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## WEEKLY REPORT

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Back to normality once again, after the holiday, only six days news to report, but as usual, the pages will be full to overflowing, as they usually are. Our thanks early today, to all who sent in reports, cuttings, info, stickers and articles for printing. Very often, articles and reports, which we find we cannot use to their fullest extent, are in turn passed on to associate magazines, Offshore Echos, Monitor, Free Radio Waves and Free Radio Round-Up, for them to cull out further information. Do keep them coming, however lengthy they appear to be, we guarantee the information will be used one way or the other. Please do let us know if you do not wish to be credited personally for any articles.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** Just a single sheet of B4, reduced from A3, this week. On it will be found, stories from the Hull Daily Mail, about Stereo Hits 576 etc., three articles from Southern local papers about Radio Boulogne Littoral, the proposed Caroline short wave service from Melody Maker, a couple of odds and ends mentioning Caroline, Dublin Evening Herald reporting on Sunshine Radio's forthcoming(at the time) "Auction on the air" featuring a picture of Robbie Robinson(Robbie Dale) and a large article from the Stourbridge and Halesowen Chronicle all about former Dread broadcaster, now with Radio 1, the Ranking Miss P. This sheet will cost just 10p plus an SAE. You can receive the cuttings sheet(s) along with your "WR" each week, simply send £5.00 and we will send them each week for one full year. Obviously, only subscribers to "WR" can join though, as "WR" subsidises "CC" We cannot back-date "CC", but all back copies are available at the price listed right here each week, or at the special offer price of £10.00 for the set of 99 sheets. On the latter offer, you may have purchased some week's sheets, in which case, you may deduct from the total, 20p for each week you already have, not forgetting to tell us which they are of course!

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Following the successful set of 'Laser in Harwich' colour photos, taken during the Winter, we can now offer a Spring set, taken in April and featuring five Jumbo Glossy colour photos of the ship, 1. From the rear, against a truly dramatic Spring sky. 2. From the front likewise. 3. The generator hold showing, on the left, the one which failed in November, on the right, the small one now in use. 4 & 5. Two shots, taken on the bridge, one, of the original writ, from 7th November, the other of the official Admiralty Court Sale Notice. The latter two shots are taken close up and every word is clearly readable. The full set of five pictures, possibly some of the last ever(and best ever) to be taken of the ship, as it is at present, will cost just £2.00. When ordering, please ask for "Laser in April '86" package.

**OFFSHORE ECHOS MAGAZINE,** Issue 60 is now in stock and as well as all the usual news and features, carries an excellent tribute to 'Buster' Pearson in addition to the promised interview which had been held over. Excellent as always, 52 pages this time, price, £1.70. Please note, we also have the all French version in stock at the same price. You still have time to subscribe at the old price of £8.00 for five issues, but if doing so, please indicate which issue you wish your subscription to commence with.

Please note, the following is now deleted and completely out of stock....."Good-Bye Caroline" by the One Shots.

Despite us requesting people not to send money for "The Charlie Wolf Laser Video", a number have indeed done just this. We apologise for the delay, but the item still has not been released as yet. We know it will be eventually, but, like all good things, we have to be patient.

<TX> Issue 5 is due very shortly(see last week's "WR"), along with "The List", but more details of both next week.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Radiotelex Issue 70 is out. Following a request for subscription details, RT have issued a subscription details sheet which we have re-produced on the back page. However, as before, if anyone would like a sample copy, send us 40p and we will forward same, but subs. would then have to be taken out with RT direct if regular issues were required.

Back to '70' briefly, as always, packed with all the short wave logs, news and more too. Highly recommended, if you are a short wave fan.

The CLCG Magazine is a publication by the Clandestine Listener's Club of Germany, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg II, West Germany. Their latest issue is now out, No. 3/86 and contains pages of useful snippets of news and info, all in German. Details from above address.

Radio Boulogne Littoral Information Bulletin...Feb. 1986., is at hand. A couple of pages of news and information about RBL here. An SAE will get you a copy, from RBL, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU.

Apologies to Benelux DX Club, we gave out an old address last week, it should have read....Postbus 150, NL - 5270 AD Sint Michielsgestel, Holland. Thanks to everyone for putting us right here.

Finally, regarding the list of DX programmes in English promised some time ago. We have delayed printing this for several reasons, the main one being that a number of other organisations have done the same, and we thought we would wait and see how their lists looked. One, in particular, is very good and if they will allow us to use it, we will re-produce same shortly. If not, we will print our own eventually, on the same lines. Thanks to everyone who kindly sent in information for this list.

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

**DUBLIN** first....where it seems all quiet after the dramatic happening of recently. Still, one or two smaller events to report on.....**Q 102.** The "All Time Top Fifty" was duly aired last Monday(Bank Holiday) in the afternoon, and hosted by Scott Williams. The following day, April Fool's Day, saw presenter, Greg Gaughran exchange places with "Eye In The Sky" reporter, Mike Hogan. It was quite an enjoyable programme and some humorous exchanges were noted. Whilst on this topic, it was announced that the thirteen week trial by Fiat Cars, Celtic Helicopters and Q 102 had been very successful and was to be extended for a second period of thirteen weeks. However, the time of this operation was to be moved slightly from 08.30 till 09.00, to 08.15 till 08.45(all times BST), from tomorrow.

A "Battle of the Bands" competition commenced on 4th April. Two live bands will appear every Friday night until further notice, at the Ambassador Cinema, in Dublin. To enter this competition, bands simply had to send a good quality demo tape in to Q 102 before 31st March. Adverts for this competition have appeared in the local press and we hope to re-print one shortly, space, of course, permitting.

A new(to Q) service is being introduced...!Job Finder'. This service was extremely successful on the late Radio Nova, no doubt Q will find it just as successful. Talking about Nova, they used to have a programme called Nova Gold. Q now have Q gold! Still, who can blame them for these things, at least it is nice to still be able to hear these things.

Finally with Q, some problems with their FM transmissions have been noted today(Sunday). At some stages, both transmitters were off(this was announced), but mainly it was the 102.1 which suffered most.

**SUNSHINE RADIO.** Lots of excitement this weekend, on this station, as the 250 mile Maxi Marathon ended in Dublin. The run started on 29th March in Cork and has been crossing the country since. Full details can be found on the back page, as we have re-produced the printed hand-bill. All money raised, was in aid of the Central Remedial Clinic.

Over Friday and Saturday, Sunshine held their "Auction On The Air", an annual event which again, raises money for the above cause. This auction was reaching it's climax at about 21.00 on-Saturday night just as the Marathon ended. There appeared to be much excitement in all quarters. The amount of money raised by these two events is not at this stage known, but will be printed in a future issue, once it is. We expect the newspapers will be covering this event and will duly re-



print in "CC", any cuttings taken therefrom.

**KISS FM.** Their recent fund-raising event went quite well, we understand, and the station have asked us to thank all who sponsored the event, also Radio West for the use of their outside broadcast unit. The total money raised is not yet known, but will all go to the Irish Society for Autistic Children.

Changes on the station are underway. These changes include news on the half hour and headlines on the hour (that's different anyway!). An 'easy listening' format is being introduced, with specialist programmes at the weekend. A number of ex Radio Leinster presenters can be expected to be heard at the weekends. Leinster was an easy listening station in South County Dublin from 1981 until 1983.

Current line-up, Monday to Friday, reads....07.00, Colm Mooney. 11.00, Garrett Scully. 15.00, David Baker. 19.00, Joe Harte. 23.00, Don O'Neill/Rory Rawson.

**NOVA.** The sale of all their broadcast equipment, as mentioned in earlier reports, did not, as expected, take place, due to the receiver not being clear about the legal situation. This sale, we understand, will take place in due course.

**ZOOM.** Not yet re-appeared, but according to reports, there is still plenty of activity around 144 Upper Leeson Street. According to one member of staff, it will be back fairly soon. Several reports from Dublin keep mentioning a test tone on 103-ish. Some say it is Zoom, others say it is Q, RTE deny it is them, but Brian in Dungannon reports he can hear it there, so nobody is really sure who it is. Brian says it is on 103.0mhz., and not 103.1, which Zoom, of course, was on.

**LIBERTIES LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO.** This station was briefly mentioned last week, as being logged here in Blackpool on Monday. The carrier remained on since Monday and later in the week, audio returned, with programmes also, although the audio level was quite low, but has since increased. Requests were made for young disc-jockeys to contact the station on 538870, with a view to doing programmes. To our complete surprise, a later promo indicated that Skip Cameron would be appearing on the 10.00 till 12.00 spot on Saturday. Skip has been in exile for a number of years. Due to business commitments this programme was missed, but luckily a colleague in Dublin managed a recording and we expect receipt of same in the next day or so. It was mentioned by someone who did listen, that Skip seemed unusually quiet, which is quite unlike him. The station, as well as broadcasting on 1035khz., can also be heard locally on 96.7mhz. Apparently Liberties is a very old Dublin community, in fact, some say it is the oldest community area in Europe. It is situated in the Cook St./Clanbrassil St./Francis St. area of the city.

**"NITESKY".** Not sure what this is all about, but an advert appeared in last Sunday's Sunday World (30th) with 96 in a circle and the word 'soon' at the foot of the advert...could this be the other FM transmitter, ex-Capitol Radio? (Liberties are using only one, we understand).

**THE OTHERS in Dublin.** Southside Radio, heard locally on 104.5mhz., have changed their name to K 104. The station in Blanchardstown who appeared as Radio Nova, following the real station's closure, changed to Nova Sounds, then back to Caroline Dublin and are now on 98.5mhz. County Sounds are heard on 104.7mhz. Radio Galaxy seem to be on every Sunday, just at present, on 1530khz. Other un-identifying stations crop up from time to time.

**WATERFORD.** According to reports, the city was alive last weekend, with ABC helping out Sunshine Radio with coverage of the Marathon. The station had a man in Cork for the occasion. Waterford Local Radio, meanwhile, were giving coverage to the Rothman's Rally and they too, had a man out on the street, interviewing passers-by and capturing the exciting atmosphere.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS. THE VOICE OF PEACE.** The post has gone hay-wire over Easter and we find ourselves with the last but one report from this station, having received and printed a more recent one last week. Hence, if we print this one, it will confuse everyone, so we will miss it out completely. Some news just in by telephone, indicates that Dave Asher has parted company with the VOP organisation after rather a long time. His place as programme director is very likely to be taken over by Richard Staines, who has just arrived there, along with Ray Sarsfield and Chris Pearson. The lads on the ship will breathe a sigh of relief, no doubt, tomorrow, when three new presenters arrive there. Apart from the above, the others on board are....John Shearer, Keith Lewis and Pete Jeffries, although local student Gil Katzir has been helping out for a few days. A full line-up will be forthcoming soon.

Finally, we reported some weeks ago that we had received the station on the harmonic frequency of 3060khz. We sent

the report and in return, they have sent us a copy of the log for that period. It tallies exactly with what we heard that night.

**LASER.** Well, Tuesday is the big day when all written tenders will be set down in front of the Admiralty Marshal and the 'lucky' applicant will be able to sail off down the river after satisfying him that they will not operate as a Pirate Radio Station!! Well, that is how it looks, but what will happen? Who knows at this stage. Early information on events will certainly be appreciated here.

It appears that the 'world and his wife' have been out to see the ship in the River Stour, and we were no exception, as we made a 'pilgrimage' to Harwich last Wednesday, after obtaining the necessary documents to board, from the appropriate departments. On a superb, typical April day, we were ferried out to the ship, past the bank at Erwarton Ness, where only 20 days previously, we had gazed at the sight of the vessel and her proud aerial array, sitting defiantly mid-river. As others had reported, we found the ship quite seaworthy, apart from some fairly minor faults with her engines, but lacking sturdy generators, although the Admiralty engineers on board had got three working again, but for the job they had to do, they seemed very under-powered. The transmitters had obviously been taxed, one in particular, with evidence of over-heating obvious. Many jobs had been 'bodged', but out there, isolated in the North Sea, what else could one do but bodge. The two studios seemed fairly complete, and it was plainly obvious that it would not take long to get them back to 100%, but the ship itself needed a good clean down, chipping and re-painting. Some very hard work by some very keen dedicated souls would have the decks varnished and sparkling in little time. It was sad though to go around the ship itself, and see, beds with sheets just thrown back, as they had been left that sad November day, wardrobes, with clothes still hung up, the studio with letters from listeners, all saying how they enjoyed the station and wishing them well, thousands of carts, all waiting to be played, as per instructions all over the wall...say this...say that...Laser this...Laser that'. Looking around still further, the stores were still well stocked, the girl's cabins (we presume) had cosmetics and various shampoos etc., still lying there. They did not seem to be short of too many things, but we were lying quiet in the estuary on a sunny April day. What would it have been like on a very stormy November day out there in the North Sea, with faulty generators, faulty engines and certainly not the most stable ship in the world? The idea did not bear thinking about. The saddest part was down in the bottom of the ship, alongside the ballast, the staff/crew had built a bar and were obviously still working on it. They had called it the "Bilge Club". They had christened it, it seems, as, on the wall, was an advert for the Halloween Night, signed by all the staff, along with a number of empty bottles! Still, it remained un-finished, but standing there, looking at it, we could just imagine what it would have been like, warm, cosy and a haven, away from the turbulence of a stormy North Sea outside. Back on deck, and 'Splinter Beach' (we now see the significance of the name!) with the early days names written into concrete around the base of one of the towers...Jessie, Tim, Ric etc. Spare sections of mast in great stacks on one side, used (fallen down) sections in another! Then, the bridge...all very smart, full of nice (technical) gear...and writs plastered on the wall!

As we sailed away, it was sad to look back and see the sight of such a small ship which in its very short life as a radio station caused such a stir and threatened even the might of the BBC. All very sad...let's hope she does it again!!!

A more extensive report on our trip will no doubt appear in the next issue of Offshore Echos, Issue 61, written by Chris Edwards. Possibly, a report will appear in the next issue of Monitor (34).

Last week we reported that the Communicator had drifted in the river. Ivan from Spalding sent this report..... Monday March 24th 1986. BBC 1 East. BBC East News at 21.25. It was reported that the former pop pirate radio station ship, MV Communicator had broken away from its moorings in the worst storms to hit the East coast in fifty years.

