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WEEKLY REPORT No. 79....3rd NOVEMBER 1985.

Normal size once again this week, thank goodness, and apologies to all those in Ireland who failed to receive last week's bumper double issue on time. We understand that this was due to the Bank Holiday Monday, followed by a complete stoppage on the Tuesday of last week. We hope that by now, everyone will have received WR 77/78, and that things will have returned to normal once again.

"I Spy For The DTI" by Moronic Surveyors: We must apologise profusely for the delay in despatching the second batch. The initial batch was despatched on the day the record was released (18th October), we then went away to Ireland, without ordering further supplies, thinking that everyone would have been able to obtain copies from their local record store. This, however, was not the case as people still encountered problems, particularly in areas outside the Laser listening area, hence, more orders poured in to us, whereupon we re-ordered via Sinfonia Records of Cookson Street, Blackpool who tell us that further supplies are now imminent, of both 7" and 12" versions. These will be despatched the minute they arrive, hopefully in the next day or so. Sandy at Sinfonia tells us that, as a result of the incredible demand, this record has become the week's best seller, and consequently features at No.1 in his sales chart this week (The cuttings from the local paper confirm this). Sources within the trade tell us that the record stands at No. 130 in the trade charts. No doubt, the single will jump up those charts dramatically, now that the station is back on the air and plugging away at the record. Should anyone still find it impossible to buy it, send us £1.70 for the 7", or £4.00 for the 12" version (both prices including postage and packing), and we will send you a copy. We must point out that, contrary to what Craig Novack has said on the air, both versions are in a superb picture sleeve, the only difference being the size.

The week's newspaper cuttings: Two B4 sheets this week with stories from the press, featuring more or less, stories about Laser and Caroline and authority only. Just three small pieces cover other items, including Dutch Radio's Veronica's gaining of 'A' status. The large cutting from today's Mail on Sunday was of particular poor print quality (well, our's was at least!), and poor photocopies have resulted. We apologise, once more, for this. 20p plus an SAE will obtain copies, unless, of course you are a member of "CC", in which case, it will be included with "WR 79". To join "CC", send £5.00 only, this will ensure cuttings for one year for "WR" members.

We have several new items for the merchandise list this week....The return of Free Radio Waves....Issue 1 is now here and is excellent value for just 75p inc. P. & P. No subs. as yet, try a single copy first and see what you think. 24 pages of in depth stories about Offshore, Irish, Land-based and Continental stations and personalities involved. Very good reading and highly recommended. Our comments....Welcome back, not before time!

Free Radio Round-Up, Issue 4 (October) is also here. 60p and not 50p as listed, due to the size, postage etc. Packed, like Aladdin's Cave, with so many interesting bits and pieces, and stories too, featuring a lot of short wave, Irish, Dutch and Offshore in its 28 pages. Much improved printing now, but still keeps its fascinating character. We still have issues 1, 2, and 3 in stock for anyone who missed them at 50p each.

The latest Irish station lists and Irish station address lists are now in print at 20p per sheet. Both sheets are re-produced in full in Free Radio Round-Up mentioned above, so don't order the lists, if you are buying FRR, you will get them for free!

A new poster: We happened to order some 'Veronica on the Beach' posters, as present supplies were running a bit low. To our surprise, we received a parcel of them back, but different to the ones we already have. The ones we already have show the ship, stranded on the beach with just a few people wandering around. The new one we have features the ship, about to be re-launched on the next high tide, with an enormous digger alongside, and hundreds of people watching. Both versions are in stock, but state which you want, the cost is £2.00 each, or £3.00 for both.

Orders for the Jay Jackson book are literally pouring in. We have no further news yet, but understand the publisher/printer has it in his possession. If not already done so, let us know if you want a copy, but don't send any money yet!!! <TX> London's Free Radio Magazine is still awaited (we printed the order form slightly early...sorry about that), and we expect them before very long.

Other publications in this week...Play-DX, Radiotelex and C.L.C.G. Magazine.

Play-DX is in Italian, but contains very many excellent logs, Radiotelex is in English, and again contains many logs, of short-wave stations(the pirates). We can supply one sample copy only, of each, thereafter subscriptions from each. C.L.C.G. is all in German and very much of it too, price and details on application to us.

The Sunshine Radio Review Book...Five Years On... is selling remarkable well and costs £2.00(£1.50 plus 50p postage and tube packing) from us, for this part colour, glossy magazine.

A new book called "Rebel Radio" by John Hind and Stephen Mosco, published by Pluto for £3.95 is now on sale. If anyone has further details about this book, please let us know, as we are interested in stocking same.

Finally, it is with regret that we are informed of the demise of "Sporen" magazine. This Norwegian report always had a most interesting log listing of stations in the AM band, mainly MW. Often listing 'K' stations from the States(coming in over the Pole), plus many British and Irish stations too. Present editor, Geir Stokkeland tells us that the next few weeks could prove to be the best for American DX in over twenty years, but more about that later. We wish Geir well, and also, Bernt too, at present doing his National Service. We hope you return very soon. If anyone would like copies of the final issue, No. 117(19th October), in English, 6 x A4 sides will cost you 50p inc. P. & P., and see some real logs!

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND..NOVA.

Not a great deal to report on this week in Ireland. Nova continue with quite low power on AM making the signal, even into Blackpool, quite shakey even as early as 4.00 pm. Last Monday, Irish Bank Holiday, Nova aired the listeners Top Heavy 100, from 10.00am onwards, with Tony Allan, followed by Dave Harvey.

Bad news followed on Thursday, as afternoon presenter, Jessie Brandon, presented her final show, and called it a day, for reasons best known to herself. George Talbot filled in for her on Friday.

During the latter half of the week, Nova Media Services were granted an injunction preventing the pickets from operating outside Nova Park, Rathfarnham, and also stopping them from displaying derogatory placards against Miss Sybil Fennell. With the re-opening of Nova Park Club and Disco, pickets were present at the gates to the country club, putting their case to the patrons. As a result of the injunction, this has now ceased completely.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Literally dozens of reports have come in from all over the country, saying how Sunshine can now be received so much better, now they are on higher power. One report came from Suffolk! A new voice was heard in the week, his name, Ernie Gallagher, who took over the lunchtime shows, temporarily looked after by Tony Dixon. Very few details of Ernie are at hand, but as a listener, we can certainly state that he is no newcomer to radio. It is thought he may have worked on television, but we will report more when we have some details.

OTHER BRIEF BITS AND PIECES. Mystery surrounds transmissions on 846khz., AM, received on the West Coast of the U.K. Ken Baird recorded two hours of it on 23rd October, and it turned out to be Radio Clare, broadcasting on 98mhz FM! So. who was relaying it? Before and since that day, RTE have been heard both here and elsewhere in the U.K. W.L.S. MUsic Radio in Galway are known to be on 846khz., but it would be thought unlikely for them to relay a competitor. From information taken from Ken's tape recording of Radio Clare, thought to be relayed live, the following.....Radio Clare operates on 98mhz FM in stereo. The station opens at 8.00am., with Don Murray, at 10.00am., it's Francis Jones, with personel top tens, 2.30pm., and it's Dave Simpson, followed at 6.30pm., by Dave Winieve, although, not too sure of the spelling, 8.00pm., it's Don Murray again, with Irish and American Country, finally followed at 10.00pm., by Ray Davies, who runs through to close-down at mid-night.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Our correspondent, Pete Jeffries, sends his report from this area..... Programme Schedule first.....6.00am., Pete Jeffries, 9.00am., Gary 'B', 12.00 Afternoon Delight with dave James, 3.00pm., Kassach, 4.00pm., Four to Six Show with Greg Fairlie, 6.00pm., Twilight Time with Pete Jeffries, 7.30pm., Classical with Daavid Fortune, 9.00pm., AM/FM split AM...International Music, FM...Neil Rouda, including Jazz Dimensions(Sat.), Country Coral(Wed.), and all other days AOR Music., Mid-night...Kevin Copeland, 3.00am., Night-beat with Greg Fairlie.

The AM/FM split is now in operation, but is nothing new, having been done ever since the station started broadcasting on FM, but it can only be carried out when the station is fully staffed. It means that the minority International Music Shows, like Russian, Rumanian, French, Greek and Italian only go out on AM, leaving the FM free for a new music show featuring adult orientated rock, most nights of the week.

The air conditioning on the ship has been playing up yet again, making temperatures in

the production studio and on-air studios highly unbearable.

The station is still without an on-board broadcast engineer, though it is understood that one could be on the way. Until now, Pete Jeffries and Neil Rouda have been dealing with all the small faults, and leaving major breakdowns to Noam Aviram, who visits the ship weekly when faults develop. Despite this, the station itself sounds very good, on both AM and FM.

The trip into Haifa is still on the cards for December or January. The ship has to go into dry dock to have its underside scraped clean and it's "MOT" carried out.

Our thanks to Pete for that report.

CAROLINE. A very settled line-up here, with no changes at all from the last one printed, although with closing for maintenance at 1.00am., most nights, the final show has been shared/alternated by Fergie and Nigel Roberts.

Radio Monique seems to be doing alright, after listening for some time in the week. Ronnie Simmons of Filey reports new adverts on the station, changes of staff etc., so the DTI don't seem to be causing them many problems.

LASER 558. As last week's report was being posted, Laser once again returned, "back in style" to quote Craig Novack. We think they returned at 6.00am., with Craig, who was replaced at mid-day by Jeff Davis, who, in turn, was replaced at 4.00pm., to his surprise, by Jay Mack (who may well have just returned to the ship), John Leeds at 6.00pm., and Chuck Cannon at 9.00pm till 1.00am., The following morning, normal programmes resumed, with the same line-up as before the break, as printed in the last issue but one. New adverts were once again noted. After lengthy spells of listening, Ronnie Simmons tells us that Jeff Davis comes from St. Louis, Jay Mack from Colorado, later moving on to Massachussets, according to the lads themselves. Ronnie goes on to say that he heard a record called "Laser Radio" by Martin King or Caine, no other details as yet.

