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News-wise, this was a very quiet week, with no startling developments. Richard Branson's 'Radio Radio' began on Friday, but as yet, we have not had chance to monitor the new service due to it being on a different satellite from Nova and due to a heavy workload and troublesome neighbours. We hope to do so during the coming week however. One letter which did come in during the week, gave us some interesting information from Parliament's 'Written Questions and Answers'. The questions were asked by Mr. Mark Fisher (Stoke on Trent Central) and were aimed at finding out what the current situation was regarding any proposed broadcasting legislation. The first question asked if it was the intention of the Home Secretary to proceed with an experimental pilot scheme in community radio. Tim Renton made a predictable reply and included the phrase "we will look without commitment at any proposals". This basically sums up the attitude of the authorities to an expansion of the radio system "Oh yes, spend a lot of time putting details together and spend lots of money on research, but it really isn't our intention to give you a licence!". Mark Fisher also put questions forward regarding the expenditure on monitoring, identifying and prosecuting 'pirate' operators. It was estimated that £800,000 was spent in 1987/88 on broadcasting enforcement. In 1987 there were 75 convictions out of a total of 77 prosecutions brought by the department against unlicensed operators. One must wonder if this vast amount of money spent in chasing, rather than clearing the pirates, could not be better spent elsewhere.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. As mentioned last week, the **Laser 558 Story** is now in stock. This double L.P. which has a gatefold sleeve features a colour photograph of the m.v. Communicator on the front and a collage of black and white photos within. The story is narrated by Charlie Wolf and is priced at £11.00 including postage and packing. Please note that this is a documentary rather than a music L.P..... Also to arrive during the week, to complement our recent 'May 88' photograph set, was a single 7" x 5" colour print of the m.v. Ross Revenge. Entitled **"Ross Revenge With Completed Aerial Systems"**, the picture was taken on 25th May 1988 by ace photographer Theo Dencker of 'Free Radio News' Germany fame. This superb print, surely one of the finest pictures ever of the radio ship, will probably be unique, as it is a side view, not only showing the current 558 and 6215 aerial arrays (and the washing!), but also the white, fibreglass 819 mast, shortly after it was erected and rigged. It did not remain like this for many days. The cost of this colour print is just £1.00, including postage and packing..... The latest cassette in the series of **Audio Magazine's** from SMC in Holland, is now available. This one is Number 20, and features airchecks from Radio Caroline from the time it started low power transmissions, following the collapse of the mast. The airchecks go up to just after Easter. Some 'Media Network' reports are also included on this tape. The price for these C-60 air-checked cassettes is £3.00. Others still available in this series, and in stock now are 1, 3, 4(C.90), 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16(C.90), 17, 18, and 19. All are £3.00 each including postage and packing.

NEW ARRIVALS. First to arrive this week was the German language publication, **D.P.M. Newsletter**. Issue 23 has 8 x A5 pages of information and cuttings on various aspects of radio. The contact address is DPM-Newsletter-FG, Postfach 1130, D-4154 Tonisverst 1, West Germany..... **Now Radio**, Issue 63 (we found issue 62, by the way!) contains 24 x A5 pages of general radio news and information covering all aspects, including pirate. Details can be obtained from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW..... finally this week, **Current Pirate List 14** arrives in A4 format with six sides of SW logs and news from that mode. Very similar

to RT, this one hails from Sweden and costs 6Skr, 1 US\$, 2 x IRC's or 50p Sterling from CPL, c/o Apelvagen 13, 33017 Rydaholm, Sweden.

TAPE OFFERS. Continuing with some more Australian recordings this week, and for Tape 214 we visit Perth, in Western Australia. Side A features an afternoon programme on **6 NOW**, which is probably the number one FM station in this area. Side B takes a listen to **Sonshine FM** and a breakfast show. Both these stations, recorded in late May 1988, are on FM, and appear to operate a rock orientated format, judging by the music in these particular shows. For a change we visit the Ross Revenge, and feature one of the current presenters on **Radio Caroline**, Dave Asher as Tape 215. Dave has worked out on the Voice of Peace for a number of years, and this is his first stint on Caroline. This particular afternoon show was from 25th June and recorded in Ipswich. Both this week's offers are 90 minutes in length, and cost £2.00 each including postage and packing.

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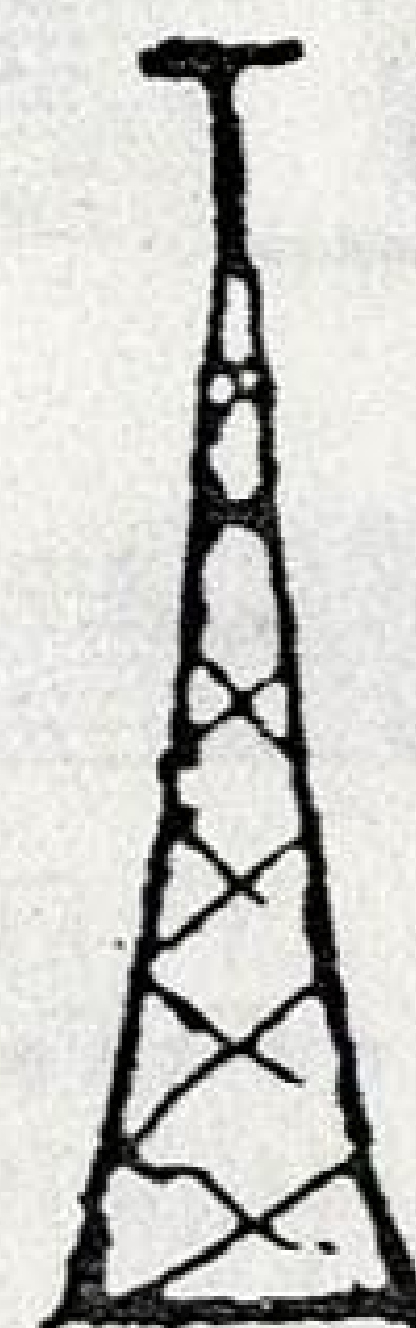
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GENERAL. Further to a recent request for information about Adrian's Records.... they can be contacted at 36 High Street, Wickford, Essex SS12 9AZ... Tel: (0268) 733318. Apparently they specialise in lists of rare records. Anyone interested should send for further details.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. A recent trip north by our colleague, Ken, in Scotland, took him to Gairloch, near Ullapool. He reports the following results.... 531 yielded the Faroes station only, with no sign of Sunshine, 657... Breffni Radio only, with good strength, 702... Radio West, 738... Independent Radio Mayo only, no sign of Q, 846... Radio North, no sign of Sunshine, 837... Kits FM, no sign of Radio Cumbria, 927... Radio Star Country, 945... Donegal Community Radio, 1008... Kiss FM (strongest signal), 1116 and 1170... North West Community Radio only, no QRM, 1233... Boyneside Radio North, 1251... Erneside Radio, Co. Cavan. Travelling even further north to Scourie, the results were very disappointing, with hardly anything audible. Our thanks to him for giving us some idea of what can be heard from Eire, at such a northerly point in the British Isles. The same reporter goes on to mention a recent FM lift on 15th and 16th June.... all the usual Irish FM stations, plus Radio North on 96.0, Radio Rainbow on 96.15, Boyneside Radio on 101.35, in addition to 100.5, NWCR on 103.5, UNID. on 95.6, once Radio Cumbria was nulled out, with adverts for counties Longford and Cavan. This was undoubtedly Breffni Regional Radio.

Co. DUBLIN. Pulsar 98 are once again back to their higher modulation level, after recent problems and the signal and audio is once again loud and clear, here in Blackpool.

891kHz. still remains an empty channel and there is no sign of the return of Treble T.R. Radio, although, of course, they continue on 936kHz. and several FM channels.

Sunshine and Super Q continue to do battle, and on checking their 'Bop' programmes today, we found Sunshine's Nails Mahoney hosting a fast moving oldies show, whereas Q's Bill Cunningham was heard live with a noticeably slow moving oldies show for their 'Bop Shop'. The latter continues to dig at Sunshine at every possible opportunity and this morning we heard the promo... 'you are not listening to 'Be -Bop Gold', you are listening to 'The Bop Shop'. Of course, it is not that difficult to distinguish, even without ID's, and we proceeded to re-tune to the original and best!

Co. MONAGHAN. After being off the air on medium wave for just 4 days, Kiss FM re-appeared with their AM transmitter on a new frequency of 1170kHz. This followed complaints from Downtown Radio, who claimed that interference was being caused to their 1026kHz. transmissions in certain areas. Several frequencies were looked at including 927kHz., which, like their former channel of 1008kHz., is clear 22:00 when the foreign station closes down. However, the idea of 927 was dropped, as it was felt that a similar allegation of interference might then come from BBC Radio 2 who use 909kHz., in that area. So in order to stay clear of any allegations, 1170 was chosen. Although not a particularly wonderful frequency due to many local stations in the U.K. using it, it does get into our area better than 1008, which had Red Rose Radio on the next channel. As a result we can now monitor them when the FM is not available, which is very rarely. We first noted some tests on 1170kHz. on Monday, when a special tape for the AM outlet only was repeated throughout the day, announcing

that they were now using a new frequency. A full relay of the main service was on the air when we checked on Tuesday morning (29th). Reception during periods of darkness in most distant areas will now be virtually impossible, due to Radio Moscow having one of its large foreign service transmitters on this channel. This new channel of 1170kHz., was short lived however, due to the said interference, and tests are now expected to be carried out on either 1413kHz., or 1512kHz., with the former being the most likely.

Constant monitoring of the station revealed the usual high quality programming. Adverts seemed quite plentiful and jingles and promos were of excellent quality. Of particular note was Nick Richards' hour of oldies each morning from 09:00 till 10:00.

Co. LOUTH. Boyneside Radio are reportedly off air with their 97.9MHz. transmitter, although all other transmitters are operating as normal, including the 1305 from Drogheda, 1233 from Carrickcarnon and 1386kHz. from Navan.

Co. LIMERICK. From 'C & C' in Limerick, a quick run down of activity.... 'Reception on FM is very good at the moment, and here is a list of local stations logged... 95.7 Radio Munster, 96.5 and 891kHz., Galtee Regional Radio, 97.1 & 103.0, Radio Luimni, 97.6, 102.0 & 104.0, Radio Vera, 98.0, WRKY (Rocky), 98.7, Sound Channel, 100.6, Coast Hot Hits, 101.6, W.C.R. (Limerick), 104.5, W.C.R. (Clare)'.

A few points of interest.... Radio Nova Int. can be heard in the area nightly, via Coast Hot Hits. Radio Vera have reduced their output power, due to alleged interference to the air traffic control at nearby Shannon Airport. In Weekly Report 215, we erroneously printed Breffni Regional Radio instead of Galtee R.R., although we do understand there may be some connection. Radio Avelon have now closed down completely after a rather unsuccessful spell on the air. Sound Channel from the city are sounding more and more like an ILR station every day, with sponsored shows, and a lot of chat, and in the past few days, a news service in the Irish language has been introduced, one of the stipulations of the new radio bill.



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LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

23rd-26th June 1988.

Despite newspaper reports of the CRA claiming 739 'Privateers' operating in the Capital, only 45 could be found over the weekend, with 9 being in stereo. But this is still by far the largest active count so far logged. If those who are normally on air had all been around, the number would have easily hit the half-century for the first time - and would have probably resulted in an even more unholy mess than was witnessed this weekend! Add to this, a number of un-explained carriers, and we are fast approaching 60.

Just a short break for the 'Waterloo Wanderers', before they turned their attentions to the softer targets of the ethnics at the start of the week. Asians, SRI and Britannia went down, as did Greeks, LGR, GRL and GCR. The ethnics soon started to return, with GCR (up to 105.5) up and running first. They were followed by LGR (88.3), GRL (96.15) and SRI (90.85) - all on Friday. SRI were to go out in the second purge of the week on Sunday, in the company of Groove FM (89.55 - who were only just back), Solar 93 (93.00 stereo - who had come on air early on Friday, instead of Saturday), and Passion Radio (90.70). Not content with that, they also had 'The Arab' again, and North London funksters 96.9 (96.95 - who had got very loud this week). It is possible that they had London Rock (88.60) and the new reggae rockers on 88.70, as well. Leading lights LWR, and TKO are both still down from last week's busts, and Rock-to-Rock (90.25) just made it back in time for the weekend. In the meantime, RJR (90.0), Super Fresh-FM (103.35), Time Radio (103.85 - stereo) and JBC (104.3 - stereo) are all vying for the lead in the 'powerhouse' stakes. Time and JBC are probably nosing in front with the strong clean stereo they are putting out.

While the regular Greeks and Asians were down, the backups came out to play. 'A Greek' came up on 89.45 on Friday, and with Classic Radio (105.55) out of the way, 'Another Greek' was heard on the same frequency on Thursday and Saturday. Both have been heard before in these slots. Not to be out-done, the Asian B Team were to be heard behind Studio FM (92.65) on Friday on 92.70, where they have been heard a couple of times before as well. 24 hours later than their normal Thursday lunch-time start-up, the north London long weekenders Studio FM have finally made it back after

two weeks of silence. They have taken to announcing themselves as "The Sound of Unlicensed Radio".

North London rockers London Rock (88.60) were again running up the rig on Friday night. They carried on the tradition, started as long ago as last week, of playing a Pink Floyd album. This week it was a double helping, with 'The Wall'. On Saturday, plans were announced for programmes to be extended to cover Sunday as well, starting from this week. In one way or another, possibly due to the high profile of the DoTI Men on Sunday, they weren't heard. This expansion will inevitably affect east London long weekenders, Sunrise Radio (88.85), who's own expansion has brought an evening weekday service this week. How both these stations will react to the so far un-named newcomers, first heard on Saturday in 88.70, is as yet unknown. They had live programming to begin with, but continued overnight with tapes. They had gone missing by Sunday evening, the cause as yet unknown, but possibly DoTI activity. They were already carrying ads for an east London hairdressers, but are thought to be coming from the south east.

North east London newcomers Euro-Jam (88.50) have also settled in an over-crowded sector of the band. Due to pressure from 'The Arab', which this week has moved up to 89.90, but has been as low as 89.60, Groove WR has been moving out of the way, and this week returned from their last bust down on 89.55. They are now being splattered by Euro-Jam, but they seem to be content to service the SE without getting involved in power wars. Euro-Jam were first heard in the last week of May in very low power, and have slowly been increasing in strength and clarity since. Also heard in this sector, was a low power tape of country and western (89.40) from an un-named source on Thursday, presumably trying on the London Irish crown. This was believed to be from the west London area, as was 'A Greek' who turned up on 89.45 on Friday. On Sunday, out of north London came previously unheard rockers Radio Jennifer (89.45). In what was taken as a test, which came in fine in the West End, but didn't seem to get south of the river, they mentioned that they were looking for knowledgeable rock jocks, to complete their 'on-air' team.

New from south London are Southside Radio (92.40) who sputtered out in a shower of sparks early on Friday evening, not to be heard again over the weekend. Another in the

seemingly endless supply of 'Black Urban Contemporary' (BUC) stations, they are definitely not connected with the low power Clapham Common based set-up of the same name, heard on a number of occasions between January and June 1987. They were an enthusiasts outfit, on-air with classic rock and roll, and R & B for a couple of hours on a Saturday, and sometimes a Sunday night, and who who barely got beyond Clapham Common Northside.

The mystery outfit mentioned in WR 216, on 105.10 has turned up again. They tested in stereo with a nice bit of Jimmy Smith organ jazz, and seem to be in no hurry to make themselves known. There were no tx breaks this time, and the music didn't carry on beyond Saturday evening. A blank carrier has been all that has been noted since.

It was possible to hear east London's low power 7 days WLIB (90.9) this week, with Brixton's Faze 1 (90.95 and still in low power themselves) not returning until Friday morning. Also in Brixton, Passion Radio (90.70) have been unable to decide if they are going to be stereo or not. This obviously annoyed the 'Soul Destroyers' who came and took the lot away on Sunday. Sky Radio (91.65) have been in and out of stereo as well, so maybe they are time sharing the encoders after all.

North Surrey weekend daytime soul-jazzers Peoples Community Radio (105.30) were up and down running for both days, although still in mono, they did seem to have a stronger and clearer signal than of late. Just up the band, and Middlesex Music Radio (105.60), the west Middlesex CHR / pop-rockers came up on Sunday. They were previously heard on 8th May, and may well have been on since, but masked by one of the myriad of others who also cluster around this frequency. Clutter free top-forty, very fast in a 'Laser' style. They were heard using the slogan 'The best of the old - and the best of the new' Hmm - now where have I heard that before? 'Oldies' Hits FM were not apparent on Saturday, and it seems that Raiders appearance on Sunday 19th June was a one-off, as 105.85 remained silent all weekend. It is possible of course, that they may have taken note of the high profile of the 'G Men' and decided to keep a low profile.

Down in the newly opened up sector around 98, Traffic Jam Radio have moved up slightly to 98.05, and 'New' Hits FM (98.35) have had an absolutely clear run, as far as can be told, all week. 'Real' ads, as opposed to the 'teasers' that have been heard so far, are already beginning to appear. Taking the tape loop idea to its absolute limit was a transmission caught in the early hours of Monday morning, when a 15 minute tape loop was heard on 94.25, of two back-to-back reggae tracks being repeatedly played. It carried an announcement of artist, label and distributor, and the fact that it was available 'NOW!', but that was all. Unfortunately for them, both the record and the artist were totally un-memorable, otherwise they would have been mentioned here.

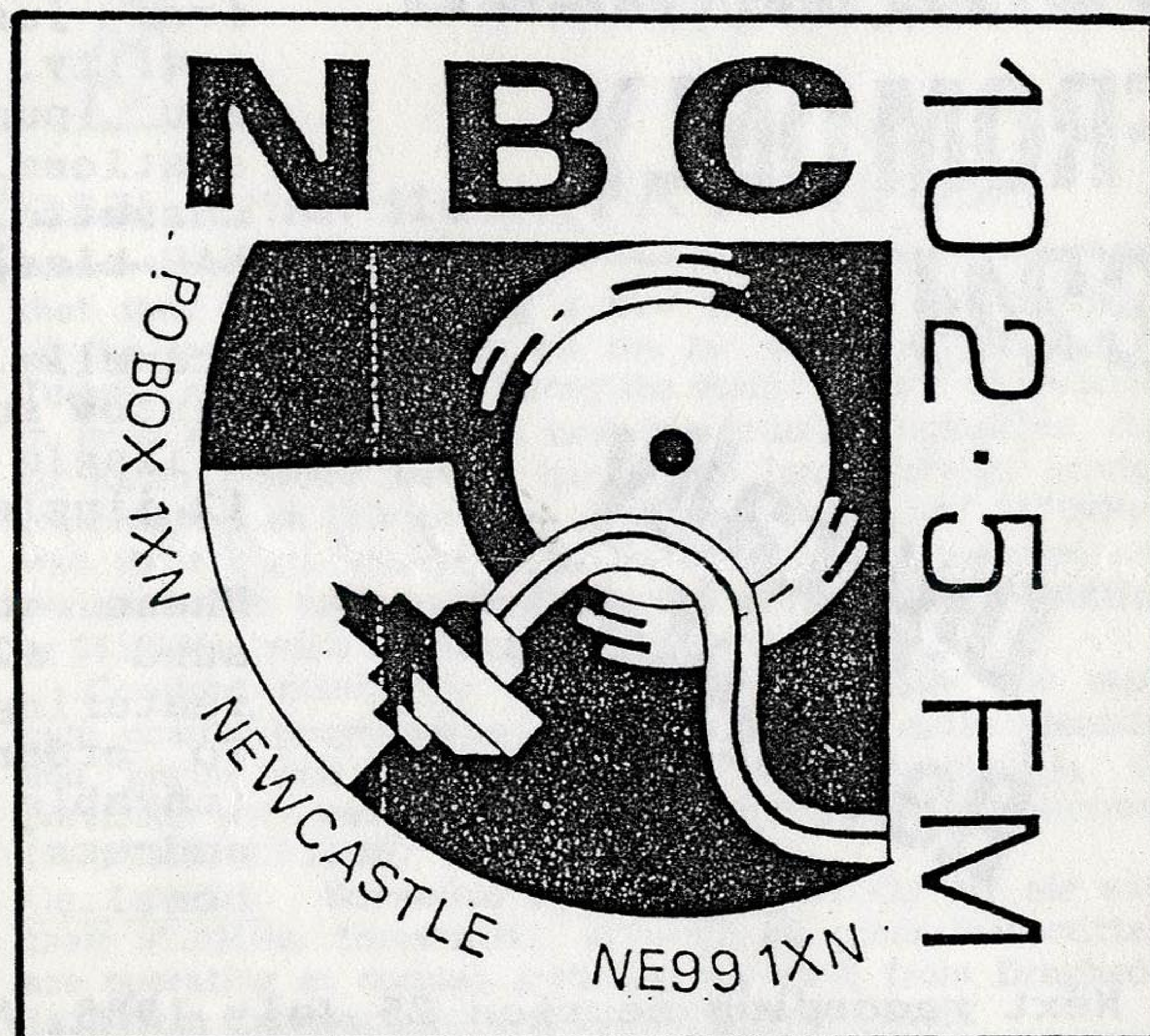
Also heard :- South London time-sharers - CD-93 / Starpoint (93.25 - stereo), South London weekenders Kiss FM (93.95 - stereo), Fame FM (94.60), Joy FM (97.80), SLR (103.20), Sunday rockers Rock FM (94.25), and North London reggae 7 days City Radio (94.50) and WNK (102.90).

STAFFORDSHIRE. This is one area where we have heard of very little activity. John reports that a station called Centre Sound has been broadcasting in the Stoke-on-Trent area for the past three weeks. The station operates on 97.7MHz., in mono, and broadcasts have been 18:00 until 22:00, although they were on early last Sunday, 26th June. The format seemed to be mainly pop, with the odd album track thrown in.

BRISTOL. The main story this week in West Country free radio, is that in the 'Black Community Awards' ceremony on 25th June, Radio For The People (103.6) were voted the best entertainers. The fact was proudly announced by the station at sign-on the following morning, which is now 10:00. On the technical side of things, the station were having problems during the early part of the previous week, with a low powered, distorted signal, before they finally burst forth with good audio and an excellent signal, following a period off the air. Commercials on the station are on the increase, mainly for gigs in both Bristol and London. It is interesting to note, that although they announce themselves as a community radio station, Radio F.T.P. has not been noted with any community news or information.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. Now becoming a regular sound in the city, NBC (102.5) were heard with Friday transmissions

on 24th June, although on occasions just a blank carrier was noted. At this time, the station was actually on 102.0MHz., and not the announced 102.5. Their extended Saturday broadcasts went ahead as usual, and as has occurred during the past weeks, nothing was heard on Sunday (26th). Monday saw the 'mystery' station (mentioned in previous reports), on the again at around 22:00. A letter received from NBC reveals that this is in fact them, doing some engineering tests to try and improve the signal to certain areas of Newcastle. The letter also mentions that they hope to extend broadcast hours, and plan to begin from mid-day on a Saturday and Sunday. The new schedule was to have begun last weekend, but this did not happen.



SHROPSHIRE. Last Sunday's transmissions from WR Shropshire (105.5) went very well, and they expect to be on next, on Sunday 31st July, with the second part of the Heart concert, as well as their regular line-up of presenters. The station have some new stickers on the way, with the logo 'WR Shropshire - The Hot FM' on them. They are free upon receipt of an s.a.e. to : WR Shropshire Stickers, c/o P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU.

MERSEYSIDE. Following Veronica 104 (104.7) not being heard last Sunday afternoon, even after we put our FM aerial back on the roof, we tried the FM band several times last Sunday evening, but still could find no trace of the station. We hope that we might have more success today. There were no reports of any problems at the station.

Monday (27th) brought just Radio Atlantis (1197) to the air on medium wave, as Merseywaves were still off the air following the raid the previous Friday. Rick Dane didn't appear to have had any trouble from the DTI and programmed as normal. On FM, Radio Julie (104.8) were also heard on Monday.