Monday March 25th 1986. BBC 1 East. BBC East News. At 18.35, a similar report was carried. This time, it was stated that the ship had drifted on to mud flats at Shotley in Suffolk. They showed up to date pictures of this. 'About Anglia' reported that about one hundred boats had been wrecked, sunk, damaged or had drifted out to sea.

Let's all hope that by next week, we can report, not only something positive, but something encouraging.



**STEREO WHATEVER!** We have still no news here, in fact, it should not even be in this classification yet, but it has been brought to our attention that a large Japanese manufacturer is poised to flood the market with stereo AM receivers.

**CAROLINE.** The Dutch seem to have had a couple of tenders this week, and as a result, we are not too sure who is on or off at present, as regards Monique staff. Caroline line-up remained the same until Wednesday when Stevie Lane commenced reading the Monique news in English, followed by the weather in Dutch. On Thursday, Mark Matthews was heard reading news early then it was noted that Kevin Turner was missing from his programme. His place was taken by Tony Peters, who proceeded to cover for the missing Kevin, and do his own show later. At this stage, it is not known if anyone else left the ship with Kevin, or indeed, if anyone joined.

The tribute to Roland 'Buster' Pearson, promised for Tuesday, was finally aired on Thursday 10th April. It is not known at this stage if there are plans to air it again, but it appears that many failed to hear it, due to poor reception conditions at this time. People in many areas, at the time of airing, would receive Caroline on ground wave and sky wave, making pleasant listening fairly difficult. However the programme went out, narrated by John Lewis and was thoroughly enjoyable.

Adverts, normally heard on 558, have been noted on 963kHz., after 21.00, reports Ronnie in Filey, Yorkshire.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS.** **LIVERPOOL.** Three stations noted at this QTH this weekend, Radio Merseywaves on 1242kHz., Central Radio on 1404kHz. and Storeton Community Radio on 1026kHz.

Tim Jackson, in his report for last weekend, included Concept Radio on 104.4mhz., in addition to the above.

**NORTH WALES.** Radio Annabelle as on the air last Sunday from 09.00 till 18.00. Line - up was as follows.....  
11.00 Ray Clark(Solid Gold 60's Sunday). 12.00 Captain Wakko!  
13.00 Ritchie Diamond 14.00 Steve Davis 16.00 Les Martin. The station was heard in Chester, 10 miles away, it is reported.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Just PCRL have been heard down that way this week, it appears, but reports in, tell us that Radio 225 have been off due to wind damage to their aerial. They hope to be back soon. They also tell us that UK Radio were on last Tuesday. D.J.'s heard over Easter on UK were.... Paul Kay, Paul Johnson, Mike Morris, Simon James and Sue Jacobs, with interruptions from little Michael!

**LONDON.** The following have been logged recently....London Greek Radio on 105.1mhz., KISS FM with a fair signal in Essex, on 95.3mhz., Starpoint, back on 88.6mhz., with a poor signal and Alice's Restaurant on 93.0mhz. LWR were missing, due to being raided.

**BELFAST.** Brian tells us that the latest station there, B 96 appeared on 31st March(Easter Monday), on 96.5mhz., and ran in mono from 14.00 till 19.00. Programming was 'clutter-free', in the tradition of the best radio stations, and a two hour reggae programme(Ireland's first!), was presented, with the Ranking Mr 'T'. Reception was reported as 'excellent'.

**EASTBOURNE.** ABC Radio's Easter broadcasts went out without any hitches it appears, on 105mhz., and 91mhz. The former was picked up 56 miles away in Dover.

Radio Sovereign were received on 105.1mhz. from 19.00 till 21.00 on Easter Sunday.

**BLACKPOOL.** Sunshine Radio(formerly K 104) has been logged of late in this area. We are totally confused! This one changes name. One in Dublin takes the K 104 name! On top of this, we receive ZOOM on a similar channel!!! It's all totally baffling!

## **SHORT WAVE STATIONS.**

### **TODAY'S LOG.....**

6204kHz....**RADIO PAMELA** at 11.00 gmt.  
6204.6k....**FALCON RADIO** at 10.27 gmt.  
6204.6k....**THE VOICE OF GUERNSEY**, at 12.50gmt.  
6206.5k....**RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL**, at 09.20gmt.  
6225kHz....**BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 09.20 gmt.  
6230kHz....**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 11.10gmt.  
6240kHz....**RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL**, at 11.00 gmt.  
6260kHz....**RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL**, at 10.30gmt.  
6266kHz....**RADIO ORION**, at 10.50 gmt.  
6280kHz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 10.58gmt.  
6310kHz....**RADIO IRELAND INTERNATIONAL**, at 11.15 gmt.  
6314.5k....**PIRATE FREAKS B/C SERVICE**, at 11.00 gmt.  
6325kHz....**UNID.**, at 11.00 gmt.(Dutch, low mod, SDR?).  
6400kHz....**RADIO VALLERI** at 10.10 gmt.  
7315kHz....**RADIO JESSICA**, at 10.25 gmt.  
7338kHz....**RADIO WAVES INTERNATIONAL** at 10.34 gmt.  
7345kHz....**UNID.** at 11.00 gmt.(U.S. Voice).  
7350kHz....**RADIO 101/KBC**, at 09.30 gmt.

Finally, Radio CLCG is being relayed by Radio Rainbow(see log 16.3.86). The next programme via Rainbow will be on 20th April 1986., featuring Steve Young, in English and Dutch. The music will be oldies. QSL's for 1 IRC.

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**A FURTHER NEW BRANCH OF THE CM HAS APPEARED ON THE SCENE IN HINCKLEY, LEICESTER, WHERE D. GILLINGHAM AND S. LORD HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS. UP UNTIL NOW, THE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY UNOFFICIAL AND HAVE BEEN HELD EVERY TWO MONTHS AT THE HINCKLEY ATHLETIC FC SOCIAL CLUB. HOWEVER, IT IS HOPED THAT THESE MEETINGS CAN BECOME MORE REGULAR AND BETTER ATTENDED. IF YOU LIVE WITHIN RANGE OF THE LOCATION, THEN, WHY NOT DROP A LINE TO D. GILLINGHAM AT 34 RATCLIFFE ROAD, BURBAGE, HINCKLEY, LEICESTER LE10 2SP, TEL: 632383, or S. LORD ON HINCKLEY 38019.**

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**STOP PRESS.** Breffni off FM. Luxembourg featuring pirates each Sunday at 20.00. Walker today, Tony Allan next week!

## **STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO IN THE AIR EVERYWHERE!**

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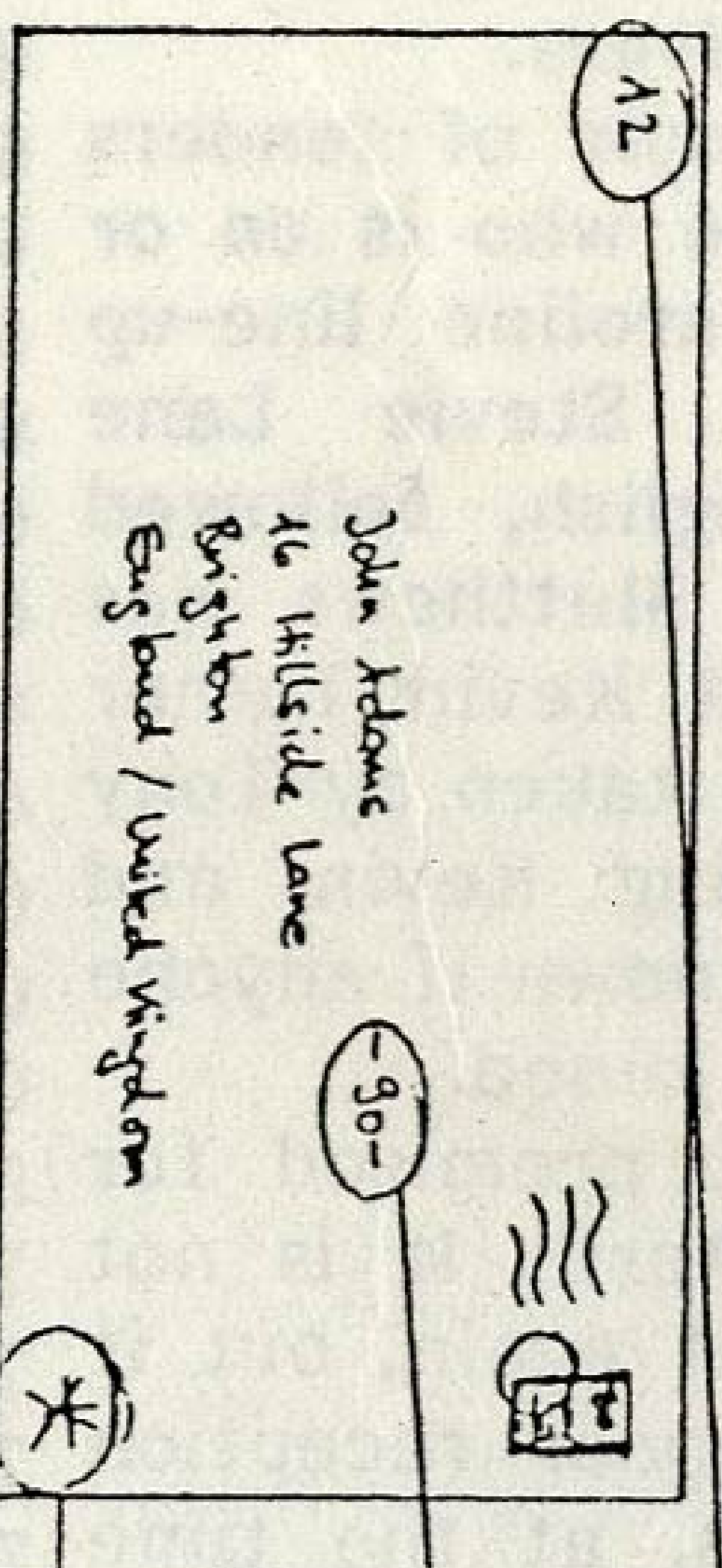
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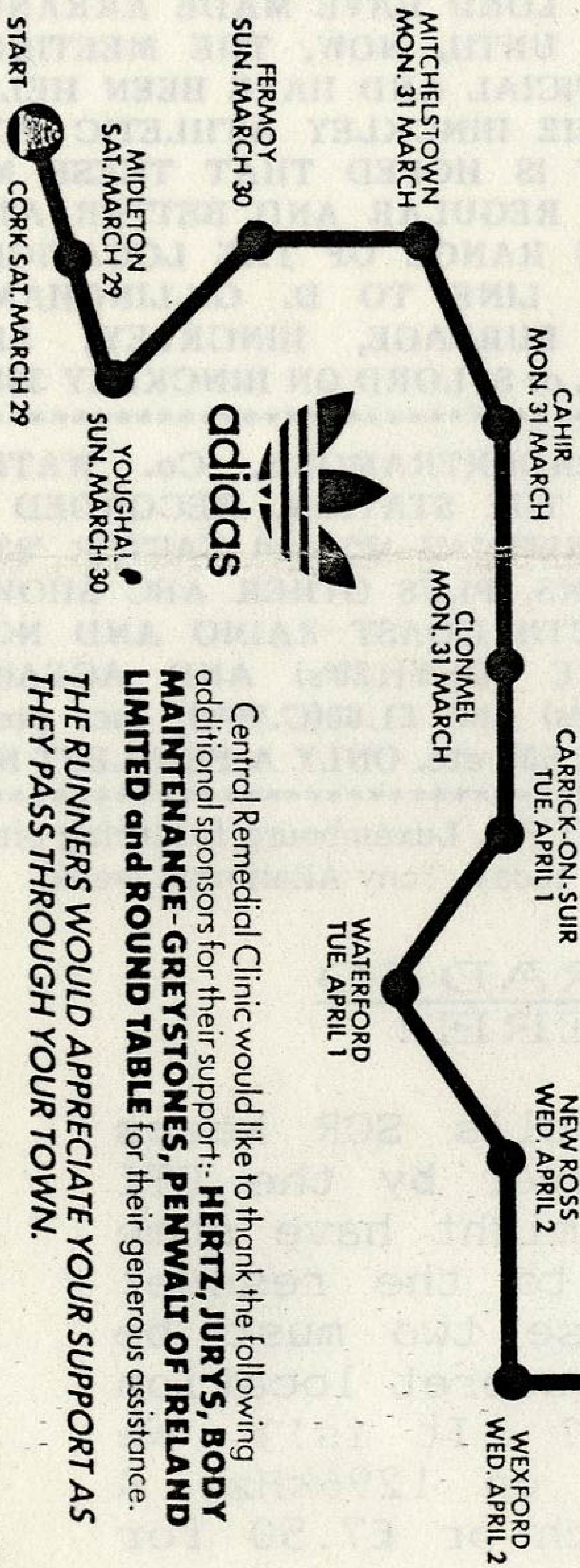
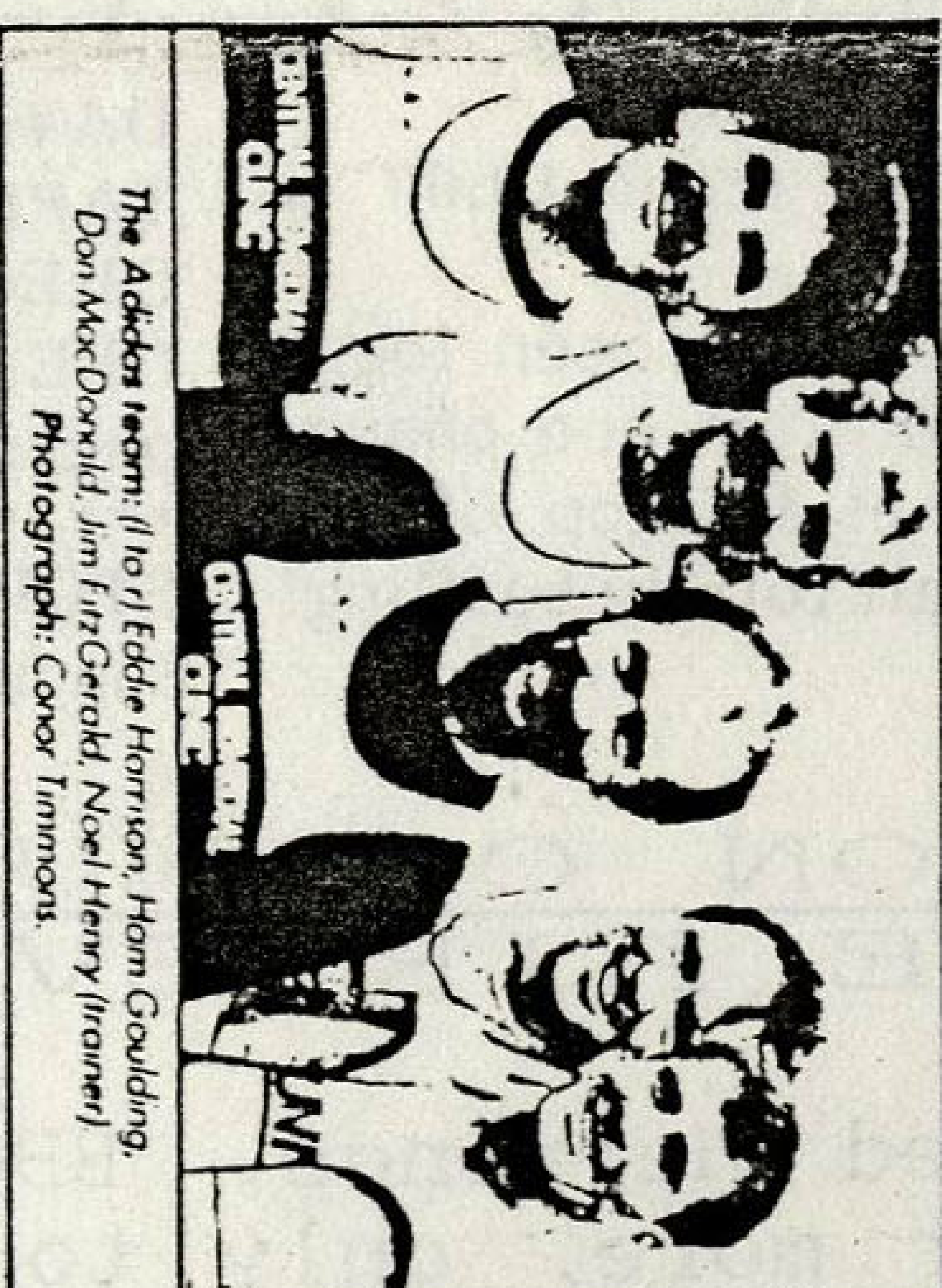
## 250 MILE MAXI MARATHON

