"Glad to see everything has gone smoothly during your transfer, which reminds me it's time to transfer thirteen of my dollars into your account for another great year in the N.R.C." (Rick Vitti, Connecticut)

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- Clipping Corner galore, including where we make the big time (see pg. 10)
- More on the energy crisis - RJE

NEW MEMBERS THIS ISSUE....

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* William Fait - 346 Walworth Dr., Cleveland, OH 44132
* Alan F. Gibler - 74½ Main St., Madison, Ohio 44057

RENEWALS

Keim, Carrington, deLorenzo, P. Hoffman, R. Moore, E. Wyman, Hobson, Hambly, Fountain, Lount.

NOTES & FROM NJPC.......

It now seems quite likely that the U.S. will be back on Daylight Saving Time, probably on 12/2, due to the energy crisis. Clippings inside give more info on this. If it happens, DXN's domestic sections will return to E.L.T. as they do in the Spring normally. CPC'ers: we expect that tests will run prevailing time after the change, but it would be most useful if those of you who have arranged tests (and those of you who are doing so with as yet unlisted stations) would double-check to see that the times we list after the changeover will be correct as E.L.T. !

FOR SALE: Hammarlund HQ-180 w/ mixer trimmer modification per GPN, outputs for SAW scope, SB-620 Spectrum Analyzer, Rustrak Strip Recorder, and coax connectors for FET Altazimuth loop. 3½ years old, electrically perfect. $250.00. Contact HQ, in writing only please.

- A British correspondent is having trouble locating the 10000 uh shielded coils for the FET altazimuth amplifier for his loop. If any of you out there wish to help him out, he can offer Litz wire in exchange. If you desire other arrangements, work out same with him. Reply to J. Ziedainis, 20, Hall Royd, Shipley, Yorkshire, BD 18 3ED, ENGLAND.
OLIVER PRITCHETT on Capital Radio's debut

Thanks to Auntie

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CLIPPING CORNER

We forgot who we are when we think we are O. Schmidt.

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C. P. C. TEST SCHEDULE

Mon. Nov. 19 - 0330-0400 * KTAE-1260 Taylor, TX
- 0330-0430 * KBND-1110 Bismarck, ND
- 0100-0130 * KBND-1180 Eau Claire, WI
- 0030-0050 * KWSU-1460 Ambridge, PA
- 0115-0300 * WRAS-1420 Fall River, MA
- 0330-

Sat. 22 - 0200-0300 * WKCR-1600 Elizabethtown, PA
- 0030-0300 * KFLO-1070 Clayton, NC
- 0100-0130 * KUSA-1420 Aiken, CA
- 0115-0300 * VSR-1440 Fall River, MA
- 0330-

Mon. 24 - 0030-0100 * WPAY-850 Poplar Bluff, MO
- 0200-0300 * KVH-1230 Beaver Falls, PA
- 0300-0330 * KMAY-1520 Mayville, ND
- 0100-0130 * WWM-1400 Bloomsburg, PA
- 0230-0300 * KWA-1550 Sheboygan, WI
- 0030-0050 * WPAY-850 Naval Station, FL
- 0200-0220 * WVAY-990 Waynesboro, VA
- 0200-0230 * K3YK-630 St. Louis, MO
- 0200-0240 * KINT-800 Janesville, WI
- 0230-0300 * K2AY-1170, Greeley, CO
- 0200-0230 * K4WY-1450 Albuquerque, NM
- 0200-0230 * WBUG-1070 Madison, WI
- 0100-0130 * WHIS-1450 Bluefield, WV

KXK - No program details. Rpts. to KTAE, 2nd & Porter, Taylor, TX 76574.
Arr. Carl Dababettin, NRC.

KBND - 10 kw. NDA 0330-0430 & 1 kw. DA 0400-0430 (null east). Call to be

KFX - No p.m. details. AE/M simulcast, 0067, V/s Len Snell, ENG Cons.,
Box 1060, Elizabethtown, 70202, Arr. Gene Patterson, NRC.

KFX - No p.m. details. Rpts. to CE, KFUU, 4917 Dunham Ave., St. Louis, 63105.
Arr. Jim Lowell, NRC.

KVU - No p.m. details. Rpts. to WDNC, Box 2126, Durban, 27702. No credit
available - NRC.

KWM - Will run on many IEs, calls desired, prepaid only at 412-266-1110.
V/s Richard Allen Panteleo, CE, Box 309, Ambridge, 15003, Arr. Dave
Schmidt, NRC.

KVU - Will use daytime directional array, GW IDs, also jingle every 4 or 5
minutes. semi-popular rock album. V/s: Ron Wootz, CE, Box 927, Fall
River, 02722, Arr. Frank Tutka, NRC.

KVU - No p.m. details. Rpts. to President, Box K, Primeville, 70774. (Ops,
V/s name is L. "Bob" Matheny). Arr. Stephen Pitts, NRC.

KVU - Will run on 10 kw. & data, frequent IEs. V/s: Scott Pendergraft, CE, WAMS,
Box 945, St. Louis, 63166, Arr. Tom Boyd, NRC.

KVU - No p.m. details. V/s: Leland D. Shefford, GM, KKVO, Valley Plaza

KVU - Will run on & anno'ts. V/s: James Rossen, CE, KBND, 100 Oth Ave., Beaver
Falls, 15010, Arr. Gene Patterson, NRC.

KVU - No p.m. details. V/s: Austin Kramer, GM, KMAV, Box 918, Mayville, 58257.
Arr. Carl Dababettin, NRC.

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Fairfax, Carrier still usual 11/1 MR, WFIL was weak behind them; heard on long-ood $k$st $k$ $k$ of the defunct mal clearance 4 currenu 1030-1230 Korean. 1500 -ANTIGUA signal The here are interesting and the other all talk. ZDK. Argentins. HJCE Voz de la Pacific 930 aht programs in - - - - 0250 for first logging. Ciudad on 1475. Voz de la tonight transmissions Malay 55 &'a -(C, W/HY) pd 1130. have read w/offset as returned at 0059, as noted. relaying is currently inactive. Good support this time, so without further comments, here is what is being heard.

