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Publisher's Notes

This is the final issue for the "weeklies" this volume, next issue will arrive in two weeks. Soft DX Monitors will continue to arrive every two weeks after that, but double-sized postal DX Monitors will be mailed every four weeks after that through August. -- RT

2002 IRCA Convention

Pending IRCA BoD approval, the 2002 IRCA Convention will be held near Seattle WA on August 16-18th 2002. **Bruce Portzer** and **Phil Bytheway** will be your hosts. The site is the "Towne and Country Suites", 14800 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila WA 98168. Reservations at 1-800 545-2323 (please mention IRCA discount). Their web site is www.towneandcountrysuites.com. Room rates: \$69/night (single), \$83/night (double-triple). Registration will be \$30.

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An update from your IRCA Internet representative:

I have had several suggestions for domain names sent to me:

- www.eirca.com
- www.goirca.com
- www.dxirca.com
- www.ircaonline.org

All of these are available. (In case you're wondering, irca.com, irca.net, and irca.org are already taken.) It was suggested that the .com, .net, and .org versions of the name all be registered so they all cause the same response, regardless of what was entered.

Since voting for TVA and RHA started last week, I really can't ask that this item be included with that vote - so I guess I'll have an informal vote on which domain name you prefer - or if you'd like to suggest another.

Let me know which you like - send me an e-mail at gmhollerman@earthlink.net. I'd like to get this done as soon as I can - if there aren't any objections, I'd like to close the voting on 4/23/02 - that's when the next issue of DXM is due - that ought to be enough time to dwell on this.

Thanks! **Lynn Hollerman**

Please note: Lynn's previous e-mail address at Yahoo! has been discontinued. Note the change on the back page as well. All messages to her should go to this new address, and this includes updates on your postal or e-mail addresses.

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Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA awards for 2001-2002

Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

Ted Vasilopoulos was a founding charter member of IRCA who died in 1965. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past year. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: **Ralph Sanserino, Lee Freshwater, Mike Sanburn, John C Johnson** and **Patrick Martin**.

Ric Heald Award (RHA)

The **Ric Heald** Award (RHA) was created in 1995 to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: **Lynn Hollerman, Nancy Johnson** and **Phil Bytheway**.

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All nominations must be received by the above no later than April 27, 2002.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1260 KSUR CA, Beverly Hills 3/23 is now "The Surf" standards. Was using KJAZ call until MM 3/25, then KSUR. At times // XEBACH-540. No increase in power on 1260 as yet. (GL-CA)

+ 3/31 0622 ID slogan "The Sur, great relaxing music like no where else on the dial." Mix of contemporary lite and NOS tunes. Noted same programming on XEBACH-540, but it was at about 10 second delay. Ex-KJAZ, KGIL, KNNS, KJQI. (MS-CA) (Didn't XEBACH change to XEJAZZ?-NJ)

580 CKY MB, Winnipeg had a fine signal at 0755 on 3/10 with ID as "Oldies KY-58." Hasn't moved to FM yet. (LG-MT)

600 CKBD BC, Vancouver 4/4 0306 not so easy with KOGO interfering. Slogan heard well "Unforgettable 600 AM." (DP-OR)

690 KOAQ NE, Terrytown 3/30 2340 Coasters song, then "KOAQ" ID through the jumble. (NP-AB)

700 KWLW UT, N. Salt Lake City 3/31 0715 good with Smokey and the Bandit theme, spot, "AM 700" ID. (MS-CA)

710 ?KUET? AZ, Black Canyon City was very weak but all alone under auroral conditions on 3/26 at 0755 with NOS music and plug for the station "Broadcasting from the great state of Arizona." It's the only one listed here. (LG-MT)

750 ?KERR? MT, Polson 4/4 0815 poor under KXL. Presumed with country music. KOAL already dissipated. (DP-OR)

800 KDFO CA, Bakersfield was weak but dominant at 0800 on 3/30 with ID as "Fox Sports Radio 800... sports talk for Bakersfield." (LG-MT)

870 KLSQ NV, Laughlin 4/4 0443 battling KFLD. Nice mix of Spanish music while waiting for ID. Also ad for "Joint-ritas" in Spanish. I suppose they do "Gold Bond Powder" in Spanish also. Hi. (DP-OR)

970 KTRW WA, Spokane 4/4 0800 ID then time check. Poor then fair with KUFO nulled. Totally lackluster announcer soliciting for callers. Nice mention of daily lineup of talk shows and then "... Spokane's only locally owned and operated radio station." (DP-OR)

1150 CKOC ON, Hamilton 3/29 0500 end of 60's song and then ID as "... oldies always sound better on Oldies 1150 CKOC," then quickly lost to CKBL. New for me. (NP-AB)

1230 KAAA AZ, Kingman 4/2 cut through the QRM from KSSR-OR with call ID at 0900. (LG-MT)

KORT ID, Grangeville apparent s/on 0800 4/4. (LG-MT)

KLAV NV, Las Vegas 3/31 0600 popped out of the jumble at just the right time with promo for program broadcast "Tuesday at 9am on KLAV." New for me. (NP-AB)

KZZR OR, Burns muscled through the QRM at 0900 on 3/24 with contemporary C&W and ID, which mentioned "Today's best country." (LG-MT)

?KWYZ? WA, Everett was probably the unID language station that was probably Korean at 0900 on 3/31. At top of the hour there was no ID, but I heard the standard four-pip Korean Broadcasting System interval signal which I've previously heard on KWYZ. Rarely heard. (LG-MT)

?CIYR? AB, Hinton 3/12 was on top at 1000 with standard YR network ID. I heard mentions of CKYR-Jasper and CKYR1-Grande Cache, followed by YR Radio News. I phoned a network engineer who confirmed NRC Log data: there are two YR stations on 1230, CIYR (1kw) and CKYR1 (50w). There's no way to know which one I heard, but I'm counting it as CIYR. New and very happy about this one. (LG-MT)

1290 KKAR NE, Omaha 3/30 2305 CBS news, ID as "Omaha's new talk 1290, the new K-Kar." (NP-AB)

1340 KTMM CO, Grand Junction 3/31 0000 "This is the sports authority, The Team, Sports Talk 1340 KTMM Grand Junction." (NP-AB)

1390 (KLTX) CA, Long Beach 3/31 0700 off air, save for open carrier. Back at 0928. (MS-CA)

1570 KCVR CA, Lodi 4/4 0914 fair, morning power boost brought them in. Female announcer in Spanish. Mariposa mentioned. (DP-OR)

WFRL IL, Freeport 3/31 heard fair to good with Nancy Wilson song, then at 0459:50 "The greatest music of all time ... WFRL, Freeport ... a Radio Works Station," into net news. (PM-OR)

1580 KWYD CO, Colorado Springs 3/28 had a religious promo at 0858, very strong. There was a report in DXM that it may have changed formats; apparently not. (LG-MT) (Evening of 4/5 I heard them with Savage Nation talk show.-NJ)