### IN AID OF CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC

The Sunshine Radio 250 Mile Maxi Marathon from Cork to Dublin starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 29th of March, from the First National Building Society Branch Office at 16, Wintthrop Street, Cork. The team of 4 will make the 8 day run via the route shown on the map, finishing on the evening of Saturday the 5th of April at the C.R.C. Headquarters, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf.

By contributing to the run, you automatically qualify in a draw for valuable daily prizes. Every single contributor qualifies for the Grand Draw, and you could win an Extra-Special Prize by correctly estimating the runners total time for the 250 mile distance on the entry/donation envelope provided.

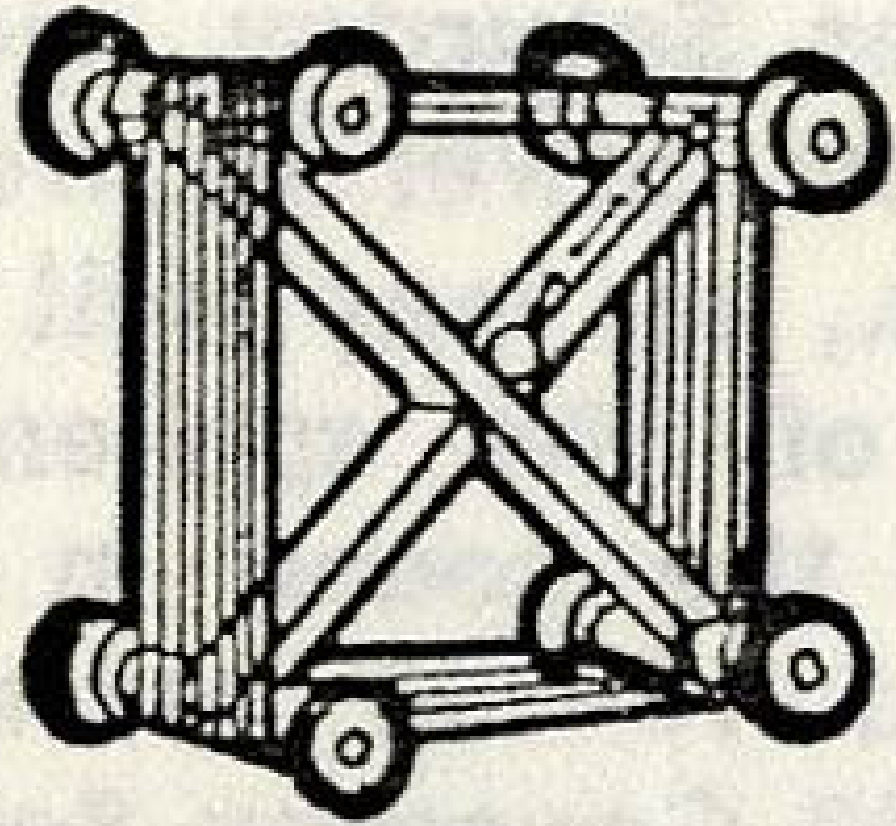
It's easy to make your contribution to this very worthy cause. Just pick up the envelope from any First National Building Society office or local newsgagent in the towns the run passes through. Tune into Sunshine, ERI Cork, ABC Waterford and other Radio Stations on the route for news and details of prizes which will be announced daily. Arrangements will be made for winners to collect prizes from local First National offices, and all winners will be notified by the Central Remedial Clinic.



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Welcome to another action-packed free radio week. Judging by the info taken from the mail, it appears to have been hectic, despite no major happenings. Briefly, no developments with the Laser ship, little news of any new projects, all quiet on the North Sea(except the weather!), the same in Ireland, and the Community Radio thing, well, this has no become a complete farce. For all details, read on.....

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** Plenty of cuttings this week, from all areas. We have managed two B4 sheets, both reduced down from A3. Content includes... The story of Tony Gareth/Gareth O'Callaghan's recent sacking from BBC Radio Bedford, a report on TV Pirates from last Sunday's Mail, PCRL return and make their local papers, news from Dublin about Zoom(two pieces), a Guardian story about what the establishment plans to do next in their fight against free radio, Ipswich Evening Star's Robert Hadgraft reviews the Jay Jackson book, Dublin Evening Press have a go at Q 102, pirate radio on the South Coast(we mis-laid details of origin here), a filler from Sunshine Radio(wrongly credited... it should have read...Sunday World), more about Zoom from Broadcast, a story about Declan Meehan and Jessie Brandon from the Dublin Evening Herald, Southend Evening Echo reports on the offshore scene, and other fillers. The article from Dublin's Phoenix entitled "60 Years of RTE" must not be taken seriously! This excellent collection of cuttings from a wide area, will cost you just 20p plus an SAE. Alternatively, 40p may be sent if you do not wish to send an SAE. The easiest way to receive the cuttings is to subscribe to "CC". Simply send £5.00 and we will send each week's cuttings with your Weekly Report, for a whole year, irrespective of number of sheets accumulated each week. We cannot back-date subs to "CC", but we can offer all back copies(only as far back as week 50 yet), at the price marked right here each week. We can supply back copies in bulk at a reduced price, please enquire cost, telling us which issues you need. (This offer also applies to back copies of "WR". Simply tell us what back copies you need and we will send you back the special offer price).

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** FRM Magazine Issue 4/5 is now in stock. A4 glossy, all in Dutch, but plenty of photographs and other interesting bits and pieces. Price is, as always, £1.60, and we have a number of back issues still in stock.

**OFFSHORE 38.** Spring '86 Issue is also here. A5, with plenty of photographs and some sections in English. Special offer price of just £1.00 will apply for a short spell(similar offers on previous editions are now finished...all back copies, and we have a number of issues, are £1.60).

Selling rather well this week, Monitor 33(£1.25), Offshore Echos 60(£1.70), Best of Offshore Echos(£3.50), "Laser in April" package of 5 colour photographs(£2.00) and official Caroline and Laser Car stickers(35p each).

**"THE LIST".** See back page for advert for this quarterly publication. The author is seeking your help and co-operation with this one. If you have any information which could be incorporated into future editions, please write in to the Editor, "The List", <TX> Publications, BCM Box 225, London WC1N 3XX. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

**LIST OF CAROLINE PRESENTERS SINCE AUGUST 1983.**

David of Nuneaton has made a note of every D.J. he has heard on the station since it returned. He realises he has missed one or two 'cooks' and people who use other names during the night, but other than that, he has got a very good list of all main presenters and when they were heard doing their first show. If anyone would like a copy, we will forward same for the price of a photo-copy(10p). Please include an SAE if not ordering other items. We would appreciate anyone sending in further info in order to make the list complete.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Just Radiotelex Issue 71. A first class short wave magazine. 4 pages of logs, news and comment. Subscriptions from RT(see back page of "WR" 101). We can supply just one sample copy if you wish, for 40p.,thereafter subs must be take out with RT.

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

**Q 102....**A quiet week with normal programmes noted. Some problems with FM transmissions have been noted from time to time. It appears that some work has been going on at the FM transmitter site. Most breaks were announced. At times, both FM transmitters were off the air. The medium wave did not seem to be affected(it was not noted off at all here). Unreliable electricity supply is very common in Ireland(you may re-call that Nova used their own generators because of this), and this may have caused some breaks. One reporter in Dublin, noted that during a break, the tone on '103' went off as well, which may suggest that the source of this tone is on the the same mountain site, or even generated by Q.

There has been mention again, of Q moving premises. This has been 'on the cards' for some time, but has never taken place. Meanwhile on the air, current promotions continue for

"Abrakebabra" and the "Battle of the Bands" competition. The recently introduced "Job Finder" spots seem to be attracting employers and a number of jobs have been offered.



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This station in its recent "Auction on the Air" in aid of the Central Remedial Clinic, raised in excess of £35,000, although exact figures can not be ascertained due to monies still coming in. The Sunshine Radio Marathon produced £15,000 pledged, again, these monies are still being received.

**THE NOVA/ZOOM SAGA.**(neither stations are broadcasting). This report from the Radio Rainbow(Sundays 6240khz.) team.....Radio Nova is still the top story at present. The old Nova transmitter site on the slopes of the Three Rock Mountain, Rathfarnham, was visited yesterday(Sunday 6th April) and it was a sorry sight. The transmitter had been removed from the concrete building and the co-ax leads from the aerials had been removed also. The 'Expelair' air vent had been smashed, and if one stood on tip toes, one could clearly see the inside of the building. Absolutely nothing remained within. The antenna system is intact though. There is a very low power carrier and tone on 102.95mhz., suggesting that the frequency is being 'held'.(This is the one around 103mhz. everyone is talking about and no-one knows where it is coming from). It appears to be coming from higher up the mountain and further investigation is called for here. The Kilmishogue Mountain site was the next to be paid a visit.(This is where the 'Magic 103' transmitter was located). Again, another sorry sight. No aerial mast to be seen at all here, and the wooden hut which contained the transmitter had been removed. All that was left was a pile of planks. Finally Nova Park was visited, where a security guard, complete with vicious dog, made sure no one left the safety of their cars. The building was closed and silent. One of the large aerial masts was still standing.(The other was removed some weeks previously). Our thanks to Heady Eddie, Kieran Murray and Jim Agnew for that report. Kevin from Stillorgan in Dublin, tells us that Zoom went off the air at approx. 15.30 on Monday 24th March. He goes on to say that the tone on about 103mhz., appeared around 18.00



that same day and is still there. Finally, he states that the Nova site at Three Rock Mountain was siezed by the liquidators on Thursday 27th March.

The newspapers carried a number of reports and these can be seen in this week's cuttings(see earlier). Rumours have it that Zoom will be back very soon.

KISS FM, broadcasting on 94.8 and 104.1mhz.FM and 1116khz AM from Dublin, has recruited ex Nova news-reader/disc-jockey, Gary Hamill. Their news service is temporarily curtailed for re-organisation, but hopes to return very soon. Saturday and Sunday line-up reads.....(week-day line-up appeared last week)...Saturday...07.00 David Baker, 11.00 Joe Harte, 15.00 Gary Hamill, 18.00 John Dunne, 22.00 Don O'Niell..... Sunday...07.00 Dave Smith, 11.00 Gary Hamill, 13.00 Chart Show with Joe Harte, 16.00 Pete Wilson, 18.00 Gerard Roe, 20.00 Mike Young, 22.00 Don O'Neill.

**CAPITOL RADIO.** It appears that after all, this station is still on the air in Dublin, on 95.7mhz., with the occasional 95.8mhz. jingle, announcing(as they do), "Capitol on 96 & 94.1".

**"NITESKY".** Not on the air yet, this one was mentioned last week following an advert in the press. It appears that it will be, as we thought, the follow - on from Capitol, and will feature Rock music, when it commences in a few weeks time on 96mhz.

**LIBERTIES LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO**(also referred to as Radio Liberty and Liberty Radio). Following the return appearance(just the one so far) of Skip Cameron, Tony Allan has now been heard on the station. The quality of the signal on medium wave leaves a lot to be desired yet, and listening to a couple of tape recordings made in Dublin last week, it strikes us that the station has no plans to be a replacement for Radio Nova. It's music format can only be described as 'strange'. Also, there seems some confusion as to what FM frequency the station is actually broadcasting on. 96.7mhz.(announced), or 93.7mhz. We cannot help as we are unable to receive it here, in fact, can only just receive the 1035khz. medium wave outlet. An address of 16 Weaver Street or Square, Dublin 8 has been given out, but this is not thought to be the station as it is not in the Liberties area, but just a mailing address. An advert for Liberties Television Repairs was noted, no doubt a Sammy Prendergast branch of his famous aerial firm. Jingles played are very good and are thought to originate from Brian McKenzie's Bay City Studios in Herbert Street, although the voice of Tony Allan has been noted quite a lot of late. Transmissions are thought to be coming from Camden Street. A similar promo to one heard on Nova recently has been noted, offering a week's free advertising to any firm giving a job to an (at present) unemployed person.

