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WEEKLY REPORT

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BLACKPOOL

No. 70.....1st SEPTEMBER 1985.

Things seem to be returning to normal once again, and we find ourselves with a little more time on our hands to attend to such things as concentrating on writing the report. Still, the newspaper cuttings pour in, and this week, we can offer 3 B4 sheets nearly crammed, with various stories, including one or two remnants from last week but one, from various smaller newspapers, plus reports of Laser's trip further away, and their return, and many pieces about the Dioptric Surveyor, including one very interesting cutting taken from The Trinity House Gazette of March this year, giving a brief history of the ship. Also featured are cuttings about Radio Fiona in Herts., and Kiwi Radio in New Zealand, plus lots of other interesting bits and pieces. Many thanks once again to all the kind people who sent in their cuttings, particularly Paul Graham for sending the very interesting piece out of Trinity House Gazette. Members will receive the cuttings with this week's WR. Others, not members, may purchase them for 50p (NO SAE this week). To join "CC" send £5.00 for a years subscription, you will be sent cuttings commencing the next week. If back numbers of the cuttings are required, these must be purchased extra (the price is listed each week). A late cutting from Friday's Telegraph is included on the back page of the report.

In the middle of this week's report, will be found the first edition of the Air Raid Tape Catalogue as promised a few issues ago. Although this organisation uses this address (P.O. Box 539 etc.), please send separately for tapes from their lists, and do remember that their turnaround time is 14 days, so please allow them this amount of time. We found the ART catalogue very interesting indeed, in fact, the first time we have seen this style of catalogueing, and we are very sure that there will be an immediate rush on orders for items, so, get your order in at an early date, and avoid any delays due to excessive demand.

Only one addition to this week's merchandise list, and that is the latest copy of the Dutch magazine "Offshore". Issue 34/35. Full of the offshore news, and pictures, with quite a bit in English. Now in stock, at £1.60 for the double issue.

And yet more tapes!.... "The American Dream" No. 1 features exclusive stereo FM air checks from five leading Canadian and American commercial stations, including CHEZ, Ottawa, CFOX, Vancouver and WQMF Louisville. The highlight of the tape is possibly the world's very first telephone post mortem!..... Send £3.25 for your ninety minute TDK tape, to, (and cheques payable also) Simon Parry, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE. Please allow 14 days for delivery.

NOVA/MAGIC 103. Nova continue to operate short-staffed this week, with Dave Johnson filling in for missing presenters on the station. His spot on Magic was covered by his colleagues there. Further problems are expected next week as more staff holidays occur. Chris Barry will be missing from Magic for a couple of weeks, whilst he checks out France, and the following week sees Colm Heyes missing from Nova. Peter Madison will cover for Chris, but it is not yet known who will stand in for Colm.

A half hour news bulletin covering the week's events was expected to be broadcast on Magic on Sunday at three in the afternoon.

OTHER IRISH STATION NEWS. News from Cork city reached us recently, and indicated that South Coast Radio was back on the air with low power on FM 102.3mhz., and run by an ex SCR associate. We have now received further news from there, with still more detailed news to follow. Our thanks to Siobhan Cronin for this week's news from there. The station arrived back on the air on 13th July last, exactly one year after the station closed down. They promise stereo FM and medium wave shortly. The managing director, Michael O'Brien has about ten or so D.J.'s working at the moment, although they seem to be unsure of definite shifts as yet. The station address is 97a North Main Street, Cork. No telephone number as yet. Our thanks to Siobhan, we now await further info.

Very little news from the Dublin area, except that Centre Radio are not on the air at present due to problems with transmitters, although they do hope to return as soon as possible.

Joseph Crowley writes in from Bandon, Co. Cork, with information about WKLR, West Cork Local Radio. This station is still going strong on 1485khz., AM and 100.0mhz FM. It broadcasts

seven days a week from 7.00am till 2.00am., every day. Present line-up reads, Monday to Friday, 7.00am., Brian Harris, 11.00am., John Green, 3.00pm., Paul Sheehan, 7.00pm., Various, 9.00pm., Gary Gibson. Saturday 8.00am., David Heffernan, 11.00am., Con McCarthy, 2.00pm., Ian Andrews, 6.00pm., Don O'Sullivan, 9.00pm., Neil Condron, 12.00mn., Joe Crowley, Sunday, 8.00am., Con McCarthy (Golden Oldies), 10.00am., Ian Andrews (Irish Show), 2.00pm., Jerry Black (Country and Western), 6.00pm., Ken Regis, 9.00pm., Andrew Martin, 12.00mn., Jenny McNamara (easy listening). Our thanks to Joseph for this station info.

Finally, Radio Dublin appears to be having a few problems with modulation. The signal here is still very strong, but the audio can hardly be heard.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Absolutely no news from any quarter regarding this station, this week. We await further reports in due course.

CAROLINE. The Dioptric Surveyor comes and goes it appears, and was replaced on one occasion for a number of hours, by another vessel, 'The Farne', on Friday afternoon. The ship is about 50ft long.

The weather continues changeable and on the poor days, gives the people on the DTI ship a bit of a rough ride, due to the size of the ship. (A full report on its size can be found in this week's cuttings, along with various reports of the ship's comings and goings.

The line-up on Caroline remained the same until Thursday when John Lewis was not heard on his usual breakfast show, and his place was taken by Trevor James, sounding very slick. Trevor of course, comes from North West England, and recently appeared on Radio Nova for a number of weeks doing the mid-morning show. He later resumed working on the Nova Roadshow on the U.K. side. John Lewis has only been heard infrequently since, and now Peter Philips has been heard less.

LASER. This station still seem to be spearheading the campaign against the DTI/IBA and anyone else to do with all the waste of taxpayers money. Charlie Wolf is heard about twice a day with the "Eurosiege '85" update, which keeps people informed of what is happening out there. Staff-wise, Chris Carson was heard back on the air last Monday doing the late night show, On Tuesday, four lady presenters were noted doing shows, but since then, Liz West has gone, and possibly Erin Kelly since her Saturday show was cut short, and has not been heard since. A new cook was remarked about during programmes in the week. Charlie reports that the DTI were noted chasing visiting vessels to the ships, although he went on to point out that it was certainly not illegal to visit, or even board the ships, only illegal to supply or work for.

LAND-BASED STATIONS LIVERPOOL. The stations there were all becoming a bit more adventurous, as the days went on, with extra days of broadcasting, FM broadcasts, and additional stations. This all changed today with the report of a DTI raid on Storeton Community Radio just before lunch-time. Not long after Radio Merseywaves closed down, to avoid being raided, followed by KISS FM, leaving just Central Radio on 1404khz., with a poor quality signal, and low power FM station, Radio Commadore. Apparently all equipment was taken at Storeton, but it is not known if anyone was caught in the act of broadcasting. The station had been on for about five days per week, on 1026khz., AM., although an FM relay on 92.1mhz., had been noted of late. Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., and also on 94.8mhz. FM with low power, had been operating for about four days per weekend. KISS FM on 102.85mhz FM stereo, formerly on just Sunday s appeared on Saturday this week also. WFM had been on the air on occasions, as had Commadore and Veronica, and a Radio Julie, in addition to the Solar Radio, all on FM, although, it is now thought that the latter was originating from the Warrington area, with taped shows of the Solar Radio in London.

Radio WX,
c/o Walton Village Stores,
Walton on the Hill,
Stafford.

Press Release

True to reports Radio WX was raided by members of the D.T.I. and we are not sure if one of the party was a police person or not. All the equipment was confiscated (or should we say 'ripped out ??') and the owner was visited at home and given a receipt. The station are still waiting to hear if a court case will take place (we will keep you informed). WX is now off the air, as for a return at this stage all we can say is WX will be back, but probably not landbased in Britain.

Thanks for the excellent write ups about us. Any further correspondence to our mailing address is welcome,,, we will be back.

Our thanks to Radio WX in Stafford for the above Press Release.

LEEDS. Radio Radar on 104.25mhz FM., has been noted for the last three weekends, transmitting with very low power, but due to the fact that Leeds is in a bowl, and the transmitter is on a hill, good coverage of the city is reported. It is thought that there could be some connection with a Radio 104 from Leeds previously.

LEICESTER. An FM station called Z - 104 was logged in this city last Monday, on 104.2mhz mono., from 11.00am till 6.00pm. The signal seemed to get about twelve miles from its source, say reports.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND. In the Kent area, two Radio Atlantis's appeared(no connection), one, last Sunday, and one on Monday. The first one came from the Tunbridge Wells area, with tests only, between 7.00pm and 8.00pm., on 105.0mhz., announcing that they would commence regular monthly or fortnightly transmissions some time in September. Power was 50 watts. Address is P.O. Box 5 etc. The second one was heard throughout the afternoon of Monday last, on 104.5mhz., announcing that they were broadcasting from Maidstone. They had a general rock and pop format and mentioned that they had been on the air several years previously, but had been raided. No details of further broadcasts were announced due to fear of DTI detection.

ABC Radio from Eastbourne was back on the air on Bank Holiday Monday, between 1.00pm and 6.00pm., on 104.2mhz FM, with 25 watts. The station received calls from up to a 50 mile radius. Heard were Stuart Clark(formerly ABC Waterford), Andy Ellis(not the real one), and Tony Lloyd(not the Thameside one). Response was encouraging enough for the station to consider further broadcasts.

An irregular station has been heard on the Kent/Surrey border, covering Tunbridge Wells and East Grinstead, on 105.7mhz FM. Quality was reported to be good, but programmes not so.

LWR in London were off the air for more or less, the whole of last week, after yet another DTI raid. The station already had another set of transmission equipment ready, but, unfortunately lost studio premises due to an unrelated incident. The station is looking to hire new premises, and consultation with the staff suggests the station will be able to survive further raids, as backing is available.

Horizon Radio on 94.4mhz FM stereo were also raided just before the above raid, and LWR were lead to believe that the studio link was traced back and all the equipment therein was siezed. A few sporadic tests were heard on the frequency throughout last week, and a come-back is expected any day.

Solar Radio was also raided in the same spate of activity, but managed to re-group within 48 hours, and came back with possibly the strongest signal to date.

Radio Free London re-surfaced after a long break, on 92.0mhz. FM., and are broadcasting each Sunday, from 9.00pm. till mid-night, from South London. This is the same RFL which started in the early to mid-seventies and helped pioneer FM alternative broadcasting in London.

3BR(Three Boroughs Radio) is reported loud and clear today on 1350khz., with a general pop format, and appears to be the brainchild of former Floss Radio staff. Last week, we printed the wrong frequency for this station(1305khz).

One of the more regular part-time stations is the highly specialist, K - JAZZ, on 94.1mhz FM, normally in superb stereo. The station started its life as an off-shoot from Solar, when they decided to concentrate on mainstream jazz/funk, whereas K - JAZZ play Latin American, Salsa, Avant-garde and traditional jazz. Broadcast hours are normally Sundays, 10.00am till 10.00pm.

A new all-day soul pirate, KISS FM(not another!) is understood to be preparing to take to the air during September. The station take their name and inspiration(and no doubt, the jingles too), from New York's top rated urban contemporary station of the same name.

Finally, rumours abound that a number of D.J.'s from Solar Radio are also planning to start a full-time soul pirate station. It is understood that they are unhappy about the stations revenue being controlled by a small number of people.

According to Broadcast magazine(this cutting not included in today's batch), the proposed consortium of Tony Blackburn, Tony Prince and Chris Cary are not now planning to go ahead with the soul station in London(One of the 21 proposed ones). This follows a meeting between the Home Secretary and Tony Blackburn, in which the maximum power of 100 watts could not be increased to cover a greater area and thus be made to pay its way.

Another day of appallingly bad conditions here in Blackpool, but in Scotland, things seemed slightly better, but in Cornwall, apparently conditions were superb. Today's loggers were just Ken Baird in Ayr, Ian Biggar in Kilbirnie and Glenn Hocking in Cornwall (he managed to log 31 signals, not stations, as several had relays).

