

# ANORAKS

## WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539  
BLACKPOOL

No. 96....2nd MARCH 1986.

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There is a distinctive feel of 'the lull before the storm' this week. So, stand by for action, just in case. If not, well, we will still manage to fill these four pages, with lots held over till the following week.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** We will start here as we usually do each week, and this week, we have managed to fill a B4 sheet, well, it was 2 A4 sheets, but we have reduced it to just one B4. Lots of small items this week, a piece from Tuesday's Guardian about the Communicator being put up for sale (we hope to re-produce the actual advert next week), three cuttings from Dublin, about Nova's latest problems, one from Glasgow this week, about a new station set to take the air there, bits from Broadcast about pirates generally and the Communicator (again), a small piece from Melody Maker about Laser and Caroline teaming up together, some community radio news from Manchester's AM Weekend (free-sheet), plus other odds and ends, including one from the Irish 'Republican News, in Gaelic, about the all Irish speaking station set up in Belfast. Some of this is translated later in the report. The cost of this B4 sheet is just 10p plus an SAE. Remember, you can subscribe to "CC", and receive all the week's cuttings (irrespective of number of sheets) along with Weekly Report, every week. The cost of this service is just £5.00 and this will cover one whole year. We regret that we cannot back date the "CC", but we do have all back copies for sale at the price listed each week right here. From time to time, special offers on parcels of back copies are made. Only subscribers to "WR" can join "CC". **SPECIAL OFFER.** All the back copies of cuttings from Issue 50. a total of 92 sheets is on offer this week, for just £9.00, and includes all the main news from '85 and '86, "Eurosiege", Laser's demise, Caroline's drifting, and much more.

Someone wrote in and asked why we started "CC" at 50 and not before. We did not think of it earlier! And what about pre-50.? We are working on these, keep watching this space for further details!

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** We don't seem to have anything new this week, which is quite unusual, with the exception of a new Merchandise List (does that count?). Anyway, we have sent one of those to you, free of charge! We have omitted Caroline Car Stickers from this new list, as we are having some problems obtaining supplies, at present. we will inform you when supplies arrive, plus other items which are currently in the pipe-line.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Again, not much this week, just Radiotelex, Issue 68. This publication really is excellent if you are at all interested in Short-wave, because, that is all it covers. Three A4 sheets of loggings from the previous two weeks, plus addresses, details about the stations and much more. We will supply you with just one sample copy, thereafter you must subscribe with RT (RT Editor...It might be to your advantage to mention subscription rates in each issue, if at all possible).

We asked for people to send us details of DX programmes in English, audible in the U.K. Our thanks to Alan Jarvie, Rob Scott and Steve Whitt of Medium Wave Circle for information sent already. In a few days, we will attempt to make a list of these programmes.

Thanks to M.D. Brown of Warrington for the tape of the Simple Minds tune we asked for. Thanks also to Geoffrey Tyrell of Essex for sending the black and white pictures of mourners at Buster's recent funeral. And thanks, as usual, to all the people who religiously send in info and cuttings from the papers each week, for the report.

Finally, word reaches us that Charlie Wolf is going to be heard in our area! He is to undertake Robin Ross's show on Red Rose Radio from, and including, 17th to 22nd March. The times of commencement are 18.00 nightly. We look forward to hearing Charlie (in FM stereo, for a change).

Robin Ross will be away in America for a week, we understand.

### **RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND....NOVA.**

Power from this station has been up and down this week. One day, the signal is inaudible, the next, extremely powerful. On Sunday and Monday last, it was extremely difficult to listen to Nova at all here due to the output power being in the region of about only 200 watts. This was due to a cracked insulator. By Monday night, the signal was once again, extremely powerful, as the 50kw transmitter was brought into use. This lasted until 11.19 on Tuesday, when it packed up, again due to the insulators. After a short break, the smaller transmitter was switched back on and low power was once again the order of the day. Since then, power has been up and down, and at this point in time, it looks likely that increased power is on the cards, on 738khz., along with other changes, we keep hearing mentioned. So, don't despair all you people a long way away, keep trying 738, you never know!

Current station line-up on Nova....06.00, John O'Hara. 09.00, Tony McKenzie. 13.00, Colm Heyes. 17.00, George Talbot. 21.00, Richard Jackson. 01.00, Paul Cavanagh..... News-readers...Bob Gallico, Dave Johnson, Gary Hammill, George Long, Sybil Fennell.

**Q 102.** Henry Owens, formerly at Nova and South Coast Radio, was heard during the week, in the daytime, standing in for Jason Maine. This was in addition to his weekend shows. Scott Williams was heard with 'Solid Gold Friday' during the first hour of his morning show, from 09.00 till 10.00. Promos are being heard regularly for the people's all time top 50, to be aired on Easter Monday. People are asked to send in their three all time favourites. This type of programme was aired



last year, but the station was not as widely listened to then, as it is now, consequently, this year's exercise is expected to be extremely successful. Talking about success, the station's "Eye In The Sky" project continues, and today, the two people involved in the venture, on the air, Mike Hogan and Greg Gaughran, will arrive at the Motor Show, currently being held at the RDS(Royal Dublin Showground) in the "Eye In The Sky" helicopter, so the people visiting the show can have the chance to see everything and everyone. The sponsors will, of course, be present, and they are Fiat cars and Celtic Helicopters. An outside broadcast unit will be there and live requests will be broadcast over the air.

Radio conditions continue to improve, and the lower power Dublin stations are once again audible. These include Wonderland Radio/Tallaght Community Radio on 1359khz. (always a difficult catch, due to Manx radio on 1368khz), and KISS FM on 1116khz. Presenter on this station, Dave Baker, sends us the weekend line-up....Saturday...07.00, John Sharkey. 10.00, Keith Shanley. 13.00, Keith Barron. 16.00, Dave Smith. 20.00, John Dunne. 23.00, Tony Ashford. Sunday...06.30, John Sharkey. 11.00, Mike Young. 13.00, David Baker. 15.00, Brian Lambert. 18.00, Gerrard Roe. 20.00, Clem Francis. 23.00, Declan Dempsey. 02.00, Tony Ashford. KISS FM also broadcast on 94.8 and 104.1mhz., in stereo.

**RADIO WEST.** Yet another English voice was noted last Monday. This turned out to be none other than Philip Hilton, formerly with Cavan Community Radio. Phil has been noted each day since. The station announce regularly "All Midlands Radio"(it must be catching!).

**W.L.S. MUSIC RADIO.** Due to so much material coming from this station, we have decided to re-print a couple of pages on the back page of our report this week. However, the line-up is not included, so here it is....06.00, Don Stevens. 10.00 Pam Wilson. 14.00, Steve Marshall. 18.00, Barry Williams(except Friday..Rauri O'Baoll in Irish). 21.00, Richie O'Shea. Mid-night, Mike Hosty. The station has regular newsletters and if anyone would like a copy, send 25p plus an SAE for one, or 50p plus an SAE for two to us.

**ENNIS, Co. CLARE.** Paul Kelly tells us that Radio Clare appear to have closed down for the time being at least, although the other station in the town, West Coast Radio, continue on 101mhz FM. In Limerick, Paul tells us that just Radio Luimni are heard on 1125khz., whilst on FM, Luimni on 96.5mhz., City Centre Radio on 97.0mhz., and L.B.C. on 99.0mhz. are all active.

**KILLARNEY.** Listeners to SW today will have had a chance to have a listen to one of the lesser heard radio stations from a remote part of Ireland. The station in question was WRKY(also known as Rocky 103). The station normally only broadcasts locally on 103.2mhz., but today were noted on 7350khz., with test transmissions. The station address of Thomand House, 40 High Street, Killarney was given out, along with a telephone number of 064 33966. After some problems with the telephone we eventually got through and to our

surprise, the station had no knowledge of any short wave broadcasts, and was not easily convinced that we had actually been listening to them. We taped some 90 minutes of the show and are now air-checking same in order to send over to the station to check as to whether we were in fact listening to a live relay or to tapes from another day. The mystery continues.

**CORK.** Siobhan Cronin tells us that things are not much different in this city, with South Coast Radio, Leaside Sound and WBEN all plodding along, although none causing any major headaches to Radio ERI. Ian Biggar mentioned previously that WBEN were in Marlborough Street, when they are in actual fact, in Cook Street.

Finally, before we leave Ireland, we mentioned some trips to Dublin recently, run by Mike Harker. These trips are only £18 and include a free bottle of spirits. You go on Friday night and return on Saturday night, which gives you all day Saturday in Dublin. The next planned trip is 4th/5th April and Mike is looking for one or two more to go along. The trips start and finish in Liverpool. For further details ring Mike at 078 571 2661 or his colleague at 0785 213047.

Really finally, we have just had word that Q 102 will not be holding their outside broadcast from the RDS as detailed earlier, this is due to "extenuating circumstances" according to the station themselves.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Pete Jeffries sends a quick report from this area. Current line-up.... Mid-night, Dave James. 03.00, Ralph Lister.. 06.00, Greg Fairlie. 09.00, Keith Lewis... 12.00, Dave Asher. 15.00, Kassach..... 16.00, Greg Fairlie. 18.00, Dave Asher/Keith Lewis. 19.30, Ralph Lister. 21.00, FM/AM Split, FM, Dave Asher, AM International Music. On shore leave.....Pete Jeffries.

No problems to report with either generators or transmitters. Dave James is set to leave any day, followed by Greg Fairlie and then Ralph Lister, so plenty of changes to come. Dave James reckons to be returning following his break. Dry dock is still on the cards, and they hope to have it in some time during March.

**CAROLINE/MONIQUE.** Current line-up here this week....06.00, David Andrews. 10.00, Peter Philips. 13.00, Susan Charles. 17.00, Mark Matthews. 21.00, Andy Johnson.

On 963khz. Tom Anderson seems to be doing extended shows in the absence of Fergie and Nigel Roberts, although at this time it is not certain whether Nigel Roberts is actually off the ship or not. On the Monique side, Ad Roberts, Ferry Eden and Ronald van der Maivebech have left the ship, and currently on board are Jan Veldkamp, Mark Stan and Wim de Valk. Maarten de Jong shows are thought to be on tape at present.

During the last week, some problems have been noted with generators. On Wednesday, these problems were severe with records slowing down all morning, on both services. At 13.00 Peter Philips announced that they would have to go off the air for about 15 minutes(no doubt to swap generators). The station duly went off and returned about half an hour later. Since then, few problems



have been noted, despite very rough weather conditions mentioned most days during the week.

According to Peter Philips, a reception report has been received from New Zealand. This seems a bit far fetched. Short wave has been received in that area(Radio Dublin), but Medium Wave??? Although, having said that, Caroline has been received in South Africa.

Finally, has anyone any recordings of the famous All Time Top 500 Shows aired the first time on Caroline at Easter 1984. We have a correspondent who would like to purchase copies of same.

**LASER.** It appears that the Communicator is being put up for sale at an early date. This report was carried on BBC East news, who went on to say that the Government would be powerless to intervene if someone bought the ship and went back out to the North Sea and started broadcasting again.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS** LIVERPOOL....Yet again, just Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., this weekend, although Mersey FM were also heard here in Blackpool on 103.8mhz. Station owner, Burt Williams was heard once again, this afternoon, with his very popular oldies programme. Tim Jackson from that area, in his report from last week, mentions Radio Julie on 104.8mhz. heard mid week, Wirral FM on 90.3mhz., also mid week, plus a couple of unids. on 104.6 and 104.5mhz. Music heard on 1611khz., here, this afternoon, has just been confirmed as Concept Radio from this city. The station also broadcast on 104.4mhz FM.

GLASGOW. Well, they made it! Radio Mercury, that is, 97.5mhz FM, heard today by several of our correspondents in that area. The station appeared at 12.10 and almost immediately, problems were noted with the transmitter. 60's music was played and announcements that the station would broadcast 12.00 till 16.00 Sundays and 17.00 till 21.00 on Saturdays, were made. The station went off abruptly sometime between 13.10 and 13.15, and has not been noted since.

BELFAST. Radio Feirste from this city, which broadcast for a spell just after Christmas, is still off the air. A newspaper cutting re-produced in this week's sheet describes the station as all Irish speaking and the first such station serving the Irish speaking population in Belfast. The operators were concerned about the lack of Irish language on the BBC and ILR. The frequencies are not detailed exactly, but stated as being between 1400 and 1600khz.

THE MIDLANDS. Only PCRL heard in that area today, on 103.7/103.8mhz. The station appear to be on 24 hours and seven days per week, despite raids. County Radio(inadvertantly referred to as County Sound last week) will possibly appear later today.

DERRY. City Sound Radio with offices in this city continue on 98mhz FM. The link transmitter is on 100.1mhz., and not 100.3 as mentioned last week. Both frequencies have been logged by Brian Buckley in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

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## **SHORT WAVE STATIONS.**

### **LOG FOR SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 1986**

6205khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.** at 10.52gmt.  
6210khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.** at 10.54.  
6230khz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.** at 09.36gmt.  
6230khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 11.08.  
6237khz...**UNID.**, at 11.07gmt.  
6266khz...**RADIO ORION** at 1047gmt.  
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 1140gmt.  
6300khz...**SHAMROCK RADIO** at 1055gmt.  
6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.** at 11.06gmt.  
6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 10.15gmt.  
7350khz...**RADIO 101, RADIO JOYSTICK, WRKY, (Killarney), RADIO JESSICA** at various times throughout the day.

Conditions were vastly improved on previous weeks and all stations were audible at this QTH. Some stations were extremely strong. 7350 and Radio East Coast Commercial in particular. Conspicuous by their absence this week, was Radio Rainbow International, no details as yet. The 7350khz. transmissions remain a mystery, with Joystick and 101 identifying early on, followed by a relay of the Killarney, Co. Kerry station, WRKY. It is not known if this was a tape, or whether it was a live relay. We are sending them a tape in order that we can find out. Radio Jessica was relayed in the afternoon.

Radio East Coast Commercial indicate that they may move back to the 26m band, although it is not known whether this will be in addition to the 49m band service. No 41m band transmissions were noted today.

The P.O. Box 750 925 at D - 2820 Bremen has now closed down due to problems with the authorities. Please send no more mail there at all. PIN Magazine say that they will send info on mail-drops if you write with an IRC to Postfach 220 342, D - 5600, Wuppertal 22, West Germany.

Radio Tutenchamun write...."As the test transmissions from Radio Milano Int. were successful, we have decided to start a regular service via them, from 09.00 till 10.00 Saturdays on 7295khz., and 1301khz. The next transmission will be at the end of March. From the month of May, onwards, we shall have a new D.J., Peter de Prater and his "Golden Oldie Show".

The D.J.'s Roger Nelson and Jimmy Bondie will probably take over the German service of Falcon Radio".

The station address is as above(Wuppertal), following the closure of the Bremen one.

The station will have a new info sheet available some time this month.

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Hi Guys (and Girls),

The latest news as it happens here on WLS Music Radio. Tests commenced this morning of the short wave transmitter, with no problems with regard to its launch, everything tuned up and its giving us a nice clean signal. Transmissions are going out on the 49 metre band short wave at a frequency of 6.240 Mhz. Reception reports would be welcome and should be sent to the above address marked for the attention of Richie O'Shea. All reports will receive a QSL, plus the WLS Newsletters No's 2 and 3 and stickers, which is better than some radio stations. Power will be at 200 watts, but there may be some alterations to this during the tests.

Americian Top Forty will commence on the station from Saturday, 15th, March, 1986 at 2pm thru until 6pm with a weekly repeat on Wednesday nights. If you can't hear it on us by this date (our FM and AM power will be considerably higher at this date) then tune to AFN Frankfurt who also carry the show. Casey will announce during the show his welcomes to 'WLS MUSIC RADIO IN GALWAY, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, THE FAMILY STATION ON 102.7 STEREO' and we are all very excited.

American Country Countdown will commence its run on the station in May 18th, a Sunday, and will also run from 2pm to 6pm with a repeat during the week.

We will also be broadcasting selected live concerts from various bands during the course of the Summer and Autumn, these courtesy of 'Radio Express Inc'.

The new WLS MUSIC RADIO SWEATSHIRTS AND T SHIRTS are now available, and are being sold throughout the city and inner county area and are very popular. They are red and black on white and look extremely posh.

The site for the new FM Stereo plant has almost been prepared, despite sleet, freezing rain and frost, with winds reaching Force 9 every single day since before New Years Day. One member of the work crew who was preparing the apartment for the transmitter to be moved into was injured when the pole on the roof was torn from its mountings by a westerly gale, and all work had to cease for safety's sake. We are awaiting the arrival of the components for the transmitter (FM) and all should be fired up and on the air by March 10th. The AM Plant will be on line by March 14th to 17th, and will be installed by Yorkie, who is making a special trip over before his operation in late March.

WLS is currently putting together a new jingle package, and its likely that the business will go to JAM Creative Productions in Dallas as they have offered us a really tasty Stereo Pack which has all the elements we need. Pams are still in the running and will be supplying commercial productions for our major clients in the advertising field, and an old Pams package specially for 'Solid Gold Sunday', which is Don's show and still gets the biggest listenership.

