

DXing in Africa

- Pete Taylor

My wife, a Sony ICF 6700W, an SM-2 loop antenna, a Realistic CTR-48 cassette recorder took an around-the-world tour Nov.9-Dec.15, covering Cape Town, Nairobi, Cairo, Hong Kong, and Beijing/Shanghai/Hangzhou/Guangzhou in China.

The Sony has digital readout, a separate RF control (useful when the loop was overloaded), and a button for 30 seconds of dial lighting when in battery mode -- useful when DXing in the dark so one can take quick, scrawly notes. However, the unit is a bit large to lug around in a suitcase. The CTR-48, a new model, has a pause button, and the light (red) serves as a VU and as a warning for when the batteries run out (I learned the hard way.) An option allows you to fast forward and rewind with the tape running over the head; this was useful when I was making dubs.

This first part covers reception in AFRICA; the ASIA report is being compiled. For African DX, I combined the information from the front (by country) and back (by frequency) of WR1VH 79. The primary variance is that the back contains planned as well as active stations. My "by country" section had freq. and city by country; the "by frequency" section contained location, power, and operating hours where known. Geneva plan frequencies were used, but where variances had been reported during the past year, these were noted, too. This was fine, but I underestimated the number of Europeans which would be regularly heard even in South Africa! As a result, I had to use WR1VH anyway.

It was impossible to go after everything. Africa has not given the Geneva plan its very best; there are kHz squeals just about everywhere. With Arabic and Greek speaking friends here in SF, I have attempted to identify as many signals as possible. Now, let's take a look at reception conditions in the cities in which we stayed.

CAPE TOWN/SOUTH AFRICA. Ecstasy -- only one local station, Radio 5 on 729kHz. All SA stations are on GP frequencies (1 kHz up from W/79) except Johannesburg-West on 575 ("It will be changed in due course"). Grahamstown is on 810 (not 701/702) and a bit of this was readable in Cape Town. RA-930, Paradise-1265 and PJB-800 were the last to go, right around LSR during my all night session the morning of 11/13 (on the deck outside the room)

NAIROBI & KENYA. Not on GP. The Hilton was a bit noisy, but all the W/79 stations were noted except Kisumu-882; it or something else with local programming up to 0400 network news (//611) was noted on 852. 611 + 746 combine for a 1357 image, and 611 spurs are on 650 & 691, and also 568, which was readable 130 miles away. The 1268 outlet was noted //89.5 but I think it was too weak for Nairobi and too strong for Nyeri. A 1295 outlet was heard; maybe this is in Nyeri. The Mombasa outlets (1079/791) were weak; Kisumu 557/953 were fair. Either the conductivity is poor or they are poorly engineered; they don't get out well for 100kw. Tanzania-1215 is fair days, and that's that.

CAIRO. The locals are pretty clean. Cyprus 603/639/1233/1323; Israel (depending on the jamming); Lebanon (1500 is poor); Dubai 594/1521, and a BFO from Guriat-900; Bulgaria-576 under Israel; and Syria 566/782 are readable days. The locals:

532 OC (block Israel-531)	937 Doesn't seem like 60 or 100kw
557 Foreign language programming	992 CW "RP"
621 Batra. Widely heard in Africa	1036 OC comes on about 1800 or so -- ?
675 Tone (blocks Jerusalem)	1062 Abu Zabal TP 0457 11/25, into "western"
711 EE LL 1750 11/24; FF LL 1845 11/25.	music (Muzak)//94.1 by 0510. AA mx nights.
Uses piano notes to separate items.	1107 Batra. Widely heard. EE nx 1410 11/23
738 Severe jamming (Israel)	1161 Tanta? Quite strong and //1341 1923 11/25
774 Abis. Weak in Cape Town	but not // to anything in Cairo.
819 Batra. Heard throughout Africa.	1341 Listed as Bawiti (too far) but reported
873 Cairo V	as Alexandria FS. Never //557, and awfully
904 CW "RP"	strong for 110 miles. Mystery.

The 532/675/738 jammers are off when Israel is off AA programming. For instance, FF nx 1817 11/24, also on 1026, was in the clear. A "growl" is noted on 621 and 1107, either due to being off frequency a bit or to proximity to jamming transmitters -- a phenomenon which may be true in China as well.