6206khz...**RADIO DELMARE?** at 1320gmt.
 6210khz...**SKULL AND BONES RADIO SYSTEM**, at 0855 and 0953gmt.
 6225khz...**BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 0835 and 0951gmt.
 6230khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 0950 and 1000gmt.
 6232/5khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 0950 and 1020gmt.
 6240khz...**UNID.**, (Country and Western Music), at 0707gmt.
 6242khz...**ABC RADIO**, at 1040gmt. (Relay of MW service).
 6250khz...**SKYWAVE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 0925 and 0955gmt.
 6280khz...**RADIO TITANIC**, at 0900 and 0950gmt.
 6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 0950 and 1000gmt.
 6280khz...**RADIO HOTEL AMIGO**, at 1237gmt., calling CQ.
 6285khz...**RADIO HOTEL AMIGO**, at 0755 and 1043gmt.
 6295khz...**SHAMROCK RADIO**, at 0900 and 0950gmt.
 6300khz...**RADIO TITANIC**, at 1050 and 1140gmt.
 6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 0917 and 0946gmt.
 6870khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 0849gmt.
 7295khz...**UNID.**, at 0652gmt., via Radio Milano Int., using same address.
 7310khz...**STARLIGHT RADIO??**, at 0815gmt.
 7315khz...**K.B.C. RADIO**, at 0827 and 0945gmt.
 7317khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 0950 and 10000gmt. Parallel to 6230khz.
 7320khz...**UNID.**, at 0958gmt., with non stop music.
 7326khz...**RADIO TITANIC**, at 1035gmt.
 7354khz...**MUSIC RADIO HOLLAND**, at 0931gmt.
 7362khz...**MUSIC RADIO HOLLAND**, at 0945gmt.
 7373khz...**UNID.**, at 0824gmt., playing '19' by Paul Hardcastle.
 7385khz...**MUSIC RADIO HOLLAND**, at 0938gmt.



RADIO CAROLINE
 SOUNDS FROM THE SEA
 24 HRS A DAY
 963 KHz and 576 KHz
 "ROSS - REVENGE"

And so, that was it, how did you fare? let us know. Last week's amendments.....
 Podney logged a Radio Monitors ? on 7295khz., via Radio Milano Int. Was this the same as Glenn picked up this week at a very early hour, I wonder. No Radio Dublin this week? Are they having problems, as medium wave modulation is extremely low.

DAILY TELEGRAPH.
 30th AUGUST.
 1985.

ROW OVER PIRATE RADIO

Daily Telegraph Reporter

ONE of the pirate radio companies whose ship off the Thames Estuary has been accused of interfering with navigational signalling has accused the Government of "incompetence or irresponsibility" in making its charges.

Inspectors from the Department of Trade and Industry have kept the M.V. Communicator, which houses the American-owned radio station Laser 558, under surveillance for the last month.

The Department has hired a survey vessel, the Dioptric Surveyor, at cost of about £50,000 a month, to monitor the activities of Radio Laser and another pirate station, Radio Caroline, both of which are moored in international waters off the Thames Estuary.

The two stations contravene the Marine Broadcasting Offences Act by being unlicensed and by interfering with the airwaves. Justifying its action, the Department has accused the two stations of interfering with maritime navigational beacons off Harwich and with helicopter signals.

'Response to pressure'
 Mr Catlett claimed that the Department was acting in response to pressure from British licensed commercial radio stations trying to preserve their monopoly.

In a further statement, the Laser company said it operated from international waters to avoid the jurisdiction and scope of copyright and "union-imposed" needle-time restrictions which impeded stations from "providing millions of British listeners with what they want to hear on radio."

Department of Trade spokesmen, while pointing out that a reply would have to come from the Home Secretary, repeated their allegation that the pirate stations were interfering with the airwaves by using frequencies they were not entitled to have.

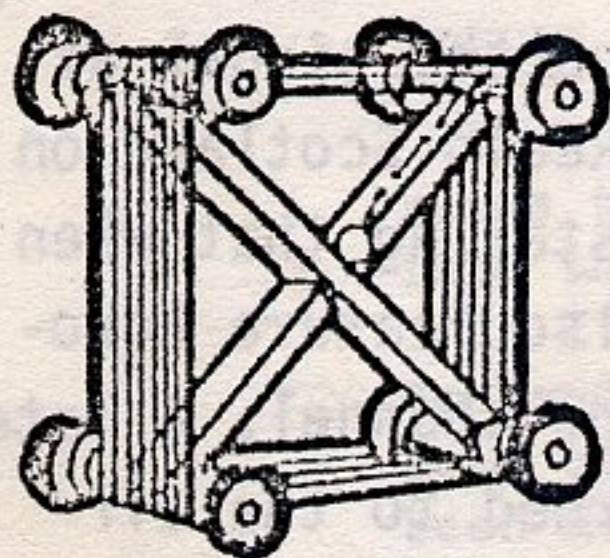
Not a word

But Mr John N. Catlett, general manager of Laser, writing from his office in Madison Avenue, New York, claimed there was no evidence of interference.

His letter to Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, said: "The address and telephone number of our Miami lawyers and our New York office are well known. Despite this we have not heard one word about this alleged interference except as it has appeared in the Press.

"If such potentially life-endangering interference was occurring, it is incompetence or irresponsibility of the highest order not to have presented the evidence directly to us.

"Our engineering experts do not believe the Department of Trade and Industry's statements to be true."



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It has been brought to our attention during the last twenty four hours that many subscribers failed to receive Issue 70 of WR, despite them all being posted together at Blackpool Head Post Office, at 9.00am., last Monday. It has also been stated by many people that whereas they used to receive the WR on Wednesday, occasionally Thursday, now it is often received on Fridays. Last week's enclosures also included Issue 1 of Air Raid Tapes catalogue, and for subscribers to the Cuttings Club, 3 x B4 sheets of cuttings. If anyone has not yet received their goods/reading material from us, please write and tell us at once(phone us if you have the telephone number) as we intend to make a claim from the Post Office and are most eager to know the exact number of missing letters. We can only apologise to disappointed members, and continue to do our best.

Just a single sheet of B4 cuttings on offer this week, and on it will be found six newspaper cuttings from East Anglian Daily Times of 2nd Sept., Wolverhampton Express and Star, 2nd and 3rd Sept., Daily Mirror, 4th Sept., Willesden and Brent Chronicle, 30th August and Dublin Evening Herald, 2nd Sept. A couple of pieces missing this week, hopefully we can include them next, from the Colchester Evening Gazette in the week(an item about Charlie Wolf), and Wednesday's Southend Evening Echo(about how RAF Manston say they have never had any interference from either Laser or Caroline). For non-members wishing to obtain this sheet, send 10p plus an SAE. Members will receive it in with this week's WR. To join "CC", send £5.00 for a year's cuttings, which will be sent with the WR each week. Back cuttings are available at the price stated each week in WR. Since the beginning on "Eurosiege '85" a month ago, we have assembled 10, 4, 3 and 1(resp.) sheets(Total 18 sheets). If anyone still has not got them all, they can buy the whole package for £2.00 inc. P. & P. We must once again thank all the people who bothered to send in their cuttings, in order that others could share in reading them, particularly those people in remote areas.

Merchandise.....Now in stock, copies of the new Dutch magazine "Zeezenders <85>". Priced at £1.50(special offer), this is a one off initially, but if it sells well, we could see the magazine appear on a regular basis. Well worth getting, despite it being mostly in Dutch, it does have a lot of photos plus other items of interest, definitely recommended.

Despite having a fair stock of both Laser and Caroline Sweat-shirts, it does appear that the next batch will be around £10.00 each, due to the usual increased costs etc. If anyone has plans to buy one(or more), they are urged to send for one at the old price, as soon as possible, as, we are selling rather a lot at present(no doubt due to inclement weather/superb quality and quite low price). The present cost is £8.50 including postage and packing.

NOVA/MAGIC 103. Nova are still operating short-staffed due to holidays etc., and this week, Tony Allan was back on the air on Monday last, from 11.00am till 3.00pm. Tuesday saw the same spot with Dave Harvey, who, we understand, will be hosting the breakfast show in place of Colm Heyes for the next couple of weeks. News reader, Mark Weller was also heard doing his first Nova show last Sunday evening. Yet another new voice was heard on Nova this morning, no doubt doing an audition programme. His name was possibly Steve King, but of this we are not 100% sure.

Magic is suffering also, with Chris Barry away on holiday. Peter Madison is standing in here, with an extended show, although Chris is expected back shortly. Peter will be on holiday later in the month and his spot will be filled likewise by Chris.

Q 102. This station does not appear to be having many problems at present and this last week launched its biggest ever promotion, the £8,000 "Kitchen of Dreams", with displays in Cleerys Departmental store in O'Connell Street, and billboards all over town(Dublin). The promotion will run from 16th September until 8th November and will run thus....at 8.30am each day, the breakfast presenter(Scott Williams) will play the "Q song". This song will be played three times again during the day, and each time it is played, people can ring in, and the tenth caller each time, will win an expensive item of kitchen furniture or equipment and a key. At the end of the competition in November, all the key holders, more than 100, will assemble and the person in possession of the key which fits the kitchen will win the lot, lock, stock and barrel, as they say.

OTHER IRISH STATION NEWS by Sean Brady. Breffni Community and Central, Erneside Community and

Cavan Community Radio, all seem to be experiencing trouble-free periods, although the signal at night on 819khz. (Cavan) leaves a little to be desired, due to the proximity of Radio Scotland on 810khz. Longford Community Radio seem to have disappeared completely, despite stating that when they commenced full operations, they would play music for all ages, and would also feature horoscopes, short stories and other information including job spots. 1071khz. was the channel. A later report from Sean (written on 31st August) goes on to say that Longford C.R. returned to the airwaves on the same channel, on 30th August and has been on the air regularly since, with a very good signal in the area, but not getting over to the U.K. due to several others using the same channel. Radio West are currently advertising 765khz., and 99mhz. FM stereo, but from 29th Aug., the station are broadcasting on 97.0mhz FM in stereo. Kevin Palmer (ex Merseyside) seems to have left, and his show (breakfast) is now being presented by Gerry Connell, whose afternoon show is being presented by Owen Ryan.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Not much, in fact, no news from the ship, but one or two interesting bits and pieces following a piece in WR 69 about a Mike Barron. It now transpires that the gentleman who went to Israel with a view to working on the VOP, was indeed Mike Barron, and not the infamous one of the '70's. Mike Barron, I am reliably informed, was well known in the '60's, and worked on Radio 270 (Offshore Radio book agrees, but spells his name with one 'r'). He may well have done some work on Radio Essex and Radio England and on the VOP in the late seventies. Thanks to Paul Rusling, Paul Graham, Howard Hughes and Jay Jackson for filling us in on the missing bits and, of course, apologies to Mike for confusing him with the MB of the '70's, which brings us on to the next bit..... Anyone who took the Sunday Observer last weekend would notice on page 33, a picture of Nik Oakley (former associate of Mike Barron in MRP days), currently drumming up support for a new 'trendy' Labour Party. Meanwhile back to VOP for a moment, and Jay Jackson is now handling applications to join the station, who still need presenters and transmitter engineers. Anyone interested is invited to send demo tape and CV to Jay Jackson. (They can be sent to this address, they will be forwarded on).

CAROLINE and LASER 558. Day 31 of "Eurosiege '85", according to Laser, and no up-dates as yet today, but plenty of up-dates in the week, at 1.30pm., and 5.30pm., with Charlie Wolf, who reports on the day's events and makes a few 'tongue in the cheek' comments.

The main events of the week.... On Tuesday, a force Nine gale forced the Dioptric Surveyor to run for cover of the harbour and also forced Laser to close down early as a precaution. At dawn, a new vessel was noted, a Dutch Navy one, called "Mecken" which stayed around all day. One wondered if the DTI had done some sort of deal with the Dutch Navy. Wednesday saw the return of the DTI boat. Thoughts of the Paradijs affair crossed our minds, as we are sure it did others. On Friday, the Dioptric sailed off at 7.30am., no doubt for supplies, and was replaced by a tug which stayed until early afternoon. Apparently the tug was on hire to the DTI. On Saturday, rather a good day for a trip out, two Anorak boats were chased by the now returned Dioptric, one of them containing Caroline Movement members. The Dioptric chased the first one for a few miles, then appeared to drift. Whether its engines failed or not, is not known. It eventually returned and proceeded to chase the second ship, according to Charlie Wolf.

Apart from closing early due to weather, no other major events occurred, apart from a late start to transmissions today (about 0845BST). No staff changes have been noted, just the odd adjustment to shifts.

On Caroline, Susan Charles has returned and was heard towards the weekend. Trevor James continued to do the breakfast show, with John Lewis only reading the odd news bulletin, although he has been heard doing programmes this weekend.

According to the Press, it looks as though a combined Spanish tender is on the cards. Another well informed source tells us that it is possible the Dioptric could be in possession of sophisticated listening equipment, so anyone going out should be on the watch out for unseen 'ears'. It may also be an advantage to carry one's passport, as the DTI/police are bound to stop and question people who are known to have been out there. As the ships lie in International Waters technically, visitors have left the country. Please continue to support the lads and lasses out, this is the time they really need you. Even a trip round the vessel will make them feel better. Don't be put off by the DTI, it is not illegal to visit the ships, only to supply and work on. Laser are advertising Caroline Movement's Infoline in Reigate, and asking people to ring that number for up dates on the present situation.