On attached sheet please find Programme rundown as of Spring season.

Cheers,

Richie

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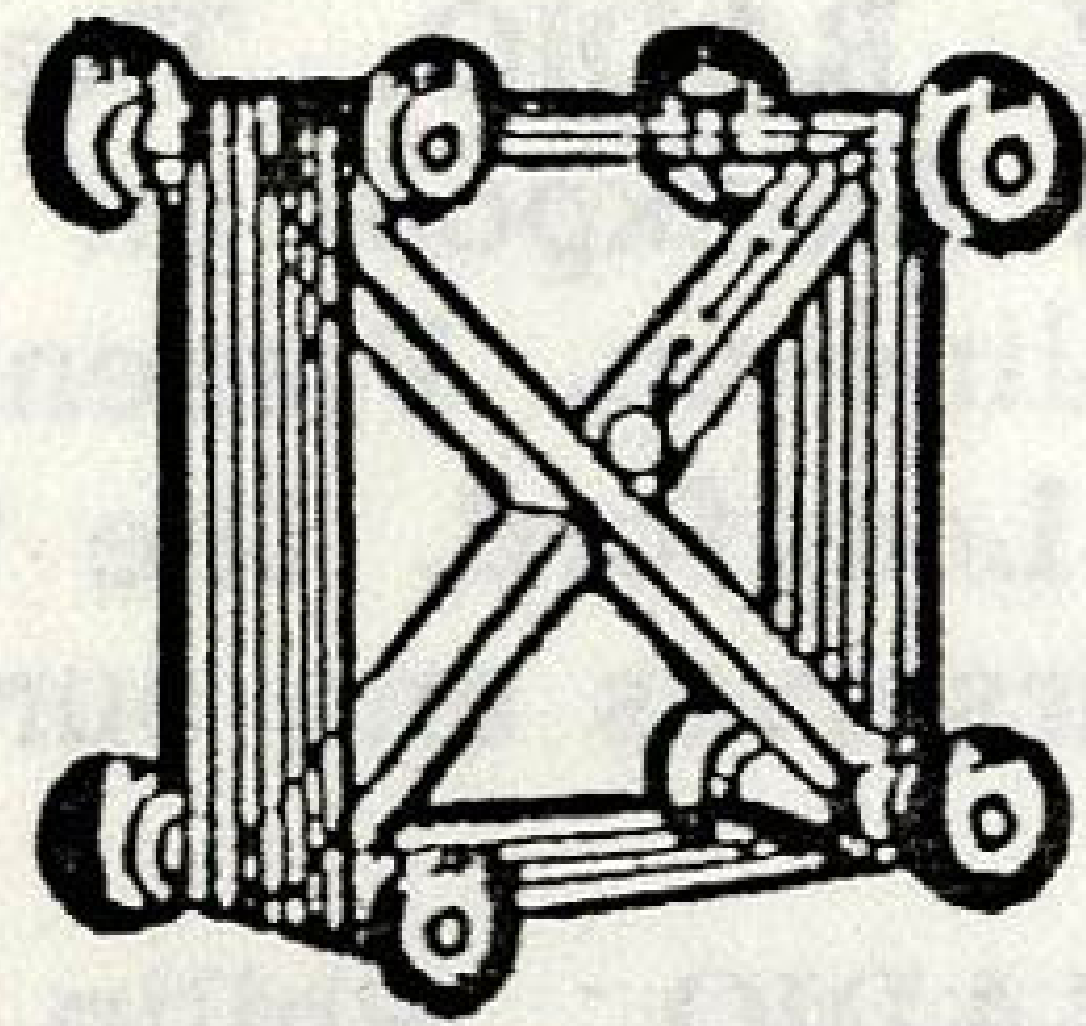


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Another quiet week, with little action anywhere, and still no word from the Government about who has been granted a community radio licence. Dave Windsor rang them in the week, and they said it was "on the Minister's desk"! Still, we can always rustle up a few odds and ends, as always.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** Again, just one B4 sheet this week, with the advertisement for the Laser ship, out of Broadcast(as promised, last week), three cuttings mentioning same, two pieces from Scottish papers about their new pirate station in Glasgow, a small piece from Tuesday's Telegraph about RTE applying to go on long-wave, one from James Hamilton in Record Mirror, mentioning "Stereo Hits 576" and "WSOL 801"(yet another one!), an alarming headline from a recent unknown daily about Caroline drifting(how any journalist could possibly print that headline!) and finally, a small piece from the Dutch Press(we have two very large cuttings also, from De Telegraaf and Goudsche Courant, not used) about Mi Amigo, although, at this stage, we are not sure what it concerns, although think it could be something to do with the return of Mi Amigo in 1979, from the Magdalena. Price is 10p plus an SAE. To join "CC", subscribers(only) to "WR" can send £5.00 and this will ensure that you receive all cuttings, every week, with your "WR", for one whole year, irrespective of number of sheets we accumulate(often as many as six, at times of high activity). Subs. to "CC" cannot be back-dated at all, but all back copies of same are still available at the price listed right here, each week. Since the start of "CC", we have accumulated 93 excellent B4 sheets, and we can offer these at a special price of £9.00(posted unfolded). However, if you already have some cuttings, previously purchased, you may deduct 20p for each week you have. (For example, you may have week 76, 89 and 96...then deduct 60p from £9.00 and pay only £8.40). Cuttings prior to week 50 are coming along fine, and we soon hope to be able to offer these also on B4 high quality sheets. Eventually, our aim will be to go back further and further and transfer all our old cuttings to these sheets and re-produce them, but all this will take time. We will, of course, keep you informed of developememts on this front.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** We don't seem to have anything new again, this week. That's two weeks in a row(we must be slipping!). However, Monitor 33 is imminent, and we hope to offer same next week. "The Best Of Offshore Echos" is expected within 14 days now, and this will definitely be the last chance to order one at the pre-publication price of only £2.50. Once we have the books in our possession, the price will revert to £3.50. So, send off straightaway, if you want one at the reduced rate, but remember, the order MUST be accompanied by your £2.50. We must apologise for the slight delay in supplying certain items, these are...Radio Jackie Album, some Radio Nostalgia Tapes and back copies of Monitor. This is due to extraordinary high demand and is only temporary. Supplies will be plentiful within days. Please do not order Caroline car stickers at present, as supplies seem to have just about dried up. Attempts are being made to obtain same. Finally, we are having problems with back copies of Offshore Echos. Since OEM went A5 at issue 22, demand increased, especially since each issue had an English section. From Issue 45, the magazine split into two versions, all English and all French. There is no shortage of the all French version, but back copies of the all English and the half English/half French, are in very short supply. Only the following issues are now remaining in stock(and these dwindling fast)...59, 58, 57, 56, 49, 43, 42, 39, 38, 36, 35, 34, 33, 27, 25, 24. If you have plans to buy any of these, it may be an idea to order them. We will reserve copies for a short period. By arrangement with OEM in France, we can supply a photo-copied version of the missing issues,

but whilst the quality of the copy is high, it comes nowhere near the original glossy version. Prices of photo-copy versions are the same as originals, and that is £1.70 each. Remember, you can still subscribe to Offshore Echos for £8.00(Five issues). This price is expected to increase shortly. Subs. to be taken out with OEM, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Again, not much this week, but a couple of items from Germany....The C.L.C.G. Magazin is a monthly, published by the Clandestine Listeners Club of Germany, C.L.C.G., Postfach 540 101, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany. Price for a sample copy is 2 IRC's. All in German, but plenty of pages of logs and other interesting items, including addresses. Talking about addresses, Mathias Kropf writes and sends us his latest offering....Adressliste der FRA Germany....six A4 sheets....1. European Short Wave Pirates, 2. Irish Short and medium wave stations, 3. Italian short and medium wave, 4. USA Short wave, 5. Offshore pirates, 6. Clandestine stations, 7. Dutch Medium wave, 8. U.K. medium wave, 9. German private stations. Quite a comprehensive selection of station addresses, computer print-out type, some noticeable mistakes, but containing quite a number of addresses not seen before. Price is 5 DM within Germany, or \$3, or 5 IRC's from Mathias Kropf, Mahr.-Schonberger-Strasse 9, 6430 Bad Hersfeld 1, West Germany. Still in Germany, Peter Messingfeld, who, like us, distributes merchandise, has a new address, it is....Offshore Spezialversand, Postfach 100 926, D - 4040 Neuss 1, West Germany. Well worth sending an IRC for his latest list, containing badges, puzzles, pens, stickers, slides, lighters and lots more. We



understand from Apollo DX that Sunshine Radio in Ludlow, have compiled a ninety minute documentary on the history of the station, which is available on a high quality C.90 cassette for £4.99, from Sunshine Radio, Ludlow, Shropshire. As yet, we have not seen a copy of this documentary, but will report further whenever we get word, or further details of same.

Thanks to all once again, for news, info and cuttings sent in. Finally, we mentioned last week that Charlie Wolf was to appear on Red Rose Radio, in this area, in place of Robin Ross, who would be away in New York for a week. It appears that it has been called off by Red Rose, and Charlie won't now appear (he would probably have been too entertaining?). Chiltern Radio, we understand, have got Optimod on their FM, but had to ring several well known Dublin pirate stations for assistance before they could set it up! Really finally! Has anyone got any recordings of Radio Caroline at Easter 1984, playing the "All Time Top 500" for the first time.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.....NOVA.**

Little to report here, the AM signal continues quite good with reports of reasonable reception from a number of areas in the U.K. Radio Caroline seems to breed a certain type of presenter who specialises in doing long stints (John Lewis, Andy Johnson on the ship) and here, we have an ex Caroline presenter, Tony McKenzie (Tony James on the ship), who has completed exactly one year on the station. What is strange about that? Well, he does not seem to have had any time off at all. He is heard with programmes six days a week and being an engineer also, will no doubt have to work the seventh as well. Tony did his first show on 4th March 1985 and has been heard every week since. Tony is one of radio's nice guys and a mainstay of Radio Nova. Let's hope we continue to hear him for a long time to come, and we wish him well. On Saturday evening, Sybil Fennell was heard on a news bulletin, asking for anyone with a transmitter site to contact the station. The aim is to put the medium wave transmitter there, and an industrial site, away from residential development would be an ideal area. A promo for a D.J. competition at Nova Park has been heard all week. The winner gets a two hour show on the station.

**KISS FM.** 94.8 and 104.1mhz. FM in stereo, and 1116khz AM. The station has, once again, been on and off 1116khz all week. With improving FM reception conditions, the 104.1mhz signal has been received here in Blackpool, on a number of days towards the weekend (130+ miles). Colleague, Brian Buckley, in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone (90+ miles away) reports excellent reception of same in his area (on both frequencies, but the latter, only receivable because Big 'M' Radio in Castleblayney were off the air on Thursday, they broadcast on 104.0mhz.). Presenter, David Baker, tells us that the station are sponsoring a Disco Dancing Marathon in aid of Autistic Children and would like other stations to come forward and relay KISS for that period. Anyone interested should contact the station, details of which, and of the marathon, are reprinted on the back page of this week's report.

**LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO.** The station, now easily audible here in Blackpool on 1071khz., seem to have no settled line-up. Present address is LCR, Ballinamuck, Co. Longford. The telephone number has eluded both ourselves and our reporter in Kilnaleck, Sean Brady.

**CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO.** Philip Hilton's weekday breakfast show has now been taken over by Brian O'Reilly. (Philip has joined Radio West).

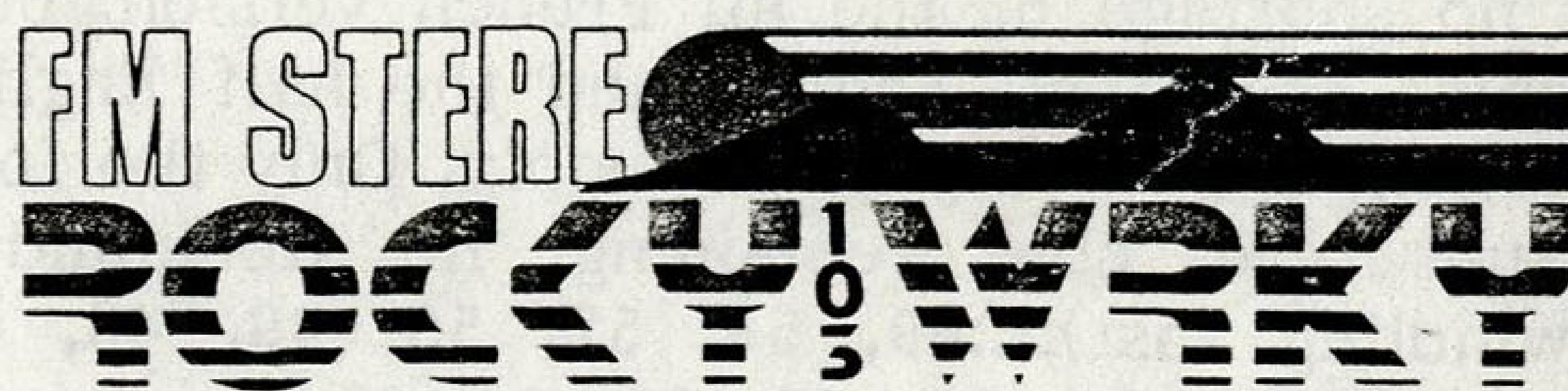
**ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO.** This station, based in Belturbet, Co. Cavan, have a very powerful signal on 1251khz. Again, the station has a variable line-up. Sun visors are being offered for sale for just IR£1 (you can of course send £1 Sterling, as this station is actually on the border), from ECR, The Amusement Centre, The Diamond, Belturbet, Co. Cavan.

**RADIO WEST.** Phil Hilton, now heard on the breakfast show, on this station, comes from Merseyside, (Southport, to be precise). Current promos on the station indicate that the main FM transmitter is on 99.0mhz., in actual fact it is on 94.0mhz., and in stereo! reports Sean. The 99.0mhz is a link transmitter to the main AM transmitter is Tyrrellspass.

**BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO.** Work is now underway to add 30ft. to the existing 100ft. mast. It is hoped soon, to have Breffni Central back on the air.

**WRKY(ROCKY 103).** Last week, thousands of short wave listeners were able to hear this station's broadcasts from Killarney, Co., Kerry, thanks to Radio 101, who possibly broadcast from that area. Numerous calls have resulted and, thanks to Jason Ross and Tony Connors (who does the 15.00 till 18.30 spot on Athlone Local Radio in Athlone), we can now supply further details of the station.....Set up in September 1984, using the jingle package of the U.S. radio station of the same name, WRKY, "Rocky 103". The station broadcasts from Killarney on 103.2mhz., to a repeater at Farranfore, and repeats on 97.2mhz., giving the station a 20 mile radius. It also uses a repeater in Castlesland, near Tralee, but this does not work too well. Line-up.....07.00, Jack Moriarty (real name, Mike Richardson, founder of the late Radio Big 'L' in Limerick, 11.00, Sean Hurley with a local chat and info programme, 12.00, Terry Doyle, 15.00, P.J. O'Neill, 19.00, Francis Jones, 22.00 till 02.00, Dave Hurley (one time news-reader on Athlone Local Radio). News... On the hour, from 08.00 till 18.00 with Betty O'Brien. Weekend schedules vary.

Our thanks to the lads at ALR for this invaluable info from these far away stations. We look forward to hearing some more from ALR.



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**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news from here this week.

**LASER.** The British Government must feel a bit stupid now, advertising the thing for sale as 'a floating radio station', yet spending thousands to try and close them down. The whole thing seems ludicrous. What happens next. April 8th and we should know all!

**STEREO HITS 576.** Plenty keeps appearing in the press about this. There is even a roadshow active(In Kent on Saturday, we believe), has anyone been?

**WSOL 801.** Maybe James Hamilton(writes for Record Mirror and Music Week) knows about this one. You could drop him a line!

**CAROLINE.** At least, this one is positive, it is there! Not much happening though. We think Andy Johnson may have come off, well, he has been on for seven months! Fergie is back, but that appears to be all. Current line-up..... 05.00, David Andrews, 09.00, Peter Philips, 13.00, Susan Charles, 17.00, Mark Matthews, who has been doing marathons, till 01.00(close), for the last few nights. Nigel Roberts is almost certainly off. On 963khz., Tom Anderson is on at 21.00 and Fergie at 01.00 till 04.00 when Monique resumes. We forgot to mention it last week but Media Network on 27th, had an interview with Radio Caroline's New York Office, who said that there were plans afoot for a SW 5 kw transmitter to be on board in the next couple of months.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** Just Merseywaves so far this weekend, on 1242khz., as usual. Last weekend, we reported Concept on 1611khz. It now appears that the station may have been Radio Active on 1611khz., relaying Concept Radio. According to Liverpool logger, Tim Jackson, he says that the following were mentioned last weekend(not all heard though).. Radio Julie 104.8, WFM 90.3 in stereo, TFM(Tranmere) on 103.8, Concept on 104.4, Mersey FM on 103.8, Veronica on 104.6, Atlantis FM on 103.9, Commodore on 104.3 and Active on 104.7mhz. Reports from North Wales reach us, and tell us that Radio Annabelle should be on the air on Sundays from 10.00 till 18.00 and Wednesdays from 19.00 till 22.00., on 92.4mhz. Mailing address is expected to be....28 Ewart Street, Saltney, Chester. Line-up...(Sunday), 09.00, Capt. Wakko!, 10.00, Ray Clark's Solid Gold Sunday, 11.00, Ritchie Diamond, 12.00, Jeff Jones, 14.00 Steve Davis, 16.00, Les Martin. (Wednesday), 19.00, Paul Lloyd, 21.00, Joanne Martin, "We play much more on 92.4".

