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P.O. BOX 539
BLACKPOOL

WEEKLY REPORT No. 75....6th OCTOBER 1985.

In view of the fact that we have slightly less news this week, maybe, we shall be able to catch up with one or two things which got themselves shelved over the hectic period of the last few weeks, including, most importantly, Steve West's technical Toppix, and a number of stickers and letter-heads and other items.

First off this week, the Cuttings Club: Just one single A4 sheet this week, with a number of small pieces concerning Magic 103, a station in Oxford called Thames Valley Radio, Super Radio 101 in Italy, the closure of some London pirates, a Northern Ireland pirate who has slipped South, over the border, plus a couple of items about the North Sea blockade. Price is just 10p plus an SAE. Members will receive it with WR75. To join "CC", send £5.00 for a year's subs. Only members of "WR" can join. Our thanks to everyone who sent in their cuttings for everyone else to enjoy reading. Keep sending them, please.

The "I Spy, etc." record. Sinfonia Records of Blackpool have been advised yet again, that the release date has been put back once more, possibly to next Tuesday(8th Oct.). As soon as supplies are available, they will be despatched to all who have paid us in advance. The price of the 7" single, in picture colour cover, with an aerial shot of the Laser ship, the mv Communicator, will cost £1.49, and with postage will be £1.70. The 12" version has the "Whitehall Mix" on it, in addition. Price of this is not yet known.

We have nothing at all extra to add on to our current merchandise list, this week, but did receive two or three publications. The London pirate station, Solar have finally got Issue 1 of their newsletter out. 14 x A5 sides for 20p., plus SAE(largish) from 8-20 Well St., Hackney, London, E.9.....Issue No. 17 of Pirate Info News(P.I.N.) Magazine is now available for 3 IRC's for a sample copy, from P.I.N., Postfach 220 342, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany. All in German, but very interesting nevertheless.....Play-DX, No. 384, Dario Monferini's excellent 4/6 A4 sides, weekly newsletter(the only other one, apart from WR!), arrives regularly. It is all in Italian, as a rule, but contains an enormous log listing, which is very interesting for the serious dx-er. An international reply coupon and AE to, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy for a copy.

On the subject of logs, our book is fuller than normal this week, due to excellent American medium wave dx-ing Monday to Thursday inc. Our new superloop helped, obviously, but we found that in the early morning, 6, 7, and 8.00am(we weren't up before), simple, table top loops brought in no end of East Coast American, Canadian and Newfoundland stations. In particular, the following were extremely strong....1500khz., WTOP(Washington), 1570khz., CKLM(Montreal, Quebec, in French), WNEW(New York) and 930khz., CJYQ(St. John's, Newfoundland.). These were only a few of absolutely hundreds, in fact as one tuned along the band, different tone heterodyne whistles were heard(USA and Canada are spaced 10khz., apart, whereas Europe is 9khz.hence, heterodynes are noted, for example 1510 would heterodyne with 1512 on this side etc.)The reason reception is better in the morning is the fact that it is light over Europe at this time, stopping skywave signals coming in, whereas between ourselves and the transmitter it is dark, hence these signals will come in. Having said that, you can go weeks with very little success at getting anything, then suddenly, the bands are alive with them. The latest we have logged these stations in Winter, has been 10.45 am., when one of our colleagues did just that. This is the time of the year for this interesting change of listening, so get up a few minutes early one of the days, get your radio and loop out and start twiddling. We guarantee you will be rewarded sooner or later. If you do have success, just drop us a line with positive identifications. Most stations I.D. very regularly, but often abbreviate. Again, an example of this....CJYQ will I.D. as Q.93., and so on.

In with this weeks WR, will be found an order form for Air Raid Tapes. This form can be used to order any tapes from their catalogue, sheet one of which was distributed a few weeks ago, sheet two is expected very shortly. Keep the form, use it again. People using this form will be entered into a free draw. Winners will receive a number of tapes of their choice from the ART Catalogue, runners up will win a year's subscription to FREE RADIO WAVES, the all new free radio magazine, due to be launched very soon. Actually, it should be re-launched, as this fine publication was available in the '70's. Many people were sorry to see it go, but it will be back!

On the subject of new publications, we have just had word from Jay Jackson to say that his new book is almost ready. He hopes to have it on the market in time for people to buy it for Christmas presents. It is to be called "The Pirates Who Waived The Rules" and will be in soft-back format, with colour picture cover, A5 size, about 80 pages, including photos and some highly confidential memorandum. Price is hoped to be around about £4.99 plus postage and packing, making it about £5.50/£6.00. We will advise everyone the moment we have copies for sale. Please don't send any money yet, we shall only send it back, but you may of course show an interest, to give us some idea of the number we may be likely to sell.

Caroline Movement tell us that their planned Film Evening, recently changed to a "Eurosiege Seminar" is going ahead at full speed. It will take place at a so far un-announced venue, for security reasons, somewhere in London, on the evening of Saturday 19th October. There will be two sittings, the first from 4.30 till 7.30pm., the second from 8.00 till 11.00pm. Doors will open 15 minutes before the start. A programme will be available and films and talks will take place. The event will be ticket only, and bookings by post only will be accepted. You are asked to stipulate which sitting you require on booking. Tickets are £3 to CM members, £5 to non-members. Venue will be stated when tickets are sent out. Further details can be obtained from Eurosiege Seminar, 22 Grasmere Gardens, Redbridge, Ilford, Essex., or by telephoning the CM Info-line, Reigate (07372) 41510. Early booking is recommended due to the number expected to wish to attend.

Apologies to those who failed to receive the Offshore Echos subscription form, we ran out. Should you wish to subscribe, simply send us £8.00 indicating which issue to commence with. After the next issue, due before Christmas, subs are likely to increase. We still have ample copies of the recent issue, No. 58, with all those excellent photos, at £1.70 per copy.

A number of people have written to the Home Office/The Prime Minister etc., regarding the north Sea siege. The usual reply has come back, about the stations causing interference. The letters although slightly different are more or less standard, it appears. CM tell us that in their latest Bulletin (No. 28), due out in time for their forthcoming function, that they are devoting about twenty pages to this matter (interference, or at least, alleged interference), and presenting the other side of the story. This should be well worth reading, so non-members should they wish to get the Bulletin, ought now to join the Movement.

Albert E. Ford wrote to the editor of the Sun praising them for their action on the North Sea recently. He got a personal reply from the deputy editor thanking him, but saying that they would like to see the pirates pay their fees for playing the records.

A detailed station profile from the Shetland Islands Broadcasting Company is at hand, very interesting and showing that a lot has gone into this proposed station, even at this early stage. Copies of this A4 sheet can be obtained for 10p plus SAE from SIBC at 101 Gilbertson Road, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0EB, or from ourselves at P.O. Box 539, etc.

Finally, interest is being shown in a number of old magazines covering free radio from the late sixties and throughout the seventies. It would be possible to re-produce some of these fine old magazines if there was enough interest. Let us know what you think.

NOVA. Station news now, and Nova first. We have been assured that Magic 103 will not return at all. The reason for the closure was quite simply the fact that the station failed to make any money at all, and without that, how can one pay staff? A statement concerning the situation was read out on Radio Nova news a number of times during the week. It stated that Nova was a separate company and not responsible for Magic. It also said that there was no disagreement with the NUJ at all, and that redundancy monies had been offered, although at that time, had not been accepted. Pickets at been placed at Magic's studios, but we understand are no longer there.

Nova continued on lower power all week, the big transmitter receiving some attention and the smaller 10kw one being used in its place. Generator problems occurred on Friday, just after 7.00pm., forcing the station off the air. It duly returned within the hour, but on even lower power still. Normal power was resumed after about two hours.

The big news of the week occurred on the Monday at 11.00am., when a new American female voice was heard. Jessie Brandon, no less! Jessie continued to do the 11.00am till 3.00pm spot weekdays. On Friday, she introduced "Flashback Friday" from mid-day till 1.00pm. The reduced news service continued all week, and on Wednesday, Sybil Fennell replaced Mark Weller. Bob Gallico does 7.00 till 1.00pm., Sybil, 1.00pm till 7.00pm. From Wednesday, promos were aired concerning a new venture commencing the following Monday (7th), "The Zoo Crew". "Zoos" seem to be the 'in' thing just now in America. We await Monday eagerly, to find out all about it.

Q 102. This station moved channels early week, from 828khz., to 819khz. 828 was a poor choice, despite it being a recognised Irish channel. A number a U.K. stations occupy it. At night, the Libyan outfit on 827khz(off channel) cause horrendous noises all over the British Isles and Eire. 819khz., is not a great deal better at the moment, as Cavan Community Radio occupy this one, with a fairly high power transmitter, although this cannot now be heard here at all. It is possible that Cavan may now move. 801khz. is a reasonable channel, unless the signal is directed North, as BBC Radio Foyle is on 792khz. A quick check with a 'tilting loop' on 819 reveals Cavan after all.

TREBLE T R RADIO. On Wednesday, it was noticed that this Dublin country music station had once again, moved slightly from 936 to 945khz. They seem to be having problems after dark with the continental interference. Here, 945khz. seems the better choice.

SUNSHINE RADIO. A noticeable increase in power in the week on the 531khz. transmissions. As usual, the modulation is above average, making listening in these parts exceptionally enjoyable.