On Thursday at sunset, a new spy boat arrived to replace the Dioptric, which could obviously not stand the rapidly worsening weather. The Guardline Tracker, only the sister ship to the Communicator! Just like looking in a mirror, without the aerial, said Craig Novack. So, they intend to stay out there it seems. Many people have written to their MP,s, Mrs Thatcher, the DTI etc. expressing their feelings. Albert E. Ford of Devon has written to no end, and had replies, even from people quite high up, like The Right Hon. David Owen M.P. Do keep on writing, don't think because a vague/negative reply comes back, that is it, because it is not. When they see hundreds of these letters, someone, sometime is going to say..."what is it all about, what are we doing wrong?", then. maybe, we can get somewhere.

Speaking about Albert E. Ford, he has asked if anyone just happens to have a recording of Mary Turner's Off The Record, interviewing Robert Plant, and aired on 17th August. Drop us a line if you have.

OTHER FOREIGN STATIONS. Peter Messingfeld in West Germany tells us that Sunshine Radio Wuppertal returned to the airwaves with a test transmission on 20th October last, and that further transmissions are likely, but only on an irregular basis, due to the German authorities. No frequency is known.

America: Superb medium wave AM conditions were noted on Monday last, from about 9.30pm onwards. The band was "full of Yanks", together with the off-channel whistles (they are on 10khz., spacing). Logs from Ken Baird, Gary Hogg and ourselves revealed a great number, of which we will list the stronger ones for the benefit of anyone wishing to have a go, on the next opening..... 590 VPCM, 660 WNBC, 670 CHYQ, 680 CIYQ, 710 WOR and CKVO, 750 CBGY, 770 WABC, 850 WHTH, 920 CJCH, 930 CJYQ, 950 CHER, 1010 WINS, 1030 WBZ, 1050 WHN, 1070 CBA, 1090 WBAC, 1130 WNEW, 1190 WOWO, 1410 CIGO, 1500 WTOP, 1510 WMRE, 1560 WQXR, 1570 CKCM. There were many others also. Sandy Mountain also sent in logs on this night. The following night, very little was heard. Wednesday revealed a good few, but nowhere near as many as Monday. Q 93(CJYQ) was so clear and strong, we even rang in a request to the presenter, who was pleasantly surprised, and willingly obliged.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. A lot of action here, with the very regular Merseywaves on 1242khz., Storeton from time to time on 1026khz., and Central on 1404khz., even less frequently. A good number of low power FM stations have been reported (but not heard here), and include Veronica, Concept, Liver FM, TFM, Julie, Commodore, KISS FM, and one on about 104.1mhz., rumoured to be planning to call itself LBC FM.

MANCHESTER. ABC 103 is back from the University area of Fallowfield, sounding better than ever, reports Glyn, with programmes each weekend, new features and adverts. Glyn tells us another station was heard on an adjacent frequency called Ladybarn Radio, with much over-deviation and poor programmes.

LONDON. Very little to report on here, not even raids, thank goodness. Full in depth reports can be found in Free Radio Waves, with further reports to be found in <TX>, due out shortly.

Finally before short wave news, Dave Windsor, now at Riviera 104 in Italy, and formerly Caroline, Sunshine and ABC Radios is interested in returning to home grounds once more. If anyone can offer this talented presenter a full time job, probably in Ireland, drop us a line at this address P.O. Box 539, etc. Also, Rob Scott of Air Raid Tapes fame, is seeking a second-hand Grundig Satellit 3400 or similar, anyone wishing to dispose of such an item, should again, contact us.

SHORT-WAVE NEWS. The operator of Free Medway Town Radio, heard testing of late on 6275khz., is most anxious to speak with one or two of the more experienced operators, to seek advice, assistance etc., his telephone number is 0795 511041.

Following a number of QSL letters from Radio Big Lizard/Radio Liberty Sound, we can now confirm the correct address....JLV(Jean Luc Vigre), 2, Avenue de Vieux Moulin, 62630 Etaples, France. The operator is a D.J. on Radio Boulogne Littoral, 91.6mhz., where he produces a show featuring offshore radio on Tuesday nights, which he intends to move over to his shortwave station.

SHORT WAVE LOGS for SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 1985.

6200khz...**FALCON RADIO/KIWI RADIO**(relayed by I.R.R.S.), at 1104 and 1305gmt., resp.
6205khz...**RADIO DELMARE**, also relaying **RADIO PAMELA, MARABU, SCORPIO, TOKYO AND TUTENCHAMEN**, all day.
6210khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1018 and 1021gmt.
6220khz...**RADIO GEMINI**, at 0959 and 1016gmt., with 13th birthday broadcast.
6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 1254 and 1303gmt., with tests(and problems, by the sound of things!).
New Address...Heady Eddie, 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Eire.
6260khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 0815 and 1013gmt., with an excellent signal.
6265khz...**I.R.R.S.**, at 1329khz., testing.
6268/70...**CAPITAL RADIO???**
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1037 and 1101gmt., with heavy metal music and little new(postal strike, no doubt, the reason.).
6275khz...**unid.**, at 1347gmt.(F.M.T.R.).
6295khz...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, at 1030gmt.
6299khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 1231gmt., testing, with new advert for AUK.
6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 1059 and 1103gmt., with old tape, then live progs.
6340khz...**UNID.**, with carrier only.
6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 1055 and 1104gmt.
7352khz...**RADIO 101**, at 0756 and 0850gmt.
7352khz...**K.B.C.**, at around 0930gmt.
7355khz...**U.K. RADIO INT.**, at 1022 and 1058gmt.
7375khz...**RADIO CRYSTAL**, at 1010gmt.
and finally, 5295khz...**UNID.**, at 0924gmt.with non stop music.


A reasonably good morning today, loggers were ourselves, sandy Mountain, both here in Blackpool, Gary Hogg in Leeds, Ken Baird and Alan Jarvie in Scotland, Glen Hocking in Cornwall.

Falcon Radio tell us that despite others recently heard on 6200khz., they intend to continue on this channel, with their regular Sunday programmes. Having said that, ABC have not been heard today at all, neither have Radio Dublin, again.

FREE RADIO WAVES NUMBER ONE

Free Radio Waves is back with a new look for the eighties ! Our latest magazine is packed with hard news, in-depth features and exclusive personality interviews from the world of landbased and offshore radio. Dave Windsor talks about life on Caroline and Laser. There's the first part of our chat with Alan West including a nostalgic look back at the original Radio London, Britain Radio, Radio 390 and Radio 270.


You can also read about private radio and television in Italy, the closedown of Solar and Horizon, free radio activity in South-East England, the French scene and a wealth of other information. Send 75p to either Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA or P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.



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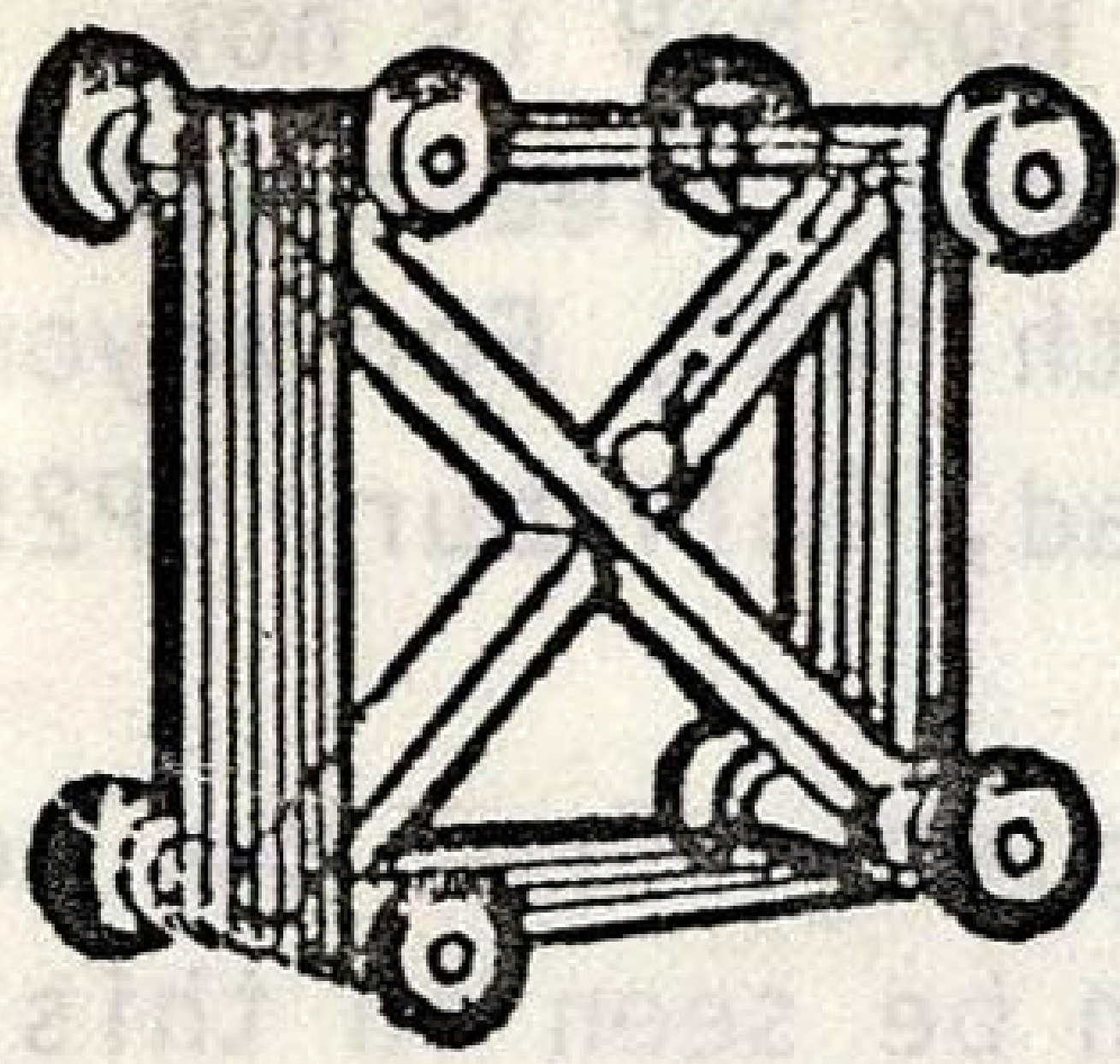
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No. 80....10th NOVEMBER 1985.