Back from an extended summer(?) break, and very little to report. Most of the news seems to concern the DTI 'Spy mission' and as a result landbased news has been pushed into the background:-

As I said before, there is very little news from London: Horizon, Sola and London Weekend Radio are still on 24hrs, Contrast are heard on 90.0MHz each evening and some of the foreign stations are still managing to maintain broadcasts. There have been no big raids or suchlike recently.

The two big items of radio news (apart from events on the North Sea) are the new community radio proposals involving the setting-up of twenty experimental stations and changes in procedure for the Radio Interference Service:-

The RIS are now charging for calls to trace interference to broadcast services. A charge of £21 will be made for tracing the cause of TVI etc and only the CAUSE of the interference will be identified: no action will be taken unless the W/T Acts are being broken. From January 1987, they will only investigate if the person making the complaint has a written report from a TV/electronics dealer stating that the receiver/TV is not at fault, and in addition their names and addresses will be checked with the TV Licence office to make sure that they have a licence. The effect will be to reduce the £7.1m currently spent on tracing TVI so that more time and money can be spent hunting pirates. In 1983, £0.8m was spent tracking pirates. The average interference investigation took 5½ hours and cost £95. Also, last year there were 48 raids on stations compared with 143 so far this year. It's not all bad news however: the number of staff in the RIS are to be reduced from the present 340 to 240.

The government have revealed their proposals for the new system of community radio stations and have already run into technical problems.

The proposals, outlined in a 7-page guidance document (photocopies available from me c/o 32 Victoria Rd, Salisbury, Wilts on receipt of s.a.e), are for 16 VHF and 4 MW stations. London is to get 5 stations: 3 VHF and 2 MW of which 2 will be 'community of interest' i.e for ethnic or musical minority groups. The remaining 15 are spread around the rest of the country in such places as Dumfries, Rutland, Penzance, the Shetlands and North Wales.

Unlike the present local radio system, the community stations will have to provide all broadcast equipment including transmitters and aerials, normally these would be rented from the IBA. No provision is made for link frequencies so it is assumed that stations will have to broadcast from the tx site.

The technical spec in the guidance papers seems quite simple, setting out the limits for frequency tolerances and transmission characteristics etc. Already though, the spec has had to be amended: FM stations were given only 200kHz bandwidth which is not enough for even a good quality mono signal, let alone stereo which most would want to use. TX power ranges from 10W e.r.p for the small neighbourhood stations (VHF) to 1kW for the largest station in the Shetlands (MW).

Further details may be obtained from myself at the above address.

Next week, to get back onto schedule, I'll print details of the mods to the self-oscillating 807 TX plus the 6BW6/807 rig mentioned a while back. Any more rig designs or mods/tips etc will be most appreciated.

73s

Steve West.

ITALY. Riviera 104....Alton Andrews/Mark Summers starts on this station very shortly, in fact, may well have already started. Dave Windsor returns on 30th September, Phil Kennedy leaves on 14th Sept., to return to Radio Top Shop in London. Jane Wilson finishes her three month contract at the end of Sept. Still out there....Pete Twist, Paul James, Lawrence John, and Richard Astbury(station manager). Current power on 104.0mhz., is 150kw. ERP, now, thanks to new antennae.

NORTHERN IRELAND....Albert E. Ford reports a Radio Newry between 8.15 and 8.30pm on Friday 23rd August on 1341khz., "pirating the airwaves of Radio Ulster" ??? Any info?

LIVERPOOL Further to last week's raids(Storeton Community Radio and Radio Merseywaves aerial!) Radio MW returned as normal on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, on 1242khz. Central Radio were just heard, on 1404khz. That was all, as KISS FM have suspended operations for a couple of weeks due to internal problems with programming. They will return as soon as these problems have been ironed out.

BOURNEMOUTH Radio Haddock was received there on 25th, 26th and 27th August reports Alan Porter, along with a number of French FM stations. Haddock were on 102.4mhz., with a soul/funk/jazz format.

Ian Anderson tells us that Radio Numero Un Energy is legal in France, but the power it uses is many, many times what it is supposed to use, and that is illegal, hence it getting into Great Britain.

LONDON. On Tuesday, Alan also reports Horizon on 94.5mhz., Solar on 102.45mhz., and London Greek Radio on 104 ish. Tony James(not the Caroline D.J.) reports from Maidenhead, and tells us that a test transmission was made by UK Radio recently on 91.0mhz. FM to Oxford/Bucks area.

A Radio Nova(not another!) was heard testing in the same area, on 104.2mhz, as was Tower Radio on 107.2mhz. The latter gave out an address of 107 Pall Mall, Chorley, Lancs. South East Sound have not as yet returned, following their raid of recently.

AMSTERDAM. AQS(a split from WAPS), Amsterdam Quality Sound can be heard on 91.2mhz.FM, in that city, reports Tony, following a visit there. Satilite Empire Disco Action on 90.0mhz., Continue Contact around the same area on the band, Radio Star on 93.0mhz., Futureline on 102.7mhz., in addition to old favourites, Einstein and Stuul(98 and 97.2mhz resp.) were all heard recently, but raids are widespread and some could have been taken off by now.

THE MIDLANDS. Alan Jeavons and Steve Maddox report PCRL on 103.5/6mhz FM and County Radio on 94 ish last weekend, although it is understood that some raids took place(see Cuttings for this week). Steve tells us that on Wednesday 28th August, The Radio World section of the BRT programme "Brussels Calling", on 1512khz., devoted most of its time to the current North Sea situation, giving listeners all details and playing extracts from all three stations, plus a brief history. Anyone got a tape of this?

Finally before SW, Charlie Wolf seems to be acting rather strange, making no mention of any goings-on on the North Sea, and crashing records and jingles...very strange...7.25pm.No updates heard at all ??? At long last, the correct spellingJonell, she actually spelt it out over the air.

WANTED...Original Radio Scotland Sound Memorial L.P....Good price paid...must be in very good condition. Write with details....to Dept RSLP(PT), P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

SHORT WAVE LOG. courtesy of AUK., Sandy Mountain(Blackpool), Ken Baird(Ayr), Glen Hocking(Cornwall) and Gary Hogg in Halifax.

6206khz...**DELMARE ETC.(C.L.C.G.)**, from 0850 to 1445gmt.

6209khz...**SKULL AND BONES RADIO SYSTEM**, at 0834 and 1043gmt.(causing whistle with above).

6230khz...**UNID.**, (possibly Dutch), at 11.5gmt., with music.

6234khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 0810 with very poor modulation.

6240khz...**ABC RADIO(WATERFORD)**, at 0905, 0919 and 0944gmt., with relay of MW service.

6262khz...**SKYWAVE RADIO**, at 0835, 1019 and 1033gmt.

6268khz...**CAPITAL RADIO**, at 1207gmt., calling CQ.

6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 0940 and 1027gmt.reading out WR.(He must have received his!).

6295khz...**SHAMROCK RADIO**, at 0858gmt.

6311khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 0900 and 1026gmt.

6317khz...**RADIO ENTERPRISE**, at 0912 and 1025gmt.

6870khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 0912gmt.

7295khz...**RADIO NEW COMMUNICATION(VIA RADIO MILANO INT.)**, at 1057gmt.

7320khz...**UNID.**, at 0901 to 0915gmt., sign off, with message in Dutch(for Johann?) and Man of Action.

7340khz...**UNID.**, at 0951gmt.

7352khz...**RADIO 101**, at 0804 and 0932gmt.

7385khz...**UNID.**, at 1017gmt.

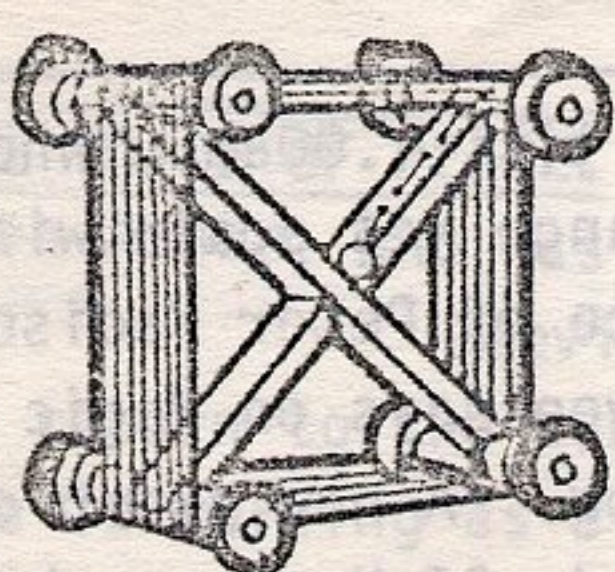
7375khz...**CRYSTAL RADIO**, at 0836gmt.

Conditions in Blackpool were once again abysmal, with only the long skip stations heard(101, Delmare, 7320UNID., and occasionally ABC Waterford), until 1025gmt., when the skip shortened for about seven to ten minutes, when all the Irish stations came in loud and clear. They of course vanished as quickly as they came, leaving only Delmare for the rest of the morning. No Radio Dublin again? Are they not on short wave/ Can you answer this one, Prince Terry? The conditions in Scotland were just as bad, in Halifax too, although their 'lift' lasted for about a half hour. In Cornwall, Glenn reported just fair conditions.

Regarding last week, Podney reports nothing different to our list. He lists 7320khz. as UNID., with non-stop music, and it is no doubt the same station as the one on today, with the message in Dutch at the close-down. No station name could be determined, in fact, we are sure that no station name was given out.

Finally, as this week's report is written, calls are still coming in saying that no report has been received. So, if yours failed to arrive, let us know at once, then we can claim some compensation from the Post Office(again).

Finally, Laser still acting strange, with Charlie crashing records and leaving dead air between records. We wonder why this is, maybe he is exhausted from his entertaining antics in the week.



ANORAKS

WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539
BLACKPOOL

No. 72....15th SEPTEMBER 1985.

We start this issue with the continuing saga of the missing WR 70, now referred to as the late arrival WR 70. Despite imagining all sorts of evil things like the GPO/DTI steaming open the mail, in order to get early reports of what is going on, it now appears that the delay was nothing except a strike by second class mail handlers in another town(Preston). Although we wrote to the Post Office complaining about it, and have received a card saying our complaint is being looked into, nothing more has been heard, apart from most people on the mailing list telling us that their WR 70 finally arrived after 8/9/10 days. As the WR's were posted in bulk, 2nd class, at Blackpool head post office, it appears that all this type of mail was then despatched to nearby Preston, where the delay had occurred. Had the mail been posted complete with stamps, in a local letter box, no delay would have resulted, as all letter box mail is sorted in Blackpool. The least the Post Office could have done, was to inform us of the strike, then we could have used first class, or posted via a post box. So, that is the full story, except that we now await an official explanation, and maybe some compensation for all the extra work involved. If anyone still has not received WR 70, when this issue is being read, please write to us at once. Also, a number of people have suggested we ought to use first class mail(WR would then arrive to you on Tuesdays). We are willing to do this, should anyone wish to send the extra, which would amount to £2.50 over a full year, or 5p per week, making WR 25p instead of 20p, as it is now. If you drop us a line asking how many issues you have left on your present subscription, we will write back with the amount to send to us. In future reminders, first and second class subscriptions will be offered.

As the shorter days bear down upon us once again, we are receiving many enquiries about loop/frame antennae, to assist reception at these difficult times. A sheet explaining the ins and outs of the aerials is enclosed within WR this week. An addition to the aerials is the vernier dial, assisting greatly in the crucial fine tuning of the loop, as well as making the finished product look even more professional. These aerials are basically intended for use with any portable/semi-portable radio. No connections to the set are required. It is found that the poorer the set, the better the loop works. They can be modified to connect directly into a set without a built-in ferrite rod antenna, but do work better without the connections. As regards loop aerials for the better type of radios, e.g., communications receivers etc., having spent many hundreds of pounds on this type of set, it would be recommendable to spend a little more than what we charge for the simple loops. A selection of external antennae can be found in back copies of WRTH, complete with reviews etc. Photo-copies can be supplied, please write in if in doubt. As we have said before, the difference a loop aerial makes is amazing, and if anyone is even remotely interested in dx-ing, they are a must.

New additions to the merchandise list this week.....FRM Magazine No. 9/10, mainly in Dutch, but with lots of pictures of the offshore stations this time...price £1.60(double issue).

