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WEEKLY REPORT.....No. 36.....6th JANUARY 1985.

And so, we enter yet another year, full of excitement and surprises, well, we hope so at least, and if the first week is anything to go by, we should never be short of anything to write about. We have kept to the big sheet yet again, so here's hoping we can fill it.

THE IRISH STATIONS. A general heading this week, as the news seems to be spread fairly evenly about. Nova have had an excellent signal and modulation all week, and I don't think anyone can complain at all this week. New Year's Eve, whilst not heard here, due to being out, saw Chris Cary at 7.00pm., followed later by Tony Allan who saw in midnight, then Noel Clancy until Peter Madison took over in the morning. Peter had been one of the two presenters doing live shows at Nova Park, and he simply stayed on and carried on with his programme. I spoke to him shortly after he finished, and he told me he was absolutely shattered and was going home to spend New Year's Day in bed.

In view of the impending station Q102, Nova decided to introduce a new line-up from the first. It was as follows :- 6.00am...Colm Hayes, 9.00am...Peter Madison, 11.00am...John Clarke, 2.00pm...Tony Allan...4.00pm...Greg Gaughran, 8.00pm...Chris Cary, Midnight..... Noel Clancy.

It certainly made a difference introducing three new styles into the line-up. It made it sound a new station. I am not sure whether it will remain that way, as Chris Cary has business commitments all over. A new name has been brought over from Liverpool, Trevor James, and he was heard doing a brief spot in the overnight show on Friday/Saturday morning, along with Joe Harrington, who is a presenter at Nova Park, and former Radio City and Sunshine Radio presenter. These two were both heard on air, together with regular overnight, weekend presenter, Derek James.

Nova are still asking for new presenters to send in tapes of themselves.

Due to good atmospheric conditions, Nova has been heard on FM all over Christmas and New Year, with one or two exceptions.

Also heard, has been the new station, Q102 with test transmissions, mainly continuous music and the odd jingle... 'the quiet storm...Q102'. At around 11.00am. on New Year's Day, the 1116khz., transmitter from North Dublin, finally came alive with music, and it gave people in a wider area a chance to hear the new station. Some time later the same day, the 1134khz., transmitter also came alive with the station's music, and at 2233gmt., at this QTH, Q102 could be heard on three separate channels. However, the following morning, we could find no trace of the station at all, and further enquiries revealed that the station had gone off suddenly in the night. On visiting the FM transmitter site, members of staff found the transmitter missing, obviously stolen by someone who does not want the station to go ahead. A lot of names of likely suspects have been mentioned, none of whom I intend to print here, but certainly the suspects would fall into two categories...rival stations....government departments...neither of whom, would wish a big new outfit with excellent quality FM, to appear on the airwaves. So, it's all quiet on 102 for the time being.

We have tended to neglect mentions for ABC radio over the holiday period, so here goes....This station moved into their plush new studios at 4 Arundel Square, Waterford, on 18th December 1984. On the Monday evening, they shut down at 7.00pm., in Tramore and by working non-stop throughout the night, were back on the air the next morning from Waterford. The new station line-up is as follows :- 7.00am(Breakfast Show)...Richard Staines.



10.00am(Up to Lunch)...Dave Hunt, 1.00pm.(ABC in the Afternoon)...  
Kevin McCarthy, 4.00pm.(Drive Time)...Tony Morrell.

We wish this station all the best for '85, and we hope they have as much success in the next three years, as they have had in the past three.

Radio Zodiac are still being received on 1410khz.(off channel), and have been heard announcing a 'Zodiac Roadshow'.

Radio Caroline Cork, currently on 1188khz., and 95.5mhz. FM, were heard testing a new transmitter on 1560khz., by Ken Baird in Scotland at 0110gmt., on Friday. This is reputed to be one of the many RCA ET transmitters still to be found. Cork City Local Radio had one, which may have gone to Galway. South Coast Radio had one too, this may well be it, although it did have a 1557khz., crystal with it, so why 1560? Their address is Radio Caroline Cork, Togher, Cork City, Eire.

Still in Cork city, many people still mourn the closure of South Coast Radio, and we often get reports that someone or other is planning to bring the station back.

Meanwhile, back in Dublin, reports over the holiday period indicate a number of FM only stations operating(these are small and out of reach of our receivers). They are as follows :-BFBS(Blanchardstown), probably, but not necessarily, standing for, Blanchardstown Free Broadcasting Service. This station was logged on 104.5FM stereo. Radio Commodore was heard on 95.7mhz. Active Radio on 96.9mhz. Centre Radio on 89.7mhz., with an excellent jingle package( obviously, the operator comes from Leicester!). Hospital Radio was heard from Portray on 96.4mhz., but this was no doubt intended just for the hospital mentioned, St. Eatchers, it sounded like, but I am sure that it is not spelt like that. We have logged this station previously on trips to Ireland.

CAROLINE. No improvement in signal at all here on 576khz. Hardly audible, although it can be heard especially around the middle of the in the Midlands. Monique comes in very well, as does Caroline on 963khz., at night. John Lewis left the ship early week, and Simon Barrett returned for a short spell. Mike Barrington was thought to be back on, following a mention in a programme, otherwise it is more or less as it was last week. If you cannot hear it properly, you cannot make much comment about it at all. One new name was heard on air during the night in the week, but his name was not noted.

LASER. A different story here, as regards the signal, which comes in really loud and clear during daylight hours. Just four presenters were noted this week....Rick Harris, Tommy Rivers, Dave Chaney and Charlie Wolfe. Moral is reputed to be rather low, and it has been mentioned in many circles that the station could be for sale. £1 million and 1½million dollars has been mentioned. There is a report in today's Sunday People, with a picture of Holly Michaels. At 1622gmt today, Laser's signal dropped considerably and the modulation deteriorated. At 1643, they went off. They came back at 1700 but have since gone off. North Easterly winds are known to be blowing out there in the North Sea, and these could be causing havoc with the aerial.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Latest news from there indicates that Dave Asher has returned to the ship(15th Dec.), and says that he is p..... off already!! Abie flew to Ethiopia on 16th leaving the lads in 'Peace' over the hols. He has chartered a Boeing 747 to take the equipment there and plans to set up a refugee camp with all the money he has raised.

Abie mentioned to the lads before he left that his lawyer was meeting Israel's Minister of Communications on 18th to try and get a license so that they can broadcast from Ashdod, at least for the Winter. The ship has just suffered its first Winter storm and everything was turned up side down, although the Captain insisted it was only a small storm.



The station suffered a blown-up generator, which was removed at Ashdod, but Abie did not seem unduly worried, as they still have two more, both in good working order.

Yet another new presenter has arrived, called Mark Edwards, who hails from Cork, Ireland. He claims to have worked for a couple of the stations there. Dave Thomas has finally left the ship and flew home on 19th Dec. Daavid Fortune, programme controller may not now leave the ship at the end of December as originally planned. Yet another new presenter is expected there at Christmas. There is no point in printing a programme line-up, as this changes almost daily at present.

Our thanks to Chris Taylor for all the VOP news this week, we look forward to the next batch.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. In the London area, Radio Jackie continues as ever. The adjourned court case will take place at the end of January.

Weekend pirate, South East Sounds has been getting very good reports, according to letters received here. It is a very informative station, it is said. We must get a current line-up and all other details.

In Liverpool, Central Radio on 1404khz., and Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., appear each weekend, but are only shadows of their former selves at present following the recent raids on them.

During the week just gone, a carrier was noted on 1035khz., coming from the direction of Liverpool. It appeared on a number of days during the week. At 1239gmt today, it came alive to the sounds of Storeton Community Radio, in mid-programme! So, we now have three back on air from there.

Sunshine in Ludlow and KFM in Cheshire can be noted, but not listened to here, due to other stations sharing the same channel. It is said that KFM are very strong now, but when we null out Capitol in Dublin, we get a mixture of Sunshine and them.

Another station is reported to be on air from the Manchester area, on 92.1mhz., but the name is not known at present.

Sounds Alternative were noted in the Midlands area today, on 1179khz., but with a poor signal, low modulation and grim audio.

Finally, we forgot to mention in last week's report, but there were plenty of American stations to listen to over the holiday period on medium wave. The best nights seemd to be 23rd and 24th., but stations could be received each night after about 11.00pm and in the mornings until daybreak.

Really, finally, Radio Kristal (yet another!) from Holland on 1612khz., Radio Perlee on 1616khz., and Radio Armada on 1613khz., all from Holland, were all logged by Ken Baird in the early hours of Saturday.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Two lots of logs this week, the New Years Day log and today's, although some stations were known to have been on the air on other days in the week.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LOG. from Podney R. Sixe in Cornwall. We could not receive anything except Radio Milano on 7295khz., the band sounded good, but nothing came through.

