
The WEEKLY

REPORT

ANORAKS

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It's a welcome back to everyone reading 'Weekly Report' after our two weeks absence. We are gradually getting back to normal as the effects of the Guinness slowly wear off. Congratulations go out to Grainne Walsh and Ian Biggar, who were married at the 'Star of the Sea' church in Ballycotton, County Cork, last Wednesday, 3rd August. (The reason for our holiday.) Ian is probably better known to Irish radio listeners as Stuart Scott. Ian worked on several stations there, including Boyneside Radio and Radio Carousel, following his very first taste of broadcasting in Eire, as guest deejay on Sonic Independent Radio, from Shankill, County Dublin, back in 1981. Ian was at Eastside Radio Ireland in its early days, when it was located at Ballycotton. It was here that Ian met Grainne, who then worked in the station's Cork office. After its move to Cork, the station changed its name to the more well known title, Radio ERI. The evening social could have been classed as a small 'anorak' gathering, with Owen Barry of KISS-FM being Ian's 'Best Man', as well as an appearance from Jack Russell, (complete in traditional Scottish dress), of Weekend Music Radio. We now know what a Scotsman wears under his kilt! Keith York and Steve Marshall from Coast Hots Hits in Galway, also joined in the celebrations, along with the crew from Wavelength Magazine. A good time was had by all.

Little in the way of big news has broken during our time away. The only interesting item, was heard on Kilkenny Community Radio, on the morning of 3rd August. It was stated in part of the news bulletins that the Minister of Communications, Mr. Burke, had announced that morning that the bill to outlaw 'pirate' stations would definately be coming law on 31st December 1988. K.C.R. also said that Mr. Burke also announced that the commission to set up the new legal stations, and which was to hand out licenses, would not be set up until next year. The result would be that as from 31st December, only RTE would be legally broadcasting (as at present), resulting in a long delay between the end of the 'pirates' and the start of the commercial network. No further information has been heard about these statements, either on the air, or in the newspapers. The news item was unlikely to be incorrect, as Kilkenny Community Radio are one of the stations which would be expected to get a license, and indeed, some comments were made by the on-air staff about the situation. Has anyone heard similar information?

August is a month with plenty of anniversaries, and most of you will have noticed the date on top of this week's report - 14th August 1988. Today, is the 21st anniversary of the Marine Etc. Broadcast Offences Act. It was at midnight on Monday 14th August 1967 that over 30 million people, without being consulted, lost their listening pleasure and rights, because of a supposed democratically elected government. In true bungling fashion, the offshore radio stations were outlawed, without suitable replacements being introduced. This was the beginning of many discussions and bills over the following two decades, which were to bring the radio situation in the U.K. to the sorry state that it is today. Had the correct decisions been made in the mid 1960's, then the radio bands would have had more choice on them today, and the need for 'pirates' would not be there. Despite the M.E.B.O. Act, one offshore station Radio Caroline has continued in one form or another to this day, except for a couple of periods between 1968-1972, and 1980-1983, and is approaching its 25th anniversary. It certainly must be a continuing source of embarrassment to the U.K. authorities and its broadcasting policy - or has Caroline just become an acceptable part of British history in the 20th Century?

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"COMMUNICATE '88" is to be held on, Saturday 24th September 1988, in Blackpool, so book now, and enjoy the north's first free radio convention. A package of details about the function to be held in the Winter Gardens Complex in central Blackpool, is available free of charge. More details about those attending, and other features of this get-together, will be included in next week's report.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Nothing new has arrived this week. We have very few copies left of the **Radio Northsea International Story** (Jumbo Records - 1976), so any of our subscribers who do not already have a copy in their collection, would be advised to order now, as due to cost, it unlikely to be repressed in record form. Price is £10.00.

NEW ARRIVALS. The past two weeks has certainly brought in a mass of reading material. Starting off, **Activity Magazine** Issue Number 5, contains free radio news, information and loggings mainly from the shortwave scene. Each station has its own heading, with information about it. A sample copy of this 20 page, A5 publication can be obtained for £1.00 from :- 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.... Two editions of **Now Radio** (68 and 69) covered the last 14 days of news throughout the radio spectrum,

both legal and alterntive. For a sample copy of this weekly A5 format magazine, write to :- Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW... For MW DX-ers, **Medium Wave News** is an excellent aid to enhancing your listening pleasure. Published by the Medium Wave Circle, the August 1988 edition contains a complete list of North American stations heard in the U.K. during the 1987/88 season. Certainly very useful for beginners looking for their first catches of American radio. Also in this edition, a five page article on how to build your own 'Sooper Loop'. Regular features include DX loggings, verification section and DX News. To become a member of the Medium wave Circle, write to :- Bill Shaw, 1 Alt Avenue, Liverpool L31 7BJ.... **Communication** edition 165, the monthly journal of the British DX Club was also published this week. The

publication covers all aspects of radio DX-ing, with regular features being 'Alternative Airwaves', 'Beyond the Horizon' (MW), 'HF Logbook', 'Tropical Bands Logbook', 'QSL Report', 'Mailbox' and 'DX News'. Also included is the 'BDXC Guide to DX Programmes', which is very useful indeed. Certainly plenty of information in its 24 pages. Details from :- BDXC, 54 Birkhall Road, Catford, London SE6 1TE... Radio Brief No. 34 has four A4 pages of snippets about the radio scene from the past few months. For your free copy send a fully stamped s.a.e. to Kyp Koumi, 8 Skardu Road, London NW2 3ER... Onto the European magazines received now, and to start with, a mammoth 61 page edition of **C.L.C.G. Magazin** (No. 7/88). Printed in German, it mainly includes lots of newspaper cuttings and stories about radio in Germany. At the back, there is also some shortwave and offshore news, with loggings for June and July. More information can be obtained from :- C.L.C.G., Postfach 54 01 01, D-4100 Duisberg 11, West Germany.... Also written entirely in German is **D.P.M. Newsletter**. Issue 24 has 8, A5 pages of European radio information and cuttings. For a sample copy write to :- D.P.M. Newsletter, Postfach 1130, D-4154 Tonisverst 1, West Germany... Freewave No. 166 has 28 pages of information on all aspects of alternative radio, including offshore and satellite information. Written all in Dutch, a sample copy can be obtained from :- Freewave, Postbus 65, 2510 Mortsels, Belgium... From Finland comes **Skanneri**. Written entirely in the Finnish language, issue 5 has information about radio detection equipment, free radio information including an interview with the operator of Right Wing Radio, satellite radio and a scanner receiver test. Other features are also included. For your copy, write for further details to :- Skanneri, P1 82, 40101 Jyväskylä, Finland... Finally this time, is the weekly **Play DX**. (No. 515) which has the regular features of International DX news, and loggings. More details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

TAPE OFFER. Plenty of anniversaries this week, but we decided to pick out the closing programme of one of the offshore stations, Radio 270. Tape SP-12 features the final 85 minutes or so, from the Ocean VII anchored in Bridlington Bay, as it headed towards that dreaded midnight hour on 14th August 1967. Your host for these tearjerking moments is Rusty Allen, who due to rough weather was unable to be joined by his fellow jocks, and had to give their farewells, through himself. Quality is good for its age, but there are a few breaks, where the original tapes were changed, hence it is not an un-edited 90 minutes. Postal strikes permitting, we may well have a good copy of the final 90 minutes of Big L on offer next wee - so watch this space. Our second recording is Radio ERI from Cork, in Ireland. Tape 222 features Mark Edwards on a 'drive-time' show recorded on Friday 5th August. There appears to be no separation of their FM channels despite the signal being stereo, so this recording was done in mono to avoid any hiss. Both of this week's offers cost £2.00 each including postage and packing.

WANTED. Printing service for car stickers for Radio Apollo - confidential service - own artwork - cost important. Contact :- R.A.I., P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. At Sunshine 101, the 'Big Kahuna' seems to be progressing along quite well. Thursday saw the first 10 semi-finalists being drawn, and telephoned live on the air to be told that they had been chosen. The second ten were picked on Friday. The actual semi-final will be next week. If it follows the pattern of the last competition, then each semi-finalist gets half an hour to impress the judges.

Across at Super Q-102 all seems to be stable. A live outside broadcast was heard from the Virgin Megastore on Saturday.

Radio Nova is currently being relayed full time on 103.5MHz., one of the Liberty 104 transmitters. Liberty also relays Nova on 104.0MHz. and 1035kHz., at various times. Southside 95 (94.9) appear to relay Nova all the time. Pat Courtney and Cassidy Jones (both ex-Energy 103) have daytime shows on Nova. Community Radio Fingal (1575) has also been heard relaying the station at times.

Co. LAIOS. Ken Baird, whilst travelling through this county, noted a station on 106.0MHz., announcing as "Alive Alive O Radio", broadcasting live from Raheen. However a few days later, when back in the area, Ken noted a relay of Laois Community Radio on 106.0. Could this be a festival station, perhaps operated by L.C.R., as it was a Bank Holiday Monday?

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Co. WESTMEATH. Whilst in Ballycotton, Co. Cork, last week, one of the few stations to be audible on FM was Radio West. The 100.1MHz, transmitter certainly gets out well.

Co. MEATH. The unidentified signals on 1611kHz. medium wave, and 6205kHz. short wave, finally fully identified on Thursday 11th August as Radio Fax. This station tested transmitters on 1611kHz. and 6225kHz. during April this year announcing an address in Norfolk. Having applied, and presumably refused a license to broadcast technical information as they were doing, it now appears that the whole set-up has been shifted across to Co. Meath. It sounds as though an auto-reverse cassette deck is being used to broadcast the material, with the medium wave transmitter being operational from around 19:00 in the evening, until 07:00 the following morning. Between these times, 6205kHz broadcasts the same tapes. It is believed that a 300 watt transmitter is being used for this station, and at a pre-determined time, the frequencies and tuning units are switched. There does not seem to be any set programming, with only repeats of items from earlier in the year. There is a new address however, of Radio Fax, The Forge, Cranleigh GU6 7BG, England. It is interesting to note that since this station appeared, the relay of Radio Rainbow International on 1521kHz., has not been heard on a Sunday.

Co. DONEGAL. Radio 4-U which was operating on FM, now appears to have closed. The station was apparently a one-man operation, the owner being German. Since the station closed, the owner has been heard presenting programmes on Radio Nova in Fahan, but has now returned to West Germany.

The aforementioned Radio Nova has been noted operating on a new frequency of 99.0MHz. This seems to replace the 98.2 outlet. The station seems to have a nomadic existence on FM, using several frequencies. Their 1287kHz. channel is on and off, and has not been heard for many weeks.