Here we are again! We were very tempted to miss this week's report and make a pilgrimage to Harwich today, but we decided against the idea, although are sure that thousands will, indeed make that trip there today. Well, what a week again! What can we say? Simply, read on.....

The Cuttings: Phew! Once again, 6 B4 sheets, crammed full of the week's newspaper reports from National, both Northern and Southern editions, and local (East Anglian), but not including the Sunday papers, assuming that they will be carrying stories, as we drew the line at Saturday this week. Sunday's reports will be carried, along with missed items, in next week's bumper package (again). All the National newspapers had reports this week, so we will not list them here, many had separate articles with each different edition (Telegraph notably). This highly recommended batch of 6 x B4 sheets detailing the week's dramatic happenings is yours for £1, including postage and packing. Those of you who are members of "CC", will receive them with "WR 80". To join "CC" and get the cuttings every week, send £5.00 today requesting same. Subscriptions will commence with the following week's "WR". Subscriptions can not be back dated. Previous week's cuttings can be purchased at the price listed each week, right here. A couple of special offers here.... All the cuttings from issue 50 (the start) to last week (issue 79), about 52 pages.... £5.00.

Just the recent "Eurosiege" cuttings, about 20 sheets in all.... £2.00. And, of course, as detailed above, "Laser in Harwich" cuttings, 6 sheets.... £1.00. All these prices include postage and packing, so don't send SAE's!

"I Spy For The DTI" is selling incredibly well, and most people should now have their copy or copies. There is a temporary hold up with the 12" version, but more supplies are expected in the week. Prices are, 7" version, £1.70 and 12" version, £4.00. All prices include postage and packing.

New items on the merchandise list this week.... FRM Magazine No. 11, November '85, with all the usual features and photos, including a very nice colour shot of Caroline in '83, on the back page. Price as always is £1.60. We have many back copies still in stock.

Going back to last week for a moment, Free Radio Round-Up is selling well, and costs just 60p for the latest issue, No. 4. Much short-wave news in this action packed mag., but other radio station news also. The demand for Free Radio Waves, Issue 1 is quite phenomenal, already the initial batch has completely sold out, and we are now into the second batch, which is very unusual, after only ten days since its issue. Copies of this superb 24 page monthly A5 magazine, cost 75p only.

Whilst on the subject of big demand, Jay Jackson's new book looks like it is going to be the best selling free radio book ever, according to the enormous number we have ordered. Issue date looks to be quite close now, and we will inform everyone, the minute we have the product. Please do NOT send any money at all, until we ask for it. When we do, we will ask you to send it to AUK, P.O. Box 539, and not to anywhere else. It would help us greatly if you let us know if you wanted a copy reserving. A great number of people have already done so, for which we thank you. Price will be £4.99 plus whatever it costs to post and pack.

Already a number of people have written in expressing a desire to purchase anything 'Laser'. We have ample supplies of product at the moment, but these may well dry up if the ship fails to return. They include 'T' shirts at £5.00, Sweat-shirts at £9.00, Posters at £3.50, Videos at £24.95, 'Lid of Laser' book at £8.50 and £10.95, the latter being the hard-back edition.

On the subject of Laser items, the International Waters Radio Group tell us that they have a large selection of this sort of item, including badges, pens and superb photo-labels (these are like Able labels, but with photos of the ships instead, in excellent colour and quality and very reasonable in price). An SAE to these people will bring you a list of items available (address on back page).

Other items to land on the AUK desk this week are.... Media Monitor by Roger Tidy of 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA. Issue No. 19 (October) covers a trip to Ireland by the editor and detailed in this 20 page A5 format magazine, costing 50p for a sample copy. Free Radio Fanzine, Issue 5/85, from FRA (Germany) can be obtained from Roger Kirk, at Postfach 1214, D - 6380, Bad Homburg, West Germany. A couple of IRC's should get you a copy. It is all in German. KDKC tell us that they still have copies left of "Free Radio Guide" Jan. '84 - March '85. This very detailed short wave book is an essential if you are into short wave at all. Price is £3.00 from KDKC, Postfach 450 663, D - 5000, Köln, 41, West Germany. On the back page we will list a number of addresses for obtaining items of memorabilia etc.

Before we go on to station news, we should like to point out that P.O. Box 539 is not available for radio station address use, but is available for radio magazine etc., use. Please write in to us for details etc., and also details of advertising, via sheets enclosed with "WR". For anyone wanting an address for a radio station, please write to Steve West, 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury SP25 3SG, quoting this article.

Finally, very many thanks indeed, to everyone who bothered to cut out pieces from the newspapers and posted them to us, we are very grateful to you all, and your efforts can be seen in this week's outstanding selection. We will print no names, because we are bound to forget someone and this could offend them, but you all know who you are, and, thanks once again.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND...NOVA. George Talbot was heard all week doing the late afternoon show in place of Jessie Brandon, who had disappeared the previous Thursday after her show. Jessie, surprisingly, returned to do the midnight to 6.00am., shift on a couple of nights, plus a couple of weekend shows, and it is understood she will continue to do just this.

The station experienced severe problems in the form of vandalism and theft at their 103.5 mhz., transmission site, fairly close to the Rathfarnham studios, on Tuesday night/Wednesday morning. Consequently, only 102.7mhz., along with 738khz., could be heard on Wednesday morning. In several news bulletins during the day, appeals were made for information leading to the apprehension of the thieves/vandals. A reward of £25,000 was offered, suggesting that the damage and theft was extremely serious. It is understood that Nova and competitor Q 102, were doing some sort of deal to swap/sell FM transmitters and frequencies. This will probably not now go through, although Q 102 can be heard with only low power on 103.5mhz., even so, reception of Q 102 in Bray and South Dublin is now possible.

During the 1.00pm., extended lunch-time news bulletin on Wednesday, in addition to the above report, news was given out about Laser 558 heading for Harwich. Further bulletins during the afternoon, extended on that initial report, as further news came through.

On Thursday, a whistle was noted in the afternoon on Nova's remaining FM frequency. No one seemed to be aware of its source, despite much time spent searching. Reception reports came in and the whistle/jamming/test tone was at its worst North of Dublin, Belfast and Isle of Man, but was bad also in Dublin itself, and Blackpool. By Friday morning, everyone at the station was in a state of despair, and finally, Tony Allan made a promo asking people to help and locate the offender. As a result a £100 prize was offered for the solution to the "Whistle Test". Directions taken in Blackpool suggested the offending signal was emanating from Co. Louth. The answer became known later in the morning, when someone rang in saying that the National service RTE were 'testing' on 102.7mhz. from County Louth(no doubt with big power, and from a great height). RTE have done this before, we re-call them 'testing' on 88.2mhz., but when Nova moved off it, so too, did RTE. Nova switched off at 1214gmt and moved frequency to 103.1mhz., where they are still to be found. RTE are still whistling away on 102.7mhz.

On Saturday, Nova were on such low power on AM, that many people in the U.K. thought that they were off altogether. The station had been off for a short while on the previous night, but had later returned on this miniscule power. This continued all day Saturday, but by Sunday morning, the normal signal(about 7kw) was evident.

OTHER IRISH STATION NEWS. Capitol Radio in Dublin, have moved to a new frequency, from 1017khz. It is 1035khz., also shared by Central Radio in Longford, who are, at present off the air, again, due to vandalism. Their transmitter and aerial have now been taken down, and, after repair and service, will be located in a different place.

Mystery still surrounds the transmissions on 846khz. Today, RTE 2 could be heard on this channel today. We still await further info.

Apparently, a new station is testing with non-stop music on 1260khz., from the Derry/Donegal border. Not received here due to an IBA station near-by, it has been logged quite often of late in Scotland. No name or I.D. has yet been heard.

Longford Community Radio continue successfully on 1071khz. writes Sean Brady, with a very good signal in Cavan and surrounds, and with many adverts being aired.

Radio West, heard over a very wide area, played twelve hours of Golden Oldies on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th October.

Erneside Radio in Belturbet, on 1251khz., continue, also, successfully, and we are still awaiting more details about their second 'pop' channel to emerge.

On Cavan Community Radio, Ollie Clarke was missing for a little while, and his place was taken by Merseyside presenter, Philip Hilton and Brian O'Reilly. Ollie(does anyone still call him 'Fab Ollie' we wonder) has since returned to his usual shows.

Siobhan Cronin writes from Cork with info....South Coast Radio seem to be doing quite well, with promises of medium wave very soon. Yet another station seems to be emerging in Cork city, WBEN, with non-stop American music and very professional jingles. Studios are being constructed and everyone seems to think big things could come of this one. No frequencies are at hand, but we expect further details very soon. People with previous involvement in Cork radio stations are known to be involved. Our thanks to Siobhan, we look forward to more info.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news from this area this week.

LASER 558. WE sincerely hope that this is not the final column on this station, whose ship right at this moment, lies moored out in the River Stour off Harwich, not very far from the spot that the Cheetah II was moored back in 1966, after being hired to Radio Caroline, following their vessel being washed up on the beach at Frinton-on -Sea.