6240khz...Spectrum World Broadcasting at 1109gmt.

6280khz...Radio Lynda Int. at 1039gmt., off at 1159gmt.

7295khz...Radio Milano Int., at 0922gmt.

7315khz...Future World Radio at 1031gmt.

7365khz...Radio Benelux, at 0930gmt., with P.O.Box 41 etc...address.

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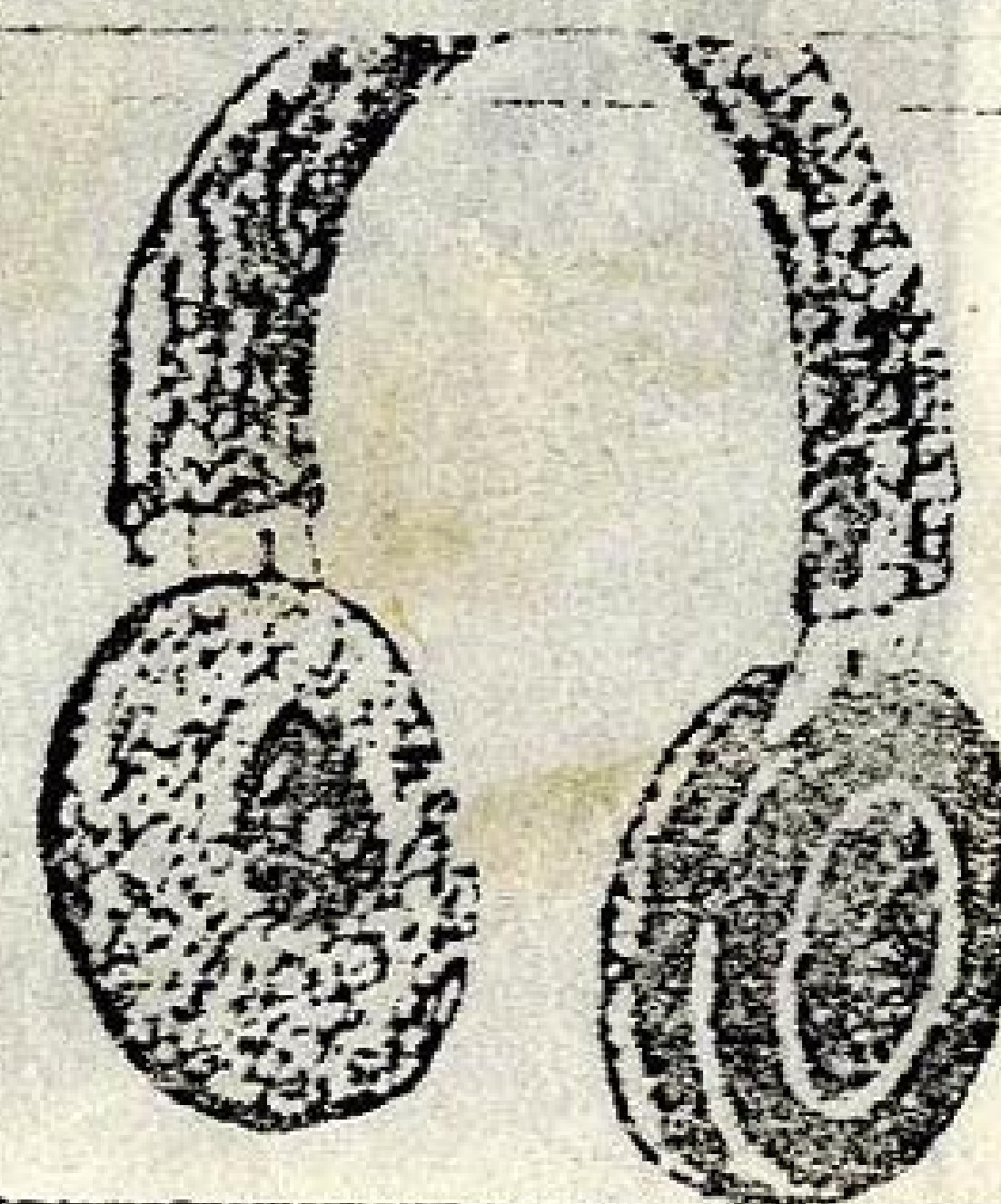
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LOG for Sunday 7th January 1985., from ourselves, Gary Hogg(Leeds), Ken Baird(Scotland), Dave Small(Midlands) and Graham Paul(Leicester).

6205khz...Radio Delmare, with continuous music at 1108gmt, later I.D.ing after 1300gmt.

6225khz...UNID at 1110gmt.

6235khz...Flying Dutchman Radio, playing only 'Flash' by the Duke of Burlington and making odd announcements about coming on with programmes as soon as he gets the modulation 100%. I suggest he goes off and sorts out his transmitter, before he even does any more tests, as it can only be a matter of time before he interferes with some important transmission. As it is, he is virtually obliterating the whole of the band now, when he comes on. He made his announcements in Dutch, English and 'his own language', but I am not sure what language it was. The address was Postbus 58, Westerbork, Holland. I shall send him a copy of this report in the hope that he reads the above and rectifies the matter with all urgency.

6238khz., and 6240khz...The above station at 1045 and 1016gmt., respec.

6240khz...Radio Tonair Int., at 1101gmt., interference caused by above.

6271khz...Radio 48 using a whip aerial from a car, at 1235gmt., only heard weakly in Scotland.

6280khz...Westside Radio Int., with a late start at 1123gmt(and 37 seconds!), but worth waiting for today, with an excellent signal and modulation, and relays of Q102, Shortwave report, and FRCI with Gerrard Roe from Radio Annabel.

6290khz...Radio Mi Amigo at 1223gmt., relaying Radio Nova, Dublin with a terrible lot of interference from teleprinters or the like, and a horrible heterodyne.

6311khz...Radio Ireland at 1104gmt., with an excellent signal all over the place(according to reports), but with the modulation a little bit on the low side.

6910khz...Radio Dublin, just, at 1400gmt. The reason, according to Dave Small, is the fact that the Mayak Service from The Soviet Union can be heard there on lower side band only, obliterating Radio Dublin's usually strong signal, a lot of the time.

7295khz...Radio Victoria(via Radio Milano Int.), at 1025gmt.

7318khz...(The Mighty) KBC, at 1114gmt.

7325khz...ABC Waterford, briefly around mid-day in Leeds and Scotland.

7340khz...UNID(R.Waves?), at 1031gmt.

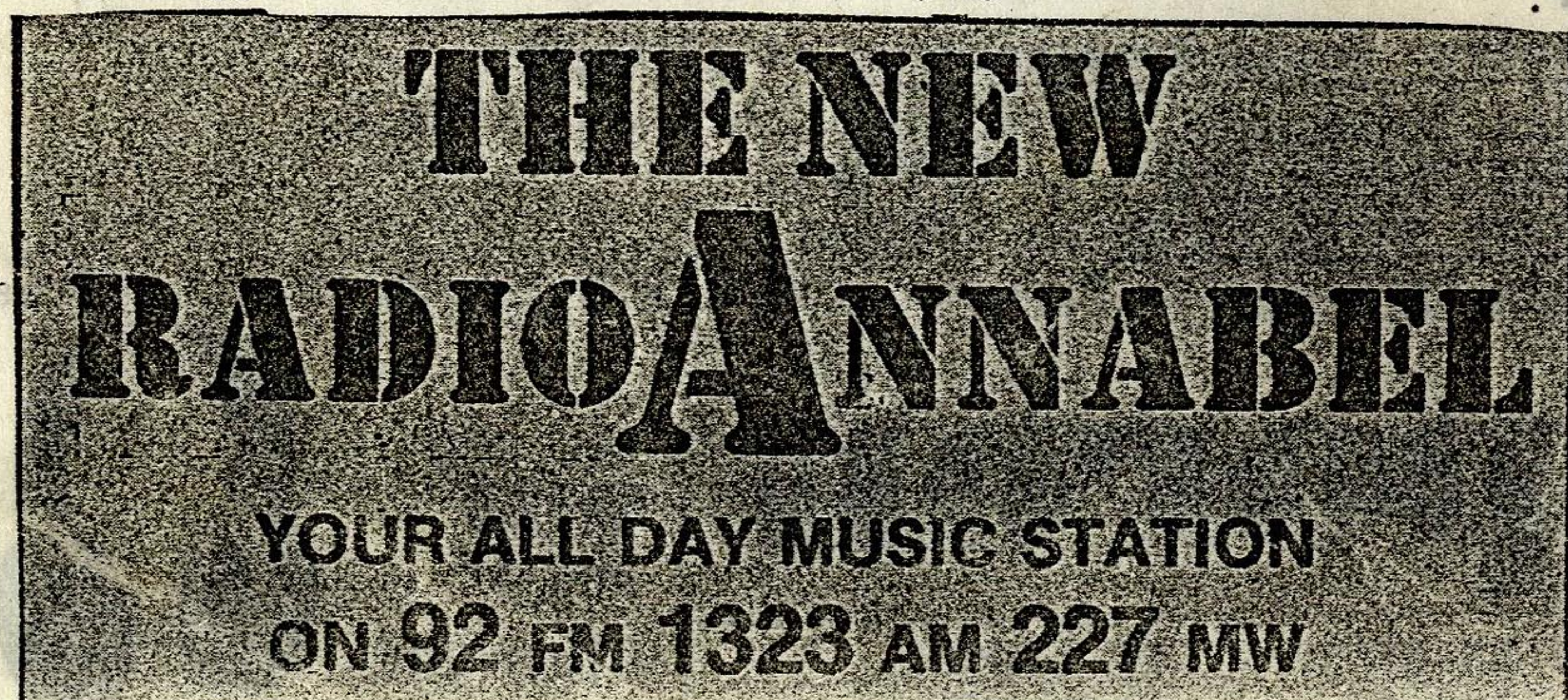
7373khz...UNID in Scotland at 1120gmt.

