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It certainly appears as if the DTI are continuing to use the press and play dirty, judging by the latest fine on a D.J. caught operating Canvey Radio in Essex. The court case was held last Monday (28th September) and followed several articles in the local newspapers claiming that staff of Canvey Radio had poured paint stripper on a local official's car, as well as making threatening phone calls to his family. A reply in the same newspaper was unfortunately printed too late, for the damage had already been done, and resulted in a fine of £1000, with £900 costs, handed out to Ray Boulwood. Totalling £1900, this must be the highest fine ever to be imposed on a single person for operating a free radio station in this country. One wonders whether the press behaved responsibly, printing such allegations immediately prior to this case being heard.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Again, we have nothing new to offer this week, but just a quick mention for **BRS NEWS**. The magazine has now ceased publication, but for those who missed out on this day by day record of free radio activity in London, we still have available six sets (Nos. 1 to 7 inc.). The period covered is late 1985 to August 1987 and the price for the set is £5.50..... **Anoraks U.K. cassette inlay cards to accompany 'Tape Offers'**, are still available for 10p each. Early tape offers only had the manufacturer's inlay card within, collector's may wish to complete their sets with the A - UK cards..... Finally, we are pleased to state that we now accept **ACCESS** and their European associates, **Mastercard** and **Eurocard**. Card holders will find the Access coupon on the new order forms, or may telephone orders in, on (0253) 882017, but only during office hours, Monday to Friday. Foreign customers may find it an advantage to transfer money direct from their accounts, into our U.K. account, particularly if the amount involved is quite large. Our bank details are as follows.... Account name: 'Anoraks U.K.'.... Bank: The Royal Bank of Scotland, Talbot Square, Blackpool FY1 1LE.... Bank Number: 16-13-29... Account Number: 11123731.

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TAPE OFFER. We stay on land, and on this side of the Atlantic for this week's selection of recordings. Tape 103 features Manchester FM station **Independent Community Radio**, who broadcast 24 hours per day at the weekend, to the ethnic communities of this City. This particular programme is called 'Soul Spectrum', and your host is station owner, Sam Brown. Staying in England, we visit Shropshire for Tape 104, and specifically the long established 'WR' (formerly Wrekin Radio). Normally heard only once per month on FM (the fourth Sunday), this particular recording was taken off air last Sunday, 27th September. Finally this week for tape 105, we travel across to Limerick, in Eire, for a chance to hear **Radio Luimni**, currently the longest established station in this area. The presenter on this recording, which is mainly speech, is station owner John

Frawley, better known as 'John the Man'. Indeed, the station is also referred to by many as 'John the Man'. John is certainly one of Ireland's great radio characters, and listening to his shows, he seems to know everyone in Limerick City very well. His programmes can only be described as unique and not to be missed. All the above recordings are made on C. 90 cassettes and cost £2.00 per tape.

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WANTED. Offshore radio tapes, in particular, recordings of Radio City, Radio 390, BBMS, Veronica 1968, RNI 1970 and Caroline 1975 - 1980.... Write to Mr M. Webb, 326 North Avenue, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 4GQ.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. There seems very little to report about the 'big three', following last week's shake - up. All stations are 'firing on all cylinders'. **Energy Power 103's** signal on 738kHz. is as bad as ever and is accompanied by a hum, possibly caused by **Independent Radio Mayo** on the same channel. This signal now only just manages to reach the coast of England with any strength and once dusk approaches, disappears completely. The 103.0MHz. FM signal, on the other hand, is excellent, and even here in Blackpool, with a local ILR station on the same channel, is very good at times. **Q 102** have, without a doubt, the best FM channel in 102.3MHz., and the signal on this channel comes in the best of all from Ireland. They also broadcast on 101.9MHz. and 819kHz. The latter suffers from interference from **Cavan Community Radio** during daylight hours, however. **Sunshine 101** have two AM transmitters, 531 and 846kHz., the latter being the stronger these days. Incidentally, Stuart in Staffs., tells us that the 846 has been on the air just one year (1st Oct.), whereas 531 came alive in September 1980. It was thought a year ago that Sunshine would introduce a second service, possibly an easy listening type station, but this never materialised, although could at any time in the future. Their three FM channels all serve different areas of Dublin, and

we can hear all three here, 101.5MHz. being the strongest. 100.5 and 101.0MHz being the other two.

Things appear to be going very well for **KLAS 98**, at the moment, and the current Monday to Friday line up reads... 08:00 Brian Craig... 12:00 Hugh Hardy with 'Country Call' (including News at 1 PM, and 'Lunch with a Punch')... 14:00 David Baker... 18:00 David Bradshaw (Mon/Tues), or Dan O'Sullivan (Wed/Thurs/Fri)... 21:00 Continuous. A new female presenter will be heard shortly on the station. She formerly worked with Radio Leinster (738kHz.). Studio alterations are also being made at present, and a boost in power on the new 94.8MHz. frequency was to be made this week. This latter frequency, which we understood would compliment the main 98.5MHz. one, is intended to cover the South side of the city and down as far as Bray. However, despite hearing it very strongly here in Blackpool quite recently, following Dundrum Community Radio's vacation of the channel, we now seem to be hearing another station there, and on checking with a local reporter, he tells us that following the demise of DCR, a new station called **3CR** has been heard, with lower power broadcasts from the Clondalkin area of Greater Dublin. A connection between 3CR and DCR is thought possible. Further reports in, tell us that DCR were relaying KLAS on 94.8 and an even further report states that when DCR's link went off, following the close - down, the KLAS link broke in and was relayed until someone went up the mountain and shut down the main transmitter. On Kieran Murray's free radio show on Radio Rainbow, this morning, it was stated that both 3CR and KLAS are sharing the 94.8MHz. frequency, the latter from the Three Rock mountain, beaming, as we stated, the signal South.

The new station **Cara 95** (95.5), is apparently sounding very well, signal - wise (we cannot hear it because of a local BBC relay on the same channel). Programmes are reported as being nothing out of the ordinary, however. Current line - up reads.... 06:00 Lawrence John (ex Riviera, Italy), 10:00 Brendan Dowling (ex Liberties 104), 13:00 John Keogh (also ex Liberties), 16:00 Eamonn Kelly (ex ERI and WBEN in Cork), 20:00 Maurice Nevin (ex Heartbeat), 00:00 Chris Martin (also ex Heartbeat).

Another station we can often hear when FM conditions are up, is **Capitol Radio** on 95.8MHz. This station has got to be admired for sticking to its original format of album tracks during the day, and rock at night when it takes on the name, **Capitol Nitesky**. The station have a regular 'night - out' each Thursday at McGonagles in Sth Anne Street and our reporter visited it recently and tells us they have a good regular following each week. A low key approach is adopted on the air and the current line - up reads.... 07:00 Conor Brooks, 10:00 Matt Dempsey, 14:00 Dave Carney, 17:00 David Paul.

Weekend only station, **Signal FM**, tell us that they have a leaflet available, free of charge, telling how the station was set up. An SAE (Irish readers) or an IRC (U.K. and elsewhere, readers) will get you a copy. The station's 96.2MHz. signal has been heard as far North as Dundalk.

Finally, FM conditions have been reasonably good all week, and most Dublin stations have been noted with good signals. **Radio Dublin** continue to float around the top end of the band and were heard on 104.8 and also on about 105.0 with a quite strong signal, but with 'birdies' audible on the audio. The only other station noted right at the top end, was **Diamond 106** on 106.1MHz.

Co. LOUTH. On Kieran Murray's free radio show, it was stated that the reason for the collapse of the proposed Radio Sovereign operation, via the transmitters of Radio Rainbow, was, 'lack of funds'.

Co. MEATH. Despite high quality signals now being heard from **Radio Carousel Navan** on 103.5Mhz.FM (including here in Blackpool, on occasions), the AM transmissions seem to have suffered as a result. A loud hum is now heard on the audio, but we are unsure whether this is a transmitter fault, or a bad earth in the studio. It certainly makes listening on 1386kHz. rather unpleasant.

On the **Radio West** free radio show this morning, a live call was taken on the air, from a representative of the Radio Tara Action Committee. Radio Tara, a joint venture between the national service RTE and RTL (Radio Luxembourg), plan to come on air next Summer, on long wave, 254KHz., beaming to England, from a site near Summerhill, Co. Meath and studios in Dublin city. Radio Nova used this frequency for tests in early 1986. The RTAC have formed, with the main aim of objecting to

this venture broadcasting from near to their homes, when there is more suitable desolate areas they could have used, which would have affected no one, either in health or otherwise (interference on telephones, television and radio). The huge tower proposed, for which planning application is being opposed by this group, would be just short of the height of Eiffel Tower in Paris. Apparently, the nearest dwelling house would be adjacent to one of the guy wires! The group are very concerned (and rightly so) that health may be affected, not only with humans, but by the animals in the nearby fields. No such venture has been attempted before in Ireland (high power long wave), hence there is no precedent, but the group are going by, and concerned about, what happened (and still happens) in the nearby areas of Tullamore and Athlone, with RTE putting out massive signals on medium wave. The group have an address of The Cottage, Rathganley, Kilcock, Co. Meath...Tel: (01) 287776.

Co. MONAGHAN. The proposed move by **Big 'M' Radio**, from 1413kHz., promised over a week ago, did not materialise until mid - week last, when the station was noted missing from that channel. 936kHz. was checked and that too, was found to be void of any Irish stations. It was not until Friday evening when we received a call from Roger Tidy's Media Monitor office in Central London, asking if we knew which Irish station was on 864kHz. that we realised where they had ended up. He had logged it the previous evening, but had been unable to identify it. It took only seconds for us to identify the signal as that of the above station. They now broadcast from Castleblayney on 864 and 954kHz., and on 105.0MHz. FM. We understand that the transmitter on 864kHz. has been moved to a rather good broadcasting site. Listening to various free radio shows, it appears that further high power stations are planned for the border areas of Monaghan, no doubt, aiming at the lucrative Belfast advertising market.

Co. LIMERICK. Word from **'Hits 954'** in Limerick city, informs us that the medium wave transmitter on 954kHz. is now back to full power. The transmitter developed a fault, which co - incided with the holidays of the engineer, hence was on quite low power for a couple of weeks. No reports of the AM signal being received in the U.K. are at hand, possibly due to the fact that the channel is rather busy at all times. Ex Voice of Peace D.J., Alex Lee, is now to be heard on the overnight show, using his original name, Donal Kavanagh. He used this name when he worked on Suirside Radio in Waterford, some time ago. According to the Radio West free radio show this morning, **The Sound Channel** staff have taken a pay cut, in order to help keep the station on the air. It was rumoured that closure was imminent due to lack of advertisers.



Co. GALWAY. According to the Radio West free radio show, the new station in Galway, involving Alan Russell (ex. Atlantic Sound and KFM in Galway, and currently **Ranelagh Community Radio** in Dublin), and Mike Richardson (ex Big 'L' in Limerick and Horizon in Killorglin), is called **'Twigs FM'** and comes from the Twigs Niteclub in the Eglinton Hotel in the Salthill area of Galway. The frequency is said to be 98.5MHz. The other station located in the city, is **Coast 103**, who broadcast on 103.0MHz.FM and 1566kHz.AM. Presenters include the well known Keith York and Steve Marshall.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No word from the ship, but a visit from a number of ex. and holidaying D.J.'s., who tell

us that Steve Richards is about to return to the ship for a further stint, along with a new guy from the Midlands, joining a fairly strong contingent from that area, already out there. Station owner, Abie Nathan, has recently been in London, recruiting staff, and his call to us before he left for home, told us that he had interviewed a number of people, but that, despite being fairly well off for D.J.'s at present, he was still lacking an experienced transmitter engineer to look after his two on - air transmitters. We await the return of Sid, our London correspondent, from his holidays in Tunisia, to see if he received the VOP on 1539kHz., or even 100MHz., there.

CAROLINE / m.v. Ross Revenge.

After several weeks on board, Jackie Lee now seems to have gone off for a spot of well earned shore leave. She was last heard on Tuesday morning (29th Sept.), and the following morning her show was shared between Peter Philips and Tony Peters. This appeared to be the only change of staff this past week, as no other presenter was sent out to the ship to replace her. As a result, since Thursday, the jocks have been subject to five hour shifts, with the line - up being... 05:00 Peter Philips... 10:00 Tony Peters... 15:00 Chris Kennedy... 20:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Close - down. Once again, the station has gone 24 hours at the weekend, with regular news - reader, Steve Conway, filling in the extra four hours.

Tuesday (29th) saw a late start for both Radio Monique and Caroline, with sign - on at about 06:30. Peter Philips mentioned briefly, that it was not he who had been lazing in bed, but the engineers who had had a sleepless night. We presumed they had been working throughout the early hours on the equipment. Peter later apologised for the late start, and especially to those who set their radio/alarms by 558kHz. On Wednesday morning, Peter enlightened us even further, by saying that 'engineer, Chicago had had his hands in the feeders'. On the 963kHz. front, 'Media Network' on Thursday played an extract from this channel as recorded in Hilversum the previous night - the result was 'Viewpoint' being totally in - audible. Should any of the religious organisations who use the service have been listening, then this will have caused them a lot of concern. We wonder whether a change of frequency is on the cards, as the problem will only get worse towards Christmas. Perhaps this was the reason for the late start on Tuesday morning, also for the ups and downs in power noted recently on 558kHz. A change to Winter time for Holland has meant that Monique is currently not opening until 05:00 BST, and closing at 19:00 BST.

Finally in this section, Stuart tells us that it was 15 years ago on 29th September, since the Mi Amigo made its first transmissions off the coast of Holland.

LAND - BASED STATIONS...Foreign. The Netherlands is one country which we very rarely report on, as regards land - based activity. This is basically due to very little news coming from this quarter. However, at this time of year, as the nights draw in, many stations which broadcast on the medium wave band from Holland, are receivable throughout Europe. A letter in from South Surrey Monitoring gives a bit more insight into these, sometimes very powerful stations... "The stations take many forms. There are the traditional 'Barrel Organ' music stations, generally in Friesian (a dialect of Dutch), and broadcasting around 1610 to 1630kHz. (186 180 metres). These can be heard most nights, and the power is generally in the 250 watt / 1 kW range. Broadcasts from such stations vary in length from around 10 minutes to a couple of hours. Some also broadcast a mixture of more popular Dutch songs, and Dutch cover versions of well known records. Whilst most of the MW stations tend to be of this type, there are others playing Top 40. Flash 1610, broadcasts with 1kW of Top 40 power, and the 'Voice of Love' 1620kHz., plays classic tracks from the 60's and 70's.