**GLASGOW.** Radio Mercury does not appear to have made it this week. Maybe technical problems are the reason. Various programmes are promised and an interview with Simple Mind's manager.

**BLACKPOOL.** A Sunshine 104 was logged on 104.05mhz., on Tuesday from 14.00 till 15.30 with a fairly weak signal here. It was heard the following day by a colleague in Blackpool itself, although moved down to about 103.5mhz. Test transmissions were announced. It is understood to be the old K 104.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Again just PCRL logged in that area today, on 103.7/8ish. County Radio now appear fortnightly and were logged last Sunday evening on 94.4mhz. Radio Mi Amigo from the Telford area have apparently been busted, although we have no details at present. We understand it happened a couple of weeks ago.

**LONDON.** We have neglected this area lately for two reasons...lack of info and lack of space. Some news has been forwarded. Giles from North West London tells us that Radio Memphis appears regularly each Sunday on 1260khz., from about 09.00 till 15.00. The station plays just 50's Rock and Roll and has been going for three or four years now. The signal is reported very strong in the West Hampstead/Kilburn area, but the audio often leaves a lot to be desired.

Clive from Herts., twenty miles north of London, tells us that last week, he logged Starpoint on 88.6, Alice's Restaurant on 93.0, Fame FM on 94.4, JBC on 104.8, 3 Boroughs on 1125khz., plus yet another Radio Atlantis on 106.4mhz., the latter local in Radlett.

**BELFAST.** A political station appeared in this city last Monday, run by the UDA. It was apparently on AM., but we have no further details.

**ROSARIO, ARGENTINA.** Correspondent, Cesar Fabian Higa writes from this faraway country and tells us that there is very little activity there, only about three or four free radio stations exist in the whole of the country(and have you seen the size of it!). He sends a sticker for a station called CANAL 19, and we will re-produce it, as soon as possible. His address, if anyone wishes to correspond(he writes good English) is...Cordoba 4575, 2000 Rosario, Argentina.

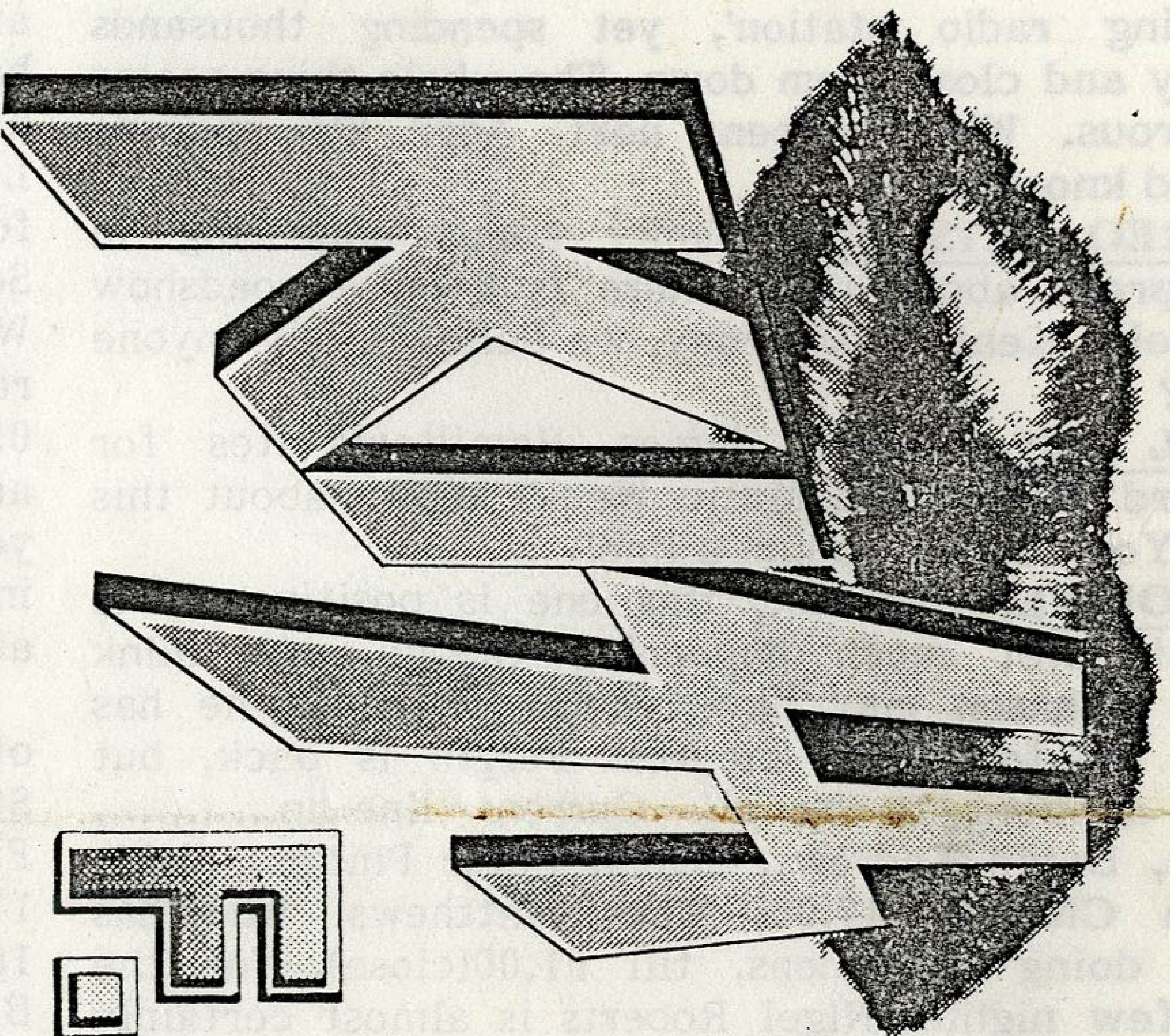
#### **SHORTWAVE STATIONS...TODAY'S LOG.**

6200khz...**FALCON RADIO** at 12.23gmt.  
6202khz...**4 FREEDOMS WORLD SERVICE.**  
6206khz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.,** at 11.55gmt.  
6210khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.,** at 10.30gmt.  
6235khz...**TIME RADIO,** at 10.35gmt.  
6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.,** at 11.05gmt.  
6266khz...**RADIO ORION,** at 12.20gmt.  
6275khz...**UNID.,** (Dutch) at 09.30gmt.  
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.,** at 11.53gmt.  
6290khz...**PIRATE FREAKS B.S.** at 10.55gmt.  
6295khz...**UNID.,** at 12.25gmt.  
6298khz...**P.F.B.S.** at 12.30gmt.  
6300khz...**UNID.,** (Flash 1610?), at 10.56.  
6300khz...**RADIO PAMELA,** at 09.25gmt.  
6305khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.,** at 11.20gmt.  
6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND,** at 11.50gmt.  
6320khz...**UNID.,** at 11.50gmt.  
6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI,** at 12.00gmt.  
7325khz...**UNID.,** (PFBS?) at 09.50gmt.  
7339khz...**RADIO WAVES INT.,** at 11.11gmt.  
7375khz...**CRYSTAL RADIO,** at 11.15gmt.

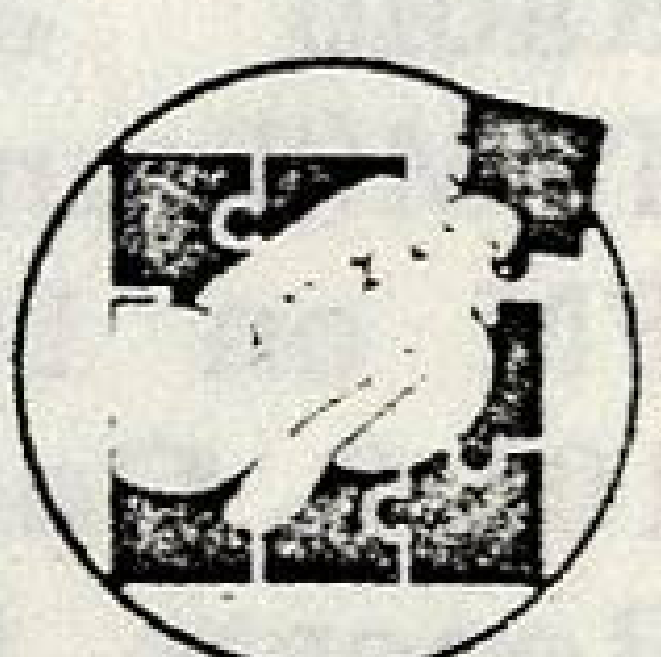
Conditions were not as good as last week by any means, but with a little perseverance, some results were forthcoming. Loggers were Gary Hogg(Leeds), Ken Baird and Ian Biggar(Scotland), Dave Small(Midlands-he got the best results today). Radio Rainbow were not able to get on air last week, due to an outside broadcast involving Boyneside Radio. FMTR in



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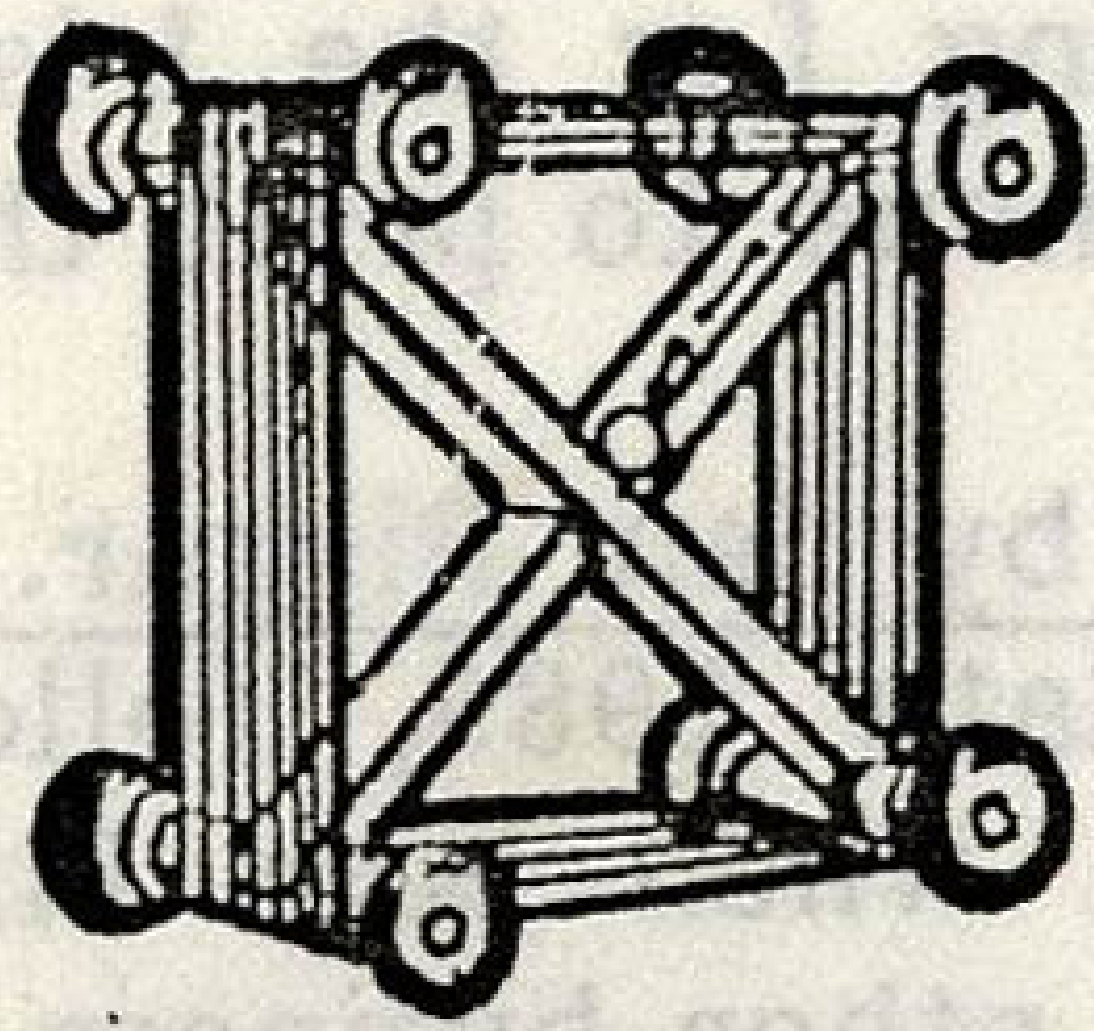
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No. 98.....16th MARCH 1986.

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St. Patrick's Day best wishes to all our many Irish readers, we look forward to hearing 'special' St. Patrick's Day programmes tomorrow. Following the 'lull', things seem to be hotting up a little, both at home and abroad, as far as free radio goes, but more of that later.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** It was inevitable that one of these days we would struggle to fill a page with cuttings. Needless to say, that day has arrived and even though we offer one B4 sheet of same, news content is a bit thin to say the least and some 'fillers' have been unavoidably used. Two items failed to arrive in time, one from Time Out about Laser, and one from Dublin about Nova. Still, about this week's, we have the following....an item from The London Standard about Jessie Brandon and Declan Meehan, two pieces from the Irish papers about Nova and Treble T.R., the cutting from TV Times advertising the programme featuring Storeton Community Radio, plus fillers. Price for the single sheet is just 10p plus an SAE. You can subscribe to "CC", but only if you subscribe to "WR". The cost is £5.00 for a year, and cuttings, irrespective of number of sheets, will be sent each week, along with the report. We cannot back-date cuttings subs., but all back copies are available at the price listed right here each week.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** As expected, Monitor 33 is now in stock. 68 pages of news and events offshore, covered in the usual Monitor style. Ten out of ten to the team, headed by Penelope Page, for producing this issue under a great deal of pressure, and, of course, without the late, great 'Buster' at the helm. The system of obtaining Monitor remains the same for those who get it direct. We, as always, will continue to sell same, and the latest issue is priced at £1.25. As regards back issues, the system is now slightly altered. All available back issues can only be obtained from ourselves. No back issues are available at all from the editorial address. We have all the A5 issues now in stock, that is, Nos. 20 to 33 inc. Issues 20 to 29 inc. are priced at £1.00 each, 30 to 33 are £1.25 each. (The latter four are thicker in size, hence the extra charged). All are highly recommended and a must for the collection. As regards the earlier issues, the duplicated ones, there are still a number of issues available, but until these are sorted out (hopefully by next week), we cannot list them. Plans are in hand to re-print all these early issues (1 - 19) in A5 format, with photos, probably in volumes, but due to the work involved, this could take quite some time, but will happen, the Monitor team tell us. We wish them well and offer them any assistance we can.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that ample supplies of Caroline Car Stickers are once again available from us. Price, as before, is 35p each, and the stickers are the inside self sticking type, multi-coloured logo. Also back in stock, we have the Radio Jackie Album at £5.50 and the Radio Nostalgia Tapes at the reduced price of £4.00 inc. P & P. (were £6.99). Just to remind everyone, titles in the above series of tapes, are... The Johnnie Walker Interview, The Ronan O'Rahilly Interview, The Robbie Dale Interview, The Simon Dee Interview, The Bill Mitchell Interview, The Tony Windsor Interview, The Early Pirates and Searching The Ether.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Radiotelex No. 69 arrived in the week and this issue included current subscription

rates. Back to four pages now, just as good as ever and highly recommended for the short wave listener. Anyone interested in subscribing can send to us for a sample copy, this will cost 40p. Media Monitor Issue 22 (March 8th) is now out and a sample copy will cost 50p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker House, London WC1X 9BA. Lots of news here, pirate and legal. If you are into Community Radio, the next one may be for you. Relay, Issue 11 has arrived here and as expected contains much CR news and London pirate news also. A monthly A4 'Glossy', you have to subscribe for six months and this will cost you £5.50 from Relay, Unit 57, Omnibus Workspace, 39 - 41 North Road, London N7 9DP. Telephone... 01 607 8057.

We expect "The Best Of Offshore Echos" within a few days.