**OTHER DUBLIN STATIONS.** Caroline Dublin heard fairly regularly, locally, on 98.5mhz., although announcing 105 and 38.8m SW! K 104 are heard on 104.5mhz.(formerly Southside, or Rainbow?). Non stop music often noted on 106.2mhz.

**BREFFNI RADIO - CHANNEL 2.** The station, broadcasting on FM only, 95.6mhz., went off the air on Friday 4th, but returned the following Monday. Reception in the listening area is said to better than ever, with no hum, distortion or break-through from 'Channel 1'. Compression has been introduced. Quite a number of publicity leaflets have been distributed by the station, but there had been very little response up until Easter. However, over the Easter weekend period, telephone calls to the station increased significantly. Despite no consistent schedule, the following presenters have been noted on the air....Paul Young, Brian Jones, Kevin O'Brien, Sean Brady and Paul Burke. New presenters are still sought after, as are reception reports. The station address is Drumloman, Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan.

**BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO.** The station was off the air on Monday 24th March from 16.15 until 20.45, for essential maintenance to the transmitter and the aerial. Following this extensive work, a noticeable increase in power resulted, and this indeed, can be confirmed here, in Blackpool. The station can be heard clearly on 1170khz., whereas previously, the ILR stations on the same channel prevented this. The station has been heard relaying Q 102 news in the mornings only. A reception report was received from Ballinasloe in Co. Galway, by telephone. The caller said that reception in that area was now very good, but faded out at night, obviously.

**CARLOW LOCAL RADIO.** We are still unable to log this station here, but three reports of same are at hand. Heady Eddie in Drogheda, Sean Brady in Kilnaleck and Brian Buckley in Dungannon all report receiving it on 1359khz., although all mention interference from Radio Ulster on 1341khz. and Manx Radio on 1368khz. A fourth report from Colm Mylod, he actually

went through Carlow Town on Easter Saturday, indicates that the station was on 88.4mhz., with low power as well, although the following day, announced 104mhz., so, may well have moved up the band. Station jingles are of the spoken type, and 'favourites and fun on 231', 'CLR, the sound in the county' and Carlow Local Radio 231m and 104FM' were all noted. The station address was given out...22 Governey Square, Castle Hill, Carlow Town. Programmes are daily, 08.00 till mid-night.

**NORTH WEST COMMUNITY RADIO.** We still have problems receiving this station on 1116khz. However, once out of the Dublin area, travelling North(Kiss are on the same channel in that city), no problems are encountered. It appears that their FM is now on 103.5mhz.(formerly on 98.05mhz., although the latter may still be used locally, and as a link to the medium wave transmitter). This was noted by Brian(above), when Q 102 went off the air on Friday, for maintenance. KISS in Dublin, on 104.1mhz., were also off the air, and again, Brian logged another station on 104.0mhz., and although not able to identify it, thought it may have been Athlone Local Radio. They mentioned "Stereo 104" and "News on the hour" (Maybe colleagues there could confirm or deny this as being ALR).



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**RADIO WEST.** Sunshine Radio news has been heard on occasions, relayed by this station. This is in addition to their own news, at other times. The "Anorak"/Free Radio Show was again heard last Sunday, hosted by Phil Hilton, alone this time. The programme goes out each Sunday at 11.00 BST, on 765khz., and can be heard in many parts of the U.K. Also on FM locally, of course.

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**CITY SOUND RADIO** from the border area of Derry City is still going strong it seems. Again, Brian in Dungannon(well placed geographically to receive these stations) regularly reports reception of same, although tells us that they are now on 98.35mhz.

**BIG 'M' RADIO** in Castleblayney, broadcasting on 1413khz., and 104mhz FM., seemed to be down in power on FM on Tuesday and eventually went off the air. At the time of writing(Friday night), they have not yet returned.

**WESTWARD LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO** in Ballina has closed down(yet again).

Chris in Sligo tells us that this is due to insufficient staff.



**RADIO JACKIE.** Again, Chris tells us that this station is active Sundays from 10.30 till 15.00 from either Mountcharles or Inver, both just a few miles from Donegal town. The frequency is 1558khz., 193m. The station has not actually been logged, but a mini poster advertising it's existence was seen. We must therefore await further reports from this remote area, on this one.

**THE CORK SCENE....**by Siobhan Cronin. A number of April Fool's Day jokes were noted. **RADIO ERI** included in their news bulletins, a story that the famous Shandon Clock was transferring to digital! This caused quite a reaction and they hence carried out an interview with the contraversial councillor, Bernie Murphy, who said he was willing to do all he could to prevent this happening. Towards lunch-time, to everyone's relief, the station announced that it had all been a joke. **SOUTH COAST RADIO** had been airing a promo for the preceeding five days, advertising a holiday giveaway, involving the playing of three records in a certain sequence, during the forthcoming weeks. The prize was a holiday in Spain, the name of the resort being an anagram of 'fool's day'. The twentieth caller would be the winner. Zany Paul Davies took over the lunch-time show on 1st April and duly played the three songs. Luckily, the twentieth caller just happened to be a friend of the station and was not too annoyed when he realised he had been caught out.

A number of redundancies in news-staff at ERI have been reported, but no further details are forthcoming.

There was great excitement in Cork, last Saturday but one, with the start of the Sunshine Radio Marathon. Robbie Dale was down in the city and appeared on Radio ERI later in the day.

**WBEN** seem to be gathering a healthy audience with a high percentage of city shops and restaurants tuned regularly. Some weeks ago, they were advertising a forthcoming rock programme, featuring Cork groups, and asking for demo tapes to be sent in. These adverts have now stopped, so, no doubt, they are now preparing the programmes for airing in due course. Two Cork groups presumed to be involved are "Cypress Mine" and "Scotus".

Cathy Dillon's programme on ERI(Saturdays 16.00 to 18.00) is proving to be similar to that of Dave Fanning on RTE Radio 2, with 'alternative' music. "The Waterboys", "P.I.L.", "Screaming Blue Messiahs", "The Cure", etc., are amongst groups heard on the shows.

**WLS MUSIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, The West's Local Station - Family Radio for Galway - The Capital of the West...on 102.7mhz.FM, 846khz.AM. Don Stevens writes and tells us the station is progressing very well indeed.

Programme schedule reads.....06.00 Daybreak, Non-stop music to get the morning underway.....07.00 Sunrise Special. The Breakfast Show, brought to you by Don Stevens, with music, news, traffic reports and time-checks to get you off to a bright start.....10.00 The Benny Keane Show. Great music, time-checks, weather up-dates and lots more.....14.00 Drive-time. A four hour feast of music and traffic news from Steve Marshall, who also spins some of the classic hits of the past. Steve also keeps you informed of the latest local events and weather status.....18.00 Richie O'Shea. The very best in good music, from Country hits to album tracks.(On Fridays only, Rauri O'Baoll in Irish with Family Favourites)....21.00 Barry Williams. Music up to midnight, everything you need to improve the style and quality of life. Favourites from the past and present....Midnight Night-drive. The show that keeps Galway night people on the move, in homes and factories right across the city. This is the programme that has all the music you need to get into a new day.

News on the hour, every hour, with headlines at 07.30 and 08.30, compiled and presented by the WLS Department of News and Public Affairs, from news sources all around the world.

Weekends vary from the above schedule, but feature special programmes like American Top Forty with Casey Kasem from 14.00 till 18.00 Saturdays, and Solid Gold Sunday from 07.00 till mid-day, with Don Stevens.

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Clive reports from ABC and tells us that it has been fairly hectic what with one thing and another. The recent outside broadcast coverage of the Waterford stage of the 250 mile Sunshine Marathon was very successful and a fair amount of money was collected for the charity.

Further improvements to the station's

FM coverage is planned.

Finally, station partner, Andy (Ellis) Green has 'done it again'. He is a father for the second time, so congrats from us all here to Andy and Joyce on the birth of their second, a son, brother for Lisa.

**WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO.** This station is noted with significantly increased power output, possibly in the region of 1 kw on 1197khz. The increase has no doubt been necessary due to massive power from VOA on 1197khz., which would swamp WLR at night on low power. The station has been received here in Blackpool recently.

**LAOIS COMMUNITY RADIO.** The station was off the air all day on Easter Saturday due to 'technical reasons', on 1242khz. However, FM continued on 102.1mhz., although the second FM could not be heard at that time.

**COMMUNITY RADIO WEXFORD.** This station is presently operating 1 khz. off their channel of 1008khz., with very low modulation. Apart from in the vicinity of Wexford, and towards Holland(the National Service there, are on 1008khz.), all that can be heard is a terrible wail. Reception in these areas is very difficult indeed and even with sophisticated antenna, any signal received is accompanied by this noise.

Finally some comments about Radio West, further to us suggesting a sky-wave(night-time) broadcast of the Free Radio/Anorak Show. One active reporter says he does not think it would be a very good idea, as West does not 'sky-wave' very well at all(which in itself is quite good, as it means all power is going into the ground-wave). The Swiss station on 765khz., with 500kw. seems to stay on the air later now, which would not help. Voice modulation should be boosted during the airing of the programme.

Our thanks to Colum, Joe and Jane, Rainbow, Clive, Don, Siobhan, Sean and everyone else this week.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news at all from this station this week, although we are sure that all the new staff will be settling themselves in nicely and getting used to the heat/sun and whatever else they suffer(!) from out there.

A letter in during the week from Clare Proctor in Reading, tells us that she heard the VOP on 1530khz., on 25th March between 01.00 and 02.00, with 'Benny James'(?). She goes on to say that reception was quite good once Vatican had left the frequency. If this station is going to be received, then that area(Central South) is the likely area, as they are well away from the two ILR's on the same frequency. No one else has reported reception of same to us, as yet, maybe Steve Whitt at Medium Wave Circle has received reports? Clare does not say what type of receiver, or if any special external antenna was used. Medium wave experts will be very interested in this one. If Clare had made a note of some of the records played, we could have obtained a copy of that night's log, to confirm reception. The only other question of doubt, is the fact that Benny James left the station a long time ago! It is just a possibility that someone could have been playing a tape of this person on 1530khz.(They do things like this), although it seems rather doubtful. If the boys on the VOP(who will be reading this in a week or two) can check and let us know who presented the show that night, or early morning, as it would have been there, we can inform Clare. All very exciting!

**LASER.** Listeners to Media Network with Jonathon Marks, in the week, would have been delighted to hear the report from Peter Brookes, who, like us, went out on a trip to 'view' the Laser ship, mv Communicator. Despite constantly being short of time on that programme, Jonathon edited it down nicely and made a very interesting little report out of it. The guy, like us, found it all very sad, as he went around the ship and saw all that remained of possibly one of Europe's most successful(albeit short-lived and prone to disruption due to the elements) radio stations, format-wise, that is. The only error noted in the report was when he said that Paul Rusling's writ was for £18,000. It was, of course, £7,012. Paul had been paid the former amount and it stated this on the documents pinned up on the bridge. A very interesting report and most enjoyable.

Tuesday 8th April(when all tenders had to be in) came and went, as we expected it would. Nothing appeared in the papers, at all, and it was not until the Media Network programme on Thursday that we knew what was happening. Jonathon rang the brokers(C.W. Kellock) and spoke to the person in charge of this matter, a Mr Roger Till, who informed him, and all his listeners, that he could reveal no information, nor details and that the matter was not yet finalised despite having all the tenders in front of him. He went on to say that he had five working days in which to make his decision, which meant



that it would be Monday before this was announced. The saga continues.....

**STEREO WHATEVER.** Not much to report, apart from the fact that the aerial is on board and the ship has been sailing. That is according to Lloyds. But don't get excited, it isn't heading for the North Sea, well, not yet anyway.

**CAROLINE/MONIQUE.** The early part of the week was plagued by gales from the North East, which is Caroline's enemy. Every presenter seemed to comment on the rough weather. 'Sea very rough' was heard on many occasions on the half-hour. The ship seemed to stand up well to this final fling of Winter, until Thursday evening, when the quickest close-down ever was noted and announced, at just before 18.00. The transmitter returned shortly later, with various tones etc., then programmes resumed at 20.05. Apparently the ship was hit by a big wave and was just rocked about violently. The damage caused, although at the time, thought to be a lot, was quite minimal. It was even thought they were drifting at one stage. The Optimod audio processor was the worst hit, and took a fall. After closing down, everything was checked and put back together and during later programmes on their return, thanks were given to Chief Engineer, Mike Barrington and John Lewis, stating that, 'they saved the day, again'. Line-up remained the same all week, until Saturday and Sunday when different spots are undertaken. A change of staff brought back Andy 'Cosmic' Johnson and Nigel 'Bhagwan' Roberts, today. Stevie Lane and Mark Matthews were the ones coming off. It must be pointed out that the recent line-up has produced some very good enjoyable listening at times. It is sincerely hoped that both Mark Matthews and Kevin Turner return to the ship.

Lotto 6/49 seems to be still producing winners on this side. Trevor from Oxford tells us that he won twice on the trot, recently. Only \$40, but very nice all the same. Someone over here is going to win the big one soon!

The 'Tribute to Buster' programme was apparently missed by a number of people, due to the uncertainty of when it would be transmitted. Poor conditions ruined other's listening pleasure. We have a number of recordings of it, all made in the South East. If anyone missed out, drop us a line, we can help out here.

On the Monique side, Ferry Eden left rather rapidly last week but one, leaving Wim de Valk, Mark Staen and Ad Roberts. Mark has since gone off and been replaced by Dick Verheul. "Learn Dutch the Ad Roberts Way" has been heard nightly with Ad and Mark Matthews at 18.30. This 'tongue on cheek' attempt to teach us Dutch has left us fluent in a number of useless phrases about borrowing hairdryers, taking 'pets' for walks and taking fingers out of dykes. All good fun though, all making for a happy light-hearted relationship with listeners.

