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# The WEEKLY

# REPORT

# ANORAKS

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Just for a change this week, the DTI have taken a body blow, when the House of Lords dismissed an appeal by them, and ruled that they did not have the power to confiscate records and tapes from pirate stations convicted of broadcasting without a licence. The Liverpool station operator in question was successfully prosecuted in 1984 but duly appealed to try and recover his collection of 310 records and tapes. This appeal was successful but the DTI then took the case further, in fact, this is as far as it can go and the result will now stand as a precedent. Operators already successfully prosecuted may take note and it may be an idea to consult solicitors with the view to getting back already confiscated records and tapes.

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Please feel free to make use of our **"Anoraks U.K. Info - Line"** on (0795) 510764, where you will find all the latest up - dates on events in the world of free radio. Messages and further news may be left after the whistle tone, but no enquiries about merchandise or subscriptions can be dealt with, as the line is not operated from Blackpool.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Nothing new this week, but we are pleased to say that we once again, have in stock, copies of the three EAP videos, "A Day In The Life Of Radio Caroline", "Caroline Into The Eighties" and "Laser 558". Due to the apparent shortage of these three items, it may be an idea for anyone wanting copies, to send straight away, whilst we have them actually here, in stock. Please note, only VHS format now. Price of each is £24.95.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Freewave, Driewekelijks Media Magazine**, Issue No. 146 contains 24 x A5 pages. The magazine appears about every three weeks and from next issue A - UK will be supplying additional information. Totally in Dutch, the magazine does have a few photos and re - produced stickers. Further details can be obtained from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland..... Also from Hans Knot, came his latest book, just published, entitled **"Historie van Radio London"**. 112 pages here, very well presented, mostly in Dutch, but with some English extracts, and numerous photos and other interesting items. The price is 25 Dutch Guilders and the book can be obtained from Hans at the above address.....**PLAY - DX** celebrates edition No. 464, by now being written entirely in English (except for some Latin American pieces). This weekly newsletter features information on all types of radio, including a log of unusual DX catches, as well as copies of stickers, letters etc. received from stations after sending reception reports. Lengths of replies, from stations are also mentioned by contributors to this 6 page A4 publication. For a sample copy send to Dario Monferini, v. Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.... **Now Radio, Issue 28**, a 20 page A5 booklet with news, views

and opinions on radio generally, including legal and un - licenced operations. Details from Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 ONW. A sample copy will cost £1.00.

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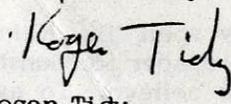
May 25, 1987

Dear Reader,

I am writing to tell you that Media Monitor is now taking a summer break. It will return at the beginning of August with a new format and from a new address.

I hope you will like the new-look Media Monitor. I thank you for your support in the past and look forward to your support in the future.

Media Monitor can be contacted until August at the usual address, although there may be some delay in answering correspondence.

Yours sincerely,  
  
Roger Tidy

**TAPE OFFER.** Due to the overwhelming number of radio station recordings being made available to us each week, and the differing musical tastes of our readers, we have decided to now offer three tapes per week. In this way, we hope to satisfy most of our readers tastes. For our first choices, it's back to the States this week, with two AM stations being offered for a change. First off, Tape 57 features something rather unusual, an AM stereo recording of **WLS** in Chicago. This station uses the Motorola C-QUAM system,

and the programme is a Saturday night 'oldies' show with Chuck Britton. It is interesting to hear how such broadcasts would have sounded, had the proposed Stereo Hits 576, ever got off the ground. From New York, Tape 58 features what is probably the city's last high power Top 40 'music' station on AM, **WNBC**. This station can often be heard in the U.K., during the Winter months on 660kHz. **WNBC** were one of the first in New York to broadcast in AM stereo, but this recording is only in mono. For soul fans, Tape 59 features a recent FM mono recording of **LWR** from London. This former 7 day station is currently off the air. Price as usual, is £2.00 for each of these 90 minute cassettes.

**"DRIFTBACK 20"** To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the passing of the Marine etc., Broadcasting Offences Act, the Caroline Movement is organising a special event at London's Bloomsbury Crest Hotel on Saturday 15th August 1987. If you have any interest in offshore radio at all, whether it be from the past or present, then you simply **MUST** come along to this event. The whole of the "Anoraks U.K." team will be there! All details, including a booking form, are contained in a glossy 4 page, A5, black and white brochure. These are available from CM, but can be obtained from us, by return of post. Please enclose a normal size SAE if you are not ordering other goods from our merchandise list.

**CONTACTS GALORE.** 17 year old Anorak would like to correspond with any Anoraks or DX ers of a similar age..... Nicola Pledge, 2 Helmsdale Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa, Warks. CV32 7DW.

**FOR SALE.** City Centre Radio in Limerick has closed down and as a result, have various items of studio equipment and a vast record library, comprising of albums and singles, to dispose of by way of sale to the highest bidder. For further details, contact Steve Phillips on (061) 51487 (010 353 61 51487 from the U.K.).

**WANTED.** Jingles from anywhere in the world, also Laser 558 and Laser Hot Hits Tapes, contact Mr R. Cutmore, 26 Fabians Close, Coggeshall, Nr. Colchester, Essex.

**WANTED.** Radio West recordings from '82 or '83 featuring a show called 'Off The Cuff' hosted by Philip McGovern. Will buy or exchange..... Contact John T., P.O. Box 539 etc.

**WANTED.** 7" single, "Peace" by Peter, on Sonet Records, Number 1220. State price and contact Stuart at 204 Honerhill Road, Queens Park, Bedford.

**GENERAL.** To advertise in Weekly Report, it's free! Just tell us what to write and leave it to us, but remember, you are limited to two or three lines. Alternatively, you can engage the services of a 'hand-out' or 'flyer'. You may wish to get your own printed and we will charge you just 1p each to include one x A5 flyer inside all United Kingdom (only) subscribers. We have about 500 and that comes to just £5.00. We can print your flyer for you, all we need is a good quality original, any size, as we can zoom reduce. The price for a single sided A5 sheet included in all U.K. subscribers, is £10.00. The 200 non U.K. subscribers will cost £5.00. The full 700, therefore, cost a total of £15.00. We cannot guarantee that the back of your flyer will be blank, it may carry a further advert. For both sides printed, or A4 one side, or A4 both sides, please ask for quotation.

**RADIO STATION NEWS. IRELAND. DUBLIN.** 'Musical Chairs' continues, following Bob Gallico's move from Q 102 to Energy 103. John Power, most recently with Energy, in fact up to last week but one, his voice was heard, has turned up at Radio West in Mullingar. Tony Allan, in the meantime, has surfaced, not unsurprisingly, in the beautifully scenic County of Wicklow.

Medium wave power has gone down and down, on Energy 103, this week, and is now so low that the station is only pleasantly audible on this side, with the help of an external antenna. No reason has been given on air, as far as we know, but towards the weekend, an announcement was noted, at the end of the news, stating that due to expansion, the station is seeking a new AM transmitter site, away from residential areas, in the Greater Dublin area, and with three phase power. This in itself suggests that AM power on 738kHz. has been turned down to try and eliminate interference to residents in the vicinity of their present site. If anyone reading this, has, or knows someone who has, such a site to let, they should get in touch with the station at 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4... Tel: (01) 606703.

Following the Bank Holiday, normal programmes resumed on Q 102. Newsreading duties this week, have been split between Brian Jennings and Anne Cassin. Further outside broadcasts have been advertised during the week. The over night programme, 'The All Nighter' has been hosted by Mike Duggan this week, standing in for Al Dunne, who is no doubt holidaying.

We are delighted to report that we can now spell 'Big Kahuna' correctly, following an advert in a recent Sunday newspaper for **Sunshine Radio**. The word itself is Hawaiian, we are led to believe. To avoid explaining what it is all about, we have re-printed the whole advert in the adjacent column. The most recent transmitter to appear, the one on 101.8Mhz. is reported as being very strong, although no one as yet seems to know it's location. We can confirm this, here in Blackpool, having received it on numerous occasions.

**Co. WICKLOW.** Following our report last week, that WLCB in Wicklow town, had possibly been taken over, we were not exactly shocked when station owner, Leo Doyle telephoned and told us that he was emigrating to America, having sold the entire interests in the station to a local person. He went on to say that many changes were planned, the most noticeable of which would be a change of name, from Monday morning last. We wished Leo all the best for the future and duly tuned in to 1602kHz. first thing Monday morning, and lo and behold, we were able to hear the station (it had been suffering some audio problems), and it immediately identified as **Viking 105**, complete with new jingles and promos for giveaways, many featuring the unmistakable voice of Tony Allan. The signal was fairly good and the audio much improved on the previous week, when we had tuned in. A new FM frequency was

announced, obviously to tie in with the name, and we understand that this can be received locally on 104.82MHz. As the morning progressed, the audio deteriorated once again and the result was that some records, promos etc., were loud and clear and other inaudible. This situation improved after lunch, and good audio resumed, along with the afternoon D.J., who turned out to be none other than our good friend Tony Allan. Tony seemed at home at once, and immediately, the station came alive to his talents. Callers were taken live on air and many giveaways featured, the latter being sponsored by local shops and traders. Tony's show ran from 14:00 until 17:00 and he has been heard every day this week. We wish the station ever so much success and look forward to visiting them in due course. The station address remains the same, 1 Wentworth Place, Wicklow, Eire....Tel: (0404) 67900. Reception will be possible along the coastal areas of the North West and Wales, especially the Anglesey region, with normal receivers. Further inland, additional antennae will be needed. Having said this, the station is still experiencing audio problems from time to time. Finally 'Wicklow Awareness Week' commences tomorrow, Monday. We shall listen and report on this, next week.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** It was stated on the free radio show, on Sunday last week, that Radio West afternoon D.J., Willie Hart, was getting married and would be away for two weeks or so. A replacement was being sought, and we duly tuned in at 14:00 on Monday, to discover that John Power was in the hot seat. John had recently left Energy 103. A John Power was announced as being on the air, on Q 102, on Friday evening. Although we are not 100% certain, we assume that it is the same person.

**Co. CAVAN.** A quick listen to **Erne Side Radio** in the week, on 1251Khz., confirmed earlier reports that the station had a lot of adverts. Numerous 'breaks' contained an abundance of such, many 'voiced' by 'Daffy' Don Allen. The majority we heard were for businesses and shops in the North of Ireland, in particular, Enniskillen. When identifying, the station announced FM, locally, on 107MHz. Not only does the station have an abundance of adverts, but this reflects in an equally abundant amount of promotional material, including calendars, stationery, business cards, beer mats, sun strips and fun hats. We understand the business card re-printed below is a brand new design. Our thanks to Eamon Fitzpatrick for the parcel of promo material kindly sent. The station address remains... Belturbet, Co. Cavan, Eire....Tel: (049) 22123. The station can be heard 24 hours per day, with live D.J.'s throughout,



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**RUSH Chamber of Commerce** ... A £1,000 Shopping Spree anywhere in the Town of Rush.

**CASH** ... £1,000 holiday spending money.

**ELVERYS** ... A £1,000 Shopping Spree (Sportswear & Sporting goods)

**SPORT OF KINGS** ... A £10 a week bet on anything you like for 1 year.

**GEM MOTORCYCLES** ... A Suzuki GP100 motorcycle.

**XTRAVISION** ... 365 FREE Video Cassette rentals (1-a-day for 1 year).

**SUNSHINE 101** ... Paid DJ Job for 1 year.

**JANELLE Shopping Centre** ... £1,500 shopping spree.

**ROSIE O'GRADYS** ... 365 pints or a meal a week for a year.

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AND  
THE CRACK

START SOON ON

"HOT HITS"  
**SUNSHINE 101**

as opposed to many stations who play continuous music tapes at night.

**Co. LOUTH.** No further tests or news of Radio Sovereign have been reported this week, although one caller did say that he heard some offshore tunes and jingles on the 1521kHz. frequency for a short spell on Saturday afternoon. These may well have been tests in preparation for Radio Rainbow broadcasts the following day. Radio Rainbow duly appeared at mid-day today, with their free radio show, following a relay of the Radio West free radio show from 10:30 until 11:30. They were also in parallel on 96.1MHz., and 6240kHz. Again, programming ceased immediately after the end of the show at 13:00. During the show, it was mentioned that **Boyneside Radio** had plans to re-introduce their 100.1MHz. transmissions as from this weekend. Radio West are at present occupying this channel.

Further North, in Omeath, **Zee 103** (on 103.25MHz. now with full power restored following problems with the linear) now carry the 'Boss Radio Show', hosted by Stuart Scott. The show runs from 10:00 until 11:00, each Saturday and Sunday, when Stuart's unmistakable voice can be heard along with music from 1954 to 1975, plus lots of information about the singers and bands. Any listener who wishes to contact the programme (rather than the station) should write to Stuart Scott, Zee 103, c/o 23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh 12, Scotland. Stuart has previously worked on Boyneside, Carosuel and ERI.

**Co. DONEGAL.** **Radio Nova** are now back broadcasting since Friday, 5th June, on both AM, 1287kHz., and FM, 98.2MHz. They had been off the air for some little time.

**Co. KILDARE.** A correspondent in the week reported that **Zee 104** were going 'full blast' with programmes from 07:00 until midnight, yet on the Radio West show, it was stated that the owner, Nigel Gordon, was selling up and possibly emigrating. We await further reports.

**Co. LIMERICK.** City Centre Radio closed down on 25th May, we are reliably informed by the station themselves, in a letter received this week. However, a caller from Limerick, later told us that the station had merged with Stereo Radio Munster and was now on air as **City Centre Radio Munster**. Further information will no doubt arrive in due course.

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**Co. WATERFORD.** We were delighted to hear from **ABC Radio** in the week, and even more pleased to hear that Richard Staines has returned from the United States and can be heard once more on the air at the station. A quick tune to 1026kHz. duly confirmed the report. The station's engineering department is apparently a hive of activity, as ABC's famous, high quality transmitters are greatly in demand throughout the country. The report of an AM transmitter location move, was confirmed and a better earthing system is to be installed. This should result in a better signal on 1026kHz. The FM transmitter covering Waterford city has been increased in power to 80 watts and favourable reports have resulted. A former ABC presenter,

Paul Scanlon, can now be heard on the new night-time service on RTE, between 04:00 and 07:00. Finally, the station has some T-Shirts now on sale, the cost of which is £3.50.

