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GET TO-GETHER ISSUE.

It's time for us to get to work on this issue of the Bulletin, which incidentally is the first of the monthly issues which we release during the summer months. We also feel that it is only fitting and proper that quite a bit of space should be devoted to our Get Together in this issue of our DX News, since it is now less than a month off.

It is our sincere hope that each and every one of our members will make an effort to be present for this Gala event, which will be the Third of it's kind that has been held by our club. It is an opportunity for many of our members, to meet personally many of their pen pals, with whom they may have been corresponding for quite some time. In addition to that a good time is assured all that attend, inasmuch as we are already planning to show you entertainment that will be the "tops".

The date for the Get-Together will be Sunday, June 21st. The meeting will begin around 2:00 P.M., EST. For any of our members who may care to attend, but are not able to find their way to club headquarters after arriving in the city, if you will write us and give us some method of identifying you, and tell us how you expect to arrive in York, that is either by bus or train and what time the train or bus arrives here, we'll have some one on hand to meet you and direct you out to the scene of the Get-Together.

We'd like very much to have a record breaking attendance for this event this year, so, won't each of you make an honest effort to be here. We believe that you'll find it worthwhile to be here for our Third Annual Get-Together.

It will be necessary in the meanwhile to have several meetings of the Board of Directors, so, we are calling the first one for Monday evening, June 1 for 7:45 P.M., the other dates will be announced at that meeting. It is important that each and every one of the Board be here, inasmuch as there are many details still to be worked out in connection with our Get-Together.

We hope that it will be our pleasure to meet many of our members this year, that have heretofore been unable to attend these annual Get-Togethers. Remember the Slogan. "On To York June 21".

This Bulletin will reach some of our members in time to notify them of two DXes which are taking place the latter part of this month, for the members of our club. This first of these will take place from KTRH, 1290 kcs., Houston, Texas beginning at 1:00 A.M., E.S.T. on Friday morning, May 29 and continuing until 7:30 A.M. The other broadcast will take place on Sunday morning, May 31, in the form of an NRC dedication to New Zealand listeners from station KSL, 1130 kcs., Salt Lake City, Utah. Our portion of this broadcast will be for a duration of one hour. We understand that this broadcast will begin at 2:00 A.M., EST, but we are not certain of the hour that will be dedicated to our club, this broadcast will last for 3 or 4 hours. All our members are urged to listen in to both of these broadcasts and send in their reports.

We are in receipt of an interesting letter from Mr. E. W. Law, of Edmonton, Alberta in which he speaks of having contacted the officials of CFRN, one of the local stations in his community, who recently took

part in our "Canada Promenades" series of broadcasts, which was on the air on the morning of April 19. Mr. Law reports that the response to this broadcast was very unsatisfactory and the management of the station are at a loss to understand this condition, inasmuch as on previous broadcasts of this type they have had a fine number of reports from all parts of these United States and Canada. We can not help but feel that this was largely due to the fact that, the particular morning in question found reception more or less poor, with the result that very few of the stations scheduled to take part in this series of broadcasts were heard here at club headquarters. Also the "All Nighters" entered into this situation, since it will be recalled that one of these stations operate on an adjacent channel to our friends in Edmonton. Then too, still one other factor enters into the reasons that we have in mind for this unsatisfactory showing, and that is that there were quite a few DXers who had already given up DXing for the season, inasmuch as quite a few of the DXers give up their DXing activities as early as April 1.

According to the Canadian DX Relay, we learn that the Canadian Radio Commission is to be removed and some other system of management for controlling the radio situation to replace it. Most likely, however, the change will not affect the DXers to any extent although, higher powered stations seem necessary in order to give Canada the proper coverage that it should have.

Since our last Bulletins went out, we understand that the following new stations have taken the air, WEOA, KGIX and WLAK, we hope that quite a few of our members have been successful in adding these stations to their logs. If not, we trust that all of these will be added to the FCC Monitoring Schedules in order that we may all have an opportunity of hearing them next winter. WEOA has been on this list, ever since the frequency checks were revised last January.