WESTWARD RADIO. News from Ballina, Co. Mayo, indicate that this station is indeed back on the air, with the help of Liverpool stalwarts, John Dwyar(ex. Atlantis<ship>, V.O.P etc.) and Rick Dane, (ex Jackie North and others in Liverpool), although the latter has now returned home. Tommy Murphy tells us that the station returned a few weeks ago, on 1197khz., am., and 102.0mhz fm. It broadcasts from 8.00am till 8.00pm., seven days, to the Ballina area.

KISS FM. Formerly from the North, now expected on from the South very shortly, Omeath, Co. Louth.

W.L.S. MUSIC RADIO. Further news from Galway indicates that increases in power recently have shown rewards, with reception reports from Wales and from John Campbell in Okehampton, Devon, on the 846khz am signal. We have so far not been able to receive same here, due to local stations either side of the signal, and an Italian on 846 after dark. FM reception area has also increased and a relay transmitter in the Castlebar area is on the cards. During recent maintenance work, tapes of Keith York's Drivetime Show on the VOP were aired on 846khz.

SUIRSIDE RADIO. It appears that this station has closed down, but it is thought that they may return as Crystal City Radio now!

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO, Correspondent, Sean Brady tells us that he has now left Cavan C.R. and joined this station, where he did his first show on Sat. 28th Sept., between 10.00 and 1.00am. They broadcast on 1170khz., but are famous all over Europe for their second harmonic on 2340khz. Try to receive them on this freq. We can, all the time, but find it is better in the late evening. Station line-up on both Breffni and Cavan will appear very shortly.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports from this area at hand.

CAROLINE. No major problems noted this week with transmissions, both 576 and 963 have been noted on all checks. Having said that, a check this minute, reveals Monique off the air on 963khz., but Caroline on, 576khz. with John Lewis, who has not done a programme for some time. (10.45am Sunday as this is written). The Greenpeace ship was reported alongside on Tuesday, The Sirius. On board said vessel was reported to be a Radio Veronica film crew. All no doubt lending moral support. The Dioptric Surveyor had its share of problems, apart from the rough weather from time to time. Apparently, they chased an Anorak boat across sand-banks and although the smaller vessel managed this, the Dioptric grounded, and eventually when it freed itself, had to return to Harwich for an inspection of its hull. The Farne replaced them, but the Dioptric were back yesterday. The DTI have resorted to some more lowly tactics, taking away unauthorised VHF equipment from a couple of boats intercepted on the way to the ships. No trips are reported to be going out there this week, but bookings are still being taken despite the problems, report CM.

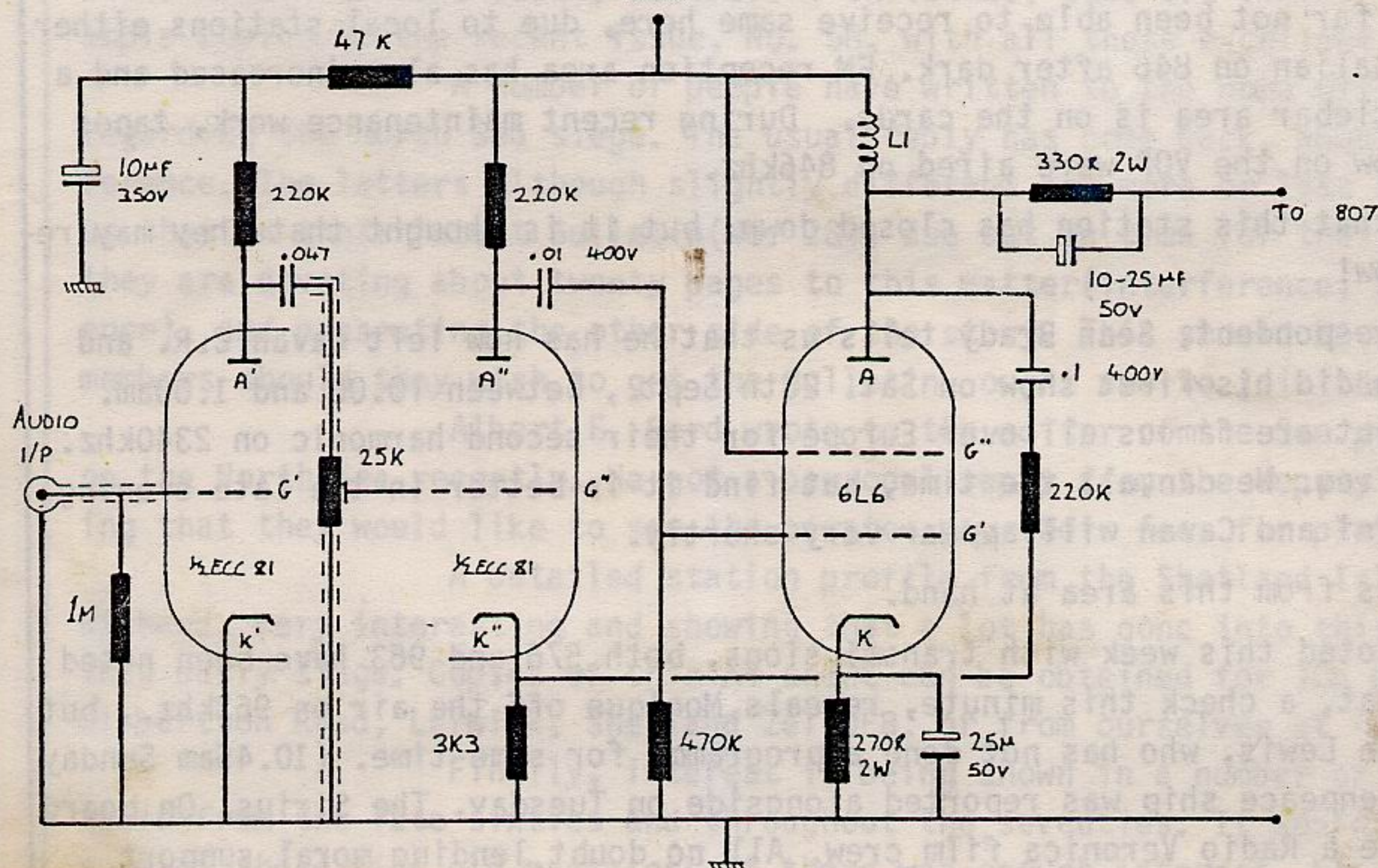
LASER 558. The same four presenters we left last week, were noted early week, along with a new advert for the "I Spy etc." record. Friday morning revealed no Laser, nor since, although they were heard about mid-night on Thursday night. It is not known if the closure was announced at this stage, but is thought that it could be generator problems, although, this is not confirmed yet.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL..Radio Merseywaves noted again on 1242khz. (Mon., Fri., Sat., and today), with normal programmes. No reports of the FM stations. Ian Iredale tells us that Deeside Community Radio, heard on 15th Sept., gave out an address of 47 Chester Road, Flint, Clwyd CH6 5DT. THE MIDLANDS. Alan Jeavons and Steve Maddox both report P.C.R.L. on 103.5 ish, on most days from this area. Nothing at all has been heard of Radio Chocolate Cake, reported in last week's WR, al- Steve says it is possible that they may have been on, as they were only heard very irregularly and had no regular set times of transmission.

STOP PRESS. Latest news just in....John Lewis announced Monique would be back soon, the engineers were attending to the transmitter fault. Ken Baird reports that Laser on Friday morning at 1.00am., said that the station would be off indefinitely for aerial repairs, but would return as soon as these repairs had been carried out.

Not much space left I'm afraid, but here's a mod for the modulation stage of the self-oscillating 807 tx shown a few weeks ago. This improves the audio stage by adding extra amplification using the other half of the ECC81. Input level needed will be about 500mV. The output from the anode of the 6L6 is the modulated HT to the 807. All valves are $\frac{1}{2}$ watt unless stated. L1 is any choke of less than 150 ohms DC resistance and between 2 and 10H. Any queries just drop me a line.

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SELF OSC. 807 Tx MODULATOR CIRCUIT

What can we say, yet another disasterous day as regards reception. Today must rate as the worst ever. Ourselves, we received none at all, and that is with the 100m long-wire back up. Gary Hogg in Leeds received one only(7390), Sandy Mountain, like ourselves, none, Paul Graham in Leicester, just one(6206) and Ken Baird in Scotland, just four(7390,7325,7310 and 6200, the latter only for moments. No Irish stations were received here at all, and only Glenn Hocking in Cornwall came up with any sort of log listing. 6200khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 0951gmt(relaying Kiwi at 1111gmt.).