Well, no doubt everyone has seen the newspaper cuttings, or at least read about it in their paper, or seen it on the television, but here, is our version of what exactly happened, as we see saw it.....After returning to the airwaves the previous Monday at 6.00am., (28th Oct.), normal programmes continued throughout the week, over the weekend, and into last week, when, on Tuesday morning, signs of something amiss were noticed. At approximately 8.17am., Craig Novack sent out the first coded message, which were subsequently aired every fifteen minutes until later in the morning. The message read..." All Yankee Three Are Zero - Uniform, repeat, Uniform, November, repeat, November, Romeo two repeat, Romeo two, Channel 16 listening". Craig went on to say that the message would be repeated in fifteen minutes time, and added sarcastically, "if anyone is interested". Later in the morning, the presenters were heard less and less, and long segments of music were noted, until the carrier cut out at approximately 12.20p.m. Nothing more was heard that day, but apparently during worsening weather conditions, it is thought that the vessel radioed for assistance. The spy ship, 'Gardline Tracker' answered, and offered assistance, which was apparently refused. However, during the night, with conditions worsening still further, and very little power or lights due to the breakdown earlier, the ship once again radioed for assistance, and this time, the Gardline Tracker went alongside, and offered to help. This time, the offer was taken up, and although exact details are still unclear, at day-break, the vessel up-anchored after some problems due to lack of power, and under her own steam, was escorted to Harwich, where she arrived at dusk, and anchored in the River Stour, on a mooring. News of the event started to filter through, and by evening the newspapers, radio stations, and even the Television was full of reports, many of them appeared somewhat exaggerated, as far as conditions on the ship were concerned. It is now understood that the seven American staff have been taken off, interviewed and released. The remaining crew members are still on board refusing to leave until they are paid. Legal people are involved in an attempt to get the ship repaired and back out at sea, but writs are understood to have been served, preventing this happening. We now await developments. Several pieces appeared on TV, the piece on Breakfast TV the following morning at 0700 being by far the best, but we failed to see this. (Can anyone lend us a copy?).

CAROLINE. Still a settled line-up here once again, but still going off early for transmitter maintenance from time to time, at 1.00am. According to one newspaper report, Caroline received supplies from a Honduras registered vessel, which then fouled its propeller with a rope, and had to be towed to the U.K. coast. No changes in staff were made with this tender.

Many mentions were made regarding the Laser affair, including news items and dedications to their friends on the Communicator.

Caroline closed at 10.00pm., on Wednesday, for transmitter maintenance, announcing that they would be back at 6.00am., on 576khz. next morning. However, at 2.00am., approx., music was heard on 558khz., and a quick tune to 963khz., confirmed that the same music was being played. Programmes on 963khz (Monique) re-commenced at 4.00am., whilst at 6.00am., Radio Caroline commenced normal programmes on 558khz., announcing said freq. This transmitter was very slightly off channel, causing a low frequency hum to be heard early and late at a distance from the ship, and is still apparent at the time of writing. Normal programming has been noted since, including 24 hour operation over the weekend. Still further dedications were noted, including one which said, "we are holding the fort for you", which no doubt meant the 558 frequency.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Liverpool.....Only Radio Merseywaves has been noted over the weekend here, on 1242khz. Storeton and Central were not thought to be on air, but medium wave conditions were quite poor, making reception difficult, and many foreign stations audible. A number of FM stations are known to be active, but no record of these is at hand this week.

Leeds...After a lengthy absence from the airwaves, Radio Radar returned with tests on Saturday after-

noon, and full programmes at 10.00am., today, expected through till till 5.00pm., on 104.25mhz. Edinburgh.....Radio Free City went off the air on 3rd November, and were later raided by the DTI., who took everything including items not involved with radio transmissions. This is the end for the station which started on 2nd Jan. 1979, and for Mark Snow, the founder, who gets married to Jackie on 29th November next...Best Wishes from all at AUK.

Midlands...Radio Chocolate Cake were noted on 2nd Nov., on 102.4mhz., at 1635gmt. reports Steve Maddox County Radio had their court case dismissed recently, reports Apollo DX(back on SW soon, we understand) London...Three Boroughs Radio have been off the air recently due to theft of equipment, and being raided by DTI in early November, where everything was taken, including the aerial wire! They expect to return. London Weekend Radio, on 92.1 were heard early week, on 92.1mhz. Radio Jackie's recent court case resulted in fines totalling £5000 being imposed by Sutton magistrates, and all equipment confiscated. Highest individual fine was £750, imposed on David Wright(Dave Owen). The equipment was understood to be worth quite a large amount of money.

Further London news will be forthcoming in <TX> London's Free Radio Magazine, due out very soon, price 90p.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. LOGS FOR SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 1985.

6200khz...**UNID.**, (possibly Radio Tonair), at 0950gmt.
6200khz...**ABC RADIO**, at 1030gmt., with relay of MW.
6200khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 1130gmt.(in parallel with 6265khz.
6206khz...**RADIO DELAMRE**, also relaying **RADIO DIAMOND, KIWI RADIO**, at various times.
6225khz...**UNID.**, with non-stop music from 1214 to 1234gmt.
6230khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 1235gmt.(in parallel with 7316khz.).
6235khz...**UNID.**, with music at 1215gmt.
6237/42...**RADIO TONAIR INT.**, at 0853 until 1115 s/o gmt.
6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 1037gmt.
6260khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 1006gmt.
6265khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 1115gmt.
6265khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**(via Falcon?) at 1249gmt.
6268khz...**CAPITAL RADIO**, at 1300gmt.
6274khz...**RADIO MARABU**(via Atlantis?), at 0949gmt.
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1130gmt.
6285khz...**SATELITE BROADCASTING COMPANY**,(via Hotel Amigo), at 0939gmt.
6285khz...**RADIO HOTEL AMIGO**, (calling CQ), at 1305gmt.
6290khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO/RADIO OMEGA**, at 1050 and 1119gmt.
6296khz...**UNID.**, at 1048gmt.
6296khz...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, at 1349gmt.
6300khz...**STARBOARD SOUND**, at 1145gmt.
6305khz...**UNID.**, at 1030gmt.
6310khz,,, **RADIO IRELAND**, at 1016gmt.
6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 1020gmt.
7316khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 1202gmt.
7330khz...**RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000 INT.**, at 1004gmt.
7352khz...**RADIO 101**, at 0933gmt.

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Loggers today were Glen Hocking in Cornwall, Ian Biggar and Alan Jarvie in Scotland, Dave Knight in Leeds and Sandy Mountain in Blackpool, plus ourselves, of course. Conditions were very good most of the time, occasional moderate fades were noted though.

A promotional tape was aired on Westside Radio for the tenth anniversary programme from Radio The Sound of Sweden, for next week, 17th November 1985, from 0900 till 1100am., No frequency was given out.

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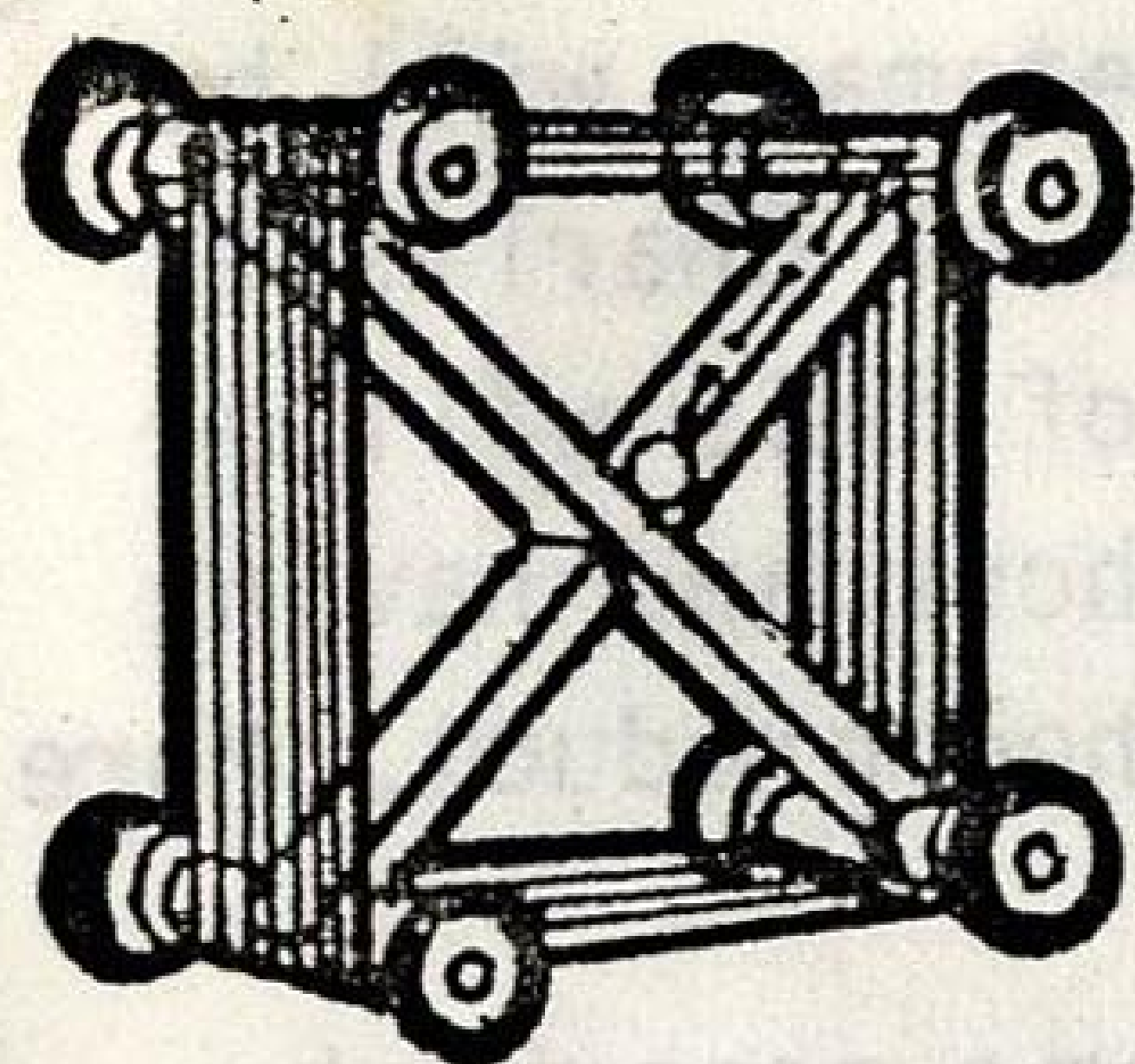
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WEEKLY REPORT

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No. 81....17th NOVEMBER 1985.