Now to the fun part. CT=Cape Town; N=Nairobi; Nm=140 miles north of Nairobi; Nw=130 miles west of Nairobi; E=Cairo Egypt.

531 CT Weak AA 2235 11/11 (presumed Ain Beida). (Gizan is not on)
 540 CT AA drama 2105 11/11 (presumed Sidi Bernour as mideast was weak in CT)
 545 Nw CW "KI" noted, presumably Kisumu beacon
 549 E Unid AA 1505 11/24 with USSR under; Lebanon presumed during the daytime
 CT ALGERIA Les Trembles//576 in AA 0105 11/12
 557 N KENYA Kisumu//746 1700 11/14 & 0415 11/15 with EE nx
 566 E SYRIA Homs Ternaley generally//666 747 782
 575 Nw UGANDA Mityana EE nx 1907 11/19 into C&W music//728, and EE nx 0950 11/20 //638 728. No "Blue" or "Red" network mentioned.
 576 CT ALGERIA Bechar//549 AA 0105 11/12
 E BULGARIA Vidin under Israel days and over it at nights
 580 CT WKAQ San Juan weak 0040 11/13
 N Unid AA or similar 2050 11/14; taped
 585 Nn SAUDI ARABIA Riyadh//594 684 900 1521 with prayer at 1558 11/17. This was also noted in CT. From Nairobi, noted strong with pianist Stanley Black versions of "Orchids in the Moonlight" & "La Vie En Rose" while interviewing engineer who

taped musicians and reading of letters from listeners
 593 CT UNID AA w/594 het 2310 11/11 (This is in Dubai)
 594 N+ SAUDIA ARABIA Prayer//585 684 900 1521 at 1558 11/17, but off the air 1600.
 E BULGARIA Pleven on top nights but not as strong as 576
 Nw UNID Dixieland 11/19 1910 - Nigeria ?
 599 CT CW "NNI"
 603 CT UNID AA 2220 11/10
 612 CT MOROCCO Sebaa Aioun strong chanting 2215 11/10
 621 CT EGYPT Batra creating a "growl" against Canary Is. 2110 11/11, both about equal
 630 N UNID music//576 2105 11/14. The 630 music sounded syncho.
 CT UNID AA 2130 11/10, presume Tunisia
 638 Nw UGANDA Kampala EE nx 1910 11/19, and same//575 728 0950 11/20. Distorted.
 639 -- CYPRUS Zyyi BBC fine signal everywhere. //648 with rock 2115 11/11, and for the only noted time (Nairobi) //702 1323 1413 with BBC WS discussion on inflation 11/14 2105. Did have a nasty Uganda-638 het in Nairobi, however.
 CT SPAIN La Coruna & synchros fair 0000 11/12
 648 CT ENGLAND Daventry (I think that's where it is) not heard in N or E. Weak//639 w/rock 2115 11/11; different WS pgm. than 639 2305 11/10
 E USSR UNID fair 1505 11/24
 666 E SYRIA TT 1510 11/24 (Damascus). Also fair in AA 2120 11/11 CT. AA mx//782 827 1905 11/14 from Nairobi.
 CT REUNION St. Pierre non-local FF program 1815 11/12, weak
 675 N MALAWI Mzuzu MBC program produced by state boy. organizations of Mauritius, Tanzania & Malawi; Wm. Tell Overture; "When the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day;" "Too Ra Loo Ra" (2 instrumentals; perhaps a tribute to Bing Crosby. Owen (something) keeping you company til closedown. Commercial, "Huna MBC" and then news in what must be Chichewa (must be similar to Swahili)
 CT FRANCE Marseille very good w/pops 2240 11/10 and //1161 2345 11/11 with accordion music
 684 E SAUDIA ARABIA (unknown location) prayer //585 900 1521 at 1558 11/17, but weak under Belgrade
 CT SPAIN Seville fair in SS 2135 11/10
 702 N OMAN Masirah BBC WS//639 1323 1413 11/14 2105. Heard throughout Africa. AA programming frequently sounds like a slightly mistuned single sideband pick-up
 711 CT FRANCES Rennes fair FF 2240 11/10
 720 Nw TANZANIA Mwanza //1215 0420 11/21
 E CYPRUS Zyyi BBC weak EE nx 1512 11/24, Big Ben, into Persian. Poor for even 100kw unless it is DA.
 728 Nw UGANDA Butebo EE nx//575 into C&W mx 1915 11/19; EE nx//575 638 0950 11/20; and EE nx 0415 11/21. The most distorted of all.
 729 E GREECE Athens vegetable prices and then into some blues "Down By the Riverside" and others @1830 11/24. Carrier popped off twice during this. Bad 728 het.
 737 CT MOZAMBIQUE Maputo pops 2135 11/10, 2150 11/14 with Cape Town slip
 738 E ISRAEL Tel Aviv FF nx 1817 11/24//weak 675 & 1026
 747 E BULGARIA Putritch very strong w/mx 1834 11/24 (738 jamming wasn't on). Also noted at strong level Nairobi 2033 11/14
 756 CT UNID African 2140 11/10, and another (or maybe even the same) which sounded like farmhand polkas 2245 11/10
 759 CT MYSTERY. Some Western pops, but nothing really heavily African or Arabic in the way of music. Identical s/off 2303 11/10 & 11/11 consisting of a short African instrumental and then a chorale (either children or predominantly female) which isn't in FF but does contain the word "Nationale." No sign of it in Nairobi or Cairo.
 765 CT SENEGAL Dakar strong w/erratic modulation 2315 11/11
 770 CT BRAZIL UNID "Alegria Musicale" 0309 11/13
 774 CT SPAIN synchros fair SS 2315 11/11
 782 N SYRIA Tartous AA mx//666 827 1905 11/14
 792 E GREECE Kavalla EE even with unid AA 1837 11/24
 CT SPAIN Seville teletalk 2310 11/10
 799 CT CW "CT"
 800 CT NETH. ANTILLES Bonair PJB creates a wicked 801 het, and was readable at fair level 0345 11/13
 809 N UGANDA Bobi EE nx 0510 11/14; EE nx//908 1710 11/21(Nw); EE nx 0400-0420, then a bit from "Hot Diggity," then news in Swahili.
 810 CT UNID classical mx 2125 11/11 w/bad 809 het
 819 CT EGYPT "Huna El Qahira" excellent level 2130 11/11
 827-28 I believe Syria & Libya are still on 827 while the Bulgarian was on 828; this channel was always zoeey
 837 CT UNID easy listening & logo 2315 11/11, not Arabic. Being researched.
 846 -- ITALY Roma truly a monster signal all over. Always better than Milano-900 with which it was // 0140 11/12
 CT UNID African 2145 11/10; not Kenya