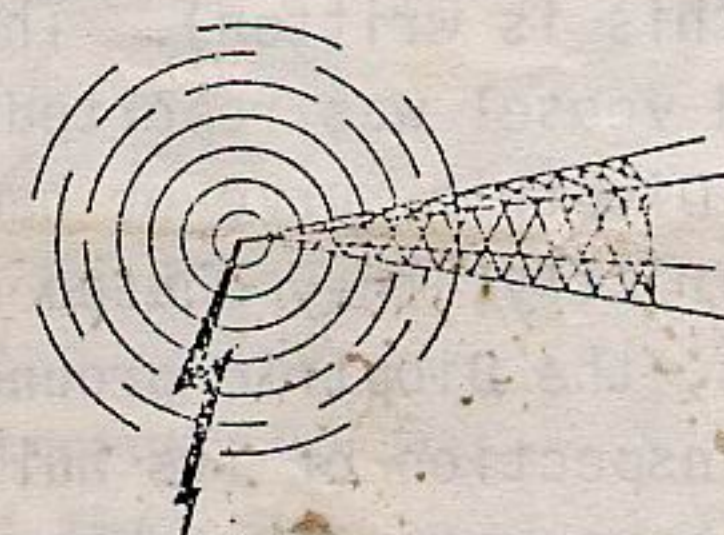
7390khz...**RADIO ACTION ?**, at 0934 and 1000gmt., with various excerpts and jingles, inc. "Q 100"

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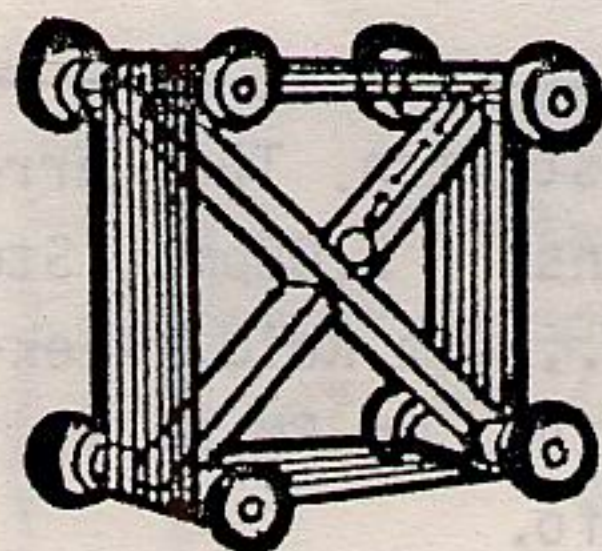
FROM THE EAST COAST OF IRELAND



Kibwi Radio - AM/FM/SW.

the rock of the south pacific

HASTINGS, NEW ZEALAND



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WEEKLY REPORT No. 76....13th OCTOBER 1985.

Here is some sad news! There will be no Weekly Report next week (20th October). Now, here is some better news! Weekly Report dated 27th October (Issue 77/78) will be a double one, at least eight pages, maybe more, who can tell at this stage?

Lots of happenings this week, but let's start as usual with all the preliminaries. The Cuttings Club: This week we have two B4 pages of items taken from our, and possibly your, local press, and the national press. Featuring Radio Nova and the pickets, Walton lifeboatmen, Blackpool's K104, Jessie's return to the pirates, more about the blockade of the two ships on the North Sea, New Zealand pirate news, London pirates and community radio plans. Price is 20p plus an SAE for non-members. Members will receive same with WR76. To join "CC", send £5.00 for a year's cuttings, sent out with each "WR". Only subscribers to "WR" can join "CC". Back copies of "CC" (and "WR" incidentally) are available at the price listed each week.

MORONIC SURVEYOR, The...I SPY(FOR THE DTI)/(Inst.) Farse DTI 7: DTIT 7 12"(A).

According to the trade paper, 'Music Week' (they list the record exactly as printed above), the record is released sometime between 14th Oct and 18th Oct. In other words, this week. No further delay is expected, but thereagain, who can tell. Sinfonia Records of Cookson Street, Blackpool (who are kindly supplying bulk quantities of same) promise to advise us the minute the record arrives. Despatch thereafter from AUK will be almost at once. Informed sources in the trade, tell us that 'white' copies (usually sent to radio stations) are in evidence, and one source reports to have seen the actual picture sleeve. We all look forward to seeing both very soon. People living outside the 'Laser' listening area may well experience problems getting a copy. Delays will therefore occur, as the record dealer orders same. As we shall have ample copies straightaway, we suggest that you drop us a line, enclosing £1.70 (inc. Postage and packing), you are therefore guaranteed your copy fast. Speaking about radio stations, we wonder how many stations are going to play it: Laser...playing it already, Caroline?...maybe. Nova?...possibly. Any others? Let us know if you hear it played. We still await details of the twelve inch version of the record, price etc.

Following last week's mention of Jay Jackson's new book, we have now received some literature concerning same, copies of which will be found within this "WR". We will now take orders, but please do not send any money until we ask for it.

More good news about books, and at the right time, when people are beginning to think about Christmas presents. Bob Noakes's book, "The Last Of The Pirates" is once again back in stock following interruption of supplies due to publisher problems. Price as before, is £10.00 inc. P & P.

Not still more? Yes....The Radio Jackie L.P. is out! People who have paid in advance for it, from Radio Jackie direct, or from World Music Radio, should have by now received same. We shall, of course, be stocking the item, but not until advance orders have all been despatched, which will hopefully be in a few days. We are not sure of the price, but have a sample copy, and can say that it is very good indeed. If anyone wants a copy fast, either write to Radio Jackie direct, or to us, and we will let you know as soon as we receive our stock.

New items on our merchandise list: Following 'latest and greatest' Offshore Echos, comes Monitor 31, yet another 'latest and greatest'. 72 pages! The biggest ever printed. It really is first class, with lots of excellent photos. Send £1.00 today, for your copy to P.O. Box 539, etc.

On the subject of magazines, if anyone would like to write articles for same, they would be appreciated. <TX> London's Free Radio Magazine wants people to write for them. Anyone interested should drop a line to their mailing address (advert for them; with address, elsewhere in WR). Offshore Echos and Free Radio Round-Up also seek writers of articles, both the latter's addresses is P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

New magazines dropping on to our desk this week, include, KBC Magazine (in English!). Only eight pages, but as always, very interesting. 1 IRC to P.O. Box 725, Arnhem, Holland, should get a copy. KDKC DX - SPECIAL CLUBMAGAZIN FÜR DX-ER, No 115... September '85 (in German, but always very interesting). A couple of IRC's should get a copy, from KDKC, Postfach 450 663, D - 5000, Köln, 41, West Germany. Also from the latter comes a very comprehensive listing of Belgian Free Radio stations on FM, invaluable to anyone living in the South East of the U.K. 42 pages in this book, of all known Belgian FM stations, very detailed. Price is £3.00 from the above address.

SOUTH COAST RADIO. From Cork, Siobhan Cronin writes with more info about this station. The current line up reads....Monday to Friday, 6.00am., Rob Allen, 10.00am., Noel Evans, 2.00pm., Steve Davis, 6.00pm., Bob Stokes, 10.00pm., Ian Moores or Trevor Stevens, 2.00am., Jim Reid. Week-end presenters include.... Mike Reed, David Dennehy, Tony Black and Keith Hamilton. On FM only, 102.3mhz., the station soon hope to be on AM also. Our thanks to Siobhan for info.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. Philip Hilton reports on a few problems there with someone jamming the FM link. A quick move of premises and the use of a land-line and "Wammer the jammer is now silenced, and we have a jam free programme" Don Allen was heard to say. Unfortunately, the FM signal has been lost in this move, and the station are now only on 819khz, almost inaudible now in the U.K., due to Q 102's recent move to this channel.

CENTRAL RADIO, LONGFORD. This station have now dropped the word "Breffni" we understand, but the management is still the same as the Breffni Community Radio one. Speaking about the latter, Sean Brady sends us their current line-up, which we have re-produced in Sean's super hand-writing....

Monday:

7:00am. Sean White.
10:00 Mary.
1:00pm. Brian Jones.
4:00 Paul Ross.
7:00 Rita.
8:00 Sean Byr's "Rambling House".
10:00 Eddy Fitzsimons.
1:00am. Closedown.

Tuesday:

7:00am Sean White.
10:00 Brian Jones.
1:00pm. Sean Brady.
4:00pm Paul Ross.
7:00 Noel Fay.
10:00 Sean Jones.
1:00am. Closedown.

Wednesday:

7:00am Brian Jones.
10:00 Mary.
1:00pm. Sean White.
4:00 Sean Brady.
7:00 Eugene Martin.
9:00 Philip Clarke
10:00 M.J. Clarke with the 'Breffni Country Countdown'.
1:00am. Closedown.

Thursday:

7:00am. Brian Jones.
10:00 Sean White.
1:00pm. Geny Boylan.
4:00 Paul Ross.
7:00pm Rita.
8:00 Sean Byr's "Rambling House".
10:00 Eddy Fitzsimons.
1:00am. Closedown.

Friday:

7:00am Sean White.
10:00 Mary.
1:00pm Brian Jones.
4:00 Paul Ross.
7:00 Sean Brady.
10:00 Noel Fay.
1:00am. Closedown.

Saturday:

7:00am Eugene Martin.
10:00 Maria Collins.
11:30 Anna Clarke.
1:00pm. Noel Fay.
4:00 Geny Boylan.
7:00 Rita.
10:00pm Sean Brady.
1:00am. Closedown.

Sunday:
7:00am. Eugene Martin.
10:00 Noel Fay.
1:00pm Caroline.
4:00 Rita.
7:00 M.J. Clarke.
10:00 Sean Brady.
1:00am Closedown.

Address: Kilnaleck, County Cavan,
Telephone: 049 3682.

Frequency: 1170 KHz AM.

Wavelength: 257 metres MW.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Pete Jeffries reports from the Voice of Peace. Mail is running late, so the news may well be slightly dated. The line-up remains the same as in our last report(WR74). Daavid Fortune is once again, Programme Director. The crew of D.J.'s is said to be the youngest ever at present, although management refuse to say whether this is good or bad! Shore leave still remains at one week off every month and pay is now about \$130. The rainy season is just about to start, although the recent weeks have seen hot days, but noticeably cool at night. The Peace Ship is expected to be in dry dock throughout January, but whether it will broadcast from there, remains to be seen. More detailed reports from our latest correspondent in Tel Aviv, Pete, will likely be found in the next edition of Offshore Echos Magazine, No. 59, due just before Christmas.