**Co. CORK.** **Radio ERI's** Disco Roadshow is now reported to be on the road for the Summer season. The discos are being broadcast live over the airwaves. They are sponsored by Stag and superb instant prizes are given away. All one has to do, is buy a bottle of Stag for £1.00 at the disco and on it there is a label attached, which on most occasions, contains a prize. e.g. L.P.'s, T-shirts, concert tickets etc. The line-up on the station remains as follows..... Chris Barry, George Talbot, Pam Wilson, Mark Edwards, Mark Lawrence. Newscasters include.... Joe O'Reilly, Paula Lenihan and Katie Johnson.

On **WBEN**, the current line-up of deejays includes.... Rob Allen, Tony Black, Steve O'Neill and others. They are reported to be commencing an NUJ news service shortly.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news from this quarter, or reports of the AM transmissions being received.

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR.** There is no sign of any broadcasts about to come from this vessel, at least in the next few weeks. All the press cuttings relevant to the ship, are now a bit out of date, and we can now confirm that things are well on their way in order for the ship to resume broadcasting. We understand that all outstanding debts built up previously, and the reason for all the recent speculation about what has happened to the ship, have now been paid by the new owners, and the ship is just waiting to have some work done on it. We hope to have more information as soon as it is available.

**AM576**  
**LASER** HOT HITS

**CAROLINE.** The line-up on Monday, was as we left it last week, but on Tuesday we heard Jackie Lee following the news at 09:00. She continued until 13:00, and in fact was noted at this time for the rest of the week. The current presenters are thus..... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Tony Peters... 17:00 John Tyler... 21:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Closedown. The station continues to operate a

20 hour day, except for the weekend, where Steve Conway was heard filling in the final four hours, between 01:00 and 05:00. Steve reads the news on all bulletins during the week, but has some breaks, with others reading a few at the weekend. A couple of new promotions have been heard during the week. Peter Philips and Jackie Lee, have produced a joint promotion for the nightly Viewpoint 963 programmes. The promotions for up and coming new records to be heard on 558kHz, have been reinstated, and have been well plugged during the week. The annual Rock Torrehouse Festival in Belgium is also once again being advertised, with trips being arranged by the Miracle Bus Company in London. Otherwise things are fairly quiet, and running smoothly out on the Ross Revenge. Jackie mentioned that there were plenty of visitors to the area, with pigeons landing on the ship to be fed on Tuesday, and fighter pilots 'screaming' overhead on both Wednesday and Thursday. Judging by the weather forecasts, the ship is still anchored in the Knock Deep, but a move is expected at any time. The seas took a turn for the worse on Saturday following a calm day on Friday, with John Tyler 'having to be strapped to the console' in order to carry on with his programme.

**VIEWPOINT 963.** Following the 'flyer' giving the weekday programming details of this service, we now have an amendment to make....

21:00 - 21:30 The Word For Today. Pastor Chuck Smith from the Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, presents a continuing exercise in Bible study. He can be contacted at P.O. Box 8000, Costa Mesa, California 92626, U.S.A. Apologies are given by the compiler of last weeks 'flyer', for this omission. Last Sunday, Viewpoint was heard to continue until 23:00, as was expected.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** Both regular stations, **Radio Merseywaves**, and **Radio Julie** have made their lengthy broadcasts again this weekend. Radio Merseywaves apparently made some tests on Thursday night, on their usual frequency of 1242kHz., but were not monitored here in Blackpool until Friday morning. Their signal was very good, but not quite as strong as when Burt was conducting some tests last Sunday afternoon when RF problems seemed to be occurring to the audio. Dave Collins has still not returned to the air, following him being 'caught in the act' by the DTI a couple of weeks ago and a number of correspondents have been asking when he will return to do his very popular breakfast shows once more. A couple of new D.J.'s have been heard this week, Bryan Johnson and Larry James. Also heard mentioned was the fact that a further outside broadcast is planned for next weekend. Across on 104.85MHz FM, **Radio Julie** were putting out a good signal to our area yet again this week. Phil Davies of Liverpool Pirate Radio, who were raided several weeks ago, made a guest appearance on Radio Julie and played plenty of oldies late on Saturday night. According to Tim Jackson's Liverpool report for last week, Neil Bishop said that when Liverpool Pirate Radio get back on the air, it will be probably on 266metres, 1125 or 1134kHz., rather than the previous 1404kHz.

**Radio Atlantis** also made their regular appearance on 936kHz, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Rick Dane and Steven Bishop are still the only two D.J.'s to have been heard, and the station only broadcasts from around 11:00 to 17:00 on each of the days mentioned. They also announce broadcasts for Monday. Several adverts have been heard for shops/companies in the Wirral area, and the power of the signal has improved since last weekend, although the modulation level is not quite as high as on the previous transmitter. The FM signal which we monitored last week on 104.6MHz, has not been heard here since. Tim Jackson also heard this and wondered whether it was a test for the promised FM service of Radio Atlantis. He came to this conclusion after hearing 'Jackie Blue' by the Ozark Mountain Daredevils, several times. This used to be the theme tune of Rick Dane on Radio Jackie North.

No other broadcasts have been received here from Merseyside, although what is believed to be a test from Slag Off International was noted this afternoon, starting off on 105.1MHz, and finally settling around 105.3MHz, before disappearing altogether.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE AND DERBYSHIRE.** Things are very quiet in these areas, following a recent period of very high activity. In Leeds, **Music City Radio** are still only keeping to their weekend schedule, following their off-air period. Transmissions are on 96.25MHz. at present, and only in mono. Comments heard during recent programmes indicate that expected harassment from the authorities was the reason for cutting down on broadcast hours. **Radio Radar** made their final broadcast for the next few months, last Sunday on 104.7MHz. The temporary closure is due to other commitments, by the stations owner. **WLNG** continue to be heard over a wide area around Scunthorpe on 104.9MHz. Transmissions were noted on last Tuesday night, 2nd June. Music quality is reported to be good, although at times the speech sounds a bit distorted. Programmes are understood to sound very professional. Down in Derbyshire, **North Midlands Radio** were monitored this morning on 105.5MHz., with closedown being at 12:15. Radio Veronica, Ocean Sound, Z-FM, Centre Radio, and ABC-FM have not been heard during the past week.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Just **Radio PCRL** logged in this area. The station recently celebrated it's 2nd birthday on 24th May, and held an outside broadcast/party, live on air. They have been heard all week, on 103.7MHz. **UK Radio** were heard last Sunday evening, on 105.3MHz.

**MANCHESTER.** **L.C.R.** have been reported heard carrying out test transmissions over the weekend, on 103.5MHz., which seemed quite stable, we understand. The station address is c/o The People's Centre, St. Mary's Street, Moss Side, Manchester 15. Sunshine Radio were expected on the air at 20:00 last night, on 91.8MHz., although no reports are yet at hand. We were unable to receive the signal here.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** were reported on the air today, yesterday and most evenings of last week, on 98.2MHz. **Radio Mercury** were on the air today, commencing at the later time of 14:30, on 96.1MHz.

**BRISTOL.** "103.5 FM", returned to the air as promised last weekend, on Saturday, 08:00 till 12:00 and Sunday from 18:39. The signal was reported as being a little distorted.

LONDON. In his report for the week 26th May - 2nd June, Sid mentions hearing 24 stations, with 21 being identified. "Four new stations (1 Asian - no id. : 1 Arab - no id. : 1 Soul/Reggae - No id. : **Sina Radio International** on 91.1MHz) were heard with the latter two being in stereo. Not heard or missing this weekend were Quest - FM, Phase One, and MRS.

This weekend started out looking as though it would be fairly quiet, but Saturday, 30th May, developed into a busy night with nineteen separate contacts. By 04:30 Monday morning, 1st June, there were only four, and one of those was relaying Radio Caroline on 92.05MHz. Apart from that, the Asian Community seem to have made most of the news.

Tuesday, 25th May, and heresy reigned supreme at **LWR!** The lunchtime jock (Jasper?), played a Steely Dan track "because sometimes I get a bit fed up with all this soul"!!! Wednesday saw **LWR** on 92.05MHz. disappear sometime during the evening, for what reason is not known. They were next heard for a few hours on Saturday evening. Despite no programming being heard during Sunday, the presence of a noisy carrier wave was noted, which gave way to a strong, but highly distorted relay of Radio Caroline. Caroline continued to be relayed day and night including dead air, at least until Tuesday night, 2nd June, when this report is being compiled.

South London's **SKY - FM**, on 91.65MHz., are having stability problems this week, with their transmissions wandering up-band day by day.

**London Town**, on 92.45MHz., were back for the weekend, with super slick programming and still suffering from being adjacent to Radio 4.

This weekend, 30/31st May, it was possible to check on the low power West London, Indian language station **SINA Radio**, on 91.1MHz., which has been masked by the more powerful South London Raggae station Phase One. On Saturday, they were found slightly off their previously noted frequency, broadcasting traditional Indian music with links and lengthy commercials in Gujarati.

The Indians continued to make news this week, when an East London outfit were heard testing during the week, and also at the weekend on 94.3MHz., with no noticeable links. Not a particularly strong signal, it caused negligible interference to **R - FM** in Central/South London on Sunday, unlike **MRS** on the previous weekend. However the style of music was very different from that heard on previous Indian stations. This was not the traditional music of India, but the Bangra music of the young British born Asian. Bangra music is an Eastern mixture of rock and soul dance music played on Western instruments, with a very definite Indian feel, and is actually quite listenable to Western ears. The performers are very showey, crossing the more flamboyant styles of Elvis Presley, in his later Las Vegas days, with that of Gary Glitter in his hey - day. They are Super - Stars within the Asian community, often selling out quite big venues for their appearances. Their records sell worldwide, and are heavily imported into India.

At 02:45 on Tuesday, 2nd June, just off Park Lane, listening to Night Hawk on **CDR**, on 88.7MHz., it was decided to do just one last bandscan, as it had been very quiet for the previous couple of hours. Reggae was the rule, coming out of **TKO** on 90.55MHz., **Time - FM** on 103.7MHz., **JBC** on 104.7MHz., and **Sky - FM** on 91.65MHz. Radio Caroline was still being relayed on the **LWR** frequency, 92.05MHz. At 91.1MHz., the scan stopped with a very strong stereo beacon. Within minutes, music had started, and although the signal was stereo, the music remained in mono during the time that the station was received. The music was yet more Bangra. Links began about half an hour later in Hindi, referring to 'special programmes', presumably meaning that this was a test, and finally ID'ing as **Sina** (pronounced See - na) **Radio International**, with a Southall address and phone number. The name Sina has been used before and identifies the users as Sikhs, and the language as Hindi. One can only describe the presenters voice as mellifluous. This could be the start of a major push for an Indian, London - wide Super station, as the Sikhs are believed to have good backing, and are well organised, with technicians and a sales team. Their business practices have been described as 'rugged'. The reggae and soul stations have made an ever increasing impact on music and radio styles in London. Maybe this will see a new influence taking hold. I am indebted to Prakash Daxini, for his help in unravelling the intricacies of Indian Radio. Finally, if you get the chance to listen to Bangra music, then do so, as you may be pleasantly surprised."

Many thanks to Sid for the above report this week, and obviously for Prakash for his help in compiling the Indian section.

This morning, 7th June, it was looking increasingly likely that the DTI had been out in the city. Early on in the morning, the following stations were heard...**Community Development Radio** on 88.6MHz., **RJR** on 89.9MHz., **Rock to Rock** on 90.2MHz., **TKO** on 90.6MHz., **Sky FM** on 91.8MHz., **Solar 93** on 93.0MHz., **KISS - FM** on 93.9MHz., **RFM** on 94.3MHz., and a Greek station on 105.3MHz. However on another bandscan later in the morning, **TKO**, **Solar 93**, and the Greek station on 105.3MHz had all disappeared. By mid - afternoon, **RJR** and **Kiss FM** had also disappeared, so it certainly looks like the South London stations have been hit once again. **LWR** have not been heard at all this week, but the relay of Radio Caroline on 92.05MHz (**LWR**'s frequency) has continued. We are a bit baffled as to the reason for relaying AM on FM!! After being interference - free during Sunday morning, **RFM** were once again wiped out during the afternoon by the foreign language station operating in the East London area.

#### SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Log for Sunday 7th June 1987.

6200kHz.....**RADIO VALLERI**, at 10:28gmt.  
6204kHz.....**RADIO DUCK Int.**, at 08:45gmt.  
6204kHz.....4FWS, at 11:39gmt.  
6210kHz.....**UNID.**, at 08:32gmt.  
6222kHz.....**UNID.**, at 09:18gmt.  
6230kHz.....**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 10:02gmt.  
6240kHz.....Q 102 (via Rainbow), at 09:40gmt.  
6240kHz.....**RADIO WEST**, at 09:55gmt.  
6240kHz.....**RADIO RAINBOW**, at 11:11gmt.  
6268kHz.....**RADIO ORION** at 09:09gmt.  
6268kHz.....4FWS (via Orion), at 12:16gmt.  
6280kHz.....4FWS (via Westside), at 08:13gmt.  
6280kHz.....**B.B.M.S.** (via Westside), at 09:08gmt.  
6280kHz.....**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:35gmt.  
6285kHz.....**RADIO TITANIC**, at 09:21gmt.  
6285kHz.....**W.L.R.**, at 13:05gmt.  
6295kHz.....**RADIO NOVA BELGIUM**, at 08:47gmt.  
6300kHz.....**SPECTRUM L.C.**, at 08:20gmt.  
6300kHz.....**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 11:32gmt.  
6310kHz.....**NTIL DUBLIN C.R.** (via R. Ireland), at 08:22.  
6850kHz.....**FALCON RADIO**, at 08:38gmt.  
6910kHz.....**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 08:25gmt.  
7310kHz.....**RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000**, at 09:51gmt.  
7324kHz.....**UNID.**(in French), at 08:55gmt.  
7361kHz.....**RADIO 101**, at 08:23gmt.