Finally, whilst we accept International Reply coupons, but don't really think they constitute good value as they often cost about 50p in the various countries, and we only get 22p back in return, we do realise that they are essential for certain things, like sending to foreign radio stations for QSL's etc., therefore, it has been suggested in the week by one reader, that instead of cashing them in at the post office, we offer them for sale via "WR". This way, we will get more for them, and they will cost the buyer considerably less. So, if anyone wants any IRC's., they will cost 30p each, or seven for £2.00. We always seem to have ample in stock. Any ordered will be sent with "WR" in order to save postage.

Before we go on to station news, congratulations to both Bill Rollins and Tina and to Rob Eden and Nikki, who both had an addition to the family (a girl for Rob and Nikki, a boy for Bill and Tina). Congratulations from all here.

Alan from Newcastle, Staffs., tells us that for the benefit of weekly report readers who have PRESTEL, there is a broadcast section on page 25887, which often has information or letters from viewers about free radio. If you already have a home computer, to receive PRESTEL,



you need a modem to connect to the telephone, then you pay PRESTEL a quarterly fee of £6.50. PRESTEL is free to use after 18.00, apart from the cost of a local phone call(about 40p per hour).

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS - IRELAND.**

**NOVA.** This is where the action started this week. We left the story last week with the station asking for a new transmitter site. This was due to the fact that planning permission for Nova Park had been turned down. On Monday, on the 16.30, 17.00, 18.00 and 19.00 news bulletins/summaries, an announcement was made to the effect that Radio Nova would close down on 31st March 1986. This was brought about by continued problems with the National Union of Journalists, it was stated. Nothing more was heard on the news bulletins for the rest of the week, but on Friday afternoon, a promo, read by Bob Gallico was heard and since then has been heard with increasing regularity. The content of same was thus:- "On Thursday March 27th, all the professional broadcast equipment, currently in use, here at Radio Nova will be offered for sale by public auction, included, will be studios, audio processing equipment, antennas, transmitters and generators. It is sold as 'seen and heard' and is all in working order. This package is deliberately being offered for sale, prior to Radio Nova's official close-down on March 31st., to afford the purchaser the opportunity to continue trading without a break in continuity. The trading name of Radio Nova will also be offered for sale as a separate entity. Full details from P.B. Gunne Ltd, Auctioneers, Dublin, who have a full catalogue available."

Looking back in last year's "WR", about this time, promos for AM stereo were being aired. This turned out to be nothing more than a elaborate April Fool. Interesting to note that this proposed close-down immediately precedes the 1st April! We await further developments. In the meantime, it has been reported that one of the station's transmitting masts at Rathfarnham has been taken down. Programmes continue as normal. Sybil Fennell has been heard rather a lot during the past week, on news bulletins. Activity around 144 Upper Leeson Street, the home of the late "Magic 103", seems intense with various Nova personel being seen there. Yet further promos have been heard on the station advertising a 'Broadcasting School' and giving out the Leeson Street telephone number. On the subject of broadcasting schools, late night listening during the week(to Radio Dublin) yielded yet another promo for such an organisation, this time with Tony Allan's voice, and the Bay City Studios telephone number being given. At this rate, we are going to have no radio stations left in Dublin, and lots of broadcasting schools!

Finally, has anyone got an FM recording of Declan Meehan doing the ET 40, some time ago.

\* **OTHER DUBLIN NEWS.** Excellent FM conditions of Monday evening last yielded lots of Dublin stations in FM, some in stereo, as usual. Heard were Nova(103.1), Sunshine(100.5 and 101.5), Bray Local Broadcasting(97.8), KISS FM(104.1 and 94.8 [the first time the latter has been received here]), Q 102(102.1 and 103.5), Boyneside Radio(98.1)

and Radio Dublin(98.8mhz.). Kiss were busy promoting their fund-raising for the Irish Society for Autistic Children. We hope to print the amount raised in a future "WR".

**CRYSTAL CITY SOUND** by Ian Biggar. Crystal City Sound appeared in late 1985, following the demise of Suirside Radio, when boss Mick Daley decided to concentrate on other business interests. The other director decided to continue, using the transmitters on 1332khz., and 98.0mhz., FM, using the new name of Crystal City Sound. They improved the station 200%(as they say), and they feel that they provide a wider scope of interviews, country, classical, pop, jazz and Irish music, than rivals, Waterford Local Radio and ABC Radio. They claim the station's Irish Show(Sundays 11.00 till 14.00) is hugely popular and claims 95% of the audience at the time. A new jingle package was recently commissioned from Alfasound, to add to the sound of the station. Current broadcasting hours are seven days per week, 06.30 till 02.00, and staff include Eddy Coady, Seamus Searson and Kevin McCarthy, all of whom are quite well known in Waterford. News is broadcast on the hour, and read by Sandra Penkert. Thanks to Sandra for the above info.

The radio situation in Waterford is interesting in that there are three stations fighting for an audience which is not exactly enormous. ABC Radio are aiming for the younger age group, with their contempory hit format, whilst WLR are aiming for the older audience with programming to suit. Ian thinks that Crystal City Sound is trying to fit in between the other two's formats. He also states that both CCS signals don't quite come up to the standard of the other two stations, but did notice that the station had several commercials which is good, and a big improvement on the old Suirside Radio.

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**98 F.M.  
227 M.W.**

**BREFFNI RADIO** from Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan, recently introducing FM to the service, split programming at 15.00 last Monday. The 1170khz., service continues with Country/Irish, whilst FM features pop music 24 hours. Frequency was 96.55mhz., but this was moved to 95.6mhz., on Friday, reports Brian Buckley in Dungannon. Brian says that reception there was good, and he heard a number of requests read out, following the giving out of the telephone number(049) 36182.



**RADIO WEST.** No news here, but confirmation from the station that the FM signal is in fact in mono, although the stereo light will be activated on radio sets.

**W.L.S. MUSIC RADIO** in Galway, report 20th April start for Bob Kingsley's "Country Countdown". This follows March's commencement of Casey Kasem's American Top 40 Show. Yet another new presenter has started, from City Centre Radio in Limerick, Benny Keene has joined and his currently hosting the 10.00 till 14.00 slot. A classical music programme has been introduced and can be heard 07.00 till 10.00(!) Saturdays. A re-vamped news service is on the cards, with 'banner lines' and sound effect accompaniment (like the old pirate news of the mid-sixties).

New transmitters are due on the air shortly to cover the immediate listening area(FM). The short wave service apparently went up in smoke, so don't bother tuning there at present.

Finally, Aiden Cooney, ex Sunshine and Nova, has been heard on 'Sports' on Q 102.

A loud hum on 1008khz., has been noted for a couple of weeks, here. Community Radio Wexford were on 1008khz., but it is not known if they are causing this noise. Programmes can be detected underneath the combination of hum and Hilversum. Further details would be appreciated.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news from here again, this week, but it is known that a shortage of presenters prevails. Only four D,J,'s remain. These are to be joined in a matter of days by Richard Staines of ABC Radio in Waterford and Chris(The Boy) Pearson of Caroline fame, all being well. A transmitter engineer is still urgently needed to work on this station, if you know of one, please tell us.

**LASER.** Still anchored in the River Stour, well it was at 15.00 Saturday, as we took a trip down to see it. We decided to go to the Ewarton Ness side, and got right down to the river side with the car. The tide was in and it was misty, but we saw it at a distance of about 200 yards. All looked well, a small generator could be heard and some movement was noted on the bridge. The masts and aerials were still intact, and we could clearly see the stack of stand-by masts, on the deck, along with the power-boat/dinghy attached to the derrick crane. It was sad to think this could be the last time we would see it.

Colleagues Rob Charles and John Dwyar went also, last Wednesday, but they got a permit from the shipbrokers and went on board to view the equipment. Rob reported the ship in good condition with all equipment and studios intact, (even a record on the turntable). He said it was all very eerie, being quiet and deserted. The sheet from the shipbroker is re-produced on the back page. It is very similar to the advert which appeared in 'Broadcast' last week(Cuttings 97). Offers have to be in for 8th April, after which date, well, who knows.

**STEREO HITS WHATEVER!** All seems go with this project. The Nanelle is in Santander and is sharing a berth with the Brittany Ferries ship, which goes from Plymouth. In fact, passengers

can clearly see the ship when docking. Transmitters etc., are all on board and work goes on to fix them in position for broadcasting. The aerial should be up in days, and is at present lying alongside the ship, on the quay.

**CAROLINE/MONIQUE.** Last Monday's line-up was the same as the previous weekday's. Tuesday saw Mark Matthews exchanging slots with David Andrews. The new man, Tony Peters, heard in the early hours of Sunday morning last, on 558, has now settled into the 21.00 till 01.00 slot. 963 sees Tom Anderson from 21.00 till 01.00 with Caroline Overdrive, and Fergie after this, the exception being last Friday night when Fergie did the first slot and Mark Matthews followed at 01.00. Dick Verheul(that looks wrongly spelt!) has been heard on Monique.

**LAND-BASED NEWS LIVERPOOL.** Storeton Community Radio have re-appeared, no doubt to co-incide with their television appearance(BBC 2, Thursday, 17.30). 1026khz., the channel, weaker than previously, but have been on each day since Wednesday. Exact times and shows will be known next week, when Liverpool logger Tim Jackson sends in his sheet. Radio Merseywaves with their usual weekend programmes, on 1242khz., were the only other ones logged here, but according to Tim's sheet from last week, Wirral FM on 90.3., Commodore on 103.8, Mersey FM on 103.8 and Concept on 104.4 were all logged in the Merseyside area laast weekend.

**GLASGOW.** Radio Mercury did eventually get on the air last Sunday, from 16.45 till 17.15, until a sudden power surge blew their rig. Last Wednesday, a test was made on 97.5mhz., with a full hour of specialist reggae followed by the "Anonymous Arthur" programme. Today they made it on air by 13.15 around 97.5/98.3mhz. They lasted for about two hours and the interview with Simple Minds manager went out, together with oldies. Thanks to Bob and Alistair for info.

**MIDLANDS.** PCRL were logged by us yesterday on 103.6mhz., with a strong signal over a substantial area around this area. Reports suggest that the station may close down today due to problems with gigs, run in conjunction with the station. U.K. Radio on 104.2 and County on 94.1mhz., have both been logged in that area today.

**LONDON.** A lack of stations in this area was noted by several readers early week, but today, Alan from Essex reports the following heard... Starpoint on 88.6, LWR on 92.5, Alice's Restaurant on 93.0, Fame(although failed to ID), on 94.5 and LGR on 105.1mhz.

**BELFAST.** Brian from this city tells us that the station mentioned in last week's report, was Radio Free Belfast and were heard on 101.0mhz., FM and not AM as was reported on Nova news. The station ran for about an hour/an hour and half, then took a break for ten/fifteen minutes, before returning again. It was thought that the transmitter used was a London pirate rig of about 100 watts ERP.

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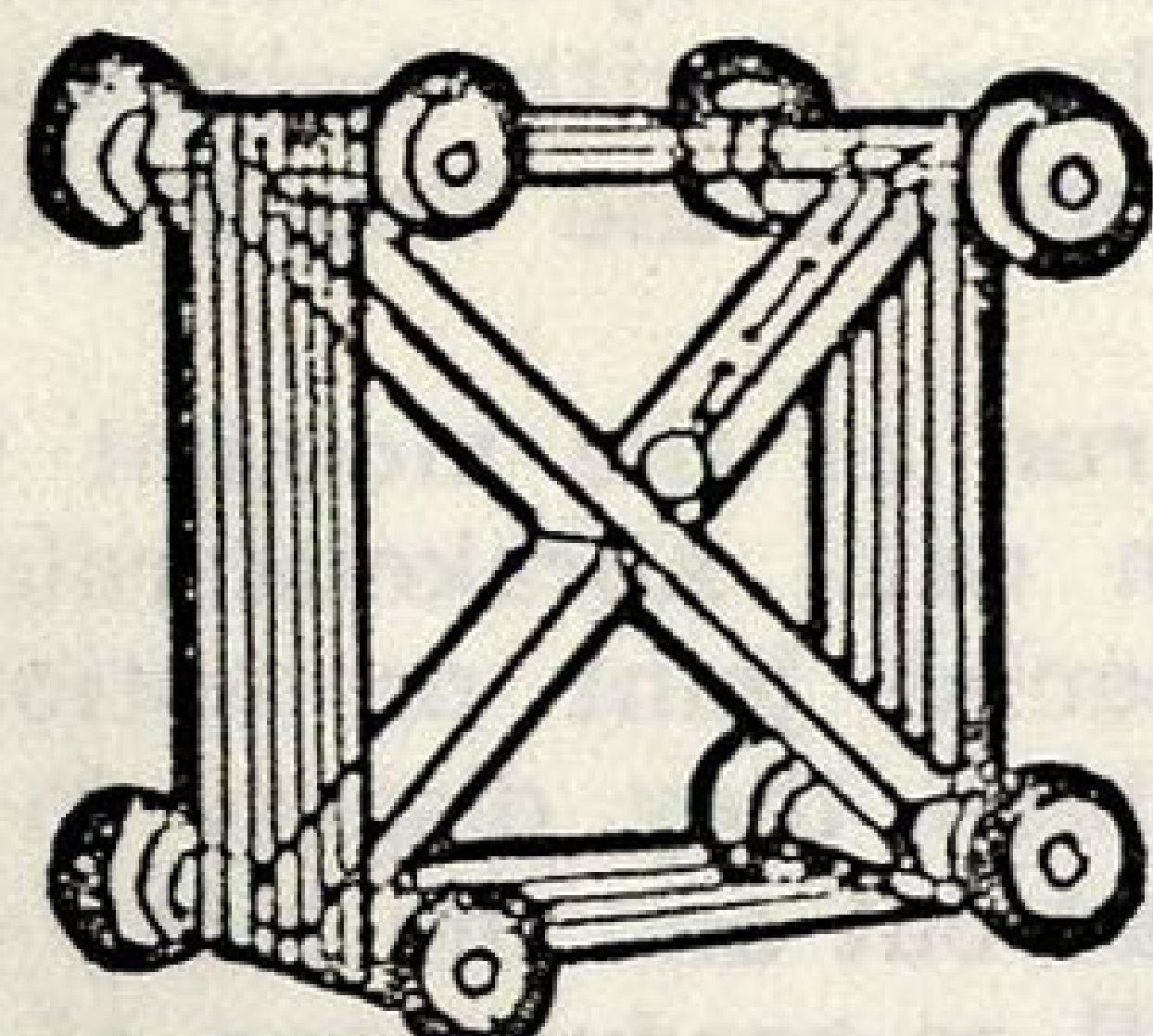
6205khz...RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL, at 1153gmt.  
6210khz(v)RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 1020gmt.  
6221khz...FALCON RADIO, at 1240gmt.  
6221khz...RADIO GREYSTONES(?), at 1150gmt.  
6221khz...R.T.L.(?) giving out Arnhem address.  
6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL, at 1016gmt.  
6240khz...C.L.C.G.(relayed by above?), at 1240gmt.  
6240khz...RADIO NORTH STAR(relayed?), announcing that in two month's time they would appear on 7325khz., with a DX programme every fourth Sunday.  
6260khz...REBEL RADIO NETWORK, at 1220gmt.  
6261khz...RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL, at 1204gmt.  
6266khz...RADIO ORION, at 1230gmt. This station have been on every day since 19th February, on various frequencies.  
6275khz...UNID., signed off at 1133gmt.  
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 1210gmt.  
6293khz...PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE, at 0954gmt.  
6300khz...RADIO PAMELA.  
6310khz...RADIO IRELAND, 1206gmt.  
6320khz...UNID., at 1100gmt.  
6400khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 1100.  
6604khz...RADIO PAMELA, at 1204gmt.  
7339khz...RADIO WAVES, at 0950gmt.  
7350khz...KBC at 0945gmt.  
7388khz... "Q 100" (USA tape?) at 0915gmt.  
7390khz...COUNTY RADIO, at 1100gmt.

Today's conditions were fair, but with lots of local interference here. Loggers today, Dave Knight(Leeds), Ourselves with Gary Hogg(Blackpool), Brian Buckley(Dungannon), Dave Small(Midlands), Ian Biggar(Scotland). Last week's logs mentioned "Flash 1610" as 6300khz., in fact it was logged on 6235khz. It was also logged by Podney on 6230khz., on Thursday 6th March. with a Dutch address.

Radio East Coast Commercial tell us that the 41mb broadcasts are to be dropped due to lack of interest. 11584khz., in the 26mb are to be tried shortly, but not as a replacement for 41mb. There is no set schedule as yet, but may be used on Sundays other than the first Sunday in the month. The transmitter is not yet ready to go on air, we understand.