Co. MONAGHAN. KISS FM, who's tower collapsed during the recent high winds, are now running approximately 5kW into the temporary aerial array. The engineers managed to salvage about 80 feet of the tower, and around half of the actual aerials. Not only was the mast itself damaged

Offshore Echo's

Europes Leading FREE RADIO Magazine

OFFSHORE ECHO'S is published regularly five times a year in two separate editions, one English language and the other French language. There's more than sixty pages with many exclusive photographs in every edition of Europes leading FREE RADIO magazine and each issue features the latest Offshore radio news, the Irish radio scene, land-based pirate activity as well as features, reviews and interviews.

The emphasis of OFFSHORE ECHO'S is on OFFSHORE RADIO and a popular item are the in depth interviews with Offshore radio personalities both past and present. Screaming Lord Sutch, Ronan O'Rahilly, Tony Blackburn and Charlie Wolf are just some among the many we've spoken to. Recently we've interviewed Mark Wesley, Steve Conway, Jamie King, Tony Windsor, Chris Kennedy and Dave Asher.

There's features like Yesterday and Today - Where are they now? looking at the careers of the many offshore radio names on stations such as Radio's City, Caroline and London, currently we're looking at Radio Northsea International.

A new feature drawing lots of response is Offshore Records, looking at songs by deejays, deejay themes, station themes and other offshore radio related discs.

OFFSHORE ECHO'S is the official magazine of FRANCE RADIO CLUB and was first published in March 1974 as a quarterly newsheet of about twelve pages in French only. As circulation increased an English language International section was added. Four years later the magazine changed to its present A5 format using offset printing that enabled top quality photographs to be used. Starting with issue no. 45 in December 1982, OFFSHORE ECHO'S split into two completely separate English and French language editions.

OFFSHORE ECHO'S has reporters in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Israel and the USA. Offshore Echo's is printed in France with the English language edition edited in London by Chris Edwards and the French edition by Francois Lhote in Earentin, France.

Single copies of OFFSHORE ECHO'S cost £1.90 each, or a subscription for one year (five years) costs only £9.00

severely at the top, but we understand that 'nasty things' had happened to the harnessing, which were not attributable to merely collapsing in the storm. The station hope to be back on full power shortly (possibly even higher than before with the addition of even more yagis), just as soon as the full height of the tower has been restored. Meanwhile, the AM outlet on 1170kHz. is running quite well, with reception reports coming in from many European countries, despite this channel being very busy. Programme wise, Owen Barry returned to the afternoon slot last Monday (8th), after a few days holiday. His place was taken by Roland Burke for that week. The station are also in the process of organising a second FM site in Co. Donegal, in order to cover the areas shadowed from 103.7MHz. No further news on this development is at hand, which was obviously delayed when the main outlet was lost.

Radio Star (927kHz.) who were also believed to have suffered 'storm' damage three weeks ago, now seem to be back to full power on 927kHz., and can be heard quite well during both daylight hours, and late at night following the closure of BRT on this frequency.

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SATELLITE RADIO STATIONS. The line-up on Radio Nova International - The Power FM has changed around quite a lot since we last reported on the station. Tony Blackburn, who had been hosting a one hour show each weekday afternoon between 15:00 and 16:00, as well as his regular Top Forty

show on Sunday, was forced to leave Nova due to contractual obligations at Capital Radio. Tony joined Capital as part of the team on the 'Capital Gold' station, but according to his contract, he was not allowed to programme for another station within a 50 mile radius of London. Whether or not we or Tony believed that Nova could be classed in the same vein as the other ILR stations around London, Capital obviously did, and he had to leave. New Zealander, Pat Courtney now seems to have joined the team, having spent several years in Ireland, on amongst others, Sunshine Radio and Energy 103. The current line-up seems to be... 07:00 Paul Burnett... 10:00 Pat Courtney... 13:00 Timmy Mallett... 14:00 Cassidy Jones... 16:00 Tony Gillam... 19:00 Timmy Mallett... 20:00 Greg Edwards... 23:00 Liam Quigley. There are occasional variations, as well as the usual weekend alterations. The Nova Night Network begins at 19:00, and continues until 07:00 the following morning. Many stations in Elre are now taking the service as overnight sustaining programming. Bank Holiday Monday in that country (1st August) saw ABC Radio in Waterford even taking it as far as around 09:00, before their regular shows started. Coast Hot Hits (Galway), Southside Radio (Dun Laoghaire) and Liberty 104 (Dublin) also have use of the service, and in fact, an advert for the Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre has been heard many times.

Tuesday morning saw announcements by Paul Burnett, that Nova would be closing for 30 minutes at 09:30, for engineers to do some work on the satellite, in order to improve the reception. After 09:30, the signal dropped a lot, and then returned back to where it was. There then followed a few test tones, then music, and the programmes continued at 10:00. We could not detect any increase in signal strength, but the audio has been less compressed and trebly since

then (or is it just our imagination?) Reception reports were being requested on (0276) 692040 or by post to Nova, P.O. Box 1065, London W2.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY. 30th July - 8th August 1988.

Two weekends of contrasts, as the rollicking rollercoaster of free enterprise radio, rolled on its anarchic way. Over the two weekends, 30/31 July and 5/8 August, a total of 41 stations were logged. Although sounding impressive, these bare numbers don't reflect the true situation, where as a result of the more persistent DTI action, some outfits are now becoming increasingly erratic. Most stations try to make the prestige weekend slots and while there were 30 stations broadcasting on Sunday 7th August, there have been times over the last couple of weeks, when the number of regulars have been down to single figures. The DoT's high rate of removal is certainly having its effect, with some outfits returning more slowly, as finances and tx's become scarcer. The loss of aerials and rigs inevitably means that both reception and quality suffer, and stereo becomes less viable. But despite all this, there are still people out there who are prepared to risk all, in the search for fame and fortune. At least two new entrants have been noted, as well as the long awaited return of a major leaguer. Other outfits are involved in making significant expansion moves, or service improvements.

Saturday 6th August saw the long overdue return of former market leader TKO (102.40 - stereo), as they powered back after being absent since 13th June. They intend to again be the hallmark of quality which all the others must be judged by. The surprise return of the top rated station may cause some problems for several other operators, who have recently taken to trying the sector out. Southside Radio were noted testing on 102.55, on Friday 5th August, but have not been heard since. Not around this weekend, but unlikely to be affected, are new North London rock and rollers, Radio Jennifer (102.15). The previous weekend (30/31 July), they had been around for the full two days, with an up-rated signal, which has also been up-graded to stereo. Popular 'Golden Groovers' 'Oldies' Hits FM surfaced again on 102.35 on Sunday 31st July. They have also been missing since mid-June, when they finally gave up the unequal struggle against Classic Radio on 105.50MHz., who themselves deserted the slot a week later for the equally turbulent 94.30 slot.

Hits came out to battle with TKO on 7th August, and in parts of South West and West London were actually winning! Hopefully, this return will give them a new lease of life, but undoubtedly they will need to make another move to improve reception, (98.6?).

In a bid to disguise themselves, Raiders Pop FM (105.5 - stereo) were putting out test tapes without a Beatles track (or one of their clones), in hearing (30/31 July). In fact the choice of music sounded more like a tip-toe through the Caroline Top 500. All this, and the 'Battersea Tower of Power' went into full stereo for a rock solid two days of radio. Unfortunately they weren't heard over the weekend of 5/8th August.

Increasingly popular 'robot top poppers' 'New' Hits FM (98.40) seem to have had an untroubled time as their two hour Top Forty selection is now carrying more hard advertising. Also untroubled for both weekends, were aimable micro-poppers South London Radio (103.20) whose initials might just as well stand for Super Little Radio.

Rock FM (94.30), the East London rockers were about for both weekends. On the 31st July, they were free and clear, as Brixton's Classic Radio (94.25) didn't make it back until late the following week, which meant that both stations' listeners had listening difficulties on the 7th. Saturday 30th July saw friendly North East London rock and rollers London Rock (88.70) back with a short but successful test. This was followed on 6th August with a full days rock and roll, which managed to totally obliterate East London weekend soulsters Sunrise Radio (88.75), who have returned down from their usual 88.85. A move back there would probably solve their problems, especially if London Rock expand to two day operation. The down-time for Sunrise was put to good use, as they came back on Friday 5th August, with a massively increased signal that is covering much more than their previous East End haunts.

The ideal was to listen to reggae music, is with a Bacardi and Coke in one hand, and being bathed by the balmy breezes of the simulation of a Caribbean Island. Until this weekend, any simulation of this experience has been impossible, but August came in with increasing temperatures, and one could at least sit in the back garden and listen to the bass rhythms wafting in on the air from the next block but one. With the hot weather came the usual ridge of high pressure across the South, which brought in some unusual finds. While momentarily expecting outfits to open up around the new 98 slot, it came as no surprise to hear a strong signal with sixties jingles (DLT - Going back in time on the sounds etc....) and then two sides of the 'Sixties Mix Album'. This was taken to be a test and a 'spurious' signal was found on 102.10, until the end of the album when the announcements were all in Dutch / Flemish. A similar experience was noted when what was thought could have been a stereo test for a returning London Irish, turned out to be the Gerry Wilson early Show from Eire's Radio 2 FM. Conversely, with both these experiences in mind, (and many others), it was thought that one of the Irish stations was coming through on 105.6MHz., in stereo, on the evening of Sunday 7th August. The programming was an odd mixture of Roger Whittaker and light classics. It's 'Privateer' status wasn't fully realised until the presenter revealed the escapades he was having with a soldering iron, a microphone and a set of headphones, in an effort to eliminate a buzz from the left channel. They were probably coming out of West London, and no name was gleaned, as they were drowned out by a mixture of the part time North London Greeks on 105.55, and strong intermittent tests from newcomers Radio Sarah (105.45). Radio Sarah came up for the first time on Saturday 6th August, as 'London's newest community station', with the usual mix of soul and reggae. They were live, and taking phone dedications on a phone at the studio location in Streatham. They were around for most of the weekend, but mostly in test mode. Around the same time on Sunday evening, was what was believed to be MMR tested briefly on 105.80MHz., but they went down before it could be verified.