As can be seen by the **BOLD** type logs above (ours), conditions were much improved this week, which is more than could be said for the weather. The signals early on, were particularly good, plus we were able to listen in on our old valve receiver, once again, following repairs being carried out. Other loggers kindly rung in on (0253) 882017, between 13:30 and 14:30, and came from Norfolk, Devon, Cheshire, and the Midlands.

Radio Valleri was received here the first time in a while on 6200kHz. Unfortunately, whilst the signal was very good, the audio level was a bit low, resulting in programming being hard to hear at times. The frequency is also quite clear, so if the station manages to up the modulation, then it should have one of the clearest signals on the band.

The **UNID**, station on 6222kHz., was heard playing a loop tape repeating the first bars of 'Reveille Rock' by Johnny and the Hurricanes.

Radio Rainbow were heard relaying Q102, followed by the Radio West 'Anorak' show. Between 10:30 and 11:00gmt, continuous music was aired until the Kieran Murray 'Free Radio Show' at 11:00. The unidentified on 7324kHz. was thought to be Radio Atlantique 2000, who then probably had to change frequency to 7310kHz, due to commencement of BBC programmes on 7325kHz.

Amendments to last week's Sunday log from Podney R. Sixe..... 6200kHz., Weekend Music Radio, at 11:04gmt..... 6205kHz., Radio Duck, at 09:12gmt..... 6210kHz., Possibly Radio 5, at 09:11gmt..... 6210kHz., **BRI** (via Riverside), at 11:24gmt..... 6295kHz., Radio Nova Belgium, at 08:47gmt.

Radio Rainbow Germany plan to celebrate their second birthday using their own 50 watt rig. Transmissions are planned for 14th June, between 10:00 and 12:00 GMT. Frequencies to check out are 6555kHz., or any clear 48 mb frequency. The station address is Radio Rainbow, Postbus 725, Arnhem, The Netherlands.

Finally our thanks as always to this week's contributors.

# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

No. 163.....14th June 1987.

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

As we enter yet another week of news, it seems the DTI took it's revenge last weekend, following their defeat in the House of Lords over confiscation of records and tapes. The results were raids on many of the London free radio stations. Out in the safety of international waters however, on Wednesday 10th June, the Flagship of the Fight for Free Radio, m.v. Ross Revenge, finally moved further out to sea, before under - hand tactics by the authorities, managed to bring into force the new Territorial Sea Act without anyone knowing. Had the ship not moved, then the consequences could have been the end of Radio Caroline, which is a daunting prospect.

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Please feel free to make use of the '**Anoraks U.K. Info - Line**' on (0795) 510764. The three minute message will inform you of the latest happenings since the last report went out, also will tell you of any new merchandise in stock. You may leave any news you have, after the tone, but please do not leave messages about subscriptions and merchandise, as these cannot be dealt with, as the answer - line is not based in Blackpool, as you can see by the dialling code.

**"Driftback 20"** is the name of the Caroline Movement's planned gathering for 15th August 1987. All people who have written to CM, along with all their subscribers, should receive their application form booklet in due course. We have them in stock here and if you are thinking about going and would like more details, please let us know and we will include a copy along with your next issue of "WR". Include an SAE if you wish us to send it back immediately. The event is only nine weeks away and time seems to fly, hence all the mentions.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** The cross channel postman was no doubt a good swimmer and we received the latest issue of **Offshore Echo's Magazine** No. 66 (June '87), only five days out of the printers. The latest issue contains 68 pages packed with the latest stories, interviews and features on the world of offshore radio. As always, a mass of exclusive pictures are featured. To get your copy of Europe's leading free radio magazine, simply send us £1.90. Alternatively, you may subscribe for a year and for £9.00, you will receive five issues which constitutes a saving of 50p. The magazine is all in the English language and in addition, there is an all French language version, completely different in content. Issue 67 (August '87) is now being worked upon and we hope to be able to offer this issue to non - subscribers at the forthcoming "Driftback 20" convention in London.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Radiotelex celebrates it's centenary with this issue which contains just

4 x A5 pages. Within, are to be found the previous two week's short wave logs, along with news items to accompany these. For 40p, we can supply you with just one sample issue, along with a current subscription form, with which you will be able to obtain further copies direct from West Germany..... **Radio Waves Int. Info Sheet 87/004.** A regular sheet from Peter Hills and Phillippe Bertrand of the above SW station. News on that front, along with other bits and pieces to be found within. An IRC, better still with a reception report for the station, will get you a copy, from RWI, BP No. 130, 92504 Rueil Cedex, France. We hope to meet up once again, with the RWI team in London, in August.... **Short Wave Newsletter** No. 17 is now out and features world radio schedules and DX tips, as well as other news, from both the legal and free radio scene. Also included is a section on 'How to DX the planet Jupiter'. For your free sample copy send to SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... **Radio Joystick Information Sheet,** 4 x A5 pages, all in German, from Postfach 220342, D - 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany, enclosing an IRC..... **Starboard Sound Information Sheet 3,** a single A4 sheet of station information, available from 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG, enclosing an SAE.

**TAPE OFFER.** Tape 60 is one of this week's choices from America, and features **WPLJ-FM** in New York, as broadcast on 28th May. Your host for this lunchtime show on 'Power 95' is J.J. Kennedy. This station plays Top 40 type music. Staying in New York, an afternoon show from **WXRK - FM** is offered for Tape 61. This was recorded on 30th May, and as usual on this station there is plenty of rock music. We return to Europe, and International Waters, for Tape 62. This is a recording of Mick Williams on Radio Caroline, from Good Friday. All cassettes are 90 minutes long, and cost only £2.00 each. Previous offers are still available, as are the numerous tapes of The American Dream Series of airchecks, as

produced by Free Radio Waves magazine. Please ask for lists when writing.

**BOAT TRIPS.** It is with much regret that we have to inform everyone that Albert Hood is, with immediate effect, ceasing to run any further trips to the radio ship(s) in the Thames Estuary. This is due to continual pressure and harrassment from the authorities. Albert feels it is not fair to ask skippers of suitable vessels to continue taking chances on getting caught in the act of putting people on board the pirate ships. Albert very much regrets this action that has been forced upon him. He tells us that he is holding deposits for some people, and that this money will all be duly returned very shortly. The only 'trips to the ships' now available, are run by FRC Holland and embark from Dunkirk in France. A fully detailed sheet is available on request from ourselves.

**CONTACTS.** The new DX - editor of the German service from Radio Nacional do Brasil wishes to make contact with DX - ers, SWL's, Ham's and other DX - editors with a view to learning more about broadcasting stations etc..... contact Norbert Debie, Ebertallee 14a, 4708 Kamen 4, West Germany.

**CONTACTS.** David Williams would like to hear from anyone in Europe, who like himself, is absolutely mad on listening to 'pirate' radio stations. He can be contacted at : 11 Chamberlayne Road, Pilands Estate, Bursledon, Near. Southampton, Hampshire SO3 8DZ, England.

**WANTED.** A 90 minute studio recording of Radio Telstar, 6221kHz. Shortwave.... Contact Podney R. Sixe, 3 Rosewarne Cottages, Rosewarne Downs, Nr. Cambourne, Cornwall TR14 0BE. Please state price, or if you would like to swap for another recording.

**FOR SALE.** In the absence of an up - dated theme tune list from A - UK, Anchor Productions have come up, in the meantime, with a couple of theme tune cassettes at £2.00 each. Further details of content etc., can be obtained from D. Wallis, c/o 73 Middle Mead, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9NX.

**CONTACTS.** David Baker, ex Dublin pirate radio presenter, now living in England, wishes to make contact with any Anoraks in the U.K., or visitors from Ireland..... 216 Mollison Way, Edgeware, Middlesex... Tel: 01 952 4245.

**CONTACTS.** London Weekend Radio - 1983 : John Dawson, Jonny Haywood, Mark Mason, Martin James, Ricki King. Any of you reading this, please get in touch with Jerry Peters, 21 Weavers Close, Isleworth, Middlesex. (01 - 847 3466).

**GENERAL.** The Hinckley and Leicester Branch of the Caroline Movement are holding a meeting on Monday June 22nd. The meeting starts at 20:00 at the Hinckley Athletic Social Club, Middlefield Lane, Hinckley. For more details and directions telephone (0455) 632383.

**RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND. DUBLIN.** Further outside broadcast promos have been noted on Q 102, in particular, one for 'Mac Happy' day on Wednesday 17th June, when the station will go 'live' from Macdonald's in Phibsboro from 12:00 till 14:00. Highlight of this OB will be the arrival of station manager, Mike Hogan, in the Fiat/Q 102 'Eye in the Sky' helicopter. A 'new' voice is expected to be heard on the station in the next couple of weeks, to co - present the Breakfast Show, along with Scott Williams. Auditions are currently being carried out, in order to pick one from the hundreds of applicants, resulting from the adverts put out two weeks ago. The current week - day line - up on Q 102 is.... 06:00 Scott Williams Breakfast Show... 10:00 Dave Kelly Show (including Q 102 'Jobfinder' at 10:30 and 11:30... 14:00 Greg Gaughran Show with the 'Q Drive' from five... 19:00 Jason Maine Show... 24:00 Al Dunne's 'The All Nighter'. At the weekend, Solid Gold Saturday continues weekly, and the other feature of note, is the Maxell Q 102 Top 40 with Henry Owens. This can be heard on Sunday afternoon at 16:00. A recent addition to the weekend presenters, is Joe Harrington, who was heard on Sunshine Radio back in the early days, '80/'81.

we are pleased to report that **Energy 103** is once again audible here in Blackpool, on 738kHz. Power and audio levels were down to an all - time low, last week but one. However, the signal is quite good now, although audio levels are still below those of their two main rivals. Despite plans for a new AM site being mentioned, it is not thought at this stage, that any moves in this direction, have been made. It is reported from the station, that news readers, George Long and Tina Gates are both leaving, for London, in order to further their careers. Another report, this time from Radio West, said that Alan Burns was also leaving, for America, but as yet, this has not been confirmed.

The new Breakfast Show/Zoo - type programme seems

to be progressing nicely, although, in fairness, we have not been able to give it our full attention due to the poor reception of late. Bob Gallico, Lisa Moore and Pat Courteney feature on the show.

## Threat of layoffs at Sunshine

THREE journalists at Sunshine Radio, the country's leading pirate station, have been threatened with immediate redundancy in a row over manning levels. The National Union of Journalists claimed last night.

An NUJ spokesperson claimed that the station's owner, Mr. Robbie Robinson, had issued an ultimatum that if reduced manning levels were not accepted by the union immediately the three would be laid off.

Mr. Robinson would not comment on the threatened redundancies and said he was waiting to hear from the NUJ this morning about its response to a number of proposals.

Things are not well at **Sunshine 101**, according to the newspaper article, taken from The Irish Press of 8th June, re - printed here. Obviously, with the format now being one of more continuous music, rather than 'news and personality' radio, fewer staff are required, and the owners are trying to reduce their overheads by shedding the surplus. Rumours seem to be flying around that the station is up for sale, however at this present moment in time, we have no concrete news about whether this is true or not. We hope that the station is not heading down the same road, traversed by the late Radio Nova, who also crossed paths with the N.U.J. The Radio West free radio programme also mentioned that station P.D., Bill Cunningham, was about to leave. His position was always a short term one, but on his departure, plans

are underway for the station to be directed, from a distance, so to speak, by Bill. We await the outcome of this.

**Co. LOUTH.** Confusion arose here this week, as to what was happening on 100.1MHz. Radio West have been occupying this frequency for a couple of weeks now, with their large transmitter. However, when we checked it during mid week, it was **Boyneside Radio** who were audible. Since then, we have heard both stations at the same time, which means that Boyneside have finally got one of their higher power transmitters back on the air, the first time since they were raided. Nothing more has been heard of Radio Sovereign and we now wonder what the delay is, following the successful tests of a few weeks ago. The transmitter occasionally comes alive with non - stop music, usually on Saturday afternoons, but this is no doubt tests in readiness for Sunday's broadcasts of Radio Rainbow. Today, in the hour preceding the Radio Rainbow broadcasts, and actually during the hour when we would normally hear Rainbow, heard on this channel (1521kHz.), was a two hour tape of **W.L.R.**, with an address of 314 Argyll Street, Glasgow. This station is often heard on short wave, 6285kHz. or 6273kHz., on Sundays, around lunchtime. These broadcasts will also have gone out on 6240kHz. and 96.1MHz., locally, although the programme emphasis was placed on the short wave service. Radio Rainbow failed to appear today, for reasons unknown at this stage.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** There appear to be two John Powers, one to be found working on the Dublin scene, and the other on **Radio West**, recently standing in for the just married, Willia Hart. We apologise for the confusion. We understand that Willie is due back on Tuesday next, plus a new female presenter, who is to be looked out for at the weekends.

**Co. WICKLOW.** 'Wicklow Awareness Week' duly took place on **Viking 105** this week, although minus Tony Allan, who apparently has now moved on to **Radio ERI** in Cork for a spell. Problems with audio levels, mentioned last week, are understood to now have been sorted out with the aid of a compressor.

**Co. KILDARE.** We mentioned last week that Radio West reported that **Zee 104** may be closing down. Station owner, Nigel Gordon, was heard live on the free radio show this morning, and he went on to say that no such moves were planned, and that the station would remain on the air until forcibly taken off, should any legislation come into force.

**Co. CORK.** We reported recently that Chris Barry was on **Radio ERI** in Cork. According to this morning's free radio show on Radio West, Chris has left and returned to the French/Italian Riviera, although, as yet we have had no confirmation in this from anyone in Cork.

**Co. GALWAY.** Word from the West reaches us via Galway

County Radio - KFM, who have kindly sent us a brief history of the station, along with an FM band - scan in their area.... "Broadcasting since November 1986, KFM is a privately owned independent local radio station based in studios located at Moycullen, Co. Galway. KFM serves Galway city and county with a quality FM signal 24 hours daily.

Our programming is primarily aimed at the 20 - 50 age groupings, with a minimum 15% of programmes presented bi - lingually. In addition to Community Information, specialist programmes and outside broadcast programmes, it is the intention of KFM/Galway County Radio to seek a broadcasting franchise from the Department of Communications when the necessary legislation is enacted."

