

# THE Weekly Report

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Weekends get more and more interesting here, as we receive an everincreasing amount of would-be material for Weekly Report. We only wish we could re-print everything which is sent in to us each week. As it is, we print what we think is most interesting to the average "WR" reader. At this point, we must thank everyone who bothers to sit and cut pieces out of papers and magazines and who sits and writes, often more than one letter each week. We are extremely grateful to everyone for it all.

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**THE CUTTINGS.** For the benefit of the people who receive Weekly Report on it's own, this week's single sheet is once again, B4, reduced down from A3. Contents are thus....a story from Music Week about Sealand, following the Bates's appearance on 'Wogan', details of what 'Oracle' had to say about it, two stories from Cork, one featuring the owners of Radio ERI, the other, about TV pirates in that area and a large piece from last Sunday's 'Mail on Sunday' colour supplement about London's 'Network 21' television pirate. The price of this sheet on it's own is 10p plus an SAE or 30p without.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** There's not much new here this week, with one exception.....Pin Magazine have produced an excellent **Free Radio Frequency and Address List** of all active short-wave stations during June and July 1986 and have appointed A-UK as sole agents for Great Britain and Eire. The three x A4 sheets have been made the same size and style as Weekly Report and cost just 50p including postage. However, if other items are ordered from us, or you will accept it in with the following week's report, we will knock 20p off and charge just 30p. Highly recommended, excellently produced on computer and very thorough in every way, in fact, the best lists seen yet. All known activity is listed, along with mailing addresses. A lot of hard work has gone into this production. Make sure you avail of your copy at once. The next issue will be in two months and hopefully an annual list will be produced also. More good news now, back in stock....**Laser T - Shirts** in all sizes except small, price, as before, £5.00 for these excellent shirts, also '**Sunshine Radio 5 Years On**' glossy colour 'brochure' at £2.00 including postage (in a hard tube). Still out of stock.....Monique T - Shirts, Monique L.P.'s, but expected soon. Coming soon....Monique colour postcards and Voice of Peace colour postcards. Finally in this section, we are sorry to say that Offshore Echo's Magazine, Issue 61 is about to become a collector's item(like issue 55). Although only a few weeks old, we are down to the last few copies, so if you want one, please send to us as quickly as possible. Price is £1.80. These magazines are not likely to ever be re-printed, but items out of them could appear in a second edition of "Best Of Offshore Echo's". In order to avoid people missing out on issues, we do encourage subscriptions to this magazine. Price for a year(or five issues) is £8.50(a saving of 50p).

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **UPDATE** Monthly Magazine Issue 3 is now available along with the latest audio newsletter from Free Radio Listeners Club, P.O. Box 99, Northampton. Drop them a line today, enclosing an SAE. **Play-DX** Issue 424 available from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. Congratulations to **Radio Brief Magazine** on their 10th Birthday Issue(No. 30). Although only usually a single double sided A4 photo-copied sheet these days, RB is unique, it's free! However, this issue has an extra sheet with photos. Lots of snippets of news contained therein('in brief' as the name implies), produced twice yearly. The current issue is dated August 1986 and it's yours for just an SAE(don't forget this!) from the editor, Kyp Koumi, Radio Brief Magazine, 8 Skardu Road, London NW2 3ER. Kyp also writes for other magazines, notably the Dutch 'Offshore' of which Issue 39 is currently available at £1.60. Finally in this section, Jay Jackson tells us that Now Radio Newsletter, Issue 8 is available from the middle of next week, as well as all the latest news and action, NRN has features in this issue on Stereo 576 and Sealand, which sounds very promising. If you cannot wait for the enclosure form for NRN, which will be included in next week's report, send £1 today for the latest issue (No. 8), to Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 ONW. Jay tells us that he has currently two special offers running.....26 Issues, starting with issue 8, for £20.00, and get Issues 6 and 7 thrown in free...or....10 issues, starting with issue 8, for £10.00, and get Issues 6 and 7 thrown in here too.

**CONTACTS GALORE.** Dave Hardy of 4 Ryton, Belgrave, Tamworth, Staffs. B77 2NL has lists of radio recordings and would like to exchange etc. Drop him a line at his address.....John Macleod of 235 Mackintosh Road, Ringmore



Estate, Inverness IV2 3UB would like to contact people in his area, sharing the free radio interest. he also wonders if anyone has any recordings of Alton Andrews/Mark Summers on Caroline....Finally, we are most interested to find out more details about a couple of songs played on Laser, just prior to the close, one of them was called 'The Laser Radio Song' by Martin Kayne, the other was 'Laser Rap', but it is not known if the latter was on tape or disc, or even, who it was performed by. If anyone has any information at all, please drop us a line.

**GENERAL.** There is a great demand for secondhand communications receivers. If anyone has one for sale, would like to sell(prior to up-grading, maybe), or even has one which is no longer in working order, then drop us a line with all details of same, plus details of what you think it may be worth.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.....DUBLIN.** The battle for supremacy continues between the big three in this city. Advertisements in the press seem to be the order of the day. Without question, **ENERGY 103** leads in this field with a full page advertisement in a 'glossy', which features a black and white photo of each presenter sat in the studio, presumably doing his show, with name and details of times of same, below. All ten shots are in a circle with the station logo in the centre. All in all, quite a nice, interesting, well thought out advertisement for interested readers/listeners to the station. **Q 102** continue with their weekly articles(adverts) in the Sunday press. Last Sunday saw the first of many 'presenter profiles'. Greg Gaughran featured(at least everyone reading it should be able to spell his surname now!). Along with his photo, sat at the D.J. console, was a series of questions and answers. Quite a good advert, which would possibly have been better had not silly answers to the questions posed, been printed. Not being left out in any way, **Sunshine Radio** took a large block in many papers, which they proceeded to leave blank, except for a little block right in the centre, with nine lines. Granted, people would be curious and read it, but it did seem a waste of space.....



We have changed the format of our Radio Station. You are invited to check it out. The music will knock your socks off. We call it The All New Sound of Sunshine 101FM. By the way you could win £5,000.00 by checking it out. We're also located at 539MW.

**Q** are currently running advertisements in the cinemas also. The advert asks the question..."What are you doing after this film, when you go home?...Watching TV?...Knitting?...etc.,etc....then why not sit down and listen to"...at this point, the **Q 102** logo appears on the screen, a jingle is played and the message..."Your granny might not like it, but you do" comes on the screen.

Programme-wise, **Sunshine** has been listened to all week at this location and continues along the same lines as the previous week, that is, a lot of music, but little in personality from the presenters, although the latest spoken messages/inserts/promos mention "Phase 2" now underway, with "Phase 3" to follow(so get ready you D.J.'s holidays are over, it says). News continues to be aired at ten past(and twenty to, at peak times) the hour. Jingles are not played, not even immediately preceeding the news, everything seems to be spoken. It is a very strange format, but having said that, the new programme controller, was interviewed and gave the impression that he knew exactly where he was going(hopefully, with the station, also!). When asked about licences, he refused to be drawn and said that the station owner was the man to ask that question to. During all the changes adverts a-plenty have been noted.

**Q 102** continues, also with a full log of adverts. A current promotion is for the forthcoming **Q 102/Puma 10k Road Race**. Of course, this has been run in conjunction with **Nova** in previous years.

**Energy** has taken a leap ahead with a number of **Tony Allan** promos/adverts being aired on a regular basis. Earlier last week, the top of the hour ID, always one for carrying great impact when **Nova** was going, was replaced and yet another **Tony Allan** one was introduced. Not content with that, **Tony** suddenly appeared on the air on Wednesday evening, in place of **John O'Hara** who had to go home to bed in order to stand in for a sick **Tony McKenzie** at 06.00 the following

morning. **Tony** was also heard the following night. Needless to say, his programmes were excellent, along with his choice of music and his linguistical talents could be noted as he played requests for visiting(to the U.K.) members of staff of the French magazine, **Offshore Echo's**. **John O'Hara** returned to his normal evening spot on Friday and was heard to mention the party at the opening of the new 'Queens Carvery' at the **Queens** in **Dalkey**, attended by all the **Energy** staff(except himself, of course). Thoughts of the **Queens** brought back some happy memories of another function held there in May of 1983, just following the great Irish station raids. It was organised by ourselves and **John Lewis** and was attended by a great number of presenters etc., from stations far and wide, throughout Ireland.

Other **Dublin** stations noted locally this past few days have been....**WABC** on 97.2mhz., **Radio Caroline Dublin** on 98.5mhz., **K 104** on 104.1mhz., **Ballymun Local Radio** on 98.5mhz. also, **Hospital Radio** on 97.3mhz., **Christian Community Radio**, nightly on 90.2mhz. and **Radio Galaxy** on 1512khz.

Finally some interference to transmissions has once again been noted this week, with **Energy's FM** being replaced by **RTE** in some places, on 103.0mhz. The reasons/causes remain unknown.

**Outside Dublin.** From **Naas**, Co. **Kildare**, reports tell us that the only station there is still **Kildare Community Radio(KCR)**. **Zee 104** has still to surface, but is expected to, very soon.

We now have the official address of **Centro Radio** in **Clonmel**, it is....**Centre Media Services**, Broadcasting House, 14 Abbey Street, **Clonmel**, Co. **Tipperary**...Tel: (052) 24212.

From **Enfield/Innfield**, Co. **Meath**, the new station there, on 107.35mhz., is still without a name, it appears, but could have **Dublin** backers.

In **Galway**, apart from **WLS Music Radio** on 102.7mhz. and 846khz., **Emerald Radio** continues with their June to September operation, on 97.5mhz. At least one ex-**WLS** presenter has been noted. In the same region, in **Tuam**, **Tuam Festival Radio** is reported as being on the air for the duration of the festival(26th July till 10th August). The proposed station in **Ballinasloe** has apparently made it on to the air. The name is **Candy Radio** and transmissions are on **FM**, 98.0mhz., and **AM**, 1386khz.(The most used **AM** frequency in Ireland?). One we missed it seems, was **Happy Radio** in **Claremorris**, Co. **Mayo**, apparently on the air a few months ago.

Further North briefly, in **Buncrana**, Co. **Donegal**, **North West Community Radio** can be heard in the area on 1116khz. and further afield, harmonically, on 2232, 3348 and 4464khz.(According to **John Campbell** on **Media Network**). Despite a few tests on 97.4mhz., in **Sligo**, nothing has developed and it is not thought that anything new is at all imminent.

**Erneside Community Radio** has followed one or two other stations and introduced all night transmissions on 1251khz., although the same tapes featuring **Ollie Clarke** and **Brian Gold**, are often heard night after night.

**Cavan Community Radio** on 819khz., are suffering badly with interference from **BBC Radio Scotland** on 810khz., and **Q 102**, on the same channel from **Dublin**. A change of frequency is thought to be the only answer here.

**Longford Community Radio** on 1071khz., seem to be off and on ever such a lot. When on, both the signal and modulation are excellent. In **Longford**, a station on **FM**(**Independent Radio Longford?**) is apparently audible all along the **FM** band, but thought to be about 99mhz., initially.

**East Coast Radio** in **Ardee** are putting out an excellent signal on 1044khz. It is reported that their studios are very impressively laid out. Ex-**Boyneside Radio Breakfast Show** presenter, **Dara Nelson** is reputed to be involved.

**Radio West** now announce that they have a **Navan** relay on 98.8mhz. Additionally, there is 94.1mhz.(**Mullingar**), 98.5mhz.(**Athlone**) and 99.2mhz.(**Tullamore**), in addition to 765 and 702khz.**AM**. An ever-changing line-up has been noted these last few days, but at least, **Phil Hilton** is back from his holidays and his voice was heard on the free radio show today. A **Radio West** 'Calendar Girl' is being sought to carry out various promotional duties. Apparently, **Radio West** are anxious to take specialist adverts during the free radio show, seeing as they have a specialist audience. Anyone interested in advertising their wares during this Sunday



morning show, should contact Sean Coyne on (044) 41694 or 42103. The address is Radio West, Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. It must be borne in mind that the station has a massive coverage area with its 765kHz. transmissions.

Down country a little now, and in Ennis, Co. Clare, Paul Kelly had done us an FM bandscan. The results.....KISS FM(Dublin) on 94.9mhz., M.B.C.(Limerick) on 95.2mhz., North Cork Community Radio on 95.5mhz., Radio Luimni (Limerick) on 96.5mhz., Radio ERI on 96.9mhz., City Centre Radio(Limerick) on 97.3mhz., Boyneside Radio(Kells) on 98.1mhz., Radio West(Tullamore) on 99.2mhz., City Centre Radio also, on 99.6mhz., Boyneside Radio(Drogheda) on 100.1mhz., Sunshine Radio on 100.5mhz. and West Coast Radio(Ennis) on 102mhz., although the latter had been moving about a lot lately and was often heard on 96/96.5mhz. **Boyneside Radio's** Northern Ireland service was causing some problems in the week, with the 101.2mhz FM transmitter being off and on rather a lot, plus a lot of interference on the medium wave transmitter.

Finally in Ireland, Frank in Co. Cork tells us that according to the local papers, **Radio ERI** have plans to build a new studio complex in the city of Cork, plus start their own newspaper! The station sounds like it has never been away, he tells us, except for new jingles, particularly one with the words...'What a way to go', whatever that may mean. No news from **WBEN** this week, but we understand that everything is fine there. Pam Wilson, reported last week in "WR" as doing a programme on the station, apparently, only did the one and has not been on since.

In Bandon, **WKLK** has been doing a number of outside broadcasts recently, in conjunction with local shows and festivals. Lots of adverts have been noted here, but a lot of pre-recorded tapes are aired at night, which again, as stated elsewhere, is a bit annoying hearing the same music night after night. A station on 1503kHz. has been heard last week here in Blackpool, under BBC Radio Stoke. It was heard initially at 08.30 on Friday, and due to the fact that the only other station we are aware of (**Community Radio Youghal**) on that channel, does not surface until 11.00, we wondered if **WKLK** had got their medium wave transmitter back working again. We await reports on this, as reception here was understandably poor to say the least.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news for three weeks and then three letters in one day, two of them written only last Sunday and last Monday(28th). Current line-up on the station looks like this....mid-night....Stuart Clark. 03.00 Tim Shepherd. 06.00 Dave Shearer with the "Breakfast Show". 09.00 Chris Pearson with "Morning Music". mid-day "Kassach" (Arabic/Hebrew). 13.00 Rob Charles with "Afternoon Delight". 15.00 Abie Nathan with a phone-in show called "Heart to Heart". 17.00 Rob Charles with "The Golden Hour"(50's and 60's records). 18.00 Dave Shearer with "Twilight Time". 19.30 Classical. 21.00 Russian Hour. 22.00 Specialist Music.(These include Oldies on Sunday, Rock on Monday, Top 40 on Tuesday, Country on Wednesday, Rock on Thursday, Disco on Friday and Jazz on Saturday). Special Shabat Shows....Friday(16.00 - 18.00) International Top 40 with Rob Charles and Saturday(16.00 - 18.00) Weekend Special with Rob Charles. On shore leave....Mark Warner and Mike Darby.

The ship sailed into Ashdod port last Monday but one(21st July) and a new generator was fitted, in addition to some work on the antenna being carried out by engineer, Jim. After some teething troubles the ship eventually got back on the air, and as far as we know everything is now fine. The station has been having to go off the air every second morning, at around 05.00/06.00, for oil checks, as they were only using one generator. The off air period usually lasted about 30 - 45 minutes. Once a second unit is installed, this will no longer be necessary.

**RADIO CAROLINE** Judging by the past few weeks, the station's night for closure for maintenance is now Monday, as programmes continue throughout the night on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Last Monday's line-up read....05.00 John Lewis. 09.00 Peter Philips. 13.00 Tony Peters. 17.00 Kevin Turner. 21.00 Jamie King, and continued throughout the week, the only change from last week being the exchanging of shows between Tony Peters and Kevin Turner. Dave James, who usually appears at 01.00 and does the final hour, missed his show completely on Monday, with the close-down, but continued from 01.00 till 05.00 for the remainder of the week. Morning news was read by Kevin Turner, lunch-time by John Lewis and afternoon by Jamie King. As normal, the weekend line-up was changed around

and a new voice, Steve Essex, was heard at 17.00 yesterday. Peter Philips has not been heard this weekend and has possibly come off the ship.