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## WEEKLY REPORT

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Things are definitely hotting up now. The cuttings are always a good pointer, and we have plenty for you this week. We mentioned a lull in proceedings a couple of weeks ago and thought activity was imminent on three fronts. One front has certainly excelled itself this week and this, along with lots of action elsewhere, should make interesting reading. We shall not need to include extra pages, like we used to have to do, simply reduce the size of the type fractionally and fill the pages up to nearer the edges.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** 3 x B4 sheets(reduced down from A3, so that means even more news!) this week, with stories from the London Evening Standard about Caroline going on Short Wave, the Greek London pirates from Broadcast, Radio Free Ulster, from the same, a large piece from last Sunday's Sunday Times about Community Radio and the rest is all about Nova, the sale, the court cases, Cary's interview and the final close-down. There is more to follow on the latter subject, so, expect yet more newspaper cuttings next week. Delays often occur with the mail between Dublin and Blackpool, so it is rather likely that further items could well be in the post to us right now. Cost of this week's package is 50p., and this includes postage and packing. If you join "CC"(this will cost you £5.00 for a year), you can receive all the cuttings each week, irrespective of number of sheets, along with your Weekly Report. This will not only save you money, but ensure that you do in fact receive every sheet of cuttings we re-produce, without the bother of having to write in and request same. You cannot back-date your "CC" subscription, but all back copies are available at the price listed right here each week. The whole batch of back cuttings are currently being offered for £10.00(97 sheets, posted flat and un-folded). Should you have some week's cuttings and would like to complete your set, simply deduct 20p for each week you have cuttings, from the offered price of £10.00.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Now in stock, latest edition of FRM (March). We also have February's in stock, along with most issues from the past couple of years. Price is, as always, £1.60 each. Feb and March editions contain all the usual news and info(in Dutch), plus lots of logs and photos, including excellent colour photos of the offshore ships. We are sorry to have to report that the best seller, Goodbye Caroline by the One Shots, on a single, is now no longer available. Supplies of the other single, Welcome Caroline by Trio Frans Landmeier are expected any day. The Best Of Offshore Echos and Offshore Echos Issue 60 are expected any day. The prepublication offer on "The Best of..." is now closed and prices are as follows. OEM 60....£1.70, "The Best Of..." £3.50. Finally, copies of The World Radio and TV Handbook(WRTH)..1986, are available from us for £17.95 inc. postage and packing. Also available, following Radio Nova's close-down, up-dated Irish station lists and station address lists. These, as always, are 30p for the two.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Media Monitor, Issue 23 is now out. The magazine has gone weekly from this week, it appears, and sample copies at 50p each, can be obtained from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA. Offshore Print-Out, Volume 3, Issue 3 is now out. 10 pages of offshore news and reports. Plenty of details etc., here, worth getting, and good value too, at 20p plus an SAE(large). The Pirate Freaks Broadcasting Service info sheet No. 2 is out, just a single sheet of info here, plus a sheet of available magazines, and this can be obtained from PFBS, c/o 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG. for 1 IRC, no doubt.

Finally, our thanks to everyone for sending all this week's info, cuttings, recordings and stickers. We seem to have a great collection of stickers this week, but with so much exciting news, it is very much doubted whether any will get used this week. Still there is always next week!

### **RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.**

**RADIO NOVA.** Spotlights were well and truly focused on this outfit this week, following last week's shock news that the station was to close on 31st March, and that an auction of equipment would be held on 27th March at Nova Park. The papers were full of stories(see cuttings) and, for the benefit of those not taking the cuttings, the later stories reported that 1. a rival (KISS FM) was interested in buying it, 2. the N.U.J. denied that they were responsible for the forced closure, and 3. Chris Cary himself, gave a lengthy interview which appeared in the Sunday Press newspaper. The most important newspaper article appeared also in the Sunday Press, when it was stated that an attempt was being made by Mrs Zena Brady to have a receiver appointed to Nova Media Services, the company which runs Radio Nova. Mrs Brady, holds a 26% shareholding in the company. If this attempt was successful, it would take place on Wednesday 19th March.

Meanwhile, the station continued as normal, still airing adverts for the forthcoming sale on 27th., which also appeared in the local press(see cuttings). The auctioneer, in the meantime, was busy circulating his catalogue(see back page) for the sale. During this period, two of the staff, who had recently re-joined, from the picket lines, left once again, they were Dave

Johnson and George Long, who resumed picket duties. Chris Barry, another picket who re-joined, had left some time before. So, all the eight pickets were back together again. Reports suggested that there was very little equipment left at the transmitting site, Nova Park, although, all the items listed on the auctioneer's catalogue, were no doubt intact. The only unusual things noticed, were fewer than usual 'links' and the odd break in transmission from time to time.

Wednesday morning dawned and Nova was heard just as usual, in fact no different to any other of the past days over the last 4½ years. Sybil Fennell was missing, as was extended news at 13.00. Normal news, however, took its place. Just before the 15.00 news, Colm Heyes made a request for Chris Cary or Tony McKenzie to contact the station. News, with Gary Hammill, appeared and again, the request was made. Suddenly, at this point, the FM went off for four seconds and returned with different, non stop music, whilst 738 am continued as normal. The FM was noted as being very good in power and quality, whereas, the AM was a bit rosey to say the least. Even in Dublin, listeners reported 'humming'. In the UK, it was hardly audible at times, and cannot have travelled very far inland at all. At 16.55, it was announced, completely out of the blue, that Nova would close at 6.00pm. By 17.25, it was the tearjerking stuff, with all presenters going into the studio to say good-bye for the 'very last time'. Each played an appropriate record and said their good-byes. At four minutes to six, Chris Cary came on the air live, and said the following.... "all the squeaks, and the last day, as well, I'm Chris Cary, and I'd just like to say er, well, what can I really say? Everybody expects me to do something really amazing and outrageous and I promised I wouldn't. How do I stop this .....? (bang) right! I've got a nice little record I'll play at the end, which sums it all up. I'm rather pleased that the National Union of Journalists didn't have the opportunity to close us down, er,(laughs), it was another one that did it, but never mind, I suppose successful things are always tough to keep going, and you find being No 1 is one thing, in fact, most of the time, I was happy being No.2, because at No.1, there is nowhere else to go, and after five years, financially, I didn't make any money, but I had a hell of a good time as well, and there's a group of people, that are going to try and bring back Nova, they are, at the moment, trying to discuss a price with the receiver to buy it, and if they buy it, good luck to them, and I'm sure it will be as good, if not better than the station I tried to do, and, as I say, I couldn't do it alone, it took a lot of people to do this station, and it took very few to break it, and totally un-necessary, but, never mind. I'd also like to thank the Government, both Governments, in fact all three we've dealt with one and another, and they've allowed it to go on, and, through all our scrapes, er, I think you've got to accept the fact that you live in a great country, and that they've allowed something to go on that, alright, it's a bit naughty, there's not a licence, we know there's not a licence, they've seen common sense, and I think without a doubt there will be commercial radio here, competitive, always, and we've played a small part in proving that it's not dangerous, people don't do silly things on the radio, all they want to do is earn a living.



and entertain people and do something they really like to do, and I've enjoyed it, and I've been in radio maybe more years than I wish to remember (laughs), about eighteen or so, and I've been able to practise something that I would probably never have the opportunity to do in Luxembourg, or the BBC, or Caroline or other places where I reached a certain level in what I could do. I think I worked out pretty quickly that I was not going to be a disc-jockey forever, and I could actually contribute to building stations, and that's what I'll probably do in the future, maybe not in Ireland, I think I might have burnt my boats here, but other countries are fairly interested in what I can do, so you know, thanks again. There is a record I want to play, I don't know which fader it is Tony (Mackenzie), is this the one? (laughs) I only built the place, I don't know how it works. It's a record that I think sums it up, it's a bit cheeky, a bit of fun, Bye". The record "Don't Waste My Time" by Paul Hardcastle was played, followed by a gap of a few seconds, then a Radio Nova jingle, for the very last time. The clock said exactly 18.03. At 18.08 the carrier was switched off, and the foreigner underneath eagerly sprang to life, and no doubt, in some far off place, someone remarked that the interference had ceased, and they were able to hear more clearly their station on 738kHz. A quick check on the FM band, revealed non-stop music on 103.1mhz.

Apparently, Mrs Brady had got her injunction granted and the receivers had arrived at Nova Park studios midafternoon, hence the call made for senior staff.

The place is now locked up and in the possession of the receiver, who will proceed to sell the lot at an early date. It is not known whether the original sale by P.B. Gunne will be allowed to go ahead, or the receiver will authorise another sale.

At 21.30 that evening, it was decided to telephone a Dublin number, where it was thought some presenters may have been. We spoke to Tony McKenzie who seemed very down, naturally. We were told that Chris was there, 'wrapping things up'. Tony stated that he had bought the FM transmitter and it was he who had switched it on, rather than leave an empty channel (for a competitor to steal!), but for how long he could keep it on would be anyone's guess. Probably till the money ran out. He stated that he would be attempting to get a station on the air, but at this stage, seemed bewildered by it all. We offered our condolences and hung up.

At 22.10, only minutes later, the unidentified station announced completely out of the blue "ZOOM 103" and proceeded to do same at regular intervals. Some time later, it was reported that an announcer was heard and he said "welcome to Zoom 103, the new Nova".

The following morning, we switched on our radios, not sure what to expect. To our complete surprise, full programming was heard on 103.1mhz., with John O'Hara and Bob Gallico, followed by Tony McKenzie, Colm Heyes, George Talbot, Richard Jackson and Paul Cavanagh, along with Gary Hammill on news. No mention of Nova has been made since, everything is "ZOOM". Zoom news, Zoom area weather, Zoom traffic reports, Zoom listeners Top Ten etc., etc. Missing is Chris Cary, an AM service and adverts., although from 21.30 on Thursday evening, some local (non agency adverts have been noted). Throughout Friday, these adverts have increased in number.

And so ends another era in the exciting world of free radio. The last 99 issues of Weekly Report have always had Nova top of the list of Irish stations. Next week will see Q 102 on the top of that list. But what of the future? As Robbie Dale once said "I don't think this is the end" and guess what, neither do we, in fact, it could only be the start. Watch this space to see if the new station "Zooms" to the top of that list!

For the benefit of people out of the Nova listening area, who read "WR", or listen to stations who relay the information contained herein, we have included on the back page, alongside the auctioneers 'catalogue', a potted history of Nova, from June 1981 till March 1986.

**Q 102.** Without doubt, a very excited station this week, as not only becoming more and more listened to and successful on its account, the closure of its major rival, whether or not it returns as something else, can only mean a considerable increase in advertising revenue. Agencies will be very wary about advertising with a new station, and they will have to prove that they are here to stay, and in a big way, before they even consider placing their customer's money with them. Hence, Q can only expect increased advertising at this stage.

The station's All Time Top 50 looks like being a great success and is due to be aired on Easter Monday by Scott Williams at about 14.00 or 15.00 for 2/3 hours. Comment from one or

two people indicates that this broadcasting time would appear to be a bit late in the day, and the station may be better airing it at say mid-day. Listeners write or phone in with their favourite three records. These are then analysed and the Top 50 will be the result.

Another big competition being run at the moment is the £50,000 Cash Bonanza in conjunction with Abrakebabra (a fast food outlet). Listeners collect a special joint promotion car sticker from the fast food place, which they display in their car. Twice a day, car numbers are read out and the lucky driver gets £50.00. Space permitting, we will re-produce one of these stickers next week.

"Eye In The Sky" was grounded due to adverse weather on one day last week. This operation from 08.30 till 09.00 each morning seems a tremendous success, despite competitors 'ripping it off', and it just did not seem the same the other morning, with Mike Hogan running around town and sending messages from call boxes. Fiat cars are the sponsors on this one, and Celtic Helicopters provide the transport. It is not thought that the latest venture by a rival, "Zoom Patrol" will in any way threaten Q's success with "Eye".

Apologies time. We stated last week, that Aiden Cooney had been heard on Q sports, following a report from a Dublin listener. Apparently the listener was mistaken and tells us that it was, in fact, John Kenny.

**SUNSHINE RADIO.** Another happy station this week. They were heard to announce No.1! Surveys will show who is where, unless of course, RTE commission them, in which case, RTE come out on top (naturally). It must be pointed out that RTE take the whole country into consideration, then, say they have more listeners than Nova, Q or Sunshine, which they will have, of course. Sunshine station manager, Pat Courteney wrote a nice letter about this matter, which the Evening Herald promptly printed (see cuttings). Well done Pat.

Sunshine is certainly the No. 1 signal into the U.K., and has been for some time. Reports come from a great area of the U.K. and not just the West coast. Audio quality is, as always, excellent.

**KISS FM.** Yet another station all excited this week. They even offered to buy Nova's name etc., and hoped to give jobs to many of the Nova staff. (They would have to improve their AM transmissions before they did anything else, as the 1116kHz., broadcasts are abysmal). The FM transmissions are good though, and we can receive both 94.8 and 104.1mhz., when conditions permit, here in Blackpool. However, the station continues on a very regular basis, and their recent fund-raising events have been most successful (more later, hopefully, about this).

**THE REST OF THE STATIONS IN DUBLIN.** (in brief). Radio Avelon has closed down, but heard lately have been the following... Hospital Radio on 96.3, County Sounds on 104.9, Radio Rainbow on 104.5, Radio Galaxy on 1530kHz., plus lots of others, un-identified, some just playing non-stop music, others relaying Sunshine, Radio 1 (RTE) and Boyneside Radio.

**MIDLAND RADIO.** This is the name of a proposed new station in Mullingar, about to go on the air. Both AM and stereo FM are planned, although exact frequencies are yet not known, (1485kHz., was mentioned for AM, but due to Radio Merseyside using it, plus the fact that RTE say they want it, it is not thought it will be this). The broadcasts are to be made from a fitted out portakabin beside a well-known garage in Mullingar. A country and western format is planned. Apparently the proposed station is a breakaway from Radio West and includes Colm Mac and Dave Murphy who used to present a very popular Irish Ceili programme every Sunday.

**CENTRE RADIO,** a fairly new station broadcasting on 100.0mhz., FM from Prosperous (about 8 miles from Naas, Co. Kildare) continue. Radio West presenter, Niall McGowan is doing adverts and voice-overs for the station. The signal, however, is not too strong, and can only be heard with some difficulty in Naas.

**K.C. RADIO** (Kildare Community Radio), broadcasting on 1413kHz., locally from Naas, have a change in line-up. Presenter Chris Murray has returned and has taken over the 16.00 till 18.00 slot, each afternoon.

**RADIO WEST.** Reports say the station has been received locally on 100.3mhz., but others say the station can be picked up all along the FM band, so this is probably the case here. They seem to have a settled line-up at last (not before time!) and it is... 07.00 Phil Hilton, 10.00 Niall McGowan, 14.00 Willie Hart, 18.00 Mike McCartney.

**CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO.** Ollie Clarke hosted his last show on Tuesday 4th March and other presenters are now filling in for him.

**BREFFNI CENTRAL.** Work is still progressing at this station



to add a further 30 feet to the mast. They hope to be back soon on 1035kHz., as before.

**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY RADIO.** In addition to 1116kHz. AM and the link on 98.1kHz., 103.5mhz., has now been introduced. **CARLOW.** A new station, as yet un-named may soon be heard from this town. Two frequencies have been mentioned, 1359kHz., and 1296kHz. AM.

**BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO.** This station is now operating two services, one on AM, 1170kHz., and the other, quite separate, on 95.6mhz. FM. The move from 96.6mhz., was made following a call from RTE who said they wanted that frequency(they seem to want everything!). Former Cavan Community Radio presenter, Ollie Clarke, has joined the station, and his voice has been heard with some programmes, including requests, although loop tapes have been heard at other times. Further presenters are being advertised for on the station. Apparently, both signals are getting out far and wide, the FM has been heard in Kildare and throughout a great part of Northern Ireland. The station are seeking reception reports for either service and will reply, they tell us. These reports can be sent to ourselves, marking the envelope "Breffni Report" and sent to P.O. Box 539 etc. Following some short periods off the air, a second studio is now in use for the split services.

A million thanks to everyone this week, including Jason, Jeff, Sean, Joe, Jane, Andy, Scott, Tony, Phil, Peter, Miles, Brian, Derek and many more, for all the info.

**OFFSHORE...THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Little news from this area, apart from the station has been off all week, as the vessel has been in dry-dock in Haifa. Apparently, they sailed on Friday and presumably are now back on the air. Presenters are down to four temporarily(Dave Asher, Peter Jeffries, David Shearer and Keith Lewis). New presenters, Chris Pearson and Richard Staines are due out there shortly.

**THE MI AMIGO.** Six years last Thursday(20th) since she sank, and she is still sitting there, on the sand-bank, her aerial sticking up proudly, out of the water. We had planned to re-produce a recent photo of it, but due to space, will have to shelve this idea till next year.

