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"After 5 years with the NRC renewal in the World's best DX Club is a must. Thanks to the volunteers who make the NRC possible. " (Ken Chatterton, N.Y.)

IN THIS WEEK'S DX NEWS...

The Golden 20's - Ben Veio

The NSP Situation: A Broadcaster's View - Jerry Starr

NEW NRC MEMBERS THIS WEEK...



*Benjamin Calucci, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

*A. Y. Papafingos, Riverside, California

*Rogers Deakin, St. Louis, Missouri

*Albert Mariani, Springfield, Massachusetts

Welcome to the NRC, gentlemen; we hope to be reading of your DX activities often here in DX NEWS. **Dr. Deakin is the last of the "missing" 4 new members** whose applications were stolen along with GPN's car last November. We apologize for the delay but as GPN told his insurance company, it just couldn't be helped...

RENEWALS...

Woodward... Foutz... Wilkinson... Northup... Chatterton... Hardison... Seaver...

NOTES FROM HQ...

No IDXD Monitor Reports this week; last minute call from Foxy reports that circumstances beyond his control prevented completion of his section this week; back on regular schedule next issue. **Hottest tip of the week, he relays, is the Peruvian, R. Nacional de Peru, Iquitos being heard on 1017 kHz from its normal channel of 1030...** Credit Department: last week's publication session - Big George Kelley, Lynn & Cary Pall, Diane and Carlita Nelson. Composition of this week's DX NEWS: Big George, Randy Kane, & GPN... Latest word from the Wilds of New Jersey is that the World Radio Handbooks are in the mail & will probably have been received before you read this... High latitude cx are definitely on the up-swing; perhaps an early termination of the Midwinter Anomaly?... Phillips/Peterson: Who or what is, was, or will be Lash LaRue? Most interesting letter in from Zbigniew Ogorek in Poland; held for next week...

*GPN, BGK, RK

BGR-NRC CONTROL

Since the collapse of CX in Mid-November I have done little DX, however, here's what I've heard. 11/15 Horby, Sweden-1178 very strong with female announcer in Swedish at 5:30 pm, some Barcelona underneath. Country number 69. After this date CX have been mostly poor, occasionally fair. 11/22 CJSA-1230 Que. s/off good in French at 1 am. 12/2 Agadir, Morocco-1196 good with Far East style mx at 4:59 pm. 12/4 WPIK-730 Va. s/off heard well o/u WPIT at 4:44 pm. WECB-650 Emeraldum College Boston with rock show w/WSM at 5:15 pm, has been heard during the day ever since. 12/20 WOBR-1530 NC heard well on test at 4:10 am w/WCKY OC. This was a very auroral evening. 1/2 WFBC-1330 SC. good at 3:48 am w/ID, then into MOR mx. 1/10 CHWO-1250 Ont. with great signal at 3:33 am w/MOR and ID o/u Pittsburgh. 1/13 WHNC-890 NC. finally heard at 4:48 am w/ET ID; all I ever get at sunset on this channel is super-pest Algeria. 1/25 WRIZ-1550 Fla. s/off good in EE at 5:47 pm. 2/2 CHRJ-1480 Que. fair at 10:10 pm w/FF MOR, WBEC-1420 Ma. also finally heard, at 10:30 pm w/rock. 2/7 WGBI-910 Pa. good w/CW mx at 1:21 am ID as "GBI Country". CJOX-710 Nfld. alone and strong at 1:30 am relaying CJON-930. CFCY-630 P. E. I. finally heard after years of trying. Time was 1:35 am w/SID, under lots of OC's. CFCB-570 Nfld. amazingly strong at 1:45 am with Fake Drake format. . . . "3 weeks ago today", hi. The best catch of all this morning was BBC Radio 3 synchronous stations on 1546 kHz at 2:30 am with a dynamite signal. Highest power of any of the 11 stations is only 1 kw! A quick check on 1457 revealed that they could have sold time in Boston this morning: \$9+20. It has been brought to my attention that I've never introduced myself in a Musing, so to be consistent, I won't. Goodbye.

CARY PALL--- 220 Kelton St., Apt. 18, Boston, Mass. 02134 or 5

Second Musing this issue; sorry bout that, but last night's cx warrant reporting. 2/6 PM: CHLC-580 very loud at 10:30, twas nothing compared to the fantastic sigs from the Maritimes and Newfoundland, as CBT-540 wiped out 540 on the TRF, and very possibly the 540 Nova Scotia icebox, as the echo effect was fairly pronounced when the two stns //'ed CBC net mx. Of course, when there was no net pgmg, the icebox was leveled by CBT's powerhouse signal. CX to Northern Europe was fantastic, as BGR told above. 2/7 AM showed only two new loggings; WGLI-1290 w/rr and ID's also WAVZ-1300 noted for the first time here; sort of an E. Long Island-S. Conn. opening (take note, Cliff Reno). BGR's log of the 1 kw GBER must have really been a thrill, congrats on that one! Other recent DX feats include CHRJ-1480 on 2/2, HJCN-1100 on 11/15, CBNM-740 on 11/9. Only TA's this season were Portugal-665, BBC-647, WDR-1586, and Dakar-764 with decent sigs. Haven't really gone digging, tho. Hopefully, we'll be able to pull in a few more b4 the season ends. By the way, KNBR bombs in an I-80 in Pa. on MM's. Don't forget to keep a finger on the dial, hi. 73 gang. *

SPECIALS

	kc/s		Watts	Ant.	A.M., E.S.T.	Info:	
Mon. Feb. 14	W B R W	1170	Somerville, New Jersey	500	D-3	1:00 - 1:30 NRC	
14	W E E Z	1590	Chester, Pennsylvania	1,000	U-2	1:00 - 4:00 NRC	
14	W A Y T	1510	Wabash, Indiana	250	D-3	2:00 - 4:00 IRCA	
14	W H I O	1540	Miles, Ohio	500	D-3	3:00 - 4:00 NRC	
14	K S H M	920	Soldotna, Alaska	5,000	U-1	3:00 - 5:00 NRC	
Mon. Feb. 21	W T O R	610	Torrington, Connecticut	1,000/5000A		1:00 - 3:00 NRC	
21	K L U C	1140	Las Vegas, Nevada	10,000/500	D-1	3:00 - 3:30 NRC	
21	W A Q Y	1220	Birmingham, Alabama	1,000	D-1	5:45 - 6:45 NRC	
-or-	21	W A Q Y	1220	Birmingham, Alabama	1,000	D-1	5:45 - 6:45 NRC
Mon. Feb. 28	W B C A	1110	Bay Minette, Alabama	10,000	D-1	1:30 - 3:00 NRC	
28	W O O O	1550	New Smyrna Beach, FL	250/8A	D-1	2:00 - 4:00 NRC	
Sat. March 4	W H U M	1240	Reading, Pennsylvania	1000/250	U-1	12:00 - NRC	
Mon. March 6	K U P K	1050	Garden City, Kansas	5,000	D-1	2:00 - 2:30 NRC	
6	K I W A	1550	Sheldon, Iowa	500	D-1	3:00 - 5:00 NRC	
Mon. March 27	W M M M	1250	Westport, Connecticut	1,000	D-3	1:00 - 1:30 NRC	

W B R W - 1170. We hope that WVA will not mess this program up - after being silent at this hour for the last couple of years, lo and behold they were ON last week. We'll drop a note to WVA begging them to make way for this brand new station. Morse Code IDs, tones, marches, and voice IDs. Donald Powers, C.E. NRS EDWARDS.

W E E Z - 1590. The write-up appeared last week, but remember, this features our own NRC buddy, Dave Schmidt taking non-collect phone calls, and awarding special prizes. Send reports to him at WEZE, 3500 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, Pa. 19015. DAVE SCHMIDT.

W A Y T - 1510. IRCA's Steve Trappe will be at the mike at this brand-new station, & he too will take non-collect phone calls, at 219-563-1161. They'll be testing their new equipment, and using Middle-of-the-Road music and cycle tones, and IDs, of course. Address reports to Rosemary Rpley, Secretary, WATY Radio - 64th Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana - 46992. Tough channel, but give this fine new station a real good try! STEVE TRAPPE.

W H I O - 1540. With both 50kvs WPTX and KIEL silent, WHIO will be taking advantage of this as they conduct equipment tests on this silent day for the two 1540 giants. ZNS in Kansas may bother some Easterners, though. They'll use Top-40-type music and Voice IDs. There is a chance of a stand-by by ZNS. Send your reports to the Chief Engineer, Mr. Charles Ring, WHIO, Box 605, Miles, O. 44446. WHE BOYD.

K S H M - 920. Reports go to an old DX friend, Mr. Bert McAllister, News Director, KSRM, Box 489, Soldotna, Alaska. If memory serves correctly, Mr. McAllister was Chief Engineer at KSRM-1430, Mount Vernon, Washington. We got the info from the NRC via IRCA, and have no direct info as to what sort of program it'll be.

On the face page of the January 29th DX NEWS, KLUC-1140 was listed for Feb. 14. We believe this is Feb. 21, as their regular frequency check is on the third Monday at the specified time. A card received here from "PAT" of the Flash Alert Service also lists the date as 2/21, so the write-up'll be in next week's issue.

The WREC-WVEF DX special for WIMA appeared on January 24th; not 1/31.