On the ethnic front, only London Greek Radio (88.50 - stereo) was consistent across the period, and although busted at least once, they returned in stereo. For the 30 / 31st July, GCR (104.45) missed a second weekend in a row, but were about for 5/8th August. Greek Radio for London (96.15) have now been missing since mid-July. Of the occasional Greeks, only 'Another Greek' has been heard on 105.55 on Sunday 6th August. Both Southall's SRI (90.85) and Tooting's Britannia Radio (95.45) were missing for the first weekend

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At 9.03 pm last night (Friday, 29 July 1988) SWINGING RADIO ENGLAND -- LONDON, after five weeks of increasingly successful broadcasts, shut down to protect itself from the Government raids which have taken almost every free radio station in London off the air in the past ten days. Only JBC and SRE-LONDON have continued to broadcast, and now we know that the Government is attempting to track SRE-LONDON and take it off the air permanently. So we have gone off the air in order to increase our security and insure that we will be free to broadcast the music you want to hear. Keep tuning to 1611 Medium Wave, because "We Shall Return" -- and we won't keep you waiting long!!

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SWINGING RADIO ENGLAND

but made it back for the second. Despite having suffered crippling fines, SRI have decided to carry on. Bangla Radio continued to time-share through Peckham's Sky Radio (91.70), who were missing for the 30/31 July. East London's 'The Arab' (89.65 - stereo) has remained surprisingly stable. A so far unidentified Asian, has come up on the quiet spot left by Tropical Radio on 105.20 for the 5th/8th August weekend. On the previous weekend, Tropical had been increasing power, but being within spitting distance of the 'London Lubianka', they didn't last long.

Brixton 'power house' Passion Radio went missing for the weekend of 30/31st, but they still had a busy weekend. During the week, they had been trailing an open day at their main offices. The purpose was to involve the listener in producing a new set of DJ/station ID's, jingles and drop-ins. The results have been on-air since their return a few days later.

Popular 'power house' weekenders Solar 93 (93.00 - stereo) and KISS FM (94.00 - stereo) were both knocked out for the first weekend, with Solar making it back for Friday 5th August, only to be knocked out again, the following day. They succeeded in getting back on air for the Sunday, but only in relatively low powered mono. Also on low power for the last couple of weeks, has been the increasingly intermittent LWR (92.10). With KISS off the scene, this has lead to Flight FM (94.05) coming up, out of the East End. They claimed to be on 94.20, but announced frequencies are very rarely those that are actually transmitted on. The content seems to be mainly the heavy ragamuffin /dance hall style of reggae, introduced in the heavy patois, with lots of echo, and mixed well down in the music. They actually sounded like one of the big sound systems, with deejays swapping licks back and forth, and well used records, giving the impression that they are frying bacon alongside the decks.

In true community style, the un-stoppable JBC (104.30 - stereo) have been continuing with their sometimes contentious Sunday evening chat shows. This week's studio discussion, un-intentionally gave a clear demonstration of culture, political and generation gaps present in the Caribbean community, as they discussed at length, their views on socialising. Present were members from the fifties immigrant generation, as well as second generation activists. An illuminating experience, and a programme that is always interesting.

Also heard at one time or another over the period were :- Buro-Jam (89.45), RJR (90.00), Rock to Rock (90.20),

WLIB (90.95), CD-93 / Starpoint (93.25 - stereo), Groove-FM (93.80), Fame-FM (94.50), WNK (102.95), SLR (103.20), Fresh-FM (103.35), Time Radio (103.80) and Stomp-FM (104.45).

Once again special thanks to Sid, for his time and effort in writing the above special two-week summary, covering the massive amount of activity in the London area.

One of the special event radio stations to be issued a license by the Home Office was for the London Festival, and called Turkish Community Radio. They broadcast on 1305kHz with a variety of programmes for the many ethnic communities in the city. Despite operating with only 1 watt, the station got out remarkably well, covering several miles. The festival itself was apparently not a great success, and has now finished, however the station is still reported to be on the air.

STAFFORDSHIRE. Centre Sound did not appear on the air for their regular Sunday evening broadcast on 24th July 1988. However the following Sunday, 31st July, they commenced broadcasts at mid-day on a new frequency of 96.9MHz. Programmes carried on until 18:00. On Sunday 7th August, Centre Sound were back on the air at 12:30, announcing test transmissions on 1584kHz/189metres medium wave. They were running both transmitters in parallel. The medium wave outlet was said to be strong, but the audio was a little low. The 1584kHz transmitter left the air at about 15:00, whilst 97.7MHz. kept going until 17:00, with tapes of American radio stations, and the Atlanta SW story.

BRISTOL. Two reports from Terry this time, cover the last three weeks activity around the city. We start off however, not on the 'pirate' front, but with yet another of the 'special event' stations licensed this year. Thursday 21st July saw test transmissions on 1593kHz/189metres, but the signal in the south of Bristol was so weak (and at night suffered from interference from the powerful German transmitter on this channel), that an exact identification could not be gained. The station was on the air for 'Ashton Court Community Festival'. Many interesting programmes were noted, including one in the Asian language and an Irish music show. Interviews and features on a wide range of topics were broadcast.

Whilst it was encouraging to hear that a station had finally been awarded a license, it seemed that the DTI might have been sent to present it in person, as the free radio stations in the city made several unexplained exits and entrances. Everything ran as normal during the early part of the week, with both FM community stations broadcasting as usual,

apart from a late sign on by B.A.D. Radio on 18th June, due to technical problems. Despite running overnight on Tuesday/Wednesday 19th/20th July, Radio For The People (103.7 - mono) failed to appear again that week. Within 24 hours, B.A.D. Radio (105.2 - mono) were also silent, but had returned by Friday (22nd July). Radio F.T.P. finally made it back on Monday 25th July, with plenty of adverts and jingles, but no mention as to the reason for them being off the air. B.A.D. Radio disappeared that day, and did not return until Saturday 30th July, with a very good signal. Radio For The People continued throughout the last week in July, and were on the air at all times they were checked for. More new adverts were aired, in addition to the older ones, and the 'anti AIDS' promotions.

Emergency Radio made it to the air on 31st July, and were suffering from a little distortion on their 99.9MHz. outlet, throughout their weekly Sunday lunchtime - early Monday broadcasts. Meanwhile, Emergency's main transmitter on 97.9MHz. (mono) was having difficulties of its own, as despite an excellent signal (about the same in strength as B.A.D. or F.T.P.), the levels were very variable, being sometimes distorted and other times very low. On the financial side, Emergency is now airing an advert for 'Replay Records', a relatively new store which also advertises on Radio F.T.P.

That's all from Terry for a couple of weeks, as he is now on holiday, listening to many Irish stations, from his position on the sun-blessed (hopefully!) beaches of Cornwall.

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS. It is not often we have this area as a heading, but two weeks ago we received a very interesting cutting, and an advert regarding a 'new' radio station on Guernsey. It is presumably yet another of the 'special event stations', but the name of the station is very intriguing and would certainly make every free radio listener's ear turn should they hear it - **Offshore Radio!** According to the newspaper article (Guernsey Evening Press - 27th July), the station will operate during 'Powerboat Week', and will broadcast all day during that week, giving full coverage

of the races from a portable studio, which will be in the powerboat village on the North Beach. No frequency has been mentioned, apart from that it will be on the medium wave.

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MERSEYSIDE. We left the situation on Saturday 30th July, with Radio Merseywaves (1242kHz.) still off the air, after having disappeared the previous morning. In fact, as far as we know, the station did not appear for the rest of that weekend. The next time we have a report of a transmission on 1242kHz., was on Friday morning, 5th August, when a blank carrier was noted at 10:00. By 11:35 Radio Merseywaves was back in action, with a strong signal. We were able to listen on Sunday 7th, and found that the 'hum' which had been plaguing the station a few months ago, had returned. It was not as bad as previous, and we managed to listen quite easily that afternoon, to station owner Burt Williams giving us all a run down of the DTI activity over the past few months, and the current situation at the station. According to Burt, there was indeed an attempted DTI raid on Friday 29th July, but once again an empty flat was raided. Apparently, having been 'cheated' of a successful raid, the intrepid investigators returned later in the day, armed with search warrants, and visited premises known to them from previous raids, as Merseywaves' accomodation. They are understood to have removed equipment, which was the reason for the absence from the airwaves, during the rest of the weekend. Burt mentioned that he intended that Radio Merseywaves would broadcast into the 1990's, so long as there was a demand for the station to continue. He also said that that he might have inadvertently provoked the DTI by increasing the power output. It was interesting to note that the 'hum' had disappeared on Monday, leading us to the suspicion that another 'weekend only' pirate station is operating 'off-channel' on 1242kHz., (but where from?) Radio Merseywaves were back on the air last Friday (11th August), with Kevin Jordan being the first voice heard by us. Kevin hosted until 09:00, and announced that he would be leaving the station at the end of August, so any 'budding breakfast jocks' should sent in demo tapes to him at the station address. Dave Collins followed Kevin until around 11:00, during which time, the audio on the station got rather distorted, (it had been OK during the breakfast show), especially on the microphone. This carried on into the afternoon, but when we had another listen just before 17:00, it was completely the opposite, and barely audible, although

the carrier was still very strong. Adjustments were being carried out shortly after this, and the audio improved. The station was on the air on both Saturday and Sunday with very good audio, although they were late opening up on Saturday.

Radio Atlantis (1197) were up in strength on Monday (14th), and Rick Dane programmed through the day. When Rick Dane opened up on Friday, the signal was again good, but on Saturday it seemed to vary through the day, at one point being very loud, and another being swamped by Telstar Community Radio. Perhaps the engineer was doing some adjustments. One letter to us commented about all the hours that Rick Dane puts in each weekend, and asked 'how long can he keep it up?'. Well, those who remember Radio Jackie North will know that even back in those days, Rick was hosting a good 20 hours every weekend.

Unlike the past few weekends, **Storton Community Radio** (1026) were not heard yesterday (Saturday), but they did appear this morning (Sunday) with a strong signal. It was not as massive however as in previous weeks, so Downtown radio in Belfast could be heard underneath, in our location.

Veronica 104 were logged here on Saturday afternoon, with a somewhat wide and distorted signal, centering around 104.75MHz. This was presumably a test, and they are understood to be going to have a link up with Phil Davies of Liverpool Pirate Radio today. When we tuned in though, a Marine Offences Act Special was in progress. The audio had been sorted out by then, and it was quite clean. Veronica were also on the air with Neil Fraser, on Sunday 7th August.

