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NRC	Thu. 11-13-75	0400-0700	KSMN-1530	Shakopee, MN	½kw
NNRC	Mon. 11-17-75	0000-0100	WSAU- 550	Wausau, WI	5kw
NRC		0200-0230	WVOG- 600	New Orleans, LA	1kw
NNRC		0300-0400	WNDE-1260	Indianapolis, IN	5kw
NRC		0330-0400	WEXY-1520	Oakland Park, FL	1kw
NNRC	Tue. 11-18-75	0130-0300	WIBC-1070	Indianapolis, IN	5kw
NRC	Mon. 11-24-75	0100-0400	KYSM-1230	Mankato, MN	1 1/4
NRC		0200-0230	KSIR-1470	Estes Park, CO	½kw
NRC		0300-0330	WNMT-1520	Garden City, GA	1kw
IRCA		0300-0330	KYME- 740	Boise, ID	½kw
Both	Fri. 11-28-75	0000- ?	WHLW-1170	Lakewood, NJ	5kw
NRC	Mon. 12- 1-75	0330-0400	KWIP-1580	Merced, CA	1kw
NRC		0330-0400	WTBJ-1090	Monticello, FL	1kw
Both	Sun. 12- 7-75	0000-0300	WTHD- 930	Milford, DE	½kw
Both	Mon. 12- 8-75	0115- ?	WLLL- 930	Lynchburg, VA	5kw
NRC		0230-0300	WIVY-1280	Jacksonville, FL	5kw
NRC		0230-0300	WMTY-1090	Greenwood, SC	1kw
NRC		0300-0330	WNRI-1380	Woonsocket, RI	1kw
IRCA	Mon. 12-15-75	0100-0200	WKTJ-1380	Farmington, ME	1kw
IRCA		0200-0230	WRAM-1330	Monmouth, IL	1kw
NNRC		0300-0315	WKLF- 980	Clanton, AL	1kw
IRCA		0300-0330	KKRB-1000	Sioux Falls, SD	10kw
NNRC		0400-0500	WSOY-1340	Decatur, IL	1 1/4
NRC	Mon. 12-22-75	0100-0200	KATE-1450	Albert Lea, MN	1 1/4
NNRC		0400-0500	WENN-1320	Birmingham, AL	5kw
NNRC	Mon. 12-29-75	0100-0200	WGIL-1400	Galesburg, IL	1 1/4
NNRC		0400-0500	WMAG- 850	Forest, MS	½kw
NNRC	Tue. 12-30-75	0400-0500	WIRE-1430	Indianapolis, IN	5kw
NNRC	Mon. 1- 5-76	0100-0200	WBSM-1420	New Bedford, MA	5kw
IRCA	Mon. 1-19-76	0300-0330	WSUB- 980	Groton, CN	1kw
NNRC	Mon. 2- 9-76	0200-0300	WBRW-1170	Somerville, NJ	½kw
NNRC	Mon. 2-23-76	0200-0300	WCVS-1450	Springfield, IL	1 1/4

"Both" means IRCA/NRC.

KSMN-1530 (daytime only) will be on for a Proof-of-Performance test. V/s is William Merrill, CE, P.O. Box 66, Shakopee, MN 55379. Arranged by Neil Zank.

WSAU-550, no program details. Reports to Jack Davison, P.D., WSAU Radio, P.O. Box 1088, Wausau, WI 54401. Arranged by Daniel Levine.

WVOG-600 (daytime only), no details available. Reports to Richard N. Conklin II, Engr., 125 N. Galvez St., New Orleans, LA 70119. Arranged by Neil Zank.

WNDE-1260, no program details. V/s is Chief Engineer, WNDE, 6161 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Arranged by Brian Ruppel.

WEXY-1520 (daytime only) will have Top 40 music with various tones. Prepaid calls may be made to 305-565-1841. V/s is Joe Vogel, CE, 539 E. Oakland Park Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308. Arranged by Skip Dabelstein.

WIBC-1070 will have regular programming with 5kw. Regular power is 50kw-D, 10kw-N. Reports to R.M. Broskway, WIBC, 2835 North Illinois, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Arranged by Brian Ruppel.

Geomagnetic Indices



OCTOBER 15-21 4 9 6 3 2 3 5

CONDITIONS FOR 23-29 OCTOBER SHOULD IMPROVE. SOLAR ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY LOW. THE NEXT PERIOD OF DEPRESSED RADIO CONDITIONS IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ABOUT 3 NOV. WITH MODERATELY DISTURBED CONDITIONS 4-6 NOV.

SCADS MEETING - ALL DXERS WELCOME

Date: Saturday, November 29, 1975
Time: 12 noon to evening
Location: Home of Randy Seaver
1154 Via Trieste
Chula Vista, CA 92011
(714) 422-3397

Registration fee: \$2.00 per person - includes spaghetti dinner at 5 PM, drinks (soft drinks and beer), and munchies, door prize.

Directions: Take I-805 through San Diego into Chula Vista. Take "L Street West" offramp. Turn left (south) on Nacion Ave. (1st light from offramp). Turn right on E. Naples (one-half mile from L St.). First left is Via Trieste.

FLASH TIPS

SPEEDX has just released a four page supplement to their well known "Sunset-Sunrise Booklet." This supplement contains an additional 55 broadcasting sites as well as a mathematical formula for computing times for any location on Earth. SPEEDX offers the supplement to all DXers for only a SASE to the U.S., and 2 IRC's elsewhere in the world. The original 12 page booklet of sunset-sunrise times for over 200 sites around the world is still available for \$1.00 or 6 IRC's. Order from SPEEDX, P.O. Box "E", Elsinore, CA 92330.

The ARDXC has published the "ARDXC Mediumwave Guide" to stations in Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea. It is the result of an intensive effort by the members of the ARDXC and is as accurate as possible, and includes the sign-on and sign-off times. It is printed by offset, and only costs 6 IRC's airmail, or 4 IRC's seairmail, which is quite a bargain. Order from Australian Radio DX Club, PO Box 227, Box Hill, Victoria 3128, Australia.

From the Radio Guide Company comes word that two new guides will be available by mid November: a country music AM-FM listing covering all 50 states, and a "Tune Pike" guide covering all major AM & FM's from Chicago to Washington, D.C. (including New York City) along the inter-connecting toll-ways and inter-states. These are sponsored by Union Oil (country music guide) and Ford Customer Service Dept. ("Tune-Pike"), so they are free to anyone sending a SASE to Logos Unlimited, 2335 Twin Lakes Drive, Suite 2B, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Also available is a Rock Guide and a guide for Michigan.

From Karl Forth comes word that WHCO-1230 Sparta, IL conducts a regular test the first Sunday of each month at 0630 ELT, per Mike Hoefft, CE.

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eastern dx roundup

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DEADLINES: Mondays ALL TIMES E.L.T.

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- 540 **WGTO** **FL**, CYPRESS GARDENS in like a local 10/15 with ET 0000. SID "w (super) GTO Florida Radio" followed by Paul Anka record. Same thing repeated 0010 then off for good. (GA-NC)
- 730 **WACE** **MA**, CHICOPEE 8/29 0559 weak u/static crashes w/s/on w/o anthem & into CBS Nx. (SF-TN)
- 750 **WBMD** **MD**, BALTIMORE 9/22 good w/pop mx & test ID, then SID & off. (SF-TN)
- 840 **WRYM** **CT**, NEWINGTON v/l w/coverage map in 2 wks for letter. Caught promo inviting listeners to send in comments and suggestions, so sent ltr with comments, and requested veri! (RAC-VT)
- 900 **WEAS** **GA**, SAVANNAH in good 9/21 w/gospel mx pgm 1856, & s/off w/spiritual 1900. (GA-NC)
- 990 **CBY** **NF**, CORNER BROOK very attractive QSL in color w/"CBC, Corner Brook" in 10 days, SASE not used. veri signed by Jim Parrott. (RAC-VT)
- 1010 **KLRA** **AR**, LITTLE ROCK No sign of WSID Test 10/22 from 0144-0230. (GA-NC)
- 1130 **WPUB** **SC**, CAMDEN very good 10/14 1845 w/top 40 & s/off on top of WCBX w/Joe Rogers doing the honors. (GA-NC)
- 1170 **WCLN** **NC**, CLINTON on the air just a few weeks. First time in 10/12 1628 MoR & ABC Nx at half hour. ID as "Serving Southeast NC, this is WCLN."(GA-NC)
- 1270 **WGSV** **AL**, GUNTERSVILLE 9/10 2000 atop w/fair signal at s/off, no anthem. (SF-TN)
- 1290 **WPVA** **VA**, COLONIAL HEIGHTS 10/13 ex. w/s/off 1830. (GA-NC)
- 1300 **WMVO** **OH**, MOUNT VERNON 10/6 briefly atop the 0600 jumble w/s/on for AM & FM, no anthem. (SF-TN)
- 1390 **WEAM** **VA**, ARLINGTON 9/22 0407 weak w/ET ID & SID, heavy WROA/WFBL QRM. (SF-TN)
- CHOO** **ON**, AJAX letter w/coverage map in 2 weeks for report & SASE (not used). Letter gives brief on station. (RAC-VT)
- 1440 **WPGW** **IN**, PORTLAND 8/31 "PG-14" weak, but atop at 2045 s/off w/o anthem. (SF-TN)
- 1520 **?WTRI?** **MD**, BRUNSWICK caught s/off poorly through WTGR AND WKBW 10/20 with strange bugle mx, but thought I hrd call WIOA. Have they changed calls or am I hearing things? Definate on 1520, 500 watts & Maryland info. (GA-NC) (Perhaps a little WAOA?.....mrm)
- 1530 **WTTI** **GA**, DALTON excellant 10/20 ETing from 0045-0252 w/oldies....would you believe "Monster Mash" among others?? (GA-NC)
- 1550 **WAAY** **AL**, HUNTSVILLE in good 10/22 0212 rr mx. Sounds like more than 500 watts to me!! (GA-NC) (The BYB shows a day power of 5 kw, maybe they forgot to switch!....mrm)
- 1570 **KLEX** **MO**, LEXINGTON 10/16 1945 atop w/s/off plug for KBK-FM 106.3, no anthem. (SF-TN)
- **unID**: 10/14, HELP!! Thought I heard WEPX ID 1905 w/soul & Black Net Nx. Gave CDT or EST. Anyone know???? (GA-NC)
- 1580 **WSRF** **FL**, FORT LAUDERDALE excellent rr mx 10/14 1858 'til power change, then lost. (GA-NC)
- WAXU** **KY**, GEORGETOWN fair u/WPGC w/c&w mx 10/20, 1836. (GA-NC)
- 1600 **WINK** **MD**, ROCKVILLE fair 10/20 2315 rr mx & promo for "fab 60 weekend" w/QRM from WFRG & WGIV.(GA-NC)