HEARD SINCE LAST ISSUE

860 W X A P Ex-WERD
1400 K D R G Nov 1,000/250 U-1
1540 W B R Y Ex-WRFJ
KEEP THOSE MUSINGS COMING - DEADLINE DAY IS THURSDAY. PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE! -BNC

J. Bennington Jansworth decided not to join the NRC CPC. Last week J. Bennington Jansworth's receiver went up in smoke. Does this tell you something? Join the NRC CPC, write Jerry Slava for all the info.

GEORGE B. SHERMAN - 104 Pinewood Circle - Rosemount, Minnesota - 55068
Great DX of MM 12/27! HJDP-1020 R. Colosal @ 12:45 fair w/KGB
KGBS nulled; XEAO-910 w/'A-0' ID @ 2:30; sounded more like 5k than listed 250w.
KOMO-1000 Seattle w/local NX mentioning Bellevue @ 3:57 poor u/KTOK/XBOY; WKJB-
710 P.R. surely the one w/SSB @ 4:15 poor u/QFM; WLCY/WTOB-1380 OCs IDed @ 4:20
good w/KRKO. SSS on 12/28 was KBHM Mo. s/off QRMING WJAR @ 6. 1/1- A new year,
a new station & a new country as I heard R. San Pedro-850 Honduras @ 1:01 good w/
KOA nulled; KJIM-870 Tex. u/WWL @ 6:33pm; KPSC-1220 Col. w/SS till EE s/off @ 7:
02. 1/2 brought more good SSS w/additions of KUQA-1290 Ark. @ 6:30 s/off o/u
KOLL; KSTR-620 Col. through mess @ 7:15 s/off & KBFN-800 Col. s/off @ 7 o/XELO/
CKLW w/mention of polka & c/w format. MM 1/3 was another good one w/WBFR-970 N.Y.
briefly atop WNSW @ 2:55; WCAO-600 Md. o/all w/rr @ 3:30; YVOZ-1200 Finally @ 4:23
during WQAI SP; KDRG-1400 Mont. testing new lkw XR @ 4:45 good w/WJUZ; WKVA-920
Pa. s/on-SSB good @ 5:30 spoiling possible WJAR which would be a new state. MM
1/10 must've been the best in years as I counted 25 TA hets! WBAT-1400 Ind. was
rather poor on DX due to local KKEY (ex-WMIN) who is now NSP-MOR. Portugal-782
shocked me w/good audio @ 2:50 during WBHM SP. KING-1090 fair w/rr u/KAAY OC @ 3:
12; CFJC-910 B.C. good o/all w/mx @ 3:55; KFXD-580 Ida. o/u CKY w/rr @ 4:05;
CBNM-740 Nfld. s/on @ 4:29 w/O Canada, province #8; KBIG-740 Cal. OC, ID @ 4:43;
CEN-640 Nfld. u/KFI & //740 @ 4:37; WLNK-680 N.Y. good w/no QRM & rr @ 4:50;
CROS-560 Ont. s/on @ 5:45 w/KLZ. YVLX-570 noted fair o/WFAA @ 5:05, 1/11, during
WKFN SP, while I was looking for WMCA which does not exist, hi. 1/16- DX includ-
ed possible HIBB-1180 s/off w/march @ 1:25 after "tropical" mx & this is their
reported s/off time, but not counted as not IDed yet. After giving up on 1180
due to KSTT-1170 slop, I tuned to 1040 & was surprised to hear PRG2 w/MOR till
1:45 ID as "R. Tupi, Tupi, Tupi". Then they faded u/R. Tropical. Country #33 &
best foreign catch in some time! There'll be plenty of good foreign DX here soon
as I just bought an HQ-129-X. 1,351 heard. 73 & good DX.

BLAKE LAWRENCE - Box 803 - Canon City, Colorado - 81212

Many an issue has passed without a Musing from this once-weekly
Muser, so it's time to change all that. A Realistic TRF received before Christ-
mas has helped DX considerably because of its ability to null, & its sensitivity.
I have heard three new countries (Costa Rica - TIHB-700, El Salvador - YSS-655, &
Surinam-725) along with other goodies like TGRT-664 WSUN-620 HJXX-770 OMCA-830 &
WIMJ-620. Some of the more recent DX follows. 12/30- I found KYVA-1230 IDing on
f/c-TT @ 2:05am, a new r/c? 12/31brought YND-675 @ 1:10am. KOH-580 S.D. came
in w/ID @ 6:30pm 1/2. 1/3- KLTR-1580 Okla. in @ 6:30pm w/NX from the Okla. Net.
Mexicans XEBU-620 & XEFD-590 came in on 1/7 @ 7:18 & 7:35pm, respectively. 1/10-
Two TESTS were heard this AM: WWJC in very well @ 2:31 w/MOR, an ID, & a TC; and
WBAT-1400 fair w/TT & CW IDs @ 3:09. I was rather surprised to hear WBAT. On 1/
11, I heard KIKZ-1250 s/off @ 6:59pm w/SSB. Much-wanted KJCK-1420 Kan. came in
1/12 @ 6:12pm. 1/13- Station #900 was heard in KROE-930 Sheridan, Wyo. w/NX at
6:53pm. It seems after I passed 900, several of mu much-wanted stations started
pouring in. Examples: On 1/15, three long-desired stations, KINA-910 (@ 6:20pm),
KFMJ-1050 (@ 6:28 s/off), & KRSY-1230 (@ 7:10) were finally heard. Equally long-
sought KEZY-1190 Cal. heard @ 7:22pm 1/16 w/rr. MM 1/17 had two good surprises:
First, WHEX-1580 heard on very end of TEST giving what sounded like s/off & mail-
ing address over the "Happy Day" mx @ 3:59am. Then, WTAS-1250 in fair @ 4:36 w/
rr & contest promo. 1/23- KMAN-1280 Tex. EPing & asking for calls @ 1:33am. 1/25
- KYMC-1320 Tex. s/off-SSB @ 7:02. Roger Winsor: Your 1050 GSQ mentioned in the
1/22 edition could very well be CJNB, but I'm not absolutely certain. ERC, what
does "PPC" stand for? I know it's French-something. (Right, Blake - French-Can-
adian station -ERC) The 1/22 edition was very interesting, especially the artic-
les on station classifications and DX nostalgia. I would like to see more of
particularly the latter, as I'm interested in old radio. An interesting note:

notes: The CE at local KRLN-1400 told me that while he worked at KIAM-1450 Alaska
(a mighty 250w) they received a report from New Jersey! That's pretty hard to be-
lieve. 73s. (I'd love to see that report - ERC)

BRUCE WINKELMAN - 1404 Alumni Place - Lawrence, Kansas - 66044

1/28. Greetings once again from the frozen wastelands of Kan-
sas! More DX from Ellinwood over Christmas break: 1/9- WCKZ-1570 w/s/off @ 6:15
pm w/plug for FM outlet. 1/12- WCLB-1580 w/ID @ 5:11am; WRGA-1470 w/s/on playing
Dirie @ 5:30am. KRYS-1360 @ 5:46 w/Community Bulletin Board, good and solid for
irs lkw; WDMG-860 ID heard 5:55am; CHML-900 w/ID @ 6am. 1/13- WIDG-940 w/r/c, ID
@ 12:03am, then TT, very glad, no sign of KIOA. DX from Lawrence on my trusty
Sony portable sitting next to the window: 1/23- KFUC-850 w/s/off @ 6:59pm, no
SSB. This is the station at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. 1/27- KWHG-1500 w/
mx, ID @ 6:27pm at a fair level, then quickly dropped down but s/off still barely
there 6:28-6:30pm w/SSB. That's the extent of my DX during the last few weeks of
any note. I am starting a new log from here in Lawrence this week & mostly clears
and locals logged so far so nothing exciting to report. Apologies Dep't.: To you
guys on thd Flash Alert Network - sorry the KNEK-1540 info was too late to be of
much value to you. I called HQ & was informed it wouldn't make it to DX NEWS in
time but I didn't get hold of Flash Alert earlier due to the press of enrollment
last week - sorry. Super-pest KXEL would make it tough anyway. 363 heard from
Ellinwood, likely to be maximum from there as I will be moving to Kansas City
this Summer & want a fresh start! DX NEWS would be a bargain a twice the new
rates! I will send in my renewal tonight before Kansas U. tries to take it away
from me! 73 & bona DX.

JOSEPH MARKIEWICZ - 1394 Elgin Avenue West - Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 1B6

One network that not too much is known about is the "Contem-
porary News Network." The key station in Western Canada is CKY Winnipeg, which gets
the accurate news faster than Winnipeg's other adult radio (that's one of CKY's
promos). Anyway, here is a list of the Coast-to-Coast stations: CKMA Victoria;
CKX: Calgary; CHAB Moose Jaw; CKLG North Vancouver; CHED Edmonton; CKY Winnipeg;
CFRA Ottawa; CKBB Barrie; CHER Sydney; CHUM Toronto; CKPR Peterborough; CPOX Mon-
treal; CJCH Halifax. I've heard CFRA give a Coast to Coast Canadian ID but the
other stations don't seem to. The above list was taken from a calling card or you
could call it a business card of Bob Lami of CKY so it should be accurate. Some
people have been wondering if [redacted] verifies. I asked this question to someone who
works at CKY & he said "CKY does verify. However it does not verify every Tom
Dick or Harry who sends in a report." Now you know what CKY's policy regarding
reports is. Even though CJOB has installed a new XR I don't think it improved
their coverage area that much. Before CJOB put in a new XR, both KPEQ & KNBR
were easy in CJOB's null. Now CJOB is very easy to null & many new stations
have been making an appearance on 680. Also KPEQ is causing CJOB's signals to
flutter at times, right here in Winnipeg. I'm not the only one who has noted
this. It's interesting to see that WDFY can still bomb out KEMR during the day.
Comparing KEMR signals w/KFYR's I've concluded that KEMR sounds more like lkw than
ten. KFYR could be passed off as a local here during the day & night. Just the
other night XEVIP-1560 was heard again w/very strong signals. XEVIP was much
stronger than weak XERF & stronger than already strong XEIM. Are they really 500w
at night? Don't tell anyone but they were heard on a ten transistor portable. I
start writing my exams on 2/14, so not much listening done. 73.