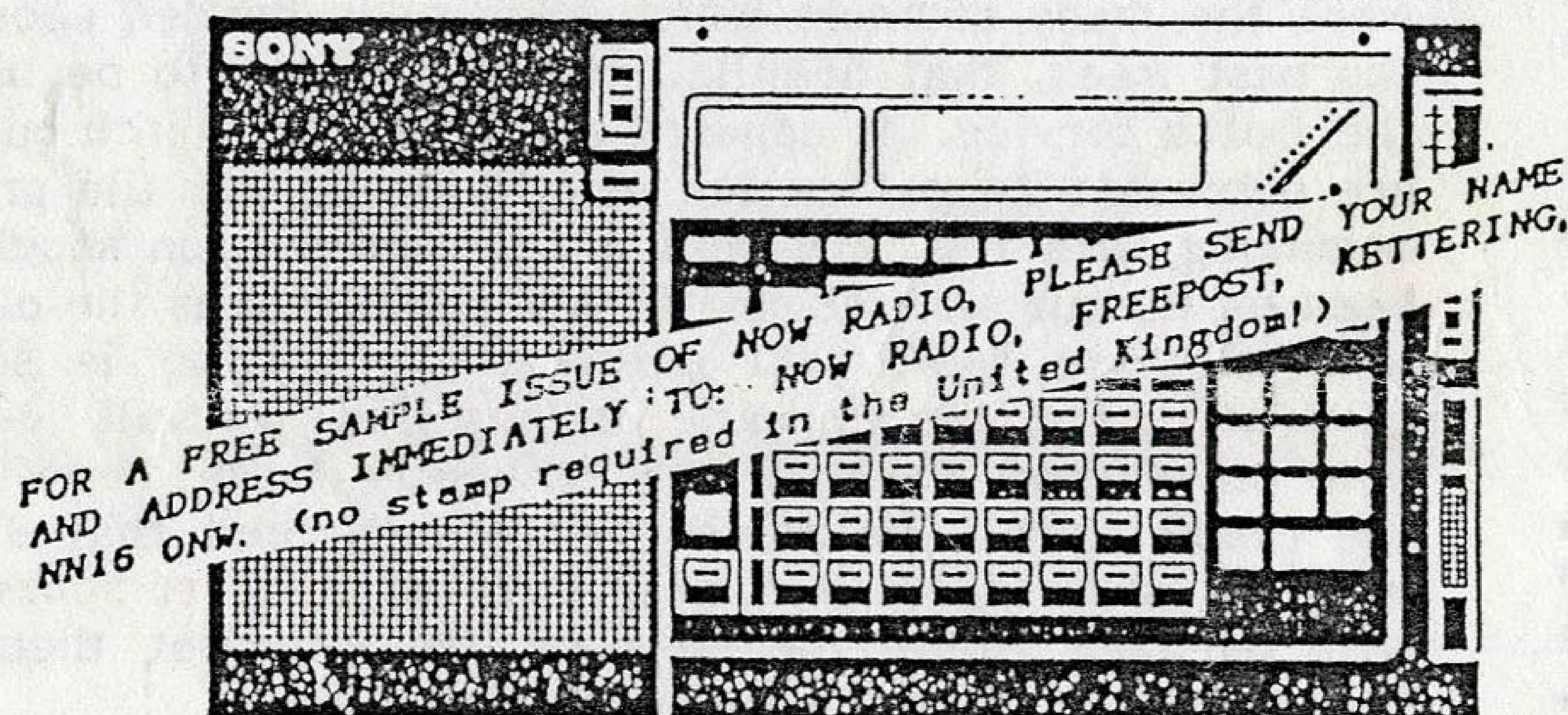
Nothing more was logged by us until Wednesday morning, when Storeton Community Radio made it back to airwaves, on 102.6kHz medium wave. They were just testing out the equipment, and kept going off for adjustments. At 10:00 the signal here was very good, and even over-riding Downtown Radio from Belfats quite well. However they then left the air for a few minutes and when they returned the signal strength was much weaker. Aerial problems were mentioned at this time. The station promised to be on the air on Sunday (today) with the regular schedule which was promised two weeks ago. Audio quality at the time of high power was also found to be extremely good. Wednesday afternoon also saw a blank carrier appear on 124.2kHz. We assumed that this was Burt doing some transmitter tests in preparation for the return of Radio Merseywaves, this weekend. We had a call from Dave at the station, informing us that they did not have the transmitter confiscated last Friday as we stated, when they were raided. The report which we used last week, actually came off some news bulletins on the local BBC and ILR stations. Radio Merseywaves were first noted with programmes at breakfast time on Friday (1st July), with Kevin Jordan hosting until 09:00. Kevin kept mentioning that the station would be going off at 09:00 for more adjustments. But towards the end of his show,

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he announced a full line-up for the day, and programmes then continued throughout. We were glad to note that the 'hum' has now disappeared from 1242kHz., giving a nice clear signal once again here in Blackpool.

Saturday and Sunday saw both **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) and **Radio Atlantis** (1197) on with full programming, and good signals. The current schedule announced on Radio Atlantis, is Friday and Monday 10:00-18:00, Saturday 10:00 to midnight and Sunday 10:00-18:00. They were joined on medium wave early on Sunday morning, by **Storeton Community Radio** on 1026kHz. As expected, S.C.R. appeared at 10:00, and programmes were announced through until midnight. We understand that the reason for their absence last weekend, was the high level of DTI activity. Unfortunately, the signal here was not as strong as it was for their last Sunday broadcast.

Only one station was received on FM here over the weekend, it being **Radio Julie** (104.9), and they had a good signal since Friday. Bob, who used to do the Liverpool report, tells us that he himself has not heard Veronica 104, since their third birthday, although he has been assured that they have been on the air at least twice since then. So perhaps they are operating on low power. Locally, **ABC FM** were heard last Wednesday with a test transmission on 105.5MHz. They announced that their next transmission would be in late July.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Lots happening in this area over the past week. Starting in Hull, **Radio Takoradi** (105.0) were on the air last weekend, but un-expectedly disappeared early. As yet we have no reports as to the reason. Following their tests last week, **W.L.N.G.** (104.9) have not been monitored this past seven days.

Across in Keighley, **NLV Radio** (104.9) returned to the air at 10:00 on Monday 27th June, after completing some

technical work on their transmission system. Tuesday saw the station back to its regular scheule, opening at 07:00 and closing at 20:00. The line-up is... 07:00 Mad Murdoch's 'Mad Breakfast'... 09:00 Stevie B... 11:00 Lynne... 13:00 Carl... 15:00 Young Paul... 17:00 Keighley's non-stop Top 20 with Lorna... 18:00 specialist programmes ...20:00 closedown. Most of the old advertisers have now returned, as well as several new ones. This particular day was interesting, as a familiar face arrived at the site of the March raid, namely one of the DTI officials. He had not come to raid the station again, but to serve summonses on three of the people allegedly involved, back in March. The station remained on the air throughout the visit, and no problems were encountered. Wednesday, 29th June saw him again in the area, obviously snooping about, in order to try and suss out the interesting new set up, that NLV now have. Bingley Magistrates is the setting for the hearings on 27th July, and it appears that the only complaints about the station came from local ILR spoilsports, Pennine Radio.

In Leeds, the new station we mentioned several weeks ago finally appeared this week on 105.8MHz. They were first heard with test tapes on Wednesday, and they continued through Thursday and into Friday morning, but were last noted at mid-day Friday. The station name was announced as **Rapid FM**, and Bill Mitchell ID's were already in evidence during these transmissions. The signal was reported as very strong in Leeds, although only in mono. **Peoples FM** have definately moved frequency up to 104.7MHz., from 91.8. They were heard with full programming and mentioning the fact that this was their new place on the band. We have no reports of **ABC Radio** (105.2) being heard this weekend, although they could well have been missed by our correspondents. We wonder whether there has been some splitting of stations, as 'The Godfather', who was recently in court

for broadcasting on **ABC-FM**, is now being announced as being on **Rapid FM**. **Music City Radio** (90.3) were heard on the air last night. A little away from the city, towards Mirfield, two stations were noted last Sunday evening, these being **Thunder Radio** (104.8) and **Vision FM** (105.2).

In South Yorkshire, a new station was heard on Tuesday (28th June) night called **Inter City Radio**. They were operating between 20:00 and 21:30 on 104.8MHz. The signal was heard as far apart as Rotherham and Chesterfield. The presenter heard was Mark Richards, and stereo test transmissions were announced. **Village Radio** were on the air on both Thursday and Friday around 105.2MHz. Announcements were made on the station, stating that they would not now be closing down in July, as so many letters of support had been received during the past weeks. **Rebel Radio** (105.4) managed to broadcast between 20:00 and 22:00, on both Monday and Wednesday evenings. The Wednesday evening broadcast was announced by 'Scooter Jones' as a one-off.

In Derbyshire, **North Midlands Radio** were logged on 105.5MHz., last Sunday (26th June). Their transmissions were reported to have been in stereo for the first time.

NOTTINGHAM. Regular 24 hour per day operator, **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.15) is still heard well in South Yorkshire, and further afield. They give out an address of H.C.R., c/o The People's Bakery, Radford Road, Radford, Nottingham.

MANCHESTER. Nicholas gives us the following report from Manchester for the week 24th - 30th June... Starting off in Moss Side, **WBLS** (102.4) have been on the air every day except Wednesday (29th) when programmes didn't commence until 19:00. The signal is now weaker than it used to be. The other seven day 'black community' station **Laser 10-35** (103.55) were also on every day except Wednesday. The following day, they were back on with a much weaker

signal, indicating change of location. By Friday, 1st July both seven dayers were back to full power. In the NE of Manchester, **I.B.C. Radio** (104.4) were back on the air last Sunday, 26th June, following a long absence. Their audio was still reported to have the 50Hz buzz on it, which has bugged it in the past. They were audible until 17:00, when a test transmission from a **Small Town Radio** was understood to have blocked it out. In Stockport, **FAB FM** (97.0) were on the air with lengthy programming, both last Sunday (26th) and Thursday (30th June). Finally, **Outlook 96.3** (96.35) continues to be heard during weekend evenings.

MIDDLESEX. We are not quite sure whether to include this one under London, or not, but Terry reports that **Border Radio** have now changed frequency to 105.3MHz., although it is announced as 105.5. The station has been heard testing during two evenings this past week.

READING. An unidentified station was heard early yesterday evening (2nd) on 1611kHz. Non-stop music and jingles announcing 'Solid Gold Hits 1611' were noted, from 18:30, but the transmission cut off at 19:06. Being early on, this was not thought to be skip from any Dutch operators, but from the strength, a station local to Reading. Any ideas?

THE MIDLANDS. Everthing seems to be going fine in this region, for all the stations. **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.6) and **Enterprise FM** (91.9) have both been on the air every day, as have **Powerhouse Radio** who broadcast from late afternoon through until the early hours of the following morning. **Fresh FM** (95.0) were heard throughout this weekend, but **Electro Radio**, who recently moved from this channel up to 107.0MHz., have not been logged at all. Three different Asian stations have been noted in Birmingham, on frequencies between 105.5 and 106.5MHz. The only one positively identified however, was **Midland Asian Community Radio** on 106.5MHz.

Finally, across in Ludlow, **Sunshine Radio** are now back on the air on 1017kHz., with a proper schedule, rather than than 'propagation tests'. They programmed from 08:00 this morning, and presenters heard so far include Simon Cooper and Paul Dukes. It is not known whether this is the start of regular weekly broadcasts.

KENFREWSHIRE. **C.V.R.**(103.8) operated Sunday to Thursday evenings between 19:00 and 23:00. **Radio Mercury** (96.1) made their usual appearances on Sunday afternoon (2-5pm) as well as Friday and Saturday (6-9pm). Northside Community Radio are off due to transmitter problems. Finally, a new station called **Energy 103** is reported to be on 103.0MHz.

OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS : THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Due to our recent printing problems, plus lack of space, the VOP has unfortunately been a little neglected, however, all is quite well out there, we are told. The ship made a run to land to take on water, in the early hours of Monday 13th June, but returned after doing so, some hours later. On Tuesday there was a special 'chat show' between 15:00 and 16:00, with the candidate to the Knesset from the left party. Abie Nathan was heard on the air on Friday asking for waitresses and a cook for his newly re-opened restaurant, 'The California'. The captain of the ship, a Dutchman, is set to leave, after a long spell, to return to his native land and his wife, with whom he is about to celebrate fifty years of marriage. A Filipino has been appointed to take his place on a temporary basis. The current staff on board are delighted to hear that three ex VOP D.J.'s can now be heard on Radio Caroline. Niel Gates, who worked on the VOP from 30th Nov. '86 until 24th May '87 and again from 26th June '87 until 16th December '87, Ian Mack from 5th November until 1st May 1988 and Dave Asher who worked on the ship on many occasions over the past few years. Both former presenters used different names on the VOP. Current line-up, as of 26th June reads.... 00:00 John McDonald 03:00 Steve Richards 06:00 Kenny Page 09:00 Michael O'Sullivan 13:00 Martin Murphy 15:00 Abie Nathan 17:00 Kenny Page 18:00 John McDonald 19:30 Steve Richards 22:00 Martin Murphy.

RADIO CAROLINE. Following an un-settled period last week, and the addition of new recruit, Andy Bradgate, the members of staff on 558kHz. stabilised themselves over the weekend, to give the following Monday to Friday line-up... 05:00 Steve Conway... 09:00 Rob Harrison... 13:00 Dave Asher... 17:00 Ian Mack... 20:00 Dave Asher... 21:00 Neil Gates... 01:00 Andy Bradgate. The exceptions to this were on Monday (27th), when Andy Bradgate hosted the one hour slot from 20:00 to 21:00. This was due to the fact that the station was off the air for maintenance later on that evening/

Tuesday morning, and his show was cancelled.

Now Steve Conway is back on the programming side, the news has been read by Rob Harrison (morning), Steve Conway (13:00) and Dave Asher (drive-time).

Some problems have been noted on the transmission side at the weekend, with the transmitter tripping out or the audio becoming almost inaudible for short periods. This seems to be the same problem as occurs from time to time, when sea-water covers the still temporary, 'through the deck' insulator. When this happens, the signal shorts to the deck, but the transmitter does not actually trip out. Most of the power is lost at these points, but as soon as the water 'evaporates' the signal goes back to normal, hence the short time required for the signal to 'recover'.

One interesting thing of note this week has been, that as well as giving out English time, the time on the continent is also mentioned. Perhaps it is simply that we have just not noticed this in the past, and they do it all the time anyway. What did make us take notice of the time checks, were the many rumours which have been banded about over the past week, that 558kHz. might be about to be used for the Dutch service. It appears as though the Dutch operation are desperate to get on the air, following all the problems occurring with the fibreglass mast. The station should have been on the air several months ago - but that is the old story with offshore radio. At present, the station is sounding quite well, and the Caroline organisation are still recruiting new presenters, so they are obviously quite hopeful that the problems will be solved fairly soon, and that 819 will have its own separate service. As with all rumours to do with offshore radio, the best way to interpret them is to say to yourself "I'll believe it when I hear it."

SHORTWAVE STATIONS...Log for Sunday 3rd July 1988.

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 07:55gmt.
6230kHz...**ATLANTA RADIO**, at 09:22gmt.
6230kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 12:40gmt.
6232kHz...**GUERNSEY SOUND**, at 10:15gmt.
6232kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 11:12gmt.
6232kHz...**'CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD'**, at 12:30gmt.
6238kHz...**UNID.**, at 11:08gmt.
6262kHz...**ATLANTA RADIO**, at 11:50gmt.
6271kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 08:33gmt.
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 09:30gmt.
6285kHz...**ATLANTA RADIO**, at 10:06gmt.
6300kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:23gmt.
6303kHz...**UNID.**, at 08:20gmt.
6305kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 07:47gmt.
6310kHz...**STAR INT.**, at 08:58gmt.
6310kHz...**RADIO STELLA**, at 10:30gmt.
6317kHz...**RADIO NEW WAVE**, at 07:50gmt.
6318kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 10:47gmt.
6815kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 11:02gmt.
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 07:45gmt.
7315kHz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 09:06gmt.
7355kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:40gmt.
7360kHz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 09:04gmt.
7361kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 12:13gmt.
7365kHz...**RADIO NORDLICHT**, at 10:10gmt.(USB).
7375kHz...**RADIO LUCE**, at 08:00gmt.
7375kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:42gmt.

Conditions today seemed generally quite good, with most stations received here, being pleasantly audible. Logs in bold were monitored in Blackpool, and others were kindly supplied by listeners in the Midlands, Devon and Duisburg (West Germany).

Confusion has now reigned on 6230kHz., where Radio Rainbow and Radio East Coast Commercial had arranged a swap of frequencies (Rainbow went to 6218kHz. last week). This morning however, Atlanta Radio appeared on this channel for one of their rare broadcasts, followed by the relays from Radio Rainbow later in the morning, which wiped out Atlanta. Luckily, Atlanta were broadcasting using two transmitters, and moved from 6230 to 6262kHz., at this point. Radio East Coast Commercial were heard on 6815kHz. and later on 6230kHz, by ourselves, although Radio Rainbow were dominant. 6318kHz., used by Rainbow last week, was occupied today by W.L.R., although the signal was weak, and the modulation was a little bass heavy.

Frequencies between 6295 and 6305 seem to be suffering a lot at the moment from morse transmissions, making reception of stations rather poor and identification difficult.

The WEEKLY

REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 219.....10th July 1988. P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England...Price 20p.

The big news this week, is the temporary closure of the daytime service of Radio Caroline on 558kHz. This is to enable the long awaited Dutch language programming to get on the air, following the disappointing results and subsequent damage to the 'fibre-glass' antenna which was tested out earlier in the year. Caroline will continue throughout the night however, and promises to be back with a full-time service in approximately four weeks time, when the Dutch language station has its own channel on 819kHz., once more. This week, we carry an extensive report on the station and current happenings.

Nova beats Branson's bid to be first sustaining service on air.

Radio Nova International, the first commercial radio station to broadcast via satellite from Great Britain, announced in the week that once again, they have made broadcasting history by becoming the first satellite radio station to broadcast over the air on an Independent Local Radio station, beating Branson's Radio Radio by one hour. Northsound Radio in Aberdeen, the U.K.'s most listened to ILR station was the station involved in this unique move. After spending some considerable time attempting to locate 'Radio Radio' on the satellite receiver, we finally learned later that the station is not even 'satellite born' as yet, due to problems. Their relay over ILR stations is being delivered by a British Telecom land-line link, in mono! So, once again, Chris Cary has a head (and shoulders!) lead over his main rival. Comments about this were heard made in the week, on Nova, but we failed to take full notice.

The South East of England now has two 'Gold' services on the air, one from Capital and one from County Sound. Such stations playing yesterday's favourites with today's slick presentation cannot fail, but as usual, it has all been done before, by the former pirate station, 'Solid Gold Radio Sovereign', some years back. Of course, the Government noted its success then, and proceeded to scupper it. And talking about the Government, Mr Hurd says they have plans to spend even more of the public's money on chasing the pirates. When are they going to realise that they are tackling the job from the wrong end!

WEEKLY REPORT & CUTTINGS is produced, printed and posted out each Sunday afternoon from Blackpool. The 20p news-sheet is available on subscription at the following weekly rates..... posted first class within the U.K. and to EEC countries, including Eire, 40p..... posted second class (U.K. only), 35p..... posted at full rate to non-EEC European countries (Sweden, Finland, Norway, etc.), 45p..... posted elsewhere via air mail, 55p. You may subscribe for as many weeks as you wish at the above appropriate rate.

PAYMENT for anything at all may be made in any way whatsoever, but some ways are cheaper and definitely more convenient. Stamps, for example (13p and 18p from the U.K., 28p ones from Eire) cost no extra and are not likely to get stolen in the post - £1 coins are repeatedly going missing! Access and Visa credit cards are both accepted and Girobank or PostGiro transfers are also a very convenient method. Our Girobank number is 12 141 6909 (R.& B.F. Johnston).

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THE ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE will keep you informed of latest happenings. Call Sheerness (0795) 511118 now and hear a three minute message. News for us is best written in, but calls will be accepted on Blackpool (0253) 882017 or Sheerness (0795) 511119 (Ansa-fone).

"COMMUNICATE '88" takes place on Saturday 24th September 1988 in Blackpool. Send to us now for further details and a booking form. As we build up towards the 'free radio convention of the year', we are interested to hear from anyone, with additional ideas to those we have already mentioned in previous weeks. We are currently looking for any 8mm film which may have been shot on trips out to the radioships, particularly from the 60's. If you are willing to allow us to transfer any material to video, for showing at the convention, please let us know. There will also be a slide show presentation by Chris Edwards of OEM. Any slides you may like to bring which are unique, and of interest to other radio enthusiasts would be a great addition to this show. Finally this time, if anyone has newspaper cuttings concerning Radios 270, Scotland and Caroline North which we could copy, they would assist us in presenting some interesting displays.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Hot on the heels of the Laser 558 double L.P., comes the 'Laser 558 Masters Cassette'. It is a compilation of jingles, promos and commercials from Laser 558. All these recordings are direct copies from the studio master tapes. Each tape runs for 60 minutes and contains over 160 different items. The price is £6.99 including VAT and postage and packing. Avail yourself of this unique item, which is not just Laser jingles, now and let it complement the Laser L.P... recommended..... In view of the fact that Caroline have abandoned the fibre-glass mast for the 819 service, we feel priveleged to be able to offer one of the most superb colour photos ever of the Ross Revenge, complete with 558, 6215 and fibre-glass 819 (fully rigged) aerials. It was indeed, most fortunate, that our colleague, Theo Dencker, was on hand to be able to photograph this unique situation, as it lasted only for a matter of a few days, before the said antenna burned up and collapsed. We have in stock a limited quantity of this 7" x 5" photo and feel that true Caroline fans should be in possession of this magnificent item. Send £1 today, requesting 'Ross Revenge with completed aerial systems'.

NEW ARRIVALS. From Jenny Knight's CM Thanet Branch, comes **Horizon, Issue 4**. Just 12 pages in this one, in A5 format and as usual, very neat and well laid out. Of special interest is 'A brush with the Dreaded Thought Inquisitors' by Ian Smith, a run down of a recent trip to the Ross, when

the DTI stepped in and caused a few problems. An 18p stamp, plus an SAE will get a copy, from 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ..... **Freewave, Issue 164**, the regular radio read from Holland (in Dutch), has 24 pages of European news in A5 format. Details from Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland..... **Play-DX, Issue 512** has six x A4 sides of long distance logs and international news, in English, Italian and Spanish. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **Now Radio, Issue 64** contains 24 pages of the usual all-radio fare, with across the board coverage. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 0NW..... **Radiotelex, Issue 128** has 8 x A5 pages of SW logs, news and current station addresses, the latter courtesy of CPL of Sweden. Details here from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany..... finally this week, **FRS Goes DX Magazine, Issue 72** from FRS Holland, with 16 x A5 pages, all in English and covering offshore and shortwave mainly. Details from FRSH, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.

TAPE OFFER. Due to the impending radio legislation in Eire, this week we start a series of recordings featuring some of the many commercial stations which have grown up over the past ten years in that country. We start off in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath with Tape 216 and **Mid-Way Radio**. This station, which broadcasts on 999kHz., and 98.2MHz., used to play predominately country music, but

since its move to new shopping centre premises has become more pop orientated. Terry Martin is your host for this afternoon show from Saturday 2nd July, and the recording was made from the station's FM outlet. Across to London now, and one of the newer stations to be heard in the capital, **Southside Radio**. This programme was recorded on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd July, and Richard Michaels spins you the pop/disco music on this FM station. They even have their own jingles. Both recordings are 90 minutes in length and cost £2.00 each including postage and packing.

FOR SALE. Ten second-hand NAB Carts, various durations, 20 secs to 7½ mins., complete with well made wooden slot box to hold 30 carts. Ex pro b/c use. (Interesting content if not erased!). Best offer over £60.00 for the lot... P.O. Box 539, etc.