PER THE LIST:

- 1450 **WCVS** **IL**, SPRINGFIELD 9/22 0137 t/in-0145, blasting in on r/c TT w/"WCVS Springfield" SIDS every 2 minutes. One of the loudest GY signals I've ever heard. (SF-TN)

FROM THE "DX CALENDAR":

- 740 **WVCH** **PA**, CHESTER 10/6 fair on DX test w/music & IDs 0119 & 0130. (SF-TN)
- + v/l w/coverage map in 10 days for report of IRCA DX test of 10/6. SASE used. (RAC-VT)
- 1250 **WMTR** **NJ**, MORRISTOWN 10/6 DX test noted weakly w/IDs 0212 & 0237, heavy WDAE/WTAE (OC & TT) QRM. (SF-TN)
- 1510 **WJIC** **NJ**, SALEM 9/29 DX test weak but alone w/clear ID 0300 during 8 seconds of completely dead air on WLAC. Have it on tape but still don't believe it happened! (SF-TN)

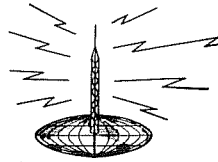
BROUGHT TO YOU THIS WEEK BY:

- (RAC)-Robert A. Curtis, W1EXZ/17 Cobbleview Dr., Colchester VT 05446/SP-600 & LW
- (SF)-Stephen Francis/1620 Lodge St., Alcoa TN 37701/Realistic TRF & loopstick
- (GA)-Gregg Allinson/919 N. Kerr Ave., Wilmington NC 28401/S-38C & LW

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And another great roundup of great DX! Now, allow me to step up on my soap box. When sending in your tips, PLEASE put your initials after EACH separate tip! With the total amount of tips getting larger as the season goes on, I don't have the time to put them in for you. I can see it if one or two are forgotten out of a whole list, but from now on any reports recieved with no initials at all will not get them put in by me...unless as I said, it's only one or two out of a whole batch. Also, if you do not use a typewriter, please print CLEARLY. I can't read Greek (hi!). Now, down off the soap box, and 73 to all until next week!

Central DX Roundup



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A TIP OF THE TAM O' SHANTER THIS WEEK TO:

MH - Michael HOGAN, 4811 Euclid Ave.
East Chicago, IL 46312
(GR-64, SM-1 & LW in series)

SAM - Scott A. Mentzer, Route #3,
Tylertown, MS 39667
(DX-160, Dymek 3, multiple LW's)

DP - David Peterson, 800 Humboldt Ave.
Winnetka, IL 60093
(Old Zenith table rx, built-in ant.)

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- 540 **CBK** **SASK, REGINA**, 10/26 2200 vry gd w/CBC Nx, taped, mentioned "This is CBC CBC, Sask." (MH)
- 580 **CKAP** **ONT, KAPUSKASING**, 10/24 0612 bombing in o/WIBW/WELO w/Helen Reddy mx, hockey scores. (DP)
- 730 **WJMT** **WI, MERRILL**, 10/24 0704 vry strong o/usual WGN slop with Wisconsin nx items. (DP)
- 900 **CHML** **ONT, HAMILTON**, 10/24 2150 in vry gd due to super-power WLS-890 being off due to electrical storm. Station #500. (MH)
- 950 **WERL** **WI, EAGLE RIVER**, 10/24 0700 fair thru WJPC OC w/SSB & s/on mentioning FM, then "Vacationland News." (DP)
- 1060 **WKKQ** **MN, HIBBING**, 10/21 0712 vry gd o/KYW/WJLJ w/spot for a Statler Bros. concert at Hibbing H.S., local temp. of 38, and into C&W. Fairly new stn. (DP)
- 1130 **WNEW** **NY, NEW YORK CITY**, 10/20 0104-09 poor but barely readable w/nx, wx, then into talk show. Semi-local pest KWKH was SP this morning. (SAM)
- 1270****WLSM**MS, LOUISVILLE**, 10/22 0105-10 excellent atop channel w/TT & superimposed IDs every minute. I'm trying to arrange a CPC test on this one. (SAM)
- 1270 **WAIN** **KY, COLUMBIA**, 10/23 0701 fair o/WWCA/others w/SSB and s/on, o&o by Tri-County Bcstng. (DP)
- 1270 **WFUL** **KY, FULTON**, 10/24 0701 fair in mess with s/on. (DP)
- 1300 **WHLT** **IN, HUNTINGTON**, 10/24 0701 vry gd on top of WIAQ/WERE with SSB & s/on. (DP)

1320 WKTQ PA, PITTSBURGH, 10/19 0003-21 gd to fair u/KXYZ & later WHIE QRM, R&R mx & promos. Still using the "13-Q" slogan (needed to check an old DXM for a positive ID, hi.) (SAM)

1320**WHIE**GA, GRIFFIN, 10/19 0006-13 excellent to fair w/WKTQ QRM, TTs, Black Gospel mx, and the most complete ID ever heard on a FC. (SAM)

1360 WDRC CT, HARTFORD, 10/21 0700 gd sig o/everything w/ID & nx. (DP)

1360 WLCM SC, LANCASTER, 10/18 0531-36 vry poor w/much QRM & fades. Wx then ad for "Lancaster's Drug & Beauty Center." Good in that for once the best portion of this catch was mx jingle "WLCM." (SAM)

1370**KWRT**MO, BOONVILLE, 10/24 0135-36 vry gd! caught them briefly surfacing above the usual 1370 mess w/last ID of a FC. "...for our regular dy of broadcasting on KWRT, AM & FM. This is KWRT, AM, signing off." (SAM)

1440 WBGR KY, PARIS, 10/12 0700 wk u/WEZJ/WHHY w/s/on. (DP)

1450 WLYV IN, FT. WAYNE, 10/19 0107 thru mess for a few seconds with hockey scores gone as quick as it came in. (DP)

1520**WBNO**OH, BRYAN, 10/19 0124-25 excellent all alone & sandwiched between two pests WLAC & WCKY. Caught the last ID of a "transmitter test!" "This is WBNO, Bryan, Ohio conducting transmitter tests." At 500 watts, this is the "biggest bear" of the new DX season. (SAM)

1540**KBUY**TX, FORT WORTH, 10/20 0037-39 excellent w/one of the shortest tests on record. "KBUY, 1540, Fort Worth Texas, on the air for equipment maintenance only." One ID and one song fragment. (SAM)

1550 WTYN NC, TRYON, 10/12 0645 believed to be the one in poorly u/CBE with religion. (DP)

Well gang, that about raps it up for another CDXR. I'd like to see CDXR about three or four times this large though. Why not shoot a report in this direction tonight, and share what you are hearing with the rest of us? Gd DX to everybody, and c u in 7.

Jim

950 KLER ID, Orofino 10/24 2015 C&W song then 2014 1/2 "Jackie Blue", good signal o/KJR.

980 CKRM SK, Regina 9/29 0327 clear w/ (RLM) C&W mx, KFWB off at 0300. (MS-CA)

1010 *KIQI* CA, San Francisco 10/17 0357 conducting Test, "K-101" ID. (MS-CA)

1030 WBZ MA, Boston 9/12 0436 clear w/talk show.

1050 CHUM ON, Toronto 10/27 0546 ID, rr, (MS) "10-50 CHUM" jingle 0552, o/u CFGP, XEG weak way under. (NH-WA) 10/6 0441 clear w/rr & spot for market on highway 7. (MS-CA)

1050 CJNB SK, North Battleford 10/24 0123 ad for Big Albert-KFC, old rr mx, ID. Poor to good signal. (LMN-CA)

1060 KYW PA, Philadelphia 10/27 0600 on-hour automatic time tone, then "KYW..." w/Westinghouse news format; fair u/WNOE. No sign of KPAY or CFCN. WNOE is rare enough here; first time ever for KYW. (BH-WA)

1140 WRVA VA, Richmond 10/20 0531 local nx, several IDs, fair signal. (LMN-CA)

1140 CBI NS, Sydney Tentative 10/20 0520 nx wx sports. I think they mentioned wx for Sydney & Halifax, faded in and out, lost at 0525 no ID heard. (LMN-CA)

1240 CFVR BC, Abbotsford 10/26 0422 station jingle then song by Art Garfunkel, lots of QRM and fading. (RLM-WA)

1370 CFOK AB, Westlock 10/20 2110-2207 w/C&W mx o/KXLF. Listened for about an hour but only ID hrd was "OK Radio", got full ID out of 9/6 WDXR. (RLM-WA)

1390 KENN NM, Farmington 10/13 0452 Surprise! Clear w/EL mx, 1390 usually empty. (MS)

1420 CJVR SK, Melfort 10/24 2020 w/religious programming, a mx jingle, poor w/XE--QRM. (RLM-WA)

1440 KPRO CA, Riverside 10/26 0450 w/football game, nice and strong w/little QRM. (RLM)

1480 KWEW NM, Hobbs 9/15 0658 s/on thru KLEO. Local KWIZ off for maintenance. (MS-CA)

1540 KZAM WA, Bellevue 10/22 1530 interviewing a rock group in WA popular in HL. 1st time tried for since call change. (RLM)

1550 *KQXI* CO, Arvada 9/8 0724 MM test w/MOR mx and tones. (MS-CA)

1600 KLAQ CO, Lakewood 9/15 0430 100% C&W mx, dominant on 1600 w/KWOW off. (MS-CA)

A little bit longer section this week. The postal strike in Canada is certainly affecting the size of WDXR. I hadn't realized until now how much our Canadian members contribute. 73

Tuesday, September 2, 1975 — THE DESERT SUN, Palm Springs, Calif. — B1

Radio Station Changes Tune

PALM DESERT — Radio station KGUY the Coachella Valley's country and western music outlet for the past four years, will become the area's first all-news station beginning Sept. 8, according to General Manager Bob Avery.

