

THE DXPERIENCE



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Your column of notes, news and views of what's happening in the exciting world of shortwave radio!

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GREETINGS FROM WHEELING

Hello, fellow SPEEDXers! I trust March finds you in good health and spirits, surrounded by fresh Indonesian loggings and Peruvian QSLs. If not, cheer up—Spring's almost here. While this does little for the DX situation, it does wonders for your outlook on life. Every day I leave work thinking it sure is

nice to drive home in the light even if it means less listening time.

As I type this on February 20, I'm overwhelmed with the great batch of contributions this month. You all have outdone yourself! It's been an exciting few weeks, so let's get right on to the good stuff.

RFE & RL TO CEASE OPERATIONS

from the *Chicago Tribune*, 2/20/92

President Clinton hopes to phase out by 1995 two longstanding US government broadcast operations that were products of the Cold War era. Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty will "cease operations" within two years under Clinton's budget cuts, according to an internal VOA document.

Under the previous administration, RFE had been slated for cutbacks in areas of Eastern Europe that have been making a relatively smooth transition from communism to democracy, a government official said, but

some RFE operations were to have continued. The Bush plan also intended to keep alive Radio Liberty, which broadcasts to the former USSR. According to the VOA memo, Clinton has decided to retain TV Marti, which transmits to Cuba. *(Unfortunately, RFE and RL send out no data cards, so there is no hurry to try to QSL their various sites. Since the new WRTH gives more complete info on their transmitters, you may want to at least log them all soon if you haven't already done so—DB.)*

CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL TOUR

by R.C. Watts

I just returned from the CRI tour of January 8-19 with a bad cold and many memories—some good and some not so good. I visited the usual tourist attractions in Shanghai, Guilin, Xi'an and Beijing. One afternoon was devoted to a tour of the CRI broadcast facilities, followed by an evening banquet. The building is not all that old, but it is obviously not maintained very well and is in terrible condition. However, the staff is very professional, proud of their accomplishments and looking forward to the new facility in 1996.

The broadcasters were fascinated that I first heard Radio Peking in 1952 at K-9 Air Base, Pusan with a bunch of other GIs drinking warm beer and listening to Peking Polly trying to communize us. Franklin Chang and his

wife were on the staff at the time, which is probably why he is the US tour director now.

I saw one antenna farm near the Temple of Hezhen which is probably the Beijing transmitter site for CRI and CPBS. The tour guide either didn't know or did not want to comment when I asked her about it. Mr. Chang told me that CRI wants Good Earth Travel to bring two more tours to China this year.

One other Radio Peking story from about 1960: They were doing a spiel about the railway system, supposedly from the Peking central train station, and they said something like "here's one of the people's new diesel locomotives pulling in now." They then played a sound effects tape of a choo-choo. Hmm...

DEUTSCHE WELLE CONTEST

from *tune in*, 2/93

On May 3, 1993, DW will be celebrating its 40th anniversary of broadcasting. Among other contests, there is one for anybody that shares their 5/3/53 birthday. "If you are among these 40-year-olds, just send us a copy of any legal document showing . . . your birthday, and you will participate in a draw with many attractive prizes including several

trips to Germany." This would almost make turning forty palatable. Imagine—you could go through your midlife crisis in style, flying down the Autobahn in a high-priced German roadster leaving all of your cares 4000 miles away! Contact DW at P.O. Box 10 04 44, 5000 Cologne 1, Germany.

MORE . . .



THE WRTH RESPONDS

I received a very nice letter from Andy Sennitt, editor of the World Radio TV Handbook in Amsterdam, regarding last month's review of the '93 edition. Here are some excerpts:

"Regarding the missing page in the SW Table [from 4800-4920 kHz], this annoyed me too - something went terribly wrong at the typesetters when they were adding the final page numbers. This task is still done manually. I can assure you the page existed up to that point!"

(Andy sent me a copy of the missing page, and I'll forward it to Ed Janusz. If there's no room this month, he might be able to fit it in in April. If you would like your own personal copy, send me a SASE and I'll put it in the

mail.)

"Concerning the format of the Radio Moscow schedule, I have been experimenting to find out what format works best. Perhaps I made the wrong decision here. It will be easy enough to go back to the previous format next year, as we use a database, which incidentally I have to create myself as the information is currently supplied in a text file! But at least we get it . . ."

Andy also says that "constructive criticism of the WRTH is always welcome at the editorial office." He is happy to respond to genuine complaints to improve the publication. Contact him at P.O. Box 9027, 1006 AA Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Thanks for the letter, Andy!

LISTENER ACTIVITIES AT THE DAYTON HAMVENTION

via Michael Schulsinger

Amateur Radio is the focus of the annual Dayton HamVention, but listening hobbyists are not forgotten. Drake, Icom, JRC, Kenwood and Yaesu will be on hand with their lines, and surprises are the rule. Last year Lowe reps were scouting out US outlets for their new HF-150 and 225 receivers, and the year before we were the first to try a Drake R-8. So who knows what 1993 will bring?

Folks from *Monitoring Times*, *Popular Communications* and Britain's *Short Wave Magazine* are also expected. HamVention is one of the few places in the US where you can buy the latter (and for under \$5 a copy!)

The ANARC table will have reps and info

from member clubs as well as station schedules. They will host a Listeners Forum on Sunday in Room 4 at 11:15 am. Scheduled speakers are Bob Grove on "The Ideal Receiver," Judd Sheets from OptoElectronics on "Hobby Uses of Near-Field Receivers and Frequency Counters," and Ian McFarland on "Shortwave Broadcasting Topics."

The 42nd HamVention will be held on April 23-25 at the Hara Arena Conference and Exhibition Center in Dayton, Ohio. Admission for all three days is \$11 before April 2nd and \$14 at the door. You can get more info from the January edition of any Ham radio magazine—check your local library!

BBC AWARDS CONTEST PRIZE 28 YEARS LATER

from the Chicago Tribune

A Ukrainian man flew into London this January, 28 years after winning the two-week, all-expenses paid trip. Aleksei Antonovich Brazhnik, 61, has been waiting to come to Britain since 1965 when he won a BBC radio contest.

Under the old Soviet regime, the Svetslovodsk electrician was unable to get permission to leave the country. But Brazhnik never gave up hope—and when the World Service took its publicity to the former Soviet

Union three years ago, he asked amazed BBC officials if he could claim his prize.

Brazhnik won the contest by writing a short essay about why he wanted to visit Britain and by answering questions about the country. He wrote that he wanted to meet as many people as possible in order to better understand Britain.

Kudos to the BBC for honoring this commitment! I hope Mr. Brazhnik had a great time—DB.

FOR THE DXER WITH EVERYTHING via Michael Schulsinger The Watkins-Johnson WJ-8711 communications receiver, previously offered only to governments and institutional buyers, is now available for direct sale to the general public. The WJ-8711 covers 5 kHz through 30 MHz with 1 Hertz resolution, has 100 memory channels, an RS-232 interface and five or more IF bandwidths using digital filtering techniques. If you have around \$5000 handy and are seriously interested, contact Mike Cox, K3GEG, of Watkins-Johnson at (301) 948-7550, x7334.



PRODUCT REVIEW

by Bob Babin

Late in November I received the RF Systems' Magnetic Longwire Balun from Universal Radio after a two month back order. It seemed like a long time coming, but it is actually worth the wait.

For test purposes the balun was connected to a 135' longwire antenna mounted 20' above the ground and fed with 40' of RG8X cable. This was compared with a B & W ASW-90 antenna mounted 30' above the ground, an outstanding DX antenna.

Connection of the balun is simple. Wrap a couple of turns of antenna wire around the nut and tighten. I suggest that you install a couple of fine tooth washers on the nut stud. Hook up coax and apply coax sealant to both connections. When you attach it to the receiver's coaxial input, the noise reduction is astounding in comparison to the ASW-90, an antenna noted for its low noise level. Here is a short list of frequencies used in the comparison, with the SIO code showing

FREQ	ASW90	LV MLB
21740	343	444
17770	444	444
15260	544	544
9410	433	444
7100	333	333
5975	333	343
3290	333	333
3300	433	444
1500	333	343
500	333	444

signal to noise ratio.

As can be ascertained from the chart, the longwire closely parallels the ASW-90 over most of its bandwidth. The ASW-90 has more gain, but the longwire has better noise figures at lower frequencies. I am not about to take down my two ASW-90s, but on the other hand, I've ordered a 300' length of #14 copperweld to make a large beverage antenna around my yard.

The MLB is made in the Netherlands by RF Systems and is imported by Universal (cat. #1484, \$54.95 + \$3 sh). The price to me is a bit steep, but considering it will allow many DXers with limited space to install a low noise antenna in just about any configuration, it is worth the price. By the way, the B & W ASW-90 is also available from Universal (cat. #1631, \$89.95 + \$6 sh), and it is one robust antenna with a very broad frequency range.

THE SOAPBOX

Eddie Janusz once told me he would love to run a monthly column where people had a chance to blow off some steam and maybe even gripe a little. Well, Mr. Publisher, this one's for you from Gary Froemming, WB7CAG, with my compliments . . .

I was tuning around the 20 meter amateur radio band a few days ago and I ran across a conversation that just made my blood boil. It dealt with the question, are you a real DXer if you don't collect the cards? Although this was discussed in terms of hams, I think it would apply to SWLs as well.

One gentleman was arguing that what good is it to spend years of your life chasing DX if you don't have the cards to prove your accomplishments? His attitude was for the most part, if you can't prove to me that you have worked the countries you claim to have

worked, why should I believe you?

Well, well, well, what an attitude.

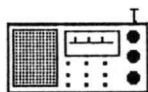
As we all know, collecting the cards is just one part of the hobby of amateur radio or SWLing. Why should I have to prove to anyone what my accomplishments are concerning the hobby? As an ARO and SWL for 18 years, I have logged about 160 countries on the amateur side and heard 145 on the SWL side. I am an honest and honorable person, and what good would it do me to lie about these totals? If you choose not to believe me, that's your problem, not mine.

If anyone ever tells you that you are not a real DXer because you don't have the cards to prove it, just inform him or her that this is your own choice. This is a hobby, not an occupation with goals and standards to uphold.

CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY SURVEY 1992

During the past year the activity of clandestine stations on shortwave has increased by 2.5% to a total of 2118 hours weekly. Africa saw an increase of 9.5% while the Americas showed a decrease of 8.1%. The number of active target areas decreased by one to 25. Rwanda and Papua New Guinea are

new entries while Taiwan, El Salvador and Egypt dropped out of the survey. The leading targets in weekly hours are Cuba (395), Iraq (295) and Iran (231). The full text of the CAS 1992 is available for 4 IRCs or \$4 US from Mathias Kropf, Mähr-Schönberger-Str. 9, D-6430 Bad Hersfeld 1, Germany.



THE FEBRUARY DXPERIENCE CONTEST

This month brought in a great number of responses. Unfortunately, only one of you can win each month, and this time around it was:

Mike Hardester
Jacksonville, NC

Congrats, Mike! You are the proud new owner of a hardly used copy of *The VOA: Propaganda and Democracy*. For those of you keeping score at home, here are last month's answers to the "Name That Transmitter Site" contest:

1. Brandon **Radio Australia**
2. Cyclops **VO Mediterranean (Malta)**
3. Issoudun **Radio France Int**
4. Kamalabad **VO Islamic Rep of Iran**
5. Meyerton **Channel Africa (S Africa)**
6. Moosbrunn **Radio Austria Int**
7. Moyabi **Africa #1 (Gabon)**
8. Plovdiv **R Sofia (Bulgaria)**
9. Red Lion **WINB**
10. Vinnitsa **R Ukraine Int**
11. Xi'an **Chinese R Int**
12. Yamata **R Japan**

Well, no room for the obituary of the inventor of the beverage antenna; I'll try to work that in soon. Sorry the column is so crowded—I hope you can read it okay. Thanks for a great turnout this month; let's keep those cards and letters coming! (Memo to Bruce Robinson--no notes about the NBA All-Star Game, please!)
See ya--DB

THE MARCH DXPERIENCE CONTEST

Enter for valuable prizes! If you win, you may have your choice of the following great DX prizes. When entering, be sure to specify which of these slightly used books you would like to receive.

Radio Receiver - Chance or Choice (2 vol.)

WRTH 1988

WRTH 1990

- FM Atlas & Station Directory 1989**
- The Complete SWL's Handbook (3rd ed.)**
- World Broadcast Station Address Book**
- Shortwave Listening Handbook**

In this month's contest, the object is to identify the languages used in the following IDs from the mythical Radio SPEEDX International, due to go on the air with 500 milliwatts of power from a transmitter site 4 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky late in the next century.

1. Burasi **SPEEDX Radyosu**
2. Inilah **Radio SPEEDX**
3. Här är **RSI**
4. Huna **Paducah**
5. Inja **RSI**
6. Hii ni ya **SPEEDX**
7. Hovorit **Paducah**
8. Aici **Paducah**

Good luck!

SPEEDX CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Drake SW-4A receiver. Complete and working. Contact Steve Bagozzi, P.O. Box 381, Hilmar, CA 95324.

WANTED: Schematic/manual for Gilfer M-1 multi-tuner. Hallcrafters SX-122A receiver. **FOR SALE:** JRC NRD-535D with optional SSB filter and AM BWC control mod \$1400. Drake R-7 receiver with NB card and 5 filters \$650. Contact Alan Johnson, 6001 Goldsboro Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817 or call (301) 229-7069 before 0300 UTC.

FOR SALE: Panasonic RF-B60 portable receiver. 153 kHz - 30 MHz plus FM band. Keypad and thumbwheel tuning w/digital LCD display. Excellent condition. Includes manual, charger and soft case. \$175 (incl. shipping/ins). Contact John (216) 731-1346 after 2300 UTC.

FOR SALE: Kenwood R5000 receiver. Includes: YK-88-A1 6 kHz AM filter, YK-88C 500 hz CW filter, AF232C/IC10 computer interface, control software and manual. \$800 + shipping. Contact Mike Wolfson (419) 289-7461 after 2130 UTC.

FOR THE TAKING: Periodicals: DX News (10/18/76), Radiophiles (3/1/84), Monitoring Times (12 from Vol. 3/4), SW Guide (8/85), ACE (6 from 83/84), Lowdown (7/85), FRENEX (12/84). Manuals: HQ-129-X, HQ-150. Catalogs: Universal (84), Grove (88), Lafayette (68), Gilfer (79). Books: Federal Freq Directory (80), Shortwave Directory (86). All are free if you pay for postage. Contact: Mike Hardester, 3118 Gaitway Ct, Jacksonville, NC 28546-6973. Send no money now.



Trash & Treasure



Donald J. Weber 2169 Walter Road Westlake, OH 44145

Those SPEEDX powers--that--be keep telling me that soon you will all be spared as "TnT" will have one of those things, called a bye month. Hey, this was supposed to be only a fill-in page originally but somehow you all ended up being stuck with me month after month. (How boring, am I?) Sorry, this isn't the month for the bye but keep on hoping--one of these months you'll find something better on this page.

However, there is some great news that should make we SPEEDX members very proud and I'm happy to be able to pass it on you. The Radio Budapest ShortWave Club ran a listeners' contest a while back--the DENNIS HERNER MEMORIAL CONTEST. Mr Herner had been the originator and long time editor of Radio Budapest's DX programs. This special contest required proof of hearing Radio Budapest's programming over a one month period of time. Not a very easy chore for those of us in this country but one of SPEEDX's best--BETSY ROBINSON--not only was a high finisher in the contest but her scoring was in the top echelon of all listeners. Congratulations, Betsy, for completing a very difficult job from this part of the world.

And while Radio Budapest is still alive in our thoughts, their latest club DX News bulletin mentioned a John S Carson Jr, 5008 Stonehenge Lane, Norman, Oklahoma 73071 who would be willing to correspond with others interested in radio. As this is the same address used for The SPEEDX Supermarket and that same John S Carson Jr is the man who has all the wonderful SPEEDX advertising items, tee shirts, books and just about everything you've ever needed, other than a radio, how about dropping him a SASE and asking for a list of what he has available at present; stuff which you should have RIGHT NOW in your radio room or on your body.

For your Latin American joys and thrills, how about a C-60 cassette tape with IDs of various South American SW and MW radio stations. The tape includes signals of stations (of course stated as studio quality) from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The price is \$8.00US (or 10 International Reply Coupons) with an address "c/o Daniel Camporini, Casilla 68, (1605) Munro, Buenos Aires, Argentina". I haven't heard this tape but I know Daniel is well known and respected in Latin American DX circles.

If your radio interests side venture into other fields including nostalgia, you might ask Radio Memories, Box 193, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 for a copy of their catalog of old time radio on cassettes. There are a lot of companies out there which offer this type of entertainment now but Radio Memories' variety is somewhat different than usual--the normal show-stars of Jack Benny, Baby Snooks, Charlie McCarthy but also Grand Ole Opry, Fred Waring, Frank Sinatra and Major Bowes with a lot of other names in between.

Or--if the technical end of radio is more to your liking, check out Industrial Communications Engineers Ltd, Post Office Box 18485, Indianapolis, Indiana 46218 for their long list of FREE "technical publications for customer reference". Their #11 "Modern Beverage Receiving Antenna Construction and Installation" might be the first grabber for you but some of the others on their list could also be an aid to you. They have advertised before from time to time and perhaps you have seen their list before but if you haven't seen it recently, give them a short note and ask for their list of FREE PUBLICATIONS.

Our Canadian friends from ODXA are offering a comprehensive review entitled INDIA BROADBASE '93. Contents are listed as addresses, frequency charts and schedules, future plans, time signal stations, maps and (that ever popular) "much more". If that part of the world interests you, the price is \$8.00 plus \$3.00 shipping to the States. I assume that's in Canadian dollars and their latest club exchange rate was \$1.00US equals \$1.28Canadian. Orders should be sent to Ontario DX Association, Box 161, Station A, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2N 5S8.

SHORTWAVE TO GO!

News and information from the
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DX News heard from various DX programs in February 1993
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

CFCX, Montréal: monitored 6005 KHz with the SW relay of CIQC 600 KHz mw IDed as ("Country 600") at 0748 UTC. (RJMR, 2/6)

VOA, USA: New evening EG service to Africa called "Africa World Tonight". The program is 1 hour in length, on M-F 1600-1700 UTC, 1800-1900 UTC, and 2000-2100 UTC. (WoR #679)

WRNO: DX Daily program can now be heard on R. Miami Int'l 7395 KHz UTC Tuesday-Saturday from 0400-0415 UTC with your host Glenn Hauser. (WoR #680)

World of Radio: schedule is as follows:

(via WRNO) Sat 2300 UTC, 7355; Sun 0300 UTC, 7355; Sun 2130 UTC, 15420.

(via WWCR) Fri 2215 UTC, 15685; Sun 0405 UTC, 7435; Sun 0800 UTC on either 12160 or 9370; Mon 0000 UTC, 7435; Tues 1230 UTC, 15685 KHz (best to Europe).

(via RFPI) Sun 0200, 1000, 2300 UTC; Mon 0700 UTC; Tues 1900 UTC; Wed 0300, 1100 UTC; Fri 2000; Sat 0400, 1200, 1800 UTC, on 7375, 7385, 13630, and 15030 KHz (with a one week delay of programs here)

KCBI, Dallas: heard from 2158 UTC on 15375 KHz with the "Dr. Gene Scott" programming, Also heard from 0330 UTC on 9815 KHz. (RJMR, 2/6)

The following is the latest schedule received for the Gene Scott programs:

Via Radio Moscow

15315 kHz -Novosibirsk (from 0400 UTC) to China, India, Australia and New Zealand.

21845 kHz -Samara (from 0400 UTC) to India, China and Central Asia.

Via High Adventure Ministries

11530 kHz -Mount Hermon, Israel (from 0400 UTC) into all of Africa and the Middle East.

11530 kHz -Mount Hermon, Israel (from 2200 UTC) same day re-broadcast into Europe, Russia and the Middle East. Also on following: 6280 kHz (2200 UTC), 945 kHz (2200 UTC/12 AM Israel time), 104.5 & 105.1 MHz FM (Live broadcasts of Sunday services), 11530 kHz (4 PM-5 PM Middle East time) ...Special Communion broadcasts daily.

also on following: 6280 kHz (11 PM-12 AM Middle East time), 945 kHz, 104.5 & 105.1 MHz FM via KCBI Radio...Dallas, Texas, seven days a week

15375 kHz (1400-2130 UTC); 15725 kHz (2130-0230 UTC); 9815 kHz (0230-1400 UTC)

via WWCR Radio...Nashville, Tenn. 24 hrs/seven days a week

5935 kHz (0100-1400 UTC), 13845 kHz (1400-0100 UTC)

via The Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla, 24 hrs/seven days a week

690 kHz 1610 kHz 100.1 MHz FM

via Voice of Hope...Sierra Valley, California, live seven days a week

9785 kHz (from 0400 UTC); Communion Broadcasts (Monday-Friday) 17775 kHz (0200-0230 UTC)

For the latest updates on frequencies you may call the toll-free WATS line at 1-800-338-3030.

Luz y Vida, Honduras: received SP transmission with talk, and Latin music at 0150 UTC on 3250 KHz. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

R. Eco, Peru: using 5097 KHz in SP 0000 UTC with music program. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

R. Nacional de Amazona, Brasil: in PT 2200 UTC, 11780 KHz. (Howard Henderson, DXPL, 2/6)

EUROPE

Tentative Schedule Radio Austria International 28 March - 26 September 93

Europe		Africa: West	
0400-2300	6.155	2000-2200	9.880
0400-1800	13.730	South	
1800-2300	5.945	1900-2200	13.730
America: North		Middle East	
0000-0400	6.015	0400-0800	15.410
0000-0300	9.875	0500-0800	17.870
1100-1300	13.730	1500-2000	9.880
West Coast		Asia: South/SE	
0500-0700	6.015 (Relay RCI Sackville)	1500-1800	11.780
Central		Far East	
0200-0400	9.870	1200-1500	11.780, 15.450
South		Australia	
0000-0200	9.870	0800-1100	15.450, 21.490
2200-2400	9.870, 13.730		

Note that "Austrian Shortwave Panorama" will be replaced, for the time being, by DX items in Saturday's Mailbag programmes.

R. Reykjavik, Iceland: heard in Icelandic on 11402 KHz at 2350 UTC. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)
R. Vlaanderen Int'l: was received 1100-1730 UTC to Africa using 17745 + 17540 KHz in EG, FR, + GM.

A(dventist) W(orld) R(adio), Forl; schedule as from 1st December:

In English at 0730-0800 on 7210 kHz and 1030-1100 on 7230 kHz.
 In French at 0930-1000 (Sat/Sun), 1230-1300 (Sat/Sun) on 7230 kHz.
 In German at 0900-0930 and 1200-1230 on 7230 kHz.
 In Italian at 0800-0900 on 7210 kHz and 1100-1200 on 7230 kHz.
 In Spanish at 1000-1030 (Sat/Sun), 1300-1330 (Sat/Sun) on 7230 kHz.

Via transmitters in Russia they can be heard at:

0430-0500 in English, 0500-0530 in German and 1600-1630 in English, on 15125 kHz (Samara); 1400-1500 in Italian on 9775 kHz (Moscow); and 1900-1930 in German on 7310 kHz (Ekaterinburg).