Announcements of closure of both services, for essential aerial maintenance, only possible during daylight hours, were made on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, the station was off the air between 10.00 and 14.00 for this purpose. On Thursday, rough weather prevented the work being carried out. However, on Friday, the station left the air early, no doubt to catch up on the work, and returned by 14.00, as the sea was much calmer. It is understood that the work is being carried out to try and increase the power output of the station, although some maintenance of the mast must be underway, at the same time.

A competition has been aired during the week, on the John Lewis Show. The prize being offered is one of two Dire Straits live videos, and the question was....'What was Dire Straits first hit single?'. An easy question, made even easier when John gave out the answer after asking the question during one of his shows.

Monday night saw Kevin Turner comment about the latest surprise on the ship....'a cook that couldn't cook!' He then continued to complain of a rumbling stomach. When Jamie began her show, she said that she must be the only person on the ship, who was not complaining, and that was because she was not hungry. Things appeared to get back to normal on Tuesday, with meals being cooked again.

A different version of the Seagull Sales advert for the "Day in the Life" video was heard during the week. Also heard was a new advert for The Elvis Presley Fan Club.

Yet another new chair has had to be brought into the studio it seems, although John Lewis claims that this time, it is not all his fault that the chair broke.

Over on 963kHz., the length of the shows, hosted by Tom Anderson each evening at 21.30, have varied in length. Monday and Tuesday saw him sign off at midnight, no doubt to catch up on sleep, as it was he who was to climb the mast each morning. However, at the weekend, new man, Steve Essex was heard following Tom on the programme.

Whilst not logging Monique, it just happened that a Flemish Belgian was staying with us during the week and noted that a new presenter on that service read the news at 07.57 on Friday. His name was Jan Molenaar.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** Things seem to be getting better here. **Radio Merseywaves** has been on with its normal four day weekend schedule, on 1242kHz., possibly with a slightly better signal today. Additionally, **Radio Julie** can be heard here on FM 104.8mhz., and have indeed been heard this weekend. **Radio Veronica** too, have been heard with a very strong signal here, on 104.7mhz. Of note today(Sunday) were the Offshore Tapes(Radio Caroline recorded during the week in the South of England), and the Adrian Cooke programme.(Adrian runs the magazine Wavelength). A station was logged last Sunday evening in Liverpool, on 93.0mhz., with a Tim or Jim Lowe. It is thought to be KDA. Tim Jackson, in his Liverpool report for last week, mentions a station on 1584kHz., with no ID. Today, we have picked up a station in the same part of the band, on about 1611/1612kHz., with good audio, until the microphone was opened, then it became in-audible, hence the station's name remains unknown, although we are sure they gave it out.

**THE MIDLANDS. PCRL** are on the air today, on 103.6mhz., although were missing for a couple of days in the week. The signal today is quite poor and a reporter travelling on the M6 reported that the station was barely audible at Hilton Park services near Wolverhampton, where normally it is heard with quite good clarity. U.K. Radio are understood to have been testing in readiness for a return to the airwaves.

**SOUTHEND.** Yes, action here too! **KCR** was reported testing last weekend on 90.2mhz., as was **Activity 909** on 90.9mhz. The latter gave out an address of 1391 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex.

**THE LONDON AREA.** An extensive band-scan on Friday, Saturday and Sunday produced very few surprises. Friday saw **JBC** on 104.8mhz., **TKO** on 90.9mhz. and an un-identified station on 94.4mhz. announcing a power of 200 watts before signing off. Saturday saw **TKO** and **JBC** plus **LWR** on 92.05mhz. and **North West International** on 90.2 drifting downwards, and announcing 90.6mhz. Sunday saw **LWR**, **TKO**, **JBC** plus **Radio Gemma** on 89.9mhz., **Twilight FM** on 94.4mhz. and **People's Choice** on 103.5mhz. Talking about choice, there was very little of it, our reporter tells



us, as all stations seemed to be playing the same jazz/funk/rap or whatever. Alice's Restaurant had not appeared by lunchtime Sunday, although were on the previous weekend, as we can confirm as we have several tapes, which are playing at this moment. Our thanks to Steve for kindly recording them for us.

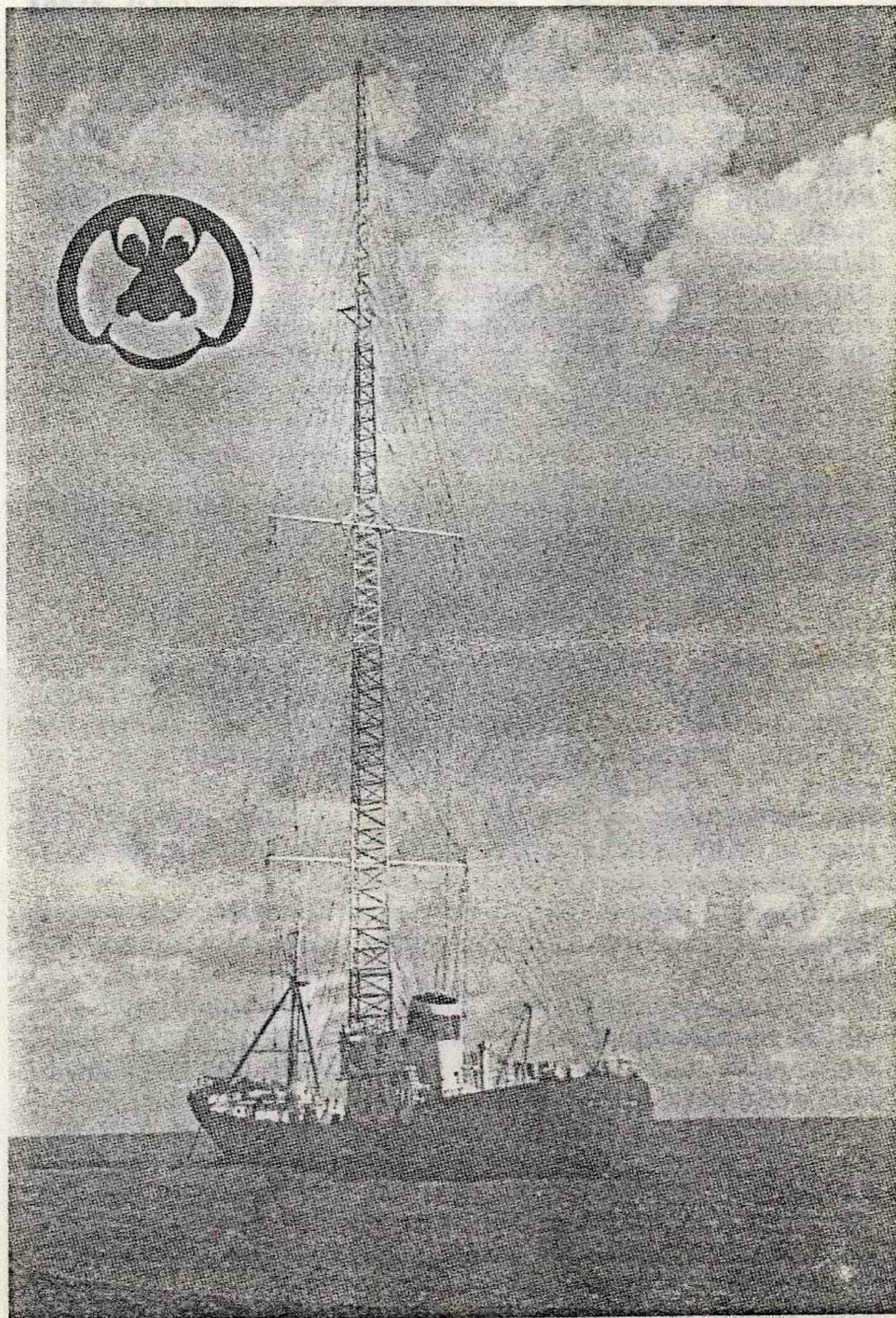
**SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's log....**

6206khz...RADIO DELMARE at 08.14gmt.  
 6206khz...RADIO SCORPIO at 11.44gmt.  
 6225khz...P.F.B.S. at 09.08gmt.  
 6230khz...RADIO EAST COAST COM. at 10.30.  
 6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW INT. at 08.50gmt.  
 6266khz...Unid., (via Orion) at 09.37gmt.  
 6266khz...RADIO ORION at 11.08gmt.  
 6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT. at 09.30gmt.  
 6290khz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO at 10.41gmt.  
 6293khz...P.F.B.S. at 09.06gmt.  
 6306khz...ABC RADIO(via Riverside?) at 10.16.  
 6310khz...RADIO IRELAND at 08.55gmt.  
 6319khz...F.M.T.R. at 09.00gmt.  
 6910khz...RADIO DUBLIN at 09.24gmt.  
 7325khz...RADIO 101 at 08.42gmt.

The two PFBS transmissions were nearly in parallel!.....Radio Rainbow featured Thameside Radio.....Conditions were strange today to say the least, certainly not good!

Podney tells us that last week FRS Holland were heard on 6275khz., via IRRS at 09.14gmt. He also goes on to say that the next broadcast of Radio Pamela will be on 1094khz., on 10th August via Radio Torenvalk, using a well known Cornwall address.

**STOP PRESS.** Hometown Radio in Ireland, on 981khz., are still off air(this was announced earlier in the week), Boyneside Radio North are off on FM and City Sound Radio in Derry are also off the air, at this time.

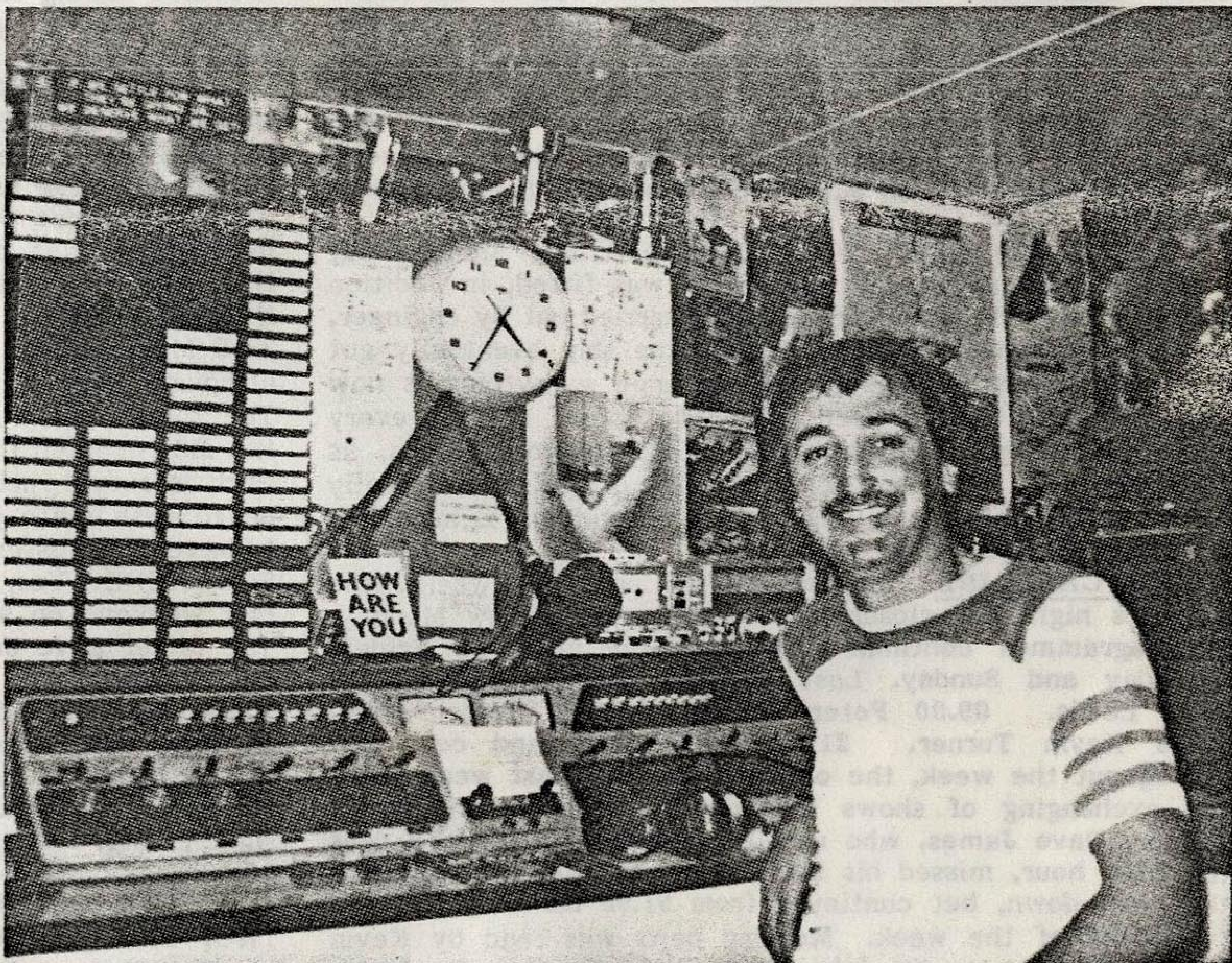


Radio Monique Postcard

I'm in tune  
with  
**Caroline**  
on 319

**Caroline**  
live from the  
North Sea

John Dwyer in the 558 studio



*Best wishes all weekly  
Report readers from  
Paul McKenna  
Radio  
Caroline.  
(Retired)*



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A few delays will have been experienced this week, in the usually rapid turn around of goods. This has been due to a number of reasons, the main one being a major breakdown with our printing machine. All problems are once again behind us and as they say 'normal service has resumed'.

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The Data Protection Act 1984 says that we must inform you that names and addresses are stored on a computer. You have the right to ask to have them removed, but we must point out that this method assists us tremendously when addressing envelopes, and subscribers, whose names are not stored in this way, may experience some delay with despatches from this end.

The Cuttings. For the benefit of people not yet receiving the cuttings, this week's sheet is a B4, reduced down from A3 and packed with the week's stories from the press, including a number of pieces(9) about Sealand and the proposed new radio stations reported to be starting up from there, a large item from last Sunday's Irish papers, about the independent stations on that side, more about Stereo 576 from the Standard and a piece from Eastbourne and District Advertiser about the DTI's continuing efforts along the South Coast. This busy, and very interesting sheet costs just 10p, plus an SAE(or 30p without).

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Just one new item this week, **Free Radio Round-Up, Issue 7**, dated 8th August. 40 pages in this packed issue, featuring all the latest news, plus lots of photos, stickers QSL cards and of course, the latest Irish station list. In fact news from all over the world making it 'The number one all-rounder on the free radio scene'. Price is just 90p in the U.K., £1.00 in the EEC(inc. Eire), £1.10 elsewhere(surface mail) and £1.50(air-mail). Get your copy today....

Bad news now.....There are no copies of Offshore Echo's Issue 61 left at all, now. Worse news now...."Broadcasting from the High Seas" by Paul Harris has finally sold out completely. This fine book has been 'running out' for years, and stocks are now exhausted. If anyone, particularly in the book business, knows of any copies anywhere, we would be more than pleased to hear from them. This goes for other 'free radio' titles also. Things like "Ten Days in the Life of a Lady" etc.

Finally, expected very soon, further supplies of Monique and Caroline T - Shirts.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** We finally received our **Offshore Print-Out** Issue 7, Vol 3 and were sad to see that it was the last issue. It was always a pleasure to receive and read this magazine. In fact it reminded us of the early editions of Monitor. We wish Mark all the best in the future. **Radiotelex** issue 79, Vol. 4 arrived in the week and to our surprise was a six page issue. All the usual short-wave news and logs and a look back in time as well. Details of subscriptions are enclosed within, also. A sample copy is available from ourselves, but subscriptions must be taken out with RT direct. **Media Monitor** Issue 33 arrived also. 12 pages of A5 here, with news of pirates and legal stations. A sample copy costs just 50p from

Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.

**NOW RADIO** Issue 8, published 6th August, arrived bang on time again and looks really smart with a new heading and new, darker, clearer print. A4 format with twenty pages of compulsive reading(a lot of it too!). This issue is a must. If you have not tried one before, send for issue 8 today and read about Stereo 576, Sealand and lots and lots more. Details from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 ONW, or phone (0536) 514437.