- 852 Nw KENYA (unknown) native music (not Swahili) then Swahili network news 1000 1000 11/20//611 953. I don't believe this is Kisumu.
- 854 N ETHIOPIA Harrar strong signal//872 1710 11/14
- 855 E JORDAN Amman. AA never positively IDed but readable Cairo daytime (weak)
- N ROMANIA Bucharest with heavy classical organ music//909 1053 1152 1179 at 2140 11/14 (item not repeated on the other freqs.-PT)
- CT SPAIN synchros fair 2315 11/11
- 872 N ETHIOPIA Addis Ababa strong //854 1710 11/14 and other times
- 873 N USSR "I'll Never Smile Again" instr., then TT bursts with a weak Russian under; "Midnight in Moscow" bells on top; synchro time signals and rx 2200 11/14
- C USSR 2 stations (synchro) with FV talk and a 3rd w/operetta 1845 11/24
- CT USSR Mayak IS 0100 11/13
- CT SPAIN Zaragoza weak w/AFN under 2140 11/11
- CT W.GERMANY Frankfurt AFN with Dallas/Phila. football 0315 11/13
- 880 CT WCBS New York Dallas/Phila. football 0315 11/13 (not same feed as AFN-873)
- 882 N SAUDI ARABIA Dammam in AA//900 1521 at 1908 11/14
- 891 E TURKEY Antalya with music like a Turkish Joe Tex 1845 11/24
- CT LESOTHO Lancer's Gap talk/mx w/bad het 1830 11/12
- 900 CT ITALY Milano EE nx 0104 11/13, and good//846 0140 11/12; opera 2145 11/11//918. Readable everywhere, but under Guriat in Cairo.
- 900 N SAUDI ARABIA AA//882 1521 1908 11/14, Milano under. From Nn, prayer //585 594 684 1521 at 1558 11/17. From N, time gong 1800 11/14. The gong is followed by the time, a blessing, a march, a Saudi Arabia radio ID, and the news. I never could find "Guriat" on any map or in any atlas. The translation is "village."
- 908 Nw UGANDA Kampala EE nx//809 1710 11/20
- 918 E EGYPT synchros AA nx 1913 11/25 not//to any Cairo station
- CT ITALY? Nothing listed, but bpera//900 2145 11/11
- 930 CT MONTSERRAT "The Big R-A" Barreling in 11/13 with pops 0107 ("7 after 9"), "Musica Ala Carta" 0317 in SS, and still in SS and readable 0407.
- 936 CT UNID AA 2145 11/10
- 944 CT ANGOLA Luanda usually//1088, as at 2325 11/11 w/bad 945 het. Weak, but probably more than low
- 954 E UNID AA weak days Cairo
- 960 CT/Nw. I have to presume this is Sudan (Soba) which has been reported here recently. AA talk & music, no IDs on hour or half hour, w/music often dirgy. Heard 0100 11/12 in CT and 1935 11/20 at Nw, and also 1835 11/12 CT
- 963 N SOMALIA Mogadiscio pope 1720 11/14 (N) and talk/ID 1700 11/20 (Nw).
- 972 CT BOTSWANA Sebele (it says, but I couldn't find this in any atlas either) with Jimmy Rushing-type music/blues; AA under; some EE 1845; bird call ID 1900 with Moscow IS under on 11/11. 2100 s/off 11/10.
- 981 E GREECE Athens ID 1800 11/25 with Egyptian(s) under
- 1000 CT U.S. UNID talk show, sounding more like WCFL than the logical WENB 0320 11/13
- 1008 N UNID AA//1017 1810 11/14. Morocco logical if the 1008 outlet is on
- CT SPAIN? Nothing listed except Canary Is. Teletalk here 2326 11/11
- CT MOZAMBIQUE? PP 2145 11/10. This is probably what I had at s/on 0256 11/13 but can't read because the batteries were just about gone.
- 1010 CT WINS New York news/commercials 0350 11/13, fairly weak but steady
- 1017 N UNID AA//1008 1810 11/14, with 1017 under another AA
- 1020 CT KUKA Pittsburgh fair/weak 0255 11/13
- Nw ZIMBABWE/MOZESIA Gwelo FS in PP 1640-50 11/20 w/"Star Wars" by Meco used as a vignette theme (a commentary); Portugal PO Box mailing address
- 1030 CT WBZ Boston w/football 0255 11/13, weak (Dallas/Phila. again)
- 1035 CT PORTUGAL Lisbon. One of the first Europeans noted, and a clue of what was to follow. Fair 2150 11/10
- 1040 CT WHO Des Moines 0352 11/13. Furthest west heard, + the tentative KQEL
- 1044 CT MOROCCO Sebba Aioun FF teletalk 0050 11/12; probably it w/cl mx 2328 11/11
- 1050 CT WIN New York w/Anne Murray 0353 11/13
- 1053 CT ENGLAND Droitwich w/disco program w/Manchester mailing address 2330 11/10, at good level, and jazz program following evening same time, weaker w/static
- 1060 CT KYW Philadelphia editorial 0126 11/13 ("8:26")
- 1062 E TURKEY Diyarbakir cl mx excellent 1825 11/23
- 1070 CT WIBC Indianapolis w/basketball & Sears commercial 0320 11/13
- 1071 E UNID AA fair 1825 11/23
- Nn FRANCE synchros weak FF 2005 11/17 w/drifter & the above AA under
- 1080 CT POLAND Katowice with Chopin music performed by Jan August 2334 11/11
- 1088 CT ANGOLA Luanda good level evenings and enjoyable Cuban-influenced music; always noted //944 & 1115
- 1090 CT HEAL Baltimore teletalk 0128 11/13 with bad het
- 1095 E UNID AA or Turkish 1915 11/25 - Cyprus?
- 1107 -- EGYPT Batra EE nx 1410 11/23 and strong everywhere. Growling noise.