LASER 558. Problems, problems and still more problems. Following the station being off, this time last week, they duly returned on Tuesday morning. We checked and found them on at 7.15am., so they possibly returned at 5.00am. "Everything's fixed" was their quote. On Wednesday, we heard another new man, John Leeds, which made four men, and no girls in the line-up for the first time for ages. On Friday, the station went off abruptly at 12.09pm., mid-record, and was not heard again until Sunday morning. We checked at just after 8.00am., and they were on, but an earlier check revealed nothing. The usual excuses for the absence. Yet another new man, Jeff Davis was heard at 1.00pm. today(Monday). Now five men are on board, each doing a four hour shift. No girls are currently on the ship, but it is expected that Erin Kelly could return. All the other presenters have left or resigned. The Dioptric Surveyor lurks nearby as always, and today the presenter mentioned Royal and circling around, so maybe the Royal Navy are once again there too.

Last week, we mentioned re-producing old magazines. We are also considering in the future, offering further newspaper cuttings, this time, from as far back as the mid-sixties. Even old brown newspapers come out like new with today's superb photo-copiers (we have a new one- anyone noticed?) Any interest???

Robert Emery wrote in and asked about a feature on US stations and US dx-ing. (Thanks for the QSL card). We are only a report and other magazines will no doubt carry features on American DX-ing. Contact, Communication, Play-DX, Sporen and Free Radio Round-UP usually feature this type of radio DX. The latest edition of Play-DX (it is published weekly, like WR), No. 385, carries a very good log of U.S. stations, the ones mentioned in last week's report. The best times to try for the American medium wave stations is after the continent (Europe) has gone off. A lot of stations go off after mid-night, then, the Americans can often be heard. Whistles are normally first heard, as the ones on this side heterodyne with the ones on the other side (e.g. 1520 over there will give out a 1khz whistle with 1521 over here etc.). Early morning is an even better time, when it is still dark over the signals path, U.K. to U.S., whilst it is daylight over the continent. The stations can of course, be heard all night and at all times of the year, but, some times of the year are better than others. Now, for example, is a good time. Favourites to receive vary from time to time, 930khz., CJYQ(Q93), used to be one of the first to be picked up, but others seem to come in here, even before them now. Some favourites, taken from our log, and Play-DX's log in the last good spell (last week but one), are....1410, CIGO.....1510, WMRE.....1500WTOP.....1130, WNEW....1570, CKLM, but don't base anything on this list, try for yourself. As stated, Play-DX always have good logs listed, and so too do Sporen from Norway, but the latter's logs often feature 'K' stations (West Coast etc.), as these signals tend to skip over the top (the pole), the further North one goes.

Finally, we hope to report on the events at the forthcoming "Eurosiege Seminar", run by CM, this coming Saturday, somewhere in London (details by contacting CM), in our next double issue of "WR".

RADIO STATION NEWS...NOVA. Still on only moderate output power on medium wave, but just at present, getting all over the place with the excellent FM conditions (stereo in Blackpool, Derry, Wales and no doubt other areas as well). 102.7, 103.2 and 103.5mhz FM all in stereo.

The station have been giving a lot of airplay of late, to a single produced by 'Jams' of Dallas, given out free at a recent convention in that city. It is not available anywhere, but is proving very popular, as it features so many radio station jingles throughout the song.

"Clutter-Free" seems to be on its way back, non-stop music (inc. ads and jingles, of course) is heard each morning between ten and eleven am. Often in the afternoon, during Jessie's show, much "Clutter-free" is noted. The latter young lady seems to be settling in very well, and sounds very laid-back at times. Rick Dee's daily show has vanished, but his weekly top forty show is still aired on Saturdays.

New feature which started last Monday morning, "Zoo-Crew", continues, with Bob Gallico, Dave Harvey, Colm Heyes and sometimes, Tony McKenzie, fooling around and obviously enjoying themselves at the same time.

Tony Allan has been heard on several weekend evening shows with his ultra-professional style and superb choice of music. The multi-talented man has been reading the afternoon news, in addition to his regular production work (and his singing commercials).

Q 102. Following their move on medium wave to 819khz. (still announcing 828), last week, the station have now moved their FM frequency slightly, from 102.1 to 102.2mhz., which for people in this area, can only be good, as we have emergency services on 101.9mhz. The FM signal is superb here, in stereo most times. Their present promotion "Kitchen of Dreams" still seems to be going great.

SUNSHINE RADIO Despite worsening medium wave conditions during daylight hours, this station has increased power, resulting in no end of people writing in and remarking that they can now receive it in their area.

KISS FM. Based in Dublin city centre, the station has once again moved frequency, from 105.2 to 104.2 mhz FM. Both frequencies have been logged here. It is not thought the station are still on AM, although were logged on 1116khz some time ago.

WESTWARD RADIO, BALLINA, CO. MAYO. Following the departure of both Liverpool free radio stalwarts, from this station, it is understood to be still operating. Rick Dane left some weeks ago, but John Dwyar left only a week or so ago, taking with him some equipment which caused the station to be off the air for a while. However, they are now back on FM only, about 102mhz. It is not thought that the station will bother with AM at this stage.

CAROLINE/MONIQUE. The 963khz transmitter was off last Sunday and religious tapes, played in the evening, were duly aired via 576khz., although the latter's reception area is rapidly diminishing with the onset of Winter. As soon as late afternoon arrives here, 576 vanishes under the German. 963 duly returned on Monday morning, although reception here seemed distinctly poorer. No further problems have been noted, unlike their neighbours, although it was announced that the station would close at 1.00am every weekday night for the next two weeks for maintenance. Weekends would remain 24 hours. A number of staff changes have been noted, Dave Collins, Trevor James, Fergie and John Lewis all came off, to be replaced by Nick Richards, Dave Andrews, and Fergie(who went back!). Full line-up is not 100% sure yet, until a full day has passed.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LIVERPOOL. Two stations to report this week, Radio Merseywaves as normal with their four day weekend programmes on 1242khz., and Central Radio with a poor signal here, on 1404k. A number of lower power FM stations are known to be on the air quite regularly in the area, including Radio Veronica, who tell us that they have only missed one day of programming since April. They broadcast on 104.7mhz., and their presenters, Neil Frazer, Richard Jackson and Phil Collins are often joined by guest D.J.'s. Deeside Community Radio are on 92.2mhz with D.J.'s Jeff Jones and Les Martyn, and can be contacted at 47 Chester Road, Flint, Clwyd, CH6 5DT.

MIDLANDS. Just P.C.R.L. to report here on about 103.5mhz. Wrekin City Radio are promising to return before Christmas.

LONDON. Logged last weekend by Alan Porter and Rob Scott, were K-JAZZ on 92.0-ish mhz. Radio Active International were also sharing the same frequency. Radio Free London, South East Sounds and possibly Alices Restaurant were also heard, although the airwaves were noticeably quieter due to the closure of several stations in anticipation of a C.R. Lic. Any news from the London area can be sent regularly to our colleagues at <TX>, the address of which will appear below.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS for Sunday 13th October 1985.


6200khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 0912 and 1033gmt.
 6201khz...**RADIO ATLANTIS S.W.**, at 0944gmt.
 6206khz...**RADIO DELMARE**, at 1044 and 1100gmt.
 6210khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO**, at 1010 and 1021gmt.
 6240khz...**UNID.**, at unknown time.
 6268khz...**CAPITAL RADIO**, at 1130gmt.
 6270khz...**RADIO ATLANTIS S.W.**, at 1012 and 1041gmt.
 6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO**, at 1023 and 1033gmt.
 6280khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, calling CQ, at 1234gmt.
 6289khz...**UNID.**, at 0955gmt.(playing Spotnicks).
 6290khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**, at 1009 and 1050gmt.
 6300khz...**UNID.**, at 1004gmt.(music).
 6300khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 1234gmt., calling CQ.
 6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 0950 and 1011gmt.
 6310khz...**SKULL AND BONES R.S.**, at 1228gmt.(relayed?).
 6406khz...**RADIO VALERI**, at 1220gmt.
 6525khz...**SKULL & BONES RADIO SYSTEM**, at 1244gmt(QSO).
 7300khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE**, at 1137gmt.
 7317khz...**RADIO SOUND OF SWITZERLAND**, at 0930gmt.
 7352khz...**K.B.C./101/S.O.S.**, at 0930 & 1125gmt.
 7375khz...**CRYSTAL RADIO**, at 1025gmt(good Mod.).

Conditions started very poor, improved dramatically at around 1011gmt., worsened again around 1100gmt., and returned yet again, about 1145gmt., at this QTH. Everyone seemed to receive the majority of the stations at some time. The strongest here were Radio Atlantis S.W. on 6201khz., Radio Ireland, during the peaks, on 6310khz., Rebel Radio Network on 6290khz., and Radio Delamare on 6206khz.

Today's loggers were ourselves, Sandy Mountain, also in Blackpool, Ken Baird in Scotland, Dave Knight and Gary Hogg, both in Leeds, Paul Graham in Leicester, Glen Hocking in Cornwall and Radiotelex in Bremen, West Germany.


Although none of our loggers received any Irish stations at all last week, further written reports since received, indicate that a number of the usual stations were actually received in the Midlands and further South. The skip was indeed one of the longest for some time. Today's on the other hand, shortened to a very acceptable length mid-morning.