Finally, offers of tapes etc., made in issues of Offshore Echo's, or in their hand-outs/adverts, are available by writing to us, but despatch is made from France, therefore, delays will be experienced. Please bear this in mind when ordering these items.

**CONTACTS GALORE.** Jorg-Clemens Hoffman, Friedrichstrasse 37/38, D - 6300 Giesen, West Germany would like to make contact with an Anorak living in South East England who could sell/swap recordings of the offshore stations. (Our thanks to him for loan of some excellent negatives of the Norderney and Magda Maria in Holland).....Chris Beckett, 74 Postley Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6TR would like a recording of the John Lewis Show on Caroline, on Saturday 2nd August 1986, between the hours of 11.30 and 12.30. He is willing to buy or send a blank cassette for same.....Any information on Scandinavian free radio stations, or indeed, any stations using the Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland address, during the 1970's, would be much appreciated, plus any recordings if possible - Podney R. Sixe, 3 Rosewarne Cottages, Rosewarne Downs, Near Camborne, Cornwall TR14 OBE.....F.M.T.R. in Kent are looking for



helpers for their station, presenters in particular. P.O. Box SH9, Sheerness ME12 1AQ is their address.....Sona Sound is a new type of radio - tape radio and sent out to people who either wish to buy or send blank tapes. This is legal 'pirate radio' so to speak. For more details write to Richard G. Teversham, 10 Bromyard Crescent, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 3SP. Volunteer presenters are also wanted to make 30 minute shows for the 'station'.....Finally, in the same area, David Williams of 11 Chamberlayne Road, Pilands Estate, Bursledon, Near Southampton SO3 8DZ would like to contact any other mad pirate radio listeners, anywhere in the U.K., also, anyone on the Isle of Wight who remembers Radio Cathy from the 1970's.

**EDITORIAL.**(Why not?) Well, things seem to be starting to happen....Sealand and three stations?... after all these years! One wonders why they waited so long. It could be though, that they have picked the right time. Even some Radio 1 jocks are unhappy, it seems, as Daily Star readers will already know. Some want to set up a new service completely, and why not! One day the authorities are going to realise that the state of radio in this country is unacceptable. It would appear that at this point in time, we, in Great Britain, are on the verge of a whole new era in radio....let's hope so!

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.** No major stories this week, so a look around the country in general.....In Cork first, where we reported last week that Pam Wilson, ex-WLS in Galway, only presented one show on WBEN. This is in fact incorrect, says Siobhan in Cork, as Pam can be heard each weekend on the station. "Jobline" is set to appear on the air daily, during the week, on the station, we understand. Tony Allan was seen in Cork recently, so it could be that Tony's voice may well be heard on promos/adverts on this station. Current frequencies 98.2mhz.FM and 1386khz.AM. We still have no reports of anyone receiving the station in the U.K., which is hardly surprising as the power output on 1386khz., is reported to be very low. The transmitter used is the old 'ET' formerly used by South Coast Radio in 1982/1984. The aerial is apparently quite close to the new aerial of ERI, which incidentally looks something like an electricity pylon, we are told. Current line-up reads....06.00 Eamon Kelly. 10.00 Jim Lockhart. 13.00 Nick Richards. 16.00 Neil Francis. 19.00 Rob Allen. 22.00 Steve Douglas. Other action in Cork, **Leaside Sound** are rumoured to be closing temporarily and moving to new premises. They may return as "Centre Radio"(not another!). **South Coast Radio** are also on the move and they plan to move into new premises, not far away from WBEN. Joe O'Reilly is reported as being a regular newscaster on **Radio ERI**, plus another report from Dundalk, says that ERI was heard in that town recently, and a voice, thought to be Dave Scott was heard. It is thought that these two names are in actual fact the same person. Can anyone confirm this, or send us an ERI line-up. Liam Quigley is reported as doing the 21.00 till 01.00 slot, but other than this we have no details as yet. Their frequencies are 1305khz.AM and 96.9mhz.FM.

**Centre Radio** from Clonmel, can be heard most mornings here in Blackpool, underneath **Erneside Radio** from Belturbet, Co. Cavan, on 1251khz., although not terribly

clearly, and not at all, when **Arklow Community Radio** comes on air mid-morning. A number of adverts have been heard and professional jingles too.

In Waterford, **ABC Radio**, again, heard here in Blackpool, on 1026khz., have Richard Staines back on the staff role. Richard was of course, on the Voice of Peace recently. Current line-up on ABC(courtesy of Richard) reads.....07.00 Clive Derrick. 10.00 Barry Everitt. 13.00 Timmy Ryan. 16.00 Tony Murrell. 19.00 Roddy Cleare. 22.00 Jimmy Ryan. 02.00 Neil Butler. Four FM transmitters give a wide coverage area to the station, whose audio quality is often reported as being well above average.

Further North now, and Kevin from Dublin was travelling through Enfield in County Meath, and duly reports that the station with no name from that area was very strong on 107.35mhz. We await some further news here.

In Dublin, and special Bank Holiday Monday programmes and giveaways by the stations, seem to be the order of the day.(It was Bank Holiday last Monday in Ireland). **Energy 103** gave away a holiday worth £800 last Friday but one, and on the Monday, aired their listener's Top 100. A new competition is looking for the best advert heard on the station. Winners get a week's free advertising and listeners can win bottles of wine. A few problems were once again evident in the week, with telephone conversations being audible instead of programmes, at certain times. These were heard over a very wide area and reasons remain unknown, although Telecom Eireann are thought to be at fault. A new weekend presenter was noted last weekend, his name being **Mike Kingston**. More and more giveaways are promised as the station gains listeners.

**Q 102** are also in the giveaway game, with scores of albums being given away during the week. Presenter profiles in the Sunday World, featured Bob Gallico last week, and Mike Hogan today.

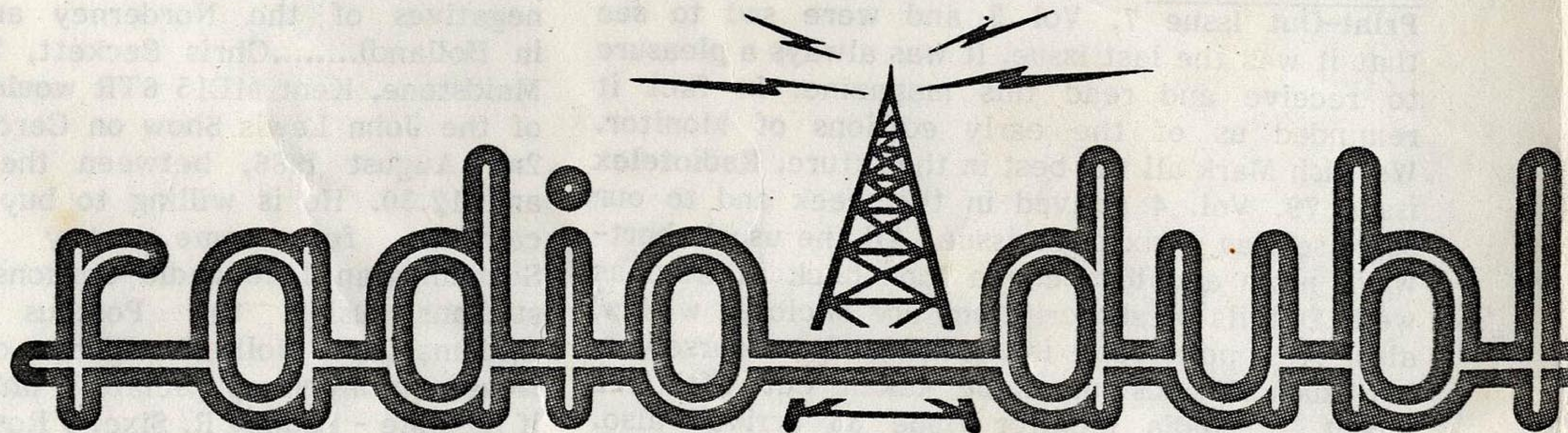
**Sunshine Radio's** 'phase 2' continues, with little change from phase one. More than one or two people believe that something big is afoot here. Photos of Ernie Gallagher and Patsy McGarry appeared in last Sunday's Tribune, in the feature 'pirates call the tune'(see cuttings), although the article was riddled with mistakes etc., which was a pity with such a big feature.

**KISS FM** featured the listener's all time top 100 love songs last Monday, but keen listeners noticed a number of those songs being played twice!

**Radio Dublin** had a couple of outside broadcasts last weekend, although a few audio problems were noted with the first. The second, however, went off without any major hitches. Their short wave signal on 6910khz., is extremely strong today.

Other Dublin stations noted....**K 104** on 104.7mhz., **Southside Radio** on 106.2mhz., **Hospital Radio** on 97.3mhz., **WABC** on 97.2mhz. and **Caroline Dublin** on 105.4 and 98.5mhz.

**Voice of Hope** was logged in Blackpool today, from 09.30 till 11.00 BST., on 1449khz., with religious and gospel programmes. Tests were announced and next Sunday was mentioned, at the same time, for the next of these tests, in readiness for a September opening. A Vincent Hughes was mentioned and a Dublin phone number was given out, it was 523783. The programmes also went out on shortwave,





via Radio Ireland, on 6310kHz.

Thanks to Joe and Jane for Dublin info.

Elsewhere in Ireland, briefly, Radio West has a new line-up.....07.00 Phil Hilton. 10.00 Barry Williams(ex WLS). 14.00 Willie Hart. 18.00 till 21.00(Mon. Wed. and Fri) Phil Hilton with the Country Music programme. 18.00(21.00 on the above nights) Mike Richardson(ex WLS), till midnight. Thereafter taped music till 07.00. The Radio West free radio programme mentioned that Boyneside Radio may be changing one of their AM channels to 1224kHz. It is not known which one, but it will not be the first time the station has used 1224kHz.

Further North still, City Sound Radio are reported by Brian in Dungannon, to be on medium wave, announcing 192 metres. He has duly received same on 1564kHz., varying, with a good signal, but with poor modulation. FM, which has been off and on a lot lately was also logged there on 98.2mhz. Brian also reported Big 'M' Community Radio on 96.35mhz., in addition to 87.9 and 103.7mhz.FM and 954 and 1413kHz.AM.

**RADIO CAROLINE.** Following the departure of Peter Philips, at the end of last week, and the arrival of Stevie Essex, as a replacement, no further staff changes have been noted this week. The line-up all week, with the exception of Monday, when they closed at mid-night, has been.....05.00 John Lewis. 09.00 Kevin Turner. 13.00 Tony Peters. 17.00 Stevie Essex. 21.00 Jamie King. 01.00 Dave James. The news broadcasts this week, have been read by Kevin Turner in the mornings(who also read Monique Int. News at 08.30bst.) and Jamie King in the afternoon, with John Lewis being heard reading the lunchtime news. On the 13.00 news on Monday, there was a brief mention of the proposed new radio stations from Sealand, one of which was to have a Laser-type format. This report was not repeated at 16.00. No closures for aerial maintenance have been noted this week, although 963kHz. was off the air for a substantial period on Saturday during the Radio Monique programmes. This service duly returned at 15.00 BST. There have been no new commercials heard this week, although a different advert for Superior Leisurewear has been aired and the Elvis Presley Fan Club advert, heard last weekend, has continued to be played during the week.

On 963kHz., Tom Anderson continues to host Caroline Overdrive at 21.30 till 01.00. and Stevie Essex then continues through till 04.00 and the start of Monique programmes, except when there is early closure for maintenance. In all a very quiet, settled week.

Last Friday (8th), saw the first anniversary of the arrival of the Dioptric Surveyor, which heralded the start of 'Eurosiege '85'. The Dioptric can now be seen in the harbour in Ramsgate, and makes the odd trip to Harwich, fairly regularly, just to keep everything in working order.

Next Thursday sees the 19th Anniversary of the introduction of the Marine etc., Broadcasting Offences Act.

We have noticed ourselves, plus it has been reported by Frank in County Cork, that a Spanish station has been audible on 558kHz., of late(at dusk here, but most of the day in Cork). It is not known if Caroline are on lower power, or the Spanish station is on higher power at this stage, but it does not look so good for the dark nights ahead of us.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** The latest news by phone, tells us that no problems are reported from a very hot Israel. The current line-up as of today, reads....00.00 Mike Darby. 03.00 Stuart Clarke. 06.00 Dave Shearer. 09.00 Mark Warner. 12.00 Rob Charles. 15.00 Abie's Phone-in Show. 17.00 Oldies with Rob Charles. 18.00 Tim Shepherd. 19.30 Classical with Stuart Clarke. 21.00 Russian. 22.00 Specialist with Tim Shepherd. On shore leave, Chris Pearson.

**THE COMMUNICATOR.** Latest news about this ship is that it has been painted and looks very smart, sat in the River Stour. The funnel is now black instead of blue, and has yellow stripes on it. Nothing further is known, but sightseers tell us that it looks ready to sail somewhere.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS...LIVERPOOL.** Les in Liverpool tells us that KDA(reported last week) was on air again last Friday(8th) and Monday (4th) around midnight, on 92.6mhz. Keith and Jim were the D.J.'s. Station address was 46d Rock Lane West, Rock Ferry, Merseyside L42 4PA.

A powerful blank carrier was noted last Friday(1st) here, on 1296kHz. By Wednesday evening, the carrier was modulated and music was forthcoming, and has been since. Five records are played, over and over again, although the transmitter is switched off at night. This is still on air, as this report is written. The signal can be heard clearly in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, it is reported.

Anfield Community Radio was also noted locally on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th August, during the afternoon on 1404kHz. The address was given out as Mark Evans or John Sanderson, c/o 111 Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG.

Radio Active was logged here last Sunday but one(and again today) on 1611kHz., and reports tell us that it was on the air on Tuesday 5th August also. D.J.'s were Brian(?) and Paul Allen. Station address was...25 Glynne Street, Bootle, Merseyside. Today's tapes sound very much like last Sunday but one's tapes.

Radio Veronica on 104.7mhz., can be heard with an excellent signal here in Blackpool each weekend. Further 'celebrities' can be heard. Mark Thompson of FMTR, we understand. John in Liverpool tells us that a station of the same name reported on medium wave recently, has no connection with the FM station.

Radio Julie on 104.8mhz., is also heard here, but with a poorer signal.

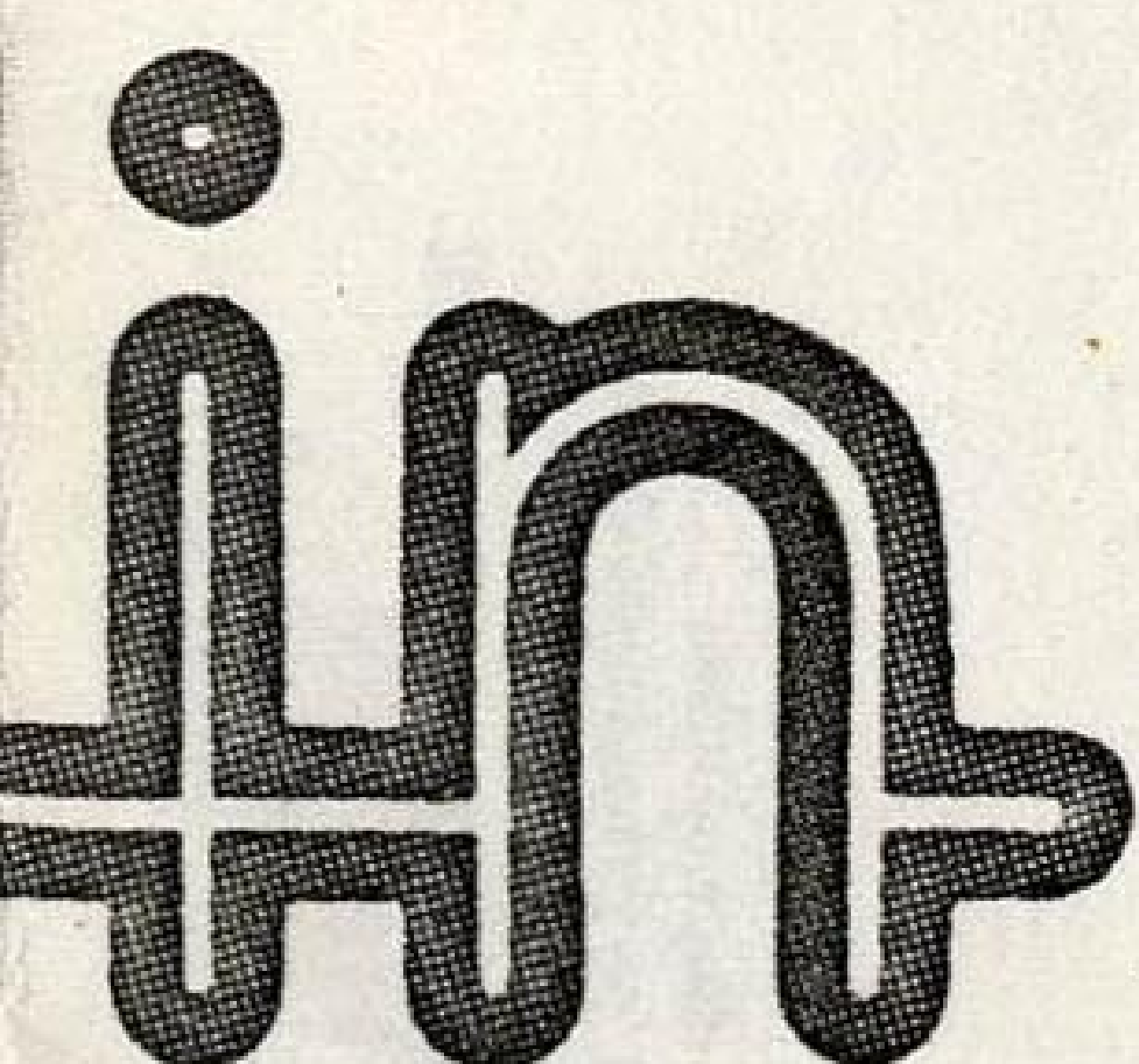
Last, but by no means least, Radio Merseywaves is audible here on 1242kHz., still with a poor signal.