Voice of the Mediterranean, Malta: can be heard in EG from 0600-0700 UTC on 1557mw, and 9765 KHz sw, and again from 1400-1500 UTC on 11925. (DXPL, 1/30)

Croatian Radio, Zagreb: is on in EG (via WHRI 7315 + 9495) 0502-0507 UTC with EG news. (WoR #679)

C. I. S. AND EX-SOVIETS

R. Galaxy: is now on from 2000-2100 UTC using 9880 KHz with lots of EG IDs. (WoR #679)

R. Netherlands: will start relays from Russia after Jan 1 in EG, DU, and INDO. with target areas planned to FE, SEA, and S. Asia from two sites in Russia. EG is on 0030-0325 UTC using 11675, and 0930-1125 UTC using 7260 and 9810 KHz till Mar 27. (RJMR, 1/30)

FEBC, Russia: has started a CH service on Nov 1 from 1230-1730 UTC. (RJMR, 1/30)

VOA, USA: has started with the Russian relays of their CH service. heard on SW 1452-1500 UTC on 5945 KHz. Schedule shows CH service from 1400-1500 UTC on 5945; 1400-1600 UTC on 5925; and 2200-2300 UTC on 5945 KHz. (RJMR, 2/6)

Turkmenistan: Radio Ashkabad has abandoned its allocated frequency of 4825 kHz and gone back to the former 5015 kHz. Formerly 5015 was parallel from 01.00 hrs for Radio Bishkek's first programme from Kirgizia on 4010 kHz. (BRT RadioWorld, 1/23)

Uzbekistan: Radio Tashkent has been heard in English from 12 to 12.30 hrs and from 13.30 to 14.00 hrs. Eugene tells me the frequency tape of the station presently announces the following frequencies : 17815, 15470, 9540 and 7325 kHz. This means that 17745 kHz would be replaced with 17815 kHz, which was not yet the case on Monday the 18th, when the station was still on 17745 kHz. A rather useless frequency for us here in Belgium, because of heavy interference from Radio Ukraine International on the same frequency. Kazakhstan then, and Radio Alma Ata, which is booming in at 12.00 hrs in the local language on 11950 and 9780

kH. The signal is audible until 15.55 hrs. At that time the Deutsche Welle starts up its signal on 11950 kHz. (BRT RadioWorld, 1/23)

I have a recording of Radio Alma Ata on both frequencies. Also recordings here of Georgian Radio from Tbilisi, which can not easily be heard here in Belgium with its broadcast in English from 16.00 to 16.28 hrs on 9565.4 kHz. At 16.05 hrs UTC on Tuesday there was a short message for the Georgian forces. Reception at any time is precarious over here, and therefore the recording is not meant for rebroadcasting. (BRT RadioWorld, 1/23)

Other recordings here, first of Radio Omdurman, from the Sudan, the external service of Radio Omdurman, still best at Antwerp on 9170 kHz, presumably from Saturday to Thursday. French from 17 to 18 hrs UTC, and English from 18 to 19 hrs. Another recording here, always made on Tuesday this week, of Morocco's Radio Moudi Un, from Nador on 9575 kHz, and in French at 18.25 hrs just before the news bulletin at 18.30 hrs. Again, I won't play this recording to you, but what I will let you listen to is Radio Baghdad, on Tuesday the 19th in Arabic audible from shortly after 18.00 hrs and on 6560.5 kHz. Sign-off is at 21.30 hrs on that frequency. (BRT RadioWorld, 1/23)

AFRICA

R. National Unity, Sudan: has an EG 1/2 hour heard well in N. America from 1500-1530 UTC on 9170 KHz. (WoR #679)

R. Freedom: (Clandestine program via R. Tanzania) can be heard on 5050 KHz at 0415 UTC M, W, + F only. (WoR #679)

RTV, Benin: was heard from 2130 to s/off at 0000 UTC in FR. (DXPL, 1/30)

La Voix du Sahel, Niger: heard in FR at s/on 0500 UTC. (DXPL, 1/30)

R. National Tchadienne, Chad: FR heard at 0443 UTC with African pop music using 4904.5 KHz. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

CRTV, Cameroon: was received with a poor signal in FR at s/on 0500 UTC. Also heard but poorly on 3970 KHz in FR at 2220 UTC. (DXPL, 1/30)

Radio TV Burkina Faso: received in FR till pass 0600 UTC on 4815 KHz. (DXPL, 1/30)

RTV Congo: heard EG from the Congo with poor reception on 4765 KHz at 2210 UTC. (Howard Henderson, DXPL, 2/6)

KBC, Kenya: heard EG with a music program on 4935 KHz at 2100 UTC. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

TWR, Swaziland: heard a religious program at 0300 UTC in EG on 9520 KHz. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

CRTV, Cameroon: heard FR programming on 5010 KHz at 0542 UTC. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

FEBA, Seychelles: FR heard at 1831 UTC on 9565 KHz (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

ASIA/OCEANIA

Israel: President Clinton's economic plan eliminated a \$1 billion U. S. government transmitter planned for the Israeli desert, and put a \$125 million transmitter in Kuwait, an administration source said on February 19. The Israeli antenna would have relayed U. S. government broadcasts of the Voice of America and Radio Liberty in 28 languages to Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Africa.

The transmitter envisioned for Kuwait would be a shortwave/mediumwave antenna for Arabic broadcasts, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The proposed Israeli antenna drew protests from environmentalists, who said the 43-aerial complex would damage the environment and disorient millions of migratory birds.

The Clinton plan also seeks to shut down Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty by 1995, and the capital assets of those two services, put in place during the Cold War as alternatives to official broadcasts, would be transferred and merged with the Voice of America, the source said. (Philadelphia Inquirer, February 20)

Turkish State Meteorological Svc: heard pop music at 0535 UTC on 6900 KHz. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

R. Bangladesh: Their EG schedule is from 1230-1300 UTC on 11705, 15200 and from 1815-1900 UTC using 9570 and 12030 KHz. DXPL, 1/30)

Voice of Indonesia: FR heard here on 9675 with music program from 1923-1958 UTC. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

CPBS, China: in CH 2309 UTC with news, and talk on 4905 KHz, and on 5320 KHz also in CH at 2319 UTC. (Jim Clar, DXPL, 2/6)

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	PAC	17387, 21735		EUR	7412, 9950, 11620
1330-1500	SEA	11760, 15120		PAC	9910, 11715, 15265

DX + Mailbox Programs On AIR-INDIA

Faithfully Yours (Weekly): Mon. 1030 UTC; Mon. 1830 UTC; Mon. 2100 UTC*DX Program (2nd + 4th Week only!):* Mon. 1040 UTC; Mon. 1840 UTC; Mon. 2130 UTC**China Radio International, Beijing: transmission schedule in English:**

To N. America (East coast):

0000-0100 9770(M), 11715(M)

0300-0400 9690(E), 9770(M), 11715(M)

0400-0500 11680(G)

0500-0600 11840(C)

1200-1300 15210

To N. America (West coast):

0000-0100 9770(M), 11715(M)

0300-0400 9770(M), 11715(M)

0400-0500 11680(G)

0500-0600 11840(C)

1300-1500 7405

To Europe:

2000-2200 9920, 11500

2200-2230 3985(S), 7170(R) kHz

2230-2300 7170(R)

To SE. Asia:

1200-1400 1341, 9715, 11660

To S. Asia:

1400-1600 11815, 15165

To S. Pacific:

0900-1100 11755, 15440, 17710

1200-1300 11795, 15440

1300-1400 15440

To E. & S. Africa:

1600-1700 11575, 15110(M), 15130(M)

1700-1800 9570, 11575, 15345

2000-2130 11715(M), 15110(M)

To W. & N. Africa:

1900-2000 6955, 9440

2000-2100 9440

(C) = Relay from Canada

(E) = Relay from Spain

(F) = Relay from French Guyana

(M) = Relay from Mall

(R) = Relay from U.S.S.R.

(S) = Relay from Switzerland.

**WHAT'S ON**

ENGLISH BROADCAST TO NORTH AMERICA

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For those of you who want the missing 4800-4922 kHz frequency range from the back of the 1993 WRTH, you can download the list from Compuserve. Look for file WRTH.ZIP in the HamNet Forum. I imagine this is also available on some other computer bulletin boards or if you send me 29¢ in U.S. postage I'll run off a copy for you.

Not a lot of changes to report this month. Remember that on March 28 Europe reverts to Daylight Saving Time and the U.S. reverts on April 4 so various broadcast will be one hour earlier UTC time.

UTC Time	Station	Notes	Frequencies
0000-0030	R. Vilnius, Lithuan.	---	7150
0000-0055	R. Pyongyang, N.K.	---	15130, 15115, 13760, 11335
0000-0100	R. Havana Cuba	---	13660 USB, 9815 USB, 6010
0030-0055	Vlaanderen I., Bel	---	9930, 7370
0100-0200	R. Havana Cuba	---	13660 USB, 9815 USB, 9665, 6010
0200-0330	R. Havana Cuba	---	9665, 6010
0330-0400	R. Havana Cuba	---	6010
0400-0430	R. Norway Int'l	M	9650, 9565
0400-0500	R. Havana Cuba	---	6180, 6010
1200-1300	China R. Int'l	---	15210
2300-2400	R. Havana Cuba	---	13660 SSB



WESTERN HEMISPHERE

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ALASKA 7355

1320 KNLS: EE: Discussion abt Israel (333 1/13 Dome-TX)

ANTIGUA 5975

0523 BBC: EE: "Newshour" inc tribute to Audrey Hepburn who died on January 20 (454 1/21 Lukas-NY)
6160 0900 DW: EE: IS; s/on with freqy & satellite info--no sign of CKZU, Vancouver (pr-fr Famularo-Japan)
6195 1130 BBC: EE: "Composer of the Month" featuring Manuel de Falla (554 1/11 Fraser-MH)

ANTILLES

6165 0050 RN: EE: Report on Zaire; ID; "Media Network" w/a report on Tropical band stations (444 2/4 Brown-IL)
9535 0330 TWR: EE: "Bonaire Wavelengths" inc a report on shipboard emergency procedures (444 1/17 Newbury-NE)
9630 0745 RN: EE: "Happy Station" inc a description of the announcer's operation; music from Phil Collins (333 1/31 Brown-IL)
9720 0932 RN: EE: News inc Turkey won't allow carrier planes to fly over it's territory (444 1/23 Brown-IL)
11720 0407 RN: EE: Songs by famous Hollywood film stars (555 1/24 Kyburz-CO)
11815 1130 TWR: EE: "DXing Domestic Service" book review; special QSL for the last four broadcasts ending 1/7/93 (554 1/9 Neff FL)
21590 1835 RN: EE: News abt cocoa agreement; situation in Iraq (555 1/14 Bickus-VA) @ 1930 in EE w/"Happy Station" prog w/feature abt Hollywood musicals using dubbing & ghost voices (454 1/17 Fraser-MA)

ARGENTINA

11710 0100 RAE: EE: News inc a report on Argentina-South African naval maneuvers (323 1/29 Biczak-NJ) @ 1045 in PP w/South American music & commentary (333 1/18 Dome-TX) @ 0029 in SS w/relay of "Radio Nacional" prog inc ad for newspaper "La Razón" (242 2/5 Westenhaver-PQ)
15345 2300 RAE: SS: "Rye, Argentina" ID; full ID in many languages for 10 minutes; pres news read by M & W (554 1/18 Fraser-MH)

BRAZIL

4755 2353 R. Dif do Maranhão: PP: Brazilian pop music sung by a group (222 1/10 Bishop-NY)
4795 0814 R. Nova Difusora: PP: Fast talking DJ w/Brazilian folk music; partial ID w/echo chamber effect (fr 1/26 Famularo-Japan)
4825 0814 R. Cancão Nova: PP: M anncr w/talks & Lat Am music (fr 1/27 Famularo-Japan)
4845 0125 R. Cabocla: PP: ID in PP; discussion led by M announcer (333 1/7 Dome-TX)
4925 0758 R. Difusora: PP: M DJ w/ad; pop vocals--good day for 60mb Brazillians! (pr-fr 1/26 Famularo-Japan)
5980 0800 R. Guaruja: PP: Strongest 49mb Brazilian at my QTH; Lat Am music, talks & IDs; ads (fr-gd 1/26 Famularo-Japan)
9505 0900 R. Record: PP: M w/talks; interviews; Lat Am music @ 0911 (poor 1/13 Famularo-Japan)
9515 0116 R. Novas de Paz: PP: Religious talks; inspirational message; music; ID w/freqy anmt, slogan & promo (fr 1/2 Clar-NY)
11780 2140 R. Nacional de Amazonia: PP: M anncr w/very nice Lat Am bal-lads & pop music; ID; more music (333 1/30 Owsley-CA) @ 2145 in PP w/non-stop Brazilian pop music (545 1/16 Brugliera VT)
11784.9 0758 R. Guaiba: PP: M w/talks w/freqy & ID; news inc reports done on location (pr-fr 1/13 Famularo-Japan)
11805 0815 R. Globo: PP: Lat Am music; ads--suddenly off @ 0832 in the middle of an ad (fr-gd 1/13 Famularo-Japan)
11810 2356 DW: SS: Trumpet solo; into "Strangers in the Night" (444 1/13 Dome-TX)
15265 1820 R. Bras: EE: News; ID w/ments of European & African service;

15445 1300 into lively Lat Am musical selections (222 1/30 Owsley CA)
R. Bras: EE/PP: Great South American vocal ballad music
(454 1/17 Neff-FL) @ 1243 in EE w/ID; flute type instrumental
music into Brazilian pop song (Brugliera-VT)

CANADA

5960 0036 **RCI:** EE: "As it Happens" w/phone interview about some US
abortion policies (534 1/26 Brugliera-VT)
5960 0234 **R. Japan:** JJ: World news w/ments of Saddam Hussein (555
1/24 Owsley-Cl)

6005 2031 **CFCX:** EE: Satellite fed country music prog inc "Wild Man"
by Ricky Van Shelton (555 1/16 Brugliera-VT)
6015 0531 **RAI:** EE: "Report from Austria" inc petition for ban on
immigration being proposed (555 1/25 Kyburz-CO)
6070 0947 **CFRX:** EE: Larry King call-in show; ad for Golf Digest
magazine; ID (333 1/12 Brown-IL)
6120 1148 **R. Japan:** EE: Cooking contest for foreigners; Ian McFarland
admits that he puts soy sauce on his rice! (433 2/6 Neff FL)
6130 2302 **CHNX:** EE: Pop oldies inc "You Can't Hurry Love"; ID as
"Oldies 96" (545 1/9 Brugliera-VT) @ 0705 in EE w/local weath-
er report; promo (fr 2/7 Hardester-NC)
6160 0237 **CKZM:** EE: W singing classical style music; cornet solo; talks
& into more singing (333 1/15 Levison-PA)
6160 1430 **CKZU:** EE: M w/CBC news inc item about neo-Nazi rally in
Vancouver & havoc they are creating there (444 1/23 Owsley CA)
9515 1715 **BBC:** EE: Radio play "The Last Word"--the last in the 'Raffles'
series (555 1/14 Fraser-MA)
9535 0200 **RCI:** EE: News inc a shut down of an engine plant in Nova
Scotia causes politicians to react; a warning is issued to Can-
adians travelling in Florida (433 2/3 Brown-IL)
9545 0336 **DW:** EE: Documentary on the World War II battle at Stalingrad
and the German 6th Army (555 1/26 Kyburz-CO)
9590 2127 **BBC:** BBC: Report on anti-racist demonstrations in Germany
(444 1/30 Owsley-Cl)

9625 2200 **CBCNOS:** EE: "Canada at Five" w/national & international news
(323 1/4 Biczak-NJ)
9650 1130 **R. Korea:** EE: News inc a report on the reorganization of the
Korean military (554 1/21 Biczak-NJ)
11945 2029 **RCI:** EE: ID as a special transmission for Canadian forces
abroad inc Somalia; into FF @ 2030 (343 1/29 Owsley-Cl) @ 2000
in EE w/"Best of Morningside" w/an interview of jazz pianist
Oscar Peterson (544 1/3 Biczak-NJ)
11955 1400 **RCI:** EE: "Sunday Morning" inc an interesting report on the
Alaska Highway (444 1/10 Biczak-NJ)
15260 1615 **BBC:** EE: "New Ideas" prog on 3-D cameras & fiberoptics
(454 1/25 Thompson-CA)
17820 1922 **RCI:** EE: "Spectrum" prog w/report on ban on capture of Baluga
whales for purpose of export being passed (444 1/4 Theobald-FL)

COLOMBIA

4865 1032 **LV del Cinaruco:** SS: News items; ads; music & talk; ads
(444 1/20 Levison-Pl) @ 0026 in SS hosting a prog of music
(433 1/11 Bishop-NY) @ 0128 in SS w/musical prog; ID into
some vocal music (443 1/6 Theobald-FL)
4885 0000 **Ondas del Meta:** SS: Lottery numbers; ads for a store/meat
company; "noticias con claridad" (222 1/21 Bickus-VA)
4895 0015 **LV del Río Arauca:** SS: Soccer match between Colombia & Peru
(444 1/21 Bickus-VI) @ 0032 in SS giving an address (433 1/11
Bishop-NY)
4975.1 0130 **Ondas del Orteguzaza:** SS: Prog of Lat Am music (444 1/16
Newbury-NE)
5075 0229 **CARACOL-Bogotá:** SS: M delivering political speech w/crowd
noise in background (444 1/29 Owsley-CA)
5955 0220 **LV de los Centauros:** SS: CARACOL ID; music; ads (333 1/31
Brugliera-VT)
6116 0209 **LV del Llano:** SS: ID into slow Lat Am ballad music (333 1/26
Owsley-CA)
9655 2318 **R. Nacional:** SS: ID; talks w/undermodulated audio; into
Lat Am rhythm music; no //freqs heard (534 1/9 Brugliera VT)

COSTA RICA

4832 1015 **R. Reloj:** SS: Musical scale IS into ID by M; local news
(333 1/29 Owsley-Cl)
5030 0231 **AWR:** SS: Religious allegory; "Amomás al buen Jesús" (444
1/29 Bickus-VI)

5050 0234 REE: SS: Spanish Foreign Radio relay w/news & commentary (555 1/29 Owsley-CA)
 5055 0225 Faro del Caribe: SS: Long playing classical music into ID; into "Music por la Familia" (444 1/26 Owsley-CA) @ 0207 in SS w/classical music inc piano solo (333 1/21 Levison-PA)
 7375 0200 RFPI: EE: Vietnam Veteran's Radio Network prog (353 1/26 Neff-FL)
 9622.6 1256 AWR: EE: Prog preview & address; into family Bible reading prog from Book of Daniel (344 1/26 Westenhaver-PQ)
 15030 2035 RFPI: EE: Woman describing her rape in Croatia by Serbians (333 1/14 Rontanini-FL)
 17870 2249 REE: SS: Background reports on sports topics; ID rap song in SS; site per gh's World of Radio #672 (343 1/8 Westenhaver)

CUBA

3365 1003 R. Rebelde: SS: M & W voices reading pres new item; a little music (333 1/20 Levison-PA)
 5025 2100 R. Rebelde: SS: Musical prog; weekly sked of arts programs (333 1/14 Rontanini-FL)
 6010 0113 RHC: EE: News inc food caravan from the US led by religious groups (444 1/5 Theobald-FL)
 6180 2218 RHC: EE: Interview w/Swedish journalist inc her thoughts on Cuba; ID; Cuban music (434 1/9 Bellovich-FL)
 9510 0652 RHC: EE: Cuban music; 0700* (454 1/17 Lukas-NY)
 9550nf 1006 RHC: PP: News; promo for the latest "win a trip to Cuba" contest; this transmission beamed to Brazil (343 1/31 Westenhaver)
 9815 0250 RHC: EE: Caribbean-style music joined in progress--part of an int'l music festival (444 1/11 Dome-TX)
 15165nf 2150 RHC: EE: Talks about a conference in Paris trying to ban chemical weapons; 2159* (444 1/21 Westenhaver-PQ)
 15230nf 2306 RHC: PP: Talks about Cuban solidarity w/Africa; bits of Cuban news (243 1/31 Westenhaver-PQ)
 15430 2250 RHC: SS: Talks about Mexico & Italy; ID (434 1/13 Dome-TX)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

4860 0130 R. Cima Cien: SS: "Enamorado" prog inc salsas & merengues (444 1/21 Bickus-VA) @ 0120 in SS w/continuous music except for an occasional 'viva caliente' (142 1/17 Brugliera-VT)

ECUADOR

3279.8 0205 LV del Napo: SS: News inc ments of 'Bill Clinton'; promo or ad w/music; IDs freqy anmt (??? 1/3 Clar-NY) @ 0210 in SS w/a musical prog hosted by M; ID @ 0230 (333 1/22 D'Angelo PA)
 4770.7 0027 R. Centinela del Sur: SS: News & talks w/ments of 'Bosnia-Herzegovina'; IDs w/slogans (fr 1/3 Clar-NY)
 4795.3 0011 LV de los Carás: SS: Possible news prog; ads; brief comunicados & saludos; IDs Lat Am vocal music (fr-gd 1/21 Clar NY)
 4800 0004 R. Popular: M announcer w/talks (221 1/11 Bishop-NY)
 4890 0120 R. Centinela del Sur: SS: Ecuadorian music; ID & talks abt Ecuador (434 1/22 Froemming-AZ)
 4920 0130 R. Quito: SS: Mixture of Ecuadorian and US style music (343 1/22 Froemming-AZ)
 4961 1131 R. Federación(t): Shuar?: Talks which sounded like SS but WRTH says Shuar (pr 1/27 Famularo-Japan)
 5030 2340 R. Católica Nacional: SS: Ecuadorian music; "Quito de mi Vida"; missionary prog (544 1/27 Bickus-VA)
 5049.8 0830 R. Jesús del Gran Poder(t): SS: Continuous Lat Am music inc vocals; no ID heard--could be LV del Yopal (fr 1/26 Famularo)
 6205 0717 HCJB: EE: "Musical Mailbag" inc letters from England and France (433 1/23 Brown-IL)
 9745 0240 HCJB: EE: News that Japan plans gifts of radios and recorders to Cambodia (454 1/24 Neff-FL) @ 1020 in EE w/"Studio 9" w/an item on the robot "Dante" going into the Antarctic volcano which led into a commentary on Hell (453 1/18 Fraser-MA)
 15155 0048 HCJB: EE: Prog on the symptoms, treatment and causes of malaria (444 1/18 Theobald-FL)
 17790 1920 HCJB: EE: "DX Partyline w/repeat of a feature by Rich McVicar on basic SWling (444 1/2 Newbury-NE)
 21454.9 1642 HCJB: EE: Letter from a W who says that Christ cured her of lesbianism; into religious music (444 1/30 Bellovich-FL)

FRENCH GUIANA

9800 0352 RFI: FF: Prog of popular music followed by station news and schedule (555 1/24 Kyburz-CO)
 17575 1223 RFI: FF: FF cover version of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" (in

GUATEMALA

- 2390 0050 LV de Atitlán: SS: Central American music; ID (333 1/7 Dome TX)
 3300 1140 R. Cultural: SS: M w/ID; religious sermon (434 1/21 Foster NC) @ 0300 in EE w/"Back to the Bible prog (444 1/19 Theobald FL)
 3324.8 1146 R. Maya de Barillas: SS/Vern: M host reads listener's letters; bouncy music duet (333 1/21 Foster-NC)
 3330 0220 R. Chortis: SS: IDs; marimba & other Lat Am music; saludos; TCs; anmts (fr 1/29 Clar-NY) @ 1058 in SS w/sign on; ID as TGCH; into prayers & hymns (444 2/6 George-MA)
 4800 0130 R. Buenas Nuevas: SS: ID; into relig prog in SS (323 1/7 Dome)
 4825 2221 R. Mam: SS: M anncr w/talks; co-channel QRM (221 1/10 Bishop)
 4835 0018 R. Tezulutlán: SS: M either talking or preaching into music (322 1/11 Bishop-NY) @ 0126 in vern w/rosary of prayer service & hymns (fr-gd 1/3 Clar-NY) @ 0325 in vern w/marimba music & greetings; many ments of Cobán (222 1/15 Bichus-VA)
 5981.3 1158 AWR: SS: Religious vocal into relig talks; ID (243 1/23 Westenhaver-PQ)