A little less hectic this week in some areas, partly due to fewer dramatic happenings and partly due to the fact that our phones are not working(no doubt, they have been over worked!).

On the newspaper cuttings side, this is not so, as major reports continued to flood in, right up till the middle of the past week. As said many times previously, we are greatly indebted to all the people who sent in cuttings from their newspapers. Thank you all for this, you will see that nearly all have been used. Do continue to send them to us. What we thought was our best effort yet, as regards cuttings, last week, has been completely over-shadowed by this week's six B4 sheets of in-depth stories of recent happenings, along with superb pictures, not only of the ship, but some excellent ones of the D.J.'s and station manager. If you got last week's, you must compliment them with these, if not, then you must get both! Other stories are covered within, and feature items about Nova, and their recent problems, and about the recent Radio Jackie court case, mentioned briefly in last week's report, plus other items. Members of "CC" will get this week's six sheets with "WR 81". To join "CC", send £5.00 for a year's cuttings in advance. Each week's will be sent to you automatically, irrespective of how many sheets we manage to assemble. Subscriptions to this service cannot be back dated at all. Back week's cuttings can be purchased at the price listed right here each week. This week's batch will cost £1.00. Do not send an SAE. Other offers on cuttings..... "Laser in Harwich", 12 sheets of noteworthy cuttings....£2.00. 20 sheets featuring all the cuttings from the commencement of "Eurosiege '85"....£2.00. All the cuttings so far, from 50 to 81 inclusive...66 sheets....£7.00. All the cuttings so far, but not including the last two week's of "Laser in Harwich"...54 sheets...£5.00.

The "I Spy" record: Everyone should now be in possession of their copy or copies, for the benefit of the people who bought both versions. Ample stocks are now at hand, and we can supply once more, by return of post. The 7" version costs £1.70 and the 12" version, £4.00, both include postage and packing(safe packing at that!). Both versions come in a picture sleeve(or bag, as the Americans insist on calling it), the 12" simply just a bigger version of the 7".

The Jay Jackson Book, "The Pirates Who Waived The Rules": This is now very imminent, so, have piggy banks at hand everyone! Being main agents for this item, we can offer trade terms to organisations and the like who may wish to purchase same in bulk. We have special prices for parcels of 10, 25, 50 and 100. Please enquire if interested.

The "Laser in Harwich" cartoon, re-printed on the back page of this report: A3 size copies of the original in black and white are available for just 50p., which includes postage, and packing in a hard walled tube, to prevent creasing. The cartoon features the Laser vessel, with the hounds(Police boats) in pursuit, and the five D.J.'s stood on the deck, Craig saying they wish they had gone to Ullapool(where the Russians land un-checked all the time) in Scotland.

<TX> London's Free Radio Magazine is now with us(dead on time..15th), although we in-advertantly advertised it a week early. Everyone who ordered copies should by now have received them. What a splendid magazine, solely featuring the London pirates. This will become one of the successes of the period. 32 pages, A5 format, superb printing and lay-out. Highly recommended at 90p for this first issue. Subscriptions are available.

Whilst we eagerly await the next issue of Air Raid Tapes splendid catalogue, we are pleased to report that we received the following, in the week.....

LASER'S DEMISE....AIR RAID have two tapes, hot off the press! The first features many of the news-casts relaying the sad news(Caroline, Monique, IRN and Radio 4), some Caroline on the day, and Caroline on 558khz.(order no. **ART 130**). The second is a recording of Ian Johnstone's excellent "Tender Trip" programme on **SOUTH EAST SOUND**, broadcast Sunday 10th November 1985, and giving the authoritative, inside news on what is happening to the Communicator.(order no. **ART 129**). Both tapes are C.90's and cost £4.00 each, or order both together for £7.00. Cheques etc., payable to Rob Scott, Air Raid Tapes, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE.

So, if you missed these happenings, you can now buy the audio tapes and the newspaper cuttings and catch up with events, and at the same time have them as a keep-sake.

Finally, a couple of items not yet in stock, but hopefully, will be so, well in time

for Christmas.....**THE CHARLIE WOLF LASER VIDEO.** by EAP, price £24.95, in VHS or Betamax, will be available soon. As well as featuring Charlie in front of the cameras, it shows film of Charlie's last days on the Communicator and the ship itself in Harwich, although more shots of this will be available from a future video called "Eurosiege '85". The video runs for about an hour and having seen a sample copy, we were very impressed and look forward to receiving the finished product. More details forthcoming.

"Rebel Radio" by John Hind and Stephen Mosco. 163 page Penguin-type paperback from Pluto Press at £3.95, not yet in stock, but reviewed here by Mike Davis of Radio Apollo....

A factual attempt at telling the full story of British pirate radio. The book is divided into two parts: Part One asks "who's on the air" and part two, "why are they there".

Part one covers a potted history of pirate radio, 1896 to 1985, Black music radio (especially Radio Invicta, LWR, JFM, and DBC), political pirate radio (Lord Haw Haw, Radio Arthur, Our Radio, Radio Enoch and Sheffield Peace Radio), community radio stations (Com-Com, London open Radio and Ethnic Community stations), oddities, eccentricities and gestural swipes (e.g. Breakfast Pirate Radio, Colin-FM, pirating LWR, London Music Radio), and radio abroad (USA-FCC control, local radio in France, public radio in Australia, and the situation in Britain in May 1985).

All in all, part one provides an excellent background to the radio stations operating outside the law, especially with regard to the London area.

Part Two explains why (and how) they are there: Power politics (DTI, IBA, ILR, PRS and MU), money, money, money (11 pages contrasting the financing and advertising policies of land based pirates with that of the Laser Machine), biscuit tins and tower blocks (how the pirates operate simply but effectively), a knock at the door (an extensive account of raids on LWR, LGR, JFM and DBC - the effectiveness of the Telecommunications Act 1984), the future (the pirates and UK radio in general [written before details announced on "community radio"]), three appendices and included, 1. The law (explanations of the Wireless Telegraphy Acts 1949 and 1967 and Telecommunications Act 1984, with respect to, equipment, listeners, penalties, search of premises, police powers, arrests and forfeiture), 2. How to be a radio pirate (equipment, how to broadcast and get away with it(?), busts, how to run a radio station), 3. A list of UK stations compiled from research for the book (140 stations plus, AM and FM).

The best way to sum up this excellent introduction to UK pirate radio is to re-quote John Peel from the back cover..... "an accurate and unsentimental study of unauthorised radio, required reading for anyone who has ever switched on a radio and been dissatisfied with what he or she has heard...this means you!.....Mike Davis, Radio Apollo.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND (reports from Joe Rossa, Sean Brady and B. Johnston).

Radio Nova, now broadcasting on 103.1mhz FM stereo, due to RTE 'tests' on 102.7mz., experienced some problems last Monday with their transmissions during the day. These were corrected later according to an announcement made over the air. A settled line-up has once again been established, with Jessie Brandon heard on some nights, and weekend evenings.

Radio Galaxy, heard recently on 1530khz., Sundays, with their 78's music from 11am till 2.00pm., are thought to be on 1557khz., now, although this cannot be checked from this side, due to local stations occupying the same channel.

B.F.B.S. heard in Blanchardstown on a visit some weeks ago, on 106.5mhz., are also on 104.3mhz., with their own transmitter. 106.5 being the old KFM transmitter from Castleknock.

It appears that Radio Dublin are back on 105.2mhz., according to announcements on the station, to the Tallaght area of the South city. (SW is back on as well, on 6910khz.) The latter can be heard in the UK.

A Southside Radio were heard testing on 106mhz FM stereo last weekend, in the Dublin area, with the old Tony Allan Southside jingles.

Two smaller stations brought to our attention of late....Christian Community Radio broadcast every evening on 90.2mhz. mono, to the city centre from Merrion Square, and Radio Amanda each weekend from 11.00am till 4.00pm., from Glasnevin on the Northside, on 92mhz FM mono.

Breffni Community Radio suffered some breaks in transmission recently, due to power failures by (ESB).

Cavan Community Radio announce telephone service to be extended to their studios just outside the town.

Longford Community Radio on 1071khz., continue successfully with adverts for businesses in Leitrim and Cavan, quite some distance from their source.

Central Radio from Longford have not yet commenced transmissions after their recent spate of vandalism. The transmitting mast is now up, but not quite completed, hence, transmissions of 1035kHz., have not yet re-commenced.

Boyneside Radio have been heard here in Blackpool this last week, with separate programmes from their Cavan relay. They announced details thus...."broadcasting from Kells, Co. Meath, on 100.3mhz., and 227metres, from the Monaghan Sports Centre, Kells...Tel. 046 40107 for requests and 041 37242 for advertising".

Finally, with poor medium wave conditions, two signals were heard today, and thought to come from Ireland...1242kHz., and 1296kHz., but both remained unidentified. Further details are awaited.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. (report from Pete Jeffries). Not a lot of news from this area, the air conditioning is still playing up, but it is hoped that it will be fixed when the new broadcast engineer arrives shortly. His name is Alan Pearson, no further details at present. Dry dock for the Peace ship has been booked for the second week in January for four days. Programme schedule remains the same as the last one printed, but is expected to change soon.