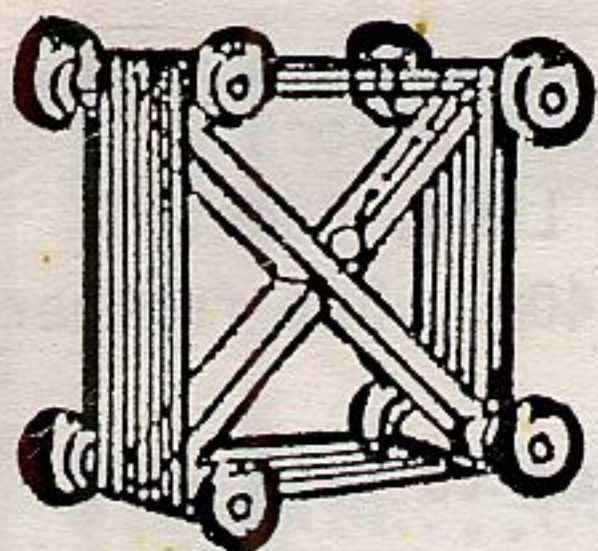
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WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539
BLACKPOOL

Nos. 77/78....27th OCTOBER 1985.

Back after the break, sorry about the confusion, we did not go to the CM Euro-siege Seminar, but to Ireland, whereupon we must immediately apologise to all those people we failed to meet up with. As said before, weeks rather than days are needed on this type of visit, and this most recent one, was only four days in duration, which does not give one very much spare time at all, still, there is always next time to look forward to, and hopefully that will not be too far away.

Many thanks to all the people who sent in cuttings during our absence, also to all those who sent in articles etc., for inclusion in this double issue.

Starting with the Cuttings Club first this week. we find that "CC77/78" contains three B4 sheets of items from the Press. Included are pieces about Nova, Magic and Q 102 in Ireland, the Offshore stations and Eurosiege, of course, the London land-based stations, "Tennessee Sound", Community Radio news and reports of the DTI Press Conferences. Price for this week's cuttings is 30p plus a large SAE(or 50p without). Members will receive the three sheets with this weeks report. To join, send £5.00 for a year's cuttings, which will then be sent with each WR. Your subscription will commence with the following week's issue. No back-dating of "CC", but back copies can be obtained, and the price of each week's is listed in WR. Special prices of bulk cuttings(all the back copies, for example) can be obtained on request.

The record, "I Spy For The DTI": Issued last Friday but one(18th Oct). We have ample supplies of both 7" and 12" copies. Price is £1.70 for the 7", and £4.00 for the 12", which includes postage and packing. The 12" version contains both sides of the 7", the vocal and instrumental versions, plus "Whitehall Dance-Mix", yet another extended version. There are no Eurosiege Up-dates at all, despite these being promised initially. All people who ordered the record before release date, will have received them on Saturday 19th October, people who ordered them after will have received their copies in the last few days. If you are planning to purchase one, do so at an early date, this way, the record then has a good chance of charting. As stated above, we have lots in stock so send now, even if you don't like the record, at least the picture sleeve is excellent, with an aerial shot of each ship(Dioptric and Communicator), on both versions. Do it today! They need your support now, especially with them still being off the air, and unable to plug it themselves.

Additions to our merchandise list: In the middle of this week's report, will be found an advertising sheet. On it, there is an order form for two new magazines..."Free Radio Waves", the 1970's magazine of the same name, back again, plus <TX>..London's Free Radio Magazine. Both these magazines are imminent, so money for them may be sent with the form(cut the form down the dotted lines if only one magazine is required). If anyone wishes to write articles for either of these, drop them a line direct(reader's letters, adverts etc., also). We only distribute. Their addresses are on the form. Also imminent, is Jay Jackson's book, but don't send any money yet for this one. Orders are coming in thick and fast, so if you do want one at an early date, send us an SAE., requesting same. There was a form in an earlier edition of WR, but you can write your name on the advert in the middle of this WR, and send that.

Also, and these are actually in stock here, we have copies of the glossy book/magazine, "The Radio Review...Sunshine Radio...Five Years on". This 32 page colour glossy magazine is a real collectors item, and features not only Sunshine today, but Sunshine from the beginning in 1980, plus Radio Caroline and lots more, including masses of photographs, colour and black and white. Well worth getting. Price is £2.00, and as always, this includes postage and substantial packing to prevent damage. Still with Sunshine, we have obtained further supplies of their 1983 Sunshine Review newspapers, although, only issues 1, 2, and 3. Issue 4(the last), is all finished. Whilst these are quite free of charge to anyone calling, we must ask about 20p each for postage and packing, although anyone wanting big quantities could get them a bit cheaper, as the postage would be less in bulk.

Finally with merchandise, we have stocked up once again on stickers and available are....Nova(new and old frequencies), Sunshine(both inside and outside), Q 102, Magic 103. All these are 5 for £1.00(20p each). Radio Caroline stickers are 4 for £1.00.

New arrivals in the way of mags/sheets appearing on our desk over the past 14 days, include Radiotelex 58(59 is due any day), Offshore Print-Out No. 10(October), Play-DX 387,

and Wavelength Issue 6. We have copies of Wavelength in stock at 50p inc. P & P. Always a popular good selling publication. Offshore Print-Out costs 20p plus large SAE from 5 Common Lane, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9RQ. We can supply one sample copy of both Radiotelex and Play-DX for 40p., but further copies will have to be obtained from the publishers.

Monitor 31, the Eurosiege Special Edition with 72 pages continues to sell well at £1.00 per copy. We still have plenty left.

"Lautsprecher" magazine tell us that they have published a special bulletin with all the addresses of the radio stations from South Tyrol in Italy. Very interesting for people who may have spent their holidays in that area. 2 IRC's will obtain a copy of this little info-packed mag., from Lautsprecher, Postfach 433, 2980 Norden, West Germany. Our sample copy is printed on bright yellow paper, it is all in German, but we found it to be very interesting, as we said, even more so, if vacations have been spent there.

Finally, in this opening section, we have just noticed after printing the advertising sheet for the centre, that our post code is printed wrongly in Free Radio Waves advert. So, we have enclosed one of our adhesive address labels for your use. Please use this when writing back, if you want to keep it for your collection, just tell us and we can send another.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND...RADIO NOVA/MAGIC. Although the latter station is long gone, its memory lives on in the way of a picket line outside its former premises in Upper Leeson Street. The dispute continues with Tegrar (Magic's owners headed by Chris Cary), and banners, posters and pickets can be seen daily, not only outside Magic, but also outside Nova Park.

Nova, in the meantime continues as normal. A new news-reader was noted on Wed. 16th., with an American accent. Cathy Byrne by name. She read the 1.00pm news with Bob Gallico and the following afternoon news bulletins. Cathy, of Mexican origin, continued to be heard for the rest of the week, reading news, but the following week, transferred to the "Zoo-Crew" programme, whereupon Sybil Fennell returned to take over afternoon news. Keen listeners will have noted Cathy's unmistakeable voice on WLBC (Wicklow) some time ago. Cathy can now be heard on Nova promos..... "Do you listen to Radio Nova etc.?..... Apparently, she is experiencing much success with this venture, particularly with the lads.

Present line-up on Nova reads....6.00am., Colm Heyes, 7.30am., "Zoo-Crew", with Bob, Colm, Dave Harvey, Cathy, 9.00am., Colm Heyes, 10.00am., "Clutter-Free", 11.00am., Tony McKenzie, 3.00pm., "Clutter-Free", 4.00pm., Jessie Brandon, 7.00pm., John O'Hara, Mid-night, Mike Duggan. The excellent Tony Allan, George Talbot, Tony Lewis, Paul Kavanagh and others can be heard at the weekend. Jessie is sounding rather good now she has settled in, with a fresh sound from her choice of music. The "Zoo-Crew", after a shaky start now seems to be establishing itself, and on visiting other stations, we found they were tuning in to it. Cathy seems the star here.

A few minor problems with transmitters have been noted, with both 738 and 102.7 being off for short spells from time to time.

Visitors to Nova Park studios of Radio Nova are greeted by an array of generators. These ensure continuous supplies of slightly cheaper power than E.S.B. The inside can only be described as 'immaculate', and no doubt the envy of other stations. Apart from the weekend, the station runs at 100 M.P.H., and visitors can easily be knocked over in the hustle and bustle.

Finally, it appears from adverts that Nova Park Club/Disco is about to re-open, 'under new management'. This superb club deserves to do well, the only reason it has failed to, in the past is the fact that it is so far out of town.

Finally with Nova, tomorrow sees the airing of the listeners 'Top 100 or Heavy 100' with Tony Allan and Dave Harvey from 10.00am. This should be worth listening to, that is, if you can receive them in your area on medium wave, as conditions are worsening, almost by the minute. Having said that, FM still gets out, with the high pressure over us at present, and reports of the station being picked up on FM 102.7 or 103.5mhz., have been coming in thick and fast, particularly from Scotland, although we have also had reports from Leeds and the Midlands.

Q 102. Our first visit to Q, a short one at that, revealed another hectic station, with no one able to stand still for more than a few seconds, with the exception of the presenter, who obviously could not talk much, due to doing his programme. Like Nova, the station seems to ooze with success, telephones constantly ringing etc. Despite a fairly spacious set-up, apart from the actual studio, we learnt that the station was in fact moving along the street a couple of doors to purpose-built basement studios at No. 8 Upper Mount Street. We were shown all around these, and came away with the

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impression that these studios when finished would be the ultimate in radio studios. The station continues on 819khz., to the Dublin area and surrounds, and whilst not a great improvement from 828, does get away from the awful heterodyne on 828 at night, caused by the Libyan station on 827khz. The reception in Dublin on FM, 102.1mhz., does seem to be a bit patchy, and the South side has a great deal of trouble to receive same, which may seem odd, when one considers that we can receive the FM here at most times. They did move to 102.2 last weekend but one, no doubt to try and squeeze yet another relay in, but have since moved back to 102.1mhz. CIE, the transport undertaking, were granted an injunction against Q in the week just gone, preventing Q from operating a transmitter through an aerial on the mountain, just outside Dublin. Our thanks to Martin Block for sparing time to show us around, maybe next time, we shall be able to stay longer.