Also heard there(Scotland), 2718khz... a harmonic of Big 'M'(Castleblayney).

Not the best of days today, conditions were fair, but stations were few really.

Late news, just in....Sunday, 2149gmt., both Laser and Caroline are now off the air.

That is about it for this week, I will see if I can find one or two interesting bits to copy on the bottom of the page.





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Another eventful week, well, it was here, Ruth gave birth to a boy on Saturday morning at 0021gmt. To be named Lewis Adam Daniel, he weighed in at 7lbs and 10ounces. They are both doing well, needless to say, in fact Ruth was in such good form, she addressed all this week's envelopes.

On the radio scene, we left off last week, on Sunday at 2149gmt., with Caroline, Laser and the new one, Q102, all off the air for different reasons. This week, it is exactly 2149gmt., again(I am running very late, understandable), and the story is totally different. Details coming up!  
NOVA. Very few problems at all this week, transmission-wise, full power at all times(daytime, that is).

The station has decided to experiment with one or two new presenters, to give it a fresh sound, in view of expected competition. Monday saw, all night man, Noel Clancy, change places with recent new man from Liverpool, Trevor James. Noel did 8.00 till mid-night, Trevor, mid-night till 6.00am. By Thursday morning, the shifts had been altered, and yet another new man had appeared, Henry Owens. He was new in name only, better known as South Coast Radio's Alan Reid. He did 2.00am till 6.00am on both Thursday and Friday morning, and appeared from 10.00pm till 2.00am., later the same day. The weekend saw all the usual relief presenters, Hugh O'Brien, Dave Johnson, Dennis Murray, Aiden Cooney, Dave Harvey etc.

I am reliably informed that next week should see even more new voices, including an ex B.F.B.S. presenter, also Trevor will be returning to the U.K. side to continue with the roadshows. If the line-up settles at all, I shall print same in the next issue.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Q 102, is the main one in the news here. We left them last week off the air, due to the theft of vital transmitting gear from the site at Glencree in the Dublin mountains. Various bodies have been blamed for its disappearance, including RTE and Radio Annabel. The latter, I must add have been found completely blameless and apologies have gone out from Q 102. Radio Nova came to the rescue and supplied at very reasonable cost, further vital gear. At mid-night on Tuesday, Q 102 duly returned on 102.0mhz. FM in stereo and have been received on this side at most times since, with a slightly stronger signal than before, but with not quite the same quality. Continuous music tests have been heard only, not even jingles this time, but, even so, the station reckon that they are going to be on air, with full programmes tomorrow, Monday 14th Jan. If they do, it will be on FM only, as they have dispensed with the services of two guys who were running the two medium wave outlets. They do, however, intend to go on medium wave, as soon as they have got the transmitter sorted out and sited. I am told that if they do go on air, the likely line-up will be :-

Mid-night...Roland Burke,	5.00am...Eamon Kelly.
7.00am...Lawrence John,	10.00am...Jason Maine,
2.00pm...Chris Barrie,	7.00pm...John Kenny.

According to reports just in from Dublin, Q102's signal is rather directional, resulting in it being a bit weak in some areas not in the path of the beam. It seems to get into our area quite well, so we must be in line.

Ken Baird reports from Scotland a second Irish station heard under the 1125khz. transmissions of Radio Carousel. At 0100 the Irish national anthem was heard following popular music. The station then closed. It is possible it could be Radio Luimni from Limerick. This station would be likely to play such a tune to close down. Further reports are awaited.



Colleague in Cork, Alan Jones confirms that Radio Caroline Cork have shifted down the band, now they have a new transmitter, confirming Ken Baird's report of receiving them on 1560khz. They are reputed to have a power of 500w. Still in Cork, the jammer on ERI's 96.7mhz. frequency was turned off over the holiday period and on Christmas Eve, a station was heard under ERI, it could have been Middleton Community Radio suggested Alan.

Finally, as South Coast Radio were so very popular, it was suggested we print a list of where everyone has gone, here it is, as far as we know :-  
 Don Stevens and Keith York (and Steve Marshall, he did one or two shows).....  
 Atlantic Sound in Galway.....  
 Tony Allan and Alan Reid.....Radio Nova (Alan Reid as Henry Owens).  
 John Kenny...Q 102, Dublin.  
 John Lewis...Radio Caroline.....  
 Peter O'Neil, Jim Lockhart and Siobhan Walls...Radio ERI.  
 Peter Madison...Radio Nova.  
 Stevie Dunne...discoos in Norway and Denmark (as Stevie Gordon).  
 Andrew Hewkin...Radio Jackie in London.  
 Hugh Brown...Radio ERI.  
 Nick Richards...not working yet, but we could be hearing him very soon.  
 Mark Lawrence...Radio Jackie in London.

RADIO CAROLINE. Only minutes after the last week's issue was printed, it was reported on both ITN and Teletext, that Radio Caroline was adrift, after dragging its anchor. It went on to say that the life-boat was standing by in case it was needed, and had been busy all day rescuing various craft in distress in the Force 9/10 North Easterlies in the Southern North Sea.

Despite various attempts, we could not find any further information on the emergency until next morning, when Radio Nova reported that all was well, after attempts to lower the second anchor chain, had been successful. The next we learnt was that all was well on the ship, and that they were proceeding to return to their original anchorage under their own steam, and that they would return on the next day (Tuesday).

At around 1030gmt., on this day, music was heard on 576khz. Some little time later, a voice was heard to say that these were test transmissions from the MV Imagine! He mentioned 963khz., which suddenly sprang to life just after 1115gmt. Both stations continued in parallel. The following numbers were read out several times, 89, 101, 100, 147, 171, 133, 167, 155, 116, 114, 69, 72, 50, and 49). It was the Caroline raffle stated the DJ. The station went dead at exactly 1220gmt. Obviously the numbers were for the office on land telling them what the situation was, and what exactly was required. The reason for them not being heard until Friday was undoubtedly the fact that they were short of fuel and until the weather calmed down enabling fuel to reach them, they would conserve same, in case of further emergencies and the engines needing this fuel.

Both frequencies appeared on Friday morning, alive with music, 963khz., assuming Radio Monique at around 0815gmt., and 576khz., Caroline at around 0900. Following the arrival of the tender, a new presenter, Mark Summers was heard at mid-day and since then, Alton Andrews has also been noted on the air, along with main man, John Lewis. Everything now seems to be back to normal, and Jay Jackson was heard to say this on Friday morning during his show. News has been reported by Jay Jackson and John Lewis since the return, presumably the girls are taking a break.

LASER. This station, as reported earlier, went off the air about the same time as Caroline. Apart from a report saying they were heard in the night briefly, they were not heard again until about 1400gmt., on Thursday with continuous music. At 1525gmt., normal programmes returned with Rick Harris. It was suggested that the station was merely short of fuel, but this is strongly doubted



due to the way they went off last Sunday. David Lee Stone now seems to have re-appeared.

No news this week from the VOP, so straight on with...  
LAND-BASED STATIONS. Liverpool first, Storeton Community Radio have been on most days, 1035khz., missing only the odd spell (Friday). Radio Merseywaves and Central Radio have been noted at the weekends. All three stations are only shadows of their former selves following the raids, in which they lost all their vital transmitting gear.

Dave England from Wrekin City Radio, Telford reports that this station should be back on the air today following their special Christmas and New Year broadcasts. He also mentions a Radio Mi Amigo from the same town, but with only very low power.

