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Just to brighten things up, a new heading....Hello, it's us, as usual, though, with lots of news and gossip to report. A couple of announcements in the week both proved to be bad news, the Community Radio thing was one, but more about that later, postal charges to increase on 1st October was the other..... 1p on First and Second Class, Eire up to 18p, (and no second class), but Europe down from 22p to 18p. Unfortunately, that means we have had to review our costs, as at the moment, we only break even with "WR", so an increase, no matter how small, would take us into a loss. Now for the good news....."WR" will remain at the same price, and in order to finance/subsidise this, what we intend to do is this.....incorporate the Cuttings Club into the "WR".....abolish the £5.00 per year subscription.....the two together will then cost 30p per week posted second class, 35p per week posted first class. This is the same price as is being charged now. Unfortunately, a small percentage of subscribers who only take "WR" will have to pay slightly more, but will get a page of newspaper cuttings each week. Irish subscribers will now be grouped with the rest of the EEC countries and the rates will be announced when we have worked them out. We feel that the above alterations are fair and will welcome your comments one way or the other. We will guarantee at least one page of newspaper cuttings each week, sometimes, there will be more. On 1st October, all subscriptions will be examined and amended accordingly to fit in with the new arrangements. No subscriber will lose out in any way at all, we will guarantee this.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB, meanwhile, will remain, and this week, we have one B4 sheet, reduced from A3, packed with the week's stories from the press(plus a couple from last week, held over). The stories include.... a cutting from Today about the Government's shelving of the Community Radio station plans(we had lots of cuttings on this subject, but feel that this small piece summed it all up admirably), two cuttings from the Irish press about their shelving of any plans to legalise the pirates there, two pieces from the Irish press again, about problems at Radio West, and still a further piece from the Irish press about that missing money(and man) in Killarney, further reports about the Daily Star/Laser recent court case, this time from U.K. Press Gazette, plus various other bits and pieces about pirates in London, from Melody Maker, Record Mirror, The Times and finally, a piece from the Spalding Guardian about the Laser Roadshow. This packed sheet will cost non-subscribers just 10p, plus an SAE of course, or 30p without. You can receive the cuttings, along with your report, with immediate effect, for just 10p per week. Drop us a line if you already have a "WR" subscription running and we will work it out for you. Alternatively, you can now subscribe to a combined "WR"/"CC" for 30p/35p per week, for as many weeks as you wish.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Just a couple of items this week....The latest issue of **WAVELENGTH** is now available, complete with bright green cover! Issue No. 10, June 1986....16 pages x A5, always interesting reading here. Price is 60p., or you can subscribe via Wavelength. **OFFSHORE** issue No. 39 - Zommer 1986 is now available also. Price is £1.60 for this 44 page A5 Glossy. Half English/half Dutch, but highly recommended for it's excellent black and white photographs. This issue's are superb.

NEW ARRIVALS. Play-DX Issue No. 422. All Italian 6 page A4 sheets, with excellent logs. Details, enclosing IRC's, to Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. **Crystal Ball** magazine, Summer edition. Just 4 pages of A4, but good value at 10p plus largish SAE. General news and comment contained herein.

CONTACTS GALORE. Not a lot for this column this week. Mr. I.J. Healey who can be contacted by writing to him via our mailing address, Dept 63, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool would like to start up his own radio station and is very envious of our Irish colleagues, who he says, 'have the knack' of starting stations. He seems to favour short wave and would be interested to hear from anyone

who can help/relay/assist in any way at all. Free Medway Town Radio hope to be back on short wave soon and the operator there has asked if we will mention this fact and also the fact that if anyone would like to lend a hand/help out/broadcast, then drop them a line at FMTR, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

GENERAL CHAT. Nice things first.....Very many congratulations to good friends, Chris Wheeler and Theresa Orr, who got married on Saturday 5th July, from all the team at A-UK. For those who may not know, Chris is the voice behind the Caroline Movement Info-line, which can be reached by dialling 07372 41510 to receive all the latest and hottest news about free radio(don't dial for a few days though!). Chris puts in a lot of hard work to ensure that he always has a message of interest for everyone. He will even chat personally, if you phone on Friday nights. We are sure everyone involved in free radio wishes him all the very best in the future. Speaking about CM, another little plug for them, as they are really very good with us....Their latest Bulletin is now available for £1.25 or £6.00 for a subscription and details can be found in the little advert taken from RM and re-printed

CAROLINE RADIO CLUB
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(stuur voor info antwoordzegel en
voor proefnummer 4 IRC's + eigen
naam en adres)

Special Notice

STEREO 576 full story, Caroline 558, Laser and Monique news. Send £1.25 for latest 48 page magazine plus free sales catalogue or £6.00 subscription (six issues) to Caroline Movement (R), BCM-BRFM, London WC1N 3XX
RADIO KNOX 216m North Sea.

O.K. What's that below the CM advert??? Radio Knox? What next? Anyone got any info? It sounds like it could come from a fort! Will everyone ordering items from Offshore Echo's Magazine bear in mind that the order has to go to France and be despatched from there, causing a little delay. Finally, the Community Radio thing: What can one say that hasn't already been said. Once again, entertainment to the public has taken second place to politics. We feel sorry for all the people who have lost a fortune in time and money, spent on a venture which has turned out to be a complete and utter farce. The Government ought to feel thoroughly ashamed of themselves for the despicable way they have handled the whole affair. We fully expect a spate of pirate activity at a very early date. Below find a cutting from today's Sunday Times. This explains a lot and gives one or two views of those involved.

NEW YORK POST, SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1986

AM STATIONS		FM STATIONS (cont'd)	
WABC 770	WMCA 570	WBAU 90.3	WMJY 107.1
WADO 1280	WMTR 1250	WBGD 88.3	WNCN 104.3
WALK 1370	WNBC 660	WBJB 90.5	WNEW 102.7
WAWZ 1380	WNEW 1130	WBLI 106.1	WNSR 105.1
WBRW 1170	WNJR 1430	WBLS 107.5	WNWK 105.9
WCBS 880	WNNJ 1360	WCBS 101.1	WNYC 93.9
WFAS 1230	WNYC 830	WCTO 94.3	WNYE 91.5
WGBB 1240	WNYG 1440	WCWP 88.1	WNYU 89.1
WGLI 1290	WNYM 1330	WEVD 97.9	WPAT 93.1
WGRC 1300	WOBM 1170	WEZN 99.9	WPIX 101.9
WGSM 740	WOR 710	WFAS 103.9	WPLJ 95.5
WHLI 1100	WPAT 930	WFDU 89.1	WPRB 103.3
WHN 1050	WPUT 1510	WFME 94.7	WPST 97.5
WHTG 1410	WQXR 1560	WFMU 91.1	WQXR 96.3
WHWH 1350	WRAN 1510	WFUV 90.7	WRCN 103.9
WICC 600	WRCN 1570	WHPC 90.3	WRHU 88.7
WINS 1010	WRKL 910	WHTG 106.3	WRKS 98.7
WJDM 1530	WSKQ 620	WHTZ 100.3	WRTN 93.5
WJIT 1480	WTHE 1520	WHUD 100.7	WRVH 105.5
WJLK 1310	WVIP 1310	WJLK 94.3	WSBH 95.3
WKDM 1380	WVOX 1460	WKCR 89.9	WSIA 88.9
WKMB 1070	WWDJ 970	WKJY 98.3	WSOU 89.5
WLIB 1190	WWRL 1600	WKRJ 90.9	WUSB 90.1
WLIM 1580	WXMC 1310	WKXW 101.5	WVRM 89.3
FM STATIONS		WLIR 92.7	WXRK 92.3
WADB 95.9	WAWZ 99.1	WLTW 106.7	WYNY 97.1
WALK 97.5	WBAB 102.3	WMCX 88.1	WYRS 96.7
WAPP 103.5	WBAI 99.5	WMGQ 98.3	WZFM 107.1

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

First off this week, a letter in from Joe Vincent of Riverside Radio(SW), who tells us that on Sunday 22nd June 1986, Riverside Radio relayed the FM service of **Waterford Local Radio**, on 6306khz., with the permission of the station manager. The occasion was WLR's eighth birthday. Free T - Shirts were given out as prizes in competitions all week. The station say that anyone sending in a reception report on short wave, will receive a personal reply. Joe goes on to say that **Centre Radio** in Clonmel are getting quite a lot of advertising at the moment. they have a clear stereo sound over Clonmel and be picked up on FM in Carrick - on - Suir, over twelve miles away. They are currently broadcasting on 88mhz. FM and 1251khz. FM., and shortly hope to add 101mhz.FM. Station manager, Brian Byrne is anxious to receive reception reports for the 1251khz. transmissions, and will answer personally, all such letters and reports. Sun visors are available at £1.50. They are in red and white, green, dark green and blue. They read " Stereo Centre Radio...At the centre of everything". Riverside Radio plan to relay this new station on SW, today, Sunday, on 6306khz.(This may well appear as a log later in the report). Finally, Joe goes on to mention two new stations imminent....Zee 1043 in Naas, Co. Kildare and Signal Radio in Athlone. He also tells us that **Crystal City Sound** in Waterford can be heard on 97mhz. FM and 103mhz. FM, in addition to 1332khz. AM., and **CBC Clonmel** can be received on 103mhz.FM and 828khz. AM. We cannot print Centre Radio's address, as we have not got it and they have not included it on the hand-out(space permitting, re-printed later), but Riverside's address is P.O. Box 39, Waterford, EIRE.

Not a great amount of news from Cork this week.....Radio ERI is still off and **WBEN** continues to capitalise on this, with outside broadcasts from local shopping centres and live coverage, twice an hour from the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, with Jim Lockhart.

Travelling further West now and we have a letter in from Paudie Shoer in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, with a report on events in that area. Paudie tells us that on a visit to Limerick just over a week ago, he found the best station in that city to be **City Centre Radio** on 101mhz FM in stereo. Apparently they have the majority of listeners also. An unidentified signal was noted on 104mhz. Radio Luimni was heard on 96.4mhz. FM and 1125khz. AM., and finally, **Munster Broadcasting Corporation** was to be found on 96.2mhz.FM. Rumours of Radio Big 'L' set to return were rife also that CCR plan to have a relay station in Thurles, Co. Tipperary. A station testing on 100.2mhz. FM in Nenagh, has yet to officially come on air. This is the first such station since Radio Ormond some 1½ years ago, although it is also reported that this too, could return. In nearby Roscrea, the station there, on and off for years, Roscrea Community Radio, plans to make a big return on 95.5mhz.F, and 890(?)khz.AM., the latter with 1.3 kw. of power!

Jeff Richards in Naas, Co. Kildare tells us that Centre Radio in Kilmeague has vanished without trace. Several rumours as to the reason, abound. He goes on to say that ZEE 104

THE SUNDAY TIMES 6 JULY 1986

by Richard Brooks
and Helen Fehr

SUPPORTERS of community radio last night launched a programme of attack against the government's decision to shelve their proposed stations.

As well as suing for up to £1m to cover costs of applications and equipment, some of the 270 disappointed applicants plan to take to the airwaves as pirates to disrupt programmes on existing local radio stations.

Several of the 23 stations planned around the country, which were expected to get the first batch of licences from the government last month, have already formed a protest group. Anchor - Action Now for Community Radio - which plans to sue the government.

They have not been mollified by government assurances that the network might be revived at a later stage and on a greater scale. Giles Shaw, the home office minister in charge of broadcasting, said last week that an enlarged network would be considered in a green paper in the autumn. He hinted that existing community projects might apply to the government for seed-corn cash.

Four London community stations, however, say they will intercept commercial breaks on London's Capital Radio tomorrow morning, and in Birmingham a group is pioneering a solar-powered "radio jammer" which "warbles" for 15 seconds every minute.

By next week the group plans to distribute up to 200 of the devices around high buildings in cities throughout the country in an attempt to bring local radio to a standstill.

The groups' anger came over clearly at yesterday's annual conference of the Community Radio Associations in Wolverhampton. What was to be a celebratory meeting following the expected go-ahead of the first 23 stations turned into a forum of bitterness coupled with determination to fight to get on the air, whatever the means.

The move to shelve community radio, which would have offered stations to small communities or ethnic minorities, was prompted by Norman Tebbit, the Tory party chairman, at a cabinet committee meeting 10 days ago. It was announced formally by the home secretary, Douglas Hurd, in parliament last week.

Tebbit was concerned that some ethnic-run stations, and some that had been funded by the Greater London Council before its abolition, might be undesirable.

The GLC gave about £400,000 to four planned stations. One, Spectrum, representing community groups in north London, was on the Home Office list of recommended licence holders. That list also included stations for blacks, Asians and Greeks.

The Foreign Office had told both Tebbit and Hurd that they were concerned specifically about anti-Indian government propaganda being broadcast by Asian stations. The stations say they would hardly be likely to broadcast undesirable or subversive material because their initial two-year licences could easily be withdrawn.

Many of the embryonic stations had spent up to £30,000 on groundwork. Local police forces had pledged their support for community radio as a positive help in improving race relations.

We'll jam network,
say radio guerrillas

To sum up.....below we have compared two cities, London and New York, fairly equal in many ways. London, with 7 stations....New York, with 110 stations!!!(according to New York Post dated 14th June 1986). When one sees the list below, one wonders what all the fuss over 21 stations is all about.