EXCHANGE. I have a 200MHz. link gear, one Jaybeam dipole and a 200MHz. beam antenna and I would like to exchange it for a short wave transmitter or SSB C.B... contact Mr P. Galley, P.O. Box 26, Basildon, Essex.

FOR SALE. Small, good quality stereo encoder, £35.00, contact Mr R.V. Womersley, Sibly Hall, University of Reading, Redhatch Drive, Earley, Reading RG6 2QW.

FOR SALE. AKG D222EB Studio microphone. (D222's are used extensively by IBA/BBC stations). Brand new and boxed. £75 (AKG list price : £225). Phone Neil on (0626) 63554 between 17:30 and 20:00.

WANTED. A recording of BBC Radio London's 'Tribute to Steve Walsh'. Willing to pay for tape and postage : John Cross, 'Byways', Sandy Lane, Wattisfield, Diss, Norfolk IP22 1NE.

GENERAL. Adrian's Records of 36 High Street, Wickford, Essex SS12 9AZ tell us that their latest extensive catalogue of rare and difficult to find records, costs £2.50.

ACTIVITY MAGAZINE. No full-size magazine for July, but a 'news update' featuring shortwave station reports for June, has been published. For your copy, simply send 70p to 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.

FOR SALE. Yaesu FRT 7700 short wave aerial tuning unit in mint condition.... £25.00... ring David on (061) 439 6711 any evening between 20:00 and 21:00.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. The latest on the radio bill appeared in this morning's (Irish) Sunday Press, headed 'Burke moves on TV Bill' and read as follows.... 'Most decisions in regard of the new TV and radio stations are likely to be taken by the time the Dail re-assembles. Ray Burke is anxious to get on with it, he feels that enough time has been wasted talking about sinking the pirates and establishing licensed stations. The names of the broadcasting commissions will soon be announced, a former RTE director general is tipped to be the chairman and all other commissioners will have a broadcasting background, as Mr Burke promised the Dail. However, it is not now likely that any of the new stations will be on the air before the end of the year'. The only thing which appears positive at this stage, is the close down date for the pirates, 31st December 1988, although it is expected that further announcements will be made in due course.

Co. DUBLIN. We were quite surprised in the week to find that **Sunshine 101** on 531kHz. was noticeably stronger than they have been of late. Several callers, even from as far away as West Yorkshire, reported the same. This is good for us, as their, up till now, stronger channel on 846kHz. is jammed in between two NW England local BBC channels. As a result, we spent more time tuned in. FM has been poor this week, due to predominant low pressure over the U.K. We found 'The Big Kahuna '88' being promoted extensively and, surprise, surprise, noted some brand new 'American sung' (?) jingles, although these were only being used sparingly.

Co. MONAGHAN. Kiss FM were once again missing from the airwaves when we checked on Monday morning, on 103.7MHz. 1170kHz. was operating normally however. An evening check revealed all back to normal, once more. According to apologies heard during Tom Hardy's programme that afternoon, the FM was operating on low power, and it appeared as though an electrical supply problem to the site was the cause. It has been reported (on Radio West) that further interference did occur from their powerful medium wave transmissions on 1170kHz., but despite the power being turned down at one stage, it is now almost back to what it was initially.

Co. LOUTH. Nothing major to report at **Boyneside Radio**, apart from the fact that popular young presenter, Jim Agnew, is missing. It is reported that he has gone off to America.

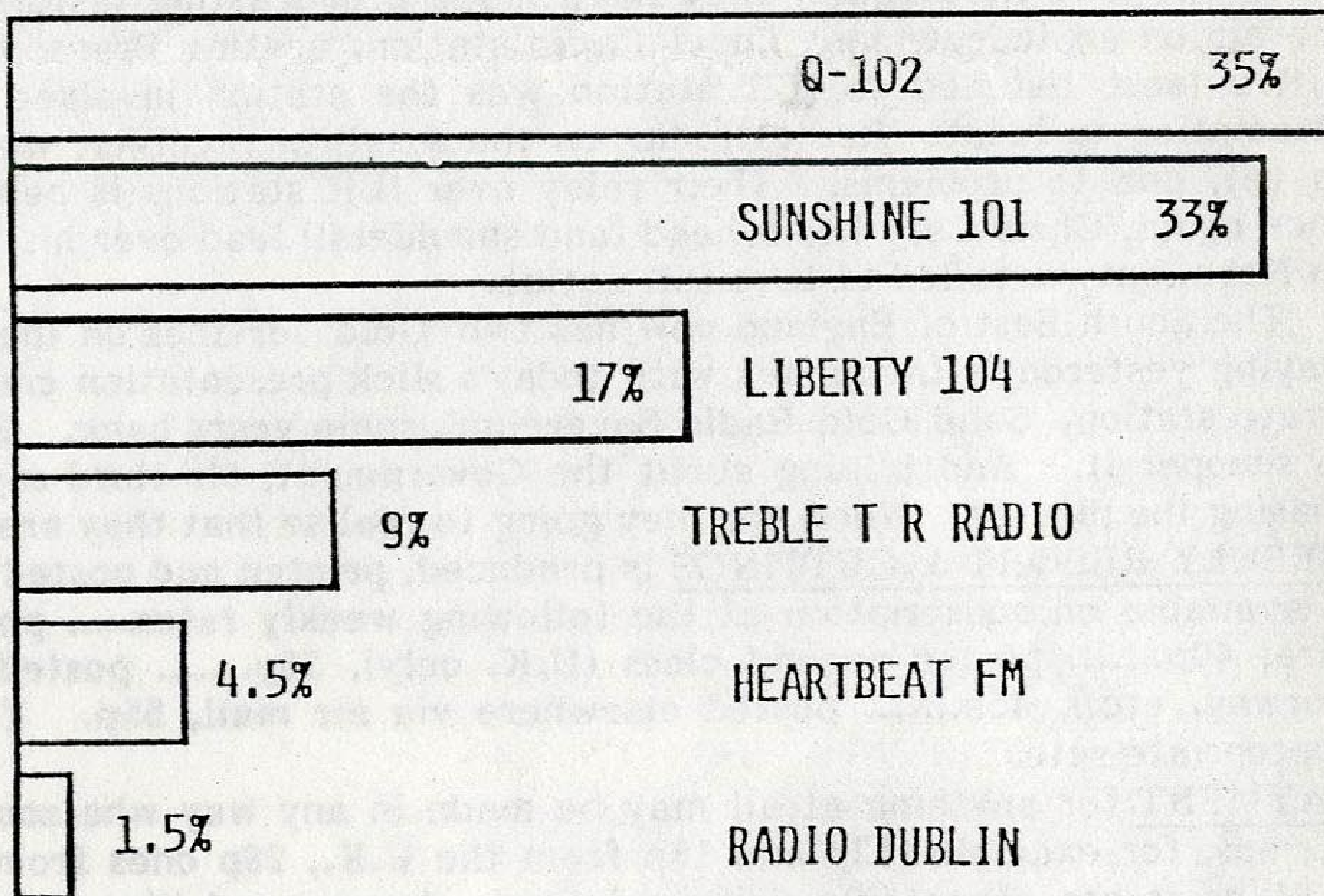
Co. LIMERICK. It has been confirmed from several sources that **Breffni Regional Radio** owns **Galtee Regional Radio** in Limerick City, at present running test tapes. They are announcing 891kHz. and 95MHz., broadcasting over the western region, and indeed, have been received on 96.32MHz. Their address is 45 Thomas Street, Limerick and they are looking for deejays at present.



LIBERTY 104 fm

16 WEAVER SQUARE. DUBLIN 8
PHONE : 538247. 538870

Recent research carried out on the streets of Dublin by radio enthusiasts, yielded the results laid out below. The surveys were carried out by parties solely interested in seeing for themselves, the faring of the many independent radio stations in the city.



LIBERTY 104 is the station making the most of the current battle between the top two in the ratings. **LIBERTY 104** is gaining listeners by the day, with a format aimed at the adult 18 to 35 year group. this includes regular and meaningful chat by the presenters, jingles and full news bulletins, as well as a regular news-magazine programme for Dublin city. This, along with the many specialist programmes make **LIBERTY 104** a force to be reckoned with, in 1988.

Station owner Sam Prendergast, and general manager Therese Fagan are overwhelmed to hear the results that **Liberty 104 FM** is the third best independent radio station in Dublin. This is a wonderful achievement for two people who themselves come from the Liberties. The crew at **LIBERTY 104** intend to make the station number one.

LIBERTY 104 FM / 10-35 AM - HEADING FOR NUMBER ONE

SATELLITE DELIVERED RADIO. Chris Cary's **Radio Nova International** continues to be the only U.K.-originating radio service as yet. Richard Branson's **Radio, Radio** has yet to make it, despite it being operational. We were not aware of this and spent some considerable time in the week, looking for it on the satellite signal receiver. The relay over some ILR stations has been via British Telecom land-lines, and in mono! This is hoped to be rectified within two weeks they say. Listening to Nova in the week, we did note some comments from time to time, made by various D.J.'s, referring to this, but failed to take heed of the meaning.

Unable to monitor the start of 'Radio, Radio', we relied on our readers, and Roger in Nottingham had this to say about it.... 'Johnny Walker's first programme on RR started with his old Caroline jingle and 'Because They're Young'. His opening remarks referred to 'history in the making' and he hoped that 'all you Anoraks have your tapes running'. Later, he referred to the fact that there was no MOA getting in the way this time. It was all really good stuff and far better than the appalling Ruby Wax programme that preceeded it'. Of course, it was not quite as wonderful and historical as Richard Branson had planned, because (a) Nova had beaten them to it and (b) it was not even being satellite delivered. Still, it was on and should provide many with yet further choice in radio and that is what it is all about.

OFF-SHORE STATIONS....RADIO CAROLINE.

Well, following last week's mention of rumour and speculation about the impending use of 558kHz. for a Dutch language service, our 'I'll believe it when I hear it' statement unfortunately came true last Friday morning (8th July). Before we have a look at this weekend's happenings however, let us recap on the events which have led to this situation. Just weeks prior to the collapse of the mast last November, Radio Monique had changed frequency to 819kHz., from 963kHz., where the powerful Finnish station was causing havoc. When Caroline returned some days later using a temporary aerial, it was soon obvious that it would be impossible to diplex the two transmitters into such a short aerial system. Two options were thus open. A new large tower to carry both services, or a separate system for each station. For various reasons, it was the latter which was chosen, and a base loaded 'fibreglass whip' was ordered, which was unusual in broadcast stations.

A 'white' telescopic mast arrived in sections on the ship, in late February, along with a massive tuning unit. The tuning coils were duly fitted below the back deck, and the base of the fibreglass mast, fitted to the deck, at the rear of the vessel. A feed was then brought up from the transmitter room, from the 50kW unit, to the aerial tuning room under the rear deck. The manufacturers were understood to have assured the station that no staying was required, although Caroline's engineers were very doubtful that a 'fibreglass whip' would last very long, especially after being tossed about continuously, in the rough North Sea. Their doubts were confirmed, as when the mast was first erected, it was 'twanging' about quite a lot, and cracks began to appear in its base, and to avoid further damage, it was quickly taken down.

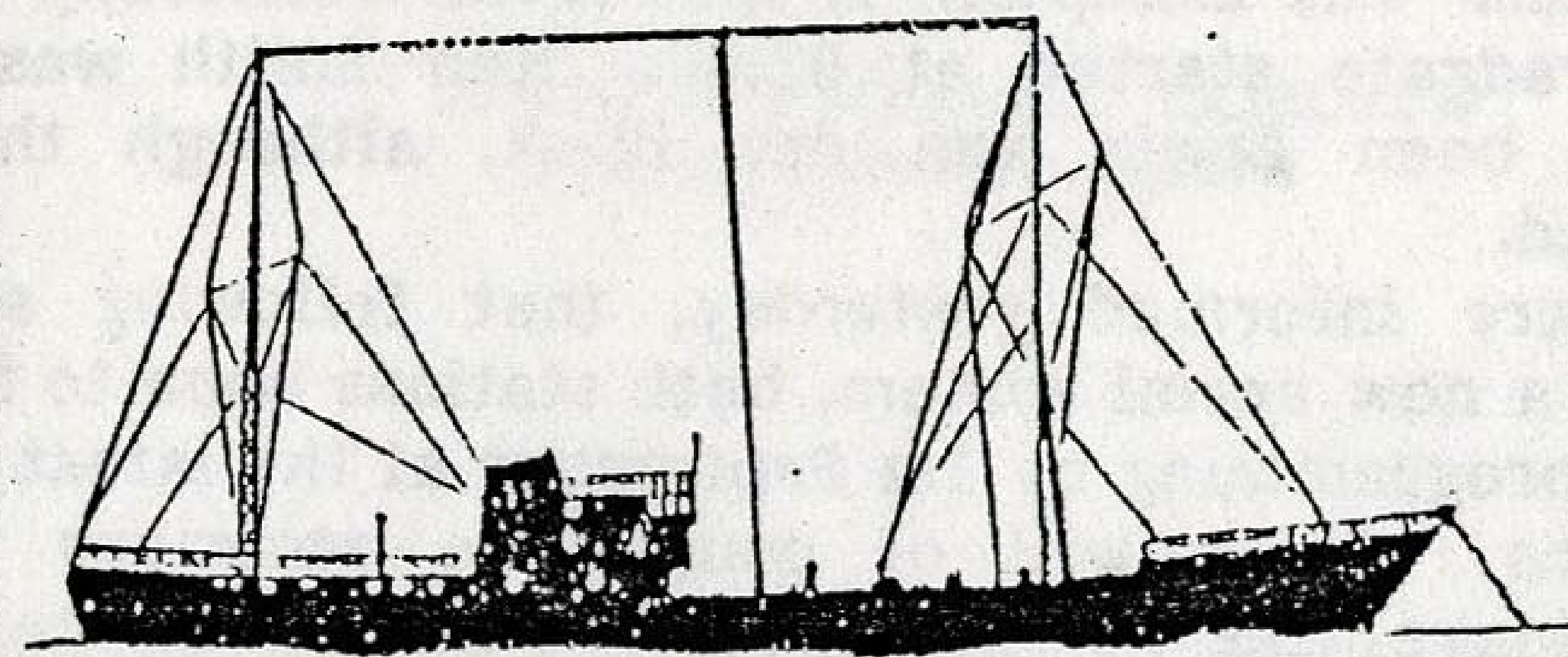
The next attempt to broadcast from the 'white mast', followed it being fully stayed at four equally spaced points. At least it was now 'rigid'. Modulated tests then took place, with a feed from the 558 studio. Monitors on-shore, noted that at this point, 558 was stronger, but the audio on 819 was much cleaner - both audio feeds were said to be taken via the same Optimod unit, giving an idea of the severe treble cut (low audio bandwidth) in the 558 'T' aerial. When higher powers were tried, it was soon found however, that problems were occurring at the top of the 'white' mast, and we understand that a 'modulating' spark caused some melting of stays at this point. (The stays being made of similar plastic material to those on the m.v. Communicator, and not steel). The maximum power which seemed possible without any problems from this system, was thought to be about 4kW. Through an inefficient system, this was not giving satisfactory results in Holland, according to reports we received from that country. After several relays of Radio Caroline, Monday 30th May saw the only full day of tests in the Dutch language (with Ad Roberts and Erwin van der Blik), as on the following morning (Tuesday 31st May), the transmissions ceased at around 09:10. We understand that the previous day, whilst running higher power, the 'white' mast began to turn 'brown', and on the Tuesday morning, the mast simply split in the middle, with the top half crashing to the deck. This was the last time 819kHz was heard with any power. A temporary lash-up during mid-June, using the remaining bottom half of the 'white' mast, and a 'sausage aerial' to the 558 rear tower, also failed, as within minutes the whole thing went up in smoke. Of course, whilst all this testing was going on, no full programming was being put out by the new station, and as a result, advertising contracts were obviously having to be delayed. Start dates were promised at the beginning of each month, from March 1988. Almost six months later still nothing was heard from the station which was to bring in much needed capital to the ship. Rumours of Caroline making way in the daytime, for the Dutch language service have abounded for a long time, but the Caroline organisation have obviously managed to delay this, until it finally became clear, that the 'fibreglass' mast was a complete failure. When Steve Conway returned to land for a short time, two weeks ago, he was then informed of the impending loss of

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RADIO CAROLINE



ALL THE HITS... ...AND MORE.

the daytime service, and returned to the ship straight away to help with a smooth and professional changeover. He was then told that the idea had been dropped, and Caroline continued as normal until two days ago. And so, we arrive at the morning of Friday 8th July, when shortly before Steve Conway started his breakfast show, Andy Bradgate said to listen out for some special announcements. In fact, it was only hours before that the crew had heard of the change, which was to have taken place immediately. After some discussions, Caroline was allowed to continue for one more full day, in order to inform the listeners of what was going to happen to the station over the coming weeks. The information tapes were made during the early hours of Friday morning. Following the start of Steve's breakfast show, every 15 minutes thereafter, tapes were heard saying that this was the last daytime programming from Radio Caroline for about four weeks. One of the these was read by Steve Conway himself, and went thus.... "You are listening to Caroline 558, Europe's 24 hour music station. In order to carry out essential engineering and technical re-organisation to bring you a better service on 558, and a new station on 819, it is necessary for Caroline to suspend daytime transmissions from Saturday, for a period of about one month. After this time, Caroline will return to 558, 24 hours, with a better service than ever before. During the next month, a Dutch language music station will be heard on 558 during the day, with Caroline continuing unaltered throughout the night. So stay tuned to 558 for the best in 24 hour music radio".

Listening through the day (Friday 8th), the suspension message tapes were indeed played every fifteen minutes, along with 'live' mentions by the deejays, of the changes to come. It appears that Caroline will now begin its programmes from 18:00 daily, through until 06:00 the following morning. Steve Conway closed his final 'full' breakfast show saying he would be back on Saturday between 05:00 and 08:00, and thereafter with an 'Early Breakfast Show' between 04:00 and 06:00 each weekday morning. During the news broadcasts on Friday, it was mentioned that the only bulletin which would be kept on, would be at 18:00, along with the headlines also kept at 18:30. A new bulletin would be added however at midnight, seven days per week. Steve also advised shipping in their area, who use Caroline's weather forecast / seas conditions as an aid, that these would continue to be broadcast on the half-hour, in English. With all the staff currently on the ship, there will be a reduction in the hours each deejay hosts, and programmes will now only last two hours. We should know more accurate news regarding the line-up, next week. It would be nice to see the popular 'North Sea Gold' hour make a return (hint!) Steve Conway and Rob Harrison have now left the ship for some shore leave, and both are expected to return shortly. We hear that despite the loss of the daytime service for a while, morale is extremely high on the ship, and that non of the

current staff have expressed any desire to leave. This leaves them with two steady teams of six broadcasters to keep the stations on the air. Two new presenters have arrived on board, to replace Rob and Steve, although at the time of printing, we have no names, however one is a Canadian girl - the first female to be on board for a considerable amount of time. For the record, the line-up until Friday (the last daytime schedule) has been... 01:00 Andy Bradgate... 05:00 Steve Conway... 09:00 Rob Harrison... 13:00 Dave Asher... 16:00 Ian Mack... 20:00 Mike Watts (Monday) / Rob Harrison (Tuesday - Friday)... 21:00 Ken Smith... 23:00 Neil Gates. The exception is that from Wednesday to Friday, Andy Bradgate started at 02:00. Ken Smith was believed to have been Erwin van der Blik, although this is not confirmed.

We were informed yesterday, that following substantial work on a new aerial system, both stations hope to be putting out full programming by 1st September at the latest - weather permitting. There will of course, be occasions when 558 has to leave the air for certain work to be carried out. When it does return during the day, Caroline will be back on high power, with a full 24 hour schedule, and a few surprises! The current music format will continue throughout.

The new Dutch service was announced to start at 08:00, on Saturday morning (9th July), with Ad Roberts, Erwin van der Blik and 'co'. It was Ian Mack who hosted the final breakfast show on Caroline, between 05:00 and 08:00, as Steve Conway had left the ship. During his show, mention and praise was given especially to Steve Conway and the engineers, who between them, have certainly gone out of their way to keep the station on the air since the tower collapsed in November. Certainly, Steve deserves a special round of applause, as he has hardly been off the vessel this year, even through its most difficult times, and on occasions has almost had to run the programming on his own. As 08:00 approached, 'Caroline' by the Fortunes was played, followed by the 'time pips' and the theme tune of the new station (the same as was played on 819 in May, and which backed the taped announcements the previous day). Erwin van der Blik was the first presenter, and although Ad Roberts was mentioned previously, only two other names were actually noted, they being Fred and Lex. Live announcements were still given out in English, at times, for those who missed them on Friday.

The change is reminiscent of the 1970's, when English programmes were broadcast during the evening, with Radio Mi Amigo in the daytime. Then, as with the current situation, when the transmitter and staff were available, there was also an all-day English service on a separate channel. The only difference being, that at this time, Caroline had an 'album format' during the evening, rather than 'pop'. We hope that the replacement by the as yet un-named Dutch service ('819-RN?'), will enable Caroline to not only bring in some cash, but also enable the engineers to perfect a new aerial system. There has certainly been no hints dropped as to what exactly they intend to do during the next four weeks, but by actually mentioning 819kHz. at this point, they obviously do have plans to try and get two AM transmissions out once again. Whether it will be possible to put up a large tower at sea, with the services still running fully, is not known. The last mast on the Mi Amigo was put up at sea, and proved to be the most successful they had, even staying up for five years after the ship sank, without the aid of any rigging. This is certainly the best time of year to have the work done. Finally, just a quick mention to say that the shortwave outlet on 6215kHz., has been un-affected by all the above, and still puts out **World Mission Radio** daily from 06:00-18:00, along with Johan Maasbach programmes. Long silences are often heard on the channel, and Johan's programmes have occasionally been late on the air. Rudi, in The Netherlands informs us that following a telephone call to the post office in Corona, he found that the correct address for World Mission Radio is P.O. Box 346, Corona, California 91719, United States. Radio Caroline is now being relayed between the hours of 00:00 and 06:00, whilst World Mission Radio is not being transmitted. This should at least enable more 558 listeners to tune in during the hours of darkness.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

1st - 5th July 1988.

This weekend touched down on 40 stations, 11 in stereo.

The weekend began with leading lights TKO and LWR

still out of contention, although hints that LWR is soon to return were realised, when a carrier came on 92.05 on Saturday. From South London's 'Privateer' centre of Brixton, only **Passion Radio** (90.70) could be heard until the Saturday return of both **Rock-to-Rock** (90.3) and **Sky** (91.7). The very powerful **Passion Radio** splashes over everything in the area, and with Faze 1 failing to return from a bust earlier in the week, both Southall's **Sina Radio Int.** (90.95) and Walthamstow's **WLIB** (90.9) could be heard - at least until they were taken out on Sunday.

The 89 sector again threatened to become very overcrowded again, but some blunt surgery by the DoTI men cleared the lot on Saturday. Finsbury Park's **Euro Jam** (89.5) and **'The Arab'** (who are back to mono and down to 89.75), dominate the sector, but there was still room for **'A Greek'** (89.45) and **Groove** (89.55) to make a short appearance. On 89.45 on Friday evening was heard a 'stop tape' (a tape made up of records, where the tape has been stopped at the end of each track, so that the next track can be cued up). This consisted of the greatest hits of Wham! and Spandau Ballet, and was believed to be coming out of SW London. By the morning, this had transformed into, not so much Euro-Jam, as Euro-Pop, with the music of Julio Iglesias and Desireless, and such. This was not thought to be new rock and rollers Radio Jennifer, who tested last week, and have not been other-wise heard. By Saturday evening, the whole sector had been cleared with the exception of 'The Arab', who went out the following day.