Activity is mainly at the top end of the band, however after 23:00/24:00 (when some legal continental stations close down), other areas spring to life, including 1508kHz., 1197kHz., 1215kHz. Even around the 1089/1098kHz. spot is active when BBC Radio 1 closes down, as normal shortwave stations Delta, Titanic etc. make regular broadcasts. Most of these stations are interested in DX reports, and as such, are eager to verify reception reports, sometimes with very colourful QSL cards. The 180/186 metre area is active most evenings after 17:00, whilst the other frequencies should be tried late, on Saturday or Sunday evenings. Some stations have been logged as far away as Iceland and Greece.

Lastly, one English station is active at the moment, Nighthawk, alias RNI, and has been noted on occasions, in the early hours of Sunday morning on 1197kHz. This station broadcasts for one hour only, with 250 watts plus - probably from East Anglia. This station is believed to have been on only 2 or 3 times this year."

Many thanks to S.S.M. for the above information, which we hope will be of use to late night DX-ers amongst our readership.

LAND - BASED STATIONS...U.K.

MERSEYSIDE. Stations are getting extremely thin on the ground in this area at present, due to recent DTI activity. According to Tim Jackson's report for last weekend, Rock Steady Eddie of Radio Merseyland, was due in Court on 30th September, however as yet we have no details of the outcome. Also, the non - appearance of Liverpool Pirate Radio last week, was due to Phil Davies waiting for the outcome of his own case on 14th October. Tim also confirms that **North Coast Radio** (104.8MHz. /1350kHz.), were on the air on Friday lunchtime (25th September), from around 12:20 to 14:00, but have not been heard since.

No stations were logged by us at all during this past week (apart from some non - stop music on 105.2MHz. on Monday evening), although we understand that **North Coast Radio** were on after 19:00 each evening. In fact, due to the extremely strong foreign interference on their channel of 1350kHz, they were only heard in the immediate Merseyside area. The first station we actually logged was on Friday, when **North Coast Radio** returned to the air at around mid - day. This time the station broadcast all afternoon, and into the evening. A schedule was given out for the entire weekend, suggesting that all was now together for future broadcasting. Only 1350kHz. / 221 metres was being used, as the FM is being dropped for several weeks, until high power can once again be used. **Radio Atlantis** also returned to air on Friday, although we are not sure at what time they began. The frequency they are currently on, is 1197kHz., and outside Merseyside is a difficult one, due to **Telstar Radio** (Dundalk) and Radio 3 relays being also on it. Despite this, the signal is quite good, but programming still seems a bit erratic. We understand that the station does not have sufficient studio equipment, and hence a lot of continuous music is being featured. Most programmes seem to be those recorded by other D.J.'s than Rick and Steve, in their own studios. Transmissions have also been on throughout the weekend, and an FM outlet of 96.25MHz.(stereo) was being announced once more, but was not received here.

Today, Sunday, heard were Radio Atlantis and North Coast Radio, as promised, plus **Radio Veronica 104**, on 104.75MHz., over lunchtime, as usual.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE. **Radio Veronica** (105.5) were on the air last Sunday night, but most of our reporters indicated a reduced signal. According to announcements heard on the air, the station was operating with reduced power of 50 watts, and from a new location lower down, chosen to give listeners in Bradford a better signal. It appears to be the location that caused reduced signals outside Bradford, as even when they operated on 35 watts, Veronica was previously audible in both Manchester and Blackpool. **Soundwaves 105** (104.95) were heard in the Bradford area on Tuesday, and Friday night supplying this city with Top 40 music, which is more rock orientated and with very good audio quality. A new female D.J. was hosting one of the shows. Steve and Christine of Radio Veronica were heard guesting once again, and told listeners that Veronica would not be on the air until next Wednesday, when a new 250 watt stereo transmitter would be in use.

In Leeds **ABC - FM** (94.6), were having a few problems on Monday, with interference to their link. As a consequence, severe ignition noise was being relayed on its main signal, making listening difficult at times. Although programmes were heard from Monday lunchtime onwards, they have become more sporadic during the latter part of the week. Fellow soul / reggae station **Music City Radio** (90.2), which normally just broadcasts in the evening, were also sounding to be having a few problems on Monday, with a result that their audio was a bit distorted. They too have been sporadic since, and neither station was heard on Thursday night.

Solid Soul Radio apparently broadcasts from a village just outside Doncaster, and operates during the evenings, seven days per week. Saturday and Sunday afternoon broadcasts are also made. Also in the South

Yorkshire area, **Rebel Radio** (105.3) entertains everyone on Friday nights with competitions, phone lines and also news from IRN (!) on the hour.

Today brought a bit of activity in Derbyshire, with **Radio Freedom** making one of its rare appearances on 1242kHz. They also announced 105MHz., and this was received weakly by one of our reporters, who tells us that their aerial must be vertically polarised. Their medium wave channel could be received weakly here in Blackpool, due to Radio Merseywaves not being on the air. **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) were also heard this afternoon in the Chesterfield area.

THE MIDLANDS. **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.65) continue to plug away seven days per week covering a very large area around Birmingham. Transmissions are often heard here in Blackpool. They are currently advertising a P.C.R.L. 'all dayer' at the Hummingbird Entertainment Centre on 15th November. A new Asian station is on the air in Birmingham on 105.6MHz. It has been heard broadcasting each day this past week, and announces the name **A.C.R.** which we presume stands for Asian Community radio, although we stand to be corrected. Elsewhere in the Midlands, **Soul City Radio** (103.9) were on air as usual today between 10:00 and 13:00, although the audio was apparently somewhat distorted.

To the West of the Midlands, in Shropshire, **Sunshine Radio** are still on the air to the Ludlow district on 1017kHz. Despite being only around 40 watts, their signal can be received here in Blackpool. Plenty of adverts have been heard, along with plenty of community bits and pieces. We understand that the transmitter site is rather unique, and it would be fun to watch (and even to film for a comedy), the authorities trying to raid it!

BRISTOL. "103.5 FM" were heard with a good signal and excellent audio, in stereo, on both Saturday and Sunday last (26th and 27th Sept.). On Saturday, programmes were between 09:00 and 12:00 and on Sunday, the station signed on at 09:00, with Baldrick promising programmes until midnight. However, when our reporter tuned in at 20:09, the station had already disappeared. No reason for this is known. **BAD Radio** was also heard on the same Sunday evening, on 107.4MHz., in mono.

RENFREWSHIRE. **Neon Radio** went off the air early last week, as we reported, however, this was not due to a DTI raid, but to suspicious people seen in the area. The station was not on the air today, due to technical reasons. **Radio Unicorn** was heard for 25 minutes on Monday last, between 21:35 and 22:00, apologising for the previous week and announcing that they would be back the following Monday (tomorrow).

LONDON. With Sid on holiday for two weeks, our London section is somewhat shorter than normal, however we hope we can still keep up with some of the happenings in the city. **Solar Radio** (93.0) made it back to the air last week, after being off the air due to heavy DTI activity, and the loss of several transmitters. However they continued with their run of bad luck, and according to the TX info-line, were in fact raided again last Monday (28th), along with **British Greek Community Radio**, **TKO**, and **WNK**.

Now, on to the stations heard this week. The following stations operate a 24 hour, seven day schedule, and most were on air all week... **RJR** (90.0), **Rock to Rock** (90.3), **Sky FM** (91.6), **LWR** (91.8 and 92.1), **Chicago '87** (94.5), **Traffic Jam FM** (98.0), **TKO** (102.4), **Fresh FM** (103.3), **Time FM** (103.8) and **JBC** (104.7). All these stations play 'black' music, varying from reggae through to more popular soul tracks and 'rapping'. At the weekend, these were joined by several more soul/rapping etc. stations... **Phase 1** (90.9), **Studio 1** (92.7), **Solar 93** (93.0), **KISS FM** (93.95), and **WNK** (104.3).

For rock fans, **Radio Free London** (92.4) are now back on the air each Sunday evening, and last Sunday were putting out a good signal over North London. They are expected on again this evening. On Saturday night, **London Rock** can be heard on its new frequency of 89.5MHz. from 19:00 until late. Another pop orientated station, but still very well presented, is **Raiders FM** (97.8), who were heard over the weekend from Friday night and are expected to go through until Monday morning. Another new station for those who are fed up with the soul output, is **Hits FM**. They were heard on Saturday night (3rd), on 105.5MHz., and use the slogan 'London's one and only oldies station'. Music from the 60's and 70's is featured and leans mainly towards the rock side.

Other stations on the air this week, include the return of **Community Development Radio** (88.7), who were heard this morning with a Gospel output. A Greek station (**G.C.R.** ?) was on 88.5MHz. with a block of adverts 10 minutes long, and two Asian stations were logged on 90.5 and 90.8MHz., the latter was probably Sina Radio International. **Starpoint Radio** were heard once again on Saturday night, but on a new frequency of 96.95MHz. Whether this is the same transmitter as Girls FM, we are not sure. Finally, **Funk Force FM** were logged last Sunday evening on 105.6MHz. So far there is no sign of Claire Mansfield, and the new rock station in the North of the city. Claire's former station **Rock FM** (94.3 stereo) was heard throughout last Sunday with a very good signal over most of London, due to no other activity in this area of the band. A new station was logged during the week calling itself **Touch FM**, and on 96.3MHz. It has not been heard since mid-week however.

Finally, although **Solar Radio** were heard on the air yesterday, they are reported to be off the air this morning, suggesting a possible raid.

Our thanks this week to all, especially Alan and Pete, who supplied most of the London area news.

THE SOUTH COAST. **A.B.C. Radio** (105.3) continues its weekly broadcasts on Sunday evenings from 19:00 until 22:30. Power is 65 watts into a dipole, which covers a tremendous area. No DTI activity has been noted for several months, which our reporter says is a nice change from 12 months ago, when the station was raided almost every week. The presenters are currently Andy Ellis, Mike Williams, Paul Davis, Simon West (when not on Caroline), Gary Oliver and Barry Grahame. Their address remains : A.B.C., P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 7ST.

A new station called **Energy 105** has been testing on 105MHz. from time to time. Although only on low power, the signal covers the town of Newhaven, in East Sussex. Broadcast times and days have not yet been finalised, but more details can be obtained from their mailing address which is the same as A.B.C.'s.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

One interesting detail we missed, was raised by S.S.M..... Following our discussion about raids on SW stations recently. That is, the stations raided were all apparently broadcasting 'live', rather than using only tapes. Perhaps everyone should return to the car battery and cassette player for safety.

In the week (30th Sept. and 1st October), Dutch FM free radio station, **Kaiserstadt Radio** was being relayed on 6204kHz., via the transmitter of Superclan Radio.

Log for Sunday 4th October 1987.

6200kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 10:12gmt.
6204kHz...**SUPERCLAN RADIO**, at 09:32gmt.
6208kHz...**RADIO YANKEE DOODLE**, at 11:16gmt.
6218kHz...**UNID.**, at 12:00gmt.
6220kHz...**UNID.**, at 11:25gmt.
6240kHz...**RADIO CLASH**, at 10:27gmt.
6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 11:02gmt.
6280kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:38gmt.
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11:12gmt.
6285kHz...**RADIO APOLLO**, at 09:25gmt.
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 08:50gmt.
6293kHz...**RADIO NOVA BELGIUM**, at 10:51gmt.
6293kHz...**S.B.C.**, at 11:10gmt.
6299kHz...**BORDER RADIO**, at 12:00gmt.
6318kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 10:45gmt.
6850kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:45gmt.
7361kHz...**RADIO JOYSTICK**, at 09:56gmt.
7414kHz...**RADIO POGO (?)**, at 10:25gmt.

Conditions today were very poor and in our location, only Superclan Radio was audible all morning, with any strength. Logs in **BOLD** are ours, here in Blackpool, other were kindly rung in from the Midlands.

The station on 6218kHz. was playing Caroline Overdrive tapes, and the one on 6220kHz. was announcing test transmissions, but no name was heard. These two logs came from different sources, hence could have been the same transmitter.

It is not known whether the SBC broadcast via was Nova Belgium, or whether it just happened to be one transmitter on top of the other.

Radio Joystick announced they were being relayed via Radio 101, who possibly had their own programmes earlier, but these were not heard.

The **WEEKLY**

REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 180.....11th October 1987. P.O. Box 539. BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE. England.

From a somewhat relieved Blackpool, following the end of the Conservative Party Conference, we welcome you to another week of action on the air waves. We did think at one stage, Caroline North had returned, but once the appalling weather had cleared and the seas had become less mountainous, it was plainly obvious that the vessel bristling with aerials off the coast of the town, was in fact, HMS Cuxton, guarding Mrs Thatcher and her cabinet colleagues at the sea front, Imperial Hotel. Well, it was just a hope, but now with a 12 mile limit, it looks even less likely that we would ever see the return of such a radio station off this coast.

WEEKLY REPORT and CUTTINGS is produced, printed, and posted out each Sunday, from Blackpool. To become a subscriber, the following rates are current..... First Class (U.K.) and EEC countries, including Eire, 35p..... Second Class (U.K. only), 30p..... Non - EEC countries (Sweden, Finland, etc.), 40p..... Elsewhere (via Air Mail), 50p. You may subscribe for as many weeks as you wish at the above appropriate rate.

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The DATA PROTECTION ACT of 1984 makes it compulsory for us to inform you that names and addresses are stored on a computer, in order to ease the massive workload when addressing envelopes. You may request to have your details removed and this we will obligingly do, but it must be pointed out that our rapid 'return of post' service will not apply in these cases, and delays may well occur.

NEW MERCHANDISE. It's all quiet on this front again, but we do have a small quantity of a couple of excellent books written by that well known Dutch enthusiast, Hans Knot. "De Historie van Radio London". A high quality 112 page book, all about Radio London, with pictures, photos, logos, many letters (in English) and a superb cover. The book is larger than A5 and is about the same size as "WR". There is one snag, the text is all Dutch and a knowledge of the language would definitely be an advantage. The second is "De Historie van RNI". Exactly the same size, quality, format and content, but this time, all about the famous station, RNI. These excellent collector's items are available for £8.00 each..... We understand from our colleagues in France, that the October Issue (No. 68) of Offshore Echo's is now at the printers. Orders can be placed at the usual price of £1.90. These will be despatched immediately we receive the magazines from the printer. A year's subscription of five issues may be worth contemplating at this stage, and £9.00 (a saving of 50p) will ensure that you are in line to receive Europe's Leading Free Radio Magazine regularly. To compliment this fine publication, a cassette entitled 'Offshore Airchecks' is available, and the latest, No. 7, has just been released. Well worth checking out, is this 'highlights' cassette and the cost is, as always, £3.50. We must point out though, that these tapes are ordered from France and are not part of our own 'Tape Offers', meaning that some delay will occur, usually less than 21 days, postal people permitting, of course..... On the subject of audio cassettes, Stichting Media Communicatie of Holland, produce a similar Audio Magazine to the above. They are up to Issue 13, and whilst we have not offered them before, we can recommend them for their content. Any narration, usually not an excessive amount, is in Dutch, however and they do tend to concentrate a little more on Radio Monique, obviously, whereas the French one leans towards the English service. The cost is the same as the French one, and we have a number available here, but as yet, we have not listed the content of each. Anyone wishing to sample a copy at random, we have issues 1 to 10 inc., to take a pick from, available. Unlike the French tape, this well presented magazine, does not have a content listing on the inlay card.