Other stations heard in the locality were **CD-FM** (105.2) on Saturday 6th, and Monday 8th August, and **Eastham Community Radio** (105.0) on Wednesday 3rd and Tuesday 9th August.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. Last Saturday and Sunday (6th and 7th) saw **Music City Radio** back on the air in Leeds. The time off the air appears to have been spent well, as two transmitters appeared on the air. The original 90.3MHz. continued as it used to be, but on 104.9MHz., a second transmitter was being tested for a new service to Bradford. It was announced that the full service would start last Monday (8th), which it duly did. However, the tests did not go un-noticed, presumably by that ILR station well known for snitching - Pennine Radio, as on the first day, DTI officials were seen direction finding up a street near the station. The station was then raided at 08:00 on Wednesday morning (10th). The studio gear was taken, but it is not known whether any transmitters were also removed. MCR was back on the air 15 hours later, apologising for the break. They are understood to have been raided by 3 DTI officials and 4 police, who threatened to arrest the staff because of 'non co-operation'. Both **ABC-FM** (105.2) and **Peoples FM** (104.7) have operated without any problems. Whilst ABC try and keep to a 24 hour per day schedule, Peoples can just be heard during the afternoon and evenings. **Rapid FM** were last heard on 31st July, when they made a test on 105.8MHz.

A new station has been heard in West Yorkshire calling itself **Telstar Radio**. It was heard last Friday on a frequency of 105.45MHz., and playing pop music. No further details are known.

In South Yorkshire, **Rebel Radio** will be back on the air tomorrow on 105.4MHz., in stereo, following the operators return from holiday. **Village Radio** (105.2) were last noted on 1st August.

NOTTINGHAM. **Heatwave Community Radio** (104.9) are in court tomorrow, 15th August, so we hope to have a report on the outcome in the next WR. Their power has been up and down recently, although this has been partly due to them wanting to keep a low profile prior to the case. The signal, even on low power, gets out well.

THE MIDLANDS. All stations have operated normally recently. **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.6) and **Enterprise FM** (91.9) are both still running a 24 hour schedule. A new station called **KISS FM** has begun operating on 105.5MHz., and announcing a full 7 day/24 hour schedule, using 2kW! Dance and soul music is the format. They have a wide spread, which is affecting **Powerhouse Radio's** nightly broadcasts on 105.2MHz. Others heard have been **Fresh FM** (95.0 -weekends), **Rapid FM** (106.0 - occasional) and **Electro Radio** (107.0 - occasional).

MANCHESTER. Just one station, **WBLS** (102.4) has been monitored here in Blackpool. In fact, they only came up with a good signal yesterday, so perhaps they had changed

location. We have no other reports from this area.

OFFSHORE STATIONS...Radio Caroline. The past couple of weeks has been particularly quiet, with no sustained off-air periods for the expected extensive engineering work to erect a new aerial system. We left the line-up last time, with Chris Kennedy having just returned to the ship. This gave a constant schedule throughout the week of 1st to 5th August of...00:00 Nigel Harris... 02:00 Neil Gates... 04:00 Andy Bradgate... 05:30 Johan Maasbach (Dutch)... 06:00 Radio 558 (Dutch)... 18:00 Johan Maasbach (English)... 18:30 Michael Grant... 21:00 Judy Murphy. During this period the news was all read by Nigel Harris at 18:30 and 19:00, with Judy Murphy doing the honours at midnight. At midnight on 5th August, Judy was half way through reading the bulletin, then the station went off. On its return a few minutes later, she read it all again, making 1½ bulletins! Another mis-hap on the news came on Saturday 6th, when the Johan Maasbach show started at 18:00, the tape was suddenly stopped, then the news was read, and the Johan tape was then started up again at 18:03, from where he had left off!

The staff remained as above until Wednesday night, 10th August, when Chris Kennedy extended his show from 21:00 until midnight. Nigel Harris then followed until 02:00, and Neil Gates until 04:00, when Ian Mack returned to the ship after a couple of weeks on shore. The exact weekday schedule is not yet known, due to the timing of the crew change, however, and also as the station was off the air between 01:00 and 05:30 on 12th August for maintenance. It looks as though Judy Murphy and Andy Bradgate have both gone on shore leave, being just replaced with Ian Mack. However, the station is still well staffed compared to previous months. Ian Mack has been heard reading the midnight news bulletins in place of Judy Murphy.

WANTED. 7 or 12 inch version of 'Freezing Point' by Silence and the Beat, the instrumental record used recently as a filler, up to the news on Caroline 558. The disc was released two years ago on Silver Lining Records SLVR 22, and distributed by EMI. Alternatively, a contact address for the group or record company would be welcome. If you can help, write to Dave Knight, c/o P.O. Box 539, Blackpool, Lancs. FY1 4RE.

'DRIFTBACK' August 15th 1987 - It is one year since this memorable event, but highlights are still available on a two cassette set, priced at £4.99, from Julian Wellings, 3 Hammond Court, Slip End, Luton LU1 4DA.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. We left the situation last time, with Gil Katsir on board the ship helping out the four deejays. Abie insisted that there should be five presenters aboard at all times, and as a result no-one went on shore leave. On 23rd July, at about 21:00, the Voice of Peace went off the air until the following afternoon, due to the "9th of AV" (a Jewish holiday). On Sunday 24th July, Gil came off the ship, and a new Captain called Tony, went aboard. The line-up at that time was... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Martin Murphy... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Richard West... 13:00 John MacDonald... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Richard West... 22:00 Martin Murphy. Abie didn't have a phone-in any day that week. As a result of Gil coming off, the staff went down to 4, and the station is looking for new members. Anyone interested can call the office at :- 03-245560, or write with a demo tape to V.O.P., P.O. Box 4399, Tel Aviv 63417, Israel. The phone-ins were again missing during the first week of August, and the only item of note, was the beginning of Scottish lessons by John MacDonald each morning at 01:45. The station is reported to be sounding very good at the moment, despite Kenny, Martin, John and Richard doing 6 hours per day, and giving up their shore leave.

For those interested in statistics, the following is a list of the hours broadcast by each person for the first half of 1988, not including Kassak, Russian, Arabic, Hebrew Chart, Chat Show, Disco Show and Abie's phone-in....

Bruce Wayne.....	1/1 - 30/1.....	45 hours
Ian Hudson.....	1/1 - 1/5.....	390 hours
John MacDonald.....	1/1 - 1/7.....	505 hours
Kenny Page.....	1/1 - 1/7.....	489 hours
Martin Murphy.....	1/1 - 1/7.....	442 hours
Michael O'Sullivan.....	16/1 - 1/7.....	366 hours
Pitta Bread.....	3/2 - 25/2.....	39 hours
Paul Frazer.....	1/1 - 1/7.....	307 hours
Richard West.....	7/5 - 1/7.....	116 hours
Steve Cromby.....	1/1 - 10/6.....	396 hours
Steve Richards.....	7/5 - 1/7.....	177 hours

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Due to printing one day early last time, and also because we missed a week, we have a mammoth three weeks worth of loggings in this section, today. Many thanks to Radiotelex (West Germany), Neil West (Midlands), David Elsworth (Cheshire), Andy Donkin (Humberside), David Ward (Norfolk), Chris Rolfe (Kent), David Cracknell (Suffolk), and Podney (Cornwall), who supplied us with written shortwave logs during the past two week.

Log for Sunday 31st July 1988.

6205kHz...UNID., at 07:32gmt.
6205kHz...RADIO NEW WORLD, at 08:47gmt.
6205kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 10:03gmt.
6205kHz...W.L.R., at 11:26gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 00:00gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:30gmt.
6239kHz...PREMIER RADIO INT., at 09:32gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO GEMINI, at 10:02gmt.
6231kHz...UNID., at 10:06gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:03gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO NEW WORLD, at 08:34gmt.
6276kHz...RADIO NORMAAL, at 10:06gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:25gmt.
6286kHz...ATLANTA RADIO, at 08:54gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO KRISTEL INT., at 07:48gmt.
6300kHz...UNID., at 10:04gmt.
6300kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:31gmt.
6305kHz...ABC RADIO (Waterford), at 08:06gmt.
6305kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 08:33gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:00gmt.
6315kHz...RADIO PLUTO, at 10:01gmt.
6315kHz...RADIO PIETJE BELL, at 12:05gmt.
6318kHz...F.M.T.R., at 08:31gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:05gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:01gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:36gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:24gmt.
7315kHz...I.R.R.S., at 07:25gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO FREEDOM, at 08:35gmt.
7315kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 09:45gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 07:05gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:00gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:08gmt.
7446kHz...UNID., at 09:01gmt.

Podney also reports hearing Radio Rainbow (warm up tape?) on 6205kHz., between the continuous music and other relays. This appears to be being operated from Drogheda, by Heady Eddie, as is 6231kHz., which was in parallel with 6205kHz. We hear that 6205kHz. may well be the transmitter belonging to Radio Fax, who operated a 'technical service' back in April, on 6225kHz., and 1611kHz. At present, when 6205kHz. is off the air, 1611kHz. is in operation. Various tapes have been broadcast pointing to Rainbow as the source, and more recently, Boyneside Radio has been heard on 1611kHz. throughout the night, and 6205kHz. in the day.

The address of Radio New World (formerly Radio Free Europe!) was announced as either Postbus 21, or Postbus 36, 7010 AA Gaanderen, The Netherlands. This station is apparently a joint venture between Radio Tonair and Radio Torenvalk, hence the two different addresses. The station were announcing test transmissions, which were on for a few minutes at a time, switching on a different frequency shortly after. Several frequencies were tested between 6230kHz., and 6270kHz., with identification being in Dutch and English.

Radio Pluto is a new station, and has the address of : c/o Postbus 103, 8120 AC Olst, Holland.

Log for Sunday 7th August 1988.

6205kHz...UNID., at 07:25gmt.
6205kHz...CRUISIN SOLID GOLD, at 10:10gmt.
6205kHz...W.L.R., at 11:30gmt.
6205kHz...UNID., at 11:30gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:24gmt.
6231kHz...CRUISIN SOLID GOLD, at 10:06gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:25gmt.
6265kHz...RADIO DEEJAY, at 09:40gmt.
6265kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 11:43gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:32gmt.
6280kHz...4IFR, at 10:06gmt.
6300kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:13gmt.
6305kHz...ABC RADIO (Waterford), at 08:07gmt.

6305kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:34gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:02gmt.
6315kHz...RADIO NEW WAVE, at 08:05gmt.
6318kHz...STAR INTERNATIONAL, at 08:40gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:21gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:03gmt.
6820kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:33gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:42gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:40gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO SUSAN, at 10:25gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:27gmt.

We were back in action today, with conditions being quite good, and the French stations coming through particularly well here in Blackpool. Logs in **bold** were received by us, others were kindly sent in, by correspondents mentioned earlier.

6205kHz. again relayed the services of Radio Rainbow, and following this, proceeded to re-transmit Boyneside Radio (1305kHz. service) until Thursday, during the daytime, switching to 1611kHz. at night.

