

MADRID CONFERENCE.

Concluding Report.

THERE is little to add to the November report of the Madrid Conference. On December 9 the tenth and final plenary session took place, and the result of the Conference is that Amateur Radio to all intents and purposes remains unchanged, and after a hard struggle we have retained all of our frequency bands intact.

We have been through an anxious time during the eighteen to twenty months of preparation for the Conference in the endeavour to be ready for any and every eventuality, and, frankly, we are very relieved now all is over.

I will conclude by giving the final decisions affecting amateur radio.

Article 1.—Definitions. Amateur station has been given a separate definition as was asked for.

Article 5.—All amateur bands remain the same as in the Washington Convention.

Article 6.—At the end of paragraph 2, a further sentence has been added, as follows:—"The above regulations may be modified by special arrangements between the countries interested."

Article 33.—The I.A.R.U. will be invited to take part in future C.C.I.R. meetings.

The Articles have been re-arranged slightly in the new Convention, and the two Articles that we have come to know almost by heart, Articles 5 and 6, have become Articles 7 and 8.

The Madrid Conference has accepted the Egyptian Government's invitation for the next Conference to be held in Cairo in the Autumn of 1937. We must have our eyes on the future, and I think we should be doing more on our lower frequency bands: there is a lot of work to be done here.

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