**FREQUENCIES OCCUPIED BY UNLICENCED STATIONS IN GALWAY BAY AREA ON 3rd JUNE 1987.**

- 95.0MHz....KFM.
- 95.3MHz....Radio West link from Loughrea.
- 96.4MHz....W.L.S. Music Radio.
- 96.4MHz....West Coast Radio (Ennis).
- 98.5MHz....County Sound (Tuam).
- 99.0MHz....KFM.
- 99.2MHz....Radio West (Galway relay).
- 99.3MHz....KFM.
- 100.3MHz....County Sounds (Tuam).
- 101.5MHz....W.L.S. Music Radio (Carrier).
- 106.1MHz....Occasional OB by WLS.

There are also two weekend stations run by licenced radio amateurs in Salthill and Bohemore, the latter, using Radio Impulse jingles. It's frequency moves each week to a different part of the band and often announces a frequency approximately 1 MHz. higher than the it is transmitting on.



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**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Still no news from this quarter about whether the new AM transmitter is on the air or not.

**CAROLINE 558.** A reduction, rather than a change in staff took place over last weekend, with Tony Peters now being back on land for a bit of shore leave. This has left the station short of staff, and hence the afternoon show, formerly hosted by Tony Peters, was split in half, with Jackie Lee and Andy Robin sitting in for two hours each. The line - up on Monday thus read 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Andy Robin... 15:00 Jackie Lee... 17:00 John Tyler... 21:00 Andy Robin. A 20 hour day is still in operation, and work, during the nightly off air periods, is apparently coming along well on the transmitters, for the expected increase in power to 10kW. On Wednesday, 10th June, Peter Philips mentioned during his breakfast show, that the station would be closing at 08:00. Just after the news with Steve Conway, which was read at the earlier time of 07:55, he announced that "Caroline 558, is now switching off, to allow some essential work to be done. This is expected to take about 6 hours". Since no 'type' of maintainance was mentioned, and Radio Monique also left the air at the same time, we assumed that the ship was about to up anchor and move to a new location. The station was off the air for much longer however, and did not return to the air until 17:52, the same day, with John Tyler announcing that they were 'broadcasting from the International Waters of the North Sea'. Jackie Lee then took over after the news at 18:00, but no mention was heard of the what had gone on during the day, until 19:30 (we stopped listening at 19:15!), when apparently, it was finally revealed that the ship had moved. Their new location was announced as 51° 27' 23" North, and 1° 48' 49" East. This means that the m.v. Ross Revenge, is now anchored somewhat East and South of her previous anchorage in the Knock Deep Channel, and is now closer to Kent than to Essex. The following morning, the position was mentioned many times, as an aid to shipping. The first day in the new position,

brought requests for reception reports, to the normal address, of Radio Caroline, New York 11518, United States. Listeners in the London area, have probably found a slight reduction in the signal strength, due to the vessel moving further East, although this is hoped to be more than made up for, when the promised higher power is used on 558kHz. Also on Thursday 11th June, some new presenters took to the air. First off, we heard Paul Graham host the afternoon show, from 13:00 to 17:00. Paul formerly worked for Radio ERI, in Cork some years ago, as well as several other stations in the past. During his show, he mentioned that Jeff and Dave would be on the air between 21:00 and 05:00, these two presumably also being new voices. In fact, another brand new voice took to the air at 21:00, under the name of Jeff Morris. We have no further details about him, at the present time. The new schedule thus reads...05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Andy Robin... 13:00 Paul Graham... 17:00 Jackie Lee... 21:00 Jeff Morris. The station ran overnight on 11/12th June, and produced an 'Election Special', with Steve Conway, and Jackie Lee announcing the up to date results. The closeness of the Ross Revenge to the shipping lanes, could be ascertained from a comment heard on Friday afternoon, when Paul Graham said hello to all on board the 'Olau Britannia', which had just passed by. During election night, we noticed that continuous rock music was being aired on 963kHz. Thinking it was just a test, we didn't take much notice (apart from enjoying the good music!), however a telephone caller on Friday night, again brought this to our attention, and when we tuned in, yet more rock music was being played on 963kHz. As yet we are unsure as to the reason for this, but whatever the reason, it is great to hear some rock music once again on the radio. We believed that 'Overdrive' would never return, but we hope that we were mistaken. So all you rock fans, keep tuned to 963kHz, there may still be hope yet!!!

**m.v. COMMUNICATOR.** As with last week, there is little to report here. The new owners hope to have the ship broadcasting again in the next two or three weeks. Whether the re launched station will continue to broadcast on 576kHz. is unknown. Now that the ship is further out to sea, it will be even more difficult to get a good signal into London on this 'crowded' channel, during the Winter months. However, there are very few frequencies left to operate a strong signal on, without upsetting anyone. We can only wait and see what the new owners decide.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** As we were posting the report last Sunday, **Slag Off International** returned to the air at about 20:30, for one of their occasional broadcasts. The frequency was 105.3MHz, and their signal was good here in Blackpool, but was suffering from distortion at times, when the record or voice levels were obviously too high. The station can be recognised at sign - on, because they always play the theme from the Gerry Anderson 'Thunderbirds' TV Series. Only two stations were noted on the air last Monday, 8th June. These were **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz., and **Radio Atlantis** on 936kHz. Both stations had a very good signal at our location, with the modulation on Radio Atlantis sounding a bit higher than it was at the weekend. Steven Bishop was heard giving all the lads on the camera crew at 'Brookside' a mention, and said that they were all tuned in to Atlantis. Several adverts for local shops etc., have again been aired. This is in complete contrast to Radio Merseywaves, who always say on air, that they are non - commercial, and the station is paid for out of the D.J.'s pockets. Radio Merseywaves closed down at 03:00 last Tuesday morning, with T.P. Toppick doing the honours. The station duly appeared on Thursday night in readiness for another long weekend of broadcasting. Numerous people have commented this week on one of the station's latest recruits, Bryan Johnson, who has brought some life to a rather stale format, with his rock music. Bryan has been heard mostly through the night and one of the other presenters was heard to pose the question 'who wants to hear this sort of music in the night?' We reply with 'who wants to hear non stop rap!'. Bryan was heard with an excellent day time show on Friday, which made compelling listening for those who are sick of the same old rapping. On this subject, the country's top disco jock, John Pecchini (correct spelling?) can be heard at around lunchtime on Fridays. Listening, one can see he justly deserves his crown, and this was reflected in his 'list of gigs' announced, which included some of the top venues in the North. After several weeks absence, station owner Burt Williams made welcome return to his Sunday afternoon slot at 15:00. He immediately began talking about the raid of several weeks ago, and mentioned about increasing transmitter power once again in order to fill in blank spots in the reception area.

Radio Julie were monitored here one night early this week. We first received them at around 23:00 on Thursday night. Listening to music on this station during Thursday evening was certainly a change from the election results on almost every other channel! Their frequency was 104.8MHz., as usual. Radio Julie were also on the air throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Radio Atlantis began their weekend schedule as normal, on Friday morning at 11:00. Tests were heard before this, but the excellent music did not begin until after 11:00. Many adverts have once again been heard, so the station must be gaining a lot of listeners to its 'rock and pop' music format. Once again only the voices of Steven Bishop and Rick Dane have been heard on the air. Transmission were one hour late starting at 12:00, on Saturday morning 13th June. A phone line was opened on Saturday afternoon, and this brought many requests which were aired on the programming this afternoon. Also plenty of letters were being read out. The signal strength seem to be improving every week, and station engineer Rick Dane, now seems to have things working very well indeed.

According to Tim Jackson, in his report on the Merseyside scene, Scott FM were logged with an excellent signal last Sunday evening, on 102.2MHz. Radio Veronica were also logged briefly with some tests on the same day, on 104.4MHz.

**MANCHESTER.** Independent Community Radio (ICR), now operate regularly in the Manchester area around 103.5MHz. The broadcast for 18 hours per day every weekend, a variety of music and community information. Sunshine - FM are still operating on 91.8MHz. only, at present, as their promised AM transmissions are currently on ice, awaiting more equipment. The station now has 6 advertisers, for their regular Saturday evening broadcasts between 20:00 and 23:00.

**BRISTOL.** A new station was noted on Sunday evening, 7th June in the city, on 104.8MHz., 106.2MHz., and 108.0MHz. The presenter heard was D.J. Joe, and it seemed to concentrate on playing 'black music' rather than being a 'community' style station. They were announcing a frequency of 106.5MHz., so the other two frequencies monitored were possible 'sproggs'. On closedown, the D.J. asked everyone to tune in again next week.

**YORKSHIRE / HUMBERSIDE / DERBYSHIRE.** In Leeds and Bradford, things have once again been very quiet this week. However, according to the Telegraph and Argus of 6th June, Radio Veronica are planning a comeback. Music City Radio made, what is now their regular weekly appearance, beginning on a Friday night. They usually carry on broadcasting their mixture of Reggae and Soul music, until the early hours of the Saturday morning, and then re - appear later on Saturday afternoon. A similar schedule applies to Sunday. Transmissions are still in mono, on 90.3MHz.

Across in Scunthorpe, WLNG continue to operate, and were heard with their usual Tuesday night broadcast on 104.9MHz. Their address continues to be Media Promotions, P.O. Box 32, Scunthorpe, South Humberside. Travelling down towards Sheffield and Rotherham, we hear that Ocean Sound, who used to broadcast regularly on 106.3MHz., have closed down for the time being. This is not due to DTI activity, but to those people who go around trying to DF stations. It has meant that the operator of Ocean Sound, has had to go off the air early on many occasions, not knowing whether it was friend or foe outside brandishing a receiving set. It would probably be an idea for anyone wishing to make contact or visit an 'unlicensed' station, to write to the address given out on the air. In most cases, operators will be friendly enough to let anyone visit. However an unknown person turning up, part way through a broadcast, can be very un - nerveing. In the same area, on Saturday afternoon, 6th June, a station calling itself Radio Julie was heard on 102.4MHz. It appears as though they have something to do with the Z - FM, which was on the air a few weeks ago, as one of the announcers accidentally announced the station as Z - FM.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Radio PCRL seems to be the only station heard in the Birmingham area at the moment. They continue throughout the week, DTI permitting, on a frequency of 103.7MHz. The programming is mainly community orientated, with plenty of adverts and information about the local area. The only other regular activity in the area is U.K. Radio, who can be heard later on a Sunday night on 105.2MHz.

**LONDON.** In this weeks report, Sid has given his London news for 1st - 8th June, in very interesting story fashion. We hope that you enjoy how he has made the London radio scene sound like a battlefield... "23 contacts, with 22 stations identified. 8 in stereo, with 2 others claiming stereo. One new station heard, it being yet another one playing soul music from NW London. Not heard were LWR and R - FM. Missing in action were Quest - FM, Rock to Rock, TKO, Studio One, BGCR, and RJR (briefly).

Four a.m. - Dawn is breaking on the morning of 6th., June 1944... D - DAY has arrived. Forty Three Years later, and at the same time and date, an invasion of a different kind is taking place. The massed armies of Soul and Reggae, are in alliance with the smaller forces of Rock and Pop, plus the support from the smaller forces of the overseas expeditionary forces from India and Greece. Their purpose is to free us from the tyranny of duopoly entertainment and replace it with a multiplicity of choice.

The Reggae army role out their new big gun from the Time FM brigade (103.7MHz.), and the boom from their broadsides can be clearly heard forty miles away in East Grinstead. Those good ol' Southern boys from the London Wide Brigade (92.05MHz.) have faltered on their way to battle, and have been silent for two weeks now, except for the occasional relay of the Marine Forces Network of Caroline 558.

In the preparation for the coming battle, many have fallen. In the Hall of Fame, the names of Invicta, Fame and others are honoured and revered, and inspire others to great deeds of sacrifice. Now other famous names have risen, and are carrying the fight forward.

This day, eleven Brigades come forward to commence battle. By the evening, they are joined by six more. Loud across the battlefield

of London, the backbeats drum, and the cymbals ricochet, and the bass echoes back. Saturday night, and the guerilla group known as Network 21, throw everyone by featuring a lengthy programme presented by Square Peg, the gay rights magazine. As the battle heightens, we see the return to the front of names that have not been heard for many a day. From East London, C - FM (94.7MHz.) returned briefly on Saturday afternoon, but soon left the field of conflict. Clockwork Wireless (90MHz.) leave their support until Sunday, with their mix of pop, rock and chatter. From the front line battle in Hammersmith Town Hall come the cries for support from a live gig, where a Confidence Radio International (92.2MHz.) Bridgade jock exorted all to rally round and come to the aid of enjoying the party. Unfortunately, the Asians, so well represented in past weeks, were barely heard from, at all this week..

Sunday (7th June) and the tide of battle begins to turn. The enemy hit back. The fulltime regular battalions from BGCR (105.4MHz.), TKO ((90.6MHz.), and Rock to Rock (90.2MHz.), plus the weekend irregular companies of Solar 93, and KISS - FM (93.95MHz.), are all taken out by the small death squads, who wear the dreaded DTI badge. Rock FM (94.3MHz.), pull back from the slaughter, to re - group and fight again another weekend. Sky - FM (91.8MHz.), falters slightly, but rallies, and soon returns to the battle. The Greek regiments have suffered many wounds in the past, but have returned time and again to face the perils of the front line. This week, only LGR (105.0MHz.), have seen it through the weekend, aided by the deep brown tones of Cap'n Bill Mitchell, who can now be heard doing their ID's.

Monday morning (8th June), the quietest time. Only six remain in the front line, as a small bridgehead from the forces of freedom. Quest - FM (89.95MHz.), missing this last two weeks, made a feeble return on low power, and retired quickly.

From the sea, the marine forces division continue with Caroline 558 shooting forth with its kilowatts of power, across the full European theatre of war, bringing support for the guerilla forces from Glasgow to Brighton, and Dublin to Paris. Not far away lays the Fifth Laser Cavalry, from the American part of the alliance. We hope they will return to battle in the nick of time, to save us from Radio 1 overcoming us all.