Also a victim of a sudden death, were North London soulsters **Studio FM** (92.65), who have changed their opening time, from lunchtime to late evening on Thursdays. On Saturday, the 'Waterloo Wreckers' decreased their operating time even more. South of the river and **Solar 93** (93.00 - stereo) were hit yet again on Saturday. North Surrey daytime weekend soulsters **PCR** (105.25) also got another visit on Sunday, but the nearby carrier on 105.15 remained untroubled and again burst into anonymous stereo jazz and soul, over much of London, on Sunday. Not returning with their normal Stefan Edberg like speed, was **Traffic Jam Radio** who finally turned up on Sunday on 98.10.

A total of 11 stations were heard in stereo this week, more than for some time. Greek daytimers **LGR** (88.35 - stereo) are back in stereo, as are North London reggae rockers **City Radio** (94.5 - stereo). Both **Passion** (90.70) and **Sky** (91.70) have again been unable to make up their collective minds about whether to stay in stereo or not. **Passion** are now up there with 'powerhouse' leaders **Time Radio** (103.75) and **JBC** (104.30 - stereo), but suffer by broadcasting from Brixton, which is not as high above sea level as Harlesden. The others in stereo are weekenders **Solar 93** (93.00), **CD-93/Starpoint** (93.25), **Kiss FM** (93.95), and jazz on 105.15.

The anonymous ethnics were around. **'A Greek'** (89.45) was heard as was **'Another Greek'** (105.55) on Sunday. What is believed to be **Bangla Radio For London** (BRL - 91.70) have come up very strong this week, and are successfully blotting out **Sky Radio** out of the West End. Probably based in the Smithfield area of East London, they also apparently, received a visit from the DoTI men on Sunday. Tooting's Indian daytimer, **Brittania Radio** (95.4) have made it back, and both **GCR** (104.5) and **GRL** (96.15) remained un-interrupted over the weekend.

Starpoint's (Sunday - 93.25 - stereo) Saturday timeshare partners **CD-93**, had a particularly clutter free evening, with no more than the odd station ID between tracks. Unlike **Solar 93**, **Kiss FM** seem to be relatively trouble free these days, and completed the weekend without incident, although they have been the source of a number of spurious signals noted recently. Nearby, Clapham's **Southside Radio** (93.25) are back for daytimes, having cleared up their technical hitches.

The 15 minute reggae record 'advertising tape loop' heard in the early hours of last Monday (27th June) may have turned itself into the back-to-back reggae 'stop' tapes coming out of 94.25, with the same sort of sound quality and strength, on Friday and Saturday. This may be a completely new outfit, or possibly the return of **PRS**, who used this slot some months back. It was completely splattered by powerful Sunday rockers, **Rock-FM** (94.30), who also had a trouble free day.

Weekend rock and rollers **London Rock** (88.70) failed to keep their Friday night warm-up Pink Floyd concert this week. The reason became apparent over the next two days,

as they came and went in a shower of sparks and puffs of blue smoke, as technical trouble kept grinding them to a halt. They remained characteristically cheerful throughout, and the studio party sounded to be in full swing as usual. This may have been the reason for last Sunday's non-appearance, (the tech trouble, not the party - but on the other hand...). Judging by last week's outing, they are obviously not equipped with CD, as the copy of 'The Wall' they played sounded like an original 1979 copy, which had been played every day since. Nearby East London weekenders Sunrise Radio (89.95) are in lower power, and consequently, have been more or less totally wiped out, except for their local area. Although Tottenham's RJR (90.05) continue with a solid mono signal, they also had technical troubles, when they suffered from a tx going unstable overnight Friday. A substitute was rigged on Saturday, and they have sounded fine ever since.

Tooting pop-rock weekenders South London Radio (103.20) missed the starting IRN bulletin on Friday night, and didn't put out their usual overnight service. They have recently gone live, at least for part of the night, and it may have been that the 4 x 8 jock slept in. The ever chatty Clive, didn't sleep in Sunday, as he stayed up all night. They have started taking 'live' on-air phone calls in the studio, until one turned out to be his flat-mate. Well, at least he had his breakfast cooked for him! South London's 7 day 'top forty' specialists 'New' Hits-FM (98.30) remained trouble free again all week.

Also heard were: Weekenders Fame (94.65) and Joy (97.80) both from the South, 7 days Fresh FM (103.35) from NW London and WNK (102.90) in North London.

LONDON UP-DATE. Time Radio (103.75) were reported as being raided early on Wednesday morning, at their studio location. They are believed to have lost both the studio and the transmitter, and once again the DTI also removed their aerial mast. They are currently back on with temporary equipment.

According to several reports, some of the operators of London Greek Radio were recently fined a total of £14,000 for their involvement with the station. This must be the highest fine so far against a land-based operation. The size of the fine could well reflect the suggestions that 'big businesses' were behind the station.

Several weeks ago we printed in the cuttings, a report from 'Scooter Scene' about various 'mod' free radio stations currently broadcasting in the U.K. This week, we also have another article to hand, which mentions a new one in London called Swingin' Radio England. Interestingly, none of the others have ever been reported to us (from Liverpool on 218/306m and Manchester 206m), but this new one was the subject of a conversation on Weekend Music Radio on

Hope for banned radio station

A BANNED pirate radio station could be back on the airwaves under plans to issue more broadcasting licences.

London Irish Community Radio was closed down after a raid on its Acton HQ for broadcasting without a licence.

But the future looks hopeful following representations from Ealing North MP Harry Greenway to the Home Office.

The minister of state has told Mr Greenway that he intends to widen the radio network with new legislation.

Mr Greenway said: "I took up the strong representation of the Irish community concerning their wish to have a local broadcasting station and the minister has sent a reply which certainly encourages long term hope."

Irish Social and Liberal Democrat Alan Whelan, who lives in Hanwell, said: "I am against pirating but that radio station proved that there is a need and it certainly met that need."

the shortwave band this morning. Apparently it had been received on 1611kHz. medium wave, during the early hours of this morning. Other reports of it being heard in recent weeks, have also reached us. According to the article, which will probably be printed in next week's cuttings, the whole network of stations has the same name. We would be interested to hear from anyone who has actually monitored any of the others.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Starting off in the south of this area last Sunday (3rd July), Monica Sound (104.8) were logged with a good signal late in the evening, signing off at 23:35. Programmes were noted by Paul Allen and Bill Ross. The transmission quality was reported to be excellent. Also noted last Sunday, between 20:00 and 21:00, was North Midlands Radio on 105.4MHz. They were giving out an address of NMR, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU. Monday evening (4th) saw two stations on the air. Rebel Radio were on with their regular programmes between 20:00 and 22:00, with Scooter Jones this week, joined by Ken Crescendo. Scooter announced that one Sunday in July, the station would be broadcasting a 12 hour marathon, from midday until mid-night. He also mentioned that letters to the station using the address given in a previous 'WR' had been arriving. Monday evening also saw Village Radio (105.15) on the air between 22:00 and 23:00. On closing, it was announced that they would be back at mid-night, which they duly were, but only lasted 10 minutes before technical problems forced them off the air.

A little further north, and in Leeds ABC FM returned to the air last Sunday evening (3rd July) after a considerable period of not being monitored. The frequency is as before, 105.2MHz. Peoples FM continue most evenings on their new channel of 104.7MHz. Music City Radio (90.3) are also still heard each weekend starting on Friday evening. Rapid FM (105.8), the new station heard last week, but not since, was again on the air starting Friday afternoon (8th). However this time the signal was much reduced on the previous tests.

Test transmissions were again noted from W.L.N.G. (104.9) on Thursday evening between 22:00 and 22:51. Reception was again reported to be better than during their regular broadcasts of several months ago. The same test tapes seem are being repeated, just to keep the listeners interested we understand.

Hull's Radio Takoradi (105.0) seem to be having their fair share of problems. They have been on the for the past two Saturdays at a regular time, but on both occasions have cut off suddenly before the end of announced transmissions. Yesterday, they appeared on the air at 14:00, with 'Shammy' hosting the first programme. Then K.D. took over, but at 16:50, the station left the air. The week previous, it went off at 16:10. The problem could possibly be a faulty aerial, or the transmitter overheating, as it had been on for about the same time both weeks, before disappearing.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. HEATWAVE COMMUNITY RADIO (105.1) were raided by the DTI during the breakfast programme on Friday morning (8th). The time of the raid was thought to have been between 06:00 and 08:00, and as of the middle of yesterday afternoon (Saturday), they had still not returned. They hoped to have been back either Saturday night or Sunday morning.

NEWCASTLE. N.B.C. made their usual broadcasts last Friday and Saturday (1st and 2nd July). Transmissions were actually on the announced 102.5MHz. Once again there were no Sunday programmes, although the transmitter was still switched on. Nothing was noted in the week.

MERSEYSIDE. Beginning with last Sunday, we monitored what were presumably test transmissions from Veronica 104. The broadcasts were noted during the afternoon on 104.75, with a very strong signal. A programme tape was being played which was from the Saturday of their 'long weekend' broadcast, several weeks ago. At the end, a record was played twice, and then the carrier went off, and we did not hear it again.

Monday saw the usual line-up of stations on the air. Radio Merseywaves on 1242kHz., (who also announce 244 metres), had a good signal, but we found that Radio Atlantis was more difficult to monitor, although it was on the air. We are not sure whether the Atlantis signal is lower, or Telstar Radio in Dundalk, who use the same channel, are getting out better. Storton Community Radio were understood to have conducted some tests early in the week on 1026kHz., although we were unable to listen. Their weak signal last weekend, was due to a temporary site being used, which

resulted in the aerial being much lower and shorter than normal. **Radio Julie** were noted here on Monday afternoon, and we hear that they carried on until around midnight. At this point an announcement was made to the effect that the station was closing down due to various problems. It was mentioned that they would only return when these problems have been sorted out.

Blank carriers were noted throughout the week once more, on 1242kHz., but programming was not heard by us until Friday morning, with Kevin Jordan on breakfast. Programmes have continued throughout the weekend from **Radio Merseywaves**, and as far as can be ascertained, there has been no DTI presence in the area these past few days. Confirming what was heard on **Radio Julie** the previous Monday, no transmissions were noted on Friday (when they normally commence weekend broadcasts), or on Saturday and Sunday.

Returning to **Radio Atlantis** now, and the problems with reception here in Blackpool. This morning, they were hardly audible at all, and must definitely be having problems either with the transmitter or the aerial, as several weeks ago they were stronger than **Merseywaves**. Even nulling out **Telstar Community Radio**, it was difficult to listen. A listener in their locality reports however, that they were definitely on the air, and in fact, Stephen Bishop can once again be heard on the station. Stephen left some weeks ago, apparently due to some disagreement over station policy. He has been resident in London since then, where he was hoping to put another station on the air. This morning, he was heard saying that 'it was good to be back on the air again'.

Storton Community Radio were back on high power today, on 1026kHz. The signal level is once again what it was three weeks ago, and as it was then, it is the strongest medium wave signal to be received here in Blackpool. The occasional problem with audio now seems to have been cured, and the station has a very respectable sound quality.

Onto the FM band now, and with **Radio Julie** missing, things have been very quiet. **Eastham Community Radio** were logged locally on Monday (4th) and Wednesday (6th) evenings. They were also broadcasting all day yesterday (8th), and unfortunately, although we checked regularly, their signal was not reaching Blackpool. The frequency to watch out for on a Saturday is 105.15MHz. **Veronica 104** (104.7) were again playing some old tapes around lunchtime today, but although they could be heard well on Merseyside, their signal was particularly weak here. This is unfortunate, as with **Radio Julie** off the air, it was an ideal opportunity for us to listen. Perhaps some new locations are being tested out.

STAFFORDSHIRE. **Centre Radio** (97.7) were on the air last Sunday, 3rd July, with the usual 18:00 to 22:00 broadcast. Two presenters, Steve Ross and Jack Fox were on, and the programmes were reported as being very good, apart from a record deck playing at a slightly wrong speed. This problem was commented upon by Steve Ross.

MANCHESTER. **WBL** (102.4) seem to have either increased power somewhat, or moved location, as their signal is now being heard as far away as Merseyside and North Wales. Both them and **Laser 10-35** (103.5), who broadcast to the 'black communities' of the city, have operated most days, although on occasions their on-air times have been a little erratic. Latest information indicates that **Laser** has been off for the past couple of days. The station called **Small Town Radio** reported heard recently, has been on the air again on 104.4MHz. This time they were heard on Friday (1st), Sunday (3rd) and Monday (4th) with start up time at around 17:00. **L.B.C. Radio** in Bury also operate on 104.4MHz., and were reported to be on the air from 13:30 last Sunday. **L.B.C.** still seem to be dogged with the 50Hz hum on the audio. **FAB FM** (97.0) were active last week also, and we have a report of them being monitored on Friday (1st), Sunday (3rd) and Thursday (7th).

RENFREWSHIRE. Just two stations have been heard this week, with **Clyde Valley Radio** (CVR) putting in the most hours on 103.8MHz. Their announced schedule was kept to, and they operated each evening from Sunday to Thursday between 19:00 and 23:00, sometimes even later. Their sister station **MMR** has been shelved for the time being, whilst **CVR** gets going properly. **Radio Mercury** (96.1) were on Thursday and Friday evenings from 19:00 until 22:00 and also last Sunday afternoon. They were also expected on this afternoon. **Northside Community Radio** are currently waiting for their transmitter to be repaired.

THE MIDLANDS. As usual there was no shortage of action in this area over the past seven days. Both seven day stations **Enterprise FM** (91.9) and **Radio P.C.R.L.** have been on the air every day, and with very good signal and audio. **Radio P.C.R.L.**, who tend to drift about from day to day, are now up as high as 103.9MHz., although still announcing as 103.5. Again on every day, but not 24 hours, is **Powerhouse Radio**. Announcing as 105, they currently operate on 105.25, between the hours of 16:00 and 06:00 daily. They must have quite a good location, as their signal is often picked up many miles away, despite only using 25 watts. The Asian mystery continues, with station being heard this week on 6 different frequencies. Once again, the only one which was identified was on 106.5MHz. **Midland Asian Community Radio**. All only operate during the evenings.

Electro Radio returned to the air after a few days off, and were monitored on 107.0MHz., starting on Friday night, and all day Saturday. Weekend station **Fresh FM** have also been on since Friday on 95.05MHz.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS.

Log for Sunday 10th July 1988.

6200kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:02gmt.
6202kHz...RADIO TORENVALK/ TONAIR, at 10:23gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE 558, at 04:00gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 18:57gmt.
6231kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 09:56gmt.
6231kHz...GUERNSEY SOUND, at 10:07gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:09gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:50gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:34gmt.
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:10gmt.
6300kHz...UNID., at 09:15gmt.
6300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:10gmt.
6305kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:20gmt.
6310kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09:07gmt.
6310kHz... 'CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD', at 10:05gmt.
6317kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 11:13gmt.
6319kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:06gmt.
6805kHz...RADIO NEW WAVE, at 08:44gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:55gmt.
6820kHz...UNID., at 08:02gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:29gmt.
7315kHz...I.R.R.S., at 08:54gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO SUESAN, at 09:32gmt.
7355kHz...UNID., at 09:15gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 07:16gmt.
7390kHz...UNID., at 10:57gmt.
7446kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 09:26gmt.
7450kHz...UNID., at 10:40gmt.

Conditions on the band today were up and down with many long and deep fades. Logs in **BOLD** are ours, others were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017 from loggers in the Midlands, Cheshire and Hull.

Radio Rainbow had some of its own programmes today, which consisted of non-stop music and brand new announcements in various languages.

Stations calling themselves **Sunnyside Radio** and **Tasmanian Tempest Radio** were broadcast as part of the programmes of **Radio East Coast Commercial**. These in fact, were spoof stations and do not exist, so save your money don't send off for QSL's, etc.

Radio Suesan is broadcast via the facilities of the **I.R.R.S.**, and is understood to be alternating week to week with the programmes of **Falcon Radio** (also via the **I.R.R.S.**), who were logged on this channel last Sunday.

It was thought that the **UNID.** on 7390kHz. announced as **Radio East Coast Commercial**, but apparently they were not broadcasting on this frequency.

Finally in this section, the shortwave transmitter on board the **Ross Revenge** on 6215kHz., is once again being used to relay the output from **Caroline 558**. As an aid to those listening at night, when the reception on 558 itself is poor at a great distance, the hours between 00:00 and 06:00 BST are being filled with **Caroline 558**. 06:00 until 00:00 is still used for **World Mission Radio**, and its religious programmes and music tapes. At least now we can probably monitor these night-time programmes here in Blackpool. Please let us know how the signal is faring at this time of the night in your particular area of the country, or Europe.

Our thanks once again, for all contributions to today's issue.

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The Department of Trade and Industry seemed to be getting the upper hand this week, as, in London, free radio stations went down by the score. On a couple of occasions this left only a handful of operators putting out alternative programming. This is obviously the department's answer to Home Secretary Douglas Hurd's message last week, stating that "we are determined to combat unauthorised broadcasting". What is so sad about this whole situation, is that as stations get raided, the listener is the one who suffers, and their choice becomes less and less. It is a poorly organised government, who tries to take something 'illegal' away from the people, without replacing it simulataneously with a similar, but 'licensed' operation. As we have stated many times before, like a needle stuck in a record groove, what are potential broadcasters to do, other than go on the air without a licence, in sheer desperation, when year after year they are lied to, and eventually 'fobbed off' in a last minute change of mind by our so-called leaders? The Home Office should take a leaf out of the books of some other European countries (Belgium, France, Italy and latest in the line, Eire), who issued a specific number of licences, and those operators who did not succeed in obtaining one, were asked to close down on a specific date. At least then, the listeners had some alternatives to tune to, and the band could be put into some sort of order. Really, the government has only itself to blame for the current situation in London. Even the DTI officials must be exasperated, wondering what they are supposed to do, when one week, hundreds of stations are to be licensed, and the next, it is cancelled for several years! When will it all end?

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new this week, but several back issues of the German magazine **Radio News** are now once again, in stock. These are October 1974 (end of Dutch offshore radio), March 1977 (Mebo 2 in Libya), December 1979 (m.v. Magdalena), No. 37-August 1981 (Radio Paradise), No. 38-February 1982 (m.v. Odelia), No. 39-December 1983 (m.v. Ross Revenge) and No. 40/41 March 1985 (m.v. Communicator). These magazines are A5 in size and each contain around 70 pages. The text is all German, but the quality of the scores of printed photographs is so excellent that it is worth getting the magazines for these alone. The cost for each magazine is £1.90.

NEW ARRIVALS. No reading matter at all arrived here until Friday, when three magazines came all at once. First to be opened was **Communication** (the monthly journal of the British DX Club). This latest issue (July 1988) has 20 x A5 pages of DX news, logs, reviews and much more. Details from the club secretary, Colin Wright, 54 Birkhall Road, Catford, London SE6 1TE..... **Contact, Volume 25, Issue 7** followed, hot on its heels, so to speak and as usual, had a mass of DX information in its 36 x A4 pages. Highly recommended, details here, are from Arthur Ward, 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY..... **Now Radio, Issue 65**, the A5 magazine for the radio industry, has 24 pages of interesting radio reading, with details being available from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 0NW..... **Activity Magazine, Issue 4...** a mini issue and news updater for July 1988. Mainly logs and brief news items this time. Details... 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... finally, this week, **Airflash, Issue 28**, the bi-monthly journal of the Community Radio Association, arrived and as usual,

up to its regular high standard. 12 x A4 sides of news and views from this angle. Details? **CRA (Airflash)**, 119 Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1 7SJ.

TAPE OFFER. Two Irish recordings are on offer this week.... the first being of the festival station, **Radio Sandymount**, which broadcasts each Summer, for the two week festival period, from south of Dublin city. Bryan Lambert is your host on this afternoon show from 20th May and it is rather likely that in view of current legislation going through parliament, this may well be the last we hear of this station. This is Tape 218. Due to the fact that **CAU - FM** closed down yesterday, we have decided to offer as Tape 219, this FM only station, which used to broadcast to the Dublin area. This a weekday morning show from 11th July, featuring Derek Ryan. The format is 'favourites'. Both FM recordings are on C.90's and cost, as always, £2.00 each.

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Co. DUBLIN. The sad news this week was the announcement of the closure of **CAU-FM**. This station has been operating to Dublin for a considerable time, previously under the title, Phoenix Radio. Their current frequency was 104.3MHz. Announcements were given out on the air throughout the day, about the closure, and listeners were invited to telephone in requests for the final time on Saturday (16th July). The station announced it would be closing at 19:00 that day. The station filled a gap in the Dublin market, by running a more 'clutter free' format than the other stations, similar to the early days of Radio Nova.

Word from **Sunshine 101** corrects an item we mentioned a couple of issues back. We stated that we had heard a jingle saying 'the end is in sight'. This was in fact correct, but was attributed to the opening of a new nightclub at the Phoenix Park Racecourse, to be called 'The End Disco', and not to the station and the current situation. Sorry about that! There is definitely more excitement surrounding the station and new jingles are confirmed. 'Rock it with the Red Hot Sound of Sunshine 101' is one such item, in fact, it's the first time, since August 1986 that Dublin's number one station has played jingles. It was at this time that Bill Cunningham arrived and introduced the now famous 'Hot-Hit' format. Music backing is now heard on promos as well and apparently the listeners like it and their reaction has been very positive. The 'Free Money Hit' competition has proved to be extremely successful and the 'Hot Hot' showdown with the national newspaper, The Evening Press, has been running successfully now for some months. Meanwhile, the £50,000+ 'Big Kahuna' entry forms have been flooding in faster than ever, with the standard of auditions also dramatically improving.

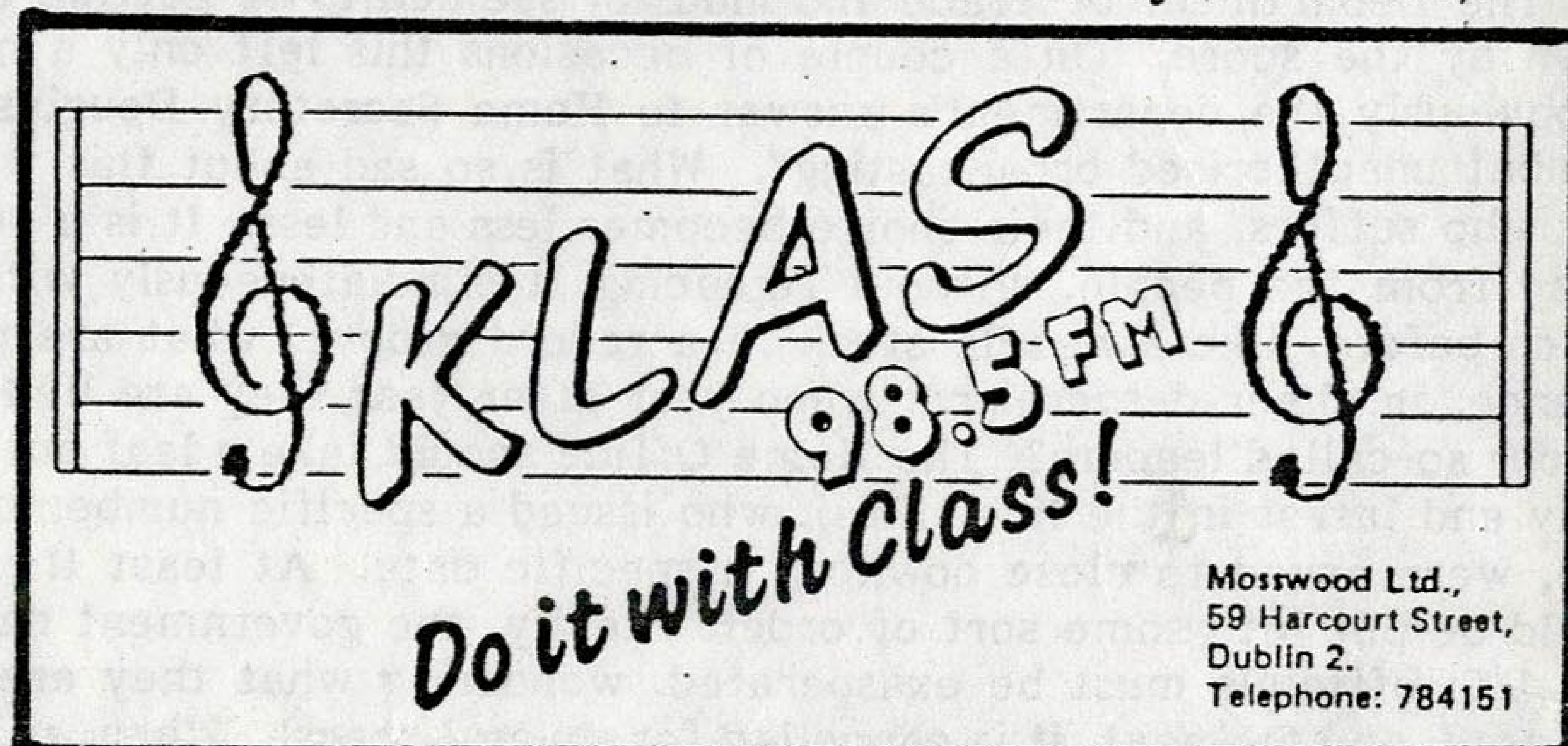


The station has recently improved the output signal on 531kHz., and reports of clear signals once more on the west coast of the U.K. have been reaching us. For several months, the 846kHz. outlet has been the best to tune to. Following the passing of the Radio Bill, Sunshine 101 has announced that it will be voluntarily closing down on 31st December 1988, at 23:59 and all advertisers have been sent a letter in an envelope specially marked... "Very Important Message... 8 years of Sunshine Radio... 15th September 1980 - 30th December 1988.