- WYTW R. Capital on 10/21 at 0215, uses R. Capital and R. 710 ID. Pops mostly, fair signal. -ARGENTINA 151 AM Radio Ciudad de Buenos Aires, first logging with new slogan. 10/21 at 0230 w/ports ex. QRM from YYXY. -COLOMBIA HUQ R. Bogota, first logging, weak signal on 01/06 at 0230, QRM from Argentina. -COLOMBIA JUSS R. Continental w/ID "Desde Centro TODEMAL en Bogota." No R, fair signal on 11/1 at 0250 for first logging. -NICARAGUA KHU W. Masaguas, first logging during TN opening, fair around 0250 but gone by 0300 on 11/1. SS ballads and weak ID, 11/1 at 0305. -NICARAGUA YNU R. Masaguas, first logging during TN opening, fair around 0250 but gone by 0300 on 11/1. SS ballads and weak ID, 11/1 at 0305. -ANTIGUA ZEK Fair tape taken on 10/13 on a difficult channel at 0130. -DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAU Voz de la Libertad heard quite often now, at present around here 0130. -ANGOLA SSS R. Raku signal on 0155 w/15, local anthem and ID. Weak signal here. ---

MALAYSIA - Quara Malaysia, the overseas service of R. Malaysia, can still be heard on 1475 KHz with a program in Filipino (not Malay as earlier reported) at 1100-1200 GMT. This tx is almost certainly located in Sabah, Borneo. As is one of their new SW outlets,una in a remarkable signal in Tokyo.

SOUTH KOREA - The VOA programs in JKZ relayed from Okinawa can still be heard on 1210 and 1270 KHz around 1230-1400 GMT. The actual transmitter locations are still unknown, but it is logical to believe that these are the old transmitters of the defunct VUNC and Yangyang Islands. However, a report to the old VUNC was received as deliverable and no report to VOA HQ in Washington has not been acknowledged. Anyone with connections inside USIA who can clear up this mystery? -- HJX-1570 seems to have hit some red tape in the formular clearance with the IOR government for transmissions in languages other than Korean. Still only testing with classical music and AD in JKZ at 1230-1230 GMT with a change of antenna pattern at 1130. -- HKJF, KR Shang is currently on 1904-197 KHz (nominal 910). U.S.S.R. -- The Vladivostok tx on 1475 KHz, which relays R. Moscow in CC from 1500 CC was heard on various frequencies of 1473-1496 KHz during the period 20-30 October, but is now back on 14/5. From late October a new strong tx with probable location along Pacific Coast of Siberia has appeared on 1460-148 KHz/cont.

relay the "Majak" (i.e., 2nd HS program) from 1500 hours. The same program can be heard also on 1466 KHz, but much weaker.

Now a few items from prospective member H. Louis Aubee of Chambord, France relayed by H. Aubee.

-ENGLAND BBC transmitted list for Barmstaple is on. Heard days.

-SPAIN RNE Santander is now here, ex 971 with 20 kw.

-SPAIN RNE Bilbao is currently inactive.

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AUGUSTA Quite strong and clear w/chanting thru evening. Must have read s/ off msg at 0558 10/20, as returned at 0559 and was already playing anthem; then carrier off, leaving beacon "JAM" on frequency. (RF-NY)

ARGENTINA INTI Radio Corporacion, Masaguas noted 11/1, QRM partially looped w/moderate KSO-500 splash. (RI-IL)

ANTIGUA ZKQ Radio Sambodarres. Exceptionally clear and readable evening on 11/2. Modulation improved? Discussion of industry 2322 11/2. Clear audio with no crystal filter needed. Carrier still usual 57 to 8 this evening, but audio was sharper and clearer. They are at all leaving carriers on are still detectable WCMR as often tops 59 here. (RF-NY) - American storefront style rel of programs 0559-0102 10/15, probable ID lost to WFIL. (CC-NY)

CIVITANIA GBS Georgetown. Surprised to hear this one atop the channel 2320 on 11/2 reading numbers slowly in accent ed, tuned out to be a randomized bigopen game. strongest is clearly thru 2327 in which mantled tuning in next five, the National Lottery, etc; You are tuned up to the Cymas Broadcasting Service at 2327-30 into a single DX. WFIL was weak behind them; heard on longwire, and in/out w/WFIL for the next hour. Heard better on 11/1 w/loop, which cannot effectively kill WFIL, was not able to definitely ID the 760Coverage station at this time. (RF-NY)

-CUBA CMH Santa Clara, usually attached to La Voz de Cuba and R. Rebelie, was relaying Radyo Nacional net 1035-1038 10/22, looped WCMR way down for this one. (CC-NY) - R. Rebelie w/talk 0042 11/4 over WAXX. (RI-IL)

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670 - UNID LA My previous station with semi-classical and Mod mx was back with better signal on 10/29 at 0645 in SS. I now presume it was only the Cuban. (GS-BC)

680 - COLOMBIA HNMI Radio Nacional, Barranquilla noted on 10/31 2359-0002 with "Pines of Rome" IS and ID and into lite SS mx. Fighting the Puerto Rican. (CO-DR)

700 - PUERTO RICO TV and Radio San Juan pregnant saw other several SS and Mod mx signs on 11/4 w/ID at 0100 and into those SS. Good signal. (TS-NJ)

700 - COLOMBIA HNMI Radio Satavina, Call 2320-2330 on 11/2 man talking in SS mentioned slogan at various times, came through WGN quite well. (HS-OH)

710 - UNID Another SS speaking station under WGN, Is this Montego Bay? (CO-DR) This one, a variation of Jamaican. (ED)