LONDON. Radio 1.....Radio 2....Radio 3....Radio 4....BBC Radio London.... Capital Radio....LBC Radio.

hopes to be on the air at an early date from Naas itself.

Going further North still now, in Dundalk, Conor MacGuill writes and tells us that he has picked up yet another FM station there. This time, it is **CLR 104**, broadcasting to the Dundalk area, albeit, rather weakly. Several presenters have been noted, but are thought to be the same person! Still broadcasting in the same area is Kilcurry Community Radio(KCR) on 97.9mhz.FM. and of course, the big station, **Radio Carousel** on 1125khz., AM and 100.7mhz. FM.

Radio West was logged on 102.5mhz.FM, last Tuesday, in Dungannon. We have now been informed by the station, that this is the FM relay for Athlone, changed from 100.9mhz. Further reports tell us that the actual frequency is possibly now 101.5mhz. MW in Athlone, of course, is 702khz.(not 701 as we mistakenly typed last week). Other Radio West frequencies are the main AM on 765 khz.(This transmitter goes off the air between the hours of mid-night and 07.00, whereas the others stay on 24 hours per day), also 94.1mhz. for Mullingar and 99.2mhz. for Tullamore. Current line up on this widely heard station reads.....07.00 Phil Hilton. 10.00 Niall McGowan. 14.00 Willie Hart. 18.00 Dave Smith(till mid-night, except on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, when Phil Hilton hosts the Country Show from 18.00 till 21.00). Mid-night. Prerecorded taped music till 07.00. The free radio show today, was very interesting. In-studio guest was the famous Bob Gallico plugging his latest venture, 'The Time Of My Life' syndicated programme and generally reminiscing about his early days in radio, in South Georgia, USA, in the fifties.

WLCB in Wicklow town is still having problems with their new medium wave outlet. The station has been noted off and on more or less all week.

The same story goes in Dublin, particularly last weekend when electrical storms silenced the majority of FM stations. Even so, a number of medium wave stations have been off and on rather a lot. The two community stations, Glasnevin North and Donnybrook were no exception, but these have now closed down for another year. 981khz. is very active again with the return of **Irish Christian Broadcasting Service**, who put out an excellent signal when they come on the air. On Friday though, a strong, slightly off-channel signal was noted which caused the usual hum, but by the following day(Saturday), the station was back on channel and was asking for reception reports from areas where previously the signal had been poor. Technical improvements were mentioned and certainly, the signal was stronger here than it used to be. The other station occupying this channel is **Hometown Radio** in Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. **Energy 103** continues to air it's excellent jingle package and the latest promo this week, invites small traders to advertise with them. In fact, the first 25 traders to take up this offer will get five spots a day, for seven days, at the special price of just £99. A weekend news service is now in operation, along with the normal day-time news service. No news is aired at nighttime though. Other stations noted locally in Dublin over the last few days include.....**Charisma** on 98.1mhz., **K 104**, **Wonderland Radio** on 91.6mhz., **Radio Galaxy** on 1512khz. (weekend operation only, but logged clearly in Blackpool yesterday), **Radio Caroline Dublin** on 98.5mhz.(This station announced a close-down for about 12 days until they resite their FM transmitter. They hope to return at 15.00 on 16th July) and **Southside Radio**, on 106.2mhz.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news from this area, although some staff changes have taken place. Further changes are due shortly.

THE COMMUNICATOR. News from here informs us that work is well advanced now, in fact the outside of the ship is currently being painted. The ship is still at it's same anchorage point in the River Stour and apart from the painting work being carried out, little change is visible.

From time to time, we carry cuttings from papers about the Laser Roadshow. Christopher and Simon in Kent went to such an event recently, at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge. Their report follows..... It was stated many times during the evening that Laser would be back on 1st August(!). When questioned, D.J., Robbie Day would not say which ship it would be coming from, the Communicator, the Nannell or another. He did say, however, that it would be on 558khz.(!), with American D.J.'s on the air 24 hours per day, playing 58 minutes of music per hour. The last week in July was the date hinted when broadcasting would start. As regards the event itself, the Marx Brothers were live(and noisy), the competitions and pyrotechnics were real, but the top American D.J.'s such as Liz West, Charlie Wolf and David Lee Stone were only on tape.

STEREO HITS 576. No change, the ship is still in the harbour at Santander, but reports say that one day, it will broadcast.

RADIO KNOX 216m. No idea, before you ask, maybe you can tell us. Someone placed the ad. in RM, though!

CAROLINE. Plenty of movement of staff this week, but some slight confusion also. The week started with Mark Matthews doing the Monday breakfast show on 558. He sounded very tired after doing the 558 show on Sunday afternoon, the Overdrive show on Sunday night, then this show. At 17.00 on Monday, the return of Tony Peters was noted, along with a message that two further presenters were now on board, bringing staff levels back to normal. At 21.00, a new voice was noted, Tony Christian, and later in the week, a number of presenters started referring to him as 'Mr Christian'. Close down continued to be at mid-night and it is thought that some work is being carried out on the transmitters, as on Thursday night, following the sign-off jingle, on 963khz., the transmitter cut of immediately the jingle finished. On Tuesday, at 13.00, the third new voice was heard, John Bennett. Some confusion as to his name has arisen. Apart from the fact that he rarely I.D.'s himself, another name has been heard, Kenny or Benny James(The VOP presenter?). The lineup from Wednesday has been fairly stable. It reads....05.00 John Bennett(?). 09.00 Peter Philips. 13.00 John Dwyar. 17.00 Tony Peters. 21.00 Tony Christian. Close-down at midnight. At the weekend, a return to 24 hours broadcasting was noted and Ian Akers once again was featured, from 01.00 till 05.00. Ian Akers appears to have been spinning the taped programmes on 'Viewpoint 963'. At the change-over to 'Overdrive' at 21.00, many amusing sequences have once again been heard, with old Mi Amigo adverts being played, amongst other amusing items. 'Overdrive' continued throughout the night, along with the 558 service with Mark Matthews and continuous music between 01.00 and 04.00. The promotion for the pop festival in Belgium has now ended, as Peter Philips announced on Tuesday that all the tickets had been sold. Two new commercials have been noted, the first for a Top 40 Roadshow, at Busby's Discotheque in Charing Cross Road, London, the other for the Camp Beaumont Adventure Holiday Summer School. On Saturday, the promotion for Lotto 6/49 told us that the jackpot was now in excess of \$11,000,000. A different advert for this lottery has been heard recently, promoting recent large jackpot wins.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Very little action once again, this week, with only **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242khz.,being heard at this location, and then only for a brief period on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon(so far), were programmes heard. The rest of the time, only a blank carrier was noted. Both signal and modulation levels were much lower than usual. In his report for last week, Tim Jackson mentions that Radio Merseywaves could be troubled by location problems, along with internal disagreements. Other stations mentioned in his report include **K - Sound Radio** on 105.2mhz., **Radio Julie** on 104.8mhz., **Anfield Community Radio**, on 1386khz. and **Concept Radio** on 104.4mhz. It is possible that other lower power operations were on the air, but these cannot be reported on, as no-one has reported hearing anything, as yet.

NORTH WALES. **Radio Annabelle** is still going strong there, with programmes going out on Thursday evenings from 19.00 till 23.00 or even 00.00, and on Sundays, as normal.

THE MIDLANDS. **PCRL** are reported to be active today, on 103.8mhz., in this area. No others are reported as being on the air.

THE SOUTH. '3BR' (Three Boroughs Radio), formerly on 1125khz. AM, have closed down following raids. Two of the station staff were fined a total of £325 recently for illegal broadcasting. It is understood that there are no plans to return in the immediate future. In East Berkshire, **Tower Radio** has recently been heard testing on 106mhz. FM, with low power. A **Radio Stingray(?)** has also been heard on 107mhz., with D.J. Bert Williams(not another one?) and a mailing address of 165 Banstead Road, Caterham, Surrey being given out. This station was received well in Marlow, Bucks., with a strong signal, announcing regular transmissions soon, but nothing further has been heard. It is believed that the station has connections with the NW London station of the same name, that used to broadcast on various FM frequencies, more recently on 94.4mhz., giving out the same mailing address. A further strong signal has been received in that area on 108mhz.(!) A selection of music was heard, but some over-modulation was noted, although the signal remained very stable. Other stations reported on the air in London yesterday were.....**Starpoint** on 88.6mhz., **TKO** on 90.9mhz., **LWR** on

92.0mhz., KISS FM on 95.3mhz. and LGR on 105.0mhz. Still further South now, and reports from the South Coast tell us that today, Radio Sovereign can be heard on 105.0mhz.FM. Finally, several reports in tell us that a tone can be heard on 576khz. We have also logged this tone here, all day, today(Sunday), and although not terribly strong, is definitely there at about the same strength as the German station on 576khz. No one has reported hearing it in the South, and we are fairly confident that it is not coming from a ship in the North Sea, nor is it being generated from BBC Essex. Talking about them, a cutting just in, makes interesting reading.....

EVENING ECHO Thursday, July 3, 1986

Battle to stop radio pirates

THE war of the wavelengths is still raging.

BBC Essex has announced its news team which will be covering the county when the new station goes on the air in November.

But a lot must be resolved before the opening broadcast.

At the moment BBC Essex and Radio Caroline, the pirate Thames Estuary station, are clashing on the same airwave. Who will give way?

Richard Lucas, manager of BBC Essex,

told a press conference the matter was beyond his responsibility.

He added: "At the present moment we are clashing with Caroline and it is up to the Government and authorities concerned to decide the outcome of this situation."

Mr Lucas said if no official action was taken by either Whitehall or the BBC then he would have to take steps to change his wavelength.

He added: "We are not a jamming agency. We are here to present a programme which will be heard

throughout the county reflecting the lives of its thousands of population and producing a high standard of programme that both entertains and informs."

Trade Secretary, Southend West MP Paul Channon, says he is doing all he can to help the BBC Essex.

A spokesman for the Department said the minister had ordered all possible action to be taken.

She added: "BBC Essex has quite legally been allocated the frequency which has been jumped by Radio Caroline."

"It is quite unthinkable that a BBC station should be pirated out of its properly allocated wavelength."

"We hope the situation will be solved before BBC Essex goes on the air."

The BBC has pulled off a coup in signing Timbo — Tim Lloyd — one of the former top personalities of Essex Radio who won a top DJ's award before leaving the commercial radio station.

Personality

Another Essex Radio personality, news reporter Imelda Reynolds, will also be joining the team.

The new radio station intends to set up reporting teams in Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow and Southend.

Richard Lucas, announcing his new team, commented: "It's a programme team to be proud of. The new staff bring a range of talents which will get this station off to a flying start."

"In their hands our programmes will be friendly, informative and good fun. In addition, our news will be up to the best standards of the BBC."

SHORT WAVE STATIONS...Today's Log.....

6206khz....RADIO DELMARE, at 07.05gmt.
6206khz....RADIO SCORPIO, at 07.45gmt.
6240khz....RADIO RAINBOW, at 08.52gmt.
6258khz....SUPER CLAN RADIO, at 07.50gmt.
6266khz....RADIO ORION, at 10.05gmt.
6275khz....RADIO GRAVESTONE INT., at 10.00gmt.
6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09.55gmt.
6285khz....UNID.(Radio Victoria?), at 09.45gmt.
6300khz....RADIO NOORDERZON.
6306khz....RIVERSIDE RDAIO INT., at 08.55gmt.
6310khz....RADIO IRELAND, at 11.10gmt.
6399khz....RADIO VALLERI, at 09.05gmt.
7325khz....RADIO 101, at 08.07gmt.

Saturday's log.....

6230khz....B.R.I. at 09.25gmt.
6240khz....RADIO ORION.
6258khz....UNID.(Dutch), 11.15gmt.
6280khz....UNID.(Radio Terrapin?), at 10.50gmt.

The Spalding Guardian, Friday, June 20, 1986

Laser Roadshow is back in town

LASER Roadshow is back on the road and will be visiting Spalding South Holland Centre next Friday, June 27.

The evening includes The Mark's Brothers live on stage, as well as top American DJs, competitions, and spectacular lights and pyrotechnics.

You also stand a chance of winning a

holiday in America!

The show starts at 8 pm, finishes at 1 am, and costs £4. Dress smart.

The Laser pirate radio station having been off the air for some time now, the roadshow is soon to be re-named — The Caroline Roadshow Nite Out!

