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REPORT

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Unsure of how to open this week's report, we back-tracked, and had a look at the report for this week last year, Issue 88. We had just attended "Buster's" funeral in Southend, and reported on that, we also said that there had been plenty of news throughout 1985, although not all good(the end of Laser, being referred to here). We went on to say how we hoped 1986 would provide us with plenty of news. It did, as usual, and again, we say that we hope 1987 will be the same. We were surprised however, how brief the news in the "WR"'s was, then. The improvement from then, until now, surprised us immensely. We sincerely hope that such an improvement can occur once again, between now and issue 192(this time next year).

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Not a great lot to offer this week, but we do have a 'January Sale', and a sheet advertising same will be found within this week's envelopes(UK only, due to postal costs). On the sheet you will see, "**Photo Sets...Ross Revenge...The early days**". These 25 black and white shots have not been offered by us before and feature some quite outstanding material**Pin Magazine Frequency & Address List of all Shortwave Free Radio Stations, Period October/November 1986.** The latest list is now in stock and features all stations operating in that period, along with address etc. The magazine comes in exactly the same format as "WR", and costs just 50p. Subscriptions will be taken, but only direct with Pin Magazine in Wuppertal. Along with the magazine, you will receive Pin Magazine Free Radio Pop Poll 1986 sheets for you to fill in and return to Pin.

NEW ARRIVALS. Now Radio, Issue 17, arrived early week, and contains 28 pages of news and information about radio generally, along with a 4 page supplement, featuring a rather familiar shot of the Communicator. Worth getting and available for just £1.00 from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 0NW.....**Media Monitor, Issue 42.** A bumper, 32 page issue, available from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA. Generally, short wave news covered here, but also other news too. A sample copy will cost £1.00.

TAPE OFFER. We now resume our weekly service, following the Christmas/New Year holiday. Once again, two U.S. tapes are on offer(recorded in early December), but this time, for those of you who prefer a more Top 40 format. From Chicago, Tape 13 is **WYTZ-FM (ZEE 95)**, and features the 'Barsky Morning Zoo'. Tape 14, features an early evening show from New York's **WHTZ-FM (ZEE - 100)**. Both C-90 tapes are in stereo, and of excellent quality. Price per tape is £2.00.(£4.00 for the two).

GENERAL. Following our appeal for a Caroline North postcard, we have now acquired such an

item. Many thanks to our good friend in Wigan for this. We still wonder if anyone has a Radio 270 Postcard. Back to the subject of theme tunes....'Rinky Dink' by the Johnny Howard Band(Decca Records, F 11925, 'B' side, 'Java'), was the theme tune of Caroline North's Tom Lodge. 'Baby' Bob Stewart used 'Image' by Alan Haven and 'Kinda Kinky' by Ray McVay and his Orchestra. Keith Hampshire used 'Sidewinder' by West Acres and the Rebels and possibly 'David's Mood' by Jack Ely and the Courtmen(on the Bang, U.S. Label). Thanks to Allan in Barnsley for the latter info. We have located a number of people with copies, but so far, no one with copies for sale. Finally, does anyone know 'Ugli' Ray Teret's first theme tune on Caroline North, and Jerry Leighton's theme tune on the same station(Andy Kershaw uses it on Radio 1!)?

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RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

DUBLIN. **Sunshine/Hot Hits 101** still advertise that 'Phase 4' is on it's way. They say they took away the deejays on Phase 1, gave away £10,000 on Phase 2, brought the deejays back on Phase 3, stand by for Phase 4. (We are currently doing just this!). A further giveaway of £10,000 is about to happen to someone who answers the telephone with the words....'I listen to the red hot sounds of Sundhine 101'. As far as we are aware, this has not yet happened, but we are unable to listen 24 hours per day. Weekend shows still feature very few deejays, and news is still aired at ten past the hour! The Sunday oldies show,

'Be Bop Gold' seems to be the highlight of the weekend on the station. Station jingles are still non-existent, and in their place, 'the voice' makes all the various links and announcements.

On **Energy 103**, heard this week, have been, Alan Burns, with the favourite tunes of 1986 (New Year's Day), Derek Flood (he was last heard on a Dublin station, on Nova), Ernie Gallagher, complete with deep voice, on over night shows and Liam Quigley on Friday's overnight show. Despite the holiday being just about past, a good number of lucrative adverts have been heard on the station.

Over at **Q 102**, all quiet, it appears, with all the usual presenters heard, along with plenty of adverts and the non-stop giveaways.

Over the weekend 20/21st December, a station called **Radio Jackie** was noted locally on 89.5MHz. The signal was particularly strong on the Northside and thought to be emanating from the Ballymun area of the city. Programming is mainly recent hits. Some advertising was noted, particularly from local firms. Presentation was reported as being a little amateurish, but the sound quality was good, albeit in mono. Some breaks in transmission were noted during the period. It is not known at this stage, if the station continues or not.

A second new station, **Trax-FM**, was noted locally on 88.1MHz., around the same time. The address given on air was, P.O. Box 1686, Dublin 2 and we understand that the station is associated with the SW station, Radio Skywave International. Broadcasts are from 09:00 to 21:00 on Saturdays and Sundays. The signal is a bit weak on the Northside, which suggests either, low power, or a Southside operation. Programming is of a religious nature, and includes sponsored programmes, from American evangelists, including 'The People's Gospel Hour'. The continuity announcer speaks with a smooth, cultured accent. Sound quality is fair.

C.C. Radio continues, we understand, on FM, 90.25MHz., only. (The 1512MHz., ex Galaxy transmitter, remaining strangely silent). Religious material only, can be heard here, and some interference to BBC Radio reception is still reported locally. Our thanks to Vincent for that info.

We understand that **Radio West** have been on the air in the Dublin area with a relay of their Mullingar signal, during the past week, although have since gone off due to a transmitter failure. They hope to be back very soon, on 96.6MHz. Also noted in the same part of the FM band have been **Radio Dublin**, with reports of it being heard on around 96.2MHz.

Going further to the North, **Radio Carousel Northern Ireland** have been heard here in Blackpool, today, on 1260kHz. The signal at this location suffers from interference from 'local' station, **Marcher Sound**, also on 1260kHz. However, the signal is significantly stronger than their previous efforts on 1071kHz. Separate programming from 1125kHz. was noted. News from John in Dundalk....he tells us that **ZEE 103.3** continue, although with much lower power than when they originally came on air. Over-modulation still seems to be a problem, however. Telephone numbers given out on air, are....(042) 75269, for requests, and (042) 75271, for advertising. Since Christmas Eve, **Pulsar 98** have been relaying **Sunshine 101**, the latter's transmissions, on 101.5MHz., being the strongest signal from Dublin, into Dundalk. On 23rd December, Hugh Hardy on **Radio Carousel** was heard to say that he would no longer be hosting the famous 'Country Call' programme on said station, as he has now to work on Dublin's Number One station, **KLAS 98**.

Reports in from Sean in Kilnaleck, tell us of news in the country areas....**Breffni Community Radio** were off the air on Sunday 14th December, from 00:12 until 13:00, due to transmitter failure. The station returned and the signal on 1170kHz. is now better than ever. (We can confirm this statement). A second studio is now in operation, enabling presenters to prepare their shows without disturbing the on-air presenter. The studio is also used for interviews etc. 'Santa Claus' appeared on the station on Christmas Eve, between 10:00 and 13:00, in response to hundreds of letters sent in following requests for same. Local people, with relatives abroad, have also been invited to write in with details of the overseas person's name, address and telephone number. The lucky people, whose names were drawn out of the hat, had their relatives personally rung by the station on Sunday morning and afternoon, 21st December. **Erne Side Radio** are shortly on the move, we

understand. The station has invested in Portakabin studios and offices in Belturbet itself, into which they hope to move their whole operation in the new year. The station continues with an excellent signal on 1251kHz., and locally on 107MHz.

Joe in Kilkenny tells us that a station has been on the air, over the holiday period, from New Ross in Co. Wexford. The station identified as **Radio Annabell** and played traditional music. Frequencies were 92.7MHz.FM and 1224kHz.AM.

Up in Co. Donegal, there seems to be a few changes. At **Radio North**, both Ian Akers and Mark Warner seem to have left, and various Irish voices have been heard in their place. The signal on 1404kHz. still comes in here in Blackpool very well, both night and day, considering the great distance from the transmitter. Meanwhile, Mark Warner has surfaced on the 'drive-time' slot on neighbouring station, **North West Community Radio (NWCR)**. This station is not as easily audible here as the above one, due to yet another 'local' on 1116kHz. We understand that one of the main presenters there, Russ Padmore, is no longer involved with the station.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Word reaches us from the station, and we learn that severe problems have kept the station off the air more than on, in the past few weeks. Current line-up when on the air....Midnight, 'Late Night Affair' with Neil Armstrong. 03:00, 'Nightbeat' with Casper Bateley. 06:00, 'The Breakfast Show' with Tim Shepherd. 09:00 'Morning Music' with Mike Darby. Mid-day, 'Kassach'. 13:00, 'Afternoon Delight' with Gavin Ford. 15:00, 'Afternoon Delight 2' with Andy Brown. 17:00 'Oldies' with Gavin Ford. 18:00 'Twilight Time' with Dave Asher. 19:30 'Classical' with Andy Brown. 21:00, 'Russian Hour' with various. 22:00, Specialist with various. Off the ship at present is Richard Ticho, although expected back, as some presenters leave.

CAROLINE. No change in staff has occurred over the festive season, leaving the line-up the same as last week...05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Dave James...13:00 Richard Jackson...17:00 Keith Lewis...21:00 Peter Philips...01:00 Close. On Tuesday, the station closed down for aerial maintenance after the news at 13:00. It returned later in the afternoon, with Richard Jackson, but we understand that it was off again in the early evening. Following these closures, the signal on 558kHz, was much reduced from earlier in the day, and has been ever since (the signal reading here, being about 1/2 what it was). Wednesday saw a return to normal programming during the daytime, but things got a bit confusing in the evening. Due to the weaker signal on 558kHz, we could not hear the New Years Eve programming here, but understand that Mark Matthews hosted a show starting at 20:00. In this he played the Caroline D.J.'s favourite records. They must have had a good party celebrating the New Year, as when we tuned in ourselves to 558, on 1st January, only Mark Matthews (again!) seemed to be coherent enough to host a programme. Apparently, Ad Roberts was once again wandering around the ship with his portable video camera. One of his main subjects, on New Years Eve, seemed to be Richard Jackson, who according to on air comments, was dancing whilst rather drunk, and eventually fell into a 'heap' on the floor. As the morning went on, one by one, the crew managed to emerge from their 'pits'. The 'breakfast' news with Stuart Clark, finally appeared at 11:00, and Stuart also read it a couple more times over lunchtime. Richard Jackson, as expected, by listening to Mark's comments earlier, was rather ill, and did not manage to get up for his show. Instead, Keith Lewis stood in for him, and hosted the show until 17:00. The Dutchmen on board were wandering around aimlessly, 'babbling' in English, and so presumably were also still suffering from the after effects of too much alcohol. Friday, saw a return to normality, with most of the staff fully recovered from the party.

On Saturday morning, the station left the air abruptly at about 11:10, with presumably generator problems, as the record slowed down, just before they left the air. They were back on after about a half hour, but had to go off once again at 14:30. This time, it was for a brief spell of aerial maintenance, whilst the weather was reasonable. Things seem to continue fine, until Sunday lunchtime, when the records began to show signs of a variation in speed. Things gradually got worse, and culminated, at about 13:20, with Keith Lewis (who was standing in for a flu stricken, Richard Jackson) announcing that they were leaving the air for a short time, in order to do some work on the generators. In fact, Caroline returned a few minutes later, and the records sounded to be once again running at the correct speed, up until the time of writing.

The news continues to be totally compiled and read by Stuart Clark, and he seems to be doing a good job so far. No new adverts have again be noted this week, although a promo for Caroline Rock Shows has been aired a few times.

Due to poor reception conditions this week, and especially on New Years Eve, the programmes on 'Caroline Overdrive', have not been monitored too well. John Tyler has hosted most of the shows, and Mark Matthews has also been heard, when he has remembered to turn up for his show. The only interesting change to note, was that (for the first and last time?), Peter Philips hosted a show on the service. This occurred on New Years Eve at 21:30, when, at the same time, Mark Matthews was on 558kHz!! On Friday night there seemed to be a severe storm, and Mark Matthews had to abandon his show in the early hours of Saturday, as he could not talk due to a 'bad stomach'. It appeared that he played some Spin Concert tapes instead. On Saturday night, John Tyler's theme was 'Tyler Sings The Blues'. All through the show, he kept singing(tunefully?) "Well, I woke up this mornin'.....", and proceeded to complete each line, with some complaint about a job he had to perform on the ship. (For example, 'Well I woke up this mornin' and five minutes later found myself grappling with a cow in the kitchen!!). He also made his final reference to the 'Festive Season', during this show. It was to thank members of the Carqline Movement for clubbing together to provide a bumper Christmas Hamper, for them.