Martin Deeley reports from the midlands...heard over the holiday period  
....24.12.84....Electronic Sound Transmission(EST)...on 103.0mhz.

....25.12.84....County Radio on 94.4mhz.

....25.12.84....UK Radio on 94.1 and 103.1mhz.

.....1.01.85....County Radio also on 1323khz.

.....1.01.85....UK Radio on 102.5 and 103.5mhz.

also heard with test transmissions...KCR FM(Kidderminster) 103.3mhz., with an address of P.O. Box 5 tec.

Also heard regularly, Sunshine Radio on 1017khz., and 103.6FM(not 103.5 as advertised).

Radio 104 in Leeds has apparently called it a day, all the wires were strewn on the ground on a recent drive past their QTH reports Gary Hogg.

Finally on land-based, Ken Baird reports Radio Casablanca on 1618khz., at 0024gmt., on Tuesday, with an address of P.O. Box 607, Emmen, Holland.

MAGAZINES. Whilst we eagerly await the next editions of Offshore Echos, CM Bulletin and FRM(Holland), and the final issue of Airspec News, a new magazine has made its appearance. It is called 'Wavelength' and issue No.1 dated December 1984, is now with us. We are selling them at 50p each and anyone wishing to subscribe should get the first copy from us, in which all details of subscriptions are contained. All the usual news is featured and this includes short-wave too. The magazine plans to be published every two months.

Finally, before the shortwave news, plans are well advanced for the forthcoming CM Movement Convention in London on 23rd March 1985. It looks like being even more successful than the 1983 event. People are already phoning me up asking how to get tickets. All details will be made known via this report, but do keep the date free, it will be a must for everyone, and a chance to meet colleagues and people who work on the stations, and I for one know that a good nuber will definitely be there, believe me.

SHORT-WAVE NEWS. First off as usual, amendments to last week's log, from Podney R. Sixe in Cornwall.....He logged La Voz de Sandino on 6200khz., at 0917gmt., Radio Camilo Cienfuegos on 6300khz., at 0745gmt(he does get up early!, I think we may be doing the same for a while!..), and Radio Time on 7105khz., at 1148gmt.

LOG for Sunday 13th January 1985(I said that last week was 7th. It was 6th!). This week's logs are courtesey of ourselves(albeit half-heartedly), Gary Hogg in Leeds, Ken Baird in Scotland and Dave Small in the Midlands.

6200khz...W.M.R.1 calling CQ48 with UNID on same channel at 1255gmt.

6200/6202khz...UNID at various times from 1130gmt., until 1300gmt.

6230khz...Flying Dutchman Radio with vastly improved modulation at 1037gmt., signing off at 1045gmt., although reports from Dave Small and Gary Hogg suggested he was using frequency modulation causing a spread of the signal.



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6240khz...Spectrum World Broadcasting at 1030gmt., with a good signal at this QTH, reporting a bumper mail bag from recent transmissions.  
 6280khz...Westside Radio Int. at 1104gmt., with poor signal at first, and improving greatly after 1115gmt. Prince Terry with shortwave report and Gerrard Roes FRCI programme.  
 6280khz...W.M.R.1. calling CQ48 at 1310gmt.  
 6289khz...Radio Mi Amigo at 1245gmt., but only received in the Midlands.  
 6312khz...Radio Ireland at various times between 1000 and 1154gmt.  
 6910khz...Radio Dublin on 6910khz., but not received here or in Scotland.  
 7295khz...Radio Victoria(via Radio Milano Int.), at 0930gmt.  
 7325gmt...ABC from Waterford, at 0955gmt., heard only in Leeds.  
 7325khz...Radio Maribu, weakly at 1234gmt., here and in the midlands.  
 7350khz...ABC from Waterford!, no doubt trying for a better channel at mid-day.  
 7445khz...Radio 101 at 0959gmt., closing down, following relay of KBC Radio.

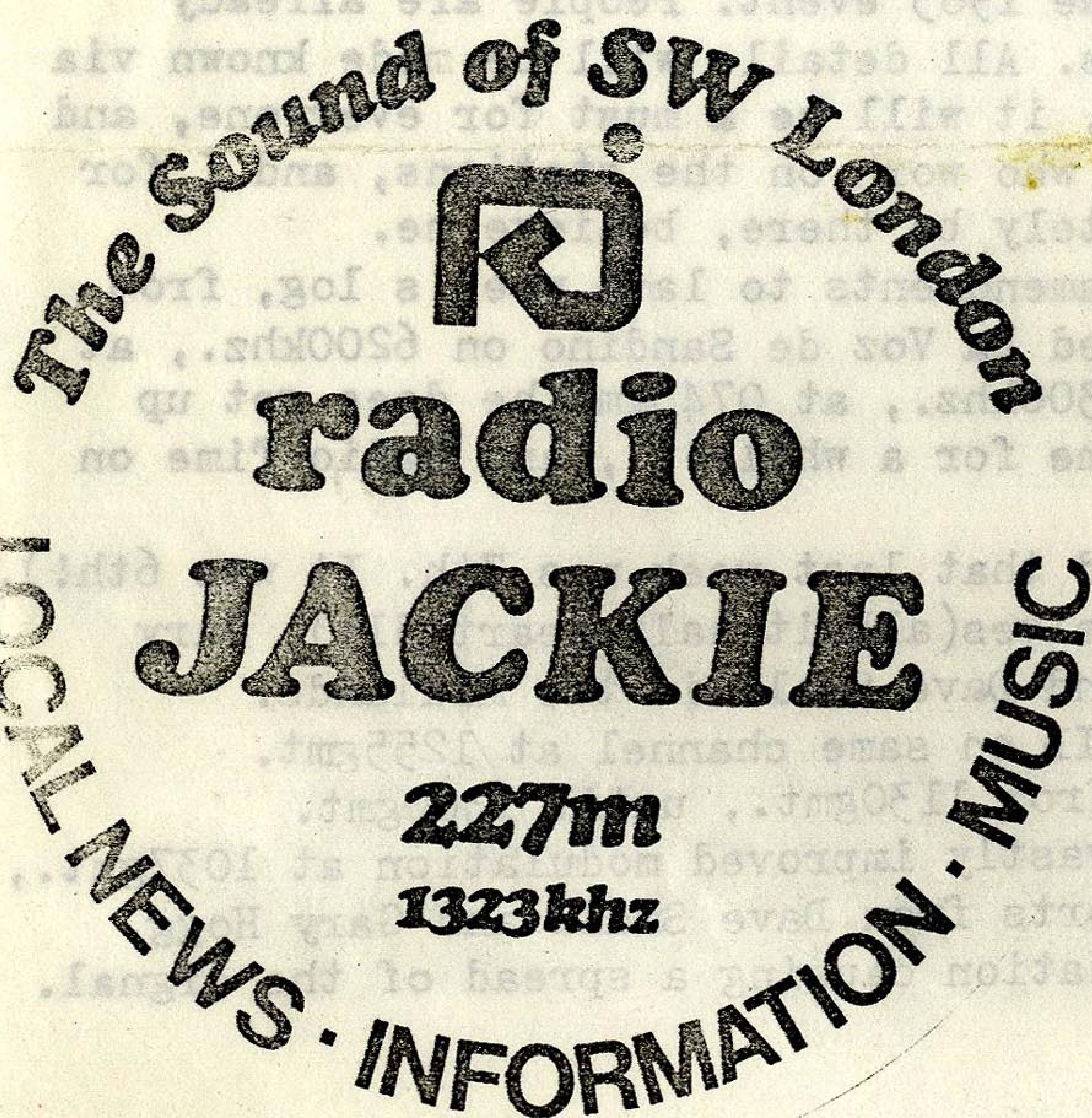
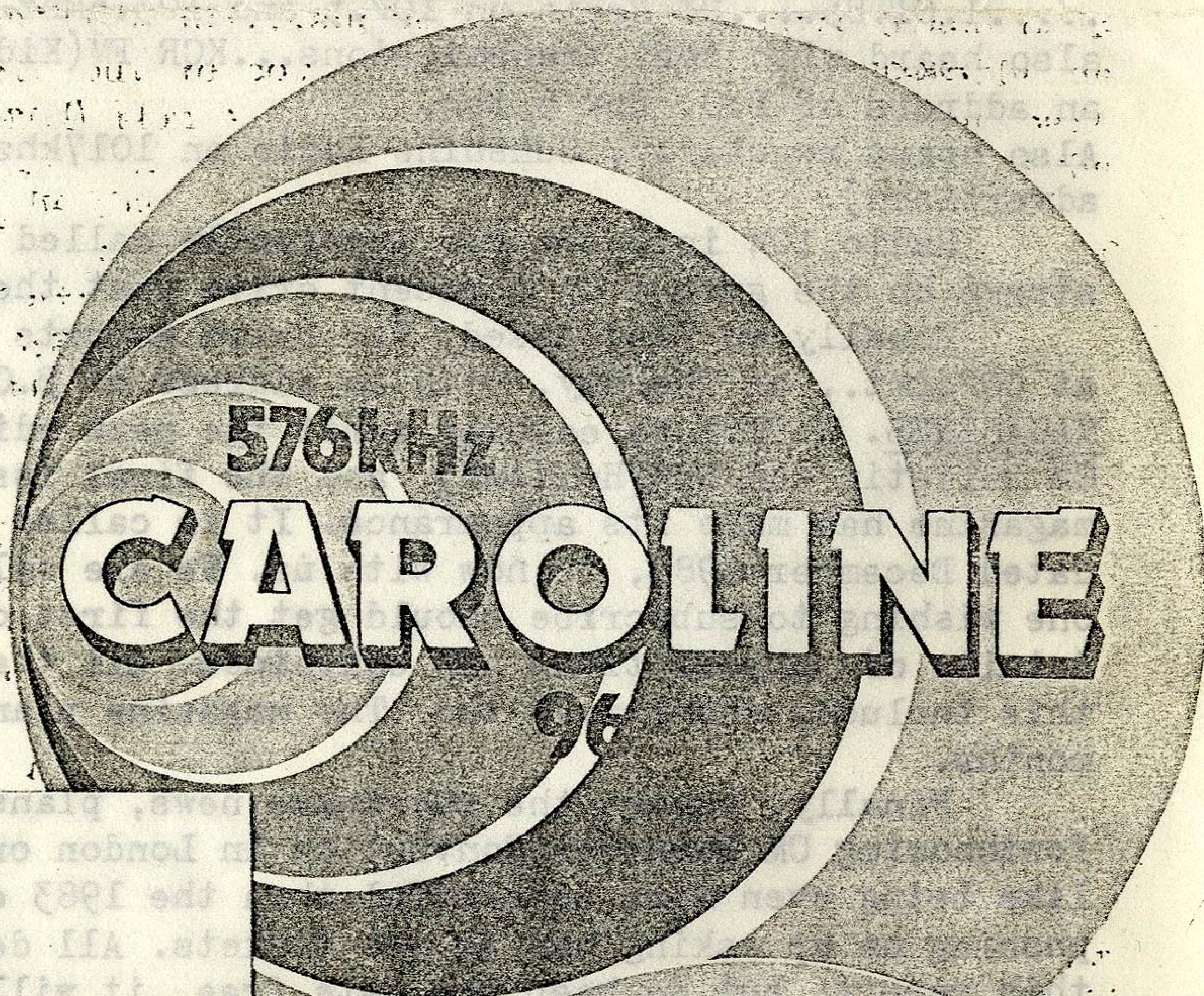
and that was it. Fair today, that is all.