**NORTH WALES.** Radio Annabelle on 92.4mhz. is heard locally each Sunday.

**THE MIDLANDS.** PCRL are on air today, on 103.4mhz., but have been off and on a bit again, this week. The signal is nothing like as strong as it used to be.

Apparently during the week, the station was noted playing Indian music and calling itself Sungam Radio(or similar), with a strong signal in Tipton.

**THE LONDON AREA.** Few reports this week. Nothing was noted on the Essex side on Monday, although on Tuesday, Starpoint and TKO were both noted. The former was then heard all week and in addition, yesterday, LWR, TKO and KISS FM were also heard. This morning, only the LWR carrier.



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THE SOUTH COAST. ABC Radio on 105.3mhz., was raided after 27 minutes on the air, on 27th July. They lost all equipment, but no men. They returned however, last Sunday and fulfilled a complete schedule. The DTI were spotted taking bearings on a nearby hill-top, but were unable to locate the station. 42 telephone calls were received for the two hour broadcast. The station continues on 105.3mhz., from 19.00 Sundays, with an address of 28 Clyde Park, Hailsham, East Sussex. KWR on 105.5mhz., were heard testing recently with a good stereo signal, audible from Eastbourne to Dover. Radio Sovereign on 105.0mhz., continues each Sunday, from 08.00 till 18.00. Their address is 32 South Road, Newhaven, East Sussex. Radio Atlantis on 105.0mhz., are now on every two weeks(today) from 19.00 till 21.00. Their address is P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk. R.B.L. on 91.6mhz., continues with English programmes each Sunday/Monday. Audio quality is now far better than it has been for some time, thanks to the French TDF who are responsible for technical standards. RBL broadcasts from the coastal town of Boulogne, France, with an E.R.P of 1 kw.

#### SHORT WAVE STATIONS...Log for Sunday 10th August.

- 6206khz....RADIO MARABU at 09.30gmt.
- 6206khz....RADIO 'LS(?) at 11.00gmt.
- 6206khz....RADIO SCORPIO at 11.30gmt.
- 6210khz....RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.
- 6217khz....PREMIER RADIO INTERNATIONAL.
- 6225khz....UNID., at 1145gmt., with o/shore tapes.
- 6230khz....RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10.03gmt.
- 6240khz....RAINBOW RADIO INT., at 09.43gmt.
- 6250khz....UNID., at 1045gmt., with Radio Scotland tapes.
- 6261khz....SKYWAVE RADIO INT., at 09.30gmt.
- 6266khz....UNID.(WR Int?) at 09.02gmt.
- 6266khz....RADIO ORION at 10.15gmt.
- 6275khz....FALCON RADIO at 09.59gmt.
- 6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09.39gmt.
- 6300khz....UNID.(BRL?) at 11.30gmt.
- 6301khz....W.F.R.L. at 08.52gmt.
- 6310khz....VOICE OF HOPE at 08.55gmt.
- 6310khz....RADIO IRELAND INT., at 10.25gmt.
- 6319khz....F.M.T.R. at 09.11gmt.
- 6725khz....E.M.R.(Box 65, London), at 10.00gmt.
- 6750khz....RADIO NA GAEL(5th Harmonic).
- 6840khz....RADIO TERRAPIN at 09.10gmt.(s/o at 09.15).
- 6910khz....RADIO DUBLIN at 09.17gmt.
- 7315khz....UNID.(Dutch, poss. Radio Marathon) at 09.45.
- 7357khz....RADIO 101 at 08.07gmt.

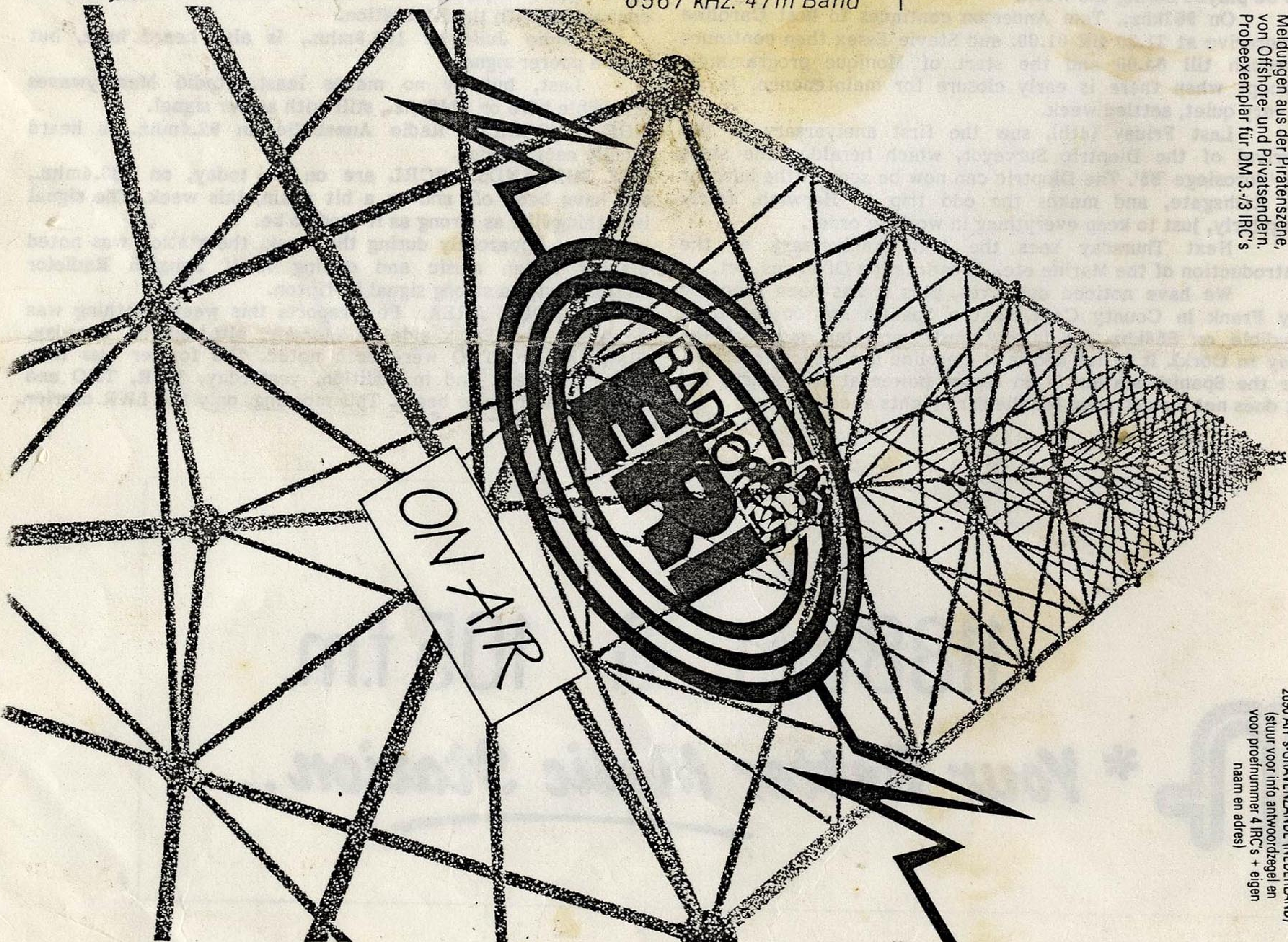
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Another year sails by....last Thursday saw the 19th Anniversary of the coming into force of the Marine etc., Broadcasting Offences Act. Next year will see 20 of course. Wouldn't it be nice to think that there was a 'Flashback '67 - No. 2' to look forward to, next August.

Weekly Report and Cuttings costs just 30p per week, posted second class within the U.K. It costs 35p, posted first class. It also costs 35p to EEC countries, and that now includes Eire. Elsewhere, the cost is 50p per week, posted Air Mail.

The Cuttings, for the benefit of people only receiving Weekly Report, this week, consist of a single B4 sheet, reduced down from A3 and full of the week's stories from the press. They include.....a large piece from Ireland's 'Leinster People' about how the stations there are 'sailing on', more about Sealand from 'The Scotsman' and 'Broadcast', a report about the Communicator from Colchester's Evening Gazette, The Times, and news of pirates in Rome and 'Broadcast's' report on the new station from the new partnership, RTE/Luxembourg, 'Radio Tara'(We had several reports on this story, but only this one gave the new station's name). This sheet will cost just 10p, plus an SAE, or 30p without the SAE.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** FRM Magazine No. 8 (August/September). Mostly in Dutch, a lot of photos, one nice one in colour(of Peter Philips). Price is £1.60 each.....<TX> **London's Alternative Radio Magazine**, Issue 8 now available. A5 format, all the details about the London pirate scene. Price is £1.25.....You may have to be quick off the mark to get one of the next two items on offer...we have acquired just a few copies of the original version of '**Caroline**' by the Fortunes. It is of foreign origin and comes in a picture sleeve. The price is £3.00 each, but remember, we have only a few, send off at once, don't delay!..... Have you ever been held up behind a bus in traffic and seen the big adverts on the back end of the bus? They are quite large and are adhesive(the peel back type). So what, you ask. The ones we have acquired, are **RADIO NOVA** adverts, intended for buses in the U.K. They are a splendid collector's item and feature the Nova logo in full colour etc. Don't send for one unless you have a very large wall to display it, as they measure 4 feet wide, by 22 inches deep. The price is £5.00, but act fast, we have only a very few of these(understandably). Back in stock....."Last of the Pirates" by Bob Noakes(£10.00) and Radio Monique stickers(50p). Still awaited....Caroline and Monique T - Shirts and Monique L.P.'s. Items delayed....Free Radio Round-Up Issue 7 was delayed slightly early week, but is now being mailed out, price is 90p.....Offshore Airchecks, via Offshore Echo's Magazine, as mentioned in last week's "WR", is mailed from France and this causes some delay. On top of this, a large demand has caused even more delay, so, please be patient with this item.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Radiotelex Issue 80. Another 6 pager! All the shortwave news and logs. Subscription details within this issue. We can supply a sample copy for 40p, thereafter, subscriptions must be taken out with RT direct. **Media Monitor** No. 34. News of Sealand, 'Radio

1½', Stereo 576 and lots more. A sample will cost 50p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA. **Pin Magazine No. 22.** 40 pages of A5, well produced, but all in German, nevertheless interesting. Details, enclosing IRC's, to PIN, Postfach 220342, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.** Due to lack of any major happenings this week, we shall re-print an FM band-scan, kindly produced last Monday evening by good friend, Kieran Murray, of Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show fame.....

91.8mhz...Tallaght Community Radio(was stereo, now mono).

94.0mhz...Capitol/Nitesky(stereo).

94.8mhz...Kiss FM(stereo - link).

95.8mhz...Capitol/Nitesky(stereo).

97.5mhz...Treble T.R.(stereo - link).

97.8mhz...B.L.B. Comm. Radio(Bray - stereo).

98.0mhz...Charisma(mono).

98.5mhz...Caroline Dublin(mono).

98.9mhz...C.B.C.(Comm. B/casting Co-op. - mono).

99.1mhz...UNID.(stereo).

99.5mhz...Treble T.R.(stereo).

99.9mhz...North Dublin Comm. Radio(Mono).

100.1mhz...Boyneside Radio(Drogheda - stereo).

100.5mhz...Sunshine Radio(stereo).

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102.1mhz...Q 102(stereo).

103.0mhz...Energy 103(stereo).

103.5mhz...Q 102(stereo).

104.1mhz...Kiss FM(stereo).

104.4mhz...Liberties Local Com. Radio(stereo).

104.7mhz...K 104(mono).

105.1mhz...Radio Dublin(stereo).

105.4mhz...Caroline Dublin(link - mono).

105.8mhz...UNID.(mono).

107.1mhz...Liberties Local Comm. Radio(link - stereo).

Obviously, this list was compiled at one



location, on one night, so some smaller, occasional stations could be missing. Checking the other reports in, the following FM stations have also been logged over the past ten days, in the Dublin area.....UNID., on 98.8mhz., WABC on 97.2 and 106.6mhz. and Hospital Radio on 97.3mhz. Mystery surrounds the 'UNID.' on 99.1mhz. No station name has been given out, simply continuous music, although a promo suggesting the station will open shortly has been reportedly heard.

Now the news.....**Energy 103** first....Tony McKenzie was missing from last Monday's Breakfast Show and John O'Hara stood in. John was also heard on his evening programme later the same day. Tony duly returned on Tuesday morning. A number of technical problems have been noted during the week, particularly towards the latter end of the week. Some breaks in transmissions were also noted, particularly on medium wave. On news, Sybil Fennell was heard mid-week, as was a new name on Saturday, although we only caught his first name, Paul. A report in from Martin in Swindon, Wiltshire, tells us that Energy was logged there recently, in the early hours. The top of the hour ID was noted. Finally, Bob and Margaret, currently holidaying in the South of France, tell us that a station was received there, announcing 'Feel the Energy' and was advertised on a banner trailing from a light aircraft, as 'NRG' ! Could this be the source of the current Dublin station's name?

Not much to report from **Q 102**. Scott Williams has been missing all week, possibly due to holidays. His place was taken by Dave Kelly. The Q/Puma 10k Road Race is getting extensive advertising at this time.

**Sunshine Radio** seems to have adopted the slogan 'Hot Hits 101 FM' since mid week, although we feel sure we have heard this one before! In an interview heard on Bernard Evans's Free Radio Show on **Tallaght Community Radio**(Friday nights from 20.00 till 22.00 on 1359khz., and 91.9mhz.), Sunshine's new American programme controller, Bill Cunningham, said that no disc jockeys had been sacked, and everyone should listen out for 'Phase III'. He went on to say that telephone requests are currently being received at the rate of 3,000 per week. Finally, he said he was going to make it easy for listeners to get all the '101 Hits of Summer'(and have the chance of winning a lot of money). During the early hours of last Sunday morning, Mark Byrne and Bill called out all the 101 records in question. This took around twenty odd minutes, during which time the three FM transmissions went their own way and played nonstop music. The titles, only being heard on 531khz. This interview has been the talk of the radio scene in Dublin, so, well done Bernard, we say! Reports from **KISS FM** tell us that things there are going very well. Their recent Bank Holiday Monday feature was a success(Top 100 Love Songs). The current line-up reads.....07.00 Colm Mooney. 11.00 David Baker(Easy Listening). 15.00 Maurice Nevin(Easy Listening). 19.00 Joe Harte. 22.00 Gareth Young.