1620 (WPGG527) CA, Lakewood 3/31 0700 local pest TIS off the air this Easter morning. (MS-CA)

1630 KKWY WY, Fox Farm 3/31 0647 ID "We are your country, K-W-Y AM 1630." Classic country tunes. Some fading but dominant. (MS-CA)

1660 KTIQ CA, Merced 3/18 with Sporting News Radio and clear ID at 1000 atop KXOL. (LG-MT)

+ 3/30 1258 heard with Sporting News Radio talk show. ID at top of the hour as "KTIQ Sacramento Valley's own" into Sports Up-Date with a string of ads at 1303. Another ID as "You're listening to Sporting News Radio right here on 1660 Sports Radio," (noted with KXOL off). Best heard on the loop. (EK-AB)

1700 WPTZ516 CA, Oakland 4/1 0915 TIS heard with weather for northern CA, mention of I-80 and Hwy. 50, "1700 AM ... Oakland International Airport ... WPTZ516" Fair at best. New. (PM-OR)

KBGG IA, Des Moines 3/30 1202 with CNN newscast, over/under KQXX. 1205 into program called "For Your Health" with ID as "KBGG AM 1700" to 1210 tune-out. (EK-AB)

KQXX TX, Brownsville 3/30 1203 end of ABC news noted with KBGG with CNN news, into oldies music by Merrilee Rush and Righteous Brothers. No ID so presumed. Best on sloper. (EK-AB)

DX TEST

1110 (WTBQ) NY, Florida 4/1 0515-0600 nothing heard under KFAB. (FA-ID)

UNIDS

720 4/4 0841 possibly KUAL. Heard "Two-forty-one" at 2:41 given clearly. (Three hours west of here). Does that jive or did I stay up too long? Slight fading in & out till KFIR's blasting rooster crow s/on. (DP-OR)

800 Spanish-speaker with MST time check at 0754 on 3/30. I don't think this was XEROK because the loop bearing was N-S, not SE, plus the format was talk, not ranchera music. On same station 3/28 0755, announcer gave promo for FM on 98.1 "desde la capital de Mexico," so this is probably a Mexican. Is there a new border station here? (LG-MT)

1220 Station broke a Twins baseball game with commercials but no ID at 2300 on 4/3. Probably pest KDDR. (LG-MT)

Remember - now through August WDXR deadlines are every other Friday. Nancy 4/5 2100

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1110 WKRA MS, Holly Springs. 4-1 in mess, lots of interference. 00:05 ID. [LH-LA]

1580 KWYD CO, Colorado Springs. 4-5 loud. 20:59 with PSA, multi-station "Radio Colorado Network" ID into ABC News. 21:05 local spots into "The Savage Nation" Michael Savage talk show. [NJ-MT]

1630 KCJJ IA, Iowa City. 4-1 terrible interference. 00:10 with "The music station, KCJJ" into oldies music. [LH-LA]

25 YEARS AGO

In 1977 not as many issues were published during April as today. Join us next time for a look at the April 23, 1977 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor."

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to **Lynn** and **Nancy** we have a column this week. Hey! Wait a minute!! Is this a first for the club? All reporters to a DX column being female? This column was typed 4-12-02. 73, John

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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This week's Grayland Report is from **John Bryant**:

I was able to go out to Grayland almost a week before the main DXpedition with Don Nelson. We'd planned to do some serious antenna experiments but were frustrated by really nasty cold wet weather (snow, rain and high winds) and flooded fields where we string antennas. We were able to get the normal three Beverages and a K9AY up in four hours on nearly frozen and very wet feet, so the DXing was pretty good, despite the inability to carry out most of our experiments. During the middle part of the week, Don returned to his Portland home while I stayed on at Grayland. The conditions deteriorated very badly during that time with virtually no TP audio heard for two nights running due to a major solar storm. At least that allowed me to catch up on sleep for the Main Event, the Grayland 2002.3 DXpedition.

Gee, the DXpedition itself was a super time by/for all hands: Don Nelson, Guy Atkins, Nick Hall-Patch, John Fallows (of Ergo fame), Bruce Conti, Chuck Hutton, Bruce Portzer, John Bryant. Great fellowship, great info at Show and Tell and informally and some really GREAT DX. For the first time, we used Cybiko text messaging units (obsolescent text wireless text messaging PDAs from Japan available on ebay for \$25.00 or so.) Both the Cybiko and Nick Hall-Patch's famous computer-driven DX Radar proved their worth in the RRI Sorong logging... Nick, in the Back Room or our two room DX Central, spotted the activity on 909 and was savvy enough to know that it might be something good... Nick and the other Back Room Boys alerted the front room via the Cybiko and Don and I IDed the language (along with Guy) all within about 5 minutes, with no one taking their headphones off or moving a muscle. Those high-tech bass fishermen with their 200 HP racing bass boats and Fish Radar have got NOTHING on the Grayland crowd, by golly!

Anyway, here are my loggings from before and during the DXpedition. It appears that we will not be submitting a group log this year.

- 531 **AUSTRALIA** 2PM (pres.) W. Kempsey , Mar 24 1225 - Caught this station with the now well-known call change (from 2MC) running a 50s/60s Rock Oldies format at quite good levels. (Bryant-WA)
- 531 **JAPAN** JOQG NHK1 Morioka , Mar 16 1349 - 2 men in JJ discussion at low level. Parallel 594. (Bryant-WA)
- 550 **HAWAII** KMVI Wailuku , Mar 21 1354 - Here with The Bob and Dan Show on ESPN Radio at good level. Local ad at 1354 and local ID as 'You are listening to Hawaii's only all sports ... KMVI, Wailuku.' Over/under KOAC, Corvallis, OR. (Bryant-WA)
- 567 **NEW ZEALAND** 2YA Wellington , Mar 24 1200 - Female news reader with 1200 News at poor level. Noted parallel to 657. (Bryant-WA)
- 567 **JAPAN** JOIK NHK1 Sapporo , Mar 16 1352 - Noted here most mornings with programming parallel to 594. (Bryant-WA)
- 580 **ALASKA** KRSA Petersburg , Mar 19 0309 - Heard here during sunset skip in a jumble with normal dominant KFXD, Napa ID. ID was 'This is KRSA, Petersburg, serving southwest Alaska.' Believe that the programming was standards and even semi-classical instrumentals. (Bryant-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN** JOAK NHK 1 Tokyo , Mar 16 1352 - Noted here near dawn each morning of the DXpedition.. (Bryant-WA)