Newspaper cuttings.....2 x B4 sheets this week, with stories from the press about, as usual, the two offshore stations, including two items from the French press, raids on the Midlands stations and two pieces about the proposed community stations from the Yorkshire press. A three page article in Time Out magazine(four pages, if you count the colour front cover), features Laser, and is well worth obtaining. In order that the correct magazine is purchased, the cover and title is re-produced in the cuttings also. Should anyone have problems obtaining copies of this magazine, we suggest W.H. Smith or Menzies. If still no luck, we will be offering photo-copies as from next week. We do however recommend purchasing the magazine if possible. Members will receive this week's cuttings within WR 72, others can send 20p plus an SAE. for same. To join "CC", send £5.00 and this will get you the cuttings for one year, commencing the following week. Back copies are available, at the price mentioned each week. Only members of WR can join "CC".

IRISH RADIO STATION NEWS. NOVA....Still an unsettled line-up all week, with new names appearing from time to time. Tony Allan was heard, sorry, was reported doing the mid-night to 6.00am shift last Monday morning. Dave Harvey continued doing breakfast all week for the still holidaying Colm Hayes who will no doubt be back this week. All-night man, George Talbot did the lunch-time shows all week, and it was a change to hear this presenter in the daytime. Good shows resulted.

7.00pm saw John O'Hara till 10.00pm. At this time Paul Kavanagh took over, till 1.00am., when Mike Duggan ran through till 6.00am. This week's line-up is expected to change yet again with Colm Heyes back. Derek Flood was heard on Nova on Saturday morning in place of Peter Madison who is taking a short break from the station, although can still be heard weekdays on Magic 103. Shane McGowan was also heard last weekend, with possibly his first Nova show. A new promo on Nova which involves Nova staff knocking on householders doors, has commenced. If Nova can be heard on the radio, then the householder wins IR£50. Listeners can send in cards, saying that their radio will be tuned to Nova if anyone calls from the station.

Next Friday and Saturday sees Nova doing outside broadcasts once again. This time from Arnotts in Henry Street, when all the days programmes will be presented live from the ground floor of the store.

European Top Forty was once again hosted by Tony McKenzie this week. MAGIC...Not much news here, the station seems to be doing very well though, with its oldies and mature music format.

Q 102...This station is plugging away with its new up and coming promotion, "Kitchen of your Dreams" described in more detail in last week's WR. Reception of the station on FM was exceptionally good during the middle of the week, when high barometric pressure settled over the U.K. FM stereo was received for about three days without break. Also received in Blackpool on FM at this time, were.....Community Radio Wexford on 101.12mhz., KISS FM(Dublin) on 105.2mhz., TTTR Radio on 99.5mhz., Radio Dublin on 98.8mhz., Boyneside Radio on 98.1mhz., North Dublin Community Radio on 100.0mhz., Sunshine Radio on 100.5 and 101.5mhz., Nova on 102.7 and 103.2mhz., and B.L.B. Community Radio on 97.8mhz., and of course, Magic 103 on 103.5mhz.

SUNSHINE RADIO....Celebrating five years on the air yesterday, although we regard 29th Sept., as their birthday, due to us receiving the second batch of tests on 29th Sept. 1980, and official start to programmes on 30th Sept. Staff were treated to a meal in the Gresham Hotel last Friday night. It is not known whether there will be any treats in store for listeners on 30th Sept. Present line-up on this station reads.....6.00am., Roger Lane(for Pat Courtney), 9.00am., Robbie Dale, Mid-day, Tony Dixon, 3.00pm., Mark Byrne, 6.00pm., David Dennehy, 9.00pm., Aidan Cooney, mid-night, Paul Vincent. Weekend presenters include Barry Falvey, Kieran Ryan, Elliott John, Eugene Higgins and Ernie Gallagher.

RADIO GALAXY....Sean Cassidy reports this station back on the air, but indicates no frequency. We await further info.

RADIO NANGAEL...This station is currently off the air due to transmitter problems, but hope to be back soon. UNID., in the short wave section recently, on 6345khz., could may well have been a harmonic of this station, caused by a dodgey crystal, reports David Quinn of Swords.

W.L.S. Music Radio in Galway are on the move to new premises at 24 Prospect Hill, Galway. No telephone number as yet. The station continue on 846khz Am with 30 watts and 103mhz FM stereo., reports Keith York.

CENTRE RADIO in Dublin are currently off the air, but hope to be back. In the meantime, they inform us that they have a transmitter for sale....RCA ET 500Watt AM, with slight fault, includes all new valves, audio, and HT transformers and built-in chest load....Telephone after 6.00pm for details, on Dublin (0001 from U.K.) 503322, or write to us c/o Dept RCA ET, P.O. Box 539 etc. The following news comes courtesey of Sean Brady. RADIO WEST...Still having problems with FM, are now back to 99.0mhz from 97.0mhz., but with low power only. Popular presenter, Willie Hart has returned, and was heard on Tuesday 3rd Sept. with his first show. Tapes advertising for new presenters are still heard regularly on the station. A new promotion with Radio West handing out £5 notes to anyone saying they listen to Radio West has commenced.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO ...The station were heard testing on FM, 95.2mhz on 31st August. They have not been heard since.

ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO...The first ECR Country Awards took place on 4th Sept., at the Broadway Club in Omagh, Co. Tyrone, attended by a host of Irish artists. Tickets were £6 each and donations were made to charity.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO..The new disc jockey here, Pat Hamill has recently been missing from his weekday show, 12.30pm - 2.30pm. His place has been filled by other presenters.

LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO continue quite regularly on 107 khz AM, although odd breaks in transmission are noted from time to time. No telephone number or station address seems to be given out over the air, making further information hard to come by.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. News from this station supplied this week by Noam Aviram, via Keith York and Dave Asher, who has just returned from a further two weeks on board the ship.

Daevid Fortune is expected back there soon, for yet a further spell, when he hopes to return to the U.K. in early 1986. Sally Cahm has now officially left, and we understand that she is working as a temp. in Tel Aviv. Present line-up looks like this.....Greg Fairlie, an Australian presenter, probably the most experienced out there, James Bays, Kevin Copeland, Gary 'B' (possibly also known as Gary Bunt or Gary B. Morgan), David James.

The station still has no transmitter engineer, and requires one, but apparently both AM and FM transmitters are working thanks to Noam, following some recent problems with both. Noam also does programmes in both Hebrew and English from time to time. Of Israeli origin, he started getting involved with VOP, as a simple Anorak(aren't we all? Anoraks, that is!). Dave tells us that conditions on the ship aren't too bad, after all. Our thanks for that up to date info.to all the lads.

CAROLINE. The blockade continues, but does not seem to be causing too much upset. Susan Charles has now resumed programmes and news duty seems to be shared this week, in Peter Philips absence. present line-up last week looked like this....6.00am., (Clever) Trevor James, 9.00am/. the return of John Lewis, Mid-day, Dave Collins, 3.00pm., Susan Charles, 6.00pm., Andy Johnson, 10.00pm., Fergie McNeil, 2.00am., John Ford.

Problems with transmitters/insulators etc., were widespread, with spells off the air and early closing noted on several days. 963khz was missing all day Monday following close-down at about 7.00pm Sunday evening. Roy Masters was heard on 576khz., this day.

A very wide band-spread on their return was noted by listeners in the close vicinity (963), and this may well have been the reason for reduced power and early closing on several nights.

The Dioptric Surveyor continues to survey, and in its absence, on one day, was the "Grey Echo" in its place.

LASER. Lots of publicity, this time in Time Out magazine, keeps this station in the spotlight. It is also reported that yet another television team could be out there, so keep glued to the box as well as the radio. Subdued Charlie seems to be coming round slowly. He signed off last Sunday as Rick Stevens! On Monday he said that there would be no more silly adverts, no Dioptric updates, nothing, and went on to say it was all very boring. He now seems to be coming round and the odd mini up-date has been heard, so things may get more interesting again. We certainly lack news without him. Craig Novack has returned, and was heard on Friday morning, although it is not thought that anyone has gone off the ship. It appears that the latest thing is a record, entitled 'I Spy for the DTI' by the Moronic Surveyors, to be issued on 23rd Sept., with excerpts from the best of "Eurosiege Updates" on the flip side. It is expected to be widely available, that is all record stores, so it must be expected to be on a 'name' label(maybe Virgin?), and could make the charts, in view of the airplay it will get, simply on Laser alone. If it does chart, on Laser play alone, this could be a major slap in the face for authority. The BBC and IBA will undoubtedly ban it, although Caroline will no doubt play it. All very interesting.... get saving yer pennies to buy it!.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL... Not much here this week, with just Merseywaves back to normal on 1242khz.Friday, Saturday and Sunday(no doubt Monday as well), and Central on 1404khz., heard here today only.

LEEDS...Radio Radar on 104.25mhz., were logged by Dave Knight today, although announcing that they were closing down due to shortage of staff and to re-equip their studios. An outside broadcast was noted. They hope to be back by November.

LONDON...Lots of action here, and lots of reports in, so off we go....

Horizon...94.5mhz., announcing their closure tonight, due to the fact that they intend to apply for a C.R. Licence, one of the London ones.

J.B.C.(Jamaican Broadcasting Co.) an off-shoot of D.B.C.on 104.8mhz., with O.B.'s noted. The station seem to be planning 24hr operation.

Gemini were logged on Saturday morning on 105.7mhz.

Galaxy were heard on Friday night from 6.00pm till 3.00am., on 105.5mhz.

Sina Radio on 90.7mhz., had only occasional programmes live, mainly tapes otherwise. They are thought to be seeking a C.R. Lic.

Solar were raided on the 12th Sept., , but were heard with a carrier only on Sunday afternoon.

3BR was heard on 1350khz., with an impression of Jay Jackson, followed by a Radio Sovereign jingle. A Radio Memphis (Rock and Roll station) was logged on 1260khz.

Radio Renegade was received on 1404khz., but South East Sounds, despite promises of a return today, were not received by our reporters.

London Greek Radio were not received either, but a Greek station on 104.5mhz., was id-ing in English as "Community Radio for the Greek Londoners".

Back after a long break on Sundays, from 1600 till 2200 was Phoenix, as was Alices Restaurant, 90.9 and 93.0mhz. Resp.

Finally, Imagine were logged on 92.0 on Monday nights, N.R.J. (the Nova of France) on 99.8mhz.,

Radio Solidarity from Paris on 99.3 and Radio Tree?? on 106.1mhz., with Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Our thanks to several reporters in London including Gary Hogg, Stuart Clark and Alan Porter.

MIDLANDS...Only P.C.R.L. were noted last weekend on 103.7ish.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. Not a good weekend for us, with our extra long, long-wire coming down in a severe storm on Saturday, and main reporter Glen Hocking of Cornwall being taken ill and rushed into hospital with appendicitis. WE all wish him a speedy recovery and are sending him WR by first class pigeon post, so he can be the first to read it.

Today's logs from Gary 'Gadabout' Hogg in London, Stuart Turner in Bedford, Ken Baird in Ayr.....hardly anything audible here, apart from F.R.S. Holland and Rebel Radio Network. 6206khz...F.R.S. HOLLAND(VIA DELMARE), at 0935gmt.

6210khz...SKULL AND BONES RADIO SYSTEM.

6225khz...UNID., at 1125gmt.

6232khz...FALCON RADIO/KIWI RADIO.

6240khz...UNID., early...Irish Rover???

6240khz...RADIO TONAIR.

6260khz...SKYWAVE RADIO.

6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 1044gmt.

6285khz...HOTEL AMIGO, calling CQ.

6290khz...REBEL RADIO NETWORK, at 1049gmt.

6310khz...RADIO IRELAND.