NEW ARRIVALS. **PLAY - DX No. 475** has four A4 sides of interesting, long distance logs and QSL's, and other news. Mostly in English, details can be obtained from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. (enclose an IRC or some radio station stickers. Hot on the heels of this one, came **Issue 476**, only four days from the printer! Another 6 sides of logs and news..... **Radiotelex, Issue 108**, the fortnightly read for SW fans, was second to arrive this

week. 4 x A5 sides of logs and news from the world of SW. Details from RT, c/o Postfach 10 37 71, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany.... **Medium Wave News** (October '87) which is published by the Medium Wave Circle, has a super new look, A5 format. This now enables more pages, and hence, articles to be included in each issue. This time we have interesting items on 'Skywaves', 'Aerials' and the 'Solar Cycle'. Also featured is an introduction for beginners to MW listening. DX news, and the regular monthly logs are also included. This is certainly a good read for the coming MW / DX season (dark nights). Anyone who may be interested in trying trans - Atlantic DX - ing, should endeavour to obtain the current issue. For more information about the club and magazine, write to Harold Emblem, 137a Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY..... **Media Monitor** seems to go from strength to strength, and No. 55 contains 40 x A5 pages of information about the whole radio spectrum. There is a large free radio section, which includes an interview with the Time Radio and Girls Radio crews. Samples cost £1 or 5 IRC's from Roger Tidy, 88/90 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8AA..... Final item this week, is the regular **Now Radio Newsletter** which has articles about LBC, studio signal levels, Radio 390, and modern newsroom equipment. This is all in addition to the usual pages of news from across the radio spectrum. P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW is the contact address for more information.

TAPE OFFER. For those who can't hear **Radio Caroline** very well, we offer as Tape 106, a Peter Philips 'Breakfast Show' as broadcast on 8th October. Plenty of wit from this long established presenter, sometimes called 'The World Service' because of his accent, makes this recording very entertaining. We make a visit to the rural area of Shropshire for Tape 107, which features the latest re-birth of **Sunshine Radio** in Ludlow. This station is very community orientated and ILR - ish, as can be heard by its output on this recording, made on Sunday 27th September. However it does fill a gap which the local legal stations do not. Both the above recordings were made from AM signals. Tape 108 takes us across the 'wet bit' to Eire, and Cork in particular for a chance to hear FM only station **WBEN**. This station has been on the air quite some time, and is probably ERI's nearest rival, but being much more 'pop music' orientated than ERI. This mono recording which has the odd crackle on it, features a lunchtime show from 1st October. All recordings are made on C-90 cassettes and cost £2.00 each.

FOR SALE. Eddystone EC10 Communications Receiver. 500kHz - 30MHz. Very good condition, £60. Telephone John on Coventry 465328.

NOW AVAILABLE. Edited highlights of the Caroline

Movement's "Driftback 20" event, on 15th August 1987.... Free of charge!.... Contents include The Johnnie Walker Interview, The Charlie Wolf/ John Lewis Interview.... To get your copy, send 2 x C.60 cassettes (good quality), an SAE measuring 9" x 6", with a 32p stamp on it, a 10p coin (admin. costs), to... Julian Wellings, 3 Hammond Court, Front Street, Slip End, Luton LU1 4DA. (These CM approved tapes are offered as a service to other offshore enthusiasts there is no profit involved).

WANTED. Good quality 60's 'offshore' recordings. Please send your list to Frank Gutmann, Fliederweg 7, D-7022 LeinfeldenEchterdingen, West Germany.

WANTED. Good quality stereo FM recordings of Scott Shannon Top 30, as broadcast on Chiltern Radio. Good price paid. Write to Justin Boag, 25 Adelaide House, CrosleyWood Road, Gilstead, Bingley, West Yorkshire BD16 4QF.

GENERAL. Dusk and dawn DX - ing has not been spectacular this week, the only strong 'new world' stations being pleasantly audible being... CJYQ on 930kHz., WFAN on 1050kHz., WSSH on 1510kHz. and VOCM on 590kHz. The latter being more readable in the early hours. Clocks having changed in Europe and not in the U.K. have favoured morning openings. A narrow band width facility on a radio would be a distinct advantage, we must point out. Other unusual evening 'catches' at this location, have included Donegal Community Radio on 945kHz. Radio North on 846kHz., North West Community Radio on 1008kHz. and possibly Glencoigh Radio (no identification was made, here however, but we are confident it was neither BBC Wales, Radio Luimni nor Radio Carousel), all from Co. Donegal. All channels are occupied by closer (Dublin/Dundalk) clearly audible in the daytime, stations. Another station, not a pirate, to be pleasantly audible each evening, is Radio Broadland from Norwich, despite one of our local stations, Radio Piccadilly being on 1152kHz., also.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

DUBLIN. The return of Tony McKenzie with a Spanish sun tan (he tells us!), was the highlight of the week on **Energy 103**. He has now returned to his 10:00 till 14:00 spot, taking some pressure off the existing over - worked staff. The line - up therefore, now reads..... 06:00 'the Breakfast Club' with Pat Courteney, Bob Gallico and Lisa Moore, 10:00 Tony McKenzie, 14:00 Cassidy Jones, 19:00 John O'Hara, 00:00 Liam Coburn. We heard that the recent poor signal on 738kHz. was even noticeable in the Dublin area after dark and understand that it was caused by a transmitter valve fault, causing low power to be used. We use the past tense here, because the return of Tony McKenzie has seen the power of the AM signal rise considerably towards the weekend. Spare parts brought over by him, or, his knowledge of transmitters, has meant a return to normal power. Following this increase in power, the station was off the air most of Saturday afternoon, with the result that **Independent Radio Mayo (I.R.M.)** could be clearly heard on 738kHz., here in Blackpool. Plenty of adverts were noted on **I.R.M.** indicating that this station is now having a big impact in Connaught with its large coverage area. For those who also heard the station the same afternoon and would like to drop them a line, the address is **I.R.M., Moneen, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.**

Promos for further cash giveaways have been noted on **Q 102**. One Dublin sage this week, described the current situation between the big three as 'like a super market price war'. Commencing mid month, £500 per day is to be given away on the air by **Q 102**, who claim still, that they are the 'prize capital of Dublin'..

Sunshine 101 '£20,000' FM seems to be how this station is identifying at present. A 'Phase 5' has been mentioned, but again, little else to explain it all, meaning that everyone must stayed tuned to benefit/ find out etc!

On today's **Radio West** free radio show, a recent Dublin FM band - scan was read out. All the usual stations were reported in their usual places. The weekend only station, **Signal FM**, was listed as being on 96.3MHz. A remark was made about the good music on this station, although we cannot comment, as we cannot receive it due to local activity on this channel, on this side of the water. Later in the morning, **Radio Rainbow's** free radio show, reported that missing this week, was Diamond 106, although the carrier was still evident. Finally, a further station was mentioned, in the 106 plus region of the band, with the words 'Rock' in the title. We have no further details of this one, at this stage.

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2 pm - 7 pm John McKenzie
7 pm - 11 pm Mike Ormonde

Sunday

6 am - 10 am Graham Turner
10 am - 2 pm Graham Jones
2 pm - 5 pm Ian O'Doherty
5 pm - 7 pm Ian O'Doherty
(Special Rock Show including listeners' alternative Top 10)
7 pm - 11 pm Mike Ormonde

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Co. KILDARE. John in Naas informs us that **ZEE 104** which operated from this town, closed down at 18:00 on Friday, 2nd October. We hope to have more details on this in the coming weeks. **K.L.B. Local Broadcasting** in Newbridge are still plugging away, and although their medium wave outlet on 1224kHz. is giving good results, even as far away as Blackpool, they are having a few problems with their FM outlet. They continue with their community radio format, and planned to do an outside broadcast from Naas during this past week. Whilst in this area, it is interesting to note that **Carlow Local Radio** is apparently blasting into Naas on their 99.0MHz frequency. They also operate on MW 1359kHz. Certainly a far cry from when they only operated with low power on 104MHz.

OFFSHORE STATIONS.....THE VOICE OF PEACE. A report from Mike Darby... 'Since the installation of the new 10kw AM transmitter, which is a marvellous piece of technology, we have been on air continuously except for routine generator changeovers and of course, the usual re - fuelling and water top - ups at the port of Ashdod. This renewed on - air reliability has re - established the station as a major source for advertisers to invest their cash, which without question, suits station owner, Abie Nathan, very much. Station format at the moment is running on the lines, "Latest Hits - Greatest Memories", ie. every record except new ones is an instantly recognisable hit or past hit. This was Abie's idea, and for once, it seems to be working very well, resulting in more advertising than ever, with as many as 10/12 commercials an hour, at some weekday periods and the weekends (Friday and Saturday) continuing to be very busy too. No new studio equipment has been purchased, except a very luxurious chair, which is very nice indeed. D.J.'s come and go as usual. Steve Richards is due back for his second stint on 14th October. The present line up of staff reads..... Mike Darby, programme controller.... Tim Shepherd, transmitter engineer and D.J..... Neil Armstrong, Paul Frazer, John McDonald and Pete Anderson, all D.J.'s. The most recent addition to the VOP 'family' is John McDonald from Neon Radio in Paisley, Scotland. John has also worked on several BFBS stations, so has a vast experience and has settled in to

become very popular with everyone on board, in a short space of time.

Abie has just returned from London where he purchased carts., records, stylii etc. He reports that he had several replies to his Guardian adverts for D.J.'s and engineers, so hopefully, the staff situation looks a little more healthy for the present time. Anyone thinking of applying to work out here need not be put off, and demo tapes and CV's may still be forwarded to the station, whose address will be found below, marking them 'for the attention of Mike Darby'.

The weather in the Eastern Med. continues good with average temperatures about 30° each day, so sun tans are still the order of the day.

'Shalom' to all previous D.J.'s and staff and best wishes to all from sunny Israel'

Our thanks to Mike for this up - date on happenings out there, we look forward to hearing from him again, very soon..... The Voice of Peace, 13 Frug Street, Tel Aviv, Israel.... Tel. (from the U.K.) 010 972 3 245 560.

m.v. Communicator. On the day prior to the introduction of the new Territorial Sea Act, the Communicator left her anchorage in the Knock Deep to seek a suitable site outside the new limits. After one temporary location was used, the ship finally took up a position off the South Galloper, some 23 miles East of Walton (and about 20 miles North of the Ross Revenge). During heavy seas this past week, we hear that an anchor was lost in this exposed position, and after dropping one of the spare anchors, the ship continued to run its engines to keep itself stable. Whilst the ship was being battered about, there was no loss of equipment on deck, although we understand that, as in most storms, a few items ended up strewn around the studios and other cabins. No work has been carried out on the masts as a result of the weather, and thus the station is no nearer being on the air than it was last week.

RADIO CAROLINE / MONIQUE. Still no changes occurring in the staff on Caroline since Jackie Lee left last week. This leaves all presenters doing 5 hour shifts, which must be getting them down a bit. Currently the line - up is... 05:00 Peter Philips... 10:00 Tony Peters... 15:00 Chris Kennedy... 20:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Closedown. On Saturday morning (10th) the music on Caroline 558 began slowing down at around 07:50 and Tony Peters was heard to make some comments about this. The station must have left the air, as the news was not heard until 08:07 following blank carriers. The Tony Peters Show then resumed and continued until 10:00 when Peter Philips started another 5 hour marathon. Generators were the problem, we understand, as both services left the air. Peter made a few comments about 24 hour programming, which suggested the station had been off during the night and made us think that there had been more problems with the generators, however, we were unable to confirm this. The seas were reported to be moderate to rough.

Radio Monique were supposed to have a new owner as from 5th October, however we understand from sources in Holland that this has been delayed somewhat. In any case, the programming on Monique has been rather strange this week, according to our reporters. Continuous music has been heard during the normal breakfast and drive shows and indeed, again today, along with a late start to programming at 07:00. The only thing of normality that has been noted, is the up to the hour news bulletins, which seem to have appeared as usual. It could be that the original Monique organisation is not sending anymore staff or pre - recorded shows out now that the change in ownership is due at any time. Things most certainly appear a little troubled on this side, at this time. The 963kHz. signal seems to vary from day to day at this distance, and even in Finland. Risto, in Finland informs us that the former 100kW transmitter in Turku, is now out of service. The new site in Pori, with 600kW is now in use, although sometimes they use reduced power. In fact, Viewpoint 963 can be heard in Finland during these periods of low power. The new on - hour announcement at the end of Monique programmes is "Broadcasting to Europe - This is Viewpoint". No mention of frequency is given although the old Bill Mitchell "Viewpoint 9-6-3" is still used. This could be in preparation for the move off 963kHz. We understand that 981kHz. crystals are now on the ship, and this frequency could be tested at any time, so look out for the change one morning. Johann Maasbach has been noted missing from his regular programmes which

follow Monique. We think this is due to supplies of new tapes not been delivered, or perhaps he has noticed the signal in Holland?

LAND-BASED STATIONS...Foreign. Beaming across at the Kent and Sussex coast, **R.B.L. (91.6)** has now extended its programmes on Saturday (until 02:00) and Sunday (until 02:30). Continuous music is then played until 05:00.

LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE. We were this weekend, that Rock Steady Eddie of Radio Merseyland was in Liverpool Magistrates Court on Wednesday, 30th September. He was there on two charges, one of setting up the station (installing), and the other of operating. The fines were £50 on each charge, and £228 costs. All cassettes and audio equipment were returned to Eddie, but the transmitter and microphone were ordered to be confiscated. Apparently, tapes were being using at the time of the raid, and this is thought to be the reason why the decks were returned. For those able to attend, don't forget that Phil Davies of L.P.R. is also before Liverpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday 13th October at 10:00. We are sure he would like as much support as possible. In his Liverpool report, Tim Jackson managed to hear **Weekend Music Radio (1134kHz.)** last Saturday (3rd), but the station was only on air between around 11:30 and 13:30 which explains why we missed it. A very strong signal was also heard on 106.2MHz. during the week (30th Sept. and 1st/2nd October), and was thought to be a test for Wirral Community Radio. This station promised to be on the air on 4th October, but was not heard. Only two stations were heard at this location on Monday, **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. and **Radio Atlantis** on 1197kHz. Foreign stations are now

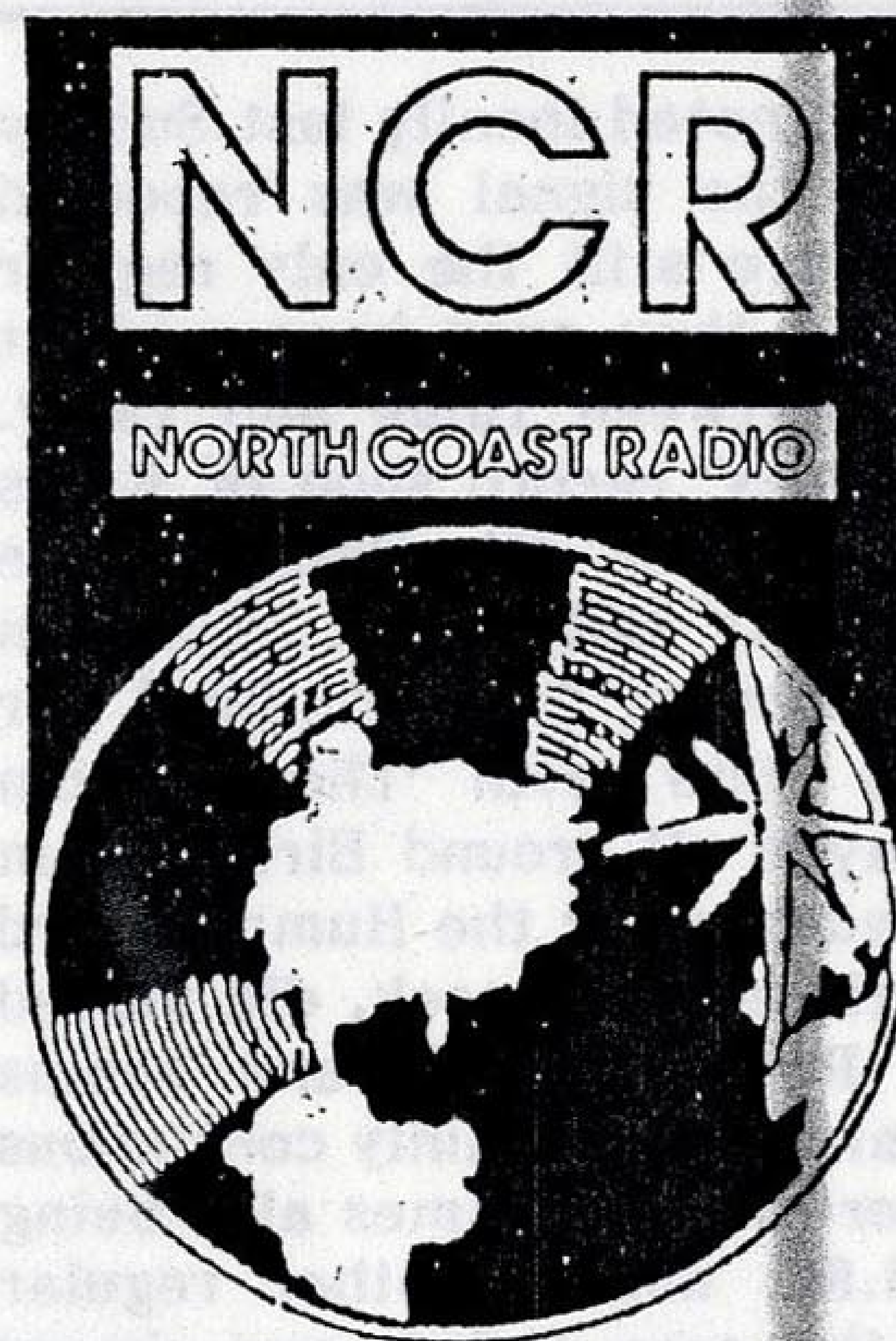
swamping the band from late afternoon and 1350kHz. is one of the worst for this, resulting in no signals other than the continental, audible after dusk. We understand however, that NCR have been on the air most evenings of this past week.

On Wednesday evening, a strong un - modulated carrier was noted on 106.2MHz. No audio was heard, by us at least.

Both **North Coast Radio (1350kHz)** and **Radio Atlantis (1197kHz and 96.25MHz)** were both on the air on Friday and Saturday.

Steven Bishop and Rick Dane were heard on Atlantis on Friday afternoon, with Steve mentioning a competition. Unfortunately due to severe 'power line' interference here, we could not hear what this consisted of. There was no sign of Weekend Music Radio, even on Saturday lunchtime, which is when they were on last week. Two unidentified signals were noted after 19:00 on Saturday evening playing non - stop music. Frequencies were 105.2MHz., and 105.9MHz.

Today, Sunday, saw the return of **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz., with live 'test transmission' programmes. We had been tipped off that the station planned to commence at 19:00 last night, but due to the dark evenings, hence poor ground wave conditions, we were unable to confirm if this actually took place or not. Also noted this morning, was **North Coast Radio's** carrier, which later came alive with normal programming which continued through the afternoon. Listening to Steven Bishop on **Radio Atlantis** this afternoon, he told all rock fans listening in, to tune in later, between 18:00 and 20:00 for the 'Rick Dane Rock Show'. This should certainly be reminiscent of the Jackie North days when Rick played rock all weekend. The unidentified signal on 105.9Mhz, heard last night, came alive this morning as **Merseyside Free Radio** (and not Wirral Community radio as we expected), and was certainly blasting out over the North West. The transmitter seemed to move about slightly, and at times was bit overmodulated. Judging by the line - up given for the rest of the day, the station was to operate until midnight. A mailing address was read out..... MFR, 24 Wilkes Avenue, Leasowe, Merseyside L46 1SA. **Veronica 104** made their regular Sunday dinner time broadcast today, and Neil frazer was on the air at the time we listened. The frequency continues to be 104.75MHz., which is quite clear at the moment.



Other stations heard this weekend in Merseyside, were **Liverpool Pirate Radio** on 1413kHz., and **Eastham Community Radio** on 105.0MHz. L.P.R. were on the air only on Saturday afternoon, but E.C.R. were understood to be operating most of the day. Neither station was received here in Blackpool.

YORKSHIRE. Things in West Yorkshire have been disturbingly quiet this week, with none of the regular stations being heard. It is interesting to note that a high ranking DTI official had planned to do a lecture to local radio amateurs in the area last week. Perhaps he brought an entourage with him to rid the area of stations at the same time?

On 30th September, a new station was heard in the Sheffield area, called **East End Radio**. The frequency used was 95.4MHz., and the format was top 40, and 60's and 70's oldies.

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THE MIDLANDS. **U.K. Radio** was noted locally last Sunday evening, on 105.1MHz., although the signal was reported to be drifting. **Radio P.C.R.L.** are still the only regular seven day station in this area, and they even have a chart show each Wednesday afternoon between 16:00 and 18:00. This is sponsored by the "Off Limits" record shop of Kings Heath, Birmingham. On the night of 4th October, the studio order was re-arranged and at 20:00, D.J. 'Chicken George' announced that he was coming from studio 3 for the first time, and opened his show with 'Theme from Thunderbirds'. Posters are displayed all around Birmingham for P.C.R.L., advertising their roadshows at the Hummingbird Centre. The Asian station mentioned last week, did indeed identify as **Asian Community Radio** (105.6), and seems to operate most evenings. Programming is mainly continuous music, with a few rather amateurish programmes also being heard. **Soul City Radio** (103.85) made another regular Sunday morning appearance in the area today, and signed off at 13:00. **Second City Radio** (95.0) now seem to have a regular Sunday evening only schedule. They are yet another station playing a diet of soul music.

Finally a bit to the West, **Sunshine Radio** (101.7kHz.) are still managing to put out programmes each Sunday from dawn to dusk. The power still seems to be the same this week and is just covering a wide area around Ludlow.

RENFREWSHIRE. Just **Neon Community Radio** (103.9) has been on the air this past week. As from tomorrow they have a new schedule which reads Monday - Thursday 20:00-22:00, and Sundays from 13:00-17:00. Both **Riverside Community Radio** and **Radio Unicorn** hope to back on the air in the next week or so.

LONDON. No problems seemed to have been encountered from the authorities this past week, and as a result most stations have operated event - free, throughout the week. Not heard by any of our loggers have been **Sky FM**, **Quest FM**, and **WNK**.

On to stations on the air now, but firstly last week we mentioned that founder member of **R-FM**, **Claire Mansfield** had not been heard on her new station. In fact, as from last week, she is now hosting a regular rock show on **Raiders FM** (97.8). **Raiders** are also advertising London's only early 50's Rock n'Roll Show, which is on the air on a Saturday between 18:00 and 20:00. On the subject of last week, **Radio Free London** (92.4) were once again on the air, also with plenty of good rock music. This weekend **Rock FM** (94.3 Sunday) and **Hits FM** (105.5 Saturday) were also on the air to please the rock and oldies listeners.

Soul and Reggae fans certainly seem to get the best of all the illegal output in London, and have the following stations to choose from... **Mainline Radio** (89.65), **RJR** (90.0), **RTR** (90.3), **Phase 1** (90.9), **London Wide Radio** (91.9 and 92.1), **Studio 1** (92.7), **Solar Radio** (93.0), **KISS**

FM (93.95), **City Radio** (94.3), **Chicago '87** (94.5), **Girls FM** (96.95), **Traffic Jam** (98.0), **TKO** (102.4), **Fresh FM** (103.3), **Time FM** (103.8) and **JBC** (104.7). Both **Solar Radio** and **Chicago '87** are advertising heavily, weekends away in the Norfolk area at various holiday camps. **Solar** are holding one in Great Yarmouth. **Funk Force** also operate on 105.6MHz on a Sunday night.

The Asian stations seem to be covering quite a large section of London these days, and **Sina Radio** (90.8) seems to be the most regular of them all, being heard each day. They are also advertising for staff, and are after anyone with a couple of hours to spare. Another unidentified, but very strong station is also heard from time to time on 90.5MHz. The Greek station on 88.5MHz. (**Greek Community Radio** ?) has also been on, trouble free, this week, which is unusual.

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SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's Log(11th Oct. '87).

5295kHz...P.F.B.S., at 10:57gmt.
 6200kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:18gmt.
 6204kHz...SUPERCLAN RADIO, at 09:31gmt.
 6204kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 09:40gmt.
 6210kHz...R.T.R. INTERNATIONAL, at 08:10gmt.
 6210kHz...ABC RADIO, at 10:50gmt.
 6230kHz...P.F.B.S., at 10:44gmt.
 6240kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO, at 09:30gmt.
 6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 11:02gmt.
 6240kHz...W.L.R., at 12:06gmt.
 6272kHz...RADIO BUTTERCUP, at 09:09gmt.
 6272kHz...RADIO JESSICA, at 10:30gmt.
 6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:05gmt.
 6280kHz...POGO 104, at 08:45gmt.
 6280kHz...B.B.M.S., at 10:01gmt.
 6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 11:12gmt.
 6286kHz...UNID., at 11:22gmt.
 6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:45gmt.
 6298kHz...BORDER RADIO, at 09:48gmt.
 6301kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:49gmt.
 6315kHz...W.M.R., at 12:34gmt.
 6317kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 08:20gmt.
 6317kHz...W.L.R., at 10:20gmt.
 7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:51gmt.
 7423kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 10:53kHz.

Shortwave conditions were quite good today, with most stations being audible for the majority of the morning. Logs in **bold** were heard by us in Blackpool, and others kindly telephoned in by listeners in Yorkshire, Hampshire and the Midlands.

PFBS were putting out a good signal in the 60m band, although modulation was slightly lower than their transmissions in the 48m band. A couple of areas were a bit of a mess this morning. Between 6204 and 6210kHz. was the first one. **Superclan** and **Pamela** were on the same frequency (6204), although **Superclan** had the edge. The **Superclan** transmitter has been operating on this frequency during several weekdays, carrying programmes from the Dutch FM free radio station, **Kaiserstadt Radio**. A full time relay is expected to follow in a few weeks. **RTR** and **Riverside** were also very close, and the resulting heterodyne made listening very difficult. There was a further mess around the 6300 region with **WFRL** and **Border Radio** being very close to each other.

Amendments to last week's log, when conditions were poor.... **Podney** heard **Radio Pamela** on 6204kHz., at 10:40gmt. We could only hear **Superclan** from Holland, due to the long skip.

All our usual thanks again this week, for news, cuttings, recordings and general items, essential in producing this weekly sheet. We are, as always, indebted to all who contribute.

The WEEKLY

REPORT

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The severe storms which have hit the Southern half of the country over the latter half of the week, the extent of which damage, we have all seen on TV and in the newspapers, delayed the arrival of news and orders at this end, and goods from this end, reaching their destination. We apologise for the lack of extensive news in this week's issue, as a result of this disaster, also for any delays in you getting your goods. It was more than encouraging to hear Radio Caroline and Radio Monique, both broadcasting from the Ross Revenge, in what one hardy 'seabourne D.J.' described as the worst possible conditions. As it was, the exercise became a struggle, due to the transmitter regularly tripping out, and in the end, after some short breaks, the two stations left the air on Friday, until everything calmed down and some normality reigned once again. They were not the only stations to leave the air, as both Capital and LBC in London, were both reported as being silent at some stage of the day. Even TV transmissions suffered, we are told. Let's all hope that we see nothing like this again, and say thank goodness that the winds in the North Sea were blowing off land, and not from the exposed North Easterly region, otherwise, it may have seen the end of pirate ships, at least for the time being.

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The **ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE** normally operates at all times, however due to the severe storms which lashed the Kent area, this service was out of action from last Friday (16th) because of electrical failure. Hopefully by the time you read this, normal service will have resumed. The Info - Line lets you know the latest happenings in between reports, also to allow you to leave your news. For the latest news, ring (0795) 511118. Simply to leave your news, ring (0795) 511119.

NEW MERCHANDISE. The latest issue of Europe's Leading Free Radio Magazine, Offshore Echo's, No. 68, for October, is expected any day. Orders are now being accepted at the usual price of £1.90, in readiness for despatch, on receipt of same, from the printers.

NEW ARRIVALS. First off in this section, we have the latest issue, No. 26, of **Short Wave Newsletter**. Very well presented, well printed and interesting, despite only 6 x A4 sides. All about SW, of course, legal and pirate. Drop a line to SWN 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... The new bi-weekly **Now Radio Reports** arrived here this week, and has six sheets of news, up - dating the Newsletter. This addition to the Now Radio line is in A4 format rather than A5. Only news is printed in this publication, the features all being left for the regular Now Radio Newsletter. You must be a subscriber to Now Radio Newsletter in order to receive Now Radio Reports..... **Freewave No.151** as usual; contains 24 pages of both offshore and land - based news and stories. Text is all in Dutch, but for those who can read it, gives a good summary of the happenings on Radios Monique and Caroline. For more information write to Hans Knot, P.O. Box 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands.....