- 594 **AUSTRALIA** 3WV (pres.) Horsham , Mar 24 1245 - Believe this the one noted with Aussie-accented discussion of economics and politics at good level. (Bryant-WA)
- 620 **HAWAII** KIPA Hilo , Mar 21 1416 - Heard at fair level with EZL standards mixing with KFDX, Nampa, ID and others. Brief ID at 1420. (Bryant-WA)
- 639 **CHINA** CNR1 Unk. Location , Mar 16 1410 - Male + female news reader with news and commentary program plus possible weather near bottom of hour in standard CC. Good level. Parallel 7230 and 7350. (Bryant-WA)
- 650 **ALASKA** KENI Anchorage , Mar 22 1414 - Local ID and news/talk programming surfaced briefly in a furball with KSTE, Sacramento and normally dominant CISL, Vancouver. (Bryant-WA)
- 657 **NEW ZEALAND** 2YC Wellington , Mar 24 1200 - Noted with news at poor level parallel to 2YA 567 kHz. (Bryant-WA)
- 670 **HAWAII** KPUA Hilo , Mar 21 1447 - Noted here at good level over/under KBOI, Boise with what seemed to be CBS sports program. Singing KPUA at 1450 after a local Hawaiian PSA. (Bryant-WA)
- 690 **MEXICO** XETRA Tijuana BCN , Mar 19 0908 - Huge signal over riding CBU Vancouver with ESPN Sports and Xetra Sports 690 and ID in SS at TOH. (Bryant-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB NHK2 Tokyo , Mar 16 1245 - Logged throughout the DXpedition with sometimes excellent signals. Parallel the remainder of NHK2. (Bryant-WA)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL Sydney , Mar 24 1203 - The 1200 World and Australian ABC News here at fair level. (Bryant-WA)
- 738 **FRENCH POLYNESIA** RFO Tahiti Papeete , Mar 16 0930 - Noted here nightly throughout the DXpedition. Sometimes at good levels. (Bryant-WA)
- 738 **TAIWAN** BEL2 Penghu (tent.) , Mar 18 1145 - Tentative this with female speaker in standard CC. Not parallel 4990. Fair at times. (Bryant-WA)
- 747 **JAPAN** JOIB NHK2 Sapporo , Mar 16 1246 - Noted here throughout the DXpedition at good levels. (Bryant-WA)
- 750 **ALASKA** KFQD Anchorage , Mar 21 1427 - Pleased to hear KFQD with morning program in partial phase null of KXL Portland. Local weather, ads and ID. Good level but mixing with KXL and a third station. (Bryant-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB NHK2 Akita , Mar 16 1248 - Noted here throughout the DXpedition. This channel, along with 828 was consistently the strongest of the Japanese. (Bryant-WA)
- 792 **AUSTRALIA** 4RN Brisbane QSLD , Mar 19 1221 - Noted in passing with country music and a DU accented DJ. Mentions of 'Stralia, Brisbane, Sydney, etc. Occasionally good level. (Bryant-WA)
- 828 **JAPAN** JOBB NHK2 Osaka , Mar 16 1250 - Noted here throughout the DXpedition. This channel was usually the strongest TP on the band. (Bryant-WA)
- 846 **KIRIBATI** Radio Kiribati Naranakei , Mar 16 0940 - IHeard with talk in island language and into beautiful island chorus. (Bryant-WA)
- 873 **JAPAN** JOGB NHK2 Kumamoto , Mar 16 0821 - Kumamoto was here parallel the other NHK2s about 50% of the mornings. Usually with only a fair signal. (Bryant-WA)
- 891 **JAPAN** JOHK NHK1 Sendai , Mar 16 1301 - Sendai noted with world and national news by male news reader at fair level. Also at good level at 1209, MAR 18. (Bryant-WA)
- 900 **HAWAII** KNUI Kahului , Mar 18 1125 - Fair level with usual Hawaiian music. Mixing with Victoria at good level. (Bryant-WA)
- 909 **INDONESIA** RRI Sorong, Sorong, Irian Jaya , Mar 24 1330 - This station first noted on Hall-Patch's DX Radar. Built to quite good levels by 1350 and kept right on going over TOH. Clearly Indonesian language with locally produced programming. Mostly discussion with some Indo-pops songs and phone calls, too. Many mentions of Sorong and several of Jakarta. There was no formal ID at 1400, though I did catch the woman announcer saying 'Dari Sorong' at 1400 (from Sorong.) I QSLed this station on the north coast of New Guinea Island in 1986 on 4875 kHz from Oklahoma. The v/s was Ricay D. Wader. I never thought I'd be privileged to hear this outpost station on MW. Wow! Thanks for the heads up, Nick!. (Bryant-WA)

945 **CHINA** CNR1 Unk. Location , Mar 18 1222 - Noted at fair level with M+F in standard CC, with music voice over at program end, 1230. Parallel 5030. (Bryant-WA)

954 **JAPAN** JOKR Tokyo , Mar 16 1302 - Noted with JJ popular numbers hosted by a male DJ. JOKR was usually the strongest Japanese commercial station on the band. (Bryant-WA)

972 **REP OF KOREA** HLCA KBS Dangjin , Mar 16 1304 - Here each morning of the DXpedition, often at excellent levels. (Bryant-WA)

990 **HAWAII** KHBZ (tent.) Honolulu , Mar 24 1450 - Noted what I believe was KHBZ with over-night talk program, PSAs and local slogans. This was long after dawn in Grayland. Will send a tentative report. (Bryant-WA)

1008 **NEW ZEALAND** 1ZD Tauranga , Mar 24 1220 - Noted at poor level, parallel to 1152. (Bryant-WA)

1008 **JAPAN** JOHR Osaka , Mar 16 1310 - With talk by M+F and into popular music followed by a commercial string. (Bryant-WA)

1035 **SOLOMON ISLANDS** SIBC Honiara , Mar 16 1017 - Pop music and then a time check by female announcer 'It's 17 minutes past nine. You are listening to Radio Hapi Isles.' and into weather in tok pisin. Fair level, parallel 5020. (Bryant-WA)

1035 **REP OF KOREA** HLCP Pohang , Mar 17 1035 - Noted with mixture of KK talk and music in parallel with 1305 and 3930 kHz. Not parallel 972. Poor to threshold level. (Bryant-WA)

1035 **NEW ZEALAND** 2ZB Wellington , Mar 24 1220 - 'News Talk ZB' at poor level. Parallel to 1152. (Bryant-WA)

1053 **REP. OF KOREA** Bubble Jammer , Mar 18 1241 - Bubble jammer noted at good level here each morning of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)

1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** V7AD Radio Majuro, Majuro , Mar 19 1230 - Noted here throughout the DXpedition at fair to good carrier level, but with quite low level modulation. The transmitter is being left on the air after sign-off (1000 sked) and heard as an Open Carrier as late as 1400. (Bryant-WA)

1110 **HAWAII** KAOI Kehei , Mar 24 1500 - Listed as silent in some references. This station positively IDed with call, local time-check, local commercials and network (CBS?) news. Mixing with two Pacific Northwest stations. Fair at peaks. (Bryant-WA)

1116 **AUSTRALIA** 4BC Brisbane QSLD , Mar 19 0852 - Sports talk show here at fair level, ID as 'Sports Today on 4BC Brisbane.'. (Bryant-WA)

1134 **JAPAN** JOQR Tokyo , Mar 23 1110 - Noted here with JJ discussion between M+F at moderate level. (Bryant-WA)