MIKE SCHEEL - 5005 South Utah - Davenport, Iowa - 52804

Hi. Since I'm a new member and this is my first Musing here's a
short intro. I'm 18 1/2 and go to West High School. (I graduate in May). I used to
use an Electro-Brand 14 transistor portable but it got dropped five stories and
wasn't much led to it. I have now a YS-60 six transistor. Anybody know its man-
ufacturer? It looks like a small TV set. Antennas aren't my bag, seems like I'm
placing them twice a day. Right now I'm using a 10' length connected through an
antenna tuner (that doesn't work). You know, KOMA-610, KXEL-630. Changing the
subject, I plan to get a cassette recorder because I never thought to use one as a

continuous monitor. A rehash of 1971 - I started the year with 206 & ended with 398 (sob!) Maybe I break 500 before the year's out. Recent DX: it rolls in: 1/21- WKY2-1250 @ 12:58 r/c, WBBK-1260 after WIEB s/off w/r/c @ 1:05, KABR-1420 @ 1:25 w/TT & WLET-1420 @ 1:30 ID as WLET, Georgia. 1/22- WVOM-1420 Iuka, Miss. w/ET w/a c/w album @ 4:14. WIAQ-1410 @ 5 s/on, WDDY-1420 @ 5:01 w/r/c. KLIK-950 @ 6:05pm SSS w/sports results. KFMJ-1050 Tulsa, OK @ 6:30 s/off w/mention of FM affiliate. It was no go @ 1/3 TEST on KUPK but @ 5:45 s/off, after KFMJ went off I heard SS & thought of XEQ but heard the s/off. SM 1/23- a failure, except for infrequent KNBR. 73 & a happy 1972. (welcome to the NRC's Musings corner, Mike - we hope to hear from you soon again, but please double-space?? -ERC)

KEITH BIRLINGMAIR - Route 1 - Box 44P - Rockton, Illinois - 61072

Did you ever try to type a report in the dark? I was sitting here ten minutes ago typing one to WRNL-910, when the lights went out. This on 1/24. A brief description of the WX. It has rained much of the day. It is now below freezing. It is impossible to walk safely on the road. I know - I tried. And on top of all that, a 40MPH wind from the W has come up. Nice. DX: 1/19- I logged WKCL-1350 w/lots of ads @ 9. KLOU-1580 w/WX (thunderstorms - I heard 'em), & heavy rr, 10:57. 1/20- I logged WIXN-1460w/MoR & ads @ 5:19pm. KCTA-1030 in w/Bible program & s/off @ 7:03. KLPA-1010 heard w/light rr 7:11. KRLD-1080 @ 7:38 w/MoR, uncommon. SS on 960, w/MoR mx, loops SE, EJHN? SS on 970, loops SW, XEJ? Times, 10:04 & 10:09 respectively. 1/22- Good PM for s/off, all 1580. KAMI Hebr. @ 6:30. KLTR Okla. @ 6:42. KPIK Col. 7. Still 1580, not s/off, though - KLOU Ia. w/hard rr o/u WCLS, which had light rr. Both reported. Those two @ 7:15. CHOK-1070 heard w/light rr @ 10:45, rare. XEBC-760 u/WJR @ 11:35. KRMG-740 heard for first time @ 11:38 w/address given twice. 1/23- WRNL-910 heard w/light rr 2:37am. CMCY-920 heard w/standard rr, a pest that won't verie. Time, 2:57. XBR-1030 had definite R. Centro IDs & their six-note IS @ 3:26. EJAI-1040 in w/fair signal, & IDs as R. Tropical, same as last year. Mx was a "cumbia?" This @ 3:39. WDMA-1150 heard w/NX & WX @ 4:03. WJNN-1240 heard o/others on the frequency @ 4:09. Do they verify? They usually dominate 1240 at night. WKNR-1310 heard w/WX & rr @ 4:23. WTRX-1330 w/NX @ 4:42 o/u WFBC w/rr. 1/24- XEB-1220 o/u WGAR w/exceptional signal, no mx, @ 2:23. XELO s/on @ 3, all SS, on 800. KNBR-680 in very well w/MoR & NX @ 3:30, umm. Next, CMCY-670 tentative, SS @ 4. I heard CMB mentioned. CMQ/CMHQ // 640-630. All these noted between 4:06 & 4:27: WSUN-620 WDAF-610 WIEB-580 KSD-550 OC & KTCX-1000, all umm. Highlight of the night, KGES-1020 in very poorly @ 4:28 w/only 1/2 minute of KIKK QRM, poor log. WRNL-1600 heard again, dominates nights after KCRG s/off. Time, 4:50. WDEE-15100 heard, IDs as the Big Dec, @ 5:28. WFBC-1330 again, I got log this time, 5:48. WSYD-1300 heard w/ID & NX @ 6:30. XEWA-540 s/on in SS @ 7:01 w/high style mx, IDed as "eh-kees eh doble-voo" - where's the A in XEWA? Winds now up to 55 MPH, house shaking, no school, maybe? 73e.

RON MEEDEN - 7 Blueberry Hill - Groveland, Massachusetts - 01834

On 12/17/71 I went up to Evans Radio in Bow, N.H. I bought a used Hammarlund HQ-180AC & brought it home & started in DXing as soon as possible. I put out about 150' of copper wire going W. Stations that I have received since then are as follows: WACE-730 WHCU-870 WHYI-960 WHLI-1100 WLCY-1380 (on an ET) WNDR-1260 WIKW-990 (for a 50kw station it is quite difficult to receive, directional S), WRCH-910 WKDR-1070 WKLF-1350 & WOGO-1550 on their TEST. I have received quite a few locals I had been trying for. Verifications are coming in at a medium speed, about 45% of the reports have been verified. I am sending out f/ups, about one a week. I lost about two weeks' time 1/4-1/17 because my selectivity was slowly going on my set. I had to take it back up to Evans to have a tube replaced & to have it lined up/ The rough part of the school year is up now so maybe I'll get a bit more DXing done. I got accepted to Alderson-Broadus College down in Philippi, W.Va. I hope they will let me put up some kind of an antenna down there. Good DXing.

DEADLINE IS EVERY THURSDAY FOR MUSINGS. PLEASE DO NOT FAIL TO DOUBLE SPACE YOUR REPORTS TO MUSINGS. KINDLY INCLUDE ONLY DX AND DX-RELATED ITEMS IN THEM. -ERC

INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

PROPAGATION
& FEATURES

GORDON NELSON '48 HARVARD

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REPORTEDLY IN OPERATION

Madeira Islands. CSB91, Posto Emissor do Funchal now operates with 1 kw and a 150' antenna; a new improved antenna is expected to be in use very soon not already employed; a power boost to 10 kw is in the offing when funds become available. (Ogorek, Poland) Note: EDMUNDS, TAYLOR, AND DANGERFIELD. (I've been after this one for about 6 years now and have never even had an SAH with Vatican; very likely both a power boost and antenna improvement - this is now the best bet for a new country for almost all of us... Editor) On 1529 kHz.

South Korea. The following stations are not included in the 1972 WRTVH: HLAS-680, 10 kw, Seo Hae Broadcasting Company (SBC); address Jook Seong Dong 44-2, Kunsan. HLAA-1220, power unknown, Choliru Broadcasting Company, Kwangju. The KBS station HLCS, Sokcho, has moved from 1570 to 1170 and is heard with very strong signals in Japan. Presumably a substantial power increase; said to be beaming programming to North Korea and has been heard in Sweden so may well be highly directional. South Korea is still jamming broadcasts from the North; strong jamming noted in Tokyo after JST midnight on 625, 695, et al. (Lars Ryden, Japan)

North Korea. Continues nightly broadcasts of figures (code), read by woman announcer. Hrd after JST midnight on several N. Korean MW frequencies such as 655, 695, 735, etc. (Ryden, Japan) One percent instructions for North Korean intelligence agents; 99% random garbage to keep NSA busy... Ed.

Tahiti. Tahiti on 740 announces as 20 kw. (Pete Taylor, in the South Pacific)

Bulgaria. A new station is heard in Sweden on 762 kHz; no further info. (ARC)

Gabon? Arctic reports reception of a West African supposedly identified as Gabon on 1416 kHz, (ARC) Perhaps indeed Gabon (unheard in North America to date); also possibly mis-ID of Bamako, Mali, also currently operating around this frequency? (Editor)

India. The EBU reports an unid Indian station on 725 heard at local sunset; no further information. Split frequency Indian stations are most important since the offer the only chance of reception here in North America; the last time EBU reported an Indian on 725 it turned out to be SRS in Surinam in Hindi; we had to set the pro's straight, to their considerable embarrassment... This one looks o.k., though, since there's no chance for a Surinam-Europe path being open around European locan sunset. Any more information? (Editor)

CLANDESTINE & Otherwise...