Sorry the report is not up to its usual standard, but the reason is obvious, see you all next week. One or two stickers I received this week are printed below.

# Radio Rag

225m/1332 KHz/97.5 VHF

Weekends 10pm - 2am  
P.O. Box 88, Manchester





Many thanks first of all to all the people who sent in cards last week, and to those who added best wishes at the bottom of their letters. All is very well on that front, thank you.

On the news front, two points keep cropping up, 1. Do we want people to send in bits of news and info. The answer to this is without question...yes, please, the more the merrier, but please do state if any of the news sent is not for publishing, or you do not wish your name to be mentioned. 2. Can the news contained within these pages be used in other publications/over the airwaves of a radio station. Answer again, yes, in fact, I will regularly send the sheet to such organisations free of charge for such use, provided our name is credited, together with address, from time to time, resulting in correspondence. The one certain way to find out this, is to include in our address a dept. no., or letter, say, for example, Radio Hedgehog could insert Dept. RHH before P.O. Box 539.

Finally, remember to keep the following date free, Saturday 23rd March 1985, for the Annual CM Convention in London, further details will be printed as soon as available from CM, and this should be as soon as the next CM Bulletin is printed in the next few days or so. Still with CM, boats trips out to the offshore stations are increasing in popularity and are run on a regular weekend basis. The next trip is on the weekend of 26/27th January and hopefully every weekend thereafter. These trips are highly recommended and very safe, and a detailed sheet is available from us, telling you what to expect and generally how to go on about booking etc. Anyone interested should forward a SAE to the above address requesting details of same.

NOVA. On to Irish station news now, and Nova had a good week as far as the signal went, until about 0935gmt., on Friday morning, when the main generator developed a major fault resulting in a new component being needed. This component was not readily available and they are still awaiting delivery of same from further afield. In the meantime, the smaller generator was started, and brought into use, resulting in much reduced power on medium wave, giving a rather shakey signal in fringe areas during the daytime. The station lost very little time off the air, in fact were back on reduced power within 15 minutes. The operators of Nova obviously still feel that generators are less likely to let them down, than the Irish ESB (Electricity supply board).

The station line-up, as expected, changed around a lot this week. Steve Withers, ex B.F.B.S. presenter, duly appeared on Wednesday morning, along with Peter Madison. He was not heard again, and we find that he has left, along with Dennis Murray and all night man, Derek James.

The present line-up looks like being as follows.....

6.00am....Colm Hayes,	9.00am....Trevor James,
11.00am....John Clarke,	2.00pm....Tony Allan,
4.00pm....Greg Gaughran,	8.00pm....Noel Clancy,
Mid-night..Henry Owens.	

but could well change at a moments notice. Weekend presenters include, Peter Madison, Dave Harvey, Hugh O'Brien. News-readers.... Bob Gallico, Mark Weller, Bernie Jamieson, Dave Johnson. Sports dept...Aiden Cooney.

The religious programme, 'Life is a Celebration', heard each Sunday at 0930gmt. was conspicuous by its absence today.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Head of the news dept., at this station, Padraig McGarry, has left after quite a long spell. Further personnel seem set to leave, as station owner, Robbie Dale, makes a number of savage cut-backs.



Q102(The station in the news). As expected, the station failed to come on the air with full programmes last Monday, and the next date forecast is Wednesday next, 23rd January, at 7.00pm.(strange time). Continuous music tests have been logged here on 102.0mhz., FM stereo all this week, again. None of the excellent Q102 jingles were noted, but some pre-recorded announcements heard during the week indicated the date mentioned above for the start of proper programmes, also, that the station were to be heard on 828khz., Medium wave. This will rule out anyone in Leeds and Birmingham listening to them. However, they have not been heard on this frequency yet, and we continue to scan the wave-band in search of them.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Radio Carousel's Drogheda relay on 1404khz., has not been heard yet again, resulting in our being able to listen to Midland Radio from Longford, on the same channel. This station was telephoned during one of the periods we were able to hear them, and they were pleasantly surprised in what we told them. They proceeded to play a request for us, and confirmed their address....21 Bridge Street, Longford...tel.043 46532. The station's sound was much improved on the early days, programme-wise, that is.

Last week, we mentioned South Coast Radio and printed a list of where the main presenters had all gone, and on what station they were working. I never for one minute intended to cover every single person who had worked on that station, only mentioning the more regular presenters, with whom the readers of this report would be familiar. However, I seem to have upset some people in Gork, one in particular, by what I did, or better still, did not, do. So, here now, is a list of all the presenters I know, who worked on the station, and where they are now. I have not included engineering staff, electricians or cleaners in this list.

Don Stevens, Keith York and Steve Marshall....Atlantic Sound in Galway.

Tony Allan; Peter Madison and Alan Reid(Henry Owens)...Radio Nova.

Peter O'Niel, Jim Lockhart, Hugh Brown, Siobhan Walls, Steve Douglas and George Long....Radio ERI.

Paul Vincent...Sunshine Radio.

John Kenny...Q102 in Dublin.

John Lewis and Nick Richards....Radio Caroline.

Mark Lawrence and Andrew Hewkin...Radio Jackie in London.

Stevie Dunne(Gordon)...Discos in Denmark.

Alan Jones, Ken Regis and Rob Allen....Discos in Cork.

Ian Richards....WKLR in Bandon.

Alan West...not working at present. Peter Cassidy(P.J.) the all-night spinner,

Paul Graham...not working at present. whereabouts not known. Plus others!

I hope that puts the record straight, as I shall not be mentioning the station again, unless of course, it comes back on the air!

LASER, 558. Poor old Laser, they had just got back on the air, following the last incident with the aerial, and what happens, still further problems with the same cause, resulting in more silent airwaves. This time, they went off at just after 6.00am., on Monday morning last. They were not heard again all week until just after 1400hours on Friday, with very low power indeed, and they have stayed that way ever since. The signal is just audible here. However, Holly Michaels was heard on the radio despite this. On Wednesday at just after 1300hours, Holly was heard on Radio Monique, in the studio, she just said a few words. They obviously went across in the dingy, as the sea was very calm(John Lewis had mentioned this in his breakfast programme).