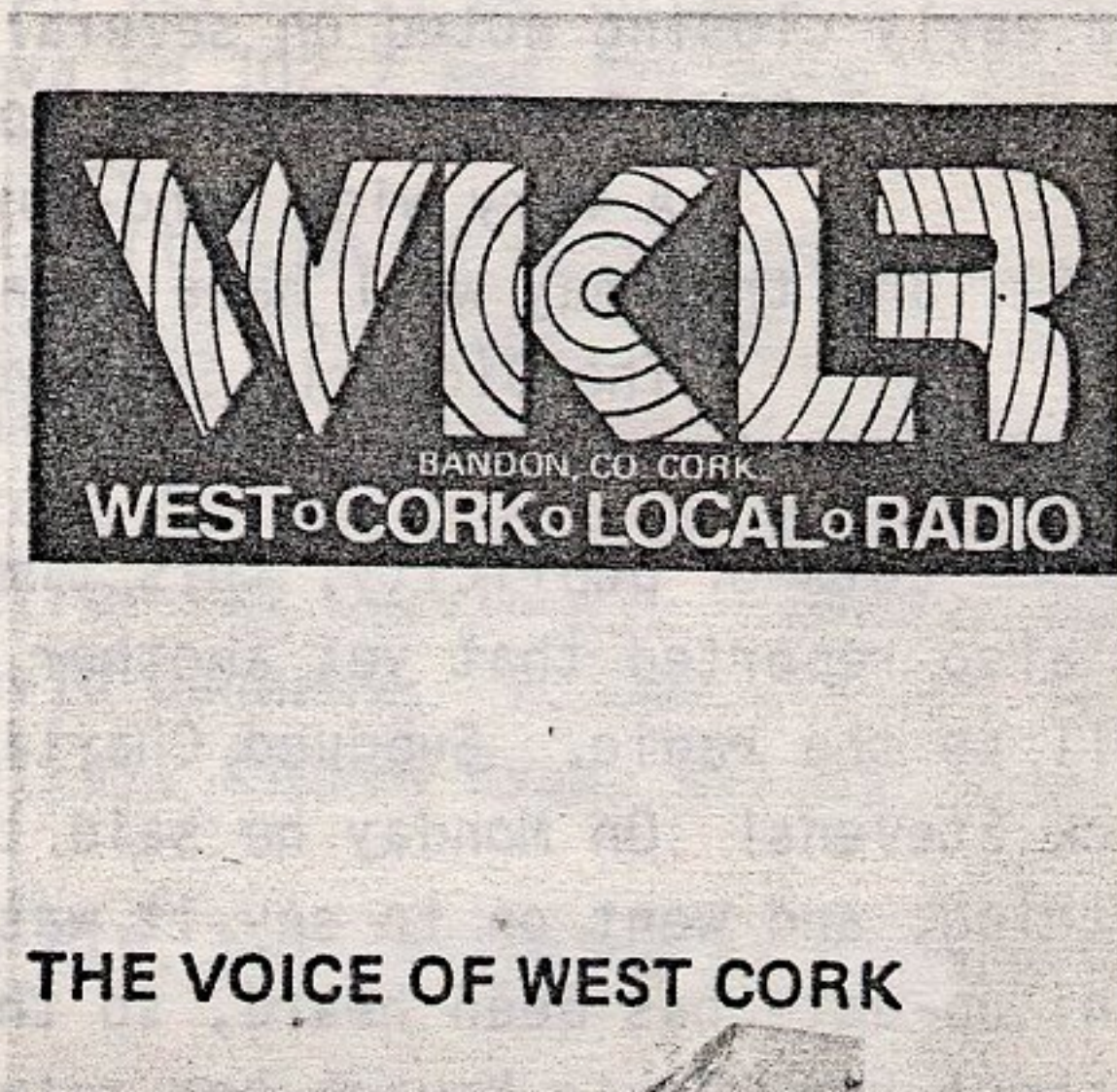
6870khz...RADIO VALLERI.

6910khz...RADIO DUBLIN.

7320khz...UNID., in English....address...123 ?????? Road ????

7325khz...UNID., TITANIC?

7350khz...K.B.C./RADIO 101.



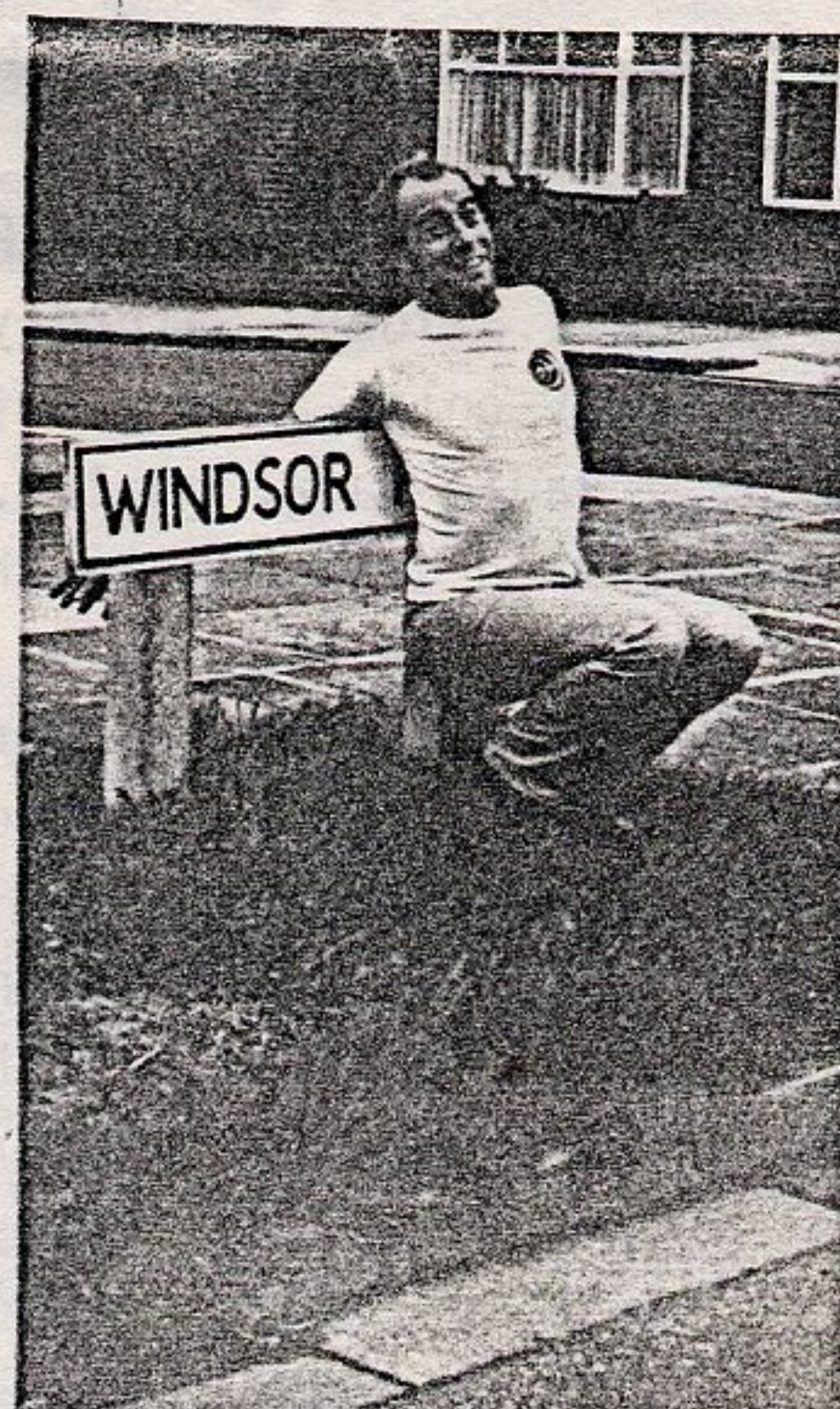
Dave Knight reports that Radio Dublin were logged in Bonn, West Germany last Thursday on 6910khz., with an excellent signal. He goes on to say that Monique was very good also, on 963khz. 576khz was inaudible and 558khz. was wobbling with the Italian/Swiss station.

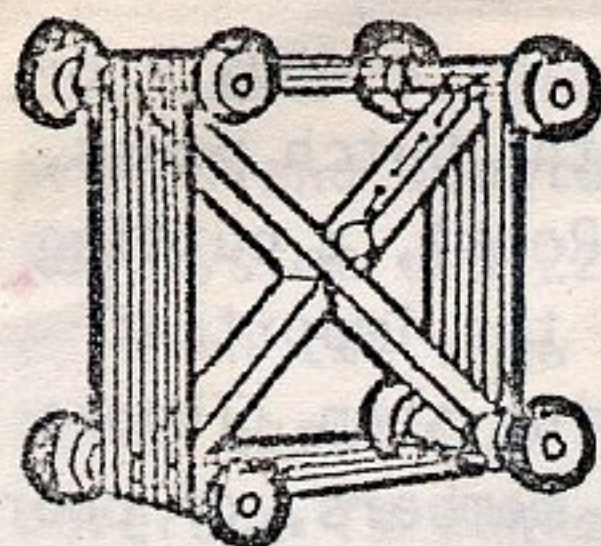
*Best Wishes to all readers of
weekly report. Lets Keep the
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Dave Windsor,

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WEEKLY REPORT No. 73....22nd SEPTEMBER 1985.

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This week, we start with problems again, but nice problems....We have got too much news! Last week, we enclosed an aerial diagram for the frame/loop and mentioned that the actual drawing could be found on the back page of the current merchandise list. We then decided that, as there was very little happening, we would up-date the current merchandise list, which we promptly did, and proceeded to enclose a copy within everyone's envelope for this week. Fine, then we decided to enclose a subscription application form for Offshore Echos(the new edition is imminent).Then, we received a pilot magazine called "TX", London's Free Radio Newsheet, which we decided to circulate via WR, free, then, WR correspondent from Reading wrote a fairly lengthy article, again, about London's LBP's, plus a report of the Irish stations he picked up recently in Cornwall. A press release from South East Sounds in London, regarding their recent raid, followed, then, colleague, Steve West came up with his supplement, "Toppix". By which time, we were getting a bit bogged down, so to speak. The rest just had to be shelved.....a Radio 101 sheet, and a very good couple of sheets from CM about "Eurosiege". So, what did we do? Feeling a bit generous(with thoughts of compensation from the GPO from the recent WR 70 fiasco), we decided to stick another B4 sheet inside the regular report. This sheet does not follow on from page 2 of the WR, it simply has a mass of info photo-copied exactly as received. "TX", this is a pilot edition, but due to space problems has had to be reduced and re-produced on one sheet, unfortunately(Items marked 1,2, & 3). It goes into more detail(more so in future editions), than WR and will appear probably every three to four weeks, but in what form, we are not yet sure about, we want your comments, advice, further information about the stations, etc., etc. It is computer produced and very easy to read and looks very professional(reducing it has not exactly helped). Lets have your comments to P.O. Box 539 etc. How much? How often? etc. Reader Ian Kelly from Reading wrote such a good report that we could not fail to reproduce it in full, whereas normally, we would have incorporated it in the regular London feature. Held over till next week's issue...."Technical Toppix" by Steve West.

Offered as additional items.....'Time Out' magazine's feature on Laser 558. If you were unable to obtain a copy, we can offer photo-copies at 40 p plus SAE(4 pages). Radio 101's latest news-sheet, 10p plus SAE. CM Movement's "Eurosiege <85>" 2 page mail out...20p plus SAE. Finally, many thanks to all who wrote in this week, if you were not featured above, look in the regular columns of WR. Particular thanks to the ones who sent me the Evening Standard article. (8 o'clock next morning was particularly good).

Everyone will receive a new "Autumn '85" merchandise list, as usual with one or two new items on it. Offshore Echos, despite what it says, is not available till next weekend, and don't forget that individual copies are now £1.70(subs. are still £8.00, hence the subs. application form). We had a sneak preview of the Radio Jackie L.P. in the week, and it sounds very good indeed. We have no details of price as yet, or even issue date, although it appears it will be available very soon. We shall be stocking the item, and if you would like a copy(return post, of course!), it may be an idea to let us know, then we can judge how many we are likely to need. Don't send any money though, well, not yet anyway! Mark Keeble's Offshore Print-Out keeps to its regular 21st of the month release date, and the latest issue(Vol. 2 No. 9) is now out, costing 20p plus SAE from 5 Common Lane, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9RQ. As always, very interesting and featuring plenty of news from the offshore front. "Crystal Ball" Issue No. 2 arrived here in the week, again, plenty of news and info, for 10p, plus an SAE, from 190 Monument Road, Edgebaston, Birmingham B16 8UU.

Caroline Movement tell us that their planned film evening for some time in October is being made into a "Eurosiege Seminar". They tell us that the next issue of CM Bulletin is being hastily prepared in time, and to inform people of this event. We will let WR readers know of any developments as soon as we have them.

"I Spy For The DTI", the record, planned for issue on Monday 23rd September, by the Moronic Surveyors, is apparently on the Farce label and numbered DT1007. Distributors of same are not yet known, but we are assured by Sandy Mountain of Sinfonia Records of Cookson Street, Blackpool, that as soon as this is known, copies will be available(from him and ourselves).

Just a single sheet of B4 this week from the "Cuttings Club", featuring a couple of community radio pieces from the Manchester Evening News, a couple of items from the Dutch press, featuring the 'Eurosiege' events (all in Dutch, sorry, but a good picture of the Ross), a cutting from the Irish press advertising Sunshine Radio's fifth birthday, and of course, the important piece from Wednesday's London Evening Standard about the Laser disc-jockeys jumping ship. Thanks to everyone who sent the cuttings this week, keep it up. Price is 10p plus an SAE., members, of course will receive it with WR 73. To join "CC", send £5.00 for a year's subscription, cuttings will be sent each week with WR. Only members of WR can join CC.