HONDURAS

- 3250 0150 R. Luz y Vida: SS: Lat Am pop music; sound of horses neighing; canned ID by Winc slogan & ment of Honduras (pr 1/3 Clar NY)
 4820 0010 LV Evangélica: SS: Popular Christian music in SS; into M w/sermon (322 1/11 Bishop-NY) @ 0145 in SS w/"La Palabra Revelada"; music; commentary (444 1/7 Bickus-VA)
 4910.6 0220 LV Evangélica de la Mosquitia: EE: Religious prog w/long sermon followed by choir vocal music (353 1/14 D'Angelo PA)

MEXICO

- 2390 0050 R. Huayacocotla: SS: ID in SS (323 1/7 Dome-TX)
 6185 1033 R. Educación: SS: All different types of music; IDs (444 1/16 Stine-MD) @ 0600 in SS w/countdown to the new year w/gong of dog barking, siren, music box, train chooing, cattle mooing, bird chirping & other sounds (555 1/1 Newbury-NE) (Are you sure this wasn't New Year's Eve at the Wakefield's?--ed) @ 0617 in SS w/non-stop music; infrequent IDs (??? 1/24 Hardester-NC)
 9705 0345 R. Mexico Int'l: SS: ID followed by guitar music (222 1/24 Kyburz-CO)

PARAGUAY

- 9735 0147 R. Nacional: SS: ID into "Noticias" w/ments of nueve Presidente Clinton (444 1/22 Owsley-CA)

PERU

- 4485.1 1105 R. Frecuencia: SS: Comunicados preceded by 'atención'; promos; TCs full ID w/ments of Celedin (253 2/5 George MA)
 4840.1 0947 R. Andahuaylas: SS: Vocal music; ID @ 0949; wiped out by R. Valera's Venezuelan NA @ 0958 (252 1/3 D'Angelo-PA)
 4914.5 0905 R. Cora: SS: Lat Am music; ments of "Miercoles...en la mañana..." (fr 1/27 Famularo-Japan)
 4991 0335 R. Ancash: SS: Nice flute music; good ID w/freq anmts; into vocal music (353 1/15 D'Angelo-PA)
 5097 0455 R. Eco: SS: Lat Am vocal music; reggae music; ments of Iquitos (fr 1/18 Clar-NY)
 5800 1052 R. Nuevo Cajamarca: SS: Andean music; ID (242 2/5 George MA)
 6754.7 0152 R. La Merced: SS: ID as "R. La Merced por la exterior"; into Andean flute music (243 1/25 Owsley-CA)

PIRATES, CLANDESTINES & UNIDS

- 7413 2015 CKLW: EE: Rock music; ID; fake ads (??? 1/2 Wolfson OH)
 7413 2315 WYMN: EE: Skits about nasty teachers & two women in a song . Blasting the FCC (122 1/30 Wallace-MA)
 7415u 0030 93X: EE: Parodies of commercials and well imitated celebrity voices; off suddenly @ 0048 (??? 1/2 Pasquale-PA)
 7415 2235 R. Esoterica: EE: M anncr hosting prog of rock music; gave Stoneham MA mail drop (353 1/16 D'Angelo-PA)
 7415.8 2121 R. Beaver: EE: Host Bucky Beaver w/ments of Mulrone; old Star Trek music; IDs (??? 1/2 Wolfson-OH)
 7416.7 0233 R. Airplane: EE: ID by Capt Eddie; rock music (333 1/2 Dome TX)
 7417 0234 R. Azteca: EE: Rocky & Bullwinkle IS; wonderful satire inc shortwave jokes; slams at Glenn Hauser (333 1/24 Wallace MA)
 7419 1434 Tangerine Radio: EE: Talks about freedom of the press; rock music; ID & address (333 1/24 Fisher-MA)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5950	0241	<u>VOFC</u> : EE: "Economic Journal" w/statistics on oil; Taiwan exports are down (555 1/13 Brugliera-VT)
6030	0650	<u>VOA</u> : EE: Really hot jazz ensemble music (444 1/3 Dome-TX)
7355	2107	<u>WYFR</u> : EE: Open Forum prog w/disc on prayer and Bible readings (433 1/10 Bishop-NY)
7355	0210	<u>WRNO</u> : EE: "American Dissident Voices"---a show VERY critical of non-whites in the US (555 1/10 Brugliera-VT) (I am truly surprised that this prog and "Scriptures for America" heard on WWCR on 7435 kHz on UTC Sunday @ 0330 would be aired on stations that have so much Christian programming--ed)
7395	0446	<u>WRNO</u> : EE: Prog of rock music (454 1/9 Lukas-NY)
7435	0306	<u>WWCR</u> : EE: "Radio Free America" w/Middle East expert Bill Baker on US involvement in Iraq & Somalia (444 1/13 Bagozzi-CA)
7490	0204	<u>WJCR</u> : EE: Southern gospel music (444 1/13 Bagozzi-CA)
7510	2118	<u>KTBN</u> : EE: Talks about the Christian Science Church (544 1/10 Bishop-NY)
9465	2122	<u>WMLK</u> : EE: Talks about salvation through Jesus (433 1/10 Bishop-NY)
9680	0315	<u>VOFC</u> : EE: "Horizons" w/business in mainland China (544 1/1 Carson-OK)
9850	2200	<u>WYFR</u> : EE: News inc a delegation from Taiwan to visit South Africa (454 1/8 Bellovich-FL)
13595	1607	<u>WJCR</u> : EE: Gospel music; ID & phone number given; more music. Great station, poor reception @ this QTH (252 1/28 Thompson-CA)
15395	1500	<u>VOA</u> : EE: M anncr w/ID & world news (444 1/6 Langlois-FL)
25870	1619	<u>WFLA</u> : EE: Call-in shop; ID; ads (??? 1/8 Wolfson-JH)

URUGUAY

6140	0925	<u>R. Oriental</u> : SS: Talks w/ments of Uruguay; then "R. Oriental" ID @ 0931; brief fanfare before more tx (pr-fr 1/31 Famularo)
11735	0300	<u>R. Oriental</u> : SS: IDs; "Super Radio" slogans; ments of Montevideo; ads & jingles; 0032* (fr-gd 1/27 Clar-NY)
11835.7	0245	<u>R. El Espectador</u> : SS: Rock music in EE (It's My Life); ad for Hondas; ID w/freqs (243 1/16 George-MA)

VENEZUELA

4830	0145	<u>R. Táchira</u> : SS: Lat Am music along w/some American rock music w/talks by W (242 1/23 Froemming-AZ)
4939.7	0350	<u>R. Continental</u> : SS: M & W talking much too fast for me to translate (322 1/22 Froemming-AZ)
4970	0100	<u>R. Rumbos</u> : SS: Lat Am music; many IDs; talks about traffic problems in Caracas (444 1/21 Froemming-AZ)
4980	0202	<u>Ecos del Torbes</u> : SS: Lottery results; songs inc "Camino Verde" & "El Rebozo Blanco" (454 1/17 Bickus-VA)
5030	0504	<u>R. Continente</u> : SS: Many IDs; TCs; anmts & lively Lat Am music (454 1/9 D'Angelo-PA)
9540	2137	<u>R. Nacional de Venezuela</u> : EE: ID & freqy info; Venezuelan gov't to investigate corruption in the military (222 1/8 Bellovich-FL)
9660	0959	<u>R. Rumbos</u> : SS: Lots of IDs into what sounded like the news (333 1/15 Stine-MD)

Fill that Gap! First, from Daniel Camporini's "Radio Panorama" we have the following information. One of his contributors, Sr. Eliesel Perdome C. from Placetas, Villa Clara, Cuba logged R. Condordia Arequipa, Peru on 6140 kHz @ 1010 UTC. Also, he logged AWR, Costa Rica on new frequency 6150 kHz @ 1324 UTC. Heard also was R. Atlántida from Iquitos, Peru on 4790 kHz @ 0930 UTC. Another contributor, Sr. Luis Vargas from Puerto Aremeulles, Panama says that R. Universidad, San José, Costa Rica is active from 1300-0400 UTC. Also active is Nucleo R. Mil from 1200-0800 UTC. From his Buenos Aires, Argentina QTH Daniel Camporini logged a new Bolivian station on 6195 kHz @ 0930 UTC, R. Metropolitana from La Paz, a simulcast of 930 kHz medium wave. Also logged by Sr. Camporini were R. Huanta 2000 Huanta, Peru on 4746 kHz @ 0045 UTC. Also, R. San Miguel, Riberalta, Bolivia on 4925 kHz @ 0928. Again from Bolivia, R. Libertad from La Paz, Bolivia on 5005 kHz @ 0035 UTC. From Peru, R. Quillabamba on 5025 kHz @ 0200 UTC. From Bolivia, R. Dif CVU "LV del Tropico" from Villa Tunarión 5935 kHz @ 0205. Also R. San Gabriel from La Paz, Bolivia on 6084 kHz @ 09501, and another Bolivian, R. Cosmos from Cochabamba on 6095 kHz @ 0910 UTC. Lastly, R. Santa Cruz from Bolivia on 6135 kHz from *0900...I just got back from the SWL Winterfest in Kulpsville, PA & it was great to see so many old friends and to meet some new ones...Bob Brown, executive director at NASWA, his XYL Gail, Cris Field & Harold Cones are to be congratulated for their hard work & great results...Until next month, remember to have fun with your radio! 73s and good DX *dlon*



LATIN NOTEBOOK

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Christmas Day I tuned the CSN, as I often do, for the news, and to my surprise they'd expanded *Letterbox* to 3/4 of the 2-hour tape of the day's broadcast. An unusual program, I thought, for a Christian station on Christmas Day, and I only listened long enough to note that the computers were not synchronized and the short announcements cut one end and broadcast dead air on the other.

It was, too, a phone-in program with letters and phone calls selected by some undefined type of lottery to be aired and their originators to momentarily bask in the limelight of international airwave publicity. It was hardly a Boston invention, as HCJB, the VOA, and the BBC had set the pattern long before (though never at the expense of a "Christmas Special").

Kilowatts and satellites are primary factors in determining the station-listener relationships in radio. The University Network marks one extreme. Dr. Gene Scott, who now boasts that he can be heard 24 hours a day in every part of the world, has no time to mention listeners. They can write in, or phone in, to a central office with their donations, and achieve mention only in the numerical grand totals of fundraising drives. International broadcasters occasionally mention a listener's letter, and some few have letters programs. But it is only the small local stations that make any effort to mention and greet all who contact them.

One such station is **Radio Tezulutlán** in Cobán, Guatemala. Their FM outlet is in Spanish and programmed for listeners in the Capitol, but their 4835 kHz outlet is in a variety of Indian languages beamed especially for listeners in the back country, and for Cobán, which is more *provincial* than *capitolina* in culture. The Australians did an excellent job in designing and installing the "tropical band" antenna for them a few years back, and they have excellent coverage. Here in Huasca, I hear them sign on the afternoon segment of their programs at 3:00 local time with an S3 signal.

Typically, a half-hour of this program consists of three eight-minute segments of listeners' names and *saludos*, and three marimba music selections. At times, I've estimated that they have mentioned over 200 listeners during the half-hour. But why dies anyone listen to names, names, names? For the same reason I listen to the long lists of dedications on Radio Huayacocotla; when I see that person in the market or in the Plaza, we've been introduced; we take a moment to say hello, and we have something to talk about for a minute. Perhaps you'll never meet the listeners of Radio Huayacocotla or Radio Tezulutlán, or the hundred other stations like them that constitute tropical-band Latin America, but these stations have a genuine interest in people, and your reception report is your point of contact. Be genuine, not formal, and talk about yourself, your activities, and your town. You'll not hear your own voice distorted by traveling halfway around the world and back, but a personal-letter QSL is one of the greatest rewards of DXing.

Radio Mil

Mexico's Radio Mil came on the air in 1940. To the north, across the Atlantic, and across the Pacific, war clouds were gathering. Music, most of the world's music, suddenly became overly militant or overly sentimental. But in Mexico, in the clubs, the cafés, the dance halls, and on the radio—especially on the radio—the *Epoca de Oro*, the era of romantic music, was taking form. Radio Mil, like XEW and XEB that preceded it, had its staff of composers, artists, and critics dedicated to the promotion of the *Cancion Mexicana*, the romantic bolero. The music has survived. It is popular today, what you hear on late-night programs from many Latin American radio stations. Joaquin Codero, one of Radio Mil's original staff members, has a popular TV program featuring many of the composers and artists of the *Epoca de Oro*. It is unusual to find

a music critic whose primary interest is in the poetic quality of the lyrics, yet public acceptance and popularity of romantic music in Latin America is based primarily on its poetry. Those who learn Spanish to catch an ID or write a report are close, very close, to hearing the music. It's worth the additional effort.

Radio Mil added a shortwave outlet: Not an international voice like XEW, but a low-powered 49-meter repeater that maintained the station's coverage in the adverse atmospheric conditions characteristic of the tropics. Yet it is a transmitter that "gets out," and has been reported from North America, Europe, and Asia. Years ago, when I started DXing Latin American shortwave, I saw a report (and it's best that I don't remember where) which stated that the station broadcast only on religious holidays. As the years passed, I realized that Radio Mil put its shortwave transmitter on the air during "vacations," which in Mexico are a couple of weeks at Easter and perhaps three weeks at Christmas. The shortwave broadcasts involved the entire vacation periods, and although they reflected the holidays, they weren't religious in nature. The explanation, reflecting a typical hazard of Latin radio, was that the shortwave transmitter interfered with the TV and telephone of a "politician" who lived nearby, and, sure that his equipment was not at fault, ordered the station off the air. But he took his family to the beach during vacations. And the station, to keep its license, came on the air during his absence. Evidently the problem was solved a few years ago, for Radio Mil broadcasts 24 hours daily on shortwave, with occasional silent periods attributed to equipment failure.

Today Radio Mil is Nucleo Radio Mil, a group of mediumwave and FM stations, with the 49-meter repeater still the only shortwave outlet. Their latest addition is Express Radio, an all-English mediumwave station featuring network news, business news, and talk shows from north of the border.



Bolivia: New station **Radio Metropolitana**, La Paz, heard on 6194.51v. Heard by me for the first time after phone call from Daniel Camporini on 12 January and again on 13 January, with good signal in Buenos Aires. Schedule 0905v-0300. Programmes are in Spanish, but in the mornings are in Quechua or Aymara. ID is "930 kilociclos, Metropolitana," and also jingles as "la radio popular más popular."

Dominican Republic: New station **Radio Estrella**, Santo Domingo, heard by Dave Valko 2313-2350, non-stop music with breaks after about every 4th song for canned ID as "Esta es Radio Estrella, transmitiendo desde Santo Domingo, capital de la República Dominicana, en la frecuencia de 6205 kilociclos banda de 49 metros." Modulation now reasonable.

El Salvador: The ex-clandestine stations **Radio Venceremos** and **Radio Farabundo Martí** are now official stations in El Salvador, with the following addresses: Radio Venceremos, Apartado Postal 05-209, San Salvador. Dir: Carlos Enrique Consvi. The SW transmitter (6300v kHz) has been out with technical problems since August 1992, and is currently only on FM.

Radio Farabundo Martí, call letters YSVV, is also only on FM, and hasn't been on SW since 1990. The station plans to return to shortwave for Salvadorans living abroad, principally in the USA. Address: Apartado 3080, San Salvador. Dir: Mauricio Wilfredo Aepeda.

A Cold War Icon Comes Under Siege

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Special to the New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 - Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, two icons of the cold war, are to be shut down under President Clinton's deficit-reduction plan, according to Administration officials and officials with the two broadcasting corporations.

Among the cuts outlined in the President's economic plan are a \$60 million savings in the fiscal year that begins October 1, and \$644 million over five years for the Board of International Broadcasting, which oversees the foreign-language broadcasts.

Officials with the Office of Management and the Budget, and the chairman of the Board for Independent Broadcasting, say these cuts would be accomplished by merging Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty into the United States Information Agency. They said this would mean shutting down the two services in 1995 and letting more than 1,600 employees go. Most are based in Munich.

Officials of the Board for Independent Broadcasting say they intend to lobby Congress to have their funds restored, arguing that despite the end of the cold war, the two operations have not lost their relevance.

"What you have is a budget document that is calling for these savings," said Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr., chairman. "But I think these proposals have not been thought through or carefully weighed by the President's foreign policy team, and certainly not by the Congress." Mr. Forbes is hoping that support in Congress, particularly from Senator Joseph R. Biden, Democrat of Delaware, who has been a staunch advocate for the radio operations, will lead to the restoration of the cuts. Foreign-language broadcasting, Mr. Forbes said, "is the cheapest, most effective way of influencing events in other countries on a daily basis."

But a Congressional aide involved in overseeing the budget said that given the questions about the broadcasts' relevance after the demise of Communism, and the pressure to approve spending cuts and painful tax increases as part of the President's package, he doubted there was sufficient political support on Capitol Hill. "If the only spending-cut vote that members would have to take was Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty, they would feel they got off very lightly," said the aide, who asked not to be identified.

Begun during the cold war using funds from the Central Intelligence Agency, the two stations broadcast local news in 24 languages to the Eastern bloc and the former Soviet Union. Radio Free Europe, which began in 1951, broadcasts to Eastern Europe, with the exception of the former Yugoslavia. Radio Liberty, started in 1953, broadcasts to the former Soviet republics and Afghanistan. The two stations are separate from the Voice of America, a worldwide service that broadcasts general news, music, features, and commentary.

The Clinton economic plan does not envision any special trims in the current operations at Voice of America, but it does eliminate plans for a \$1 billion relay station planned for the Negev in Israel. The Negev station, which would cover 2,000 acres, has been vigorously opposed by environmentalists, who say that the installation would disturb a delicate desert ecology and that radio waves would disorient migrating birds. It does allocate \$12 million for a relay station in Kuwait to carry VOA broadcasts in Arabic.

There are no specific spending cuts planned for Radio Martí or TV Martí, two Spanish outlets broadcasting to Cuba.

The proposal to eliminate Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty is the latest thrust in the back-and-forth debate over maintaining the services in a new technological and political era. In December 1991, a Presidential panel recommended that RFE and RL have their roles redefined rather than curtailed. But last August, a different Presidential commission recommended phasing out the services. Congressional aides say that even if Mr. Clinton had not put forward a plan to eliminate the stations, Congress would have taken a hard look at the need for continuing them.

Advocates of curtailing the services say that they are less needed now, with Communism on the wane, and that commercial operations like Cable News Network are making inroads into the former Soviet bloc, ending the need for government-backed broadcasting. But supporters counter that while Communism is receding, democracy has yet to take root. They note that in some countries, like Slovakia, the state maintains tight control over the news. They also say that the economies of many countries are not developed enough to make private broadcasting commercially viable.

"Communism may have lost, but democracy has not yet won," Mr. Forbes said.

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I want to start this month by saying "Thank You" to the people who have contributed to this column over the past months. There's been an improvement in the quality of the loggings, and the content is often thought provoking. I always welcome as much personal opinion as space will allow.

Listening to shortwave is still a great way to learn first hand about other historical, political, artist and ethical points of view. We now have the portable technology to enable us to listen to this world almost anywhere or anytime. So please keep listening, contributing and not just listing.

- ALBANIA** Radio Tirana
- 9580 0141 RT: EE: Albanian folk music and station ID as "This is Radio Tirana". (333 1/15 Bagozzi-CA)
9760 0133 RT: Albanian: Folk music with talk. (333 1/29 Levison-PA)
0139 RT: Albanian: Lots of nifty folk music; brief announcements & abruptly off at 0156*; IS and s/on at 0158ut. (343 1/15 WW-PQ)
0145 RT: Albanian: Local music and ID by woman. (423 1/11 Dome-TX)
- AUSTRIA** Radio Austria Int'l
- 9870 0140 ORF: EE: A report on senior citizens; ID and into "Postbox" with listener's letters. (333 1/30 Brown-IL)
0141 ORF: EE: Commentary on flare-ups in Iraq. (333 1/22 Owsley-CA)
2341 ORF: EE: "Austrian Coffee Table" with classical guitar music, followed by a piano concerto. (433 1/24 Theobald-FL)
9875 *0130 ORF: EE: News of fighting in Croatia; "Postbox" with mention of SPEEDXer William Westenhaver's name. (545 1/24 Bellovich)
0148 ORF: EE: Mailbag show with David Hermges commenting on letters about "Austrian SW Panorama", including one I wrote last August. (343 1/24 Westenhaver-PQ) Beeeyooooeee! Wierd!
- BELGIUM** Radio Vlaanderen Int'l
- 5900 2203 RVI: EE: //9905(useless); Woman with news, weather and Belgian happenings; then into "Radio World". (243 1/16 Brugliera-VT)
7370 0045 RVI: EE: "Music From Flanders", ID and into (presumed)Flemish at 0054 with frequency announcements. (p-f 1/25 Clar-NY)
0030 RVI: EE: to NA: News, with mention of a job action by Belgian air traffic controllers. Reception poor! (252 1/25 Lukas-NY)
0040 RVI: EE: Liz Sandorson interviewing the Belgian Prime Minister on how to decrease anti-immigrant feelings. (343 1/22 WW-PQ)
21810 1400 RVI: EE: "Green Society", with an excellent report on UNICEF's state of the World's Children report. (333 1/7 Biczak-NJ)
1400 RVI: EE: News and Christmas music. (555 12/25 Card-RI)
- BULGARIA** Radio Sofia
- 6220 2115 RS: Serbo-Croatian: RS's theme mx and talk. (211 2/15 BC-NJ)
6235 2045 RS: EE: ID as "This is Radio Sofia Bulgaria Calling", then into news and "Youth Magazine" program. (252 1/6 Lukas-NY)
7115 0024 Radio Moscow: EE: Commentary & opera music. (554 1/14 Bickus)
7225 *2200 RS: II: IS, then woman with ID and schedule for Italian broadcasts, program notes and news; splash-7230. (232 1/17 WW-PQ)
7290 0407 RS: EE: News, mostly on Yugoslavia. (333 12/26 Johnson-IL)
9700 0102 RS: EE: Frequency schedule and news. (434 1/11 Dome-TX)
0140 RS: EE: "Answering Your Letters", followed by music and s/off. (333 1/29 Levison-PA)
2250 RS: EE: News and commentary followed by a report on the trade unions in Bulgaria. (322 1/5 Biczak-NJ)
- CROATIA** Croatian Radio, Zagreb
- 9830 2204 CR: EE: //6145(under DW); The latest news on the war, with possible UN/US action and cease fire talks; then discussion of the current stand of other European countries (Very sad situation there!). Noisy with much QRM. (423 2/6 Brugliera)

CZECH REPUBLIC

Radio Prague

5930 0100 RP: EE: News, commentary and "Magazine 93". (222 1/6 Biczak)
 5930 0400 RP: EE: "DX Special" (with Libor Kubick) and "Readings From
 Czech Literature". (433 1/17 Biczak-NJ)
 5960 2200 RP: EE: Commentary on the recent election of President Havel,
 followed by the program, "Encounter". (434 1/27 Biczak-NJ)
 7345 0112 RP: EE: Classical music. (434 1/2 Dome-TX) Dvorak I hope! BC
 0228 RP: EE: SS?: IS, ID and news. (333 1/26 Owsley-CA)
 0239 RP: EE: "Beer Barrel Polka" with narration. (434 1/10 Dome)
 0315 RP: EE: Program of Jazz saxophone music. (343 1/11 Johnson)
 0400 RP: EE: "Stamp Corner" with a stamp quiz. (333 1/8 Langlois)
 9810 0255 RP: EE: A mixture of 70s and other rock music till 0258, then
 IS and English programming at 0300 ut. (444 1/29 Owsley-CA)
 11990 0004 RP: EE: News with the announcement of the new Czech State,
 and then New Year's eve music. (443 1/1 Newbury-NE)