**THE LASER SHIP.** Offers are still pouring in to the Admiralty Marshall, we presume, although one outfit has been scotched, so to speak, according to ILR 'Severn Sound' last Friday, who reported...."plans to moor a former pirate radio ship in Gloucester docks, as a floating arts centre, have been scuppered because it is twenty feet too long. Tory and Liberal councillors seized upon the problems of the length of the ship, called 'Communicator', as an example of trying to push through the prospective purchase, without thinking it out. The Communicator is at Harwich at the moment, where it was seized by the Admiralty putting in with engine problems. The bid for her must be in by early April, and the Labour group on the Policy committee wanted approval to spend £59,000 on buying the boat, if a survey found it suitable. Leading councillors were to make the final decision, but Liberal and Tory councillors bridled at the lack of full costing on the re-fit and how much land-based works could cost, and then the committee was told that it was twenty feet longer than the only mooring British Waterways would allow at present. Despite a battle by the Labour group to have discussions with the Waterways to find another mooring, the scheme was rejected. It's the second boat plan to be torpedoed by the council. Mooring problems sank plans to bring in a ship called 'Romney Marsh' ". That report from Pete Evans.

**STEREO HITS.** Some problems seem to have been encountered with the final preparation of this project. It is understood that the DTI may well have put some pressure on the Spanish Ministry and last Thursday, they told the owners that final preparations must be completed elsewhere and that work must cease immediately, which it apparently has. The aerial is reported to be still lying on the dock, alongside the vessel. Rabat in Morocco has been mentioned. A number of well-known names have been linked with this operation.

**CAROLINE.** Last Monday dawned and to our surprise, who was heard but John Lewis, just calling himself 'Johnnie' (again). Apparently the seas were calm last weekend and John went out along with Jennie McKenzie. Tom Anderson came off at this stage. Line-up then read....05.00 Johnnie, 09.00 Susan Charles, 13.00 David Andrews, 17.00 Mark Matthews, 21.00 Tony Peters, 01.00 Jennie McKenzie.

On 963kHz., after 'Viewpoint', 21.00 Fergie McNeil and at 01.00 Stevie Lane(not sure about the spelling, but a young lady, who had been on board for some days before).

On news was Fergie McNeil in the morning and on Monique, in the afternoon, Peter Philips.

Despite roughish seas this weekend, a further tender has

been out and Kevin Turner was noted at 13.00 yesterday, (Saturday). As yet, it is not apparent who else is off/on.

A number of people have written in saying how they like Mark Matthews style of presentation. Mark of course, is an old hand, having been involved in Radio Caroline Short Wave in the early '80's, along with Freddie Archer, Dave Caine, Stuart Atkinson and company.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** As always, Radio Merseywaves continues with it's four day weekend format, on 1242kHz. Also heard over the weekend, Storeton Community Radio on 1026kHz., Mersey FM on 102.9mhz., and SWR, last night at 00.30, on 100.8mhz., announcing 101FM, with a Miss 'C'. Tim Jackson, in his last weekend report, also mentioned Radios Julie, Concept and WFM, all around 104mhz. Radio Veronica tell us that they have tested on SW, on 6275kHz(see last week's logs). Further tests are expected. FM service presenter, Richard Jackson has left and been replaced by Chris Vernon. The station still has a number of T - shirts left, Red or blue, all sizes, for £3.75 inc P & P., from 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17.

**GLASGOW.** No sign of Radio Mercury today, after they went off abruptly last Sunday about 15.15. Their frequency had, at that time, drifted to 98.6mhz. They hope to be back next weekend, after the problems of drifting are sorted out. RIS/DTI squads have been noted in the area, but have had no success.

**MIDLANDS.** PCRL did, in fact, close down at 00.20 last Monday, and have not been heard since. Future plans are unknown.

**LONDON.** KiSS have returned on 94mhz., Fame on 94.4, Starpoint on 88.6 and Expansion on 105.1, J.B.C. on 105, LWR on 92.5, LGR on 105.1, Twilight Radio on 94.4mhz., have all been heard in the last day or two. Alice's Restaurant are expected on today.

**ELSEWHERE....**A Sunshine Radio was logged in East Kent area, around Canterbury, on 9th March, on '200m' 96.2mhz FM, from mid-day till 19.00. Radio 225 from Wolverhampton, on 1332kHz., have been noted, and relayed the closing hours of Radio PCRL last Sunday. Further news from Shropshire....The Sunshine Radio Documentary Tape, mentioned recently, can be got from this address....1 Avenue Road, Ashford Carbonnel, Shropshire, for £4.75. We have no further details, but can tell you that a telephone line is still in operation, 24 hours per day, with taped news, on Ludlow 5922.

**SHORT WAVE STATIONS.** Yet another atrocious day on the SW bands, as forecast in Media Network. We received nothing at all here, apart from Radio Milano and its relays. Others had very little more success, but the results were as follows.....  
6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 09.15gmt.  
6230kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 1036gmt.  
6235kHz...UNID., (possibly Dutch), at 09.35gmt.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL, at 1030gmt.  
6260kHz...RADIO ORION, at 1147gmt.(also heard every day).  
6293kHz...PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE, at 1154.  
6299kHz...UNID., at 1114gmt., with offshore tapes and Country-side Radio???)

7310kHz...UNID., at 09.20gmt.

7340kHz...UNID., at 10.12gmt.

7350kHz...RADIO IOL, at 09.20gmt.

7363kHz...UNID., with music, at 09.40gmt.

On 6290kHz...Ken Baird received **RADIO DISCOVERY** on Saturday morning at 04.30gmt. Test transmissions were announced and QSL's were promised, from P.O. Box 25454, Havo, 336032 Florida, U.S.A.

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**PRESS RELEASE from WFRL 6300kHz., 48mb.,** P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 5AU.....WFRL will be making their first broadcast on Easter Sunday, 30th March 1986, on 6300kHz., in the 48 metre band. The aim of the station is to bring as much as possible free radio news and information to the listeners of the U.K. and Europe, the main part of which will be Ian Johnston's 'Tender Trip', as heard on South East Sound in London, now coming to the SW on WFRL. We hope the sound of the station will be fresh and lively, in the true tradition of free radio broadcasting. Our programmes start at 09.45 BST.

**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO - EASTER SCHEDULE.** Sunday 30th March, 00.00 till 03.00GMT., 1611, 6295(+ or - 5), 6930kHz. 03.00 till 04.15..... 5010, 6295, 6930kHz. 04.15 till 09.00.....6293, 6297kHz.

**STOP PRESS.** Radio West have just informed us that their proposed free radio programme will commence next, and each Sunday at 11.30 - 12.00. Radio West can be heard on 765kHz.

**Radio East Coast Commercial** have tested their 11584kHz. t/x. PFBS appear to be using another address as well as Victoria Road, it is....Postbus 41, 7700AA Dedemsvaart, Holland.

**Radio Ireland** are using 31 Mountjoy Sq., Dublin 1.

Does anyone have the address of Benelux DX Club in Holland?



## RADIO NOVA....A POTTED HISTORY.

Chris Cary, along with several others had ventured across the Irish Sea, following the sinking of the Caroline ship in 1980, in search of a lucrative market to set up a radio station. His attempt at setting up an offshore station failed as the ship sank even before it could drop anchor. He was left, however, with a nice jingle package and this, he used in his first Irish venture, Sunshine Radio, in which Robbie Dale and Phil Solomon (ex Caroline investor), both had some involvement, financially. Phil soon pulled out, after some sabotage of valuable equipment, and it was not too long before Cary himself got a licence one day, Cary, on the other hand, wanted a Luxembourgtype station, able to broadcast to Europe.

In June of 1981, non stop music was noted on FM, in stereo. This eventually identified as Nova, after Cary heard some nice jingles, one sung in French, the twins of which were a set played on Radio Caroline, advertising Loving Awareness. The station went from strength to strength and in a matter of weeks was the top station in Ireland. Cary's brash bold approach to radio being one of the main reasons for its success. Such cliches as "Clutter-free", "Playing all over.....", "Playing favourites" rapidly became household phrases and were heard, not only on other stations in Ireland, but on stations in the UK also, and not just pirate stations either!

Cary imported equipment, technical know-how and even presenters from the U.S.A. to improve his already successful operation. The quality of his transmissions and programmes were second to none, and the envy of many in the British Isles. His competitions and give-aways were unbelievable.

The first major hiccup in his operation came when he decided to import a massive (to Ireland) 50 kilowatt transmitter. The Government were alarmed and ended up raiding his station, along with others, in May 1983, stating interference to other air-band users, confiscating all his equipment, including his new 50 kw transmitter, even before he had removed it from its container it arrived in, from the States!

He was back within hours, only to close officially, in a wonderful wellplanned operation which gained him country-wide publicity. Even then, after that, he was back within 48 hours, on the air. The Government fined him accordingly (£25 !) and gave him back all his equipment, including his precious 'monster', which he promptly utilised with an even bigger slice of the broadcasting cake, getting his signal this time into the U.K.

Following the Government's failure to eliminate him, the next to try was RTE, the National radio service, who proceeded to jam his broadcasts on FM and his micro-wave link to his mountain transmitter. Again, this caused problems, but as always, Cary found a way out, at the same time picking up valuable publicity. In the end, RTE gave up, without doubt, beaten.

His most recent problems have been with the National Union of Journalists, who have picketed his studios now for some very considerable time. These people really have been a thorn in his side, nevertheless, he has still managed to overcome them with his most recent dramatic action. In order to get the Union 'of his back' for once and for all, Cary decided the name Nova had to go, as had his own involvement in the operation. Therefore, he decided to close down the station on 31st March 1986. All the equipment was to be auctioned off beforehand, on 27th March, giving a prospective buyer the chance to carry on trading. The whole operation was deliberately run down to an all time low, and even though, the station still sounded as professional as ever. Those in the know, thought that Nova would return as another station with no obvious Cary involvement.

A hitch in his plans came when a major shareholder (Mrs Z. Brady), not liking what was happening, was granted a court injunction and the station was forced to cease trading at 18.00 hours on Wednesday 19th March 1986, as the receivers moved in. Even as this was happening, the new 'Nova', for want of a better word, was developing. Non stop music was noted on Nova's old FM frequency of 103.1mhz., after a four second break just after 15.00 hours. All the staff seemed sad and dejected at the tear-jerking close. Cary, of course, was the last on the air with his 'close-down' speech, in which he thanked everyone and said he would be trying another country as he had 'burned his boats' in Ireland. The record, "Don't Waste My Time" followed, with audio ceasing at 18.03 and carrier switching off at 18.08. Later in the evening, following the close, station manager, Tony McKenzie seemed bewildered and desperate to know what exactly to do next. He said the FM transmitter, at present on the air with non-stop music, was his, now (he had bought it), but how long he could afford to run it on the air, was anyone's guess, as he had no money and no backers, he stated. At 22.10, following this statement, the 'unknown' station identified as "ZOOM 103" and continued to do so regularly until programmes (re)-commenced at 01.00. By morning, the station was thriving and the only two differences noted were 1. no adverts. 2. no mention of 'Nova'. The service was still only on FM, no transmissions have as yet been made on AM. From 21.30 on Thursday 20th March, some local (non agency) adverts have been noted. The station now continues with all Nova's presenters having been heard.

Mr. Cary's involvement is uncertain and it seems a certainty that the NUJ will be seeking to find this out and once again harass the station.

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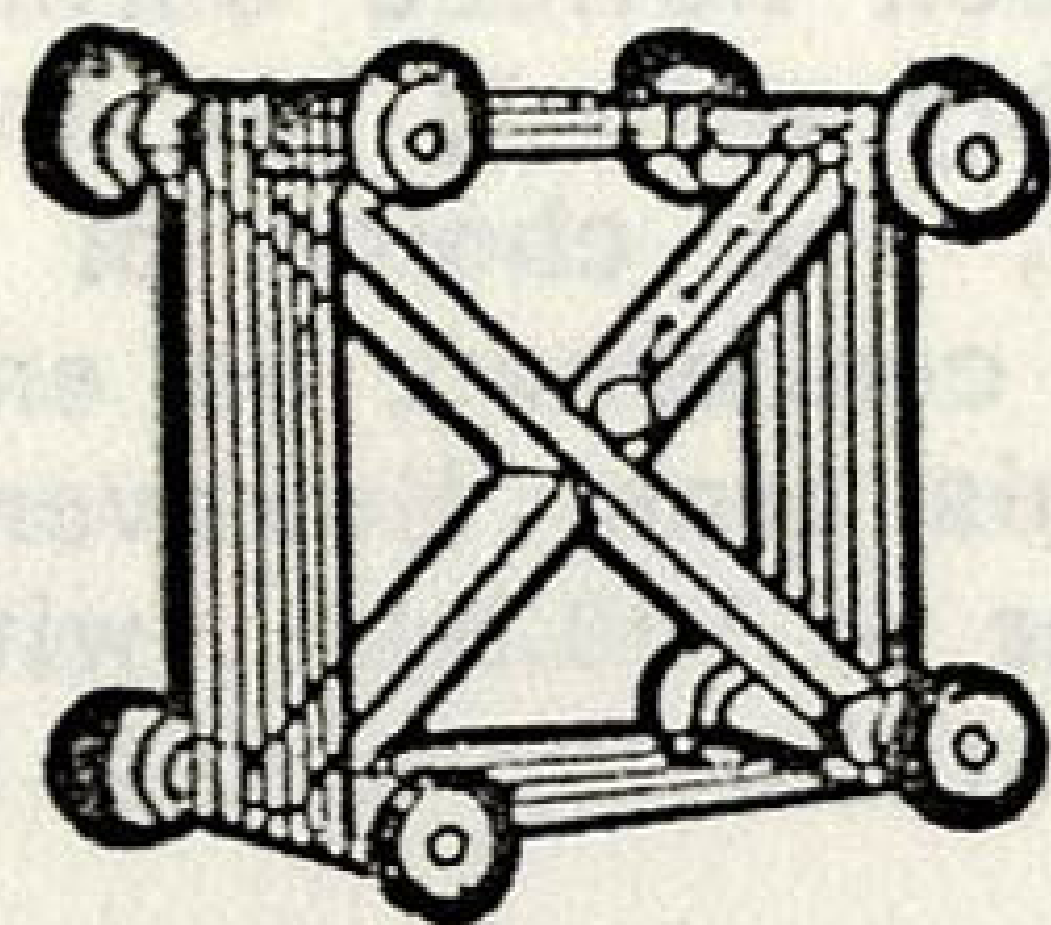
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Our thanks first off this week, for all the St. Patrick's Day cards we received, and all the nice Easter cards, as well. Here's hoping everyone had a nice Easter, which means that this week's centenary report is one day late reaching the readers, but does contain eight day's news, rather than seven.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** Back to one single sheet of B4 this week, but packed with lots of interesting items from the press....Dublin Evening Herald's report of "ZOOM 103" appearing, odds and ends from other publications about Nova's close, the ever recurring topic of legislation in Ireland makes the Herald, yet again, a story about Radio Merseywaves from the Wirral Globe, a medium size piece from Thursday's Express about Laser and the forthcoming sale of same and a report from the Cambridge Evening News about an enthusiastic young man who wants Caroline made legal. The price of this sheet is just 10p plus an SAE(The SAE is not necessary if other goods are being ordered). You can receive the cuttings each week, along with the report, and this will cost £5.00 and will cover a year's cuttings, irrespective of number of sheets each week(some weeks have more than one sheet, at times of major happenings, for example). You cannot back-date Cuttings Club, but we do have all back copies still available at the price listed right here each week. From time to time, special offers on parcels of back cuttings are made. Cuttings prior to week 50(when we started "CC") are coming along nicely and will be offered eventually on high quality B4 sheets, in due course.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** "The Best of Offshore Echo's" is now in stock. As always, A5 glossy cover, 68 pages, the majority of which material has appeared in issues since 1978, but also containing some new stories and interviews. Highly recommended, and due to only a limited number being printed, will quickly become a collector's item(a bit like Monitor's Twenty Year's of Caroline). Price is £3.50. On the subject of this magazine, we now have the entire stock of back issues(which isn't many!) and the following issues still remain....59,58,57,56,52,51,50,49,47,46,45,43, 42,39,38,36,35,33,27,25,24. No other issues in English now remain. This list differs from one printed recently and is correct at time of printing. Price is £1.70 per issue. Offshore Echo's Magazine, Issue 60 is due in a matter of days. (OEM's printer has been busy printing recent election literature, rather than important things like our magazine!!!) Money for this issue will now be accepted. (£1.70). You can still subscribe for a year at the pre-increase price of £8.00, for just a short while longer.

**MONITOR.** No, not another issue yet, just to say that we have sorted out all the back copies(we carry the entire stock here as well), and can now offer Issues 8,10,11,12,13,14,15,17 and 19 at £1.00 each. These issues contain the same amount of material as the present A5 issues, but minus photos, and come on foolscap duplicated multi-coloured sheets. Highly recommended, but unfortunately, not a great number in stock, so in order to avoid any disappointment don't delay please. Plans are still going ahead to re-print these issues in A5 format with photos, but due to Buster's unfortunate death, this looks like taking considerably longer than planned originally. In addition to the above, we have, of course, Issues 20 to 29 inclusive, at £1.00 each and issues 30 to 33 inclusive, at £1.25, all in A5 format.