Finally, in this section, International Waters Radio Group of BM Box 1763, London, WC1N 3XX, tell us that they have some new stickers available. Radio Caroline round plastic, adhesive, in black and white, featuring the Ross Revenge, very good too, 4" in diameter, price 35p each or 3 for £1, plus SAE. Also, they have some 'Able-label' white stickers, the larger type, advertising Radio Caroline, available at 2p each plus SAE. Both good value in our opinion, and nicely printed.

At long last, on to that all important news, and as usual, starting off in Ireland, **RADIO NOVA/MAGIC 103.** Staff holidays/breaks continue to disrupt the usually regular programming on both stations here. Bob Gallico returned Tuesday, after a long weekend, Dave Johnson also returned but Colm Heyes was still absent, and now Peter Madison is off for a two week spell.

Two big events this weekend, regarding Nova. The Nova 10k/Puma Roadrace takes place later today (Sunday). The usual coverage will no doubt be given, when panting punters, guzzling Lucozade will be interviewed. Magic and Nova will merge for this purpose.

The "Nova, live from Arnotts in Henry Street" seemed to be a success. This took place on Friday and Saturday, during shop hours, and judging by the crowd noise heard over the air, was well attended. Most presenters were heard at this time, including news readers. The O.B. was very good, with no noticeable cock-ups and the normally noted, 'dead-air', a feature of many radio station's O.B.'s. The postponed Rick Dees syndicated shows were aired in the evening each day.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Based in Portmarnock, north Co. Dublin, this station will shortly be celebrating five years on the air. Official programmes commenced at 7.00am. on Monday 29th September 1980, following tests the previous day, during the afternoon, and also two weeks previously, although the latter were curtailed when the aerial tower mysteriously collapsed. Heard on the air at that time were Tony Allan, Robbie Dale, Chris Cary and Colin Russell, later Tony Dixon, Peter Madison etc. etc. In fact, AUK produced quite a lengthy manuscript, and very detailed, in 1981, entitled "Sunshine, One Year On". It was our first attempt at anything like this, and despite its novice appearance, was extremely detailed. We still have a number of copies of this story, and if anyone would like one, please send 50p, to cover costs of post and packing. We still have a number of copies of Issue 2 and 3 of Sunshine Review newspaper left, again free, but send some postage. Latest reports suggest that Sunshine will be launching a souvenir magazine to celebrate 5 years. More details on this one will follow. At 2 years on, Sunshine printed souvenir sweat-shirts for staff and friends. We still have ours, and so too, does John Lewis, observant readers will re-call, noted on a recent BBC news report.

Station line-up was listed last week, but the news team consists of head of news, Padraig McGarry, Cathy Cregan, Justin McKenna, Bob Powell and Caroline Callaghan.

LAOIS COMMUNITY RADIO. William Fitzpatrick, chairman and managing director of this station in Mountrath, Co. Laois, writes and tells us that they no longer broadcast on 88.8mhz FM., but are now on 102.3 and 102.8mhz. (Ian Kelly, holidaying in Cornwall reported receiving this station on the latter frequency). The station also broadcast on 1143khz., AM from 8.30am till 11.00pm. daily. The latter transmission can be received here, in Blackpool. William also tells us that occasional station, Radio Roscrea were on air for a few days about a month ago. They usually broadcast on about 104mhz. FM.

THE CORK RADIO SCENE. Siobhan Cronin writes from that city, and tells us that a Sunshine Radio has been set up in Cork and has been broadcasting for a number of days on 1233khz AM and 95.75mhz FM in mono. The station operates seven days a week from 9.00am till 5.00pm. New presenters are at present being recruited and further details will be forthcoming when available. Rumours suggest yet another station could be on the cards, making five in Cork city. (Radio ERI, Radio Caroline Cork [heard by Ian Kelly in Cornwall], South Coast Radio and Sunshine are the four on at present). Our thanks to fellow Anorak, Siobhan for this information, and of course for the cuttings she kindly sent, too.

ABC RADIO. Following recent low power on AM(1026khz.), the signal has now been significantly improved and boosted to 1.1 kw. A new transformer has been installed, plus a tri-band audio processing system and 22 band graphic equaliser. An additional split service on FM is presently being tested with the view to the imminent switch on of a high power FM transmitter at a site outside Waterford, about 900 feet above sea level. This move should bring the FM in line with AM as far as coverage is concerned. Since the recent move into the city, from Tramore, the FM has been only covering the city, whereas, previously, it travelled far and wide. We even picked them up on occasions here in Blackpool. Recently though nothing from them has been heard, although Community Radio Wexford could be received.

Present line-up reads.....7.00am., Richard Staines(Breakfast Show), 10.00am., Dave Hunt, 1.00pm., Timmy Ryan,(Golden Hour from 2 till 3), 4.00pm., Tony Morrell with Drivetime, 7.00-pm, Roddy Cleare with 'Music Zone', 10.00pm., Jimmy Ryan with Late Night Affair, 1.00am., Russ Padmore with Night-shift, and 4.00am., Neil Butler with Sunrise 101.

SUIRSIDE RADIO. This station, in an attempt to regain listeners, is rumoured to be changing frequency, and also their name, to Carnival Radio.

WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO. This station also plan to improve its coverage area, and is presently re-equipping the main studios with an Alice mixer.

Our thanks to the team at Princes Risborough for the above news.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news from these parts at all this week.

LASER. A distinct change was noted, in programming, from about lunch-time on Monday last. Many records were played back to back, with no announcements, only I.D.'s. Charlie Wolf, heard in the evening, sounded distinctly taped and it was not until Wednesday did we realise that not only was he (Charlie) off the ship, but also Tommy Rivers and the three girls(Liz, Erin and Jonell). The London Evening Standard carried the story and made it sound pretty bleak, talking of D.J.'s jumping ship etc., Offshore Echos correspondent in London, however, discovered that this was not entirely the full story. Tommy and Charlie have finished their contract and slipped off, but Liz and Erin have plans to return after the break. Jonell was only temporary and had completed her tour of duty. New presenters were on their way, we were lead to believe, and indeed, a new voice was noted in the middle of the week, Jay Mack, again unsure of the spelling. The line-up then read...6.00am., Craig Novack, mid-day, Chris Carson, 6.00pm(till mid-night), Jay Mack.

Mentions of the Dioptric Surveyor were made from time to time. Monday, it disappeared in a Force 6 gale, but duly returned on Tuesday. A "fly past" by the RAF was mentioned on Monday, and on Tuesday, the Navy were out(again?...Dutch??). It appears that the Dioptric has a little yellow dingy, manned by "Three Stooges"(quote from Craig Novack), who appear to have problems getting the veesel in and out of the water. Peter Cowlshaw tells us that according to Tommy Rivers, Dave Chaney is now working for KMT(?) in Los Angeles. Finally, the new record is getting plenty of plays on the station for obvious reasons, and we urge everyone to buy a copy, if they can.

CAROLINE. The station(and Monique) has suffered a few breaks in transmission throughout the past week, the majority of them pre-planned, particularly early week. Mid-week, new and returned names were noted, Neil Francis doing the afternoon show, and old friend Nigel Roberts doing the early early morning show. Nigel spent a long time in Ireland at various stations including Sunshine, ABC, East Coast Radio and others. He is a well known name amongst short-wave and land-based station listeners in the U.K. It is not thought at this stage that any presenters have left the station, but at times like these, it is difficult to be too sure. The present line-up reads.... 6.00am., Trevor James, 9.00am., Susan Charles, mid-day, Dave Collins, 3.00pm., Neil Francis, 6.00pm., Andy Johnson, 10.00pm., Fergie McNeil, 2.00am., Nigel Roberts.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Only Radio Merseywaves has been heard this weekend with a regular format, on 1242khz. Heard Friday, Saturday and Sunday(and will no doubt be heard Monday).

A breakaway station from KISS FM(currently off the air), was heard testing on Friday night with continuous music, on 97.6mhz in stereo. Despite our local ILR station being "next-door" on 97.3, this station came through very well. Q 107 is the planned name, and presenters are likely to be, Andy Davies, Sandy Davies, Colin Sayer and Tony Hayes. The first broadcasts were expected to be made in the early hours of today(mid-night till 2.00 or 3.00am) although, no one at this location was alive at this time, so we cannot say one way or the other until reports come in, as to whether they made the airwaves or not.

THE MIDLANDS. Only one station logged here last weekend, and that was P.C.R.L. on 103.5/6mhz. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, report Steve Maddox and Alan Jeavons. Steve reports an unid. station from the Stoke area, possibly testing all over last weekend, on various frequencies, around 102/102mhz. Late news just in from this area indicates that P.C.R.L. are on today with peculiar polarization reports Dave Small.

LONDON. Not really worth printing much here, due to all the extensive material in the supplement, but from reports in, it appears that South East Sounds did in fact appear last Sunday on 1179khz., rather than 1188khz. 3.15pm till 5.00pm were times looged. It is not yet known if they are on the air today or not.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS Falcon Radio tell us that they were on the air, on 6234khz., on 8th Sept., but not at 0810gmt., as logged by Glenn Hocking. Maybe this was another station, or the time may have been noted down wrongly. This station now relay Kiwi Radio from New Zealand, who in turn relay Falcon in N.Z. Their address is (note correct spelling), Falcon Radio, c/o I.R.R.S., 58 Seagrange Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13, Eire. The station plan to return to 6200khz., as from today.

Amendments to last week's log from Radiotelex....6225khz., UNID., was Britain Radio International. Radio Iris was logged briefly on 6235.4khz. Radio Enterprise was on 6317khz.

SHORT WAVE LOG...SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 1985. Loggers today, Gary Hogg(Leeds), Ken Baird(Ayr), Glenn Hocking(Cornwall) and ourselves(still without long-wire, but with Datong Active antenna).

6200khz...UNID., at 1116gmt., possibly Falcon?

6206khz...**RADIO MARABU/RADIO TUTENCHAMEN**, at 0908 and 1052gmt., resp.

6225khz...UNID., at 0955gmt.

6240khz...**RADIO TONAIR INT.**, at 0657 and 0737gmt.

6240khz...UNID., at 0920gmt.

6260khz...UNID., at 0912gmt. Skywave?

6268khz...**CAPITOL RADIO**.

6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1018gmt.

6285khz...**R.B.L. (RADIO BIG LIZARD?)**, at 0938 and 0949gmt., with test transmissions in English and French, using the Radio Waves mailing address.

6290khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**, at 1000gmt., from the M.V. Ocean Mist, anchored off Anglesey!!!

6300khz...UNID., at 1051gmt.

6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 0919gmt.

7310khz...UNID., in German, at 1102gmt., Radio B.....??

7347khz...**RADIO NOORDERZON**, at 1028gmt.

7350khz...UNID., at 1003gmt.

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THE VOICE OF LOVING AWARENESS

"SUNSHINE RADIO"
ALL MINE DAILY ON
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THE STATION WITH THE
WINNING WAYS
"SUNSHINE"

Very long skip conditions were evident today. In Blackpool, no Irish stations could be heard at all, in Leeds, they all could, as they could off and on in Cornwall. In Scotland, the same as Blackpool, no Irish stations heard. 6206 and 6285(likewise 7295 and 6250) were all very strong here. Here is a strange happening....Rebel Radio is always strong here in Blackpool. Today, they were inaudible, although heard in Scotland and Cornwall. They announced broadcasting 'off the coast of Anglesey'. It is very strange that it should skip over us today, maybe they were!

Finally, back to Caroline for a minute. Just to prove Lotto 6/49 is all above board, Alan Oliver sent us his winnings slip, which we have now re-produced. He tells us that he did not win the jackpot!



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Back again, and some more news on licence applications: firstly, the radio situation in London has returned almost to the state that it was about three years ago. At present the only 7-day station is Solar Radio, with most of the others having closed down in preparation for applying for one of the three available licences. JFM, Horizon and Solar are trying for the South London 'Community of Interest' station licence together with two afro-caribbean groups and another calling itself the Format Radio Group. It is reasonable to assume that the format of the CoI station will be similar to that of the majority of London stations i.e soul, jazz, reggae etc. Why the South London licence? Because it is the only major FM licence available under the experimental scheme.

A number of familiar faces have reappeared recently: Radio Free London are back on 92MHz Sundays 2100-2400 with a rock format. The station disappeared a couple of years ago and have been seldom heard since. The original idea of running 3-hour taped broadcasts is possibly being used. Alices Restaurant, another rock format station has also reappeared following a long absence, on 93MHz. Tests were carried out last week and scheduled broadcasts are now Sundays 0900-2100. Phoenix Radio have returned this week: 90.9MHz, 1600-2200 Sundays. Some interference has been heard during the final two hours of the broadcast as RFL tune up their TX for their transmission.