EURO-PIRATE

6294.9 0218 Radio Caroline: EE: (Thanks to call from Chris Lobdell) Heard
 rather weak, under CW, with many recognizable songs by the
 Stones, Deep Purple, etc; ID as Radio Caroline; wants reports
 sent to "Offshore Echoes" P.O.Box 1514, London W7 2LL. (Don't
 mention Radio Caroline on the envelope!)(222 1/24 Wallace-MA)
 6295 0220 Radio Caroline: EE: Rock music and station ID as: "This is
 Radio Caroline"; weak but readable. (222 1/24 Fisher-MA)

FRANCE

Radio France Int'l

4890 0510 RFI: FF: Woman with the news. (45243 1/24 Newbury-NE)
 5945 0252 RFI: FF: Man and woman playing U.S. "country and western"
 standards in French. (433 1/25 Owsley-CA)
 9800 0430 RFI: FF: Call-in news reports by reporters. (444 1/10 Newbury)
 11705 1628 RFI: EE: //17850, 17795, 17620, 15530; Woman with ID and news
 on French-African relations. (323 1/30 Bellovich-FL)
 15365 1230 RFI: EE: Mitterand's New Year's address with mention of Serbia
 and March's legislative elections. (545 1/1 Robinson-TN)
 1253 RFI: EE: "Club 9516", with real intellectual weekly "Newquiz"
 question: What is the name of Clinton's cat? (333 1/24 WW-PQ)
 17620 1600 RFI: EE: News on Bush's visit to Russia and France; then into
 sports and press review on Africa. (55444 1/3 Biczak-NJ)
 1612 RFI: EE: "Africa News" with report on a trial in Algeria and
 Sports: France beats Scotland 11-3 in rugby. (333 2/6 Brown)
 21645 1423 RFI: SS: News on the war in Bosnia and of Iraq entering Kuwait
 for the 4th time. (444 1/13 Rontanini-FL)

GERMANY

Deutsche Welle Voice of America

6040 0122 DW-Antigua: EE: "Nickelodeon" with German pop. (444 1/10 Dome)
 "European Journal" on Spanish newspaper jokes. (1/31 Newbury)
 6060 0530 VOA: EE: Preview of Clinton's inauguration. (333 1/20 Dome-TX)
 6085 0125 DW: EE: //6145; DX program, with tips on how to combat QRM due
 to band congestion. (444 1/31 Bellovich-FL) 49 meters?! BC
 2138 Bayerischer Rundfunk: GG: Music, by Leonard Bernstein, and
 for guitar; @2159 WYFR kicked on their xmtr and obliterated
 BR's signal; I noted 30 seconds of time pfs (ticks) during
 WYFR's IS, then ID and news on the hour. (fr 1/23 Hardester)
 6100 0232 DW: GG: Strange program with a man and a woman talking with
 sheep & tom tom drums in the background (555 1/13 Brugliera)
 6145 0130 DW: EE: //6085(545); Economic news. (545 1/26 Brugliera-VT)
 7235 *2029 DW: SS: Crash start (to avoid co-ch RCI s/off @2030*) with
 German site ID, Spanish ID, schedule, and how to get this
 service off the satellite; then news. (243 2/4 Westenhaver)
 7275 0421 DW: EE: Report on Shetlands oil spill. (343 1/11 Westenhaver)
 9585 0335 DW: EE: Talk about a Ukranian church's Christmas celebration;
 off at 1650*. (fair 1/9 Famularo-JP) Site not in WRTH93. BC
 9770 *1315 DW: Polish: (under co-ch Radio Australia) IS, ID and a woman
 with talk. (pr 1/12 Famularo-JP)
 13610 1840 DW: GG: Two DJs with Euro-pop music. (444 1/30 Owsley-CA)

GREECE

Voice of America Voice of Greece

6060 2255 VOA-Kavala: RR: Man with talk, announcements and big band mx;
 then "Yankee Doodle" and English ID. (43443 1/27 Newbury-NE)
 9395 0150 VOG: EE: "This is Athens, The Voice of Greece", followed by a
 discussion on Greek archeology findings. (443 1/19 Theobald)
 9420 0140 VOG: EE: News, with mention of Yugoslavia. (444 1/8 Johnson)
 0220 VOG: Greek: //9395; Sitar music and ID at 0227. (434 1/4 Dome)
 15650 1043 VOG: EE: News, including a Greek warning to the UN not to take
 rash actions in former Yugoslavia. (253 1/12 Famularo-JP)
 17565 1245 VOG: EE: A man with ID and Greek music. (333 1/3 Langlois-FL)

HUNGARY Radio Budapest

6110 2240 RBH EE: //9835; Details on a Hungarian language program and reading listener's letters. (423 1/9 Bellovich-FL)

9835 0308 RBH EE: "Newsroom Magazine", then "Business Partners" and "DX News". (323 1/20 Biczak-NJ)

ICELAND Icelandic National Broadcasting

11402 2315 INBS: Icelandic: //9275; Man and woman with talk, news and mention of Bosnia. (fair 1/10 Clar-NY)

13855 1529 INBS: "Silent Night" sung in Icelandic. (444 12/24 George-MA)

15770 1935 INBS: Icelandic: A talk show, with music at the beginning and at the end of the program. (343 2/6 Stine-MD)

ITALY IRRS Radiotelevisione Italiano

7125 0217 IRRS: ID and very long piano pieces which got lost in the noise; possibly another language #0230. (323 1/17 Brugliera)

7705 0054 RAI-feeder: II: usb: Ballads and instrumental music followed by 5-1 pips on the hour and news by man, then woman with Eng. news at 0102 (also at 0202, 0302). (pr-fr 1/24 Hardester-NC) Mike, good logging! This is RAI's "Notturmo Italiano" Night Program Svc (ID #0209 2/24). The English news was the clue. (WRTH93) I also heard "R.Uno" at *0500. It's either a backup for the cable/satellite feed or Italian military testing. BC

9575 0113 RAI: EE: //11800(522); Traditional Italian music and pops, then ID, address and s/off into French. (534 2/7 Brugliera)

0144 RAI: II: Jazz music and ID as "Radio Roma". (433 1/11 Dome)

11800 *0100 RAI: EE: //9575; Interval signal, chimes, music, ID, and into news. Felini is 73 years old. (43554 1/21 Newbury-NE)

0105 RAI: EE: News item on Italian troops in Somalia. last time I heard something similar was back in 1942! (443 1/20 Fraser)

15340 1910 RAI: AA: Sign-on with IS, news and music. (353 1/5 Lukas-NY)

21535nf 1400 RAI: II: //21690, 17800; "Dominica Sport" with live coverage of Sunday's Italian soccer league games. At times this was // the game I was watching on RAI's satellite feed coming over TV CH-31 New York. Juvantas lost 3-1. (232 2/7 BC-NJ)

21690 1650 RAI: Somali(per WRTH93): Man with long text, then into bird interval signal and off at 1658 ut. (322 1/8 Johnson-IL)

MALTA Deutsche Welle

9565 0145 DW: Sign-off with schedule, ID in English and "Malta relay" site announcement, followed by IS #0150*. (323 1/15 Dome-TX)

9735 0347 DW: GG: Music program and off abruptly #0355*. (434 1/10 Dome)

MONACO Trans World Radio

9650 *0800 TWR: Norwegian: IS and man with hymn. (pr 1/12 Famularo-JP)

15060 0017 tTWR: GG: Religious music and sermon, then music box interval signal at 0030*. Too much QRM. (333 1/19 Dome-TX)

NETHERLANDS Radio Netherlands

6020 2339 RN: EE: "East of Edam": Irish Catholic priests ignore their vow of celibacy(sounds more like "Geraldo"). (343 1/24 WW-PQ)

13700 1846 RN: FF: An interview and talk on Bill Clinton, then news on the situation in Iraq. (343 1/30 Owsley)

NORWAY Radio Denmark Radio Norway Int'l

9560 0129 RNI: EE: End of program, ID and RD s/on. (443 1/2 Theobald)

0130 RD: Danish: Man with news and talk. (434 1/14 Levison-PA)

0155 RD: Danish: IS and ID in English and Danish, then into Radio Norway Int'l #0200 ut. (444 1/14 Dome-TX)

11795 2300 RNI: EE: News item on talks with Russia on the future of the Arctic regions. (342 1/17 Fraser-MA)

2323 RNI: EE: Norwegian pop music, and talk of a man spending 50 days alone in the polar region; then a preview of Sunday's shows. (545 1/16 Brugliera-VT)

2355 RD: Danish: IS heard under Deutsche Welle IS. (333 1/18 Dome)

15335 1748 RD: Danish: On top of RTV Morocco; The 93 WRTH says it should be on 15330 instead. (343 1/19 Lukas-NY) Don't tell Andy! BC

17860 1205 RNI: EE: Program on a Norwegian expressionist artist; then "Listener's Corner" with a reminder that English will be on Sundays only from now on. (353 1/31 Famularo-JP)

POLAND Polish Radio, Warsaw

6135 2100 PRW: EE: //7270(311), 9525(411); "Focus", on Polish arts and culture (very good!); less QRM then //s. (222 2/18 BC-NJ)

11815 1335 PRW: EE: "Postbag" with listener's letters. (232 2/22 BC-NJ)

11840 1640 PRW: EE: "DX Club" and "Letter From Poland". (222 2/16 BC-NJ)

PORTUGAL

Deutsche Welle Radio Portugal Voice of America

6085 0300 DW-Sines: EE: News and editorial on the hatred in the Balkins and elsewhere; "Mailbag" program. (55555 1/17 Newbury-NE)
 7165 2246 Radio Free Europe-Maxoqueira: Romanian: Pop music, news and mention that RFE is funded by the US congress; off 02355* with Enesco's "Romanian Rhapsody". (343 1/23 Westenhaver)
 7255 *0400 Radio Liberty-Maxoqueira: Belarus: "Radyio Svoboda" ID and news with mentions of Asian republics. (333 1/11 Westenhaver)
 9545 0412 DW-Sines: GG: news with various reporters. (555 1/10 Newbury)
 9570 0233 RDP: EE: Woman with news on the European common market and discussion of Portugese trade with Hungary. (343 1/26 Owsley)
 0245 RDP: EE: ID and highlights of 1992-EEC. (444 1/8 Bickus-WA)
 9705 0232 RDP: EE: Previews and news, "Portugese people would invest in the education of other's children". (433 1/18 Brown-IL)
 9760 1850 VOA: EE: "VOA Magazine" program on the American artist Geogia O'Keefe. (453 1/13 Fraser-MA)
 2142 VOA: EE: "Financial Report", French farmers break into the New Zealand embassy to protest sheep imports. (433 1/22 Brown-IL)
 11740 2000 RDP: PP: News report. (35232 1/15 Newbury-NE) Lately 2015* BC
 15200 1254 RDP: PP: //17745(523); Pop music. (545 1/9 Brugliera-VT)
 17900nf 2002 RDP: EE: News & comment about Portugal. (444 1/18 Levison-PA)
 21515 1556 RDP: EE: Woman with ID and national anthem. (444 1/13 Johnson)

ROMANIA

Radio Romania Int'l

5990 0215 RRI: EE: Report on the distribution of the "Children's Allowance". (322 1/22 Biczak-NJ)
 0220 RRI: EE: Discussion of the Romanian commodity exchange and talk about folk instruments. (533 1/15 Bickus-WA)

SLOVAKIA

Slovak Radio, Bratislava

5930 0134 SR: Slovak: Program on education information; "Slovenska" mentioned several times. (545 1/31 Brugliera-VT)
 0154 SR: Slovak: Light instrumental music; then at 0156: theme mx and "Slovensky Radio", "Slovensky Jezik" (Slovak language); Radio Prague IS to *0200 s/on in Spanish. (243 1/24 WW-PQ)

SPAIN

Radio Exterior de Espana Spanish National Radio

3940nf 0108 Radio Espana: SS: Much talk and music, answering callers; 00130: 4 pips, no amts. (444 1/25 Levison) Site unknown! BC
 0146 Radio National de Espana: //9530(after 0200); "RNE" IDs, Spanish music and pops; frequency schedule, address, pips, TC, theme music, IS and news 0200. (good 1/25 Clar-NY)
 0158 REE: SS: //6125, 9530(0200); Many reports on ANARC SWL Net; strongest 75 meter BC station I ever heard. (454 1/25 Lukas)
 9530 0000 SNR: EE: News and "Radio Club" program. (433 1/11 Biczak-NJ)
 0002 SNR: EE: Program notes and news. (433 1/16 Brown-IL)(434 1/8 Levison-PA) On Basque seperatists. (434 1/23 Bellovich)
 0046 SNR: EE: "Panorama" on 3 kings concert. (444 1/6 Theobald-FL)
 0131 SNR: EE: Last "Crossroads 92" with look at 1992 and Columbus tribute; best I've heard in a long time. (555 1/10 Brugliera)
 0135 SNR: EE: World and Spanish soccer scores. (444 1/26 Owsley-CA)
 0154 SNR: EE: "Panorama" on Yehudi Menuhin and Beethoven's violin concerto. (424 1/15 Dome-TX) I prefer Josef Suk's! -BC
 9690 0300 China Radio Int'l: EE: News, "Current Affairs", and "Culture In China". (433 1/8 Biczak-NJ)
 0340 China Radio int'l: EE: Classical Chinese mx. (333 1/24 Kyburz)
 15110 2100 REE: SS: ID, "Paso doble...", mx/vcl. (555 12/31 Robinson-TN)
 15380 0322 REE: SS: Talk and 00335: world news. (555 1/12 Levison-PA)
 0454 REE: SS: Music program, s/off at 0500*. (353 1/19 Lukas-NY)
 17845 1435 REE: SS: "Españoles En La Mar" (Spaniards on the high seas), with a report on the sinking of a Polish ferry in the Baltic sea. (433 1/14 Rontanini-FL) Like BBC's "Seven Seas". -BC
 1800 REE: SS: "para Europa" news of the Pope, and "Take Five" by Dave Brubeck. (555 Robinson-TN)
 17870 2247 REE: SS: Man and woman with talk, ID, frequency announcements, TPs and TC for 2 AM. (fair 1/29 Famularo-JP) Two AM? -BC
 17890 0910 REE: SS: Talk of "Real Madrid" soccer club. (fr 1/16 Famularo)

SWEDEN

Radio Sweden

9695 *0200 RS: EE: Polish ferry sinks & Danish scandal. (333 1/15 Bickus)
 0222 RS: EE: George Wood with schedule changes; "Search For Food" with Swedish seamen's casserole recipe. (333 1/15 WW-PQ)
 17870 1610 RS: EE: "60 Degrees North" and "Media Scan" #2171 with more cutbacks threatened for Radio Sweden. (444 1/19 Brown-IL)
 21500 1600 RS: EE: "In Touch with Stockholm". (444 1/20 Langlois-FL)
 //17870; Norwegian to reach S.Pole alone. (333 1/4 Johnson)



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UTILITY WORLD

The Utility World column arrived late-- I wouldn't have found it in the mail today except that I ran out of copier paper and had to go out anyway--and therefore is appearing as a supplement. My apologies to everyone whose loggings would have appeared on page 5, but it was either this or nothing. ej

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*News and Reports from the World of Non-broadcast Shortwave Radio
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Well, here we are once again, delving into the wonderful world of utility DXing! We have a lot of news this month, particularly involving voice traffic. Looks like my request for SSB news in last month's column was answered! Bravo! Keep it coming. Now on to the news....

4215.5 16954.4
8516.0 22657.8
13019.8

DXING BOSNIA

Geoff Halligey of Wales, UK reports that he has been listening to the United Nations Forces in Bosnia. He listens to USB voice military transmissions using Alpha-Numeric callsigns on 5310.0 and 6721.5kHz with mostly coded messages, but in English.

Geoff also reports that he has been monitoring the following:

ARQ-M2 (all military)
5397.7 10168.3
7451.7 11003.0
7642.7 11416.7
10960.7 16165.2

SITOR-A UN in Sarajevo (believed):
5752.5

ICRC, various locations:
6996.0

USB, Italian Air Force:
13220.0

Geoff also reports, much along the same lines as our lead article last month about the reduction of CW services on HF, that the Portishead (UK) Radio 'GKC' series of stations has shut down. These well known stations used to send CW (Morse Code) to ships at sea. GKC used to occupy the following frequencies:

UTILITY NEWS

Goteborg (Sweden) Radio has also closed all of its CW, although Geoff adds that there are still CW news broadcasts in Swedish at 0048, 0548, and 1848 transmitting on one frequency per band. SAG and SAB are the transmitting stations. The Goteborg RTTY and USB transmissions remain as the were before the changes. Thanks Geoff.

In another piece of news, the former nation of Czechoslovakia, which as of 1 Jan. 1993 formally divided into the respective republics of Slovakia and the Czechia (aka the Czech Republic) have split the OKA-OMZ callsign allocation blocks down the middle. Czechia now uses callsigns OKA-OLZ, and Slovakia uses the callsigns OMA-OMZ. Just thought you'd like to know!

Richard Baker, the SYSOP of the SWL Sig on the Cleveland Freenet (and also a new SPEEDX member--welcome Rick!), sends us some hot USCG/USN SSB frequencies involved in the U.S. Operations off of Haiti. There seem to be three main freqs to monitor, 5403.0 (USN), 6236.0 (USCG), and 6636.0 (USN). I listened in on the later two frequencies and was able to hear quite a bit of traffic. We will have more on the Haitian Ops (codename 'Operation Ableman') later in this month's column. Thanks Rick.

Rick also reports the demise of another US Naval CommSta. I'll let Rick take it from there. "In a recent QSL I received from [U.S.] Coast Guard Communications

Station Miami, "NMA", they advised that the entire command was destroyed by Hurricane Andrew. Rather than rebuild, it has been decided to close the station by mid-summer 1993 and run the antennas by remote.

"CommSta Miami is presently working out of a couple of emergency comms trailers, one Coast Guard, and one Navy, using a 35 foot whip antenna. So, if you don't have NMA in your logs, now is the time to log them, before another station is lost to history."

"It is best to send a pre-made PFC card, as they indicated they had run out of QSLs and most likely will not replace them. Best bet to hear them is on 5696.0kHz local night hours. Their address is:

Radioman in Charge (RMIC)
USCG Communications Station Miami
16001 SW 117th Avenue
Miami, FLA. 33177-1699

While on the subject, Rick runs the SWL Sig on the Cleveland Freenet. If anyone would like to check out the net, his Internet address is xx159@yfn.yzu.edu. Rick is especially a fan of US Navy Comms.

CAPE RADIO

by Richard Baker

In view of the up coming launch of Shuttle Flight STS-55, I thought a recent letter I received would be of interest. I sent a letter and PFC card to KSC (Kennedy Space Center), for lack of a better address for "Cape Radio".

I recently received a letter from a Ronnie Brautigam, who is a communications controller for the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, i.e., Cape Radio.

Mr. Brautigam really works for a company called CSR, or Computer Sciences Tateon. CSR operates and maintains all the HF radio's for the Eastern Test Range, which is the official designation for the facility at Cape Canaveral AFS. He states the facility is actually located across the Banana River from KSC. They are not affiliated with NASA in any way. However they do support all shuttle launches and un-manned launch vehicles. ETR provides range safety, telemetry, radar, command destruct, communications and optical tracking for all launches from the Cape.

Mr. Brautigam continues that the

transmission I heard was with a launch danger area support ship (USS Vicksburg). The job of these ship's is to ensure that no planes or ship's are in the area where if a rocket would have be destroyed, debris may fall.

He describes the amount of HF radio at their disposal as "staggering". They have 8 HF transmitters that have an output of 45kw, 6 transmitters with 30 kw capability, and 8 transmitters of 10 kw capability.

During Operation Desert Storm, Cape Radio played a key role in support of ground troops and cargo aircraft. During this time for a period of about 2 months, Cape Radio provided radio phone patches to home for the deployed troops. He states that the quality of the HF was quite good. Even though there was a 2500 mile distance, and maximum output of the troops ground transmitters were 100 watts, due to the receivers in use at ETR, they were able to get "very good" reception from Saudi Arabia.

Now for the bad news.

Mr. Brautigam stated that they will not fill out, or provide data for, or otherwise QSL. He stated that has been their policy since Cape Radio has been in existence, and that "thousands" of QSL requests every year. They simply do not have time to answer each one. So, what they do is this: every couple months they pull at random a letter from the latest batch that has come in, and then personally answer it. This time I was the lucky winner! (contest void where prohibited by law, NJ residents add 5% sales tax)

The letter concludes that all of their frequencies are classified and they are unable to confirm as in a PFC/QSL format any transmission. But they can say in a letter it was really them.

Mr. Brautigam suggests those with an opportunity, to witness a launch of the space shuttle, as "they really are spectacular".

I'm quite glad I was the lucky winner for last month, and that Mr. Brautigam took the time to write a rather extensive letter explaining a lot of mystery to me. I was aware "Cape Radio" was an Air Force installation, but it sure doesn't exist in too many military address guides (at least the five I checked, and the United States Postal Service). Call sign listed in several reference books for Cape Radio is "AFE71".

So, if you had intended on trying to QSL Cape Radio, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Eastern Test Range, you have to ask

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Coming soon: **African DX**, by Richard Hankison. The final editing is being done now, and allow some time for typesetting. After finishing this manuscript in November, the author found more information and rewrote much of the material. At over 120 pages, this one will be an instant authority.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the **SPEEDX Utility Station List** has been put on indefinite hold.

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PORTABLES ON PARADE

Receiver Reviews from the pages of SPEEDX and SHORTWAVE RADIO TODAY

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NEW FROM THE SPEEDX SUPERMARKET

As you can see, the title **Portables on Parade** doesn't say it all. Included are receivers from the tiny DAK MR-101 to the state-of-the-art offerings from JRC and Drake.

Portables on Parade--the column--welcomes your reviews, whether of the newest digital radio or a classic (or even mediocre) boat anchor from forty years ago. Send your essays to our editor:

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Hello again. Welcome back to Jason Berrl, who has resurrected the old **Speedx Spotlights** column under a new and more descriptive name. It may be a month or two before I have the mailing labels fully updated with the little fs which designate that you are indeed a Full Member and eligible to vote in our elections and buy SPEEDX goodies at discount, but the list that Jason prepared should be self-explanatory, and more mathematically consistent than anything I could have come up with in a lifetime of trying. Thanks to all of you who were patient.

To answer a query from Peggy which appeared a couple of months back and which may have raised an eyebrow or 2, it is my proud honor and deepest privilege to announce that I have been anointed **Full Publisher for Life**, with all the plenipotentiary esteem that is inherent with this exalted title. The bulletin is being published in-house now, on a state-of-the-art Panasonic copier which uses something called Neuro-Fuzzy Digital System Control (I swear I'm not making this up) and digital imaging techniques to get around the bumps-and-bruises mechanicals which make traditional copiers wear out after a while. I don't want to get into how **SRT** came to be printed on this thing...that's a whole 'nother story! Sorry about the rough edges, but research has proven that paper cutters either cost \$50 and are totally inadequate, or they cost about \$400 which I'm not about to shell out for a paper cutter. It's saving the Society some money, and the delivery is just as fast as it was. Actually, the February bulletins got out of here in time, the mail just sat on them for a while. There's nothing I can do about that except complain to the USPS, and that doesn't do me any good. It won't do you any good to complain to me about delivery, either, **unless** your name is Ed Stroh and you got bounced from the mailing list in November when my PC crashed out (that month was a technological nightmare) and for some reason you weren't on the backup and missed my reconstructive attempts, in which case I owe you an apology, and you've got an equivalent number of extra months tagged on.

If, for some reason, your monthly ration of **SRT** never does show, please ask Bob Thunberg, not me, for a replacement. All the extras go off to Bob within a day or two after the circulation copies are mailed (well, usually), and I only keep 1 or 2 around here.