CAROLINE. (reports from Gary Hogg and Ronnie Simmons). The 558kHz. signal continued to improve throughout the week, and by Friday, was exactly on channel, hence no more hums/heterodynes. Susan Charles did her last programme on Tuesday, and at 11.25am., mentioned that it was a year since preparations had commenced for the second service(Monique). She interviewed one of the Monique team. Fergie did his last show last Monday, and on Tuesday, three hours of announced non-stop music was heard when he would have normally been on. According to Nick Richards, both are now on shore leave. Four hour shifts all day were then noted, with changeovers at 10am., 2pm., 6pm and 10pm. closing at 1am still, for maintenance. Andy Johnson introduced "the bad guy" at 10pm., but it is still not known who this could have been. On October 31st or November 1st., a new voice-over announcing Caroline News sounded very American. Reduced "Jamming" has been noted, with both frequencies coming together one hour earlier. A new news-reader was heard on Friday, Graham Baeger, possibly Australian. Peter Philips is also back, but doing programmes so far and also, it is thought that John Ford is back.

LASER 558. After last week's carry-on, things have certainly gone quiet on this front. It appears that about seven writs have been served on the company, several credible ones. others well..... Not a fantastic amount is involved with the credible ones(the ones likely to get paid), making it a feasible thing to get the ship back out. The DTI are powerless, Laser having committed no offences. The authorities can however hold the ship until made seaworthy, which they will no doubt do. The vessel, we understand, is still anchored in the River Stour, off Erwarton Ness. Visiting keen 'Anoraks' can get to within about thirty feet of the ship at low tide, from the Northern side. One such brave individual reports the radar dish going round, lights on and ships DC generator clearly heard. One anchor and chain holding the ship, another drawn up to the side, clear of the water. The only sign of life was a chap about thirty to forty wearing a T-shirt with red and white hoops coming from below decks up to the bridge, doing something, then disappearing back again. It is now known that the old captain(Paternoster) is now not on the ship. A new one has replaced him, and he is there, along with the old crew and a member of the DTI team, placed to see they don't make a run for the open sea(this is possible from that point, with no locks or the like). The five D.J.'s are still in a Rochester hotel. Many thanks to Barrie and Dave for the reports, the copy of the ordnance survey map and the numerous photos of the vessel received. Unfortunately, no photos can be reproduced due to dark prints, but it is strange to see Laser, with trees and land around her.

Just prior to Laser going off, they had started to play "The Laser Radio Song" by Martin Caine and ??? If anyone just happens to have more details on this song, we would be pleased to hear from them.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. **LEEDS.** Radio Radar heard there again today, from 10am till 5pm., on 104.2mhz.FM. **LIVERPOOL.** Radio Merseywaves on 1242kHz., without question, the most regular broadcaster here, and heard on many days of the week, notably weekends. Central on 1404kHz., and Storeton on 1026kHz., with less regular appearances make up the AM stations. On FM, Concept on 104.8mhz., WFM on 90.3mhz., Veronica on 105.5mhz., and C 104 on 104.0mhz., were all logged within the city last weekend. Meanwhile, not too far away, in North Wales, Deeside Community Radio is back on 92.2mhz., and planning to change its name to Radio Activity. A Radio Annaelle on 103.5mhz., is also planned from this area. Tim Jackson's "Merseyside Free Radio Scene" is available from us weekly, cost 10p plus SAE. This detailed sheet gives line-ups and the sort of details that we have no space for in our Weekly Report.

OXFORD. Has anyone any details about TVR, a station from this area?

MIDLANDS. Radio P.C.R.L. are heard most days on 103.6 ish. County Radio from time to time on 94.1 mhz., although announcing 94.4mhz. A Magic 103/Stereo 103 has been heard testing again in that area, with a very strong stereo signal, actually on 103mhz. Official starting date has been given as 1st December.

LONDON. See <TX> magazine(advertised earlier) for all London info this week.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG FOR 17th NOVEMBER 1985.(only two loggers today, Gary Hogg and Dave Knight in Leeds and Glen Hocking in Cornwall).

6200khz...**FALCON RADIO**(relayed by IRRS), at 1025gmt.

6200khz...**ABC RADIO WATERFORD**, at 1241 and 1247gmt.(with MW relay).

6206khz...**F.R.S. HOLLAND**, from 0910 to 1510gmt., thereafter **RADIO DELMARE**.

6220khz...**CARNIVAL RADIO**(from S.E. England), at 1135gmt.

6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, from 1125 to 1404gmt., with a very strong signal.

6260khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, from 0920 to 1300gmt.

6265khz...**FALCON RADIO**(via IRRS)(not in parallel), at 1100gmt.

6265khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**(via Falcon, via IRRS) at 1146gmt.

6268khz...**CAPITAL RADIO INT.**, from 1220 to 1340gmt.

6275khz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, from 1123 to late in the afternoon.

6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, from 1037 to 1322gmt.

6285/94k...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, from 1324 to 1500gmt.

6290khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**, from 1200 to 1300gmt.

6293khz...**UNID.**, with Q 102 jingle and Irish advert., from 1304 to 1330gmt.

6300khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, from 1157 to 1437gmt.

6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, at 0942 and 1113gmt.

6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 1051 and 1200gmt.

6910khz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 0930 and 1150gmt., with relay of MW.

7295khz...**PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE**, from 0845 to 0930gmt.

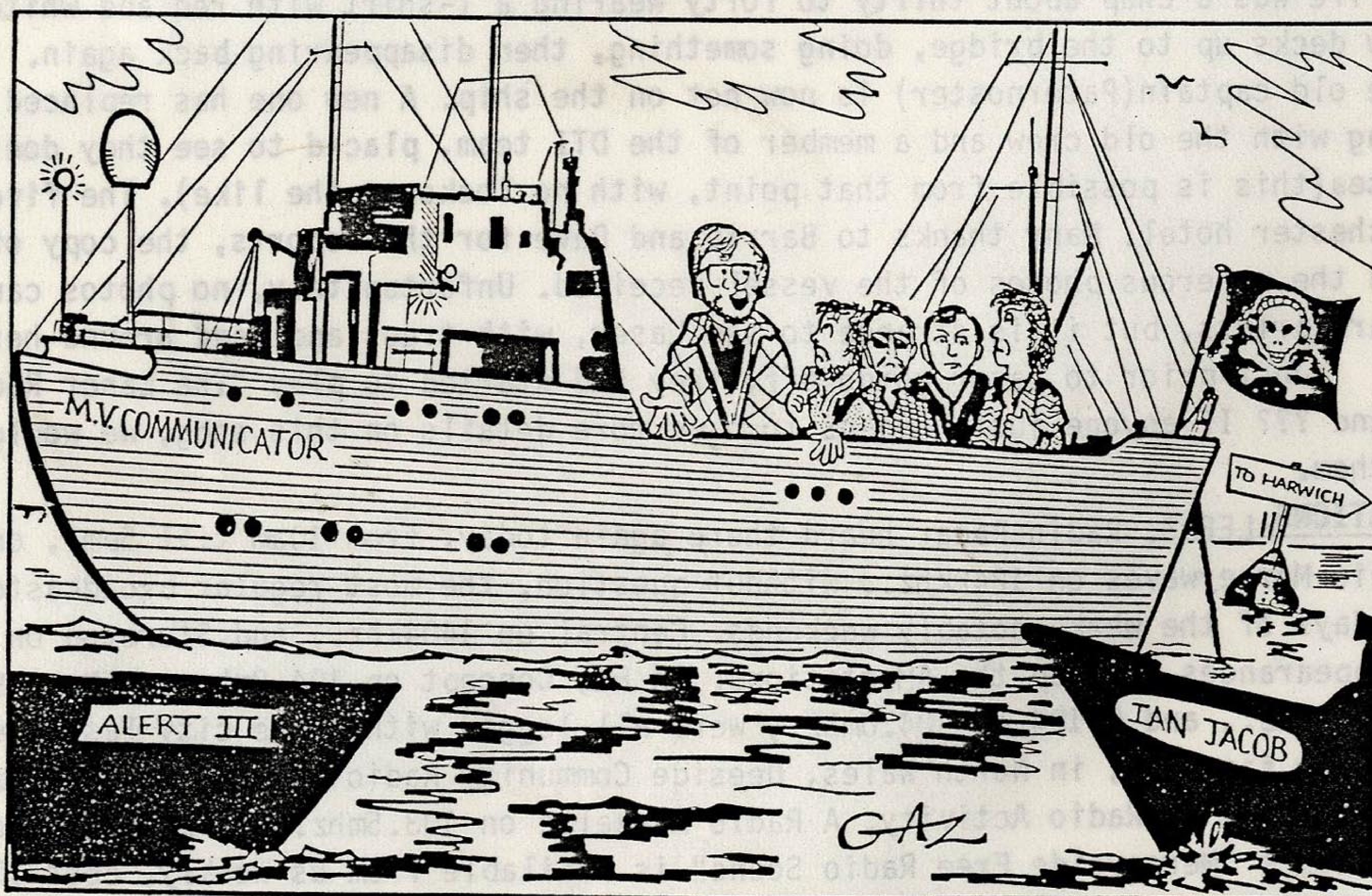
7316khz...**FUTURE WORLD RADIO**, from 0857 to 1030gmt.

7320khz...**UNID.**, with non-stop music from 0925 to 0931gmt.