710 - PIJU (Tentative) Heard on 11/5 from 0910-1100. Heard under the KBO OC & while latter was off. Oriental singing and chanting, accompanied by drums and guitar or sitar. PF was B-W, and definitely not Asian as not even 2055 was audible. Ill singer and male announcer in what could be Hindustani. Temp was w/bayn, then a hand, and at 1105 what sound like several bars of GQG. Either a-off or left in SS. (KSO-BC) 1973 WGN gives s/off for this one as 1100. PIJU no longer uses SS except for special occasions. (ED)

719 - VENEZUELA TVTV R. Capital, Caracas over WGR 11/5 at 2230. WRB back by 2300. (CO-DR) SS quite strong. (CO-DR)

720 - PORTUGAL ENE Porto, male announcer, probably mx or commercial COOS-0011 on 10/26. (GC-NJ)

720 - COLOMBIA HNMI Emisoras Unidos, Barranquilla on 11/6/6 apparently a news report giving town names, many Barranquilla as datelines for news and stories. ID and name 025 syndrome than back to news. Good to excellent signal over WNG, New. (TS-NJ)

730 - COLOMBIA HNMI Radio Melodica, Bogota 11/6/3 pop mx from tune in at 0605. Continuous thru amts and a complete ID at 0615. Alop freq w/ex sig. (TS-NJ)

730 - ECUADOR HNMI Radio Melodica, Quito. "Channel 740" surprisingly strong with thick Mexican accents and nulling. Also announced telephones 211-0055 on 02/17. (CO-DR)

737 - ISRAEL TBS Quadim w/AA chanting 2350-2357 on 10/12 mixing with BMN. (CO-DR)

738 - SPAIN BNE Barcelona w/ID, male announcer and SS NR mx on 11/5 0105-0109. (CO-DR)

750 - CUBA CNBC Television, Camaguey noted on 11/7/6 on GSL 0615-0630 within a few hundred HS of being on freq. Back 11/2 on 0300 to 0305. (TS-NJ)

750 - VENEZUELA TVTV Radio Mariscalito w/s/on moderately fast SS mx. Sound of bull "hooing" in background. ID by female and last by female. 11/5/6 (-10) through WGN. (KSO-BC)

751 - CUBA CNBC Radio Liberator, Camaguey heard off freq on 11/1 at 0300 w/SS drums. (CO-DR)

750 - COLOMBIA HNMI La Voz de Antioquia, Medellin 11/6/6 on WGB 0620-0630 ID, all mx otherwise. Good to ex sig. New. (TS-NJ) - 11/2 2200-2230 w/man in SS, blend of SS and English between each mx. Selections. Very strong at times but some fading. (HS-OH)

760 - BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZDK weak to fair, readable through WRCF splash. Alone on freq at 2374 on 10/19/6 in Copenhagen not yet in. (HR-NY)

760 - CUBA CNBC Radio Habana, 0057-0110 on 11/3 man in SS. Very clean through WGN. (CO-DR)

760 - PORTUGAL CBBA Radio Clubo Portugues w/ID Mod type vocal mx 0006-0012 on 10/12. Also seems to have seen only? (CO-DR)

760 - VENEZUELA Radio Difusora Venezuela, Caracas is still the station with this name here. Heard w/ID at 2330 on 11/3. (CO-DR)

800 - COLOMBIA HNMI TV Channel VTV Channel VTV 11/5/6 on SS ID on 11/2 was very clearly the call slogan for toby mx then a woman gave the slogan and more mx. Drowned everything on the freq. (HK-OH) - In well w/CBNR, 10/29 0105-0106. (CO-DR)

810 - PUERTO RICO WKNM San Juan was well atop a weak WGN 2330-2340 10/19. Moderate ID 10/18, rapid signal variations. Bright, uptempo local mx, fast-paced announcer. "Ab-b sway-say" singing IDs. Hard again under WGN later in the evening, but much weaker. (HR-NY)

850 - CUBA CMCA Radio Gordon, Havana 0050-0105 on 11/3. SS songs mixed with commercials. Very strong. (HR-NY) The Cubans don't run commercials, Henry. Suspect you had a mixture of CMCA and HNMI. (ED)
On October 11 a hearing was held in Federal District Court, Camden, New Jersey, to determine whether the temporary injunction against Carl McIntire's clandestine broadcasting should be made permanent. RFA's team of lawyers, then headed by former Camden mayor Al Pierce, argued that the FCC's regulations don't apply in international waters, where the anti-pirate broadcasting treaty (Geneva, 1959, signed by US 1961) supersedes the FCC's prerogatives. However, the judge disagreed and, on October 24, handed down a ruling in favor of the government. Lawyers sympathetic to RFA feel there is enough of what they see as contradictions to make an appeal worthwhile, and this appeal is scheduled to take place November 16. It may prove interesting, since former FCC Chief Counsel Benedict J. Cottone should be actively involved in his role as RFA attorney. He comes across one whose legal and technical knowledge is ideal for this sort of litigation.

The legal approach discussed so far involves the concept of "clean hands", namely that the government has no right to terminate McIntire's clandestine radio operation when it has been doing the same thing itself for years (e.g., clandestine Radio Americas/Swan; plus such black clandestines as Red Flag Radio and Voice of the Patriotic Militia's Front in South Vietnam or "Paske Radio" in Laos). There is also a question as to whether the shipboard clandestine station, Radio Free Cuba, operated for a time with the tacit consent of the US Coast Guard. RFA lawyers have toyed around with the idea of subpoenaing various intelligence and counterintelligence officials who may know details of these US clandestine radio operations... plus one or two other current or former high government officials. Whether these subpoenas would be allowed or not has not yet been made known.

The plans for RFA are fluid, but come down to four basic choices:
1) Operating a ship under foreign registry;
2) Legally reactivating WXUR;
3) Defying the court order and operating the ship as before; or
4) Giving up.

Since the last two choices are not seriously being considered, and since the second is a long shot, the most likely is the first. If this is decided upon, the approach will be unusual and should interest DX'ers even more than the prior operation. Details will be forthcoming as they become available.

The frequency in the AM band will remain essentially the same, i.e. 1608 KHz exactly or adjusted upwards to 1610 KHz or so. The reason for the upward adjustment bears on a most unusual tactic by which RFA may return to the air and will be explained later should this strategy be adopted.