On Thursday evening, 11th August, we finally heard a proper identification on 1611kHz., for **Radio Fax**. Golden oldies were played, interspersed with technical features, some being repeats of those heard during the April broadcasts, along with some letters being read out, which were received following those earlier broadcasts. A continuous tape was obviously being used, as the same records were noted being repeated (auto-reverse cassette deck?). This continued through into Friday when the SW outlet of 6205kHz. became active, and the sequence repeated each day thereafter. The most informative announcement went as follows :- This is Radio Fax. 6205 day-time, 1611 night-time. We were on the air over Easter, and will be back again shortly, as propogation improves towards the Autumn, with more daily programmes of electronic, technical and media news. If you would like a copy of the specially printed QSL card for the Easter transmissions, and a six page information sheet, by return of post, please send 50 pence in British stamps or 3 I.R.C.'s, to :- Radio Fax, The Forge, Cranleigh, GU6 7BG, England." Please note that this address is different to the one given out on the Easter transmissions.

Log for Sunday 14th August 1988.

6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 07:56gmt.
6205kHz...RADIO NEW WAVE, at 08:34gmt.
6205kHz...W.L.R., at 11:01gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 03:00gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:52gmt.
6230kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:54gmt.
6231kHz...BOYNESIDE RADIO, at 10:17gmt.
6231kHz...RADIO FAX, at 10:25gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 11:01gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO INDIGO, at 08:09gmt.
6240kHz...PREMIER RADIO INT., at 09:53gmt.
6240kHz...TOWER 41, at 12:12gmt.
6266kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 10:00gmt.
6270kHz...RADIO BLONDPIRAAT, at 07:28gmt.
6272kHz...UNID. (reggae music), at 09:39gmt.
6275kHz...RADIO 48, at 09:02gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:40gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA(?), at 10:20gmt.
6285kHz...RADIO APOLLO INT., at 09:43gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:00gmt.
6300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:00gmt.
6305kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:04gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:07gmt.
6318kHz...CRUISIN SOLID GOLD, at 08:12gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO FAX, at 10:20gmt.
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 11:47gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:08gmt.
6820kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 08:39gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:23gmt.
7315kHz...FALCON RADIO/UNICORN, at 08:45gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:14gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO DEEJAY, at 11:00gmt.
7385kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:59gmt.

Conditions on the bands today were very variable, from area to area. In Germany for example, WFRL was clearly audible on 6300, but here in Blackpool it was Radio Orion. Many thanks to loggers today in the Midlands and Germany, and also to all other contributors throughout the week.

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PLEASE NOTE... Due to the enormous task we undertake each Sunday, making our working week seven days, we have decided to change the day on which 'Weekly Report' is printed and posted. As from 27th August 1988, it will be posted on a Saturday. This means that your 'Weekly Report' will be in the postal system by mid-day on a Saturday, and first class letters will hopefully pop through your letterbox on a Monday morning. This should not affect the contents of 'Weekly Report', with the exception of the short wave logs, which will be one week later than at present. Thus, those who normally telephone us with logs on a Sunday, can simply write instead. They will still be greatly received.

Not a great deal of startling news this week. The DTI seem to have been more active outside London recently, as raids have occurred in several major cities, with the capital's stations being less affected. According to a recent article in 'Broadcast' magazine, the Department of Trade and Industry are attempting to get a Bill introduced to extend their powers of confiscation to include record collections at the radio stations. They believe that this would be a more severe blow to the stations' finances, than removing transmitters, which can be easily and cheaply replaced. They also want to extend the time period, during which a prosecution can be brought. It is presently six months. Finally, they wish to make advertising on a land-based 'pirate' station a specific offence, as it is on an offshore station. Currently, the DTI simply send out warning letters to advertisers hoping they will cease. Alternatively, they can be taken to court for 'aiding and abetting'. Let us hope that since there is not enough Parliamentary time for a community radio bill to be discussed, that all these amendments which the DTI are wanting, will also be put on the 'pending pile', and be forgotten.

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Some more famous names who are hopeful they will be able to attend, include Don Allen (Radio Caroline North, RNI and many Irish stations), Peter Clarke (Radio Caroline), Carl Kingston (Radio Caroline and Voice of Peace), John Dwyar (Radio Caroline, Voice of Peace and others), Tony McKenzie (Radio Caroline, Radio Nova and Energy 103), Ian Akers (Radio Caroline and several Irish stations) and Heddie Eddie (Boyneside Radio and Radio Rainbow). Several of the presenters (who include Tom Hardy, Nick Richards and Susan Charles all formerly of Radio Caroline) hope to be there, depending on the shifts for that weekend. DX-ers will be interested to note that as well as the British DX Club having a stand to promote the club, from Radio Nederland, Jonathan Marks has promised to be there for the whole day. So watch out for a report on 'Media Network' the following week, as Jonathan will no doubt be sporting a microphone and tape machine! Deputations from some of the Merseyside stations will also be in attendance. Peter Mulryan, author of 'Radio Radio', the story of independent radio in Ireland, will be attending, and has said that he will be happy to sign copies of his book.

Many thanks to all who have kindly sent us old newspaper clippings about Radio Scotland and Radio 270. We have returned all your originals, and will be using copies to make interesting displays on these stations. If anyone has any further material they believe is unique, or we could display copies of, please do not hesitate in sending them. We will return them straight away.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Two new **Audio Magazine Cassettes** No. 21 and No. 22, arrived this week, from Stichting Media Communicatie. These C-60 cassettes feature airchecks from the offshore stations, as well as news bulletins from legal operators about the ship borne operations. No. 21 begins with the return of Caroline to high power, earlier in the year and all the subsequent openings and closures for maintainance, and the installation of the new generator. The rest of this tape features airchecks from the first day of Dutch tests on 819kHz., including all the promotions etc. No.22 continues with airchecks of the Dutch tests, and even includes the point on the second day, when the station left the air when the carbon fibre mast snapped in half. This one finishes with further Caroline clips. These SMC Audio Magazines cost £3.50 each, including postage and packing from our usual address.

Offshore Echo's No. 72 is now available. This A5 publication for August 1988 contains 64 pages and includes the regular Caroline information and line-up charts. Chris Kennedy is interviewed, and tells what he felt like the night the mast fell down, as well as when the ship drifted earlier this year. Dave Asher is also interviewed when he was on the Voice of Peace. Other features include the first part of a series on DeeJay theme tunes, the story of the 819 transmissions, and the start of the 558 Dutch service, 'Where are they now' and 'Radio Nostalgia'. Offshore Echo's certainly has plenty of reading material, in addition to lots of interesting pictures, some showing the ill-fated carbon fibre mast in various stages of being tested. The cost of issue 72 is just £1.90, including postage and packing.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just two items this week, with **Contact** (August 1988) arriving first from the World DX Club. This

contains forty A4 pages, with plenty of club member participation, including letters, loggings and DX tips. Further details on how to become a member of this excellent organisation, can be obtained from Arthur Ward, 17 Motpur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY..... The regular weekly 'trade' magazine, **Now Radio**, Issue 70 arrived on time as usual. Lots of reading in the latest 24 page publication with radio news from all quarters covered. Details here from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northampton NN16 0NW.

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WANTED: A circuit diagram for a CODAR CR 70 A short wave receiver (mid '70's manufacture)... Ronald McGill, 7 Talbot Crescent, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S47 0AW.

FORTHCOMING MEETING: A meeting of radio enthusiasts is to be held on Saturday 27th August 1988 at St. Mary's Centre, Chain Street, Reading, at 14:30. In attendance will be a representative from Phase-Track Ltd., who will be talking about and demonstrating the recently released Liniplex F2 short wave receiving system. These meetings have been taking place on a regular basis for some 13 years now and regularly attract some 25 / 30 people along each time, all interested in radio in all its many aspects. Further information can be obtained by ringing the local organiser, Ron Blair, on (0703) 428895.

TAPE OFFERS. Nothing this week, but we will continue in the next issue. All back tapes are available, and a list is available on request.

Co. DUBLIN. The Big Kahuna '88 continues to its climax on **Sunshine 101**. Last Friday at 15:00, saw the beginning of the twenty semi-finalists each being put on the air for 15 minutes, to try and impress the judges. We listened as long as business would permit and were quite impressed with one or two of the 'would-be' Kahunas. An announcement is to be made on Tuesday and ten finalists will be named. Further intensive listening seems to be called for at this point.



VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

8 Years of **SUNSHINE RADIO**

15th September 1980-30th December 1988

Elsewhere in the city, things seem to continue as normal, with 'Radio Cunningham' (Super Q) apparently running neck and neck in the race to be the city's number one most listened to radio station. Both Q and Sunshine are constantly out on the streets giving away lots of cash to listeners who say they listen to or have listened to in the past 24 hours, that particular radio station. It would be interesting to observe these listener approaches without anyone being aware, and taking note what prompts are given to exact the correct answer (e.g. questioner wearing that stations T - shirt, etc.) and what percentage, even so, answer incorrectly (for that particular station's purpose, and what percentage state RTE or any of the other smaller, but still quite well listened to, stations.

Chris Cary's Nova Satellite Link station can be heard in the city, mostly on 94.9MHz. and occasionally courtesy of the transmitters of **Liberty 104**, who both take the signal from the satellite and re-broadcast via their own transmitters. It is not exactly known whether the 94.9MHz. signal (courtesy of **Southside Radio**) is available with Nova transmissions 24 hours, or whether the local station has opt-out spots for local advertisers. Maybe one of our readers could kindly let us know. Meanwhile, the authorities continue to harrass Mr Cary in his absence, as can be seen from the cutting

from a local Irish paper, the Evening Echo of 12th August, re-printed below...

'Pirate' in Stubbs

NOVA Media Services, a company operated by pirate radio boss Chris Carey, owes the Irish taxman over £250,000, according to a High Court ruling recorded in *Stubbs Gazette*. Mr. Carey, however, insists that the figure is "incredible" and designed to blacken the name of his former company.

Co. GALWAY. Speaking with engineer Keith York of Coast Hot Hits recently, it appears as though the station is attempting to find a suitable site to relay their signal into the Cork City area. This would then give the station coverage all the way from north of Galway to the south coast. The 100.8MHz. outlet serving Limerick is reaching about 10 miles north of Cork, and so high points in this area are being looked at. The station has not been operating on medium wave for some time, with 954kHz. in Limerick off with aerial problems, and the Galway AM transmitter on 1566kHz. in the midst of a site move. Keith says that they are not a priority at the moment, as the FM market is by far the largest now. When and if the time is available, work will be done to get these operational once more. Stuart Clark (who has worked on the Voice of Peace, Radio Caroline, ABC Radio (Waterford) and Hits 954) left the station recently and moved back to Limerick to work for **The Sound Channel** (98.7). We understand that he was having some health problems, and two weeks ago collapsed and was rushed to hospital. Since then, we hear that he had to be flown to England for treatment and we await further news.