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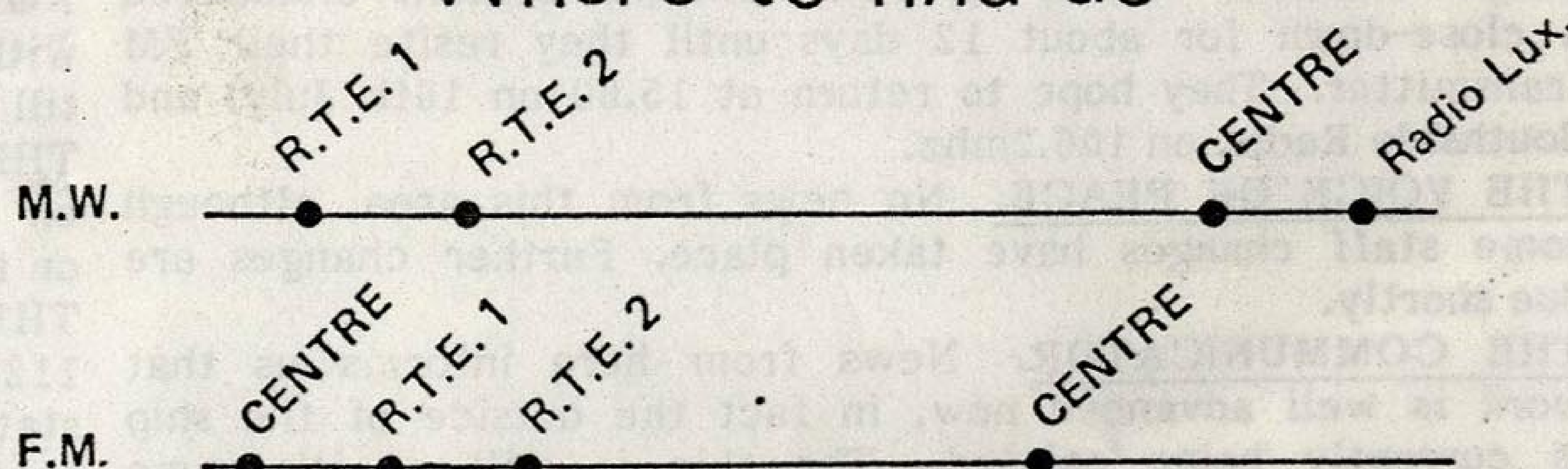
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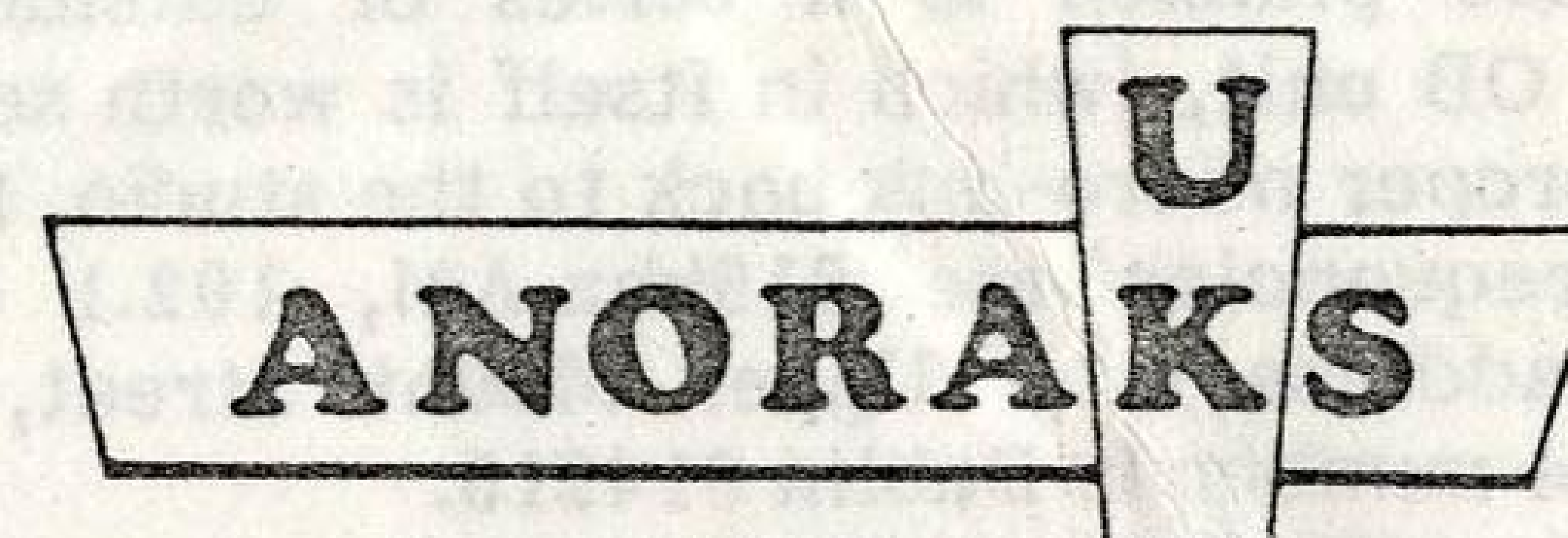
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The Summer holidays are here, so, don't forget, if you are a student, tell us, as soon as possible, about any change of address for your report. Following consultation with the Post Office, we can now confirm the new arrangements for Weekly Report, mentioned briefly last week. For those who did not see them, they are as follows.....After 1st October, Weekly Report and Cuttings will only be sent together. Prices will be 30p(posted second class) or 35p(posted first class). With immediate effect, "WR" only, subscribers will be asked to renew at these prices, once their subscription runs out. They will then receive both "WR" and Cuttings from then on(even if it is before 1st October). Those with "WR" and "CC" subs. will have their subscriptions adjusted, once one or the other runs out, so both will run out on the same week. These people too, will then be asked to renew at these prices(which is 'no change' for them, just that a yearly subscription to "CC" has been done away with). People with both subs. running will receive a note, advising them of any adjustments made, and telling them which issue their combined subscription will run to. Subscribers in Eire will not be able to have 'Second Class Rate' when the new arrangements by the Post Office come into effect after 1st October. Subscribers in other EEC countries will be able to have the combined "WR"/"CC" delivered weekly, following a reduction in postal rates after 1st October.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. This column will be done away with once everyone gets the cuttings, but for now, just one x B4 sheet, reduced down from A3 and packed with the week's cuttings from the press. They include a large piece from The Wolverhampton Chronicle(a free sheet), about PCRL, two pieces from the Telegraph, one saying that pirates could be back, the other from today's edition reporting on Capitol Radio's advert breaks being jammed, two letters from the London Standard, a report out of Ireland's Sunday World about RTE being jammed and finally, a fairly big piece from Glasgow Herald about Ian Anderson and his station in the Shetlands and what they stand to lose. Price for this sheet is just 10p plus an SAE or 30p without.

NEW MERCHANDISE. At long last, we can offer the **Radio Monique Album.** This Dutch produced single L.P. is narrated (in Dutch) by Walter Simons and Ron West. On the front is an excellent colour picture of the Ross Revenge, on the reverse, a black and white picture of the Laser, Caroline and Monique team all together, on the back of the ship, along with details of album content. Extracts a-plenty on the disc. Price is £6.00.

Also available from this week, **"I Love Monique 963" stickers**, the outside(bumper)type, in red and black, on white, price 50p, and **"CAROLINE 558" stickers**, produced by the Caroline Movement. These are the inside, non-adhesive type, red on white and fairly large. Price here too, is 50p each. Although not yet in stock, the latest issue of Monitor(No. 34) is imminent. Orders can now be accepted at £1.50 each. Finally, we have once again got copies in stock, of **Caroline II A Story In Photos.** Price is, as always, £6.00, but a small increase is possible in the not too distant future. Just a thought, we still have the official Caroline stickers(with 576/963 on them) at 35p each.

NEW ARRIVALS. Now **Radio Newsletter No.6**

arrived on time, in the week. 20 pages of hot news and information. A sample copy can be had for just £1, from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 ONW. **Radiotelex Issue 77** also arrived in the week. Four A4 pages of short wave news and logs. A sample can be obtained from us for 40p. With it you will receive a subscription form, whereby further supplies can be obtained, direct from RT.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. Soon into the news section this week and starting off in the Capital, Dublin.....

Q 102(Dublin's No. 1, from Dublin 2). The station recently commissioned an audience survey(May), and the results have now been made available....Over a seven day listening period, 63% of young people in Dublin have listened to Q 102, compared with 52% for RTE Radio 2.....Q 102 beats all competitors in the 15 - 24 year age group, but Radio 2 leads in the 15 34 year age group.....Best known independent radio

voices are Jason Maine, Bob Gallico and Scott Williams....Q 102's audience peak is between 09.00 and 12.00.

As a result of the successful survey, the station changed it's line-up from last Monday morning. It now reads.....06.00 Greg Gaughran(with Bob Gallico on news and Mike Hogan "in the sky").... 09.00 Scott Williams.....12.00 Al Dunne.....15.00 Henry Owens.....19.00 Jason Maine.....Mid-night John Kenny. Weekenders include John Power, Aidan Leonard, Brian Graham, Dave Kelly. Syndicated shows aired...."John Lander's Hit Music USA"(Sunday 14.00) and "The 7-UP Music Machine"(Saturday 13.00).

The '£10 on the street' promotion will be back shortly. To win £10, successful listeners must answer..."I listen to Q 102 all the time". Also on the way, a new "Dallas sung" jingle package, louder and clearer modulation on 819khz., a new link system to 102.1 and 103.5mhz., which will give even better fidelity and more power

on FM.

Also planned is a series of outside broadcasts from the new OB unit, (which in itself is worth seeing, we are told), using a proper micro-link back to the studio, for better quality.

Frequencies are 819khz.AM, 102.1 and 103.5mhz.FM. Station address is 8 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. On-air telephone number is Dublin 614215.

ENERGY 103. We have finally received the station's new logo(printed below). Colours are dark blue background on the rectangle, EEY in red outline, with NRG in solid red and frequencies in blue, on top of a white disc, with four pink circles thereon. Only stationery has been seen so far, but stickers and T - shirts will follow shortly, we understand.



Lots of new adverts again heard, this week, even Bob Gallico's voice on some! Kevin Turner was considering joining the station, but instead, his colleague appeared at 19.00 on Friday, calling himself Alan Burns and sporting a brand new, recently acquired "Dallas" I.D. jingle. It did not take an expert to realise it was Caroline's David Andrews, who was replacing Richard Jackson, who had left just over two weeks ago. Alan/David's voice was also heard on news on Saturday afternoon. Friday's (offshore)line-up included Tony McKenzie(Tony James of Caroline), Gareth O'Callaghan(Tony Gareth of Caroline), followed by Alan(David Andrews of Caroline)! Not content with that surprise, the station sprang yet another! Sybil Fennell back on news during Saturday day-time, sounding just as good as ever. At this rate, the competitors are going to have to watch out!

Finally, for the benefit of those who are still uncertain.....the station ID's as **ENERGY 103** at all times, except at the start of news bulletins, when the stress falls on the N.R.G. Frequencies are 738khz. AM and 103.0mhz FM. On air telephone number is Dublin 606422.

KISS FM. This station, we are told, is adopting a fairly easy-listening format during the week-days, which is proving to be fairly popular. During the morning, Colm's Zany Breakfast Show includes a rip-off of Mike Hogan's "Eye in the Sky", called "Fly in the Sky"! (Strange how everyone seems to rip-off this service/programme).

The station is currently looking for sales representatives, to sell KISS FM throughout the Dublin area. Anyone interested should call Dublin 901884(Unit 8166) or write to KISS FM, 17 Foley Street, Dublin 1.

Current frequencies are 1116khz.AM, 94.8 and 104.1mhz.FM. (The AM is just audible along the West coast of the U.K., the FM too, when conditions are good)

BALLYMUN LOCAL RADIO is reported to be testing on 98.5mhz., heard locally.

WLCB. We left the story last week, with this Wicklow town station off the air once again. It had returned with a good signal on 1584khz. However, it disappeared at the weekend. Monday saw it return, once again, with an excellent signal, and as far as we know, it has been on the air, more or less all the time since. We shall re-print their logo, which is now out of date, and hopefully, station owner, the likeable Leo Doyle, might drop us a line, filling us in with one or two bits of news about recent events. FM frequency 101.8mhz locally.

WLCB
103 FM Stereo - 1602 AM

COMMUNITY RADIO WEXFORD was logged in North Devon recently on 1008khz. Still off-channel, announcing "the heart of the South West". Another ID was also heard "Southern Sound" on the same channel. Is it the same station, we wonder. **ABC RADIO** was also noted by the same reporter on 1026khz., with a very strong signal in that area. The audio was noted as being of excellent quality.

WBEN. Down country now and in Cork, well, about twenty miles away for this report on the station. Following the successful live link-ups from Wimbledon, with Jim Lockhart, the latest venture was to have all-day live link-ups with Eamon Kelly in New York, for the Independence Day celebrations. Last Saturday, and the Saturday before, the station broadcast live from the City Park Shopping Centre in Paul Street, Cork, between 13.00 and 17.00, with Nick Richards, Pete O'Neil, Neil Francis and Siobhan Walls. T - Shirts galore were apparently given out and Nick Richards was heard to say that it was nice to see so many people around the city, wearing WBEN T-shirts. A competition to find out what WBEN stood for was held. The latest on this was 'We Broadcast Every Night'.

The on the hour sponsored time-check by Burgerland, has been changed to Homemaker, a D.I.Y. shop in the city, who are also heard on commercials at other times during the day. The amount of commercials has increased no end, it seems, and Pete O'Neil and Neil Francis seem to feature on most. The music policy seems to be very successful and everyone is reported to be listening.

Very little other news from Cork, although, a couple of reports say that Radio ERI have been testing with non-stop music during the week. These reports are unconfirmed and we await further news on this. Further news from Radio West tells us that a Mr Richardson(Mike?) from Limerick rang in and told them that Radio ERI had actually returned on AM and FM as from 13.00 last Thursday 10th July.