1134 **REP OF KOREA** KCBS Hwaseong , Mar 17 1356 - Broadcasting JJ programming until TOH when reverted to KK. KCBS time pips (3+ 1) then news headlines before beginning a very informal programming. It sounded like a remote from a very busy tavern. Hard to believe this 500 kW station is broadcasting JJ programming co-channel with JOQR, NCB Tokyo! Programming was parallel KCBS outlet on 972. (Bryant-WA)

1152 **NEW ZEALAND** 3ZC Timaru , Mar 24 1220 - 'News Talk ZB' programming noted at poor level but clearly in parallel between 1152 kHz. 3ZC Timaru, 1035 2ZB Wellington and 1008 1ZD Tauranga. (Bryant-WA)

1179 **JAPAN** JOOR Osaka , Mar 17 1317 - Radio play with both men and women. Very informal. Fair level. (Bryant-WA)

1188 **JAPAN** JOKP NHK1 Kitami , Mar 21 1342 - Noted here at threshold level in parallel with 594, NHK1 Tokyo. (Bryant-WA)

1197 **JAPAN** JOWL Asahikawa (pres.) , Mar 17 1157 - JJ talk and classical Japanese music program. This station noted regularly throughout DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)

1206 **CHINA** Yangbian RGD Yangbian, Man. , Mar 18 1243 - Noted with KK (usual language) phone-in program at good level. (Bryant-WA)

1242 **JAPAN** JOLF Tokyo , Mar 17 1200 - Single time pip then female announcer with voice-over net ID and into instrumental music. Poor level. (Bryant-WA)

1287 **JAPAN** JOHR Sapporo ., Mar 17 1237 - Fair to good level with JJ talk by two men. (Bryant-WA)

1296 **JAPAN** JOTK NHK 1 Matsue , Mar 22 1224 - Running a radio play at moderate level. JOTK presumed. (Bryant-WA)

1305 **REP OF KOREA** KBS Uljin , Mar 17 1327 - Mixture of KK talk and music in parallel with 1035 and 3930 kHz. Sometimes peaking to fair level. Not parallel to 972. (Bryant-WA)

1332 **JAPAN** JOSF Nagoya , Mar 17 1325 - Noted in passing at fair to poor levels. Female discussion in Japanese. (Bryant-WA)

1377 **CHINA** CNR1 Unk. Location , Mar 17 1220 - Male and female news reader in standard CC with news and commentary at good level // to 5955 kHz. Also noted in RR at 1405 on MAR 20, but believe this still the transmitter. (Bryant-WA)

1377 **UNID** UNID , Mar 16 1310 - As with DXpeditions for past 15 months or so, a HUGE open carrier noted here several AMs of the DXpedition. Believe this to be the Chinese transmitter on this freq., between programs. (Bryant-WA)

1386 **JAPAN** NHK2 Synchronos , Mar 16 1313 - Noted here most mornings of the DXpedition. (Bryant-WA)

1422 **JAPAN** JORF Yokohama , Mar 16 1318 - Low talk by Japanese man noted here most mornings. (Bryant-WA)

1475 **MALAYSIA** RTVM Kota Kinabalu , Mar 19 1253 - Noted here most of the morning as strong het. Occasional threshold audio around 1245. Only ID is that this propaganda station is only one in world on 1475. (Bryant-WA)

1500 **HAWAII** KUMU Honolulu , Mar 18 1128 - Dominating frequency at peaks with EZ jazz programming. IDs as 'Kumu, AM 1500.' Sometimes mixing with Chinese programming from (presumed) Duncan, BC station. (Bryant-WA)

1539 **CHINA** BED78(pres.) Tainan , Mar 22 1305 - Believe this heard with seeming news or commentary in standard CC until 1315 followed by a mixture of EE phrases and CC which may have been EE language lessons. (Bryant-WA)

1548 **AUSTRALIA** 4QD, Emerald , Mar 24 1420 - Presumed this noted in passing with Aussie-accented discussion of cricket. Fair to poor level. (Bryant-WA)

1557 **TAIWAN** WYFR Family Radio Kouhu , Mar 17 1205 - Noted in passing at good level with music program in standard CC. (Bryant-WA)

1566 **REP OF KOREA** HLAZ Cheju Island , Mar 17 1234 - This FEBC outlet noted throughout the DXpedition around 1300 with sometimes phenomenal levels. Religious programming in CC and JJ. (Bryant-WA)

1575 **THAILAND** VOA Ayutthaya , Mar 17 1225 - Noted for 90 minutes in SEAs languages with strength peaking at S-9!. (Bryant-WA)

1593 **CHINA** CNR1 Unk. Location , Mar 18 1246 - English language lesson ending at 1245 with instrumental music. Into seeming lengthy PSA between segments; almost a radio play. Excellent production. Parallel 5030. CNR pips at hour. (Bryant-WA)

1593 **JAPAN** NHK Synchronos (Niigata/Matsue) , Mar 21 1340 - Noted here mixing with the Chinese with EE lessons // 774. Poor. (Bryant-WA)

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Deadlines are Mondays. Next deadline in two (2) weeks. ALL TIMES IN UTC. A nice report from Mark Connelly. Thanks... pb

*** TRANSATLANTIC DX ***

531 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Ain-El-Beida, MAR 28 0020 - // 549 with slow Arabic vocal; slightly over presumed Spain / Madeira mix. [Connelly*rw-MA]

549 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Les Trembles, MAR 28 0016 - drums, strings, Arabic vocal; good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
+ APR 2 0407 - violin music, then a cappella Arabic male chant; loud. [Connelly*B-MA]

567 **IRELAND** RTE R.1, Tullamore, APR 2 0414 - bits of English talk by man; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]

576 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchronos, MAR 28 0015 - woman in Spanish; to fair peak. [Connelly*rw-MA]