Thanks to Bob Brown and company for staging yet another Kulpville bash. I think. I went there mainly to renew acquaintances with some comrades on the SPEEDX staff and check out some offerings from D. G. Yuengling & Son (not available in New Jersey). I probably put in a token 20 minutes helping to hawk the pile of goodies from the SPEEDX Supermarket. 20 minutes is about my limit in large and often overcrowded banquet halls. Although I never got a door count, I'd guess that there was a record attendance; there were surely more walk-ins than ever before. I'm afraid that if this thing continues to grow, the Kulpville Holiday Inn may not be able to contain it, which would be a shame, as they do a good job, except for the brutal banquet food (the chicken died...it died in Kentucky...), but banquet food is usually brutal. It was a pleasure to meet Rich McVicar and Ed Newbury, and to say howdy to many old friends. One thing about shortwave people: there aren't a lot of boring, plain-vanilla personalities in this hobby. In radioland, you have to work pretty hard to get bored to death.

When Mikhail Gorbachev was around, Radio Moscow was, as far as I was concerned, easily the most intriguing station on short or any other wave. Now, all too often, they are playing beat-up opera selections (sorry, I'll never be an opera fan) or some overly formal semi-classical vocals. Or they plugged in a tape in some language I don't understand (most of them, *tant pis*). And that's if they're even there! At its smoothest, Radio Moscow's program schedule was whimsical; now it isn't even a schedule. Besides losing many of their most easily-heard transmitter sites, it sounds like they must have laid off much of the intrepid staff people who wrote and produced all those great news and opinion programs. It's a sign of what is happening in Russia and in its newly-independent neighbors.

A few weeks ago, I did hear Joe Adamov on **Moscow Mailbag**. Joe was a shill for Leonid Brezhnev, of course he was; but he could get away with it in a way that Vladimir Pozner never could, I guess because Joe sounds like an old Russian polar bear and Pozner sounded like an overly self-aggrandizing high school football coach, too slick by half and three downs short of sincerity. Someone asked him, "What do you think is the greatest strength of the Russian people?" His answer was, "We can put up with anything. No matter how terrible things are, we endure."

A perfect answer, and, for all I know, a true one. Let us hope that someday, Radio Moscow and all the people of this vast and mystifying land will have a chance to do more than endure.

ANARC News and Notes

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It is currently my privilege to serve as the SPEEDX representative to ANARC, and I'd like to thank Eddie for allowing me this space to update the members on the current state of the organization. SPEEDX has traditionally supported the activities of the Association of North American Radio Clubs, and despite the uncertain state of ANARC over the last couple of years, that support continues.

Since a portion of your club dues is used to support ANARC, you might be interested as to how that money is being used. Those of you with computers and modems are probably already familiar with the ANARC BBS. Operating 24 hours a day, the ANARC BBS offers current schedules, a variety of radio-related computer files, plus general and club-related message areas (including SPEEDX, of course!). And since the board is connected to a number of "echoes", it is possible to send messages literally world-wide. You can reach the ANARC BBS at (913) 345-1978.

ANARC supports the operation of the Committee to Preserve Radio Verifications. CPRV seeks to preserve QSLs, soliciting collections from those who leave the hobby. For more information, send a SASE to Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Ave., Lexington MA 02173.

Also affiliated with ANARC is the Governmental Affairs Committee, which monitors government actions which concern the radio hobby, the 7240 ham net, and the contest committee. Beginning with the current contest, ANARC now sponsors the North American DX Championships.

While ANARC seemed to be headed to its' end just over a year ago, the outlook has brightened considerably. Rich D'Angelo has put a lot of effort into keeping the organization together, and has brought stability to a chaotic situation.

The current bone of contention within ANARC is the proposed new constitution. If it is adopted as written, the current dues and voting structure will be radically overhauled. Under the current constitution, each club's financial contribution (and voting strength) is based on the number of members in that club. The new proposal would give each member club a single vote, and require all member clubs to make the same dues contribution, regardless of the size of the club. It is also proposed that the position of club rep be abolished. All ANARC decisions would be made by an executive council, elected by the member clubs. To my surprise, there has been very little discussion on these issues, and most of the comments that have appeared have risen from the SPEEDX Board of Directors. My personal opinion is that these changes will, in the long run, suppress the commitment of the smaller clubs to ANARC. They will find their ANARC dues raised, yet have little say in most decisions. While the current system may be cumbersome and slow to react (again, witness the shortage of discussion on the new constitution), I feel that ANARC will have a difficult time accomplishing any major projects without the ongoing involvement of all the clubs. ANARC has great potential to aid its' member clubs, both by keeping the ideas flowing and by publicizing the hobby, bringing in additional active members. I'd love to see the constitutional questions resolved, one way or the other, as soon as possible. An activist ANARC would be a major shot in the arm to the hobby.

Here is the table for 1993. This table includes an additional field: YTD. This field is the year-to-date total for the particular contributor. This field will allow members to keep track of their credits during the year, i.e. when you have a YTD total of 10 credits, you have just become a full member. Do not worry if you do not appear on the table despite the fact you have contributed in 1993. The deadline for this column just doesn't allow for all of the direct contributors lists for the current month to make it here before my submission deadline, plus some of the editors have not sent their January or February lists yet. Any lists that don't make it for the current month will be included next month (or whenever I receive them), so you will eventually get your credits.

Name	Sta	Receiver	Cr	YTD	Name	Sta	Receiver	Cr	YTD
Robert Babin	MA	NRD-535	10	10	Tim Johnson	IL	R-5000	12	12
Steven Bagozzi	CA	FRG-8800	14	14	David Jones			1	1
Richard Baker	OH	IC-R71A	1	1	Stanley Kiseiyov	UKR	DX-440	3	3
John Bellovich	FL	ICF-2010	19	19	Phil Kyburz	CO	DX-440	3	3
Jason Berri	CA	R-2000	2	2	Harold Langlois	FL		7	7
Julianne Bickus	VA	ATS-803A	17	17	Harold Levilson	PA	R-8	13	13
Steve Biczak	NJ	ICF-2010	9	9	William Lueck	WI	SW-7800	3	3
Forrest Bishop	NY	ICF-SW77	17	17	Hank Lukas	NY	ICF-2010	19	19
Arthur Blair	CA		2	2	Thomas Millard	TX	R-5000	13	13
Daniel Brame	IL	ATS-808	2	2	John Miller	OR	ICF-2010	1	1
Edward Brown III	IL	ICF-6800W	8	8	Kevin Murray	NE	R-8	7	7
John Brugliera	VT		5	5	George Neff	FL	RF-2600	4	4
Peter Card	RI	NRD-515	5	5	Ed Newbury	NE	R-8	11	11
John S. Carson Jr.	OK	NRD-525	3	3	Benton Owsley	CA	NRD-525	4	4
Ed Cichorek	NJ	R-5000	2	2	Dale Park	HI	R-5000	1	1
Jim Clar	NY	R-8	12	12	Denis Pasquale	PA		8	8
Bob Colyard	NJ	R-2000	3	3	Betsy Robinson	TN	IC-R71A	14	14
Richard D'Angelo	PA	IC-R71A	17	17	Bruce Robinson	UT	DX-440	4	4
Greg Dome	TX	R-2000	15	15	Don Rontanini	FL	FRG-7	8	8
Steve Evanchuck	OH	ICF-2010	4	4	Daniel Sampson	WI	ICF-2010	2	2
Jim Evans	TN	IC-R71A	5	5	Mike Schulsinger	OH		2	2
Ralph Famularo	JPN	R-5000	7	7	John Sill	MA		1	1
Mike Fanderys	OH	DX-440	1	1	Michael Stine	MD	R-8	4	4
John Findlater	CA	FRG-7700	6	6	Kenji Takeuchi	JPN	R-2000	1	1
John Fisher	MA	R-2000	9	9	Fred Theobald	FL		8	8
Robert Foster	NC	ICF-2010	2	2	Peggy Thompson	CA	IC-R71A	5	5
Robert Fraser	MA	DX-370	16	16	Paul Wakefield	IA	ICF-2010	4	4
Gary W. Froemming	AZ	R-5000	2	2	Andy Wallace	MA	IC-R71A	10	10
Steve George	MA	R-5000	12	12	Charles Washburn	ME	R-8	1	1
Richard Hankison	KS	R-5000	6	6	William Westenhaver	PQ	ICF-2010	8	8
Mike Hardester	NC	IC-R70	4	4	Steven Willers	SUI	NRD-525	2	2
Gerald Hart	MN	NRD-535	12	12	Alden C. Wires Jr.	GA		2	2
Mark Humenyk	ON	D-2935	6	6	Mike Wolfson	OH	R-5000	14	14

And now, for the first annual M.C. contest. Keep an eye on the YTD credit totals, because the member who has accumulated the most credits at the end of 1993 will receive a free six month extension to their membership! Second place will get a consolation prize, which I haven't decided on yet. So now you have a real reason to read this column, hi!

That's all I have for this month. If you have any comments on the content or format of this column, please send them to me. See you in April... -Jason

SLOVAK RADIO
As of April 1, 1993

00:00	English	5930, 9580	(to North America)	
01:00	French	5930, 9580	(to North America)	
09:30	English	7345, 9505, 11990	(to Australia)	
13:00	Slovak	6055		via Sweden Calling DXers
17:30	Russian	5960, 7345, 9605		thanks Bob Colyard
18:30	English	7345		Broadcasts to Europe unless
19:00	German	5960, 9605		otherwise indicated
19:30	French	5960, 7345, 9605		

Membership Corner

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Welcome to the first *Membership Corner* column! This column replaces what was formerly known as *SPEEDX Spotlights*. Why the name change? I thought a name change was appropriate, since this column will be more than just a list of member credits, which is pretty much all the old *SPEEDX Spotlights* was. I will be also be reporting other membership statistics as well as running a few contests (more on that below).

For those of you who don't know me, I'll re-introduce myself. I am a 30 year old software engineer, specializing in networking and operating systems. I am the local "guru" for a sub-division of about 100 employees using all sorts of computers from MACs to super-minis. I have been listening to shortwave radio for about 16 years and have been a member of SPEEDX for 10 years. Listening interests include shortwave (asian swbc and utilities) and VHF.

First of all, we have a lot of membership credits to catch up on. The first table will be all the membership credits that accumulated from August through December 1992. This table will be presented in the old format, i.e. Name, State, Receiver, Credits. Some of the editors were not able to provide me with contributors lists for all of those months, so there may be a few totals below what you might expect. If you have a problem with this, let me know and we will try to work something out (i.e. you think you should be a full member, but you are not).

Name	Sta	Receiver	Cr	Name	Sta	Receiver	Cr
Brian Alexander	PA		1	Patrick Leader	IRL	D-2935	3
Tsunaaki Ashimori	JPN		2	Ching-tien Lee	PRC		1
Robert Babin	MA	NRD-535	15	Harold Levison	PA	R-8	11
Steven Bagozzi	CA	FRG-8800	22	Eugene Lish	FL		2
John Bellovich	FL	ICF-2010	19	William Lueck	WI	SW-7800	6
Jason Berrl	CA	R-2000	9	Hank Lukas	NY	ICF-2010	18
Jullanna Biczak	VA		3	Thomas McKee	NC		4
Steven Biczak	NJ	S-500	8	Warren Meinhardt	IL	NRD-535	15
Forrest Bishop	NY	RF-4800	21	Frances Merrifield	NY		1
Arthur Blair	CA		6	Thomas Millard	TX	R-5000	23
Daniel Brame	IL	ATS-808	6	John Miller	GA	ICF-2010	2
Dennis Brewer			1	Kevin Murray	OR	R-8	10
Don Brewer	KS	ICF-2010	4	George Neff	FL	RF-2600	5
Edward Brown III	IL	ICF-6800W	21	Ed Newbury	NE	R-8	8
Peter Card	RI	NRD-515	8	Benton Owsley	CA	NRD-525	19
John S. Carson Jr.	OK	NRD-535	11	Frank Pagano	DC		1
Ed Cichorek	NJ	R-5000	4	Denis Pasquale	PA	DX-440	7
Robert Colyard	NJ	R-2000	4	Frank Peters	G		1
Peter Conway	G		5	Nigel Pimblett	AB	R-5000	1
Richard D'Angelo	PA	IC-R71A	18	Al Quaglieri	NY	EC-958	5
Richard Dickens			1	Carl Radtke	WA		1
Greg Dome	TX	R-2000	11	Ivor Richards	G		1
Steve Evanchuck	OH		1	Betsy Robinson	TN	IC-R71A	11
Jim Evans	TN	IC-R71A	3	Bruce Robinson	UT	DX-440	11
Ralph Famularo	JPN	R-5000	12	Don Rontanini	FL	FRG-7	8
Mike Fanderys	OH	DX-440	1	David Ross	ON		5
John Findlater	CA	FRG-7700	16	David Rude	WI	R-1000	3
John Fisher	MA	R-2000	8	Daniel Sampson	WI	FRG-7700	10
William Flynn	OR	R-8	12	Mike Schulsinger	OH	R-5000	4
Robert Foster	NC	ICF-2010	6	John Shidler	LA		1
Robert Fraser	MA	DX-370	18	Paul Stringer	NZL		1
Charlie Gaharan	LA		1	Fred Theobald	FL		2
Steve George	MA	R-5000	15	Peggy Thompson	CA	IC-R71A	15
David Gossett	KY	ATS-808	1	Don Thornton	NJ	NRD-525	3
John Gunter	NC		1	Bob Thunberg			1
Robert Hall	RSA		5	John Trautschold			1
Geoff Halligey	G		3	Ron Tuow	G		2
Richard Hankison	KS	R-5000	13	Gayle Van Horn	LA		1
Mike Hardester	NC		2	Paul Wakefield	IA	ICF-2010	3
Gerald Hart	MN	NRD-535	10	Paul Wakefield	IA	ICF-2010	8
Carl Huffaker		homebrew	1	Matthew Wall	CA	ICF-2010	1
Mark Humenyk	ON	D-2935	16	Charles Washburn	ME		1
A.L.B. Jansen	NED		4	R. C. Watts	KY		1
Walter Karcheski	MA		1	Donald J. Weber	OH		2
Stanley Kiselevyov	UKR	DX-440	6	William Westenhover	PQ	ICF-2010	19
Todd Koch	IL	DX-440	5	Steven Willers	SUI	NRD-525	4
Avi Kolko	NY		2	Alden Wires	GA		1
Phil Kyburz	CO	DX-440	10	Mike Wolfson	OH	R-5000	11
Harold Langlois	FL		7				

15155 f/d cd (young Ecuadorian SWLs, sked, questionnaire) 42 ds rpt EE v/s Glenn Volkhardt (Bickus, Va.); **HCJB** 15155 f/d cd (Woorani girl, sked, calendar, forms) 75 ds rp rpt EE (Schulsinger, Oh.); **HCJB**: 17490 p/d cd (Agoyan Falls) 26 ds 2 IRCs (Hardester, N.C.); **R Paz y Bien**: 4820 f/d ppc (ltr) 39 ds rp rpt SS v/s P. Luis Florencio Leon E. (D'Angelo, Pa.); **HCJB**: 9745 f/d cd (Helen & Clayton Howard 50th Anniversary cd) 90 ds rpt EE v/s Rich McVicar (Brown, Il.); **HCJB**: 9745 f/d cd (1992-F Children) 30 ds ms rpt EE (Brown, Il.); **HCJB**: 9745 f/d cd (1992-E Woorani girl) 71 ds ms rpt EE (Brown, Il.)

Netherlands Antilles R. Netherlands: 21590 f/d cd (bike) 59 ds rpt EE (Willers, Switz.)

Peru R Satellite: 6724.4 f/d "Certificado de Sintonia" (personal ltr) 60 ds \$1 rpt SS v/s Sabino Llamo (Clar, N.Y.) (Address: Jr. Cutervo 543)

US V of the OAS: 11830 f/d cd 29 ds rpt SS (Humenyk, Ont.); **KGEI**: 9615 f/d cd (San Francisco drawings) 51 ds rpt EE v/s Jesus C. Elizondo (Humenyk, Ont.); **KJES**: 11715 f/d ltr 21 ds rpt EE v/s Michael Rentar (Humenyk, Ont.); **WRNO**: 15420 f/d cd ("Louisiana Dream State) 50 ds rpt EE (Bickus, Va.); **WYFR**: 9505 f/d cd (logo, staff pix) 23 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.); **WJCR**: 7490 f/d cd (ltr) 32 ds v/s Gerri Powell (Hardester, N.C.); **KJES**: 9510 f/d cd 19 ds rp rpt EE v/s Michael Reuter (D'Angelo, Pa.)

CLANDESTINE

V of Freedom: 15580 f/d ltr 38 ds v/s Daniel Kaszek (D'Angelo, Pa.) (report forwarded to Moscow from Va. address)

PIRATES

US R Free Mass: 1620 2 f/d cd (ltr) 13 ds rp (Washburn, Me.); **WARI**: 7415 p/d ltr 38 ds \$1 rpt EE v/s Dr. Lobotomy (Bellovich, Fl.); **Pirate R Boston**: 7415.3 f/d cd (Faneuil Hall, North American Pirate Relay Svc cd, Boston Yacht Club cd promised) 14 ds 3 ms v/s Richard T. Pistek (Wallace, Ma.); **R Airplane**: 7416.7 f/d cd ("Look Out", info) 28 ds 3 ms v/s Capt. Eddy (Wallace, Ma.)

UTES

Argentina Boca Radio: 17191 f/d ppc 20 ds rpt SS IRC (Lueck, Wi.)

Bahamas C6KG (M/V Mardi Gras): 8222 p/d ppc (info) 62 ds (surface mail) ms rpt EE v/s Luis Mendoza (Baker, Oh.) (Welcome to the column Richard-MW)

Canada VOJ (Stephenville CG Radio): 2598 p/d ppc 55 ds ms rpt EE v/s Bruce D. Fiander (Baker, Oh.); **VCS (Halifax CG Radio)**: 4408 p/d ppc (stn pix, info) 58 ds ms rpt EE (Baker, Oh.)

Chile CBV (Playa Ancha R): 8677 f/d cd (sked) 31 ds ms v/s German Valdivia Ibarra (Hardester, N.C.) (Address: Playa Ancha Radio CBV, Subida Carvallo SN, Playa Ancha-Valparaiso, CHILE)

France St Lys Marine R: 6421 f/d ppc 10 ds (2nd try) rp rpt FF (Lueck, Wi.)

Germany DAN (Norddeich Radio): 8767 p/d ppc (info) 10 ds ms rpt EE (Baker, Oh.)

Greenland Thule Air Base: 6738 p/d ppc (logo, pix, info) 28 ds (surface mail) ms rpt EE v/s Hoyt K. Stevens (Baker, Oh.)

Mexico GBPR (M/V Royal Princess): 8285 p/d ppc (ship pix) 21 ds (surface mail) rp rpt EE v/s Keith Harris (Baker, Oh.)

UK GBBK (HMS Boxer): 8240 p/d ppc 59 ds ms rpt EE (Baker, Oh.)

US NNONCG: 14441.5 p/d ppc (info) 17 ds rp rpt EE (Baker, Oh.); **NBTM (USCG**

Polar Star): 4134 p/d ppc (stamps) 58 ds (surface mail) rp rpt EE (Baker, Oh.);

NNOCWX (USS Acadia): 14441.5 p/d ppc (info) 41 ds (surface mail) rp rpt EE v/s

Letz K. Mendoza (Baker, Oh.); **NYKN (USS Yorktown)**: 7535 p/d ppc 16 ds (surface

mail) rp rpt EE v/s David J. Altivies (Baker, Oh.); **NMDF (USS Sacramento)**: 8267

p/d ppc 16 ds (surface mail) rp rpt EE v/s James K. Cook (Baker, Oh.); **GDY**:

1662.5 (100 milliwatts) f/d cd 7 ds ms (Hardester, N.C.); **KPM-360 (WFLA)**: 25870 p/d cd 40 ds (surface mail) ms v/s Wilson Welch (Hardester, N.C.)

A really great turn out this month. I'd like to thank one and all for the incredible show of support. Its really fun to put the column together when I get the amount of input I got this month. I'm going to stick my neck out a little now by saying, in advance, that it was great to see some of you at the "FEST" at Kulpsville. I phrased that the way I did because of the 10 cm. of snow we have of the ground with more of the same expected before its all over. Hopefully, I'll have made it. If not disregard this message. I'd like to thank everyone for the letters. Its been good to hear from you and read your responses to the column. Its going to get better only if you let me know what you want. With the response this month, its not going to be able to get better, though.

Anyway, if I didn't see you have a good month and I hope to hear from ALL SPEEDXers over the next month.

Singapore BBC: 9740 f/d cd (Tx towers w/solar panels) 25 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.)
Taiwan WYFR (via V of Free China): 9280 f/d cd (staff) 30 ds \$1 (Wallace, Ma.)
Thailand R Thailand: 9655 p/d cd (Thai dancers, sked) 95 ds ms rpt EE (George, Ma.)
Tonga R Tonga A32: 5030 p/d cd (logo) 27 ds \$1 rpt EE v/s Fusimalohi (Willers, Switz.) (heard in Bali)
Turkey V of Turkey: 9445 f/d cd (logo w/blue box) 55 ds rpt EE (Brown, II.)

CIS

Ukraine R Ukraine Intl: 17690 f/d cd (Kiev pix, sked, Xmas cd) 49 ds rpt EE (Bickus, Va.); RUI: 9685 f/d cd (Church pix, sked, Xmas cd) 75 ds \$1 rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.)