MUNSTER BROADCASTING CORPORATION(MBC). From Limerick now, we can report that the above station is only on 96.2mhz FM, to the Limerick area, and no longer on 98 and 99mhz.FM to Tipperary and Nenagh. Apparently they were causing some interference with the latter. Also in Limerick, **CITY CENTRE RADIO** can be heard on 99.0 and 101.0mhz FM and **RADIO LUIMNI** on 96.4, 106.0mhz. FM and 1125khz.AM. There is still lots of action around 104mhz.FM, nightly. It is thought that it could be the impending return of Big 'L'. No further word on Roscrea Community Radio as yet.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. Back up North now, where this station can be heard 24 hours per day, following recent tests after midnight. The mid-night to 08.00 is only pre-recorded music though. Recent maintenance has resulted in a better signal on 819khz.

The station started a radio bingo game at the beginning of the month, called "Liney Five". Special cards are being sold for £1(Sterling) in County Fermanagh. It is being run in conjunction with Donagh Football and Social Club in Fermanagh. Similar 'Bingo' games have been noted on other stations, in particular Radio Carousel, who have a game called 'Ringo'.

On Wednesday 2nd July, the CCR Cabaret Roadshow was in Donagh, where the station disc-jockeys provided the entertainment.

ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO. The station's weekly 'Night-Out' on Saturdays is attracting huge crowds we understand, proving the success of it's advertising. New disc-jockeys are currently being advertised for. The station was noted off the air for a spell on Tuesday last. As a result, here in Blackpool, we were able to clearly hear **Arklow Community Radio** on 1251khz., also, **Centre Radio** in Clonmel.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO. Following recent tests with their FM transmitter, electric storms played havoc and put the station off the air completely. The 1170khz. service returned quickly after the storms, but the main FM was apparently damaged. The latter fed the Longford medium wave transmitter on 1035khz. No further news about this one, but we understand that it is still not back on the air.

LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO. The station was off the air, on 1071khz.AM, recently, but returned and was clearly audible here in Blackpool, during the week.

SIGNAL STEREO 102. A new station from Athlone, first tested on Thursday 26th June and continued until Wednesday 9th July. Official programmes commenced on this date, with about 100 watts. The station broadcasts from new custom-

built studios at Burgess Chambers, Athlone. Current line-up reads....08.00 Paul Winters 12.00 Mark Anthony 16.00 Morris Benson 19.00 Pete Casey 21.00 Jason Ross.

RADIO WEST. The Athlone transmissions on 702khz., are posing a few queries. Reports say that different programmes to 765khz. can be heard. This can be confirmed by us. Transmissions on 101.7mhz. in the week, featured a Paul Richards? Strange things are happening with 'lifts' on FM, bringing in other stations, plus problems with the medium wave transmitter may well be the reason for this mystery.

Our thanks this week to Bob, Sybil, Scott, Richard, Jason, Sean, Kevin, Frank, Paudie, Phil and David.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Two letters from Israel this week, and although they report that the station is off the air, both letters were actually delayed in the post and the news is more than two weeks old. The station is now on the air, as normal, on 1530khz.AM, and 100.0mhz. FM, so if you are holidaying anywhere around there, take your 'tranny' with you and give it a try, then, of course, tell us.

As far as we know, Richard Staines and Ray Sarsfield have now both left the ship, and although we have not had any more contact, other than this letter, we believe that Ray may take up a job, away from radio, in Italy. Richard will no doubt, appear back in Waterford.

Meanwhile, Rob Charles, on his first shore leave, takes time out to let us know what happened with the generators....On Tuesday morning, 10th June, at about 06.30 local time, the main generator broke down and after numerous attempts at trying to get it started, and numerous engineers going out to the ship, it was decided that the ship would have to up-anchor and sail into Ashdod port in order that the thing could be taken off and repaired on land. The ship duly arrived in port on Monday 16th June, and the presenters took the opportunity of having some unofficial shore leave. Five of them were able to 'do the town' leaving one in charge of the vessel. By Monday 23rd June, the main generator had been duly repaired and replaced and the ship was able to sail once again to it's position, three miles off Tel Aviv and resume broadcasting.

The lads have been allowed the unusual priveledge of being able to take a swim around the ship, recently, but even more recently, a strong swell has prevailed and caused a few 'queezy' stomachs on board.

Dave James, now back in England, has been replaced by Mike Darby, Richard Staines by Mark Warner. Three more are awaiting flights to travel out there.

THE "NON-BROADCASTING" SHIPS. No news from these this week.

RADIO CAROLINE. The past seven days have been rather hectic, for both changes in line-up and the station being off and on the air. The week started with a Monday line-up reading....05.00 John Bennett. 09.00 Peter Philips. 13.00 John Dwyar. 17.00 Tony Peters. 21.00 Tony(Mr) Christian. Both channels were off the air from 21.00 till 22.20 app. on Monday. The station closed at mid-night as the previous week. At closedown on Wednesday night, an announcement was made to the effect that aerial maintenance was to be carried out on the following day(Thursday) and that both Caroline and Monique would go off the air at 09.00. However, at 09.00 on Thursday, Tony Christian made an appearance in place of Peter Philips and he continued throughout the rest of the week at this time. The planned close for maintenance did not take place until mid-afternoon and the stations remained off the air, until about 22.20, when unmodulated carriers were heard. No further programming was noted until Friday morning. John Bennett announced during Friday morning's Breakfast Show that the station would probably go off the air between 10.00 and 16.00 for aerial maintenance. However, the station appeared to stay on air, all day and at 21.00, a new female voice was heard, calling herself Jamie King. She carried on until 01.00 on Saturday morning, when Ian Akers took over to complete the weekend 24 hour schedule. At 13.00 on Saturday, Kevin Turner made a 'live' re-appearance, reading the news and followed this with a programme until 17.00. Pat Danton has not been heard reading news since Friday, although, the new Lotto numbers(on tape) are his voice. John Bennett was also last heard on Friday and although Peter Philips has not been heard hosting any programmes recently, he has read the news during the weekend. A new commercial has been aired during the week, for an Arts event called 'The Elephant Fair' to be held at St. Germans in Cornwall on 25th to 27th July. A different advert has also been heard for the Top Forty Roadshow. It would be interesting

to know if the promotion for commercials aired just before the news during the last few weeks, has been the reason for the recent increase in advertising turn-over. Over on 963, 'Overdrive' was hosted till Tuesday by Mark Matthews, still on reduced hours, of 21.00 till mid-night. On Sunday night at 22.00, another in the series of Spin Radio Concerts was aired. On Monday 'Overdrive' was reduced further due to both channels being off air. On Wednesday, an announcement by Ian Akers(who is still spinning Viewpoint tapes) that Caroline Overdrive would now be starting at 21.30 Monday to Friday. On the same night, Tom Anderson made a return to the airwaves and he replaced Mark Matthews for the rest of the week.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. The action has been thin here again this week with nothing much at all, heard at this location. All stations seem to be lying low, following a purge by the DTI, since the announcement of the shelving of the CR Bill. Radio Merseywaves has appeared again, today, like last Sunday, but with a very poor signal, when compared with signals previously put out. Nevertheless, the station seems to have a regular line-up, which they keep reading out, for Sunday, Monday and next Friday. Station boss, Burt Williams, is reputed to be on the air later today. Burt is well known for going into explicit details about goings-on, so his show is a must for later today.

A number of low power FM stations are thought to appear from time to time in the area. Word in from one FM station, Radio Veronica, tells us that they too have had their share of problems, with 'well-dressed' men lurking about in the vicinity of the transmitter and asking questions. It is not known if they were DTI or from Performing Rights, or even from local ILR station, Radio City. Locations become difficult at times like these, as occupants ask the stations to move out. The station tells us that they have some stickers(hopefully re-produced later in the report) and for an SAE, they will gladly send you a couple. They also have all sizes of T-shirts available, in blue, at £3.75 inc P & P., from RV, 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17. (Don't put station names on any UK land-based station's mail, initials are always better). The station operates on 104.7mhz., but often a rival station, Radio Julie operates on 104.8mhz., which makes reception difficult, except in the immediate vicinity.

NORTH WALES. Radio Annabelle's operator tells us that one of their presenters, 'Captain Wakko', who did the 12.00 to 13.00 spot on Sundays is leaving to work over in Ireland, on WKLR for a spell. Current Sunday line-up....10.00 John Martin. 11.00 Ray Clark. 12.00 Les Martin's free radio show. 13.00 Spirit Sisters(alternative music with Jane, Kerry and Mickey). 14.00 Steve Davis. 16.00 Les Martin.

The station is also heard on Thursday evenings from 19.00 till midnight. Current frequency is 94.2mhz.

Both Radio Veronica and Radio Julie were logged in North Wales on car radios last weekend, we understand.

BLACKPOOL. Radio Sunshine was logged this morning on about 97.8mhz. It was logged in Southport.**NORTH DERBYSHIRE.** Word of a new station imminent there, reaches us....Radio KTR 101...stay tuned!

READING. A letter in this week, asks us if there is any action in this area at the present time?

THE SOUTH COAST. Mid-week activity on FM in the Eastbourne area included ABC Radio and Atlantis FM. DTI activity forced early close-downs.

THE LONDON AREA. The same story in this area, with DTI activity intense. Last weekend it was reported by several people that many of the pirates were raided. Alice's Restaurant and KISS FM were both raided last Sunday morning. Some stations had their aerials taken. By Tuesday, Starpoint had returned on 88.6mhz., also LWR. Latest report today tells us that there is nothing audible on the Eastern side of the Capital, although People's Choice' is possibly on somewhere locally, on 103.5mhz., as a relay can be heard on shortwave, 6232khz.

RADIO VERONICA
104.7 MHZ F.M.

MORE MUSIC FOR SOUTH LIVERPOOL

THE No.1. F.M. FREE RADIO STATION IN THE U.K

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....LOG for Sunday 13th July 1986.

6205khz....RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 10.27gmt.
 6206khz....RADIO MARABU, at 09.27gmt.
 6206khz....RADIO SCORPIO, at 11.04gmt.
 6232khz...."PEOPLES CHOICE"(London FM?) at 11.34gmt.
 6240khz....FRS HOLLAND(via Rainbow), at 08.30gmt.
 6240khz....RADIO RAINBOW, at 09.35gmt.
 6258khz....SUPER CLAN RADIO, at 08.25gmt.
 6261khz....SKY WAVE RADIO INT., at 08.30gmt.
 6266khz....unid., (Orion?), at 10.50gmt.
 6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11.02gmt.
 6285khz....unid., at 10.30gmt.
 6293khz....PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE, at 11.17gmt.
 6300khz....unid., at 11.05gmt.
 6305khz....ABC RADIO(Waterford)relayed by Riverside?, at 11.00gmt.
 6319khz....FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO, at 08.10gmt.
 6399khz....RADIO VALLERL, at 08.23gmt.
 7325khz....RADIO 101, at 08.20gmt.

Conditions were very good, particularly early on in the day, and again later. FMTR made a welcome return and tell us that they will be back on air each Sunday from now on, from 08.00 till 11.00gmt. Super Clan Radio mentioned that they may close down as a helicopter was hovering overhead last week, during transmissions.

Some amendments from last Sunday's log....Podney tells us that Radio East Coast Commercial was logged on 6230khz., at 10.02gmt., 4FWS was logged via Delmare at 11.58gmt., with John England's PCRL special, our 'unid.' on 6285khz., was Gamma Radio, logged at 09.06gmt., Weekend Music Radio was also logged on 6294khz., at 11.27gmt.

STOP PRESS NEWS

In view of expected increased pirate activity, equipment is very much in demand. If you have any, you may find that now is the time to part with it. Now Radio Communications are most interested to hear from anyone who has/makes equipment. Give them a call.... 0536 514437. Also a 75/100 watt FM rig is going for about £100 complete...call Mark at 0795 511041.

Radio Merseywaves' owner, Burt Williams has stated in his Sunday afternoon programme that location problems are the main cause of the poor signal and lack of continuity by the station. He blames the main reason as being losing the MW transmitter location. This was really a very good one and had been there for a long time. However things change and the authorities get hot on your heels from time to time, so changes unfortunately have to be made. Let us hope

that the station can get settled once again, because no one wants to hear them vanish off the radio dial at all and that is likely to happen says Burt, if things continue.

Finally this week, word reaches us from the Isle of Man where Peter Madison is to be found. Apart from the odd programme on Manx, Peter can be heard nightly, Tuesday through Sunday, with Nova Gold, at Milnes Disco on Queen's Promenade, from 21.00. All oldies music for the Summer season is forecast. If you are visiting the Isle of Man, call in and say Hello to Peter, tell him, we sent you.

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NO. 116.....20th July 1986.

Not a lot of action to report on this week, but plenty of things to read courtesy of new magazines, but more of that in a minute. For the benefit of new subscribers, **Weekly Report and Cuttings** costs just 30p per week, posted second class to mainland Britain, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man etc., 35p per week posted first class to above, plus to Eire and other EEC countries, and 50p per week posted further afield, by Airmail.

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THE CUTTINGS. For the benefit of people who receive "WR" only, this week, we have on offer, 1 x B4 sheet, reduced down from A3, and packed with the week's news from the papers, including a large piece from a Florida newspaper about Caroline's John Ford, an Irish report about the Cork station, WBEN, being removed from a shopping centre, raids on London pirates from Broadcast and a number of items dealing with the reaction of people/groups since the shelving of the CR Bill. These include reports from the London Standard, Blues and Soul, Campaign, Record Mirror and Sunday Times. Price is just 10p plus an SAE (or 30p without).