- CT SPAIN synchros fair w/AFN under 2345 11/11
- 1120 CT KMOX St. Louis weak 0350 11/13
- 1124 -- LIBYA El Beida strong 2345 11/10 & 11/1250 2345 (1250 stronger.) Also, I'm not sure it isn't OC AN
- 1134 N UNID AA strong w/another AA under 1820 11/14
- CT SPAIN synchros w/some non-sync problems in SS 0130 11/13
- 1140 CT WVA Richmond teletalk 0131 11/13
- 1161 N BULGARIA? Chic/disco/native & FF mx 2025 11/14. Not France.
- CT FRANCE Strasbourg //675 w/accordion mx 2345 11/11
- 1170 Nn USSR. Lutsik is the same distance west of Kiev as Moghilev is north, and I can't find Maikop. From 1955-2000 11/17, in AA with program in AA about excavation during program on "The World of Technology" inviting listener comments to specific box numbers in Baghdad, Aden, Cairo. Interesting; this signal was great in Nairobi but poor in Cairo. "Huna Moscow."
- CT USSR probably the same one in RR or similar over WVA 0135 11/13
- 1180 CT WHAM Rochester nx 0402 11/13, weak
- 1197 CT W.GERMANY Munich EE 0325 11/13 in the clear
- CT UNID AA 2345 11/10
- 1200 CT UNID AA weak, very thin, no way to read anything 1815 11/14
- 1206 E POLAND synchros good 1820 w/Bobby Vinton soundlike 11/23 (in Polish)
- CT SIERRA LEONE Goderich weak 2340 11/12
- 1215 N TANZANIA Arusha talk/mx 0428 11/15 & //72011/21 (Nw)
- E ALBANIA Lushnje w/repetitive IS 0458 11/25 at good level
- E UNID AA nx 1925 11/25 (Hiswa?)
- 1220 CT BRAZIL Rio de Janeiro "Globo" at varying levels 0050-0405 11/13
- 1224 -- BULGARIA Vidun. One of the monster signals; is DA south. Good in CT w/IDs 2200 & 0000 11/13-14.
- CT SPAIN synchros fair level 0137 11/13 during Vidun fade
- 1228 CT UNID weak AA 2345 11/12
- 1233 -- CYPRUS Cape Greco RMC. Good everywhere. Nothing else ever noted. Disco/pop (western music) w/AA anncs/comms (Johnson baby power; Merit cigs, etc.). A breath of fresh air among frustrating UNID AAs!
- 1240 CT BRAZIL unid. Good level morning of 11/13; repetitive "September Song" theme every quarter-hour or so. Porto Alegre mentioned. Recife & Santos are on the coast.
- 1250 CT LIBYA Tripoli //to but stronger than 1124 2345 11/10. Strong 11/12 0045 but low modulation. Brutal OC 0139 11/13.
- 1260 CT GREECE Rhodes VOA. Carries VOA 2100-2200 nightly; no "Yankee Doodle" after but Greek IS instead; Greek nx 2200 and EE ID 2230, then carrier off. Spain under.
- CT SPAIN synchros under Rhodes s/off 2230 11/11 and then fine after OC off
- 1265 CT ST.KITTS Basseterre "Paradise" - you probably wondered where their signal went; now we know. Mammoth signal at times 11/13 with gospel pgm ("Deliverance Time")0247.
- 1269 CT YUGOSLAVIA Novi Sad EE pgm. description & anniversary of Radio Belgrade 2205 11/10 at nice level
- 1280 CT BRAZIL Rio de Janeiro/Tupi (?) only one listed on 1280, but no "Tupi" heard. Fairly good level between 0005-0340 11/13. PP w/commercials.
- 1295 -- SUDAN Sennar. I have to presume the AA heard here in Nn & E was this. No IDs on hour or half-hour; not great strength in CT or Cairo but semi local Nn.nites
- 1314 E ITALY synchros fair level 1820 11/23
- 1323 -- CYPRUS Zyyi BBC WS fairly good throughout Africa but nothing like 639.
- 1332 E ITALY Roma & synchros very good level 1820 11/23
- 1340 CT UNID SS 0010 11/13
- 1350 CT FRANCE Nice/Nancy whatever FF with EE by British person being interviewed & then Joanie Sommers record 2210 11/10, & FF talk, IS, nx 2358 11/10-0002 11/11. Of note is fact that het went off 0001 (Nouakchott-1349?)
- N USSR synchros in the clear 1855 11/21
- N UNID language & anthem 2004 11/14 - eastern Europe probably or Russian.
- 1360 N UNID heard w/some rock, almost Indian or Pakistani music 1830-1945 11/14(+3 tx.)
- CT UNID Brazil 0015 11/13
- 1370 CT UNID Dallas/Phila. football 0245/WTOP 11/13
- 1377 E FRANCE Lille fair FF 1947 11/25
- N SWAZILAND Sandlane fair, rock, 1837 11/14
- 1380 CT UNID Brazilian 0015 11/13; PP religious pgm 0120 11/12
- 1386 N/Nn UNID but not AA, probably Ahwaz. An occasional "Kismet" type fanfare, talk, but no other music (Time's "Man of the Year" has banned music, you know...)
- 1390 N UNID AA 1840 11/14
- 1395 -- ALBANIA Lushnje fair in CT 1905 11/21, and good in E in GG 1815 11/23
- 1404 CT GUINEA Conakry long list of "commissions" (I don't know what that was about) and mention of the "revolutionary gov't," Conakry, and then guitar mx and flute mx 0035 11/12. Soft modulation.
- E FRANCE synchros w/het 1820 11/23, fair
- 1413 -- OMAN Masirah BBC//639 1323 702 2105 11/14 w/MS. Pretty consistent around Africa
- 1422 E W.GERMANY Saarbrucken fair in GG 1815 11/23