"Voice of Greek Democrats Abroad", On 12/21 the pro-communist clandestine Greek-language station, the "Voice of the Truth" broadcast the following: "The Voice of the Greek Democrats Abroad broadcasts every Tuesday evening... on 998 kHz from 2145-2200 CET... directed mainly to expatriate Greeks in the East and West..." Hmmm, the closest high power Russian transmitter to Greece is Kishnov, Moldavia on 998 kHz... Such subtlety... (Editor)

THE NSP SITUATION ★ A BROADCASTER'S VIEWPOINT

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In recent times a great deal of hue and cry has gone up within the DX community concerning stations operating on a No-Silent-Period schedule. In recent months a number of NRC and IRCA members have suggested writing to stations asking for silent periods for the sake of the DXing hobby, a few have even asked members to write to the FCC asking them to require silent periods in order to preserve the hobby. While one can understand their zeal toward such efforts, remember that there is always two sides to every story. Having been a DXer and broadcaster for the past 18 years, I feel I am qualified to speak on the subject in a fair manner from a realistic standpoint.

The first thing to consider is almost a fact of life: NSP stations will always be with us. Like it or not, that's the way it is. Even those crusading for letter-writing campaigns must realize in the back of their minds that NSP stations will go right on with their schedules anyway. Now before you start calling them names, let's look at it from their side. Let's deal in facts,

There are, at the most, a thousand medium-wave DXers in the country, probably half of these are what would be called "active" DXers. Out of 180 million people, this is really a tiny part of a percent of the people served by the broadcasting industry. With less than 4500 AM stations on the air and less than forty percent of these holding full-time licenses, that's really not a great number of stations for the population.

One argument is "Nobody really listens to radio at three or four o'clock in the morning" but this is just not true. Many people get up at 5 in the morning, many get home at 5 in the morning. Anybody living in or near any city with industry knows this. Any metropolitan area has people awake, going and coming at all hours, and these people are all prospective listeners. With most television stations off the air at that time, radio becomes their only connection with the outside world, their only source of broadcast entertainment or information. Suppose you are an industrial worker driving home after working a late shift at, say, 3:00 AM. You turn on your car radio and there's nothing there. Get the picture? Suppose there is some sort of a national emergency, you hear the sirens and turn on your radio and there's nothing there! It could happen.

Now look at it from another angle. It's Monday morning and a handful of DXers are trying to hear something through WCCO, for example. Wouldn't it be foolish to believe that there aren't more people trying to hear WCCO than those few DXers who are trying NOT to hear it? Think about it. And in the case of the higher-powered stations, people in the rural areas who DO get up very early in the morning count on their favorite station being there. Whether you want to admit it or not, NSP stations ARE offering a service to their listeners, listeners who number many times the DXers in a given area on a given day who wish the station was off the air. A station's primary obligation is to serve the people who want to listen, the regular or steady

listener, rather than the small number of DXers who think the station is a pest. If you think that people aren't listening to any station at any hour of the day, you're wrong. Stations that air commercials or announcements inviting listener response in the early morning hours find again and again that people ARE out there. Again, it's a fact of life, sad but true.

By this time, I imagine some of you are thinking I'm one of the bad guys for saying things in favor of NSPers. Well, being an avid DX fan, I've sat up and called a NSP station names just like you have, but being in the broadcasting business I also can see the other side of the coin. Sure, I wish WHOT would go off the air once in awhile, I'd like to hear something else on 1330, but I also realize the reason it is NSP.

Now for the letterwriting campaign. I'd be willing to bet that if DXers wrote letters to a thousand stations asking for silent periods, the results would be zero. While some stations agree to standby for short periods for a DX special on their frequency (a'la WHN) it is doubtful that any station would permanently alter their NSP schedules in response to DXers letters. Stations just don't work that way. Such letters would be viewed with thoughts ranging from "That's interesting" to "They've got a lot of nerve". The only result I can foresee for writing such letters is antagonism. An NSP station friendly to DXers, the ones that take the time to answer with veries, might decide "the hell with these guys". In fact, this has already happened. Stations with NSP schedules are on the air to serve their listeners or to make some money, usually a combination of both. Let's be completely realistic about it, while YOU think the DXing hobby is the most important thing you do with your spare time, to a station DXers are an insignificant minority, another fact of life. Call me names if you like, but that's just the way it is. If there were a hundred-thousand DXers, things might be different but that just isn't the case.

The best advice I could give about NSPers is: Learn to live with them, they'll be there whether we like it or not. They are a child of our times, a 24-hour-a-day society begets 24-hour-a-day stations.

If you still want to write letters, try this: Write to NSP stations and ask when their next silent period is scheduled. Even "NSP" stations have occasional silent periods, as you know. A station would probably be willing to tell you when they are off the air, even if it's only once-a-year. This information would be very useful for DXing purposes and in scheduling DX tests. Try it.

I hope I have shed some light on the NSP situation. This isn't an endorsement of NSP schedules by any means, I'm just telling it like it is. 73 and Good DX!



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Greetings. With this issue, we can safely announce that we're caught up again. CX have been strange, w/ things going from dead to noisy, hi. As not much to note here, we'll move on into DX:

W/E

JANUARY: 1st SA: WSHN-1550; 2nd M: KDTH-1370; 3rd F: WSCM-1290, WFOY-1240; 3rd SA: KSRC-1290, KONI-1280; Last of Mo.: KQWB-1550.

NEW CHECKS: 2nd F: WTOR-610-CT, 0030-0045 w/ TT (per stn, via RJE)
3rd T: WFTN-1400-SC, 0050-0105 w/ TT (Per stn., via Boyd)
3rd F: WHUN-1150-PA, 0430-0445 w/ TT (Per old list, still good, via Kureth)
WMSL-1400-AL, 0300-0315 w/DT (Per old list, still good, via Winsor)

call applications

1470 Broadway-Timberville, Va CP req. WBTX

changes

- + 1400 KEEY-MN ex-WMIN
- + 1460 WAXC-NY ex-WHEC
- + 1510 WHPA-PA new call, Honesdale CP.

daytime

- 940 WINE-CT Off 1/25 1300-1600+ due to high winds, power failure. CEM hrd fair-to-poor all afternoon (Mike Collins, Stratford,CT)
- 1170 WBRW-NJ Hrd 1/23 w/ID 1330, MoR o/WHLW. Has nice sound to it. (Tom Sundstrom, Willingboro, N.J.) Hrd daily here o/u WMLE-WHLW (Collins)
- 1240 WGBB-NY Off 1/25 1315-1415 due to winds, pwr. failure. W/ WJCO mull'd, pulled WOCB-Mass., (Collins)
- WOCB-MA Hrd w/ WGBB off w/ local nx, Ae logo, 1400, then MoR (MC)
- 1380 WTVR-VA Finally ID'ed as unID u/local WAYB 1/22 1400 (Joe Kureth, New Windsor, Md)
- 1410 WHT3-NJ Hrd 1/30 w/ nx 1255-1300, ID, psa's o/WDOV w/ loop (TRS)

sunset & evening

- 1220 CKSM-QU Hrd 1/7 1900 w/ FF pgm in mull of WGAR (Leo Alster, Rahway NJ)
- CJSS-ON Hrd w/ nx, wx, rr 1/7 1903 in/out w/CKSM (Alster)
- 1500 WGMF-NY Hrd 1/30 1620-30 w/ MoR, 1630 psa's & ID o/WTOP w/loop(TRS)
- 1540 WRGM-VA Hrd w/ c&w o/u WDON c&w, WPTR rr 1/28 1708 ID (RJE)
- 1550 WSER-MD In briefly for taped ID 1657 1/25, never bl hrd @ SSS (RJE)
- WYOU-FL In well atop channel w/ s/off 1800 1/25. (RJE)
- WSAO-MS Hrd s/off wk u/WMOO SSB 1/25 1815 (RJE)
- WYNA-NC In/out w/ WKBA, WRIZ w/ c&w 1720-30 s/off 1/26 (RJE)
- WPXY-NC Hrd SID, voice ID in mess 1712 1/31 (RJE)
- 1570 WYCA-NC Unn., but in well @ s/off for tape 1726-29 1/25 (RJE)
- WYTI-VA S/off hrd 1730 1/25 in/out w/ others. (RJE)
- WLSG-SC Hrd w/ nx, ID 1725-28 1/31 u/CKLM (RJE)
- 1580 WSRF-FL Did not change pattern & power on time 1/26. Per ERC, cut 29 mins. late at 1814. (RJE)
- WILA-VA Hrd w/ soul mx well atop channel, ID s/off 1800 2/1. (RJE)

***** FLASH LAST MINUTE PHONE TIP FROM JERRY STARR SEZ THAT WKEN-570 in Youngstown is encountering a strike by employees and is now going off at 0000 DAILY. Check this on MM's EC'ers for WJAX & other goodies. Jerry sez indications are it'll be a long strike.....