The station will join the NBC News and Information Service, which was established June 18 as a purveyor of continuous world and national news and features originating from New York.

Every hour the Palm Desert-based station will air 50 minutes of the network broadcast, with the balance devoted to local news.

Avery said Bill Lorin, formerly of KPSS in Palm Springs, will anchor the local news. With the format change, two KGUY disc jockeys will become newsmen and the station expects to hire another.

With a two-way radio, mobile

unit, "We'll be covering every accident and fire alarm," Avery said.

When major stories of national interest break in the valley, as an NBC affiliate, KGUY will be able to "break into the network" with news bulletins, Avery noted.

Economics is the primary reason for KGUY changing its tune, he pointed out. "All-news stations in all markets went right up to No. 1 or No. 2 place (in the ratings)," Avery explained.

Current advertising clients are "excited about it," and within four months, Avery expects all local air time to be sold out.

The network feed will be 60 per cent news, 10.8 per cent sports and the rest a variety of regular features, such as entertainment reports and political commentaries and public service broadcasts.

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western dx roundup

DEADLINE EACH SATURDAY

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(MS) Mike Sanborn-15921 Ryon Ave.-Bellflower, CA 90706

650 KORL HI, Honolulu 9/15 0630 through WSM playing rr mx. KFI-640 off 0600. (MS)

700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 9/15 0400 phone-talk show w/ocasional mx in rare XETRA SP. (MS-CA)

740 KTRH TX, Houston 10/27 0515 fair signal, w/talk on local fishing & ID. (LMN-CA)

800 unID BC, 10/24 2350 very weak but could make out Minn. vs Vancouver hockey game. CKOK? (LMN-CA)

850 KICY AK, Nome 10/20 fair signal w/rx talk and ID. (LMN-CA)

930 KSEI ID, Pocatello 10/20 fair signal, 0505 local nx & wx, ID. (LMN-CA)

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Hammond, IN 46323

Gregg Allinson-919 N. Kerr Ave.-Wilmington, NC 28401

By the time this sees print we will again be observing standard time, which means earlier sunset DXing (which is alright by me). The growing number of comments concerning the future of the club are interesting. I think Mike Hogan's comments, as well as Ron Schatz's recently are well taken, yet I still hold (and being stubborn will probably always hold, hi) that there be no merger into NRC. If people wish to be a part of NRC, they have that choice without such action. I specifically chose IRCA over NRC for several reasons (which are too numerous to go into here). This question crops up every other year or so. Granted, we may not have the membership that NRC has, but as long as I have one DX life to live, let me live it in IRCA. More sermonettes later but now...on to DX. WGTO-540 was Eting mornings of Oct. 16, 17 & 18th from midnight till around 0045. WTTI-1530 also caught testing MM 10/20 for about 2 1/2 hours. Should be a good chance for this daytimer as they've been doing so frequently and the good news is that WCKY has been off on those nights. WCLN-1170 is now on the air, as of September 26, a daytimer but a possibility with some hard work and good luck. CE David McLemore will verie accurate reports and also extends invitations to drop by to any member passing in or around area. Only a few new veries in: WLLL, WPEN & WCLN, but quite a few reports out. Good DX.

Gary Levine- 98-01 67 Ave.-Forest Hills, NY 11374

Hi! DX'ing's been pretty good the past 2 weeks thanks to a boost from NBC's World Series. It helped me identify some of those hard to get stations. I got my first Montserat station on 10/13 at 1:30 on 640. This was my only MM opportunity to DX so far this season. Unfortunately, Veterans Day has been changed to 11/11 so I lose MM 10/27. Wed. (22) the Queens College station (WQMC) went on open carrier at 590. Wed. nite the FCC called because we were interfering with local phone lines. By Friday the station was on the air again. I challenge anybody in the area to pick them up. I trained for an engineering spot but there were 60 people for 25 spots. I'll have to wait until next term. In the meantime, I'm working in the news department. The N.Y.C. ARB ratings are out so here is the top 10 in case anyone is interested: WABC (#1 in the nation), WOR (biggest money maker in the nation), WCBS, WINS, WNEW, WNBC, WCBS-FM, WHN, WXLO-FM (99X), WRFM. Old DJ Dept.: Norm N. Nite from Cleveland's WGAR, after a 3 year absence from AM radio, joins his buddies Vernon with a V and Imus in the Morning on WNBC doing weekends (Sat. 8-2, Sun. 6-10 with the Nite Train). Murray the K of WINS, one of the first DJs to play rr on FM (WOR-FM, now 99X), former WMCA "Good Guy", is now playing progressive rr on WKTU (WHOM-FM) in the morning. Thanx to the people responsible for the story on Dr. Demento. 73 & Stay Demented!

Rob Keeney- 22-12 Stouffer Pl.-Lawrence, KS 66044

The NERDs meeting in Kearney was a lot of fun and I finally got the chance to meet Skip Dabelstein and Bill Nittler. Bill will be hosting the next meeting sometime in April in McCook. We talked about DXing in the late '50s and early 60's and CPC work. Speaking of CPC (notice what a smooth lead-in that was, hi), we still need all the help we can get. Drop me a card expressing your interest and I'll send you more info. If there are any Mid-West DXers that would be interested in attending a DX meeting in the Kansas City area over the Xmas holidays, let me know soon. Signals from the Pacific have been pretty good, even though TA conditions have fallen off somewhat. KORL and Tarawa are MM regulars. KORL seems to have about twice the strength as it did last winter. I guess not having to null the former AN Columbian helps. The only comment I have on the merger situation is that it's not worth the effort to comment on! Understand? 73's.

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Greetings, dear Brothers! DX continues to be fruitful, as my DXWW reports show. Y'all try for the new Radio Jumbo, the new FF on Dominica serving Guadeloupe and Martinique on 1150 kHz. It should be easy on the EC. And if you're not linguistically inclined, try for Costa Rica on 775, which is now Radio Uno and EE/SS. Both are good evening bets. In case your wondering, plans for building the LSCA-1 will be submitted once my article on Precision Frequency Analysis appears here in DXM. Re merger: I'm only some 60% for it, mainly because of the extreme difficulty of effecting one. We don't need NRC, you say? True, but we can use 500 more members and potential sources of tips. Competition is healthy? Well, our present membership turnover rate is the best evidence that competition with NRC is killing IRCA, as pointed out in my last DXFR, DXers are voting with their dues, and we had best heed the facts. I feel that our failure to adopt the "professional, expensive" - looking magazine format for DXM is the culprit, and all the mastheads in the world may be worth little anyway if the present format causes our membership to drop to a fatally low level! 73 de RFS.

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Hi Peoples, hope this Forum finds you all listening to a TA. Since my last Forum I've heard another 100 stations. Totals now 360. Gave Jim Pogue a list of my recently heard stations. Hope it makes the CDXR. This year I'm going to try to get a report or two out to the CDXR and maybe even write a forum report or two. (Figured I'd let everyone know that SD doesn't have to have sunlite and reception pumped into it.) Anyway, been doing a little bit of DXing to stay ahead of my dad's totals. Got my XYL to do some DXing on the weekends, now that she works midnight to 7 am. This way it lets me catch up on some of my lost sleep during the week, besides I think I've got her pretty well trained, right?? Anyway, about the magazine format, I'd rather see the MONITOR stay the way it is now. The loose-leaf format is easier to store in a binder and looks a lot neater than NRC's format or booklet. Matter of fact, I'd like to see DX News change to the MONITORS booklet format, dreaming right? Another thing I'd like to see is more articles in the MONITOR. As far as a merger between the 2 clubs, I'd like it to stay as is. Two separate clubs, 2 different views on BCB. The only way I don't see a merger is if everyone gets out and starts recruiting more members 'cause I'm sure that if the membership falls too low we won't have much of a choice but to merge to keep from sinking. Again it's up to all of us in the club to support it and to get new members. Why has NRC's membership gone up and ours down?? Enuf on that, equipment here: DX 150, Sony TC-270 recorder and 100' LW. 73's

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1286 kHz

Leftists Seize Closed Lisbon Radio Station

Lisbon

Leftist soldiers and civilians yesterday broke into a radio station that had been shut down on the Portuguese president's orders, ran up a red flag on the transmitter tower and started broadcasting in open defiance of the authorities.

It was the latest challenge to the government by groups that sources within the regime say are bent on trying to take power by force before the week is out.

The occupation of Radio Renascenca was a source of embar-

assment for President Francisco da Costa Gomes.

Formerly the voice of the Roman Catholic church in Portugal, the radio station was forcefully taken over earlier this year. The church was promised the return of the station, but no action was taken until last month when troops shut it down for broadcasting appeals to civic disorder.

Costa Gomes ordered the station sealed for the time being and the left feared he would return it to the church.