SUNSHINE RADIO. 101.5 and 100.5mhz., both in stereo, FM, and 531khz., AM, with an astonishingly good signal, continue from their Sands Hotel site in Portmarnock. Nothing ever seems to change at this station, even the notices on the wall all through the station, are in the same place. Sunshine makes it a trio of super-pirates in Dublin, all very professional and very successful, with all the big agency adverts heard on all three. Sunshine's offices in town, at Baggot Street were visited also, where more old acquaintances were met, including Martin King, formerly with Sunshine, and now working abroad, who just happened to be passing through. One could not help but comment on the huge stack of Sunshine Five Years On magazines in there.

KISS FM. Tuning around the FM band in Dublin, apart from the big three, above, this station seems quite serious in carving a niche for itself in the Dublin area. Their transmitters were on 95.3khz., the old RTE channel, and also on 104.2mhz., both in stereo, with very good quality and plenty of adverts. The Sunday World often carries large adverts for the station, a copy of which is below...

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Sales Director
Alan Hunter
Phone: 741610. Ext. 4

OTHER DUBLIN STATIONS. The FM band is the thing in Dublin, but having said that, a lot of spurious signals, blank carriers etc., cause some problems on some sets. Radio Dublin on 98.8mhz., Treble TR on 99.5mhz., Capitol Radio on 96.0 and 94.0mhz., North Dublin Community Radio on 99.95mhz., were noted from within the town, along with Charisma on 98.0mhz., from time to time, plus, from out of town, heard were...B.L.B. Community Radio, very strongly on 97.8mhz., from Bray, BFBS on 106.55mhz., at weekends, from Blanchardstown, Boyneside Radio on 98.1mhz., from Drogheda.

The medium wave seemed very quiet, all the usual stations were noted, plus on 1530khz., on Sunday, possibly C.B.C. Sandymount/Radio Galaxy, with Tony Boylan playing his '78's.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

WVLCB

103 FM Stereo - 1602 AM
MON - FRI

2.30 LEO DOYLE
10.00 JACKIE SCOTT
1.00 MARTIN O' NEILL
4.00 STAN O' REILLY
7.00 MON NICK ADAMS - WLCB CLASSICAL POP
7.00 TUES CHARLES GAMBLE - WLCB JAZZ
7.00 WED KAY RYAN - WLCB IRISH TRAD & BALLADS
7.00 THUR PAT DOYLE - WLCB FOLK
7.00 FRI KAY RYAN - WLCB IRISH COUNTRY
9.00 CLOSEDOWN

SATURDAY

7.30 PAT DOYLE
9.00 KEVIN DESMOND
11.00 THE YOUNG ONES
1.00 KAY RYAN
2.00 EILEEN WHELAN
3.00 WLCB SPORT WITH VICTOR, NICK & CATHERINE
6.00 THOMAS O' REILLY
8.00 DAVID RICE
9.00 CLOSEDOWN

SUNDAY

7.30 PAT DOYLE
10.00 KAY RYAN
12.00 SUPER COUNTRY WITH LEO DOYLE
2.00 VICTOR RYAN'S AFTERNOON DELIGHT
5.00 STEPHEN HAMILTON
7.00 STEPHEN KELLY ROCKS
9.00 CLOSEDOWN

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WVLCB

103 FM Stereo - 1602 AM

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

TX INFORMATION

AM - 1.2Kw. AERIAL - 160' insulated stayed tower
FM - 200w. AERIAL - stack of broadband dipoles

FREQS.

AM - 1602 khz
FM - 103 mhz stereo

TX. SITE

AM + FM - a remote hillside site 1 mile outside town

STUDIO INFORMATION

A 3 studio complex located in Wicklow town
Studio 1:- main broadcast studio
Studio 2:- news and current affairs studio
Studio 3:- production and training studio
Also incorporated in the building:-
Reception area 12' x 12'
Newsroom 10' x 5'
Sales office 12' x 7'
Manager's office 12' x 7'
Production area
Kitchen area
Bathroom
Record library

WLCB commenced broadcasting 3 years ago as WCR (1512 khz). In the beginning it was run almost entirely by voluntary staff. The station was primarily aimed at the local community of Wicklow town and surrounding areas.

Over the past 18 months the station has changed its emphasis to commercially run professional local radio, employing a full time staff but still maintaining a high percentage of local voluntary staff. Ongoing training programmes are an integral part of the station and a studio is set aside for this purpose. On the hour news also plays an important part in the programming with the entire news staff being 10J journalists.

The station changed its name to WLCB after the installation of a larger Tx, and is in line with forthcoming radio legislation in Ireland which will provide commercially run local radio for the entire county of Wicklow.

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Our thanks to Leo Doyle at WLBC for kindly supplying information for WR and hospitality on our recent enjoyable visit to Wicklow.

Likewise, thanks to good friend, Kieran Murray(minus bushy beard) at Carousel Navan, who we were pleasantly pleased to note, were broadcasting on 97.1mhz FM., in addition to 1386.

From Belfast, Brian Robinson reports yet another KISS FM, testing on 103.2mhz., from Omeath, Co. Louth, on 13th, 14th and 15th October, with music, jingles, I.D.'s and a Lurgan, Co. Armagh address, hoping to commence regular programmes shortly.

RADIO WEST. Two fresh names to this station were noted last week, on news, Frank Ryan, ex Sunshine and Boyneside Radio, and on programmes, Russ Padmore, ex ABC in Waterford, heard weekdays 2.00pm - 6.00pm., Saturday, 7.00am - 10.00am., and the Sunday Chart Show, 3.00pm - 6.00pm. Russ, originally from Derry, in the North, worked on Radio Thamesmead, the cable station in London. He goes on to say that Radio West are planning a relay in Athlone town, which for some strange reason cannot receive the 765khz., signal very clearly. 702 and 828khz have been mentioned as possible channels here.



Breffni Community Radio

BREFFNI RADIO, in its first year on the air, has proved far more successful than we could have hoped for when, back in December, we first switched on to bring you "music from the heart of Breffni".

Undoubtedly all of this success is due to the choice of music—Country and Irish. The decision to play that type of music was an easy one for two reasons: number one was the fact that BREFFNI broadcasts from the heart of rural Cavan in an area where Irish music has always been very popular; secondly, our national broadcasting services have sadly neglected that type of music down through the years.

Once on the air, Breffni soon established itself not only with its listeners but also with advertisers who found us an excellent medium for putting their messages across. The disc jockeys are the people everyone knows at the station—all are locals and nearly all are spinning discs for the first time. Another big event in the history of BREFFNI came back in May when our second station, BREFFNI CENTRAL, started in Longford town to serve the Midlands and West. It too is now a thriving local station. Back here in Cavan, further expansion is underway at the station. We plan in the very near future to introduce a full news service, also for all the bad sleepers among you we plan to broadcast twenty four hours a day right round the clock. This along with broadcasting on FM should keep us busy over the coming months.

The above piece taken from the Breffni Radio Awards booklet, kindly sent to us by correspondent, Sean Brady, who goes on to say that the event, held in Cavan Town, on 15th October last, attracted about 1200 people, proving that "Breffni is big". Meanwhile, their sister station, now called just "central Radio", from Longford have been experiencing problems with their aerial mast being vandalised.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. The station as reported earlier, have moved studios to their original premises used when they first came on the air. This has been due to jamming of the FM link. A land-line is now in use, but even so, their reception area is drastically less than what it used to be, due to the fact that Dublin station, Q 102 moved on to 819khz., which means that even about ten miles outside Cavan, one can hear Q 102.

BIG 'M' COMMUNITY RADIO. This station have made a wise move from 1413khz., to 1404khz. Kildare on the latter with their unstable oscillator made both stations inaudible virtually, here.

Two reports in, suggest that there may well be an FM station in operation in Athlone Town, and that a new station is set to commence broadcasts from Donegal into the North.

W.L.S. MUSIC RADIO. Jeremy James reports from Galway, and sends the station's latest line-up.....
6.00am., Don Stevens with WLS Sunrise Special, 10.00am., Pam Wilson, Mid-day, Keith York,
3.00pm., Steve Marshall, 6.00pm., Barry Williams, 9.00pm., Richie O'Shea, Mid-night,
Jeremy "Young, Free and Single" James.

ABC RADIO. Anyone tuned to this station on 1026khz., or 6200khz SW, this week, will have heard a familiar voice. John Lewis, no less!, currently standing in for Breakfast presenter, Richard Staines who lost his voice. John was also heard during the morning on both Saturday and Sunday(today), in fact, today at just after 10.00am., he was heard playing a request for all those listening in on short wave in the U.K. and all over Europe, as we are sure they were, with the good short wave conditions, together with ABC's new SW rig. ABC also inform us that they now have a new FM transmitter for Tramore on 103mhz in stereo.

CRYSTAL CITY RADIO. Apparently, this station opened up last Monday from the same studios, and on the same frequencies as before, when they called themselves Suirside Radio.

That just about covers the Irish scene for the past two weeks, apologies for anything forgotten, and apologies for failing to see everyone we ought to have done, next time, for sure!!! Happy Birthdays to Sunshine(5 Years in late Sept.), Carousel Navan(4 years last week), Breffni(1 year) and Radio Dublin(19 years, about now).