A couple of taped shows have been noted....Tony Berk with "Prijsbewust" a phone-in quiz, last heard twelve years ago on RNI! "Goudhaanjer" 'live from Scheveningen'.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS**(a bit brief this week, due to extended Irish news.). **LIVERPOOL.** Again, Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., (reported as going seven days a week from this weekend),

Central Radio on 1404khz. and Storeton Community Radio on 1026khz. have all been heard at this location. Tim Jackson in his Liverpool report for last week, also mentioned Radio Julie on 104.8 and Concept Radio on 104.4mhz.

**NORTH WALES.** Colin from Leeds reports picking up Radio Annabelle on 92.4mhz., loud and clear, on their first day, last Easter Sunday, whilst visiting friends in North Wales. Apparently the station is getting out quite well, received as far away as Ellesmere Port and Chester, in fact up to about 15 miles. Not bad for 15 watts. They are expected to be on air again today.

**THE MIDLANDS.** PCRL are reported as being received over a great, even as far away as Leicester. Despite raids, they return to the air within hours it seems. 103.8mhz., at present due to legal stations juggling on the upper end of the FM band, and putting one on 103.6!

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS.**

FMTR, currently off the air due to personal reasons plan to return in October '86.

A late night programme from Radio Nemesis is due to be aired on 6317khz., on Sunday 27th April at 00.00 until 01.00gmt. All correct reports will be verified with QSL's. A new mailing address on the continent will be used. Look out for this one.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS....TODAY'S LOG.....**

6200khz....FALCON RADIO, at 10.36gmt.  
6200khz....RADIO PAMELA at 10.12gmt.  
6206khz....RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 09.47gmt.  
6210khz....RADIO MARABU at 09.40gmt.  
6210khz....RIVERSIDE RADIO, at 10.35gmt.  
6225khz....UNID., at 10.45gmt.  
6240khz....RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 09.45gmt.  
6261khz....RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10.03gmt.  
6266khz....RADIO ORION, at 10.15gmt.  
6270khz....RADIO ATLANTIS SW, at 09.55gmt.  
6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10.50gmt.  
6300khz....W.F.R.L., at 10.00gmt.  
6310khz....UNID., (German, possibly relayed by below).  
6310khz....RADIO IRELAND, at 10.20gmt.  
6312khz....UNID., at 09.25gmt.(over-modulated...Dutch).  
6316khz....P.F.B.S., at 11.40gmt.  
6325khz....UNID., at 09.20gmt.(Dutch).  
6400khz....UNID., at 10.18gmt.(Valleri?).  
7340khz....UNID., at 09.59gmt.(Waves?).  
7350khz....RADIO 101, at 09.12gmt.

Just one logger today, Gary Hogg in Leeds.

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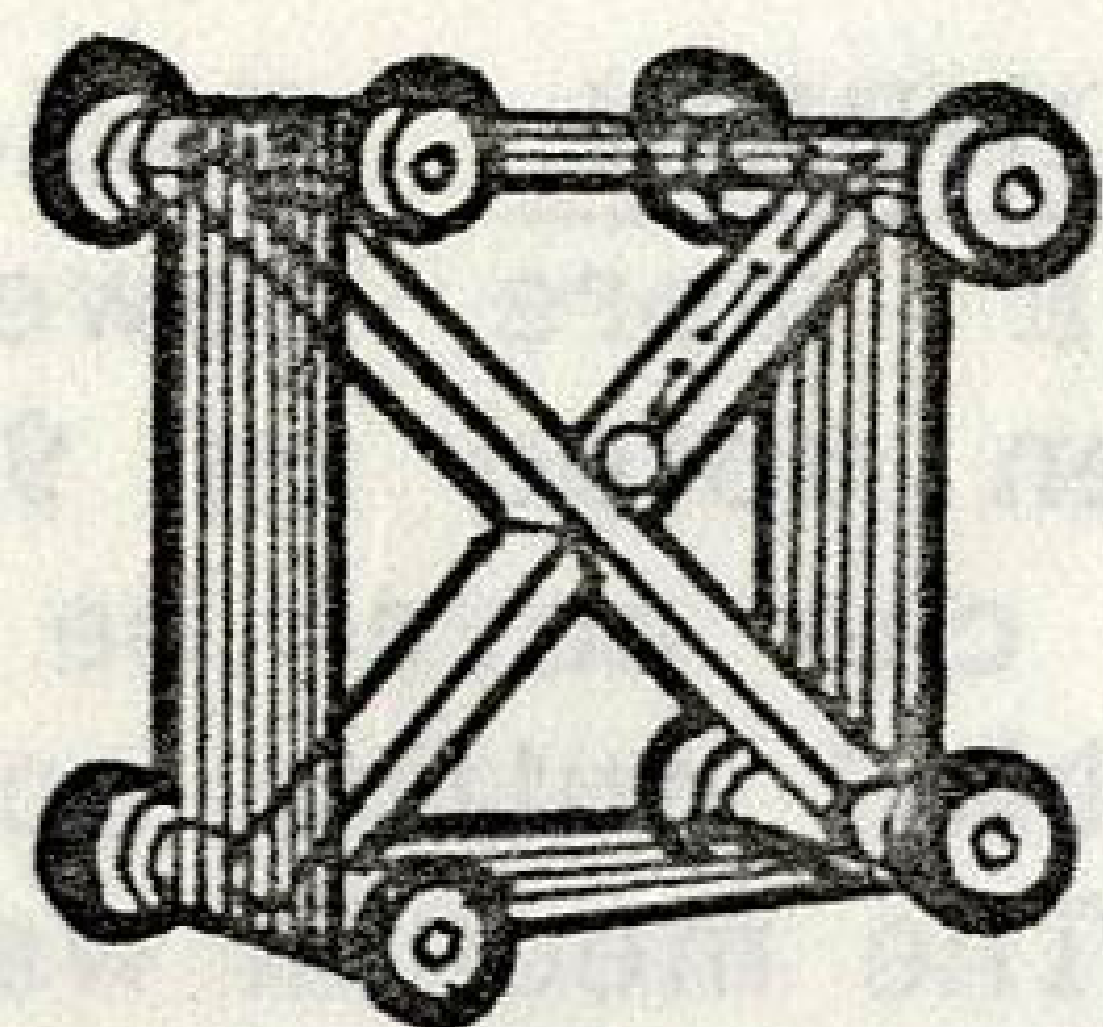
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WEEKLY REPORT

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Apologies first off this week for the amount of material left out of last week's report. This was entirely due to a backlog of items accumulated over the weeks. We shall endeavour to see that this sort of thing does not happen too often, although having said that, it is nice to have a lot of news and info at hand, to write about. Our thanks as always to all the contributors for this news, info, and the cuttings, of course, with particular thanks to people sending cuttings from smaller local papers. We have mentioned it previously, but any news items and stories not used, are passed on to associate magazines for their use.

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** Just a single sheet of B4, reduced from A3, this week, but packed from edge to edge with the stories from the Press. This sheet will be of particular interest to people who listen to, or follow Irish independent radio, as there are two pieces included, one particularly good piece about Chris Cary and his 'Irish Era', the other is about the Dublin stations, now that Nova has gone. Hot Press and Sunday Tribune are the respective sources there. Other items include two cuttings from the Midlands(UK) papers about County Radio's problems, two items from Time-Out about 'Stereo 531/Hits 576', news of the non-appearance of Glasgow's Radio Mercury, a small piece from last Thursday's Sun, about Laser being sold, and Liverpool Echo's report on a Merseyside D.J. who appealed to the High Court to get his prize collection of records and tapes returned by the DTL. This latter item is rather important and will apparently set a precedent for future cases. The Times carried a further report about this, some time during the week, but, as yet, we have not received a copy of this item. A few pieces of lesser importance have been held over. One, including a picture, features Laser washed up on the mud banks of the River Stour, after it's most recent drifting. We will try and include this on the back page of today's report, but if not, will include it in next week's cuttings. Price for this single sheet is just 10p plus an SAE, or 30p without an SAE. You can receive the cuttings each week with "WR" by joining "CC". This costs just £5.00 per year. We can only make it available to those who take the report. One year is the only subscription we will accept and we cannot back-date the subs. at all. All back copies are, however, available at the price listed right here each week. We can offer all cuttings since the start(Issue 50), and this splendid collection of B4 sheets, 102 in all, can be yours for just £10.50, posted flat and un-folded. If, however, you have some week's cuttings previously purchased, you may tell us which weeks you do not want, and deduct 20p for each week missing.

Cuttings before Issue 50 are still under preparation and we hope to offer these shortly.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** <TX> London's Alternative Radio Magazine, Issue 5 is now out. Dated March 1986, but delayed at the printer. 36 pages of A5, all about London pirates, obviously, and now with picture cover. Price is £1.00.

Anoraks U.K. no longer print this magazine, but still sell it, as before, along with all back issues. Prices are £1.00 each. Subscriptions will in future be handled by <TX> themselves. All correspondence therefore, about subscriptions, in fact, about anything at all to do with the magazine, should now be addressed to <TX> Magazine, BCM Box 225, London WC1N 3XX. Telephone No. (01) 400 8282.

**Laser Black and White Poster.** Yet another! Produced by SMC in Holland, this full size black and white poster was available in the early days of Laser, although we never stocked it. Not by any means the best of our excellent selection of posters, however it is a collector's item and one you may well, in years to come, wish you had bought. Price is £2.00 and request Poster No. 16, when ordering.

**International Reply Coupons.** Not exactly new, but we have just acquired rather a large quantity, and after hearing how one of our readers paid 65p for one at his local Post Office(only to yield 22p when cashed in), we thought we would mention them once more. Prices are 30p each, or seven for £2.00. Please feel free to order as many as you want.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Pin Magazine Issue Nr.20, March 1986 is now available from Postfach 220342, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany, for DM3.50 or £1 or \$2 or about 5 IRC's. 40 pages, A5 format, colour cover, all in German, but interesting nevertheless, and covering all aspects of European radio.

Now Radio Communications have produced the first of their planned fortnightly newsletters, entitled "NOW RADIO NEWSLETTER". This is aimed at the existing and planned ILR stations, forthcoming CR stations and pirate stations. Our sample copy was well presented in A4 format, bound, with plastic cover and the contents were very interesting and well laid out by way of word processing. Only fourteen pages in this issue but many more are planned it appears and the magazine will be updated as the days go on. The newsletter will be published fortnightly, every Monday, and up-dated as many times as needed during that period. Subscriptions are to be priced at £48 per year, with sample copies available at £2.00 each. For further details about the magazine, subscriptions and other proposed publications, in particular, the full application booklet sent to the Home Office on behalf of Richmond Radiocasters Ltd., write to Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 ONW. Tel: (0536) 514437.



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

Q 102. Following breaks in transmission on FM, recently, reports now suggest that the signals are received in far better quality inland in Ireland, whereas, reception here on this side, is definitely poor compared with what it used to be. This would appear to be a logical move, as it was pointless pushing out an excellent signal over the sea! The medium wave is not all that great in power, and reception of this soon falls off, once away from the coast in the U.K., and once away from Dublin on the other side. The fact that Cavan Community Radio are on the same channel(819khz.) does not exactly help matters, as once one leaves Dublin, depending on conditions, one, the other, or both can be received, which does not exactly help anyone.

Back to the station itself now, the move of premises seems a certainty now, despite months of promises. The new premises are nearby, custom built, in a basement, with plenty of rooms, and space generally.

Apparently, the station's news service looks set for a boost tomorrow, Monday, when ex Nova and Zoom news-man, Bob Gallico joins the outfit. We wish him all the best in his new job and look forward to hearing him once again on the air.

SUNSHINE RADIO. A shake-up at this station results in a new line-up from tomorrow, Monday. The line-up will look like this.....06.00 Mark Byrne  
10.00 Ernie Gallagher 13.00 Tony Dixon  
16.00 Pat Courtney 19.00 Steve Kelly  
22.00 David Denehey 01.00 Night-time presenter.....This is a new voice, and as yet, we are not sure of his name. Steve Kelly is new also, he is an American from Cork and has worked on stations down there, it seems. One or two of the old names are noticeably missing from this new line-up.

A new competition is about to start on the station. It involves being seen with a Sunshine sticker in your car. Car registration numbers will be announced over the air and the lucky claimants will win a £10 petrol voucher.

New stickers are rumoured to be available. When we receive same, we will re-produce one within the report.

LIBERTIES LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO. The station is definitely sounding better, more credible, one correspondent described it. They have announced a complete new line-up starting tomorrow, Monday...  
07.00 Des Hogan 09.00 Gerry Ryan with "Worker's Playtime" ! 12.00 Skip Cameron, from Hawaii, USA, with "Everyday Oldies". 14.00 John Keogh with "Afternoon Delight". 16.00 Dave Felton with "Drive-time". 19.00 Kurt Jackson 21.00 Paul Matthews Mid-night (The man himself!)  
Sammy Prendergast 02.00 Alan Jackson with "Night-Train".

The station broadcasts on 1035khz.(just), and 96.7mhz.FM locally. A number of new adverts have been noted. We are assured that despite comments from elsewhere, Weaver Square is indeed, in "Liberties". Stand by for promotional material, stickers, business cards etc. Once received, we shall be re-producing them within these pages.

OTHER STATIONS IN DUBLIN. Radio Dublin are reported to have a more powerful FM transmitter and have been noted on 98.8, 105, 105.4 and 106.5mhz. One can never be too sure in Dublin, as smaller 'hobby' outfits appear and relay the bigger stations. The medium wave signal on 1188khz., does not seem as strong as it used to be, and the SW outlet on 6910khz. is most definitely off. The "All New Sound of Radio Dublin" is certainly an improvement on what it was. Ex-Nova, George Talbot is now programme controller it seems. The voice of Tony Allan on adverts and promos, makes the station more credible in itself.

Capitol Radio is reported on two FM frequencies in the city. All the usual smaller outfits have been noted by our reporters in Dublin. These include... Caroline Dublin, K 104, Galaxy, KFM and the now famous 'tone' on 103.0mhz.

No news on Zoom, well, none positive, mainly rumours. The only news is that it has not made a come-back as yet.