Let our radios now ring forth with the sounds of victory, and of freedom of expression, and freedom of choice."

Once again, many thanks for Sid for putting the past week's London items into the above, rather interesting story form. We look forward to hearing next weeks episode!!

In London the following station have been heard since the early hours of Sunday morning...Community Development on 88.6MHz., Rock to Rock on 90.2MHz., Phase 1 on 90.9MHz., London Wide Radio (LWR) on 92.05MHz., Solar 93 on 93.0MHz., KISS - FM on 93.95MHz., Traffic - FM on 98.0MHz., Time - FM on 103.7MHz., JBC on 104.6MHz., London Greek Radio (LGR) on 105.0MHz., British Greek Community Radio (BGCR) on 105.3MHz. An unidentified Asian station was also heard on 91MHz., and this is presumed to be Sina Radio. Another unidentified station playing soul music was heard in the early hours of 14th June on 92.8MHz. TKO on 90.6MHz., were heard on Saturday night, but had disappeared by this morning, June 14th. Also missing were RJR on 89.9MHz., and RFM on 94.3MHz., although the latter may have come on the air by the time we go to print. North of this area, in Oxford, Isis FM can be heard each Sunday evening from 21:00 until 23:00, with the two 'Daves'. Future broadcasts may be in stereo.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** Sky - FM on 105.6MHz. is a new station operating in the Eastbourne area, and has so far been heard on Sunday mornings and evenings. No address has been given, but it was mentioned that these were only test transmissions.

A.B.C. Radio on 97.8MHz., has not been troubled recently by DTI raids for quite some time now. This could be owing to the fact that they now broadcast away from the top part of the FM band. Broadcast times are from 19:00 to 22:00 on Monday evenings.

Radio Orion hope to continue broadcasts, following the recent raid and court case, as soon as a new transmitter has been built. The station hope to return to the air sometime during July. The frequency to watch out for is 105.3MHz.

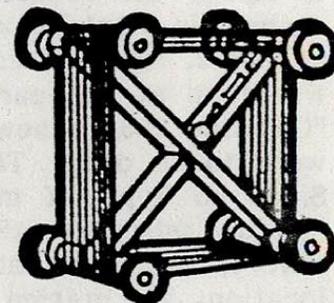
#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

6210kHz...MAPLE LEAF RADIO, at 08:10gmt.  
6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:02gmt.  
6225kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 11:01gmt.  
6240kHz...BOYNESIDE RADIO, at 08:57gmt.  
6240kHz...WLR, at 10:52gmt.  
6267kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:54gmt.  
6272kHz...RADIO VALLERI, at 11:20gmt.  
6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:52gmt.  
6280kHz...4IFR, at 10:12gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:22gmt.  
6294kHz...UNID., at 09:04gmt.  
6300kHz...WFRL, at 10:58gmt.  
6850kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 09:30gmt.  
6850kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:18gmt.  
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:14gmt.  
7315kHz...UNID., at 11:15gmt.  
7373kHz...UNID., at 08:27gmt.

Reception conditions this morning varied greatly, very little being received here early on, but 6240kHz. having a tremendous signal around lunchtime. No programming from Radio Rainbow was heard, as the relay of WLR took up two hours of broadcast time on 6240kHz., and 1521kHz.

The unidentified station on 6294kHz., was playing 60's airchecks including Radio London jingles, so it is not thought to have been Radio Nova Belgium, who normally just play disco type music.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney in Cornwall include identification of two of our unknowns. 6210kHz... Maple Leaf Radio (Via Riverside Radio Int), at 09:04gmt, 6225kHz... Sud West Radio, at 09:22gmt. Podney also says that BRI via Riverside Radio (heard a couple of weeks ago) was a programme, rather than an 'official' relay.



# **The WEEKLY**

## **REPORT ANORAKS**

### **The First with the News in Print**

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A fairly quiet week for news, however, skip conditions for FM signals (88 - 108MHz.), have been steadily improving during the week, hopefully heralding the start of a Summer of interesting DX catches. Stations were monitored in Blackpool from Yugoslavia, Spain and Italy, although no doubt readers in other parts of the country will have had different results.

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The "**Anoraks U.K. Info - Line**" will keep you bang up to date with news between reports. Call it today, on (0795) 510764. Further news may be left after the tone, but don't leave any messages about subscriptions or merchandise, as these cannot be dealt with, as the line is not run from Blackpool. The Blackpool number is (0253) 882017, but no news will be given out on this line.

The Data Protection Act of 1984 makes it compulsory for us to inform you that all names and addresses are stored on computer, in order to ease the workload when addressing envelopes each week. Everyone has the right to request that their names be removed, and we are obliged to do so, but we feel we must point out that people whose names are not stored in this way, must not expect the rapid return service usually associated with this firm.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Nothing new this week, but just a reminder that **Offshore Echoes No. 66** is now available, and includes interviews with Stuart Clark, Brandy Lee, Jim Perry and others. Price is £1.90 for this excellent 68 page magazine.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Four of these landed on the news desk this week..... **Now Radio** Issue 29 contained 28 x A5 pages of news 'across the board' and packed with same from cover to cover. A sample copy can be yours for just £1.00 from Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW..... "**Radio Today Update**", a 4 page, A5 size booklet, filling in between magazines (Radio Today, formerly <TX>) and explaining the delay with the next issue, but also containing all the latest from the London land based scene. Subscribers will receive a copy free of charge, but non - subscribers can get one for 20p plus an SAE from TX Publications, BCM Box 225, London WC1N 3XX..... **Jaybee News**, Issue No. 12 had 4 x A4 sides and these really were packed with information including, again, explanations for the delay of the next magazine (CM Bulletin), details about boat trips, the current situation on the North Sea and dealing with reader's queries, plus lots more. This newsletter is written more like a personal letter and due to it's very interesting content each time, has quite a large circulation. Highly recommended, from Jaybee News, 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY, enclosing an SAE if you are a CM member, or 20p plus an SAE for non - CM members.....

**Medium Wave News**, Number 5, from Medium Wave Circle has 8 x A4 sides of news and

information. Details from Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY.

**TAPE OFFER.** We travel to the Mediterranean for the first tape this week. Tape 63 features the 'nutter' himself, Dave Windsor, presenting a Saturday morning Top 40 show on **Riviera 104**. This 90 minute stereo recording, was made on 13th June. For tape 64, we travel across the Atlantic to Milwaukee, where we offer **WLUM "Power 102"** from 17th March. This is a top forty - type station. Tape 65 comes back close to home, where we hear the legend himself, Burt Williams, on **Radio Merseywaves**, talking about recent DTI raids, in between his classic oldies and 'technical adjustments'. Burt was a pioneer of free radio on Merseyside, from the late sixties and this tape should not be missed. Price £2.00 each.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** Co. DUBLIN. A visit during the week from Robbie Robinson, owner of **Sunshine 101**, shed some light on several 'rumours' which had been floating about in recent weeks. The station is definitely not up for sale, and indeed who would want to sell up, when in a survey conducted in April by Wilton Research & Marketing Ltd., the station came out well ahead of any of its rivals in the majority of age groups. We also understand that a major Irish corporation is about to invest heavily in the station. The American programme director, Bill Cunningham is definitely due to leave in July, but this was expected, as his post was only a temporary one. The NUJ strike at the station is apparently over, and so things now are understood to be back to normal.



## The M&M's Big Kahuna

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:-

Entries will be drawn at random and you will be notified by telephone that you are a quarter finalist. All quarter finalists will do a 30 seconds telephone audition. The only thing you have to mention in your audition is the M&M's Big Kahuna. If you want to introduce a song you can, you can talk about anything you want for 30 seconds. We are not interested in voice quality, what we're looking for is enthusiasm, originality and personality, so go for it 'Big Kahuna' it's your chance of a lifetime.

From the telephone auditions 20 semi-finalists will be selected for a 15 minute live (in person on the radio) show, assisted by a D.J. From the semi-finalists we will select 10 finalists who will do a ½ hour show of their own live on Sunshine 101. From those finalists will come the 'Big Kahuna'.

The management of Sunshine 101 will be solely responsible for the selection of the winner and any decisions will be final. You must be at least 14 years of age to enter (in accordance with Child Labour Laws). If the winner is not qualified to drive the Hertz automobile the automobile will be assigned to qualified parents or legal guardians.

The value of the Big Kahuna prizes is determined by suggested retail prices.

If you're presently employed and win, don't worry, you'll be doing a weekend shift.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Married  Single

Best time of day to reach you \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in this entry form and post or deliver to:- M&M's Big Kahuna, c/o Sunshine 101 F.M.,  
8 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.

Across at Energy 103, the loss of two news staff, George Long and Tina Gates, has meant a busy week for Bob Gallico and Lisa Moore, who have been managing admirably between them throughout the week. Alan Burns has now left for sunnier climates, and his place has been taken by Alan Clarke. The line - up now reads..... 06:00 'The Breakfast Club' with Pat Courtney, Bob Gallico and Lisa Moore.... 09:30 Alan Clarke.... 14:00 Tony McKenzie.... 19:00 John O'Hara.... 24:00 Liam Coburn. New American investment has been ploughed into the station, with the result that new transmitters and towers are now about to be installed. A new outside broadcast unit is also being manufactured, as well as a new jingle package ordered, so look out for a few surprises in the coming months, the most noticeable of which will be new stickers and promotional material and a poster campaign. We understand that Fiat are to begin advertising with the station very shortly.

A new station called **Dundrum Community Radio** began broadcasting on 15th June, on 104.7MHz. Broadcasts were first noted on 1st June, with test tones, followed by voice tests on 3rd June. This may be the same station heard last year for the community week. The address is c/o Pye Centre, Dundrum, Dublin 14. As reported several weeks ago, a new station called **Downtown Radio** began operations, also in early June, on 88.05MHz. This station has connections with the short wave station, Radio Skywave International, with the same address of P.O. Box 1686, Dublin.

**Co. LIMERICK.** A new station took to the air on Saturday 20th June in Limerick City, following a series of test transmissions. Calling itself **Hits 954**, the station began regular broadcasts to the city at 14:00 yesterday on 954kHz. medium wave, and 101MHz. FM. The first programme was hosted by ex - Radio Caroline presenter Dave Shearer. Other staff at the station include Stuart Clark and Mark Warner, both of whom, also recently worked aboard the **Ross Revenge** and also, ex - Voice of Peace engineer James Hutchison.

**Co. WATERFORD.** A recent letter from **ABC Radio** in Waterford City, gave us the following run down of their current transmitters and locations. As well as the 1026kHz.

transmitter, which covers the South East of Ireland with an excellent signal, (and can also be received here in Blackpool by nulling out the BBC and ILR stations on the same frequency), there are a network of FM transmitters which are located in the main population centres of that area. The Waterford City transmitter, which was improved earlier in the year, now gives excellent reception across both the city and surrounding areas. There is a relay in Tramore on 103.2MHz, which covers another large area along the Southern coast. This transmitter then feeds two further FM relays in Dungarvan and New Ross, the latter of which has been recently improved. The new audio processing system gives ABC a unique sound that is unrivalled on the band in the region, for both quality and volume. This can also be said for their AM signal. Their current week - day line - up reads.... 02:00, 'Nite Flite' with Steven Dee.... 07:00, 'Breakfast Show' with Andy McLuskie.... 10:00, Kevin McCarthy.... 13:00, Timmy Ryan (includes 'Golden Hour' at 14:00).... 16:00, 'Drive Time' with Tony Murrell.... 19:00, 'Music Zone' with Roddy Cleere.... 21:00, Richard Staines.... 23:00, 'Late Nite Affair' with Jimmy Ryan. News on the hour is read by either either Dave Hunt or Kerry Grey. A few changes at the station are imminent, including the the moving of both offices and studios, to new and more spacious premises. This has apparently been partly necessitated by the expansion of the station's local 'free' newspaper. The "Thursday Ad", as it is called, was begun prior to last Christmas, and will now have its own offices within the new building. Co - inciding with this move, the AM transmitter is being moved to a better site in Tramore. An improved aerial system is planned to boost the coverage still further. Current national advertisers include Bulmers Cider, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Stag, Philips Hi - Fi, Quickies and Snowcream, as well as others.

**Co. LOUTH.** News from **Boyneside Radio** is that they intend to switch on two high power FM transmitters, in order to cover the East coast. These are in fact, to be on the same frequencies as those used prior to the recent raid. 101.1MHz. (which was mentioned last week) and 99.1MHz., which should be on by the time this report is being read.

## BOYNESIDE RADIO — TOP 10

1. **Mary Coughlan** — Ride On — **Mystery.**
2. **Ann Breen** — Divided We Fall — **Play.**
3. **Wolfe Tones** — Flight of the Earls — **Triskel.**
4. **John Greer** — Old Upright Piano — **Hawk.**
5. **Joe Doan** — Don't Set Me Free — **Harmac.**
6. **Jim McCann** — Meet Me at the Pillar — **Lunar.**
7. **Dubliners & Pogues** — The Irish Rover — **Stiff.**
8. **Billy McFarland** — No Tears My Lady — **Hawk.**
9. **Trish O'Brien** — Share the Night — **Mary Tone.**
10. **Philomena Begley** — One Love at a Time — **Ritz.**

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Word from Howard Rose tells us that **Radio Sovereign**, recently heard with successful tests on 1521kHz., 6240kHz. and 96.1MHz., is due to officially start full programming on Sunday 12th July. We are also informed that programme manager is Chris Elliott and sales manager, Bruce Purdy. We are not as yet, able to inform readers of the programme line - up, although, as we expected, all programming will be on tape.

**Co. OFFALY.** A new, as yet un - named, station is due to start in Tullamore, in the immediate future. Test transmissions have already been made on 1035kHz. and 104.1MHz. The 1035kHz. transmitter is understood to be the same one which was previously used for Central Radio in nearby Longford.

**Co. SLIGO.** The transmitters of West Coast Radio, which left the air some time ago, have now been re - sited in Co. Roscommon and are expected to resume broadcasting before the Autumn with an expected change of name. The AM frequency was 1143kHz.