midnight to sunrise

- 830 WNYC-NY TT & ID 0035 1/25 e/w/ WJCO (JEK)
- 850 WJWC-MN TEST copied fair u/KOA OC 0200-0230 1/10. KOA on thru entire test w/ tones (Paul K. Hart, Ft. Worth, Tx.)
- 930 WJAX-FL Vy strong MM 1/24 most of AM, NSP? (Dave Schmidt, Wilmington, DE) ** Yes - RJE
- 940 KHOS-AZ Finally a satisfactory tape, copied info on contest 0207 1/17 (PKH)
- + 950 KDSX-TX On AN 1/17 announcing 24 hrs. Called, are NSP. There goes another MM freq. (PKH)
- WPEN-PA Noted off 1/24 MM 0100-0500 (DS)
- 950 CHNS-NS Very strong MM 1/24 0215 w/ nx promo. (DS)
- 950 WONE-OH Hrd briefly 1/24 0347 w/ c&w. Rare in these parts (DS)
- * WILK-PA S/off noted 0025 MM 1/31. This is apparently something new. (RJE)
- KFWB-CA Unn. but well hrd 0446 1/17 in WSIX mull & u/OC of unID tester. First time since WSIX NSP. (PKH)
- KMBZ-MD Noted off 1/17. Strong TT there 0130-0245+, suspect this. ET/TT 0200-0240+ 1/ 31 (Starr) ** So that's who it wuz w/ PoP-type thing. Looped that way, no ID's 0030-0130 (RJE)
- 1020 KQRS-CA Vy strong 0358 1/24 w/nx. (DS)
- 1150 WTAH-TX Bombed in on ET 1/17 0130-39 w/ c&w, ID's at beginning and end of test.(PKH)
- 1250 WDAE-FL AN 1/17, must be NSP (PKH)
- WYMA-SC ET'ing 0345 1/17, then normal s/on 0500 (PKH)
- 1260 WFRM-IN Hrd 1/22 w/ end of "Open Line" to 0000 ID o/u local WBUZ w/loop (TRS)
- x 1250 WHEM-MS Good battle o/u WTAE most of AM 1/24 (Wes Boyd, Youngstown,)
- 1290 WBBF-NY Hrd 1/22 w/ sx ending 0009, ID, again ID & TC 0019 (TRS)
- ++ 1300 WFSB-MD Is ON MM's. Hrd w/ RS-sounding pgm top-ho ish 1/24 (Boyd)
- 1310 WBR -TX Off 0100-0200 1/17, only KBUZ u/them (PKH)
- 1370 KAMA-AR ET w/ c&w 0215-0220 1/12, 2 ID's, then abruptly off (PKH)
- 1380 WDEB-IN S/on 0500 1/24 u/normal WAOK. Call sez SP will be reduced to once per month when moved to new XR site in about 3 months. (PKH) ** That'll mess up the best MM freq. going, so hit 1380 NOW... -RJE
- WTOB-MD Hrd testing 0430 1/24, OC voice ID's (PKH) Our OC "friend" is apparently this/ hrd an ID almost knocked my ear off. (Boyd)
- 1420 WHK -OH Off MM 1/24 (Boyd) (Boyd)
- WOC -IA Hrd to 0100 s/off 1/24, then only KTCE-WBSM to past 0400
- *** WBSM-MA Hrd w/ def. WBSM ID 0055 w/ TC, MoR. Call change?? (TRS) ** This musta been an error, as no notice of proposed change-RJ: /// Hrd 1/31 above.
- 1430 KTIN-ND DX NOT HRD: CKFH dominating. 50kw yet?? (Yes-RJE) WJWR w/ TT's too. Wk. TT hrd 0316 thru WJWR OC & break in pmg. of CKFH. (TRS) NOT HRD here. TT's hrd during sked. time but also bl & after. (Starr) ** Maybe you had WJWR-RJE
- 1440 unID TT here 1/31 0120-0200+ w/ no ID u/WAAB & o/CKFH. TT or het from Cuban? (TRS)** Believe the latter, as hrd here earlier - RJE
- WROK-IL Copied ET 0515-1/17. Call sez testing irreg. this time.(PKH)
- 1450 WLPW-VA W/UPI nx, local wx & Top ho 0133-36 & 0158-0200 1/26. AN-6 now?? (Boyd)

- 11460 KBON-CA Finally w/ Top 40, jingle ID, TC & rock-religion pgm 1/24
0325-35. Bits of KSWX behind. (Boyd)
WPMX-AL Hrd 1/31 on ET w/ TT 0150 t/in - 0220 w/ ID 0201, atop
freq. (TRS)
- 11470 WOND-CH Copied first time in RS 0430 1/10 (PKH)
11480 WBLU-MT On ET w/rr oldies 0210-29 well o/WABC-WRLW (Boyd)
WHOM-SE ET-TT 0150-0200 w/ ID 0200, (TRS)
- 11490 KLAN-NE Nice sigs AN 1/24. (PKH)
WROL-TN AN'ing w/rr 1/25 0027 (JEK)
- 1550 KHH-CA Hrd s/off 0300 1/24 o/u WOGO DX. (DS)
WOTO-PL Hrd here 0300+ w/ 64 watt PSA. (DS) Hrd 0300-0402 1/24 w/ ID's
every few mins. peaks o/S9 on beverage, great sig for only
250 watts. Found out later was DX TEST (Starr)*Part of that
time they were on 64 watt PSA - RJE /// DX hrd both on 250
& 64 watts 0310-40 w/ OC, TT, many ID's. WILL TEST AGAIN
2/28 0200-0400!!! per call (Marc DeLorenzo & Frank Waldron,
Hyannis, Mass.)
- 1560 WKOG-GA Hrd w/ test w/ c/w, 1/27, ball sez CE will probably sked.
a reg ET 1st or 2nd Tue. AM of month. (MC)
Hrd w/ ET w/ Dean Martin album 1/27 0216-24 (Boyd)
- 1550 WVAB-VA W/many diff. tones & OC's 0111-0155+, 1/22, good sigs.(Boyd)

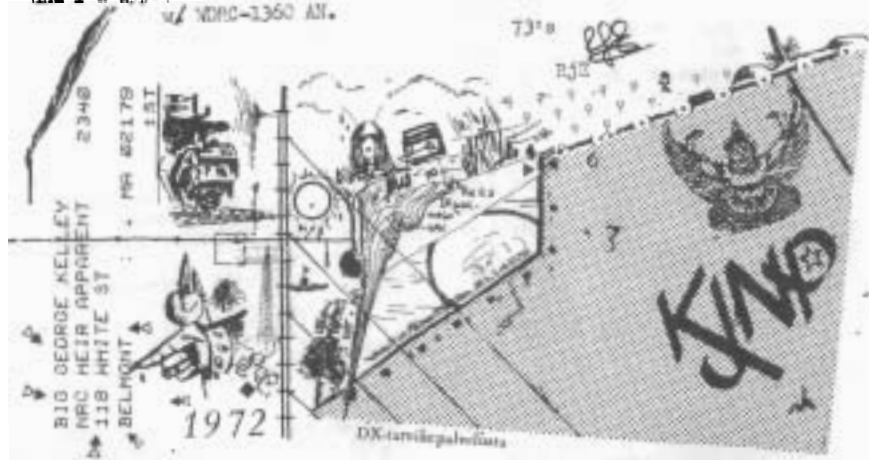
That's all, folks...

Now, if I may, some suggestions to Western CPC'ers: Really rough EC logs
are Ore., Ida., WYO. How 'bout some tests from here, such as:

KWJL-1060, KXL-750, KSRV-1380 for Ore.
KSEM-1140, for Idaho
KCGO-1530, KEND-980, for Wyo.

Those would seem best from the East. Other good bets from CPC from rough
states: KSBG-1140-SD, KPCX-1480-MT,

For WC'ers needing Eastern states, I'm trying for another WRAN-1510-NJ test,
and I'd appreciate other suggestions for Del., R.I., CT., tho' the latter



THE GOLDEN 20S

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Gordon Nelson's treatise "Down to Earth Grounds" describing a splendid ground system for your receiver. The January 22nd issue carried a most interesting report from Ray Moore on the late Ollie Ross' ground: four feet of copper tubing and rock salt!

For those who may be interested I have been a DXer for some 49 years but not continually active in the hobby, have been an NRC'er nearly four years; I'm retired and in my middle sixties.

It was my good fortune in the early twenties to become fascinated with radio. How many can remember these old call letters- DN4, AMB, PWX? Perhaps just a few old-timers. It was great, fellow DXers, twisting the dials in those days. There was no R.F. pollution then, no disturbances, no man-made noise or static as we know it today. Every radio station in the San Francisco bay area would sign-off every evening for a half-hour between 7:30 and 8:00 PM in behalf of the DXers!

In these early days interred Ford radiators, copper washboilers, dead B batteries and other metals were used for radio grounds with varying success. The water-pipe ground, the gas-pipe and the steam-pipe are merely hitching posts for electrical devices and should always be avoided by the serious DXer due to their high resistance. For those who are using the above type grounds I suggest you peruse GPN's reference on this subject in the November 27th issue of DX News.

During the early twenties I lived with my family in a hilltop home in Piedmont overlooking the San Francisco bay. Our location I felt was ideal for reception. I was sort of crank on antennae so I engaged an amateur operator in the neighborhood to assist me in installing the aerials. Three separate long wires of varied lengths were put up at different angles. Later I acquired a Radiola loop. Does anyone remember them? The next phase was a good ground. Let me relate the story of my ground system since it reminds me so much of Ollie Ross' copper tubing and rock salt ground.