612 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Sebaa-Aioun, MAR 28 0012 - female Arabic vocal; fair at first, then strong a bit later. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., MAR 28 0025 - // 639 with woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
639 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, La Coruna, MAR 28 0024 - Spanish talk; in CBN slop. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
657 **SPAIN** RNE R.5, Madrid, MAR 28 0026 - man & woman in Spanish; to good peak. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
711.05 **WESTERN SAHARA** RTM, Laayoune, MAR 28 0031 - Arabic vocal at low audio level on fair carrier; WOR phased. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
738 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, Barcelona, MAR 28 0033 - Spanish discussion; audible between CHCM slop peaks; WJIB/CHWO eliminated by cardioid phase null. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
774 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, MAR 28 0036 - man in Spanish; over others. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
783 **MAURITANIA** R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, MAR 27 2352 - // 4845 with Arabic teletalk show; good. + MAR 28 0041 - pop style Arabic music; signal was (as we say around here) "wicked loud". [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** COPE synchros, MAR 28 0202 - fast Spanish talk, teletalk; loud. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
855 **SPAIN** RNE R.1 synchros, MAR 28 0113 - // 1152 with old-time instrumental; in WEEI slop. + MAR 28 0203 - Spanish news by woman; good. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
864 **EGYPT** Holy Koran R., Santah, MAR 28 0204 - Koranic chanting; through jumble. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
882 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** COPE synchros, MAR 28 0205 - Spanish news; excellent. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
891 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Algiers, MAR 28 0050 - flute & string music; strong signal but light audio; WBPS phased. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
918 **SPAIN** R. Intercontinental, Madrid, MAR 28 0051 - woman in Spanish; in tough CJCH/WHJJ slop. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
945 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Toulouse, MAR 28 0052 - romantic French vocal; fair, over slop. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
981 **ALGERIA** RTVA Chaîne 2, Algiers, MAR 27 2346 - Arabic vocal; through WCAP/WOFX slop. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid, MAR 28 0055 - Spanish teletalk; fair.
+ MAR 28 0207 - // 882 with Cadena COPE ID, Spanish talk, piano music; huge. 1000 just had an amorphous fairly-weak jumble of Latin Americans. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
+ APR 1 0420 - Spanish music, talk; blowing out 1000. If CKBW is on, it must be on low power. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1044 **MOROCCO** Sebaa-Aioun, MAR 28 0058 - rustic Berber / African tribal sounding music with vocal & drums; over Spain and WEVD slop. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 28 0210 - // 1116 with woman in Spanish; fair. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, APR 1 0417 - TalkSport ID, mention of a "nil-nil" score; poor, in slop. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1098 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 28 0102 - Spanish news by woman; good. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1107 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 28 0110 - Spanish talk; mixed with unID second station; poor to fair. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros, MAR 28 0111 - Spanish teletalk; to fair peak. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1134 **CROATIA** Hrvatski R., Zadar, APR 7 0343 - folk choral music, similar to the Mystere des Voix Bulgares album a few years ago. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1143 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, MAR 28 0212 - // 999 with Spanish teletalk by man and woman; poor, over others. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1152 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, MAR 28 0113 - // 855 with nostalgic instrumental music; to fair peak. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1188 **HUNGARY** RFE, Marcali, APR 7 0337 - Slavic talk by man & woman; fair. [**Connelly*B-MA**]

1206 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Bordeaux, MAR 27 2336 - "Don't Get Me Wrong" by the Pretenders; to good peaks, but jumpy. Second station under (Israel or Iran ?) [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
+ APR 1 0026 - French vocal, style similar to that of Roger Whittaker; fair. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1215 **SPAIN** COPE synchros, APR 1 0410 - // 1296.05 with Spanish teletalk; poor to fair.
+ APR 4 0424 - // 1296.05 with sports-related talk. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1296.05 **SPAIN** COPE, Valencia, APR 1 0405 - Spanish news, then teletalk; fair. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1314 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, APR 4 0425 - Spanish talk; slightly over Norway. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1359 **SPAIN** Arganda, MAR 28 0118 - excited Spanish talk; fair.
+ MAR 28 0213 - Spanish talk with "buenas noches" mention; loud. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
+ APR 1 0340 - Spanish pop music; getting around WLYN/CKBC at times.
+ APR 4 0427 - Spanish talk about politics; loud. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1377 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Lille, MAR 28 0215 - sentimental music; to good peak despite being wedged between St. Pierre - 1375 and WMYF-1380 pest. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
+ APR 1 0037 - // 1557 with tenor vocal; to fair peak. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1413 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros, APR 4 0429 - Spanish talk with echo; fair. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1422 **GERMANY** DeutschlandRadio, Heusweiler, APR 1 0342 - classical music; poor. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1467 **FRANCE** TWR, Roumoules, APR 1 0343 - musical-box interval signal; huge, local-like. + APR 1 0403 - choir music and trumpets; good. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 4 0432 - // 1521 with fast Spanish talk; poor to fair. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1502.71 **unID** MAR 27 2330 - somebody a little bit off channel with growl against a 2-station mix on 1503. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA, Jeddah, MAR 27 2322 - Koranic male vocal; good, dominant. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1521 **SPAIN** SER, Castellon, APR 4 0432 - // 1485 with Spanish talk; to fair peak. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1530 **VATICAN CITY** R. Vaticana, APR 1 0359 - Vatican interval signal, then talk; poor, through phased WSAI.
+ APR 4 0440 - Slavic-sounding talk; mixed with WSAI. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1548 **KUWAIT** VOA Relay, Kabd - Kuwait City, MAR 27 2319 - schedule of VOA talk shows given, then sports talk about World Cup qualifying matches; loud ! [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
+ APR 1 0034 - VOA news about Middle East fighting; strong, one of the loudest TA's at the time. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1557 **FRANCE** France Bleu, Nice, MAR 27 2317 - // 1206 with vocal; through WQEW slop. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
+ APR 1 0037 - // 1377 with tenor male vocal; fair through WQEW slop. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1566 **IRAN** IRIB, Bandar Abbas, MAR 27 2326 - clearly // 15084 with alternating male and female announcers in Farsi; poor to fair with WQEW phased. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1575 **ITALY** RAI R. Uno synchros, APR 1 0355 - pre-sign-on ritual of glass-tapping and test tones; over Spain. + APR 1 0402 - Italian news. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1575 **KUWAIT** (CLANDESTINE) Al Mustaqbal, MAR 27 2315 - man in Arabic; dominant. [**Connelly*rw-MA**]
1575 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 1 0039 - Spanish teletalk; mixed with others.
+ APR 4 0436 - // 1584 with teletalk; good, over Italy. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1584 **SPAIN** SER synchros, APR 4 0436 - // 1575 with Spanish teletalk; in jumble. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1602 **SPAIN** R. Vitoria, Vitoria, APR 4 0437 - non-SER Spanish talk; to fair peak. [**Connelly*B-MA**]
1611 **VATICAN** R. Vaticana, Vatican City, APR 4 0438 - religious choral music; loud. [**Connelly*B-MA**]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** R. Vision Cristiana Internacional, South Caicos, MAR 28 0155 - talk about "la vida spiritual"; loud, over 531 het. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 535 **GRENADE** GBC, St. George's, MAR 28 0022 - Celine Dion or similar vocal; poor. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 670 **VENEZUELA** R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, MAR 28 0153 - Rumbos mentions and doorbells; fair over others. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 670 **unID** MAR 28 0027 - some kind of chanting; mixing with Venezuela. Surinam still active? [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 699.65 **unID** MAR 28 0028 - het, Spanish vocal and drums noted with receiver on LSB, 1.8 kHz bandwidth. About equal strength to the 700 kHz jumble (not much useful audio there either with a presumed Venezuela/Brazil mix). Any help, DXers in the Caribbean or Florida? [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** RCR, YVKS, Caracas, MAR 27 2357 - Venezuela newstalk; fair to good. Very strong a few minutes later. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 760 **BRAZIL** R. Uirapuru, ZYH588, Fortaleza, MAR 27 2353 - reverberated Portuguese talk; mixed with 2 Spanish-language stations, WJR phased.
+ MAR 28 0035 - "Brasil noticias" and "Radio Uirapuru" mentions, Portuguese talk; now strong and alone on channel. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, MAR 28 0150 - excited Spanish shouting with several mentions of Barranquilla and "campeones" (champions); blasting in. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 780 **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, MAR 28 0037 - reverberated talk, ZBVI mention, bargain store advert, then dancehall reggae; slightly over a dogpile of stations including Spanish & Portuguese talkers. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 800 **NETHERLANDS ANTILLES** (t) Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, MAR 28 0043 - possibly this with Portuguese talk; over/under VOWR with WCCM phased. I tuned to LSB to dodge Spain-801 het. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 820 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** Trinity Broadcast Network, Charlestown, MAR 27 2350 - preacher; good with WNYC phased.
+ MAR 28 0045 - // 7510 with instrumental version of "It's Now or Never" (Elvis hit); under WNYC. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1100 **ANTIGUA** R. ZDK, St. John's, MAR 28 0148 - reverberated Caribbean English talk by man, mention of a festival and "quality promotions", phone number possibly 734-5553; good, over Latin Americans with WTAM phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1110 **VENEZUELA** R. Carupano, YVQT, Carupano, MAR 28 0109 - Carupano & Venezuela mentions, sports coverage; fair to good with WBT phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1180 **CUBA** R. Rebelde, Villa Maria, MAR 28 0139 - // 5025 with woman in Spanish; over WHAM & Canaries-1179 het. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2, Hamilton, MAR 28 0137 - soft music, then inspirational talk; good, over WADO. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1610 **ANGUILLA** Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, MAR 28 0128 - // 6090 with preacher in English with periodic translations of his sermon into Spanish; fair over NH, ME, & MA TIS cluster. [Connelly*rw-MA]