Finally whilst in Dublin, a colleague sent along a little poem.....it reads.....  
We all thank Mr Chris Cary  
for NOVA...a wonderful star.  
It cheered up so many listeners  
in the office, the home and the car.

But most of all what he gave us  
was illumination, so bright.  
When he said..."Us D.J.'s can do anything,  
...The authorities aren't always right.

RADIO WEST. Following reports of a blank carrier on 702khz., in Athlone, an additional relay of Radio West appeared, but not before they had tested it out by relaying Athlone Local Radio(with their permission, of course). This was on Sunday 6th April. So, Radio West's system of broadcasting now looks like this....

765khz. and 94.0mhz., Mullingar.

99.1mhz., Tullamore.

702khz. and 100.9mhz., Athlone.

The station is currently running a free radio programme hosted by Phil Hilton and Sean Coyne, each Sunday at 11.00 till midday(BST). The good thing about this one, it can be heard clearly over a very wide area("almost nationwide" to quote themselves...."From Grimsby to Galway" to quote a late pirate station). They appear to have had a great response to the first few programmes and mentioned a great pile of letters. Other smaller stations are wanting to relay them, and station owner, Sean Coyne, or Captain West, as he likes to be known, is wanting to do live link-ups with other stations. He hopes he may be able to achieve this, once he gets his new receiving mast in position. New stickers have been mentioned, we await these, for re-production, once again.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO, broadcasting on 819khz., only, from Cavan Town, has a new day-time line-up as well, it reads.....08.00 Brian O'Reilly  
09.00 Don Allen Mid-day Tony Brady  
16.00 till 17.30 Paul Cox.

CENTRAL RADIO in Longford Town have not returned as yet, although their transmitter has



been noticed on in that area, since 12th April, on 1035khz., relaying either Breffni Community Radio or their Channel 2. The station does plan to return, once another twenty feet has been added to their aerial mast.

CHANNEL 2, meanwhile continue with own pop programmes at times, and relays of Breffni at others.

CENTRE RADIO in Prosperous, Co. Kildare, has apparently moved. Their present address is given as Centre Park, Kilmeague, although they are not thought to be broadcasting from there, but from premises somewhere in the 'bog'. Power is reported as extremely weak and almost inaudible in Naas, Co. Kildare. It is not thought that the signal is getting out very well at all, on 100.0mhz.

WKLR(West Cork Local Radio) continues from Bandon, Co. Cork, 24 hours a day, on 1503khz., with 300 watts, 100.3mhz FM mono, with 1 kw, and on a relay to Skibbereen, on 98.0mhz., with 100 watts. The station manager, David Heffernan has plans to erect a 140 foot mast shortly, to give a wider coverage to Co.Cork and provinces. Current line-up reads.....(Monday to Friday), 07.00 Gary Gibson 11.00 John Green 15.00 Paul Sheehan 19.00(till 07.00) Taped.

(Saturday) 08.00 Gary Gibson 11.00 Con McCarthy 14.00 John Green 18.00 Roxy John 21.00 Taped.

(Sunday) 08.00 Golden Oldies with Con McCarthy 10.00 Irish Show with Ian Andrews 14.00 Country with Jerry Black 18.00 Taped.

BOYNESIDE RADIO. As promised, the Drogheda FM service has moved from 98.1mhz to 100.1mhz. Reception is excellent here in Blackpool, as this is a far clearer channel than the previous one. It is not known at this stage what other changes have been made, although no doubt, these will have been mentioned on the free radio show on Radio Rainbow, which, unfortunately, we can rarely hear here, due to the skip. No doubt, Eddie will be dropping us a line with all the info.

Big 'M' Radio. This station is reported still off the 104mhz channel, although going strong on 87.9mhz. and 1413khz.

Various carriers, blank and modulated have been noted by reporters in that area recently. We await to see what they produce.

Our thanks, as always, to the various reporters this week, including Jason, Jeff, Joe and Jane, Andy, Peter, Joe, Brian, Miles, Sean, Phil, Bob and Paul(for the poem).

THE VOICE OF PEACE. A short note this week from new man out there, John Shearer, who tells us that he is getting his 'sea legs' at last, although he says that it has not really been rough at all. He tells us that the station is going through changes(again), with an 'easy-listening' format current. Abie is still shouting orders down the Motorola(his link with the ship) which can be infuriating at times. More advertising is being sought, unless this is forthcoming, Abie says he will sell the station to Middle East T.V.(he is always threatening to sell it to someone or other, maybe it is some consolation to him to know that he would be able to sell it if he so wished). No station line-up was included with this latest report, so we eagerly await the next report.

LASER. A lot of people will turn to this section first this week, to see if we print the name of the person who has bought the ship, as it has been announced as being sold. Apparently, the buyer wishes to remain anonymous, along with the amount he has offered for it. Radio, television and press all reported on the issue, but like us,gave out the above info. Any names mentioned are purely guesswork, and presently, rumours are rife about its new owner, as well as its destination. The new owner has undertaken not to use it to broadcast(but whatever else would anyone want to buy it for?). Nothing says he cannot sell it to someone else who 'may have this in mind'.

Ivan in Spalding tells us that BBC 1 East. Look East. During their main news bulletin of the day at 18.35, the following news report on the Communicator was carried(using the same old library film)...."The former pop pirate ship, the Communicator, has been sold to an un-named buyer, who has undertaken not to use the vessel for broadcasting. The pirate radio station, Laser 558, was transmitted from the vessel until November last year, when it was declared unseaworthy and towed to moorings near Harwich". (Can they never get these reports correct?).

Other similar bulletins were heard/shown in other areas.

So, the ship, once the money is paid to the Admiralty Marshal, is free to go. No doubt, lots of eyes will be focused on the River Stour, to ascertain when this is. Lloyds will have on record, the ship's port of destination, which they will disclose on request. Stand by for the next episode.....

CAROLINE. Continuing from where we left off last week, the station must have carried out some maintenance work overnight, Sunday/Monday, as on the Monday, John Lewis(who would have been involved with this work) was missing from his early morning show. This show was presented by Peter Philips, until 09.00, and it turned out to be his last show of his present stint on the ship. John Lewis surfaced at 09.00 and ran till 13.00 when Kevin Turner took over(Kevin was not on the ship, so, obviously, this show was taped). Non-stop music was then heard, apart from news bulletins, till 21.00 when Andy 'Cosmic' Johnson carried on till 01.00 and close-down. News broadcasts were read by Fergie and Andy. On 963khz., following "Viewpoint 963", Fergie, then Nigel Roberts were both heard.

On the Tuesday, it was all change once again, following a second tender the previous day. John Lewis was back on 05.00, David Andrews at 09.00, yet another new recruit, Ian Acres(this could be spelt Ackers), at 13.00, followed by a second helping of David Andrews at 17.00, then Andy Johnson at 21.00, till close-down at 01.00. Missing, obviously on leave, Peter Philips and Tony Peters. This line-up remained till the weekend when shifts are changed around a bit.

Various new promos have been heard during the week, including one for a live concert this evening. We will report on this next week.

Ivan in Spalding(he's been busy this week),

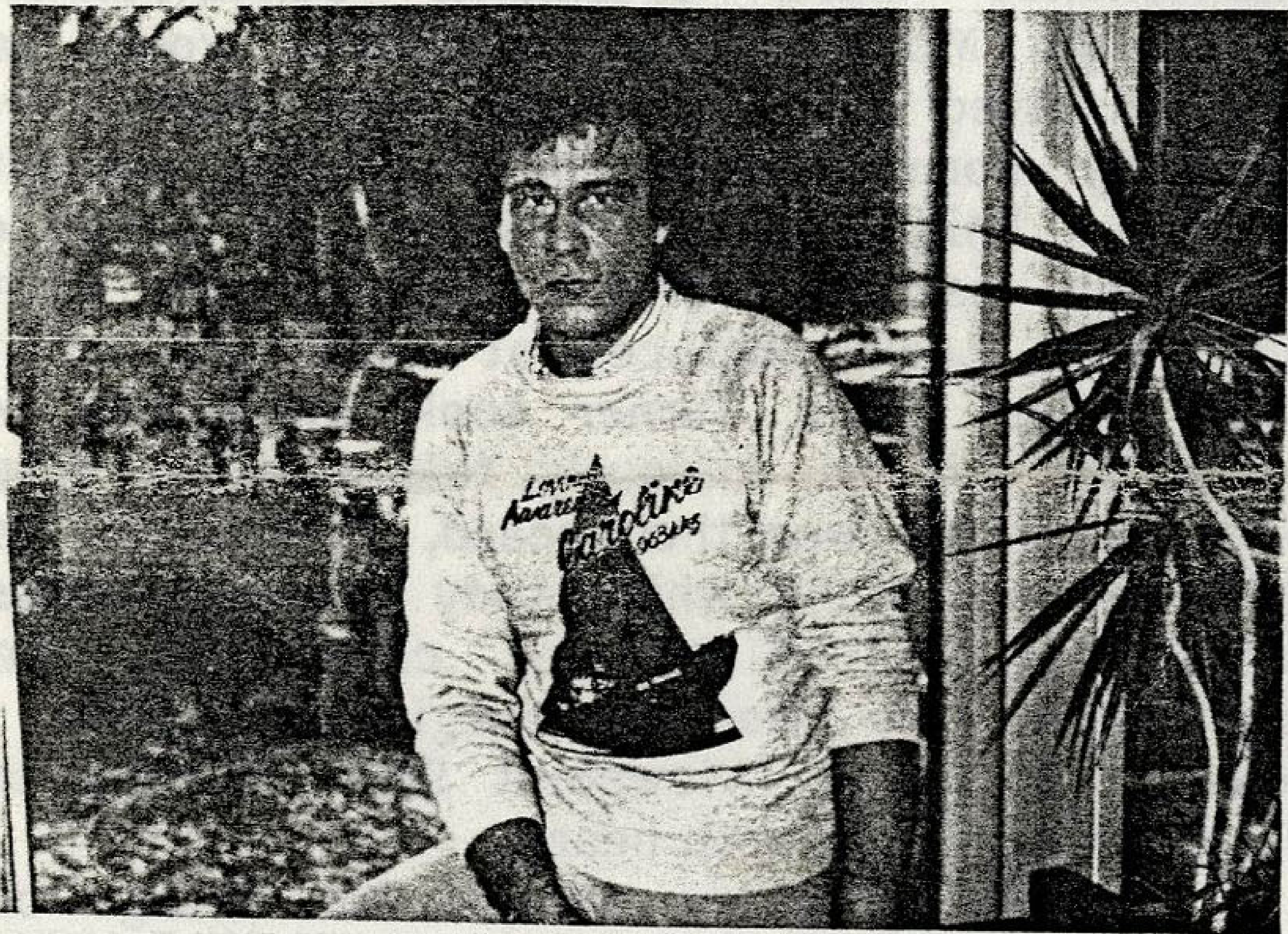


tells us that it is seven years ago today(16th, when he wrote), that John Lewis made his debut, as Steven Bishop.(Is this right, John?), and seven years ago yesterday(15th), since Caroline returned after being off the air for several months.(This is the day of the famous Tony Allan speech...."we're back, and I'm shaking"...remember that?). John was possibly on the ship before they went off in October, as an engineer, although probably did not broadcast then. At the time, we were on holiday in Mauritius(we had nothing to do with the fictitious station of the same name, with a P.O. Box in Port Louis, it was purely coincidence), and heard a report in the papers that Caroline had sunk(January). All memories. Please feel free to correct any of the above if we have reminisced wrongly.

Anyway, that is about all the news from Caroline, except that we have just had word from them about one or two items of interest.....Boat Trips are possible on a more regular basis, now that the weather is better. Anyone wishing to go and visit the lads(and lasses occasionally) on the ship, should drop us a line, and we will furnish details by return.

Caroline Loving Awareness Sweat-Shirts, long out of print. A number of small size ones have been found in stock, anyone wanting one should send us £7.50. Colour is grey, logo is black and red. Anyone not sure what the logo looks like, look further down this page and you will find a picture of Radio Victoria's Roger Kirk wearing such a sweat-shirt.(Thanks Roger, for modelling that).

LOVING AWARENESS ALBUM. Long deleted. This album is much sought after. Just a few more have been found, again, without cardboard outer covers, but brand new discs in paper sleeves. This may be your last chance to get one(we keep saying this!). Send £5.50 today for your copy.



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LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. It has been a mixed choice week from this city, with Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., promising seven days a week operation, and then missing on Thursday and again, today(for unknown reasons, at this stage). Storeton Community Radio on 1026khz., promising weekends and appearing during the week, and Central Radio, with a splendid signal at long last, on 1404khz., over the weekend. Colleagues in the city itself, tell us that Mersey FM on 102.3mhz. and Concept on 104.4mhz. have been noted also.

MIDLANDS. Reporters there say that PCRL have experienced problems with multiple raids and have been missing on some days on 103.6mhz.

UK Radio tell us that they are currently testing a new rig and should be back on the air from time to time on 103mhz.

County Radio...see cuttings.

THE SOUTH. Radio Sovereign on 105.0mhz., returned for six hours last Sat/Sun., from 21.00 till 03.00. They gave out an address of R.S. 32 South Road, Newhaven, East Sussex. New station, Radio Veronica on 105.5mhz., were raided by three DTI people at 19.25 on 13th April after only 25 minutes on the air. This was only the second broadcast ever. Various pieces of equipment were taken, but it is not thought prisoners were! Apparently, more info can be obtained from R.V, P.O. Box 427, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

On 13th April the following were logged... Radio Mercury(not very original) on 1566khz., from 11.00, with an address of 9 Concorde Drive, Hemel Hempstead, Herts., Starpoint on 88.6mhz., London Weekend Radio on 92.05mhz.(back after their recent raid), Alice's Restaurant on 93.0mhz., KISS FM on 95.3mhz.

#### SHORT WAVE...TODAY'S LOG....

6210khz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 10.36gmt.

6235khz...UNID(Dutch).

6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL, at 1045gmt.

6266khz...RADIO ORION.

6273khz...UNID.

6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL.

6310khz...UNID.(Dutch), at 10.34gmt.

6325khz...SUPERPLAN, at 09.07gmt., with an address of Postbus 30025, Arnhem, Holland.