In 1926 a wireless and railroad telegrapher, C.H. Preston of Chatsworth, California began experimenting with chemical grounds. While first developing this ground he used blue vitriol (copper sulfate -ed.) and copper plate but the chemical action soon consumed the copper plate. Later he worked out a formula containing several ingredients wherein neutralizing chemicals preserved the copper in its original state and permitted the action of the sulfate to grow into a spongy mass of copper while collecting its own moisture. The container was a heavy gauge copper cylinder about five inches in diameter and some two feet long.

The efficiency of this ground system proved so successful it was introduced to the radio market known as the "Permanent Radio Ground". It was featured in Radio Doings, the popular radio magazine of that era. Several radio stations including KNX installed the special size (weighing about 200 pounds) designed particularly for the broadcasting industry.

For several years these grounds were sold to radio listeners throughout the Pacific Coast. I was one of the early users of this excellent system, having buried two of the copper cylinders outside my DX den window. Some of my record DX catches were: 7ZL Hobart, Tasmania-516 meters (583 KHz -ed.), 250 watts; 6ST Stoke-on-Trent, England-288.5 m (960 KHz) 200 watts; CHNS Halifax, Nova Scotia-365m (825 KHz) 100w; KFIU Juneau, Alaska - 10 watts; KRC Changchai on 365m 100w. My domestic DX included 36 verified stations

14 in New York state including Ollie Ross' WOKO but their location in 1927 was Peekskill, N.Y., transmitting on 233 meters (775 KHz) with a power of 50 watts. Perhaps one of my best domestic catches was a small station in NRC HQ's present backyard- WAGS, Somerville, Mass. on 250 meters (834 KHz) and just 5 watts! Another rare catch was a 30-watter in New Bedford- WIBH on 209.7 meters (700 KHz). Regrettably I had to give up DXing and did not return to the hobby for many years.

As broadcasting progressed the word meters was fast becoming obsolete. Yesterday it was kilocycles. Today it is kiloHertz. How quickly time passes! Life is just a perpetual succession of events, kilocycles and kiloHertz enter and make their exits, like friendly guests; so I likewise must make a hasty exit...

CONGRATULATIONS

To long-time NRCer Frank Wheeler, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Miriam Elizabeth Straite, on 12/22/71. She is Frank's first grandchild, and congratulations go out to Frank on this happy occasion! Frank adds: "She's a real doll!"

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I look forward to hearing from Dick Truax when he arrives here in Louisville. My number is 893-2482. I'd also like to welcome ALAN PETERSON to the NRC. After trying for seven years to get him interested, and no luck, then GPM does it in one week - Wow! However the address he sent me must be wrong, as I sent him a two-page typewritten letter and it was returned to me because the Post Office says "no such address or person." (Maybe he's the cousin of the guy at 11226 -BNC) DX has hit a slumber point here - CX don't seem to be as good as they were in October except for so many Aural-type days. 12/22- WAFQ-1520 s/off @ 5:30 along with WACA, s/off @ 5:30, two new ones for me. 1/13- WABO-940 s/on @ 7:45 o/CBK/WRIC, latter looped. 1/24- WHTT-1110 @ 10:42am. They are doing a good job with 250w for o/100 miles. 1/30- WHPB-620 @ 9:30pm for call change. This is the third call for this station - they used to be WBL- 1/31- Three fulltime stations logged this morning which is unusual. CJRS-1510 Ided @ 2:45am (Yeah, Willis Lewis, I finally heard an ID). WHPB-950 @ 3:40-3:55 for another good one. Finally WHPB-950 @ 4am while trying for Starr's WGAN. I've tried for this one for years and years and now it is covering the frequency with beautiful signals. If Alan Peterson wants that letter of mine, he'd better send along a change of address card. What ever happend to Lash Larue?

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Hallelujah! Three varies in here - a v/q from CHRM-740, a CBC St. Johns v/q it is; a v/l handwritten from WKTJ-TEST on f/up, and a fine v/l-SS from HIJB-830, Santo Domingo. I wonder if my friend Cesar helped out on this one? It is very much appreciated if he did! Only DX date this week was MM 1/31, and like Foxy Foxworth says in this issue (in Musings!), this was a morn to remember in the N.Y.C. area, with ANers WOR-710, WABC-770, WCBS-880, WWRB-1600 all off, but on occasionally testing during the course of the morning. On 1600, Only CJRN was noted, AN, & not yet on 710. On 770, I took a log on HJXX, Radio Tequendama, in Bogota, only to find I have this one verified under a former slogan, "Misericordias Monserrate". I noted a whole raft of open carriers on 1380 most of the morning, and at various times I heard IDs from WLCY and WHPB. Also noted was WENZ-1450 back on AN-AM-NN. Once again, GRS-560 really took over that frequency here at 3:45am s/on, but it seems they don't get inland at all. This PM, I noted WRIZ-1550 in SS but s/off of course is in EE, this month @ 6:15pm. Oh yes - one more v/l, that from WOGO-1550, telling of the next TEST on 2/28, also with 84 and 250 watts. My verie specifies I heard them on 84 watts. I too enjoyed Mike Collins' article on classifications of ECB stations, and also "Those were the Days" by Ray Moore - however, I hadn't been aware that I am considered a tough Editor. If I had have been, there never would have been an IRCA! CUNT.

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Hi. DX continues to be decent as most time has been spent primarily on MMs. 1/17- WCON-1450 r/c-TT I&C (may be r/c) @ 1:11am, good signal for a graveyard. WHEX-1580-TEST fair 2 on, taking calls on the air & playing rr. Then came WEYY ET w/c/w @ 3:20 for another newie, then WKIG r/c flipped in OK for 46 logged on 1580 thus far! 1/23- SSS, WOTA-950 s/off easy @ 6pm for #82 from Ga. (They signed off 30 minutes too late!) They s/off 15 minutes AFTER WXLW went off. Ga. stations are known to do this it seems (WSIZ & WLOR are two other examples). I have no complaints though, hi. 1/24- KNFR-1250 r/c-tt fair 1:26am (QRM from WFBM OC & an unusually strong KYA, S.F. For 1,000w non-directional they really get out!) WDXB-1490 @ 1:41am w/rr on the "Mason Dixon Show", #102 logged from Tenn. (my best state!) XENU-1550 I think was the guy AN here MM (noted 3:08am) in EE w/Saul mx (they gave spots for some bank, hi ERC!) Then WOGO-1550 TEST w/instrumental mx & TT on 84w PSA! (#61 logged from Fla. as well) Then came #49 on 1550 as KOCM Comanche ETed w/quick ID & OC, a fairly lucrative frequency for ETs I'd say! (Now a KOBV TEST on a MM 3-5am would be a nice 'lil addition!) KRVM-880 ET/TT 3:50am o/u WCBS, first time noted on this frequency (finally!) I've logged & verified KRVM on old 1010 @ SSS (friendly station) 250w. They sent the works. Recent varies here include: v/l- WCON-1450 (enclosed OM & bumper sticker too) & WIFB-1310 (v/q & OM also - took f/up though). v/f- WKKE-1380 (finally) & WWJC-850-TEST (I've also got 'em v/ed back on the old 1270 frequency). Anyone having trouble verifying WTPS-1370 just send me your report & I'll secure a verie for ya! Also my new OM list is out - if you'd like a copy just give me a write. Also WBAT-1400 was on per DX aked - they skipped out to the WC! Over 2,000 domestics logged here now. 73.

FRANK WHEELER - Erie, Pennsylvania

I'm glad to see one of the Erie area boys joined the NRC, Dick Quinn of Fairview. We call each other almost daily. It reminds me of years ago when I first got started DXing, when I awakened all the rest of the family at 2 am to tell them I got XEW, my first Mexican! I enjoyed Ray Moore's "Those were the days". I see he thinks I'm one of the oldest members - he is right. I too have copies of the old Radex magazine. Those were the days when you could get a 50 watter on the WE. I got IYA 18 mornings straight, and have never heard them since. That's when you hardly heard of a 24 hour station, & most everybody off the air when the f/cs were on. Now for my reception. While trying for stations for the Domestic Contest I picked up the following new ones: WAIK-1590 Gilesburg Ill. Ill. 5:32pm 11/18, WGOB-1590 Va. 6:59am. WIRW-1550 Irvine, Ky. from 3-3:15 am test 12/6. WKTJ-1380 Me. on for IRCA @ 3:13. They sent a v/f, 12/6. WOBW-1530 N.C. 4:02am NRC TEST 12/20, report sent, no verie to date. WMNA-1340 Va. 7 am 1/3, my first new one in '72. WHEX-1580 Pa. 2:45am on for NRC, I sent report 1/17. I had a TT on 1440 from 1:15-2:20 1/16 (one hour & five minutes) & they never gave a call or location of any kind, only TT. I was really disgusted as I stayed on that frequency & could have tuned elsewhere. I had a couple like that the week before. (It could have been the lk hetrodyne from R. Luxembourg, no?)