Outside Dublin now, **Boyneside Radio** in Kells, moved channel on Tuesday, from 1323khz., to 1224khz., although FM remains on 98.1mhz. The reason for the move is not certain, but interference from Moscow after dark may well have contributed to the move. In Longford, **Independent Radio Longford**, although not heard here, due to only being on FM(99.0mhz.), are currently on air from 07.00 until 01.00. The programmes are mainly music, M.O.R./pop, although a couple of country programmes do go out on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 19.00 till 22.00 and an Irish Traditional programme on Sundays from 11.00 till 13.00. A number of adverts are heard, including the one for the Mosney Holiday Camp, heard on most Irish stations. Down the South of the country, sketchy reports tell us that there has been a number of changes in staff on the stations in Cork. **Radio ERI** have gained another Dublin presenter, Barry Falvey, this time, from Energy. Barry has joined another Dublin colleague, George Talbot, who is now programme controller at ERI, following the departure of John Blake. Talking of departures, Hugh Brown has gone from this station, too. He has joined the nearby **WBEN**, who in turn seem to have lost Neil Francis and Keith York to **WLS** in Galway. It is not certain about Nick Richards at all, although it is thought he is not at WBEN at present. Finally in Ireland, **City Sound Radio** in Derry are reported twice over the last week, by Brian in Dungannon, who says he logged them on 1566khz., but drifting about, also by Ian in Scotland, yesterday.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news from Israel this week, although a change in staff will have taken place by this time next week.

**SHIPS AND FORTS.** Other than what has been seen in the newspapers(see cuttings), absolutely nothing additional to report here, but we wait in hope.

**CAROLINE.** The news is even thin here this week, with exactly the same line-up as last week....05.00 John Lewis. 09.00 Kevin Turner. 13.00 Tony Peters. 17.00 Stevie Essex. 21.00 Jamie King. 01.00 Dave James. Monday continues to be the early closing night(01.00), but other than that, the station appeared to be 24 hours a day. News broadcasts also, were the same, Kevin Turner(AM), John Lewis(lunchtime) and Jamie King(PM).

On Monday, John mentioned that they had a mystery on their hands, having received a report that the mast of the Mi Amigo had finally disappeared under the sea. He then said that a ship had reported to them, that it was still there. He followed that up by saying that when visibility improved, they would check with their powerful binoculars, as it was only ten miles from the Ross Revenge. Nothing else has been heard since, but maybe one of our readers can throw some light on to this mystery.

A commercial for the Reading Rock '86 Festival has been heard on both Caroline 558 and Overdrive 963, to be held on 22nd, 23rd and



24th August. A new version read by John Lewis, of the Fashion Fair advert, has also been noted recently.

On 'Overdrive 963', Tom Anderson has once again been hosting the 21.30 until 01.00 spot, but following this, we have not logged, so can only presume that this also was the same, and it was Stevie Essex, but we will stand corrected on the latter.

No special programmes to commemorate the 14th August appear to have been aired, although we were not able to log the station at all times. We would be glad to hear from anyone who can tell us differently. However, out at sea, the lads (and lass) on the ship had visits from the Alert III Police launch, the R.A.F and U.S.A.F on the day. It is reported that some photos were taken by these 'visitors'.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS.** LIVERPOOL. Action in Liverpool has brightened up an otherwise dull scene this past week or two. Most of the stations who have been on the air have been audible here in Blackpool. Stalwart of the free radio scene in this city, and recently during a period of heavy DTI activity, the only one to make the air each week, **Radio Merseywaves** (1242kHz.), have however, been conspicuous by their absence, since last Monday. Reasons for this non-appearance remain unknown at this stage. **Radio Veronica** (104.7mhz.) signed off at 22.30 last Sunday evening, and were not heard at this location until today (Sunday). Heard on this station last Sunday, were Adrian Cooke, editor of the free radio magazine, *Wavelength*, which was advertised extensively during his show, Steve Harper, operator of the Short Wave station, Free Medway Town Radio and Neil Frazer, operator of the station. Tapes of other stations were aired also, including the Irish, Radio Rainbow International, and Radio Caroline. **Radio Julie** went on much later than Veronica last Sunday evening, and were also heard again this weekend on 104.8mhz. Today, a 'new' name appeared on medium wave, **Starlight Radio**, an off-shoot of Central Radio, on 1404kHz., announcing 214m, with test transmissions over lunch-time and till about 14.20, when they closed down, but did say they could be back later, and also to watch out for the return of Central and also of Concept Radio on FM. Talking about stations being back, a report in during the week told us that Wirral FM would also be back on air soon. The station which has been heard extensively of late, 'testing' with five records being played over and over again, on 1296kHz., has not been heard since last weekend, but it can be confirmed that the tests were put out by Storeton Community Radio's Martin 'C' in preparation for that station's return, possibly on 1026kHz., again. **Anfield Community Radio** were logged locally last weekend, on a changed frequency of 1413kHz. (from 1404). The change could have been to allow Starlight/Cetral to return on 1404. They operated last Sunday, from noon till 18.00 and gave out a mailing address of 111 Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG. Presenters heard were Mark Evans

and John Anderson. Weekday broadcasts were also mentioned. The station was logged here again today, but this time on 1431kHz., drifting about, causing a variable heterodyne. **K - Sound Radio** was reportedly logged locally last Saturday but one (9th), on 105.8mhz., at around 17.00 and again the following day at intermittent times. No further details on this one, at hand. **Mersey FM** was another logged last Sunday locally, on 103.4mhz., over the lunch-time period. A report in says that **Concept Radio** were actually on the air last Sunday on 104.3mhz., with Jim Lowe and Tom Webb. The station was received at 22.30. **Liverpool Pirate Radio** was logged poorly on 1170kHz., last Sunday at 13.30, mixing badly with the ILR on the same channel. Radio Commodore are mentioned as going to 'test' on 103.4mhz., soon and finally, Radio Active are awaited, on 161kHz.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **PCRL** are reported today, but have been missing for some spells during the week. 103.6mhz., is the usual frequency.

**THE SOUTH.** News from **Radio Boulogne Littoral** tells us that the station has now got a replacement for Stuart Clark, currently 'holidaying' on the Voice of Peace. His name is James Day, ex Caroline and ABC Radio Waterford presenter. In addition to James, the station presenters now include, Mark Allen, Tim Stewart, Jeff Johnson and Mark Daniels. English programmes commence at 22.00 on Sunday night and at 19.00 on Monday night. The station has just moved the antenna site and studios. The new site gives a better signal into the U.K., and quality is reported as being superb, as the French TDF run the new transmitter on 91.6mhz.

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**THE LONDON AREA.** According to the <TX> ansaphone, many of the London stations were raided in the early hours of last Sunday, hence the lack of stations reported last week. By Tuesday, only J.B.C. had made it back on the air. Last Thursday but one, and again last Saturday but one, a station was noted on 88.6mhz. in Surrey. Due to the appalling quality, identification proved impossible. Two political stations have been



heard in London, on about 94mhz., Radio Reflection has been logged with fairly high power, playing the usual Soul/Jazz/Funk, interspersed with various recorded speeches re anti-apartheid, black power etc. The other station is on about 92.4/92.8mhz., and is either Black Invicta or The Voice of the Black Revolution. Power is reported as low and quality, dreadful. The station is also reported as being politically extreme.

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

6206khz....FRS HOLLAND at 09.00gmt.  
 6225khz....UNID., at 10.00gmt.  
 6230khz....RADIO LONDON?(via RECC) at 10.00.  
 6235khz....SPECTRUM WORLD B/C. at 11.06.  
 6240khz....RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 09.25gmt.  
 6266khz....RADIO ORION at 10.55gmt.  
 6270khz....RADIO SOVEREIGN at 11.23gmt.  
 6275khz....RADIO NORMAAL at 08.45gmt.  
 6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT. at 11.25gmt.  
 6285/7k....GAMMA RADIO at 09.20gmt.  
 6306khz....UNID.(Riverside/ABC?).  
 6320khz....F.M.T.R. at 07.52gmt.  
 6840khz....RADIO TERRAPIN at 09.37gmt.  
 6910khz....UNID.(probably Dublin).  
 7357khz....RADIO 101 at 0805gmt.

Conditions today were long skip with Ireland skipping over us almost completely. Radio Sovereign are no longer using the Balaclava Road mailing address, but can be now contacted via FMTR at P.O. Box SH9, Sheerness, Kent. Falcon Radio may have been on 6275khz., but later in the morning, and also WMR on 6295khz.

Reports of an Alternative Radio Orion, playing rock music, predominate, but as yet, nothing has been heard.

Our UNID., on 6225khz., last week, was possibly Britain Radio International. RECC had earlier announced that tests were to be carried out on that frequency. Our Radio 'LS' last week, on 6207khz., was Radio Liberty Sound reports Podney, who also tells us that he heard an UNID., on 6270khz., at 10.27gmt.

It has been reported that Sunshine Radio from Ludlow is to make a return to the airwaves, next Sunday at 12.00, on 103.5mhz. The station is planning to transmit initially on Sundays only, 07.00 to 20.00.

Finally, our thanks this week, to everyone who has sent in cuttings and reports from their area. We really appreciate them all.

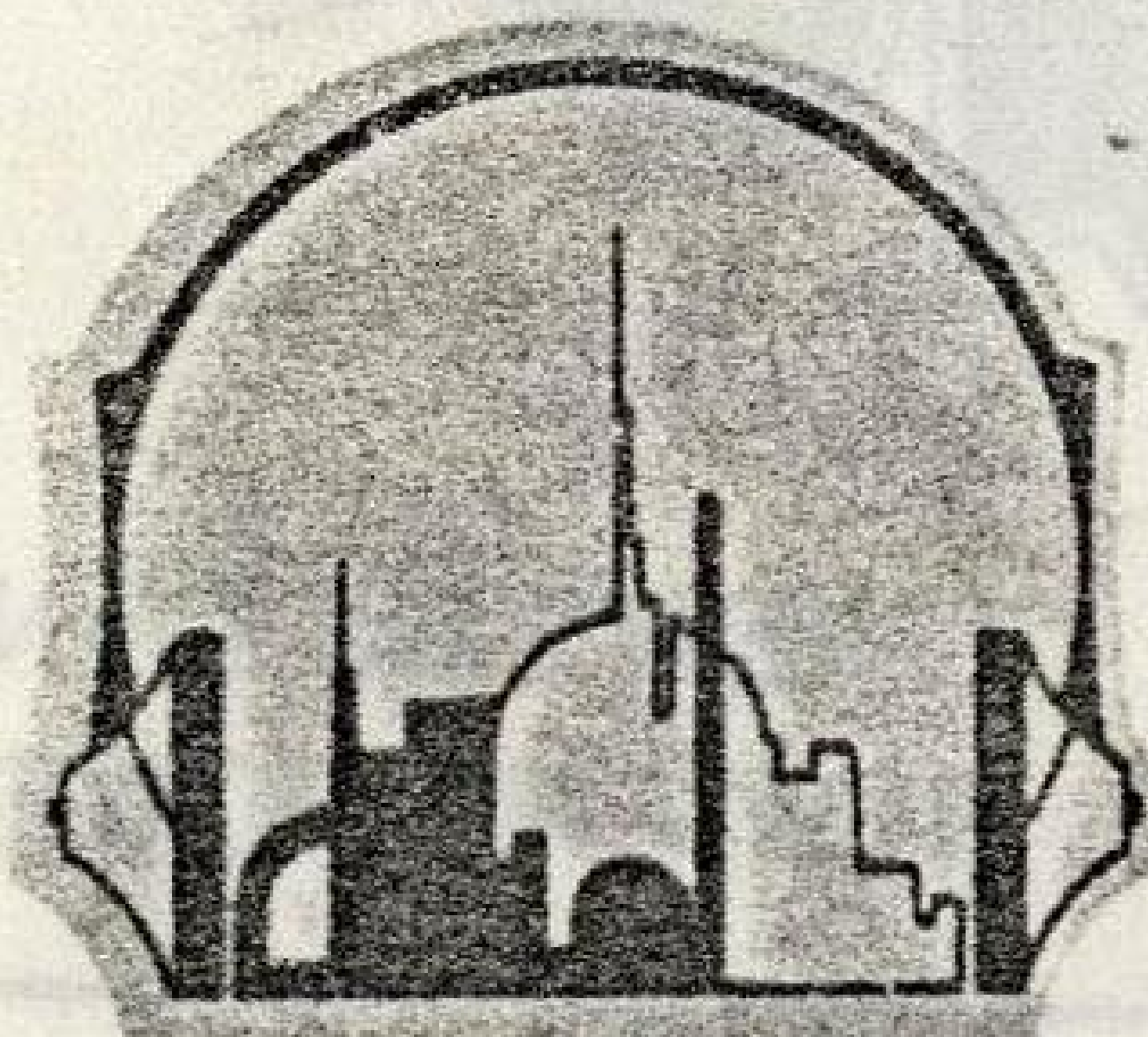
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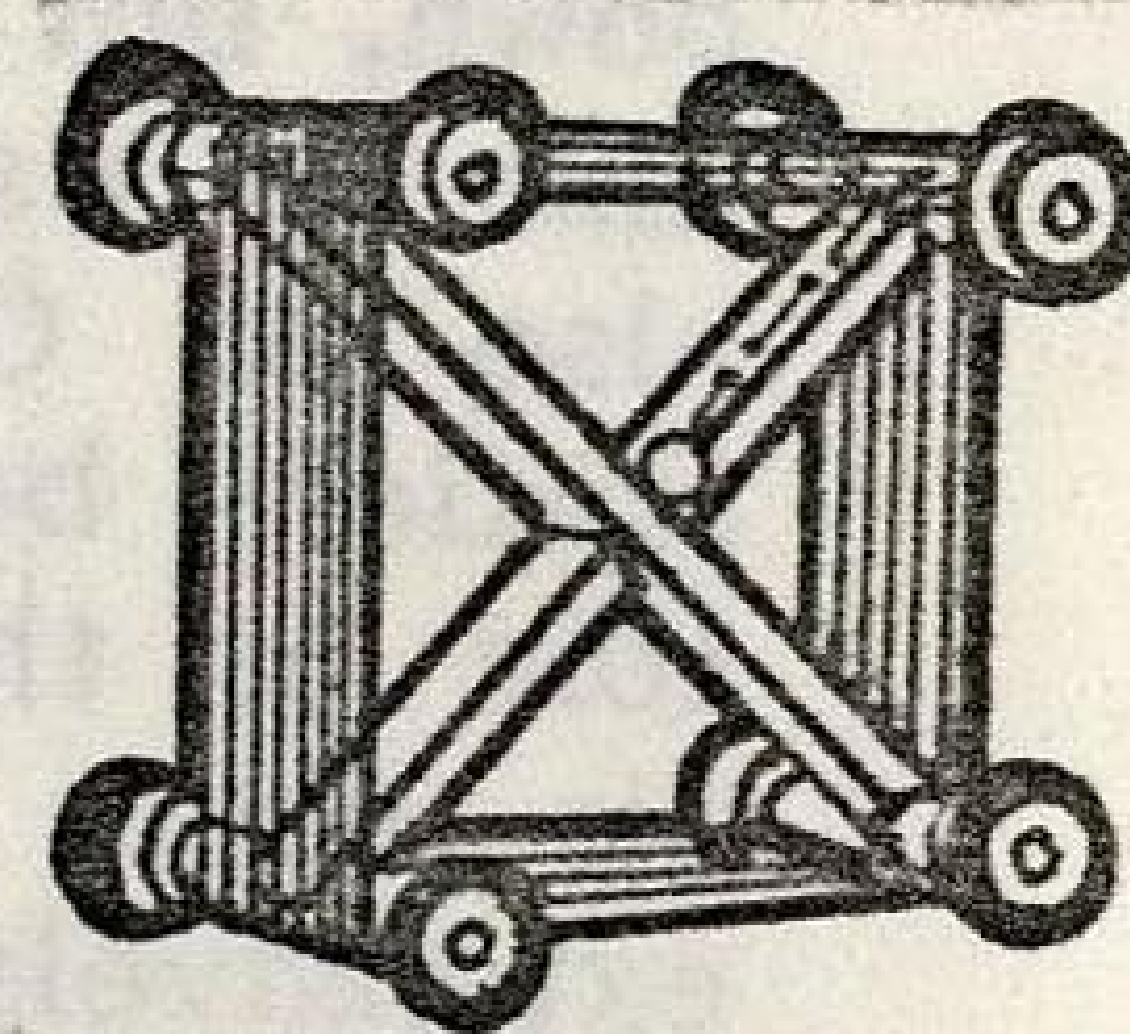
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For the last time until the end of the year, this week's Weekly Report will arrive a day late, due to a Bank Holiday in the U.K. Of course, Christmas is our next public holiday, but other countries do have some further holidays in between times. All being well, this week's report should feature some Bank Holiday Monday news/activity.