*** COMMENTS ***

"Now that **DX News** is going to once a month, the "DX Season" is really getting off and running in a big way. (Does that sound like backwards logic or what? ... True just the same, now that sunset's at a useful time during the workweek, temperatures are milder, and outings to the shore are starting to happen again for several East Coast DXers.)" (Remember, folks, **SDXM** will be published every other week during the summer months, we do NOT go monthly - pb)

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TRANS ATLANTIC

BELARUS: The second program of Belaruskaje Radyjo has been renamed "Kanal Kultura". It no longer carries relays of BR1, but still has some Mayak (RSM) relays from Russia in the evening. The schedule: 0500 (Sat/Sun 0600) -2200, incl. relay RSM at 2100 (Sat 1800, Sun 1900) -2200. Kanal Kultura uses 873/1008/1026/1197 kHz. (Bernd Trutenau via MWDX)

FRANCE: 1062 Since 14th January, TDF broadcast Digital (DRM) and analogue tests on 1062 kHz from Villebon sur Yvette (12 miles south west Paris) with a power around 5 kW. The tests are not regular but at this time we have a continuous 4 minutes analogue program without identification, but with a dialogue in English with two people about "new technologies" and about "The futuroscope" in Poitiers (France). At certain times, this is a digital signal and only a noise can be heard (Thierry VIGNAUD - Boulogne-Billancourt (France) <http://www.emetteurs.fr.fm> alt-radio-uk via Steve Whitt, Medium Wave Circle email group via Mike Barraclough, Feb 13, DXLD)

The CSA, the French radio authority, have announced that they will soon make a number of MW frequencies available to the private sector. The first batch of five licences are expected next month. Interestingly, they call these "AM" licences. The term "ondes moyennes" (mediumwave) is no longer used. Meanwhile Radio France have relinquished two of their unused channels, 585 kHz in Marseille and 963 kHz in Paris. What is still unclear, is whether the CSA wants to let the private sector use the high power TdF stations previously used by Radio France or simply make the frequencies available for stations to set up their own LP transmitters. RMC Info, Littoral AM, Superloustic and Ciel AM are widely regarded as favourites for the first batch of licences. Ciel AM make no secret of the fact that they want a channel in Marseille and Lyon in addition to the one in Paris, which they feel they should get automatically since they ran an experimental station there a while ago. (Rémy Friess via MWC e-mail news 23.1.2002)

GERMANY: The media authority of the German state Sachsen-Anhalt has two applicants for the vacant 261 frequency: 1. Starlet Media AG with the program "Radio COUNTRYSTAR". 2. Europäische Rundfunk- und Fernseh GmbH Europa 1 with the program "Europe1". — Re item two, I seriously doubt that Europe 1 really intends to put it's French program on 261, instead they have probably the establishment of a true German branch in mind. The mentioned company is according all available sources actually called "Europäische Rundfunk und Fernsehen AG", not GmbH (limited liability company). This is in fact the mailbox of Europe 1 in Germany, responsible for the operation of the 183 kHz transmitter. The other applicant has a presentation at <http://www.starletmediaag.de>. (Kai Ludwig 8.3.2002) Megaradio states that first tests of the new 500 kW transmitter at Burg 1575 (so far running 10 kW only) can be expected within the next days. Contrary to previous information, 1575 will run high power for 24 hours. All other own frequencies (576, 630, 693, 738, 1116, 1431) will stay on 24 hours, too, at least for the time being. Next project of Megaradio are outlets at Heidelberg-Dossenheim, Freiburg-Lehen and Ravensburg. Like 738 at Stuttgart-Hirschlanden these will be new frequencies, they are not known/coordinated yet. (Michael Fuhr via Kai Ludwig GERMANY. Megaradio states that first tests of the new 500 kW transmitter on Burg 1575 (so far running 10 kW only) can be expected within the next days. Contrary to previous information 1575 will run high power for 24 hours. All other own frequencies (576, 630, 693, 738, 1116, 1431) will stay on 24 hours, too, at least for the time being. Next project of Megaradio are outlets at Heidelberg-Dossenheim, Freiburg-Lehen and Ravensburg. Like 738 at Stuttgart-Hirschlanden this will be new frequencies, they are not known/coordinated yet (Michael Fuhr via Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 2, DXLD) Some nice pictures of the Wilsdruff transmitter near Dresden can be found on a page actually not dealing with broadcasting at all:

<http://www.lte.ei.tum.de/~remling/digital/galerie/lte-ex-2000/vorschau.html>

In the fifth row the PA stage of the old 250 kW tx installed in 1953 is featured. The middle

picture shows two of the SRW-357 tubes, the right one in the foreground antenna switch and dummy load, in the background the HF pre-stages (the closet with open door contains the exciter, the other ones the amplifiers). Such txs were also installed at Berlin-Mahlsdorf/Uhlenhorst (693 and 1359), Burg (657 and 1575), Wachenbrunn (882) and Woebbelin (576, just to mention the last used frequencies), furthermore also at Plovdiv Bulgaria.