LASER HOT-HITS. Well, what can we say here? The station continued throughout last weekend(from Boxing Day), playing non-stop music for the majority of the time. On Sunday, this continuous music was broken up, at 10:00, by the taped show 'Motown Magic', from David Lee Stone. The half hour of Elvis Presley records, was also played as usual at 14:00. Apart from this, only the occasional 'live' announcements have been heard, although we are still unsure who has made these. We do not believe that it is Andrew Turner, as he is now thought to be in Austria, completing a contract he held with Blue Danube Radio. One letter in during the week, mentions that a 'Michael' was announcing himself in the early hours of Saturday. He suggested that this voice, along with that on the other announcements, was possibly that of Mike Barrington. Laser was still heard on Monday, and Tuesday morning, still with tests. The last announcement we heard, here in Blackpool, was about 09:00, on Tuesday, when it was stated that breaks would possibly be made during the day for technical purposes. When we tuned back later in the morning, there was no sign of the station on 576kHz. We have not heard anything since. We were informed just before Christmas however, that the management had a meeting, and decided that the station would not come on the air again, until all the problems had been sorted out. This would be when the signal was good, and reliable enough to give day and night coverage to the SouthEast of England - the primary target area. We believe, that the same problem as before, is now evident - insufficient generator power and reliability. Perhaps they are now waiting until a new one arrives? We shall have to wait and see.

LAND-BASED STATIONS(Foreign).

News from **Riviera 104** this week, where we find the current line-up as follows.....06:00 Dave Windsor. 09:30 Daevid Fortune. 13:00 Richard James. 16:40 Alan West. 20:00 Lawrence John. Mid-night, Andrew Astbury.

Musical Director is now Trish Mulholland and head of production is Richard Barnes, both Australian. These replace Lawrence John, who was formerly head of music. Alec Sabin is head of community news. A new modulator has been installed in the transmitter, giving a better signal overall, they tell us.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. **Radio Merseywaves**, the country's biggest and most powerful AM pirate, continued as promised every day over the holiday, and hopes to do so until tomorrow evening, with at least 12 hours of programmes per day. Early closing of the station took place last Monday, in order to give all the deejays a chance to attend the 'Under 18's Night Out' at Ma Baker's, a local nightclub. The advertising power of, and support for, the station became obvious when the doors of the club had to be closed mid evening and no further people could be allowed inside, due to safety regulations. The following day, apologies to all those left outside, were expressed on many occasions. It was heavily advertised, and often referred to as the last 'Under 18's Night Out', although why this should be, remains a mystery. Maybe it was the last in the year.

No other advertising is ever noted on the station,

although the various presenters make frequent mentions of the clubs and discos in which they are currently to be found working.

Station owner, Burt Williams, in one of his holiday 'broadcasts', stated that the station is on higher power than normal, as it is the holiday period, and would return to slightly lower power afterwards. We can confirm this statement, here in Blackpool, where the signal is a powerhouse one, on 1242kHz. during the daylight hours, and even listenable after dark.(We are about 50 miles from the tranmsitter). We even have reports of the station being listened to in Dundalk! Nevertheless, the extra hours and power, must have taken their toll, as some breaks in transmission have occurred, especially yesterday, with a rather late morning start, amongst other things, followed by many announcements stating transmitter and aerial problems, and still further minor breaks. Despite all this, normality returned yet again and congratulations must go out to the RMW team for this splendid holiday effort. We feel that with this power, regular programming, and the appeal to young people can have done nothing but good for the station and free radio generally. We also feel that the legal stations must be taking a 'beating' in the Merseyside area, with this type of competition.

No other stations have been noted here, from Merseyside, although, without a doubt, many lower power ones will have been on the air. We hope to report on these next week, when Tim Jackson sends his holiday report from that area.

LEEDS. Both **Music City Radio (MCR)**, 90.4MHz, and **ABC-FM**, on 94.6MHz, have been heard in the evenings, and occasionally the daytime, during the past week. Even when there are no programmes, a blank carrier is left on both frequencies, throughout the day. Surprisingly, MCR has the weakest signal(inaudible in the extreme north of the city), despite being in stereo, which requires a larger signal. ABC-FM is in mono, but has a much bigger coverage area.

THE MIDLANDS. **PCRL** have been on daily all over the holiday and can still be heard today, on about 103.3MHz. Additionally, **UK Radio** have been heard on 105.1MHz., on Tuesday evening, 30th Dec., Wednesday afternoon, 31st Dec. and Thursday afternoon, 1st Jan., also being relayed via two SW outlets on the latter occasion.

SOUTHAMPTON. **Channel Radio** could be heard broadcasting in and around the Solent area, with a strong signal on New Year's Day, on 263m(? kHz.). Deejays on the station were Mark Matthews(not the real one!), Baby Bob, Nick Philips and Mick Mackay. No address or phone number was given out. The station can often be heard on Sunday mornings also.

CHELMSFORD. **Radio Lola** operates in this area each Sunday, on 105.0MHz., with a nice, strong signal, it is reported.

THE SOUTH COAST. **Radio Atlantis 105MHz.** This station was raided by the very active Brighton DTI, at 20:45 on Sunday 14th December. All equipment was taken, but no one was caught, as everything was operated automatically. The station returned to the air on 28th December to resume their two weekly schedule.

ABC Radio 105.3MHz. As can be read in the cuttings, the station made it's 8 hour broadcast without any interruptions from the DTI. The advertised evening get-together at the 'Drover's Arms' pub, was a great success with about twenty listeners turning up for a Christmas drink. The station plan further broadcasts in January.

Radio Boulogne Littoral 91.6MHz. This legal 'free radio station' hosted it's English deejays live in the studios in France, for it's broadcast on 29th December. A great time was had by all, in the very plush surroundings there. An on-air telephone number was given out for the benefit of English listeners to get instant requests. For the technically minded, the RBL studios are located on the outskirts of Boulogne, and the signals are linked on 800MHz. with 90 watts through a UHF beam to the 1kw FM transmitter on 91.6MHz. The International service of RBL is broadcast each Sunday evening from 22:00, and on Monday evenings from 19:00. Their English address is RBL, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

LONDON AREA. Heard on New Years Day by our reporters, were....**CDR** on 88.6MHz., **TKO** on 90.9MHz., **LWR** on 92.1MHz., **Twilight Radio** on 93.1MHz., **Time Radio** on 103.7MHz. and **JBC** on 104.8MHz.

Over the weekend, additionally heard were....**RJR** on 90.0MHz., **KISS FM**, on 94.0MHz. and **LGR** on 105.1MHz., although CDR and Twilight were not reported as being on.

On Friday evening, **Twilight Radio** were noted on a changed frequency of 105.5MHz. To the North West of London, a **Powerhouse Radio 944**, was noted on 94.1MHz., on 1st Jan.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for New Year's Eve.

6280kHz...RADIO ORION.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN.

Log for New Year's Day.

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE.

6206kHz...RADIO BRAZILIA(via Radio Delmare).

6225kHz...RADIO PAMELA INT., at 12:35gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN.

6280kHz...U.K. RADIO(via Orion).

6280kHz...RADIO ORION.

6285kHz...W.M.R., at 11:20gmt.

6295kHz...P.F.B.S.

6300kHz...SPECTRUM "Hot Hits" W.B., at 11.50

6320kHz...F.M.T.R., at 11:30gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN.

7315kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:10gmt.

7315kHz...U.K. RADIO.

Log for Friday 2nd January 1987.

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 12:30gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO ANORAK, at 12:15gmt.

6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:12gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:35gmt.

Log for Saturday 3rd January 1987.

6206kHz...HOLIDAY RADIO, at 10:08gmt.

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 11:15gmt.

6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 12:01gmt.

6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 11:34gmt.

6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:45gmt.

6300kHz...SPECTRUM "Hot Hits" W.B., at 11.58.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:40gmt.

7295kHz...RADIO JOYSTICK, at 09:07gmt.

Log for Sunday 4th January 1987.

6206kHz...RADIO POGO 104, at 09:47gmt.

6206kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 11:06gmt.

6210kHz...SKULL & BONES R. SYSTEM, at 11.05.

6230kHz...UNID.(Dutch), at 09:46gmt.

6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., 11.52.

6240kHz...SPECTRUM "Hot Hits" W.B., at 11.49.

6240kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 12:05gmt.

6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:33gmt.

6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:19gmt.

6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:02gmt.

6277kHz...UNID., at 09:48gmt.

6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 10:35gmt.

6294kHz...P.F.B.S., at 10:55gmt.

6300kHz...RADIO NOVA BELGIUM, at 11:00gmt.

6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 12:02gmt.

6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 10:45gmt.

6340kHz...UNID.(Europa Int?), at 10:25gmt.

6815kHz...RADIO MONGOOSE, at 10:43gmt.

6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:04gmt.

7370kHz...RADIO AQUARIUS, at 10:37gmt.

Conditions today were very poor and virtually nothing was audible with any strength here in Blackpool. Logs in **bold type** are ours, others have been kindly rung in, on (0253) 882017 by loggers in Blackpool, the Midlands and Yorkshire.

The transmissions on 6210kHz. from Skull & Bones, was in fact, just a test transmission, as this transmitter is to be used by Radio Valleri on this frequency. The test actually used Radio Ireland's aerial system. Gary Stevens who ran stations several years ago, is to make a come-back on short wave, in two weeks time, with a Radio Jeopardy on 5910kHz., it was announced on this station.

The horrible noises heard on 6240kHz. about 11:30 were probably due to Sovereign and Spectrum using the same channel, although we could only hear Sovereign here.

Skywave mentioned Trax FM(see Irish section earlier), to their local area on 88.05MHz.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney R. Sixe.....On 6240kHz., he logged Spectrum at 12:19, and UNID., at 10:49gmt. Our UNID., on 6266kHz., was Satellite Broadcasting Company via Orion, on 6266kHz., at 11:43gmt. Finally, FRS Holland were logged on 6850kHz., via IRRS, at 10:16gmt.

LASER HOT HITS (Additional loggings)

According to a letter just received from Ronnie, in Filey, during Tuesday morning, at 09:05, a series of numbers was read out, including an urgent one. The station went off at 11:40, for work on their new equipment, and came back on at 15:58 after a tuning note had been heard. On Wednesday morning Laser came on at between 04:45 and 05:00, and continued with non-stop music, until it left the air at 10:50. It has not been heard by Ronnie since then.

ADDITIONAL LONDON LOGS.

According to Clive, who kindly just rang in, the following stations could be heard today, in addition to those we listed already...1260kHz **Radio Memphis CDR** on 88.6MHz **Radio Duck** on 89.5MHz **Twilight Radio** on 93.3MHz **KBS** on 97.8MHz **British Greek Community Radio** on 104.8MHz **Peoples Choice** on 103.3MHz. Also in St Albans, a station called **FAS** on 105.4MHz.

On Saturday night, **Network 21** were heard on 89.5MHz, and **Direct Line Radio** on 92.7MHz.

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Traditionally, January is usually the worst month of the year for weather, and once again, out in the North Sea, the weather has taken its toll, this time with Laser (last year it was Caroline). A full report will be found under the appropriate section. For the benefit of overseas readers, the weather at home is typical for this time of the year, very cold, but fairly dry in our area. We are pleased to report, however, that piratical activity continues as normal during these conditions.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new to offer this week. Delays are still occurring regarding EAP's "A Day In The Life Video", and some Alfasound Audio Tapes.....Our RNLI appeal is doing very nicely, we are pleased to say with twenty odd pounds collected for RNLI already (we hope to get £100). How can you help? Send us £1.00, we will then send you a 1986 A-UK Christmas card, featuring an excellent colour shot of the Communicator, plus a 1985 A-UK Christmas card, in with the next week's "WR". We will then donate the full £1.00 to RNLI. We had about 100 of each card left, when we started.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just the opposite here, with lots arriving during the week. An unusual item to start with however, comes from (of all people) the DTI, who have kindly sent us their **Radio Regularity Division - Annual Report 1985/86** (published November 1986). A lavish brochure detailing the work of this department. Well worth obtaining, for several reasons....an excellent colour shot of Laser, a colour shot of DTI personnel removing pirate antennae from the rooftops, and much, much more in its 50 pages, plus (now wait for it)...it's free!...How to get your copy? Write or telephone to below, requesting same, and giving your name and postal address. A must for anyone interested in radio at all. Our thanks to John Osborne for tipping us off, here.

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PIN Magazine, No 24. A 40 page well produced magazine covering many aspects of free radio. Unfortunately (for English readers), all in German. Details from....