Both main stations, Sunshine and **Super - Q 102 FM** have been on the streets again this week, giving away money for the correct slogan repeated by the interviewee. Q were noted giving the larger amounts, however, and on one occasion (no doubt often repeated on the air) £1,000 was heard handed over to a lucky 'listener'. On Thursday, Q came live from a shop window in Grafton Street.

In addition to Sunshine's 531kHz. outlet increasing in power, **Super Q's** 738kHz. has been heard today with much increased signal strength. Whether this is just for Sunday's competition between 'The Bop Shop' and 'Be-Bop Gold', we are not sure.

Word also reaches this week about **Class 98.5 FM** (formerly **KLAS**). Along with the new name, is a new format where they play a wider mix of music with the emphasis on more contemporary material like Spyro Gyra, Crusaders, James Taylor, Randy Crawford etc., along with the Sinatra, Bassey, Mathis material and some classical and jazz. One track in three is an instrumental. To be found there is Pat Courteney, who occupies the position, commercials manager. Current line-up reads.... 07:00 Mike Swan 11:00 Dan O'Sullivan 15:00 Steve O'Brien 19:00 David Williams 23:00 David Baker (Mon to Thurs.) and Keith Shanley (Fri to Sun).



Finally in Dublin, **Radio West** have once again been reported heard on 97.3MHz. and **Signal FM** on 106.3MHz. Signal were heard several months ago around the 96MHz. area of the band, and operated a weekend schedule.

Co. MONAGHAN. **KISS FM** have been having a few problems with the 5kW medium wave transmitter. It appears that the move to 1170kHz. was not liked by the output tuning stage, and a large capacitor blew, resulting in it being put out of action. A secondary, 1kW transmitter has been in use recently until spares can be received for the 5kW unit, hence the slight reduction in signal strength. The frequency change to possibly 1413kHz. is still on the cards, once this problem is sorted out. The FM's continue as normal.

OFF-SHORE STATIONS : RADIO CAROLINE. Following the changover of the daytime service to the Dutch language operation, the programming from Radio Caroline on Saturday and Sunday saw a steady line-up for the new overnight 12 hour schedule. With the Dutch service finishing with their theme tune up to 18:00, the news is then read in English, followed by Ian Mack. Thereafter we had... 20:00 Dave Asher.. 22:00 Andy Bradgate... 24:00 Neil Gates... 02:00 Dave Miller... 04:00 Judy Murphy... 06:00 The Dutch service, '558 AM'. The news was read up until Wednesday, by Dave Asher, and since mid-night on that day, by the Canadian girl, Judy Murphy. Some alterations in the line-up have also occurred during the week, but there has been no change in staff. Mike Watts was heard on Sunday night / Monday morning at 02:00 in place of Dave Miller.

Friday saw the shortwave service missing at tea-time, and the appearance of Johan Maasbach at 18:00, as he used to be in the days of Radio Monique. This programme was in English. The Radio caroline programmes were also cut short in the early hours, when Johan appeared again at 05:30, this time in Dutch. This seems to now be a regular feature. The shortwave service on 6216kHz, returned on Saturday night (16th), and it continued through the night with the programmes of Caroline 558. The shortwave outlet is currently being mentioned during the early hours, and so the staff obviously realise that at this time of the day, this is a valuable outlet for the station.

Bert in Holland answered our question regarding the theme tune of the Dutch service. He found it on a CD called 'Hi-Tec Heroes' (label : Vertigo 830 813-2), and the theme tune is also called 'Hi-Tec Heroes'. The song is written and performed by the Dutch AVRO deejay Ad Visser. Whilst on the subject of the Dutch language service, everything seems to sound quite well, and 'fast' in true Dutch style. The weather is being read out in English on the half hour. Also, as with Radio Monique in the past, an 'International News' is featured at times, with the headlines being read out in English.

Finally, we have had a couple of enquiries regarding 'Raffles', who was once the talk of the ship. He is currently on shore, as the sea-water and oil was making him ill.

Co. GALWAY. A letter from Keith York at Coast Hot Hits fills us in on some of the current happenings at the station. Following their recent merger with Hits FM in Limerick, the station has a weekday line-up of... 07:00 Brian Walsh... 09:00 Steve Marshall... 12:00 Shane Martin... 15:00 Stuart Clark... 18:00 Tommy Kelly... 21:00 Jonathan Mooney / Mike Daniels... 00:00 to 07:00 Nova Night Network. Keith himself is currently busy on the engineering side and does not host a regular programme. The Galway FM transmitter (102.9 3kW e.r.p.) is currently being re-sited onto a more elevated position in order to cover a larger area, into counties Mayo, Roscommon and Clare. This will fill the gap towards the south, where the Limerick FM transmitter on 100.8MHz. then takes over. The Limerick tx is only 200 watts, but has a site 1500' above sea level, which gets the Coast Hot Hits signal well into counties Kerry, Tipperary and Clare. On medium wave, the Limerick outlet on 954kHz., is currently off the air due to antenna problems. In Galway, 1566kHz., is currently also being re-sited at a new location in the Corrib Basin, to give better coverage. Current power on 1566kHz is 250 watts, but as soon as a plate transformer can be re-wound, they hope to get out the full power, which is said to be 3kW. In recent weeks, the station has completed several highly successful outside broadcasts, including The Galway County Show and The Salthill Summer Festival. They are also due to play a major role in the prestigious Eyre Square Carnival, during August. A large outside broadcast from central Limerick is envisaged to launch the 'Take 5' promotion in two weeks time. To take part in this competition, numbered glossy tickets are available. They are returned to the station, complete with your name and address, following which you have a chance to be drawn. If your number is picked, you have 5 minutes to call Coast Hot Hits and answer 5 questions correctly, and you then win a prize, and are put into a draw for a car competition.

The current address for Coast Hot Hits is : Prospect House, Eyre Square, Galway, Co. Galway. As yet we have no confirmation of the new telephone numbers. We understand from conversations with telephone operators in the town, that the previous numbers of Coast 103 are no longer in use.

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OFFSHORE STATIONS : THE VOICE OF PEACE. The 'Festival of Songs' continues daily between 08:00 and 15:00, although sometimes lasts until 19:00. From time to time, Abie goes on the air, usually during the 'Late Night Affair', with messages from his restaurant, mainly mentioning who is in there at the time, and giving his congratulations to anyone who is celebrating with a party. He sometimes even lets the guests request a song. Several months ago there

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were rumours regarding new weekly programmes of prayers on the Voice of peace. The same group who wanted to begin these, also tried to buy the ship (which is not for sale) but this did not happen. They are now understood to have their own ship, and want to operate as an 'offshore' radio station. The group has apparently had some help from the VOP, but has found problems with the government. It would seem, that as in the U.K., the government are prepared to tolerate one station (Caroline in our case), but as soon as there is the possibility of any others appearing, they put their foot down.

Programme wise, Michael O'Sullivan and Martin Murphy are now to leave the station. Martin is already on shore leave, and Michael was also to leave this Sunday. This means only 4 deejays remain on board : Kenny Page, John MacDonald, Steve Richards and Richard West. Replacements for Martin and Michael were not found, and so the station are interested to hear from anyone who would like to join the crew. Demo tapes should be sent to : The Voice of Peace, P.O. Box 4399, Tel Aviv, Israel. The actual line-up for the first week of July was... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Michael O'Sullivan... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Steve Richards... 13:00 Richard West... 15:00 Abie with the phone-in... 17:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 John MacDonald... 19:30 Richard West... 22:00 Steve Richards.

Latest news from Gali and Vered Kravitzki, is that Kenny Page went on shore leave on Friday 8th July, with Martin Murphy returning to the ship. Martin had apparently decided to stay for another three months. Michael O'Sullivan is still leaving however, and flies out on 19th July, with Steve Richards probably going at the same time. A new presenter is understood to be on his way, with possibly two more later this month. Demo tapes are still required however. Sunday 10th July saw the end of the 'Festival of Songs', and the phone-in was also missing. The latest line-up thus reads... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Richard West... 06:00 Michael O'Sullivan... 09:00 Steve Richards... 13:00 Martin Murphy... 15:00 Abie Nathan... 17:00 Michael O'Sullivan... 18:00 John MacDonald... 19:30 Richard West... 22:00 Steve Richards.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. This week we have a general start to this section, although it does tend to lean towards London. Questions are regularly asked in the House regarding illegal radio stations, but normally nothing much of any relevance to us ever results from these questions. However, one of the 'written' answers on July 4th, gives us an idea of the spread of the raids in the London area. Barry in Coventry kindly supplied us with a copy, which we have duly printed below. One thing of note in the list, is the absence of JBC, who have operated 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, all this year!

Written Answers

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Illegal Radio Stations

Mr. Cox: To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster what is the maximum penalty that can be imposed on people running illegal radio broadcasting stations.

Mr. Butcher: The maximum penalty under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 for the unlicensed use of a radio transmitter is a fine of £2,000 and/or three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Cox: To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster if he will list the names of the illegal radio stations operating in the London area, and the number of times such stations have been raided by officers of his Department in each of the last three years.

Mr. Butcher: The following is a list of unlicensed broadcasting stations raided by my Department's radio investigation service during 1988 together with the number of times they were raided in each of the preceding three years.

Station	Times raided			
	1988	1987	1986	1985
Britannia Radio	3	—	—	—
City Radio	2	4	—	—
Classic Radio	4	—	—	—
Faze One	7	14	—	—
Fresh	6	4	—	—
GCR	20	59	2	—
Girls FM	1	3	—	—
Gremlins	1	—	—	—
Grooves FM	1	—	—	—
Hits FM	1	—	1	—
Ice House Radio	2	—	—	—
Kiss FM	3	18	11	11
London 88	7	—	—	—
London Irish Community Radio	1	—	—	—
LWR	15	15	14	14
NMR	1	1	—	—
Passion	2	2	—	—
Playback	4	1	—	—
PRS	3	—	—	—
Raiders FM	2	1	—	—
Ramjam	1	—	—	—
RJR	1	20	—	—
Rock to Rock	4	3	1	—
Roots FM	1	—	1	—
Sangam Radio	9	1	—	—
Sina Radio	11	7	3	4
Sky Radio	7	4	—	—
Solar	3	13	2	12
Starpoint	3	5	10	—
Traffic Jam	2	1	—	—
Time FM	4	4	2	—
TKO	8	8	11	1
WNK	1	4	—	—

A further eight unidentified stations have been raided on 27 occasions so far during 1988.

BRISTOL. Two weeks of free radio information in the city, from Terry, are included this week. **Radio F.T.P.** (103.6) were once again alone on the airwaves during the last few days of June and first day of July. They were said to be running on higher power than usual, but were still suffering from the occasional distortion that has plagued them in the past. **Radio F.T.P.** 'T-Shirts' were being advertised on the air at £6.50 each.

Perhaps something to do with the carnival, black music was noted on 105.2 (mono) at lunchtime on Saturday, 2nd July. The transmission left the air during the afternoon, and was presumed to be a test transmission for **Bristol Amalgamated Deejays Radio**. **B.A.D. Radio** made an official return to the air during early Sunday afternoon (3rd July) with low power. The decision to return to the air after several weeks, appeared to have possibly been made at short notice, as founder Soul Twin Dee was at first waiting for the other B.A.D. deejays to turn up.

To top a weekend of free radio victories, two carriers (97.9 and 99.9) burst into life by mid-morning (3rd) with music. By the early afternoon, these were carrying the programmes of **Emergency Radio**, in mono. The audio quality was said to be excellent. 97.9MHz., was the new announced channel, and was stronger than 99.9, although it had a lower audio level. Neither channel was interfering with the 'real' emergency services. At least one advertisement was noted, from the magazine "Venue", which has published articles on all local free radio stations, in particular 103.5 FM and Emergency. So, after a period of little activity, the first weekend of July brought a good choice for the listener.

By 07:22 Monday morning (4th July) all transmitters were silent, despite B.A.D. Radio announcing a full 7 day / 24 hour schedule. In fact, that station was not noted again until Friday afternoon (8th July) when they appeared with a better strength signal. A full schedule was now announced as starting from Monday 11th July, and programming would be at the following times... Monday-Thursday 13:00-24:00, then continuous from 13:00 Friday until 09:00 Monday morning. Three hours of community news was announced for a Monday evening.

Radio F.T.P. did put in programming all week, with start-up time now being as early as 09:00. With this operation having been fairly constant recently, it has picked up a lot of advertising, which will obviously keep it in new equipment, should the worst happen.

Sunday (10th), saw the weekend operation **Emergency Radio** back on the air with reduced signals on both channels of 97.9 and 99.9. A spurious signal on 100.5 noted the previous week, had been cleaned up however.

Terry has also noticed, that the musical output of the stations seems to be altering somewhat. B.A.D., who at one time played virtually all hip-hop and rapping, has now opted for a soul and reggae format. Across on **Radio F.T.P.**, one of their leading lights, 'Master C', urged deejays to play less hip-hop and rap, as the listeners don't like it all the time. A two hour 'calypso show' on **Radio F.T.P.** is unique on the stations in the area.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. Although no transmissions were noted from **N.B.C.** on Friday and Saturday (8th & 9th July), they could well have been on the air, as our correspondent reports that his location seems to be in a drop-out zone from their signal. A visit by him to another area on Sunday (10th) revealed N.B.C. loud and clear on 102.3MHz. (announcing 102.5), with a diet of soul music. "Ragamuffin" was on the air until 13:00, when "Rolo" took over, and thanked Ragamuffin for the past three hours. So, it is assumed that Sunday programming commenced at 10:00. The station disappeared mid-afternoon, and were not heard again until after 20:00, when 'house' music was being played. On this particular occasion, the music and presentation was said to be very professional, and a long way removed from that heard previously.

STAFFORDSHIRE. **Centre Sound** (97.7) continued with its regular Sunday broadcast, and were heard last week (10th) signing on early at 17:00. Programmes were noted by the usual deejays Steve Ross and Jack Fox, along with a new voice masquerading under the name Simon Templar. Transmissions ceased at 23:15.

THE MIDLANDS. Starting a little further north of Birmingham this time, and **Soul City FM** can be still heard most Sunday mornings. We used to report this station regularly, some months ago, but have had no correspondence

regarding it recently. However it has obviously continued each Sunday since then, on 103.75MHz.

All stations around Birmingham itself, seem to have operated without problems this week. Four stations have been on the air seven days per week. **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.9) and **Enterprise** (91.9) have operated a 24 hour schedule, with **Powerhouse Radio** (105.25) and **Electro Radio** (107.0) putting in programmes during the evening. Two of the Asian stations have been identified this week, as **Midland Asian Community Radio** (106.55) and **Asian Radio Broadcasts** (106.1). These are heard occasionally during the evenings only. A new station is reported to be testing on 105.5MHz. Calling itself **Night Breeze FM** it will operate from 20:00 until midnight each evening. Some of the members of the former station **Quest FM** are understood to be involved. No reports of it actually being heard have reached us this week.

MANCHESTER. For the first time since the **Radio Rag** broadcasts during February 1987, we have managed to receive some FM transmissions from the city, here in Blackpool. Last week we mentioned that **WBSL** (102.4) appeared to have either upped power, or moved site as they were heard on Merseyside. Well, they were quite clearly audible to us on Thursday morning (14th) shortly before mid-day. Continuous music was played, and then live programming began. From comments heard, it seemed as though the station had been off for a time, and reports indicate that from Monday morning until Wednesday evening no signals were heard from them. Lots of mentions were given to a night out in the city the previous Saturday, suggesting that they have not been on the air much since then. Apparently 2000 people turned up at the gig. A promo for the address of **WBSL** was given out repeatedly, which was... c/o The Hideaway Youth Project, 102.4 Sureham Walk, Queenie Crescent, Moss Side, Manchester. Programmes continued through into early Friday morning, and although they were not heard at 07:30 that morning, shows were well underway by lunchtime. Again for the first time, we heard **Laser 103.5** (103.55) during the same period, although not as strong as **WBSL**. **Laser** were off the air on 8th and 9th July, but have been on every day since. Both stations play a selection of soul and reggae, and give out local information for the black communities of Greater Manchester.

Not received here, but reported to be audible in the locality was **L.B.C. Radio** (104.4). Last Sunday (10th), the hum they have had problems with, was reported to have almost gone from their signal. **S.T.R.** came on the same frequency (different tx) later that afternoon playing disco music. In South Manchester, **F.A.B. FM** were also on air last Sunday from 14:00, on the usual 97.0MHz. A dedication line was open, and calls were noted from a wider area than usual, suggesting the signal was getting out further than usual.

In Cheshire, **Outlook 96.3** were reported on the air last Sunday evening only, with religious programming. We were unable to receive the signal here, so power must be well down on previous transmissions.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. It all seems to be happening at the moment in West Yorkshire. All three black music stations were on the air last weekend with very good signals... **Music City Radio** (90.3)... **ABC FM** (105.2)... and **Peoples FM** (104.7). Both **ABC** (all day) and **Peoples** (evenings) were noted each day, but **Music City Radio** still keeps to its weekend only format, starting on Friday nights, as it has done for over 18 months. **Rapid FM** (105.8), the fourth soul/reggae operation to aim at this area was operating over the weekend, but were said to be having audio problems on Sunday morning. Test transmissions from **Radio Radar** were also noted on Sunday and Monday evening. These were on 105.5MHz., and probably in order to see how their signal was faring with **Peoples FM** and **ABC** now sandwiching **Radar** in the middle. A mystery station was heard on 105.8MHz. for most of Sunday afternoon, and this was not thought to be **Rapid FM**, as pop music and album tracks were being played. Sunday only station **Thunder Radio** (104.8) were also reported as being on the air on the 10th, between 20:00 and 23:00. Bradford's **Radio Veronica** returned to the air on Sunday afternoon at 14:00, with a taped programme which was meant to go out earlier in the year, when the **DTI** were heavily active in that area. Live closedown announcements were heard at 18:20, by Stephen and Christine. Although announcing 105.5, the 50 watt transmitter was tuned to 104.9MHz. They announced that this was only a one-off broadcast, and said hello to several people who had written to the station recently. This made a total of 8 stations

heard in West Yorkshire, last Sunday.

Further south, **Monica Sound** (104.8) were on once more between 20:00 and 23:30. Again, the signal and quality was reported as excellent, and **Bill Ross** and **Paul Allen** hosted the programmes. Monday (16th) saw **Rebel Radio** (105.4) on the air with regular 2 hour broadcasts. During these shows it was announced that the mammoth 12 hour broadcast would be occurring on Sunday 17th July (today). The programmes had already been recorded, and feature a variety of music and styles, including rock and comedy clips. **Village Radio** (105.2) were reported as being on the air on at least one occasion this week.

NOTTINGHAM. Plenty of interest to report this week about **Heatwave Community Radio**. Following the raid last week, the station returned to the air during Monday afternoon (11th) at 15:30, this time being steady on 104.9MHz. Full programmes started at 17:00, with 'The Champion'. At this stage no ID or jingle tapes were being used, as during the raid on the station, the **DTI** had removed everything. On Tuesday it was noticed that two deejays were present during all the programmes. It was thought that this was due to the raid taking place when one female deejay was at the studio on her own, and thus the station was at its most vulnerable. A couple of the jingles also returned that day, but sounded slightly different, so had obviously been re-recorded. By Wednesday some of the adverts (the tapes of which were also removed by the **DTI**) had returned. Wednesday evening (13th) saw the 'dedication line' being used for a phone-in discussion about alternative radio in general. Listeners were also requested to give their opinions on **Heatwave**. This was on the air between 19:00 and 20:00. It is interesting to note that since this programme, the dedication line has not been in use, and apologies have been given over the air to this effect. Perhaps **Telecom** have withdrawn the service? Repeated **SOS** calls were heard during Thursday for management and technicians to come to the studio immediately. No reason for this is known. On Friday, a full line-up for the weekend was read out, so all now seems to be back to normal. Thanks to **Ken** for the details on **H.C.R.**

LONDON. Before we start **Sid's** report this week, which incidentally had to be taken down the telephone, due to the failure of the post office to deliver the first class letter on time, we must comment about the opening line in **WR 218**. The '739' stations was meant to be a spoof on the many typographical errors which are made by some newspapers. We apologise if this offended any members of the **CRA**.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

8th - 11th July 1988.

This weekend touched down on 38 stations, 11 in stereo.

Missing / not heard :- **London Rock**, 'The Greek' on 89.4, **LWR**, **Southside**, **Studio** and **Groove**.

Not heard for more than a week :- 96.9, **Soul**, **SIR**, **Classic**, **TKO** and **Oldies Hits FM**.

The unprecedented high fines on **London Greek Radio** (88.45) have been shrugged off in a typical Greek laid back manner, by returning from yet another weekend bust, in stereo. Encouraged by the results of this case, the **DoTI** Men have continued in a bout of official hyper-active savagery. The weekend continued where the week had left off, with a straggle of busts turning into a non-stop 24 hour a day blitz across the capital, only for some stations to return faster than an **Edberg** volley. During the week, the long awaited return of **LWR** (92.05), had come and gone. While on the other hand, at least **Faze 1**, **WLIB**, 'New' **Hits**, **TJR**, and **Time** had gone and come. Some more than once. As the weekend wore on, all these and more, were to receive at least one more calling card. **Solar 93** (93.00 - stereo) surprisingly survived beyond Saturday morning, only to go out 24 hours later. There was no **Delbert Wilkins**, on **KISS FM** (94.00 - stereo) this weekend, but, there again, there was no **KISS FM** after Sunday morning. Both **Time Radio** (103.70) who lost all their stereo gear in an earlier raid, and 'New' **Hits FM** (98.4), were hit in the early hours of Sunday, but made it back on the air within a few hours. Sunday also saw the loss of **Rock-to-Rock** (90.30) and the holocaust continued on Monday, as **Brixton** was totally cleaned out with the loss of **Passion Radio** (90.70) and **Faze 1** (90.90). **Passion** opened up the store room, and were back in a few hours, although on Wednesday all that could be heard was a blank carrier. **Faze 1** (90.90) had managed to get back briefly for the weekend, as did **WLIB** (90.90) who had some quite interestingly complex brain 'teasers' being set on their

drive-time show, which needed more than the one record timing allowed, to solve them. **GRL** (96.15) re-emerged and stuck their noses above ground on Monday, as did **City Radio** (94.5).