Associated Press

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Greetings fellow DXers. I've only been able to do any serious DXing 3 times in the past month but what little there's been has been good. I'm 90% sure Thule, Greenland AFRTS 1425 was the stn detected 0952-1056 09/25. W/KFAR, KYAK & KFQD putting in local sigs, KICY thru KOA, KBYR fighting WLW and Adax on 890. (I give up, hi-RtH) I knew Northern cx were unbelievable. Earlier I'd had a TA trace on several freqs including Murmansk 656 which is on almost the same path as Thule. These factors in mind, I decided to give 1425 a shot. I could detect a carrier between 1420-1430 even w/o BFO and BFO showed it to be dead on 1425 and fairly strong. I sat on it for a couple of minutes and at 0955 male talk (PLT, ELT, GMT??-RtH) faded up. I'm 90% sure I hrd a Thule mentioned and something like, "..... Forces.....Radio." I checked everything to be sure it wasn't a spur and measured DF on three loops Actual bearing is 16.26 degrees. 4' loop & Wedge gave about 14, SM-2 a 9. Fade pattern was distinctive w/high peak, slight drop off, then abrupt disappearance w/cycle repeating every 4-6 minutes. Carrier was detectable 75% of time w/wk audio fading thru about 10% of time. As fade/out approached, fades got deeper and peaks weaker until I lost it at 1056. Waited til 1110, but no fade up so assume 1056 represented dawn induced fade. I make Thule LSR for that date to be 1035 but w/low angle there this time of yr reception 20 min after LSR should be possible. Got weak rock on 1026 and talk by OM 1035-36 but no ID earmarks. This has been detected in Bay Area before and cx were certainly as good as could be imagined for such a reception. Anyone on WC w/anything more than a crystal set hooked to the bed should be able to get a TP this Season if they haven't before. 73 and good DX de ECR.....
(On last Sunspot low, Eric, Thule was quite common in Bay Area, so methinks this is repeat performance. Guess you've kept Bruce busy this week, hi-RtH)

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HOWDY! It appears that again there is discussion re merger of IRCA/NRC---proposed---and most likely it will end up as it has ea yr since I joined ('68): discussion. However, two points were well made in the CDXF of 10/25 by Stansbury and Gregg Allinson: CMS points to the elimination "temporarily" of competition in the BCB area, and GA points to the need for everyone to support the DX Monitor. To deviate a moment, let us look at a SW club, SPEEDX. Their policy of allowing members to decide club policy, vote for officials, hold office, etc is based on the point system: you must make regular contributions to the bulletin or you lose the aforementioned privileges, and revert to a subscriber status. Though it's slightly more complicated than I've presented it would appear that should a merger occur, a policy similar to SPEEDXs might be considered. W/this type of policy, there would be the support that GA mentions, and the elimination of domestic competition which CMS refers to. Overall, the joint efforts of the two clubs would allow for a central medium in which the majority of active DXers---of which I believe a large number currently hold dual membership in IRCA & NRC---could relate DX material. Personally, I would favor a merger. 73 & best of DX.

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The Pulse is by far more accurate than the ARB, because of differences in surveying methods. The ARB uses diaries, which listeners are to keep and mail back in; the Pulse interviews people personally in their homes. The ARB mails diaries only to homes w/listed phone numbers (though they do in-home interviews in certain minority situations, and by phone interviews in others---mixing their methodologies). The Pulse uses a selection system that eliminates phone bias. (There are studies showing that radio listening patterns tend to be different in unlisted phone homes and no phone homes than in

listed phone homes.) Pulse knows who responded in the survey; the ARB does not require names to be put on the diaries (they don't get them back if they do). This means that the Pulse can and does doublecheck 10% of all respondents later on, to make sure the information given was accurate; the ARB can't do this. Furthermore, ARB only gets 50-60% of the diaries mailed out, it's absurd to conclude that the listening habits of the 50% who bothered to respond are the same as the 50% who didn't, and ARB itself has conducted some research that tends to prove that, though understandably they have not publicized it. (Until now-RtH). It's true that certain types of formats tend to show up better in the ARB than the Pulse, and vice versa. But the Pulse figures are by far more nearly correct in such cases. It's also true that about 85% of all national business is sold off ARB, but that has nothing to do w/ARBs accuracy (or lack of it). The ARB has done a more superior job of public relations than the ARB (????-RtH) which is why 85% of all national business is sold off the ARB, plus the fact that national agencies get a discount on ARB radio data w/their purchase of TV data. (The Pulse has no TV ratings. On Tue nite about 7.50pm PST, 10/28, I hrd former IRCA member Bill Seely's name mentioned o/the air on KDWN. 73 to all.

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HI! It has been quite a while since I had a letter here, so I'll give a re-run since the last time. I was a member of IRCA a few yrs ago when I lived in Boise, ID. In 1973 I moved to Bend. The last 2 yrs I was going to Oregon State University, but this year I'm at the University of Oregon. It was good to see those members at the Convention last Summer in Columbus, OH. I went to the WTFDA Convention in W. Palm Beach, FL and on the way back I stopped at the IRCA Convention. I hope to get back to BCB DXing this year if I can find time from school. The last 3 yrs I have spent most of my DXing the TV & FM bands. I will correspond w/ and DXers, and I trade CMs, bumper stickers and SCs. I even have a few stn posters to trade for other stn posters. Until my next letter, 73 and it sure is great to be back in IRCA. (Certainly great to have you back. Looking forward to your Forums often, but please remember to double space. Sat morning after Fri nite, I need all the help I can get, hi-RtH)

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It seems like it's been a while since a WDXF report from me, so I looked - and the last time I reported was 5/24/75!! In fact, I still have Mike Worst's address on my list! (HMMMMMMMM-RtH) Added workload is the main reason. As of 6/16/75 I am CE for KBKW 1450 and hence also the v/s. My PD is the boss's wife, who is fantastic to work for but is also very sensitive, so I shall go easy on asking for any DX TESTS - hope anyone needing KBKW will understand. If you'd like a test, please write to me at home and suggest an hour and I'll try to line one up. On 9/20 one of our DJs went to a Seattle stn so we've been working 6 hr board shifts - I've got nights for the next few months, 5.30-11.30pm PST M-F & 3-10pm Sun. (Also, s/off times, maybe-RtH) Eventually I'll go back to afternoons. "Eventually" means sometime between 3 months and 2 yrs! I did get a little raise out of the longer hours, so it's not all that bad. DX has been zilch here. DXed on 9/29 and looked at my logbook and noticed the most recent catch before then was 5/29 - four months earlier! I haven't bothered to re-log KYAC 1250 or KPMS 1300 for calls yet.. I note that KUUV 1590 is still using the KUUV calls and "Kay-You-16" for a slogan - so maybe Sterling Broadcasting will stick w/the oldies format and give up the KTW call. W/one less Top 40 stn in Seattle now that KOL is "Kompass Country", maybe KUUV can make it better w/oldies than talk. News/talk KTW was a money loser. More later. 73

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Hello fellow DXers. I've been a member of IRCA for almost a year now, so I guess some contribution to DXM is in order. I'm 14, and have been DXing since

Dec 1973. My equipment consists of a Drake SPR4, Hammarlund HQ180C, Sanserino loop, and a 100' long wire. Total heard are 470 in 36 states, 5 provinces and 17 countries. This season seems to be very promising. My goals are 600 stns, and to catch XEPRS & KOGO off the air, hi! XEPRS & KOGO are just two of the big NSPs in San Diego. At night, KOGO's signal is about 60db o/s/9. XEPRS, better known as the BIG 10-90, causes massive slop from 1080-1110 kc/s. Other locals that cause huge problems are XETRA 690 causes slop from 660-710. (That's stereo AM for you, wait til it hits this country-RTH). Also, XEMO 860 causes slop from 830-880. XEMO goes off nightly at about 0130 PST. XEGM-NSP, KNX 1070 NSP, KSON 1240 NSP, KGB 1360 NSP. (R. 95 does go off on MM for about an hour or so around 0100-Rth). You guys up there in Frisco aren't the only ones w/local problems. (Brett, that's SAN FRANCISCO, or THE CITY, but where is Frisco, hi-RTH).

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Greetings from BARF HQ! Bill, it's a shame so many WA stns are dropping their 3 letter calls. That now makes CA as state w/most 3 letter calls, WA w/one less than CA or a tie, will re-check. Oddly enough, it's the Western states w/most number of 3 letter calls, though IA doesn't do to badly. Latest DX, KMPS 1300 for the call change. Grim, that's the word for my DX. Sure it's there, just ask Eric, or Charles Wolff (all of CA has been wanting that one) and now Jim Korn informs me he logged WABA 850 last MM, 10/27. I see my comments re fidelity on AM stns brought some mail. I can hear from 30-15000 cycles, and that range CAN be broadcast on AM WITHOUT badly sloping, after all, it was done 10 yrs ago, so can be done today. Best in Bay Area are: KNBR 680, KSFO 560, KIQI 1010 (hate to admit that) and KKHI 1550. The worst without a doubt is KNEW 910. They sound like one giant sump pump w/their 30%+ compression. Tanya Tucker sounds like she has asthma, a Warriors broadcast is disaster. Their slop is incredible, signal dirty and muddy. And Metromedia at that. I really can't see how their CE can even justify his job. Second in line, K-FARce, the Big Sick-10. They clip highs and lows like there was no tomorrow, and compression that's just behind KNEW. An RKO stn. Third would be KYA, for same reasons as KFRC. And KYA, and Avco stn.. SF's peanut whistle, KpEST 1450 is really the worst, 60 cycle hum et al, but then no one really listens to them anyway, hi. Will be moving now within the month, new address, starting with the Nov 28 deadline: 534 Weldon Ave., Oakland, CA. 94610. Remember, Friday is deadline day. Please try to keep to 25 lines and D O U B L E S P A C E. W/ all the gang is hearing, I'd better start to do some serious DX. Remember BARF-III, Thanksgiving weekend, Hotel Raphael, S.F., SM DX session in Hayward. \$2.00 registration. Bring rx'es, veries, and yourself. 73.