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TAPE OFFER This week, we return to Europe to hear a couple of seasonal radio stations. Both these recordings were made over the Christmas/New Year period. Tape 15 features, from Dublin, a stereo FM recording of **Radio Snowflake** (a community station playing the usual top forty-

style music). From London, Tape 16, also features an FM recording, but this time, only in mono, of **Santa Star** (playing an amazing number of rock classics in quite good quality). Both tapes are 90 minutes in length, and as usual cost £2.00 each (£4.00 for the two).

WANTED. A good quality recording of Radio Geronimo, from back in the 1960's, when they used to transmit via Radio Andorra and later, Radio Monte Carlo, on medium wave...write to Joe Cashin, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, Eire, stating details(price etc.).

When Caroline sailed around the coast of England, from the Thames Estuary, to off Ramsey, The Isle of Man, in July 1964, did they broadcast during the night when they were off the coast of Cornwall? Recordings are quite plentiful of the station broadcasting off the South coast, and again, off Wales and Anglesey, but were they broadcasting off Cornwall, and if so, has anyone any recordings at all. Please contact us in this case, if you have any information.

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GENERAL. Ian Goddard in Harwich listed the Caroline 558 Top 50 of 1986, on New Year's Eve. He has since printed this out on an A4 sheet. If anyone would like a copy of same, please send an SAE to Ian S. Goddard, 621 Main Road, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4NH.

Ivan Howard tells us that he has some more mini stickers available. This time they are 'Laser is back' (we used one on the back page of last week's report). If any reader would like twenty free of charge, send an SAE to Ivan Henry Howard, 24 Main Road, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 0AA, requesting same.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.

DUBLIN. The main news from here concerns the national service RTE, whose Dublin transmitter, on 1278kHz., once again, went haywire, mid week. Interference was widespread as usual and other legal broadcasters were badly affected on two days. It seems strange, how 'potential' interference by pirate stations is widely reported by the press and authorities, but that 'actual' interference, caused by legal Government stations, is never reported!

Tony Allan's voice has been heard extensively this week, reading the news on **Liberties Local Community Radio** and featured on new promos on **Energy 103**. One such promo is for "Energy Aids Awareness Week" due shortly, in support of the "Energy 103 cares about you, Aids Campaign". Another promo heard, asks for designs for a new Energy logo in the "Energy Logo Design Competition". Entries have to be in for 31st January and the winner receives £200.00 and has his or her design on the Energy stationery and promotional material, in addition to on a new line of designers clothing. On the latter station, Alan Burns has returned to the 22:00 till 02:00 spot, following Tony McKenzie's return to daytime programmes (12:00 till 15:00). The new presenter mentioned a couple of weeks ago, as just 'Noel', is in fact Noel Collins, although we have no further details about him.

Radio Jackie continues on 89.5MHz., but some breaks in transmissions were still apparent early week. **Tallaght Community Radio** on 91.8MHz. have a much improved signal on the Northside of the city, suggesting an increase in power. **Pulsar 98** have once again been noted on 1575kHz., during the afternoons. As happened before Christmas **Community Radio Fingal** have their own programmes until mid-day, and then the two stations join, but the programme appears to originate from the Pulsar studio and is simply relayed via CRF. The latter has also been noted on 96.3MHz. by John in Dundalk.

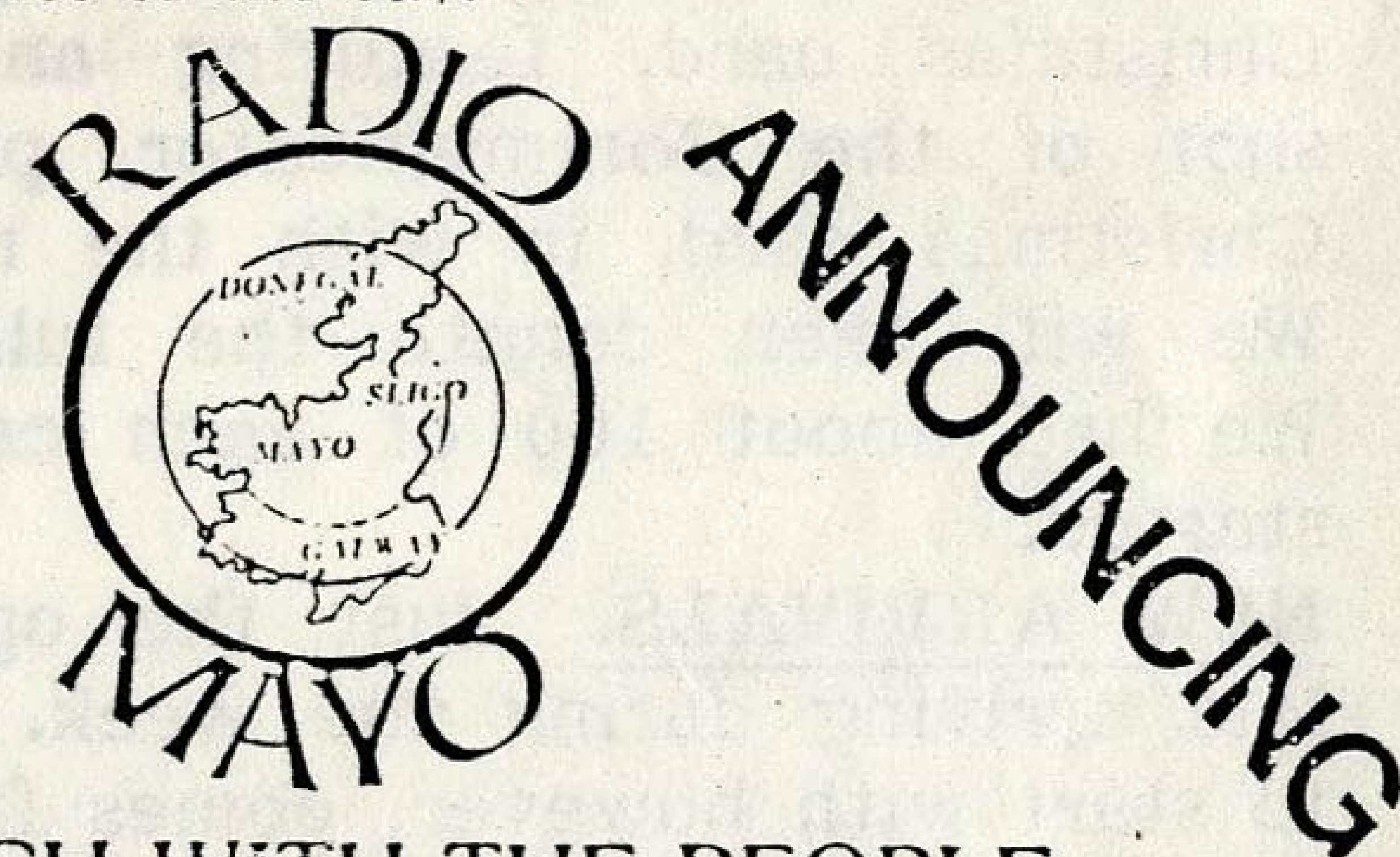
Brian in Dungannon tells us that on the FM band, early in the week, between 95.5 and 96.0MHz., there was a bit of a mess, with **Heartbeat** on 95.5, **Dublin** on 95.6, **Capitol** on 95.8, **LLCR** on 95.9MHz. Radio Dublin now seem

to have moved away from this area, but LLCR does seem a bit close to Capitol. On the subject of the latter, a new station calling itself **Smile FM** has been heard around 94MHz., which has been affecting Capitol Radio's other outlet on 94.1MHz. This station has been on the cards for some time now. We received a card during the late Summer from Brian Paige, who seems involved personally.

coming soon
SMILE ?O?.

Finally, in Dublin, **Radio West** seem to have their FM rig back on the air. Test tones have been noted on 96.6MHz. **DROGHEDA, DUNDALK AND The Border Area.** It is now confirmed that local 'celebrity' 'Big 'O'', famous for his voice on **Boyneside North**, has indeed left the Boyneside organisation. It was not long before his distinctive style was heard again...on Monday last, on **Radio Carousel Northern Ireland**, on 1260kHz.,(the station first reported in last week's issue). The station was closely listened to on Tuesday last, and was heard to give out an address of...The Carrick Hill Hotel on the main Newry/Dundalk road. They also announced 250 metres and gave out two telephone numbers...(042) 71208/74097.

To clarify Boyneside's many transmitters, the following was heard...the main 1305kHz., from Drogheda, serves North County Dublin, Drogheda and County Louth (and North West England!, in fact it is the strongest Irish signal into the U.K at present).....1233kHz., from Killeen, serves Dundalk and Northern Ireland.....1332kHz., from Carnaross, serves Cavan, Monaghan, Meath and Westmeath....98.1 and 100.1MHz., from Drogheda, serve Drogheda, North County Dublin, Co. Meath and Co. Louth....105.5MHz., from Dublin City, serves the greater Dublin area....101.2MHz., from Clermont Carn, serves Armagh, Down, Tyrone and Antrim. Only the 1233/101.2 carrier separate programmes from the others, and these come together at certain times of the day.



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Co. MAYO. Word from the far West, from Tommy in Ballina, who tells us that **Radio Mayo**, from Claremorris, is just about audible there, on FM. He understands that they are using a 250 watt rig, on about 99MHz. Their hand-out(opposite) states '200 metres MW', and we wonder if the hum heard recently on 1584kHz. could be one and the same thing. This hum however, now seems to have disappeared.

Tommy also mentions that he can receive **Kandy Radio** on 1386kHz., **Mid West Radio** on 1332kHz. and **North West Community Radio**, on 1116kHz. Strangely, he fails to mention any transmissions on 1143kHz., from nearby Sligo town. We reported a West Side Radio recently, from there, but Brian in Dungannon tells us that he is certain that he heard an identification for **West Coast Radio**, last Tuesday, on this channel.

WATERFORD. All three stations in the city, **ABC Radio**, **Waterford Local Radio** and **Crystal City Sound**, were busy over the Christmas period, collecting for various charities. ABC collected hundreds of toys and games for deprived children in the area. WLR collected over £25,000, in just over ten days, collecting at an outside broadcast unit in the city centre. Items were also auctioned over the air. CCS collected money and other goods for an old folks home. They also had an outside broadcast unit situated at Ballybricken in the city.

On Christmas morning, ABC and WLR had a most enjoyable live linkup on air.

Radio Annabel in New Ross, Co. Waterford, began broadcasting on Christmas Eve, with some live, and some pre-recorded shows, right up until Saturday night 3rd January. Broadcasts were first heard on 92.6MHz., but later moved to 92.7MHz. Medium wave transmissions followed on either 1224kHz., or 1242kHz.(we have reports on both these frequencies!) The FM signal, reputed to be about 130 watts, but later reported to be about 40/50 watts, could however, be received up to 20 miles away. Music format was slightly different from the other (above) stations, and traditional, Irish, rock and rare music was played ('anything but the charts'). A temporary address was given out...P.O. Box 39, Waterford, but a P.O. Box in New Ross is planned for future broadcasts, maybe at Easter).

In nearby Wexford, **Community Radio Wexford**, famous for their off channel operation on around 1008kHz., have been off AM since the end of November, after their transmitter packed up. Their 101.4MHz., 120 watt stereo transmissions, however, give good coverage locally and along the coast, it is reported.

Further West now, to Cork, where our reporter Colm, tells us that last weekend, he found no WBEN, no WKLR and no Sunshine 96. The only ones he heard, on 2nd and 3rd January, were **Radio ERI** on 96.9MHz. and 1305kHz., and **Centre Radio** on 101.5MHz. On the Saturday morning ERI kept cutting out on both frequencies, and presenter, Chris Barry, was heard apologising on a number of occasions, blaming a suspect generator for these problems.

Our reporter goes on to say that ERI's FM signal was good for up to 100 miles from Cork.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports this week.

LASER 'HOT HITS'. Well, after the announcements that the station was to recommence in early January(see cuttings sheet), and also rumours of a new 'Ross' type mast about to be erected and new generators, things these past few days have gone disastrously wrong. On Monday night, during a northeasterly gale, which even made conditions on the Ross Revenge very uncomfortable, both the masts on the Communicator collapsed onto the deck. According to one of the D.J.'s who left Radio Caroline, during the week, on Tuesday, it looked as though one mast had collapsed, and due to the extreme tension on the remaining tower, that too, couldn't stand the strain, and also fell. The remains have been described as 'a tangled mess'. So, it looks as though the same trouble which dogged the original station, has once again reared its ugly head, this time after only a few weeks. We can only wait and see what happens now to rectify this sad situation. The severe weather normally experienced during January, is not the ideal condition to erect a new antenna system. Each year during this month, the Ross Revenge has broken its mooring, in severe north-easterly storms. Let us hope that Caroline do not have as much trouble, as the Communicator have had so far.