- 1430 CT UNID FF 2215 11/10 w/bad het (Mali?)
 1431 N USSR/Ukraine? RR or similar nx 1905 11/21 at good level
 1448 E UNID AA 1815 11/23
 1458 CT ENGLAND Brookmans Park weak pops 0020 11/13
 N ALBANIA Lushnje nx 1910 11/21, then mx; stronger than 1395 (not //)
 1467 Nn MONTE CARLO RMC FF 1940 11/17 fair/weak. Also good Cairo 1813 11/23
 CT UNID AA 2225 11/11
 1470 CT UNID SS 0025 11/13
 1476 E AUSTRIA Wien w/Peter Schickele type music (cl) 1907 11/24
 N EGYPT? synchros fair 1915 11/21; not specifically noted in Cairo
 1480 CT WMD Fajardo fair to good in SS 11/13 0240
 1481 N DUBAI "Station of the United Emirates from Dubai" news and "Kismet" type fanfare 1914-16 11/21, good; "next news 12:30" (presumably next day)
 1494 Nw MOZAMBIQUE? Pops/EL, including Simon & Garfunkel; every 3rd song or so in PP. Pt. Amelia & Pemba listed.
 1494 N USSR? EE nx to 2132 11/14, I believe, from "Radio Moscow" then into RR mx. FF also noted so think two stations are involved (no beat between the 2 stns.)
 1495 Nn UNID sounds like FF 1912 11/17; het. Lebanon?
 1500 E LEBANON "Radio Free Lebanon" in EE on Middle East peace, specific ID, Paul Mauriat music 1755-1800 11/24. Anyone have an address on this?
 1500 CT WTOP Washington Mutual nx 0133 11/12; teletalk 0026 11/13; Phila./Dallas football 0223 11/13. Consistent nightly but not too strong.
 1510 CT WLAC Nashville ID 0028 11/13
 1521 — SAUDI ARABIA Daba pretty heavy everywhere. // 882 900 1908 11/14, and //585 594 684 900 1558 11/17 w/prayer. Fair days in Cairo.
 1530 CT WKCY Cincinnati fair/weak w/football 0215 11/13
 CT VATICAN IS & bells 0030 11/13. Also, I believe this is the one with Ray Charles Singers & 2 Billy Vaughn records 0013-0020 11/12, sloppily played and w/ no talk. Pretty good signal around Africa.
 1539 N INT'L. WATERS - Voice of Peace. disco & rock & Coca-Cola spot, U.S. announcer; in Hebrew, FF, EE (and probably AA) 2110 11/14. IDs as 1540. Not noted in E.
 1540 CT KQEL/ZNS? Presume the former w/ revival programming 0248 11/13
 1548 N USSR Ukraine or some other RR like language good 1923 11/21
 1557 — MALTA Cyclops DW relay ID & carrier off 2120 11/10 but back in AA 2215 from CT. From Nn, AA promo & repetitive IS, 1 EE anct. & AA pgmg around 1900 11/17. This one gets out rather well.
 1566 CT TUNISIA Sfax good w/chanting 2215 11/10; mx off 2350, carrier 2351 11/10. This, like Oman-702, sounds like a slightly mistuned single sideband off air pickup.
 1570 CT MEXICO Acuna presumed w/religion 0405 11/13 (EE)
 1580 CT CBJ/WSRF. FF noted 0217 11/13; it faded into C&W & WSRF ID shortly thereafter
 1584 E GREECE AFRS Athens/Iraklion w/AFRS sports event 1627 11/23
 1593 — W.GERMANY Langenburg WDR great CT 1755 11/23 & 0002 11/12 same place
 1602 CT ASCENSION ISLAND "Volcano Radio" full ID after BBC nx 0005 11/12, weak
 Nw UNID FF talk with repetitive musical IS of drums & organ 1900 11/20 - Gabon?
 1614 E GREECE - eastern part of Crete. Mx talk & Greek NA s/off 1959-1002 11/25. However, s/off anct. says they're on 1400.