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE TEN-WATT VOICES:

A History of Bootlegging in Indianapolis

By Charles A. Taylor, retired bootlegger
 (Part Three: WRJS, WAVE, and WSSE)

In the latter half of 1964, while WISK was still operating at 100 mW, WRJS, owned and operated by Barry Jansen on the Northeast side of Indianapolis, vacated its nominal 1200 kHz and moved to a nominal 1180 kHz with an increased 10-Watt output and a new callsign: WAVE. As did WRJS, WAVE drifted in frequency, averaging 1176 kHz. The frequency not only drifted about 2 kHz above and below 1176 kHz, it also wobbled in synchrony with modulation, particularly bass modulation. This caused an annoying, splattering heterodyne after sunset with WHAM, Rochester. In an attempt to avoid this and adjacent-channel interference from WOWO (1190 kHz), Fort Wayne, WAVE moved to a nominal 1170 kHz. Here again, the frequency drifted a small percentage around an average frequency—this time 1167 kHz. The cochannel and adjacent-channel interference abated somewhat.

Later, in early 1965, WAVE shifted upwards to a new frequency, to 1540 kHz, and changed callsigns to WMRT. Added was a 1-Watt FM transmitter at 89.1 MHz which was programmed in parallel with 1540 kHz. When the frequency change was effected, Jansen modified the master oscillator of the WMRT MW transmitter to reduce frequency excursions due to modulation, and drifting. Moderately successful, this measure confined the drift to about 1 kHz around 1540.5 kHz.

WMRT's operation was primarily confined to weekends, with long periods of relaying other Indianapolis FM stations. But Jansen had a sizeable quantity of studio equipment and was able to produce versatile programs, mostly of a rock format.

WMRT's coverage area was considerable, but not as extensive as attained by WISK on 1550 kHz, owing to the WMRT 88-foot horizontal longwire at a height of 18 feet above earth. In fact, the major portion of the useable radiation was from the 18-foot downlead which connected at its base to the feedline coaxial cable.

At my urging, Jansen began to experiment with crystal control in order to improve the WMRT carrier frequency stability. Early attempts were only moderately successful because the master oscillator circuitry of the WMRT MW transmitter did not lend itself to crystal control and tended to operate off-frequency. The oscillator could not be brought closer than 30 Hertz or so to precisely 1540 kHz.

In mid-1966, I lent a separate crystal oscillator-buffer combination to Jansen to substitute for the WMRT MW transmitter master oscillator. A 730-kHz crystal (originally used for WXAB and WPDG) was substituted in the new oscillator and the transmitter retuned for the second harmonic—1460 kHz. This combination placed WMRT precisely on frequency.

Later, the WMRT transmitter was modified to increase its power output to 50 Watts. With this power output, the WMRT MW coverage area expanded considerably. Unfortunately, before remedial steps were taken, inadequate harmonic suppression in the WMRT MW transmitter caused harmonics, the old bane of the bootleg broadcaster, to be radiated up to 8760 kHz.

Appearing before Christmas of 1965 was a new voice, WSSE on 1550 kHz. WSSE was operated by Steven Everitt, also of later Radio Free Naptown fame. WSSE utilized a 20-Watt, crystal-controlled transmitter, which excited a 50-foot horizontal longwire, on the Indianapolis Northeast side. WSSE possessed an audio control console and turntables, a tape recorder, and a microphone. Live programming on the weekends was the rule in contradistinction to WMRT. Steve Everitt, having considerable talent, used his facilities to the maximum. WSSE's format was strictly rock, with frequent, all-night weekend operations.

Network operation was initiated at this time. Using ordinary telephone lines as the interconnecting medium, WMRT netted with WSSE—with either one or the other originating programming. Essentially hi-fi audio passed down the telephone lines, so results were excellent.

For a period of about two months, WISK on the near Southwest side of Indianapolis, and WSSE on the Northeast side, were operating simultaneously on 1550 kHz. There was an area of mutual overlap of signals on the near Northeast side of Indianapolis. This, however, was not a problem because the overlap occurred in an area of marginal signal intensity for both WSSE and WISK, where additional limiting of service was caused by cochannel interference from WCVL (1550 kHz, 250 Watts), Crawfordsville, Indiana; and WCTW (1550 kHz, 250 Watts), New Castle, Indiana. Despite its lower power (15 Watts), WISK had the lion's share of the coverage on 1550 kHz due to its superior ground-wave radiator, a 58-foot tower.



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ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 566 IRELAND. With lengthening nights, Athlone has again become audible here at s/on. Hrd 10/23 w/TT 0625, into IS 0628 & 6 pips on the half-hour 0630. Man & woman, sometimes nice Irish mx. Starts fading around 0650, hrd w/same format next two nights. (Foxworth, NY)
- 602 FRANCE, Lyon was in again fair, woman speaking 0632 10/25. (Foxworth, NY)
- 638 t SPAIN, carrier noted 0450-0510 10/21, strong but no audio. This on a good TA night. (Abraham, MI)
- 683 SPAIN/UNID sharing 5.6 Hz het 2323 10/24. RNE meas'd on 683.000. (Schatz, FL)
- 737 SPAIN Always the best TA here. 0440-47, OM, mx, SS vocals, fades 10/21. (Abraham, MI)
- 746 t UPPER VOLTA, GPN's reference to Upper Volta in 10/14 DKNW may be the answer to a puzzle which has been camping on my doorstep since late Sept. The question has been how come Holland is the only stn in Northern Europe which has been able to deliver a carrier into Denver during nights of TA activity. I have found the carrier here maybe 5-6 times, assumed it was Holland, and had never studied the actual bearing inasmuch as it arrived in the usual NE direction from which I get Europe. I did not know Upper Volta was here but on 10/22 at 0510 I went to work on it & found it looped virtually east-west. It remained too weak to deliver any IDable audio and by 0620 was gone entirely. It is easy not to notice the exact direction a signal is arriving from; in this case looping NE reduces WSB splash and I was assuming Holland from past experience. If this has been Upper Volta, I have been able to hear it when Dakar cannot be heard. (Martin, CO)
- 826 ? UNID, 2 TA's w/het of 5 Hz meas'd 827.002 & 827.007 w/ latter dominant. (Schatz, FL)
- 836 ? UNID. This freq has become a TA hot spot in recent weeks w/carriers audible soon after Belize leaves the air, about 0500 most nights. 10/22 a carrier found before 0600 stayed w/me until it faded for good about 0725. Poor audio fragments surfaced every 5-6 mins during that time. Next night, 2 carriers were audible around 0620, mutual interference between them. One of the 2 disappeared after 10-15 mins. & the remaining one stayed until about 0705. Not a good spot for DRing for me as I have to listen w/KOA muller which aims the loop NE. I suspect an African area origin for these sigs inasmuch as they are hrd when Europeans are not making it except for Lisbon-665. A dozen times or more in Sept-Oct I found Lisbon the only European I could hear, so I have known better DX seasons in previous years. Nothing hrd this year farther north than Portugal. As for 836, can we be sure that the Canary Islands have moved to 827? (Martin, CO)
- 881 ENGLAND, Washford hrd w/fair sig MM 10/27 at 0700 when WGBS off for unsked SP. Faded about 0720. Was fairly good on peaks, mx & commentary. Cuban was dominant on 880 then. (Foxworth, NY)
- 1016 GERMANY/TURKEY. Germany alone 0115 10/7 fair signal w/upbeat mx during fair midband opening. No indications of anyone else there. On 10/26 an OC comes on & slow SAH starts around 0115 & IS begins 0155. Anthem 0159 briefly & woman speaks 0200 $\frac{1}{2}$. Fair signals, even w/ or slightly o/Mainz. 0300 hrd w/ID & 6 pips which were about 30 secs. late! They were still on top but fading more at 0415. Monitoring 10/27 showed s/on at same time of day. (Foxworth, NY)
- 1106 ? UNID stn here w/mx & woman speaking on 1124 hrd 10/26 at 0415 period. (Foxworth, NY) --- unid TA's sharing 1.6 Hz het. Dominant stn meas'd on 1106.005 0021 10/25. (Schatz, FL)
- 1166 MONACO, Monte Carlo, TWR 10/22 2330-2400 poor-good at times, fading, unid lang, 2330-2345 rel hymns, 2345 changed pgms to a diff. lang, possibly AA, YL also announces, hrd Trans-World Radio in ID 2400. 2400 tones & s/off. (Curtis, VT) --- 0500-0520 fairly good at times 10/21 w/mixture of organ mx & OM talk. Could not ID lang, sig was not good enuf. Ctry #42 here. Also noted 225C 10/21 w/YL. (Abraham, MI)
- 1554 FRANCE, Nice 0340 10/21 OM in FF poor. (Abraham, MI)
- 535 GRENADA, R. Grenada finally noted w/audio early eve 10/25 w/accented YL & Calypso mx. Used to be just an OC here. (Schatz, FL) --- R Grenada fair-good some nights (weekends when home), e.g. 0030 10/14 w/discussion/council meeting; 0115 10/18 w/callin show. Mich QRM from beacon YAW-534; TV sets. Sig stronger than ever noted before, sometimes as good as ZIZ-555. Perhaps has boosted pwr but modulation still shallow & mushy. (Foxworth, NY)
- 576 ? UNID hrd a couple of nights around 10/13 w/opera, transcribed pgms in SS. Gongs 0456 & s/off w/Colombian NA 0458. Hrd "Radiodifusora..." once but IDs were few & far between. Think was National (Gov.) stn. Only noted 2 nights & is not being hrd now. Auroral cx that night helped a lot. Freq was stable & hrd fairly well; did not seem a spur of any sort. (Foxworth, NY) (See below.bp)
- 576 v COLOMBIA, Bogotá, R. Nacional de Colombia noted here in mid-October but since returned to 570. Varied 574-576 & way o/Cucu (Costa Rica). //680 & SW. Cali-580, by the way, has never been confirmed as on & prob. isn't. (Schatz, FL)
- 580 MEXICO, Chih., Chihuahua hrd 1240 10/27. Prob this one w/ment of Chih. Mucho KLAC slop. Insufficient for good DX rpt to stn. (Lobel, CA)
- 595 DOMINICA was the best sig yet this year 0025 10/13 & continued until 0230 s/off. Format still same as last season. (Foxworth, NY)
- 650 ECUADOR, Manta, R. Visión in well at s/on 0902 MM 10/27. (Foxworth, NY)
- 660 MEXICO, México, XERPM w/R. Uno ID & lots of strange sounds. Also a lot of loud boisterous mx 10/22 0515. (Lobel, CA)
- 670 CUBA, Holguin, CMKP 10/27 2340-10/28 0015 vying w/WMAQ For the freq. Poor w/occasional o/ride of WMAQ. SS hrd ment of Bank de Nacional de Cuba twice. (Curtis, VT)
- 675 ECUADOR, Guayaquil, R. Reloj IDed 0600 10/10 following patriotic harangue on behalf of the "municipalidad de Guayaquil". Xlnt strength, Sonora off. (Schatz, FL)
- 680 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WAPA w/first appearance of season 2330 10/12, alone in auroral cx. (Foxworth, NY)
- 690 ? MEXICO, Mexico, XEN strong at times 10/14 0440-0500 w/MoR inst & slow SS vocals, ID 0445 "R. Mundo, sesenta y cinco" by OM followed by NBC radio type chimes. Then a YL w/"a la diez" followed by talk. The confusion is that this stn is listed as R. Mundo in the 72 FBIS but it is R. Sistema in the 74 WRTH. Which? (Cartwright, PA) (75 WRTH says R. Mundo. bp)
- 750 VENEZUELA, Caracas, YVKS, R. Caracas atop & clear sig 0100 10/15. (Foxworth, NY)
- 760 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJAJ atop WJR 0818 10/20 w/"La Voz de Barranquilla" SID, voice ID, another identical SID & TC. (Korn, CA)
- 760 CUBA, La Habana, CMCI 10/27 1218 was in w/S-5+ sig & quite steady. Male ancr talking quite slow for a Cuban stn. Did ment Habana & kept saying "gracias". KFMB carrier back 1220. (Lobel, CA)
- 810 PUERTO RICO, San Juan, WKVM hrd 0415 10/13 w/"Festival musical de P.R." & ID's as "K-W-M", good sig. Went until s/off 0457 amnt in SS, Ia Borinquena, amnt in EE & SSB at 0459 $\frac{1}{2}$. (Foxworth, NY)
- 820 COLOMBIA, Cali, HJED had to be the one here 0905-0920 10/12 w/AN mx & "esta musica nace en las cosas Colombianas, la CARACOL, primera Cadena Radial..." at 0920. WBAP off. (Korn, CA)
- 840 MEXICO, Celaya, XEPG s/on hrd 1200 10/13 w/hummed vocal "anthem", then Mexican mx & Juventud SIDs. (Korn)
- 850 PUERTO RICO, Aguadilla, WABA punched right through KTAQ, KOA's OC 0959 10/27 w/boss radio type "W-A-B-A Aguadilla" SID, voice ID, another identical SID, TC, & spot for some magazine or npxpaper. Taped for rpt; I intend to ask them in rpt if they are really 500 w/as listed in 75 WRTH & 75 BYB. Sounds more like 10kw. I'm getting to like this frequency! (Korn, CA) (Drool.bp)
- 850 t GUATEMALA, Guatemala, TGX 10/27 0830 may have been the one hrd here. Thought I hrd the ancr say "otra estación de Radio Corporación". (Lobel, CA) (TGX is supposed to be R. Ciros - bp)
- 890 VENEZUELA, Valencia, R. America, YVIW in the clear 10/14 w/heavy aurora & WLS muller. SS vocals & a good ID 0245. (Cartwright, PA)
- 890 COLOMBIA, Bogotá, IV de Bogotá, HJCE 10/14 0530-0605 taking over from YVIW w/fast vocals, mx headlines 0600, then into romantic sounding vocals w/a very sexy sounding YL. (Cartwright, PA)