CAROLINE. During the brief break in the poor weather conditions, in the early part of the week, a staff change managed to take place. We saw Dave James, Richard Jackson

and John Tyler leave for some well earned rest. Also Peter Chicago is understood to have also come off for a break, and has been replaced by a new engineer, called Mike (not Mike Barrington however, as he was still on the Communicator at the time). Kevin Turner made a welcome return to Radio Caroline, after rumours that he was about to do the news reading on Laser. He made his first appearance this year, at 19:00 on Wednesday night, just for two hours. On Thursday morning he replaced Mark Matthews on the breakfast show, to give Mark a long earned rest. Rob Charles was the only other D.J. to arrive this time, and he presented his first show on Radio Caroline at 21:00 on the Wednesday evening. Rob has recently been out in the Mediterranean with the Voice of Peace and before that, in Ireland with Radio West. He joins at a time when both Keith Lewis and Stuart Clark are also aboard. All three were all on the Peace Ship at the same time, during last summer. The current weekday line-up now seems to be...05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 Keith Lewis...17:00 Mark Matthews...19:00 Keith Lewis...21:00 Rob Charles...01:00 Close. Due to a staff shortage, the drive programme is being split, with Mark and Keith having been heard hosting at the times we have listened. Closedown continues to be early, probably due to the lack of staff. It is not known whether Stuart Clark has hosted a show as yet, however we think it unlikely, due to large number of hours he has to be awake in order to compile and read all the news bulletins. On Thursday morning, both 558kHz and 963kHz left the air for essential aerial maintenance, whilst the seas were only slight. They returned to the air at about 13:40, with Keith hosting till 17:00, as normal. On Friday morning, once again the transmitters were switched off for yet more aerial maintenance. This time they were off the air from about 09:00 until 12:00. On their return, Peter Philips was heard to say that the work had now been completed. We are not sure whether he meant just for that day, or all the maintenance had been completed for the rest of the Winter. Things seem to have gone smoothly since these closures however. The signal on 558kHz, at our location however is not as good as it was just before Christmas. The current power on this frequency, is said to be about 3½kW. The Optimod unit which we mentioned a couple of weeks ago, was apparently brought into service on Christmas Day. Adjustments are still being made to it, to try and get the best results. We would be interested to hear from readers in the primary service area, who have noticed a change in the audio quality. At the distance we are listening at, any changes are not noticed, although the characteristics of their sidebands, seem to have altered somewhat(a bit bigger).

So far this year, we have not heard any new commercials being aired. There has been a change in the music format recently. It seems as though a lot more 80's music is now being played, with both 60's and 70's records taking a back seat. Perhaps this will attract the younger end of the audience.

We now move across to Caroline Overdrive, where we lost John Tyler on Wednesday, to the comforts of land. John did his last show on Tuesday night, and since then, Mark Matthews has hosted the service from its start at 21:30, until the closedown at 02:00. At closedown on Thursday night the new engineer, Mike, was heard in the background, and Mark said that on Friday, we might have the pleasure of a special 'Blues' show from Mike. However on Friday night, after a 'Chase the Microphone in a North Easterly Gale', show, the service closed as normal at 02:00. We had to wait until Saturday before we heard the engineer, Mike, host a programme. He came on the air at midnight, and announced himself as Mike Watts. 'Blues Overdrive', was then born, and we had the pleasure of this type of music until closedown at 03:00, on Sunday morning. Mike didn't say when he would be back on the air again.

It was announced during the week, that a new feature called 'Overdrive Spin Off', would be starting on Sunday. During this, records and tapes from 'unknown bands' will be played. Information will also be supplied, as to how and where, to get hold of the records/tapes which will be broadcast.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. **LIVERPOOL.** As planned, **Radio Merseywaves** ceased their holiday transmissions (on high power), at 03:00 last Tuesday, it is reported (we were not actually listening, when they closed down!). They duly returned during Friday day time (14:00?) with slightly lower power, but still a good strong signal in this area. Most usual presenters were noted, but the odd one was missing due to taking a break following a heavy holiday schedule. Heard today, on 1404kHz., was a station which we assumed to be **Central Radio Int.**, although we never actually heard the presenter identify

the station during the brief period over lunch-time when ground wave radio conditions could be described as reasonably good. We did hear the deejay identify himself at 13:00, as Phil Davies, and this ties in with known CRI schedules. The signal seemed distinctly better today, but this could well have been improving ground wave conditions. The station is nothing near as strong as it used to be.

Tim Jackson, in his three reports over the recent holiday, only just received, mentions a number of other smaller, low power operations, noted in his area...He tells us first, that CRI which we heard today, on 1404kHz., have added Friday evening to their Saturday and Sunday schedules. They also appeared briefly on New Year's Day. **Concept Radio**, on 104.3MHz., made a number of appearances over the holiday. Some problems were noted over Christmas, and the station said at New Year, that they would be closing for about 6 to 8 weeks. **CDFM**, on 105.2MHz., was noted on Boxing Day, for a test transmission only. This was quite brief and the station have not been reported since. **Radio Caroline North**, whilst on air each weekend, seem to have had a number of problems with adjacent stations blocking them out. They have tried 1325, 1296 and 1386kHz., with little success, apart from the immediate area, on any. **Chester Community Radio** were noted on the Sunday before Christmas, on 103.5MHz. They said they would be on air on the next holiday Sunday. They were not noted at New Year. **Liverpool Pirate Radio** were heard on Christmas Day, afternoon, on 1332kHz., but suffered the same fate as Caroline North, and have not been on the air since, we understand. **Radio Julie** has made a return on 104.8MHz. They broadcast over the holiday period, and announced that they would appear each Sunday thereafter. **Radio Veronica** also appear to have made a return on extremely low power, on 'Holiday' days, on 104.7MHz. Location problems prevent normal appearances, we believe.

LEEDS. Today, Sunday, only two of the normal three stations in the city, were heard with programming. They were **Radio Radar**, on 104.5MHz, and **Music City Radio(MCR)**, on 90.4MHz. The other regular station, **ABC-FM**, on 94.6MHz, was only noted with a blank carrier. It seems that MCR only broadcast in the evenings, and ABC-FM are only on at the weekends, although both, leave blank carriers on throughout the week. **Radio Radar**, are a Sunday only station.

THE MIDLANDS. Once again, only **Peoples Community Radio Line (PCRL)**, have been heard in the area. They have broadcast throughout the week on a frequency between 103.5/103.7.

LONDON. Heard on Saturday in this area, **RJR** on 90.0MHz., **TKO** on 90.7MHz., **LWR** on 92.1MHz., **KISS FM**, on 94.0MHz. and **LGR** on 105.0MHz.

On Sunday, all the above stations were logged, in addition, **Twilight Radio** on 93.0MHz. was also heard. However, by 11:30, only **LGR** and **RJR** remained on the air. After a good run, it appears that the DTI may have struck again.

No further details are known at time or printing. No word on the following is at hand, either, **Solar**, **Starpoint** and **Hits 93**. Anyone know?

ESSEX. Reports from the South East, tell us that **Sunshine Radio** have been heard with tests on 90.8MHz., today, **Canvey Radio** have been noted all day, on 93.1MHz. and **Radio Activity**, also, on 104.8MHz.

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

6206kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO**, at 09:45gmt.
6206kHz...**RADIO MARABU**, at 10:52gmt.
6206kHz...**RADIO LIMIT**, at 11:23gmt.
6206kHz...**RADIO DISCOLINE**, at 13:19gmt.
6217kHz...**RADIO DUTCHBOY**, at 11:41gmt.
6217kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO**, at 13:46gmt.
6221kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.(test)**, at 12:12.
6225kHz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 10:55gmt.
6230kHz...**4FWS**, at 13:24gmt.
6240kHz...**SPECTRUM 'Hot Hits'**, at 11:58gmt.
6261kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 12:36gmt.
6266kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:01gmt.
6266kHz...**4FWS**, at 13:00gmt.
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 12:45gmt.
6277kHz...**RADIO NORMAAL**, at 09:52gmt.
6294kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:54gmt.
6297kHz...**RADIO NEPTUNE**, at 11:05gmt.
6301kHz...**UNID(WFRL?)**, at 10:59gmt.
6310kHz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 12:40gmt.
6319kHz...**FREE MEDWAY TOWN R.**, at 11:00gmt.
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 12:51gmt.

Reception conditions this morning, were very poor until around midday. A very long skip meant, that we could not hear any Irish, or English stations within 200 miles until very late on. As normal, logs in bold were heard here in Blackpool, and others were kindly telephoned in by loggers in the Midlands, Leeds and Blackpool.

Joe, at **Riverside Radio** informed us yesterday, that he would be back on the air today, following a few problems with his transmitter. He also told us that due to lack of listener's letters, to his broadcasts on 6525kHz(despite the channel being a very clear one to broadcast on), he would be returning to the 48m.b. for all future broadcasts. **Riverside Radio** were heard today, on 6217kHz, but due to interference, it was difficult to hear. Joe planned to relay the Canadian station 'Maple Leaf Radio', but we did not hear it due to the said interference. The address for **Maple Leaf Radio** is, P.O. Box 1133, Valley View, Alberta TOH 3N0, Canada. **Riverside** were also heard with a thirty minute relay via **Radio Delmare**.

Amendments to last week's (Sunday) log from **Podney R. Sixe** in Cornwall and **Stuart Dobson** in Staffs.....**Podney** reports, either **Radio Aquarius** or **Radio Caldonia** on 7362kHz., at 09:41gmt., and on 7370kHz., at 10:29gmt.. We only logged the transmission on 7370kHz. It is possible the transmitter 'wandered' from one frequency to the other. **Stuart** logged **Radio Discoline** on 6206kHz.(via **Delmare**), at 14:40gmt.

On Saturday, heard were **Radio Pamela**, on 6240kHz., at 10:31gmt., **Free Radio Company**, on 6206kHz., at 13:18gmt. and **Radio Orion**, on 6280kHz., at 11:00gmt.

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No. 142.....18th January 1987. P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

From a snow-free and relatively mild (compared with other areas) North West England, another four page classic to brighten your day. We hope the snow has gone from your area, and ask you to bear in mind transport delays in areas away from ours, causing some delays with mail. A special welcome to a number of new readers this week. Whilst we have been relatively calm here, our friends on the North Sea have once again, had to suffer some of the worst conditions this climate can serve up, but more of that under the appropriate section later.

WEEKLY REPORT AND CUTTINGS is posted each week, at the following rates.....
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NEW MERCHANDISE. Following last week's reports of the Laser masts collapsing, we now offer a fourth photo package, entitled "**LASER BACK AT SEA**". Yet another set of 5 Jumbo Glossy colour photographs, with two shots showing the m.v. Communicator, in her new colours, triumphantly sailing up the Knock Deep, in December 1986, and three shots, at anchor, showing the remains of the masts, following a destructive North Easterly gale last week but one. One shot, in particular, is a close-up, and shows the 'tangled mess' mentioned last week. This set is quite unique in that these may be the last ever pictures taken of the old-type masts. The price for this 'collector's item' set, £2.50.

NEW ARRIVALS. **PLAY-DX**, Issues 443 and 444 arrived more or less together and as usual were packed with logs etc., especially American medium wave ones. Worth checking out, although mostly in Italian (will soon be in English, we understand), and details can be obtained from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....**Radiotelex**, Issue 90. What a bumper issue! 8 x A5 pages of short wave logs and reports, covering the period 5th December to 4th January. If you have never read this magazine, this edition is worth getting. Send us 40p, and we will send you a sample copy, along with a subscription form, enabling you to subscribe direct.....**NOW RADIO**, Issue 18. A 28 page A5 booklet covering all aspects of radio. The forthcoming Home Office Green Paper proposals (leaked out), are covered rather well**Media Monitor**, Issue 43. A 20 page A5 booklet with the London land-based, and short wave pirates well covered. A sample copy here will cost 70p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.

INFO-LINES. Please do not telephone us for up to date information. Producing a weekly report takes up all our time. Information can, however, be phoned in to us on (0253) 882017. Three other known infolines are in operation, one is a different number from previously....Chris Wheeler's new, improved, infoline can now be found on (07372) 23121. News and information only on this one. Anyone wishing to leave info,

can ring (07372) 41510, but in future, we understand that the latter number will only have a short message on it, and no news or info. Now Radio info-line can be rung at weekends, on (0536) 514437. <TX> Magazine carries London pirate news on (01) 400 8282

TAPE OFFER. This week, we offer tapes from Dublin and Chicago. From Dublin, 'super-pirate' **Q 102** features on Tape 17. Recorded off FM, on 5th January 1987, this is the first working day after the Christmas holiday, and the excellent Scott Williams is joined on the breakfast show by the 'well modulated' voice of our good friend, Bob Gallico (and budgies?), on news items, and up in the air by 'the flying spy', Mike Hogan. The quality is superb. Tape 18 features Paul Donovan on Chicago's **B-96(WBBM-FM)**. The latter is recorded last December 8th. Again, superb FM quality, radio at it's best! Both tapes are 'Top Forty' music stations and C.90's. Price, as ever, £2.00 each.