Elsewhere in the capital: KJAZZ and Contrast are still on despite impending court cases against the latter. Rock station Radio Renegade can be heard on FM as well as Andromeda which is apparently the return of the old station from the seventies, possibly on MW. More on these stations would be appreciated.

On the licence side again: Both London Greek Radio and Asian Peoples Radio are intending applying for the North London Licence. APR are off air during their application and it was thought that LGR would also stay silent but instead they returned to the air on Wednesday 18/9. With regard to the technical problem with the permissible bandwidth for the FM stations, the Home Office said on Wednesday 18th that this was to be amended to 300kHz -enough for good quality stereo- and that letters would be sent out to all applicants. Another detail come to light about the power limits is that although the range of each station would be greater than the coverage area, the actual area covered by good 'BBC-quality' signals would be smaller. Just how much this will affect audiences etc remains to be seen. Looking into my crystal ball: the introduction of community radio could also bring about long-needed changes in the existing local radio systems. It is unlikely that the existing stations, comparing their own restrictive practices with the considerable broadcast freedom of the community stations (and no doubt their more popular programmes), will let things stand and will probably bring pressure to bear on the BBC and IBA to allow them more freedom etc. Wait and see.

Laser 558 are giving regular mentions to the Caroline Movement Hotline on Reigate 41510 and as a result they are being swamped! Some 30 or so letters daily are arriving at the Movements postbox and the telephone answering machine is melting under the number of calls. In fact they are on the lookout for a new/cheap/free one as the existing one has just about given up and any offers would be most appreciated to the Reigate number. Most of the calls/mail is from the UK and are mainly housewives, teenagers and people new to free radio who have never considered a radio movement before. Others are former FRA members from the seventies who perhaps have lost touch with free radio and want to get back in. Either way, the response has been tremendous and as a result the Movement is in danger of being dragged under by too much work. Any offers of help to the Reigate number or drop a line either to the BCM box or via 32 Victoria Rd. A Euroseige Special Bulletin is due anytime from the CM.

Finally, copies of the Home Office spec for community stations are available for an SAE to me c/o 32 Victoria Rd, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3NG.

N Cornwall, on medium wave, 25/6-4/9/85:-

531 Sunshine R, Dublin
765 R West, Mullingar
819 Cavan CR, Cavan
828 Q102, Dublin
981 ICBS, Dublin
1008 CR Wexford
1188 R Dublin
1197 Waterford LR
1233 Boyneside R, Carrickcarnon
1251 Erneside R, Belturbet
1252 Arklow CR, Co Wicklow
1305 Radio ERI, Cork
1323 Boyneside R, Dublin (ex 1332)
1332 Suirside R, Waterford
1386 Kilkenny CR
1413 Big 'M' CR, Castleblaney (ex 1359)
1414 unidentified (kept drifting between 1414 and 1413)
1485 WKCR, Cork
1512 CR Youghal, Co Cork
1521 Magic 103, Dublin
1557 R Caroline, Cork
1557 unidentified carrier (not Caroline, only 30/8)
1575 CR Pingal, Skerries
1602 WLCB, Wicklow

And on FM:-

88.9 Waterford Local R (stereo)
97.1 Radio ERI, Cork (stereo, ex 96.7)
98.6 Radio Clare, Ennis
100.5 Sunshine R, Dublin (stereo)
102.7 Radio Nova, Dublin (stereo)
102.9 Laois CR, Mountrath

FRANCE

R Number One Energy is still heard here regularly. Does anyone know the exact site for this?

R Solidaritie is also heard here nearly every day on 99.3 in stereo, once with a 3 minute long ID jingle. Site???

Heard in Cornwall, R Montagne Noir (translates to Radio Black Mountain) on 101.5 approx, mono. Once again, site?

LONDON

Horizon Radio on 94.5 closed down voluntarily on 15/9. Chris Stewart, who presented both the very first programme in October 1981 and the final studio broadcast, said this move had been made to hopefully increase their chances of receiving a community radio licence. He reflected on this as more of just another chapter in Horizon's history, rather than the end. But he emphasised they would not return unless they received a licence. Listeners were invited to phone the studio phone no. to come on air and reminisce about Horizon. The phone could be heard ringing on the air, and no longer had he finished with one on-air call did the phone ring again. He concluded Horizon had set the standard for modern day jazz-funk free radio in London, and had made Capital and BBC Radio London re-shape their programming (I think anyone would testify that pirate soul stations HAVE done this). During the programme the studio location was announced, 62 Westow Road, Crystal Palace, London SE19. Stewart also attacked legal stations, and singled out County Sound in Guildford, for sending back Horizon DJ's demo tapes without even listening to them, because they had been involved with a pirate radio station. (Where did a lot of the best known DJ's come from? Also, Andy Archer (ex-Caroline) and Steve Walsh

(ex JFM man) have both worked for County Sound.).

The broadcast ended at 1630, the last record played was "Thinking Of You" by Sister Sledge. A few last words, then after just a few seconds, the TX was off. This was replaced with another TX from the Harrow Leisure Centre in Middlesex, relaying their "Horizon Farewell Alldayer", which went from 2-12pm. The engineer at Harrow switched in their TX too early, interfering with Crystal Palace (both 94.5), but it went off again luckily. The relay was not a success, it was in mono only, and very under-modulated. This was slowly rectified, at about 1830 it was reasonable. After that, it varied, audio cut out for an hour later in the evening, then returned, it then cut out again at 2255 and did not return. The TX went off at 0012. The Alldayer had featured many of Britain's top soul and reggae artistes. Farewell to Horizon.



SOLAR Radio continues, they appear to be raided at a rate of twice a week now on average, but normally return within 48 hours on 102.45 stereo. After another disappearance, they returned on Sunday evening. For the last two weeks, they have not managed 24 hours a day, when they've had the chance. Sometimes ^{there} ~~their~~ is back to back music through the night, although sometimes this finishes around 0100 (not enough DJ's?). Programmes normally resume at 0600. Today (Weds) they have had TX problems, sounds like the stereo encoder packed in. They closed down at 2300 tonight to sort out their technical problems. They continue to relay audio from Soul Train. They advertise this as being a stereo link IN ASSOCIATION with Channel 4. It sounds exactly the same out of the left speaker as the right speaker, and surely Ch 4 wouldn't dare.....

LWR are still silent. Other stations heard (on 15/9 on location in Isleworth, Middlesex):- R Memphis was weak on 1260kHz with a rockabilly format. A slight mains hum was heard. Is this the old Radio City? Phoenix Radio was weak on 90.9 mono with rock format. Announced 1600-2200 Suns. JBC Radio were very weak on 104.7 mono (ex 97.0). It was an OB from London W10, with a very shy audience! announced 105.

3BR was excellent on 1350, comes from Harrow area.

SOUTHALL, MIDDX

Also at above location, Seena (spelling?) Radio was heard on 90.7 mono. This broadcasts in English and an Indian language. They announced 90.2 and said they plan to go stereo. Lots of ads heard.

HARLOW, ESSEX

Unidentified station on 93.1, lots of QRM, but mentioned Harlow. Ideas? Reception in Isleworth.

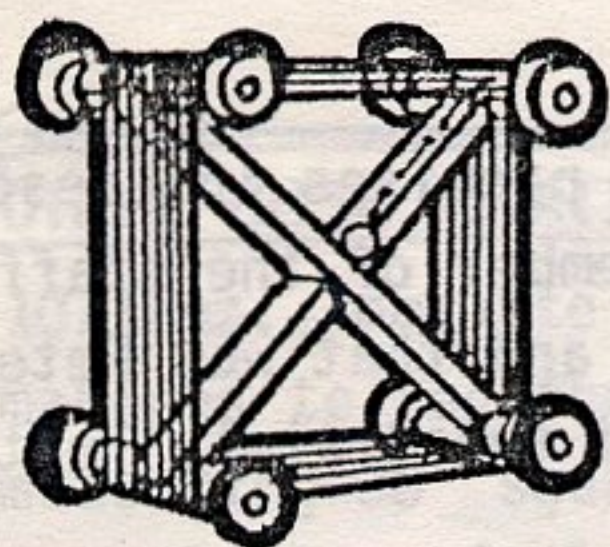
GUILDFORD, SURREY

Sunfire Radio heard here on 8/9 on 104.5 stereo with soul-funk format. They announced a telephone no, 0483-811501, and a new address, 92 Eastwood Road, Guildford GU5 0BU. I phoned them and it turned out to be their longest distance listener. They said they have been going for 18 months, and said they had recently increased power. Very weak here, they said they were going on till midnight, but disappeared just after 1700.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS

South Bucks Radio heard here on 15/9 on 94.25 stereo with good signal. Address is BM Broadcasting, London WC1, they gave out a phone no. Beaconsfield 3929. I gave them a call and were surprised I could hear them. They said on the air they used 50 Watts, and were broadcasting from the MV Enterprise II! It was said however this may have been their last broadcast.

THIS REPORT FROM Ian Kelly of Reading.



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BLACKPOOL

As usual, one or two new items arriving on our desk this last week. As expected, the latest (and greatest) edition of Offshore Echos magazine, Issue No. 58. 56 pages, packed with all the news, info, interviews, and the best selection of pictures yet seen in any offshore magazine, thanks to a trip out to the North Sea last August, by several members of the Offshore Echos team. This is by far, the best issue yet of this fine magazine, but do remember that individual copies are now £1.70, although subscriptions can still be accepted at the old price of £8.00 (for five issues). A good number of people will have received a subscription application form last week, which of course, can be used for this purpose, others, not receiving them (we ran out!), can send £8.00, indicating what it is for. Also from the same source, we have the new mini poster, as featured in the centre of the latest issue, and entitled, "Never more than a minute away from Loving Awareness". A black and white photograph of fifteen of the Laser/Caroline/Monique D.J.'s. Price is 75p per copy, or two copies for £1.00. Highly recommended. Whilst with the offshore stations, we now have in stock in good quantities, Radio Caroline car stickers, the round multi-coloured official logo of the station type, in plastic (will adhere to any smooth surface). Price of these is 35p each, 2 for 60p or 4 for £1.00, and when one considers what it costs to send for 'your free Radio Caroline car sticker' to America, enclosing 1 IRC, you will see that these are very reasonable in price, and after the usual overheads are covered, excess funds go in the right direction, without saying too much, for obvious reasons.

Two B4 pages of cuttings this week for members of "CC", featuring items from the week's newspapers etc. The London Evening Standard features prominently with three pieces and those together with several local newspaper stories concerning local land-based pirates and the odd filler make up two pages. Price is 20p plus SAE for non-members. To join "CC", "WR" members can send £5.00 for a year's cuttings, which will be sent each week with WR. Back copies of all cuttings are available and prices are as per each week's WR.

Today being five years since Sunshine Radio came on the air officially, we have made available once again, the very first "Anoraks U.K." project, entitled "Sunshine Radio...One Year on" which appeared in September 1981. Eight foolscap sheets of information in very great detail about Sunshine Radio's first year on the air. Price is 50p for this very interesting story.

Still with merchandise, following our mail-out last week of a new "Autumn" merchandise list, we would like to point out that one or two items are rapidly running out of stock, and anyone intending to purchase should do so now, or at least, write and ask us to reserve one until such time as you would like to purchase it. These items are....Paul Harris's "Broadcasting From The High Seas, the Loving Awareness Album, "Good-bye Caroline" by the One Shots.

The Time Out magazine article can still be supplied at 40p for the benefit of people unable to buy this publication.

The record "I Spy For The DTI" by the Moronic Surveyors is being distributed by PRT and will be on the Farce Label, No. DTI007. We understand from Sinfonia Records of Cookson Street, Blackpool that the record will be available from Tuesday next (1st October) and will also be available in 12" in addition to 7". We have no further details of what extra may be contained on the 12" as yet, or even, how much it will sell at, but we do know that the 7" will retail at £1.49, and we shall hopefully have it by mid-week. Anyone wishing for a copy, and unable to obtain one from their local record store, should send us £1.70 which will include post and packing, whereupon we shall despatch one as soon as we receive same.

NOVA/MAGIC 103. Probably the last time Magic will appear on the heading. As we wrote last week's report, little did we know that we were listening for the last time, as the station, Magic 103 closed down on Sunday evening, almost un-noticed. Monday morning yielded Nova relayed on 1521kHz., and 103.5MHz FM in stereo. Nothing unusual here, as this had happened before. During the day on Nova, the news-reader was actually at Nova Park, whereas before, was at Leeson Street, this was unusual. Then finally, no news was heard after seven in the evening. Then, we knew that something had happened. A quick call to Chris Cary confirmed that the station had closed and eight people were out of work. 'The end of the experiment' was the comment from station owner.