Co. CORK. Little news of note from this area, but from the local papers, we read from the Cork Examiner of 10th August, that WKLR in Bandon are having a few problems with planning laws. As with many stations in the hillier parts of the country, it is being discovered that FM is the only way to reach the smaller remote communities and a series of FM relays are being set up to actually get into these parts with a listenable signal. The national service RTE has as good as give up on these areas and numerous independent stations have grabbed this golden chance to beam in their signal. Stations in mind include **Independent Radio Mayo**, with relays all over the county and further afield, **Coast Hots Hits**, mentioned above and many more particularly in the west and south west, the more mountainous areas, where AM broadcasting has been almost entirely dropped altogether.

Pirate 'scuttled'

A **PIRATE** radio station in West Cork has been refused a planning application for the retention of its broadcasting headquarters in Bandon by Cork County Council.

Yesterday, the Council warned that action could be taken against

West Cork Local Radio for breaching the planning laws at its Market Quay headquarters.

"We will have to make sure that the planning laws are obeyed," said a spokeswoman for the local authority.

Last night, supporters of the highly-popular station held a meeting in the Emmet Hotel in Clonakilty, at which the view emerged that the station could not be deemed a 'pirate' until such time as moves were made to take it off the air.

Co. MONAGHAN. Our final call this week is to **KISS FM**, where we learn that severe weather conditions have prevented complete re-erection of the massive FM mast on the remote mountain top in the north east of the county. Despite this, the signal on 103.7MHz. remains very powerful from the meagre 80ft. mast currently being used, and good reception is reported from a wide area, including Belfast, apart from the difficult reception areas of the city centre.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS.

LONDON. Due to lack of space last week, we failed to mention that **Swingin Radio England** had returned to the air at 14:00 on Friday afternoon (5th August). The station had been off the air for two weeks, due to re-organisation of its security following the threat of an imminent DTI raid. The operators of SRE are attempting to build a network of stations, relaying their type of music around the country, and would be interested to hear from any free radio stations short of staff, willing to broadcast pre-recorded programmes for the SRE network. The address to write to, if you would like to become part of the SRE network, is : SRE-LONDON, P.O. Box 314, London N7 8LY.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY. 12th - 15th August 1988.

This weekend, touched down on 38 stations, 8 in stereo.

Not a vintage weekend for 'Privateer Radio', with many stations still recovering from the weekday purges. The grim, steel barred gates of the 'London Lublanka' slammed shut on Friday evening, not to open again until Monday morning, as the DoTI men took the weekend off to celebrate the passing of the MOA. The only logged commemorative event of this occasion, was to come from the **Flashback** organisation (94.35 - previously Flashback 67), running through the facilities of East London rock and rollers, **Rock-FM**, on Saturday 13th August. This was a re-run of their marathon 'History of Pirate Radio', first broadcast in stereo through R-FM, on Friday 14th August 1987. In a meticulously researched and compiled eight hours, they covered all the major, and most minor events, right from the very early days, until the present day. They assembled extracts from the entire range of the various offshore, and land-based historical records and tapes, edited in chronological order. Between lengthy excerpts, they played music from the year in question. Commentary was sometimes in the form of the original narration from the records, while often the extracts stood alone and were self explanatory. The whole thing was pulled together with occasional live narration. Last year's eight hour extravaganza has no doubt been up-dated, and re-edited to take account of new material not then available. Also last year, the whole incredible marathon was available for sale on cassette at some ridiculously small price. If the offer is still open this year, then it would be worth every penny if it was made more

widely available. **Rock-FM** (94.35) were up and running for the whole of Sunday as usual, without problems.

Friday saw a number of outfits beginning to recover, and struggle back. Among these was Brixton 'power house' **Passion Radio** (90.70), who started off in relatively low power, but were to improve dramatically over the following days. They must have returned more quickly than expected, as they were heard to be appealing for staff to come in to get the show on the road. **Passion** week-day drivetime jock, **Commander B**, at times sounds like an unintentional parody of **Bruce Forsythe**, which can make his reggae show sound a little incongruous. **Big Time Radio** (103.70) were heard to be doing a series of 'on-air' adjustments when they started testing on Friday evening, on 103.60, with what proved to be a short-lived, but very powerful stereo signal. By the morning they had the tx properly centred on a more normal 103.70, but went out again on Saturday, not to return until well into Sunday, in mono, and up again to 103.75. **Time Radio's** signal is giving current cause for concern, as they are using a particularly dirty series of tx's at the moment. The multiplicity of spurious signals emanating from their **Harlesden HQ**, can be heard all over town.

Despite the continuing crackdown, there are still some very strong signals around. This week's current 'power house' leaders are Brixton's **Passion Radio** (90.70), **Tottenham's RJR** (90.0), **South London's 'New' Hits FM** (98.40) and **Harlesden's Super Fresh** (103.25) and **Big Time Radio** (103.70). Week-enders **CD-93/Starpoint** (93.25) and **Rock-FM** (94.35) are getting London wide coverage as well. Pushing up hard, are **East London weekenders Sunrise** (88.75), and **Deptford's Groove FM** (93.80). Former London leaders **LWR** (92.05) and **TKO** (102.40) are but pale shadows of their former selves, and recent rumours have suggested that they may even be considering dropping back to weekend-only operation. Both **Solar** and **KISS** have not been sounding too well just lately, either.


Solar 93 were missing from their usual slot, and fellow major weekenders **KISS-FM** (94.00), could only manage a moderate mono signal, which went off during Sunday. With **KISS** down, it was expected that the new East London reggae outfit, **FIGHT-FM**, would come up, but their truly distorted transmission wasn't in evidence. While **KISS** and **Solar** have their problems, Saturday saw the welcome return of long weekend North London soulsters **Studio-FM** (92.65), un-heard since being busted on 24th July.

New out of South East London, and heard testing for the first time on Friday, was **EE-ZEE Radio** (92.45 - spelling's a guess, but that was the way it was pronounced). They are a new reggae outfit, and like **Fight FM** last week, their microphone technique left a lot to be desired, and the result was that most voice overs were lost in the mix, and virtually incomprehensible.

ICE-FM, last heard in stereo during a two week stint in mid-April, made a sudden re-appearance on Monday 15th. In test mode to begin with, they have continued through the week in spite of having a loud hum accompanying everything that they do. Also back after a break of several weeks, are North London BUC's **City Radio** (94.50), who came up on Friday, with a moderate signal that gradually picked up over the coming days.

Stereo weekend rock and rollers **Radio Jennifer** (102.15), fizzled out into low power mono, after something went pop on Saturday evening, causing them to lose 90% of their power, and the stereo as well. They have started running with the slogan 'The Capital's Conscience'. The significance of which is totally baffling. While not having dropped a cup of coffee in the link transmitter, **SLR's** (103.20) early man **Pete Fields**, was having some problems with all the little switches and faders while conducting an on-air phone conversation with one of the guys from near neighbours **Radio Sarah** (105.45), where he managed to lose in short time the phone, the music and his mike! **Radio Sarah** are somewhat intermittent in their operation, and missed out Sunday afternoon, which left the way clear for Essex weekender **Stomp FM** (105.45) to come charging in all down the east side of town, after an interval of a couple of weeks.

What may have been **Raiders Pop FM**, were heard in the early hours of Sunday morning on 106.25 stereo, putting out their rock tape. As this is a main Gas Board frequency, it was not a surprise to find that they were not there later. Whether this was of their own doing, or by someone else's hand is unknown. It is conceivable that a couple of the 'Waterloo Wanderers' were called out from their beds to




104 FM


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GCR



clear this slot, and while they were out, it is possible that they took out KISS-FM and Radio Sarah. Neither of which are too far away from Raiders, and both went down on Sunday. Down a couple of slots, were super slick, clutter free MMR (105.8), who were coming through to the south, relatively clearly this week. They gave the impression that they were only on for the evening. The happy lads at London Rock (88.65), on the other hand, had a full day on Saturday, with not too much overlap from nearby Sunrise Radio (88.75).

On the ethnic front, London Greek Radio (88.40) had a trouble free weekend, but GCR (104.45) were not heard at all. The weekend also saw the return of GRL (96.20) to low power daytime radio. The profusion of initials may well be getting worse, especially as BBC BIG L changes over to Greater London Radio - GRL, in a few weeks time. 'Another Greek' came up on 105.55 on Sunday, as they have done for the last few weeks. On the Asian front, Britannia wasn't around at all, and SRI (90.85) were back with a weak signal from Thursday. They have presumably sorted out their interference problem, which was believed to be in the link transmitter. Bangla Radio are still with Sky Radio (91.75) for two hours a night, six days a week. Saturday being their Sabbath, they don't broadcast. An unknown low power West London Asian outfit came up on 98.05MHz. on Monday, taking advantage of the continuing absence of NW London's Traffic Jam Radio, who have not been heard since 27th July. The un-named Asian has also been heard regularly on 105.25. 'The Arab' (89.65 - stereo) now seems to have been untroubled for a couple of weeks, and their quality has improved, and now sounds less forced.

Also heard :- Rock-to-Rock (90.30), WLIB (90.85), WNK (102.95) and JBC (104.30 - stereo).

NOTTINGHAM. From the court case of the 'West Indian community station', Heatwave Community Radio, we hear from our intrepid reporter on the amusing happenings inside...."Scene - Nottingham Crown Court - Court No. 1 - Time : 2:30pm - Date : August 15th 1988. The time came, and we all piled in, myself, 50 Rastafarians, the boys from Radio Freedom, and odd people from various other Midlands stations. From here on, it became a farce, as we were all at the back where we couldn't hear a thing. Two minutes into the case, and we were nearly thrown out for giggling, as it was impossible to keep a straight face. The girl who was on the air at the time, was being asked questions, but she was chewing gum, which the judge said she must take out. That didn't make much difference, as we could still hardly hear. Seven of the Rastafarians lit up, and we nearly got thrown out of court again! A DTI official was then trying to say his bit, about interfering with landing gear at Heathrow Airport (!), at which point the back of the court erupted into hysterics, and the solicitor jumped up, and in simple terms said 'don't talk so daft'. The DTI man then said something about interference on Band 3, looked towards all the hard stares from the back of the court, and sat down down to clapping from the rear - whence we nearly got thrown out again! The court then retired. During the interval, it was obvious that the reporter from the local paper couldn't hear either, as she had not filled six lines. The judge returned, and we all stood up and sat down, just like puppets, and strained to hear the sentence. 'Candy Girl' was apparently over from America for a holiday, and could not be prosecuted, so she was ordered to pay £70 costs, and catch the next plane out!