GENERAL. We realise that theme tunes and postcards aren't everyone's 'cup of tea', but the older readers seem interested in what we keep coming up with, so, we will keep the subject fairly brief. We now have old colour postcards (only odd ones, mind you!), of Caroline North, Caroline South and London. Does anyone know if any others exist? Paul Rusling tells us that Radio 270 never produced any themselves. Of course, we can still produce such items in quantity from good colour prints. Anything to offer on loan for a couple of weeks, anyone? On themes etc., we obtained an original copy of the Roaring Sixties version of 'We Love The Pirate Stations' on Marmalade Records. We also obtained 'Image' by Alan Haven (One of Bob Stewart's two theme tunes). Jerry Leighton's theme tune was 'Country Line Special' by The Sound of Phil Davies on a 1963 Pye EP, numbered MEP 44025. One of 'Ugli' Ray Teret's theme tunes was 'Jungle Fever' by The Tornados. Another tune just been reminded of....'In The Midnight Hour' by Little Mac and the Boss Sounds on red Atlantic, played at midnight on Caroline South. We only used to hear it on Saturdays, before the Rosko show, but could have been played nightly. We have a copy of this one

and will print the number in a future issue (when we find it!). Any tunes mentioned always seem to be in demand, and anyone wishing to sell copies should contact us.

WANTED. 'Frost Festival' by Ray Conniff. It was used as the theme music to The Frost Report. Anyone with a copy, or an L.P. with it on, or even further details, should ring Dublin (0001 from U.K.) 680835, (Ask for David Baker).

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.

DUBLIN. On **Sunshine Radio**, some engineering work is understood to be in progress on the AM side, maybe in preparation for the proposed 'split' services. During the week, as a result of severe weather, 'Snow-Line' was re-introduced to help listeners/motorists get over the worst of Winter. A listener who answered his phone with the advertised slogan, won £1,000 in the week. He sounded a young chap and his mother came on the line and suggested it was a hoax call. Everyone was undoubtedly delighted on learning it was not such a call.

In the midst of all this dreadful snowy weather, **Q 102**, in conjunction with a local travel firm, are already advertising Summer holidays to Ibiza, Majorca and Portugal. The daily 'Eye in the Sky' really came into it's own this week, with the aforementioned weather conditions. At times, 'Spy' Mike Hogan sounded well and truly frozen up there, in the helicopter, above the city of Dublin.

Energy 103 also re-activated their SnowLine during the week, doing their best to assist the poor Dublin motorist. Tony McKenzie has been heard with extended shows this week, running from 10:00, when he took over from Gareth O'Callaghan, until 15:00, when Colm Hayes carried on.

It has been confirmed that **SMILE FM**, on about 94.0MHz.(mono), is run by ex **Radio Dublin** station manager, Brian Paige, and comes from the Ballyfermot area of the city. Another easy listening station was planned, but with several of these already on air, Top forty may be heard in it's place.

Many reports of a blank carrier on 104.5MHz., are at hand. Apparently this is in readiness for **Heartbeat FM's** second outlet, and in fact, news just in, tells us that Heartbeat programmes were heard on this frequency yesterday. The station also has plans for an AM outlet on 1116kHz.

Apparently, **Capitol Radio** have boosted their FM signal, following the return of one of their expert engineers. They can be heard locally (occasionally here), on 95.8MHz. and also on the slightly lower frequency (avoiding Smile), of 93.8MHz.

Flash FM are set to return to the airwaves, on 96.6MHz., from the Morans Hotel. A very professional line-up is promised.

Diamond Radio have recently moved from 106.50 down to 106.10MHz., according to Bernard Evans' Free Radio Show on **Tallaght Community Radio**. Apparently, the British DTI complained to the Irish Dept. of Communications, that Diamond was interfering with police frequencies in Wales!

A station on 98.0MHz., formerly Charisma, now identifies as **Ranelagh Community Radio**.

The blank carrier on 96.6MHz., known to be in readiness for the Dublin relay of Mullingarbased station, **Radio West**, is about to be modulated, we understand. The weather is understood to have caused delays with the commencement of this service.

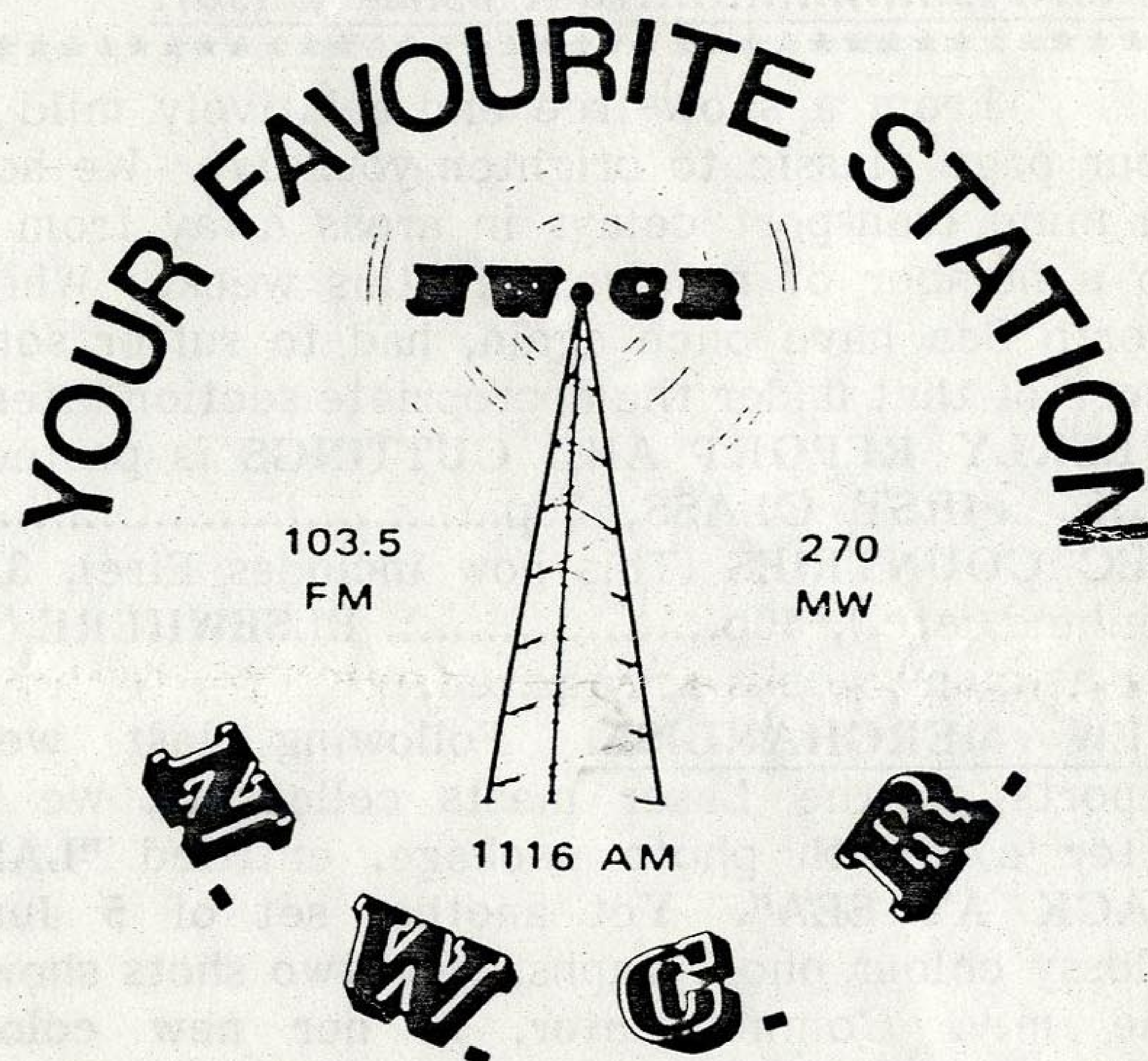
OUTSIDE DUBLIN. North to Co. Meath, where we can report that **Boyneside Radio** is very strong now, on 1332kHz. The Northern Ireland FM transmitter, on around 101.2/3MHz., has apparently been off rather a lot over the past week, for reasons unknown at present.

Still further North to Dundalk, where we can report that Hugh Hardy has once again returned to host his famous 'Country Call' daily programme, on **Radio Carousel**. Hugh is currently commuting between Dublin and Dundalk, and co-ordinates his day between Carousel and easy listening station, **KLAS 98.5** in Dublin.

After a period on low power, **ZEE 103.3** returned with an excellent signal, from the border area, on Friday. The station can now be heard here in Blackpool quite well, with excellent audio quality. Problems have occurred in the past with a fluctuating mains voltage supply, and these are hoped to be sorted out shortly, with the acquisition of a generator. Having not heard the station for some time, we were pleasantly surprised at the progress made. Numerous adverts and jingles were noted.

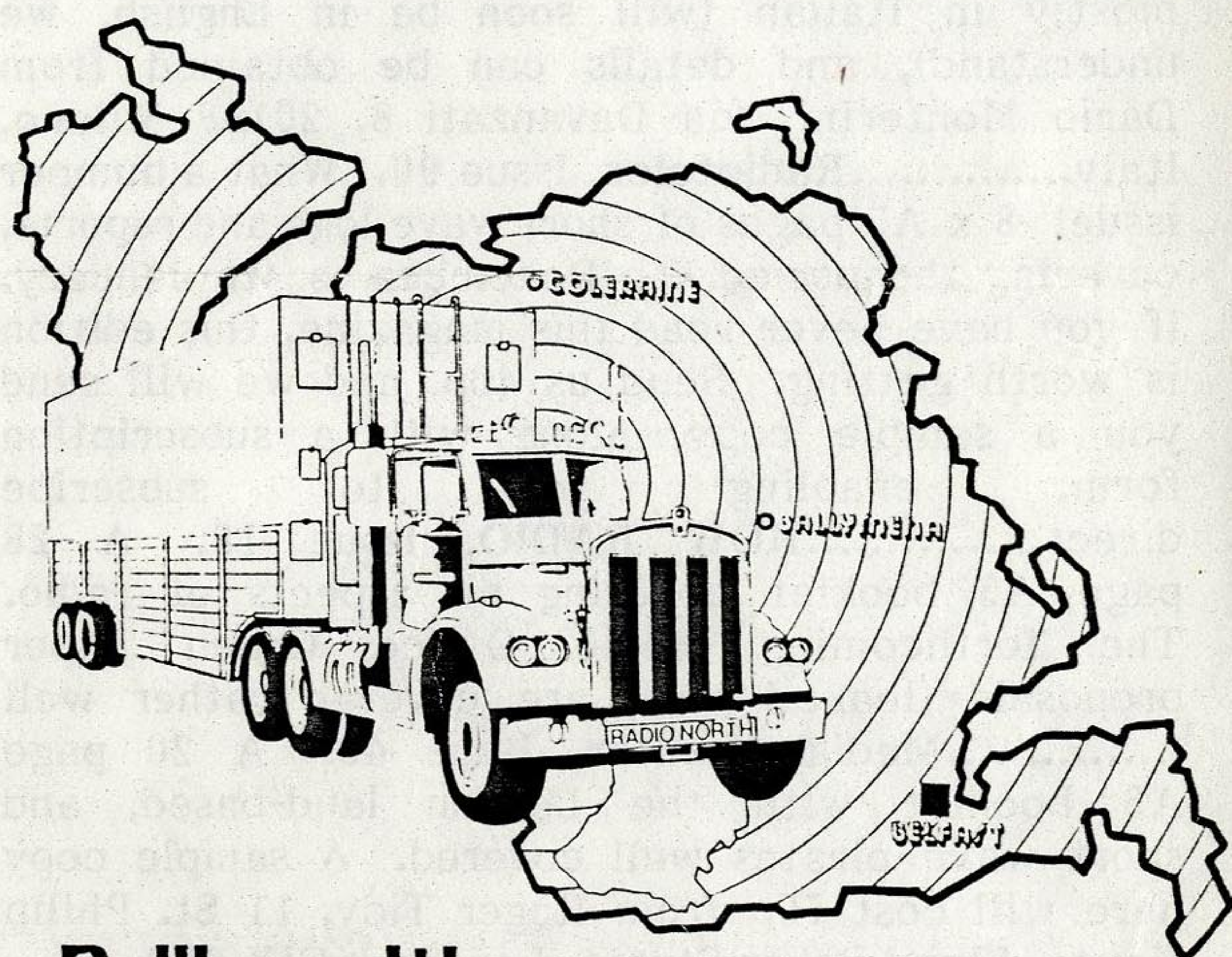
Word from Buncrana in Co. Donegal, where we learn that **North West Community Radio (NWCR)** are in temporary

studios at the moment, whilst the old studio is being refurbished. Current line-up on the station reads....07:00 Micky Bradley. 09:00 Danny Kelly. 12:00 Packie Bradley's "Country Kitchen". 14:00 Canice Wilson. 16:00 Mark Warner. Mickey Bradley is normally on at midnight, but is standing in for Damien McGrory, who is presently touring Australia with the Mayor of Derry. He's been sent by NWCR to visit relatives of listeners and collect interviews etc., to be played on air, when he returns. He is also telephoning in 'live' on air reports about the trip. The station can be heard on 1116kHz., over a fairly wide area, including here in Blackpool, at times, and 103.5MHz.FM, locally.