As the DoTI men worked late into the night, preparations had already been made to ensure the continuing saga of 'Privateer Radio', the cumulative effect of mentioning music in the charts, is as startling now, as those other 'pirates' two decades ago. The credit side, saw the return of Haringay's **Euro Jam** (89.45) and south London Asian **Brittania Radio** (95.45), and Tottenham's **RJR** (90.00) who had returned to stereo. This didn't last too long, as they were forced back to mono in the early part of the week. **WNK** (102.90) had joined 'flashers' **Passion**, and **Sky**, with some shows going out in stereo. Both **Passion** and **LGR** blew back from their Monday (11th) bust in stereo, and **Rock FM** (94.25) had a stereo beacon up on Saturday evening. R-FM programming didn't start until the following day, and then in mono.

North London 'soulsters' **Studio FM** (92.7) bit the dust last weekend, and only got as far as a test carrier, before hitting the dirt again Saturday.

A surprise return was **ICE FM** (90.50), last heard in stereo at the beginning of April, who made a brief test of the rig on Monday evening, although from the continuous short bursts of music it sounded as though they were road testing the records. They were running with the slogan "Support de-regulation by listening to ICE FM". Also returning on Monday, after a lengthy silence were south London 'reggae rockers' **Galaxy Radio** (102.90), who turned up with a highly distorted signal.

With the 89 sector only playing host to the returned **Euro Jam** (89.45) and 'The Arab' (89.75 - stereo), and despite there being seven stations on the 90MHz. sector this week, the interest moved way up to the other end of the band, as a lot of activity suddenly took place in the 105 sector. Daytime weekend soul/ragamuffins **PCR** (105.25) were about on both days, and using a poor quality mike. Essex weekend soulsters, **Stomp FM** (105.40 - stereo), could be heard poking their noses between **Raiders** (105.50) and **P.C.R.**, with a signal that came booming in down the east side of town. The mystery transmission on 105.15, were testing in stereo on Saturday, with Sade's "Paradise" track being played on CD 'repeat'. Still the carrier continues at most times of the day and night, with no hint of identity. Will they ever identify? Is there anybody there at all? Could they be the same outfit, who sat on a dead carrier in the 88 sector, a month back? Have we been invaded by aliens from 'Betelgeuse 5', whose presence can only be detected by the 'ghosts in the machine'? Is this world just an extension of my existential being, or is the meaning of life really 42? Most of these questions don't stand a chance of being answered, unless someone actually picks up the mike to speak to us.

Battersea 'pop-rocker' **Raiders FM** (105.50) made an early start, on Sunday, in the slot still vacated by Brixton seven dayer **Classic Radio**. Back-to-back tapes made up from Beatle mad **Raiders** supremo Mike Somers personal collection, started a full day output. However, it did sound a little incongruous to have a 'best of the new' 'slot-in' between two tracks that were at least a quarter of a century old. It was apparent that they had not been inactive during their down-time, as a number of 'star' station ID's were mixed in, including the wonderful Wendy James (have you seen what she does to that microphone in the current video!!!!????). They are apparently putting out a strong but 'toppy' signal, which sometimes verges on the 'screechy', but carries well out of the Home Counties, as do 'robot' poppers **Hits FM** (98.4). The powerful south London **Raiders** signal, also pushed north London 'Top Forty' station **M.M.R.** up to 105.8 for the day. Both **Raiders** and **M.M.R.** carried lengthy, well produced promos for **WR** and **Communicate '88** extensively through the day. Monday saw one of the intermittent broadcasts from 'Another Greek' (105.55).

South London 'micro-poppers', **SLR** are proving to be very consistent performers since their debut at the beginning of May. Even **Rock FM** (94.25) couldn't match the consistency of **SLR** in their early days, though they hardly pause for breath these days. Mind you, **SLR** have yet to lose a tx, which may well turn out to be the stumbling block. It has been unusual for the DTI to ignore any stations. It may be a low power output that has been an aid to them, as the DoTI men go after the 'bigger fish'.

Amiable north London rockers **London Rock** are presumed

to be still suffering from technical problems, as their presence was not detected over the weekend.

Also heard were :- **Sunrise** (88.85), **CD-93/Starpoint Radio** (93.25), **Fame FM** (94.65). Asians :- **SRI** (90.85). Greeks:- **GCR** (105.50). Seven dayers **Sky FM** (91.7), **Joy** (97.8), **Fresh FM** (103.35) and **JBC** (104.3).

LONDON UP-DATE. Two medium wave stations are operating at times around the city. **Radio Memphis** on 1260kHz., plays a couple of hours of rock and roll music every Sunday morning. This station has been on for many years, and is only low power. **Swinging Radio England** on 1611kHz., has operated several nights this week and plays mainly oldies. They seem to be heard mostly at night. The raids seem to have continued through the week, with most stations being noted off the air at one time or another. **MERSEYSIDE.** Monday (11th), saw **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) finishing off their regular 4 day weekend. The signal here again was very good. **Radio Atlantis** (1197) were heard very weakly. Friday came, and **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) were present as ever with a good strong signal. Lack of deejays during the afternoon, left one of them appealing over the air for someone to come and take over. At around 13:51 the record came to an end, and then there was just a blank carrier, until shows were again in progress later in the afternoon. At the times we listened, all other programmes went normally throughout the weekend. A weak carrier was noted from **Radio Atlantis** (1197) but no programming was heard here. Nothing was heard on either Saturday or Sunday on 1197, so we wonder whether they have technical problems. **Storton Community Radio** (1026) were reported on during Saturday morning, but we missed this. They were not heard today. Locally, **Eastham Community Radio** (105.1) were on the air Wednesday and Thursday evenings, as well as all day Friday and Saturday. **CD-FM** (105.2) also tested for short periods in the week.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS...Log for Sunday 17th July 1988.

6215kHz...**RADIO CAROLINE**, at 00:30gmt.
6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 11:30gmt.
6231kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 09:45gmt.
6231kHz...**RTE RADIO 2**, at 09:50gmt.
6231kHz...**GUERNSEY SOUND**, at 10:15gmt.
6231kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 11:20gmt.
6250kHz...**ALTERNATIVE VATICAN RADIO**, at 11:22gmt.
6265kHz...**RADIO DEEJAY**, at 09:50gmt.
6270kHz...**RADIO BLOND PIRAT**, at 11:34gmt.
6275kHz...**UNID.**, at 11:48gmt.
6280kHz...**STAR INTERNATIONAL**, at 08:18gmt.
6280kHz...**4IFN**, at 09:00gmt.
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 09:41gmt.
6285kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 08:56gmt.
6285kHz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 12:30gmt.
6295kHz...**WABC**, at 09:05gmt.
6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:32gmt.
6304kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 08:58gmt.
6310kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 10:10gmt.
6314kHz...**RADIO SONNY(?)**, at 09:22gmt.
6317kHz...**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 08:54gmt.
6317kHz...**CRUISIN SOLID GOLD**, at 12:00gmt.
6511kHz...**EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO**, at 10:34gmt.
6805kHz...**RADIO NEW WAVE**, at 08:12gmt.
6815kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 10:19gmt.
6840kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:02gmt.
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:54gmt.
7316kHz...**FALCON RADIO(?)**, at 10:29gmt.
7375kHz...**RADIO LUCE**, at 08:51gmt.
7423kHz...**RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000**, at 09:21gmt.

Conditions today were quite strange, with ourselves receiving some stations very well, which in other parts of the U.K. were inaudible. We heard nothing ourselves on 41 metres. Many thanks to loggers in Norwich, Cheshire, the Midlands, Devon and West Germany (Radiotelex) who kindly telephoned this morning on (0253) 882017.

The transmissions of **RTE 2** on 6231kHz were relayed by **Radio Rainbow International**, who was tuning around the band prior to the commencement of the normal relays.

The station on 6314kHz was giving out an address of P.O. Box 24, 7260 AA Ruurlo, The Netherlands. We were unable to exactly identify the station name however.

Finally this week, on behalf of Anoraks U.K., and all his family and friends (and Liz!), may we wish Dave a happy 40th birthday.

The WEEKLY

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We start off this week on a sad note, with the loss of one of the stalwarts of the free radio world. Hans Verbaan passed away last Saturday, 16th July 1988, aged 45, following a long illness caused by cancer. Hans had been involved in Dutch free radio for many years, and was one of the founder members of the Free Radio Campaign Holland. He was well active in the early seventies, and organised regular boat trips out to the radio ships off both the Dutch and English coasts. From Anoraks U.K. and all our subscribers, we send Hans's family and friends our deepest sympathy. He will be sadly missed.

Please note that due to holidays, there will be no Weekly Report published on Sunday 7th August 1988. Issue 223 will instead be printed one week later, on 14th August. Number 222 will be printed one day early, on Saturday 30th July. Any information which would have been normally telephoned in, on Sunday 31st July, and 7th August (shortwave logs etc.), would be gratefully received at our P.O. Box for use in 'WR' 223.

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"COMMUNICATE '88" the north's first free radio convention, is to be held in the Spanish Hall of the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, on Saturday 24th September 1988. Full details available on request, to P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE.

Bookings are coming in thick and fast, and we are delighted with the response. Some famous names who have already promised to join us on the day, include John Lewis, Robbie Dale, Bob Gallico, Paul Graham, Chris Cary, Sybil Fennel, Roger Matthews, and Rob Eden. A contingent from Radio NewYork International are also expected to attend. We will keep you informed of other celebrities, as and when they confirm.

Apart from our own full sales stand, and that of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, the British DX Club and R.B.L. (Radio Broadcasting Library) will also be in attendance.

There are still a few places left on the Communicate 88 Express, the coach bringing delegates up from the south east and London (and places in between).

NEW MERCHANDISE. Apologies to those who are awaiting their **Laser 558 Masters** cassette. We were a little premature in advertising this cassette. We are expecting delivery tomorrow, and so they should be on their way to you by the time you read this. It is not our usual policy to offer goods before we have them in stock, so once again many apologies. Should anyone wish to order a copy of this 60 minute tape, which features promos, adverts and jingles direct from the master tapes, they are priced at £6.99 each.

NEW ARRIVALS. Completely opposite to last time, all magazines came during the first half of this week. First off was **Marine Broadcasting News**, which is an A4 publication, containing 23 single sided pages. In this issue (No. 4) T.P. Joyes carries on his look at the forts in the Thames Estuary, there is a listing of the many presenters who have been heard on Caroline since its return in 1983, and the Caroline news and line-up charts for June compiled by Ian Goddard are included. Other interesting items are an 'offshore memory lane', which gives daily programme listings from many stations of the sixties, and an offshore quiz. For your copy, send £1.30 (U.K.) or £1.70 (Europe) to M.B.N., P.O. Box 963, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 6ED.... **Caroline Movement Bulletin Number 34** is now available, and as usual is filled with long detailed articles and features. The Caroline news section also has a brief history of some of the most recent presenters on the station. Features in No. 34 come from Barry Collins and Paul Rusling, as well as a 'Whatever Happened to Laser Hot Hits?' article. This issue contains 64 pages, and is well printed in A5 format. Subscriptions to the CM cost £6.00 (U.K.) for 6 issues. More details can be obtained from 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY...

From Holland comes a new A4 publication entitled **DX Magazine**. This 36 page, black and white magazine is written entirely in the Dutch language, and fills the gap which was left when the former 'Free Radio Magazine' folded. Information is included about offshore radio, land-based pirates on SW, MW and FM, and satellite radio. In fact, all kinds of things are included as long as they are to do with sound broadcasting. Annual subscription is DG 25.00 (approx £7.00), and this includes 6 issues. Sample copies cost £2.00 each, from P.O. Box 1413, 5000 BK Tilburg, The Netherlands.... Also in Dutch is **Freewave**, which is published every three weeks. Number 165 reached us this week, and contains news and stories from the world of both radio and television, off and on-shore. Normally, 24 pages are included in each issue, which is A5 in size. Their address is Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands... **Radiotelex** has now reached issue 129, and continues to be specifically aimed at the shortwave free radio listener. Included in its four, A5 pages, are logs from the past two weeks, as well as news on the stations operating at the current time. More information on this two-weekly publication can be obtained from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany.... Finally this week two **Play DX's** arrived (513 and 514), containing up to date reports on solar activity, in addition to the normal listing of unusual loggings over the past week. Latin American DX news is also included in No. 513, with a list of SW utility stations in No 514. More details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

TAPE OFFERS. Gibraltar is our first stop this week, for Tape 220, where we take a listen to Dave Windsor on B.F.B.S.

Channel 1. Dave is well remembered for his shows on ABC Radio (Waterford, Eire), Sunshine Radio (Dublin), and his brief but entertaining stint on the Ross Revenge. Sounding more at home on land, than being thrown around a bouncing and rolling studio, this afternoon 'Hot Hits' show from 27th June, includes a few well known jingles and was recorded in stereo. The m.v Ross Revenge is our second call, for Tape 221. Here we listen to an Ian Mack show on Radio Caroline recorded from 558kHz. this past week. The recording actually starts with the closedown of the Dutch service at 18:00, and the announcement that music programmes commence from Radio Caroline in thirty minutes. The opening and closing parts of Johan Maasbach are then included, before Ian gets into full swing at 18:30. Judy Murphy reads the news on this one. Both recordings are 90 minutes in length and cost £2.00 each including postage and packing.


WANTED. Last week, the 'Radio Programme' on BBC Radio 4, featured a report on London Greek Community Radio. If anyone has this on tape, Anthony Page would be willing to either purchase a copy, or swap for other free radio recordings. If you can help, please write to Anthony at 17 Barlborough Road, Clowne, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbyshire S43 4RE.

RADIO STATION NEWS : EIRE.

Co. DUBLIN. Following the closure of CAU-FM last weekend, what is assumed to be the same transmitter was still monitored putting out continuous music on 104.3MHz., up until at least last Wednesday. Whether this is in preparation for a new station, or just to keep the channel until a buyer is found for the equipment, is not yet confirmed.

Treble T R Radio seem to have dropped the 891kHz. medium wave outlet altogether, as it has not been heard for some weeks now. The station still announce 945kHz., although (probably for the summer months only), the actual channel is 936kHz.

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Last week we mentioned that in addition to Sunshine 101 being noticeably up in power on 531kHz., Super Q were also noted with a strong signal on 738kHz. This is understood to be only implemented during the 'Bop Shop' programme on Sunday, when power is increased on this channel, to 10kW. Ironically, this transmitter was off the air during last Friday afternoon, at which time Independent Radio Mayo was clearly audible on the west coast of England. Super Q returned to the air later that evening, however they were once again

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missing most of Sunday on 738kHz. This strong transmission missing, along with a weak 819kHz, outlet (**Cavan Community Radio**) were clearly audible underneath, meant that few listeners outside the Dublin area were able to tune in on AM to 'The Bop Shop'.

Rumours seem to abound about the imminent re-broadcast of Radio Nova Satellite Link on the Dublin airwaves. As yet we have no confirmation of this, however, John writes to us and mentions that he heard Cassidy Jones on Radio Nova, a week last Friday, being relayed via **Liberty 104** on the medium wave. We await further news on this one.

Co. WATERFORD. ABC Radio in Waterford City, continue to expand, and are now covering most of the south east of the country on both AM and FM with very good signals. A recently opened transmitter on 99.0MHz., in the north of Wexford County is covering a very wide area over to the east coast. Wexford Town itself is served with a lower power outlet on 88MHz., as well as medium wave on 1116kHz. An alteration on the aerial system to the main 1026kHz medium wave outlet, has increased the coverage area around Waterford itself. The station continues to relay the Nova Night Network via a satellite receiver, between 01:00 and 07:00 each morning. Mentions on the Nova network about ABC and the SE of Ireland, have helped to make the listeners feel more 'at home', and as a result the reaction to the relay so far has been good.

Co. MONAGHAN. KISS FM have been once again putting out a good signal on 1170kHz., so perhaps the big transmitter is working at full power once more. Crystals are on their way fro 1413kHz and 1512kHz., so keep looking out for a change in ferquency at any time. Saturday morning saw Canadian newsreader Susan Charles hosting a programme up until 11:00. This is the first time we have heard Susan other than on adverts and the afternoon news bulletins.

Co. KILDARE. We have noted recently, that the 1224kHz. outlet from Kildare Local Broadcasting has not been on the air for some time. In fact we understand that this medium wave transmitter disappeared about two months ago, and hasn't been seen since. The station has recently changed its name slightly to K.C.B. (presumably Kildare Community Broadcasting), but is still only operating on the FM band at 103.5MHz. They are currently the only station known to be operating to this county.

SATELLITE LINK BROADCAST STATIONS. Radio Nova International now have the entire output from the station available on the telephone. The number to call is 0898 400200, any time of the day should you wish to hear which deejay is on. Northsound Radio in Aberdeen also have a similar service, and between midnight and 6am each day, when they relay the Nova Night Network, this can also be heard on (0224) 8029.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS.

BRISTOL. Another bumper week in local free radio, with all three stations being heard. First off, a couple of amendments to last week's report, in which comments were made about the diminishing amount of time given to hip-hop/rap on the big three. There is no doubt that this type of music is very popular today, and lack of it on legitimate stations has helped bring about the rise of the black music pirates. It is noticeable though, that it doesn't seem to take priority on B.A.D. Radio (105.2) or Radio F.T.P. (103.7), where soul, jazz, African and reggae are given most attention. However, Emergency Radio (97.9 and 99.9 mono) last Sunday seemed to become the voice of rap/hip-hop, with quite large helpings of that music, with soul and reggae 'coming in second', and Motown non-existent. This week however, soul and jazz seemed to be the main output from the station.

It was also remarked, that B.A.D. Radio were lacking in an address, but, as from Monday 11th July, P.O. Box 539, Bristol BS99 1NH, was once again being announced. On the same day, new promotions and jingles which again appear to be home made, were aired for the first time. On one, potential advertisers were encouraged to write to the station without delay, while on another, their new official name was announced as "Bristol's Amalgamated DeeJays Community Radio". Two commercials have also been noted, for a hair salon and a solicitor. The expected 'community information' programme was awaited with much interest, but no actual community news was noted at all. Nevertheless, B.A.D. programmed throughout the week, and weekend, with the promised schedule, which included some excellent alternatives to what was on at F.T.P. at the time. Radio For The People (103.7) has a couple of 'Bill Mitchell' jingles which have been extensively aired during the week.

Technically speaking, both signals are currently quite strong, with Radio F.T.P. just having the edge. Emergency's signal was up this week, but still not quite as far as the others. Audio wise, Emergency are very loud, F.T.P. 'in the middle', and B.A.D. the quietest, but they do have more bass on their signal.

With all the expansions and extensions taking place at the two 'community' stations, Emergency Radio (97.9 strong / 99.9 weak) is being left behind. Despite an excellent audio quality and professional presenters, they do operate only from lunchtime on Sunday, until the early hours of Monday morning. Emergency has also been in the production studio it seems, as throughout their transmissions this week, a new set of ID's jingles and promotions were played. One of these announced a mailing address of P.O. Box 979, 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol. The telephone number has not been mentioned recently, and is assumed to have been dropped.

Many thanks to Terry once again for his detailed report this week.

LONDON. Just a brief up-date on the happenings this week. The raids continued all week, with many stations being hit, including 'New ' Hits FM (98.4), Passion Radio (90.7), City Radio (94.5) and LWR (92.25). London Greek Radio are understood to be extremely concerned that they are being picked upon by the DTI 'Hit Squads'. Since a week last Tuesday, they have been raided every day and lost a transmitter on each occasion. They believe that the Greek community stations are being picked upon, as many other 'community' stations have hardly been touched during the recent purge. The belief that the DTI are singling out the Greek community stations, appears even more likely to be occurring, following the excessive fines recently imposed.

Swinging Radio England - London has been reported heard many nights recently on 1611kHz., in various parts of the country, and has been noted giving out an address of : SRE London, P.O. Box 314, London N7 8LY. This week, we received a nice letter from the station, telling us all about it, along with a few pieces of promotional material, some of which are re-produced overleaf. The station is experiencing a few technical difficulties, having decided to operate on the medium wave band, due to all the hassles being encountered in London on an overcrowded FM band. The station would love to hear from any free radio enthusiasts in the London area, who might be able to help them with their technical problems. Please contact them at the above address. Now onto Sid's report for last weekend....

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

15th - 19th July 1988.

This weekend touched down on 39 stations, 11 in stereo.

Missing / not heard :- Faze 1, Southside, GRL, Joy, TKO, SLR and PCR.

As the weekend started, there were still a number of participants missing from the field of battle after the 'Waterloo Warriors' had swept across the capital, leaving great gaps in the band, where once there had been music. The recent threatening mumblings from Government spokespersons, of hoped for law changes, have made little difference to prospective operators, as at least one new major operator opens up, and others are planned.

LWR (92.25) came back with a strong carrier on Friday, with programming beginning the following day. In this slot, they will splatter completely Southside Radio (92.35), should they try to return. LWR are currently putting out a massive signal, and the relatively faster return from their last bust, must mean that the organisation is now functioning more efficiently.

On Saturday, heavy duty carriers announced the following day's return of **Strong Island Radio** (96.80), who came back with non-stop test tapes. A carrier with a lot of mains hum in it on 96.95, was attributed to 96.9, but they had not started programming by Monday morning.

A major new player entered the ranks this weekend as JSM (88.70) started up on Saturday, with a signal that should hit most parts of the capital. They have jumped in and evicted the tech troubled weekend rock and rollers, London Rock. If JSM manage to continue, London Rock will again be wandering the band looking for a new home.

Two other stations have made big moves to squat in vacant, or semi-vacant slots this weekend. Brixton community reggae station **Classic Community Radio** started off back in May by squatting on 105.50, and blocking out 'Oldies' Hits FM. They had a few troubled weeks existence there until Sunday, when they turned up squatting over the top of Rock FM (94.30), who left the air early. Classic may find the 94.3 slot just as turbulent for them as the 105.50 slot. They have a very powerful signal from a very high building, which goes a long way, and a low power R4 transmitter at High Wycombe could be the source of problems for them, not the least that R-FM are going to be a bit upset about losing



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Located at sweet 1611 (toward the end of the Medium Wave dial from Capital Radio), SRE-LONDON is brought to you by our city's top popular and special-ist deejays, known as THE PRIZE GUYS -- each commanding a considerable personal following due to their near-legendary adventures in clubland.

Regular weekday programming (2-10pm) mixes all styles, while our SPECIALTY SHOWS (10pm-Midnight, repeated the following night from Midnight to 2am) zero in on a particular period or style of interest.

SWINGING RADIO ENGLAND

Galaxy Radio, who returned last week to 103.00 amid a cacophony of interference and distortion, after a lengthy silence, did a moonlight flit overnight Saturday, to settle on TKO's vacant 102.2 slot for Sunday. So quick was the move, that management had not got around to telling the presenters, and they were still ID'ing as Galaxy 103 at close down at just after 3:30am, when they played the U.S. national anthem.

Life, in some form, has at least come from the mysterious 105.20. The form of life is still uncertain, as they had a distinct attack of the mumblies on Sunday, and all links and ID's were virtually unintelligible, by being so far down in the mix. However, from what could be deduced, the name may be 'Tropical', or even 'Topical', or maybe something which doesn't resemble that at all. They are probably coming out of SE London, but hopefully all will be confirmed in the coming days.

Essex soulsters Stomp FM (105.4 - stereo) came through (just) on Sunday, but a reggae show heard on the same frequency the previous day was not thought to be them. The reggae content and style of presentation did not match up with known Stomp profiles. Their links were also lost in the mumblies.

Battersea's Raiders Pop FM (105.55) made a home run with a full two days radio. They have a massive signal which more than covers London, and they seem to have sorted out the 'thin-ness' of sound which plagued them last week. A welcome surprise was the return of Clare Mansfield to the airwaves, with her intelligent approach to new rock musoc. MMR (105.80) also appear to be expanding their output, as they came up on Friday evening, as well as all day Sunday. Disappointment for SLR (103.20) though, as they missed the entire weekend.