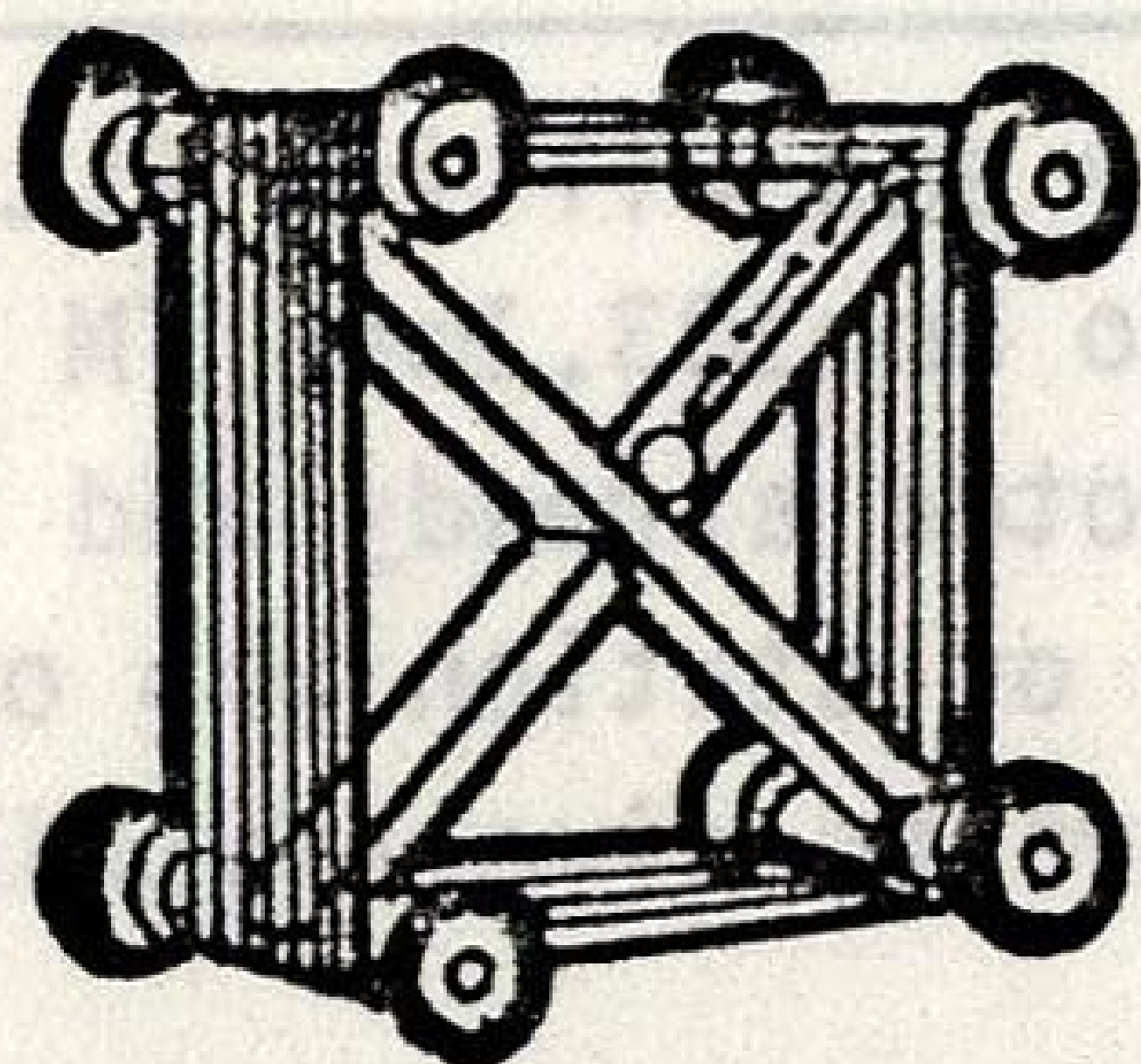
7352khz...**RADIO 101/K.B.C.**, at 0957gmt.

7360khz...**STARLIGHT RADIO**, from 0918 to 0948gmt.

Fairly good conditions today. Next week, we are promised Britain Radio International and on 15th December, F.R.S. Holland with their Christmas broadcast. Talking of Christmas, Spectrum World Broadcasting hope to be on air again, on 6240, 7350, 9962, 11480(or 11476) and 3905(LSB), over that period. Station manager, Gerry Sinclair reports in a SWB Bulletin received this week. Copies can be had from B.M. Broadcasting, London WC1N 3XX, enclosing the usual SAE or IRC.



"I SAID WE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO ULLAPOOL!"



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WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539
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No. 82....24th NOVEMBER 1985.

Good news and bad news this week, again, the telephones are working, thank goodness, but we are, together with one or two others, having some problems with the mail. A number of items have gone missing after being posted by us, and, a number of letters to us, have failed to arrive at all, most containing fairly small amounts of money, usually coins. If you do send coins, make sure they are taped to a card, or better still, sunk into it, if it is that corrugated type of card. £1 notes are best, but, with the exception of Scotland, they are just about unobtainable now. If you have not heard from us within a few days, drop us a line to see if we got your order. Any items missing in the post can be claimed for using a special post office form, available from all post offices. Last week, a postal strike in Liverpool, prevented anything getting to or from that city, and for a couple of days, to and from Dublin, although the authorities avoided Liverpool and went via Manchester, to Dublin. People taking just "Liverpool Report" will get "Weekly Report" this week, in which they will find extra Liverpool news, then, later, the back copies will be forwarded on to you, as we receive them.

In with this week's "WR", will be found our latest merchandise list, completely re-printed and brought up to date. If you are going to order things for Christmas, please order well in advance to avoid disappointment. A number of items of ours spent Christmas in some sorting office, instead of in someone's stocking, last year. All items on the merchandise list are at present in stock, with the exception of Jay Jackson's book, and the "Rebel Radio" book. Both these two books are expected in stock in a matter of days only. Until we actually have them here, we would rather that no one sent money for them. A great many people have sent SAE's for the Jackson book, and obviously, they will be the first to know when we have it available.

Free Radio Waves, Issue 2, is in stock. It has been brought forward to avoid problems with mail snarl-ups at Christmas. A hand-out sheet is included in today's package. Issue 3 will be out Jan/Feb '86.

Please note that we still have ample supplies of Laser goods, presently in great demand. We also have left, about four copies of the 12" version of "Pirates on the Airwaves" by Pauline Black and Sunday Best. These cost £4.00 each including post and packing. Anyone wanting a copy should get in touch quickly. There are no copies of the Greenpeace record left at all, although these were not advertised here, but in Offshore Echos. If any do become available in the future, we shall let you know. We understand that the "Charlie Wolf Laser Video" is coming along nicely, and we are all hoping to have it before Christmas. A special hand-out will be prepared and distributed.

A record played on Laser before she went off, called "Laser Radio" was apparently on tape only, but plans were in hand to press it on to a disc, in conjunction with Laser management. As they have now other problems, this will probably not go ahead, but the singer is still seeking to get it pressed, now calling it "Music Radio". A newspaper item from the Surrey Herald all about it, can be found in this week's cuttings.

"The Cuttings": Still coming in! Subscribers will this week receive four B4 pages of newspaper cuttings with this week's report. They feature mainly stories about Laser's demise, and once again, some excellent photographs, mostly from the East Anglian papers, but others are included too, reader's letters, Laser Roadshow info, the "Laser Radio" song info, the "Rebel Radio" book, a review from the Financial Times!, a piece from the BBC staff newspaper, Ariel, about a pirate pinching 558(again!), a piece from the French papers about our government asking Panama to withdraw registration and finally, several pieces from the Irish papers about Nova's continuing problems. Non-subscribers will have to pay 80p this week(no SAE's please), for the 4 B4 sheets. Members will get them as usual. To join "CC", send £5.00 for a year's cuttings, posted every Monday with "WR", regardless of our many sheets. No back-dating subs for "CC", but back copies can be bought at the price listed here each week. Due to excessive demand for back cuttings, offers still running include....."Laser In Harwich", 16 pages, crammed full for £2.50. "Eurosiege '85", 20 pages for just £2.00.

All cuttings from the start(50) to 79, 54 pages for £5.00(these include "Eurosiege" by the way). All the cuttings including "Laser in Harwich", 70 sheets for £7.00.

All cuttings are on standard white copy paper, B4 size, the majority excellent quality.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND(reports from B. Johnston, Siobhan Cronin, Sean Brady and William Fitzpatrick). **NOVA...**Still on low power on medium wave, 738khz., and also on 103.1mhz FM in stereo. A settled line-up with hardly any changes to report. Christmas jingles noted already and one jingle which said..."the station with the winning ways"! (see back page for name of station who once used that cliché). Plenty of giveaway competitions noted, although very often hard to give anything away, when the telephones refuse to work!

LAOIS COMMUNITY RADIO. This station has now moved frequency on medium wave, from 1143khz., to 1242kz. reports William Fitzpatrick, station general manager. (This was the unidentified signal last Sunday noted by ourselves and Sandy Mountain, duly identified the following day). The channel is better if you don't live in the Liverpool area, as Radio Merseywaves are on it there. All the same, with a good "tilting" aerial, we can receive it quite well here, considering medium wave conditions are pretty awful at present. The station would welcome, and reply, to reception reports sent to them. Their logo and address and phone numbers can be found on the back page of this report.

William goes on to say that over the last month, a new signal has been heard there, on 846khz., often relaying RTE, but occasionally relaying Radio Clare(this has been heard over a wide area of Ireland and the U.K.). He says the signal appears to come from the Athlone area.(Sean Coyne owner of Radio West, was reported to be installing a Radio West relay in that town, could it be him? But why relay RTE and Radio Clare? Why not Radio West?). Can no one throw any light on this mystery?

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY RADIO. This station was logged in Scotland recently on 1260khz., but not here due to a local ILR station on the same channel. However, last Sunday, another Unid. was logged here on 1296khz., which on Monday, again, was identified as the above, broadcasting from, we think, 28 Lower Main Street, Buncrana, Co. Donegal. The signal was fairly good here, considering it is coming from the other side of a mountain. Apparently, it is getting into Derry quite well also. Further info on this station when we receive same.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO. This station were advertising for staff(local, no doubt) of late, and a new voice was subsequently heard, by the name of Oliver Martin. 24 hour operation is planned, we understand.