NEW MERCHANDISE. As expected, **MONITOR No. 34** arrived early week. A 72 page treat, full of offshore news and much more. The most comprehensive news available and with photos too. Price is £1.50. Regarding back issues, Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33 are £1.25 each, and all earlier issues are just £1.00 each. **FREE RADIO WAVES Issue 6**, is also here. 40 pages this time, packed with hard news and facts from a broader area than covered in other magazines. The price is 90p, despite some handouts stating £1.00. This was an oversight on the part of the editor. Anyone sending us £1.00 will no doubt get a free postcard or similar, thrown in. All back copies are 80p each, however. If you have not already got one, Offshore Echo's Issue 61 is still available, this glossy 44 page issue will cost you £1.80. All the above magazines are in A5 format. And if that is not enough, the July edition of **FRM Magazine** is here as well. An A4 glossy, colour picture cover, but mostly in Dutch, although there is an International section in English and lots of SW logs. Price for this one is £1.60 each. So, there you are, as we said earlier, lots to read this week! On to non-reading material now, and at long last, we can offer the **VOICE OF PEACE Photo Package**, 5 colour, Jumbo, glossy prints taken only a few weeks ago by VOP presenter Pete Jeffries. The five shots show.... the ship on approach, the on-air studio, the production studio, the transmitters and the ship in dock. This set is highly recommended and as well as being up to date, is very colourful and of excellent quality. Price is £2.50 for this fine set of 5 prints. Finally in this section, Caroline T - Shirts are in short supply temporarily, but good news, a new batch of Laser T - Shirts is expected very shortly. As always, watch this space.

Also, still available, International Reply Coupons @ 30p each or 7 for £2.00 and Caroline Colour Postcards and Laser Colour Postcards @ 50 for £5.00 or 100 for £9.00. (The latter two can be mixed if required).

NEW ARRIVALS. The latest issue of **Play-DX, Issue 423** at hand. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano. Mostly Italian, but famous for it's logs. We received a nice T - Shirt in the week from Aircheck Factory, courtesy of Miles Johnston, their Belfast agent. Aircheck Factory are famous for their airchecks of U.S. Radio. They even did a 'Dublin Pirates' aircheck some time ago. Details of what they have to offer can be obtained by enclosing a couple of IRC's and sending your name and address to Tom Konard, Aircheck Acres, Route 1, Wild Rose, Wisconsin, 54984, U.S.A.

CONTACTS GALORE. We're back! No one wanted our services last week, it seems. **Barry Easdon, 20 Windergate, Frizington, Cumbria CA26 3QS** would like to meet up with other people in his area who share the free radio interest. Barry's telephone number is (0946) 812092 and we understand that he is quite into short wave radio also.....**Simon West, 42 Upper Maylins, Jackman's Estate, Letchworth, Herts. SG6 2SA** is most eager to purchase a copy of 'Who's Who In Pop Radio' by Peter Alex from the 1960's. He tells us that he will consider any price as long as the book is complete.

GENERAL CHAT. We understand from 'Monitor' that following promises made at the time of Buster's funeral, a get together is planned for Sunday 28th September 1986. It looks like being very successful, even at this early stage. A large hall has been booked in the Southend on Sea area and what

they want now, is to find out how many people are going to be there. If you would like to attend, please write as soon as possible to Penelope Page, 'Monitor', 31 Avondale Road, Essex SS7 1EH. More details can be found in the current edition of Monitor. Coach trips from the North have been suggested and if anyone can help with the organisation of these, drop us a line here in Blackpool.....Edwin Southwell tells us that Michel Ravigneaux, 21 Rue de la Chatterie, Hannogne Saint-Martin, 08160 Flize, France has various radio station lists available (Pirates, Clandestines, French Language etc.), send for details, enclosing a couple of IRC's....Derek Taylor in Preston tells us that our list of New York Radio Stations, printed a couple of weeks ago (from the New York Post), represented only a fraction of the stations actually in New York. It is possible that the true figure is more like three times the number in our list. Maybe the 'Post' only listed the more powerful ones?.... Jenny Knight of the Caroline Movement (Thanet branch), tells us that they recently held a very successful barbeque at Minnis Bay near Birchington, despite poor weather. They were pleased to welcome Penelope Page and Don Pearson of Monitor, along with Dave Richards and Fiona Jeffries, both ex-Caroline, in the 50 or so gathered there. Approximately £30.00 was raised for funds. CM Thanet's next meeting is on Thursday 31st July at 20.00, at the Prospect Inn. More details from Jenny at (0843) 821112, also about their First Birthday Celebrations at The Grosvenor Club, Margate, on 27th September.....Alan in Essex sent us a cutting from the Romford Recorder, in which, an advert for AJ's Nightclub in Dagenham featured Starpoint's Jude James on Friday and Radio 1's Robbie Vincent on Saturday, both listed on the same advert!!

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RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. Listening during the week at this location has varied from day to day, with excellent results on MW on some days, but a noisy band on others. FM also has varied from good 'lifts' to poor. Medium wave listening was ruined on Saturday morning, once again, by a faulty RTE transmitter. The offender is situated amongst a housing complex, of all places, in the North Dublin suburb of Beaumont. The fault is a common one with this transmitter and often occurs. The medium wave band over a massive area is wiped out with distortion from spurious signals from this 10kw object. (We are about 130 miles from Dublin ourselves). Calls to RTE, complaining of the fault, eventually brought satisfaction, but not before holding conversations with so-called technicians who were not even sure where the transmitter was situated! Following the correction of this major transmitter fault, modulation was noticeably very much lower and remains that way, even a day and a half later. Particularly badly hit was Manx Radio on 1368kHz. This powerful 20kw transmitter, at present a bit low on modulation, as parts are awaited from the States, was wiped out completely, again, over a very wide area. Calls to this station to complain to RTE, were fruitless, as "no technicians are on hand till Monday" was one reply, and "are you sure you are tuned to us" was the other. We understand the interference in Dublin was horrendous. BBC Radio 1 was inaudible during the time. A Dubliner who called RTE to complain, was met with the answer "try calling the Radio Interference Service". He did not, but had he, well, who knows they may have raided the offender!

On now to general Dublin news.....a half-page spread in last week's Sunday World featured Q 102. A 'granny' complete with ear-trumpet seen alongside a girating teenager and the words....'Your granny might not like it, but you do'....Dublin's No.1...15 -24 year old radio station...source: Behaviour and Attitudes, May 1986. We would have normally re-produced this advert, but due to it's size and the mass of black colour on it, we felt it may have overtaxed the printer. Another station calling itself 'Dublin's No. 1' is Sunshine Radio. They have been heard recently advertising as 'coming soon...the all new Sunshine Radio'. The station was logged all day every day recently, right up until last Wednesday, the day the 'all new Sunshine Radio' was due to start. By late afternoon nothing had happened. Then, Kiwi, Pat Courteney took over and it all started. He played "(Bang Zoom) Let's Go Go" by The Real Roxanne and then proceeded to play the record over and over again for two and a half hours, we are told. We lost our presence of mind after tolerating two hours and did ir-repairable damage to the radio set we were listening on, hence were fortunate to hear no more, but we are told

it continued and the aim was to publicise the new 'all American'(Didn't Nova do this?) format. A new American programme director has take over and this stunt was apparently his idea. A similar thing happened in the States, last Christmas, when a discjockey on one station played "Grand-Ma Was Run Over By A Reindeer", 27 times in a row. Needless to say, he was fired! Well, we switched off and have not listened since. We just wonder how many more did the same. No doubt, people will re-tune eventually, we will, just to see what the new format is like! We will monitor the station and report on it's new format next week. Meanwhile, 'considered outsider'(by the competition), ENERGY 103 continue to consolidate their position. Reports from Dublin say that this station is heard more in shops and stores in the city than any other. Their current small trader package deal, has been extended for a further period due to it's resounding success. Additional News readers are being sought and adverts for same have been heard recently. Frequencies for the 'big three' are Sunshine, 531kHz.AM., 100.5, 101.0 and 101.5mhz. FM.....Q 102, 819kHz.AM, 102.1 and 103.5mhz.FM.....Energy 103, 738kHz.AM and 103.0mhz.FM.

Liberties Local Community Radio were logged at this location today with the best AM signal yet, on 1035kHz. Modulation was particularly high. FM 'Stereo 104' and 107 was heard mentioned. Reports of these two have come in, on 104.4 and 107.2mhz., locally with the latter and as far away as Dungannon with the former.

Other stations heard here, and locally in Dublin over the last ten days.... Southside Radio, on 106.1mhz., K104, on 104.5mhz., Hospital Radio on 97.3mhz., Radio Galaxy each weekend on 1530kHz., Caroline Dublin, on 98.5mhz., Ballymun Community Radio on 98.5mhz., Charisma, on 98.1mhz. and Radio Ringsend for the festival week, on 1530kHz., and 98.45mhz. A religious station, playing all American religious tapes, has been noted locally with poor modulation on 1458kHz., each evening. Tallaght Community Radio(formerly Wonderland Radio) has been logged in Blackpool on 1359kHz., and can be heard locally also, on 91.9mhz.

A number of breaks in transmission have been noted on FM on Q and Sunshine and others. North and South of Dublin, Community Radio Fingal on 1575kHz., and WLCB in Wicklow, on 1584kHz., have been missing from time to time.

Moving North now, from Dundalk, John writes with a most comprehensive log of AM and FM stations received there. Thank you for this, very welcome, believe us. He tells us that KCR can still be heard on 97.85mhz., from Kilcurry, one and a half miles North of Dundalk. A homemade sticker has been sent for re-production(space permitting). No news about CLR 104, in the same town, although a blank carrier on 103.85mhz. is thought to possibly be them. Three of the four Boyneside Radio FM transmissions have been logged here recently, 100.1(Drogheda, with a much improved signal), 98.1(Kells) and 99.1mhz.(Drogheda link). On trying the fourth, 101.2mhz.(to the North), we were only able to receive Community Radio Wexford on this channel, and talking about them, their off-channel medium wave transmitter was off air on Friday and North Dublin Community Radio could be clearly heard on 1008kHz., without the dreadful off-channel howl usually expected to be heard. Why ever does the station not sort this transmitter out? The interference can be heard over a very wide area.

From Cork City, Siobhan confirms that Radio ERI are well and truly back on air. Paul Graham in Leicester says it is loud and clear there at many times during the day, despite ILR occupying the same channel. It is understood that the station is still using it's Continental Electronics transmitter on 1305kHz. FM frequency is not sure, as yet. Reports have it that South Coast Radio in the same city has been sold to someone else, who plans to move the studios in the next few weeks. WBEN continue on 98.2mhz., and 1386kHz., despite some problems with an outside broadcast recently(see cuttings). No reports of receiving WBEN in the U.K. are at hand, although, we feel it will only be a matter of time, as Keith York their engineer, seeks to get optimum performance from the modest transmitter on 1386kHz.

In Mullingar, Radio West were without Phil Hilton for today's free radio programme. Phil was away on holiday and his place was taken by the very well known voice, Bob Gallico. Bob handled the show in his usual professional manner. He played excerpts from Radio Nova's "Sixty second theatre" and his own "The Time of My Life" show, in addition to dealing with the week's news and gossip, ably supported by 'Captain

West'.

"Dave Murphy, the manager of Midway Radio in Mullingar writes with news of this fairly new station....Response from the public for this just over two months old station, has far exceeded expectations, no doubt, due to the sound quality emitting therefrom, the easy-listening format and close listener/broadcaster relationship. The quality of the signal on domestic receivers is reported to be quite excellent, due to the sophisticated audio processing equipment in use. Morale amongst the presenters is high and every encouragement is given to each presenter to develop his/her own particular style on the air. The current music format is Irish and American Country, Irish Traditional, National and International Folk, Hits of the 60's, Ballads, Jazz and miscellaneous light entertainment. No heavy metal, new wave or disco music is played. The audience consists of mainly over 25 year olds, a mature, selective and critical one. To date, the station has been singularly successful in attracting this type of listener. During the first nine weeks of broadcasting, no fewer than 52 different advertisers have been heard on the station, some from as far as 20/25 miles away. They believe that the station has the listenership that counts. At present, the station has eight presenters, two of them involved in the news team, and three advertising representatives, and operate from a pre-fab unit, which has been modified to include reception area, news and interview room, advertising and jingle production room, record and tape library and main studio.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports at hand this week, but news reaches us that Keith Lewis is leaving today. Only five presenters remain there, they are Chris (The Boy) Pearson, Dave Shearer, Mark Warner, Mike Darby and Rob Charles. Replacements are on the way, next Sunday actually, and expected to join are yet another ex ABC Radio(Waterford) presenter, Stuart Clark and Tim Scrimshaw. Both transmitters are functioning correctly at this point in time.

OTHER 'RESTING/NOT YET MADE IT' SHIPS. No news to report, and like 'Monitor' wrote in the latest issue....'we don't intend to speculate'.