**Radio Caroline Poster(No.15).** This full size, full colour, poster was the first to be printed when Caroline returned in 1983. We have never offered it before, but can do so, now. It features a close-up view of the ship from the front, plus an inset picture of the ship and mast, taken from broad-side on. Price is just £3.00 and this includes postage, packing and a hard-walled tube.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** We forgot to mention Offshore Print-Out's address last week(we don't supply it), it is..5 Common Lane, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9RQ. Price is just 20p plus a large SAE. Sorry about that, to all those who sent to us for it. Media Monitor, now weekly(except at holiday times), Issue 24 available, price is 50p for a sample copy to Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA. Medium Wave News, published by Medium Wave Circle, Vol. 31, Number 9, now out, a favourite at this QTH, mainly for DX-ers but very interesting indeed. If medium wave is your speciality, don't miss this mag. Highly recommended. Details of subs. etc., can be obtained from club sec. Ed. Baker, 69 Alderley Way, Cramlington, Northumberland NE23 9UQ. CM Bulletin No. 28 is out, 44 pages, but in our copy, some pages were un-readable. It appears that they are having problems with their printer. Details of CM can be obtained from CM, BCMBRFM, London WC1N 3XX. The CM Infoline is well worth giving a call. On it you will find that Chris Wheeler keeps you up to date with current events and news. Give him a call today on 07372 41510(Exchange area is Reigate). Regularly up-dated. A recommendable service from Chris/CM.

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.** Q 102. Afternoon presenter Jerry Stevens has been replaced temporarily by ex-Nova and South Coast Radio's Henry Owens. We understand Jerry will be back. His non-appearance is due to personal reasons.

The Abrakebabra Cash Bonanza commenced last Monday, and within hours, winners were being announced. Stickers are being handed out from the fast food outlets(there are four in Dublin) and car drivers are placing them in their cars. The station announces two cars per day, seen with these stickers displayed, and the drivers have until midnight to call at any Abrakebabra and claim their £50. We promised last week to re-produce a sticker, and indeed, still hope to do so, in spite of their rather large size.

**ZOOM 103.** Not quite as short lived as Exidy(5 hours in May 1984), but it's gone already, and at this stage, it is not known when, or even, if, it will return. Monday morning dawned, complete with 'Zoom' everything, just like the previous four days, but due to appalling FM conditions caused by low pressure, as a result of a depression right over the U.K., we were not

able to log the station on this day, however, our Dublin reporters say that by 'tea-time' the station had gone, in fact, went off 'mid-link'. In the absence of any explanation as to it's disappearance, several theories have been put forward. 1. The transmitter failed. 2. The Nova receiver seized the transmitter. 3. The transmitter has been vandalised. 4. The ESB(power supply) has been cut off. 5. It has been switched off at source for reasons unknown. The second theory at this stage seems most likely, as the receiver would be very eager to obtain as much equipment as possible, to sell, in order to pay off creditors, and as Zoom was thought to have been using old Nova gear, everything would have to be above board, otherwise the receiver would not hesitate to seize, which he possibly did in the case of the transmitter. However, this is only assumption at this stage. Activity has been intense around the Leeson Street studios but still no explanation has been forthcoming. A number of reports in from Dublin state that a tone has been heard around 103.1mhz. This could mean an RTE jamming signal, although later reports, following a call to RTE, suggest that they know nothing about it at all. The mystery continues.

**NOVA.** Not a lot we can say here, but we did get a couple of bits during the week, which we can include. The first was a letter from the auctioneer, P.B. Gunne Ltd.(see last week's report), which said the following...." RE: **Auction of Nova Broadcasting Equipment.....** Further to recent developments in the disposal of the above equipment, we have been requested by the official receiver of 'Nova Media Services', to postpone the auction until such a time as his situation is clarified. We will contact you whenever this is."

The second item was also a letter and it said..." if you are collecting quotes from ex-Nova presenters, to publish, here's mine"...(his name and address were included, but we have chosen not to publish it)...."It was painful at times to hear what was once Ireland's finest radio station, deteriorate to what it became in it's last three months. If only the directorship could have read the 'writing on the wall' correctly, and moved with the times, we could still have a fine progressive free radio set-up, here in Dublin. As it is, for the first time in radio history, the receiver has silenced the transmitter".

Another quote, this time from a presenter with another



station...."It is sad, that, after all that Nova achieved, and how popular it became, it went out with very little fanfare".

Ironically, as Zoom vanished on Monday afternoon, a station came on calling itself "The New Nova", on 98.8mhz., right on top of Radio Dublin, giving out a Dublin telephone number, 212285 and playing old Nova "Mighty Eight Ninety" jingles, cut up to say "Mighty Ninety Eight" ! The following address was given out....Centrepont Shopping Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin. Apparently, this station was formerly BFBS and also Radio Caroline!

"CARLOW LOCAL RADIO. It appears that this new station is now on air, on 1359khz., but due to Dublin's Wonderland Radio on the same channel and Manx Radio on the next channel, reception is virtually impossible here. However, reports say it is on air, and has been since 08.00 on Sunday 9th March. They can be reached at 22 Castle Hill, Carlow, Co. Carlow. The name of ex-Boyneside Radio and Radio ERI presenter, Eric Vaughan, has been linked with the station.

ATHLONE LOCAL RADIO. (104mhz FM). No major news from this station, but their current line-up looks like this..... 07.00, Mad Murdoc 09.00, Paul Winters 12.00, Mark Anthony 15.00, Tony Connors 18.30, Pete Casey 21.00, (a) Mon/Tues. Noel Lackey's Rock Show (b) Wed...Mid-week Sports Round-Up (c) Thurs./Fri...Susan 22.00, "On The Dark Side" with Jason Ross. 01.00 Marie Allen 04.00, Gerry.....Weekends vary.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. A new presenter, Paul Cox has been heard since Sunday, 16th March. Outside broadcasts were the order of the day on St. Patrick's Day, with a commentary on the parade. Increased power has been noted this week, on 819khz. In fact, it has been quite simple to 'split' CCR and Q 102, here in Blackpool.

ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO. Presenter Ollie Clarke has now joined this station, and did his first show on 17th March.

RADIO WEST. Outside broadcasts on 17th, were also heard on this station, with station owner, Sean Coyne, doing the commentary.

On Sunday, 30th March, Sean and Phil Hilton were heard with a "free radio programme" at 11.30 BST. The programme was done 'live' unlike many others, and they obviously had no script. However, it came over very well (at least it was clearly audible, unlike short wave stations), although the local audience could well have been confused, as to what they were on about. The main theme of the programme centred around going around the dial and reporting on what they could receive there, then commenting on same. The idea seemed very good, but they ran out of time and had to rush the last bit. Maybe they should have run it for a full hour and included more music to break it up a bit and satisfy the local listeners, or run it at a time when the signal would carry well, via sky-wave, into Europe, say, during darkness hours.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO. The station's "Channel 2" operation has suffered with a few problems of late. These are mainly...lack of presenters, problems with harmonics and damage, caused by recent storms. However, the station is currently on the air, on 95.6mhz., and the owners believe it can do well, being the first station to play just popular, rather than Irish/Country music, in Co. Cavan. As a result, hand-bills, informing people of it's existence, are being distributed. We shall re-produce one, space permitting, as soon as possible.

In the meantime, normal programmes continue on Breffni's medium wave outlet of 1170khz.

BOYNESIDE RADIO. A big increase in power on their 98.1mhz., transmitter (Drogheda) has been noticed during the week. The signal now compares favourably with Q 102 and Sunshine Radio, here in Blackpool. However, the choice of frequency is not the best as far as we are concerned, as emergency services seem to use this spot in this area. However, Boyneside have plans to move this transmitter to 100.1khz., with the 98.1 moving to the Kells site with the 99.1 still being used as a link in Drogheda Town.

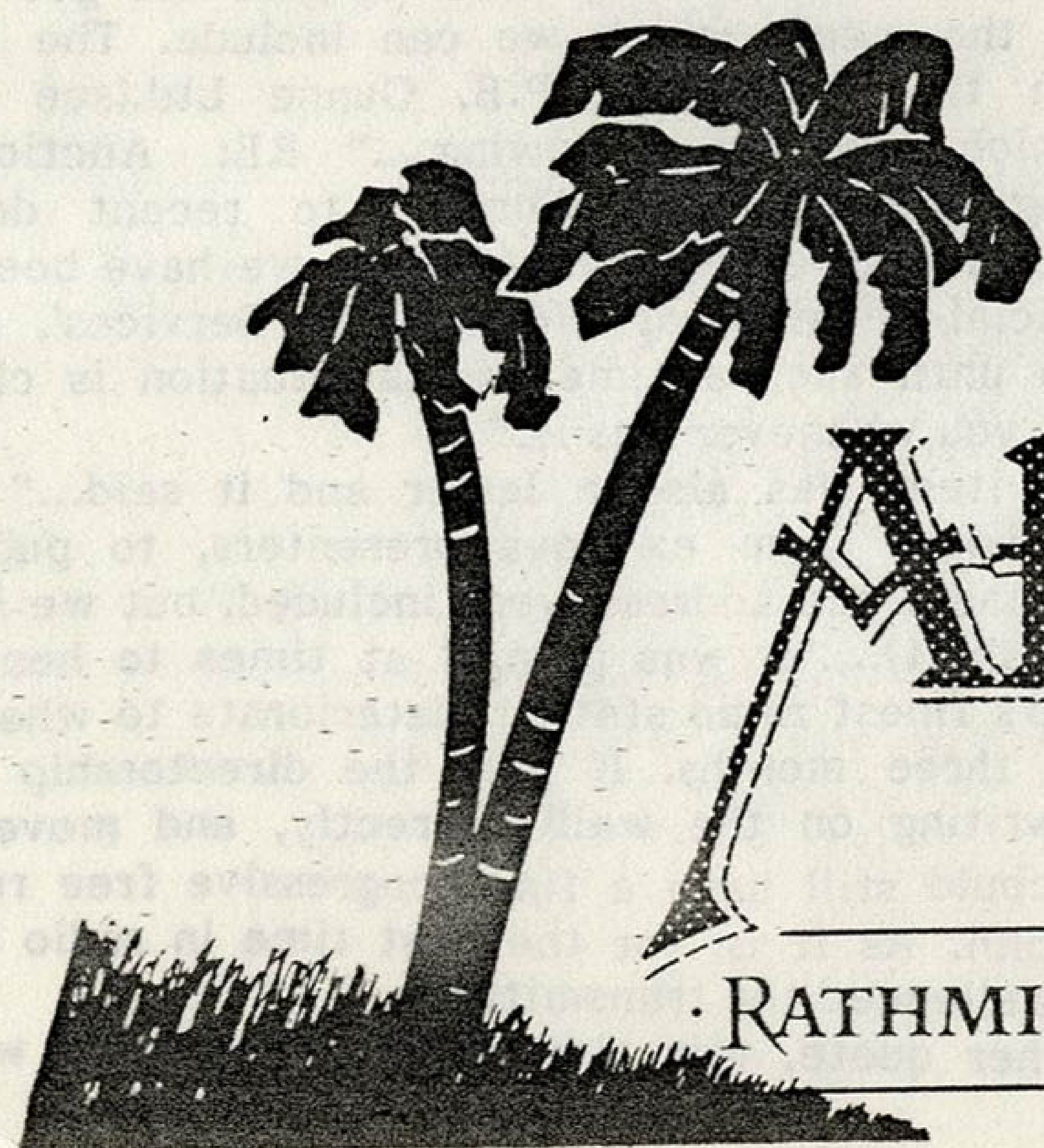
RADIO DUBLIN. Reports from the city say that this station's famous aerial array (it resembled Radio Caroline's Mi Amigo mast plus lots more wires!) has been taken down and moved to another site. The reason is not known, but with the problems Nova had with planning permission recently, it could well be the same in this case. The station's 1188khz transmissions are definitely much weaker than of late, and listening to the station, it is obvious that they are going through a transitional period. New Tony Allan promos for the station mention "a new sound Radio Dublin".

CAPITOL RADIO. Although not often mentioned in these columns, due to keeping 'themselves to themselves', this station seems to have closed down. It has only been noted missing recently, but no reports of its close are at hand. The station, although difficult to hear in the U.K., on 1035khz., due to other U.K. stations on same, had two excellent FM outlets in Dublin city, and was a most pleasant station to listen to at most times. Reports on Radio West today, indicated that famous aerial man, Sammy Prendergast has bought their transmitter(s) and intends to operate a low powered outfit called Liberty Radio or similar name, at some future time.

OTHER STATIONS (in brief). Lots of action as always on the FM band in Dublin, with stations popping up and relaying other stations, and even doing their own programmes from time to time. Notably, these are....one on 104.5mhz., Hospital Radio on 96.3mhz., one on 106.2mhz., County Sounds on 104.7mhz., Radio Rainbow on 104.5mhz., Southside Radio on 104.5mhz. and 106.2mhz. It is not known whether the transmissions on the same frequencies are connected at all, or whether they are separate transmitters.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Still reporting a shortage of staff, following the departure of Dave James, Greg Fairlie and Ralph Lister, the station should be back to normal soon with the arrival of Richard Staines and Chris (The Boy) Pearson. The ship has been in dry dock for a number of days last week but one, and has been de-barnicled and re-painted and all the cracks and holes in the hull mended (So, they won't sink now!). The lads say they have some fine pictures of it in the dry dock, so we expect they will send us one to re-print in some future edition. Life on board, during this 'in dock' period, was apparently very boring for some, and the lads are now glad to be back out at sea. The current line-up looks like this (but varies from time to time)..... 00.00, Midnight with Pete Jeffries. 03.00, Early Show with Gil Katzir (a student, helping out whilst on his Easter Holidays). 06.00, Breakfast with Dave Asher. 09.00, Morning Music with John Shearer. 12.00, Afternoon with Keith Lewis. 15.00, Kassach with Gil Katzir. 16.00, Drive-time with Pete Jeffries. 18.00, Twilight Time with Dave Asher. 19.30, Classical with Gil Katzir. 21.00, Russian Hour. 22.00, Specialised Music with Keith Lewis...Monday..Rock, Tuesday..Top 40, Wed..Country, Thurs..Soul, Friday..Disco, Saturday..Jazz.

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40, to what the Americans call Adult Contemporary (and Abie calls 'beautiful music'). With this type of music, they expect to attract an older audience, and adverts, specifically aimed at this older age group.

The FM transmitter returned to the air, shortly after the last report was posted. Parts ordered from the Harris Corporation in the U.S., arrived within a week and since installation, have worked perfectly. The second AM transmitter, which has been out of order for the last couple of months, is currently being fixed and should be back in a couple of weeks. Another trip into Ashdod is imminent in order to pick up a new generator.

**LASER.** Still making the news, this ship, believe it or not, dragged anchor and drifted on to a mud bank last Monday (24th). At the time, two tugs were understood to be attempting to pull it clear, but in the end left it until the next morning when it was successfully pulled clear and taken back to its original anchorage. Trips out to the ship for prospective purchasers to view same, were temporarily suspended, but we now understand that these have resumed once again. April 8th is the date when all offers must be in, in order to be considered. The latest clause, recently added to The Admiralty Marshal's 'conditions of sale' reads..... "14. The buyer hereby covenants with the Admiralty Marshal that neither the vessel nor her equipment will be used for the purpose of illegal broadcasting". This clause appears rather vague, to say the least. It seems to infer that the ship and gear were broadcasting illegally before, which is, of course, untrue.

**STEREO HITS ETC.** All quiet on this front, nothing at all to report. Let's hope it is a case of 'no news is good news'!

**CAROLINE.** We concluded last week, not sure who had left, as Kevin Turner returned. It seems it was Susan Charles and David Andrews, plus, we have not heard Jenny McKenzie this week, so must assume that she came off also. Current line-up has remained fairly stable and reads....05.00, John Lewis 09.00, Peter Philips 13.00, Kevin Turner 17.00 Mark Matthews 21.00, Tony Peters 01.00 Close-down.

963kHz., saw Fergie at 21.00 each night, and on Thursday, was heard late on, doing a joint programme with Mark Matthews. Stevie Lane has been heard after 01.00.

Fergie has been heard on the morning news on Caroline and Monique, Kevin Turner on the lunchtime news, at the start of his show, and John Lewis in the afternoon. Fergie has been adding a touch of humour to proceedings, referring to himself as "ace reporter" and to the Dutch presenters as "Tulip Types".

The proposed programme dedicated to 'Buster' Pearson, promised for some time, is apparently going to be aired during 'Viewpoint' on Tuesday, 1st April.

New versions of several existing commercials have been noted of late, along with a promo, with an American voice, for prospective advertisers to contact the New York office, by letter or telephone. The commercials do sound a lot more professional than the early versions.

No special programmes were noted over Easter, although, having said that, we were not able to listen at all times. It is not likely that many visitors made the trip out to the Ross Revenge, due to 'rough' seas at most times, however, 'calm' seas were reported on Monday lunch-time, so some trips may have ventured out there. If you remember back, last Easter was very similar, with rough seas over the whole period.

No major breaks in transmission have been noted, except for last Friday evening, when it was reported that 558 went off for a period, and on return the strength of the signal was greatly reduced. It now appears to be back to normal, however.