CENTRAL RADIO from Longford are now back on the air, on 1035khz., from a different location, but with not quite as good a signal. They cannot be heard in Blackpool, due to Capitol Radio in Dublin moving on to 1035khz.

RTE have been causing the pirates one or two problems of late, with their 'tests' on a number of frequencies. 102.7, 95.0 and 97.0mhz., the frequencies in question. Treble T.R and Nova were the main ones affected, although some smaller ones, were also.

KISS FM, the station testing from Omeath, Co. Louth, was heard to give out a mailing address of 76 Edward Street, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, states a report from Belfast.

From Cork City. little change, reports Siobhan Cronin. WBEN looking like being big. Still no medium wave from South Coast Radio, otherwise, very little. Radio ERI are apparently about to improve/increase etc. A new studio complex is promised, together with more powerful transmitters (FM and AM) from still higher sites.

We await further news from this area. Siobhan promises info from North Cork Community Radio and West Coast Radio in Ennis, which we look forward to.

Paul Graham tells us that he plans to move to the area and work on WKLR in Bandon, so info from that station looks like being forthcoming.

LASER. Not a great deal more to report as yet. It now appears that nine writs have been served, those in themselves, preventing the ship from moving anywhere. One report in the week suggested that the ship was being auctioned off last Thursday. We doubt this, but as fourteen days are allowed for writs to be settled, last Thursday would have been the day when the period was up, and steps were commenced for the auction/sale of the vessel and its contents, although at this time, no reports of intending auction/sale have been seen, or at least heard of, in the local press. It is now known for sure that all the five recent D.J.'s have flown back to the U.S.A.(More photos of them can be seen in this week's cuttings). Also in the batch of cuttings is an advert for the Laser Roadshow in Burton, Staffs, for last Friday. We hope to have a report on it from our correspondent there. But without on air plugging, how long can these last(remember Caroline Roadshow). Robbie Day is stated in the advert to be at the function, along with the 'Moronic Surveyor'(whoever they are).

CAROLINE. Another change of format noted, and this time some country music thrown in (maybe Tennessee Sound is on its way!). Laser hours operating, although 24 hour operation. Latest line-up supplied by Ronnie Simmons, reads.....5.00am., Nick Richards, 9.00am., Peter Philips, 1.00pm., David

Andrews, 5.00pm., John Ford, 9.00pm., Andy Johnson, 1.00am., Jenny McKenzie(also, the cook). "Jamming 963" was last heard on 16th November. This has now been replaced by non-stop Country music, mentioned often by John Ford, who says they are giving it a try, and please write in with your comments. Graham Baeger has been on news duties, although Jenny Mckenzie has been noted on the odd occasion also. The "I Spy" record was heard on Friday,15th, played by John Ford, who then went on to say "one down, one to go, but not that easy". Monique have been heard to play it, but only very occasionally. A breakdown last Monday night occurred, putting both channels off the air from 1835 to 1855 app. Tapes from new bands are still being asked for frequently.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news from this station this week.

LAND-BASED STATIONS....LIVERPOOL. An extended Liverpool report, we promised, so what happened? A raid, and everone disappears! Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., and locally, with a link, on FM on 94.7mhz., had been on everyday this last week, until 4.00pm Friday, when apparently they were raided and lost their studio and FM link, but not their excellent medium wave transmitter, as the DTI were unable to discover its whereabouts. As a result the station was not heard Saturday, but was expected to return Sunday, but as far as we know did not. Central Radio made a brief test on Saturday, on 1404khz. And that was it for medium wave, although a station was heard on 1000khz., under our local ILR station today, here in Blackpool, and also in Leeds. It may of come from Liverpool, but more likely to have come from Ireland. Any ideas, anyone?

On FM, just C 104 have been noted on Merseyside today, from mid-day till 6.00pm. A pirate transmitter was heard with a carrier only, on 101mhz.

THE MIDLANDS AREA... Wrekin City Radio were due to make a test this afternoon on about 104 mhz. It is reported that Radio Mi Amigo from the same area, have not been heard for a week or two. P.C.R.L. were logged last weekend by Steve Maddox on 103.6mhz.

LEEDS...Radio Radar on 104.2mhz from 10.00am till 5.00pm, again, this week.

LONDON...Today's report emantates from the Kent area, and comes courtesey of Free Radio Waves.... who go on to tell us that last Sunday, radio Atlantis were heard on 105mhz. This is the same as the short wave station of the same name. This week, South East Sound were heard on 1188khz., with interference from Radio Dublin, but the "Tender Trip" programme was conspicuous by its absence. A Radio T.K.O. was noted on 102.4mhz., FM from the Crystal Palace area of London. Giving out a telephone number of 01 305 0689, the station is on the air seven days a week, and is thought to be run by a number of ex-Solar D.J.'s, alarmed at the drop in figures of their gigs since Solar went off the air. K-JAZZ were missing, thought to have been raided, at least, their sister station, Radio Activity, who share the transmitter. However, on 88.7mhz., a Thames Music Radio, a member of the London Area Broadcasters, who along with the above and in future London FM, was heard. LWR with jazz funk, seven days a week, on 92.1mhz in good stereo, Alice's Restaurant on 93.0mhz., and Phoenix on 90.9mhz., were all logged there today. From Braintree in Essex, on 104.4mhz., came Radio Rainbow in the afternoon, also heard for the last couple of weeks. Radio Infinity from North London on 94.2mhz., provided yet more jazz/funk, and along with the Greeks of 105.2 and the Turks on 103.3mhz., that just about covered the London area. KISS was not heard.

SHORT WAVE NEWS.

Podney R. Sixe tells us that our UNID last week on 6293khz., was Shamrock Radio. He logged them at 1239gmt.

Podney also reports that Radio Hotel Amigo and Radio Waddenzee, both operated by the same person, were raided by the Dutch PTT on 10th November, following his broadcast, and relay of Radio Liberty Sound. The reason for the raid was interference to Kalundborg on 1062khz., by his medium wave transmissions of Radio Waddenzee on 1055khz. The authorities took away his old army transmitter, used for both stations. It is not known if he has any plans to return.

Due to a rather large log on SW today, and not wishing to spread it over two pages, we shall continue on the back page.

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SHORT WAVE LOG for SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 1985.

5203khz...**PIRATES FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE**, from 1253 to 1303gmt.
6200khz...**ABC RADIO**(Waterford), with a relay of MW, from 0916 to 1420gmt.
6206khz...**C.L.C.G./SCORPIO/DELMARE**, at 0951/1230/1546 to 1555gmt., resp.
6210khz...**UNID.**, at 0915gmt.
6215/6220.**UNID.**, at 1131 to 1231gmt.(Radio Ziggy?? No.1. Riversdale Drive, Dublin 22????).
6222khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 1309 to 1314gmt.
6230khz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 0925 till 1330gmt.(next b/c on 22nd and 26th December).
6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, from 1017 to 1326gmt., with an excellent signal.
6260khz...**SKYWAVE RADIO INT.**, from 0911 to 1300gmt.
6265khz...**FALCON RADIO**(via I.R.R.S.), from 1104 to 1400gmt.
6266khz...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, from 1410 to 1500gmt.
6268khz...**CAPITAL RADIO**, from 0945 to 1308gmt.
6272khz...**SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING**(with poor mod.), from 1047 till 1102gmt.
6275khz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, at 1123 till 1300gmt.
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, from 1125 to 1323gmt.
6290khz...**REBEL RADIO NETWORK**, from 1300 to 1400gmt.
6290khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 1406gmt in QS0.
6299khz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 1125gmt., in QS0.
6300khz...**RADIO NOVA HOLLAND**, at 1324gmt.(address Postbus 85, Sluis, Holland....on next week).
6300khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at at 1330gmt., in QS0.
6300khz...**RADIO TANGO**(transmitting from Holland), at 1351gmt., in QS0.
6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND**, from 1005 to 1313gmt.(Dutch add...NURI, Postbus 65027, Rotterdam).
6310khz...**P.F.B.S.** at 1408gmt., in QS0.
6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI** from 0957 to 1321gmt.
6910khz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 1147gmt.
7321khz...**RADIO LIBERTY SOUND**, from 0924 to 1046gmt., sign off, with very good signal.(The address for R.L.S. is Jean Luc Vigre, 2 Avenue de Vieux Moulin, 62630 Etaples, France) This station will be on late December again.(Thanks for the plug, by the way!).
7352khz...**K.B.C.**(via Radio 101), at 0935 and 0949gmt.
7355khz...**RADIO BRIGITTE**, 0955 to 1330gmt., with poor modulation.
7367khz...**UNID.**, (from the U.K. but weak), from 1236 to 1243gmt.
7375khz...**CRYSTAL RADIO**(with lady D.J. and Edgebaston address), from 1145 to 1210gmt.

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Thirty stations logged today, not bad at all. Our thanks to Glenn Hocking who did a lot of the work, us, who typed it out!, and Gary Hogg in Leeds, Sandy Mountain in Blackpool also, and Alan Jarvie in Scotland.

Conditions were good, yet we still missed out on one or two stations which we would normally have received, BRI, for example. Yet, we got Radio Dublin, no one else did.

We must take this opportunity, seeing we have some space left this week, to thank all who send in logs and don't often get mentions.....Stuart Dobson for one, plus others, from time to time. Do keep sending the logs in, we do use them.

Finally, before we go, and find something of interest to fill this bottom bit, our congratulations go out to Peter Chicago and Carol Maseka who got married recently. Both have spent a good portion of their life on board the various ships(Carol on the Ross), and we all at AUK, wish them all the best.