Next, a young man was brought before the judge in what was presumed to be a case against 'Mainline Radio', but

DTI person jumped up, and said they could have the records and tapes back. It was then all over, and the court emptied

it was impossible to hear anything. At this point, the lady from the press was almost stood next to him, in order to take notes! The court retired, and in the interval, there was some 'discussion' between a DTI official and a Heatwave supporter, regarding the return of confiscated records and tapes. The court returned (stand up, sit down! - nearly got thrown out again for talking), and the little guy was fined £100, plus £72 costs. The judge then announced that all equipment would be confiscated, at which the

City radio pirates are sunk

By POST REPORTER

TWO PIRATE radio stations broadcasting in Nottingham have been forced to close down after a crackdown by Department of Trade officials.

A girl disc jockey who presented a breakfast show on "Radio Heatwave" and a man who allowed a studio for another station to be set up in his council flat appeared before city magistrates.

The court heard that BBC engineers checking future frequencies for broadcasting Radio Three discovered interference in an area of Nottingham.

Government inspectors were called in and traced a radio station operating from premises in Clifford Street, said Mr Michael Mott, prosecuting on behalf of the Department of Trade.

Karen Price, known as "Candy Girl" when presenting her show, opened the door when the studio was raided.

Price, 23, of Derby Road, admitted being involved in the use of transmitting equipment. She was given a one year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £70 costs.

Mr Stuart Lody, for Price, said she had only been a presenter for "Radio Heatwave" for two weeks.

He said the station had

been set up to cater for the needs of Radford residents who wanted to hear reggae music.

In a separate investigation, a studio broadcasting as "Radio Mainline" was traced to a flat in Clifford Court, in April.

Marvin Eves, who works as a sports leader, said the broadcasting equipment had been in his flat since March and admitted a charge of allowing it to be installed in his home.

He said it had been fitted by an electrician working for another man and said he did not realise a broadcasting licence was needed.

In both cases, magistrates ordered that all the broadcasting equipment seized in the raids should be forfeited.

Charges against another ten people accused of being involved with illegal radio stations in Nottingham were adjourned.

to the dancing of the Heatwave supporters. A fun afternoon out was had by all."

Heatwave themselves, actually went off the air at 01:37 on Monday morning, the day of the case, although the carrier remained on the air, and didn't return until 23:00 Wednesday evening, when they had got all their records back. They have been on as normal since then.

A report from the Nottingham Evening Post, Tuesday 16th August 1988 is included opposite. It is interesting to read the 'press' version of the case.

BRISTOL. After a long report last time from this area, just one station has been noted this past week. **Radio For The People** (103.7) appeared for the first time in stereo, also being the only station since January to operate in this mode. Technical problems hit the station on Thursday (11th August), when it was announced that the tape deck was 'up the spout', and that the first person kind enough to donate a replacement, would receive two free tickets to see Rick Clarke in concert. The address read out was P.O. Box 548, Bristol BS99 1NX. The following afternoon 'Glyn' was thanked for enabling jingles and commercials to be aired once more. The quality of the tapes however was rather poor. The station was off later that evening, and returned on Saturday morning (13th) at 09:00. At the official sign-on announcement, main-man Souful Dee said that disaster had struck, when the transmitter went up in smoke. By mid-afternoon, high power stereo transmissions had once again resumed. The station continued for the rest of the weekend, with no competition from the other two stations, Emergency Radio and B.A.D. Radio.

MERSEYSIDE. Monday 15th August saw **Radio Merseywaves** on the air quite early. The breakfast show was well underway when we tuned in at 07:20. The station operated throughout the day, and it was assumed finished its weekend broadcasts in the early hours on Tuesday morning. **Radio Atlantis** (1197) were the only other station on the air on Monday, and as ever, Rick Dane was heard programming through until closedown, at around 19:00. It appears as though only some of the programming on Atlantis is 'live', with the rest simply being repeated tapes of earlier shows. Atlantis were reported as testing on Wednesday (17th) on the usual 1197kHz.

Kevin Jordan opened up **Radio Merseywaves** on Friday, with what he announced would be his final weekday breakfast show, although he would still be heard on a Sunday morning. Current programming from the station seems to run from either 07:00 or 09:00 (depending on which day), until around 03:00 the following morning, judging by the schedules given out. Merseywaves still operate a four day weekend. With everything sounding fine on the frequency, on Saturday afternoon, a hum was suddenly noted on 1242kHz. This continued through the evening, but had disappeared by Sunday. It would seem that someone is putting on an off-channel transmitter somewhere, without any audio perhaps they are trying to upset Merseywaves.

Saturday and Sunday saw a colossal signal from **Storton Community Radio** (1026). They now appear to have settled down to this regular two day schedule, operating usually between 10:00 and midnight on each day. According to mentions on Saturday, S.C.R. currently do not have a mailing address, but hope to use one in future on the Woodchurch estate.

Veronica 104 (104.75) were noted here with a good signal this afternoon, with Neil Frazer. In fact, the audio quality on the transmitter was the cleanest and best we have ever heard from the station.

One station which hasn't been heard for a long time is **Commodore Radio**. They were reported as being heard in Liverpool, on 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th August, on 105.55MHz. This station operates late in the evening and early morning. They have an address of : 13 Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH. DeeJay heard was Dave Moore. **Eastham Community Radio** (105.3) were once again heard locally with Steve Mason, on 14th August, and again today giving out an address of 166 Mill Park Drive, Eastham, Wirral, Merseyside L62 9PP. **CD-FM** were noted with a test on 102.3MHz., last Friday.

THE MIDLANDS. The DTI were active in this area over the past few days, and both **Enterprise FM** (91.9) and **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.6) were missing occasionally on Tuesday for a few hours. PCRL were also missing again on Wednesday evening, and returned later to say they had been raided again. It could be that they suffered two raids in that case.

Enterprise FM were not heard to mention why they were off, but it is reasonable to assume that they also had some DTI activity in their area. The new 24 hour / 7 day station **KISS-FM** (105.5) was on the air from Saturday through until Wednesday, but they too had disappeared by Wednesday night, suggesting the inevitable, especially since they have not been heard again. **Powerhouse Radio (PHR)** (105.2) were also heard mentioning the DTI, and playing suitable records for them. Other stations heard during the past week included **Fresh FM** (95.0), **Electro Radio** (107.0) **Midland Asian Community Radio** (106.5), **Rapid FM** (varying between 105.8 and 106.1).

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. **Music City Radio** have not been heard on their 90.3MHz. outlet this week, but the 104.9 transmitter has been heard here in Blackpool. **Peoples FM** (104.7) and **ABC-FM** (105.2) have been on each day. **Telstar Radio** (105.45) were noted with a test on Friday, but were not heard for the announced full programmes. **Ocean Sound** (106.3) returned for a transmission last Friday, and **Rebel Radio** (105.4) made its regular Monday appearance. **Village Radio** (105.2) were on last Monday and Tuesday for one hour per evening.

MANCHESTER. Following the raid on **Laser 103.5** last week, the station returned last Saturday, and have been on regularly since. **FAB-FM** (97.0) were also raided last week, and it is doubtful whether this station will return. **WBLS** (102.4) apparently went off briefly, but are still pumping out a powerful signal. **Outlook 96.3** have been heard as normal.

RENFREWSHIRE. Just **Radio Mercury** (96.1) have been noted regularly on Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. A test was also noted on 103.8MHz., on Saturday.

OFFSHORE STATIONS : THE VOICE OF PEACE. More news now, from the Kravitski twins in Israel. Following the shortage of deejays over the past few weeks, the station is expecting two new presenters very soon. They were both on the station last year, and have decided to go back for another stint. They are Mike 'Coconut' Davis and Richard Steed. As they arrive, possibly next week, John MacDonald is expected to go on his well earned shore leave. At present the line-up is as printed last week, and the phone-ins have not recommenced as yet.

The station are currently looking for a new cook, as Max (the alleged cook!) is definitely leaving, having found a job. The lads on board are said to be looking forward to some decent food!!

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. It was 5 years ago this week (20th August 1983), that the Ross Revenge put out its first regular transmissions as **Radio Caroline**. Tests had been heard on and off since 9th August, on 963kHz.

The Dutch language station, **Radio 558**, also had a crew change last week (at the same time as Ian Mack returned to Caroline), and the female deejay, appeared to come off. However, this time also saw the welcome return of Ad Roberts to the ship, this being the first time he has been heard in Dutch, since the aborted 819kHz. test transmissions at the end of May.

Across on **Radio Caroline 558** and its night-time service, there has been only one change this week, and that is the disappearance of Michael Grant, who was last heard on Tuesday 16th August. It had been mentioned to us earlier, that this was probably a one-off appearance, and Michael may possibly only be on the ship for a couple of weeks, so this looks as though it was correct. He most likely has some other commitment on land, and wanted to reminisce back on board for a short time. The actual line-up, the last day he was heard, read... 01:00 Chris Kennedy... 03:00 Neil Gates... 05:30 Johan Maasbach (Dutch)... 06:00 Radio 558... 18:00 Johan Maasbach (English)... 18:30 Ian Mack... 21:00 Michael Grant... 23:00 Nigel Harris. By Thursday (18th), with the absence of Michael, the programme times had altered slightly to... 00:00 Chris Kennedy... 03:00 Neil Gates... 05:30 Johan Maasbach... 06:00 Radio 558... 18:00 Johan Maasbach... 18:30 Ian Mack... 21:00 Nigel Harris. News bulletins have been extended to include one at 21:00, in addition to the 18:30 headlines and main bulletins at 19:00 and 00:00. Nigel Harris has read them during the evenings, but at weekends, and since 18th August, Ian Mack has been doing the honours. Michael Grant was also heard doing a one off on 16th August.

Little seems to be happening as regards engineering work at present. We have heard nothing from anyone involved with the Caroline organisation to inform us of the current state of play, and so must go on what we have heard (or not heard in this case!), on the air. The station has been

closing down occasionally between 01:00 and 05:30, but whether this is just to carry out routine maintenance, or for preparations to erect a new mast, is unknown. There certainly has been no comments noted, regarding any new additions on the deck, as there were when both the telescopic and the 819 mast arrived on board. It would seem doubtful looking at the current situation, that a full time 558 English service will return by the hoped for date of September 1st. Things look as far away as ever. The signal, which has been particularly good of late, has been heard tripping out on many occasions this week, as the weather has been very damp, causing arcing of the insulator. At the time of writing, (Saturday evening - 20th), the seas are moderate to rough, and the programming is suffering from severe gaps.