The ethnics fared fairly well this weekend, but GRL (96.15) failed to make it back from their Thursday bust, and GCR (105.50) returned Saturday with a very poor signal. By Sunday, the signal had started to improve, and they were back to 24 hour operation, and full power shortly after. Both Southall's

SRI (90.95), and Tooting's Britannia Radio (95.45) made it back in time to complete a full weekend. SRI are looking for presenters to join their professional team, and are even prepared to train the right people. As usual, SRI is difficult to pull out from the overpowering sidesplash generated by Brixton's Passion Radio's (90.70 - stereo) mega stereo signal, which seems to be more overpowering each day. Bangla Radio (91.7) have entered a unique time-share deal to lease two hours from Sky Radio (91.70) each evening. This takes the form of music, drama and news, put over in a very professional style. The news covers national and international affairs, as well as the more local events pertinent to the Bangla listener. They even pause five minutes into the news, BBC World Service style, to give a station ID. Their regular start up time is supposed to be 8:15pm, but some confusion occurred Sunday evening, when the Sky presenter couldn't find the right tape to play. There then followed a ten minute mix of dead air, and parts of commercials and promos as he struggled to succeed in finding the right tape.

Also heard were weekenders Sunrise (88.85), Studio (92.70), Solar 93 (93.00 - stereo), CD-93/Starpoint (93.25 - stereo), KISS FM (93.95 - stereo) and Fame (94.65), seven dayers Euro-Jam (89.45), RJR (90.00), Rock-to-Rock (90.25), WLIB (90.95), Time Radio (103.75), JBC (104.3 - stereo) and New Hits FM (98.40). Other ethnics heard were London Greek Radio (88.35) and 'The Arab' (89.65). Someone testing with reggae music was also noted on 103.90.

STAFFORDSHIRE. Centre Sound (97.7) were again on the air last Sunday (17th July) at 18:00, with programming announced as going through until midnight. However the station left the air at 22:10 mid-record, and was off for thirty minutes. On returning, continuous music was played until 23:05, when it again cut off and was not heard again. The reason for the problems is unknown, although prior to this there certainly did not seem to be any tx trouble. Presenter Steve Ross was heard announcing earlier, that they have a medium wave transmitter which is currently being repaired, and to look out in the coming weeks, on

either 1413kHz., or 1584kHz. He did not say whether this was to run in parallel with, or instead of, the FM outlet.

RENFREWSHIRE. Due to lack of space last week, we had to put over this area until this issue. Only **Radio Mercury** (96.1) were heard the week before last, with their Friday and Saturday evening, and Sunday afternoon services. All other stations appeared to be missing. **Clyde Valley Radio** made its final broadcast on 7th July. It has now understood to have split into a number of services, with the original CVR now moving down to around 95.5MHz., in stereo. The 103.8MHz. channel will be now taken by two stations. During the week, on one or two nights, **Radio Sovereign** will be heard, and on a Saturday and Sunday, **Renfrewshire Community Radio** will be heard on this channel. Tests were expected to have been made in the past week. The latter station will be known as R.C.R., and indeed, includes some members of the former **Riverside Community Radio** (which also identified as RCR) which was raided some months ago.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Continuous music heard here in Blackpool on Thursday evening (21st) up to 21:00, on 104.9MHz., turned out to be **Radio Veronica** from Bradford, although no actual 'live' announcements were noted. An advert for Veronica FM transmitters was played, along with some appropriate jingles, which led us to this conclusion. It was assumed to be just a test. Up in Keighley, **NLV Radio** (104.9) have been absent from the airwaves for two weeks, although this has nothing to do with any DTI activity in the area. It appears that the station did not have enough staff to sustain the 13 hours per day, five days per week schedule, following the departure of one of the staff. The operator thought it would be better to close down, until he could run a full schedule, rather than cutting down broadcasts, as lack of consistency would not be fair to the advertisers. The station is due in Bingley Magistrates court on Wednesday 27th July, and plenty of supporters will be there. We hope to report on the outcome, in a future issue.

Across in Leeds, **Rapid FM** returned to the air on 105.8MHz., from Thursday afternoon, and programmed through until around 17:00, Friday. The station was not heard again up until writing (Saturday afternoon), but are expected to be on with full programming shortly. The signal was reported as good, although their audio was said to be a little distorted at times. **Peoples FM** (104.7) were on the air every afternoon and evening with the exception of Wednesday. Whilst they were off on this particular evening, an unidentified station was noted on 104.8MHz. They have been noted with rather a large number of spurious emissions, from around 98 right up to the top end of the FM band. **ABC Radio** (105.2) have operated every day this past week. Finally, **Music City Radio** (90.3) have not been noted recently, although they may well have been on, and our correspondents have missed them.

The marathon twelve hour broadcast from **Rebel Radio** (105.4) last Sunday, went without a hitch. Featured between mid-day and mid-night were 'stars' such as Simon King, 'Keith with the Teeth', Kenny Crescendo, 'Willie & Phil, The Rocking Boys', and operator Scooter Jones filling in between. Competitions and phone-ins were held, and to complete the day, 'Chas' the engineer read some sad stories with funny twists to them. The station was not on the air on Monday, due to the previous day's extended broadcast.

Due to problems at the current site, the operator of **Village Radio** (105.2) has decided to now go mobile, and will operate from a different location for each broadcast. The station usually transmits late in the evening, on various weekdays, and this week was noted on both Monday and Thursday evenings, with Chris Roberts at the mike. **Monica Sound** were noted again last Sunday evening between 20:00 and 23:30 with a stereo signal on 104.8MHz., with presenters Bill Ross and Paul Allen. Finally, a strong carrier was noted on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on 105.35MHz. U-2 and Billy Idol L.P's were played, and the station was in stereo, although the right hand channel was dead. No identification was given.

In Hull, **Radio Takoradi** (105.0) were on the air yesterday from 13:00. Unfortunately, as has happened in previous weeks, the transmitter cut off mid-sentence during Shammy's show, at around 16:00. A new schedule was announced for next weekend, with programmes hopefully to begin at 22:00 on Friday night, and going through until 15:00 on Sunday afternoon. Shammy mentioned that his programme would

be moved to 16:00 next Saturday, which means that he might not be heard if the tx cuts off again!

NOTTINGHAM. The signal from **Heatwave Community Radio** continues to belt out daily on 104.9MHz., and a couple of times in the week, was even received briefly here in Blackpool. Monday saw the dedication line back in action, and this has been extensively used throughout the week. Two presenters from a station in London (VIP Commander B, and The Notch), were guesting on H.C.R. for four days, and were said to be very professional. VIP Commander B did an eleven hour marathon on Thursday afternoon, and into Friday morning, before he left. The regular deejays were also in the studio at the time, and this combination made for some good listening.

MERSEYSIDE. **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) were the only station to be putting out regularly scheduled programmes, with any amount of power, last weekend. They were heard all day last Monday, and re-opened for this weekend, on Friday morning (22nd July), with Kevin Jordan. Kevin gave the line-up for the rest of the weekend, which indicated that they would not be going through the night, as he stated that he would be 'opening up' at 09:00 on Saturday, but although the carrier was heard at this time, programmes did not start until later in the morning. The signal was as good as ever. The station was still on the air as we write, (Sunday afternoon).

A surprise catch on Thursday evening (first time for us), was **ABC Radio** which we stopped on, whilst tuning at the top end of the FM band. They were first noted by us at 21:00, but from listening until closedown at around 22:30, it was gathered that the station had been on since 19:00. The frequency in use was 105.5MHz., and the signal was very good. One thing which did stand out was the superb audio quality of the transmission, despite one of the presenters saying just before closedown, that they were lacking in treble. The levels were just right, and no overload was noted at all. The next scheduled broadcast was said to be next Thursday (28th) at 19:00, and it was also announced that another location would be used. Let us hope that it gets out as well as this one. During the shows, a telephone number was given out, however no mailing address was heard to be mentioned.

Radio Atlantis (1197) were not heard by us last Monday, but were just audible here on Friday, when Rick Dane was heard programming over lunch-time. As stated last week, we are unsure as to whether the station is having location or tx problems, as they are normally heard very clearly by us. Saturday morning (23rd) saw them return to higher power, and a much better signal, getting through over the top of Telstar Community Radio in Dundalk. Rick Dane was again the only voice heard by us on the station, which he opened up at the regular time of 10:00 this morning. **Storeton Community Radio** returned to the air this weekend after a few problems last week, which caused the Sunday programmes to be missed. When checked in Saturday morning (23rd) nothing was heard on 102.6kHz., but by early afternoon, the station was blasting out with live programmes. Mention was made of putting aerials and things up in the middle of the night. A line-up was given until midnight on Saturday, as well as a full day's programmes for today (Sunday), from 10:00 until midnight. Both signal level, and audio quality were excellent, and a pleasure to listen to. The station did not appear until 11:00 this morning, and apologies were given by Bob. Signal was again excellent.

Although not monitored here, **Radio Veronica 104** (104.7) were reported on the air at 12:00 last Sunday, with Adrian Cooke. However after about 25 minutes the station disappeared and was not heard again. **Eastham Community Radio** (105.1) were heard locally last Wednesday evening. They announce an address of : 166 Mill Park Drive, Eastham, Wirral, Merseyside L62 9AX.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. **N.B.C.** (102.5) are now regularly operating for much of the weekend, and were noted last Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Signal strength on Sunday night was said to be very good.

MANCHESTER. Both **WBLS** (102.4) and **Laser 103.5** (103.55) have been monitored in Blackpool every day this week. Occasionally, the audio level on the two stations has been a little too high, resulting in distortion. WBLS continues to be the stronger of the two, although this is not surprising as they are said to operate with 150 watts compared to Laser's 70 watts.

Although not heard by us, **Outlook 96.3** (96.35) were noted last Sunday evening at 20:00, with a good signal as far away as the Merseyside area.

THE MIDLANDS. All stations appear to have operated as normal this week, without any DTI activity. **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.9) and **Enterprise FM** (91.9) have both been on the air daily, with 24 hour schedules. **Powerhouse** (105.2) have also been on daily, from 16:00 until 06:00 the following morning. The third Asian station **Asian Community Radio** has finally been sussed out on 105.3MHz., which as it is so close to Powerhouse, explains why it has not been noted recently. It appears to be best audible in SE Birmingham.. The other two evening stations are **Midland Asian Community Radio** (106.55) and **Asian Radio Broadcasts** (106.1). **Electro Radio** (107.0) and **Fresh FM** (95.0) have also been heard.

ESSEX. Besides **Stomp FM** (105.4), which pumps out a strong signal of disco music into East London every Friday night and Saturday, **Benfleet Soul Radio** (90.5) are also active most Sunday's in the Southend area. As yet they do not seem to have had the same hassle as Canvey Radio, from the local DTI officer, who used to appear every week, and remove equipment. Listener response to this new station has been quite encouraging.

OFF-SHORE STATIONS.

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. Two items of interest reached us on the grapevine during the past seven days, and although we don't normally print other than what is heard on the air, we thought these pieces might give some insight into what could happen to Caroline in the coming weeks. Both items predicted big change-arounds in the programming on 558kHz. Firstly, we hear that **Viewpoint** is probably to return in the evenings. The programmes of Johan Maasbach appeared to be the beginning of this new religious service, which will be similar to before. We assume that some of the former programmes, will be heard once again, along with some new ones. The Dutch service is also to be extended by two hours in the morning, and they will from 04:00 until 18:00, as Radio Monique used to. (In fact, some of the announcements which were aired during the 819kHz. tests, mentioned a 14 hour day.) At first, the length of Viewpoint was mentioned to be six hours, lasting until mid-night, which would have resulted in Radio Carolines programmes being cut to 4 hours. As a result, it was expected that the name Caroline would be dropped, as it would put the name into disrepute, having only four hours per day (sometimes less during times of maintainance), in favour of the name Radio 558. This was to last until a full 24 hour service could return. We heard this morning however, that most of the tapes which were to be used for Viewpoint have been accidentally lost overboard during recent studio clearouts. So things look to carry on as normal for at least the near future, with just Johan at 18:00. The second piece of information we received, was more a less a 'press release' from the Caroline organisation themselves. Basically, this states that Radio Caroline will return to the air in 8 weeks time, with a full 24 hour service, and with a similar format to before (Top 40), along with new jingles and a different mailing address. 'North Sea Gold' is also to return. Across on 819kHz., following the end of the Dutch service a new, but as yet un-named service is to begin operating. This will play album tracks and rock music, with the music format being similar to the best of those tracks in the 'all time Top 500'. No mention was made as to which frequency the expected religious programming would be broadcast on. As we usually say, the proof is in the hearing, and at present these ideas are only going to become reality if and when the new aerial system is successfully built. It certainly gives everyone something to look forward to however, both 'rock' and 'top forty' fans..

Over to the actual things which have been heard on the air during the past seven days, and mid-week saw another change in the staffing on both language services. The line-up at the beginning of the week (Monday and Tuesday) altered somewhat to... 00:00 Neil Gates... 02:00 Dave Miller... 04:00 Andy Bradgate... 05:30 Johan Maasbach (Dutch language)... 06:00 Dutch language programmes... 18:00 Johan Maasbach (English language)... 18:30 Ian Mack... 20:00 Dave Asher... 22:00 Judy Murphy. Radio Caroline lost both Ian Mack and Dave Miller on shore leave on Wednesday (24th). Ian had been on board for several weeks, but new recruit Dave, had only been on for a short time, and is understood to have had a few stomach problems (not sea sickness), necessitating his departure. He hopes to return when he recovers

sufficiently. No new staff members were taken out, and in order to fill out the 11 hours of programming, engineer Mike Watts has been heard between 20:00 and 22:00 each evening, with Andy Bradgate hosting from 02:00 until the start of Johan Maasbach at 05:30. The line-up for last Thursday and Friday thus read... 00:00 Neil Gates... 02:00 Andy Bradgate... 05:30 Johann Maasbach (Dutch language)... 06:00 Radio 558 (Dutch)... 18:00 Johan Maasbach (English language)... 18:30 Dave Asher... 20:00 Mike Watts... 22:00 Judy Murphy. Saturday evening saw a few more alterations, with three hour programmes in progress. Mike Watts was not on last night, although he probably had some engineering work to do. Judy Murphy has read all the news headlines at 18:30, and the main bulletin at 19:00 (moved from 18:00 due to Johan), and does a excellent job too, whilst Dave Asher has been heard on the midnight bulletins. As usual this alters at the weekends.

Wednesday also saw some big changes on the daytime Dutch language service. First of all though, something we forgot to mention last time, was the actual name of the station. When it was 819kHz., we thought that we heard the presenters say "819 RM". In actual fact, we misheard the language, and "819 AM" was the actual phrase, which does seem to make more sense! Similarly, "558 AM" was used up until the middle of last week, when there was complete crew change. Erwin, Lex and Gerd all left the ship, and four new staff members appeared, Walter Simmons, Colin Peters, Keith McKenzie and a female deejay Elli van Amstel. We are unsure of the full programme schedule, but Elli has been noted hosting around 09:00. Also arriving with the new staff, was a new set of jingles and promotions giving the correct frequency of 558, and also giving out a station name of Radio 558. It seems rather odd that a new set should be produced, specifically for this channel, if the move is only temporarily!. The 'International News' headlines on Radio 558 are currently read at 08:30 and 15:30 British time, and a regular Dutch news service is now underway 'up to the hour'. This is believed to be read by Walter Simmons.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

First off, we have a request from John Flowers, who would like to obtain a copy of an interview with Steve Conway, which was broadcast recently on W.F.R.L. If you are able to supply a copy, please write to John at... "Joanne", Belnie Lane, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincs. PE11 4HN.

Secondly, please note that there will be no-one here to take telephone logs next Sunday (31st July). However, any written lists would be greatly appreciated, and these will be compiled into the following week's report. We will be available once more, on Sunday, 7th August.

Current Pirate List 15 is now available. This lists dozens of shortwave station names and addresses on a handy A5 booklet. An additional four page A4 section, gives logs for the past four weeks, and some shortwave station news. The cost per issue is two International Reply Coupons to Stefan Printz, Apelvagen 13, 330 17 Rydaholm, Sweden. **Log for Sunday 24th July 1988.**

6205kHz...EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO, at 12:16gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 00:00gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 11:50gmt.
6231kHz...STAR INT., at 10:04gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:37gmt.
6231kHz...CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD, at 12:25gmt.
6265kHz...RADIO DEEJAY, at 09:58gmt.
6271kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:43gmt.
6280kHz...STAR INT., at 08:07gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:31gmt.
6295kHz...WABC, at 09:55gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:40gmt.
6304kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:50gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:00gmt.
6310kHz...SUNNYSIDE RADIO, at 12:10gmt.
6315kHz...RADIO C.L.C.G., at 09:42gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:52gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:20gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:00gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:48gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO 101, at 10:00gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO FREEDOM INT., at 08:05gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO SUSAN, at 08:15gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:01gmt.
7446kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 09:45gmt.

The WEEKLY

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The First with the News in Print

No. 222.....30th July 1988.

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

First off this time, please note that there will be no "Weekly Report" next week, and as a result, No. 223 will be printed and posted on Sunday 14th August 1988 (a sad anniversary in British free radio history, as it was that day, 21 years ago, that the Marine Etc. Broadcasting Offences Act came into force). We would be grateful for any letters with shortwave loggings (for 31st July and 7th August) and other radio news during the coming week, so we can make the next issue as complete as possible. There will also be a delay in sending orders received this coming week, as well as replying to enquiries, however 'normal service' will resume on 8th August.

There has been little in the way of outstanding news these past few days. The only item of note, has been that following a rather quiet period with regard to the proposed Radio Luxembourg and RTE joint venture, Radio Tara, the outcome of the planning application appeal was finally decided on Tuesday morning, 26th July. The news was reported on RTE Radio 1 that evening as follows... "An appeal by Moynalty (correct spelling?) residents against planning permission for a Long Wave transmitter, which was granted to Radio Tara, by Meath County Council, has been turned down." "The local residents strongly objected at a public oral hearing, held in the town hall in Trim last March, (which lasted four days), to the project, a joint venture between RTE and Radio Luxembourg. Today's planning approval cites eleven conditions, which include the monitoring of the level of emissions, proper fencing of the compound, contributions to improving the public access roads, and the protection of archaeological digs. The board of Radio Tara said the new station would enhance the future of Irish broadcasting." The RTE Director General stated that the plan would be implemented immediately, as 'time was of the essence' in such a project. We hope to find out more about what is happening as the building of the 1000 foot mast, and its associated buildings gets underway. The station will use 500kW, and operate on 254kHz. Long Wave when it eventually appears. It is aimed mainly at the U.K. where at the present time, there is no 'national' commercial pop music station. It will be interesting to see what sort of publicity will be required, to make teenagers tune to Long Wave!

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"COMMUNICATE '88" is the north's first free radio convention and is to be held on Saturday 24th September 1988, in Blackpool. Join us there on the day, and enjoy meeting some of the faces behind the voices, as well as mingling with other free radio enthusiasts. In addition to those 'stars' already mentioned, Skip Cameron and Peter Madison have promised to attend. Both are no strangers to Irish radio, having worked on such stations as KELO, Big D, Magic 103, Sunshine and Nova. Peter also has links with the 60's offshore era, working briefly on Radio City under the name Mac Peters. A package of details about the function to be held in the Winter Gardens Complex in central Blackpool, is available free of charge.

ANORAKS U.K. PROPOSED MAGAZINE. It is with deep regret, that we have had to abandon our proposed magazine. For those of you who do not know about this project, we were hopeful that we could produce a 'one off' magazine featuring the many articles that people had kindly sent in for 'Weekly Report'. Some of these articles were just too long for inclusion, so we decided to put them together in a 'one off' magazine. Now we find that with just day to day Anoraks U.K. business, and the enormous amount of organisation there has been (and there still is) for Communicate 88, we are unable to fulfill our commitment to the magazine. We do apologise to all those who worked so hard to produce articles for us, and if anyone would like their material back, please let us know.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Just one new item this week, which is **Wavelength No. 22.** In this 16 page edition, for June/July, are all the regular features, including the offshore diary, shortwave, medium wave and FM free radio news, and 'Confessions of an Anorak' Part 3 with Mike Ross. Other interesting snippets of information are also included in this A5 magazine. The cost is 85p, including postage and packing.

Once again, apologies for the delay in sending out this item, but we do now definitely have in stock the **Laser 558 Masters** cassette, as produced by E.A.P. These feature 60 minutes of promos, adverts and jingles direct from the master tapes on board the vessel. The cost is £6.99 per cassette. The Laser Masters cassette is a good companion to the **Laser 558 Story** double L.P., which was released several weeks ago. This excellent two hour documentary tracing the history of this station from its inception, up until the ship sailed into Harwich in November 1985, and is narrated

mainly by Charlie Wolf. The cost is £11.00, including postage and packing. May we also remind you that the excellent photograph taken by Theo Dencker, entitle "**Ross Revenge With Completed Aerial Arrays**" is still available. This is a unique picture taken in May 1988, featuring the present 558 'T' aerial, and the white 'fibre' mast used for only a few days testing on 819kHz. before it burnt out. With the ship's appearance about to change once more, this is certainly one for your 'history of Caroline' album. This single 7" x 5" colour photograph costs just £1.00, including postage and packing.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just two publications arrived in time for our early printing this week, the first being **Now Radio** (27th July edition). This A5 magazine has news, stories and gossip from the whole spectrum of radio, both legal and alternative in its 24 pages. Details from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16

ONW.... Jaybee News No. 15, is hot on the heels of the latest CM Bulletin. This issue has 10 x A4 pages, and is mainly dedicated to telling in detail, the history of the Ross Revenge over the past few months. This includes both the drifting and the 819 mast saga. For your copy of this new edition (dated 23rd July) simply send 10p if you are a CM member, or 20p if not, plus an s.a.e., to 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY. Please do not send cheques or postal orders for amounts less than £1.00.

TAPE OFFER. As there are plenty of anniversaries this coming month, we have decided to look back into the archives for the next couple of issues, and pick out a few memorable recordings from years gone by. Although it doesn't seem it, three years have passed since the start of 'Eurosiege 85', the phrase coined when the British Government spent tens of thousands of pounds hiring a 'spy' vessel to try and close down the offshore stations Laser 558 and Radio Caroline. This week's offer consists of a double C-90 pack featuring the famous Charlie Wolf on Laser 558. On these two shows, one from 13th August, and the other from 14th August 1985, Charlie (and others) makes fun of the DTI vessel, the Dioptric Surveyor. Although it had been anchored nearby for some days, it wasn't until headlines on the teletext came through on 13th August, that it was confirmed to be a DTI vessel. From that moment on, the fun started! Both these recordings were made in Ipswich. Price for this twin pack, Tape SP-11 A/B, is £3.50, including postage and packing.

RADIO STATION NEWS : EIRE. As detailed in our opening paragraphs this week, the main news is not 'pirate' at all, but the granting of planning permission for RTE and Radio Luxembourg, to build the 1000 foot mast for the proposed Long Wave station, Radio Tara. Building is said to be going to begin immediately, as the project is already behind schedule, and for advertising purposes (its life blood), it will certainly have to beat any of the expected British national commercial stations to the air.

Co. DUBLIN. The 738kHz. transmitter of Super-Q 102 FM remained off the air all last Sunday, and was next heard by us on Monday (25th), but on very low power, and with some distortion. The signal has improved a little since, but 819kHz. is still stronger at our location, although this channel suffers from more interference. Outside broadcasts from Henry Street, in Dublin City, have been heard during the week, with Tony Dixon starting at 10:00. Bill Cunningham has appeared later in the day giving money away for the correct answers to questions posed to passersby.

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Sunshine 101 continue to put out the best and most consistent AM signal from Dublin, with both the 531kHz., and 846kHz., transmitters getting out very well. The Sunday 'Be-Bop Gold' show is once again picking up listeners well inland in the U.K. due to this, especially on 531kHz.