- 890 UNID something here way u/HJGE 10/14 0530-0600 faint but persistent. ID just past 0545 "R. (Rata)". Def. was 2 syllables w/the accent on the last one & both vowels being "a". Hard to make out any mx but did have 5 min of nx 0600-0605, undiscernable namts 0605. Did hear 5 pips around this time, don't know if it was theirs. They were evenly spaced & pitched, except for the fourth which was higher. (Cartwright, PA) (Closest slogan is R. Libertada in Panama. bp)
- 910 MEXICO, Mexicali, BC, XEAO 10/27 1000. S-2 signal w/ID & QRM from KJJJ. KDEO off air. (Lobel, CA) --- XEAO w/call ID thru KNEW OC 0835 10/23. KNEWSance back on 0840, completing "technical adjustment". (Korn, CA)
- 920 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santo Domingo(?), R Popular briefly way o/Fuentes 0430-0440 10/12 w/loads of Domin can-style SIDs & merangue mx. Likely HIBA, listed as Radio Reloj. (Schatz, FL)
- 920 UNID 10/29 0200-0220 think this is prob an HJ, as many ments of "de Colombia" during what sounded like a soccer game. No HJs listed for here. Clear signal mixing even w/WMN/Unid CBSer. (Cartwright, PA) (Sounds like HJAF, Emisora Fuentes. bp)
- 940 VENEZUELA, Punto Fijo, 10/29 0114 clear w/CBM mull'd & some XEQ/WIMZ. Long SS monolog, then 0155 hrd ID as "R. Rumbos Cadena Nacional." Keleher's rpt in 9/20 DKM rpts ID as "R. Punto Fijo, de la Cadena Nacional Rumbos" Same message, but mine had no ment of Punto Fijo. (Cartwright)
- 1025 COLOMBIA, Ibaguè, Ecos del Combelma here from nom 1020, itself a move from 1170, previously 710, etc. ID 0538 10/14 mentioning "Super" network. (Schatz, FL)
- 1085 HONDURAS, R. Aeropuerto is the one here, listed as HROD in S.P.S. on 1130 per FBIS. WARNING! Trust no current stn lists for Honduras or Nicaragua! (Schatz, FL)
- 1150 DOMINICA, R. Jumbo all FF is now strong & dominant eves in Miami. IDs mostly just as "Jumbo", pronounced similar to EE. Mostly US pop mx, also continental FF w/some native stuff, sounding to me like a cross between Brazillian Samba & Haitian meringue. Formal ID starts w/prelude to "Kung-Fu Fighting." This one should get out well on the EC. (Schatz, FL)
- 1160 CUBA, Trinidad, new "doubleve" relay here, per ICR, not noted here yet. Don't confuse w/Artemesa on 1161.
- 1175 COSTA RICA, San José, R. BB here from 1200 & even announcing 1175 as its freq., contrary to the new allocation scheme. Frequent ads, etc. for the suburb of Heredia, which may be the actual location.
- 1260 CUBA, Sancti-Spiritus, "Doubleve" relay here from 1490 per ICR. (Schatz, FL, last three items)
- 1423 UNID LA w/mostly pop mx. Frequent recorded IDs as "La FY (efe-ye), la Consentida" TG's h mins fast, GMT-6. FY must be the last two letters of a callsign, e.g. TGFY, HRFY, YSFY, YNPFY, etc. Nothing listed. (Schatz)
- 1594 COSTA RICA, San José, R. Gama here from nom 1600. Varies 1594-96. Mostly Mexican mx. IDed 0210 10/11. (Schatz, FL)
- 548 RSFSR, Vladivostok showing big carrier 1105 9/27 & fair audio 1056 9/28 in passing. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 615 CHINA, unk loc noted last spring was putting in good carrier w/oriental talk pldng thru KPRC sloop at peaks 1112 9/28. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 625 N. KOREA, Haeju is just as reliable as 655 this year. About a third of the time in spot checks it is better than 655. It was blasting in way o/slop w/children's chorus 1113 9/28. This may be one for non WCers to look for as the season progresses if its early strength is any indication. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 629 RSFSR(?) carrier again noted here 1114 9/28 looping TP. I had something here last spring tooand I'm convinced it's not TVL. Could be the RR formerly here or maybe a CC or something. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 635 N. KOREA, Chongjin in passing w/good carrier 1104 9/27 & 1217 9/28 when it was best ever in talk by OM not // 655/625. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 645 CHINA, Peking(?) carrier here 1117 9/28. I've seen this listed as both a CC & a KK. I've been calling it China but audio is so tough I cant be very sure. Does anyone know which? (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 650 JAPAN, Synchros must be the source of apparent JJ talk 1216 9/28. The speech was a bit muffled and had almost a KK ring to it so maybe lessons. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 655 N. KOREA, Pyongyang finally reaching the level people always told me it was capable of 1115 9/28 //625.
- 660 JAPAN, putting fair JJ talk thru strangely weak KPAR 1215 9/28. (Rittenhouse, CA, last two items)
- 670 JAPAN, Osaka poking through KBOI 1216 9/28 w/JJ talk for only second time ever. KNBR its usual impossible self. Think I'll turn some metal eating termites loose at the xr site. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 685 N. KOREA once again putting carrier thru KNBR/XETRA 1226 9/28. I doubt audio will ever be possible between the Weighty 680 & XETRA sloop. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 695 N. KOREA, Chongjin also in as carrier 1226 9/28. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 700 ALASKA, Anchorage, KBYR presumed the one w/faint US mx mixing w/JJ synchros 10/28 1335-1340. Much sloop so nothing definite hrd. Also a bad het on about 698.8; no audio hrd there. (Pejza, CA)
- 700 CHINA/JAPAN/ALASKA battling it out here 1215 9/28. CC talk was generally on top w/EE/JJ under but each of the 3 stns was recognizable at times. (Rittenhouse)
- 712 S. KOREA, Seoul, the yo-yo of SK still hopping around around this year. Was up to here w/strong carrier 1136 9/28. Audio is a bit difficult because it's so unstable. (Rittenhouse, CA) (Unstable? See last weeks DKXW.bp)
- 720 CHINA, a real shock coming thru normally blasting KDWN w/choral mx 1136 9/28. This was real strong last year but I thought I'd never hear it again w/KDWN. (Rittenhouse)
- 745 UNID, carrier noted 1227 9/28 looping NW w/fair strength o/u KCBS sloop. I think SK & USSR have been rptd here before. Maybe a NK? (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 750 JAPAN, Sapporo fading in & out 1310-1315 10/28 w/man in JJ. Very good 1312, almost armchair quality. (Pejza)
- 750 ALASKA, Anchorage, KFQD fading in & out w/JOIB; SID 1310; pop tunes, mostly oldies; TC at 1320 as 20 after 3. (Pejza)
- 759.5 UNID carrier hetting 760 1228 9/28. Looped TP but no audio due to KCBS/KFMB. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 760 CHINA may be the source of CC talk way u/KFMB 1214 9/28. Don't know if related to 759.5 noted later. I think CC has been hrd here before. (Rittenhouse, CA) (Around here only 1040 & 835 are bigger among CC pests.bp)
- 770 JAPAN, Akita, JOUB really ripping KOB 1101 9/27 w/YL // JOBB/JOIB. (Rittenhouse, CA) --- fair u/KOB w/JJ talk 1305 10/28. (Pejza, CA) --- 10/27 1215 probably faint JJ u/overpowering KOB. Could not hear much but male ancr sounded like one on JOBB. (Lobel, CA)
- 774 N. KOREA, Haeju, prob the source of carrier noted various times 9/27 & 28 AM's. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 820 N. KOREA/CHINA, Kwangju/Fukien prov again fighting WBAP remnants 1212 9/28. This time KK atop just o/WBAP w/CC way under. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 830 JAPAN, Osaka, JOBB fair w/JJ man talking 1305 10/28. (Pejza, CA) --- man in JJ u/strong WCCO 10/27 1205. Could barely hear JOBB 1208. Reason: WCCO would have to blast my ears w/taps & good morning San Deigo. Just what I needed to wake me up after a long night of DXing, PLT was 0408. (Lobel, CA) (Why would WCCO want to wish San Deigo a good morning? bp)
- 830 HAWAII, Honolulu, KIKI fair w/rr 0710 11/3. WCCO nowhere to be found at the time. (Portzer, WA)
- 830 JAPAN/THAILAND(?), JOBB crashing in almost like a local all AM 9/27&28. Was starting to fight WCCO around 1000 & totally dominant by 1130. Both AM's there was another stn clearly audible underneath. Best 9/28 1210 when in choral mx. Talk is pretty rare & can't ID the lang but could be Thai. (Rittenhouse, CA) (Hawaii or China more likely. bp)
- 835 CHINA, Nanchang w/good carrier 1107 9/27 & fair w/OM 1208 9/28. (Rittenhouse, CA) --- strong w/CC male talk 1303 10/28. (Pejza, CA)
- 844 GILBERT & ELLICE IS., Tarawa, VSZL presumed the stn here amid intense hets 0930-0940 10/27. YL & OM alternated in slow British accented EE w/apparent children's story about "the girl w/the (magical) bow on her head". Got 4-5 mins of readable speech on tape, so am tempted to rpt as material should be verifiable despite getting no ID. Had to loop out WHAS to minimize het. (Korn, CA) --- in well w/YL talking in Vernacular 0750 10/27. (Portzer, WA)
- 845 UNID TP carrier here 1207 9/28. KOA precluded any audio. Ideas? (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 877 N. KOREA, Wonsan in w/great strength 1200 9/28 w/4 pips ala NHK but w/last at slightly higher pitch. This seems a bit more stable this year; I've noticed it down to 875 once but it sticks pretty close to 877 most of the time. (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 880 S. KOREA, Taejon poor-good 10/24 1350-1400. Talking by gal, then man. Pips at 1400 followed by ID called letters in EE, fairly good at that point but faded again. Second very weak stn under at 1359 w/mx. KBS pips are very similar to NHK but slightly lower in pitch methinks. (Pejza, CA)
- 890 ALASKA, Adak, AFRS presumed the one u/HKKB 10/21 1349-1400. Rock mx, EE DJ but no ID hrd. (Pejza, CA)
- 935 UNID something putting good carrier thru KPRE sloop 1121 9/28 looping TP. Is this USSR as rptd a couple years ago or something else? (Rittenhouse, CA)
- 973 RSFSR, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk putting in good carrier w/weak audio 9/28 1059. Seemed a bit below 973, maybe 972.5. (Rittenhouse, CA)