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I just joined the NRC in December, so you are reading first Musing. I am 22 years old & an electrical engineering student at the U. of Florida here. I've been into SWling since 1959, but only seriously into ECB since 1969, & didn't get around to it in an organized way until more recently. I've been a ham since 1965 (WB4CAP) & have held my first class phone license something over five years. I've worked part-time off & on as engineer for WRUF-850 & WKKE-1370. I DX w/a National HRO-500P & "tee" antenna 60' high w/180' flattop. I have ordered the reprint on the altaz. loop but won't be able to use it inside the apartment; shucks. I collect patterns & QMs but somehow just can't get excited about varies. Recent catches: KISA-550 KIVI-560 KILT-610 WJDX-620 w/ET, WJW-850 KXJK-950. I had a thrill here recently when two Fla. stations departed from 1050, apparently at the same time. I'm currently trying for some more WC stations, only KFT/KXK/XEPRS to date. Also, has anybody ever heard WFAE-990, WLFO-1220, or WMBM-1490 outside of South Fla.? My current total logged is 447,

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with 357 domestic, 16 countries, 29 SH, 3PH. (?? -ERC) I'm just inching it up, but I look forward to every NRC Special. Flash - WFDQ-600 & WINZ-940 have switched from Top 40 to Solid Gold. Twenty-four hour phone here is 904-373-4401. CU in Miami! I enjoy the column! (Thank you Caries, & welcome to it, and to the NRC, and also, thanks for the double-spacing! -ERC)

PIERRE TREMBLAY - 1124 - 2e Avenue - Quebec 3, Quebec

Hi NRCers. Local CJRP-1060 finally increased its power to 50kw one month later than expected. Its nighttime power remains to 10,000w though. 12/9- CKCW-1220 w/NX on top of frequency entirely dominated by WGAR. Time was 11 pm. 12/10- WXYZ-1270 @ 1:25am. 12/27- WM @ 2:30am, WONE-980 showed for a new log w/NX. WISN-1480 coming in w/NX & rr @ 3. 1/3- CKL-1410 noted w/no sign of CPMB, & WPOP off, about 2am. CHYR o/WOLF battling as usual on 1490, 2:15. 1/13- WTRX-1330 @ 3:30am. 1/14- W7A?-630 - time was 3am, undoubtedly WMAL. 1/24- WIMJ -620 1:30am. CKWS-960 w/s/off & CHNS taking over @ 2. CKLM-1570 recently fired their AN DJ. Everything seems to go wrong @ CKLM since two or three years. If we would count the number of employees fired since 1969, we could probably have a few stations go on the air. In the overall ratings for the Montreal area (the last ones issued by the BEM) they slid in 13th place far behind some FMs like CJFM & CPGL-FM. CJMS & CKVL are still the leaders as far as the ratings are concerned in Montreal. I'd be interested to trace cassette tapes of my FF locals & semi-locals for anyone else's locals. My main interest is the rr format. If interested, please do not hesitate to write. Verie came from KLIFF-1190. This 60-page DX NEWS was a real Christmas gift for all us NRC members. Keep up the good work at BPC. 73.

JEREMY A. FORSTER - Box 245 - Wolfville, Nova Scotia

This is my first Juse, so an intro is in order (original, hi). I'm 19 and in my third year at Acadia University (here in town), majoring in Spanish. I've been DXing for about four years. I DX all bands. My RXes are a Marconi CSR5-A 11 tube superhet & a Sanyo ten transistor. The CSR5-A was built by the Canadian Marconi Company (1927-1944) for government purposes. If anyone is familiar with it, I would appreciate hints on how to get the most out of it. On ECB it covers only 1490-1600k. Is there some way to get the other frequencies? A week ago I tried out a Beverage of a sort. I joined six lengths of 100' wire (sizes 18-22). I placed the insulated wire along the ground, in a more or less straight line facing S, through my neighbors' backyards. So far they haven't said anything (it snowed the next day, hi). The end is attached to a 560 ohm resistor. It isn't grounded. Should it be, via a metal pipe or something? The near end is attached to RG-U58 coaxial connected to the antenna terminal of the CSR5-A or the telescope antenna of the portable. It's probably one of the poorest Beverages ever built, as I have little knowledge of such things. So far, it seems to bring in an unbelievable signal increase. It brings in stations and countries from IA that I never heard before, e.g., Radio Mil-1180, Dominican Republic. I hope to carry out some tests to see what the aerial really can do. I plan to write in often, & next time I'll tell of some DX catches. I have three QSL (look out, leaders, here I come!, hi); R. Belize-834, heard @ 4am, 3/13/71, sent 3/15, received 3/29; CHNS-960 Halifax, WBBM-780. They sent a sked, nice letter & Q, also WBBM-TV, Ch. 2. Do I stop getting DX NEWS for that, hi? 73s & best of DX. (Welcome to the NRC, Jeremy, and we're looking forward to those promised DX Musings! -ERC)

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Hi there. I'm now beginning my fourth year in NRC - a re-intro for those who don't know me. I'm 18, married since August, & a freshman at Graham Jr. College. Major is radio production. I am also involved in the production and music depts at Graham's carrier-current WGSB-640. DX has been limited due to school work as well as BPC duties. In fact, approximately 600 copies of DX NEWS are in the back seat of my Toyota awaiting only stamps and address labels. DX totals from Bosstown: 172 heard, 30 veries, 23 states, five provinces, 11 countries. Best catches include REC-647 665-Portugal, Senegal-764 & KNBR-680, all on a Radio Shack TRF portable out of the box. I was recently in Dayton, O. (FLASH-land)

and heard at least one interesting thing on ECB - KNBR/WINN-680, w/WMAQ-670 all¹⁷ carrying NBC network NX at the same time. Quite an experience, somewhat similar to what southern NYers experience w/WVVA/WVLE-1170. If you have never experienced this echo effect, try tuning in two stations running network programs // to each other. Do it now. I hope the dues hike hasn't affected too many NRCers adversely - if you could see the amount of work that goes into each copy of DX NEWS you'd be glad to pay twice the price. I know I would. For the money, you can't get anything better. If you look at what actual DX info is contained in other clubs' bulletins, you'll find that it is vapor compared to the solid info DX NEWS offers EACH WEEK. A little carried away there, but that's how I feel. ERC, remember those immortal words of Mick Danger, Third Eye: "If the world were flat, all the Chinese would fall off!" (and there'd be no F layer either, hi). By the way, congrats to ERC on WERA - I told you three years ago WERA lived, hi! That's 30 so remember, Capt. Glotz is right on. 73, & Muse often.

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I have been doing my Musings on Monday evenings this season in order to be able to include info from the MM session, but it seems the P.O. cannot consistently get a letter from Laurel to Brooklyn in three days. So, I will do my reports on Sat. or Sun. from now on. I have some old DX NEWS mimeo style bulletins from circa 1958-9 which I intend to dispose of in one way or another. Would anyone be interested in having these gratis? If so, please contact me. I have very little new DX this week, but one very interesting SSS TA opening to report. 1/25- WHEE-1370 Martinsville, Va. was in quite well @ 5:25pm w/"Evening Edition" NX to 5:30 s/off w/"This is my Country" used as anthem; then announced PSA of 500 w. WBRV-1540 Woodbury, Tenn. from 5:58pm w/rousing march to s/off w/SSB; this is a call change from WBFJ. 1/26- WKCY-1300 Harrisonburg, Va. @ 5:12pm s/off o/u semi-local WFBR. Then on 1/28 I noted one of the best SSS TA openings I've ever experienced. I first heard a jumble of SAHs on 1475 around 5:30pm. A little later one became dominant w/fairly good audio, but was UNID. Vinnitza-1546 was in very well. Nice-1554, Monte Carlo-1466 & Porto-1578 were all as strong as I've ever heard them. 1484 sounded like an American Graveyard frequency, but nothing dominant. I had at least two signals on 1367 & possibly a third; one was almost certainly R. Nordsee w/rr format. I had an interesting reception on 1286 w/a man talking in what may have been Portuguese; signal was quite strong, but audio rather weak; probably needed CSB3, but not enough to be sure. I may have had a second signal here also around 6:25pm, but things were beginning to drop out by this time. By 6:40 only the normally consistent TAs remained & they were quite weak. The opening was highband only; Lisbon-665 was noted, but only very weakly, while the highband signals were very strong. This was a very strange opening, since CX were otherwise slightly quasi-Auroral, w/many of the U.S. clears very much weaker than usual: WOWO, normally a powerhouse, was extremely poor. The next evening, 1/29, definitely Auroral - no TAs at all, clears missing. 73.

BOB FOXWORTH - G.P.O. - Box 2111 - New York, New York - 10001

Here's another Musing. Gee, it's great to see one's name in print. I enjoyed seeing the local gang at the confab 1/22. I also enjoyed reading Mike Collins' "Clears and Classifications" and think it was very illuminating. I recall in 1962 at the NRC Indianapolis Convention that a rep from WLW was there w/maps & charts showing what kind of coverage they could expect w/renewed usage of their existing 500kw XR. Their reliable Grade B coverage would extend roughly to Nevada. Strangely, none of the superpower advocates have been heard to advocate more stringent standards of receiver performance which would allow residents of so-called "white" areas to get signals at night that their five-tube wonders don't seem to be able to get ordinarily. It was good to hear Ross Hansch on the WHEX TEST. Also near-neighbor Steve Howe, an IRCA type who lives in Great Neck. On the local scene, WTHE has been fined a grand for failure to reduce power during CH. This seems like a lot but I understand this offense has happened before. Also they were in trouble once allegedly for improper logging of spots for an air involving their staff. At any rate if I can borrow someone's Rustrak chart recorder, I will build a diode loop detector and monitor them for CH

16 performance. Living about 1,000' or so from their tower, I should have enough signal to work with. Needless to say this would prejudice my chances of ever getting part-time work there, hav hav. The second 4VEC TEST was in easily on 830, WCCO no trouble again. This was on 1/24 & again the NRC loop came to the rescue. No, I am not in the employ of others to extol the loop, I just think it is the greatest thing I've ever tried. I note Page Tahlor's concurring remarks in a recent Musing. My wife is a regular reader of DX NEWS, naturally Capt. Glotz is her favorite feature. IDKD the most unfavorable, too. On MM 1/31 about 2am, all four NYC Biggies - 660-710-770-880 were silent. Incredible. WCCO was off for tower inspection, but QRW was rough. I feel a major depression is needed to clear the air of all the ANers.