**Co. DONEGAL.** The station reported as broadcasting from Mountcharles, as West Side Radio, have now changed name and are calling themselves **Glencoigh Radio**. The frequency remains 1125kHz. The new station on 1566kHz., **KTOK**, in Donegal town, who recently went off the air for a while, apparently due to transmitter problems, are expected back on air this week. The FM frequency here is 103.2MHz. **Donegal Community Radio** in Letterkenny, who recently had a studio

overhaul, are now understood to be using a UHF link to their transmitter site. Their main FM transmitter has been moved to a new site, overlooking Strabane, and has now changed to 100.0MHz. This is giving good results and the signal is being picked up in West Scotland. They also have a low power FM tx on 103.0MHz., in addition to their 945kHz. AM rig.

Finally in Ireland, back to Boyneside Radio... in addition to the two high power FM transmitters mentioned earlier, which are being re - instated on their original frequencies, the Northern service at Carrickcannon is obtaining a new 1kw transmitter, for use on 98.2MHz. This will be in addition to the existing 101.25MHz. The present 106.1MHz. tx, will then be switched off altogether.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Following a couple of weeks without news, particularly regarding the new AM transmitter, we finally received an up date on goings - on, from Mike Davis aboard the m.v. Peace.... "Here is a brief run - down on what has been happening out here, recently. Following the installation of the AM transmitter in Ashdod, we had a visit from the Ministry of Communications, who's engineers suggested that we need an ATU before the AM transmitter would work correctly into our current aerial system. So, it was arranged that an engineer from Nautel (tx manufacturers) would fly over and build up an ATU, from specially flown over parts, and get things running correctly.

On Friday, 5th June, a tender came out with all the bits for the ATU, and on Sunday, 7th, Jack Hoepner (from Canada) and Noam (VOP engineer) arrived. We went off the air at 11:15 local time. The FM transmitter was fixed and the power restored to 20kw. Work was then started on the ATU. The FM transmitter was then switched on again at 14:45, and programmes resumed. Monday 8th June saw us off air briefly from 09:15 until 09:30, whilst work was carried out on the AM tx. Tuesday, 9th saw a further break from 10:30 until 10:47, although the FM went off again, at 14:45, to allow work on the AM to proceed. The first AM test transmission commenced at 19:42 on this day, and consisted of "Nothing's gonna stop us now" from Starship. This first test was very brief and ceased after three minutes. The FM was switched back on at 19:50 and programmes resumed.

Wednesday, 10th, saw the FM switched off at 10:15 and the AM come on at 13:50, with 5kw of power. This lasted until 14:15. At 15:30, it returned yet again, with 20kw of power, until 17:20, when it went off a further time, after it was discovered that the AM and FM were causing problems with each other's circuits, as too much RF was floating about! Jack, at this point, came up with a suitable solution - a quarter wavelength (at 100MHz.) stub, made from a spare piece of co - ax, and at 20:35, the AM returned with just 6kw of power and the FM with a reduced 14kw, until a correct length of co - ax arrives on board.

So, from midnight, 11th June, we started announcing 1540kHz. once again. The first AM/FM split was carried out on Sunday last (14th), from 19:30 until 21:00, when the FM carried classical, whilst the AM carried a live sports commentary from Greece, via Cellnet telephone link. The technical side of this split went perfectly.

Enginners involved with the ATU installation include Jack Hoepner, Tim Shepherd, Tony Stevens and Noam Aviram.

On the staff side, no changes have taken place since the last report from here, although, Neil Armstrong is expected to leave for home shortly, followed by Mike Darby in July, although the latter will return for a further stint in August. I hope to return home in early August, along with Alex Lee."

Our thanks to Mike for this detailed report, we trust he will hand over this job to a suitable scribe on his return to the U.K. (to write his memoirs ! ?).

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR.** Absolutely no news to report this week, although from the time scale we were told some weeks ago, the ship should be well on it's way to becoming broadcast - worthy again.

**CAROLINE.** Strangely enough, following the big move of last week, there is not a lot to report here either, this week, although one presenter was heard to say that the ship was rocking about in this new position, and the seas at the time, were only reported in the weather forecast, as moderate, suggesting that this new position is very much more open to the elements and winds from any direction are causing the ship to rock about. The current line - up reads..... 05:00 Tony Peters..... 09:00 Jackie Lee..... 13:00

Andy Robin..... 17:00 Paul Graham..... 21:00 Jeff Morris. Confusion has arisen over another new member of staff, Dave Wilson, who was reported heard on air in the night. However, when we checked last night at 01:00, Steve Conway was noted. Steve, of course, has been on news duties all week. It appears that the station has been closing at 01:00 in the week, so we wonder whether Dave Wilson is an engineer, rather than a presenter.

Several new promotions have been heard this week. The Caroline Rock Show is back in action on Friday 26th June at the St. Georges Hotel, Chatham. The featured live band for this gig, is the Groundhogs. The following night, the show travels to Reids Club, Southend on Sea and the band there is Tokyo Rose. A Caroline Rock Festival was also advertised for 8th August. Jackie Lee's voice has been heard on promos for new records to be heard the following week.

Last Sunday evening, Jeff Morris was heard to mention 'our new neighbours', although who he was referring to remains a mystery.

The rock music has continued to be played on 963kHz., although we have not heard it every night. Ronnie in Filey tells us that on Thursday 17th June, at the end of Viewpoint 963, at 21:30, he heard a voice say 'if you were a castaway on a desert island, which eight gramophone records would you choose to take with you?', this was then followed by the aforementioned rock music. Overdrive jingles have also been heard and one caller told us that he had also heard some announcements, although was not too sure what was said.

#### **LAND - BASED STATIONS.**

**THE SOUTH COAST. R.B.L. 91.6MHz.** On Sunday 14th June, the airwaves of this legal French station were taken over by the operators of Eastbourne pirate, **A.B.C. Radio.** This was at the invitation of one of the RBL presenters who can receive ABC in France. The presenter, Annie, gave up her weekly three hour show and a live request show was broadcast by the ABC team. More than 40 telephone calls were received at the two lines open at the time, one in France and one in England. The programmes are not connected with the International service which continues each week on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings. ABC have been asked to do the same for three weeks in August, whilst this presenter takes her holidays. They plan to link this programme to East Sussex on 97.8MHz. during August.

**A.B.C. Radio 97.8MHz.** ABC itself, continues to broadcast every Monday evening on 97.8MHz., without any DTI hrrassment whatsoever. Lots of competitions are aired during the programmes which prompts a good response. The telephone number is (0323) 767095 and they can be contacted at P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**Sky - FM 105.6MHz.** This station which was reported last week, has re - appeared on Sunday evenings on the above frequency, from 19:00. Test transmissions are still being aired and at present, no contact address has been noted.

**"Reel to Reel" 105.3MHz.** This station has been noted broadcasting to the Ashford area of Kent almost every evening during the week. A contact address, asking for advertisers has been given out... P.O. Box 140, Ashford, Kent.

**MERSEYSIDE.** No action was heard from this area during the week, since Monday, until Thursday night (18th June), when both **Radio Merseywaves** and **Radio Julie** came on the air. We noted **Radio Julie** on their usual frequency of 104.8MHz., during Thursday evening. They were not on the air during the daytime on Friday, but returned to the air, for their extended weekend broadcasts around 17:00 the same day. **Radio Merseywaves** were noted with very much higher power this weekend, in contrast to Monday when they were on rather low power. They were even heard with a fair signal, as far away as Dungannon, in Northern Ireland, on 1242kHz. Also received, were **Radio Atlantis**, with their usual four day weekend broadcasts on 936kHz. In addition, today, we picked up **Scott FM** on 102.3MHz., although the signal here in Blackpool, was rather weak, what we presumed to be **Slag - Off International**, on 105.25MHz. and reported as being on, although not received here, was **Concept Radio** on 104.3MHz.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** were heard on two frequencies this week, 97.75 and 102.7MHz. These were covering different areas of the city. **Radio Mercury** were not heard.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio PCRL** were on the air all week, as usual, on 103.7MHz. **Soul City** were heard this morning on 103.3MHz. And later on this evening, **U.K. Radio** will be on the air as usual, on 105MHz.

**ESSEX.** **Power 105** were in court on Tuesday last and we hope to have more details of this case next week.

LONDON. Our reporter Sid, informs us that for the week of 8th - 15th June 1987, he had 20 contacts, 8 of which were in stereo. One new station was heard playing rock music on 94.7MHz., but was un identified. Missing or not heard over that period, were R - FM, Quest - FM and R.J.R.

This weeks report from him, is as follows. " **TKO** (90.6MHz.) blasts back, **LWR** (92.05MHz.) finally sort out their problems only to lose a new aerial mast, **Community Development Radio** (88.7MHz.) switch on the stereo, and the **Gujatari Asian** station boosts its power.

Despite last week's battlefield report, and some minor skirmishing this week from the DTI, most stations made their presence felt over the weekend (12th - 15th June).

The **Gujatari Asian** station (91.0MHz.), long a low power sender, has upped its power considerably. This is presumably to fight off the intrusion from South London of 24 hour reggae station, **Phase 1** on nearby 90.9MHz., and also the occasional **SINA International Radio** on 90.1MHz. Squeezed by these two powerful transmitters, it was seen to be necessary to increase power to make themselves heard. Only problem, the distortion is incredible!!! The **Wembley Asian** community have recently been busy organising a very large petition, with forms in virtually every shop, in support of **Asian Language Radio**. This has now been submitted to the DTI. We assume that they have used the usual filing process.

Top London reggae All-Nighter host, **Nighthawk**, was this week claiming to be coming to the studio in bow tie and tails, in honour of his **CDR** listeners., but he started to complain that it was all beginning to wilt by about 06:00 am.

The 20:00 **Black Oral History** series on Sunday **CDR** was given over this week, to an extended interview with one of **CDR's** founders. He said **CDR** was an experiment in alternative radio which was begun in October 1986, and was due to continue until at least March 1988. The idea was to extend the opportunity to open the airwaves, on a non - political basis, to virtually any group who wished to use the airtime. There is to be an emphasis on minority groups (women's rights, the disabled etc.,). So far this had only extended to music, but they hoped there would soon be a greater variety. No direct advertising was taken, but it was hoped that businesses would see the advantages of entering into a sponsorship deal with the station. Unfortunately, we were unable to hear all of the interview, but an attempt is being made to obtain a copy tape, and if successful, a further summation will be made.

London's only **CHR** pirate, **London Town** (92.4MHz.), this Sunday (14th June), were talking about American music and American music radio. To illustrate how fast some (most?) American mid - sixties jocks talked, they played a recording of **B. Mitchell Reed** from **WMCA**, New York, made, or rather re - created for the 'Cruisin' series of records. **London Town - FM** now seems to have settled on 92.4MHz., which gives reasonably good reception in Central London, and are already broadcasting adverts for South London businesses.

Although it is not known if **R - FM** (94.3MHz.) made it to the airwaves this Sunday (14th June), two other rock stations were heard. On 94.7MHz., on Friday Evening (12th June), continuous rock music was received. Reception was poor due to splatter from **BBC Radio London** (94.9MHz.), and location is tentatively placed in North West London.

Saturday night saw the return of **London Rock** on a new frequency of 104.25MHz., for the first time since their initial broadcast on 20th May, when they made a very hesitant start on the frequency currently being used by **London Town** (92.4MHz.). Presentation was much more assured, and the **TX** quality was considerably improved. Contact is still through the **R - FM** organisation.

The early hours of Saturday morning (13th June) saw the return of **TKO** (90.6MHz.), and **LWR** (92.05MHz.), both with good stereo signals.

My toes curled up as usual, when the dulcet tones of **Camilla**, were heard at her usual Saturday evening 18:00 - 20:00 slot, for the first time in many weeks. Commenting on this (the return of normal broadcasting on **LWR**, not my toes), **Camilla** noted that with the election now over, listeners should write to their **MP's** to demand action to legalise the soul stations, as there were now too many pirates.

London's fastest talking talking jock has to be **LWR's** early man (04:00-06:00) **Wayne Turner**, who returned to the airwaves Monday morning, in what he describes as a

test broadcast. Referring to the last three weeks as technical difficulties, he assured us, all would be back to normal by the afternoon, as the engineers were doing their final adjustments. Transmissions at this time was good quality, but low power mono. This was probably due to having lost a mast, during the week."

Many thanks to Sid for the above report, and we look forward to his next letter.

So far this weekend (19th-21st June) the following stations have been heard on the air.... **Community Development Radio** on 88.7MHz., **TKO** on 90.6MHz., **Phase 1** on 90.9MHz., **LWR (London Wide Radio)** on 92.05MHz., **Solar 93** on 93.0MHz., **KISS - FM** on 93.95MHz., **Rock - FM** on 94.3MHz., **Traffic - FM** on 98.0MHz., **Time - FM** on 103.7MHz., **JBC** on 104.7MHz., **London Greek Radio** on 105.0MHz. and **British Greek Community Radio** on 105.2MHz. Another Greek station has also been heard on 88.4MHz., which is presumably **Greek Community Radio**. Two soul stations were on the air on 90.0MHz., and 90.2MHz., which were thought to be **RJR**, and **Rock to Rock**, although no identifications were heard. Our reporter mentioned that **R FM** were sounding very loud, and often into distortion, and he wondered whether this was due to the impending signal from the Asian station in East London which seems to block out **RFM** every week. Every night over the past week, complete sides from rock **L.P.'s** have been broadcast on 94MHz. However no announcements have been heard as yet. Let us hope that a few more rock stations are about to spring up to give the listeners a bit more choice.

North of the city, towards Oxford, **ISIS FM**, can be heard on 104.8MHz. They normally broadcast for several hours late on a Sunday night. Unfortunately last Sunday however, their transmitter blew during the broadcast. They hope to be back as soon as possible.