RADIO MONIQUE. This station has improved no end since it first appeared and a report from Phil Champion in Durham(better placed for good reception), reads as follows....'after the return of 11th January, only three Dutch D.J.'s seem to be on board, Ad Roberts, Johan Visser and Ron West, so, presumably, Fritz



Koning and Martin de Jong went off whilst the station was off the air. The station is definitely improving and the other D.J.'s have stopped doing links between each record, and now do links between every third, like Johan Visser. They seem to have six advertisers plus religious shows (Johan Maasbach). Last week, Monique was publicising forthcoming Radio Monique Disco Shows in Holland and Belgium.

RADIO CAROLINE. This station on 576khz., and Monique on 963khz., also went off just after 6.00am last Monday, at the same time as Laser. Jay Jackson later mentioned a huge wave had hit them. Both stations however returned at about 7.30am., with ship's engines running (heard in background). Four or five numbers were read out, 85, 56, 139 and 154, with 56 stressed as very urgent. Later that same morning, records were heard to jump on Caroline. The best news of the week was hearing Nick Richards voice on the air. For once, Caroline was beginning to sound like the real Caroline should sound.

Tonight, Sunday, 2031 hours, more problems have appeared, with very distorted music on 963khz., although the voices are quite clear and listenable. Only four presenters seem to be on board....and the line up is like this  
....6.00am...John Lewis, 9.00am...Jay Jackson, 12.00midday...Mark Summers, 3.00pm...Nick Richards, 6.00pm...John Lewis, 10.00pm...Mark Summers, 2.00am...Nick Richards.

although these times seem to vary a little and change.

Finally on the ships, it appears that when all are on full power, Laser put out about 10kw, 963khz., 25kw., and 576khz., 2kw. But, having said that, it did seem that power on 576khz., had improved slightly today.

VOP. No news again this week.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. All quiet on this front this week. In Liverpool, Storeton Community Radio were heard during the first half of the week, but not since. They broadcast on 1035khz., daily. Radio Merseywaves were noted at the weekend, but Central were not noted, although could well have been on with a poor signal.

KFM on 1017khz., from Manchester can, and have been heard over a wide area during the past week, as have Sunshine Radio in Ludlow.

Wrekin City Radio were logged in the Midlands today, and Dave England of Telford sends a report about this station. The station broadcast to Telford on 94.2mhz FM from mid-day onwards every Sunday. Their aims are simple and straightforward, 1. to provide a truly local station for the people of Telford. 2. To give airtime to local bands and soloists. 3. To give free advertising to local charities and functions.

The address of the station is....W.C.R. P.O. Box 143, Wolverhampton, W.M. Normal line-up is....12.00mid-day...Mike Scott, 1.00pm...Local News, 1.05pm...Paul Kay, 2.00pm...Local News, 2.05pm...John Turner, 3.00pm...Local News and TV Guide, 3.10pm...Dave England.

Transmitter power is 15 watts.

Last week we featured a sticker for Radio Rag from Manchester on the back of the W.R. Radio Rag is run by students of Manchester University during the annual Rag Week each February. The aim is to publicise various stunts and charity fund raising events, concerts and a sponsored walk.

Radio Rag has operated from 1967 with only one break (1976), on 1332khz. Over the past couple of years, the service has been switched to 103mhz. FM in stereo, with 1332 as a back-up only. The studio is set up in a flat or student accommodation, with a UHF link to the transmitter sites. Most of the equipment is borrowed for the occasion, except the transmitters, which are handed down through the years. FM Power is just under 200 watts which enables coverage for 20 - 25 miles radius of Manchester.

Programme format is mainly music with comedy, requests and student news, and presenters include...Gerry Anderson, John West, Davy Hulme, Ray Rubid and Mark Allen.



The highlight is always the last broadcast, during the BOGLE STROLL, a 55 mile sponsored walk from Manchester to Chorley, with around 2000 walkers each year. Radio Rag will be on the road with it's outside broadcast van and radio link to provide live coverage from 10.00pm Friday night until Saturday morning.

The station will operate at the following times.....February only.....

Friday 1st...10.00pm - 2.00am.....Saturday 2nd...2.00pm - 2.00am.. Sunday 3rd...  
2.00pm - 6.00pm.

Friday 8th...Saturday 9th., Sunday 10th, Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th.  
all as the above times.

Friday 22nd...BOGLE SPECIAL from 8.00pm onwards.

For further information, contact...Radio Rag, P.O. Box 88, Manchester M60 1QD.

SHORT-WAVE NEWS. Just two amendments from Podney for last week's list.....

he received Radio Time on 7105khz., at 1231gmt. and Station 41 on 7373khz., at 1109gmt.

SHORT WAVE LOG FOR SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 1985. (ourselves, Gary Hogg in Leeds,

Ken Baird in Scotland and Dave Small in the Midlands).

6206khz...F.R.S. Holland at 1021gmt., by everyone.

6225khz...Flying Dutchman Radio, at 1007gmt., by Gary and Dave, although the latter reported it anywhere from 6220 to 6231khz.

6240khz...Spectrum World Broadcasting, at 0937gmt., by Gary and Dave.

6240khz...Radio Hotel Amigo, at 1230gmt., by Ken and Dave.

6275khz...Radio Kiwi(via Radio Waves Int.), at 1105gmt., by Dave only.

6275khz...Radio Pacific Int. (via R.W.I.), at 1205gmt., again, by Dave.

6280khz...Westside Radio Int., at 1125gmt., by everyone.

6282khz...UNID at 1040gmt., played Frankie's Relax and signed off at 1044gmt(Dave)

6310khz...Radio Ireland, at 1051gmt., by everyone, playing a 45 minute tape,

over and over, which could be a good idea, if done right.

6910khz...Radio Dublin at 1235gmt., by all except Ken.

7105khz...Radio Time, at 1201gmt., by Dave.

7315khz...UNID, at 1011gmt., by everyone.

7315khz...KBC, at 1140gmt., by Dave.

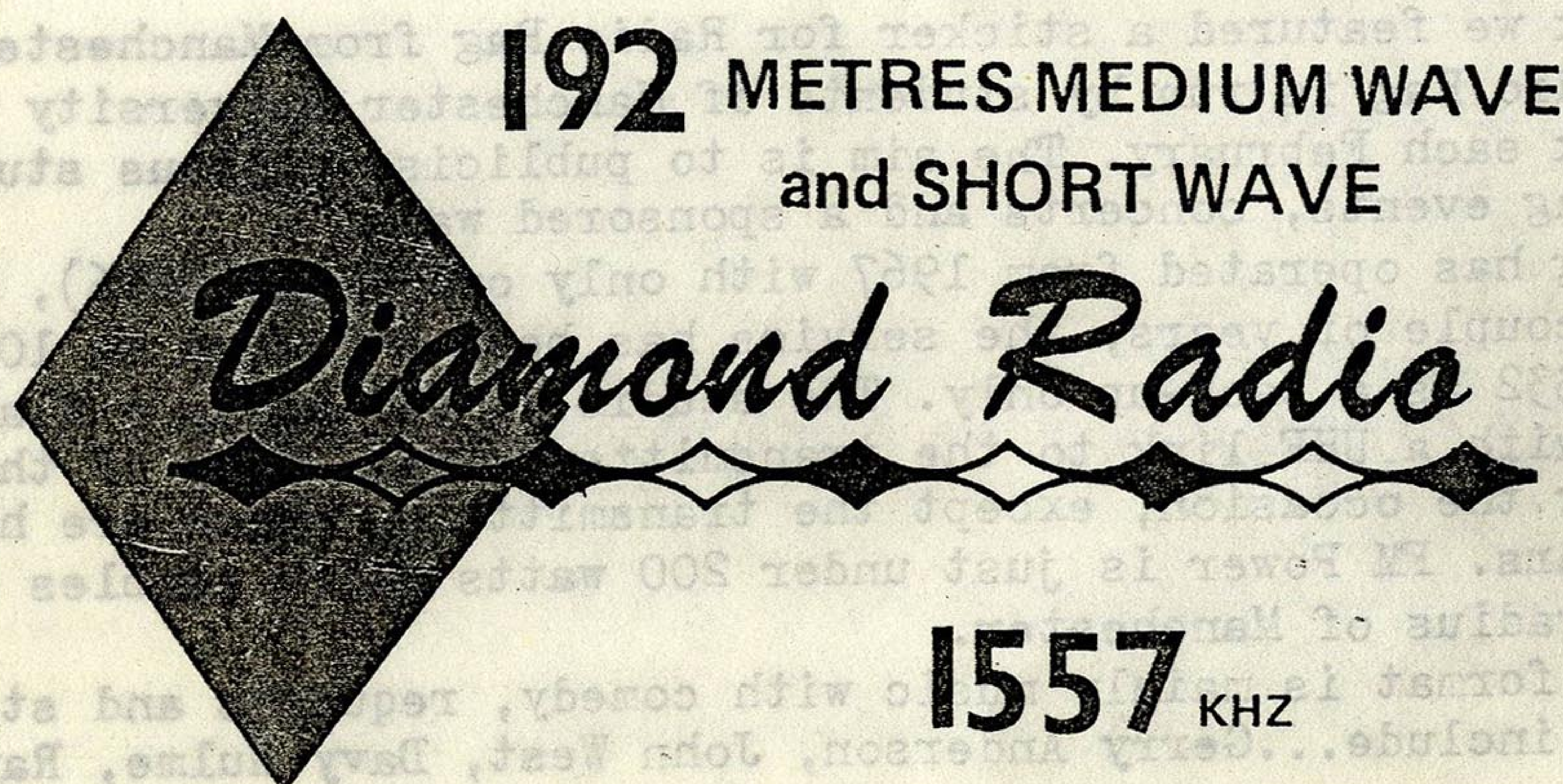
7330/4khz...UNID, possibly two stations here(Atlantique 2000)?.. Dave and Ken.