The PA stage has two pairs of tubes because one SRW-357 cannot handle more than 80 kW, but all preliminary stages exists once only, so it is not correct to describe the Burg set-up as 4 x 125 kW as certain publications did. The old longwave tx at Zehlendorf near Berlin, replaced by a new Telefunken rig not earlier than in 1998 or 1999, is of a similar design, with three such 250 kW PA stages combined to a single 750 kW (once again no multiple pre-stages, so again in the end a single transmitter).

The sixth row of pictures on the webpage shows the 153 metres (5/8 wavelength for 1044 kHz) pipe mast and its feeder line. The antenna house contains the current 1044 tx, a 20 kW Thomcast. The dish receives MDR info via the Astra satellite system as back-up for cases of circuit failure, an automatic switch puts the Astra signal on the air when there is no audio on the circuit from Dresden. There was a problem when parliament coverage was carried: During such sessions silence can occur... and trigger the switch. This indeed happened a couple of times, but now it is not common anymore since the switch was readjusted (Kai Ludwig, Germany, BC-DX Apr 2 via DXLD)

IRELAND: Sports program TeamTalk 252 (ex Atlantic 252) started on March 11. Web: www.teamtalk.com (Torre Ekblom and others)

LITHUANIA: On March 20, 2002, the Lithuanian Radio and Television Commission awarded a new private company - Radio Baltic Waves International - with a 5-year broadcasting licence for the following AM channels: 630 kHz 200 kW ERP=24.4 dBkW (~250 kW) ND Viesintos (to be moved to Vilnius region) - for daytime operations; 1386 kHz 1000 kW ERP=32.1 dBkW (~1600 kW) ND Sitkunai (or new site in Kaunas region) - for nighttime operations. The transmitter operator is the Lithuanian Radio and Television Transmitting Center. RBWI plans test transmissions on 1386 kHz with 150 kW. The Lithuanian Telecommunications Regulatory Authority has contacted the respective Russian authority to take away the harmful interference on 1386 kHz, which is emitted from the Bolshakovo radio center, Kaliningradskaya oblast (1200 kW, 275 deg). (Radio Baltic Waves International press release, 22.3.2002 via Bernd Trutenau, mwdx) The frequency of 1386 kHz was assigned to a 1000 kW (with a maximum ERP of 31.2dBW, ie. 1600kW) transmitter in Kaunas (USSR) in the Geneva MW/LW Plan 1975. When the USSR was dissolved, the ITU re-registered all transmitters to the successor states, according to the geographical coordinates given in the Geneva Plan. Thus, 1386 kHz was registered as "Kaunas, Lithuania", it is now a "Lithuanian frequency". Soviet or later Russian authorities never registered the site "Bolshakovo" or "Kaliningrad", which means that the operation of Bolshakovo or any transmitter in the Kaliningrad oblast on 1386 kHz is seen by the ITU as a violation of international telecommunications agreements. This concerns quite a number of frequencies in the successor states of the former USSR. For example, 1467 kHz which is used by a 150 kW transmitter at the radio centre in Maiac, Moldova (Pridnestrovye) was originally registered for a 300 kW transmitter in Kyiv in the Geneva Plan. It was never registered for a Moldovan site by Soviet or Moldovan authorities. Hence, the ITU registered it as a "Ukrainian frequency" after the end of the USSR. As late as in 1999, Ukrainian authorities re-confirmed this registration for a xr in Kyiv at the ITU. (Bernd Trutenau,mwdx)

MADAGASCAR: RTM is also back on MW good reception at 18.00 on 630 and 1554 possibly on 1323 too but not sure. (Mahendra Vaghjee, Mauritius, HCDX)

NETHERLANDS: Q The Beat is back on 1224 from m/v The Communicator broadcasting 24 hrs a day with the usual automated Rap and Urban format. Q The Beat is owned by Clear Channel and obviously the reason for the station returning to the air is that they will stand a better chance of obtaining a national FM channel as of September 1st when the new Zero Base frequency plan will be implemented. The government will prefer active stations. I think power on 1224 kHz is 50 kW; daytime reception is pretty good here in Denmark (Stig Hartvig Nielsen,Denmark, HCDX)

NORWAY: NRK, Kvitsøy: Local marine weather broadcast at 1103-1115 (this is not broadcast by other stations). Replies from the address: Norkring AS, Fagenhet AM, P.b. 38, 4180 Kvitsøy. (Jim Solatie 10.03.2002 via EuroLog 10.3.2002)

SPAIN: A new update of Spanish MW Stations List was uploaded at:

<http://www.aer-dx.org/listas/eaenom.htm> The list is compiled by Martín Estévez, ee@aer-dx.org, and edited by Pedro Sedano, editor@aer-dx.org both are members of AER Asociación Española de Radioescucha (= Spanish Radiolisting Association) <http://www.aer-dx.org> The data of every station are: QRG, Name, Location, Network, Kw, Observations, Tx Location, QSL, Address, Tel. and Fax. Next: web and e-mail. There are 3 PDF files sorted by frequency, by location and by network. (Pedro Sedano, hard-core-dx)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Dhabbaya-1314 BBC relays: 0900-0430. English 1300-1400 & 2200-0100, at other times in Persian, Pushto, Arabic. (Andreas Volk-D, ADDX via BC-DX)

SYRIA: Syrian R first (main) program in Arabic observed on March 29th on the new freq 936 kHz in \ to 783 and 918. Bcing time 0325-0035, during summer 0225-2335 UT. Here in Lithuania audible about 3 hours before the end of transmission, also at the time of s-on. Heard ID "Idha'atu-l-jumhuriya ti-l'arabiya as-suriya min dimashq" (Robertas Petraitis, Lithuania, BC-DX Apr 3 via DXLD)

UNITED KINGDOM: The Radio Authority announced today (19 March) that it has fined Virgin Radio £75,000 for a major failure of compliance, which led to a serious breach of the rules on taste, decency and offence to public feeling. This related to an item broadcast on Virgin Radio on 18 January 2002.

The broadcast concerned an on-air competition called 'Swear word hangman', at just before Midnight on 18 January. The broadcast involved a nine-year old child taking part by phone in a live on-air feature competition in which callers guess the letters of a sexually explicit phrase that uses swear words. The resulting program was highly offensive, and inappropriate even in the context of adult alternative comedy.

The Chair of the Authority, Richard Hooper, said: "The late night broadcast on Virgin Radio involving a child, for which the station is being fined £75,000, is totally unacceptable. This is a huge failure of compliance with the letter and the spirit of the 1990 Broadcasting Act rules on taste, decency and offence to public feeling. To its credit, Virgin Radio has acknowledged the seriousness of the complaint received, has made no attempt to excuse the content of the live broadcast, and has told us that it has taken steps to prevent this happening again. Without that immediate response, the Members of the Authority are clear that the sanctions imposed would have been even higher.

"I and my eight colleagues on the Radio Authority are fully aware that attitudes amongst adults, about programmes by and for adults, towards what constitutes indecency and offence have changed markedly over recent years. However, where children are involved, the Authority will use the full range of its powers to preserve clear standards of what is unacceptable, in order to protect children."