Weekly Report and Cuttings costs 30p, posted second class within the U.K. Posted first class it costs 35p per week. Posted to the Republic of Ireland and other EEC countries the cost is also 35p per week. Elsewhere, the cost is 50p per week, posted air mail.

The Cuttings, for the benefit of anyone who still only receives Weekly Report on it's own, this week comprise of a single B4 sheet, reduced down from A3 and containing the following.....a story from the Dublin Evening Herald about Tony Boylan, Dublin's longest running pirate station operator (Radio Galaxy), who is set to retire to the Isle of Man shortly, a similar sized story from the Hartford(Connecticut) Advocate about Laser 558, the latest about the Communicator from Harwich and Manningtree Standard, a snippet from Record Mirror about Solar Radio(now in Portugal), an Irish paper snippet about stations on the border, and two fillers, one from Sunday Mirror, one from Irish Independent about the proposed Radio Tara(the joint RTE/Luxembourg venture). Price for this sheet is just 10p plus an SAE(30p without SAE).

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** We have very little new this week, except for a story entitled "Sealand - Stormy Waters Ahead?" by Barry Collins. This highly interesting article is a must for anyone even slightly interested in this latest episode in Offshore Radio. Due to it's size, we are unable to print said article in Weekly Report, however, we can offer it in the same type and format as "WR", for 25p(posted with your next issue), or 50p if you wish to have it posted at once.

Please note: At the moment, we have no further copies of 'Caroline' by the Fortunes, or Radio Nova bus posters. We said last week, that you would have to be quick off the mark. Well, you were, and they are all gone, but we do hope to get some further supplies. Keep watching this space, as they say. Back in stock, once again, Radio Caroline T - Shirts(still 576/963khz.), but excellent quality as always, white with multi-coloured logo. Also back, Radio Monique T - Shirts, yellow with red logo, again, excellent quality. Still available, Laser 558 T - Shirts, black with multicoloured logo. Sizes are medium, large and extra large, prices are £5.00 including post and packing. Get yourself one now, whilst stocks last(in readiness for the forthcoming 'Indian' Summer!). **SPECIAL T - SHIRT OFFER.....**Buy one of each, three in

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Finally, Issue 62 of Offshore Echo's is due late next week(post permitting), so anyone wanting a copy, who has so far not ordered one, may now send their order, along with remittance of £1.80. You can still subscribe to OEM at the reduced rate of £8.50(5 Issues). Please note: Issue 61 is completely sold out.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Medium Wave News Vol 32/No. 3. Lots of American logs in this magazine. Details from Harold Emblem, 70 Lyndhurst Road,

Southport, Merseyside PR8 4JT.....**Now Radio Newsletter Issue 9** now available from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 ONW. 20 pages, now in A5 format, extremely interesting. Worth checking out.....**F.R.S. Goes DX**, Issue 49, now available(in English) from FRS Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland. 12 pages, A5 format. Annual subscription is £4.00.

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**WANTED.** Seven inch single of 'Peace' by Peter Gosling and 'Soul Coaxing' by Raymond Lefevre...contact Stewart Turner, 204 Honey Hill Road, Queen's Park, Bedford.

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**GENERAL.** Jenny Knight writes and tells us that CM Thanet Branch are holding their 1st Birthday party at the Grosvenor Club, Margate, on Saturday 27th September at 19.30. Admission is by ticket only, which are priced at £1.50 each and this includes 'Ploughman's Supper'. Raffle, licenced bar etc. For more details telephone Jenny on (0843) 821112.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.** Alan from Dublin sent us a letter in the week, with three additions to Kieran Murray's FM bandscan list, printed last week. There were....90.2mhz. **C.C.** Radio(Christian Community), which broadcasts nightly around 18.00.....99.1mhz. **C.B.C. Radio.** This has nothing to do with



Community Broadcasting Co-operative. The address is Woodview Grove, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin.....105.8mhz., **Southside Radio**. A further station is known to have taken to the airwaves, **Phoenix Radio** on 98.1mhz., with AM broadcasts promised shortly. The station did test this AM transmitter last year, on 1242khz., and it was picked up by Derek in Preston, but whether that is possible now, due to increased power from **Laois Community Radio** also on 1242khz., remains to be seen.

Again, there is very little major news from the big three in Dublin this week. **Energy 103's** new news-reader turned out to be Paul Clements. The station's signal on AM has been back to normal this week. The FM signal, not often receivable here, due to a Manchester ILR station also on 103.0mhz., sounds quite good too. We have found a place where it can be received nearby. If we travel about 13 miles inland from Blackpool, the road climbs about 600 feet above sea level and at a certain point, with even more hills behind, the **Energy** signal booms in on the smallest pocket radio. No doubt the hills behind manage to block out the unwanted ILR station. Richard Jackson, late of this station, **Zoom 103** and **Nova**, has turned up on **Radio Caroline**(see under this section).

Further staff holidays at **Q 102** mean changed schedules once again. Scott Williams is back from his break, to be followed by Greg Gaughran and Mike Hogan on holiday. In their place, Scott is on breakfast, with Dave Kelly on 'Eye in the Sky' in the helicopter. New sophisticated audio processing equipment, promised some time ago, has now been brought into use. A DBX state of the art, digital compressor is being used on the output from the studio. One member of staff says it resembles a litup Christmas tree when in use. Reports of improved audio quality have reached us already, not only from Dublin, but from further afield.

**Sunshine Radio**, (or is it **Hot Hits 101 FM**?) seem to continue along the same lines. The 101 Hits of Summer promotion is rapidly reaching it's crescendo, with the final planned for the Tamango Disco in the Sands Hotel on Tuesday. The winner receives £5,000 with runnersup getting 101 L.P.'s from the Golden Disc record store and a ghetto blaster from Lawless Brothers of Malahide. Lots of rumours are flying about concerning Phase III. One suggested a second station may evolve, another that the whole operation may move into town(from Portmarnock, some miles to the North). Time only will tell, we must stay tuned! One thing is for certain, however, the disc jockeys seem to be returning.

David from **KISS FM** dropped us a line in the week and told us that the recent Bank Holiday special, "Top 100 Love Songs" was compiled by Maurice Nevin, John Dunne and Declan Dempsey. No songs were featured more than once, despite reports to the contrary. In fact, David even sends us a complete list of the whole one hundred, so, if any one wants a copy, drop a line to us. The station seems to have adopted an easy listening approach which seems to be proving quite successful.

Another station we seemed to have missed recently, was **S.T.Y.C. Radio**(St. Teresa's Youth Club), in Mount Merrion, South County Dublin. The club are having a community week and the station is part of this. Transmissions are on 88.0mhz.FM and 963khz.AM.

**The Voice of Hope** was once again logged with 'test transmissions' today(Sunday) on 1449khz.(and also anouncing as being on 6310khz. courtesy of Radio Ireland Int., although, not logged here), with a fairly good signal. An address was given out on the air. It was...VOH, 67 Dunmore Lawn, Ballymount, Dublin 24...Tel: (01) 523783. It was stated that regular transmissions were planned, also that the station was in no way connected with any other Voice of Hope stations elsewhere in the world.

**LONGFORD. Independent Radio Longford** has been reported as being received in Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan, and also in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, on 99.0mhz. The overall presentation is reported as being very professional and the commercials well made. From the same area, **Longford Community Radio** can be heard over a wide area on 1071khz.(even in the U.K., despite Radio 1 either side!), with a mixture of country and popular music. Many adverts are noted, and, as mentioned before, covering a very wide area.

**BALLINASLOE**(Co. Galway). Despite no positive identification, it is thought that a station heard beneath **Radio Carousel Navan** on 1386khz., here in Blackpool, could be **Candy Radio**. Efforts made to null out Carousel, resulted in the station beneath being nulled out, suggesting that it was coming from a similar direction. On the null, **Kilkenny Community Radio** was audible.

**CAVAN. Cavan Community Radio** on 819khz., are reported as having quite a lot of commercials, but seem to be suffering interference from **Q 102** in Dublin, who have increased both power and audio quality of late. As a result, the station's reception area could be reduced considerably. The station operates 24 hours per day, but uses pre-recorded tapes from midnight till 08.00 nightly.

**KILNALECK. Breffni Community Radio** reports no problems and a healthy advertising log, on 1170khz. The 95.6mhz. FM transmitter is expected back on air soon, from Arkill Mountain, with increased power, and hopefully increased reception area. This station also operates 24 hours, with tapes from 03.00 till 07.00 nightly.

**CASTLEBLAYNEY. Big 'M' Community Radio** is reported as now running the "Liney 5" Radio Bingo Game. Special cards are being advertised on the air, available at various shops in counties Armagh and Tyrone. The station's excellent signal on 954khz., is thought to be the reason for these adverts from the North.

**ATHLONE. Jason Ross** writes and tells us that **Signal 102 Stereo** is actually on 102.0mhz., and not 101.9mhz., as reported by a correspondent earlier.

The reason this station appeared to be on 101.9mhz., is because the receiving radio had to be slightly de-tuned, in order to avoid the strong signal on 102.1mhz., from **Q 102** in Dublin.

**CARRICKCARNON**(Co. Louth). **Boyneside North** on 101.2mhz. stereo is reported as being pleasantly listenable in Belfast, but only in mono. Stereo reception is said to be a bit noisy. 100 watts is the power output. Chief engineer, **Heady Eddie** reports that the 1233khz. transmitter has been running troublefree since January(despite only able to get 190 volts instead of 220, out of the border area E.S.B.), but even so, we noted some audio problems a couple of weeks ago(reported in WR), and again during last week, the transmitter was noted off air between 1400 and 1700 on Tuesday afternoon. Eddie tells us that recent FM breaks have been caused by problems with the power lead up the mountain. He goes on to say that **Boyneside Dublin** will return soon.

**BELTURBET. Erneside Community Radio** is rumoured to be going FM and putting a couple of relays on as well, to add to their, already, large coverage area from their 1251khz. transmissions.

**ARDEE**(Co. Louth). **East Coast Radio**. Two reports in last week indicated movement on the FM band. One said that the station had moved to 98.6mhz., from 98.3. Another report mentioned 98.8mhz., and thought that maybe the station had a relay in Dundalk. 1044khz. AM also.

**DUNDALK. Radio Carousel**, 1125khz., and 100.75mhz., has been received on 88.0mhz., also.

**MULLINGAR. Midway Radio** has been missing for a couple of days on 1494khz. Nothing further is known at this time.

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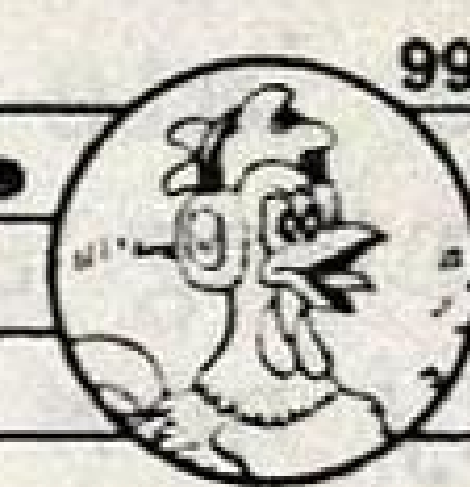
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has meant that the station's Athlone relay has been heard in Blackpool (and elsewhere, no doubt), with an improved signal on 702kHz.

**SKERRIES.** Community Radio Fingal was noted off the air last Monday, on 1575kHz.

**DERBY.** City Sound Radio, whilst not received here, as yet, has put a heterodyne whistle on around 1563-6kHz., recently. Low modulation has meant that no audio could be received.

On the subject of heterodyne whistles, whilst the low frequency hum on 1008kHz., has been missing during the week, North Dublin Community Radio has been clearly audible with good modulation. The hum returned on Friday, making reception of NDCR virtually impossible. The hum is not caused by NDCR.

**CORK.** Shortage of staff at WBEN last week, has meant long shifts for the remainder of the team. Five hour shifts have been nothing unusual! The arrival of Hugh Browne from Radio ERI helped matters though, and he can be heard each morning from 07.00 until 10.00, in addition to the weekend when he does the "Oldies and Irish" on Sunday mornings. This programme has been widely listened to for the last three years in Cork (on Radio ERI), and now a Tony Allan voiceover invites listeners to "hear Hugh Browne present the original Oldies and Irish on Sunday morning on WBEN. Meanwhile, over at ERI, Joe O'Reilly has taken over Hugh Browne's position, presenting the same popular show. It will be interesting now to see who really pulls the listeners. A number of new Tony Allan voice-overs have been heard recently on WBEN, many directed against ERI's "Fly ERI" campaign. One in particular says "while other stations say they are flying, WBEN has actually taken off". A new voice has been heard on ERI lately, although as yet has not been heard to identify himself. He is thought to come from Dublin, rather than Cork and it is a distinct possibility that this could be Barry Falvey, as mentioned in last week's report. Finally in Cork, Leaside Sound has returned, but with a different name, Centre or Central Radio. 101.5mhz. was the original frequency, so it is possibly the same now.

Finally, the following harmonics were received here last week....2610kHz. (2 x 1305kHz.), Boyneside Radio.....2826kHz. (2 x 1413kHz.), Big 'M' Community Radio.....2727kHz. (3 x 909kHz.) BBC Radio 2....2862kHz. (3 x 954kHz.), Big 'M' Community Radio....2340kHz. (2 x 1170kHz.), Breffni Community Radio.

A blank carrier on 1512kHz., during the week, caused the Belgian station, BRT, to 'wobble'. No details of its source are known, it might not even be Ireland!

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news this week, although Gavin Ford has arrived there to take over from Dave Shearer, who is due to leave.

**SHIPS, FORTS AND LATE STATIONS.** Nothing to add to what has already been printed in the press, although at this stage, it does appear that something is going to happen sooner or later, somewhere.

A letter in during the week from John Catlett, former boss of Laser 558, fills us in with a few answers to questions posed in "WR" Issue 118....The song "Laser Radio" which was broadcast shortly before the station left the air, was sung and composed by Roger King....."The Laser Rap" is probably a reference to the "Beat Soundtrack" of an earlier Laser Video, produced by Scott Randall's Media Design Agency. The soundtrack was arranged, written and performed by Jazzy E, M & M, City Sid, Peter Glass, James LaBoy, New York City, according to the credits on the video. Further information can possibly be obtained from Scott Randall, The Media Design Agency, 100 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016, or by telephoning area code (212) 818 8900.

**CAROLINE.** After a quiet couple of weeks, both on the staff changes side, and the airing of new commercials, this past week has produced a mammoth amount of news. Monday saw the return of John Dwyar at his previous time slot of 13:00, appearing to replace Tony Peters at this time, who has not been heard, since doing the breakfast show on Sunday. Following John's first return show, a shift in the line-up brought Dave James from the overnight slot, to the 'Drive Time' show, with comments to suit, about it being the first time he has seen daylight through the studio porthole. The weekday line-up last week was: 0500 John Lewis 0900 Kevin Turner 1300 John Dwyar 1700 Dave James 2100 Jamie King. The station has been closing early during the week, but returned to 24 hours operation on Friday. Stevie Essex was also last heard on Sunday doing his early

evening show, and following this, left the ship along with Tony Peters. As in the previous two weeks the news has been read at breakfast by Kevin Turner, lunchtime with John Lewis and teatime by Jamie King.