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I was out of town for a week & no DX at all. But on went the radio 1/23 & I found Aurora CX & umn WHIG-1470 w/hockey @ 7pm. Also a new log in WPRC-1600 Reidsville N.C. atop w/WX @ 7:15. An SS who was a DOMESTIC atop on 1590 @ 7:20. Much noise & static prevented ID, on SE Beverage, which I repaired today w/eight breaks in deep-deep snowdrifts. 7:30pm, first log on CJTR-1150 Trois Rivières in loud in Aurora donut hole, thanks to tips in DX NEWS. CKML-610 noted @ 12:03 s/off w/Ch Canada 1/24 for good log on my rarest & most difficult frequency. OC noted on 860 v/ID @ 12:20am as WXAP, Atlanta, Ga. Must be new call for old WERD but I have not seen call change listed. KWLC-1240 Decorah Ia. s/off @ 1 w/lots of mention of Iowa State College Network. Seemed like a religious song at s/off. KPUR-1440 Amarillo loud @ 1:10 r/c-TP for new log. WLDY-1340 r/c-TP 1:35. 1/25- Bitter cold outside - -15° @ 8pm & great Aurora in effect. Audio on 1505, maybe Anguilla. Also SS on 1540-1170-1575, loud Costa Rican here. TIJJC-R. Columbia @ 8:05pm. 1150 had XEJP R. Variaciones atop 8:15. R. Monumental-1375 TIDAR Limon @ 8:20. ZDK-1100 w/EE-accented announcer w/rr u/ WICY for country @ 8:45pm; R. Continental, YBAU-890 lead @ 8:45. Fifth new foreign log of night @ 9:45pm, in HJJP-1010 R. Comercial, D.R. atop 10:10pm. May explain this one to me - an Aurora so strong @ 9pm 1/28 that all 50kw clears are gone to IAs, but WDR-1586 & France-1554 as loud as I've ever heard 'em, & the earliest I've ever logged 'em also. Why? First new log on 1020 was HJCC, R. Sutanzena in well on 1045; hets on almost all splits. Best one on 1385 believed to be R. Hoyer, also 1285 believed to be R. Grenada, YNRPS, & 1435 believed R. Kelboom. Other unID splits on 1445 1455 1465. An IA on 945 IDed as Ecuadorian R. Ifema; 995 as R. Suceso, Guayaquil, 965 R. Managua, 975 had two on, dominant Ondas del Pacifico, weak one on 985, Peru I presume, REP Lima; weak IA on 1105. I never noted this split before. Dave Gleason, would this be Ecuadorian, 500w Pelileo?

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Here I am with my first appearance in these pages for 1972. WBRW-1170 N.J., heard for the first time on RS, 12/31, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. w/Busy listening background mx, & editorials. No verie in yet. The 1/29 DX NEWS states that WVA is now silent NMs, approximately 1 to 5 a.m. However, on MM 1/31, I found WVA Newsman Bill Hughes playing c/v, stating that he was hosting the AM show. This was @ 12:18am. This had been the time for religious programming. Does this mean another MM clear channel is now shut off? Good-bye hopes of snagging KVGO. WJDM-1530 N.J. is now playing c/v on Sundays from noon until s/off. I'm the proud recipient of four "Electronic Awards" on the "Bob Jones New York at Night" show on WBN-1050 - they're won by identifying the singers of obscure songs. That's my biggest claim to fame so far in '72, hi. 73s.

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HQ sent me a 2RE v/q. Will the person it belongs to write me & claim it? It covers verification of a lkW TP. Also if anyone received 1950 v/lis belonging to me I'd appreciate receiving them at my presett address. I guess HQ is so overworked they don't know who sent in those veries a year or more ago. (They probably got switched with someone else's, Mort - I'm sure the Party of the Second Part will write you -ERC)
PLEASE REMEMBER TO DOUBLE SPACE. DEADLINE IS THURSDAY. THERE'S A 30-LINE LIMIT!

19 BOB SHAW - 234 Columbus Street - Elyria, Ohio - 44035

Mr RX is still a (Philly) dog, hi, but it has brought a few catches this week. 1/25, a Tuesday, better than MM: HIMS-570 o/u WMCA w/ads, uptempo mx (merengues?) & R. Cristal IDs during WKHN SP. WINK-1240 1:54am w/WX & SID, not sur3 if RS. WENK-1240 f/c-TP w/phonetic IDs 2:07; must be a r/c as it was listed in DDKD for December. WUPY-970 on emergency for coldwave & snow, sounding quite grave, dominating @ 2:15. KPWF-920 concluding ET/TP/mx w/WX forecast of -10° @ 2:30. PM, much-wanted WIZE-1340 7:03 w/WX; sounds rr but is really Top 40 (they were a daytime regular at school.) 1/26- KMTI r/c ID @ 2:10; I think they said they were leaving the air then. They were not heard at listed time. RJR-550 w/SID & ID by YL @ 2:30, quite strong. Believe it or not, this is my #1 Jamaica. I counted up my countries and was surprised to find this was only #20. 1/27- KRMS-1150 concluding ET/OC 2:08, dominant. 1/27- WYNK-1380 L&C w/c/v & political ads 6:14pm. They must be 5,000w now. 1/28- WKTY-580 w/WX & sports for W. Wis. 2:33am. Dince when have they been AM? (Probably since midnight, hi). 1/30- WHEC-1460 is apparently no more; Rochester was heard to ID as "Maxie 14" and what sounded like WAXZ @ 1am concluding MX & playing rr. MM 1/31- KQWB-1550 1:13 ID for f/c-TP/mx, clear but weak. WKAQ-580 in SS w/SID @ 2:35, strong, P.R. #1. Plenty of TP, no IDs during KTYN time. They're needed, too. Anyone remember the last time WJR-760 was off? I was thinking about it & I don't remember this ever occurring. Also true for WLN-700, although it seems to me they used to be off MMs - is that right? I'm very much afraid these ANs are not going to go away; the wee hours may not make that much money for them, but as the population and inflation increase, the revenues certainly won't decrease. Understand, I'm not celebrating; it's just that I think those who say the "trend" toward AMing is over are wrong. I hope I'm wrong, instead. When I heard WOGO I was not aware it was a Special; was their 3:04 ID on 84w? 73. (They were on 84w. 3:00-3:30 -ERC)

JERRY [REDACTED] - WHOT Radio - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

Greetings. Strange reception @ 2:45am on 1/7. I noted a strong het on 930 that turned out to be from WPAT off frequency, measured at 931.8k. I called the station and talked thw switchboard into connecting me with the XR. The engineer was very friendly, & said they were measured by Cambridge Crystals on 1/1 # vereOK. I reminded him that if the XR gets off frequency far enough & the frequency drifts outside the passband of the frequency monitor, the meter will return to zero. He thought for a second and said "You're right, and come to think of it, we've been reading exactly zero for two days. Usually we're a few cycles high." I suggested the crystal oven may have blown a fuse as this happened to me once. He said he would check again with Cambridge in the morning. On 1/8 the het was gone. Also on 1/7 I noted ET/TP 2:08 from KICS-1550 w/several announcements. 1/10- I had WBAW-1400 IK in both modes, best copy just prior to 3. On 1/15 I got home early for some afternoon, IK & noted WBSO-660 smashing WNBC @ 2:18 & one of my closest unheards, WKQA-960, dominating @ 2:47. 1/17 found 1580 a busy frequency. During the excellent WENK TEST, I noted Ets from WENT 2:30-2:51 w/c/v & jingles & r/cs from WBNW & WRII. WKIS-740 all alone @ 4:02. 1/24- I noted WGOO-1550 w/TP & mx @ 3:20-4. IK NEWS arrived 1/25 w/notice that this was a TEST & that part of my reception was w/their 84w PSA. Recent veries v/1- WKOX-1380 for 1971 report, WRLI-1340 WKIS-1580 for 10/71 report, WJJO-890-TEST, WING-860 also for old 1971 report. No f/up on any of these. v/q- WKIS-740. 73 & good IK & don't forget YAB-II. If you're planning to come, now is the time to let me know so we can start making plans.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS' RADIO NETWORK

(from 1/29/72 Sporting News, which does not supply the frequencies - ERC). Key station of the network this year will be KREN, San Jose, with KEST which was the flagship station last year, still remaining on the A's network. Also, Oakland BB games 'll be on: KMG, Stockton; KRET Reno; KTIM [REDACTED] Rafael, KBLC Lakeport, and KPOP, Roseville.

WE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN THE FULL NETWORKS FOR ALL BASEBALL TEAMS - IF YOU CAN SUPPLY ANY, PLEASE SEND THEM IN ON A SEPARATE SHEET FROM YOUR MAILING REPORT, AND WE'LL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO PUBLISH THEM HERE. DO NOT INCLUDE FM OR TV STATIONS.