Almost as far North as we can go in Ireland, and Cardonagh, where **Radio North** can be found on 1404kHz. and with numerous relays on FM. The station, like the one above, can be heard over a very wide area, again, including here in Blackpool. Stuart in Staffordshire tells us that he can hear it on a portable radio, after dark, when the foreigner has closed down.

Radio North 
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A quick note from Sligo confirms that there are indeed two stations on air there, at present, with quite similar names. **Westside Radio** can be found on FM, on 98.0MHz. **West Coast Radio** on 1143kHz.AM.

In Galway, a report on Radio West, said that KFM had closed down, and the only remaining station was once again, **WLS Music Radio International**, on 846kHz.AM and 103.0MHz.FM.

In the Midlands, **Signal Stereo 102** reports an amazingly successful Christmas and a good start to the New Year with January sales and things. Current line-up on this station reads....08:00 Barry Flynn. 12:00 Mark Anthony. 16:00 Pete Casey. 19:00 Paul McKenna. 22:00 until 01:00 Liam Lennon's 'NightShift' (ex. Wednesday, Jason Ross' "On the Dark Side"). News is heard daily, on the hour, from 12:00 till 18:00, with James Healy.

Finally, an ex WRKY deejay is proposing to start a new station in Killarney, called Independent Radio Munster (IRM), on 103.0MHz.FM in stereo. The station has not as yet surfaced, and plans are said to be a bit behind schedule.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. We understand that the station may have returned to the air, on FM only, following it's series of problems and upsets of late. A number of presenters are about to leave, and these are to be replaced. The first of these, will be Mike Kerslake, former editor of the English version of Offshore Echo's Magazine. Mike flies out on Tuesday next to join the team out there already.

CAROLINE. Severe North-Easterly gales were the order of the day, most of the week, out in the Knock Deep. Things didn't seem too bad up until Tuesday, but then the seas built up rapidly after this, and apparently reached Force 9. All the current staff must have stomachs of steel, as despite all the bouncing about, we didn't notice anyone miss a show, and thus the line-up remained the same as last week : 05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 Keith Lewis...17:00 Mark Matthews...19:00 Keith Lewis...21:00 Rob Charles...01:00 Closedown. We did hear Peter Philips on both Wednesday and Saturday, at 17:00, so we are not sure whether he and Keith were alternating this time slot. On Wednesday, when the seas were announced in the weather bulletins, on the half hour, as very rough, Keith Lewis said he was actually looking up at the sea, through the porthole, and that the back of the ship was playing at submarines. He also said that he was expecting that the D.J.'s in the Monique studio would be coming through the glass to join him, at any moment. When Mark Matthews took over at 17:00, he seemed to spend most of his time trying to keep everything from flying around the studio. One wonders how the styli manage to track the records properly, when the rest of the studio, including chair and disc jockey are being thrown around. However, we did not here one record jump whilst we were listening. On Thursday morning, things actually seemed to be getting worse, rather than better, and Kevin Turner suggested that the conditions were ideal for a meeting of the 'Kamikazi Windsurfers Club'. Later on he mentioned that Peter Philips was not too happy about having been woken up an hour earlier, in order to choose the records for his show - prior to which he had to collect them all up off the floor and re-organise them on the shelves. The station managed to stay on the air throughout all the rough weather however, until around 16:15 on Friday afternoon. At this time, the station made an announced closedown for repairs to be done on the aerial system. Both 558kHz and 963kHz were off the air all night until shortly after 10:00 on Saturday morning, when continuous music was heard. Radio Caroline recommenced broadcasting with Kevin Turner at 10:30, following the theme tune. It appeared as though the staff had all been awake throughout the night, as at first nobody could be found to host the 13:00 show. Apparently, Peter Philips, who was supposed to be on, had climbed the mast during the night, and so was having a rest. The talking point during Saturday, seemed to be the new visitor which had arrived on the Ross Revenge on the previous night. Mike Watts was apparently one of the first to be frightened, when he was heading for the galley, when a bird with a large wingspan, appeared out of the darkness. Having had pigeons and seagulls on board, it was now the turn of a heron to turn up on the back deck. The staff have named it 'Harry the Heron', and it appears, from comments heard, to have adopted a position above the fo'c'sle. Volunteers for cleaning duty, are now being sought! By Saturday afternoon, the seas had miraculously gone down from very rough, to a 'mill pond', and this gave the crew a chance to clear up the mess caused over the previous couple of days. Things seemed to be back to normal by Sunday, with the programme line-up as it was last weekend. Kevin Turner announced that today (18th January), was exactly one year since he joined Radio Caroline.

Once again, no new commercials have been heard on the air, but considering the weather conditions, it isn't surprising that nothing has reached the ship. News has, as in the past few weeks, been compiled and read by Stuart Clark.

Rock fans have been a bit disappointed this week, with very few hours of Overdrive being broadcast. Mark Matthews has once again been the host on 963kHz. Times have varied during the week, with early closedowns on all nights. On Wednesday, Mark was playing complete L.P. sides, and signed off at midnight, unable to complete his show, due to carts etc., flying all over the place. He also mentioned that he was looking up at the waves through the porthole. On Thursday night, 'Viewpoint 963' was late finishing, due to aerial maintenance earlier in the evening, and Mark came on at 22:55, and did manage to host a show without too many problems. On Friday, there was no show at all, due again to aerial maintenance, and on the following night, Mark signed off at midnight.

A recent notice to mariners in the Southern North Sea tells ships in the vicinity of the old Mi Amigo wreck, that the marker buoy will be dis-continued on or about 30th January.

LASER HOT HITS. As reported last week, both masts did collapse in the North Easterly gales, and three photographs in the most recently offered Laser set (see earlier), confirm the reports of 'a tangled mess'. One especially, gives a close up view of the destruction caused. Obviously, the clearing of these is going to take time, and the building of a new one, a 'Ross' type, even longer. Reports of the station returning very shortly were rather optimistic, and further reports (see cuttings), telling us that this return is going to take weeks, is more like. No one envies those, whose job this will be. The fact that the vessel is at sea is bad enough, but in January, with those gales, very few days will be found to be suitable to carry out such a dangerous job. We most certainly do not envy them, and wish them all the luck in the world.

LAND-BASED STATIONS(Foreign). Back to Portugal this week, for a further report from our good friend, Julian Cole, who tells us that all is well on the Algarve. The mid-Winter slump in tourism has meant that they have cut back slightly on the English language programmes, though recently, and over the Christmas period, the programme schedule has featured Dave Small. Dave, as many people will re-call, was one of the most popular presenters in the entire history of Radio Jackie, with his personality-type of presentation, and seemingly endless energy and humour. Dave has been presenting the 10:00 till mid-day slot, daily.

The 1986 charity appeal has now been closed, and a fantastic £2,500 has been raised for the "Santa Casa" charity organisation.

The Portuguese Government is trying very hard to formulate and introduce a law which will allow private radio stations to be set up legally in the country. This, however, is being contested vigorously by R.D.P. (the National radio network), and also by the Catholic Church, who also operate a similar network throughout the country. The station is continuing to broadcast 24 hours per day, with (usually), 22 hours featuring a presenter, and 2 hours (04:00 to 06:00) with non-stop music.

Julian goes on to say that he has received a number of letters from the last report, from our readers, and he will be replying very soon. He also tells us that he will be forwarding a nonairchecked English/Portuguese recording, for us to offer our readers, for which we thank him in advance.

Regarding the weather, he tells us that it is not hot, as such, but he spent 1½ hours sunbathing on the beach, on Christmas Day! (Lucky blighter!).

The station broadcasts on 90.5MHz.FM and their mailing address is as before...55 Centro Comercial, Vila Magna Montechoro, 8200 Albufeira, Algarve, Portugal...Tel: 010 351 89 54353 or 54367.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. **Radio Merseywaves** remains the main station here, on 1242kHz., always announcing 244m and 1233kHz. The station was loud and clear on it's advertised days of broadcasting, Monday last, Friday, Saturday and again, today. Plenty of oldies are being aired, in addition to disco music, which in fairness, is what the majority of the deejays are used to playing. Northern Soul music had another airing on Saturday morning with Mad Mike from 10:00 till 12:00. Numerous soul classics were noted. Following this programme, Barry Noble was heard with a programme 'live by satellite/phone or whatever (tape most likely!) from

Teneriffe. This had been promised by Barry before he left for faraway shores. It certainly made a change and we look forward to hearing more from him. Station owner, Burt Williams, was on air on Sunday afternoon with classic oldies and his unique style, not heard anywhere else.

Central Radio were noted today here, on 1404kHz., with a weak signal. The station has mentioned that they will close down today, for four weeks, for a general overhaul of equipment. We understand from Tim Jackson, that the station also broadcast on Saturdays.

Tim also mentions **Radio Julie**, on 104.8MHz., which he heard last Sunday. They said that they had been on the air on Saturday, but he had not noted them. Two other stations said they had been on air, but again, Tim had not noted these, either. They were Mersey FM and Radio Caroline North.

THE MIDLANDS. As always, only **P.C.R.L.**, on 103.5MHz, have been active in this area. They been on the air most of the week, except Friday.

LEEDS. ABC-FM, on 94.6MHz, have not been heard regularly either in the week, or at weekends recently. In the past week, they have only been logged on Friday night. **Music City Radio (MCR)** have been heard a bit more regularly however, and were logged on both Friday and Saturday night. Commercials and promotions are on the increase on this station, which operates on 90.4MHz. The Sunday only broadcasts from **Radio Radar** on 104.5MHz were again heard this weekend, but with a changed line-up.

LONDON. Very little action here this week, presumably resulting from the mass of raids which took place last weekend. **LWR** on 92.1MHz, and **TKO** on 90.7MHz were both heard during the week. These two were also on the air today, along with **KISS FM** on 94.0MHz, and a station on 90.0MHz, possibly **RJR**. One report says that **LWR** are much stronger since the raids of last weekend. Very strong carriers have also been logged on 93.0MHz and 94.0MHz, at various times, however the source of these is uncertain.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS....Today's Log....

6206kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 10:50gmt.
6217kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:52gmt.
6225kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 12:06gmt.
6230kHz...UNID., at 13:06gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:11gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:31gmt.
6261kHz...THE VOICE OF GUERNSEY, at 10:15gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., 12:08gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:25gmt.
6274kHz...SPECTRUM 'HOT HITS', at 11:20gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:13gmt.
6293kHz...UNID., at 10:59gmt.
6297kHz...RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM), at 10:34gmt.
6301kHz...UNID., at 10:57gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 12:18gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 10:38gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 13:10gmt.
7315kHz...K.B.C., at 09:34gmt.

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As with the previous couple of weeks, conditions have been poor until around the midday period. Around this time, a shorter skip has meant that in our area, Irish and English stations have been audible once again. Logs in bold are, as usual, monitored here in Blackpool, and others have been kindly rung in by loggers in West Yorkshire, Berkshire, Surrey and the Midlands.....

A relay of an Energy 103 Breakfast Show was heard on 6310kHz., prior to Radio Ireland's transmissions.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney R. Sixe and Stuart Dobson.....6206kHz., Right Wing Radio, at 13:51gmt. Our unidentified on 6294kHz., was PFBS, which Podney identified at 10:02gmt., and Stuart at 10:10gmt. Our Unid., on 6301kHz., was indeed, WFR.L. Podney identified it at 10:35gmt.

Log for Saturday 17th January....

6206kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 09:44gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO CALIFORNIA, at 11:52gmt.
6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 11:55gmt.
6217kHz...UNID.(Liberty Sound?), at 11:45gmt.

Our thanks, as always, to everyone who has kindly telephoned in, or written in with reports, cuttings, loggings, photographs or anything else, this week. We really do appreciate your help. Please remember to tell us if you want any of the things sent, returning to you.

Finally, a cutting from the January edition of the American Hi-Fi magazine, Audio. It goes without saying that the contents apply to this country as well as France and Switzerland.

The Silent Alps

Rental cars in the U.S. tend to come with AM-only radios (at least in the price classes I usually use). So my wife and I were pleased to learn, when we rented a small Peugeot 309 in Europe, that it came with an AM/FM/cassette stereo system.