EUROPE

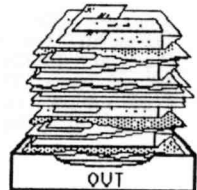
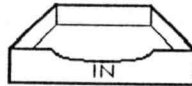
Albania R Tirana: f/d cd (costume) 35 ds rp rpt EE (Lueck, Wi.)
Austria R Austria Intl: 9875 f/d cd ("Narcissus Festival pix, calendar) 37 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.)
Belgium R Vlaanderen Intl: 9930 f/d cd (Gent Castle pix) 34 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.)
Cyprus BBC: 11955 f/d cd (Tx towers w/map, stickers) 37 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.)
Czech Republic Czech and Slovak R: 5930, 7345 f/d cd (protected plants & animals) 29 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.); R Prague: 5930 f/d cd (wildlife pix) 20 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.); R Czechoslovakia Intl: 11990, 5930 f/d cd (flowers) 27 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.); RCI: 7345 f/d cd (owl, calendar) 35 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.); RP: 5930 f/d cd (lynx cd, sked, calendar) 30 ds rpt EE (Pasquale, Pa.); RCI: 7345 f/d cd (Ursus Arctus, sked) 25 ds rpt EE (Willers, Switz.); CSR: 7345, 9580, 11990 f/d cd (lynx) 21 ds \$1 (Hardester, N.C.)
France R France Intl: 17620 f/d cd (Paris pix, sked) 34 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.)
Germany Canadian Forces Network: multi. freq. n/d ltr 23 ds \$1 v/s Jean Choquette (Hardester, N.C.)
Greece V of Greece: 15630 f/d cd)Meteora Monasteries, sked) 68 ds rpt EE (Willers, Switz.)
Hungary R Budapest: 9835 f/d cd (Paloc National costume) 29 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.); R France Intl: 15460 f/d cd (Paris pix) 22 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.); RB: 11910 f/d cd (Heviz pix) 40 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.); RFI: 15460 f/d cd ("Colors & Light") 34 ds rpt FF (Flynn, Or.)
Latvia Latvian R: 5935 f/d cd (Cathedral, country info, sked) 722 ds (1 f/up) (Fanderys, Oh.)
Lithuania R Vilnius: 17690 f/d cd (note) 36 ds rp rpt EE (Lueck, Wi.); RV: 7150 f/d cd (rainbow over mtns, sticker, ltr) 67 ds 1 IRC rpt EE (Bruglierz, Vt.) (Welcome to the column John and good luck on the rest of those QSLs-MW)
Netherlands R Netherlands: 6020 f/d cd (tulip pix) rpt EE (Bickus, Va.)
Norway R Norway Intl: 11795 f/d cd (handmade drinking vessels, stickers, sked) 31 ds rpt EE (Bickus, Va.); RNI: 9565 f/d cd (drinking vessels, sticker) 37 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.); RNI: 9590 f/d cd (#17, sked, stickers) 34 ds v/s May Holme (Willers, Switz.)
Spain Spanish Natl R: 9530 f/d cd (Isabella painting) 301 ds rpt EE (Brown, II.)
Switzerland Swiss R Intl: 21820 f/d cd (Sarmen) 35 ds rpt EE (Brown, II.)
Yugoslavia R Yugoslavia: 9580 folder (Danube River pix, sked) 24 ds rpt EE (Biczak, N.J.)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Antigua BBC: 5975 f/d cd 35 ds rpt EE v/s R. Pratt (Humenyk, Ont.)
Brazil R Sanelrantes: 6090 f/d cd (stamps, pennant) 20 ds rpt EE v/s Salomao Esper (Humenyk, Ont.); R Oito de Setembro: 2490 ppc (ltr) 42 ds \$1 rpt PP v/s Adonias Gomes (D'Angelo, Pa.); R Portal da Amazonia: 4775 n/d ltr 262 ds \$1 rpt PP v/s Mario Castilho (D'Angelo, Pa.)
Canada CHNX: 6130 f/d cd ltr 255 ds \$1 v/s Kurt J. Arseneault (Clar, N.Y.); CHNX: 6130 f/d ltr 86 ds rpt EE v/s Kurt J. Arseneault (Humenyk, Ont.); CHNX: 6130 ltr ("Oldies 96") 90 ds rpt EE v/s Kurt J. Arseneault (Biczak, N.J.); RCI: 11945 f/d cd (pennant, Intl Disabled Persons Year) 26 ds rpt EE v/s Bill Westenhaver (Biczak, N.J.); CKZN: 6160 f/d cd (logo w/map) 75 ds rp rpt EE v/s Liaby LaCovu for Shawn R. Williams (Bishop, Oh.); CKZN: 6160 f/d cd (map folder) 51 ds 2 IRCs (returned) rpt EE v/s S. Williams (Brown, II.)
Costa Rica TIFC: 5055 f/d cd (stamps, ltr) 46 ds 1 IRC rpt EE v/s J. J. Ochoa (Bickus, Va.); UN Radio (via RFPI): 15030 f/d cd (cd, sked) 33 ds rp rpt EE (Lueck, Wi.); UN Radio (via RFPI): 7375 f/d cd 25 ds rpt EE v/s Erin Faherty-Mella (Humenyk, Ont.); UN Radio (via RFPI): 13630 p/d ltr (cd, info) 31 ds IRC (returned) v/s Erin Faherty-Mella (Hardester, N.C.)
Ecuador HCJB: 9745 f/d cd (Ecuadorian children) 37 ds rp (Washburn, Me.); HCJB:

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AFRICA

Botswana R Botswana: 7255 f/d cd (school hose w/kids) 29 ds 2 IRCs \$3 rpt EE v/s Ted Makgekenene (Stine, Md.) (Welcome to the column Mike-MW)

Cameroon RTV: 3970 f/d cd (map) 41 ds rp rpt FF (D'Angelo, Pa.)

Egypt R Cairo: 9900 f/d cd (3rd serial, sked) 848 ds (3 f/ups) rpt EE (Willers, Switz.)

Ethiopia V of the Broad Masses of Eritrea: 7380 f/d cd (seal & stamp) 45 ds 1

IRC rpt EE (Flynn, Or.); **VOBMOE:** 7380 f/d cd 30 ds \$1 rpt EE (Wallace, Ma.)

(Return Address: Dept of Info & Culture, Box 872, Asmara, Eritrea)

Libya R Jamahiriya: 15235 f/d ltr (cd) 230 ds (via WRTH Malta address) rp rpt EE/AA (Lueck, Wi.)

Mauritania ORIM: 4845 f/d cd (antenna/map logo, ltr) \$1 rp (IRCs preferred) 771 ds (4 f/ups) rpt FF (Fanderys, Oh.)

Seychelles BBC: 9630 f/d cd 32 ds rpt EE v/s Peter Lee (Humenyk, Ont.)

South Africa R Orion: 4810 f/d cd (Robin Alexander pix, sked) 74 ds rpt EE v/s

Kathy Otto (Pasquale, Pa.); **Channel Africa:** 15430 f/d cd (SABC collage cd,

magazine, sked, stickers) 30 ds \$1 (Wallace, Ma.); **RO:** 4810 f/d ltr (skeds) 30

ds \$1 v/s Kathy Otto (Wallace, Ma.); **RO:** 4810 f/d cd (SABC Montage) 20 ds rpt EE (Brown, Il.) (Address: P.O. Box 6, Honeydew, 2040)

St. Helena R St. Helena: 11092.5 f/d cd (newsletter) 75 ds \$1 v/s Tony Leo

(Clar, N.Y.); **RSH:** 11092.5 f/d cd (25th Anniversary cd, ltr) 90 ds IRC rpt EE

v/s Tony Leo (Schulsinger, Oh.); **RSH:** 11092.5 f/d cd (25th Anniversary cd, info)

67 ds rp rpt EE v/s Tony Leo (Babin, Ma.) (Welcome to the column Robert-MW);

RSH: 11092.5 f/d cd 75 ds \$1 rpt EE (Bagozzi, Ca.); **RSH:** 11092.5 p/d cd (25th

anniversary cd) 96 ds rpt EE v/s Tony Leo (Bellovich, Ma.); **RSH:** 11092.4 f/d cd

(newsletter) 78 ds rpt EE v/s Tony Leo (Lukas, N.Y.)

ASIA/OCEANIA

Australia R Australia: 13705 f/d ltr (cd, sked) 51 ds rpt EE (Bickus, Va.);

VLW6: 6140 f/d cd (map w/tx sites) 70 ds 3 IRCs rpt EE (Pasquale, Pa.); **VLW6:**

6140 f/d cd (map w/tx sites) 49 ds 2 IRCs rpt EE (Brown, Il.)

China V of Jingling: 4875 p/d cd (Wang Shi Yuan garden) 40 ds taped rpt (Washburn,

Me.); **CPBS #1:** 6840 f/d cd (Great Wall) 30 ds rpt EE (Flynn, Or.); **China R Intl:**

11715 p/d cd (golden elephant cloth cd, form, sked) 35 ds rpt EE v/s Miss Fuguang

(Bellovich, Fl.)

Guam KSDA: 11980 f/d cd (Australian butterflies (Australian R DX Club cd)) 20 ds

3 IRCs rpt EE v/s Bob Padula (Brown, Il.)

Hong Kong BBC: 15280 ltr 27 ds rpt EE v/s Philip Sandell (Humenyk, Ont.); **BBC:**

7180 f/d ltr 21 ds \$1 (Wallace, Ma.) (Address: New Territories address from PWBR)

India AIR: 11620 f/d cd (painted elephants) 53 ds rpt EE (Bickus, Va.)

Indonesia V of Indonesia: 9675 f/d cd (multi-color folk art) 68 ds (Washburn, Me.)

Iran V of the Islamic Republic of Iran: 9022 p/d cd (Ayatollah, sked, cd,

magazine) 193 ds rpt EE (Willers, Switz.)

Israel KoI Israel: 9435 f/d cd (logo, sked) 29 ds rpt EE (Humenyk, Ont.)

Jordan R Jordan: 11810 f/d cd (stickers, sked) 374 ds (1 f/up) rpt EE v/s Jawad

Zada (Hardester, N.C.)

Korea P.D.R. R Pyongyang: 13650 f/d cd (sked, pennant, calendar) 88 ds (via

Tsunaaki Ashimori, Japan) \$1 rpt EE (Bagozzi, Ca.)

Northern Mariana Islands KHBI: 11580 f/d cd (Antenna & satellite dish) 23 ds ms

rpt EE (Brown, Il.)

Pakistan R Pakistan: 11570 f/d ltr ("Pakistan Calling") 780 ds rp rpt EE

(Willers, Switz.)

Palau KHBN: 9830 f/d cd (map) 20 ds \$1 v/s Ben Cabral (Washburn, Me.)

Papua New Guinea R Simbu: 3325 n/d ltr 101 ds rp rpt EE v/s Gabriel Paiao

(Murray, Or.)

Philippines R Veritas: 15140 f/d cd (Ati-Atihan, sticker, sked) 29 ds rp v/s

Cleofe R. Labindao (Willers, Switz.)

Saudia Arabia BSKSA: 9870 f/d cd (ltr) 35 ds (registered mail) 2 IRCs \$3 (IRCs

and \$ returned) rpt EE (Stine, Md.); **BSKSA:** 9885 f/d cd (sked, FF/PP info) 42 ds

(registered mail) \$1 (returned) tape (Wallace, Ma.)

SYRIA

12085 2007 Radio Damascus
 RD: EE: ID; M nx mostly abt Mideast; another ID; very low mod; splash de VOA-12080 [via Botswana]; //15095 not hrd (423 1/31 Brugliera-VT) @ 2030 w/Mideast mx; t1k on Israel; mx sounding like "Flight of the Bumblebee" [theme for their press review]; very poor w/CW marker QRM (212 1/29 Bellovich-FL) @ 2250 in AA w/t1k/ME mx (33333 1/14 Newbury)

TAIWAN

9280 1120 Family Radio relay
 FR: CC: Standard theme mx as used on WYFR; into long M t1k (242 1/30 Wakefield-IA) @ 2254 w/M t1k; hymn sung in CC (242 1/23 Johnson-IL)

THAILAND

4830 1359 Radio Thailand
 RT: EE/JJ/BURMESE: M/W EE anmts ment"Japanese"; into JJ nx & mx variety; @ 1424 gongs IS; M "This is HSK9, R. Thailand External Service, broadcasting on 11.905 & 9.655 MHz"--no ment of 4830; M/W Burmese anmts/nx (222 2/5 Murray-OR) [The WRTH does list the Ext Sce on 4830, though.]

TURKEY

5900 0535 Voice of Turkey
 (p)VO METEOROLOGY: TK: Px of TK pop & folk mx w/brief M t1k between cuts; (p)ID's & anmts; poor w/QRN & QSB (pr 1/9 Clear-NY) [Nice one, Jim!]
 9445 0430 VOT: EE: ID; t1k abt "what to wear when climbing mountains" (333 1/10 Langlois-FL) @ 2309 w/ID; discussion of statue of Aphrodite (443 1/24 Theobald-FL) @ 2330 w/px "Common Frequency" (454 1/14 Fraser-MA) @ 2102 w/M/W nx on Bosnia; "Review of the Turkish Press" (323 1/29 Bellovich-FL)
 15350 1520 VOT: TK: W hosting px of lcl mx; //15325 wasn't as good (322 1/9 Hankison-KS)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES VO UAE Abu Dhabi UAE Radio Dubai

9505 0010 VO UAE: AA: Lively AA "camel mx"; M (w/low mod) t1k; into more AA mx; //9605 & 11710 were at equal strength (544 1/15 Brugliera-VT)
 9605 2315 VO UAE: EE: Px "The Truth of This Land" w/rpt on pilgrimages to Mecca (433 1/24 Biczak-NJ) @ 2319 w/"Program of Islam" t1k abt mosques (333 1/24 Theobald-FL) [Psychic--or on different sidebands??] @ 2258 w/EZL mx; ID/frqs; nx of equestrian competition in Abu Dhabi (323 1/8 Bellovich-FL)
 11710 2247 VO UAE: EE: DJ px de Capital Radio w/chatty M DJ & wide mix of mx; @ 2300 VO UAE ID & "Press Review" (242 2/6 ed.)
 11965 1812 VO UAE: AA: M world nx w/synthesizer IS between stories; anmts (333 1/30 Owsley-CA)
 13675 *1600 RD: EE: "Islamic Architecture" on the Taj Mahal (343 1/14 Johnson-IL) @ 1600 w/W ID; px on a famous Arab architect & a mosque he designed (333 1/15 Bellovich-FL)

CLANDESTINE

3985 1417 (p)R. ECHO OF HOPE: KK: M/W exchanging commentaries; into EZL orch mx (333 1/23 Owsley-CA) [For those of you who may have forgotten, this clandestine beams from South Korea into the North; the xmtr is apparently in a suburb of Seoul.]

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First of all, something of particular interest to US SPEEDXers who are into QSLing. Many have reported difficulties in getting QSLs from Radio Pyongyang, and it seems that the problem is in getting reports from the US into the DPRK. Japanese SPEEDXer Tsunaaki Ashimori is still willing to remail reports to Pyongyang for members, which should get around the bottleneck. (The success rate via this route has been virtually 100%.) To cover postage, he's asking for US\$2 for remailing a report (with the reply to go straight from Pyongyang to you); and US\$5 if you want the reply sent first to him, and then remailed to you; "greenbacks" only, please--no IRCs. (Considering the Japanese postage rates, he's certainly not making any money on the deal.) If you're interested, his address is:

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 Nishinomiya City, Hyogo
 662 JAPAN

I'm sure that this will help many SPEEDXers--Thanks very much, Tsunaaki-san!

Well, by the time you read this, I should have met some of you at Kulpville. (All those future indefinites--I sound like a writer for PopComm--hi!) Hope we all enjoyed it--and if you weren't, we'll meet again here, next month.

73-Bill

NEW ZEALAND continued...

17770 0206 RNZI: EE: Interview w/NZ woman jockey, asking if horses prefer females (333 1/11 Theobald-FL) [If they want to be in the Army, they'd better!-hi!] @ 0320 w/2 M tlc on obscure NZ college which espouses the "green" philosophy (433 1/22 Bellovich-FL) @ 0150 w/Pakistan v. NZ cricket match ("Personally, my \$ is on the Kiwis.-hi!) (444 1/26 Owsley-CA) [You mean the ones you grow, or the cricketers?]
 [Note that RNZI will drop 17770 as of 3/22, remaining on 15120 kHz right through from 1850 to 0700 UTC.]

OMAN Radio Oman BBC relay
 9735 1830 (p)RO: AA: Exotic AA mx w/M & W ancrs (454 1/9 Johnson-IL)
 15245 1440 BBC: HINDI: Px of nx features; ID @ 1459 (333 1/16 Hankison)

PAKISTAN Radio Pakistan
 9370 2030 RP: ??: ID; W nx; light inst mx; gone @ 2051 recheck (343 1/3 Brugliera-VT) [Not listed in the new WRTH, but then, I've noted at least one other mistake in their RP sked.]
 15443.98 0435 RP: URDU: Recitations; ID; W tlc ment Bosnia; @ 0445 choral singing; //21580 (fr) (353 1/23 Famularo-JAPAN).

PALAU Voice of Hope
 9830 1413 VOH: EE: M Bible readings (243 1/24 Owsley-CA)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
 3905 1014 (p)R. NEW IRELAND: PD: M ancr w/country tunes; @ 1018 ARO calling CQ killed it (222 1/30 Wakefield-IA)
 4890 1345 NBC PORT MORESBY: EE: Fifties-style EZL mx; M w/EE ID; W w/C&W mx (33333 1/9 Newbury-NE) @ 1345 w/W ID/TC; into 70's & 80's US/English pops (444 1/23 Owsley-CA)

PHILIPPINES VOA relay Far East Bcst Corp
 6110 1310 VOA: EE: Tlk abt Clinton's inauguration in the light of inauguration history (34333 1/19 Newbury-NE)
 9760 1355 VOA: EE: Special EE magazine px "American Mosaic" on the mx of Stan Getz; stronger than usual today (343 2/12 ed.)
 11995 1302 FEBC: EE: Kids singing various hymns; ID/nx @ 1330 (232 1/9 Bellovich-FL)
 17735 0028 VOA: EE: Nx; "Agriculture Report"; "Science in the News" (242 1/12 Stine-MD)

SAUDI ARABIA Bcst Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 9705 2035 BSKSA: EE(!): Drama px to 2045; EE ID; M nx & temperatures for Mideast/European cities; "R. Riyadh" ID @ 2053...2100* (343 1/23 D'Angelo-PA) @ 2015 w/reading of part 2 of David Copperfield; @ 2045 "R. Riyadh" ID & nx; fading in; hrd on an ATS-800 out on the loading dock at work! (222 2/10 Colyard-NJ) [At last this one's being heard again!]
 9730 1704 BSKSA: (1)TURKESTANI: Qur'an in AA; then (p) nxcast; very weak--best in USB (232 1/6 Johnson-IL)
 9885 2149 BSKSA: AA: ID; px of AA mx; co-channel SRI de 2200 (444 1/9 Johnson-IL)
 15430 *0359 BSKSA: SOMALI: Lute IS; ID; Qur'an (343 1/15 Bagozzi-CA)

SINGAPORE BBC relay
 9605 1702 BBC: EE: SAsian nx; mx; into Hindi @ 1715 (343 2/6 Berri-CA)
 9740 0930 BBC: EE: "Folk Routes" px (443 1/17 Thompson-CA) @ 1415 w/history of rugby football (433 1/10 Hankison-KS) @ 1600 w/nx (232 1/10 Johnson-IL) [Close to psychic, eh?]
 17790 0125 BBC: EE: "Outlook" on how comics & humourists will miss Dan Quayle (212 1/6 Bellovich-FL)

SOLOMON ISLANDS Solomon Islands Bcst Corp
 9545 0737 SIBC: EE: W reading names/greetings/inter-island messages; mix of mx; ID/frq @ 0759; refrigerator ad; national and Fijian nx (333 1/7 Thompson-CA)

SRI LANKA Sri Lanka Bcst Corp VOA relay DW relay
 9720 1420 SLBC: EE: Opera vcIs to 1445; then pop mx; ID for "All Asia Service" @ 1459; 5+1 TP; TC for 8:30 and into nx (353 1/10 D'Angelo-PA) @ 0153 w/"Back to the Bible" px; rick theme mx before 0200 TP; ID & (p)nx to 0209; W DJ w/Rick Astley song; strong CCI de Golos Rossiye (222 2/12 ed.)
 11705 0110 VOA: EE: Nx--hard to hear details (222 1/14 Stine-MD)
 21560 1958 DW: CG: Tail end of GG pop song; @ 2000 "Trincomalee, Sri Lanka" EE site ID; then OC to 2001*; weak--clear channel but Spain-21555 splash; what a surprise! (232 2/13 ed.)

JAPANNihon Shortwave Broadcasting Radio Japan

- 3925 1325 NSB: JJ: JJ tlks; heavy SSB ARO QRM (42342 1/12 Newbury-NE)
 6055 1329 NSB: JJ: M in what sounded like an auditorium answering group questions; //3925 (454 1/23 Owsley-CA)
 9535 1448 RJ: EE: Discussion (incl Ian McFarland) on Japanese mx; bad QRN (322 1/30 Bellovich-FL) @ 1910 w/nx (333 1/3 Johnson-IL)
 9595 1019 NSB: JJ: M/W hosting mix of classical mx & Oriental orch mx (555 1/29 Owsley-CA)
 11840 2153 RJ: EE: Tlk on garden growing of tomatoes (333 1/30 Owsley)
 [Note that RJ in EE @ *2100 on 11925 kHz is via the Gabon relay.]

JORDANRadio Jordan

- 9560 1703 RJ: EE: Nx/wx; TC's; "Jazz Break"; many ID's; 1729*; QRM de R. Australia (fr 1/18 Clar-NY) @ 2242 in AA w/typical "Arab pop" w/W ancr (333 1/23 Johnson-IL)
 11810 1500 RJ: AA: ID; into 2 M prayers; then nx (333 1/17 Hankison-KS)
 11955 1435 RJ: AA: Mideast pop mx w/W DJ; TP & ID @ 1500; W nx (323 1/30 Bellovich-FL) [WRTH lists this frq only 0330-0830.]

KOREA, D.-P.-R.Pyeongyang Bcst Stn Radio Pyongyang

- 3320 1412 PBS: KK: W angry-sounding tlc; into W chorus w/patriotic songs (333 1/23 Owsley-CA)
 6399.8 1016 PBS: KK: Usual operatic mx; very weak (242 1/10 Johnson-IL)
 6576 *1100 RP: EE: IS/W ID/anthem; into nx w/usual deification of Uncle Kim (222 1/29 Wakefield-IA) [Does "the Great Toddler" still enjoy their music?]
 11335 0018 RP: EE: Tlk w/many ments of the Great Leader & the Party; stronger than usual signal (333 1/23 Bellovich-FL)
 11700 2300 RP: EE: Anthem/W anmt; nx of US nuclear weapons in S. Korea; "w/echo effect" (44433 1/27 Newbury-NE) @ 2306 w/long tlc on development of socialism in the DPRK; severe echo; // 13650 (333 1/9 Bellovich-FL)

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF Radio Korea was logged in EE on: 7550 by Clar-NY; on 9745 [not nominal 9750??] by Carson-OK; on 15575 by Brugliera-VT and Robinson-TN.

KUWAIT Radio Kuwait was logged on 13620 in EE by Brown-IL & Pasquale-PA.

LAOSNational Radio of Laos

- 6129.9 1430 NRL: LAO: SEAsian mx w/M tlc--much mx to 1458, when ID & what sounded like a NA; "at 1500, DW ID covered & jamming started" (232 1/23 Froemming-AZ) [Gary, DW should have been on the frq (in Serbian) since *1430; they probably just faded up. I'm not sure who would be jamming on the frq.]

MALAYSIARadio Television Malaysia

- 5030 1449 RTM KUCHING: VERN: "You Made a Wanted Man out of Me" & other country tunes (333 1/30 Pimblett-AB) @ 1445 w/ID; mx w/some W tlc; s/off 1500* (343 1/20 Froemming-AZ) [The WRTH lists this as the Blue Network, in the Bidayah language. No, I wouldn't recognize it, either.]

MARIANA ISLANDSKHBI KFBS

- 9530 1415 KHBI: EE: Nx; interview w/new congresswoman from PA; ad for calendar (33453 1/22 Newbury-NE) @ 1359 w/IS; site ID; px preview for "Herald of Christian Science"; nx (242 2/13 ed.)
 9670 1400 KFBS: CC: EE ID; into CC px of mellow mx (333 1/16 Hankison)
 11665 1330 KFBS: RR: W ID; vcl mx; M rlg tlc (333 1/8 Thompson-CA)

MYANMARVoice of Myanmar

- 5990 1430 VOM: EE: M ID; nx abt Iraq & what Clinton might do about it (333 1/19 Froemming-AZ)

NEPALRadio Nepal

- 7165 1500 RN: NEPALI: Nepali mx; ID "Yo R. Nepal ho"; W/M tlc; into more lcl mx (222 1/19 Froemming-AZ)

NEW ZEALANDRadio New Zealand International

- 9510 1604 RNZI: EE: NZ wx (cyclones); ID; mx (444 2/6 Berri-CA) [The cyclone warning was probably why they stayed on all night on this frequency.]
 9700 1001 RNZI: EE: Nx of tainted shellfish; wx (444 1/12 Brown-IL) @ 1050 w/pop mx; ment of BBC nx to follow @ 1100 but went off suddenly (353 1/11 Fraser-MA) [Bob, they change the antenna beaming @ 1100, so their signal usually drops through the floor then.] @ 0809 w/"Just a Minute"--a pleasant surprise! (433 2/7 ed.) [This was a Sunday, for fellow "Jam" fans.]
 15120 0645 RNZI: EE: Live cricket match w/West Indies (434 1/3 Dome-TX) [Greg, it has to have been RNZI, rather than RA.]

CHINA continued...

4875 1145 VO JINLING: CC: Light orch mx to 1200; 5 low + 1 high TP; lots of W t1k; more CC mx; 1223 fade (242 1/23 Wallace-MA)
 4905 2309 (p)CPBS-2: CC: M/W t1k (maybe nx) w/ments Clinton; (p) ID and anmts (fr 1/20 Clar-NY)
 6150 *1329 RCI relay; EE: IS w/IDs; nx of Mulroneys' t1ks w/Clinton; @ 1338 "Spectrum"...1356* (444 2/5 Murray-OR)
 11855 *1300 CRI: EE: M ID routine; into world nx (444 1/3 Langlois-FL)

CYPRUS Cyprus Bcst Corp was logged in GK on 7125 by Bellovich-FL. BBC relay was logged in EE on 6180 by Bellovich-FL; on 9580 by Famularo-JAPAN; on 9660 by Hankison-KS.