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Larry Magne
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Dr. McIntire, who is a staunch supporter of Israel, has indicated he will use RFA to raise funds for the State of Israel and to relay the overseas broadcasts of the Israel Broadcasting Authority. Such a relay is technically difficult, due to the extremely high RF load that would enter the Shortwave receiver's front end while RFA's transmitter was on the air; but either by overcoming the RF problem on board ship or by use of tapes brought to the ship from a remote monitoring post (e.g., a dinghy containing a battery-powered SR-6A receiver and a Joystick antenna system) RFA should be able to beam Jerusalem's broadcasts throughout the northeastern United States at the upper end of the Medium Wave band.

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**Technical Briefs**

ITU sets '77 date. World administrative radio conference will be held in 1977, probably in Geneva, Switzerland, on ways in which 117-1122 GHz band can be shared between broadcast-satellite and terrestrial-fixed and land-mobile use.

Decision to hold meeting was made by International Telecommunication Union, in final hours of plenipotentiary conference in Torremolinos, Spain, which ended Oct. 26. Conference on 117-1122 GHz band, which is reserved for broadcast-satellite and terrestrial-fixed and land-mobile services, was sought by European members, who want way cleared for implementation of terrestrial services. All about AM's. National Radio Club, nonprofit organization serving long-distance AM-reception hobby, is offering its Night Pattern Book, listing directional nighttime patterns of all U.S. and Canadian AMs using contour scales of 300 and 900 mV/m. Item also pinpoints locations of non-directional nighttimers and has separate maps for each clear channel.

NRC also prints a frequency-monitoring stations. Airmailed for frequency checks should be kept off the air if DST goes through. On other hand, 1,650 daytimers do have presunrise authority permitting them to go on air at 6 a.m. local time. They will have no further hour in morning to broadcast. Commission is already hearing complaints from these stations' daytime competitors that do not have presunrise authority. And commission may soon hear from Canada and Mexico, too, for treaties permitting U.S. daytimers to go on presunrise at 6 a.m. local time were made when all three countries assumed U.S. would be on standard time for six months. Switch means American presunrise operators will interfere with Canadian and Mexican stations for far longer period than was expected.

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**Rules relaxed for frequency checks**

FCC heeds petition of NAB, Rountree to allow up to 40 days

The FCC has modified its rules governing frequency monitors and the maintenance of operating frequencies of broadcast stations by increasing the maximum interval allowed between successive frequency measurements on carrier and subcarrier frequencies. The interval, which had been 31 days, is now 40.

The rule change was the result of a petition by the National Association of Broadcasters and the Cincinnati engineering firm of J. G. Rountree. The FCC last August abandoned its requirement of 24-hour and daily frequency checks and instead said that frequencies should be checked often as necessary to insure that they are maintained within the prescribed tolerance, but that the interval between successive checks should not exceed 31 days.

Rountree and the NAB noted that licenses and commercial measuring services usually schedule frequency measurements on a specific day rather than a day of the month. Because of this practice, they suggested that measurements be made at least once each 2-month period but that the maximum interval be expanded to 40 days.

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**The problems of DST**

Close to 600 daytime radio stations will be adversely affected if country goes to year-round daylight-saving time, as President Nixon has urged as part of his answer to energy crisis. According to information FCC was compiling last week for Senate Committee, 380 daytimers are not authorized to begin broadcasting before sunrise -- 360 are ineligible because their presunrise service would interfere with Canadian or U.S. clear-channel stations. 220 simply have not applied for presunrise authority. Accordingly, biggest part of their audience will be driving to work while they are still off air if DST goes through.

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**Daytimers say savings time could cost them a lot of money**

*They would lose an hour of operations each day and 16% of revenues,* by estimate of Ray Livesay

Some AM operators are nervous about the year-round daylight saving time scheme announced last week by President Nixon as part of his energy plan. They fear all-year DST could hurt them economically.

One of them is J. R. (Ray) Livesay, owner of two daytime AM's in Illinois and Washington state, who is chairman of the Daytimer Broadcasters Association. He says DST would put daytime AM's at a disadvantage because those stations, such as his, without presunrise service authority from the FCC, would be kept off the air until later in the morning and robbed of valuable time that the extra hour in the evening could not make up for.

Livesay estimated that daytimers without PSA stand to suffer revenue declines as much as 10% if DST is implemented all year. He also saw disadvantages for daytimers with PSA, pointing out that those outlets would be forced to broadcast at reduced power, and hence coverage, an extra hour each morning.

Sam Morris, president and general manager of WOBN(AM), a daytimer in Alamosa Heights (San Antonio), Tex., agreed that DST would adversely affect many daytimers that regard their early morning time as more valuable than evening time.

The other side of the story came from James Arthur, president and general manager of WXUR(AM), a daytimer in Woodbridge, Va., who has PSA, he said, and even at reduced power could benefit from the extra hour of morning broadcasting because it can cover the Washington area.

Legislation to establish all-year DST as a conservation measure was introduced Oct. 19 by Senator Adlai Stevenson III (D-Ill.)

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**Measure Would Restore WXUR for McIntire**

WOODBURY, N. J. (AP) -- U.S. Rep. John F. Hunter (R-Ma.) said Thursday that he would introduce a bill in the House that would restore WIPK, McIntire's Media, Pa., radio station to the air.

The station, WXUR and WXUR-FM, went off the air in July after losing its license for alleged violations of the Federal Communications Commission's fairness doctrine.

Hunter said his bill would direct the FCC to restore the license until its normal expiration date of Aug. 1, 1973.

The fundamentalist minister tried to operate a pirate radio station aboard a converted minisweeper off the New Jersey coast. He went off the air voluntarily when the broadcast from the ship interfered with land-based broadcasts. The FCC has a suit against him for operating without a license off the coast.

Hunt, a former Gloucester County sheriff and former state police lieutenant, said in a statement: "The revocation of the license is in direct conflict with the rights of free speech outlined in the First Amendment."