HERE and THERE

More super-power applicants include KDKA and WGY--both asking for 200 kilowatts. The CBS are also expected to ask for 500,000 watts for a few of their stations.

EAJ7, Madrid, Spain, recently was fined \$30.00 for exceeding the five-minute-per-hour advertising time allotted to stations in that country...KFJZ, 1370 kcs., Fort Worth, Texas, opened their new high-fidelity xmtr May 10th, using 250 watts days, and 100 nights...

WBZA, Boston, have requested the FCC for permission to change to 550 kilocycles. This will naturally end the synchronization of WBZ-WBZA.

DX CHATTER-SW's (E.S.T.) By A. W. Oppel
 DID YOU KNOW...that the sked of TGW (9.45), Guatemala City, is as follows: 1-3 P.M., daily; 9-10 P.M. and 11 P.M. to 1 A.M.; Saturday; 11 P.M. to 7 A.M., Sunday...KKK, (7.52), Honolulu, are on Tuesdays from 12:30-1 A.M....the new German Zeppelin uses 200 watts for code and 125 watts for voice transmission. It is expected they will use 24 meters, altho their operator has a choice of from 4,280 to 17,700 kilocycles...that BNY, 1350 kcs., Bronx, N. Y., has been licensed to construct a new 200-watt short wave xmtr at Cliffside, N.J....HI8Q, Trujillo, D. R., is now working on 6.24 megs., using a new 300-watt xmtr from 4:40-9:40 P.M....HI3U, Santiago de los Caballeros, D. R., is using its new 100-watt transmitter on a frequency of 6.01 megs., from 8:10-9:40 P.M....TFJ, Reykjavik, Iceland, is again being heard. It was heard last Sunday from 2:40-3 P.M., EDST... a new station will be erected at Panama City, using the call HP5Z on 6.12 megs., and with a power of 200 watts... a new station on the Island of Panay, Philippines, has been heard on 7.85

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megs., around 1-2 A.M., EST. The call has been identified as KZGH...
PCJ (9.59), Holland, is on the air every Wednesday from 7-10 P.M....
VP3MR (7.08), Georgetown, British Guiana, is on the air daily from 6-10
P.M., and Sundays from 9-11 A.M.. OAX4J (6.0), Lima, Peru, expect to in-
crease power to 2 kilowatts about August 1st..the three French short
wave stations PTA2, PTA3 and PTA4, have four transmissions daily: 2-5
A.M. on 11.88; 5:55-11 A.M. on 15.24; 11:15 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on 11.88
and 6:45 P.M. to 1 A.M. on 11.72 megacycles?

SHORT WAVE DEPARTMENT By Ed Brandon

We are greatly indebted to Pat Reilly, Jamestown, N. Y. for quite a bit of information which we have on hand for this issue of the DX News. To begin with, Pat tells us: that the first two experimental broadcasts of PCJ, on their new experimental frequency to the Dutch West Indies and these United States were outstanding successes. It has not been determined whether exceptional weather breaks were encountered on these nights or not, but the fact is that the Holland station came through so strong that one listener in the East thought he had Cuba because a rumba was being played and he was astonished when he learned that it was a phonograph recording from the Netherlands. Pat says that he understands that these broadcasts will be continued Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M., EST. The exact wavelength of this station is 31.28 meters, or 9.59 megacycles. One of the outstanding features of the second in the series of experimental broadcasts was the passing of the "Hindenberg" over the studios that night enroute to the United States.

No doubt many of our members were interested in the running of the London Derby which took place on May 27 at Epsom Downs. A running account of this famous derby was carried by the short-wave stations of the British Broadcasting Corp.