7445khz...KBC(via Radio 101) at 0925gmt., by Dave and Gary.

Dave also logged Radio Sandino on 6200khz., and another Cuban station on 6305 and 7400khz., in parallel.

No one logged Radio Victoria today???

Not a good day here, in fact quite poor.





Only seven days since the last 'Report', but lots of news has poured in, new stations, problems offshore and much more.

NOVA. We left this station last week, running on low power due to the failure of the main generator the previous Friday. The replacement generator was brought into use, but was only able to power the smaller transmitter. The broken unit had to be taken away for major repairs and only returned on Friday last, when the main transmitter was once again back on the air. Even so, the small transmitter was running really well and performed admirably during the week.

Presenter-wise, no major changes from last week, in fact, quite a settled line-up. At the weekend, Dave Harvey was missing this Saturday, and his place was taken at 6.00pm. by a voice not heard on the radio for some time, Steve Gordon, owner of a successful Dublin recording studio. In 1981, Steve was the reason that ex-Caroline's Stevie Gordon changed his name to Stevie Dunne, when he commenced work in Dublin.

'Life is a Celebration' returned at 0930 on Sunday, but Casey Kasem's American Top Forty was reduced to three hours, running from 1300 - 1600gmt. It is thought that the latter could be the last airing the programmes would get on this station. Due on the air very shortly is 'European Top 40', Radio Nova's own show, which they hope to sell to other stations. This programme will be hosted by ex Nova and current Capital Radio presenter, Declan Meehan. Trailers for this show are expected, and according to a local colleague in Blackpool, have begun.

Q102 This is where all the action is this week. We left them last week still testing on FM only, with the odd announcement of commencement of full programmes the following Wednesday at 1900gmt., on both FM and 828khz., AM.

The station duly opened as planned and announced at 1900gmt., with a short message from station manager, Lawrence John, followed by a President Regan take off, then an hours programmes from Jason Maine, then into the regular line-up, commencing with John Kenny. The 828khz. transmission was logged here during the day and again during the opening of the station, but very weakly. However, the following day, a vast improvement had been made to the transmission and the station could be heard clearly on the U.K. side, except in areas like Leeds and Birmingham, where there are stations on 828khz.

The programming on the station was superb, as were the presenters, the jingles and the adverts. In fact, it would have been difficult for a normal listener just tuning in, to tell whether they were tuned to Nova or Q, and we can only congratulate them for this. Had it been anywhere other than Dublin, I would have suggested that what they had done (ie. made a Nova clone) was foolish, but as it is Dublin, I can see the reasons. When, or if, they ever hand out licences to the stations, this one must take precedence over Nova, simply due to the fact that it is Irish owned, funded and run. However, in the meantime, with no licences, they are going to get the big advertisers, but who is going to lose out. Obviously three stations, RTE, Sunshine and Nova, but personally I think the latter is going to lose out the least, and Sunshine the most, but as usual, only time will tell and we shall see. In the meantime, we wish them every success.

W.R. correspondent and good friend, Kieran Murray, reports a new station logged in Navan. Test transmissions were noted on 12th December on 1170khz. At first, the station featured continuous music, mostly Irish, but commenced programmes shortly afterwards under the name of 'Breffney Radio'. The studios and transmitters are located in Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan, about seven miles south of Cavan town. We normally note anything new, here, but missed this one due to the number of British stations frequenting this channel.



## THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Again, no further news from this quarter this week, but the station was logged mid-evening in Suffolk by Peter Elliston, a couple of weeks back. This logging was overlooked last week.

CAROLINE. Apart from going off at mid-night on Sunday last, this station has lost no further air-time all week. As regards the presenters, they have been few and far between, in fact getting fewer and farer between towards the end of the week. Friday saw three presenters cover the whole 24 hours, Mark Summers, Ray Jackson and Nick Richards. By the weekend proper though, further names were heard on air, John Lewis(maybe he was ill), Alec Newman and Jimmy something or other. The station still seem badly under-staffed, but at least we can hear it better now. It was rumoured that Chicago was on the ship, hence the vast improvement on the 576khz signal. This can be clearly heard here now, with the aid of an aerial, and even without, can be still noted, during daylight hours, but of course lost during dark. 963khz., of course, can be heard all day and night, but tends to be a little shaky at dusk and just after(Irish Radio Na Geel Tachta causing this).

RADIO MONIQUE. Not listened to a lot here, but sounding very good when we do. Phil Champion from Durham reports that he heard Tony Berk(ex RNI 1971-74) on Saturday 19th January from 1100 - 1200gmt., with a taped show. Most of his links were after each record, and so were some of the programmes from new ship D,J,'s but most shows still have links after every three records.

LASER 558. Things are looking bleak for this station, they were hardly audible on Monday daytime, off on Wednesday morning, back on Wednesday evening, and this state of affairs continues. The presenters when heard, promise full power very soon, and if they do not resume a decent signal shortly, will find that they have lost a large section of the audience they have accumulated. It has just been reported that the station are at present only heard at night, suggesting that they are working on the aerial in the daytime when possible, and coming on the air at other times. According to letters observed in 'Teen' magazines, the young audience they have, seem to be going off the station, as the presenters are starting to talk too much and sound like Radio 1 etc. Let's hope they get their problems sorted out and return on full power offering an alternative to what is available.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. More raids to report here, yet again. Liverpool, this time, and Tim Jackson there reports that Storeton Community Radio were indeed raided last Thursday but one. Most recent reports suggest that due to the number of raids they have had, are going to call it a day.

It was also suggested, but not confirmed, that Radio Merseywaves was raided too. However, raids or not, the station returned to the airwaves today(Sunday) at noon, on 1242khz., announcing 1233khz. When they returned, the channel was already occupied by Chorley pirate, Krystal Radio, who had appeared on Saturday on the channel. They pointed out that the name was spelt with a 'K', and gave an address of 46 Parker Street, Chorley, and a telephone number after 1900hrs., (no doubt, a phone box), of Chorley 71734. Both stations remained on the same channel, possibly not knowing of the other's existence. A third station logged on 94.3mhz FM from Manchester, had announced 1242khz., also but, it was not thought to be on the air on this channel. The name of the latter was Carousel Radio and was first heard of some weeks ago by a reader in Cheshire. Philip Hilton of Southport reported it testing last Saturday but one, and again, last Monday. It has been logged from time to time since in various areas.

Radio Atlantis from Liverpool has also been logged on 102.8mhz FM from time to time over the weekend, as has Central Radio on 1404khz., who were lucky not to be raided, as they were heard testing during the recent raids. The latter gave out a telephone number, again thought to be a 'box' of 051 922 5777.

Dave Small in the Midlands, noted County Radio testing on 94.2mhz. today.



Finally, on land, Ken Baird reports receiving Radio Polstar from Holland on 1615khz., and Radio Spanningzoeker on 1613khz., on Saturday night.

Meanwhile, we all attempt long distance Irish DXing and strive to be the first to receive Atlantic Sound from Galway, in addition to Radio Luimni.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. What a good job we have a lot of room left today, as it proved to be a bonanza day, in fact someone suggested it was the best since the 70's. On with the news.....

First, last week's amendments from Podney R. Sixe (in London, of all places!) He just received one more than us....Crystal Radio on 7375khz., at 1003gmt.

SHORT-WAVE LOG for SUNDAY 27th January 1985.