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

6210kHz...UNID.(Riverside?), at 08:58gmt.  
6210kHz...UNID.(Maple Leaf Radio?) at 10:32gmt.  
6221kHz...FRS HOLLAND, at 08:37gmt.  
6240kHz...RTE RADIO 1 (via Rainbow?), at 09:51gmt.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 11:25gmt.  
6270kHz...UNID.(R. Valleri?), at 10:56.  
6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:45gmt.  
6280kHz...SATELLITE BROADCASTING SERVICE, at 08:48gmt.  
6280kHz...BBMS, at 10:50gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:20gmt.  
6285kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 11:23gmt.  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 08:21gmt.  
6294kHz...UNID.(P.F.B.S.?), at 09:09gmt.  
6295kHz...RADIO NOVA INT.(BELGIUM), at 08:32gmt.  
6300kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., at 10:30gmt.  
6300kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 11:17gmt.  
6310kHz...UNID., at 08:37gmt.  
6323kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 08:34gmt.  
6850kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 10:10gmt.  
6860kHz...UNID.(Religious), at 09:10gmt.  
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:53gmt.  
7383kHz...UNID., at 09:15gmt.

The conditions on the shortwave band today were very erratic, with signals suddenly disappearing after being very strong. As usual, the logs in bold were heard here in Blackpool, and others were kindly phoned in by readers in Devon and the Midlands.

The unidentified stations on 6210kHz., were assumed to be **Riverside Radio**, or another station being relayed by them. Reception was difficult on this channel here due to an extremely strong signal from **FRS Holland**, whose sidebands were spreading a long way each side of their signal. No relays were featured by **Radio Rainbow** this morning. However a special two hour 'Free Radio Show' was presented by **Kieran Murray**, which featured recordings of several stations including **Heartbeat**, **LLCR** and jingles from the famous **WABC** in New York, from when it used to be the No. 1 Top 40 station there. It is now of course, an all talk station. **Kieran** now takes a holiday break for a couple of weeks, but the programme will be back in July.

Amendments to last week's log from **Podney R.** Sixe in Cornwall..... he identified the station on 7373kHz. as **Radio Aquarius Int.** and logged it at 09:23gmt. He also received **Radio Hexagon Int.**, via **Dutch Relay Service**, at 10:25gmt.

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# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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

First off this week, we must apologise for several errors which somehow crept into last week's report. This was due to a very heavy workload in other areas, causing the report to be written rather hastily, and in some cases without the text being checked. We have corrected the errors in the relevant sections.

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**"Driftback 20"** is the Caroline Movement's planned convention for 15th August. The event is a one day one, and runs from 11:00 until 23:00. The venue is The Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in Central London and a large turn out is expected. To find out more about the event, a small glossy black and white brochure has been produced and is available from ourselves, on request. A booking form is also included. These are normally sent out with the following week's report, but if you wish to have your copy sooner, enclose an SAE. The full **Anoraks U.K.** team will be there, with an impressive sales stand and many astonishing special offers. We hope we will have the pleasure of seeing you there too.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** First off, a quick reminder that we have just taken delivery of a fresh consignment of C.12 blank cassettes. Unlike the last batch, these are brand new and ready for use. They are ideal for demo tapes and aircheck recordings. Prices are..... 4 for £1.00, 25 for £6.00, 50 for £11.00, 100 for £21.00, 150 for £30.00, 200 for £38.00, 250 for £45.00, 500 for £85.00, 750 for £120.00 and 1000 for £150.00. All prices include postage and packing, but don't forget to add an extra 10% for overseas and Eire. Please request blank labels if required. We are pleased to announce that from this week, we are able to offer the **Laser 'Hot Hits'** official station memorabilia..... **Laser 'Hot Hits'** full colour wall poster, which will nicely complement our recent **Caroline 558** wall poster. The shot used, was taken just prior to the masts collapsing, and the poster has the official station logo in the top right corner. The price is the same as the Caroline one, £3.99..... **Laser 'Hot Hits'** stickers. We have two types to offer here, vinyl, inside ones, at 25p each, or 5 for £1.00, or paper outside ones, at 20p each or 6 for £1.00. Again, these are the official station stickers. Finally, **Laser 'Hot Hits'** jingle package cassettes. Hear them in excellent quality along with the song 'Laser Hot Hits' by the Communicators. The price of this item is £3.99.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Freewave, Driewekelijks Media Magazine**, No. 147 was first to arrive this week. This issue now contains reports from A UK. A well produced A5 magazine with 24 pages and some photos etc. General radio news covered. Unfortunately, all in the Dutch language. 2 x IRC's for details to Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland..... **Short Wave**

**Newsletter**, Issue 18, 6 x A4 sides of SW news, both legal and pirate, from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex, RM3 OHH. Enclose an SAE for details, even possibly a sample copy..... **Radiotelex**, Issue 101, an essential item for the pirate SW fan. 4 x A5 sides in this latest issue. We can supply just one sample copy for 40p, along with a subscription form for further supplies from their new mailing address... R.T., c/o Postfach 103771, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany..... **C.L.C.G. Magazin**, issue 6/87, a wad of A4 single sided sheets of general pirate news, in the German language. Details from CLCG, Postfach 540101, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... **BRS News**, Issue No. 5. Costing £1.00, this well laid - out, 16 page A4 magazine covers the London scene, and very well too, in diary and grid form. Station addresses are included also, along with a special feature. Available from BRS, BCM - BRS, London WC1N 3XX. They also tell us that sales catalogues are available for an additional 2 x 18p stamps, or IRC's (abroad)..... **Play - DX**, Issues 465 & 466, both 6 x A4 sides of logs and news from long distance DX catches. Printed partly in English, Spanish and Italian, details are available from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy, enclosing an IRC or some radio station stickers..... **Caroline Movement Thanet Branch Newsletter**, No. 18, 2 x A4 sides of offshore and local club news, available from 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Nr. Ramsgate CT12 4JQ for an SAE.

**TAPE OFFER.** Something a little different this week, from London, Tape 66 features the Greek language station, **London Greek Radio (LGR)**, recorded on 24th June. Plenty of music here which will be familiar to anyone who has recently

holidayed in Greece, Cyprus or the islands. Sweet music is featured on Tape 67, from the popular Dublin station, **KLAS**. Broadcasting only on FM, this station is rarely heard outside Ireland's capital city. The recording is dated 23rd June. Finally, this week's American offering, Tape 68 features **WKTI** from Milwaukee, on 17th March. Format here is basically Top 40, the quality is outstanding. The above recordings are all 90 minutes long, and as always cost £2.00 each.

**WANTED.** "Come a little closer" by Fleetwood Mac (Simon Barrett theme tune), also "Spring Rain" by ??? (often used as an alternative close down tune on Mi Amigo). Records or tapes will do, contact R.R. White, 26 Avenue Terrace, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucester GL10 3RE.

**GENERAL.** Readers in the Thanet area of South East England may wish to attend the Bar - B Q and Video evening, next Saturday, 4th July, run by the CM, Thanet Branch. Tickets are £1.50 and can be obtained by telephoning Jenny on (0843) 821112..... According to Radio Netherland's Summer Programme News preview leaflet, on Thursday 13th August, Media Network will be presenting 'Offshore Radio: Past and Present', during their weekly programme. Several SW broadcasts can be heard throughout the day, but the best one is usually at lunchtime, on 5955kHz., at about 12:50 BST. This should be worth checking out.

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

**Co. LIMERICK.** In the city, Radio Luimni have moved from 96.5 to 97.1MHz., to avoid interference from a blank carrier (possibly RTE). They also broadcast on 103 FM and 1125kHz. AM. The new station, **Hits 954**, continues to establish itself and the deejay line - up includes ex - Caroline presenters Stuart Clark, Mark Warner and Dave Ellis (Shearer) and ex ABC Waterford's Neil McLeod. An increase in power is expected soon on 954kHz. They can also be heard locally on 101MHz. FM in stereo.



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Stereo Munster began transmitting around 828kHz. on AM, recently, but due to problems with interference in the town, it was switched off after a couple of days. The station continues as normal on 95.9MHz. They appear to have dropped the 'City Centre' tag, after only a few days. This was used after the close down of City Centre Radio.

**Co. CORK.** 'Fort 97 ERI' appears to be the new name

adopted by Radio ERI, following their move into magnificent new studios at White's Cross in the outskirts of the city. Following the departure of Chris Barry, the current line - up includes.... Jim Lockhart, George Talbot, Pamela Wilson, Mark Edwards, Mark Lawrence and weekenders Derry O'Callaghan, Hugh Browne. On news, Joe O'Reilly, Paula Lennahan and Katie Johnson. Tony Allan can be found there also, dealing with all the adverts, promos and production work generally. Eamon Kelly has also been heard standing in for the holidaying Pamela Wilson. The station can be heard on 96.9MHz FM and 1305kHz. AM. In the city itself, **WBEN** can be heard with a powerful FM signal on 98.5MHz. Medium wave is also promised shortly, we understand. Current presenters include Rob Allen, Tony Black, Steve O'Neil, Linda Johnston (news), Scott Shannon and weekenders Brian Hughes, John Rice and station owner, Roman Macari. A competition is currently running whereby the winner will receive a video of a special occasion (wedding, etc.), worth approximately £250. **Centre Radio** are still on 101 FM and have a favourable listenership, mostly young teenagers, since the station is totally chart orientated. Ex ERI and WBEN staff can be heard, including John O'Connor, Tony Lewis and Tony Andrews. We understand the station recently moved premises. Finally in Cork, **Sunshine Radio** can still be heard on 96 FM, although taped shows are often played.

**Co. CLARE.** **West Coast Radio** in Ennis continue on a new frequency of 100.7MHz. They have a habit of switching from the 96 area to the 101 area at regular intervals, but seem to have settled now on 107 FM.

**DUBLIN.** **Q 102** are first in the news this week, after moving several of their frequencies during the week. On Tuesday, 23rd June, a new outlet was noted on 101.9MHz., and 103.5MHz. was not heard at this location. At the same time, the AM transmitter on 819kHz., was having a few breaks in audio, with test tones etc., being heard. The following day, Wednesday 24th June, yet another new channel of 102.4MHz. was heard, with the 102.1MHz. frequency now being dropped. We have not heard 103.5MHz. for some days now, although John in Dundalk mentions that he can still hear a low power signal from the station on this channel. Both these new frequencies can be heard here in Blackpool, although 101.9MHz., which is the strongest, keeps getting wiped out by local 'utility' services on the same frequency. A promo was noted on Thursday, for a new presenter to join Scott Williams on the Breakfast Show, commencing the following day. We listened, but nothing appeared to materialise on Friday, and on Saturday, despite 'Solid Gold Saturday' being in operation (very few announcements normally made), the breakfast jock, whose name we failed to note (possibly Joe Harrington), seemed to have abandoned this non - stop music format and was talking extensively between every link, as one normally expects the weekday jock to do.

Over at **Energy 103**, a slight error in last week's report. We must have taken down a name wrongly, because at 09:30 on Monday, we heard Brian Clarke and not Alan Clarke as we printed. Brian's voice certainly sounded very familiar. The week's line - up read..... 06:00 Pat Courteney, with Bob Gallico and Lisa Moore and 'The Breakfast Club'..... 09:30 Brian Clarke..... 14:00 Tony McKenzie..... 17:00 John O'Hara..... Midnight Liam Coburn. A number of interviews have been recorded for broadcast, and last week, heard was an interview with the famous astronomer, Patrick Mower. Bob Gallico was talking to him. The medium wave signal on 738kHz. seems quite good now, although the move to a new site, with new equipment, has yet to take place, we understand and despite being told a new site had been chosen, the appeal for same was once again noted at the end of news bulletins on occasions in the week.

**North Dublin Community Radio** were heard with a better than usual signal on 1008kHz., today. They identified and announced 1008 and 100 FM. No trace of any other station was noted on the channel suggesting that Community Radio Wexford was not broadcasting on medium wave.

**Co. LOUTH.** Apologies to **Boyneside Radio** for printing the wrong FM frequency last week. To clarify, here are all Boyneside's frequencies..... **Boyneside Radio North** (serving the border areas and Northern Ireland) are currently on 98.2, 101.25, 106.2MHz. and 1233kHz. **Boyneside Radio Drogheda** (serving the East coast from the border areas down to Dublin), are on 99.1, 100.1MHz., 1305 and 1332kHz.

**Co. GALWAY.** Several reports have reached us this week, telling us that **WLS** in Galway city is off the air. According to the Free Radio Show on Radio West, Don Allen received a telephone call from someone in the city who said that an

irate WLS director arrived at the studios and seeing no immediate return forthcoming for his investment, proceeded to remove first transmitters, then studio equipment. We await further details here, but can confirm that there must be some truth in this report, as (a) the station is off the air, and (b) WLS presenters can be heard on other stations. Regarding the latter, Brian McCoy and Richie O'Shea are doing a 'Zoo - style' brekkie bash at **County Sound** in Tuam. County Sound have a quite strong signal on 98.5MHz. The other station in the area is **KFM**, and they can be heard on 95.3, 99.0 and 99.3MHz. FM. They can be received from Galway, right out to Ballinasloe. **Radio West** have changed their FM frequency to this area and can now be heard on 99.8MHz., and hope to have medium wave on 711kHz.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Yet another correction! We stated at the end of last week's report from the Med., that Neil Armstrong was due to return to the U.K. Neil actually returned a few weeks ago and at the time the letter was written, was expected back on the ship for a further stint (he obviously likes the sun!). He is possibly back there by now.

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR.** We still have no news, and understand that only three people remain on board, at anchor, off Dunkirk. A 'Trip to the Ships', planned for this weekend, may produce some news as to whether work is going ahead, or not.

**CAROLINE 558.** Slapped handies for us in this section also, for making a mistake with the line - up in last week's report. We managed to mix up the name Peter here. So instead of putting Peter Philips on the 05:00 breakfast show, we mistakenly put Tony Peters. Confusion surrounds what happened to the two new evening presenters who appeared last week. Dave Wilson was only heard on the odd occasion, and has now apparently left the ship. This is also true of Jeff Morris. We understand that life on board the ship was a bit much for them. As a result, the 21:00 - 01:00 slot, has been operating as a 'split shift' throughout the week. The nights we listened, Andy Robin has hosted until 23:00, and Paul Graham up until closedown at 01:00, although we understand that Jackie Lee was also heard in this slot earlier in the week. Despite being able to listen clearly to the station for 17/18 hours a day, once darkness sets in, we lose 558 completely, hence the uncertainty at times, here. This week's line up correctly reads..... 05:00 Peter Philips..... 09:00 Jackie Lee..... 13:00 Andy Robin..... 17:00 Paul Graham..... 21:00 Jackie Lee/Andy Robin/Paul Graham (the latter possibly at 23:00, till 01:00). As well as being heard every day on news, the addition of Steve Conway to the weekend line - up, enabled the station to run 24 hours despite the shortage of staff. Steve was heard 01:00 - 05:00, and as a result, the lunchtime news at the weekend was read by Andy Robin. No new commercials have been noted this week, although different versions of the Caroline Rock Show adverts have been noted in the days immediately preceding the gigs. Music following Viewpoint 963 has not been noted this week, as far as we know.