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news at all during our absence.

CAROLINE. Not a great amount of news to report, both frequencies are in action. The odd break in transmission has been noted, some announced(the nightly ones), some not. The signal on 576 in Ireland was non-existent, whilst the signal on 963khz., was just audible in the daylight, with the aid of a 'loop', but at night was very much better than in Blackpool. Current line-up seems to be.....
6.00am., Nick Richards, 9.00am., Susan Charles, mid-day, Neil Francis, 3.00pm., David Andrews, 6.00pm., Andy Johnson, 10.00pm., Fergie McNeil, 2.00am., Nigel Roberts. An extra hour of 'Jamming 963' is likely with the clocks altering this weekend.

LASER 558. Oh Dear! Again! Although out of ear-shot, we understand that the station went off abruptly in the early hours of Saturday 19th October and have not been on the air since. Presenters on at that time were...Jeff Davis, Chuck Cannon, John Leeds, Craig Novack and Jay Mack. All the usual reasons for them not being on air have been given, aerial, fuel and generator, but still, no return. Someone should try and get at least a tone on 558 before we hear the BBC testing on it. One thing is for sure and that is the fact that the ship is still there, despite rumours to the contrary, and that is according to Caroline this morning. Susan Charles on Caroline was heard wishing Erin Kelly all the best recently, so it looks like she has left also. Finally, a friend of a friend who is not an Anorak, and works all night, was listening to Radio Luxy and swore he heard an advert for a Laser Roadshow a couple of nights ago. Did anyone else hear this?

Although not at the recent CM "Eurosiege Seminar" in London, a number of reports have been sent in by telephone and letter. The appearance of Messrs., Wolf and Rivers was without question the highlight of the function.

No doubt, everyone knows about the outcome of the recent DTI Press Conferences, without question held to try and drum up some public support for what they are doing at present. Reports made a number of newspapers, including national ones, as well as S.E. T.V. and other radio programmes like Media Network. Mention was made of jamming and towing in by the Navy, both courses of which are unthinkable. As a result, Paul Rusling suggests we now write to Mrs Thatcher, who is the only one able to do anything, although we do realise that a number of people have written to M.P.'s etc. Albert E. Ford in Devon did just that and received replies from the House of Commons. We have decided to re-print Paul's letter in full and urge everyone to write in now, before it is too late.

RADIO PARADIJS. News from Ben Bode in The Hague indicates that the expected court case was once again extended(delayed to another date which is at present unknown) at its recent hearing.

TENNESSEE SOUND. According to the trade paper, Music Week, this proposed venture is still going ahead, but being hampered by the present carry-on by the DTI.

Apollo DX on location in Holland tell us that the Norderney ship was located behind Cetraal Station in Amsterdam. The ship apparently looks exactly as it did in its days of broadcasting, complete with aerials etc., although now used as a disco/restaurant.

P.O. Box 19

HERNE BAY. Kent

16th October 1985

Dear Fellow Anorak,

The world of Offshore radio, and its future is now at probably the most important crossroads ever. If you want to see the current stations survive and any more such stations in future, POSITIVE ACTION IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.

The D.T.I. held two press conferences earlier today in Kent and Essex. At these one of their spokesmen claimed that if the present tactics of frightening off UK supply boats does not have any effect on the ships, then consideration will be given to direct physical action, including arresting the ships and bringing them in to a UK port.

Obviously such a move would seriously jeopardise any other stations coming on air in the near future, even if you rarely listen to the current stations such as Caroline and Laser, you must realise that such action by the UK is utterly incomprehensible.

The DTI have said that such a decision would only be taken at the highest possible level, and this means cabinet level. Mrs Thatcher has the final control of their decision, and its imperative that her current unofficial support not be swayed by the ridiculous arguments of the DTI officials. We must all write immediately stressing not only how unpopular any direct physical action would be (and mention here should be of your own age if between 16 and 45/40 the ages other parties are now pitching for and thus a worry to her) but also how unconstitutional it would be and put the UK on a level with other aggressors, Argentina etc etc. During the last war we did not jam out German Propaganda broadcasts, we don't jam Russia today although she does jam us, and her actions cause far more interference; I'm sure you've got your own pet arguments and of course letters should be varied.

Do not waste your time writing offensive letters, or to those who do not have any power to intervene. The brief is to use friendly persuasion to get the Lady with her finger on the 'Offshore Radio Destroy' button to fear pressing it, be it for loss of face abroad, or worse loss of voters. Tell her you're her friend, and don't want her to lose lots of others.

The whole future of Offshore radio may be decided within the next few weeks, you can affect that future. Spend the next few hours on this, or next year the nearest radio ship may be a thousand miles away.

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 20th October 1985

This week, Radio Mersey Waves and Central Radio International have been joined by one of the mysterious local FM stations who are frequently reported but not heard here!

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.
On Monday 14th

On Monday, although the carrier was on the air by 7:30am, it was not modulated till 9:45am when Mark Newman said that they had overslept, but they had experienced problems with the studio locks and also with the transmitter. As Dave Collins was away on other business, they operated a revised schedule. Heard were:- 9:45am-11am Mark Newman; 11am-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Paul James; 7pm-9pm Edward Bear; 9pm-10pm Mark Newman; 10pm-Midnight Tony Coltrane; Midnight-1am Dave Collins; 1am-3am DJC.

On Friday, with new DJ Peter Thomas filling the 3am-8am slot, the station was announcing 24-hour operation, and heard were:- 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-4pm Martin Miller; 4pm-7pm Mark Newman; 7pm-10pm Tara; 10pm-Midnight Tony Coltrane; Midnight-1am Dave Collins; 1am-3am DJC; 3am-8am Peter Thomas. The Saturday line-up was not completely noted but heard were:-8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon Tony Coltrane; Noon-2pm Mark Newman; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm Mark Wright; 6pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am Dave Collins; 1am-3am DJC; 3am-8am Peter Thomas. On Sunday the station had a few problems. The line-up was: 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm - 3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm continuous music in place of Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm DJC; 7pm-8pm continuous music; 8pm-9:40pm carrier only; 9:40pm-10pm modulation tests; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. The remainder of the schedule is believed to have been:- Midnight-1am Keith the Chief; 1am-3am DJC and 3am-8am Peter Thomas.

CENTRAL R. INT 1404kHz; 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

Announcements from the station suggest that they may now be operating on Fridays, but this weekend they weren't heard until 10am sign-on on Saturday, when the line-up was:-
10am-Noon Jim Lowe; Noon-2pm Jim Browne; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Tom Webb; 6pm-9pm John Sanderson and 9pm-Midnight(?) Jeff Thompson. The schedule on Sunday seems to have been the same except that Jim Lowe and Jim Browne exchanged hours. The station say that Rick Dane will be joining them from next weekend and that within the next couple of months they hope to go on to 7-day operation. At various times on Sunday they announced a parallel FM frequency, but for details see below.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: No mailing address heard.

On Sunday, Jim Browne sent greetings to Concept Radio, saying that they could be heard 8(?)am-Midnight in North Wirral. Nothing was heard here until 1:35pm, when the station heard on the frequency was Central Radio Int, with Jim Lowe announcing a parallel frequency of 104.3MHz to 1404kHz. Apart from a few breaks in transmission, CRI occupied the FM frequency till 6pm. During the Tom Webb Show on Central Radio, it was revealed that Concept Radio is Jim Lowe and Tom Webb. He said that they would be relaying CRI till 6pm, then relaying the BBC Radio-1 charts between 6pm and 7pm, after which they would be running their own programmes till Midnight. It is thought that the line-up was Jim Lowe 7pm-9:30pm and Tom Webb 9:30pm-Midnight, but this wasn't confirmed. The choice of frequency is poor as Signal Radio put in such a good signal. During the afternoon it is necessary to "loop-out" Signal Radio to the utmost in order to hear Concept Radio, which is then heard above a very hissy background and with a lot of breakthrough from Signal's American Top 40 Show. After dark, Concept's signal is much stronger and is heard with the antenna pointed right at Signal Radio.

This week has seen a surge in activity in the Merseyside area, Radio Mersey waves seem to have been on all week, on 1242khz., Central have been heard at the weekends (last weekend, heard in Ireland, this weekend, heard here with difficulty under Big 'M' Community Radio), on 1404khz., and now Storeton Community Radio seem to have returned on 1026khz., heard here yesterday and today. The lower power FM stations are understood to be active also, but no reports of exactly what is on the air, are to hand, apart from one from North Wales, who states that Deeside Community Radio are on most days on 92.2mhz.

THE MIDLANDS. Steve Maddox and Alan Jeavons once again report that only P.C.R.L. are heard regularly in their area, on most days, in fact, although Subway Sound returned on 103.1mhz last Sunday(20th), broadcasting to Keele University campus(although logged nine miles away!)

LONDON. Alan Porter, Dave Humphrey and Mark Burrell report lots of activity in this area, although great detail will be avoided here, as full reports will appear in the forthcoming issue of <TX>. Herad of late have been Radio Boulogne Littoral on 91.6mhz., from France with English programmes each Monday evening, London Weekend Radio back on 14th Oct. on 92.5mhz., J.B.C. on 105mhz., K-JAZZ and Radio Activity(sharing tx's) on 89.9mhz., South East Sound on 1188khz., KISS FM on 94.0mhz., plus various Greeks, have all been logged at some time or other over the past fourteen days. Raids are still the order of the day, as the DTI continue their purge.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS.