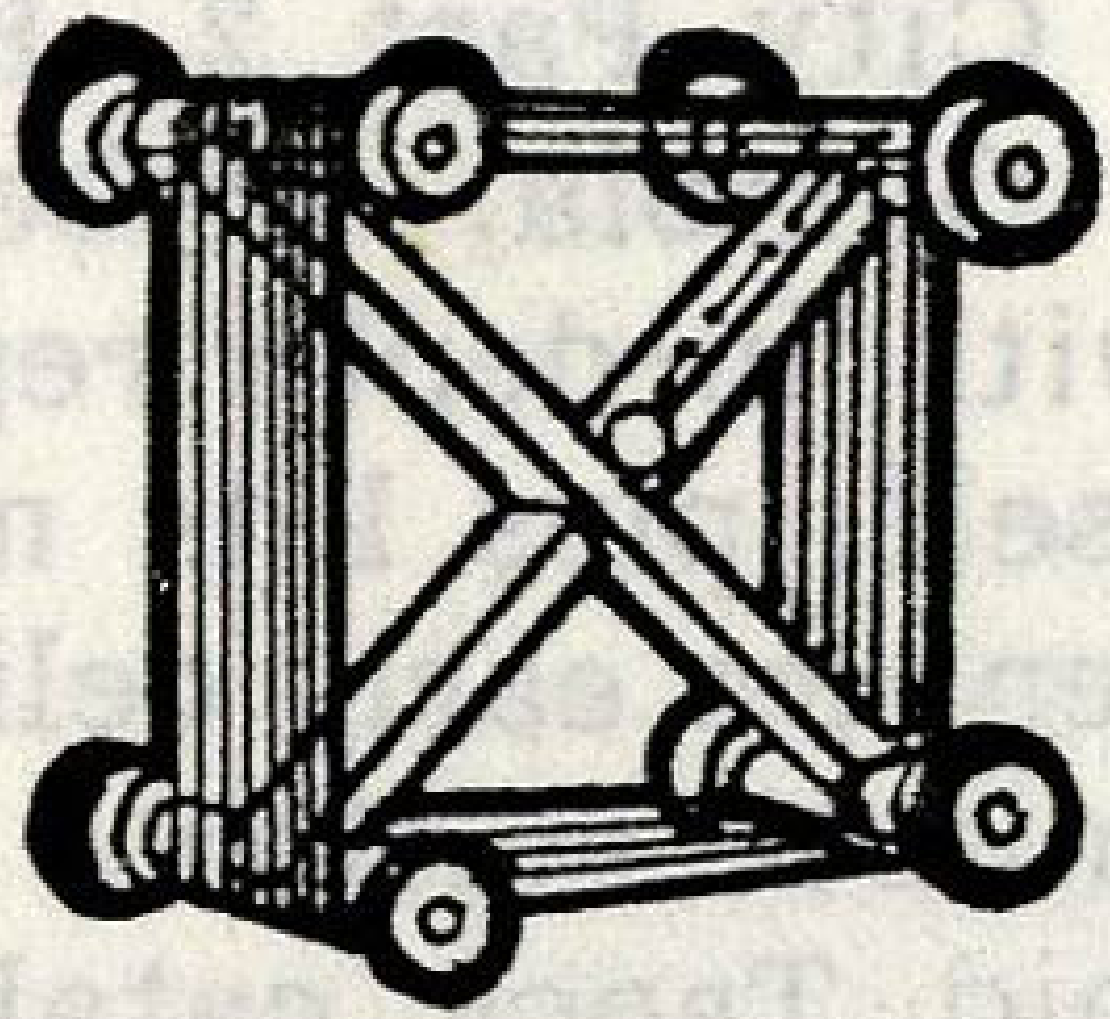
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## Radio Laser - m.v. Communicator

Frinton-on-Sea based East Anglian Productions has purchased the ex-Radio Laser radio ship the m.v. Communicator for £35,000 from the Admiralty Marshal following the collapse of the Radio Laser Company last November. The vessel had been under arrest in the Essex port of Harwich.

East Anglian Productions are a Frinton based communications company producing many regional TV and Radio Commercials, Corporate Video Productions and Broadcast Equipment Sales. Ironically, the company produced a documentary on Radio Laser filmed on board last September. The company's Managing Director Mr. Ray Anderson said the £35,000 paid for the vessel represents a fraction of the ship's true worth. The vessel is equipped with 2 powerful 25 kilowatt AM transmitters, studios, generating plant and a sophisticated Satellite Communications system. As a working unit, Ray Anderson said that the true worth was closer to £250,000.

East Anglian Productions are now considering a number of legal options for future use of the vessel. One includes an outright sale to a consortium for possible use in the Mediterranean Sea, as a 'Summer Only' - English speaking radio station for tourists. Also, an International film company is producing a 'Rock Music' film centred around the former offshore radio station and have expressed an interest in using the vessel on a hire basis. We are also expecting some interest from the various Free Radio Organisations who may wish to see the vessel turned into a museum. However, it is more likely that the vessel will be taken to another part of the world where it could very easily be used as a commercial radio station and operate quite legally.

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We now know how a newspaper editor feels when he gets his millions of newspapers into print(not that we have millions mind you), only to see a big news story break. That happened with us last Monday. Within only hours of posting, the above story broke. So, really, it is old news now. We shall no doubt console ourselves by thinking that we were the first free radio publication to carry the story. Radio and television were the first, otherwise, followed by the newspapers. Still, that's life, and talking about newspapers.....

**THE CUTTINGS CLUB.** It has been brought to our attention that one or two "WR" subscribers, not members of "CC", seem to have received last week's single sheet of cuttings. This was due to unforeseen circumstances, but better too many going out rather than not enough, and people having to write in and report shortages. Anyway, if you received one, don't send it back, have it with our compliments, as a sample sheet. Who knows, you may want to join "CC" one day, and now you know how we present the cuttings. This week, again, one single B4 sheet, reduced from A3 and packed with the week's story from the Press, including the Laser sale story, a large piece from the East Anglian papers and a small piece from the Daily Telegraph, two cuttings about pirate TV, again, a large one from Time Out and a small one from Dublin's Sunday World, the Nova close-down story from The Journalist, plus other



interesting odds and ends. We have still held over the large item about Laser drifting in the River Stour, but will definitely use it as soon as space becomes available. Also, we will print the report from last week but one's Times, about the lad in Liverpool getting his records back from the DTI (we are still trying to get a copy of this one). Price this week is 10p plus an SAE, or 30p if you don't send an SAE and are not ordering other goods, or 30p if you want this week's "WR" and "CC". (this is only in the case of someone reading a friend's copy and wanting to buy their own). Of course, the easy way is to subscribe to "CC" and what you have to do is this....send £5.00 and for that, you will receive "CC" each week with "WR" for a whole year. Of course only subscribers to "WR" can do this. No back-dating of "CC" subs at all, but we do have all back copies for sale at the price listed right here each week. From time to time we do have special offers of parcels of back copies of the cuttings.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Wavelength Issue 9, April '86 is now in stock and this time it looks even smarter with a nice orange cover. A5 format, twelve pages of very interesting reading. As usual, general coverage, plus, Steve West with some technical Toppix! Price is 60p from us, but you can subscribe via Wavelength. Bob's Brekkie Bits. We are pleased to announce that A-UK have been appointed sole agents for this tape. It was originally available for the first time from Radio Nova's Bob Gallico, but has now been extended to a full hour and as well as featuring 'funnies' from the 'Brekkie Trekkie' with Declan Meehan, also contains similar material from the Breakfast Shows with John Clarke and subsequently, Colm Heyes, as well as 'Sixty Second Theatre' extracts and 'Zoo Crew' items. Tony Allan is heard on many occasions in the various extracts (all aired on Radio Nova, many on more than one occasion), on the tape. Due to the closure of Radio Nova, this tape is now available for the last time, solely from ourselves. Highly recommended, despite its non-Anorak (well, less than usual) content. If you like 'Spitting Image', you'll like this, as Bob specialises in skitting the likes of Mrs Thatcher, Ronald Reagan and many of the prominent Irish politicians. The tape is supplied with a free Nova and Magic (Bob was on this short-lived station too) sticker and costs IR£6.99 or £5.99 Sterling.

Finally, whilst on about tapes, if anyone is interested in having a copy of the final 90 minutes of Radio Nova, drop us a line. Likewise, the radio Caroline Tribute to Roland 'Buster' Pearson can be supplied.

Sunshine Radio Stickers. As advertised on the station, these are the same logo but bright yellow in colour (so they can be spotted easily for the new competition). They are the outside type and cost 25p each or 5 for £1.00.

**DUE NEXT WEEK.** The "All New" FREE RADIO ROUND-UP, ISSUE 6. Talk about improve, just wait till you see this! Well in excess of 30 pages, packed with news and stories. Satellite TV, The Radio Carousel Navan Story, USA SW Pirate news, 2 pages of Clandestine station news, masses

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The latest edition of Air Raid Tapes catalogue is expected any minute. Send a large SAE for your free copy (unless ordering other goods, in which case just ask for one).

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Lots of these this week....Radiotelex, Issue 72, four pages of A4, packed with shortwave info. Highly recommended. We can supply one sample copy of this magazine for 40p, thereafter, subscriptions must be taken out direct with RT (Subs. details on back of Issue 101 of "WR").

Offshore Print-Out, Vol. 3 No. 4, is now out. 8 sides of A4 duplicated coloured sheets for only 20p, plus a large SAE. All the Offshore news and more, from 5 Common Lane, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9RQ. Always recommended.

Now Radio Newsletter. Issue No 1, Monday April 21st 1986. As promised, this well presented publication arrived on time and it was immediately noticed that the sample fourteen pages had increased to twenty. A4 sheets, excellently bound and certainly very interesting reading. All details can be obtained from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 0NW or by telephoning (0536) 514437.

Media Monitor, now weekly, up to issue 26 (13th April). Sample copies 50p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London, WC1X 9BA.

Play-DX. Mostly in Italian, but has masses of logs of great interest....Enclose an IRC and request info.. D. Monferini, Via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano. The Free Radio Listeners Club sent us masses of material in the week. It would take pages to describe it all, so, the best thing to do would be to send them an SAE (you had better send them a real big one!) and by return they will send you all the info they sent us, which we found very interesting. The address... FRLC, P.O. Box 99, Northampton.

**John Patrick** has had some nice stickers printed and an SAE to him should get further info on what else he has for sale....address 155 Sanctuary Way, Grimsby, South Humberside, DN37 9RX.

**Radio Caroline** celebrated 22 years on the air last Easter and Alan Atkinson has two C.90's recorded in the early hours of the morning. Anyone interested in a copy should drop a line to Alan at Oakdene, Warren Road, Hopton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, enclosing an SAE.

**Trevor Joyes** is offering a recording of the 'Buster' tribute on one side of a tape and an excellent un-airchecked recording made between 11.45 and 12.30 on 14th August 1967 of Radio Caroline going into illegality with Johnnie Walker and Robbie Dale. Price, £3.50. Further details from 47 Sanctuary Close, St. Johns, Worcester WR2 5PY.

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**Trips out to visit Radio Caroline.** We can supply details from the organisation who have been running trips since the mid seventies, from the Essex coast.

**Graham Croft** writes and tells us that he is now running trips out to the Ross Revenge from Whitstable and anyone interested can contact him on Chestfield(0227 793349).

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**THE FREE RADIO SHORTWAVE DIRECTORY.**

Dear Reader of "WR",

It has been a long standing tradition of the KDKC(Koln-Dusseldorfer Kurzwellen Club) to publish twice a year, a comprehensive list of all free radio stations on shortwave. The KDKC sadly does not exist any longer, therefore we at FRS Holland, thought it a good idea to take over this good work. However, we won't be that ambitious: If the reception of the FRSD is good, we will compile it once a year.

The FRSD gives you a complete as possible survey of all stations that have broadcast in 1985. We agree: that is not as up to date as could be, but we are only human.

The FRSD is divided into three parts.....

Part 1. gives you all the stations in alphabetical order. Listed is the name of the station in full, followed by all frequencies that have been used in 1985. The main frequency is underlined. Relay frequencies are placed between brackets, followed by the name of the relaying station in short form. Power used(when known) and address are also listed.

Part 2. is a list in frequency order, giving you the frequency and name of station. Station names between brackets indicates that the station used a relay station on that channel.

Part 3. gives all the addresses, sorted by city name.

Please feel free to send any comments about the above to.....

FRSD, c/o FRSH, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland.