**M.V. NANNELL.** A couple of correspondents wonder, as do many of us, what is happening on this ship. We have had no reports whatsoever, for ages. If anyone is planning a holiday in say, San Sebastian, it may be an idea to take a good camera along and take a few shots in nearby Santander.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. FOREIGN.** Word reaches us from Dave Windsor (and wife, who both send regards to all WR readers), who tell us that a new station is operating from Antibes in France, calling itself **Sunshine** and broadcasting on 97.1 and 107.1MHz. FM in stereo. Staff include ex Radio Nova Italy's Mark Dezarni, ex - Riviera 104's Trish Mulholland, ex - ERI's Chris Barry, ex Caroline's Susan Charles and Roger Eastwood. We expect to be able to offer a tape of this station in next week's report.

**Riviera 104** in Italy continues with the following line - up.... 06:00 Dave Windsor 09:30 Daevid Fortune 13:30 Duncan Larkin 16:30 Alan West 20:00 Lawrence John Midnight Andrew Astbury. Other staff on air include Cogie Clarke, ex Radio Nova Dublin and Richard Barnes, an Australian. Weekend programmes include a number of specialist shows.

**MERSEYSIDE.** **Slag Off International** were noted with a good signal, after we went to print last week. They were heard until late into the evening, with programmes that included a 'live' phone in. The audio level, on both music and microphone, was much improved from the last time we heard them, and as a consequence, very little distortion

was noted here. Frequency was 105.25MHz. According to a report from Liverpool, **Radio Atlantis** on 936kHz., announced a second service, **Radio Atlantis II**, last Monday afternoon, and duly appeared on 1197kHz. with said station, playing soul music, as opposed to rock music on the former. We missed this, but due to the choice of channel, doubted very much if we would have heard it anyway, on this overcrowded part of the band. We understand they may operate two services again but did state that the choice of channel was not a good one and would try a different one next time. Atlantis were heard on Thursday with more or less non stop music, on 936kHz., then the usual weekend programmes continued Friday onwards. We understand that a new location was being used and reception reports were being requested, indicating date heard and signal strength. On Sunday, Steven Bishop presented a free radio show, from 10:00 until 11:00, when some interesting extracts of old Merseyside recordings and old Irish station jingles were played.

**Radio Merseywaves** again appeared on Thursday evening and then continued their ever extending weekend shows with a slightly weaker signal than last weekend's, still with very good power. However, some problems once again occurred, when known DTI personnel were seen snooping around outside on Friday. The station wisely switched off at high speed and stayed off for the rest of the day, returning a little later than normal on Saturday morning and remaining on the air since. **Radio Julie** were late on air this weekend, due to DTI personnel being seen in the vicinity of their station on Thursday night, and also due to the loss of their link transmitter. They were first noted here shortly after tea time on Friday evening, with their usual strong signal. Around the same time that Radio Julie came on the air, another signal was heard with continuous music just above them, causing some interference. We were informed later that this was **CDFM** on a test transmission on 104.85MHz. The continuous music station went off the air shortly after Julie appeared, presumably as they realised that Julie had begun transmissions on 104.75MHz. **Concept Radio**, although not heard here, were reported to have been on air around lunchtime today, on 104.3MHz. Our reporter stated that the choice of channel was rather poor, although the programming was particularly good. **Scott FM** were heard locally on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, on 102.3MHz.

**MANCHESTER.** No transmissions have been heard from ICR for the last two weekends. This is apparently due to problems with the transmitter. **Sunshine Radio** are still operating every Saturday night between 20:00 and 23:00, on 91.8MHz.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE AND DERBYSHIRE.** **Music City Radio (MCR)** have been heard on 90.3MHz. every night this past week, in Leeds. It appears from announcements that they were broadcasting from the midst of the recent riots in the Chapeltown area of the city. On occasions, they broadcast through the night into the following morning. In Bradford, **Radio Veronica** returned to the air last Sunday evening on 105.6MHz., with 150 watts of power. Although we did not tune in, we understand from several correspondents that the programming, particularly later in the evening, was the sort which would bring out the DTI at once. The station appeared again the following night, with similar content, we are told. **Ocean Sound** were heard on both Wednesday and Saturday evenings, on 106.3MHz., in the Rotherham area. In the Derbyshire/South Yorkshire area, a test tone has been heard on 105MHz., with brief interruptions from an electronic synthesised voice, saying 'CBC on VHF' or something similar. Nothing more is known about this test. **North Midlands Radio** were on the air, on 105.5MHz., this morning. Transmissions were noted between 09:30 and 11:30 BST.

**GLASGOW.** **Neon Radio** have again been heard every evening this week, from 18:00 until quite late. Two frequencies are used to cover different parts of Renfrewshire, these being 98 and 102.5MHz. **Radio Mercury** were heard on Thursday 25th June, between 19:00 and 21:00, on 96.1MHz. Programming was a disco/rap type and has nothing to do with the programmes which were being produced several months ago, by a different group of people. A new station called **Radio Unicorn** was heard yesterday, 27th, between 16:00 and 17:00. Bill Mitchell - type jingles were heard on this test on 103.2MHz. They announced they were broadcasting to the Clyde Valley area.

**ESSEX.** The court case involving Power 105 has been adjourned till next month. **Radio Hot Wire** were operating a new schedule today, on 106MHz. **Canvey Radio** were also on the air on 93.1MHz. A further station is expected on the air next weekend, to be called 'Culture FM'.

**LONDON.** This past few days the following stations have been reported on the air..... **Greek Comm. Radio** on 88.4, **Community Dev. Radio**, on 88.6, **RJR** on 90.0, **Rock to Rock** on 90.2, **Phase 1** on 90.9, **LWR** on 992.05, **Solar 93** on 93.0, **Kiss FM** on 93.95, **London Greek Radio** on 105.0MHz. **TKO** on 90.6MHz. has also been noted during the week, but not today, Sunday. All other stations seem to be operating as normal, suggesting a quiet time for DTI activity. Two subscribers in Essex have reported hearing non-stop album music on 94.2MHz., each evening. Has anyone any ideas?

Due to the distance between Blackpool and London, we are unable to hear, log, hence report on any activity in this area. Our man on the spot, Sid, kindly writes every week, with an interesting account of happenings. If anyone wishes to comment, question or correspond with Sid, simply write to 'Sid', London reporter, A ~ UK, P.O. Box 539 etc. and we will see he gets the letters. The weekend 19 23rd June yielded the following..... "22 contacts this weekend, 9 in stereo, 1 confirmed as new (**Fresh - FM**), 3 testing, (Quest FM?) on 89.9 with low power on Monday, unidentified soul station on 106 on Friday evening and a very strong short wave relay on 90.1 in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Big boys, **TKO** and **LWR**, seem to be having power problems. Both signals have been going up and down, with **LWR** finally dropping down into low power mono, on Monday. In contrast, the smaller South London reggae stations, **Sky - FM** (91.8) and **Phase 1** (90.9), seem to be getting much stronger. S.W. London's **CDR** (88.7 stereo), developed problems and were down to broadcasting test tapes on Tuesday morning. Saturday lunchtime saw them putting out a very hippy - type rock show.

Rumours have been reaching us for a few weeks now of a new major operator about to hit the scene, and compete in an already overcrowded reggae/soul sector. So it was no surprise to find **Fresh - FM** 94.3, testing on Friday night with DJ Quincy sitting in the chair, already sounding very smooth with Bill Mitchell I.D.'s and voice overs. They are claiming to be live to the Capital, 24 hours a day, seven days per week, in stereo and London wide. It can be confirmed that they are London wide and live, the rest it seems is for the future. By Monday, it seemed as though **Fresh - FM** could be the result of a palace revolution at **Time - FM** (103.75). Tuning to **Time** on that day to catch top jock, Chris John's 'Bumper to Bumper' evening drivetime show, it was a shock to find no lunacy of Mellow Monday Music, but a new voice running down a schedule with a whole load of new presenters. A few minutes later, and half way down the dial, on **Fresh** was Chris Johns still burbling away as usual sounding as though he had been there all the time. Later it was found out that a number of presenters from around town, but mainly from **Time** are now resident on **Fresh - FM**. It is thought that this is a South London based operation, although they seem to have taken a large amount of **Time FM's** advertising as well. **Time - FM** is London-wide, but Harlesden based. Now, hands up anyone who knows the full story behind that one.

Peter Holt, the London Evening Standard's Ad - Lib column writer, professes disillusionment with London's Pirate stations over record hyping (ES 10 June 87). He must be very naive to believe they exist on faith, hope and charity. Replacing transmitters, aerial masts, re-siting and re-equipping studios, all costs money. The days of the staryeyed idealist are mainly over, although there are still a few around. Today's operator is a hard nosed businessman, looking for a profit. In this, the operator exploits the presenter who works for a pittance, or even in some cases we have heard of, nothing at all, as he knows that there are literally hundreds of kids willing to take their place. This is illustrated by the fact that several years ago, most onair slots were of three or four hours duration, and the presenters were on the air a lot. Now, only overnight slots tend to be longer than two hours, and many jocks only get an hour per week.

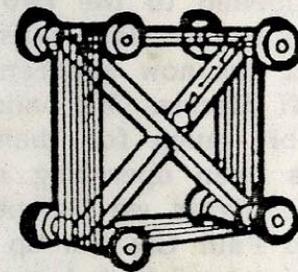
There exists a symbiotic relationship between the stations, the presenters and the advertisers (mainly clubs and smaller record companies). A whole sub-culture has grown up around the industry. One cannot (profitably) exist, without the other. The stations need cheap labour and (relatively) high returns from their advertisers. The deejays need the stations to get their names known and to hype the gigs that they do at advertiser's clubs, as very often, payment is related to money taken on the door. The clubs need the stations to advertize them and the name deejays

to attract the punters and artists for p.a's. The (mainly) small record companies need a cheap advertising outlet. The relationship is such that a year or two ago, when stations lost their transmitters and were unable to return to the air for several weeks, club attendances and record sales plummeted dramatically. There were stories at the time, that some clubs had taken to underwrite the cost of a new transmitter to get the stations back on the air more quickly. Since that time, the amount of advertising has increased considerably on all the stations. The Greek and Indian stations can carry up to 15 minutes an hour at peak times. So, record hyping will go on, but in between, there will be a lot of good entertainment.

This weekend also saw London Town extend their operation to Friday night and a slight move of frequency to 92.25, which is getting a bit close to **LWR** on 92.05. This could be the start of a move towards seven day operation. Mentioned briefly was a half page article in the London Daily News at the beginning of June. Did anyone see it? "

**SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Log for Sunday 28th June 1987.**

- 6200kHz.....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:15gmt.
- 6210kHz.....4FWS, at 08:41gmt.
- 6210kHz.....RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:10gmt.
- 6225kHz.....RADIO .....? INT., at 08:37gmt.
- 6232kHz.....BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:45gmt.
- 6240kHz.....RADIO MARABU, at 11:15gmt.
- 6275kHz.....RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:43gmt.
- 6280kHz.....RADIO JOYSTICK, at 08:51gmt.
- 6280kHz.....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:48gmt.
- 6285kHz.....W.L.R., at 12:49gmt.
- 6290kHz.....4FWS, at 08:05gmt.
- 6290kHz.....RADIO ORION, at 08:28gmt.
- 6293kHz.....P.F.B.S., at 08:54gmt.
- 6300kHz.....RADIO KRISTEL, at 08:47gmt.
- 6312kHz.....RADIO BRIGITTE, at 08:34gmt.
- 6850kHz.....FALCON RADIO, at 09:46gmt.
- 6900kHz.....UNID., at 08:50gmt.
- 6930kHz.....RADIO DUBLIN, at 13:22gmt.
- 7384kHz.....RADIO STELLA, at 09:52gmt.



Conditions on the band were average this morning, with periods of good skip, followed by periods when everything disappeared. As normal, the logs in bold were heard here in Blackpool, with others being telephoned in from listeners in Devon, Yorkshire, and the Midlands.

The station on 6225kHz. was the same as one heard last week, which we had unidentified in our log, but failed to print into the report. The announcement either just says 'Radio International', or 'Radio ??? International'. The language appeared to be either German or Dutch, but reception was too weak to confirm either. Britain Radio International were heard with a good signal on their broadcast, which was apparently their 7th Birthday.

Radio Rainbow did not have any of their own programmes today, due to the producer of the Free Radio Show, Kieran Murray, being on holiday. Continuous music was heard however, up until the commencement of a relay of Radio Marabu.

Radio Stella was heard by a listener in the Midlands, and was giving out a new address of 23 South Beechwood, Edinburgh EH12 5YR. The operator of the station, Jock Wilson, was heard on Radio West last Sunday, advertising for a transmitter site in Southern Ireland, in a remote area.

The unidentified station on 6900kHz, was playing classical music.

After many years on 6910kHz., Radio Dublin have now moved their shortwave outlet to 6930kHz. Perhaps this is due to problems with utility interference on the previous frequency. Modulation has been distorted on this transmitter for a few weeks, and whilst the carrier is very strong, the audio has been difficult to hear at times.

Finally, a query from an Irish reader who asks if any short wave pirate operates weekdays. Apart from Radio Dublin, the answer is unfortunately no, nothing else at present, although Radio Telstar from Holland was heard with some tests transmissions last Thursday morning, but one, 18th June. Keep checking the bands and let us know if you hear anything you think we may have missed.

Once again, many thanks to all contributors again, this week, in particular people who sent in station literature and 'flyers', which we are able to re-print for people to see. Keep this up and help us make WR even better still.