6205khz...Radio CLCG(via Delmare) at 0927gmt.

6205khz...UNID, possibly Radio Ein, at 1032gmt., in German.

6215khz...at 1021gmt., also 6240khz., at 1137gmt., and 6304khz., at 1134gmt., UNID, but sounding very much like Flying Dutchman Radio, from whom we received a nice letter and some stickers in the week.

6225khz...Radio Atlantis, at 1035gmt.

6230khz...Radio Hotel Amigo, only logged in Leicester.

6238khz...Radio Maribu(via Radio Atlantis), at 1020gmt.

6240khz...Spectrum World Broadcasting, at 0730 and 1014gmt.

6265khz...Radio Krypton, at 1113gmt.

6270khz...UNID, with non-stop music all morning.

6275khz...Radio Pacific Int.(via Radio Waves Int.) at 0935gmt.

6280khz...Westside Radio Int., at 1045gmt.

6282khz...Radio Big Brother.

6290khz...Radio Mi Amigo, at 1235gmt.

6310khz...Radio Ireland, at 1022gmt.

6910khz...Radio Dublin, at 1028gmt.

7105khz...Radio Time, at 1130gmt.

7295khz...Radio Victoria(via Radio Milano Int.) at 1030gmt.

7315khz...Future World Radio, at 1020gmt.

7343khz...Radio Batida, at 1020 and 1103gmt.

7350khz...ABC Radio(Waterford), at 1018gmt.

7358khz...Radio Brigitte, at 1117gmt.

7371khz...UNID, with a news broadcast, then music at 1030gmt.

7385khz...UNID, briefly, in German.

7445khz...Radio 101, at 0935gmt.

A grand total of 24 stations logged, plus Radio Sandino was logged also on 6200khz. Not only that, but a whole host of QSOers were logged and included three who had not broadcast programmes this day. They were....6285khz...UNID.. calling 'hello' over music at 1224gmt. Radio London U.K. calling CQ at many frequencies, and giving an address of RT 163, P.O. Box 206, Aylesbury, Bucks. WMR 1, also logged at various times and on varying frequencies with a good signal, especially on 6240khz. His address...c/o 42 Arran Close, Cambridge. I don't know how Podney went on yet, but I was exhausted after that lot, and only thankful that Gary from Leeds was here with us to help. Thanks also today to Dave Knight in Leeds, Ken Baird in Scotland, Dave Small in Cannock and Graham Wale in Leicester for their logs.

I mentioned earlier that Podney was in London last week, and as usual, he sent in a report of things he heard there. On FM, London Weekend Radio were on 92.5mhz., 'The Voice of the Immigrants' in Greek, on 92.0mhz., Horizon Radio, 94.5mhz., Sola Radio on 102.5mhz., London Greek Radio in Greek, on 104.1mhz., ACR(Arabs Community Radio) in Arabic on 104.7mhz.

On medium wave, he noted Radio Jackie on 1332khz., Skyline Radio on 1413khz. South East Sound on 1188khz., Laser on 558khz., but only very weakly, Monique on 963khz., with a fair signal, and Caroline on 976khz., very strong indeed. These stations were received on a SONY 2001 and a SONY CEJ 115.

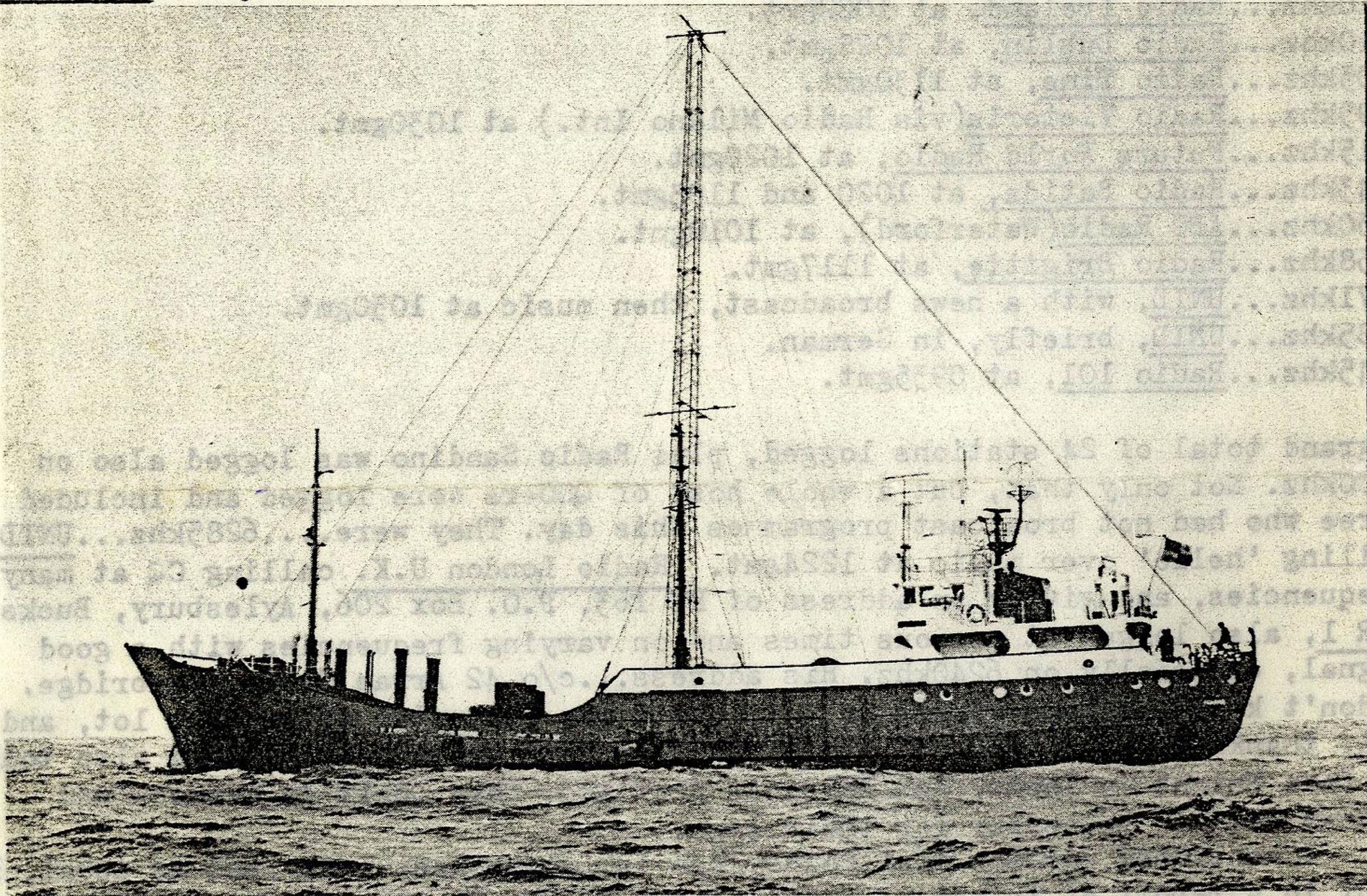


4. Following Laser's absence from the airwaves during the week, the engineers came back on the air and called themselves 'Radio 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ ', having a little dig at their neighbours. They played whole album sides. If anyone has a recording of this at all, we should be interested.

We have been sent a list, and a tape, of 23 radio stations heard on FM in The Hague, by Ben Bode(via Alan West). Ben was, and still is, involved with Radio Paradijs, the short lived pirate which operated in 1981 from the vessel Magda Maria off Holland. There are reputed to be about 80 FM stations operating from The Hague, the main city in pirate radio in Holland.....

90.0mhz...Radio Holiday	91.15mhz...Radio Telstar 1.
92.20mhz...Radio Eldorado,	93.05mhz...UNID,
93.95mhz...UNID,	94.60mhz...Radio Centraal(this station
has been going now, for about 11 years and is superb in quality).	
95.00mhz...UNID.	95.85mhz...Radio Telstar 2.
96.30mhz...UNID,	97.25mhz...Radio Stad,
97.85mhz...Hofstad Radio,	99.40mhz...Radio Constant,
100.00mhz...s-Gravenhage Radio,	101.10mhz...Radio Apollo Scheveningen,
101.40mhz...Radio Camel,	101.90mhz...UNID.
102.95mhz...Ethnic(Surinam),	103.40mhz...Ethnic(Turkish),
104.50mhz...Music Radio,	104.75mhz...Ethnic(Morrocan)
105.15mhz...Radio Face(a lest CB freak)	
106.00mhz...Ethnic(Turkish),	106.65mhz...another Turkish,
107.40mhz...and another Turkish.	

STOP PRESS. Tony James back on Caroline, 2100gmt.



M.V. Magda Maria(formerly M.V. Lieve)...Radio Paradijs.