It might be interesting to know that the first broadcasting of this annual event was back in 1926, but it was not permissible in those days to mention anything at all about the race, and certainly not the name of the winner. The broadcast dealt with a description of the scene at Epsom Downs.

The Summer Olympics which are just about ready to take place in another month, will be broadcast by the German Short-Wave station DJD, 25.4 meters., 11.77 megs. Reports will be transmitted to America in both German and English on the sports events of the day and the results obtained by the various Olympic teams. The times of these broadcasts will be 7:00 to 8:00 P.M., EST. and in English only from 9:15 to 9:30 P.M.

Big Ben, which has become a familiar identification of the British stations to Short Wave Listeners over the entire Universe, has at last found a rival. Another clock is now vying with Big Ben for popularity via the ether waves. The big tower clock in Melbourne, Australia which strikes the hour promptly at 6 A.M., daily except Sunday over VK3ME, 9.51 megs., is fast becoming a medium of identification of this Australian station. Listeners are suggested to tune for this station between 4 and 7 A.M., EST.

First hand information regarding the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary will be broadcast by the London stations via short waves. The chief broadcast will take place this coming Friday, May 29 at 9 P.M. at which time there will be a description given of the ship via short waves. News flashes will emanate from the ship nightly at 7:50 P.M., EST.

A letter from Jacob N. Mitchell, our St. Joseph, Mo. member brings us this information. He says that he had no idea that the Trans-Atlantic Relay stations were sealed up so tightly, and that when he gets a SW receiver, his first ambition will be to find as many T. A. Relay channels as possible. Mr. Mitchell says he is awaiting with interest any reply that Paul Trice may give Ed Brandon regarding his query of some-time ago, when Ed asked Paul whether he noticed any interference from GSB when HFJ was on the air? Our St. Joe friend is interested in seeing what effect directional antennas have upon short wave reception.

Ed Brandon is in receipt of a letter from Press Wireless, Inc. in which they thank him for having sent in a report on their test transmissions conducted during the week of April 21 to 25th inclusive. The information in the letter says that these tests were conducted primarily to obtain technical information regarding the practicability and possibilities of radio telephonic dissemination of public information to newspapers, news associations and other recognized mediums of public information. In describing their transmitter, they say that it is located at Hicksville, L. I. and has an output of 1,000 watts. However on April 25, they put on a special antenna directed to the west which effectively increased their power to 10,000 watts. Commencing on June 1st, they are contemplating to run another week's test using the same frequency, which we believe will be 6,425 kcs. The call of this station, incidentally is W2XGB. They say that on this occasion their carrier power will be 10 KW but by using their special antenna this will give them the equivalent power of a 100 KW station, which will undoubtedly be the most powerful short wave transmitter in existence in this country. Therefore they are very anxious to have SW listeners keep on the watch for this series of tests and to send in their reports.

DX CHATTER (E.S.T.) By A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that the Democrat-News Company, Inc., received permission to erect a new station at Lewistown, Montana, on 1200 kilocycles, and with 100 watts power--unlimited...WNAC, 1230 kcs., Boston, will boost day power to 5000 watts, from 2500...it is probable that a new station on 790 kcs., 1000 watts, will be granted to Pittsburg, Kansas...WBNO, 1200 kcs., New Orleans, La., has been sold and will probably change call letters...KIRO, 710 kcs., Seattle, increases power to 1000 watts on May 15th...KHBC, 1420 kcs., Hilo, Hawaii, started broadcasting May 1...definite action on applications for 500,000 watts is not expected by the FCC before the Fall...that KFYR, 550 kcs., Bismarck, N. D., DX the second Thursday of each month from 2:30-3:00 A.M...WDBJ, 930 kcs., Roanoke, Va., increases day power to 5000 watts, from 1000...KGHL, 780 kcs., Billings, Mont., increased day power to 5000 watts, from 2500...W2XR, 1550 kcs., Long Island City, N. Y., will increase broadcasting hours starting May 19 to 4 to 9 P.M. (EDST), and will also move their studios to New York City...WBNI, 1350 kcs., Bronx, N. Y., will increase power to 1000 watts, from 250...TAR, 780 kcs., Norfolk, Va., will increase night power from 500 to 1000 watts, this increase being made possible by the installation of a directional antenna...