This country in recent years has been bending over backwards to protect the rights of the liberal left in America."

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Ellsworth’s WDEA Battling

By Donald R. Larrabee
Telegram Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Radio sta-
tions WDEA at Ellsworth, Me., a
providential David in the awe-
some arena of broadcasting, is
ready to go to the mat with the
Goliath of clear channel radio-
stations.

The Federal Communications
Commission (FCC), after years
of indecisive bagging, is on
the verge of taking a serious look at
the whole "clear channel" pic-
ture because William Fiter,
who lives in Seal Harbor and
owns WDEA, believes Maine
should have a bigger broadcast
voice, not only in Maine but also
outside the state.

"I’m going to take it right
down the line," Fiter delined
in a telephone interview last
week, after the FCC agreed to
explore his request for a 50 kw
full-time station on 10,550 kc.

THAT REQUEST from Fiter
through his Washington legal
counsel, may not mean much to
the average listener at the mo-
moment, but it is profoundly up-
setting to WAP in Fort Worth, Tex.,
the 50 kw station operating night
and day on 820 khz and one of the last dozen clear-
channel radio stations operating in America.

Fiter is fighting big Texas
money, big Texas broadcasting
interests and an organization
known as the Clear Channel
Broadcasting Society, some of
who wantsNobody

to get in the act.

Clear channels are the high-
powered stations that can be
heard from coast to coast on
winter nights. During the
summer, most of them share fre-
quencies with other areas be-
cause distant reception during
daylight hours is limited to about
300 miles. Not so at night, when the others go off the air.

Such stations are valuable be-
cause at night, their signals carry
great distances in remote areas. This makes them among
the most desirable of all radio
stations since they can com-
mand greater advertising reve-
uins because of their broad
coverage.

IT HAS BEEN 12 years since
the FCC last examined the
clear channel situation. In the
intervening years, the commis-
sion has been under pressure
for a fresh look at the existing
clear channel operators, on the
one hand, and by people like
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As a result, according to
Rosenbloom, the Commis-
sion is preparing a rate-
making involved in many
months that will consider
all factors for the entire
question of opening up the
clear channels to other
station.

IT WILL also consider allow-
ing the existing stations to have
"super power," something that
Fort Worth is likely to request,
according to the lawyer.

Fiter believes that Maine is a
"severely underserved" radio
area and should have had a sta-
tion years ago capable of send-
ing out a state-wide signal to
the most remote areas.

ATTORNEY Michael Rosen-
bloom, who represents Fiter
before the FCC, said WDEA
applied more than four years ago
for an amendment to FCC rules
which would permit a duplica-
tion of Fort Worth’s 10,550 kc
obert frequency in Maine.

IN THE intervening years,
WAP in Fort Worth has suc-
cessfully opposed the so-called
"rule-making" but last spring
WDEA finally petitioned for a
waiver of the rules and actually
applied for the same clear
channel assignment.

"If you put that frequency in
Ellsworth, our service would be
weakened in almost one-half of
the country. It might be great
locally but people would not get
service from either of us a few
hundred miles south because of
the interference," Fiter claimed.

"We would be wiped out in
Minnesota, South Dakota and
Wisconsin," added Finkelstein.
"that would be a helvea price
to pay for a station in
Ellsworth.

Rosenbloom says he is con-
vinced WDEA, on the clear
channel frequency, would be
heard throughout Maine and
perhaps New England but it is
"desirable" whether it would be
heard in the mid-west.

"Because of the great dis-
tance between Fort Worth and
Ellsworth," he added, "WAP
would have a super-power op-
eration and we could still have
the frequency up in Maine. Of
course they don’t agree."

Fiter, a product of New York
network radio, has a deep com-
mitment to providing a "profes-
sional-type" service in Maine
where he thinks it is needed. He
would promote the same type of
diversified, broad-based pro-
gramming on the clear channel
as he now furnishes on 1170 kc
locally in Ellsworth. There is
one big difference; he would
probably get national advertis-
ing with the new outlet.

"I want to try and give the
people of Maine the best pro-
gramming possible," he said before it’s all over.

"Flash Tips" NN 11/12

WGIR-610 DX not heard 0200 t/in to 0210 t/out, when noted 565 TA
coming in. Check 0210 round various pitch TT u/MIT, Voice ID
hard at 0249.50. Only weak TT noted for the next half hour. I called
them about 0315 and spoke to the CE who told me there had been a
mixup on the times and that he had been on from 0100 to 0205. He
said he got another phone call at 0205 from someone asking why he
went off; he came back on the air, running non-DA from approxi-
ately 0230 to 0250, other times on night pattern with 1 kw. They
are doing modifications and can not now go to 5 kw. The CE said
they send more power towards the S and SW nights than days,
anyhow. Power goes North. They went non-DA again at my request
around 0320 to 0310 and gave several IDs, taped here and there and
called WIP. Evidently they are using non-DA with 1 kw daytime while
modifications are in progress, as he seemed to instantly be able to
switch from DA to non-DA. He finally went off the air at 0332. He
seemed interested in the test and is inclined to test again in the
Spring of 1974, when remodeling is completed there. WOKR was one
of my most-wanted domestics.

-Bob Foxworth
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sounded Mexican MM

And:

There's a new WVOV.

The sunset period on this may be to start minus.

A second weak station.

He picked the wqrnl-

I am.

10/30-

I joined the NRC.

EM.

WQEZ-1140 Cuba.

Evening,

To my knowledge, the only U.S. or Canadian on this U.S. religious format is New, Seattle. If so, it would make Seattle $3 heard (other two are NY-1140 & KMO-1000).

GARY ATTS:

200 West Burnett Avenue - Louisville, Kentucky - 40210

On October 11th, I received the log book since the last mailing in May.

WV1-1000 s/off 7:12 on 9/30.

WV1-1000 s/off 7:12.

Any new DXers are welcome.

Nuff said.