Apparently, pickets are once again in action outside the Magic premises in Leeson Street, although further reports since Monday have been non-existent. One member of the staff of eight did not even know the station had closed and that he was out of work, and that was Peter Madison, currently holidaying. He finished work on Friday, last but one, and immediately left to go on holiday.

Only two news-readers are now employed by Nova (or ABC network news), and they are Bob Gallico, who does 7.00am till 1.00pm weekdays, and Mark Weller who does 1.00pm till 7.00pm. No news is heard at night or at the weekend.

Colm Heyes duly returned from holiday on Wednesday last and helped relieve a very tight situation regarding staff. He returned to his Breakfast Show, with Bob Gallico. Nova's 50kw transmitter has been switched off, and the 1521khz., Magic 10kw one used in its place, making reception very difficult in distant areas now, even more so with the dark nights rapidly descending upon us. No reasons for this move are known at present. The 103.5mhz FM continues to relay Nova, in addition to 103.2 and 102.7mhz. Other than all this, Nova sounds about normal, with plenty of adverts heard.

SUNSHINE RADIO No news to report from this station this week, but we must say Happy Birthday to them and re-print a small section taken from the "One Year On". They celebrate five years today.

Sunshine Radio emerged with regular programming at 7.00am., on the morning of Monday 29th September 1980. Tests had been heard the previous day over a wide area extending well into North West England and also on the Sunday two weeks before this date, although problems with the aerial had prevented regular programming from commencing at this time.

A make-shift studio was used at the beginning, but despite this a highly professional presentation came through to the listeners. On the first day, several well known names were heard broadcasting, including Robbie Dale (ex. Caroline, Veronica and Hilversum), Chris Carey (ex Luxembourg, Caroline and RNI.), Tony Allan (ex Caroline, RNI, Scotland, ARD, Forth, Granada and others), Colin Russell (well known in the local discos) and these were soon joined by other well known names, Manon Christie, Tony Fenton, Tony Dixon, Peter Madison, Jason Maine and Declan Meehan (ex RTE).

Early advertisers included Comp Shop, Prendergast Television Aerials, Tamango Discotheque, Zhivago Discotheque and Christie Walsh Builders.

An amount in excess of £50,000 had been put into the setting up of the station by various backers and this accounted for the highly professional sound emitting from listeners radios on 539 meters, in fact it was to become an unmistakable sound.

A news service was shortly introduced, read on the hour at peak times, breakfast, lunch and tea-time, and a good coverage was given to international news, economic news, but avoiding national politics. News readers were Adrian Horsman and Siobhan Wajls. Weather was covered every hour on the half hour.

A superb jingle package was used on the station and the main theme was 'Dance Radio, Sunshine Radio, 539', although the format changed around Christmas time to 'Top 40 and oldies'.

New purpose-built studios were constructed and these were put into use in October. The station was off the air all day on 16th November, for aerial repairs, the only day it has failed to broadcast in the whole year it has been going. It duly returned the following day, with even better reception in the fringe areas.

As well as plenty of good music to sort all tastes, there were things like horoscopes, financial reports, interviews with all sorts of people from everyday housewives, to Superstars like Barry Manilow, plus film and book reviews and features on cars, motoring and motor sport.

The main presenters had regular daily shows, Monday to Friday, but at the weekends things were changed around and other weekend presenters were featured plus the 'Sunshine Survey' on Saturday at 12.00 noon.

All in all the station appealed not only to the local community but much further afield to a good part of England and the Isle of Man, making it quite an 'International Station'. Unfortunately after dark, the listening area diminished drastically due to a very powerful Swiss station broadcasting in German on the same frequency.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS(in brief). Longford Community Radio have been logged in this country on 1071khz., despite two other stations from Ireland broadcasting on the same channel. Ken Baird managed to log them, as did ourselves, with the aid of a new loop of incredible proportions, measuring 30' square. With the aid of this 'super' loop we can also pick up the many harmonic signals from Ireland, the strongest of which is Breffni Radio on 2340khz.(2 x 1170khz.). This stations second harmonic was the subject of some discussion on last week's Media Network programme with Jonathon Marks.

Concerning an item by Albert E. Ford in WR71 about the pirating of Radio Ulster, by Radio Newry, Sean Brady explains.....On the evening of Friday 23rd August 1985, between 7.20 and 9.15pm., BBC Radio Ulster broadcast a programme called Radio Newry in which, young people from that area, were given the chance to broadcast. It was one of the BBC's community radio experiments the only difference being that the programme was broadcast province-wide. A similar 'Radio Coleraine' was broadcast at the same time on Friday 23rd August.

Sean provides us with the latest line-up for Cavan Comm. Radio, but we have just heard that Philip Hilton from Southport is set to join the station very soon, so, we will await his arrival before we print the new line-up.

Breffni Central Radio were off the air for several days last week but one, due to a burned out transformer, which has since been repaired and broadcasts have been heard since 18th. September. Boyneside Radio's Cavan relay is now back on the air, and as from the beginning of October, expect to air its own programmes, similar to Boyneside Northern Ireland service. Longford Community Radio are off and on from time to time, due to problems with the transmitter, the old Carousel N.I. rig, formerly the old ARD rig. Big 'M' Community Radio expect to boost their power soon, with a new aerial in a bog. Likewise, an increase in power is expected from Boynesides 1305khz transmitter. Plans for a station on the border, in Donegal, seem to be well advanced, further details are awaited on that one. Two Liverpool stalwarts were spotted recently heading for Ballina, Co. Mayo with a car full of radio station equipment. Although one has since returned, it is rumoured that the other has already set up some station in this town, possibly called Westward Radio. We are attempting to find out more about this station.

Finally in Ireland, WLS Music Radio in Galway send us this report by station co-owner, Don Stevens..... The station has recently moved to a two floor unit almost in the centre of the town, at 24 Prospect Hill, although they are still awaiting the telephones connecting. Power on medium wave has been increased to 300 watts and on FM to 520 watts ERP., possibly the biggest FM that Galway has ever had. Station line-up reads.....6.00am., Sunrise Special with Don Stevens, 10.00am., Pam Wilson, 2.00pm., Steve Marshall with 'Drive', 6.00pm., Barry Williams, 9.00pm., Richie O'Shea, mid-night, Jeremy James with 'Young, free and single' show. News is broadcast on the hour, every hour from 7.00am till 6.00pm., with headlines at 7.30 and 8.30am. News readers are Chris Ashford, Sarah Keane and Laura Landers. Some promotional material is now available. Our thanks to the various contributors this week, not forgetting Heady Eddie at Boyneside Radio.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. James Bays reports from this area....Previous reports are confirmed, and he goes on to say that Gary 'B' and James Watt were both trained at the National Broadcasting School. Schedule on 5th August read...6.00am., Sally Cahm, 9.00am., Gary 'B', 12 noon, James Bays, 3.00pm., Kassach, 4.00pm., Drive-time with James Watt, 6.00pm., Twilight Time with Noam Aviram, 7.30pm., Classical with Daavid Fortune, 9.00pm., Specialist with Gary 'B', Midnight..Howard Hughes, 3.00am., Night-beat with James Watt. However, several presenters left shortly after for various reasons, and the line-up then read....7.00am., James Bays, 11.00am., Gary 'B', 3.00pm., Kassach, 4.00pm., Drive-time with James Watt, 6.00pm., Twilight with Noam, 7.30pm., Classical with James Bays, 9.00pm., Specialist with Gary 'B', mid-night, Noam, 3.00am., James Watt. James Watt then left and was replaced by Dave Asher who had been doing discos in Israel. In mid-August ex-hospital radio D.J., Dave James joined, followed a week later by two new presenters, Greg Fairlie and Kevin Copeland, the latter from a YMCA Radio in London, the former, ex-hospital radio then NBS, then Australian radio. At the same time, Noam left to return to his job as a TV announcer on Israeli TV. About 5th Sept., Peter Jeffries(ex-hospital radio and ILR freelancer) joined to replace Dave Asher who returned to the U.K. for the final time. Latest reports indicate that Daavid Fortune has returned yet again, as programme controller, in place of Gary 'B', and that James Bays has now returned home to attend university, to be replaced by American Neil Ruder and his wife, who will act as cook.

CAROLINE. Very little to report here this week, a settled line-up, and no major breaks in transmission, unlike last week's report. The spy-ship is still there according to reports.

LASER. Last week's three presenters were still managing to hold the fort, whilst awaiting some new additions to their numbers. Six hour shows were the order of the day. By the weekend though, a new name had been heard, thought at this time to be Chuck Cannon, he was logged on the late shift on Saturday night. The station closed down at midnight on Wednesday saying that they would be off the air for a spell, and, were duly missing next morning. They were not heard again until early evening the same day, when they returned saying they were back sooner than expected. It is not known the exact reason for the spell off air, but shortage of fuel, maintenance or meeting a supply vessel could have been the reasons. By the weekend, in addition to the new presenter, normal broadcasting hours had returned, that is, 5.00am till 1.00am.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL...Only Radio Merseywaves seems to maintain a regular weekend service now, on 1242khz., Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday with an excellent signal over a very wide area. A number of FM stations have however sprung up or re-appeared, Radio Veronica, 104.4mhz., Radio Commodore, 103.8mhz., (heard in Blackpool), Concept Radio, 104.3mhz., (back on top of Signal Radio, hence only heard in Liverpool, Deeside Community Radio, 92.2mhz., (off the air for a day or two, whilst awaiting new studio equipment, WFM, 90.3mhz., and of course, Q 107, on 97.6mhz., with a strong signal, and mentioned last week.

THE MIDLANDS....P.C.R.L on 103.6..ish mhz., are heard most days, including today, in this area. The unid. station mentioned last week from the Stoke area, turned out to be Radio Chocolate Cake!! on 102.3..ish mhz. Thanks to Steve Maddox for this info.

LONDON...Alan Porter in Essex reports RFL last Sunday evening, LWR on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on 92.0mhz. Solar, in the meantime, announced their intended closure in the week, in order to comply with conditions to apply for one of the new C.R. Licences. As far as we understand, the station will close some time this evening.

SOUTH OF LONDON...Radio Boulogne Littoral on 91.6mhz., tell us that they have a couple of new names, Stuart Clark(ex ABC Waterford) and Tony Simon(ex S.I.S. Brussels), these two join another ex S.I.S. man at this station, Tim Stewart.

EDINBURGH...Radio Free City can be heard each Sunday on 95.6mhz. with soul/funk and some jazz. Two new programmes of late are "Groundhog" featuring interviews and music from local soul clubs, also, "Sunday Stomp" a new indies programme. The station can be heard from 11.00am till 5.00pm., and can be contacted at 12/2 Cloverstone Drive, Edinburgh or on the 24hr info-line 031 443 0598.

STOP PRESS...Caroline announce 'final Knock Deep Tea Party'.....reception of American stations during Sunday night/Monday morning, quite incredible on medium wave....Magic to return????..... ABC Radio in Waterford heard most days on SW, during last week.....Radio Na nGael returned to the airwaves, on 1350khz., in the week....Radio Dublin heard relaying Nova's ABC Network News.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS. Yet another appalling Sunday, not only here but in most areas, quite disappointing for anyone with very little else to listen to, but first, a couple of items from last week..... Radio Big Lizard, we think the name is right, everyone seemed to agree on that, but we said they were using the 'Waves' address, and they weren't! The address was(thanks to Podney)...GLV No 2, Avenue Duvieux Moulin, 62176 Egiplès, France. As from 23rd September, the address of the Irish Radio Relay Service will be P.O.Box 1686, Dublin 1, Eire. Both Falcon Radio and Radio Skywave Int., use the address at present. The station on 6200khz last week was Starfleet Radio(not Falcon).

SHORT WAVE LOG. (all the usual loggers in action today, for what it was worth).

6200khz...FALCON RADIO, at 1005gmt.

6206khz...RADIO DELMARE, at 0951 and 1008gmt.

6210khz...SKULL AND BONES RADIO SYSTEM, at 1019gmt.

6235khz...UNID., at 0923gmt.

6240khz...RIVERSIDE RADIO, at 1116gmt., with an address of P.O. Box 39, Waterford.

6260khz...SKYWAVE RADIO INT., at 0920gmt.

6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 1030gmt.

6290khz...REREI RADIO NETWORK, at 1015gmt., broadcasting from off the Isle of Man(In the dense fog?)

6295khz...SHAMROCK RADIO, at 1154gmt.

6304khz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 0903gmt.

6310khz...RADIO IRELAND, at 0919gmt.

6870khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 0900gmt.

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