GUAMKSDA KTWR

9650 1359 KSDA: EE: Closing anmt w/invitation to write & ment of Burmese bcst to follow on another frq (333 1/10 Hankison-KS)
 9870 1231 KTWR: JJ: Mix of t1k & light hymns; @ 1250 (p) r1g t1k; @ 1300 "Kochirawa...hoso KTWR Guam"; fading in (242 2/10 ed.)
 15610 2259 KSDA: EE: ID/frq anmt--gave Hong Kong mailing address but also Agaña QTH; into symphonic mx (222 1/9 Bellovich-FL)

INDIAAll India Radio

9615 1420 AIR BOMBAY: ??: Sitar mx w/M anmts; wiped out by R. Veritas Asia @ 1428 (333 1/23 Owsley-CA)
 11620 2214 AIR: EE: Cmty; feature on notable Indian women (343 1/10 Biczak-NJ) @ 2103 w/cmty on Iraq (déjà vu?); ID @ 2110 & Indian mx (534 1/16 Brugliera-VT) (Also logged by Bellovich-FL, Brown-IL, Newbury-NE, Robinson-TN, Theobald-FL)
 15120 1331 AIR: EE: W nx; ID (233 1/9 Bellovich-FL) @ 1440 w/W hosting mx px (222 1/24 Hankison-KS)
 17850 0730 AIR: EE/HINDI: IS; M ID; national nx; into HIndi @ 0735 w/W t1k (pr-fr 1/13 Famularo-JAPAN)

INDONESIARadio Republik Indonesia

3000.5 1422 (p)RPDT2 BENGKALIS: IN: T1k (sounded like economics) by a bored-sounding M (242 1/30 Pimblett-AB) [Listed 250 W]
 3231.85 1453 RRI BUKITTINGGI: IN: Strange chanting by M (not Qur'an) @ 1458 abrupt "Bukittinggi, Sumatera"; SCI; M nx @ 1500; signal watery & distorted (222 2/5 Murray-OR)
 3306.4 1450 RRI DILI: IN: M hosting px of country-style mx; this one's had a good signal here all winter (333 1/30 Pimblett-AB)
 3995nf 2154 RRI PROGRAMA NASIONAL: IN: Trad Indovocals/mx; @ 2159 W ID; SCI; nx (fr 1/28 Famularo-JPN) [Sources quoted on "DX Daily" (David Clark-ON & David Martin-VIC) agree that this is RRI Pontianak--but Clark says 50 kW & Martin says 10 kW.]
 4753.5 1400 RRI UJUNG PANDANG: IN: Vibraphone IS [That's the SCI]; time tone; into W nx; strong but overmod (333 1/30 Hankison-KS) @ 1350 w/W hosting px of 70's disco mx; RRI ID @ 1400 (333 1/24 Owsley-CA)
 5984.28 1415 RRI PEKANBARU: IN: Long M chatter w/occ silly animated laugh & occ Indopop vocals (fr 1/11 Famularo-JAPAN)
 9675 1923 VO INDONESIA: FF: SEAsian & op mx; t1ks; also hrd EE xmsn @ 2000-2058; QSB (pr 1/15 Clar-NY)

IRAN

VOIRI was logged on: 9022 in EE by Bellovich-FL and in (p)AA by Johnson-IL; 9685 in AA by Owsley-CA; 11790 in EE by Fraser-MA; 15084 in AA by Dome-TX.

IRAQRadio Iraq International

15210 1830 (p)RII: AA: T1k w/lots of ments of Iraq; AA mx; @ 1857 possible ID/NA (??? 1/18 Pasquale-PA)
 15250 *1400 RII: AA: ID/frq info; Qur'an; Mideast mx; W nx (333 1/15 Bellovich-FL) @ 1505 w/ME mx; many IDs (312 1/16 Hankison)

ISRAELKol Israel Reshet Bet relay

7465 2014 KI: EE: "TGIF" r1g px; off "pouring water" signal at intervals underneath, not hrd since 1/19 (454 1/8 Fraser-MA) [I hrd this on 2/14, with the "pouring water," too.] @ 2230 w/nx of Iraq situation (333 1/12 Biczak-NJ) @ 2241 w/"The Aliyah Page"--new px (a Thursday) (344 2/4 ed.)
 9388 1943 RB: HH: Play-by-play soccer cmty (433 1/17 Bishop-NY) @ 0507 w/sports t1k abt Monica Seles (333 1/30 Bellovich-FL)
 9435 2010 KI: EE: "Calling All Listeners"--including a DXing cat from Newton, MA [who should meet Hank Lukas' cat, B111] (453 1/10 Fraser-MA) @ *2000 w/ID/nx (313 1/16 Bellovich-FL)
 11603 201Q KI: EE: "Calling All Listeners" (343 1/24 Biczak-NJ) on 11603.1 @ 2243 w/"Spotlight" (242 2/6 ed.) on 11605 @ 2211 in SS w/nx; ID (434 1/18 Dome-TX) @ 2230 in EE w/nx (444 1/18 Theobald-FL) [Almost psychic!]
 17575 1410 KI: EE: "DX Corner" (353 1/17 Neff-FL)

SEYCHELLES

9565 1831 FEBA: FF: IS, ID, rlg tlk & insp mx (fr 1/15 Clar-NY)
 9630 1941 BBC: EE: Pgm abt women in combat- perfect pgm for my wife
 (422 1/6 Lukas-NY) Interview of person involved w/film
 "Code of Silence" about doctors (232 1/7 Johnson-IL)

SIERRA LEONE

3316 2155 SLBC: EE: M singing, M w/nx & comment, ID, freqs, tlk abt
 Allah, closing anthem (?? 1/8 Wolfson-OH)

SOUTH AFRICA

4810 2318 R. Orion: EE: Mx by Linda Ronstadt, Barry Manilow (454 1/3
 Bickus-VT) M tlk w/screeching monkey in background (343 1/13
 Brugliera-VT) M w/weather in VN (333 1/21 Hart-MN) Elton
 John, ID (333 1/25 Brown-IL) Beach Boys (444 1/22 Newbury-
 NE) M tlk in AK, QRM de Yerevan (332 1/14 Willers-SWITZ)
 Sinatra, Elvis medley, ID (333 1/2 Dome-TX)
 7285 0525 R. Oranje: AK: Local nx, pop mx (322 1/1 Babin-MA)
 9630 0523 R. Oranje: AK: Pop mx, ID (232 1/15 Bagozzi-CA)

[It's a Channel Africa party this month, w/rpts on: 7230
 (Babin-MA), 7270 (Lukas-NY & Famularo-JP), 11745 (Dome-TX),
 11900 (Willers-SWITZ), 15420 (Brown-IL), & 15430 (Bello-
 vich-FL & Johnson-IL)]

SUDAN

7200 0251 R. Omdurman: AA: Seven min of IS on that xylo-type instru-
 ment- had to leave before s/on (444 1/31 Brugliera-VT)
 9170 1800 R. Omdurman: EE: TPs, EE e/on, strong but distorted audio,
 pgm "Folk Life", pop mx, 1855 nx, full ID & s/off routine
 @1858 (453 1/24 George-MA) Pgm line-up, freq anmt, ID, "A
 Trip Along the Nile" (143 1/7 Willers-SWITZ)

SWAZILAND

3200 0320 TWR: NDEBELE: Gospel songs, one straight gospel, one
 gospel/Afr mix, M ancr (444 1/6 Newbury-NE)
 3335nf 0334 TWR: PP: M w/rlg tlk & Bible refs, theme mx, ID (fr 1/30
 Clar-NY) @ *0255 in EE w/"This is Trans World Radio, Swazi-
 land" alt w/IS (243 1/14 George-MA)
 4790 1825 TWR: SHONA: M tlk, QTH in EE, gospel mx, ID & 1830* (332
 1/14 Willers-SWITZ)
 5055 0443 TWR: GG: GG ancr w/GG & EE pops (333 1/1 Babin-MA)
 9500nf 0310 TWR: SH: Hilife, W w/ment "Tanzania", 0330 ID w/"Swaziland",
 more singing (423 1/4 Dome-TX)
 9520 1931 TWR: FF: IDs, tlk w/Bible refs, insp mx, QTHs, pgm notes,
 IS, 2000* (fr 1/7 Clar-NY)
 9655 0450 TWR: EE: Sam explains what "repent" means, African Bible
 College looking for students (444 1/4 Newbury-NE)
 15175 *1530 TWR: UR: IS w/EE IDs, Urdu s/on w/ID & subcontinent mx, M
 tlk (fr-gd 1/8 Famularo-JP)

TANZANIA

5050 1840 R. Tanzania: EE: Two M w/nx abt UN (242 1/19 Willers-SWITZ)

TOGO

5047 2238 RTV Togolaise: FF: M w/long-wided political speech (333 1/3
 Johnson-IL) Soft FF song, ID (454 1/21 Willers-SWITZ)

TUNISIA

7475 2244 RTV Tunisienne: AA: AA tlk & mx, 2300 ID, 2321* (333 1/17
 Stine-MD) ME mx, M w/ID & phone-in pgm, sounded like only
 women calling in (423 1/1 Bellovich-FL) Chanting, 0431 ID,
 continued chanting (333 1/20 Dome-TX)
 12005 2031 RTV Tunisienne: AA: W w/ME mx, ID & into dramatic play (323
 1/2 Bellovich-FL)

CLANDESTINE/UNID

7100 2300 Galo Negro: PP: ID followed by 2 min nx, mx, s/off w/NA
 @2304 (322 1/17 Hankison-KS)
 7380 0252 VO Broad Masses of Eritrea(p): AH?: Drums @0252, M tlk, lcl
 mx w/alt M & W tlk, improved strength around 0330, //7020
 which was intermittently jammed (232 1/18 George-MA)

MADAGASCAR

- 5009.4 0301 RTV Malagasy: Malagasy/FF: Lively Afr vocals & M tlk, seemed mainly FF, good M ID after W gave awful reverb ID, fading out around 0320 (353 1/14 D'Angelo-PA)
- 9605 1842 RN: EE: Tlk about government in Ireland, ID, "Mirror Images" (344 1/12 Willers-SWITZ)
- 15150 1433 RN: EE: Nx, interrupted by 1435 ID (333 1/16 Hankison-KS)
Nx- air attack in north of Iraq (333 1/19 Brown-IL)

MALI

- 4835 1840 RTV Malienne: VN: Lots of tlk, Afr mx (343 1/14 Willers-SW)
- 5995 0605 RTV Malienne(t): FF/VN: Local mx, M tlk in VN w/ments of Mali, 0627 tribal mx, no ID hrd (322 1/18 Thompson-CA)
- 7285.9 0803 RTV Malienne: FF: Nx, many ments "Mali" & "Malienne", into lcl song @0804 (343 1/2 George-MA)
- 9770 0012 CRI: EE: Hardware training center opens, "Flying the Distance" (554 1/2 Bickus-VA)
- 11715 0026 CRI: EE: Obtaining loans in China (555 1/26 Brugliera-VT)
Prg about the 2000 yr old custom of "hanging coffins" in caves; the higher the status of the corpse, the higher they were hung. Weird! (434 1/18 Bellovich-FL)

MAURITANIA

- 4845 0007 ORTM: AA: M w/(p) nx, W answers questions from callers (333 1/19 Levison-PA) Strange AA chanting, abrupt stop, chant continues, lcl string instruments (555 1/16 Newbury-NE)

MOROCCO

- 9575 0045 R. Medi-Un: FF: AA mx, M ancr in FF, march mx & abrupt 0100* (333 1/10 Johnson-IL) Constant mx, W chanting (333 1/13 Levison-PA) Pop mx, "...R Mediterranee Internationale, 1830 nx followed by AA svc (555 1/12 Willers-SWITZ)
- 11920 1906 RTV Marocaine: FF: Not in EE on Sunday as listed, classical mx on 1/23, pop mx on 1/24, no definite ID, M ancr for the most part, occ W w/nx rpt (fr 1/23 Hardester-NC)
- 15205 1530 VOA: EE: Pgm on Clinton transition (322 1/9 Hankison-KS)
- 15345 1530 RTV Marocaine: AA: Honky-tonk jazz, ID, prayer, //15360 (444 1/24 Hankison-KS) M/W interview, ID (434 1/3 Dome-TX)

NAMIBIA

- 3270 0400 R. Namibia: VN: Sounded like a church svc, several vocal hymns, 0500 ID ,not //3290, which was playing European pop mx (323 1/3 Wallace-MA)

NIGER

- 5020 *0500 LV du Sahel: FF: S/on w/choral NA, flute mx, W w/ID & freq anmts, recitations (353 1/30 D'Angelo-PA) Tlk on lcl robber gangs (322 1/1 Babin-MA) Qu'ran, W ID "La Voix du Sahel", nifty lcl string & vocal mx (pr-fr 1/8 Clar-NY) Afr mx (222 1/24 Newbury-NE) M w/long text in VN (242 1/10 Johnson-IL)

NIGERIA

- 4770 2205 RN-Kaduna: VN: Afr pop mx w/M DJ (433 1/10 Bishop-NY) @2157 in EE w/man urging voter registration, ID (143 1/3 Brugliera-VT) Tlk abt Iraq & US attack (333 1/22 Hart-MN) Afr jazz- M singer w/combo (534 1/24 Newbury-NE) Sermon abt trusting to faith (433 1/20 Dome-TX) Speech on American press in Africa (322 1/1 Babin-MA) Tribal mx, ID, strong het (242 1/14 Willers-SWITZ)
- 7255 0510 VON: EE: "African Safari" w/assortment of Afr mx (333 1/22 Thompson-CA) Feature on Kenya w/Kenyan mx (333 1/30 Bellovich-FL) ID, "Morning Flight" (333 1/19 Brown-IL)

RWANDA

- 9735 1525 DW: EE: ID, "Development Forum" (322 1/23 Hankison-KS)
- 15270 0030 DW: GG: Comedian (people laughing after every word (353 1/20 Lukas-NY) Oil spill in Shetlands (444 1/6 Bellovich-FL)
- 17860 1817 DW: GG: Nx abt Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq (434 1/11 Dome-TX)

SENEGAL

- 7170 0745 ORTS: FF: Rapid M ancr w/(p) nx (343 1/22 Newbury-NE)

CONGO
 3265 2233 RTV Congolaise: EE/VN: Tlk about missionaries in Congo (433 1/10 Bishop-NY)
 4765 2320 RTV Congolaise: FF: "Ici n'existe pas", economic nx, "Ce soir" (333 1/3 Bickus-VA) All-night New Year's bcst, w/excerpts in EE from "Malcom X" movie dialouge, "Bonjour Brazzaville, bonjour Congo, bonjour le monde!" (354 1/1 George-MA) FF & Afr mx (322 1/1 Babin-MA) New Years bcst w/greetings, requests, etc, //5985 (fr-gd 1/1 Clar-NY) [so THAT'S where the party was- ed.] Lively Afropops, cool talking DJ, ID (242 1/12 Willers-SWITZ)
 5985 2220 RTV Congolaise: FF: M tkl in FF (333 1/12 Newbury-NE)

DJIBOUTI
 4799.9 0535 RTV de Djibouti(t): FF/VN: nf? Afr drum mx, "Djibouti" hrd in ID, very weak (222 1/20 Dome-TX)

EGYPT
 9475 0200 R. Cairo: EE: Mx, then "The Holy Koran & Its' Meaning" (343 1/16 Biczak-NJ) Mailbag, QTH, mx (322 1/3 Brown-IL) S/on, request for letters & reports (433 1/15 Johnson-IL)
 17195 1230 R. Cairo: EE: W w/cmtly on developing countries (333 1/3 Langlois-FL)

GABON
 4890 0440 RFI: FF: Nx story on African relief (323 1/1 Babin-MA) Nx in FF, 0441 ID (434 1/20 Dome-TX)
 9580 0520 ANO: FF: Call-in mx request pgm (333 1/1 Babin-MA)
 11925 2100 RJ: EE: Oil tanker disaster in Britain (423 1/5 Johnson-IL)
 15355 1525 RJ: EE: JJ language lessons (433 1/24 Hankison-KS) Tlk on the Coming of Age ceremony for young women in Japan (333 1/15 Bellovich-FL)
 15475 1800 ANO: FF: ID & "Africa-Soir" nrcast, 1810 back to Afropops w/DJ Kilimanjaro (343 1/29 Westenhaver-PQ) Modern Afr mx (343 1/8 Johnson-IL) Marlboro ad, ID (354 1/27 George-MA)
 17630 1549 ANO: FF: QTHs (pen pals, I guess), Afropops, 1553 carted ID in VN, 1557* w/out anmt (243 2/5 Westenhaver-PQ) Lcl nx in EE incl many Afr countries, into FF (322 1/16 Brugliera-VT)

GHANA
 4915 2130 GBC-1: EE: W w/nx, ment peacekeeping efforts in Somalia, use of computers in education, "Saturday Night Special" w/some nice Afr pops, prayer, then complete s/off anmt saying they'd be back on at 5:30 AM, NA, 2303* (343 1/30 Wallace-MA) Afr mx, 0600 ID, nx in EE (333 1/16 Hart-MN)
 6130 0645 GBC: EE: Schedule, ID, mx (222 1/22 Brown-IL)

GUINEA
 7125 2335 RTV Guineeiene: FF: M DJ w/interesting mix of mx- western-style ballad, W Afr folk mx (333 1/5 Johnson-IL)

IVORY COAST
 4940 0510 RTV Ivoirienne: FF: End of nx, ID (232 1/1 Babin-MA)

KENYA
 4935 *0155 KBC: EE: Drum & flute IS alternating w/W ID "This is KBC, Nairobi", 0200 mixed choral NA, M s/on anmts (343 1/22 D'Angelo-PA) Pops, hiliife, reggae, ID, election comment & speech excerpt (fr-gd 1/2 Clar-NY) God talk by M, M w/quite thorough sked (244 1/31 Brugliera-VT) Pop mx, incl "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" (242 1/3 Johnson-IL)

LESOTHO
 4800 0355 LNBS: Sesotho: 0400 ID, mostly M/W tkl, lots of ads, some ments of 6-digit phone #s, Afr children's chorus w/piano (333 2/5 Murray-OR) (p) nx incl what sounded like a recording of a political speech (343 1/6 Johnson-IL) Pops, choral mx & childrens voices, IDs w/ment Maseru (pr-fr 1/8 Clar)

LIBYA
 15435 1500 R. Jamahiriya: AA: Non-stop AA mx, no ID @top of hour, //15415 (343 1/9 Hankison-KS)



AFRICA

Paul Wakefield Box 188

West Branch, IA 52358

(Dates/Times in UTC - Freq. in kHz - Deadline the 12th)

Another fantastic turnout this month! Between the incredible Swaziland outburst and the Congolaise New Years' bash, there won't be room for my rantings this month, so breath easy. Okay, John, get us started!

ANGOLA

9720.2 0642 RN de Angola: PP: M w/ID, Afropops (333 1/1 Bellovich-FL)

ASCENSION ISLAND

9600 0333 BBC: EE: Pgms "Call Africa" & "Postmark Africa", opinion on Clinton's problems (333 1/10 Dome-TX)
11750 0115 BBC: EE: Discussion abt jazz (323 1/15 Dome)
11820 2025 VOA: EE: Nx abt Africa (433 1/17 Bishop-NY) W w/ID & freqs, into feature on "Kenya's presidential election, in which Daniel Moi was elected by fraud" (434 1/2 Bellovich-FL)
15190 1057 BBC: EE: Special message for British nationals in Kinshasa to go to Belgian embassy during daylight hours to arrange departure, gave curfew hours (fr-gd 1/31 Famularo-JP)
15260 2045 BBC: EE: "Meridian" w/profile of Rudolph Nureyev (454 1/12 Fraser-MA) Details of Bosnian talks (434 1/2 Bellovich-FL)
15390 2142 BBC: PP: Report on Iraq situation (555 1/16 Brugliera-VT)
15400 0539 BBC: EE: Interview w/South African Foreign Minister (333 1/25 Kyburz-CO) African nx, "Sports Roundup", ID (354 1/12 Willers-SW) Comedy pgm "Just a Minute" (554 1/17 Fraser-MA)
17880 1830 BBC: EE: "Play of the Week" (454 1/10 Fraser-MA)

BOTSWANA

3356 0255 R. Botswana: EE/VN: Barnyard IS, 0300 "This is R Botswana", into VN tik- //7255 much weaker (333 1/18 George-MA)
4830 2145 R. Botswana: Sets: Rock mx, then hymn "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past", s/off w/NA or hymn @2201 (322 1/17 George-MA)
7255 0246 R. Botswana: ??: IS (cows, bells, chickens) ?? 1/9 Wolfson-OH) S/on w/almost 15 min of cowbells & mooing, tik @0300 inaudible, no ID hrd, but how many OTHER stations have such a s/on? Slight ham QRM (121 1/13 Brugliera-VT)
7265 0244 VOA: EE/SM: EE s/on, nx in Somali w/AA-type mx in background, US soldier tiks abt what he is doing in Somalia (w/SM translation) (454 1/31 Brugliera-VT) "Daybreak Africa" w/rpt on meeting of Cameroon parties opposed to Pres Biya-hollow sounding audio (333 1/11 Westenhaver-PQ) Nx- Zulu leader makes accusations about the ANC (333 1/11 Brown-IL)
7280 0413 VOA: EE: Review of book Fooling America, which is critical of the 'conventional wisdom' accepted by pundits & the press (343 1/31 Westenhaver-PQ) Rpt on the elections in Kenya (333 1/2 Brown-IL)
13710 2020 VOA: EE: Plans for Inaguration Day (333 1/16 Hankison-KS) "History of Medicine", ID, Tony Riggs w/"Science Report" (254 1/6 Willers-SWITZ)
15375 0500 VOA: HA: Nx of Iraq, some EE (353 1/19 Lukas-NY)
15625 1845 VOA: FF: Tik abt US business successes (Ben & Jerry's ice cream) & setbalks (Boeing), ID (243 1/5 Westenhaver-PQ) Rock mx w/DJ (434 1/13 Dome-TX)

CAMEROON

4000 2203 CRTV-Bafoussam: FF: M w/nx, 2209 ID- suddenly appeared on freq- nothing here 10 min earlier (fr 1/28 Famularo-JP)
4795 2210 CRTV-Douala: EE: Nx of Somalia, UTE QRM (544 1/10 Bishop-NY)
5010 0542 CRTV-Garoua: FF: M w/regional nx, TCs, "ici Garoua" IDs (fr-gd 1/8 Clar-NY) Lcl nx, pop mx, end of EE svc @1856, into FF (242 1/14 Willers-SWITZ) M tik, Afropops (333 1/23 Hart-MN) Lcl nx in EE, ID, heavy QRM (322 1/1 Babin-MA)

CHAD

4904.4 0549 RN Tchadienne: VN: Tribal mx, singing, M tik in VN (333 1/23 Hart-MN) @0443 in FF w/hilife, Afropops (fr-gd 1/18 Clar)

9490 1957 R MOSCOW FF: YL w/freq and sched info, then into RR mx; IS and time pips at 2300 and Moscow time 2000 hours (433 1/17 Bishop-NY)

9505 1323 (USALKAR--KAZAKH R. Kazakh(L): Turkish sounding inst mx; IS-like theme mx then M in Turkic sounding lang, then light Western style vocals w/fading--almost gone by 1350 (242 2/1 Westenhaver-PQ)

9520 2200 R MOSCOW EE: Prog ID, "Moscow Mailbag"; anmt that "Christmas is celebrated on Jan. 7th in Russia" (is this so they can partake of the great Capitalistic tradition--the after Christmas sale??br) (545 1/1 Robinson-TN)

9540 1640 R MOSCOW EE: "Africa Sports Roundup", World Cup Soccer, Kenyan runners (454 12/23 Johnson-IL)

9685 1911 R MOSCOW EE: "Moscow Mailbag" w/Joe Adamov (434 1/10 Biczak-NJ)(Steve, did you happen to hear a letter read from "ye old editor"? I missed it!)