There are no reports above of my reception of stations in Benin (1476 was always a mess with nothing dominant); Burundi; Cape Verde (the plane refueled there; no locals noted at 6:15am LT); Central African Republic; Chad; Comoro; Equatorial Guinea (no MW); Gabon, unless my 1602 is it; Gambia; Ghana (no MW); Guinea-Bissau; Ivory Coast; Jibuti; Liberia; Madeira; Madagascar (I really tried 1350 !); Mali (unless the FF on 1430 was it; Mauritania (but I think the 1349 het on France was here); Mauritius; Mayotte; Niger; Nigeria (unless the 594 Dixieland was here); Rhodesia/Zimbabwe domestic outlets, some of which were noted but not logged; Rwanda (no MW); Sao Tome; Seychelles (couldn't get 1368); St. Helena; Togo; Upper Volta; Zaire (I think I would have heard the 300kw on 801); and Zambia, whose 250kw on 819 is reported off (Cairo was always in the clear.) Oh well -- maybe next time...

A word on TRANSKEI (pr. Trans-kai). Kristine & I visited their Cape Town sales office and I bought a "604" sweatshirt (I sent them a picture of me wearing it on the Great Wall.) No one knew why 604 rather than 603. Literature promoted Cape Town SW reception (starting 12/26) daytimes and 604 at night. By now it should be on 20 hours a day; studios Port St. Johns, xmtrs. Herschel (500kw) & Umtata (100kw) (a booster.) 51% owned by Transkei government. Top 100 w/max of 9 commercial minutes per hour, split into six 1 1/2 min. segments. Programming consultant is M. Bukht, original Programme Controller of Capital Radio, London. Slogans will be "All the hits and More" and "The station that puts a sparkle in your ear." Bumper strip says "Have you hugged your radio today?" If it does start off on full power, should make it to EC easily. Literature doesn't mention DA, and w/xmtrs in both Herschel & Umtata, 'hat's possible.