Listening to CAU-FM's last hour, it was mentioned that although the station was closing down at 19:00 that evening (Saturday 16th July), transmissions would continue until Tuesday. This explains why we heard continuous music until then. As far as we can tell, this channel (104.3), has been empty since.

The mystery of Nova Power FM (Satellite Link) being heard on Liberty 104 now seems to have been solved. According to a call to the station, it appears that they are relaying this service on their 104.0MHz. transmitter, whilst Liberty 104 itself continues on 103.5MHz., in addition to 1035kHz, medium wave. Occasionally, Nova has been

heard on medium wave, at times when there have been no presenters available for Liberty 104. Southside 95 is also relaying the Radio Nova Satellite service for a substantial period each day, on 94.9MHz.

Local station Ballymun Community Radio are understood to have closed down in order to help their campaign for a license. Since then, related station Radio Jackie has returned to the air on a couple of frequencies. Following a break-in at the studio and theft of equipment, just a carrier remains on 96.4MHz.

Finally in Dublin, Joe Doyle would like to hear from anyone who is interested in running a local station on the northside of the city. Please contact Joe at : 40 Knowth Court, Poppintree, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

Co. LOUTH. Telstar Community Radio continue to operate with low power on FM. John, who lives only two miles from the transmitter, has difficulty in receiving them due to RTE on 88.2 and 88.5MHz. It is suggested that if power is not to increase, that the frequency be altered to somewhere a little clearer. Telstar's AM transmissions on 1197kHz., still sound one of the best quality in Eire.

In a recent trip to Belfast, John tells us that the only signal from the border area to give a stereo, hiss-free signal across the city, was KISS-FM (prior to the mast collapsing). The KISS signal was massive compared to the rest. All others were only pleasantly audible in mono. In order of strength they were... KITS FM (100.9), Boyneside Radio North (101.35), ZEB 103 (103.25), Rainbow Radio (96.10), Boyneside Radio Drogheda (100.5). Some of the Dublin stations were also audible.

Co. MONAGHAN. Severe weather affected this area during last weekend, and at around 07:20 on Monday morning, disaster struck KISS-FM, when the wind blew their FM mast to the ground. The entire structure was ripped from its base, and complete with aerial feeder, was blown 50 feet away. Strangely enough, it was lying virtually intact along the ground when engineers came to see what the problem was. It was hoped that all the tower would be salvageable, but after careful scrutiny, only about 80 feet was considered re-usable. Many of the yagis were also believed to be right-offs. The wind blew everything with such force, that the feeder was actually ripped out of the back of the 5kW transmitter, which has hopefully sustained no damage. As a result, the station is currently operating only on AM with 5kW of power, and is now identifying as KISS AM 1170kHz. The FM transmissions are hoped to resume as soon as a temporary mast has been built, but full power may take a little longer. This setback comes at a bad time for KISS, as the consistent signal had given the station a large audience in the North. The station has a new office in Belfast, and surveys in this area were being considered in order to tempt agency advertising. It is hoped that when the station does return to full power, that the audience will quickly re-tune.

None of the other stations in Monaghan are believed to have had too many problems during the high winds (although one of the stations in Co. Donegal was reported to be off the air). We hear that Star Country may have sustained some damage, although their AM transmissions were audible here most of the week on 927kHz. The 864kHz. outlet from Big M Community Radio was noted missing last Monday, but returned the following day. All others have been heard as normal.

EAST COAST OF EIRE. An un-identified signal has been monitored on 1611kHz. several days this week. The signal is very strong, and from reports we have received (from Scotland as well as northern England), appears to be coming from somewhere on the east coast of Ireland. The transmissions seem to start late on each night, and normally go through until the following morning. We think that an auto-reverse tape deck is being used, as a Dire Straits L.P., and a Paul Simon L.P. are repeated continuously. The tape must have got tight at one point, as it was going a few seconds one way, and a few seconds the other. Judging by the noises made at night, the transmitter is operating on a v.f.o. Does anyone know the source??

Co. CORK. The second week in July, brought an absence of deejays on WKLR, in Bandon. Just music and adverts were played, and promos saying 'The big change is coming soon'. On Monday 18th July, the station opened up at 07:00, with the following announcement... "This is WKLR, The new voice of Cork". No change in format has been noted, but the accent is now on County Cork, rather than just West Cork, with new spoken promos by an American female.

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The 'Waterloo Warriors' worked late into the night on Friday, as they attempted to thin the ranks of the privateers for the weekend. Just before 10pm, Solar 93 (93.00 - stereo) switched on their tx to warm it up in readiness for the 'through the night' tapes. Before a note of music had been heard, they had been taken out. After collecting boxes from Rock-to-Rock (90.30) and KISS FM (93.95 - stereo), the DoTI Men departed, heading north, through Highgate, Hampstead and Haringey, harassing City Radio (94.50) and Euro-Jam (89.45) on their way to Tottenham, where they took out RJR (90.00). KISS-FM (94.00 - stereo) were back within a matter of hours. RJR and R-t-R followed on Sunday, while City limped back on Monday morning. Saturday saw LWR (92.25), who had only returned on test the night before, and East London weekenders Sunrise Radio (88.85) go out. On Sunday, Studio FM (92.65) who have been having a bad time of it lately, and who only restarted programming the previous day, as well as Galaxy Radio (103.00) and possibly Tropical Radio (105.10) also went out.

The upper part of the 93MHz. sector has long remained inexplicably vacant, with the exception of KISS-FM, at the weekends. This weekend saw it opening up somewhat, with some little confusion. In the midst of a fair amount of interference which spread up and badly affected KISS-FM in parts of South London, Chicago (previously Chicago 87, and prior to that Horizon 87), returned on Saturday night on 93.75MHz. It is not clear if these were old tapes, or if the jock didn't know what slot they were actually going out on, as he kept referring to Chicago 94.7 - which is where they were last year. Although it was not apparent at the time, the interference may have been caused by the return at the same time, of Deptford weekenders Groove FM (93.80), who like others before them, have abandoned the messy 89 sector in favour of fresh fields. They were clearly heard over the remainder of the weekend, and it seems as though they plan to expand to a full 7 day / 24 hour format. To add to the confusion of names, just prior to Groove FM being positively identified in the early hours of Sunday morning, a reggae station was clocked coming out of the Elephant and Castle area on 104.00, calling itself Radio Grooves. This may have been the station heard testing briefly in this area last Sunday.

South London poppers Raiders FM (105.55) made a late start, and as a result, their programme schedule ran out of sync. This may have been down to technical problems, as later they developed a severe case of hic-cups. This eventually took them off the air, just after the Clare Mansfield rock spectacular got under way at 7.20pm.

While Saturday rockers London Rock again failed to make the scene, bright and breezy micro-poppers SLR (103.20) were back, after their lost weekend, with an improved signal, now that they have moved up half a slot. There was a moment of incongruity with the Friday night overnight sustaining tapes, when, having played the full 'Tina Turner Live in Rio' tape, they immediately launched into 'The Greatest Hits of Matt Monro', but this does seem to be part of the growing charm of this little station. It takes a lot of effort to be bright, and sound as though you are enjoying yourself at 5am in the morning, but this was the effect achieved early on Sunday morning. Later that same day, it seemed more like eavesdropping on someone's private conversations, as an enlarged group of their aimable presenters did their party pieces and chatted between themselves. One drawback for SLR is, that even within their listening footprint, they suffer break-through from NW London's very powerful Fresh FM (103.35), especially on high ground.

New North London 'rock and rollers' Radio Jennifer (102.15) made it back on Saturday with a few familiar names from the rock-jock scene. They have abandoned the strained 89MHz. sector, to taking over the slot from Galaxy Radio who have now moved back to 103.00, and are lost to most people among all the babble. Radio Jennifer it will be remembered, were first heard testing on June 26th, when they came up on 89.45, the following day (June 27th) on 102.15, so they may have been thinking of this move since then. They have now recruited enough jocks for them to go on air, on both Saturday and Sunday from 9am until

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midnight, with a number of luminaries from the rock-jock scene. Prominent among these, is the busy Clare Mansfield with two live spots (the Raiders shows are taped), of new music. Also on the roster and also ex R-FM, is Dana Jay. An auspicious start for them, and one that augers well for the future.

Meanwhile, veteran East London rock and rollers Rock-FM (94.30) are having to contend with Brixton's Classic Radio blanketing them on the same slot, over most of south and central London. The 'Magnificent Seven' came up early this Sunday, while Classic were still sleeping, with a strong stereo signal pushing out back-to-back music. R-FM have a habit of putting out music that seems ambiguous with their format, on test shots. Some time back, they closed a test with Boney M's 'Gotta Go Home'. The music didn't sound quite right, but then the title clicked home. Similarly, Sunday's test opened with The New Seekers 'I'd Like to Teach the World To Sing'!

With Raiders FM fallen by the wayside, it was possible to sample clearly in the south of town, the super slick style of MMR (105.80), that is when the jingle machine worked on cue. Tim Allen is one of several familiar names featured here. Super fast robot 'Hot-Poppers' 'New' Hits FM (98.40) had a trouble free week and are proving this sector is viable. This may well mean that this sector could be getting busy soon, as other stations try to muscle in. They will have to be quick, as BBC Radio 1 is due to move in here, in the not too distant future.

Among the ethnics, both LGR (88.35) and GCR (104.50) ran through the weekend without apparent interruption, and were joined on Sunday by 'The Greek' (89.45), who turn up occasionally in this slot, and could be heard clearly with Euro-Jam down. GRL (96.15) had been lost during the week. The Asians fared worse, with only a noisy carrier on 95.45, where Britannia Radio should have been, and nothing at all from SRI (90.85), while Bangla Radio continued their nightly time-share coming out of Peckham's Sky Radio (91.65). 'The Arab' had another of its erratic weekends, wandering up from 89.55, to end up on 89.70, possibly as the result of a bust, but one never can tell with them. They seem

to be putting out a lot more Arabic disco music in Offra Haza style, which makes a nice change from endless soul revivals.

Also heard were :- 7 days - **Passion Radio** (90.70), **WLIB** (90.90), **SIR** (96.85) **Traffic Jam Radio** (98.05), **WNK** (102.95), **Time Radio** (103.70), **JBC** (104.30). Weekenders - **CD-93 / Starpoint** (93.25 - stereo), **Fame** (94.65), **PCR** (105.25) and **Stomp** (105.40 - stereo) plus an unidentified test on Friday night on 92.00.

LONDON UP-DATE. Things seem to have quietened down somewhat in the city, with fewer raids this week. On the medium wave **Swinging Radio England** began their regular schedule on Wednesday afternoon. They transmit each night from Wednesday until Sunday, from around 16:00 until the early hours. The frequency to watch out for here is 1611kHz. The station was noted on Thursday night also, but we had difficulty hearing it here in Blackpool, due to an unidentified Irish station on the same frequency, which has broadcast continuous music every evening. SRE have extended their broadcasting by an extra ten hours this week. So look out for them, as they play some good old records, and some of the jocks are very entertaining to say the least. On a Sunday morning, also look out for **Radio Memphis** on 1260kHz. They are not reported much due to low power, but for 50's rock n'roll fans, it is a good listen.

MANCHESTER / CHESHIRE. **Outlook 96.3** was heard here for the first time in a while, last Sunday evening (24th July). Signal strength was not as good as it used to be, so perhaps it is now covering a slightly different area, as it has been noted in Liverpool in recent weeks. The usual diet of religious programming was noted.

WBL (102.4) and **Laser 103.5** (103.55) were both heard each day this week, although sign-on time on weekdays varies. Both seem to run continuously throughout the weekend however. The format of the two stations is a mixture of soul, reggae and community news. Many specialist music shows are heard throughout the week.

MERSEYSIDE. After we had printed last Sunday afternoon, a distorted signal on 105.35MHz., was heard with music and free radio jingles. One announcement could be made out, and the station was **Starpoint Radio**, announcing as 105.3MHz. The transmission was heard a short while longer, and then disappeared, although as the signal here was very weak, Starpoint itself could well have still been on the air. This is presumably the same operation from Liverpool, which was reported as testing some weeks ago.

Monday (25th) saw **Radio Merseywaves** (1242kHz.) in action as always, with the final day of the weekend transmissions. There was blank carrier on this frequency most of the week which was thought to be from RMW. **Radio Atlantis** (1197) continued with a good signal on Monday, following opening at 10:00. Rick Dane was heard to ask for anyone who knows the whereabouts of Stephen Bishop (the Radio Atlantis one), to write to the station, and let him know. Their address is : 1 Yew Tree Lane, West Derby, Liverpool 12.

Radio Merseywaves was already fully in swing when we tuned in on Friday morning. The signal was very strong, but some distortion was noticeable on the microphone. We tuned away after 10:00, but when we tuned back at just before 12:00, Radio Merseywaves was no longer on the air, and not even a carrier was in evidence. Because we did not hear them go off, we are unsure as to whether the DTI were in the area or not. Certainly, there was no references early on to suggest they were. At time of printing (Friday night) we have still not heard Radio Merseywaves back on the air. **Radio Atlantis** (1197) operated without any problems throughout Friday (29th July), until shortly after 17:00. At 17:10, the 'Atlantis' theme tune was played and Rick Dane announced that the station was closing early for essential transmitter maintenance. At first this was thought to be a cover for DTI activity, as there was only 50 minutes to go on regular shows anyway. However the carrier remained on for long time, so the engineer was obviously doing some work which needed the rig switched on.

No other stations have been monitored from this area. **ABC Radio**, whom we heard on 105.5MHz., with a good signal last Thursday, were not logged this week. Finally, we expect **Storton Community Radio** to be on the air, either Saturday or Sunday, or both. Their signal was so strong last week, that we had a letter from Dundalk, in the Irish Republic saying that he could hear them clearly over the top of Downtown Radio, without the aid of a loop aerial!

The frequency to look out for **Storton Community Radio** on, is 1026kHz., which is also announced as 292 metres.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. "Disgusting!", that is the only word to describe the treatment received by Keighley's community radio station **NLV Radio** (formerly 104.9MHz.), when they appeared at Bingley Magistrates Court last Wednesday, 27th July 1988. Fines totalling £2150 were imposed on three defendants, Young Paul (£500 fine + £360 costs), Stevie B (£500 fine + £360 costs) and Lyn (£250 fine + £180 costs). All were first offences! Despite the DTI official present at the raid telling the operator that his 10 watt transmitter was extremely clean, the DTI prosecutor still fired the usual 'possible' interference allegation at the station - "It is possible for un-licensed stations to interfere with emergency services or legitimate broadcasters". He then admitted in court, that no interference had been caused in this area, but then went on to say that a 'police beacon' 10 miles south of Birmingham had been interfered with. (This with a 10 watt FM transmitter, over 150 miles away - is this credible evidence?) Those present in the court could not help but notice that the Magistrates were totally baffled by all this, and would have believed anything told them by the DTI. Thus, by the DTI stating in a general opening to their case, that interference is possible, magistrates are being influenced before the full facts of that particular case have been produced. (Perhaps they should of also mentioned that Pennine Radio, who instigated the raid in the first place, has caused more interference with its 102.5MHz. transmitter, than NLV ever did, as at least on one occasion it went haywire, and put out spurious signals all over the FM band, some even sat on top of police channels! Of course this is always kept out of public ears.) We understand that all the NLV equipment was confiscated, including radio gear, as well as the transmitter, and associated items. In its nine weeks on the air, NLV Radio had gained an estimated 12,000 listeners in an area where signals from legal stations are rather poor. They raised a lot of money for charity, and helped gain employment for several young people in the town. One wonders what sort of fine (or even just a pat on the back!), the three would have received for a mugging, or for burglary, which these days seem more acceptable than letting the average person have their own community radio station.

In Leeds, the band has been a little quiet this week. **Peoples FM** (104.6), who had some tx problems last weekend, and emitted some spurious signals, closed down, and re-opened on lower power, but with a clean transmitter. Whether they simply lowered the power or used a standby is not known. They returned to high power early in the week, and have been heard each afternoon and evening. **ABC-FM** (105.2) have had a carrier on all week up until Thursday, when it was reported to not be on. The programme times have varied, and sometimes only white noise is transmitted. **Music City Radio** (90.3) has not been reported by any of our correspondents for a couple of weeks, and **Rapid FM** (105.8) has not been logged this week either.

In South Yorkshire, **Rebel Radio** were on the air last Monday evening, on 105.35MHz. The unidentified signal heard last week on this channel, was Rebel Radio testing out a new transmitter. **Village Radio** were also monitored on that same evening on 105.1MHz. Finally a signal blocked out **Heatwave Community Radio** for 40 minutes on Friday morning, just playing two records over and over again ('On My Radio' by Selector and 'The Kids are United' by Sham 69). No ID's were given, and it was switched off at 11:05.

NOTTINGHAM. The signal from **Heatwave Community Radio** (104.95) disappeared on Wednesday morning, but the problem was just a transmitter fault. They were back to full power, and slightly lower in frequency (104.9) later that day. Several of the staff appear in court on 15th August, and we await the outcome with interest.

ESSEX. The operators of **Benfleet Soul Radio** (90.5) have decided to close the station down, as it was thought they were about to receive the same amount of DTI attention as Canvey Radio did some months ago. Two stations are currently known to be operating in the county, both being heard last Sunday. **Stomp FM** (105.4) seem to be the strongest, with a signal which gets well into London. **Inner City Radio** are the other operation, on 105.6MHz.

THE SOUTH COAST. Just **Energy FM** (105.3) were noted recently, on 23rd July broadcasting to the Newhaven / Seaford area with 40 watts. Their contact address is, 128 Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne.

OFF-SHORE STATIONS. Thanks to Stuart in Staffordshire, for reminding us about a couple of anniversaries taking pace this week, in the offshore world. On Monday 1st August 1988, it will be 7 years since the Radio Paradise vessel, Magda Maria was boarded and arrested by the Dutch authorities. Whilst everyone knows this was real 'piracy at sea', and the Dutch government eventually lost the case after several years in the courts, it had the desired effect, and the station never broadcast again. For those who had forgotten all about this station, it transmitted tests for only a few hours at the end of July 1981, with 10kW, on 1107kHz. Onto Radio Caroline now, and it was 4 years ago, on 27th July, that parallel transmissions commenced on 963kHz. and 594kHz. Following complaints from Invicta, on 603kHz., they moved to 576kHz., on 5th August 1984.

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RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. The week started with a return to shorter programming for the deejays (except Andy Bradgate), with Mike Watts appearing back in the ranks on Monday. The line-up for that day, 25th, was 00:00 Neil Gates... 03:00 Andy Bradgate... 05:30 Johan Maasbach... 06:00 Radio 558... 18:00 Johan Maasbach... 18:30 Dave Asher... 20:00 Mike Watts... 22:00 Judy Murphy. Judy Murphy was brought forward one programme for the rest of the week, and could be heard at 20:00. Neil Gates also came forward, and hosted at 22:00 for Tuesday and Wednesday. Mike Watts was only heard again at 00:00 on Wednesday morning.

Thursday evening saw a major change in the line-up, with at 18:00 the return of one of several familiar voices. Michael Grant did the 18:00 announcement prior to Johan Maasbach, and then proceeded to host a show at 18:30, until 20:00. Michael obviously wishes to remain anonymous, as otherwise he would have used his previously well known alias. We believe that Michael will probably just be out for one stint on board this time, but the lure of the sea may well tempt him back again! Judy Murphy stayed on board this time around, and carried on in her usual slot, whilst at 22:00, Chris Kennedy made a welcome return. Another surprise voice was from Nigel Harris at midnight. Nigel has not been on the air since the station was on low power during January and February. Neil Gates and Andy Bradgate have both stayed on, and Caroline is now back to a full complement of staff. Dave Asher is the only one to leave this time, having been on the Ross since 26th May, some 8 weeks. Thursday night / Friday morning's line-up read... 18:30 Michael Grant... 20:00 Judy Murphy... 22:00 Chris Kennedy... 00:00 Nigel Harris... 02:00 Neil Gates... 04:00 Andy Bradgate.. 05:30 Johan Maasbach... 06:00 Radio 558.

An advert for Reading Rock 1988, to be held over August Bank Holiday has been aired, with Judy Murphy doing the voice-overs. Until Thursday, Judy has read all the early evening new bulletins, however Nigel Harris took over both then and Friday.

We are not sure whether the power has been increased on 558, or the aerial altered, but since the Dutch service began the signal certainly seems to have improved greatly. Peter Chicago is understood to be back on board, presumably preparing things for the major engineering work which will be taking place shortly.

Radio 558 seems to be going well, and plenty of commercials have been noted, including the English version of the Lotto 6/49 ad. Dutch adverts are for Tokai cigarette lighters, Smoking cigarette papers, Texas shag and cigarettes, Dukados Spanish cigarettes, Sunrise Turkey travelling specialists, Atari computers, Top 10 pop magazine, Ear-ex eardrops, Bose loudspeakers, Monique/Texas disco-show as well as several L.P. records.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. There is not a lot to report about the Peace ship this week, and in this area, at present, there are other very interesting offshore developments, but more a bit late. On the V.O.P. itself, Sunday 17th July, saw Kenny Page return from his shore leave. At this point, Steve Richards and Michael O'Sullivan both went off on the same tender, and Michael at least has now returned home to England. Abie returned with his phone-ins on Tuesday 19th July, although he was ill on Thursday and his show was cancelled. A short break for essential generator maintainance occurred on Wednesday 20th, but the station returned almost immediately. The line-up that day was ...00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Martin Murphy... 06:00 Kenny Page...

09:00 Richard West... 13:00 John MacDonald... 15:00 Abie Nathan... 17:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Richard West... 22:00 Martin Murphy. Due to the shortage of deejays, Gil Katzir, one of the office staff, went out to the ship to give the four jocks a hand. He helped out in the afternoon, which gave only these changes in the previous line-up... 13:00 Gil Katzir... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 John MacDonald... 19:30 Richard West.

Several weeks ago we mentioned about a group in Israel who had approached the Voice of Peace with a view to hiring air-time to broadcast religious type programming. When this was turned down, they also offered to buy the ship. This idea also failed. The groups was then rumoured to have purchased their own ship, to broadcast off the Israeli coast, and a few hints were sent their way by the V.O.P. Since then, we have discovered that Harris have already supplied a 10kW transmitter to an offshore venture in Israel, which is not the Voice of Peace. So it looks as though the Eastern Mediterranean may well have a second offshore radio station very soon. Judging by the name of the organisation which Harris have supplied the transmitter to, it will definately be a religious station. If and when the operation does come on the air, it will be interesting to see what the official reaction will be. The Odella, which broadcast television to Israel back in 1981, only lasted a short time.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Due to printing one day early this week, we miss the usual SW logs for tomorrow, Sunday 31st July. However, in the next 'WR' they will be listed for completeness, along with more recent loggings, so any written contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Due to lack of space last week, no comments could be fitted in, so the following refer to loggings from Sunday 24th July 1988. Most signals last week were very poor, and the band was very noisy and erratic.

WABC from County Donegal, Eire, now operate every day on a frequency around 6295kHz. This is a direct relay of the FM service on 101.7MHz.

Sunnyside Radio can be contacted via Radio East Coast Commercial.

The station on 6315kHz., was thought to be Radio C.L.C.G., as the voice was familiar, and an advert for them was played. Nobody else appeared to hear this one, and it soon faded out in our location - it was on at the same time as Radio Marabu was heard on 6318kHz.

Radio Freedom and Radio Susan were not logged here, and were presumed to be relayed by the same transmitter of the I.R.R.S.

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RADIO SUSAN

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The Rock of Europe

Greetings from the Heart of Britain

In amendments for last Sunday, 24th July, Podney also heard a RADIO DX-34 at 08:32 on 7296kHz. This is presumably the same transmitter as we noted the return of Radio 101 on, later that morning. Judging by the audio quality, it is the same transmitter as used previously on 7361kHz.

Radio Apollo International have a special broadcast on Sunday 14th August. It is entitled "500 hours of broadcasting". Frequency to look out for that morning is 6285kHz.

Many thanks to all contributors this week.