On Tuesday, the mystery of the Mi-Amigo mast was once again mentioned by Johnny, during his breakfast show. Apparently, those on board had still not found out whether the mast had collapsed or not, and visibility was so good that morning, that they were once again going to try and see it from the bridge on the Ross Revenge. As yet, no mention has been noted as to whether they were successful in their search of the horizon. Clive from Sussex has since written to us, after reading our comments last week, and he tells us that on 9th August, the mast of the Mi Amigo was indeed still standing, proudly and defiantly. He viewed it with his binoculars from a few miles to the South West. Also on Tuesday, Kevin Turner read out letters, just received, referring to an incident a few weeks ago. This involved a Dutchman who blew up the only kettle on board the Ross Revenge, after which, pans had to be used to boil water. Kevin replied to these letters, with 'tongue in cheek', by saying that 'because there are certain DJ's on board who cannot carry on without endless cups of tea, they now had two kettles, just in case the Dutchman blew up another one'. (We wonder whether he meant John Lewis on this occasion, as many cups of tea, or 'slosh' as it seems to be referred to sometimes, seem to be ferried into the studio for consumption each morning!)

To go along with the recent commercial for the Elvis Presley Fan Club, a competition has been aired during the week, with the prize being one of a hundred Elvis picture discs. To be eligible for a chance of winning one of these records, the correct answer to the following question must be given: 'When Elvis was with the Forces in Germany in the early 60's, he met a girl he was later to marry. What was her name?'

Several new advertisers have been heard this week, two of them being for special edition record sets, the first being for country music on MCA Records, and titled 'Country Fever'. Susan Charles did some of the voice-overs for this particular advert, along with some others this week. This was the first time her voice has been heard on the station for some time. The other record set was for Arista Records 10th Anniversary celebrations, and entitled 'Portrait of a Decade'. A further advert aired in the past few days was for vehicle insurance from Stone Motor Policies, (on which Andy Johnson's voice can be heard, showing he still seems to be involved with the station). To finish off the list of new commercials on Caroline this week, Wheatley Transport were offering us a fast, goods delivery service.

Details of temporary work for students trained in sports and drama, were made 'live' on occasions, adding to the other 'public service' announcements heard in recent months. The number for enquiries was 0480-59754. Information of use to those attending the Reading Festival, was aired increasingly towards Friday afternoon, when the first band was due on stage. This consisted of a run-down of the bands to play on the various days, and was read by Tom Anderson. Plugs for the Caroline Rock Show gig for Saturday, in Northfleet was also given during the latter part of the week.

Wednesday became the third anniversary of regular broadcasts from the Ross Revenge, and this fact was mentioned several times during the day. On the same morning, John Lewis said hello to an old friend who used to work 'not a million miles from here', and proceeded to play Charlie Wolf's theme tune. He explained that Charlie was returning to the States, that afternoon, thanked him for the many hours of entertaining programming last year, and wished him well for the future.

More D.J. changes took place over the Holiday weekend, despite poor weather conditions on the North Sea. A new voice was heard at 1300 on Saturday afternoon, and was that of Richard Jackson, who previously worked on Radio Nova, Zoom 103 and Energy 103 in Dublin, and before that, on Radio Jackie, up to its closure in February 1985. Caroline Martin also made a return to the ship and is hosting the overnight show on 558kHz, between 0100 and 0500, although, due to non-existent reception here, between 22.00 and 06.00, it is difficult to tell who is actually on the air. Kevin Turner has not been heard since Friday, so it looks like he is off the ship.

Bank Holiday Monday saw a strange lineup, considering the number of presenters on board. John Dwyar was on early,



complete with 'frog in throat', followed by Richard Jackson, who also read the early news. At 13.00 John Dwyar managed to croak his way through the news, then proceeded to do a second programme.

On 963kHz., Tom Anderson has hosted the show throughout the week, till early closedown at 01.00. On return to 24 hours operation at the weekend, a new voice was noted, John Tyler, who did 01.00 till 04.00.

**LAND-BASED NEWS. LIVERPOOL.** Following the mass of action last week in this area, this week seemed a positive anti-climax. Nevertheless, there was quite a bit of action noted. Radio Merseywaves failed to appear at all and has not been on the air now since Monday 11th August, as far as we know. The future of the station seems a bit doubtful at this stage. Radio Julie was noted on 104.8mhz., with test transmissions (and budgies tweeting in background!), on Monday evening. The signal received here, in Blackpool, was the best yet, from this station. The station was also logged on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but the signal on Sunday was quite poor, and we had doubts whether it was them or not. An unidentified signal on 102.6kHz., heard on various days throughout the week, relaying a local ILR station, was thought to be test transmissions for the return of Storeton Community Radio, and the same transmitter as that putting out the excellent signal on 129.6kHz., quite recently. Nothing further has evolved as yet. Radio Veronica has been missing all week, as announced. On Sunday afternoon, a poor signal was noted on 143.1kHz.(v), with similar characteristics to that heard last week, was thought to be Anfield Community Radio. Bank Holiday Monday saw Central Radio return on 140.4kHz., during the afternoon, with a good signal. Reports from Les in Liverpool, tell us that last Sunday Concept Radio was logged on 104.25mhz., at around 23.30. Also, KDA on 92.6mhz., last Monday at 23.55.

**THE MIDLANDS.** PCRL was reported on 103.8kHz., once again. Also, from Ludlow, Sunshine Radio apparently made it on the air, and was logged on 103.5mhz., on Sunday. An unidentified station, playing a tribute to Elvis, was logged on Sunday 17th, on 157.5kHz., in the Telford area, closing at 17.01. Further broadcasts were promised.

**BELFAST.** B 96 was logged last Sunday, on 96.5mhz., playing rock and reggae music.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** ABC Radio was broadcasting to Eastbourne and outlying areas (and reaching South West London and Buckinghamshire), last Sunday evening, on 105.3mhz. Reception was reported as being superb, but the report says it is a pity the music played they played, wasn't!

**SOUTHEND.** Activity 909 has been heard periodically, testing during the week, on 90.85mhz., using the 1391 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea address. Radio Galaxy 104 has been logged recent weekends, on 103.7mhz., hailing from the Chelmsford area, with a fair signal. A telephone number was heard being announced....(0621) 860723.

**LONDON.** According to reports, no raids were thought to have taken place this weekend, however, stations were still being cautious, as Bank Holiday Mondays are known to be 'days of action' for the DTI. A number of small FM stations have sprung up for the Notting Hill Carnival, playing the usual reggae-type music. Radio Thamesmead, the cable station, was granted a special events licence for the Thamesmead Show and Carnival on Friday and Saturday last. 150.3kHz., was the channel allocated and used and Phoenix Communications supplied the equipment. A new medium wave relay frequency of Radio Gemma was noted on 17th, on 112.5kHz., at 10.00. Normal frequency of this station is 89.9mhz. Radio Memphis on 126.0kHz., made an extra transmission on Saturday 16th, to celebrate the anniversary of Elvis's death. Nonstop music was also noted on 161.1kHz., on 17th, between 16.00 and 17.00 and between 19.00 and 20.15. Other FM activity on 16th included....People's Choice on 103.6mhz., Kiss FM on 95.3mhz., LWR on 92.1mhz. and UNID., on 92.5mhz. On Sunday 17th, TKO on 90.9mhz., LWR on 92.1mhz., Kiss FM on 95.3mhz., Alice's Restaurant on 93.0mhz., People's Choice on 103.6mhz. and Radio Reach on 94.2mhz. Sunday, 24th, saw LWR on 92.1mhz., Fame FM on 95.3mhz. and Alice's Restaurant on 93.0mhz. Bank Holiday Monday saw TKO on 90.0mhz., LWR on 92.1mhz. and JWT on 103.9mhz., but announcing 104.2.

## SHORT WAVE STATIONS...Log for Sunday 24th August

6206kHz...C.L.C.G.(via Delmare), at 08.52gmt.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 09.33gmt.  
6261kHz...SKYWAVE RADIO INT., at 11.14gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO ORION at 09.28gmt.  
6270kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN at 10.50gmt.  
6275kHz...SWINGIN' RADIO ENGLAND at 10.14gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11.18gmt.  
6293kHz...P.F.B.S. at 10.53gmt.  
6306kHz...UNID.(German).  
6306kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 10.33gmt.  
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 11.23gmt.  
6319kHz...F.M.T.R. at 10.36gmt.  
6319kHz...FALCON RADIO(via FMTR), at 11.20gmt.  
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10.39gmt.  
7310kHz...RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000 INT., at 08.42.  
7315kHz...FUTURE WORLD RADIO at 08.38gmt.  
7357kHz...RADIO 101, at 08.48gmt.  
7357kHz...K.B.C.(via 101) at 09.49gmt.  
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10.45gmt.  
7375kHz...CRYSTAL RADIO, at 10.34gmt.

**COMMENTS:** The logs in heavy type were received here, in Blackpool, the ones in normal type, by loggers in other areas.

Today's conditions were only fair. Radio Atlantique had better modulation than previously and they were heard announcing 7800kHz. also, although this frequency was not logged. Swingin' Radio England's signal was exceptionally strong here, and some splatter was noted. Stations broadcasting from less than 200 miles away (most Irish ones) were particularly weak. Radio Rainbow operator, Heady Eddie, tells us that in order to fill these skip pockets, which almost regularly occur, he has plans to broadcast on FM very soon, with 100 watts on 98.4mhz., and 1 kw on 86.4kHz., but only on Sunday mornings, during the Rainbow transmissions. Amendments to last week's log, from Podney R. Sixe in Cornwall....he received Premier Radio on 621.8kHz., at 10.01gmt....Skywave Radio Int., on 626.1kHz., at 08.19gmt....Falcon Radio on 627.5kHz., at 10.47gmt....People's Choice on 627.5kHz., at 11.45gmt....Weekend Music Radio on 629.5kHz., at 10.14gmt....Radio Ireland on 631.0kHz., at 10.34gmt....the UNID., on 622.5kHz., was Radio Neptune Int. This was logged by Chris in Kent at 10.49gmt.

The following stations were logged during the week, 18th - 23rd August inc.....Monday...Radio Sovereign on 627.0kHz., at 09.55gmt., Radio Orion on 624.0kHz., at 10.00gmt. Radio Dublin has been logged on 691.0kHz., at various times during the week, conditions permitting. Apart from Monday, a very strong carrier/teleprinter has been noted around 624.0kHz., all week, blotting out any activity which may have occurred on 624.0kHz.(from Radio Orion, and even Radio Rainbow on Sunday).

Just a small log for Bank Holiday Monday 25th August.....622.0kHz., Radio Kristel at 08.14gmt....737.4kHz. Radio Waves Int., at 08.55gmt. Conditions were far from good and signals faded out completely by midmorning.



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Back to normal once again, after the holiday weekend and our thanks, early this week, to everyone who sent in cuttings, news reports and information about their station. We are pleased to receive all these things at any time and do remember, we welcome newspaper cuttings, particularly if they are from a 'local' newspaper. Information about your station is very welcome too. Please don't assume that someone will send a particular cutting, please send it and help us to give a good comprehensive service. Please do tell us if you do not wish to have your name credited, although we are not always able to list everyone, due to space limitations, more often than not.

Weekly Report and Cuttings costs just 30p, posted second class within the U.K., 35p posted first class, 35p to EIRE and also to other EEC countries, and 50p posted air mail anywhere else.

The Cuttings, this week, for the benefit of those who still only receive the report on its own, are on one single B4 sheet with a report from Friday's Mirror about the Communicator and the Nannell, a letter from Music Week, written by Robb Eden, about Sealand, two pieces from Cambridge papers about Caroline fans having a get together and also about disgruntled wouldbe broadcasters and their plans to stage protests, plus a filler about a new Irish independent station. Price for this sheet is just 10p, plus an SAE.

### **NEW MERCHANDISE. Voice of Peace Postcards**

are now in stock a-plenty. This outstanding colour postcard is certain to be a best seller, due to it's exceptional high quality. The original photo(the source of the high quality) was taken earlier this year by VOP presenter, and professional photographer, Pete Jeffries(Peter Plisner), who has some further photos of pirate radio ships available via his 'Offshore Image' outlet(see insert). Prices for the postcard are....25p each, or 5 cards for £1.00, or 50 for £5.00, or 100 for £9.00. Anyone wanting quantities may mix Caroline or Laser postcards with the above if they so wish.

Many apologies for the continued delay with Offshore Echo's next issue(62). The French Editor tells us that this is entirely due to problems with the printer. Arrival date is now expected to be some time next week, post permitting.

"Sealand-Stormy Waters Ahead" by Barry Collins is a must for anyone interested in offshore ventures. Price is 25p for the "WR"-type format sheet, posted with the following week's report, or 50p posted at once. "Free Radio Frequency and Address List" by Pin Magazine is a must for short wave enthusiasts, giving current stations details in a very thorough way, and this too is in "WR"-type format and costs 25p posted with the following report, or 50p at once. Finally,

apologies for delays in supplying merchandise on our list which originates from a certain source. This supplier has a lot of things on his plate at present, he tells us, but is endeavouring to remedy the problem. Obviously, we shall despatch on receipt of these items from him. Finally, yet more apologies, two-fold this time. We are sorry to say that we have no more copies of 'Caroline' by The Fortunes, at present, but do watch this space for further 'specials' soon! The copies of the record we were offering, came in a picture sleeve, which we stated in the "WR" at the time. The 'picture' was of the Fortunes

group, not the radio station! Sorry about that.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Guess what? No arrivals! No doubt Monday's post will be full of them! Still, they will all get mentioned next week.

**CONTACTS.** Laser fan Ivan Healey, is currently compiling a 'Laser All Time Listeners Chart', and would like any WR reader to send him their 10 favourite records played on Laser(Song and Artist/Group to be supplied in list format). Send your list to...I.J. Healey, 63 Spitfire Close, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent ME5 7PQ. The results will be printed in an A4 booklet later in the year.

**ADVERT.** Following mention of Phoenix Communications in last week's report, we can now supply details.....For anyone looking for high quality broadcasting equipment(to Home Office specifications), **Phoenix Communications** can supply broadcast transmitters, stereo encoders and studio equipment at very competitive prices. For full details and complete catalogue, contact Phoenix Communications, 11 Barclay Oval, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 OPP. Please note: It is an offence to operate a transmitter in the U.K. without a licence from the Home Office.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** Energy 103 is currently having a few problems with the medium wave transmitter and some breaks in transmissions seem to occur fairly regularly. One such break occurred last Monday at just after 17.00 and lasted until just after 20.00. Possibly the severe storm conditions may have contributed to this break. No major news to report from the station, except to say that a recent survey carried out brought some results which puts the station at No. 1 in Dublin. A figure of 27% has been mentioned as being the Energy share, although which age group this applied to, was not ascertained. Apparently, the station has just had a large new sign erected outside it's Leeson Street studios, with the Energy logo displayed, predominantly red in colour. Very few stations display their names outside their premises. Radio Dublin used to have



a big sign on the fence, outside 58 Inchicore Road, but whether that is still there or not, is not certain. A promo for new advertisers, heard recently, features the dulcet tones of a singing Tony Allan.

**Q 102.** Saturday was the "Q 102 Pepsi Day". 15 people won cases of Pepsi Cola during the course of the day. In an outside broadcast at 18.00 on this day, the final of the "Great Q 102, Sony Sound and Vision Quiz Final" took place. There were four people in the final and the winner was Gerard Lynch with 23 points, who won a complete Sony entertainment system, consisting of a Triniton TV, a Betamax Hi-Fi Video, a compact disc player and a rack system.

**Sunshine Radio.** On the subject of competitions, this was the week of the final of the Sunshine 101 Hits of Summer. Last Tuesday was the day and promos for the event were aired at most regular intervals, right up until 17.00 on Tuesday. The station then went 'live' from Tamango (next door, and part of the Sands Hotel). In Tamango, were the 101 finalists, who had 'won' a place through knowing the 101 Hits of Summer, along with their family and/or friends. The event, the whole of which went out live on the station, was hosted by station owner, Robbie Dale, morning presenter, Mark Byrne and 'the voice' (thought to be the new American programme director, Bill Cunningham). Each finalist picked a song and one by one, were interviewed on stage. Brief details of each was related, along with their choice. 'The Voice' was then called on and he would say, in a roundabout and amusing way, whether that particular finalist had won or not. This all commenced at 17.00 and between each finalist, a record was played. No news bulletins or adverts were noted. At just after 19.30, 'the voice' called a winner, who was Rhona Flanagan (apologies if we spelt her name wrong), an Allied Irish Bank employee from Terenure in Dublin, who won the £5,000 outright, along with 101 records of her choice, from Golden Discs. There was much excitement at the time, and the girl seemed quite bewildered, saying that she thought she hadn't a chance of winning. A couple of letters in during the week, said that they thought it may have been fairer if a runnerup had won the L.P.'s, with third in line winning the Ghetto Blaster from Lawless Brothers of Malahide. However, Rhona won both, but the 'live' broadcast returned to the studio before the other prize was won. Further promos heard since on the air, say that 'Phase II' was live D.J.'s and the 101 Hits of Summer Comp. Phase III to follow....you haven't heard anything yet!