In the near/middle east, nothing specifically was noted in Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iraq Kuwait (I'm sure 540 & 1134 were heard), Qatar or the Yemens. And Haifa-1206 great in Cairo 1900 11/24 w/James Last-type march, ID, news.

AMENDMENTS/CORRECTIONS TO PETE TAYLOR'S AFRICA REPORT

- AFRICA
 648 ENGLAND - listed as Orfordness/Crowborough (not Daventry)
 684 SAUDI ARABIA - *location is Jeddah
 747 BULGARIA - *spelled Petrich (not Putritch)
 759 UNID - presumed to be Sao Tome
 792 GREECE - Kavalla w/VOA programming in EE
 827-8 Morocco, Syria, Libya and Bulgaria all contribute to this mess
 873 USSR heard in E (Cairo)
 936 UNID AA presumed Morocco
 937 EGYPT Cairo has *30kw (not 10 or 100)
 944 ANGOLA listed as *10kw (not 1kw)
 1062 EGYPT now listed as Cairo 50kw; I guess that's why it was so strong*
 1124 LIBYA - typo, s/b "strong 2345 11/10 & //1250 2345 11/12"
 1170 USSR. W79's 500kw "Maikop" was located as Maykop, 45N 40E, but W80 says it is in Amavir, about 55 miles NE*
 1240 BRASIL - identified as Recife by the good people at the Brazilian consulate here
 1360 UNID - I believe this is Iraq
 1521 SAUDI ARABIA - Daba s/b on 2nd line "//585 594 684 900 at 1558"