PLAY - DX No. 477 includes this week, 3 x A4 sides on Peru and Bolivia although this in Spanish. The logs and the weekly sunspot / solar news are all in English however. Dario Monferini is your contact for this news - sheet, at : v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.... Another mammoth edition of **C.L.C.G. Magazin** arrived this week, with 37 A4 pages, mainly in German about free radio stations. Address for samples is CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D-4100 Duisberg 11, West Germany.... Issue 26 of **Short Wave Newsletter** has 6 x A4 pages of legal news about happenings in these bands, along with a bandscan. A free radio section is also included, but only for short wave stations. A sample copy is available from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.... Finally this week, **FRS Goes DX (63)** features the story of Radio NewYork International, as well as news of Laser Hot Hits, Caroline, and Monique. Plenty of shortwave news is also included, and the magazine is entirely in English. It can be obtained from FRS Holland, P.O. Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands....

TAPE OFFER. It's back to London this week, for yet another of the disco / soul stations as Tape 109. This time we feature **Chicago '87**. This station seems a bit more 'chatty' than the others, and presenter Gary Stanton, along with lots of adverts, make it sound a bit more than just continuous music. Derby is our next call, with a rare chance to hear **Radio Freedom**,

which operates an irregular schedule on both medium wave and FM. This particular recording was made from FM on 4th October, and is Tape 110. Finally this week, we venture out to the Ross Revenge once more, for a recording of Chris Kennedy on Radio Caroline. Chris was understood to have worked on a local station in Eire called Bray Local Broadcasting. All tapes are 90 minutes in length and cost £2.00 each.

DX MEETING. Another get together has been organised by members of the World DX Club, in Reading. It will take place on Saturday 31st October, at the usual venue, St. Mary's Centre, Chain Street, Reading. This is opposite the Butts Shopping Centre. The meeting starts at 14:30 and normally goes on until 17:30, when most people go for a meal and chat. More details can be obtained from John on (021) 784 7507.

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RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. Not really much to report from the Dublin area this week. **Sunshine 101** continue with their next phase of competitions, and appear to have gone back to the 'Don't Say No!' telephone promotion. You have to answer with 'I Listen to the Red Hot Sound of Sunshine 101', as can be seen by the sticker reprinted below. Entry forms for your chance to be telephoned, are currently being

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distributed. The stations is expected to phone hundreds of entrants until someone answers with the 'phrase that pays', and wins the £20,000 cash.

Energy 103 (738kHz and 103.0MHz) now seem to have got their AM signal a bit stronger, and only the odd break has been noted, this being still due to link problems. Over at **Q-102** (819kHz, 101.9 and 102.3MHz), programmes have now settled down and the current line - up is 06:00 Scott Williams... 09:00 Jason Maine... 12:00 Dave Kelly... 15:00 Gareth O'Callaghan... 19:00 Greg Gaughran... 24:00 Al Dunne. Mike Hogan is now back in his 'chopper' for the weekday morning 'Eye in the Sky'. Not only does he provide plenty of traffic information, but the half hour of links between 08:30 and 09:00 is a show within a show, and makes very entertaining listening. The "I hate that" spot continues to be one of the most popular items on the Scott Williams Show each morning at around 08:25. So if you have a grievance about anything, then this is one way you can sound off. Brian Jennings has now returned to the news team after a holiday in Barbados.

Elsewhere in Dublin, **Diamond 106** were reported recently as only having a carrier on the air on 106.1MHz. Apparently, even this has now disappeared according to Kieren Murray on his Free Radio Show this morning on Radio Rainbow International. This now leaves to top end of the band completely clear, with the highest station being Radio Dublin around 105.0MHz.

Co. KILDARE. A new station called **ZEE 100** is now in operation on 100MHz., and 96MHz FM. This has risen from the ashes of ZEE 104 which closed two weeks ago.

CARLOW. A new station has begun operations from this town recently on 1044kHz. Calling itself **Carlow Community Radio**, it can be received weakly here in Blackpool, despit BBC Radio 1 adjacent. According to the Radio West Anorak Show this morning, it is an offshoot from **Carlow Local Radio** (1359kHz / 99.0MHz), following a split after arguments between the Father and two brothers who ran CLR.

RADIO CAROLINE. The five hour shifts continued on Monday, being 05:00 Peter Philips... 10:00 Tony Peters... 15:00 Chris Kennedy... 20:00 Andy Robin... 01:00 Closedown. Tuesday once again saw breakfast with Peter Philips, however at 10:00 Chris Kennedy took over, commenting that Tony Peters was having a lie - in, and that he himself was having less and less chance for a sleep in the morning. He has now been moved gradually from the late night slot at 21:00, to 'drive - time' and now to the morning shift. The afternoon, at last saw a new presenter appear, and we hoped the end of the gruelling five hour shifts. His name was Tim Allen. This was not to be however, and in fact two new presenters, simply replaced two going on shore leave, thus leaving five hour programmes the norm. The second new presenter was heard at the 20:00/01:00 slot later in the evening. We could not identify him ourselves, but a telephone call the following night brought his name as being Dave West. He apparently informed everyone over the air, that he has spent the longest period of anyone away from Radio Caroline. On checking in the special 20th anniversary "Happy Birthday Radio Caroline" book, produced by Monitor, we discovered that he was in fact on the air for just 3½ hours in June 1973. This of course was in the days of the old Mi Amigo vessel. Tim Allen is well known to West London listeners, as his distinct voice has been heard on many Sunday Free Radio stations over the past few years, including Radio Floss, Three Boroughs Radio, West London Radio and Radio Duck. The schedule now reads... 05:00 Peter Philips... 10:00 Chris Kennedy... 15:00 Tim Allen... 20:00 Dave West... 01:00 Closedown. 24 hour operation was been advertised for the weekend.

Hurricane force winds began battering the South Coast of England on Thursday night, and we hear that Dave West had to be relieved from the studio due to illness late in the evening. His place is understood to have been taken by Mike Watts. At this point the winds out on the North Sea were gusting at over 100 m.p.h. at times, but miraculously, Peter Philips managed to open up the station as normal on Friday morning at 05:00, making a comment about the Force 11 Gales. At this time there was very little on the air in the South East of England due to power cuts. Transmissions continued until about 07:30, when due to severe tripping out of the transmitter, the 'Caroline' theme was played, and the station left the air. It returned a short time later at around 08:30, but the 'tripping' continued, being worse on 558kHz than 963kHz. Peter Philips was heard with one of his classic statements, mentioning that the seas

'resembled a steaming cauldron of saline hostility'. Programming continued through into the afternoon, when at some points the transmitter was more off, than on. At 15:00 it became too much, and both services announced they were leaving the air. A test broadcast was heard later in the day at 23:40, with once again Peter Philips being heard. He announced that for anyone who was concerned about their absence, a couple of stays had come adrift and were touching the feeder wires, hence the tripping out. He described it as a 'spectacular coronal display'. Normal service resumed in the much calmer seas of Saturday morning (17th).

The latest in a series of Caroline Rock Shows was held last Friday, 16th October, at the Royal Victoria Halls, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. The gig was well advertised on 558kHz. An interesting 'cart' was heard played on Wednesday morning, featuring the voices of Pepsi and Shirley, advertising the fact that they listen to Radio Caroline. **RADIO MONIQUE.** After a couple of weeks where programming seemed to be in tatters, Tuesday morning brought relief for everyone, when we switched on to hear Johann Maasbach. This was followed by a real programme instead of the non - stop music, bringing lively voices once again to 963kHz. Jan Weldkamp, Wim de Walk and Colin Peters now seem to have left the ship, after playing continuous music for a time (a protest at no Tender?), and have been replaced by Dick Verheul and Sebastian Black.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE. Before we start this weeks logs, one interesting item from Tim Jackson's Liverpool report for last week. A news item was understood to have been carried on the 07:00 Radio City (ILR for Liverpool), reporting that a local pirate station had caused havoc to emergency services all day on Sunday 11th October. North West Gas was apparently hardest hit. A spokesman for the DTI apparently said that they had so far been unable to pin - point the station concerned, but promised action on the matter in the near future. Another news item later in the week on Radio City, informed everyone that the operator of the station in question, Merseyside Free Radio, had telephoned in to say that he was closing the station down due to the problems. Gas Board frequencies are around 106MHz., and it has been this interference problem in the past that has lead to the end of many stations, most notably the Greek stations in London, one of whom was raided over 100 times for allegedly interfering with the Gas Board. Whether it was this news item which caused the DTI to come out later that morning is unsure, but out they came, as you will read below.

Monday (12th) started with a near miss for **Radio Atlantis** (1197kHz.). They were well into their final day's programmes for the weekend, when at around 12:30 Steven Bishop made announcements that the station would have to leave the air due to Department of Trade and Industry personnel currently being in the building. The transmitter subsequently cut off at 12:32. Later in the afternoon the station returned to the air with a similar strength signal, and a taped announcement by Steve apologising for the break in programmes. Luckily Atlantis seem to have escaped the wrath of the DTI this time around. Monday also saw **North Coast Radio** (1350kHz) on the air throughout the day, although for a while in the morning it looked as though lack of D.J.'s at that time may result in continuous music. However everyone turned up in the end.

This weekend has seen **Radio Atlantis** (1197) on the air since Friday morning. They have announced a new schedule for next weekend, with only Saturday and Sunday being the on - air days. Hours will be extended however, and programmes will start at 09:00 each day. The FM transmitter is also meant to be increased in power, on 96.25MHz. A number of new D.J.'s are also about to start.

North Coast Radio who normally operate on 1350kHz, have not been on the air at all this weekend, due to location problems.

Radio Merseywaves (1242kHz) have however been back on the air, and are announcing a four day weekend soon. Signal is good as normal. They mentioned on Saturday afternoon, about the M.F.R. interference to the Gas Board, but it was basically what we mentioned in the first paragraph.

Other stations heard were **Liverpool Pirate Radio** (1400kHz) on Saturday afternoon, and **Veronica 104** (104.7) on Sunday afternoon. Phil Davies of L.P.R. had his case dismissed until 28th October.

THE MIDLANDS / SHROPSHIRE. Sunshine Radio (1017kHz) was conspicuous by its absence this morning, although we understand that it could well have been the windy weather which caused problems.

P.C.R.L. (103.65) have been on the air all week, as usual, and were joined this morning by **Soul City Radio** (103.9MHz), who are on the air until 13:00 each Sunday. The foreign language **Asian Community Radio** (105.6) has also been on air each evening this week, although there are no English programmes as far as we know. A new station called **Bedside Radio** (105.1) was heard last Sunday for a 2 hour test transmission, between 20:00 - 22:00. They were also heard earlier that afternoon at 16:15, on 104.8MHz. On Friday, another new station was reported in the area. Calling itself, **Enterprise Radio** (90.9MHz), this is another West Indian station, and gave out an address of P.O. Box 2004, Birmingham B5 7LU.

RENFREWSHIRE. Only **Radio Neon** has been heard in this area during the past week. They have operated on 103.9MHz for 2 to 3 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. They have a couple of new slogans which read 'Across the Clyde Valley' and 'Radio Neon, the brighter light'.

Another station is understood to be operating around 108MHz., but our reporters have yet to receive it.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE. Following a very quiet week in West Yorkshire, **Radio Veronica** fired up their big new transmitter on Sunday night (11th). Reception here in Blackpool was not as good as the station had been a few months ago when using 130 watts, but then a different site could well have been in use. A 'mountain location' was announced. Steve signed the station on at around 20:00 and announced using 230 watts output, giving a massive E.R.P. of 750 watts. This must certainly be the highest power used by a free radio station operating on FM, outside London. No other activity has been noted in the Leeds / Bradford area, even from the two regulars, M.C.R. and ABC FM. A rumour floating around said that these two had been raided, however, no confirmation of these raids has been made, so we are unsure as to the reason for their absence.

LONDON. Following a quiet week for most stations (**Solar Radio** even managed a raid free weekend), several were reported by 'Radio Today' as having been closed by Department of Trade and Industry Officials, on Monday night (12th). These included **RJR** (90.0), **Studio 1** (92.7), **City Radio** (94.5), **British Greek Community Radio**, and **Greek Community Radio**. Once again the Greek stations have been badly hit. We wonder whether this is due them causing more complaints, or is it just because they are 'easy prey' for the DTI?

And now, the long awaited return of Sid, fresh from his holiday, and sporting a camel hair winter coat! Here is his report for 9th to 12th October 1987... "Touched down on 30 stations this weekend - 10 in stereo. Back from the Southern shores of the sunny Med., which was disappointing in radio terms, with the exception of a couple of days when FM came pouring in from the Italian mainland and Sardinia. Before I could even get the sand out my shoes, it was necessary to move the 73 pieces of mail which were clogging the doormat. Sixty - two turned out to be circulars / catalogues / begging letters (most people call them bills!), but among the eleven remaining, was a very pleasant and informative letter from R-FM's co - founder / manager, Clare Mansfield, which must have landed on the mat the day I flew out. The plans previously mentioned here for RFM are still being actively pursued. A full weekend's broadcasting will eventually arrive, but logistical problems are currently holding up their rapid implementation. (Being locked out of their transmission site on Sunday, 4th October obviously doesn't help either). They had a number of replies to their search for new D.J.'s - some of which will no doubt be used in the fullness of time. The 'Musical Differences' were mentioned, and Clare expressed the hope that they could be amicably resolved within the organisation. We now know that Clare has left the station, and R - FM is expected to follow a seventies style rock programming policy, although newcomer Dana Jay seems to be very much in the eighties idiom of rock music.

R - FM's (94.3 - stereo) non appearance on Sunday 4th October, has already been mentioned, but they made a fairly lengthy broadcast the following night, describing it as a test broadcast. This weekend saw them on air as usual with a good solid London wide signal.

The other white / rock stations seem not to have fared so well this weekend. **London Rock** have changed frequency

and day of operation again. They are now reported as being Sundays on 89.5MHz (previously Saturday - 105.2), but the only thing heard on that slot this weekend was a sound relay from ITV. (This is getting quite popular, as will be seen later.) Meanwhile, the re - activated **Radio Free London** have recently attempted regular Sunday broadcasts on 92.6MHz., from their West London base. RFL were previously heard on occasional outings in mid - week, with low power which rarely got them out of West London. Now power appears to have been upped, and coverage increased. This week's transmission was suffering from incredibly bad distortion, which made listening all but impossible. It was mentioned at one point that the distortion was studio based, but that they would soldier on, and attempt to sort it out.

Raiders FM (97.8 - Friday to Sunday) do not sound to have the power output they had a few weeks back. They continue their mix of live and taped shows, with Mike Somers taking the lions share this weekend. One of the best shows comes from 50's rock and roll expert Tom Ingrams, whose Saturday and Sunday shows, are a listening must. Tom, it appears, has done a number of compilation albums of fifties music for Charly Records, and his expertise and selection of this classic period of music, shows through. Raiders disappeared during Sunday, presumably for technical reasons.

The rock / pop end of the radio is currently better represented than for a very long time, albeit only at weekends. **Hits FM** (Saturday and Sunday - 105.5), have come on line, and are live to the Capital, with a 'Golden Oldies' format. Well presented and leaning towards the rock end of the spectrum, they are a welcome addition to the ranks of private radio. However it seems as though they still have some logistical problems, as one presenter on Saturday was heard appealing for more records to be brought into the studio, as he did not have enough to finish the show. They didn't react to this problem in the way that Raiders FM do, which is to re - cycle old tapes.