A number of stations 'copped out' with the storms on Monday and Tuesday, particularly on Monday night, and on Tuesday, the following were missing from the air.....**WLCB** in Wicklow, on 1584khz., **Boyneside Radio** in Drogheda, on 1305khz. (ERI could be heard here in it's absence), **Boyneside Radio(Kells)**, on 1224khz., **Comm. Radio Fingal** on 1575khz., although the latter had been on the air earlier. All returned later in the day.

We are still bewildered by the station we keep logging in the mornings, on 1503khz.,

under a BBC station. Last Thursday, they were quite audible, and at 07.55 were heard to play the Beatles and Lady Madonna. Can anyone enlighten us with this one? Is it WKLR in Bandon?

The following harmonics have been logged here this week.....2448khz.(2 x 1224), **Boyneside Radio(Kells)**.....2826khz.(2 x 1413), **Big 'M' Comm. Radio**.....2610khz.(2 x 1305), **Boyneside Radio**.....2862khz.(3 x 954), **Big 'M' Comm. Radio**....2340khz.(2 x 1170), **Breffni Community Radio**.....1962khz.(2 x 981), Unidentified. The third harmonic of BBC Radio 2, also continues to be heard on 2727kHz! No doubt they will insist, that this is within allowed tolerances as they have done in the past, with other spurious emissions from them, heard within the MW broadcast band.

From Mullingar, **Radio Midway**, station manager, Dave Murphy tells us that the station is still going strong with a full and part-time staff of seventeen now. New presenters include....Ed. Sullivan with Traditional Music from 18.00 till 19.00 Monday and Thursday....Pat Murray with similar, at similar times on Saturdays and Wednesdays....Duke Gordon with the same on Tuesday....Carmel, with "Ladies Hour" from 17.00 till 18.00 on Saturdays....Tee Jay with Country Music from 19.00 till 22.00 on Sundays. A new weekend newscaster, Paul Fox, can be heard on Saturdays with news and sports. Despite only being on air a short time, response from both listeners and advertisers has been encouraging. The station is presently on very low power on 1494khz., but engineers are working on a new aerial installation which when complete, hopefully very soon, will dramatically increase the listening/broadcasting area.

Mike Allen from **Kandy Radio** in Ballinasloe, kindly sent us a handout, with details of the station. This has been re-produced in 'Cuttings' this week. The station broadcasts on 1386khz.AM and 98.0mhz.FM from Society Street, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Tel No. (0905) 43507.

**City Sound Radio** in Derry, is currently having troubles with the AM rig, which was operating on about 1566khz. The station engineers are unhappy with local reception. The signal does not travel very well in the North Western area and has a poor sound quality around Derry city itself. The transmitter was built by the station engineer and is now being modified to give more power and better reception. The station may not remain on the present frequency and they hope to move to somewhere in the middle of the band when the problems are sorted out. Meanwhile, FM continues satisfactorily, from it's studios just South of the border. The FM transmitter is situated at the studio location, which is in turn, used as a link to the AM site, about two miles away. CSR states that it's main coverage area is Derry, Donegal, Tyrone, Fermanagh and Antrim. The station manager, Gerry Rafferty, used to operate Radio Cherry in Omagh, about 32 miles from Derry, several years ago. This station operated freely for three months, until the inevitable happened and they were raided. It is understandable why Gerry feels much more at ease with studios in the South. Tune around for more developments soon. This report from Ian Biggar, who gives thanks



to Gerry for the information supplied. City Sound Radio, City Sound Media Services, 33 Shipquay Street, Derry City, Northern Ireland. Tel: (0504) 260315 [Please note that this is a U.K. number].

Colleague Brian Buckley has been down to Waterford and sends a brief report on action in that city. He says there is very little action to report on, in fact, with **ABC Radio** logged with excellent audio on 1026kHz.AM, 100.8 and 103.2mhz.FM. **Waterford Local Radio** could be heard on 88.9mhz.FM and 1197kHz.AM. **Crystal City Sound** were logged on 1332kHz.AM only, no FM was evident. An unidentified signal was logged there, on 102.15mhz.FM last weekend (Saturday night). **Radio ERI** from Cork was clearly audible on 1305kHz.

Finally in Ireland, a live call from Galway on the **Radio West** free radio programme, told us that **Emerald Radio** on 97.5mhz. in Galway was closing today, as planned. The station is run on a part time basis during school holidays. However, the professionalism which came over was quite surprising, we are told. Nice equipment and pleasant audio were mentioned. The only station, once again, in Galway, is **WLS Music Radio** who continue on a 24 hour basis, on 102.7mhz., and 846kHz.AM.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Typically, following no news one week, this week, we have received four letters and cards concerning, and from, the station! Giles Merritt sends us a card from the West coast of Greece, for which we thank him, and says that the station can be heard clearly each night after 01.00BST, sometimes with quite a powerful signal. K. Thomas, of Cleveland, tells us that he has just returned from Cyprus, where VOP reception is apparently no problem, although he does not mention whether he listened on AM or FM. He gives us a full line-up, including changes of staff, between 14th and 22nd August. We will feature the latest lineup, as of last weekend, compiled from this report, and also from two reports from the ship itself, one from colleague, Stuart Clarke and the other from programme controller, Chris Pearson. Stuart tells us that the sun-bathing is very exhausting! He also says that the ship fairly rocks about, even in the slightest swell. He does not hold out much hope if ever it had to broadcast from the Knock Deep. The recently left, Dave Shearer seems to get plenty of praise for his Brekkie Shows, and apparently he will be missed. Dave is currently touring the sights of Israel and Egypt before returning home, along with Rob Charles, at the beginning of September. Stuart goes on with a message for any keen DX-er who may have received the station on 1530kHz. If reception reports are addressed either to Stuart Clark or Mark Warner, VOP, 13 Frug Street, Tel Aviv, he will guarantee a reply/confirmation. Letters of this type, just addressed to the station usually get no further than the office waste paper basket. Having said all this, chances of receiving VOP between the hours of 01.00 and 02.00 (when Vatican is off) get even slimmer, as yet another station appears on 1530kHz., this time from Essex. So now, there is Essex, West Yorkshire and Hereford,

all on the same channel. Only DX-ers in the extreme South/South West really stand a chance now, along with those in Northern Scotland. Stuart is very interested to hear from anyone who has picked them up recently. Both transmitters are operating normally, we are told, but some minor problems with the new Caterpillar generator has meant reverting to the old stand-by Perkins once again.

Current compiled line-up reads.....midnight..."Late Night Affair" with Mike Darby. 03.00 "Nitebeat" with Tim Shepherd. 06.00 "Brekky Show" with Mark Warner. 09.00 "Morning Music" with Chris Pearson. Noon Kassach (Hebrew/Arabic music). 13.00 "Afternoon Delight" with Rob Charles. 15.00 "Heart to Heart", phone-in with Abie Nathan. 17.00 "Golden Hour" with Rob Charles. 18.00 "Twilight Time" with Tim Shepherd. 19.30 "Classical Music" with Chris Pearson. 21.00 "Russian Hour" with various. 22.00 "Specialist Music" with various (or all!). On shore leave, Stuart Clarke, just arrived Gavin Ford.

#### **THE NON-BROADCASTING SHIPS AND FORT.**

Regarding the latter, the questions are, "can they", "can't they", "will they" etc. It has certainly provided a topic for discussion. A letter in this week's edition of "Music Week" from Robb Eden (see cuttings), more or less echoes what Barry Collins says in his "Sealand-Stormy Waters Ahead?" article (available from us and well worth reading, see earlier). Regarding the ships, the Nannell is reported as being no longer in Santander, but where it is now, still remains a mystery. On the other hand, the Communicator is still in the River Stour in Harwich, looking very smart since it has been re-painted. Nothing further is known regarding either.

**CAROLINE** Things on the Ross Revenge seemed fairly quiet this week, following last week's large amount of news. However, the crew probably had their hands full, making sure everything was running smoothly during the severe storms experienced for a number of days early in the week. By Friday though, the weather had calmed down somewhat, giving all aboard, a chance to relax and sample some of Johnny's 'Dubious' GBH Bitter. Judging by comments made on the following morning (Saturday), the brew had had the desired effect, and several of the staff were 'staggering' around the ship in a daze. After Bank Holiday Monday's alteration to the schedule, during which John Dwyar managed to spin his way through two shows with a sore throat, the rest of the week produced a steady 24 hour schedule, which read as follows...0500 John Lewis...0900 Richard Jackson...1300 John Dwyar...1700 Dave James...2100 Jamie King...0100 Caroline Martin.

Competitions seem to be the order of the day, not only on 558kHz, but also on 'Overdrive', a fact we forgot to report last week, and will duly mention later in the 963kHz. news. On the John Lewis show, a competition to win one of two 'Greatest Hits' L.P.'s by Shalamar, has been held. The question in this particular one is..."How many members are there in Shalamar?". The competition during the John Dwyar show, was specially for all followers of the Gerry Anderson



TV series, 'Thunderbirds'. The question here was... "Who was the chauffeur who drove Lady Penelope around in the pink Rolls Royce?" We are not sure what the prize was in this one, due to missing the details every time they were broadcast. The station seems to be continuing with their quicker turnover of commercials of late, with the addition of two more this past week. Firstly an advert for a Furniture Sale on 30th August, at the Richmond Hill Hotel, Richmond, Surrey and later in the week, one for Rainbow International, who apparently specialise in sound and lighting for discos and other entertainments. A slight change on the news occurred this week, with Richard Jackson reading the news during the morning, replacing Kevin Turner. No change, however, in the other bulletins, with John Lewis on 1300, and Jamie King on the late afternoon shift, at 1600, 1700 and 1800 hours BST. Contrary to the stories that the authorities put out, about radioships being a danger to shipping, Johnny mentioned the exact position of the Ross Revenge on Sunday (51°39'93"N 1°32'82"E), as a navigational aid to passing vessels. Apparently, many ships had contacted them recently, in order to ascertain their own positions, and because the Ross is anchored normally in a constant position, this is a good way of finding their location.

Across on 963kHz, 'Caroline Overdrive' also continued throughout the night, all week, along with the 558kHz service, with the same line-up as we left it last week: 2130 Tom Anderson...0100 John Tyler. As stated earlier, 'Overdrive' is also running a competition at the moment, which we forgot to mention last week. Apparently, some new 'Caroline Overdrive' T-shirts are currently being printed, and the first 20 of these are being offered to 'Overdrive' listeners as prizes. Anyone wishing to enter for one of these, has to write to the usual address, saying why they should want to be the proud owner of one. It appears that the most amusing/silliest 20 entries will get a T-shirt, before they go on sale to everyone else.

Also on 963kHz, on Sunday, but on the Radio Monique shows, references were made to the 12th anniversary of the passing of the Dutch Marine Offences Act (which outlawed offshore radio stations as of midnight on 31st August 1974). Jingles and extracts were aired to remember the stations of the 60's and 70's.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** The action continues to dwindle again this week, this time following DTI activity last Sunday, when Radio Julie was raided by the said authority, at approximately 19.30. This fact was reported on Bank Holiday Monday, on Concept Radio on 104.8mhz. They also reported that Radio Active was also raided at 15.00 the same day. Some confusion has arisen about this, as the station was not on the air at the time, and apparently got away with a severe warning and no loss of equipment. However, the former did lose all equipment and two presenters were also caught. KDA Radio was reported on 23rd, at mid-night, on 92.55mhz. A Merseysound Radio was also reported on 24th, announcing 1126kHz, but transmitting on 1161kHz, at 16.00. Chester Community Radio was logged locally on 103.5mhz, on 25th, from 19.00 till mid-night, with D.J.'s Ken Greenwood and Paul Jay and giving out an address of 6 New Cottages, Plough Lane, Chrisleton, Near Chester. Concept and KDA were both logged locally last Tuesday. A Radio 225 was logged on 1332kHz, at 13.00 on 25th with a test broadcast. No address or telephone number was given out, although a 'Roger Dee' was mentioned as being up all night making the transmitter, which was then making its debut on the air. The rest of the week has seen little action on the bands, although yesterday saw Anfield Community Radio on 1431kHz, over lunch-time, followed by Central Radio, on 1404kHz, who only stayed on the air for 30 minutes from 14.00. As they went off the air, they said that if anyone wished to listen to pirate radio on Merseyside, there was nothing at all on the air. Having said that, a pirate transmitter on 1026kHz, has been relaying a local ILR station all week. Nothing has been heard at this location today, although some local activity may well be reported later.

**THE MIDLANDS.** PCRL have been, and still are on the air, on 103.6mhz. U.K. Radio were logged locally on 105mhz. last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Sunshine Radio from Ludlow was logged again today, following their initial broadcast last Sunday. The station seems to be less community orientated now, and few announcements are noted. However, the following presenters were heard...Chris Lane, Mike Johnston, Heather Muldoon and old favourite, Roger Matthews. The signal seems to be quite strong and many reports mention receiving same over a wide area.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** Last Monday saw a new station on the airwaves....Radio Orion on 106.3mhz., logged in the Eastbourne area with a good quality signal but poor choice of frequency due to other users nearby. RBL on 91.6mhz., from France was live on Monday, and many calls from the U.K. were noted. Channel Radio 192 is a new pirate operating in the Solent area, most Sundays, on 192 metres. The station claims to be 'offshore' (probably Isle of Wight!) and the format is Top 40, with a very professional sound.

**LONDON.** Flashback Radio (who usually broadcast on Bank Holidays), Twilight Radio, KISS FM and People's Choice were logged in the area last Monday, on 89.9, 94.2, 95.3 and 103.6mhz. respec. The previous day saw the return of Three Boroughs Radio on 1125kHz., used the previous week for Radio Gemma. No reports are at hand for today.

#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS...Today's meagre log!

6206kHz....Unid., at 08.56gmt.  
6206kHz....4FWS, at 09.27gmt.  
6206kHz....Unid., (German) at 11.55gmt.  
6206kHz....Unid., (Liberty Sound?), at 10.33gmt.  
6210kHz....Riverside Radio, at 09.41gmt.  
6225kHz....Unid., at 10.31gmt.  
6240kHz....Radio Rainbow Int., at 11.43gmt.  
6261kHz....Unid., at 11.30gmt.  
6266kHz....Radio Orion, at 09.18gmt.  
6280kHz....Westside Radio Int., at 11.25gmt.  
6295kHz....Weekend Music Radio, at 11.18gmt.  
6297kHz....Radio Brigitte, at 08.54gmt.  
6312kHz....Unid., (talking - VOH?), at 09.45gmt.  
6319kHz....Unid., (FMTR?), at 09.30gmt.  
7357kHz....Radio 101, at 09.26gmt.

Logs in bold type were received in Blackpool, others by loggers elsewhere (The Midlands).

Anyone looking at the above list can see what conditions were like. Pretty abysmal, putting it mildly.

Amendments to last week's log of Sunday 24th August, from Podney R. Sixe....6295kHz., Radio Sovereign, calling CQ, at 12.01gmt.....6310kHz., The Voice of Hope, at 09.54gmt.

Amendments to last Monday's log....6240kHz., Radio Orion, at 09.07gmt. (in French) and at 10.15gmt. (in English)....6250kHz., Alternative Vatican Radio, at 09.14gmt....6270kHz., Radio Sovereign, at 08.52gmt.....6910kHz., Radio Dublin, at 09.53gmt.

A report informs us that Radio Caroline was logged on 5960kHz, at 09.45 on Sunday 24th August. No further details are known as to what this exactly was.

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#### WANTED.

If any reader has any outstanding colour photographs of any of the radio ships, that he wishes to submit for consideration for making into a poster/postcards/calendar/Christmas card, we would be most eager to speak with him at an early date. They must really be outstanding, because when they are blown up to a larger size, less than outstanding shots become blurred and fuzzy, as can be seen with some products on sale today.

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