Mike Levantowicz

5509 Alpine Place - Apt. 102 - Rockville, Maryland - 20851

I haven't missed in some time, so my list of DX will be rather long.

I was able to make several

as a DXer.

3:30pm.

No traces of usual pest ECM for a change.

Coming back from a trip to Europe, I had a few interesting DXs

and not on a ship and have

been off w/off.

Superstart WVX-1600 makes 1600 IQ rough.

WI-1250 continued to be good.

My DX is almost 1150.

Will be р.r. 11/15.

In October 9/30.

My DX on 11/16.

My DX is a little mixed up.

I haven't missed in some time.

I'll try for

as a DXer.

A second weak station.

So, I decided to try and give it a go.

A second weak station.

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a report, as no answer last year.

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brevity list (no DKV) here goes. Two months of r/c s have brought
WBZ-1260 WXR-1360 WWMT-920 WHGI-1310 WSN-1360 WEJZ-1360 WGR-1370
WFRF-1380 WNE-1380 WMJX-940 & WHC-1140. Verity is in from CBN-740 & KLCO-1140
TST for eight months ago. Latest DX catches: ID/AE WACF-730 sof@ 6157.
WBZ-920 WAD-1380 sof@s on 1911.
Before 0, I tried the DX catch on 0. (Whose AR may actually be on 0/GN)
WBX-1260 WACF-1130 8th & BB with 0/CHN. The Verity ID is also
WACF-1000 WAD-1380 for Adams Motors in Lymington (5:10pm.
Others catch: WACX-1200 CQLJ-1410 & WGR-1240. Total so far 765,
45 states ten provinces & 26 countries. Does anyone know if XEXX-1950 is still
250? They were heard last year w/reception in KE at 2140am. That’s all for now.
73 in 10 DX friendly years. (WELCOME to the Musings, Brian, and we will be
watching for more DX from you! - EGC)

PIERRE TRENARDY - 1128-2e avenue - Quebec, Quebec
We have not reported for a while because I virtually had nothing to
say. I temporarily left the hobby but I’m slowly coming back to the DX bug.
Again this Fall, SSS & SWR might bring in interesting catches. XEKE-1570 (w/o
sign of CKW or CFBG), CSX-950, heard some nights ago. I didn’t record the dates
since it’s really nothing new. While NSP CFC-800 was off the air (w/its GC re-
mainder of course) I began thinking about DX. When I have the time I like to
communicate soon. I welcome tape senders and hockey fans. By the way, all
home games of our WHA Nordiques will be broadcast on CKW-1250 while all away
games will be heard over CFB-1060. I recently met the WHA-WM boys who make
the hockey broadcasts of the N.Y. Golden Eagles. I’ll always be glad to help any
DXers to verify any station around here.

MARKO KOSKES - God’s Narrows, Manitoba - FOB - WCO
The highlight of my Summer was my trip to the CQX Convention
in Kingston where I met Bob Postal, Ken Parkev, etc. My trip was
worth it, along with many other fine DXers. The convention included the usual
ball sessions, guest speakers, business meeting, etc., and also a tour of CFFC FM
& FM (Queens University Radio). For what it’s worth, here are the original
messages of the Kingston stations: CFFC - Canada’s finest Rugby Club; CFFC-
City of Kingston; CFFC- Pop; CFFC- Kingcome Wide-Standard (a local paper).
Since returning to WQH-500, I’ve logged a fair bit of DX as follows: 8/0-
XEX-950 @ 125am. 9/17- WACF-950 Minn. @ 1102pm; WREL-1220 Minn. @ 715pm.
9/20- WOC-1220 u/WHM @ 11:00am. MM 10/6- XVIX-950 Colo. @ 12:12Mats sof.
KMOJ-1730 WQE-800, WELN-200 WOC-1220 voice on 1241a. HJIK-750 Colombia l:
1, KHEX-1550 Gal. @ 605, WPTL-1390 N.Y. @ 2403. 1/30- Opening to NB brought
in two long-sought after catches: CFFC-1210 N.W.T. @ 635pm & APRS-1215 Thule,
Greenland @ 771pm. 10/15- My first definite TA opening. BBO-1210 @ 7171pm. R.
Lukens-1425 @ 4174; W.D.C.R-1225 Langenburg @ 757pm. 10/12-15 WFBG-1000 5.
D. N.Y. @ 1215. 10/13- Taping to Bob Hostetter. 1/30- Wonder if he is the same
Bob Hostetter who was very active in NRC a few years back?
10/23- CBN-1270 bottling CQSO @ 595pm. 1/30- WOC-1220. One verity:
WOC-950. I hope this reaches Ernie in reasonable time. The mail plane
hasn’t come in here for about a week.

JOHN JOHNSON - Hoboken, New Jersey
CX very good, also very funny. All Cubans & Mexicans coming in &
about even w/the Canadians. I would appreciate on the following: Who signed off
at 1Pm & 2Am on XM in Puerto Rico? Also who is the SS in back of WFR-850.
And here’s another one - who is the one in back of Mexican 566 AM? I wonder if Joe Rumer got my letter.

CHARLES E. CROY - Main Street - Adolphia, New Jersey - 07110
This is my first Musings as an NRC member. I am 24 years
old, work part time in a mortuary, work part time as a paid singer in an Anglican
paid choir, go to Trenton State College three days a week, play chess and am af-
filiated with USCF & I also live a little here & there. My DX family includes
"Nobby" my unsanitized 2-
mi/EQ loop is an excellent cook and keeps the rest of my DX family well fed. 
also have two outside IW aerials, one w/maximum pickup h/s & the other with
maximum h/s. These, although intended for my minimal SW activities, have helped
at times. My box score: IAS, 108 taped - Europe, EAS 28 taped - Africa/Middle
East eight taped - Domestic Day, 15 taped, Domestic night 29 taped. Domestic
SSS/SSS taped, with all catchings in the same report. I can basically call a tape-"worm,
I have no IQ but they are all old & I don’t keep any log independent of the tape file.
I don’t claim a reception when it isn’t on cassette, Best DX of late: CMB-1260 Reloj
Neg. w/total all-DX Format 12/22-12/23am 10/23, tentative YSME-150 R. Progreso,
San Salvador w/unusual wall接地 & a u.p. page w/ - Progresses they say it's too
slow &/or cannot be heard.