976 CHINA, Harbin in very nicely w/CC 1059-1100 9/28. Unfortunately a fade wiped out any chance for pips. (Rittenhouse,CA)

995 UNID I was getting here last spring is back this season. It had a fair carrier 1120-1223 9/28 though no audio was possible due to KKIS slop. Someone out of 1010 KKIS' range should give this a shot. (Rittenhouse,CA)

UNID something u/domestics here 1223 9/28 in lang w/ KK ring to it. Looped right but maybe a domestic in special pgm or something. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1013 UNID carrier here 1219 9/28 w/some audio poking thru slop. Any ideas? (Rittenhouse,CA)

1020 CHINA, Fukien a real shock w/clear CC mx o/u 1020 domestics 1111 9/27. Have hrd before but can't remember it getting thru w/domestic on so strong.

1030 CHINA, Kweiyang an even bigger shock 1113 9/27 w/CC talk mixing w/XEQR just u/KTWO. (Rittenhouse,last2)

1040 CHINA, Shanghai poor-fair 10/23 1348 but still in after ISR in JJ 1148 10/27. (Pejza,CA) --- female anc in CC hrd 10/27 0120 (1020? bp) for a few secs then what sounded like chanting by large chorus accompanied by flute. (Lobel,CA)

1040 HAWAII, Honolulu, KHVH 10/23 1349-1400, EE mx, much slop. Poor but up for ID 1349 w/ID as "24 hours a day." (Pejza,CA)

1178 RYUKU ISLANDS, Okinawa, VOA putting in big carrier thru KLOK/KOFI crap 1220 9/28. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1200 CHINA w/weak talk 1221 9/28 after WQAI fade.

1201 CHINA, Fulden prov putting good het on 1200 1221 9/28. (Rittenhouse,CA, last 2)

1210 JAPAN/CHINA, Osaka (JOOR)/Yonbyon(?) mixing 10/24 1351-1400. Both had some singing; China w/male; JOOR w/gal & semi-western mx; pips from Chinese at 1400, - (5 long low, one high), followed by unreadable announcement. (Pejza,CA) --- fighting it out in CC/JJ o/u KDLA spur 1222 9/28. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1376 RSFSR, Vladivostok in w/carrier all AM 9/27&28 w/some audio thru KEEN slop. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1440 JAPAN, Sapporo, JOWF coming thru w/JJ mx 1109 9/28. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1475 MALAYSIA, Sandakan best ever w/local type signal both 9/27&28. Got xlint "Suara Malaysia" by OM 1149 9/28. At 1150 & 1155 the same piece of mx was played, perhaps some type of musical signature. Was also great in passing 9/28 1110. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1525 RSFSR, Khaharovsk belting in 1143 9/27 in RR & 1110 9/28. (Rittenhouse,CA)

1550 AUSTRALIA, Emerald, hQD 0855-0910 10/27 w/mx. Faded at hour so I missed pips if there were any. At 0905 said "This is ABC National nx." (Korn,CA)

MYSTERY DX ROUNDUP

1000 UNID stn here 10/27 0110 u/KOMO. Had what sounded like pipe organ mx & very funny sounding language; maybe oriental, but which one? Ideas anyone? (Lobel,CA) (Dunno, the time you gave is 5:10 p.m. PST. Is that correct? bp)

DOMESTIC CONFUSION ROUNDUP

1260 AZ, Holbrook, KDJJ 10/27 0130 w/some Indian lang. Occasionally accented EE hrd. Almost thought I had a new TP but language sounded too strange to be an oriental. (Lobel,CA)(Shouldn't KDJJ be on 1270? bp)

INTERNATIONAL QSL ROUNDUP

1580 MEXICO, Hermosillo, XEDM. Card mailed in envelope for registered return receipt requested letter of 10/4 rcvd in 2 weeks. Cannot make out signature. Address is Planta Carreterra Internacional Kilometro 268, Hermosillo, Sonora. They call themselves "La Voz del Pacifico". For you phone freaks, the phone number is 3-64-80 or 3-65-90. (Lobel,CA)

CONDITIONS OF CONDITIONS

Conditions aren't quite as fantastic as they were in late Sept. & early Oct. but are still quite good. Intense solar activity the week of Oct. 8-15 had consequential effects on reception. TP and TA receptions were good later in the month, though not as well as they had been earlier. Some comments received in recent weeks:

"Cx 10/19 best in some time because 10/8 geomagnetic disturbance really killed things. At least when I've been able to ckeck, the cx were not too good from 10/8 to 10/18 though TA's did get thru most nights." - Richard Eckman

"Though there were no TAs noted, I think TP's were as good as ever 9/27&28." - Eric Rittenhouse

"Cx 10/1 & 2 were quite good for TAs. Among the best TA cx I have ever experienced in my entire DX career, in terms of the broad range of loud signals to choose from & the steadiness & stability of the signals. 10/3 cx were xlint in midband. Better high latitude stuff like Holland, England, & Poland were hrd well & lower latitude stuff such as Portugal were not that good. 10/4 was below expectations w/weak & fadey signals. On 10/5 & 6 the good cx returned w/best Turkey reception yet on 10/5. On AM of 10/6 sigs on 1214, 1223, 1358 & at the low end, 593, 782, & 989 for example, of undetermined origin were hrd in the 0100-0130 period. Hopefully some of these are Eastern European. On 10/6, while TAs were still good at 0545-0600, they immediately started fading out & by 0610 everything had dropped to a poor level & the background noise seemed to come up slightly. By 0625 not even 1097 was readable any longer & only the regulars 764 & 935 (very southerly latitude paths) were still in, and poorly at that. On Tue 10/7 WWV said the A-index was 20 & that a minor geomagnetic storm began at 0530 10/6, agreeing well w/ observations & indicating there is a 1/2 to 1 hr lag between the onset of a M3 (as NOAA defines it) and the time it becomes apparent on the N. Atlantic MW paths. The AM of 10/7 the only things hrd from Europe were a very weak Spain 989 & 1025, weak Portugal 719 & 782, Morocco-818 & 935, all at the 0600 period. Nothing hrd from England except a very faint carrier on 1088 indicating near-total path wipeout. HF SWBC cx were disturbed day 10/6 in addition. No decent TA reception here until 10/17 and since that time, TA's only in fair-good most nights. 10/27 was fairly good but signals more unstable & peaked lower than noted the first week of Oct. Reception has been predominantly Western Europe w/poor results from Eastern Europe." - Bob Foxworth

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The Air Pirate

Fortunately, the first few months after the end of controls showed relatively little change throughout the nation. In fact, some pointed to this restraint as proof of the lack of need for tight governmental regulation in broadcasting. The few stations which did make shifts genuinely did their best to limit possible interference to other broadcasters.