Only we never really listened to it. While classical music programming is a bit easier to find in the European than in the U.S. boondocks, we found radio listening frustrating. For one thing, radio stations in France and Switzerland program the way U.S. stations did when I was a kid—each station I heard at length tried to balance its programming among several listener interests rather than hewing rigidly to a single-interest format. For local listeners who know which to tune in and when, that's good; for strangers driving through, it's not so good. When we did find a program we liked, we'd usually drive through a mountain pass about halfway into the program, and find an Alp between us and the station. That was no surprise—even the hills of Vermont can screw up reception, and they're only hills.

We'd brought no cassettes with us. So what did we do? We shut the radio off and concentrated on the scenery and our driving. In the Alps, both merit full attention.

The WEEKLY

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The First with the News in Print

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P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

No doubt most areas in the U.K. are now snow-free, and things continue as normal once again. Having said that, there has been some delay with second class mail this week, due to a strike in Preston, where all our second class goes to be sorted. We shall try and avoid the area if possible, but if there is any delay, that is the cause. Things seem fairly quiet around, with the exception of a little excitement in Ireland and on the North Sea, as usual, read on for all the details.

WEEKLY REPORT AND CUTTINGS is posted each week, at the following rates.....

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new to offer this week, but we are informed that both Monitor and Offshore Echo's are currently at the respective printers, so we are hoping for those very soon. We are still encountering problems with some Alfasound tapes, and the popular video, 'A Day In The Life...', from EAP. We apologise for this delay, on their behalf.

NEW ARRIVALS. Only one in this section this week, and that is the latest edition of **Medium Wave News**, Vol. 33, No.1. 8 x A4 sides in this month's issue, with lots of U.S. logs as usual. Details about the Medium Wave Circle, and the magazine from Harold Emblem, 137a Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY. We also received a newsletter (January '87), from Cleveland Area Disc Jockey Association. Some free radio news was contained therein, along with mentions for ourselves and CM. Anyone wishing for further details should contact the secretary, Graham Murray, 30 Pilkington Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough, Cleveland.

TAPE OFFER. This week we continue to feature the specialist music stations in Chicago. **U.S. Ninety Nine (WUSN - FM)**, is a Country music station in the city, and Tape 19 features a breakfast show with Deano Day. Tape 20, also features a breakfast show, but this time on the golden oldies station **Magic 104 (WJMK FM)**. The D.J. on this particular programme is Stu Collins. Both tapes are excellent quality stereo recordings, recorded last week, and the cost is £2.00 each, as usual. The latter tape will appeal particularly to the older readers amongst us. For those subscribers who missed previous tapes, offered in 'Weekly Report', please ask for a listing, as they are all still available. Many thanks, not only for your support for this tape venture, but for the comments and requests being made. We are taking note of all of these, but would like to point out that we wish to offer only the highest quality recordings, which often means extra expense and delay in making such a recording of certain stations. Please rest assured that if you have requested a certain station, we will be doing our utmost to obtain a copy and offer same at the earliest convenience.

GENERAL. Thanks to a number of contributions, some anonymous, our RNLI appeal has reached the £50.00 mark. We are aiming for £100.00 and how we are doing it is this....send us £1.00, and we will send you one of our excellent Christmas cards for 1986 (with colour picture of the Communicator), along with one of our 1985 cards. We will put the full £1.00 in the 'kitty'. We have about 50 or more left, so hopefully, can make that nice round £100.00 contribution.

WANTED. Podney R. Sixe is keen to get hold of recordings of free radio stations using the well-known Postbus 41, 7700AA Dedemsvaart address, in particular those from Finland and Sweden. Podney can be contacted at 3 Rosewarne Cottages, Rosewarne Downs, Near Camborne, Cornwall TR14 OBE.

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.

DUNDALK. The big news this week comes from Dundalk, and involves the closure of the main **Radio Carousel** network station, which was located in the Dundalk Shopping Centre, and operated on 1125kHz, and 100.7MHz. Rumours that the station was up for sale, and was in financial difficulties had been circulating for a long time, but this had always been denied by the owner, Mr. Hugh Hardy. In fact, the true reasons for ther closure were given out by Hugh himself, who made a long telephone call to the Radio West 'Anorak' show, this morning. The following is a word for word transcript of the conversation given by Hugh Hardy on the closure. "On Thursday afternoon at 4:44, and I am being precise, an official from the Department of Communication arrived at the studio, on foot of an official complaint. And the complaint was, that we were allegedly causing interference on mobiles in the immediate vicinity, on the mobiles of a licensed operator, and as such we were directed to cease broadcasting." He followed this be saying that the news of the interference was completely out of the blue to them and if it had been interfering for a while, it was news to him. Hugh also said he thought it was rather strange, as the same equipment had been in use for the past 8 years, so why it was now causing interference was a mystery. The official had instructions not to leave,

until Hugh had given a commitment that the station would close. If this was not given, a court order to close the station would be sought. Hugh told the official, that there would have to be a winding down period, and that he would give his word that the station would close at 2.00PM the following day, Friday. The official left satisfied, but said that they would monitor the station, and would take action if it did not close. Hugh subsequently closed the station at 1PM on Friday. The suddenness of this closure came as a surprise to us, as when listening earlier in the week, we noticed that the station had a promotion, advertising for new presenters. It was obvious, as Hugh stated, from hearing this promotion, that the management had no idea what was about to happen. For those readers who are interested, Radio Carousel, was the very first commercial 'pirate' station to begin operating on a daily basis, outside the Dublin area. It had been on the air since around 1978, and had a substantial listenership, especially for the lunchtime 'Country Call', hosted by Hugh, himself. In a recent local listener poll however, the other station in Dundalk, **Telstar Community Radio**, on 1197kHz, had come out with a larger audience. It is ironical, that at the time Radio Carousel closed, John, in Dundalk, reports that Telstar were introducing a brand new jingle package. The other two stations in the Carousel Network, Navan on 1386kHz, and the Northern Ireland service on 1260kHz are continuing as normal. Hugh says that after seeing the great response to his new station in Dublin, **KLAS 98**, he is now committing himself to that station, and will probably not be heard on the Carousel Network with his 'Country Countdown' again.

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DUBLIN. Better FM conditions during the past week have yielded the usual catches on FM from this city. One of the better quality signals heard, came from **Q 102**, on 102.1 and 103.5MHz. They were heard advertising a new programme for 16:00 Sunday...."The Maxell/Q 102 Top Forty Show", with mega-giveaways etc., and hosted by Henry Owens. Current lineup on Q reads.....06:00 Scott Williams (with Bob Gallico and Mike Hogan). 10:00 Dave Kelly. 14:00 Greg Gaughran. 19:00 Jason Maine. midnight Al Dunne. News-readers are Bob Gallico, Anne Cassin and Brian Jennings. Weekenders are Aidan Leonard, Henry Owens and John Power.

All the usual stations were logged, including **ENERGY 103**, and **Phoenix Radio** on 99.2MHz., giving out a South County Dublin telephone number.

Not only good FM this week, but noticeably better AM conditions, at long last....**Sunshine/Hot Hits 101** were much stronger on 531kHz., than of late, especially early week, and **Energy 103** likewise, later in the week, on 738kHz.

Radio West have been asked by RTE to move their Dublin relay transmitter on 96.6mHz. Another relay on 98.5MHz. has also had to be moved because, again, RTE say that they use that area of the band for O.B. links to the main studio. The links into Galway from Mullingar have sprung into life, firstly with 94.0MHz. A relay for the city is expected shortly around 96MHz., and medium wave 711kHz. (The former Athlone transmitter).

WICKLOW. After being on and off during the week, **WLCB** on 1602kHz. is now back on with good audio, noted today, here in Blackpool.

SLIGO. Chris reports that **Westside Radio** can be heard daily on 97.5MHz. mono, playing country and western music, adverts and the usual chat. The more pop orientated **West Coast Radio** can be heard on 1143kHz. (262m.) and 102MHz.FM, mono, although severe problems with equipment were noted early week, resulting in silence from both transmitters.

GALWAY. We reported last week that, according to the Radio West free radio programme, **KFM** in Galway had closed. Apparently this is not so, and the station is broadcasting daily from 07:30 until 20:00, (on 99.0MHz FM?).

LIMERICK. **Stereo Radio Munster** reported a few weeks ago another name change for the Limerickbased MBC. The station is being operated by John Ryan and Bernard Rooney,

who are old hands in the Limerick free radio scene. In the city itself, they can be heard on 95.9MHz. with a good stereo signal, as well as from a relay in the Ormond Hotel in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, on 98.4MHz. The latter seems to travel far and wide. AM transmissions are announced, 828kHz., but no reports of this being received are at hand. Programming is 24 hours per day, but commercial traffic is reported as low. The announced station address is 28 William Street, Limerick.

Radio Luimni could still be heard in the U.K. on 1125kHz., recently, despite Radio Carousel's return to the channel. However, with Carousel now off air, Luimni will come in even better. The station was heard closing in the week, at 00:50, inviting listeners to tune in again at 07:00 with 'John (The Man) Frawley'. The closing sequence included the playing of 'Limerick, You're a Lady' and the National Anthem. Information has come to light that, contrary to previous belief, John The Man started Radio Luimni after leaving Radio Limerick Weekly Echo, and not Big 'L'. The station's advertising log seems to be very healthy, as always, on Limerick's longest surviving station. Programming is very MOR/John The Man, (whatever category he falls into). We are still attempting to obtain a good FM recording of this station to offer everyone, as John The Man really has to be heard to be believed.

W.C.R. (West Country Radio) began broadcasting on Thursday 24th July 1986 from the Westering Inn, Fealesbridge, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. They broadcast on 96 and 102MHz.FM mono, from mid-day to about 02:00 daily. The 102FM is quite strong and can be heard in Limerick City, some 10 miles away. Advertising was noted up to Christmas, from local businesses. There is no news service at present. Co. KERRY. **Horizon Radio** broadcasts from Killorglin, in stereo to the whole of county Kerry, on 98 and 104Mhz FM, 24 hours per day. One of the owners is Francis Jones, ex owner of Mid West Radio, which commenced broadcasting in July '85 from Limerick City. This station closed after a short while, however.

HORIZON RADIO 98 & 104 FM Stereo Radio

Welcome again to another week's news from Horizon Radio. Well since we last wrote, we have improved our reception in your area and we hope we are keeping to the standard requested by you the listener. We have many competitions lined up between now and Christmas with great prizes including - a £60 raffle ticket which could in turn win you £25,000 or one of 37 other prizes. Also in the pipeline is a £200 fire-place and many other prizes too numerous to mention. It is nice to have a great response in the Killarney area - one of which I have fond memories. Don't forget - if you have any ideas etc. you would like aired - then why not give us a try by writing to us c/o Christy's Tavern, Langford Street, Killorglin or phone us at 066 / 61161. Continued next week.

Take care
FRANCIS JONES

THE BORDER AREA. **ZEE 103**(note slight change here), is announcing 'The sound of tomorrow, today'. As reported last week, the station is now on higher power and coming into Western Scotland very well, on an announced 103.25MHz. The old 'Hot Hits' jingles seem to have been amended to the new ID, plus some Bill Mitchell 103 voiceovers have also been noted. Programming is very pleasant and is well worth a listen. From on-air comments, one would assume that ZEE are in quite a high position in Omeath, as one presenter was heard to say that he could see Warrenpoint and Carlingford from the studio window. Many commercials have been noted for towns in the North, many voiced by Owen Barry who can be heard on **Big 'M' Community Radio**.

Radio Carousel Northern Ireland continue unaffected by the closure of the Dundalk parent station. Several commercials have been noted on this service, previously heard on **Boyneside Radio**. One wonders if some of the advertisers have defected, along with local 'celebrity' "Big O". Anyone wondering who this man is....well, he is a very popular comedian in the North, appearing in clubs etc. Again, like John The Man, he has to be heard to be believed.

CORK. Current line-up from **Radio ERI** reads.....07:00 Chris Barry. Noon George Talbot. 17:00 Pam Wilson. 21:00 Mark Edwards. 01:00 Mark Lawrence. Currently heard advertised, The ERI 1987 Disco Roadshow. Some time ago,

we mentioned ERI's rather splendid brochure. The piece below is all about that same item.....

Our thanks to Ian in Scotland for quite a lot of the above info.

Court rules against ERI directors

AN ENGLISH advertising and public relations executive was yesterday given a decree for £5,330 and costs against three directors and the company operating the Cork radio station, E.R.I.

The decree, granted by Judge Sean Mac D. Fawcitt at Kanturk Circuit Court was against Kathleen O'Connor and Brian O'Connor both of Sunnybank, Whites Cross, Co. Cork, and Joseph O'Connor, and E.R.I. Media Services Ltd of 26/27 South Mall, Cork.