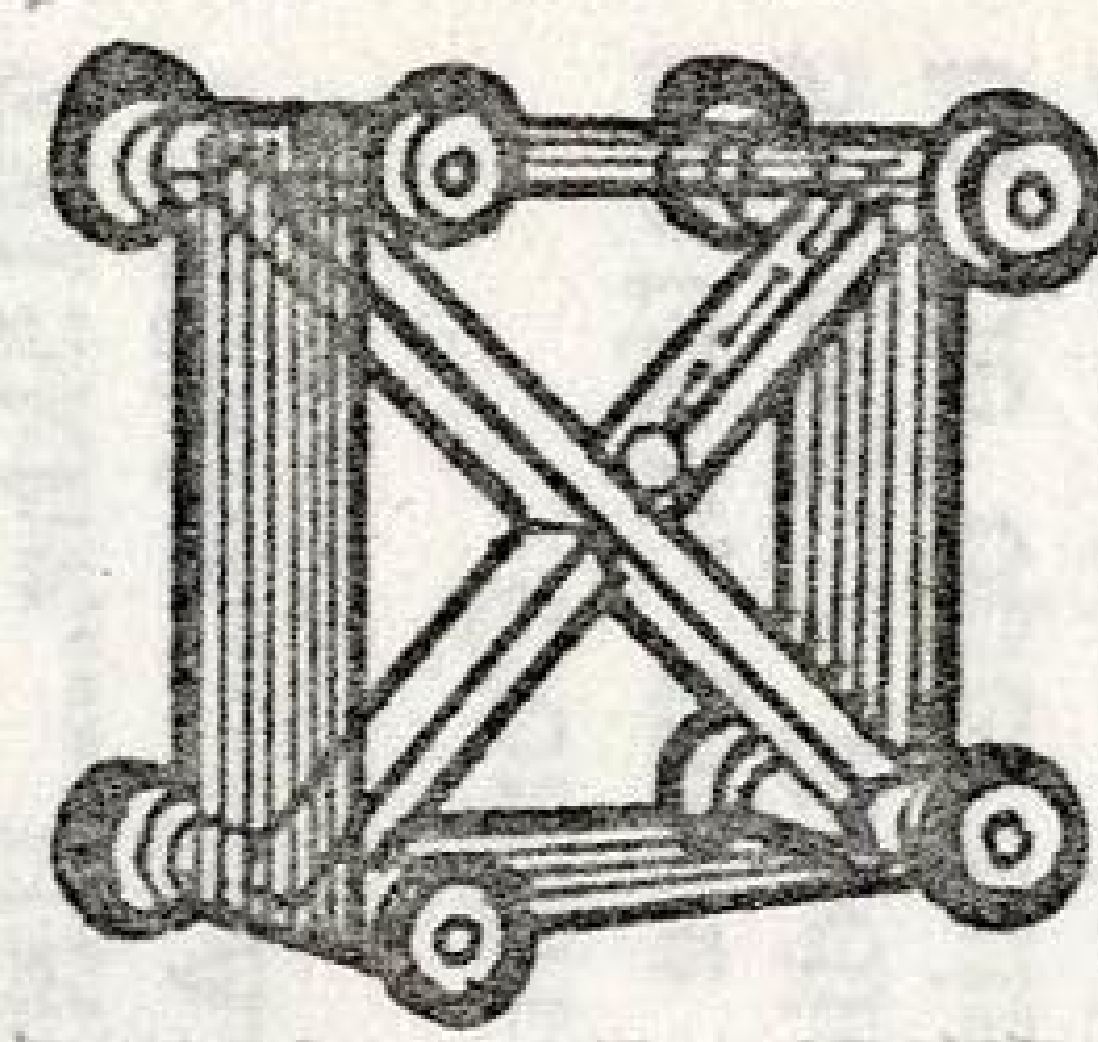
RADIO CAROLINE. A steady line-up has been noted this week, Monday to Friday....05.00 Kevin Turner. 09.00 Tony Christian. 13.00 John Dwyar. 17.00 Tony Peters. 21.00 Jamie King. 01.00 Ian Akers. Ian did till 02.00 during the week, and till 05.00 at the weekend. Peter Philips has been reading the morning news and Jamie King the afternoon news. Tony Christian was last heard on Friday and is apparently due to come off the ship, as is John Dwyar, although he has done the Breakfast Show on Saturday and Sunday. Peter Philips has done programmes during the weekend also, at 13.00 each day. The station has been closing down again early. Another new advert has been noted, again for a music festival, this time for "Seaside '86 Festival", to be held at Veurne, in Belgium, on Saturday 2nd August.

The D.J.'s have apparently been harassed during the last few days by pigeons and flies, according to some on-air comments.

Over on 963khz., Tom Anderson continued to present 'Overdrive' from the new week-day starting time of 21.30. On Wednesday, Tony Peters finished the show, as Tom was rather tired. Normal extended hours of programming were once again noted at the weekend, and at 01.00 today, a repeat of the "Green on Red" concert was aired.

A letter in during the week criticised Caroline for splitting up 'The American Christian Countdown' programme, which is normally broadcast as a two hour show elsewhere, into four segments of 30 minutes. These were then played on consecutive nights, Tuesday to Friday. Having said that, the programme has not been noted this week, in its place has been non-stop country music, or oldies.

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RIVIERA 104(ITALY). A report from Dave in Bedford, whose business recently took him across to Switzerland and Italy, tells us that all along Lake Geneva, KTFM on 89.2mhz., was the big station with KTFM Ricardo 89.2 Posters plastered everywhere. On arrival in Camporosso Mare, Dave found Riviera, eventually, and the station was thriving as expected. The line-up remained more or less the same, with Dave Windsor, Alton Andrews, Richard Astbury, Daavid Fortune and Lawrence John in the line-up.(What has happened to Chris Barry?). Plenty of adverts were noted, however. Space permitting we may reproduce a photo of one of the presenters, later, courtesy of Dave. A report in this week, tells us that Riviera 104 was received during a 'lift' in Leeds recently, by a radio enthusiast. Finally, Dave tells us that Radio Nova continues with just music and jingles, as it has done for a long time now. As stated in earlier reports, the planned take over and re-launch of the station never took place.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Well, it still seems a starved area for the time being and as far as we know, only three stations have been on the air with any power enabling them to be logged here in Blackpool. They are Radio Merseywaves which was logged this weekend on 1242khz., again, with a poor signal and audio, when compared with their past performances. On FM, Radio Veronica was logged yesterday with an excellent signal here, on 104.7mhz., as was Julie FM(or Radio Julie), and again today, on the adjacent channel of 104.8mhz. Apparently, one comes from one side of the river and one from the other, and although this may be acceptable there, once listeners away from the city, try to tune in, only good selective receivers can cope with the two adjacent signals, and less selective ones only manage to receive a mixture of the two. Maybe it would be a good idea if the two stations got together and agreed to move their respective channels apart a little. Radio Veronica can be contacted at 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP and Radio Julie at 15 Pitch Close, The Crofters, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR.

Les in Liverpool tells us that last Wednesday(16th), a station calling itself J Sound Radio, was logged locally on 103.5mhz., between 19.00 and 20.00. Dave Ross was the D.J. and station info can be obtained from Dave Ross(no station name on envelopes please), 156 Avondale Drive, Hough Green, Widnes, Cheshire.

NORTH WALES. Radio Annabelle continues on 92.4mhz.(not 94.2 as printed last week, sorry). Thursday evening and Sunday operation here.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL have been logged all week in this area, on about 103.5/7mhz. FM.

THE SOUTH COAST. No immediate reports of today's on-air activities, but a report of a recent court case involving Radio Veronica, who were raided in the Sussex area, on 13th April, by the DTI. One member of staff was caught 'in the act' and duly summoned to appear before Eastbourne Magistrates on 8th July.

In court, the DTI said their bit, that all they wanted was the transmitter and aerial, which they duly got, and the station got the rest of the gear back, including 12v battery, mast, tape recorder and tools.

If anyone in Sussex is active in this field, watch out for a brown Maestro with a registration number of B636 WYU, with five aerials on it.

THE LONDON AREA. The scene is still rather quiet in this area too, with only two stations reported by Thursday last, in the Essex region. They were London Weekend Radio and London Greek Radio. Last weekend, in the Surrey area, only LWR on 92.1mhz., and KISS FM on 95.3mhz., were noted. Today, again in the Essex area, only TKO, LWR, KISS-FM and LGR were noted, with TKO going off altogether, after an early start.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS.

A number of amendments to last week's log, courtesy of Podney R. Sixe in Cornwall.....Radio Delmare was logged 6206kHz., at 09.02gmt., Riverside Radio on 6210kHz., at 12.04gmt.(we logged this earlier on 6205kHz.), Trans-Europe Radio was relayed by Radio Orion on 6266kHz., at 08.38gmt., Falcon Radio on 6275kHz., at 10.35gmt., our 'UNID.' on 6285kHz., at 10.30gmt., was reported as Gamma Radio(at 09.17gmt.) and KBC Radio was relayed by Radio 101 on 7325kHz., at 09.53gmt.

LOGS FOR Saturday 19th July.

6210kHz....ABC Radio(Waterford), probably relayed by Riverside, at 12.00.

6240kHz....Radio Orion, at 10.37gmt.

LOGS FOR SUNDAY 20th JULY 1986.

6200kHz....RADIO R.I.D.ICULOUS, at 10.13gmt.

6205kHz....FRS HOLLAND, at 08.45gmt.

6215kHz....UNID., at 10.41gmt.

6221kHz....UNID., at 09.40gmt.

6230kHz....RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11.03gmt.

6240kHz....RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL, at 09.53gmt.

6240kHz....RADIO PRIVAT, at 11.26gmt.

6261kHz....SKYWAVE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 10.14gmt.

6266kHz....RADIO ORION, at 11.45gmt.

6270kHz....RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 09.40gmt.

6280kHz....WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 11.52gmt.

6285kHz....GAMMA RADIO, at 10.24gmt.

6293kHz....PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE, at 10.04gmt.

6295kHz....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12.20gmt(QSO).

6305kHz....UNID., at 10.00gmt.

6310kHz....RADIO IRELAND INTERNATIONAL, at 12.10gmt.

6320kHz....FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO, at 08.30gmt.

7315kHz....UNID.(French), at 09.55gmt.

7325kHz....RADIO 101, at 09.58gmt.

Conditions were fair today. Radio Sovereign, a new station, gave out an address of 5 Balaclava Road, Surbiton, Surrey. Radio Ireland, according to our receiver, seemed to be operating above 6310kHz., maybe 6313kHz. Did anyone else notice this?

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Every week varies and this week we find ourselves with an abundance of radio station promotional material for re-printing. Obviously we are limited for space, so we can only print a certain amount. Will everyone receiving "Weekly Report" by post, please check that there is nothing left in their envelope, once the report has been taken out. A number of correspondents recently have reported odd things missing. The most common one being the subscription reminder slip, which is sent with everyone's final issue. The problem is partly ours for a number of reasons....the slips are small, so as to save on postage if sent abroad....all items within the envelope are not always put in together, depending on the workload at this end, hence often come out of the envelope the same way, that is, in bits and pieces. For everyone's sake, please just check the envelope before discarding.

"Weekly Report and Cuttings" costs just 30p per week, posted second class to mainland Britain, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. It costs 35p per week posted first class to the above places, and also to the Republic of Ireland and all other EEC countries. Outside of these areas, it costs 50p per week posted Air Mail. Subscriptions will be taken for just as many weeks as people wish.

For the benefit of those who still only get the report, this week's cuttings sheet is a single B4 sheet, reduced down from A3 and containing....two pieces from the Cork press about Radio ERI and their continuing problems, news about Energy and Nova from the Irish nationals, part of an interview with Chris de Burgh, about Irish local radio, from The Sunday Tribune, more about the shelving of CR from Broadcast and Campaign, news from an unknown South Coast(UK) paper about the DTI's bids to track down pirate activity there, a piece from a Norwegian newspaper featuring Stevie Gordon, who is pictured watching the recent Royal Wedding on television, and a filler from a Dutch newspaper about Monique(unfortunately, in Dutch). The price for this action-packed sheet is just 10p plus an SAE, or 30p without the SAE.

NEW MERCHANDISE. <TX> The Rebel Radio Guide, Issue 7(July 1986) is now in stock here. Priced at £1.25, this A5 magazine has 36 pages, including several pages of photographs and many illustrations. Highly recommended for anyone even only remotely interested in the London pirate scene. Very thorough and well worth getting. Top sellers this week are Free Radio Waves Issue 6(90p and excellent value), Monitor 34(£1.50 and recommended), Offshore Echo's Issue 61(£1.80 and not many left, we are sorry to say), Voice of Peace Photo Package(5 colour prints for £2.50). Awaiting further supplies....Laser T-shirts, Caroline T-shirts, Monique T-shirts, Monique stickers, Top 500 Wall Posters, Broadcasting from the High Seas book. Orders will be accepted for these items, but there will be a slight delay before goods can be despatched.

If anyone wants a further copy of our sales list, or maybe a copy for a friend who may be interested in buying some of our merchandise, please feel free to request one at any time, or tell us your friend's name and address. Order forms are enclosed with each list.

NEW ARRIVALS. Now Radio Newsletter, Issue 7 arrived bang on time, midweek. 20 pages in this issue and all very interesting for enthusiast and broadcaster alike. A sample copy costs just £1.00 from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 ONW. **Radiotelex Issue 78**, 4 pages x A4 of shortwave news and logs. Recommended. A sample copy can be obtained from ourselves for 40p. With it you will receive details of subscriptions. **Media**

Monitor Issue No. 32(July 24th), 28 pages x A5 format with news of pirate and legal activity. A sample copy will cost 50p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.