KEVIN LOWNDES - 1124 Girlyanne Road - Castle Hills - New Castle, Indiana - 19720
Moving right along, 10/22/ WGA-1600 7/12:10-12:20w/TT & my long
wanted. WGB-1500 w/10/m stations @ 1505-1515, 10/23 brought ID SS to 20:15-20:15ore. WGB-610. Very nice ID brought only WGR-1500 12:15-12:35 a.m.
for Pop, & what I thought was Joe Jones running a Pop on his DX WDG Jammer
was WGR-1150 from 1145 till 2:02w/TT & later till 2:30w/TT.

STEVE KENNEDY - 175 Round Grove Avenue - Sarasota, Florida - 33560
Nowdy y'all from the Snowbird Capital of America, hi! A referto
the recent DX report, I was with a friend of mine at a radio controller
for the Sarasota Fire Dept. & I’ve been DXing ten years. Total so far 358
heard, 30 states 50+5, 12 countries QSLed. I starteded new log on 7/11 for
a more accurate log as the old log I used was not very accurate. Presently, due
to weather in the area, it is not possible to DX. Therefore, I have found
a way to tune 500-1500w/TT up to 7m/sec & a crystal to tune 1.5-2m &a band in the
R. This is a done good set-up & if anyone has the bread, try it! During the
Summer, I spent time trying SW 5W. I have noticed that generally, 60% of the time
a DXer can expect a decent reply from a station, & 10% of that is reception re-
ports that are marked "verified". And now that the broadcast industry is going through a change, possibly money, possibly personnel, and
definitely the new reg:O-7) "RCA That’s why I left the broadcast business;
it’s too stinky for me. I have been trying to find any other DXers in my area who
would listen to a tape & listen for a while. Also other US DXers who works in the SS world also & need to learn some Spanish. It is
recommended to learn SS because the channels are full of Mexican, Cubans, & other
LAs. How does onemanage to get R. Paradise-1255 to QSL after four tries, EGC can you clue me in as they come in here like a load of bricks, & I’m getting desperate for a QSL. (Why not try the "so you call that Christianity"") approach?
That’s 30 for now. 73

MIKE LEVINTON - 5689 Halpine Place - Apt. 102 - Rockville, Maryland - 20851
I recently went on two DX-peditions away from home in search of
unusual daytime DX. The first, in late September, was to upper Montgomery Co.,
MD, about 20 miles from Rockville up Interstate 70-5. Twenty miles made a
great deal of difference as far as receptions were concerned. Particularly noteworthy
was the good signals such as WTMJ-600 WHER-590, WPWO-560 & WHER-1530. All appeared to be groundwave. I went up there a second time to check a weak later - and none can be heard from Rockville daytime. Also heard was that were tentatively WTVN-570 WHER-560 & WFIR-570 on the same trip. The second trip was to San Jose, N.J., off about halfway along Atlantic City & Cape May on the S Jersey coast, in the middle of October. Since these cost receptions had been described many times before in DX NEWS, I won’t say too much about them other than the signal.were very impressive. Even things like WPWO on 210 w/o having to point it. I got a tentative WTVN 7250-7500 c/w NY.
WTHM
5 200-0600, noted
WPAQ NC strong
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KSAL KS very weak /local CKOC, ID 1952 10/21 (JF)
1170 KJAS MO weak u/KVOO, no WWVA, s/off1930, 10/21 (JF)
1160 WLRK WI fair 1930-1950 on 10/23, fair (JF)
1190 WARD WI s/off WWA 1630 on 10/28 (JW)

W47BZ GA at 1730 s/off, 11/2, unusual sign-off text (CL) (Probably SSB and other unusual shriek, huh? (JS)

1330 WLCQ SC very strong w/erps 1850-1900 on 10/22, 1st time in 2 yr. (JMP)
1360 WNYL LA good w/ax 1801 on 11/2 (KDF)

440/4440 WA 1L /spots & CW 1826 on 10/29, fair (KDF)
1460 KZOU AR w/CW 1828 on 10/28, then s/off w/SSB, fair (KDF)
1480 WEND CT daytime sign here stronger than past few years, really messing up WCN, used to be unreadable u/them before, pattern change or non-DA? (CL) (WHM has been messed up for years-JS)

1500 WBBX NC 100 percent in control0945-0900 on 10/29, no WTOP (JWA)
1520 WARK NC on top w/nx 0745-0800 on 10/29, no "ID till past 0900 (JWA)

WWMW GA at 1730 w/off on 11/1, again 1650 on 11/2 after WTHE s/off (CL)

1570 WTMU MI smashing usual WTHP w/report of police calls from proceeding nite, 0855-0842 on 10/30, good to 0905 tune-out (JS)

* WYGR MO poor w/WKY w/CW mx & TL anner 1836 on 10/26 (KDF)

KTWN AR 11/2 at 1828 s/off w/SSB (KDF)

1580 KGCV TX 11/2 at 1830, good w/off w/CW, fair (KDF)

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1580 KGAV TX 11/2 at 1830, good w/off w/CW, fair (KDF)