9685 0007 R UKRAINE EE: ID, nx in EE abt Moscow (243 12/11 Babin-MA)

9710 2208 R UKRAINE EE: Tx on Israeli-Palestinian violence, ID (Good 12/19 Famularo-Spain)

9725 1325 BBC via UZBEKISTAN Bengali (listed);RM test tones; SAsian flute mx, then "B-B-C" IS; site per WRTH (243 1/7 Westenhaver-PQ)

9810 0158 R MOSCOW RR: LA mx, ID, IS, m talking (pr audio 12/23 Wolfson-OH) (Mike, say hi to your wife for me!!!)

9835 0109 AMR/RUSSIA EE: "Your Story Hour", Bible adventure cassette offer, ID #0129 into "Voice of Prophecy" insp mx (p-f 12/14 Clar NY)

9860 0103 R UKRAINE EE: Comments on inter-religious peace, nx, Uk Christmas songs (434 12/24 Levison-PA) (Wolfson-OH)

9875 2132 R MOSCOW EE: "Jazz Show" featuring modern Russian Jazz musicians (444 1/11 Fraser-MA)

9880 2020 R GALAXY EE: Russian pop mx, ads in EE & sta ID--bad QRN (312 1/16 Bellovich-FL) (nice logging John!!!)

9890 0025 R MOSCOW EE: "News and Views" w/message for Orthodox Christmas from the Patriarch of Moscow (242 7/7 Westenhaver-PQ)

12050 2100 R MOSCOW EE: Nx abt Russia and Iraq Attack by m and w (333 1/19 Dome-TX) (Newbury-NE)

15210 1310 R MOSCOW EE: "Focus on Asia and the Pacific", Russia's relations with Japan and China, Pakistan's Nat'l Day (554 12/25 Fraser-MA)

15220 *1400 R MOSCOW Bengali (p): S/on anmts w/"Radio Moscow" ID and many ments Bharatiya"; other M w/nx abt Somalia. Fils 1993 WRTH sked for Bengali, the site from Jigulevsk (243 1/11 Westenhaver-PQ)

15425 0204 R MOSCOW EE: Nx then "Commonwealth Update" (343 11/25 Carson-OK)

17565 1156 R UKRAINE Ukrainian: Inst folk mx; IS 1200-1201; W ID & brief anmt; then choral mx cuts w/brief anmts much QSB-QRN (232 1/24 Westenhaver-PQ)

17890 0133 R UKRAINE EE: Repeat of 2200 brdcst (heard on 6020) (fr-gd 12/6 Famularo-JP)

17810 1600 R UKRAINE Ukrainian: Freq's, ID's, nx abt Ukrainian President (555 12/25 Robinson-TN)

17890 0004 R MOSCOW EE: M nx; "News and Views" w/story abt visit of Swedish Prime Minister to Moscow; WRTH says 1000 kW for this site!(344 2/1 Westenhaver-PQ)

21480 0048 R MOSCOW EE: "Folk Box" w/mx of Christmas Holiday (444 12/14 Carson-OK) (Theobald-FL)

21755 1432 R MOSCOW EE: Tik abt Dostoyevski & how RR Orthodox beliefs are reflected in his writings; muffled audio //21785(242) (343 1/7 Westenhaver-PQ)

azerbaijan

4785 0310 azerbaijani R/R. BakuAzeri: Middle Eastern mx & songs, 0330 m tx (pr-fr12/27 Famularo-Spain) (Another impressive catch Ralph!br)

LITHUANIA

7150 0000 R VILNIUS EE: Recognition of Belarus, Japanese load; QSA (555 12/17 Bickus-VA) (Westenhaver-PQ) (Bickus-VA) (Robinson-TN) (it looks like I'm the only SPEEDX'er to not log R Vilnius this month!br)

DX-TIPS:

This month I'm going to offer something a little different as far as DX is concerned! This should be fairly easy to hear and verify (maybe!). The VOA started transmitting from the Commonwealth on January 12th on the following schedule (mostly in CC, but with some EE at start of transmissions):

1400-1600 on 5925 kHz. This is a 200 kw transmitter located in Novosibersk

1400-1500 on 5945 kHz. This is a huge 1000 kw transmitter located in Irkutsk.

On Jan. 31st the schedule was expanded to include 5925 kHz at 2200-2300. If you log any of these transmissions you might want to try for a QSL. An address to try is:

Voice of America/ CIS Relay
330 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20547

That pretty well wraps it up for this month! Thanks to everyone for your support, and a special THANK YOU to Jason B., Bill W., and Eddie J. for your advice, comments and suggestions!!!

Until next month **HAVE FUN. ENJOY YOUR RADIO AND LIVE LIFE!!!**

Bruce



THE COMMONWEALTH

Armenia Belarus Kazakhstan Kirghizstan
Moldova Russia Tadzikistan Turkmenistan
Ukraine Uzbekistan
(non-CIS) Azerbaijan Estonia Georgia
Latvia Lithuania

BRUCE ROBINSON
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Hi!!! I hope everyone is logging the stations of their dreams! The conditions here have been erratic (and I'm not even referring to anything about the solar cycle!!).

Some very interesting loggings this month, including some from a recent trip by Ralph Famularo (now, this is the way I'd like to DX- "If ya" can't hear 'em, get a little closer!!! Hi!!!!) Also, there are a lot of loggings this month of the 41 meter band. It seems like a lot of us are willing to put up with the amateur radio QRM to listen to the stations we want to hear!!!

I'd also like to apologize for the appearance of last month's column. Please bear with me while I figure out what I need to do to make it more legible!

COMMONWEALTH

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| 3384 | 0250 | R MOSCOW RR: Have been hearing an upper-sideband outlet here, with classical mx and tx in RR; 00300 hrd RM IS and nx // 5925 0 0400-could 5925 be Tallinn? (343 12/27 Wallace-MA) |
| 3955 | 1932 | R ALMA ATA EE: ID, Kazakh/CIS nx, local mx //5035(poor) (fr 12/29 Famularo-JP) (Nice one Ralph! br) |
| 4610 | 1548 | R ROSSIY-KHARBAROVSK RR/EE: Eric Clapton's acoustic version of "Laila", ID, phone number in RR/EE; time pips at 1600 then RR m w/news of Start II agreement (fr-gd 1/3 Famularo-JP) |
| 4795 | 2318 | R MOSCOW EE: Tx on economic and cultural ties among Commonwealth nations;majority of public rejects higher cost of living, ID (fr 12/24 Famularo-Italy) (Wallace-MA) |
| 4940 | 0120 | YAKUT R RR: announcer w/ classical mx (323 12/12 Babin-MA) |
| 4975 | 1500 | R MOSCOW EE: Tajikistan relay (PWBR '93); Kremlin bells, ID, news; under co-channel Fujian PBS (pr+ 2/1 Famularo-JP) |
| 5240 | 1343 | KRASNOYARSK R RR: 2 m & 1 w in long discussion, ad or promo 01358 time pips, mention of Krasnoyarsk, ooc ute QRM; NOT //to R Rossi freqs, so presumed local program (pr-fr 12/17 Famularo-JP) (another nice catch!!! br) |
| 5945 | 1433 | R TASHKENT Hindi: Local mx, ID "Yeh Radio Tashkent hai" (fr-gd 12/6Famularo-JP) |
| 6020 | 2231 | R UKRAINE EE: Economic problems, folk mx, Ukrainian history (fr 12/5 Famularo-JP) |
| 6165 | 0412 | R MOSCOW EE: Nx abt Sino/Soviet relations and economic reforms discussion, station ID (??? 12/19 Bellovich-FL) |
| 6185 | 2229 | R MOSCOW FF: Px "Evenements et Opinions" w/piece on chamber festival in Moscow, ID; site is Vinnitsa per WRTH (343 1/23 Westenahver PQ) |
| 7115 | 0130 | R MOSCOW EE: Happy New Year's drama: "Nadia & the Doctor" (545 1/2 Robinson-TN) (wasn't that one of the Annette Funicello movies??? Hi Betsy!) (Dome-TX) (Newbury-NE) |
| 7150 | 2145 | R MOSCOW EE: Program "Folk Box w/ folk mx of the winter holidays (454 12/17 Fraser-MA) (one of my favorite programs on SW!-br) (Westenhaver PQ) (Dome-TX) (Bishop-NY) |
| 7180 | 0100 | R UKRAINE EE: Excellent Christmas version of the feature "We Are Ukrainians" (434 1/8 Biczak-NJ) (Carson-OK) (Johnson-IL) |
| 7180 | 2034 | R MOSCOW EE: "RAum Shinrikyo" w/W giving address of NYC branch; M reading from the Master's thoughts-overtones of Mahayana Buddhism; FP stn underneath (433 1/16 Westenahver-PQ) (Bellovich-FL) |
| 7195 | 0100 | R UKRAINE EE: International and Ukrainian news(333 1/11 Biczak-NJ) (Westenhaver-PQ) (Bellovich-FL) (Dome-TX) (Theobald-FL) |
| 7230 | 2240 | R MOSCOW SS: M talking, ID; 2 men talking, rap mx (??? 12/20 Wolfson-OH) (SS rap mx on RM?? Sure sign the cold war is over!) (Westenhaver-PQ) (Bill says the site is Kiev per WRTH) |
| 7235 | 1932 | R UKRAIN Ukrainian: OM talking w/ much QRM with amateurs on LSB (221 1/17 Bishop-NY) |
| 7240 | 2218 | R UKRAINE EE:Prg on film festival, ID, into pop mx //7195 (333 12/18 Bellovich-FL) (Wolfson-OH) |
| 7240 | 0640 | R MOSCOW RR: Classical mx, ID in RR 00645 (423 12/4 Dome-TX) |
| 7260 | 1105 | R NEDERLANDS via CIS EE: Pgm on horticulture in the Netherlands; promo for "Happy Station", requests for reports on RN CIS relay //9860 (fr 2/6 Hardester-NC)(And they are only one month late!!!) |
| 7345 | 1425 | R MOSCOW EE: Orthodox Christmas pgm; Patriarch seeks love of God and love of neighbor and greetings to all; pgm on Orthodoxy; short story by Dostoevsky: "The Beggar Boy" (444 1/7 Newbury-NE) |
| 7390 | 0123 | R MOSCOW SS: W talking abt Africa, women, babies, wives and Cuba; M counting down, ID's, mx (??? 1/5 Wolfson-OH) |
| 9480 | *2244 | R YEREVAN EE: W/w sta ID "This is Radio Yerevan"; Armenian Air Force participates in battle with Azerbaijan. Severe QSB, s/off 02258 (222 1/18 Bellovich-FL) (is it just me or is R Yerevan harder to hear lately??? br) |

SWITZERLAND

Swiss Radio Int'l

3985 0525 SRI-Europe: EE: "Crossroads" program of music. (322 2/14 BC)
 6135 *0158 SRI: EE: IS, ID and News: Croatian forces take heavy weapons,
 3 navy planes are fired on in Iraq. (333 1/23 Brown-IL)
 0217 SRI: EE: "Grapevine" inviting listeners to send cassettes of
 comments; "Swiss SW Merry-Go-Round", the Two Bobs discussed
 digital broadcasting and propagation. (545 1/10 Brugliera)
 0415 SRI: EE: Woman with "Future Watch", on air craft safety.
 (444 1/26 Owsley-CA)
 6165 0700 SRI: EE: News on the SALT talks in Geneva. (333 1/3 Dome-TX)
 9535nf 1134 SRI-Europe: GG?: Non-stop Swiss country music; then @1145:
 "Schweitzer Radio Int'l Europa" ID. (9535 not list 1100-1330)
 (332 1/31 Westenhaber-PQ) Suppose to be 6165 & 12030 kHz. BC
 9650 0207 SRI: EE: Commentary on South Africa. (433 1/19 Brown)
 9860 0430 SRI: EE: Swiss music for the new year. (444 1/8 Langlois-FL)
 9885 0000 SRI: EE: "Swiss SW Merry-Go-Round" with discussion on the
 ethics of scanner monitoring. (343 1/24 Biczak-NJ)
 0200 SRI: EE: On Iraq's unilateral cease fire. (554 1/19 Theobald)
 0200 SRI: EE: News that Yugoslav Pres. may intervene in Croatia;
 "Dateline" on Switzerland and world bank. (433 1/22 Brown)
 12035 *2000 SRI: EE: IS, ID, news: Iraq's new incursions. (333 1/11 Brown)
 2204 SRI: EE: News on former Bulgarian Pres. being tried for high
 treason; feature on Swiss banking system (433 1/22 Bellovich)
 13635 *2000 SRI: EE: //12035, 9885; "Dateline" & "Crossroads", program on
 the arts with artist Roy Lechtinstien. (333 1/29 Bellovich)
 21820 1502 SRI: EE: News, Yeltsin congratulates Clinton. (333 1/20 Brown)

UNITED KINGDOM

British Broadcasting CorpVoice of America

7230 *2030 Radio Canada Int'l-Skelton: FF: For Canadian UN peacekeeping
 forces; news and weather by Michel Marmen. (242 2/4 WW-PQ)
 7325 0139 BBC: EE: A Church of England service. (434 1/11 Dome-TX)
 0245 BBC: EE: Sports, with report on attempt to circle the earth
 in 80 days; England vs India cricket. (333 1/27 Brown-IL)
 2215 BBC: EE: "Seeing Stars" with cosmical questions and plans
 to explore Mars. (555 1/3 Fraser-MA)
 9410 1930 BBC: EE: "The Birth of Europe", commercial trade established
 before 8000 BC. (453 1/8 Fraser-MA)
 1947 BBC: EE: An English play. (433 1/17 Bishop-NY)
 9915 0145 BBC: EE: Man with program of Celtic music. (444 1/26 Owsley)
 15070 1836 BBC: EE: WWII Program with talk on the battle for Stalingrad.
 (343 1/30 Owsley-CA)

VATICAN CITY

Vatican Radio

7305 0250 VR: EE: "A Room With a View of the Vatican" with discussion
 on praying for world peace. (544 1/4 Theobald-FL)
 0255 VR: EE: "Pilgrim City", interviews with visitors to Vatican;
 "Postcards From Rome" on a palace in Rome. (444 1/27 Brown)
 7310 2255 VR: EE: //9600(bad), 11830(pr); "Catholic Writers" on writings
 of St. Beed, who lived his entire life in a monastery and
 recorded stories from other traveling monks. (333 2/14 BC-NJ)
 7335 0147 VR: EE: "Father & Daughter" interpret Old Testament passages
 with cut-in vocals by folk guitarist; CHU underneath. New?
 (333 1/31 Brugliera) 7335 & 9650 listed to India @0145. BC
 9835 1358 VR: EE: Discussion on how the average person can help those in
 Bosnia. (fr-gd 1/13 Famularo-JP)
 15210 0643 VR: Latin: Church service with group prayers and chamber mx.
 Very weak w/occasional peaks. (pr 1/13 Famularo-JP)
 17730 1733 VR: EE: to Africa: News: letter from a bishop complains about
 the treatment of Catholics in the Sudan. (333 1/10 Brown-IL)

YUGOSLAVIA

Radio Yugoslavia

7200 2204 RY: EE: News & talk about Serbian President. (322 1/4 Johnson)
 9505 2205 RY: EE: News & "Bridges of Humanity" with reports on the Red
 Cross and other efforts in Bosnia; then at 2225: "Musical
 Heritage" with traditional Yugoslav music. (444 2/14 BC-NJ)
 9580 0100 RY: EE: News on Yugoslavia and Bush in Somalia; then talk of
 soccer matches, and New Year greetings. (444 1/2 Newbury-NE)
 0108 RY: EE: News on end of the Czech Federation. (434 1/2 Dome)
 17740 *1228 RY: EE: IS to 1230; s/on, program preview and news; then an
 interview with Serbian foreign Minister. This xmsn is still
 here, though not mentioned on some DX shows. (234 1/22 WW-PQ)

Remember, many European countries change to (DLT) at the end of March.
 Look for these one hour earlier: Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Sweden,
 and Yugoslavia. Some stations change only their European Svc, while others
 only adjust a few frequencies. Also, listen out for English from Slovakia.

SLOVAK RADIO SCHEDULE ON PAGE 39!

widths included in the unit are 300Hz, 1kHz, 3.2kHz, 6.0kHz, and 16.0kHz. The WJ-8711 comes with AM, FM, CW, USB, LSB, and ISB modes standard and 100 memories with three different methods of scanning those memories.

The true mark of the receiver's greatness is its high dynamic range. At +30dBm the WJ-8711 will do a much better job of ferreting out those weak DX stations (both Ute and BCast signals), as well as not overloading in the presence of stronger stations. Obviously I'm not Electronics Engineer, but if some of the other popular consumer receivers were tested the same way, the WJ-8711's dynamic range would more than double even the BEST consumer radios. This means less noise, more sensitivity, and consequently more DX catches for you!

The 8711 can be operated from its front panel or via computer through its RS-232 port, which comes standard on the radio. Of course, since the radio was designed under US Governmental Contract, it fully conforms to MIL-STD testing standards. This means they test it for operating temperature ranges, humidity range, altitude, shock (ie. it survived 8 drops onto a hard wooden surface WHILE OPERATING!), and it will operate in excess of 14,000 hours between failure (MTBF).

The power supply for the 8711 is auto-sensing, in other words it automatically switches to any voltage between 97 and 253 VAC. The radio consumes a maximum of 35 watts with options, is 5.25 x 19.0 x 16.0 inches, is fully rack mountable, and weighs less than 12 pounds.

So, if you buy this thing, what options might you want? There are only two: an internal speaker and a suboctave preselector (US\$720.00) which helps the 'front end' of the radio blockout strong nearby RF sources (ie. a nearby radio transmitter).

So, if you get your tax refund back and you have a few thousand to burn on a radio, you might want to consider the Watkins-Johnson WJ-8711. After all, it IS competitively priced with the 'not-so-brilliant' ICOM R-9000! If you would like to learn more about this fine receiver, contact Watkins-Johnson Co., CET Division, 700 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878-1794 USA, Phone (301)948-7550. Talk to Mike Cox at extension 7334.

So enough of the wordy stuff, lets look at what you folks have been listening to this month! On to the loggings!

MARCH UTILITY LOGGINGS

<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Mode</i>	<i>UTC</i>	<i>Callsign</i>	<i>Station/Remarks/Contributor</i>
2582.0	USB	1113	VCO	2582/2206 Sydney CG Radio wkg u/l ves ELB17 for R/T t/c /Baker, OH
2598.0	USB	0704	VOJ	CCG, Stephenville Radio, w/wx/Baker,OH
2598.0	USB	0811	VOO	CCG, Comfort Cove Radio, w/wx/Baker,OH
2598.0	USB	0821	VCP	CCG, St.Lawrence Radio, w/wx/Baker,OH
2670.0	USB	0015	NMY42	USCG, Moriches NY Grp, NMY42, w/ alert for "floating flashlights", wx/Baker,OH
2670.0	USB	0203	NMC	USCG, CAMSPAC San Francisco, NMC, w/offshore wx f/cast/Baker OH
2670.0	USB	0339	NMR1	San Juan Grp w/3 missing ves, wx/Baker,OH
2670.0	USB	0500	NMF	CommSta Boston w/"Port Operations", Port Smith NH, re their reception of distress signal of u/l ves/Baker, OH
2670.0	USB	1051	NMF	CommSta Boston, w/wx, NTM, GPS info, b/cast daily at 0440,1040,1640, & 2240/Baker,OH
2670.0	USB	1105	NMK	USCG Cape May NJ Grp w/wx/Baker,OH
2670.0	USB	2355	GRAND ISLE	USCGC Grand Island (no info) w/ Grp Woods Hole re FRTT msg/Baker,OH
2694.0	USB	0808		u/l OM/YL, SS w/what sounded like t/c list, also CW hrd, then R/T t/c in SS, poss CLT3, Cuba?/Baker, OH

yourself: "Do I feel lucky today?" (Clint Eastwood said it better...)

Thanks for that most interesting article Rick. The majority of ute listeners, at least in the SE U.S., have at one time or another at least TRIED to hear Cape Radio. It is good to be able to 'put a face' to a rather anonymous radio signal.

HAITIAN OPS

by Richard Baker

Operation Able Manner, the Coast Guard/Navy operation which began in January, to encircle Haiti, is still going strong.

The operation, which includes 21 Coast Guard cutters, 5 U.S. Navy ship's, and over a dozen aircraft, can be monitored on the following frequencies found so far:

FREQ	MODE	USER/USE	USAGE
5399.3	USB	USNavy, Tac	Nightly
5400	USB	USNavy, Tac	Random
5403	USB	USNavy, Tac	Random
6236	USB	USCG Ops Primary	Nights
6686	USB	USNavy Ops Primary	Nightly
8972	USB	USNavy Safety of Flight-Atlantic Op's	Early Evening

(Freqs contributed by Rick Baker, Wally Blume, and Ron Synowicki)

On the 8972 frequency I have heard several aircraft op's reports as to search area's related to Able Manner.

But by far the most active is 6686 KHz, with shore stations (most likely Guantanamo Bay) and ship's on almost all the time. Standard USN Tactical call signs are used, (letter, number, letter) and change daily. A lot of "targets" being run down, with half hour checks for each unit. Have also heard Coast Guard cutters here also, but unlike 6236, tactical calls are used.

On 6236 KHz, you hear Coast Guard aircraft calling in "targets" to the cutters. Plain language ID's, with the aircraft maintaining standard half hour flight op's checks with the designated cutter.

Both 5400, and 5403 have been logged by Wally (see his postings), but may be alternates to 6686, as it seems to be the same type of traffic. I have not heard these yet.

On 6236, Coast Guard has gone several times to a secondary frequency of "12Y", due to a fax signal interfering with comms. As

of yet 12Y has not been found. Also there must be some daytime frequencies in use by both, although I'm sure most of the action is at night when refugee's would use cover of darkness.

Just as I was making this post, a new frequency of 5399.5, was found. It has been active several nights now. USN may be moving the 5 meg frequencies around every few days.

Thanks again, Rick, for that great bit of info. As I sit here editing this month's column, I have 6686.0kHz (US Navy) on in the background. It is VERY active, with a transmission every minute or so. Check it out!

New Product:

WATKINS-JOHNSON 8711 HF RECEIVER

Many of you may have seen the advert for the new WJ-8711 Digital HF Receiver in last month's *Monitoring Times* magazine. Well, I was curious enough about this machine that I called Watkins-Johnson and talked to them for a while. The W-J folks were most cooperative and, while not sending me a demo unit (nuts!!), they did talk to me and fax me the spec sheets on the radio. Here is what I can tell you about the receiver.

First of all, this is a SERIOUS radio made for the COM/MIL market. Carrying a base price of US\$4795.00, I doubt many of us will go out and buy one, but it is nice to see what 5 grand will get you these days!

It turns out that for your 5K you get quite a radio. The WJ-8711 is a fully synthesized, general-purpose HF receiver for surveillance and monitoring. Its useable range is from 5 kHz to 30 MHz with TRUE 1Hz tuning resolution. I mean, YOU ACTUALLY SEE THE FREQUENCY DISPLAY CHANGE IN 1HZ INCREMENTS! No other radio I know of does this.

The 8711 is the successor to the well-known and respected WJ-8717, first sold in 1978 and still in production today (at a 1993 cost of US\$11,000!!). All filtering is done through Digital Signal Processing, which provide very steep filter skirts and exceptional stability. The filters are not user defineable (ie. 'tuneable') as they are in some of the dedicated filter units, but can be changed at the WJ factory. Included IF band-