CONTACTS GALORE. Just three this week....Wanted...Quality FM recording of Energy 103 7-Up Concert of 23rd July, featuring Tom Petty. Will purchase or send blank tape for copy...Howard Croft, 261 Ainsworth Road, Bury, Lancashire BL8 2LP.....Wanted... 7-Up Concert featuring Pat Benatar, FM recording only...Dept GH, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE.....Wanted.... black, specialist music programmes from all over the world(blues, jazz, soul, r & b etc.), write to Rob Chapman, 5 Latham Street, Brigstock, Kettering, Northants. NN14 3HD.

GENERAL CHAT. Pin Magazine tell us that they are a wee bit disappointed that no British station is making use of their mail drop/P.O. Box service. What you have to do is this....Send them DM 10(a note of this type can be obtained at any bank or Thomas Cook office), no IRC's or other currency notes please. You may then use the address for your station. Tell them when you want your mail sent on(weekly, two weeks, monthly, when there is, say 20 letters, or whatever). Tell them how you want it sent on(20 reception report letters will cost DM 4.50 sent as a letter or DM 1.90 sent as a small packet). You only pay for postage and packing, but your DM 10 will soon dwindle if you receive a lot of mail, so it might be an idea to send more

in this case. All names and addresses are strictly confidential. Their address in the first instance, is PIN, Postfach/P.O. Box 22 03 42, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany. THIS ORGANISATION IS VERY RELIABLE. They go on to tell us that anyone writing to a station with the above address, can put the full radio station name on the envelope as every letter with the term 'Radio' is put in their box. (Sounds a bit like Box 539 in Blackpool!)

Finally, with the decent weather, a number of boat trips are currently running sightseers out to view the Ross Revenge. We have details of reliable trips which can be yours for an SAE.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. "The ghost of Nova returns" A call taken in our absence last Sunday evening at 20.30, and described as 'an emergency' indicated that 'Radio Nova' would return on 819khz., at 23.00 that evening. A second call at 00.30 later that night, asked if we had it recorded. We explained that we had been out and enquired who was making the call. No names were given and the caller hung up. A quick check revealed Q 102 operating normally on 819khz. The following day at just after 13.00, we received yet another call, this time from Q 102, asking if we knew what was going on, as Radio Nova jingles were being played on 819khz., instead of normal Q 102 programmes, which could be heard on FM only, at that time. Along with the Nova jingles, promos for our company were heard, and then after about 10/15 minutes, a short message indicating that 'Radio Nova' would return at 23.00 that evening (Monday). Normal Q programmes then followed. Nothing un-toward was noted at 23.00, although some deviation of the meter was noted at this location, indicating that the 'phantom' may have been making an attempt to break into the link again. It was a generally known fact that Q 102 were having some problems with their UHF link to the medium wave transmitter and were at that time using a VHF link. At some later stage the following day, further interference was experienced and Q's transmitter engineer hurriedly headed for the transmitter site. A person with a rucksack and a bicycle was spotted holding a home-made dipole in the close vicinity of the site, and whilst he was unable to be apprehended, he was pursued and dropped equipment consistent with apparatus needed to carry out such interference. No further problems have been encountered and we understand that the UHF link is now back in action. On the Radio West programme today, the 'Phantom' had the gall to phone the station and say he would be back later with 'Nova's ghost'. He went on to say that Q had not restored the UHF link and were still operating the VHF one, which he intended to interrupt again. Whilst many people were very fond of Radio Nova and never wanted it to die, this type of action can not be condoned.

Q 102 continue to advertise fairly heavily and following their recent survey are dwelling on the good results therefrom, which is hardly surprising. An advertisement in last week's Sunday World, in addition to featuring the station logo, had the following to say....."When you listen to Q 102, do you ever wonder who is talking to you?.....Does Greg Gaughran really drive a Porsche?...What time does Mike EYE-IN-THE-SKY Hogan get up in the morning?...Is Scottie Williams really on loan from the Starship Enterprise?....Al Dunne at

lunchtime,...Henry in the afternoon,...Your boy, Jase, at night and John Kenny too....Dave Kelly, Aidan Leonard and John Power at the weekend....Find out the answers and meet the Q-team every week in the Sunday World". So it looks like we are about to be treated to something every week.

According to reports heard on the air, **ENERGY 103** are also featured in a current magazine, but as yet, we have not seen this one. Latest voice heard on promos/adverts....Tony Allan! Several competitions are currently running and chances of big prizes are being offered. An £800 Holiday is going to be given away next Friday, by Gareth O'Callaghan, during his afternoon show. Apparently the station has received thousands of entries for this one. The very popular John O'Hara returned to his early evening spot last Monday, following holidays, and stand-in presenter, Alan Burns(Radio Caroline's David Andrews), has moved to the later 01.00 to 06.00 spot. A new news-reader has been heard this weekend. Her name is Cathy Kelly and despite a few problems with the equipment, is a first class reader. The August Bank Holiday will see an "All Time Top 100" featured. Listening on a regular basis, it is plainly obvious that the station has a full advertising log, which is not surprising, as advertisers would be very keen to take up an opening offers the station has and at the same time get their message over to a maximum number of listeners. This station must be one of the few which sounds as good with weekend presenters as it does during the week. Derek Jones, Barry Falvey and Brian Lambert have been listened to most of late.

At this point, time to offer our congratulations to ex-presenter/newsreader Kathy Quinn, and her husband, Ian(member of the popular Dublin group, Regent Street), on the birth of their first child. Kathy, of Mexican origin, was notable for her distinctive accent on the air(not to mention her distinctive get up, when out giving away £10.00 to lucky Nova listeners!).

Having listened non-stop to **Sunshine Radio** now for one whole week, we can safely say that the new format is working. However, we cannot help but think that the station has lost a massive number of listeners due to this change. Gone is the comprehensive news, gone are the D.J.'s I.D.'s, gone are the specialist programmes. Why? What prompted this? Q 102's recent survey? Energy 103's sudden surge forward? It is without doubt that the 'Community Radio Portmarnock' image is finished and the station has really stepped into the big league. Our guess is that the lost listeners will tune to **North Dublin Community Radio** and the gained listeners will come from Q and Energy. So, now we have three real super-pirates, all surging ahead, neck and neck at present. As regards power on medium wave, Sunshine are ahead, without question, followed by Energy, then Q. As for listeners, Sunshine say they are number 1, but so too, do Q, who go on to substantiate their claims with figures. Energy say nothing, they just get on with the job in hand.

The news format on Sunshine is quite bewildering. By twiddling the dial, one can receive three bulletins in twelve minutes! Q are first at 2/3 minutes to the hour, Energy are conventional, on the hour, Sunshine are at ten minutes past the hour!!! Only time will tell, the outcome lies in the future.

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special' on Bank Holiday Mondays. KISS FM are no exception, as next week (the Irish Bank Holiday) they plan to play the top 100 favourite love songs, as sent in by listeners, from 18.00 till midnight, with Declan Dempsey and John Dunne. Heard daily, weekdays, "Sounds Different" from 11.00 till 15.00, with David Baker... 'Exclusive Music to KISS'.

Other Dublin stations noted locally.... Ringsend Community Radio on 98.4 and 1512khz., Radio Caroline Dublin on 98.5 and 105.4mhz., Southside Radio on 106.2mhz., K 104 on 104.7mhz., Ballymun Local Radio on 98.6mhz., Tallaght Community Radio on 91.8mhz., and 1359khz.

Finally, Capitol Radio have been heard advertising T-shirts, celebrating four years on the air.

Going outside Dublin now, Brian Buckley in Dungannon logged a new station, on 107.35 (the highest channel in Ireland yet), on Friday, with programmes and adverts. An 0405 telephone code was logged. On checking the Dublin directory, the area was Enfield/Innfield, on the Dublin to Mullingar road and on the County Meath/Kildare border. No further details are at hand.

Jeff Richards writes and tells us that in Naas, Co, Kildare, Zee 104 is imminent, although, not as yet on the air. The only station in the area is KCR (Kildare Community Radio) in Naas, despite threats of three or four stations about to set up.

In Athlone, Jason Ross writes and tells us that Signal 102 Stereo FM has now increased power to 250 watts. The programming format is "Non-stop hot hits" revolving around constant music sweeps of 3/4/5 records, with various I.D. logos, like "We play the hottest hits", "We play more music", "All hit/All music radio", "The hot rockin' 102", "Setting the Pace" (you'll have Jason Maine joining!) and "Rockin' the Midlands". Reaction to the new station is described as favourable. This is the first time a country station has tried the Nova/Energy/Q/WBEN format. Advertising is coming in steadily as a result, and adverts for Ginkels, Lord Bellamys, Murtaghs and Reflex in Athlone town are all regularly heard.

Word from Ballinasloe in County Galway, (the next town Westwards from Athlone) tells us that Candy Radio is apparently more than a rumour. The station looks likely to come from Society Street in the town.

Radio West's free radio programme today at 11.00 featured once again today, Bob Gallico, in place of the holidaying Phil Hilton. It was most certainly one of the most interesting shows yet, with Bob's humour and Captain West's fumbling all adding to the already interesting content. Phone calls during the show came from the 'hardfaced' Nova phantom (not relayed over the air), Gerry Byrne from Big 'M' Community Radio, who told us all about things in the Castleblayney area and the likeable Heady Eddie of Boyneside Radio fame. Eddie came prepared, with lots of 50p coins which he fed into his local call box at a rapid rate. He told us about his 'phantom' of some years back, who used to intercept the Dublin relay of Boyneside Radio, each evening and broadcast some excellent programmes to the Dublin area. He, too, was never caught.

Down country, in Cork, the action continues with RADIO ERI desperately trying to regain their past glory. According to the newspapers (see cuttings) a lot of problems are being

encountered with interference, although in an expensively produced colour, glossy hand-out from the station, they say that their transmitters are the Rolls Royce of transmitters and do not cause any interference. Having said that, the number of mistakes within this brochure is amazing. The brochure goes on to mention ex-Nova's George Talbot, as being one of the team, their new advertising campaign, "FLY ERI", ERI being 'born in the USA' (based on USA stations, whereas previously being based on UK ILR stations), ERI being sold to a Cork-based consortium, lots of other interesting things like planning permission and aerial construction. It is just possible that the station has had a large quantity of these brochures printed and if someone was to send in an SAE (A4 size) they would receive one in return. Don't send them English stamps! An IRC would be needed from the UK. The station address.... Radio ERI, 26/27 South Mall, Cork, Eire.

WBEN continues and latest news from there tells us that ex-WLS Music Radio (Galway), presenter, Pam Wilson, has joined the station and presented her first programme last Sunday morning from 06.00 till 10.00. Nightly phone-ins from 23.00 till mid-night and from 01.00 till 02.00 are proving very popular. Their latest stickers are re-produced below. Station address is 4 Cook Street, Cork, Eire.

South Coast Radio in the same city is recruiting new staff and a small advert can be seen in cuttings. Only four members of the original staff have been kept on since the station was taken over recently.

Our thanks this week to Jeff, Jason, Bob, Scott, Andy, Joe and Jane, Siobhan, Kieran, David, Derek and others for supplying the week's news.

RIVIERA 104 (Italy). Keen listeners to IRN news in the week would hear the voices of this station's Alton Andrews and Dave Windsor with live reports on raging forest fires in that area of Italy/France. Current line-up on the station reads.... 06.00 Dave Windsor. 09.30 Daevid Fortune. 13.00 Rick James. 16.30 Alton Andrews. 20.00 Chris Barry. 00.00 Non-stop music. Programme director is still Lawrence John. The station is awaiting spares for the transmitter and modulation, as a result is rather low at the present time.

SEALAND. Anyone watching Wogan last Friday but one would see Roy and Joan Bates of Sealand, who said that they were about to grant licences to three "Community radio stations". They said that since Sealand was an independent state, this would be perfectly legal.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Just a phone call from that area this week, tells us that everything is running well. Current presenters out there are Stuart

Radio Midway



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Tel. 044-42703 (studio)
044-42702 (advertising).