Mainline Radio (MLR 89.5 - 7 day / 24 hour) are a recent newcomer in the mainstream of black music, who have taken over the spot recently vacated by the last Quest FM bust. Quest FM are reportedly re - regrouping, re - locating, and re - equipping for a late October re - launch further up the dial. MLR, however are still not to full strength for a full 24 hour output as they, like London Rock earlier, were putting out the overnite sound relay from ITV on Sunday night / Monday morning (11th / 12th October).

Time FM (103.7 stereo - 24 hour / 7 day) are still the leaders to catch, although Time offshoot, **Fresh FM** (103.35 stereo 24 hour / 7 day) are still chasing them very hard in the broad spectrum of black music. The re introduction of stereo to Fresh this weekend will obviously help.

TKO (102.45 - 24 hour / 7 day) are still putting out a strong signal, but currently this is in mono only. This suggests that they have lost a transmitter to the DoTI people recently, and have not yet replaced the encoders. **WNK** (104.4 stereo - 24 hour / 7 day) who were on - air at the beginning of the week, have been reported as having a transmitter stolen, and are making threatening noises about the dire consequences to anyone who messes around with their equipment. The theft of transmitters seems to be a growing problem, as a number of stations have suffered in this way over the last few months. It is not known whether this is meant to be a form of economic sabotage, or just plain theft.

ARL (90.45 Arab - 7 day, sometimes 24 hour) are pumping out a hefty signal, but are not over - modulating as frantically as has been previously noted. They are successfully blotting out the recently returned, Lambeth based **RTR** (90.4 - 24 hour / 7 day) from all but the most local area around the transmitter, even though RTR have had a massive increase in power. When ARL are off the air, RTR comes blasting through.

Meanwhile, just up the band from the ARL/RTR battle, Southgate's **Swingin Radio India** (**Sina Radio Int.** - 90.85 7 day / 24 hour), are in a similar position to RTR, and are again being swamped by Brixton's heavy rocker **Phase 1** (90.9 24 hour / 7 day) with a strong soulful signal. It looks as though another frequency change will be needed to get SRI back to full coverage again.

Elsewhere in Brixton is **Sky - FM** (91.7 - 24 hour / 7 day), who are also suffering from heavy blanketing of their signal, this time from near neighbours **LWR** (91.85/92.1

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both stereo - 7 day / 24 hour). LWR, meanwhile, continue on their way in usual fashion, but without the coverage of before. To regain this, they must either regain the height necessary to pound out a heavy signal, or place a few more off - air relays around town. This could prove expensive however.

The Greeks are beginning to creep back in force. British Greek Community Radio (104.15 - 7 day) has been back for some weeks, and GCRL (Greek Community Radio for London - 88.45) has been heard intermittently after a long absence. Also heard this week, were Greek transmissions on 105.05 and 105.2MHz. Whether these transmissions were related, or if they have anything to do with the rumoured return of London Greek Radio, is not known at this point. All the Greek stations are relatively low powered at the moment.

A strong spurious harmonic signal has been heard all week on 96MHz, emanating from of all places, the Crystal Palace based ILR transmitter of Capital Radio (95.8 stereo). It is understood that the DoTI people are considering mounting a raid to seize and remove all the transmitting gear and aerial arrays, that are causing the interference to other legitimate users and emergency band users. When rung at the IBA engineering base at Crawley Court, they expressed mild interest, but denied there was a problem with one of their transmitters.

All this, and I still haven't mentioned the reported BBC - Radio 1 tests on 104.8MHz, which cause JBC to move up to 105.2MHz for a couple of days, or about what happened when I rode a camel in the Tunisian outback - or about what happened when I asked Samantha Fox, on Monday how she enjoyed having big hits, - or the scene that ensued when Bad News turned up at the Oxford Street Virgin Meg - Store. Oh well, next week, maybe, if Barrie gives me the room after this weeks mega effort."

Many thanks to Sid for his first mammoth script following his holiday.

Now onto things which have occurred during the past few days. Despite the hurricane force winds which swept London on Thursday and Friday, all stations have been reported still on the air. The only breaks in transmission seem to

have been caused by electrical supplies being cut off. This weekends log looks like this... Community Development Radio on 88.6, RJR on 90.0, RTR on 90.3, Sina Radio on 90.5, Phase 1 on 90.9, LWR on 91.9 and 92.1, Solar Radio on 93.1, KISS FM on 94.0, Chicago '87 on 94.5, Girls FM on 96.9, Raiders FM on 97.8, Traffic Jam on 98.0, TKO on 102.4, Fresh FM on 103.3, Time Radio on 103.7 and JBC on 104.7MHz. Also heard last night was Hits FM on 105.5MHz. They were announcing an address of : 5 Balaclava Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 5PW. Presenters were Tim Stewart and Geoff Palace. A Greek station was noted on 104.2MHz., and was presumed to be BGCR. Also, this morning on 94.3MHz, a station playing soul music was logged, and this was obviously not RFM. It could have been City Radio however, on a slightly lower frequency than normal. Finally this week, Radio Memphis were heard with their regular Sunday 50's Rock n'Roll programmes from around 10:00 until lunchtime. Their frequency is 1260kHz medium wave, and they are the only survivor of the many regular MW free radio station who used to broadcast in the 70's and early 80's. And that's the London news for this week, and there is certainly no shortage of activity. As we approach Christmas, the number of stations is bound to increase to try and get in on the lucrative advertising market at this time of year.

THE SOUTH COAST. ABC Radio (105.3) broadcasting from around the Eastbourne area, continue with a walloping signal each Sunday night beginning at 19:00. Transmissions were heard last Sunday until closedown at 22:15. The new station Energy 105 (105.5MHz.) is now on the air each Saturday night from around 22:00. A good signal is reported around the Newhaven / Peacehaven areas of East Sussex. Power is understood to be 4 watts into a vertical dipole aerial system. Both stations use the address of P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS....Log for Today, Sunday 18th October.

6204kHz...SUPERCLAN RADIO, at 08:10gmt.
6204kHz...RADIO 49, at 09:48gmt.
6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 08:20gmt.
6210kHz...ABC RADIO (WATERFORD), at 09:17gmt.
6220kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 09:15gmt.
6225kHz...RTR INT., at 12:26gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 12:15gmt.
6240kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO, at 12:30gmt.
6273kHz...RADIO BUTTERCUP, at 10:45gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ANDREA INT., at 09:05gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO STAR INT., at 09:45gmt.
6280kHz...4IFR, at 10:40gmt.
6286kHz...RADIO 48, at 11:37gmt.
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:40gmt.
6300kHz...BORDER RADIO, at 09:00gmt.
6318kHz...W.L.R., at 09:25gmt.
6340kHz...UNID., at 09:46gmt.
6525kHz...KLA RADIO, at 10:28gmt.
6725kHz...E.M.R., at 10:05gmt.
6850kHz...RADIO SKYWAVES INT., at 10:34gmt.
7310kHz...RADIO ATLANTIQUE INT., at 09:33gmt.
7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:36gmt.
7425kHz...SLIGO EUROPEAN RADIO, at 11:24gmt.
7423kHz...W.L.R., at 09:30gmt.

Conditions on the bands today were quite good, and most stations were audible throughout the morning. Thanks to loggers in Devon, Hampshire, the Midlands and Lincolnshire for kindly telephoning in their logs on (0253) 882017.

Radio 49 were announcing that they were now back on the air, and that this transmission on 6204kHz was a test.

Radio Andrea International were giving out an address of 88 Abbey Park, Baldoyle, Dublin 13, Eire.

The transmission on 6525kHz was simply a loop tape with noises and KLA Radio announcements.

The unidentified station on 6340kHz, was thought to be E.M.R., as was 6725kHz, as the same address was given out on both frequencies. The 6340kHz channel disappeared, and then 6725kHz was heard.

The two transmissions of W.L.R. sounded as though they were different programmes, and were not running in parallel.

F.R.S. Holland were suffering a lot from SSB transmissions on the same frequency of 6220kHz.

Sligo European Radio were giving out an address of 66 St. Brigid's Place, Sligo, Eire.

The WEEKLY REPORT ANORAKS

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It's that time of year again, when another attempt at new broadcasting legislation is being considered in the Irish Republic. This morning's Sunday Press carried the front page headline of "Radio Pirates Get the All Clear". Previous legislation, which failed, would have meant an interim period of no stations, between the closure of the 'pirates' and the opening of new licensed stations, as well as a provision for RTE to own 51% of each local radio station. However the latest plan which has been agreed by the Cabinet takes a completely different approach, and allows most of the current commercial radio stations to be licensed to broadcast under the terms of the local radio bill. The new bill, to be published in several weeks, envisages a large number of broadcasting licenses being issued. According to the article, the present Government wants to leave commercial radio as 'open and free' as possible, allowing the market to decide which stations survive and which go under. The Government hopes to have all the sections of the Bill passed by Christmas, so that the licensing period will start on January 1st. We shall wait and see how things go with this latest legislation. It certainly is a complete change from all previous Bills, which almost rejected any 'commercial' ventures in favour of 'community' radio.

'THE NIGHT OF 100 DEEJAYS' is being held next Tuesday at Le Palais, Hammersmith (formerly Hammersmith Palais!) to raise funds for ailing deejay, Stuart Henry. We understand that the turn out of stars is expected to be considerable, in support of this former Radio Scotland (but better known from his Radio Luxembourg days), deejay. It is encouraging to witness so much 'cameraderie' amongst his former colleagues and competitors. We have been promised an 'on the spot' report on the event, which, we will reprint on arrival.

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The ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE resumed regular operations last Monday, following storm damage to electrical cables in the vicinity. A temporary service was in operation for a time, due to the ingenuity of Steve, our Info - Line operator, who managed to rig up both a generator and battery to keep the service going. Full marks to him for this. The Info - Line lets you know the latest happenings in between reports and also allows you to leave your news. For the latest up - dates, ring (0795) 511118. Simply to leave your own news, ring (0795) 511119. We regret that we cannot handle any queries about merchandise or subscriptions on this line, as it is not operated from Blackpool.

MASTERCARD, EUROCARD and ACCESS CARD holders will be pleased to know that we now accept all three. Please fill in the appropriate section on our current merchandise order form if you wish to avail of this service. Alternatively, telephoned orders will be accepted during office hours (only) on (0253) 882017. Everyone should be receiving one of these new order forms within the next 21 days. People holding VISA cards will be pleased to know that we shall be accepting these too, in a very short time. Foreign correspondents may wish to transfer cash direct from their bank account to the account of A - UK. For this purpose, our bank details are thus:- The Royal Bank of Scotland, Talbot Square, Blackpool FY1 1LE. Bank No. 16 - 13 - 29. Account name: Anoraks U.K. Account No. 11123731. It is very often financially advantageous to transfer larger sums in this way. Smaller sums can be transferred via Eurocheque, or simply, currency notes. Whilst we encourage U.K. correspondents to send us mint postage stamps, rather than enclosing £1 coins in flimsy envelopes, we can accept a small number of foreign stamps, especially Irish (28p ones, please), but also German, Dutch and French, in payment for small orders. In the case of the latter three countries, denomination of stamps required would be the ones used when sending a letter elsewhere, within the EEC.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. It is now only 8 weeks to Christmas, and our busiest time of year. If you are intending purchasing any items as Christmas presents, then we would ask you to order early, to avoid disappointment. This is particularly important on things such as videos, aerials, and those items we have to order from France (Radio London L.P. / Radio Atlantis L.P., book binders, etc.) which last year caused a few problems due to late delivery from the supplier, as well as, of course, the ever present postal delays at this busy time of year.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Quite a refreshing change this week, to be able to offer a couple of quite unique items..... In our series of sets of photographs of the offshore stations, we are now able to offer as Set 9, "The Communicator Collection", a set of six colour Jumbo glossy prints taken last week but one (in between the two great North Sea storms). See for yourself who has been reporting the facts as they are, with five shots of the new masts lying on the deck, one taken from up on the bridge. See also the damage caused by the first storm (the one when they lost the anchor!), with a shot of the main on - air studio with hundreds of carts lying knee - deep on the floor, along with the cart. machines! Avail yourself of a set of six of these unique pics, at once. The price is £3.00. Don't delay!..... The second item is rather old, and is a black and white wall poster, printed around 1979, and showing a collage of pictures of the various broadcasting ships of that era. Photos of the Mi Amigo and Aegir II, by Hans Gerecht, the Magdalena and map by Theo Dencker, and Al Fatah in Malta (Mebo

II), by David Elsworth, plus stickers and logos, make up this excellent collector's item. Understandably, stocks are very limited and anyone desirous of displaying one on his or her wall, should, without delay, order one today. The price is £2.50..... The latest issue of Europe's Leading Free Radio Magazine, **Offshore Echo's**, No. 68, for October, is now in stock and costs £1.90. In this issue, lots of news about all the offshore stations, as well as interviews with Paul Jackson, Steve Conway and Ferry Eden. Also included is a piece on Radio NewYork International, and a look back at other U.S. offshore history, including the story of Radio Free America.

NEW ARRIVALS. **Skanneri**, is a new radio publication, which is produced in Finland, and written mainly in the Finnish language (a little English). Issue 1 has 16 x A5 pages, containing articles on current Finnish pirates, a radio nostalgia section about free radio of Viitasaari, Emergency services, CB, local TV pirates and a calendar of happenings. Altogether, a wide coverage of items, and one of the few radio publications to emerge from this area of Europe. For more information about this new magazine, please write to : Skanneri, PL 82, 40100 Jyväskylä, Finland..... **Radiotelex** Issue 109, contains its usual 4 pages of logs of all SW free radio stations heard in the past two weeks. This issue also mentions about the shortwave transmissions from the Ross Revenge. Subscriptions can be had from RT, P.O. Box 10 37 71, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany..... **Now Radio**, Issue 38 arrived next. 32 x A5 pages in this issue, covering

radio news across the whole spectrum. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW..... **Freewave**, Number 152 has 24 x A5 pages, in A5 format. Mostly Dutch text, but some photos. Details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland..... **Play - DX**, Issue 478. 6 x A4 sides of long distance logs, QSL's and international news, in English, Italian and Spanish. This is a must to check the logs of American DX -ers. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **CLCG Magazin Extra** for October 1987 has a mass of A4 sheets of news, cuttings and logs from European radio generally. Details from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... Finally this week, **Sudtiroler Rundfunkstationen**. This brand new booklet is written all in German and contains detailed portraits of all 23 German speaking stations, a list of all Italian speaking stations in that area and some special reports about the radio scene in the South Tyrol. Station addresses and frequencies are all included. The 40 page booklet costs £1.20, DM 3, Lire 2000, or 3 IRC's, and can be obtained from Reiner Palmer, Postfach 433, D - 2980 Norden, West Germany.