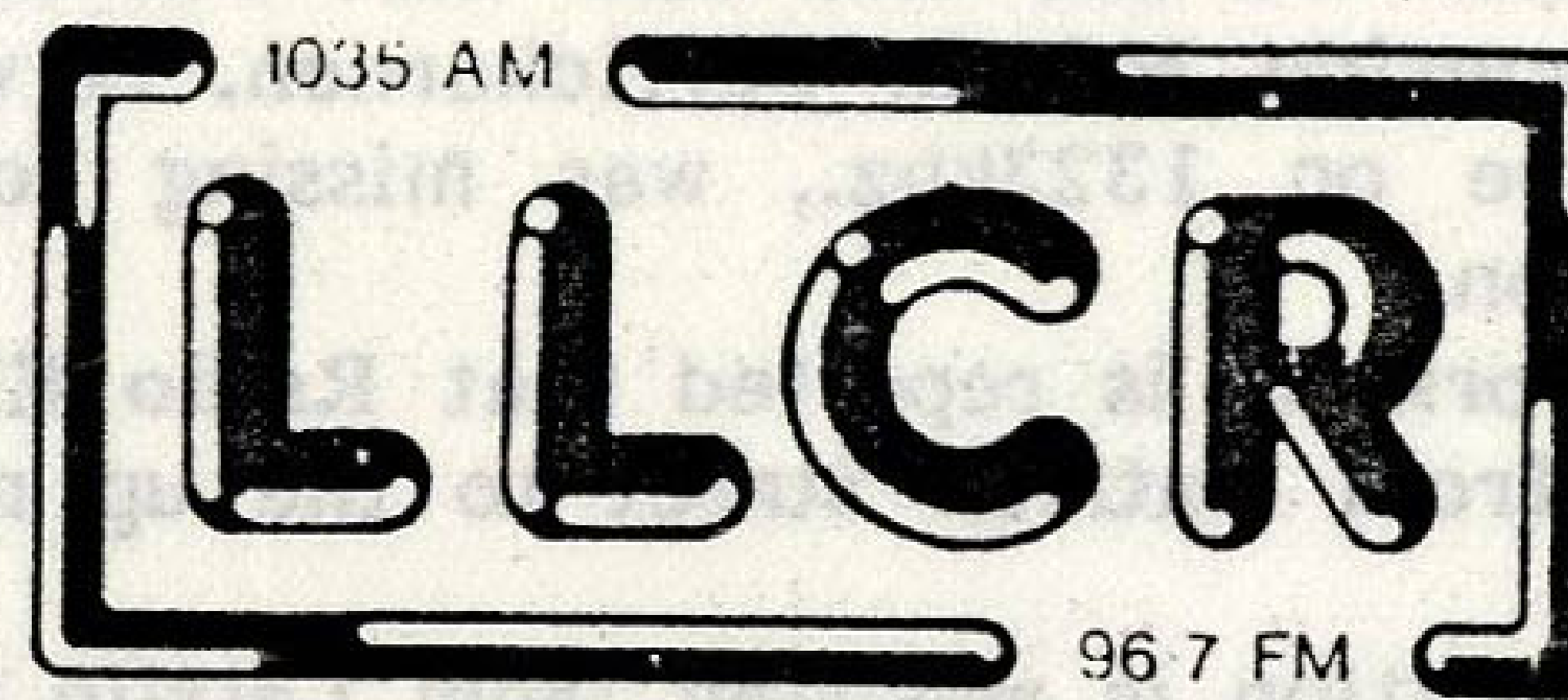
We hope this little booklet will be of use to many enthusiastic free radio listener.

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We apologise for the mass of 'non-radio news items' today, but feel we had to make an effort to print them, as one or two had been awaiting this service for some time.

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

In view of the fact that we have lots of small items of news from many stations, we shall just list Ireland under the one heading today and print the station we are mentioning in bold type.

Bob Gallico was duly heard on 'Q News' on **Q 102**, from last Monday at 07.00, as predicted in last week's report. We can only comment that Bob joining the team will make the service possibly the best on the air in Ireland. The 'Eye In The Sky' traffic report on Q seems to have returned to the 08.30 till 09.00 slot(from 08.15 till 08.45), although we understand that it could soon become 08.00 till 09.00, which in itself can only be good. The project is without question, a tremendous success and undoubtedly a great help to motorists. The 'Eye' team are on location today(Sunday) at a school fete in Swords, where trips around Dublin aboard the Fiat/Q/Celtic Helicopter are possible.



LIBERTIES LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO  
16 WEAVER SQUARE, DUBLIN 8.  
PHONE: 538870

This station continues on 1035khz.AM and 96.7mhz.FM (although reports say the actual frequency is 96.5mhz.). The AM transmitter, formerly used by Capitol Radio is the same one used by the Big 'D' a number of years ago. It has stayed in the same location, behind the De-Luxe Cinema in Camden Street despite three station changes. John Keogh writes from this station and tells us that he has plans for a free radio show, maybe for two hours every Friday evening. He used to work on **Radio Dublin**, where he also presented a free radio show, however, with the introduction of the 'All New' Radio Dublin, things like this had to cease. We await further news on this one.

Talking about free radio shows, **Radio West** seem to be having considerable success with their Sunday morning offering, hosted by Phil Hilton, with exchanges by Captain West! This show goes out from 11.00 till 12.00 BST, on 765 khz. and copies of the show can be obtained for other stations to relay, simply by sending a blank C.120 to Radio West, Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Plenty of letters about the show are read out and in addition we have had plenty of letters about it also. The style of the show is different from other ones and as the weeks go on, we expect it to really take off. The feature of going around the band seems very popular and station owner, Sean Coyne has plans to rig up extra receiving equipment, in order to pick up even more stations than he already is doing. As said before, the main advantage is the fact that the station can be heard over a wide area. A couple of new presenters have been noted, possibly they are being tried out as a replacement for Mike McCartney who is planning to leave shortly.

The big news from Dublin this week must be the return of **ZOOM 103**. Well, not quite, although carriers, tones and non-stop music on 738khz., have been heard since Tuesday. After contacting Tony McKenzie, he indeed confirmed that it was them testing, and that they would be back on the air as soon as the tests were completed to their satisfaction. The transmitter site is thought to be about four miles North of Finglas on the North side of the city. Output power when compared with Q and **Sunshine Radio** would appear to be about 2 kw., although it is thought that the transmitter currently being used is capable of 10 kw at full power. The signal seemed very stable here in Blackpool and the audio pleasant, although listeners in Dublin reported it to be a bit 'course' and with a slight hum. It would appear that 103.1mhz. is alive and well again and indeed in parallel with the 738khz. transmissions, as at 16.49 Sunday. At this stage, no announcements have yet been made, but it certainly looks as if the station could be back with us very shortly indeed.

A new station seems to have appeared in the Dublin area on 1152khz. It was noted locally relaying Capitol at one stage, then later, a report mentioned Radio 257, and an even further report said they were giving out a Southside telephone number for listeners to ring in with a name for the new station.

A few details about **County Sounds** broadcasting on 104.7mhz. Station address is 50 Meadow Bank, Bushypark Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6. Current line-up is....07.00 Ray Stephens 11.00 Stephen O'Rourke 15.00 Paul Smith 18.00 Mike Evans 21.00 Derek Hennessy 00.00 John Taylor 03.00 Close-down. This is the weekday line-up, weekends vary slightly.

**RADIO DUBLIN** seem to have vacated 98.8mhz., in favour of 105.0mhz. The 1188khz transmitter was off for a spell during Monday PM. Work is obviously still going on at this station.

We have now received confirmation that **Boyneside Radio** are on 100.1mhz., in Drogheda, with the Kells station



now on 98.1mhz. We are told also that FM stereo is on the cards for **Boyneside N.I.** in Carrickarnon. It was noted that Kells Boyneside on 1323khz., was missing for a spell last Friday afternoon.

From Cork, it is reported that **Radio ERI** have moved their offices from Patrick Street to the up market area of South Mall.

A new station is reported from Leixlip in Co. Kildare, called **Leixlip Community Radio** using 1395khz. No further details are available as yet. Also, in this area, rumours of a new station in the Kildare area are rife, this time called **WKLR** on 99.8mhz. (There already is one in Bandon with this name!).

Finally, **Telstar Community Radio** from Blackrock near Dundalk, broadcasting for some years on 1197khz., which has been up for sale for the past eight weeks, is reported to have been bought by a consortium comprising of ex Carousel and Telstar presenters. The new outfit is due for launch on 1st May.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Just a short note giving details of current line-up from this station this week.....

00.00 Richard Staines 03.00 Ray Sarsfield 06.00 Chris Pearson 09.00 Dave James 12.00 Richard Staines 15.00 Ray Sarsfield 18.00 Twilight Time with Chris Pearson till 19.30, then Classical Music till.....21.00 Keith Lewis with specialist programmes.....This line-up dated 13th April 1986.

Clare Proctor continues to log this station on 1530khz., in Reading she tells us and kindly sends us a full hour reception report from last weekend. She mentions an Irish presenter at 01.10BST and this could possibly be Ray Sarsfield (time would be 2/3 hours later than BST). She also mentions Chris Pearson, whose name was heard on the programme. Her time of listening was between 01.00 and 02.00 BST, when Vatican Radio was off the air. Well done Clare, we will take you up on the recording offer!

Finally, Alan of Newcastle, Staffs., tells us that ex VOP presenter Dave Thomas will be heard shortly on the new Festival Radio (now testing on 1017khz.) from that area.

**LASER.** Not a lot we can add to what has appeared on the front page of this week's report. The first we knew about it was when the Press Release arrived on the Tuesday morning. Later in the day, various local television news reports mentioned it, using old library pictures again. Radio reports were noted by listeners. That day's evening papers carried the story, and the following day, the National's featured it.

All reports were virtual carbon copies of the Press Release. Jonathon Marks contacted EAP for his programme, Media Network, and spoke to EAP's Bill Rollins, who again stuck almost word to word to the release. So, no-one is giving anything away at this stage.

What next? That is the question. Eyes on the River Stour you readers in that area, and let us know when she sails.

**CAROLINE.** First off this week, a correction to a name spelling. Ian Akers, not Acres or Ackers or anything else! Some line-up changes were noted during the week. Jenny McKenzie was noted at 21.00 on Monday. On Tuesday, she was announced as being on at 01.00 (not heard). So, the line-up then read....05.00 John Lewis 09.00 David Andrews 13.00 John Lewis 17.00 David Andrews 21.00 Ian Akers. It is not thought that 558 has been 24 hours apart from Tuesday. Andy Johnson has been on news all week, but duly re-appeared at 21.00 on Saturday, saying 'I bet you thought you had got rid of me, but I have been locked in the newsroom all week'. Shifts were all changed over the weekend, and big surprise...at 09.00 on Saturday, none other than the popular Simon Barrett. Simon did the same shift today. 963khz. saw Fergie at 21.00, followed by Nigel Roberts at 01.00, except for Tuesday when 963 went off after some problems with the transmitter. 558 remained on the air as a result. Fergie and Nigel changed around at the weekend. Calm weather has allowed trips to go out this weekend, but it is not thought that any further changes in staff have taken place.

Jenny Knight tells us that Andy Johnson's last stint on board was 8 months and 6 days, whereas Peter Philips's was 5 months and 8 days. Not bad going.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** Very bad news from this city this week, with DTI presence imminent last Monday, in fact, so much so, that all three stations operating at the time disappeared. They were Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., Storeton Community Radio on 1026khz. and Central Radio on 1404khz. It is not certain whether any were actually raided,

although reports of near-misses and aērals being pulled down have prevailed. Only one returned, Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., with a superb signal, possibly the best they have ever had. They re-appeared on Saturday and have been heard all day today as well. Radio Julie was heard in the area on FM in the week, saying they thought RMW had been raided, but other FM stations were conspicuous by their absence till today at noon, when KISS FM, on 102.7mhz. came on the air. This station had returned with some tests a couple of weeks ago, but had full programmes today, at least until mid-afternoon, when the dreaded DTI appeared at the door with a warrant. Everything in sight was taken including items not involved in the broadcasts. The produced a document with last Monday's date on it, and a note saying it was valid for a month from that date. The document stated that they could force entry if need be, and also that the Police were not forced to be there.

**MIDLANDS.** Only PCRL reported from there this week, although it was expected that U.K. Radio may appear later. PCRL have been having severe problems with 4 raids in eight days at one stage. Still they managed to return each time, although odd days have been missed understandably. The usual frequency of 103.7/8mhz.

**CHESTERFIELD.** North Midlands Radio (NMR) on 103.9mhz. has plans to make test transmissions on 27th April and 4th May. Only low power is planned at first.

**THE SOUTH.** South Surrey Monitoring report that "The People's Choice" can be heard around the Epsom area each Sunday on 103.5mhz. The station started at Easter and Lee Doyle (The General) ex JFM was heard on 22nd April. Last weekend, Starpoint on 88.6mhz., Alice's on 93.0mhz., Fame on 95.5mhz., KISS FM on 95.3mhz., were all heard.

**NORTHERN IRELAND.** Brian in Belfast tells us that "B 96" were on the air on 6th April from 21.00 till 02.00 (on 96.0mhz.?) with a reggae show and clutter free rock show. On the other side, Brian in Dungannon reports that City Sound in Derry are having problems. Breaks in transmission have been noted.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS...TODAY'S LOG.**

6200khz....FALCON RADIO, at 11.55gmt.  
6202khz....UNID., at 10.02gmt.  
6206khz....RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 09.00 and 09.07gmt.  
6210khz....RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 09.28 & 11.05gmt.  
6215khz....PIRATE FREAKS B/CASTING SERVICE, at 11.06gmt.  
6221khz....IRISH RADIO RELAY SERVICE, with tests, 11.53.  
6240khz....RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 08.55 and 09.05gmt.  
6260khz....RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10.38gmt.  
6266khz....UNID., at 09.25gmt. (Radio Orion?).  
6266khz....RADIO ORION, at 10.06gmt.  
6275khz....UNID., at 08.03gmt.  
6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10.29 and 10.35gmt.  
6295khz....RADIO DUTCHBOY, at 09.46gmt.  
6295khz....RADIO R.I.D.ICULOUS, at 10.46gmt.  
6300khz....UNID., at 09.06gmt.  
6310khz....RADIO IRELAND, at 10.28gmt.  
6325khz....UNID., at 07.50gmt. (Superplan).  
7315khz....FUTURE WORLD RADIO, at 08.05 & 08.14gmt.  
7340khz....RADIO WAVES INT., at 08.15gmt.  
7350khz....RADIO 101, at 08.15 and 08.53gmt.  
7390khz...."Q 100" at 08.10 and 08.17gmt. (relay?).  
9810khz....RADIO "C", at 08.07gmt.

Quite a good log today, our thanks to our two loggers in Leeds and in the Midlands. Our apologies for failing to find space for amendments each week. At least we get the logs in alright! More reason to take Radiotelex! Further apologies for going into small type on page three, we may have even missed the logs if we hadn't!

Finally, Paul Graham is about to undertake a mammoth venture with Radio Caroline North. If anyone has any details, logs, names, cuttings, in fact anything at all concerning this fairly uneventful station, drop us a line here at Blackpool.

#### **TUNE UP**

Here's another tasty North American treat from AIR RAID. One from each side of the US-Canadian border. From Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Y-100 WYVI, contemporary hits format, featuring Cheo The Hit Man on PM drive, 16Mar86 and from Toronto CFNY The Spirit Of Radio and comic duo Pete & Geets, AM drive 11Mar86. #ART321 this C90 just £3.50 until 31 May. STAY TUNED... AIR RAID #3 is finally on the way! If you've bought tapes in the past or want an SAE, your copy will be in the post to you in the next couple of weeks. If not, send us an SAE (roughly 9"x6" with 12p stamp) right away for your copy of the last Air Raid catalogue. And then tune in RADIOACTIVITY!