dick thought that
this was one station that definitely did not verify. Bill says that DX-
ing has been impossible owing to heavy QRN. Feb. 25, all Pacific Coast
stations coming through fine. WFOY R9 2-2:30; KPFK R7-9; KKL R4-7; 27th;
CGRK R7; TFC R7-9; KF7B R9; 3FC R5-6; KCN R8-7; XGNY R7; WMMI R9.