TAPE OFFER. After a long gap (we can already hear sighs of relief!), this week we can once again give everyone a chance to hear some recent American radio stations. It seems criminal, sitting here at night, twiddling the radio dial, ending up switching it off, when our counterparts across the water, can do the same thing and find so much to listen to, and some of the results are on offer this week! Some of the smaller New York area specialist format stations are our choices this week, starting with **WLTW - FM** as Tape 112. Calling itself 'Lite FM', this station plays just the sort of soft, relaxing pop tracks that one would imagine one of this name would. Would Jazz suffer, we often hear people say, if here in the U.K. we had a U.S. style radio system. No we say, and to prove it, Tape 113 features 24 hour a day 'Jazz 88' (WGBO - FM). As a jazz fan, there would be no more looking through the weeks programmes to see if there was anything for you to listen to, just switch on 88.5, and get jazz any time! Finally this week, another chance to hear the Saturday evening syndicated by satellite 'Solid Gold Saturday Night'. This time it is as broadcast on **WNSR - FM**, which means that all the inserts and adverts are for this station and the New York City area. As with the previous time we offered this programme (from WFYR Chicago), there is a diet of golden oldies. All the above stations were recorded in the past two weeks, and recordings are 90 minutes in length. Cost is £2.00 per cassette.

MEDIA MONITOR have asked us to inform their readers, that due to technical difficulties, the next issue of this normally very regular magazine will be delayed by a few days.

REVIEW. We don't often review things here, but we were so bored with the radio one evening earlier this week, we decided to review the recent 'Driftback 20' - 'Edited Highlights' tape. This is brilliant! We were there, but we missed all the action through being tied to a sales stand all day. We were back in the Bloomsbury Crest for a couple of hours! Only a matter of a few metres away, in the next room, all the action was being recorded. Here John Lewis (slightly the worse for drink at the end!), Charlie Wolf and his instantly likeable style, Robbie Day and most of all, the excellent Johnnie Walker, who, quite honestly, made that day 100% perfect. The quality is surprisingly good, and Julian has edited it well, with some added interesting snippets and jingles. It's very good, get a copy! Unfortunately, the poor lad is swamped with orders, following our plug a couple of weeks ago, so, for now, if you are interested, telephone him on (0582) 425459, and he will give you more info. Orders already in will, hopefully, be despatched within 21 days. We will mention the tapes at a later date, once the backlog is cleared.

FOR SALE. In excess of 60 hours of early 1970's offshore recordings on fifteen 7", nine 5.75", and one 5" reels of tape. These mainly consist of R.N.I. (1970-74) and Caroline (1973-77), and were recorded on 4 track machines at various speeds. They are of various qualities. Please send your offers to Ivor Salmon, New Woodlands School, Shrofford Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 5PD. All proceeds go toward building a radio studio at the school, for training purposes.

FOR SALE. Yaesu FRG 7, fitted with digital readout up - grade kit. Very good condition, complete with handbook. Offers in the region of £120. Ring Graham on (0533) 312874 for more details and your offer.

FOR SALE. Medium wave transmitter, '217' crystal, works perfectly. For further details, contact Jim Richman, 18 Beechen Cliff Way, Isleworth TW7 5DF. (We must point out that it is illegal to operate a transmitter in the U.K., without a Wireless Telegraphy Licence).

FOR SALE. For the benefit of anyone who would like a studio copy, or who missed the recent transmissions of Radio Clash (via Radio Rainbow), on 4th October, we can now offer a C.60 recording of the one hour show. Send £1.50, requesting 'Radio Clash Tape' (to cover cost of tape, packing, postage and admin. costs) to A-UK, P.O. Box 539 etc.

DX MEETING. Another get together has been organised by members of the World DX Club, in Reading. It will take place on Saturday 31st October, at the usual venue, St. Mary's Centre, Chain Street, Reading. This is opposite the Butts Shopping Centre. The meeting starts at 14:30, and normally lasts until 17:30, when most attending go for a meal and chat. More details can be obtained from John on (021) 784 7507.

READER'S LETTER. (Gosh, what next?) "Dear AUK, To hear 558 burst into life again, following the hurricane of the previous 24 hours, has prompted me to write these few lines. I wonder how many listeners can appreciate that the Ross Revenge has survived yet again, with that 'special magic' that only Caroline can deliver. We could easily have seen TV pictures of the 'Ross' washed up on a beach, and the beginning of years of speculation and hoping..... Yours... P.B.T. (Derbyshire).

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Q - 102 are now well into their giveaway, which consists of a total of £30,000 worth of cash, and prizes from Sony. The third £500 daily prize for identifying the selected record (and being the tenth caller to the station), was heard by us, and given away on Wednesday morning, during the Jason Maine Show, at around 11:40. The whole episode was sharp and snappy, and unlike some of the recent similar competitions on some stations, which lasted seemingly for ages, and became very boring and sometimes, a little embarrassing.

At **Energy 103**, a new presenter has been reported on - air this weekend. He is Ian Scott, formerly with **Boyneside Radio**, **Radio Carousel** (Navan) and **Royal County Radio** (in Navan), and who also did occasional programmes on the shortwave station **Radio Rainbow International**. Ian was supposed to be on the air between 15:00 and 19:00 this afternoon. A short interview with Ian was aired on today's Kieren Murray Free Radio Show on Radio Rainbow (6240kHz., 1521kHz., 96.5MHz.).

The weekend station **Signal 96** (96.3) is hoping to have a medium wave outlet soon. They currently operate just on FM with 30 watts, although this seems to be getting out quite well. Stereo was also introduced last weekend. Over Halloween, the station hopes to go 24 hours, and thus will be continuous from 23rd October until 31st October. The station currently has openings for 3 presenters, preferably from the Dublin area, but taped programmes would be accepted from interested parties. A couple of letters have mentioned the fact that this station is using an area of the band which is allocated to RTE. The same letters mention they should try and move to another frequency, otherwise they might be next on the list for a visit from the authorities. Whilst on this subject, **Radio West** announced this morning that their 97.3MHz., Dublin relay is to be off the air for a few days, following a request from RTE. The State radio station required the use of 97.4MHz., as an outside broadcast link for a few days. Being so close, they asked Radio West to switch off for the duration of this O.B.

The transmitter on 94.8MHz., which has carried programmes from **3CR** recently, now seems to have reverted to **Dundrum Community Radio** which was the stations original name. The current weekday line - up for DCR is 07:00 Justin Jones... 09:30 Mark Allen... 13:00 David Hynes... 18:00 Larry Muller. David Baker at **KLAS** informs us that their Southside relay on 94.8MHz., has been abandoned. This was due to problems with DCR on the same frequency. New studio equipment along with compact disc players have now been installed at **KLAS**, and a new microphone is due shortly. This, along with transmitter improvements recently carried out, is hoped to further improve their audio and signal quality.

98.5 FM

STEREO

94.80FM

The Home of good music

K.L.A.S.

K L A S is Dublin's only easy listening station. Since starting broadcasting in November 1986 the music policy of **KLAS** had an immediate appeal for a Great Percentage of the million adults in the greater Metropolitan area who yearned for an alternative to the constant diet of pop music. Now more and more people are joining the thousands of happy listeners to **KLAS** each day. **KLAS** broadcasts in stereo on two frequencies 98.5 FM and for the Bray/Wicklow area 94.8 FM.

In an recent write in survey, monitored by Oliver Freeney, Chartered Accountants, **KLAS** drew a mail response of 1,108 pieces of mail in 5 days, the mail came from all 24 postal districts and the surrounding counties of Kildare, Carlow, Wicklow, Meath and Louth.

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David also mentions that a new station is due on 103.5Mhz. shortly, under the name **CVA FM**. This is believed to be **Phoenix Radio** under a different name, based in Foxrock. **Phoenix Radio** has been off the air for a time, and this is understood to be due to the transmitter being re - sited at Three Rock Mountain.

John in Dundalk reports that **Pulsar 98** is back on the air as of Friday (23rd). They are back on their original frequency of 98.8MHz. This station used to put out a strong signal on this frequency, before they moved up to 106.8Mhz. Dublin Airport then put a transmitter on 108MHz., and asked all stations in the vicinity to vacate above 105MHz. Thus **Pulsar** once again had to move. It is not known as yet whether they will again share the **Community Radio Fingal** medium wave transmitter on 1575kHz.

Co. LOUTH. **Telstar Community Radio** who broadcast on 1197kHz. medium wave, and 88.3MHz FM, have now installed a new stereo transmitter on their FM frequency. Reports indicate that the sound quality is much improved and at present all output is in stereo, except for a few adverts, which were originally recorded in mono.

Co. MEATH. After some speculation, Kieren Murray confirmed on his free radio show today, that **Radio Carousel** in Navan, has moved premises from the Navan Shopping Centre. The station had been located in a glass booth in the middle of the precinct, for the past few years. In fact, it was probably the most 'open' of all the stations when it came to listeners seeing the jocks in action, and handing in

requests etc. The transmitter has also been moved (the lattice mast used to be in the car park), to a place on the Trim Road, about a mile outside Navan. The studios are now located at premises in Railway Road, still in Navan Town, and programmes are linked out on 87.9MHz. in mono, to both the AM (1386kHz.) and FM (103.5MHz.) sites.

Co. KILKENNY. Kilkenny Community Radio (KCR) have put a new FM relay into operation to try and extend their current coverage area. They continue with their medium wave outlet on 1395kHz., which can be received in daylight hours here in Blackpool. Another station has been reported from the Kilkenny area called A.M.S. operating around 97MHz. Nothing more is known about this station, but Don Allen mentioned on today's Anorak Show that the station had had a visit from the Gardai, following interference complaints.

Co. WATERFORD. ABC Radio continue to do well in this area, having recently moved into new premises. Their address is now : ABC, 36 Barronstrand Street, Waterford City. The 103MHz. transmitter has now been moved from Tramore, and has been re-sited on a hill, with the aerial also being on a 100' mast.

Co. TIPPERARY. Centre Radio, who broadcast from Clonmel on 1251kHz., are reported to have closed down. No more details on this are known. The other station in this town, CBC Radio (828kHz.) continue however. This station has been on the air now for several years.

Co. CORK. Owen Barry, who recently married, and moved to Cork to work on ERI has now slotted into the breakfast show on this station. He can be heard between 07:00 and 11:00 each weekday. A loud whistle has been heard recently on 1305kHz., ERI's medium wave outlet. The 1-2kHz. whistle is weak in Blackpool during the day, but strong at night, suggesting that it is due to ERI's powerful 5kW transmitter going off-channel(?).

OFFSHORE : GENERAL. Our first item is not quite 'offshore', but relates to the former offshore station, Radio Veronica. As we mentioned in WR 178, the Veronica Organisation have a certain amount of air time on the National Network. The frequency normally used is 675kHz. This has operated at a power of 20kW for many years now, and indeed was due for phasing out completely but for Radio Monique. In recent weeks an announced increase to 120kW has been mentioned. Whether this has taken place or not, is unclear, as the World Radio TV Handbook has had it listed as this power as far back as 1980. Certainly, it was promised long ago, that the old Lopik transmitters of 120kW, would be transferred to 675kHz., following the installation of the new 400kW units at Flevoland. The higher power would certainly make Veronica programmes more audible in the U.K.

m.v. Communicator. Last week, we completely forgot to mention one of the main items which readers were interested in. That is what happened to the m.v. Communicator during the severe storms of 15/16th October. Those who rang the info-line will already know this by now, but for those of you who didn't we will repeat the story. In what was described by a hardy seaman, as seas rougher than he had ever seen, the ship managed to keep hold of its one remaining anchor, this time. The engines were running at full steam, but even this could not stop the ship being dragged 20 miles from its original mooring. The studios were turned upside down and the ill-fitting door to 'Splinter Beach' was completely ripped from its hinges and lost overboard. Everything was in a bit of a mess, but miraculously nobody on board the vessel was hurt. The seas apparently calmed down rather quickly, and this enabled the crew to bring the ship back to its original position adjacent to the Galloper Sand Bank. The new masts have still not been erected, and so no damage was done to the exterior of the Communicator. One wonders when, or indeed if, these masts will ever get erected, as despite encouraging reports in some publications, of two services imminent, further reports reach us of no money, no tenders, which can only mean no station(s) in the immediate future, and with weather like we have had recently, hardly ideal conditions for this sort of work. Still, the ship is there, so there is always hope! Our latest information is that the old aerial system was at last dismantled last Thursday, and that calm seas willing, work will continue on deck to make things ready for the erection of the two new towers, which are currently each in three sections lying the length of the vessel.

RADIO CAROLINE. Yet another item we forgot to mention last week due to lack of space, was praise for the lads on the Ross Revenge, who through the severest of weather still managed to put out programmes. Those who sometimes complain about the standard of presenters, should bear this in mind. It can't be easy operating a studio with the microphone swinging from side to side, and having to stand up, due to your chair flying about every time the ship lurches, not to mention most of the records on the floor! Our condolences to Andy 'Cosmic' Johnson, who, we hear, has sustained some injuries to his foot, following an incident involving his recently acquired house-boat. We hope he is soon well enough to administer a 'kick up the pants' to any of his faltering seaborne team. Former co-ordinator on land, Tom Anderson, has now joined Sunshine FM in the South of France (lucky devil!). We understand he has not joined as a presenter, but currently, is constructing new studios there. He joins ex Caroline jockey, Jamie King.

A change of staff at last arrived mid-week, and with it a return to 4 hour shifts for the presenters. It appears as if Dave West did not last too long, and he seems to have only presented two programmes, on 13th and 14th October. On the 15th, David, in Ipswich reports that Peter Philips ID'd at 20:00, and then continuous music followed until 23:00, when Mike Watts presented a show. The late night shows up until the staff change mid-week, were shared by Steve Conway (20:00) and Mike Watts (22:00 - 01:00). Chris Kennedy has also returned to shore, after his first stint on the Ross. Now on to this week's new arrivals on board, and it was only to be a brief visit to land for Jackie Lee, as she is now back presenting the mid-morning show. Another quick return to the ship for Simon West, who, on his weeks off, has

been presenting programmes on ABC Radio from Eastbourne. He takes over 'drive time', which is where he left off several weeks ago. The third arrival has settled in at 21:00 daily. His voice is very familiar, we believe. This gives the following line up as... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Tim Allen... 17:00 Simon West... 21:00 Nigel Harris. A brand new presenter is also on board to give the station a full line-up, the first for a long time. His name is Pat Brooks. He has presented the shows over the weekend, between 01:00 and 05:00. We understand that the station is attempting to go 24 hours again, even during the week. Regular news reader, Steve Conway, remains on board, and is now solely confined to news duties, as there are now enough deejays on board to fill a 24 hour schedule. Steve was heard outside his news slots, on Wednesday morning, when Jackie Lee left the news microphone fader up. After about fifteen minutes, Steve's voice was heard over the intro of a record, saying 'when is someone going to turn me off!'