**two items out of order

1370 WNGO MO tent w/ instrumental SSB 1926 on 10/16, 8 min early (JS)
1380 WHEL WI S9 and rock steady 1926 w/Lenefc pgm, ID 1931, into dinner mx, abruptly gone w/pattern switch 1933, switch 22 minutes late, UPS (JS)

midnight to sunrise

550 Unid TT noted 0115-0145 10/29, Cuban nulled and u/ WGR, no ID (DS)

550 KSD MO 11/5 alone s/off w/SSB 0000 (WBR)

550 KLVX TX surprise 10/7 1018 atop w/ID, 5/off w/SSB 0159 (RF)

580 WFOF TN 11/5 offf w/SSB, annunc said s/0437, not 0459 per log (HPR)

620 KTAR AR 10/29 0204 fair w/6-20 Action News-KTAR, ID and various mx items noted many times (KDF)

630 WPRO RI on 11/29 0142 (CL)

740 WRAM AL KT/OC, mx, SID 10/27 0169 (FRD)

740 WPFA NC strong KT/OC and Buddy Holly cuts 0123 on 10/27, many ID's (PRD)

740 WRCM TX typical CW schlock 11/5 0220-0230+ alone, first time this season (HWA)

740 WTAU VA 11/5 typical not noted 0120 on 11/5, may have SP, WAKT and und rockier all alone on freq (HWA)

910 CBRL PA good w/WKDQ /CW mx 0305-0315 (RF)

920 WGST GA 10/20 0547 w/mr, first time heard here, was a past in Ohio. (DS) Lot of things are pests in Ohio, fortunately some of them move to Delaware (JS)

940 WQRP PA ET/TT/OC on and off all AM 11/6, as usual not a single ID (JS)

950 KMOP WI has American Top 40 0800-0900, noted 10/29 and 11/5 (CL)

950 CFAM MS finally called ID 11/5 0242 w/"Emidio Southern Manassas" ID and CL mx (KDF)

960 KEYM NM 11/5 weak TT 0330, again 0337, on and off, ID 0339, more TT no trace of 11/5 test (JWB, HWA, JS) (KDF)

960 CNWS MS on 11/5 0330-0400+ w/mr, und well under, either CHNS of 3RR (HRM)

970 WWDJ NJ still on w/85 SM 11/4 0205+ (CL) Was noted off NM 10/25 by NJS per Miming, may have moved SP to MM regularly, not noted in Youngstown WM 11/5 either (SK)

990 WHEO OK 11/5 good w/0642 u/c WAVE (KDF)

990 WHEO AL strong 11/3 2425 tune-in, CW mx (CL)

1030 KTOY WI 0240, RS mx, "K-Two Nn" 0237, s/off 0300 on 10/15, loud w/XEZR looped, unn but nice to hear (JS) Finally dug out of JSX 10/29 w/XEZR nullled 0211, No mx, several IDs with station address given, rough, WY FF (RF)

1060 KHYM TX DX noted 0320-0332 off, back on 0400-0420+ on 11/3 (JS, KDF)

0319 noted w/better sig than June Ets (KDF) No sig of DX, ZNS-3 dominating 0300-0330, loud as KYW usually is (JWB) DX here was LAC w/CRP nullled, no sig of ZNS, weird cx this AM (HWA & JS) 11/5 10/29/31

1070 WGUI WV strong 10/27 ET/OC 0015, ID 0047 (PRD)

1090 KNCR CA tent weak id 0310 w/off after TT 11/5 (JWB)

1100 WMUS MO ET/TT/OC/MX 0050-0125 11/2, several loud IDs killing BAL (JS)

1110 Unid OH 0100 10/15 atop KAF w/wx for northern ON locations, a bit of far field, carrier very weak w/ID 0100 but no modulation, still there 0130, same thing noted 9/17 (RF) Most likely CBK Lindale Lake LITTM, heard well here several times and verified in 1966. (JS)

1110 WVLK WI 0000 10/27 w/SSB 0056-0700 (CL) WMRO PA 10/15 0240 (CL)

1150 WWVA IL strong 10/27 w/SSB 0040-0050, ID/0240+ as "Here on Kardsa" 0100 w/KLW (KDF)

1230 WBOA IL 10/29 0231 w/"Quad Cities" wx/wx ending, unn (KDF)

1230 WREX PA ET 10/29 0240 (CL)

1230 KIFM AK listened 11/2 but not heard, don't know why (SK)

1250 WREG WV sounded like this call wk/rock oldies 0107 10/29, tone call to station not answered (KDF) They have phones in WV7? (JS) Noted 11/1 0237-0246, mixture or RR and CW, seems to run mx 0242-0246 (HWA)

1240 WRTA PA 11/7 w/erection returns 0201-0205- sponsored by Frntw National Bank (HWA)

1260 WPTD MI 10/31 strong but under WMRO 0550 w/SSB (KDF)

1350 WCAQ NJ still on 0250+ 11/4. AN? (CL)

1350 WQWT KY 10/27 0631 fair w/ax and spots u/ WKC (KDF)

1350 WMJX NC 10/28 poor 0636 s/off w/GBX (KDF)

1350 WRXL VA still on w/GBS SM 11/4, when is SP? (CL)

1350 WNWA VA 10/30 fair-poor 0638 w/ID and spots, one 0000 (KDF)

1350 KCLB LA no 11/2 topping WSLR most of AM w/up-tempo SRK, many mentions of FM call CKQS, which may make ID a bit tricky at times (JS)
In view of the critical energy shortage and crisis, I should like to present certain suggestions which would, I feel, save large amounts of power at a minimal expense to the American public in terms of inconvenience, and to the interests which would be curtailed, in monetary losses:

1. Most broadcasting stations, both radio and television, use great quantities of power.
2. An alarmingly increasing number of these stations have resorted to 24-hour broadcasting within the last decade.
3. The numbers of persons who benefit by said 24-hour broadcasting is not only statistically small, but greatly underestimated by media professionals.
4. In the interests of conservation of energy, I propose that for the duration of the energy crisis, the following measures be taken:

a. **All broadcasting stations of a commercial or public nature must be silent and without transmitter power for a period of not less than four hours per night, not less than three nights per week.**

b. **All AM radio stations licensed to use 5000 watts of power or more during the nighttime hours shall be required to utilize no more than one-half** of said licensed maximum between the hours of midnight and 6:00 AM, prevailing local time.

c. **All FM and TV stations licensed to use 25,000 watts of power or more shall be required to utilize no more than one-half of said licensed maximum power between the hours of midnight and 6:00 AM, prevailing local time.**

These provisions may be waived only in the event of a local, regional, or national disaster, during which normal regulations may apply.