#### **LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. RADIO MERSEYWAVES.**

As reported last week, the station continued to run a four day week-end, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. However, according to reports heard on the station itself, over this last weekend, it appeared that the station had been raided some time during the week, by the DTI, and the studio equipment confiscated. The facts were related during station owner, Burt Williams's programme on Sunday afternoon, and were....on Tuesday morning, the 'studio' premises were visited by the Police on another matter, and seeing the equipment all set up (but not in operation as the station was not on the air), reported the matter to their superiors, who, in turn informed the DTI of their 'find'. The DTI, then appeared and removed several items of equipment, including two decks, a mixer unit, a tape machine and some leads. It does not appear from what was said, that anyone was arrested on this occasion. Burt dedicated a record to the DTI and their informants (Little Piggies by the Beatles), and said they had some of their favourite food for them in buckets, there, but as it might be a bit messy, also had some funnels to feed them with. Unfortunately, this food had gone mouldy, he stated, as they had expected them a long time ago.

Merseywaves continued despite this set-back, using make-do equipment and experiencing a number of minor problems. The station also appeared on 1188kHz., in parallel, on Friday, with a much weaker signal than the 1242kHz., one, and was probably inaudible out of the immediate area, due to Radio Dublin on the same channel. On Saturday and Sunday, this second channel was changed to 981kHz. (305m announced), with a strength almost equalling 1242, although off channel. This has since disappeared also.

Other medium wave stations heard over the weekend, were Storeton Community Radio on 1026kHz., with a fair signal, but with audio not quite as high as it used to be, and Central Radio on 1404kHz., making a return to the airwaves.

Due to poor FM conditions, no FM stations have been logged here this weekend, however in his Liverpool Report for last weekend, Tim Jackson, once again, mentions Radio Julie on 104.8mhz., Mersey FM on 103.0mhz., Concept Radio on 104.4mhz. and KISS FM on 102.7mhz. He also thought that Commodore Radio may have been on, on Friday night, but he did not note them himself.

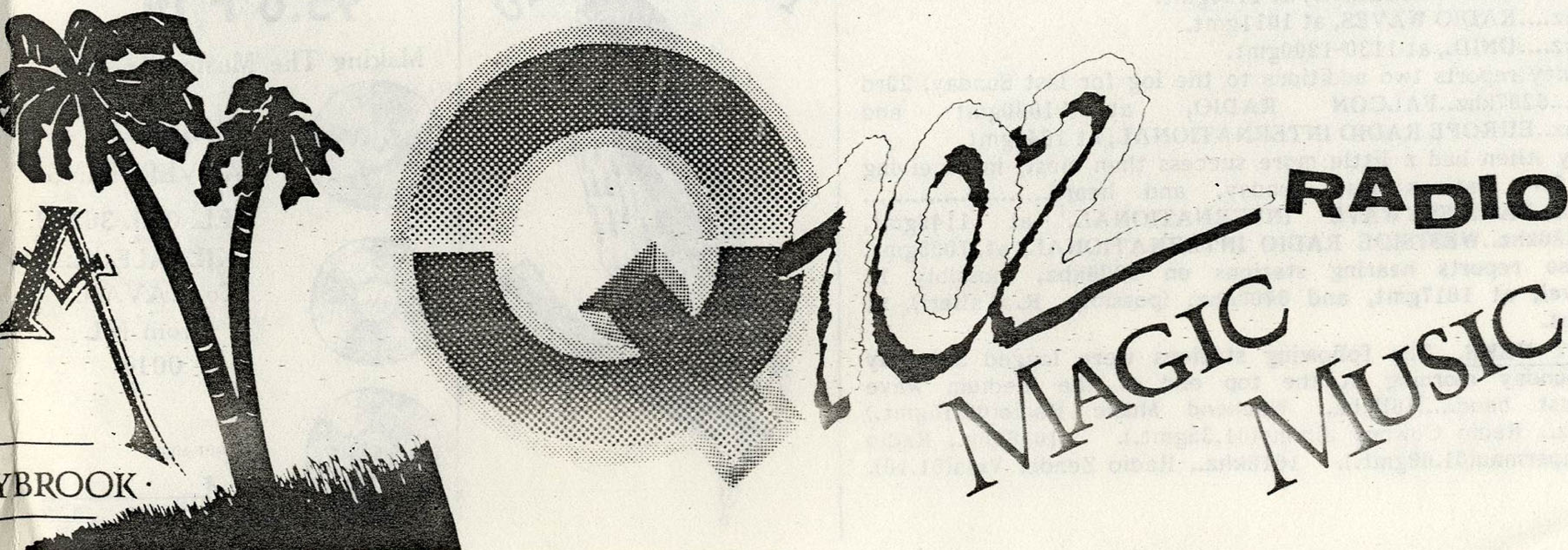
Finally in this area, Radio Annabelle was apparently not on air last Sunday, and the operator hoped to be, over this weekend, although no reports, one way or the other, are at hand. This station broadcasts to the North Wales area on 92.4mhz.

**MIDLANDS.** PCRL, following their announced close-down, last Sunday but one, re-appeared on Wednesday, again on 103.6mhz., with an excellent signal in the area, our reporter tells us. They are apparently back on 24 hours/seven days operation again.

**COUNTY RADIO** on 94.2, with some audio problems, and on 105.2 on Saturday morning only, were also noted over the weekend. This station was also broadcasting in parallel, on 1190kHz., over the weekend, and was actually received here in Blackpool, despite Radio Dublin on 1188kHz.

**GLASGOW.** No sign of Radio Mercury this weekend, at all.

**LONDON and SOUTH.** The following have been reported in the last few days....Starpoint on 88.4mhz., London Weekend Radio on 92.5mhz., Fame on 94.2mhz., and London Greek Radio on 105.1mhz. In Reading, the Sunday afternoon jazz-funker, Up-Town Radio have not been heard. They have not been raided, but are off the air due to a high level of DTI activity in their area. Usually, they appear around 101.9 to 102.6mhz., mono,





in excellent quality. The presenters are all local jazz-funk D.J.'s. One week, as a promo, anyone who went to Caversham's Night-Club in Reading, on a Sunday night, could get in free (instead of paying £2), if they said on the door... "I listen to Up-Town Radio 102.2". Listen Records in Reading, also offer a 10% discount to Up-Town listeners.

On Sunday 16th, Radio Sovereign, broadcasting on 103.7mhz., to the Romney Marsh area of Kent, was raided by the DTI. The broadcast was pre-recorded, and all gear only, was taken. They hope to return for Easter Sunday (no reports as yet), on 105mhz., from 12.00 till 19.00 BST. Their address is 32 South Road, Newhaven, Sussex.

Still in the South, a new station called Radio Veronica (not another!) was logged locally on 105.5mhz., with a strong signal between 18.00 and 19.05 on 23rd March. They gave out an address of P.O. Box 427, Eastbourne.

ABC Radio hopes to broadcast on Easter Sunday from 19.00 till 21.00 BST., to Eastbourne on 91.0 and 105.3mhz. Their address is 28 Clyde Park, Hailsham, East Sussex.

#### SHORT WAVE STATIONS.

We have four days of logs to print first, so off we go...  
**LOGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY 28th March 1986**.....

6267khz....**RADIO ORION**, at 1157gmt.  
6300khz....**RADIO ACTION**, at 1015gmt..(Relayed?)  
6300khz....**STARFLEET RADIO**, at 1100gmt..(Relayed?)  
6300khz....**RADIO MIRAGE**, at 1209gmt..(Relayed?)

#### LOGS FOR SATURDAY 29th March 1986.

6240khz....**RADIO ORION**, at 1102gmt.  
6300khz....**UNID.** at 1105-1225gmt., signed on/off with 'Sabre Dance' by Love Sculpture.

#### LOGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY 30th March 1986.

6200khz....**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 1025gmt.  
6204.2khz..**UNID.**, at 0932gmt..(R. Pamela or Tonair?).  
6204.2khz..**RADIO APOLLO**, at 1140gmt  
6205khz....**FALCON RADIO**, at 0954gmt.  
6205khz....**VOICE OF GUERNSEY**, at 1210gmt..(Relayed?...April Fool?).

6206.3khz..**RIVERSIDE RADIO**, before 10.00gmt.  
6208khz....**UNID.**, at 0957gmt...TX cut at 1000.(Riverside?).  
6210khz....**RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 1039gmt.  
6218khz....**UNID.**, at 0950gmt.  
6240khz....**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 0924gmt.  
6261khz....**RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL**, at 1040gmt.  
6266khz....**RADIO ORION**.  
6274khz....**SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING**, at 0918gmt.  
6280khz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**  
6295khz....**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 1247gmt..QSO with Radio Valleri.

6299khz....**UNID.**, at 1010gmt.  
6310khz....**RADIO IRELAND**, at 1035gmt.  
6319khz....**KLA RADIO**, at 0916gmt.  
6399khz....**RADIO VALLERI**  
6475khz....**UNID.**...Dutch...(Brigitte?).  
7312khz....**RADIO BRIGITTE**, at 0910gmt.  
7325khz....**ATLANTIQUE 2000**, at 0913gmt.  
7335khz....**UNID.**

7340khz....**RADIO WAVES**, at 0939gmt.  
7350khz....**UNID.**, at 0900gmt.  
7370khz....**UNID.**, at 1100gmt., with MOR music/requests.

#### LOGS FOR MONDAY 31st March 1986

6210khz....**RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 1100gmt.  
6222khz....**RADIO KRISTAL**, at 0925gmt.  
6299khz....**COUNTRYSIDE RADIO**.  
6302khz....**STARBOARD SOUND**, at 1017gmt.  
6310khz....**RADIO IRELAND**, at 1155gmt.  
7340khz....**RADIO WAVES**, at 1011gmt.  
7350khz....**UNID.**, at 1130-1200gmt.

Podney reports two additions to the log for last Sunday, 23rd March...6207khz..**FALCON RADIO**, at 1030gmt and 6293khz..**EUROPE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 1042gmt. Bradley Allen had a little more success than most, in receiving Irish SW stations last Sunday, and heard.....  
6261khz..**RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL**, at 1145gmt, and 6280khz..**WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 1035gmt. He also reports hearing stations on 6206khz, (possibly R. Skywave), at 1017gmt, and 6400khz, (possibly R. Valleri), at 0905gmt.

**LATEST NEWS.** The following stations were logged Saturday night/Sunday morning at the top end of the medium wave broadcast band....1611khz., Weekend Music Radio(00.15gmt.) 1615khz., Radio Cowboy Jimmy(01.35gmt.). 1616khz., Radio Newspaperman(01.00gmt.). 1618khz., Radio Zender Vina(01.10).

At 01.40 on Saturday morning, Radio Rona Migal was logged on 1610khz.

As mentioned earlier under Capitol Radio heading, a Radio Liberty/L.L.C.R./Liberty's Local Community Radio appeared on Monday morning(31st March), with test transmissions. A professional jingle package was aired, plus an advert for Prendergast Aerials, confirming our earlier information that this person was involved. The signal was fair, as was modulation, but some problems were noted with the audio feed to the transmitter. The audio went off in the early afternoon, with a brief announcement that it was a test transmission only and they would be back in about an hour. The carrier remained on the air, but no further audio has been logged as yet.

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Dear WR Reader,

This is a short note to let you know what's happening at TX Magazine. Unfortunately, we've had a few problems in getting TX 5 to you, mainly due to the change-over from printing with A-UK, to a printer. Because of this, TX 5 ("March Issue") will be published in the first week of April. We hope to improve on these deadlines in future.

However, we're sure you'll find TX 5 a great improvement on past issues. New features include.....

New two colour cover - with a picture of Alice's Restaurant, setting up their transmitter, on top of a London tower block.

TX talks to Alice's Brian Marshall and Dave Lane - and gives a profile of Dave Lane.

New 'Chains' feature follows pirate jocks from station to station around the U.K.

The 'Eric File' looks at the change in the DTI's methods over the past couple of months.

The new programme guide, gives you a day by day, hour by hour run-down of all the alternative radio programmes you can receive in London.

The most accurate round-up of London station news, that you will find anywhere - now even easier to use. Unfortunately, we have had to increase the price of TX slightly to allow us to make these changes. TX will now cost £1.00 per issue - subscriptions taken out at the old price will, of course, still stand.

TX now has a phone line available - on 01 400 8282. This usually contains a brief run down of London news for the past week, as well as letting you leave messages for TX staff. Please note though, that if you are not leaving a message, then put the phone down when the tape tells you - otherwise you could take up valuable message space.

Happy Easter....TX.

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**BENELUX DX CLUB** mentioned last week has an address of...  
**POSTBUS 1306, NIJMEGEN 6800, HOLLAND.**

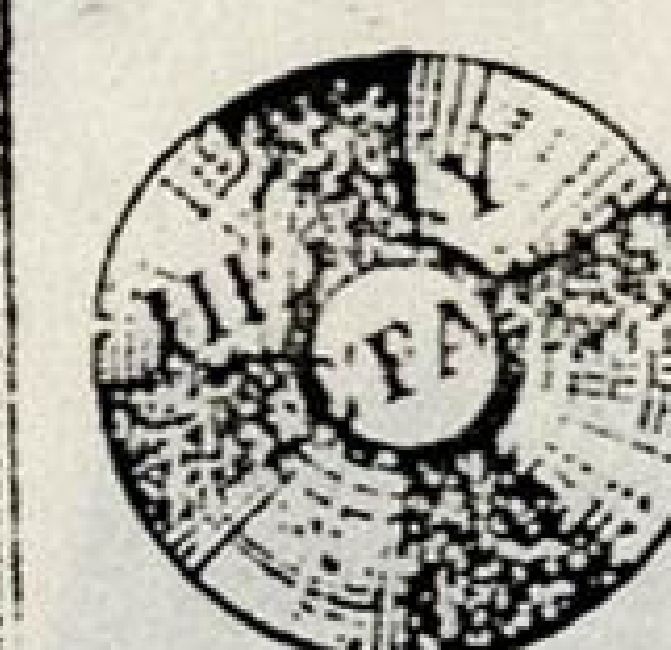
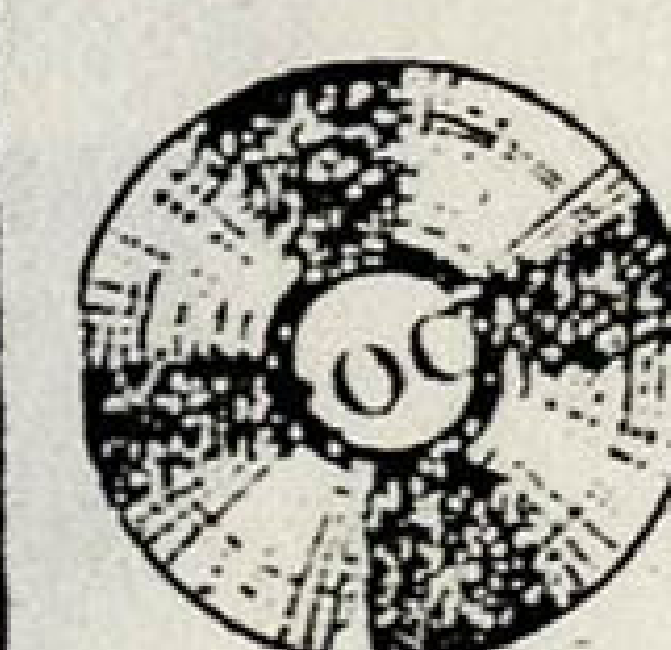
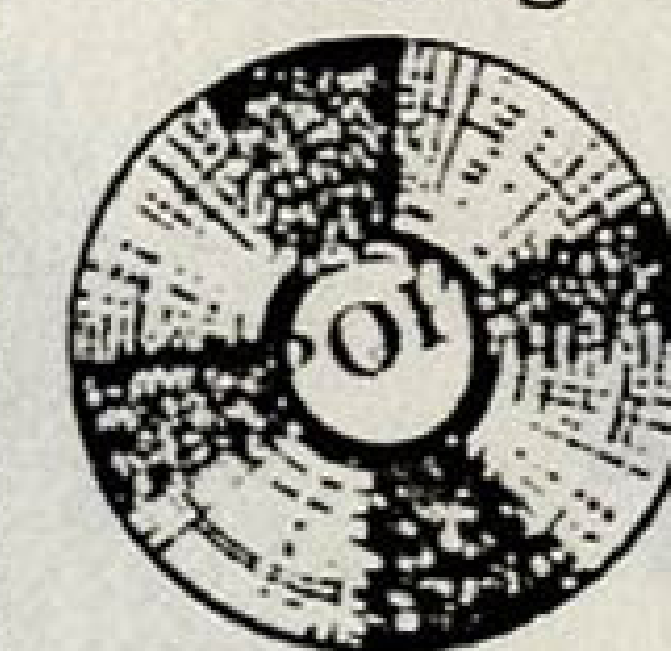
Our thanks as always to everyone who sent in logs, cuttings, news, information and comments, far too many to mention this week.

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