New Stations and Call Letters...

- WAYX, 1200 kcs., Waycross Broadcasting Co., Waycross, Ga.
- WJRD, 1200 kcs., James A. Doss, Jr., Tuscaloosa, Fla.
- KDNC, 1200 kcs., Democrat-News Co., Inc., Lewistown, Mont.
- 640 kcs., Portland, Maine, Portland Broadcasting System, Inc.

New Stations and Call Letters (Continued)

- , 1210 kcs., Herbert Lee Blige, Lima, Ohio
 KANS, 1210 kcs., Charles W. Theis, Wichita, Kansas
 WFOY, 1210 kcs., Fountain of Youth Properties, Inc. St. Augustine,
 Florida
 X -----, 1370 kcs., Champaign News-Gazette, Inc., Champaign, Ill.
 X -----, 1420 kcs., W. A. Paterson, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 KRBC, 1420 kcs., Reporter Broadcasting Corp., Abilene, Tex.
 -----, 1500 kcs., Utah Broadcasting Company, Salt Lake City.
 KBST, 1500 kcs., Big Spring Herald Broadcasting Co., Big Spring, Tex.
 KPLT, 1500 kcs., North Texas Broadcasting Co., Paris, Tex.
 WNLG, 1500 kcs., Thames Broadcasting Corp., New London, Conn.
 (X - previously predicted in DX Chatter)

Latest available information reports that an honorary board of nine governors representing all parts of Canada, has been recommended to take over the Control of the Canadian Broadcasting situation, thereby supplanting the Canadian Radio Commission, which has been in existence during the past three or four years. The new system will be patterned after the British Broadcasting System's control of stations.

Raymond S. Swenson, 2325 Tenth Street, Rockford, Ill., writes that he has succeeded in obtaining special rates on the "ALL WAVE RADIO" magazine. He says that between now and June 15th, NRC members can subscribe to this magazine at the rate of \$2.00 per year, whereas the regular rate is \$2.50 a year. In addition to receiving this magazine for a whole year you will also receive a radio handbook edited by Frank Jones. Any of our members who are interested in this magazine, are asked to write to Mr. Swenson, at the above mentioned address.

At this time we wish to announce the winners of Bob Rawstron's Verification Contest, which has been conducted by our club this season. The first prize, a year's subscription to Radex goes to J. J. Becker, Sr., who incidentally is our ever active first Vice President; the second prize, a pair of headphones goes to Robert M. Weaver, and the third prize a screwdriver kit goes to Mrs. A. C. Johnson of Henry, S. D. Within a few days these prizes will be on their way to the various winners. We want to publicly thank Mr. Rawstron for having sponsored this contest for our club this season.

There is very little more news on hand for this issue of our Bulletin, which of course means that we shall conclude this month's issue with five pages. Next month we hope to have a write-up on the Get-Together along with the Bulletin, in addition to all the latest DX News which we may have on hand by that time.

Now---don't forget, we're all hoping to see many of our friends here for our Get-Together, which will take place the Third Sunday in June. Drop us a line and let us know if you're coming, so that we'll have a general idea as to how many to expect. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel to make this the most successful Get-Together that we've ever had in the history of the club.

We also want to extend a cordial invitation to any of our members, or friends, who may happen to be passing through York while they are on their Summer vacations, to be sure and drop off to see us. We'll sure welcome the opportunity to meet any and all of you personally.

NATIONAL RADIO CLUB'S GET TOGETHER - JUNE 21, 1936 at 2:00 P.M., EST. Club Headquarters, are 603 N. Market St., York, Penna. Plan to be here!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!