The plaintiff, advertising executive Mark Pasterfield of 19, Hill Park Crescent, North Hill, Plymouth, told the court he ran a company, Glider Advertising, whose principal office was in Plymouth.

He said that in 1986 he undertook work for E.R.I. Radio - mostly print material, printed brochures and rate cards. He had been paid on some invoices, but not on others.

He came to an agreement with the defendants in June 1986 and one of the defendants, Mr. Pasterfield, said that the cheque, but the writing on it was "al-

Witness said that instead of being made out for £5,330 the cheque was made out for "five hundred, three hundred and thirty pounds."

He made an application to the bank it was drawn on to substitute the cheque for a bank draft but the bank could not do this.

Mr. Pasterfield came to Cork and visited E.R.I. at their offices on the South Mall and got a written guarantee from the three defendants that payment would be made within seven days of July 17, 1986. He said that they had also made themselves personally liable for the amount owed.

In reply to Mr. Jim Duggan, B.L., who represented the defendants, Mr. Pasterfield agreed that his action was against E.R.I. Media Services Ltd.

Judge Fawcitt said that the decree was against all of the defendants and he granted costs to Mr. Pasterfield, who was represented by Mr. Liam Crowley (instructed by Michael Joyce, solicitor).

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Former Offshore Echo's editor, Mike Kerslake, has now arrived in Israel and joined the station. He replaces Tim Shepherd who is returning home in early February. Tim tells us that the station is running 24 hours per day, on FM only (100.0MHz.). Abie is considering purchasing a new AM transmitter to replace the two on board, which appear to have completed their working life at this point. The usual 'closing down' statement is made by Abie, along with the 'beaching it in front of the Tel Aviv Hilton'. The latter two are not likely to happen, so, we wait and see what his next move is to get the station back to normal.

LASER HOT HITS. Before we start this brief section, we must first thank everyone who phoned us during the week, with reports about the return of the station. The weak strength of the signal, made it impossible in this area to monitor in the evenings. The first signs of an impending return, was a report of carrier being heard around Thursday lunchtime. By early Thursday evening this had been modulated, and test announcements similar to those around the Christmas/New Year period were being given out. One of these, now also features an announcement in Dutch. On Friday morning, the generator appeared to pack up, as the record slowed down and the station went off for a few minutes, just before 07:00. Several new jingles, from the package we were informed about during the previous broadcasts, have now also been aired. We hope to hear more of these in the coming period of tests. Only one 'live' announcement has been monitored here, and that was at 12:20 on Saturday. At this point, an 'American' voice announced that they were temporarily suspending broadcasts to improve the signal. The signal was back within a few minutes however, with little apparent improvement here.

Last week, we mentioned that the management had agreed to the building of a new central mast, to replace the two which collapsed two weeks ago. However, we have since been informed, that at present, there are no plans to erect such a tower. It seems at the moment, that they are content with attempting to salvage something from the remains of the back tower. We understand that the remaining rear sections have been heightened to approximately 70 feet. Since the front tower collapsed completely, the aerial array, has apparently now been brought down to the ship's front aerial mast. The array is then fed through the normal insulator, as a 'T' type. Judging by the previous attempts to get a good signal out, on an array this low, (remember Laser 558, during February 1985 - renamed 'All Margate Radio'!) there doesn't seem much chance in getting the power up very high, and certainly not enough to overcome the strong foreign interference on 576kHz, which is being experienced in the London area. It is understood, than in the near future, a system similar to the old Radio Veronica aerals, may be erected. The signal strength, here in Blackpool, is well down on that in December, however it

is early days yet, so let us hope that major improvements are made before regular programming begins.

Several D.J.'s are currently waiting to travel to the ship, and they include John Rock n'Roll Anthony, Brandy Lee, and D.L. Bogart. K.C. is understood to be currently back in the States.

CAROLINE. Lots of things happening on the D.J. front this week. The lineup started on Monday as we left it last week. However on Tuesday, the Peter Philips morning show, was hosted instead by Rob Charles, who previous to this had only been heard late at night. At 13:00, a new voice was heard, that of Richard Staines. Richard hosted until 17:00, and is yet another of the recent newcomers to Caroline, who worked on the Voice of Peace. He has also worked on a couple of stations in the Waterford area of the Irish Republic. These were Suirside Radio, and ABC Radio. After a time, Richard began referring to himself as 'Tricky Dicky', which he seems to be using more and more, rather than his normal on-air name. The next change in the day, came when Richard Staines completed his debut show, and Jamie King made a return on Drive Time. At 21:00, yet another new voice was heard, and this time it was Dave Ellis who took to the air for the first time. Dave also recently finished a stint out on the Voice of Peace. Both Peter Philips and Keith Lewis have now left the ship. Keith had just mentioned on Monday, that he finally got rid of a cold he had had for three and a half weeks, so its a pity he was just getting back to normal, when he had to go on leave. The line-up has remained the same since these changes and now reads...05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Rob Charles...13:00 Richard Staines...17:00 Jamie King...21:00 Dave Ellis...01:00 Closedown. Both frequencies have once again been closing down early this week, and on Thursday morning, did not re-open until 07:00, so some technical work must be currently being carried out during the night.

Stuart Clark continues to do an excellent job on the news service, and has not been heard so far hosting a show (at least by us). Yet again, no new commercials or promotions have been heard, although the existing adverts continue to be played.

Once again, the rock lover has been missing out this week, as Overdrive has left the air early on two nights, whilst we were listening. On Monday, the transmitter cut off half way through a record at about 22:15, and on Tuesday, it was off the air when we tuned in at 23:15. Mark Matthews has been hosting as usual, from 21:30, until either sign off at 01:00, or whenever there was a break. Strange things seemed to happen last night, Saturday, when Richard 'Tricky Dicky' Staines was heard on the first part of the service. Later on, after Richard signed off, we heard announcements of 'This is a test transmission, from the m.v. Ross Revenge'. It seemed as though the staff were poking fun at their neighbour in the Knock Deep, for always carrying out test transmissions. Listening as far as we could through the poor reception conditions, the hosts of this 'AOR' show on 'Caroline 96', seemed to be calling themselves Barron von Wimbyburger (Chief Engineer), Ronald van den Mastermind (possibly Mark Matthews), and Hertz van Rental. The latter sounded very much like Andy 'Cosmic' Johnson, whom we haven't heard on the air for a long time. At one point they were mentioning the earth moving under their feet, which was apparently the engineers carrying out some tests on the ships engines. It was interesting to note that none of the 'presenters' mentioned Caroline Overdrive, it was always Caroline 963. We shall have to wait and see whether this was just a bit of fun, or if the format has changed. It would be a pity to see the service move away from the current music, as it is the only real alternative service available for rock fans.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LEEDS. **Music City Radio(MCR)** is the only station to have been heard this week, in Leeds. They have been noted each night during the week, on 90.4MHz., with the usual reggae music format.

THE MIDLANDS. **"Soul City"** have been heard on 103.6MHz., with a disco music format and few announcements. No location or mailing address has been heard announced, but signal strength and direction suggest the Stoke on Trent area. Audio quality is reported as excellent. **PCRL** have been noted as usual, all week, on 103.5MHz. **Wrekin Radio** have been logged today only, on 103.6MHz. On Monday and Tuesday nights, a station, calling itself **FM 106** was heard in the Birmingham area, with apparently, very professional programming. A contact address of Darren Johnson, P.O. Box 596, Birmingham B16 OJA was heard.

LONDON. The following stations have been heard operating

for the best part of the week....CDR on 88.6/7MHz., TKO on 90.7MHz., LWR on 92.1MHz., People's Choice on 103.3MHz., LGR on 105.0MHz., KISS FM on 94MHz., Time Radio on 103.7MHz. and JBC on 104.7MHz. In addition, **Twilight Radio** was heard in the early hours of Sunday morning, on 93MHz. and on 90.2MHz., a station called '**Rock to Rock**' was noted on Saturday, not playing rock music. Our loggers report that, following all the activity during the week, Sunday brought only a couple of stations noted, possibly denoting another series of raids. (JBC and Time Radio). Although not yet logged today, **Radio Duck** normally commence broadcasts at 17:00 Sundays, in the West London area, on 89.9MHz. They can also be heard on Wednesdays from 20:00. We understand that 3BR has now closed down altogether.

THE SOUTH EAST. **Radio Activity** broadcast every Sunday from 15:00 to 19:00, on 90.8MHz., to the South of Essex, and on 104.8MHz., to the North of Essex. They announce a contact address of...APR, 1301 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 2SA. **Canvey Radio** is a new station for Canvey Island. They broadcast from 10:00 on Sundays, on 93.1MHz., in stereo. The station is very popular and record giveaways seems to be a regular feature. Our thanks to Desmond for that info.

PLYMOUTH. A **Radio Insomnia** have been heard on Sunday evenings on 104MHz., in stereo, in this area, it is reported. The signal is rather hissy and seems to drift, the report adds.

LIVERPOOL. **Radio Merseywaves** have yet again been the main station in this area. Broadcasting on 1242kHz., they were heard on Monday last, Friday, Saturday and again today. However, 'test transmissions' were noted since Wednesday evening, Thursday and again Friday morning, prior to commencement of normal programming. The signal has been rather down in power this week.

Central Radio have also been noted this weekend, on 1404kHz., with a fair signal.

Radio Julie have been received in Cannock, Staffordshire, today, on 104.8MHz. We have not been able to monitor this station here, due to storm damage to our Liverpool aerial. However, we do hope to repair this damage as soon as the weather is better. Also reported on last week, **Caroline North** and **Liverpool Pirate Radio**.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES

244 MEDIUM WAVE FRI. TO MON.

Log for Saturday 24th January 1987.....

6206kHz....RADIO BIG LIZZARD, at 10:40gmt.
6206kHz....RADIO DELMARE, at 11:43gmt.
6206kHz....FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 11:47gmt.
6206kHz....RADIO ARROW, at 12:27gmt.
6240kHz....RADIO PAMELA, at 10:45gmt.
6280kHz....RADIO ORION, at 11:00gmt.
6330kHz....EUROPA INT., at 11:54gmt.
7365kHz....RADIO CALDONIA, at 11:52gmt.

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

6206kHz...RADIO CALIFORNIA, at 10:17gmt.
6206kHz...C.L.C.G., at 10:45gmt.
6206kHz...RIGHT WING RADIO, at 14:20gmt.
6217kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO, at 10:10gmt.
6221kHz...RADIO KRISTEL, at 10:59gmt.
6231kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 12:01gmt.
6235kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., 11:12gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 10:48gmt.
6261kHz...VOICE OF GUERNSEY, at 11:12gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 11:05gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:52gmt.
6274kHz...RADIO OMEGA INT., at 12:06gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:03gmt.
6285kHz...W.L.R., at 12:30gmt.
6290kHz...RADIO DUTCHBOY, at 11:00gmt.
6294kHz...UNID., at 11:10gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO NOVA (Belgium), at 10:15gmt.
6311kHz...RADIO IRELAND, at 12:20gmt.
6314kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE, at 10:48gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 10:22gmt.
6330kHz...EUROPA INTERNATIONAL, at 10:18gmt.
6523kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 12:30gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 13:00gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 08:37.
7330kHz...RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000, at 10:45.
7362kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 10:30gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT./, at 10:28gmt.

Conditions today were, like last week, poor early, but did improve later in the morning. Logs in **bold** type are ours, here in Blackpool, others are kindly rung in between 13:30 and 14:30, on (0253) 882017, by loggers in Kent, The Midlands, West Yorkshire and Blackpool.

The Kieran Murray free radio show on Radio Rainbow had a very good feature on Radio Carousel. This was following the closure on Friday last.

Radio Skywave Int. were also announcing a frequency in the 41m band, but our loggers failed to determine what the exact frequency was due to fade-out.

WLR was only a brief test transmission and gave out the Victoria Road, Salisbury address.

Amendments to last week's log, courtesy of Podney R. Sixe, who tells us that he logged the Radio Valleri theme tune on 6210kHz., at 12:21gmt. He also heard Maple Leaf Radio, relayed on 6217kHz., at 10:02gmt., via Riverside Radio (We mentioned, but failed to hear this one). He also heard Radio Liberty Sound via Riverside, at 11:36gmt. Finally, he logged Radio Caldonia on 7370kHz., at 09:38gmt.

Radio Apollo hope to be on the air again, on 6293kHz., on the first Sunday in February. This of course, is weather permitting!

Radio Rainbow Int. tell us that their nonappearance over the recent weeks has been due to commitments to Boyneside Radio (the one which pays the wages!). However, the good news is that the station will resume normal programming very shortly, and indeed looks to have done just that, with this morning's programme.

Radio Delmare were once again announcing Saturday night broadcasting from 23:30 onwards, on 6225kHz.