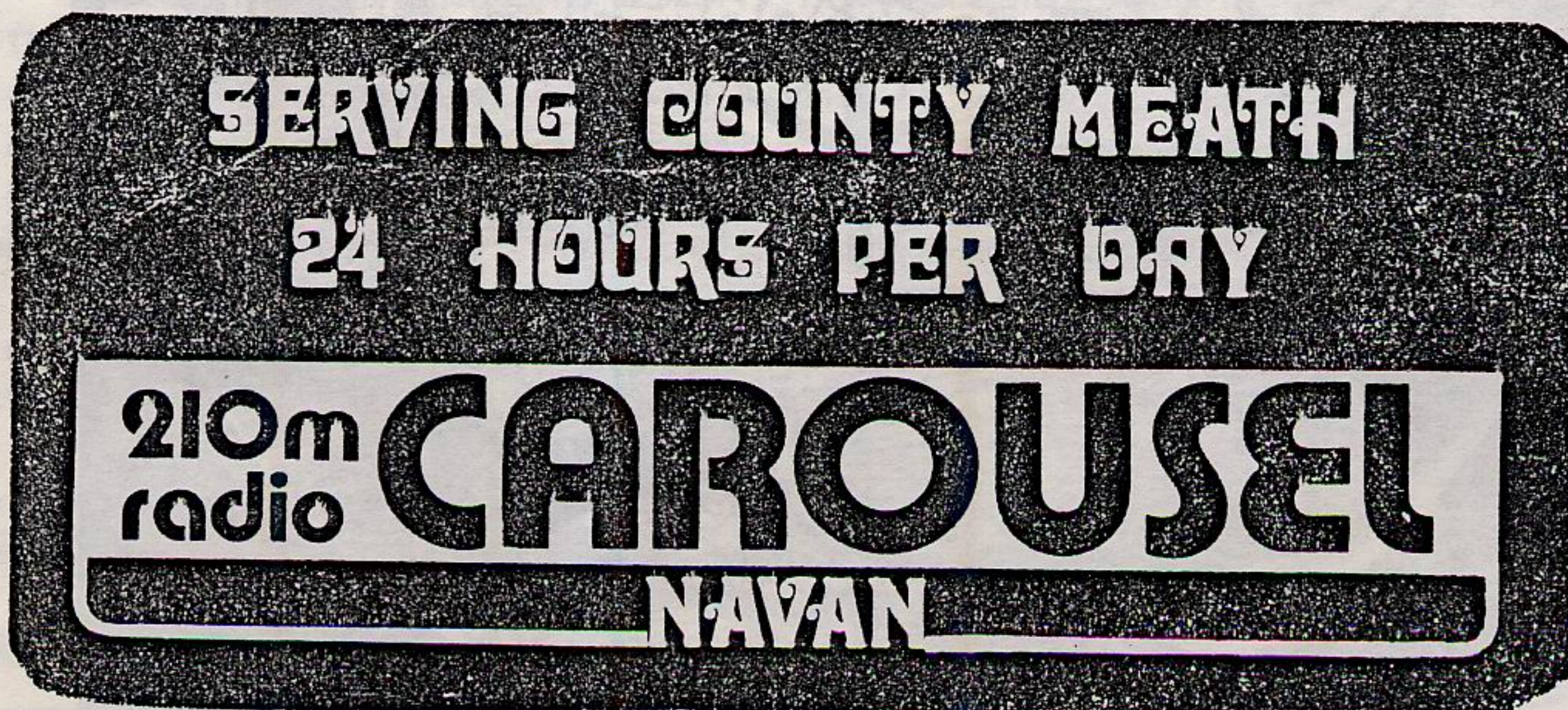
Logs for last week were kindly typed up by Glenn Hocking of Cornwall.

OK here are the logs for SUNDAY 20th, OCTOBER 1985.

6.200khz...0923-1300 FALCON RADIO,
6.205khz...0959-1518 FRS-HOLLAND,
6.205khz...1518-1700 RADIO TUTENCHAMUN,
6.205khz...1700-1730 RADIO DELMARE,
6.213khz...0955- UD?, very weak QRM Delmare,
6.220khz...0953-1210 UD?, very weak too,
6.225khz...0951-1033 UD?, RADIO 48 moving frequency? As only played mx tho the mx that was played was what was being played by R48 when they sf abruptly, understand?
6.230khz...0920-0943 RADIO 48, Dave Scott,
6.230v ...1310-1440 RADIO STATION HOTEL AMIGO, testing? Terrible modulation,
6.235khz...0934-1304 UD?, another very weak signal, QRM Rainbow,
6.240khz...1110-1430 RADIO RAINBOW, first tx since August, 150-200 watts, reg tx now,
6.260khz...0820-1210 RADIO SKYWAVES INTERNATIONAL,
6.268khz...0833-1327 CAPITAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL,
6.275khz...0913-1100 UD?, very very bad co-channel, same station as below?,
6.275khz...1459-1517 FREE MIDWAY TOWN RADIO (FMTR), British accent, test tx, no adr an x tho they said they would give out tel no but they sf before they did!,
6.280khz...0935-1220 WESTSIDE RADIO,
6.280khz...1225-1237 RADIO WOODSTOCK, WMXR said they were using 10 watts, weak sg,
6.280/2 ...1402-15+ RS HOTEL AMIGO, QSO in E & Dt, terrible mod, on for a v. long time
6.285khz...1225-1402 RS HOTEL AMIGO, QSO in Eg,
6.285/8 ...1340-15+ RADIO RIDICULOUS INT, Dt QSO with RSHA, bad mod,
6.290khz...1201-1301 REBEL RADIO NETWORK.
6.294khz...1339-1431 WEEKEND MX R,
6.300khz...0930-0930 1/2 WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, calling CQ, no reply,
1133-1336 " " " , QSO, move to 6.310 then move back to this frequency then moves to 6.294khz,
6.310khz...0900-1357 RADIO IRELAND INTERNATIONAL, recorded & live tx, tel calls,
6.310khz...1227-1253 WEEKEND MXR, move to this fq from 6.300 then move back to 300,
6.400khz...0836-1226 RADIO VALERRI INTERNATIONAL, permanent fq, last week test,
6.910khz...0839-1700 RADIO DUBLIN, very strong,
7.317khz...0802-0900 FUTURE WORLD RADIO, normal mode,
0914-1000 " " " , LSB mode, same rc as 0802 px Joey Turner,
7.352khz...0919-0957 RADIO 101, very weak,
7.352khz...0957-10?? KBC RADIO, very strong same tx?,
7.375khz...1000-1100 REBEL RADIO NETWORK, special px esp for Crystal relay,

Amendments to the above list from Podney R. Sixe first, who tells us that he heard Radio Marabu relayed on 6200khz., at 1156gmt., Radio Woodstock on 6282khz., at 1225gmt., calling CQ, All other loggers, for which we thank you for your reports, all agree with the list above.

Conditions could only be described as excellent in all areas (it seems this way, every time we go away). We listened on ground wave in Dublin to all the Dublin based stations. We failed to hear Radio 101, so can only assume that it broadcasts from elsewhere in the Republic of Ireland.



SHORT WAVE LOG FOR SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER 1985.

Once again, conditions are good here, although not quite as good in Cornwall (which makes a change, as it is usually the other way around). Loggers today comprise of Ken Baird and Ian Biggar in Scotland, Glenn Hocking in Cornwall, Sandy Mountain and ourselves in Blackpool, Gary Hogg and Dave Knight in Leeds, plus the odd log from Radiotelex (via Glenn).

6200khz...**ABC RADIO (WATERFORD)**, relay of MW/FM programmes daily, with new rig, at 0900 - 1215gmt.

6200khz...**FALCON RADIO**, not very good due to power of above, at 0944 and 1025gmt.

6206khz...**RADIOS C.L.C.G./TOKYO/DELMARE**, at 0904, 1545 and 1630gmt., resp.

6240khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 0930gmt. (possibly also tested on 6203 early on).

6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, with programmes, following some adjustments, at 0948gmt., and till PM.

6268khz...**CAPITAL RADIO INT.**, at 1303 and 1312gmt., calling CQ.

6275khz...**UNID.**, at 1049gmt.

6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, 1128gmt.

6285khz...**UNID.**, but thought by us and Ken to be Radio Libertie Sound, using Radio Big Lizard addr.

6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 1026 and 1109gmt., with various excerpts, and Nova songs.

6345khz...**RADIO NA nGAEL**, at 1509gmt.

6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 0905 and 1009gmt. Now heard by more people on this channel.

7295khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 1003gmt. (also on 5203khz. ??? reports Telex).

7350khz...**RADIO 101**, at 0908 and 0930gmt.

7357khz...**RADIO BRIGITTE**, at 0926 and 1015gmt., with awful mod.

Both Prince Terry on Westside and Heady Eddie on Rainbow promised tests on 25m band, (11mhz.) very soon, In fact PT mentioned next week, early on, about 6.00gmt. They are attempting to get into North America.

A number of stations were heard QSO-ing after close-down today, two of them had not actually done programmes during the morning, and they were....Weekend Music Radio and Radio Hotel Amigo, who QSO-ed with the Irish stations and together. In fact, conditions were so good that even mid-afternoon, Heady Eddie and Hotel Amigo were still going strong.

Well, that is it! We hope you enjoy all this reading, back to normal next week. In the meantime, a new Irish station list will be printed, but you can save yourself money, as it will be re-produced in full in the next issue of Free Radio Round-Up, due out next weekend, price 60p for the 28 page bumper issue.