New York City had many of the first changes. The New York Times reported on July 16 that four stations, WMSG, WRNY, WBBR, and WBNY had moved from their respective Class A frequencies to Class B ones (most wave jumping was from Class A to Class B frequencies). The next day two more made the jump, WNJ and WHAP. Although five of these broadcasters chose standard frequencies, WHAP decided that the best location to limit interference to WOR and WJZ was a split frequency of 697 khz.

Two weeks after the cessation of governmental control, the Broadcast Listeners of America, based in Chicago, announced a "strike" against air pirates, urging their members not to listen to stations which had changed wavelength or increased their power. Although the strike had little success, this group had, a year earlier, led a strike which successfully forced the Chicago broadcasters to retain their Monday Silent Night. (Silent Night in Chicago finally died in December 1927, when the FRC assigned one of the Chicago wavelengths to a non-Chicago broadcaster for Monday nights. Faced with a now-or-never situation, the Chicago broadcasters unanimously scrapped their Silent Night, to keep from permanently losing the Monday night operation. Many individual stations, led by KQW - San Jose (now KCBS) in 1926 had been violating silent nights, but this was the first city-wide dropping of the practice.)

WBBM in Chicago announced in July that they would raise the power of their Class B facility from 1500 to 10,000 watts, twice what any other midwest broadcaster was using. They quickly backed down, perhaps because of the listeners strike, while explaining that the move had been designed to protect themselves from the interference of possible wave jumpers. They added that they could still increase their power if interference increased.

A major development occurred in Chicago in October. WGES had moved from 249.9m to 315.6m (1200 to 950 khz), and WGN, on 302.8m (990 khz) claimed this was causing too much interference to their signal. The dispute was taken to court, and the ruling, in favor of WGN, drew on the common law principle that pioneers in the west could not dirty stream water which prior settlers were using. WGES was required to maintain a separation of at least 50 kilocycles from WGN. Many saw this ruling as an important method for stabilizing the radio situation.

During the same month WLWL in New York City moved to a new Class B frequency, and received complaints from WGY, WOR, and WRNY. (WRNY itself had jumped three months earlier, and was involved in litigation with WHN.) WLWL apologized for the trouble their new location caused, but noted that they were forced to jump in order to escape the interference from wave pirates on their old frequency.

In November the Department of Commerce released statistics on changes which had occurred since July 1. During the three and a half months 63 new stations appeared, and, of the old stations, 25 changed their location, 63 increased their power, and 62 shifted their wavelength. The total number of broadcasters on the air was now 595. It was the major cities which were, and would continue to be, hardest hit. Chicago had added 22 new stations and 18 wavelength changes, with 20 more stations under construction. New York City was in second, with 11 new stations, and 8 wave jumps. 40 new stations throughout the country were reported preparing to go on the air.

Congress finally reconvened in December. Their return caused a "last minute rush" to get stations on the air before a measure, proposed by Rep. White to stop licensing new stations, could be passed. It was a false alarm, however, as the measure was not enacted. The influx of new stations continued.

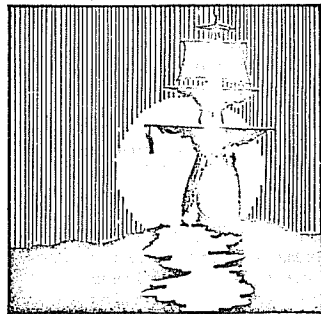
It became clear that Congress was going to have trouble agreeing on the necessary legislation. There was still a major battle over whether the powers of the Secretary of Commerce should be increased (some said this would form a position with too much power), or if a controlling or advisory committee should be formed. President Coolidge opposed a commission, and there were rumors that he would veto any bills which formed one.

With the coming of winter, listening conditions were becoming more and more congested, especially in the east. Sales of better radios were declining, as long distance reception became difficult or impossible.

(To be concluded next available space.)

SHORTLY after last Thanksgiving day, the broadcast listeners of Lancaster, Pa., became the object of the wrath, or whatever else it may have been, of a misguided individual who apparently took extreme delight in breaking up their concerts. His method was quite simple and he used a spark coil with a gap connected directly in the antenna circuit. The results were excellent as far as the manufacture of interference was concerned. The townsfolk not only admitted this but actually asserted it in the newspaper as well as via the "grape vine telegraph".

Reception anywhere from 20 meters to above 5,000 was impossible and public opinion of "those amateurs" ran somewhat above the tepid point. This seems to be the usual reaction to interference and it was practically impossible to make anyone be-



lieve that the amateurs themselves were just as much interfered with and could do no work through the rumpus.

The interference was on about one night each week and seemed to be for the benefit of the local BC station. This saved the hunting party much time as they could make all their preparations in advance and could tell just about when they should start out on the hunt.

S. E. Fraim, 3BIT, gives us the following report on the proceedings. "In company with E. W. Fohl, 3VB, and John A. Roehm, 3ADM, I started out and, in the course of the next few weeks, we spent many nights driving around the streets of Lancaster in the writer's car with a superhet BCL loop set.

After many guarded inquiries and many nights of such waiting, we finally made some headway. On the night of

January 28th during the course of the opera broadcast by WJZ and its chain, the interfeer did his worst. He broke up the entire opera program from start to finish by playing with his key, imitating the starting of a train and by alternately keeping time with the opera as it was broadcast.

"While all this was going on, we were working fast and after getting several different readings on him, we located his house and station in one of the toughest and worst sections of the city. We found the source of the disturbance to be in a chicken coop in the rear of the dwelling. We kept very quiet and did not go in as we were not sure but that he had some confederate watching and that it might go hard with us if we were discovered.

"After talking things over, we got into immediate touch with the U. S. Radio Supervisor at Philadelphia. He came up to Lancaster on Thursday of the following week and although we sat around waiting, the "Pirate" did not again come on the air. The inspector wanted to catch him at it but after waiting till after 10:30 on Friday night and not hearing him, he decided to end the matter there and then and went into the house. We found part of his apparatus and the inspector did the rest. The "Air Pirate" is no more.

There were several other would-be and well meaning investigators working on the case, who by the leadership of a certain chap unwittingly balked almost all of our moves by his inappropriate actions. We did the whole thing secretly and to this day, there are only five of us, including the R.I., who really know who the "Air Pirate" was. It is for this reason and partly to keep the "Pirate" from bodily injury after the R.I. gets done with him, that the whole matter has been kept secret. The present feeling in some quarters of the town is to tar and feather him.

No names were published in the newspaper but our work was terminated in a notice that the "Air Pirate" was no more. We, as amateurs, have performed our duty to clear the air and this, being finished, we will simply sit back unannounced and forget about it, chalking it up as another radio amateur's service to his community."

These men deserve a great deal of thanks for their splendid, unselfish work and we would like to say that this account was sent at the request of headquarters for our information, but we feel that such actions should be brought to the attention of the rest of the membership as well as the broadcast listener to help promote a more brotherly feeling between these two neighboring groups of radio enthusiasts.

-H. P. W.

RADIO Station KINY at Juneau, the first broadcast station to bring network programs to Alaska, celebrated its 30th anniversary last spring. The original station, then called KFIU, went on the air the last week in May of 1929, broadcasting just one hour a day with news and music. It was operated by O. E. Schombel for the Alaska Electric Light & Power Company. In 1935 the station went on the air fulltime under the ownership of Edwin A. Kraft of Seattle. Its call letters were changed to KINY, and studios were established in the Goldstein Building. William J. Wagner and the Alaska Broadcasting Company bought the station in 1948, and since then it has expanded to include television. Its studios now are located on South Franklin Street, where E. J. "Buck" Emery presides as station manager.

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That Cleared The Air...

ALBANY, Ga. - (UPI) — Radio station WALG took up the subject of public apathy yesterday in its daily morning talk show, and invited listeners to call in with their views. Only two calls were received during the four-hour show, a spokesman said.

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Disc jockey mayor has city in a spin



PITTSBURGH is in a spin over its new disc jockey...his honor, the mayor.
 Mayor Pete Flaherty is on the air for an hour every morning from 7:30 to 8:30, spinning records, giving weather reports and rapping with pop stars.
 Station KQV has given him a 13-week contract at a reported \$300 week.
 "But it's not the money," said the 49-year-old mayor, a lawyer.
 "I like it. Radio is nice and informal."
 And Flaherty, although a devout Sinatra man, is rapid-

ly becoming a fan of groups like Three Dog Night and Hodges, James and Smith.
 "Take the BTO (Bachman Turner Overdrive) and their 'Rolling Down the Highway'. Now that's a good sound", he said.
 Mayor Flaherty doesn't talk politics on his show—maybe a bit of traffic, a little weather

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 er and a sports result or two sprinkled in among the pop songs.
 "Good morning Pittsburgh", he tells the breakfast crowd, "we're having fun down here."

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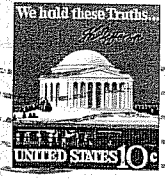
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