MW 200 mtrs.
FM 104.7 MHZ
1494 KHZ (Mullingar Area)

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

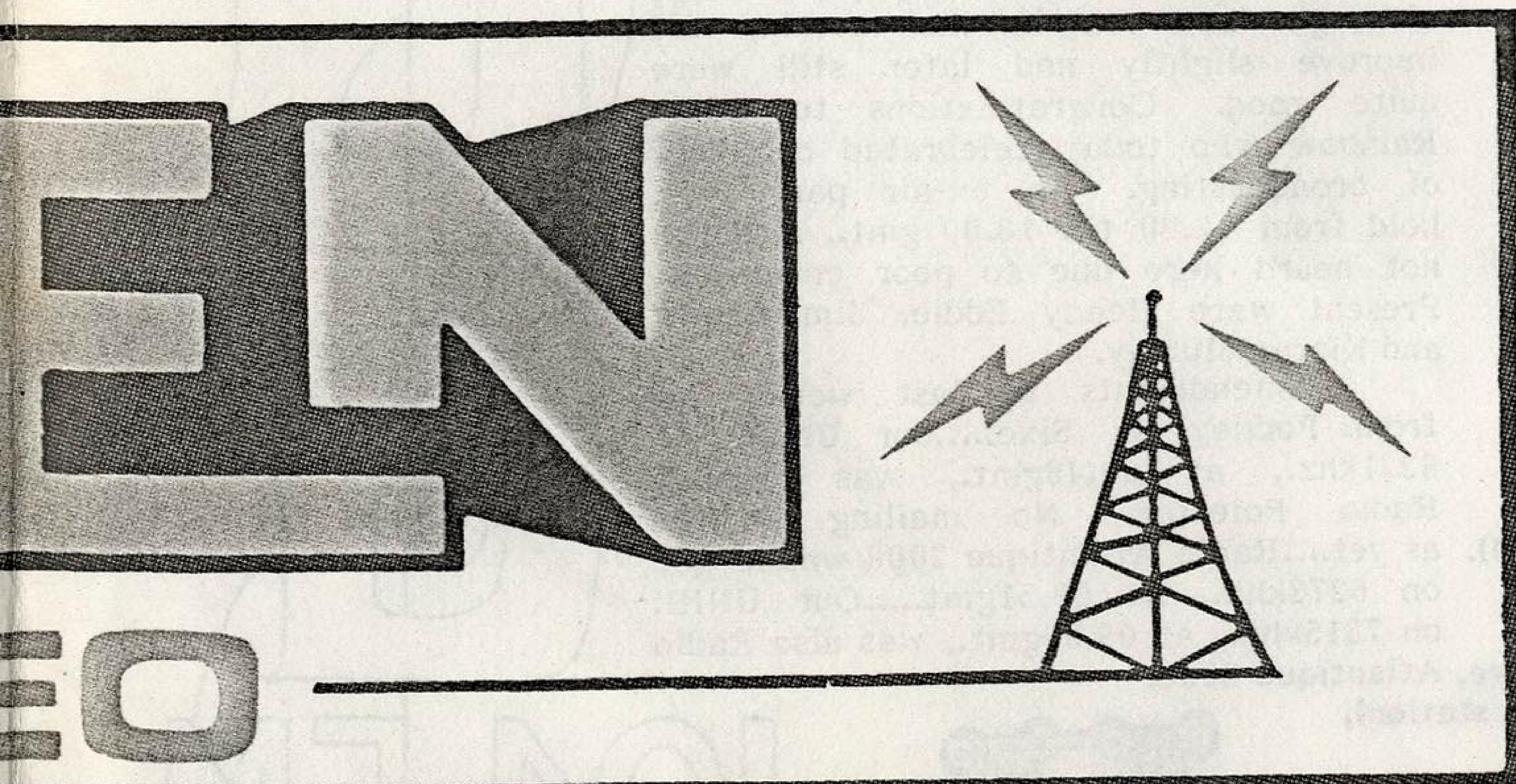
9.00—Gerry Connell - Country and Irish Requests.
11.30—Dave Murphy - Ballads, Country & Crack.
2.00—Mike Young - Country and 60's Music.
5.00—Terry Martin - Swing-ing 60's and Radio Snooker.
6.00 Dave & Colm Mac - Traditional Show "All The Way".
7.00—Martin King - King of Country
10.00—Closedown.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY

Same as above except
7.00—Steve Jones - All American Show.
MONDAY/SATURDAY
Hourly News Bulletin and Sports presented by Ann Dwyer.

SUNDAY

9.00—Mike's Sunday Best
12.00—Ceili Traditional Programme (Dave & Colm Mac).
3.00—Fabulous Sounds Of 60's and Radio Snooker Finals (Terry Martin Production).
6.00—Midway Folk with Colm Mac
7.00—J.R.'s Country Special
10.00—Closedown



him without it.... Midway disc jockey Gerry Carroll loves his job so much that he sometimes sleeps in the station.... And even the guard dogs stay clear of Gerry at night in case he bites them.... Artistic temperament y'know.... And talking of Midway, Terry Martin is gone to pot lately altogether... In his new game, that is... Ever heard of Radio Snooker?... Tune into Midway and hear all about it... Great stuff... Believe Terry's brother is the brains behind the game... Certainly right on cue when he thought of it.... That's probably the worst pun I've ever used.... what's all this I hear about someone seeing

Clark(ex ABC Waterford), Tim Shepherd, Mark Warner, Mike Darby, Rob Charles(ex Radio West), David Shearer and Chris Pearson(ex Caroline).

OTHER SHIPS(Not broadcasting). No news from Spain about the Nannell, nor from Harwich about the Communicator. In Holland, the Magda Maria still languishes in port as the never ending court cases go on and on. Incidentally, it is five years ago this weekend since the short-lived Radio Paradijs broadcasts on 1107khz., which were abruptly interrupted here when a Liverpool pirate opened up and commenced broadcasting on the same channel.(Thanks to Peter for jogging our memories with that one).

CAROLINE. Staff off the ship....Ian Akers, John Dwyar and Tony Christian. Replacements...John Lewis and Dave James. The line-up on Monday continued throughout the rest of the working week, until the usual weekend changes. It was....05.00 John Lewis. 09.00 Peter Philips. 13.00 Kevin Turner. 17.00 Tony Peters. 21.00 Jamie King. The station closed at midnight on Monday, but continued until 02.00 during the rest of the week. A new presenter, Dave James(ex Voice of Peace), has been heard hosting the 01.00 till 02.00 slot, extending through until 05.00 at the weekend. Traffic news has been re-introduced during the John Lewis Breakfast Show and Kevin Turner replaced Peter Philips reading the news during the morning. Kevin has also read the Monique International News at 08.30. Jamie King continued to read the afternoon bulletins as last week. Problems with broken headphones during the week appeared to be eventually solved on Saturday by the use of Araldite and following this, Kevin Turner was heard to say he had got himself stuck to the excess glue on the headphones. Different commercials have been heard for both the 'Seaside '86' Concert in Belgium and the 'Camp Beaumont Adventure Holiday'. The one new advert heard this week, was a special reduced price offer for Radio Caroline listeners, for a two night stay during Bank Holiday Weekend at the Norfolk Plaza Hotel, at Hyde Park, courtesy of 'Touch of Class Tours'. There was no change on Caroline Overdrive, as the shows on 963khz., continued to be hosted by Tom Anderson each evening at 21.30 until 02.00, except for Monday, when the station closed at midnight.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. It is the same story this week from this city with just three audible stations. **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242khz., have been heard each weekend and this weekend is no exception. Their signal is still not a patch on what it used to be, but this is due to a differently sited transmitter which is putting out a poor signal to the North of the city. However in other areas it is known to be very good. Their current address remains as RMW, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L44 1AU(No station names on UK landbased mail, please). **Radio Veronica** on 104.7mhz. are currently loud and clear here, and may have been on the air in excess of it's recent weekend schedule. Their address is RV, 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP. Stickers are available on receipt of an SAE. Tshirts are too, at £3.75 each, in the usual sizes. **Radio Julie** on 104.8mhz., are very close to the above, but can still be clearly heard here in Blackpool. Their address is RJ, 15 Pitch Close, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR. Full station lineups are available, courtesy of Tim Jackson in Liscard and anyone sending 10p to us can avail themselves of a copy of the Merseyside Free Radio Scene sheet, which we will include within next week's report. Finally, Tim mentions an unidentified station last Sunday night on 105.8/9mhz., with continuous music.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL continue on about 103.6ish mhz.FM., although were missing for a couple of days in the week, and did not return till late on Friday. Most reports in from the Midlands area mention the station so, quite good power is being used, it would appear.

SCUNTHORPE. WLNG 104, P.O. Box 32, Scunthorpe, South Humberside appear fairly regularly, and have done now for about a year or so. Local bands are featured quite a lot and a number of advertisers have been heard. A newsletter is reputed to exist and we look forward to receiving one some time in the future.

THE SOUTH COAST. The DTI seem determined to eliminate this pocket of high activity(see cuttings this week). Despite this, **Radio Sovereign** can be heard each Sunday from 08.00 till 18.00 on 105.0mhz. **Radio Atlantis** are on the air every other Sunday from 19.00 till 21.00 on the same channel. **ABC Radio** was raided three weeks ago, although all the equipment has been recovered and no-one was caught, so that is good news there. Last Sunday, the DTI were actually waiting for them to arrive at the location at 18.20 in time for 19.00 start. An alternative site was found, and a loop tape was put out at 21.00, informing listeners of what had happened. The station hope to be back on air today, from 19.00, on 105.3mhz. A medium wave test was planned for last Friday at 22.00, on 1611khz., with 10 watts from an excellent location. No reports are as yet at hand.

THE LONDON AREA. In Surrey, last weekend, **People's Choice** was monitored on 103.6mhz.(this station is sometimes relayed on SW, it is today, in fact), **TKO** on 90.9mhz., **London Weekend Radio** on 92.1mhz. and **KISS FM** on 95.3mhz. In depth station details and logs can be found in <TX> The Rebel Radio Guide, available from us for £1.25. The most recent edition of Media Monitor also carries a quite extensive recent (July) log of pirate stations in the capital.

Two FM stations often mentioned as being logged in the South are **NRJ** from France, who seem to be evident most nights on 99.8mhz. and **RBL** on 91.6mhz., also from France, but with some English programming. A Mark Daniels has been heard on the air.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's log....

6206khz....**RADIO DELMARE**, at 08.48 and 13.45gmt.

6206khz....**C.L.C.G Int.**, at 09.40gmt.

6206khz....**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 12.18gmt.

6206khz....**RADIO MARABU**, at 12.45gmt.

6206khz....**FRS HOLLAND**, at 12.46gmt.

6220khz....**UNID.**, at 12.48gmt.

6240khz....**RADIO RAINBOW** at 10.05gmt.

6261khz....**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 11.35gmt.

6266khz....**RADIO ORION**, at 09.41gmt.

6275khz....**"PEOPLE'S CHOICE"**, 09.25gmt.

6280khz....**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11.45gmt.

6285khz....**GAMMA RADIO**, at 09.21gmt.

6290khz....**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 12.11gmt(QSO).

6295khz....**4FWS**, at 11.40gmt.

6306khz....**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 09.35gmt.

6306khz....**ABC RADIO(WATERFORD)**, relayed by above, Atlantique 2000.

6310khz....**"THE VOICE OF HOPE"**(Dublin FM religious station), relayed by Radio Ireland at 10.09gmt.

6310khz....**RADIO IRELAND**, at 10.30gmt.

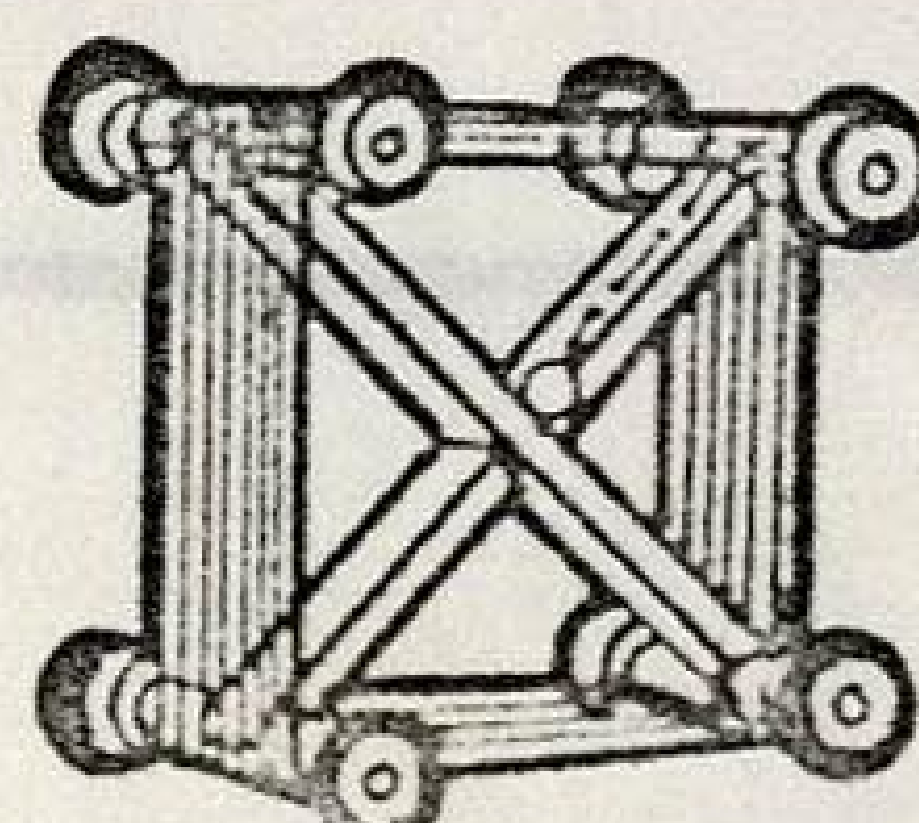
6320khz....**FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO**, at 09.21gmt.

7325khz....**RADIO 101**, at 08.23gmt.

7375khz....**CRYSTAL RADIO**, at 09.38gmt.

Conditions were very poor today, although later on in the morning did improve slightly and later still were quite good. Congratulations to **Radio Rainbow** who today celebrated one year of broadcasting. An on-air party was held from 12.00 till 13.00 gmt., although not heard here due to poor conditions. Present were Heady Eddie, Jim Agnew and Kieran Murray.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney R. Sixe....our **UNID.** on 6221khz., at 09.40gmt., was possibly **Radio Polestar**. No mailing address as yet....**Radio Atlantique 2000** was logged on 6273khz., at 09.51gmt....Our **UNID.** on 7315khz., at 09.55gmt., was also **Radio**



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