At their meeting on Thursday 14 March, the Members of the Authority stressed their grave concern over the failure of the company to have in place proper program production and supervision to ensure compliance with the requirements of Virgin's national AM and local London FM licences. (Radio Authority Press Release via John Williams, MWC)

VATICAN: Radio Vaticana now uses NF of 585 instead of 527 from Vatican City. (tnx Saverio De Cian) (Roberto Scaglione (BCLNEWS.IT editor), via MWC/HCDX)

YUGOSLAVIA (EX): Last week Serbia and Montenegro signed an agreement (about the future of the state named - until that day - Yugoslavia (Jugoslavija). A new state called "Serbia and Montenegro" (Srbija i Crna Gora) is an alliance of two almost independent countries with one president Vojislav Kostunica (Voyislav Kostunitsa). After 3 years, not earlier, the two countries may dissolve the alliance. The new alliance has two capitals: Beograd and Podgorica (Podgoritsa). Its economy is separated and there are two currencies: dinar in Serbia, euro in Montenegro. Serbia and Montenegro were what remained of the former Federative Republic of Yugoslavia composed of Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia. The countries regained their independence during several civil wars in the 90s. Vojvodina and Kosovo are parts of Serbia. (Karel Honzik, HCDX, 20 March 2002)

TRANS PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: 531 5UV Adelaide has now left air for 101.5 FM. (Bob Griffith's & Craig Edwards, Australian Radio DX Club - Jan/Feb 2002)

Brisbane youth broadcaster Switch FM was due to become Switch 1197 AM in March, but its survival depends on young listeners making the switch from FM to AM. Switch is run by the Brisbane Interactive Radio Group which won one of two free community radio licences from the ABA last December. Unsuccessful candidates for the AM frequency included tourism station Radio Queensland and the Silver Memories Community Radio Association. (John Davies, NZDXRL)

Increasing investor interest in buying radio spectrum and transmitter sites was confirmed with the sale of 578 transmitter sites to Macquarie Bank last week. NTL, whose network covers 98% of the Australian population, was sold to Macquarie for AU\$850 million. The transmitter sites collectively earn \$50 million annually. Macquarie plans to include them in its planned communications infrastructure fund. Investment analysts say that the long-term income-oriented nature of these assets would make transmitter sites most attractive to older investors seeking a retirement income. (Weekend Australian/AMT - APC News)

CHINA: 927 Beijing Tiyu BS has started on January 1, 2002 (Renming Wang via K. Urabe in ABI February issue via Y. Kato)

1206 Yambian PBS in Korean has a new schedule: 2120-1500 (continuous). (T. Yamashita in ABI February issue via Y. Kato)

HAWAII: KIFO Pearl City, HI now on 1370 ex 1380 still HPR. (Chuck Boehnke, via NRC)

RUSSIA: some changes to the MW spectrum in Vladivostok:

738 Europa Plus moved here from 1557 (formerly the freq had Russkoye R & R New Wave). 936 Radio Station VBC (studios in Vladivostok) is relayed in Dalnegorsk on 936, but the transmitter power is very low. I live about 100 km from Dalnegorsk, and cannot hear it. 1296 Ekho Moskvyy is off (temporarily or forever?)

1557 new relay of R Shanson. (Igor Ashikhmin, Primorskiy kray, RUS, DX Signal Feb 17, BC-DX 563, 21 Feb 2002)

SAMOA (AMERICAN): WDJD near Pago Pago, American Samoa is now conducting tests on 585 with 5kW power. Official sign-on date is April 13. I've asked the acting station manager, Vickie Haleck for precise dates and times for tests as well as an address for DX reports. The station is DX friendly, wants reports. Programs are 70% English/30% Samoan, ID slogan is 'for you and your family, 585 AM WDJD'. (David Ricquish, NZDXL)

TAIWAN: 1395 Cheng Sheng BC Tafa relay station ex Taliao relay station.

1485 An unofficial station heard here. Very good signal.

1503 An unofficial station heard here. Poor signal.

1593 Kinhsi Chih Sheng ex. Paiyun BS. (All above A. Yamanaka at Kaohsiung/Tainan, in ABI February issue via Y. Kato)

THAILAND: Radio Thailand Network 3 now operates 24h on 918 kHz in Bangkok. The format has changed slightly, with more live presentation, and at the top of most hours a 5-minute BBC WS news bulletin is relayed followed by a short bulletin of news about Thailand. A segment in French is now broadcast daily at 1430-1500, all other times appear to be in English. (Alan Davies 2.3.2002 via Arctic)

LATIN AMERICA

ARUBA: The following stations are at present active on Aruba. MW: 1320 R Holland Aruba, Savaneta 123-B, P. O. Box 2020, San Nicolas. Has replaced the Voice of Aruba. Heard 24 h // 89.9 MHz in Papiamentu except for a nightly Tourist program in English. FM: A total of 17 stations are on the air, most of them 24 hours a day. (Anker Petersen, visiting the West Indies, via DSWCI DX Window)

COLOMBIA: 1530 HJDN LV de la Misericordia, Medellín, ex La Bohemia Hector Arboleda 1540 HJB89 Emisora Brisas del Río Chico, Belmira, ex Radio Nuestra Señora del Socorro. Address: Calle 21, Cra 20 N° 20-14, Belmira. DG: Pbro Jesús E. Tobón C. (Arctic)

EL SALVADOR: 840 YSF Radio Santa Biblia, San Salvador, ex Radio Vanguardia. Humberto Molina via CRU via Arctic)

PANAMÁ: 800 Radio Caracol, David, new

960 Radio Romántica, Panamá, ex Onda Popular

960 CHT Stereo Digital, David. Address: Calle Central, David

980 Nuevos Horizontes, Panamá, new, not on the air - CP may be expired

1180 China Visión de Panamá, Panamá - CP but not yet on the air. Program in Mandarin.

1430 Radio Kids, Panamá, ex Radio Universal

1440 Nuevos Horizontes, Provincia de Veraguas, new, not on the air - CP may be expired

1450 Radio Melodía, Panamá, ex Radio 1450 AM Stereo

1480 Nuevos Horizontes, Chiriquí, new, not on the air - CP may be expired Dirección de Radio y TV web site (Arctic)

VENEZUELA: 980 YVQM LV de El Tigre, El Tigre, now affiliated to Unión Radio José Elías Díaz. 1190 YVZD Radiodifusora Cultural del Táchira, San Cristóbal, slogan "Vital 1190 AM". Schedule: 1000-0400 Rafael Rodríguez (Arctic)

VIRGIN ISLANDS (AMERICAN): 1620 WDHP Frederiksted, St. Croix. New station. Request for reception reports to WDHP, 1 Mahogany Road, Frederiksted, Virgin Islands (American). 10 kW. Telephone number + 1 340-778-1290. Sister station to WRRR-1290 and WAXJ 103.5 MHz. (Björn Malm, Arctic)

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