We awoke on Saturday morning, to find the station off the air, which they had apparently been since 06:35. Pat Brooks was heard starting his show at 01:00, and so they were obviously going 24 hours. The station had returned by 09:15, but at 11:13, the record slowed and they were off again until shortly after mid-day. Generators were the problem this time. Similar problems occurred on Sunday morning and the station was off the air for a spell. At least the weather was kind today, with Peter Philips heard saying that he was considering the deck chairs, after his show finished at 13:00.

For the first time for a while, some new adverts have been heard, one being for Panasonic Video machines, in which a telephone number is given out, to ring for further information (0494 444370). **LAND-BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** A surprise last Sunday night (18th), was the return of **Slag Off International** on 105.2MHz. Their signal was as strong as ever, but the long running saga of 'duff' microphones seems to be continuing. In this broadcast, it was cutting on and off making some of the speech a little incomprehensible. The music quality is normally excellent however. How about a 'whip round' to buy a microphone for the station? On Monday, **Radio Atlantis** were heard here, on 1197kHz. They stated that from this weekend, they would be heard on Saturdays and Sundays only, from 09:00 until midnight. We heard nothing more until Saturday, although it was reported that **North Coast Radio** had been on the air, on 104.85MHz. and 1350kHz., at times during this period. Saturday morning saw the start of the new **Radio Atlantis** (1197kHz./96.2MHz.) schedule. Programming commenced early in the morning and it was still on the air when dusk claimed the signal. The 96.2MHz. transmitter was not heard here, despite claims last week, that it would be increased in power. A carrier was noted on 1242kHz. late morning and this later came alive as **Radio Merseywaves**, around lunchtime. **North Coast Radio** were also first heard here, about this time, on 1350kHz. The signal was noticeably weaker than of late, and in fact, was wobbling with the foreigner, even at peak ground wave time. The station was also on FM, but presumably due to location, we were not able to receive it here. The AM transmitter is understood to have cut out, at around 15:30 and has not been heard since, although programmes have continued locally on FM.

On Sunday, RMW and Radio Atlantis were the only two stations noted on the AM band from this area, and the only other station we received on FM, was **Veronica 104**, around lunchtime. On Sunday afternoon, on Radio Merseywaves, station owner, Burt Williams was noted with a programme of oldies. These programmes are very popular, but due to pressure of business, Burt is only able to appear now and again. He was, in fact, on air last Sunday, but we missed his show completely.

MANCHESTER. In the Moss Side area of the city, **Independent Community Radio (ICR)** continues to manage to broadcast a four day, 24 hour per day schedule. Broadcasts commence at 07:30 on Thursday and run continuously until 07:30 on the following Monday. The station has recently installed a more powerful transmitter and its signal is reaching out as far as Knutsford and Preston. We are unable to receive it, despite our aerial system, due to Winter Hill being in direct line with Manchester, and blocking all but powerhouse transmissions. The audio quality is reported to be better than its rival, Piccadilly Radio. The music format is based around reggae and soul, and the station owner, Sam Brown, appears to host a majority of the programmes. Mailing address is understood to be... c/o The Abosindi, St. Mary's Street, Moss Side, Manchester M15 5NW. Sunshine 92 has not been heard for several weeks and when last on the air, were announcing a frequency change up to 103.7MHz. We have reports of a new station called **WKLR**, broadcasting to the Stockport and South Manchester area. This station is on 97MHz. and they have been heard on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, from 21:00, with a variety of pop and soul music. Transmissions are in mono.

THE MIDLANDS. The new station we mentioned last week, called **Enterprise FM**, has now begun regular broadcasts to the Birmingham area on 90.9MHz. in stereo. They are announcing 24 hour operation, and presumably seven days per week. Programme content is predominantly black music, although a listener also said he even heard them play The Human League and rock music! The address we printed last week was correct : P.O. Box 2004, Birmingham B5 7LU. A telephone number of (021) 440 2698 was also announced. A programme on Saturday morning called "School's Out" has been heard presented by children for children. A chart show is also aired on Saturday night between 22:00 and 24:00, and is sponsored by 'Off Limits Records' of Kings Heath, Birmingham. At 23:00 - 02:00 each weekday the format is golden oldies. As well as all this, there is a Gospel Hour at 22:00 on Tuesdays.

Radio P.C.R.L. (103.65) continued throughout the week, with no apparent breaks. This station does concentrate more on black

music, whereas the newcomer, is diversifying a little. Also on the air each day is **Asian Community Radio** (105.6), with programming and music for their own community.

Today, **Soul City Radio** (103.8) made their regular Sunday appearance with lots of soul music, and once a month station, **Radio WR** (105.2) were also on the air. **U.K. Radio** made a test transmission on Thursday night at 22:00, on 105.1MHz., and promised a new lease of life, with increased activity from them in future.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE. The band seems to be continuing to be empty in West Yorkshire at the moment. A visit to the City of Leeds on Tuesday brought no reception of either of the 7 day per week stations ABC and MCR. There have been no reports since, of any activity except for a test from **Soundwaves 105** (105.0MHz) during the latter part of the week. It is now two weeks since either MCR or ABC was heard.

In South Yorkshire, a new station plans to test next Sunday, 1st November. Calling itself **Inter City Radio**, and broadcasting on 105.3MHz., they hope to be on the air that day between 14:30 and 16:00.

LONDON. Yet another mammoth report from Sid, so we will get straight into it..... This covers the period, 16th - 19th October. "Touched down on 25 stations, of which 11 were in stereo. New was **Soul FM** (90.6), Reactivated were **K - Jazz** (94.3 - Sunday) and **DBC** (96.1 stereo - Sunday).

Missing, presumed blown out :- **A.R.L.**, **Chicago '87**, **G.C.R.**, **London Rock**, **Radio Free London**, **S.R.I.** (back Saturday), **LWR 2** (back Saturday, missing Monday). Still not returned... **WNK**, and **Quest FM**.

All privateer and London local stations were severely affected by the power failure that came just after 04:00, Friday morning (16th). Many stations lost aerials, including **BBC 648**, the **BBC** medium wave service to Europe. I lost my main tv/radio aerial system, but with the kind help of those nice insurance people, I hope to have an improved rig up in a couple of weeks.

I lay in the dark watching the trees come tumbling down all around, and listened to the emergency bands across three counties. I could hear the growing frustration in the voices of the controllers at the creeping impotence of the emergency services to respond, as one after another units reported in, using that laconic form of officialese that only people under stress do. They reported they could not reach their objectives through blocked roads, or in a number of cases that the vehicles had been hit by falling trees. I switched to the broadcast channels and found that only **BBC Radio Kent** were putting out an emergency information service. At just after 4 a.m., at the height of the storm, all the London stations went off as the power failed. Of the **ILR** stations, I could receive, none could offer more than a perfunctory service, even though they are supposed to be 24 hour community information stations. **Radio Kent** came on - air at least 2½ hours early, and were putting out information, advice and conducting phone interviews with police, electricity and the weather bureau, by 03:30. **Radio Kent** have a good record for responding to emergencies, and they deserve a very big bouquet for their efforts, not only at the moment of crisis, but all day Friday and Saturday too. When they got back on - air, most **ILR** stations attempted to carry on as normal, with seemingly little regard for the true situation. Well done **Radio Kent** - the rest are really only in it for the money.

South East London's **CHR** station **Raiders FM** (97.8 - Fri/Sun) were on the air on time but on lower power, and did not run through the night as expected. Maybe they were repairing storm damage, as when they were heard on Saturday, they had a much improved signal. Saturday night saw them re - running the Saturday evening tapes of main man **Mike Somers**.

South West London's oldies station **HITS FM** (105.5 - Saturday) were only heard on Saturday this weekend, but with a massive signal which could be clearly received well out into Surrey and Sussex. It would be nice to see them extend their hours of operation into a full weekend service. London could do with a full power oldies station.

Rock FM (94.3 - Sunday) suffered badly at the hands of **K Jazz** (94.3 - Sunday - more later), and were barely heard in Central London, and not at all in the South. They made up for it, when **K - Jazz** finished, by going through the night, with the presenter gradually getting more and more drunk, until finally, at about 03:40 he played **Nilson's 'The Point'**. As he pointed out, not exactly right for a rock station, but he had consumed too much beer to worry about it!

Clockwork Wireless (90.0 stereo - Sunday evenings), played a tape from a phone machine, which purported to be from **Stuart Price** of West London's low power occasional oldies station **Radio Duck**, who accused **Clockwork** of ruining all **Radio Duck's** transmissions, and then threatened to re - arrange the features of anyone from the **Clockwork** organisation, should they ever meet. I find the above tape difficult to reconcile with the person I met at **Driftback**, where **Stuart** said that they had been experimenting with Sunday morning short wave transmissions, since they lost an FM rig to the **DoTI** people. On the lighter side, at **Clockwork**, they are offering a pair of **Dave Birdman's** socks to the first person to write in and ask for them. No postage will be necessary, as the socks will find their own way home! They are also offering studio quality, stereo tapes of past and present broadcasts at £3.50 per hour. Well worth the investment, as all their programmes are highly entertaining. Address is Suite 14, **Creasy House**, **Tower Bridge Road**, **London SE1 4SL**.

A welcome back to the long - missed **K - Jazz** (94.3 - Sunday). But why did they have to pick this frequency? There are still a number of vacant slots available, which would cause no immediate problem to anyone. They have been off the air for two, perhaps three years. They were last heard of back in August. when they were rumoured to be contemplating a time share arrangement with the also recently re - activated **Horizon** organisation. This was meant to be a cost cutting/sharing operation in order to get both stations back on the

air. This was not to be, and **Horizon** made it back on the air first, but soon changed its name to **Chicago '87**, to reflect the change in style. **K - Jazz** came on air in test mode just after 04:00 on Sunday morning, and announced that programming proper would start at 10:00 that morning, until 01:00 Monday morning. Concentrating, as the name implies, on a wide spectrum of modern and Afro - Cuban jazz styles, they will help to continue the recent trend in the diversification of privateer radio in London.

Ironically, as **K - Jazz** start their transmissions again, it seems as though jazz is taking an increasing amount of time on other stations. **Challenger on Girls FM** (97.0) plays two hours of jazz on a Saturday evening, and **JBC** are putting out a Sunday evening jazz programme.

Despite its relays, and some of the best and most experienced presenters around, **LWR** (92.1/91.85) are fast becoming a South London station only. They have changed operational bases twice since leaving their long time home in **Crystal Palace**, and while other stations are moving up into stereo, **LWR** have dropped back into mono. This weekend saw **TKO** (102.45 stereo) return after the 'Big Blow' in stereo on Saturday. Shortly afterwards, West London's non - profit, non commercial, black community station **CDR** (88.7) also went stereo. Later still the same day, and **Swingin Radio India** (**SRI** 90.8 stereo), was heard to join the stereo club. **SRI** have only been heard once in stereo, when they tested for about six hours late one night (see **WR** passim).

ARL (90.4) were missing, presumably from the 'Big Blow', but it did give **RTR** (90.35) the opportunity to be heard all over London with their new super rig.

Possibly also masked by **ARL** is **SOUL FM** (90.6), who were heard for the first time on Saturday. Believed to be North East London based, they programme mainly in soul/hip - hop style. They were still on air Monday morning, and it is not known whether they will be a 7 day / 24 hour station, or just weekends only.

Sunday saw the return of **Studio 1** (92.7) in low power, with back to back music. A solid signal, putting out some very heavy reggae sounds, was heard, but it is believed to be **DBC** testing again. **DBC** used this slot during the ill fated **Notting Hill Carnival**.

Just as I've finished typing this, and through the door comes an invitation to the re - launching of **Network 21**, the **TV**, at the **Fridge**, **Brixton**, on Thursday 29th October. More of that next time."

The band in London this weekend, seems fairly un - changed, with only **CDR** and **RJR**, apparently missing. **RFM** began their programmes on Saturday, and ran through the night with an extremely strong signal. **JBC** was not heard by any of our loggers, however, an extremely strong carrier was noted on 104.8MHz. This is believed to be in preparation for the FM stereo service of **Radio 1**. So it looks as if **JBC** will have to move again.

RENFREWSHIRE. Only **Radio Neon** (103.9MHz) have been noted in the area this week, and only on Thursday night between 22:00 and 00:30. The station's staff have split up and a 'new' **Super Neon** will begin regular Saturday and Sunday broadcasts next week. The staff on the new station will be **Dave C.L. Young** (ex - **R. Unicorn**), **Bill Barr** (ex - **Riverside Radio**), and **Colin Scott** (ex - **Mercury**). The **Anorak Show** with **Bob** and **Alec** will continue as normal. The frequency will stay as 103.9MHz.

SHORT WAVE NEWS. Our condolences to **Podney R. Sixe** this week, on his recent close family bereavement. It will help **Podney** to know that he has many, many friends out here, who are thinking of him at this time.

Today's Log...25th October 1987.

6204kHz...**SUPERCLAN RADIO**, 09:25gmt.
6204kHz...**RADIO 49**, at 12:46gmt.
6220kHz...**SENDER ALPHA**, at 10:15gmt.
6235kHz...**GERMAN FREE RADIO CO.**, at 10:02gmt.
6240kHz...**GOOD NEWS RADIO**, at 10:10gmt.
6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 12:12gmt.
6273kHz...**RADIO BUTTERCUP**, at 11:02gmt.
6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 10:44gmt.
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 12:00gmt.
6285kHz...**UNID.**, at 08:44gmt.
6290kHz...**RADIO LIMIT**, at 08:57gmt.
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:00gmt.
6290kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:39gmt.
6295kHz...**RADIO KRISTEL**, at 10:30gmt.
6300kHz...**RADIO NOVA**, at 12:28gmt.
6315kHz...**RADIO C.L.C.G.**, at 09:59gmt.
6317kHz...**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 09:41gmt.

Reception conditions were very poor today, with the **German Free Radio Corporation** being by far the strongest station here in **Blackpool**. Most other signals were extremely weak and suffered fading. Thanks to loggers who rang in today from **Cheshire**, **Devon** and the **Midlands**.

The station on 6220kHz., was in Dutch, and gave out an address of P.O. Box 24, 7260 Ruurlo, The Netherlands.

The **German Free Radio Corporation** were heard on 6235kHz., although at one point at the start of transmissions at 10:00, **SWR Shortwave** was mentioned. Does anyone know if they are using the transmitter of the old **Sud West Radio**?

Good News Radio, being relayed by **Radio Rainbow International**, were giving out an address of P.O. Box 325, **Edgecliffe 2027**, **Australia**.

The unidentified station on 6290kHz., was not **Radio Orion**. It was playing a selection of Dutch music, but the language seemed to be more German.

Our thanks to everyone involved in this issue, once again. We are currently experiencing severe space problems, so apologies to contributors whose news has had to be held over. We are seeking a solution to these problems. Any ideas?