As everyone knows, Radio Caroline is relayed on 6215kHz., between midnight and 06:00 BST. However only part of this is usually audible in the U.K. due to skip conditions at that time of the night / early morning. For those who wondered where the signal actually disappears to in those early hours, the operator of Radio Apollo has the answer, and informs us that on a recent trip to Yugoslavia, Caroline was clearly audible at 04:00.

Rudi, in the Netherlands, reports that Johan Maasbach is no longer the only minister to be broadcast on World Mission Radio (6215kHz). Since 1st August, he has been joined by "The Abundant Life Programme", with Tony F. Abraham. This programme is aired daily between 20:00 and 20:15. The address is - P.O. Box 1212, Phoenix City, Alabama 36868-1212, U.S.A.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

First of all, we go back to an unidentified new station reported by D.A. Cracknell of Suffolk, at 11:05gmt, on Sunday 24th July. A recording sent in by him, intrigued us, as the station was identifying as Radio Clynore (that is how it sounded), 170 miles offshore and using 250 watts. The beginning of an address was heard as P.O. Box 22...., when the signal faded. This sounds the same as a station reported in last week's Radio Telex, called Radio Claymore, heard on the same day, first on 6283kHz., then slowly moving down to 6278kHz. The station announcement said 'with 250 watts from 120 miles offshore'. A mailing address of c/o P.O. Box 220342, D-5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany was given out. It is interesting to note that there is an oil platform called Claymore Alpha - is this just a coincidence?

Radio Fax continues to operate with a continuous programme tape, on 1611kHz., between about 19:00 and 07:00, with 6205kHz., being activated between 07:00 and 19:00. The station verify within a few days, using the same QSL as the one for the Easter transmission, and send out a 6 page information leaflet. The address is :- The Forge, Lucks Green, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7BG.

FAX Radio

6220 Daytime

1611 Nighttime

- Broadcasts over Easter 1988: 0030 UTC 1st April - 2310 UTC 4th April. 230 watts rf: 6220 full wave dipole, 1611 half wave dipole.

We confirm and acknowledge with thanks your reception report for the above.

- On the air to demonstrate the sort of daily service we would like to provide from abroad or, with a licence, from England.
- Application to UK Home Office for a licence - August 1986.
- Renewed Application - January 1988.

Studio Presentation

Trevor Brook • Holly Robson • Maggie Stevenson

Engineering

Surrey Electronics Ltd., Cranleigh, England. GU6 7BG

Log for Sunday 15th August 1988.

6205kHz...RADIO FAX, at 08:12gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:59gmt.
6231kHz...RADIO FAX, at 10:55gmt.
6231kHz...W.L.R., at 12:00gmt.
6240kHz...PREMIER RADIO INT., at 10:03gmt.
6256kHz...RTR INTERNATIONAL, at 1028gmt.
6265kHz...RADIO DEEJAY, at 08:57gmt.
6270kHz...RADIO SCOTLAND, at 08:14gmt.
6271kHz...RADIO WAVES, at 11:52gmt.

6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:59gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO PANDORA, at 11:40gmt.
6298kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:52gmt.
6305kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:40gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 10:43gmt.
6318kHz...CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD, at 10:01gmt.
6540kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 09:08gmt.
6570kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 09:40gmt.
6580kHz?...RADIO ORION, at 10:11gmt.
6630kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:25gmt.
6815kHz...UNID., at 09:20gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO 101, at 08:09gmt.
7375kHz...UNID.(French), at 10:08gmt.
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:55gmt.

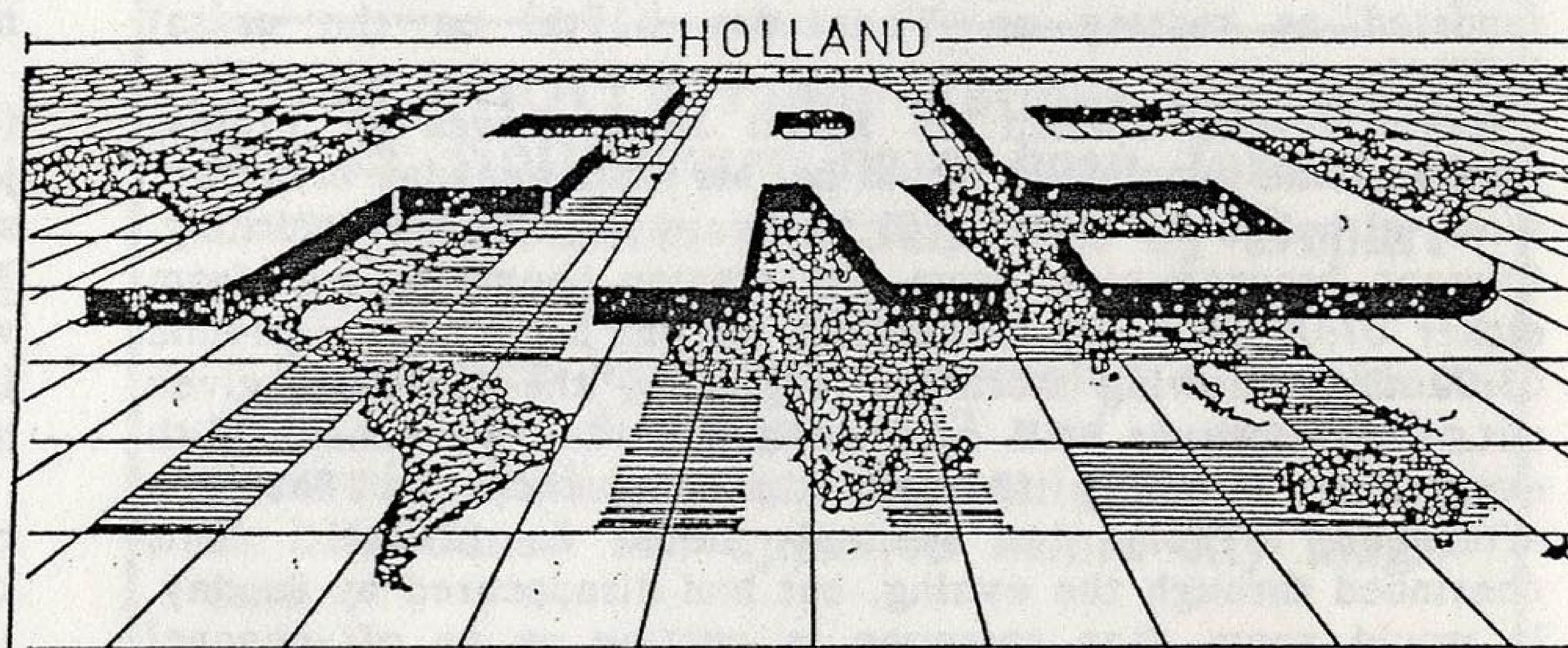
There seemed to be a rather long skip early this morning, as La Voz Del Cid (from Central America / the Caribbean) on 6305kHz., was heard well into the morning here, and very little was noted of strength from within Europe itself. The Irish SW stations were particularly weak. Thanks to reports today from Devon, Norfolk, Humberside and the Midlands. As from next week, Weekly Report will be posted on a Saturday, making the shortwave logs one week behind. The telephone will unfortunately no longer be in operation on a Sunday. We would appreciate any written logs to be sent to our usual address, in order that we can continue to compile an accurate log each week. Many thanks for all your efforts, both now and in the future, they are greatly appreciated.

Mike Dixon from Radio Caroline was heard hosting a programme on RTR International.

Radio Scotland was a Dutch station normally associated with medium wave operation. An address was given out of P.O. Box 85, 9410 AB Beilen, The Netherlands.

Prince Terry was heard saying that he might possibly conduct transmissions on a Wednesday night at midnight.

The unidentified station on 6815kHz., was apparently a test transmission, from what sounded like a 'Peoples FM'. No further details are known.



«international music radio on short wave»

FRS-HOLLAND INFORMATION AUGUST 1988

Programme-schedule FRS-Holland 8th Birthday transmission August 28th:

- 09.54 Opening: station-ID's/theme-tune FRSH
- 10.02 Mark Stafford Show (lots of 1980-1988 records and a flashback to August 1980, the month in which FRSH started its SW transmissions)
- 11.00 FRS goes DX with Peter Verbruggen. The latest from the world of wireless with the emphasis on FREE RADIO.
- 11.45 FRS Birthday Party with Gerd, Bobby Speed & Peter Verbruggen with: letters, memories from the past 8 years and great music.
- 13.30 Danny Kay Show with music and FRS memories.
- 14.30 Close-down.

- 1) During the broadcast we have a special competition testing your knowledge on radio. Win yourself a video-recording, a laser or FRSH cassette. This competition will be played 5 times during the broadcast.
- 2) As from August onwards, FRSH is offering a brandnew PHOTO-QSL in several colours.
- 3) A double-issue of 'FRS goes DX' magazine will come out August 30th. With IMPROVED quality. The most comprehensive reports on offshore & short wave free radio. Plus special features, interviews and station-portraits (offshore & short wave). Worth while! A sample copy for 50p/US\$ 1,-/2 IRC's via FRS-Holland, P.O.B. 41 in Dedemsvaart.
- 4) FRS Sales Productions has added 5 new lists with more than 100 hours of recordings. Special discounts (up to 25%!) are given to people ordering more than 5 tapes. There also is an EXCLUSIVE list of video-recordings available. Send 50p/2 IRC's/2x75ct Dutch Stamps/2x80pf German stamps to FRS Sales Productions and you receive our full sales lists (13 pages) + the video-list.
- 5) On the 28th August FRS-Holland wants to be sure nothing goes wrong. A lot of effort has been made recording and preparing the special Birthday Shows. Therefore FRSH will be on two 48Mb frequencies and one 41Mb frequency. We want to point out we don't want to steal anyone's fixed frequency. Therefore the selected frequencies are seriously chosen. 6225 (6205 is probably used by Radio Fax!), 6285 & 7290. These channels will be used most likely. August 28th will be a very special day....

The WEEKLY REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 225.....27th August 1988.

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

Welcome to the first issue to be regularly printed on Saturday. We regret the inconvenience to those who like their shortwave logs up to date, but as we stated last week, the operation ties us down seven days per week and we think that this way we can try and make it a somewhat more normal operation, that is five and a half days per week. As far as we can tell, it is only the shortwave Sunday logs which are going to be late and these will appear six days later, and in a more complete form, as we shall have all the written logs at our disposal at that time. As this is changeover week, we have no shortwave logs at all, and with no major adverts either, we have only four pages in this issue.

WEEKLY REPORT & CUTTINGS is produced, printed and posted out each Saturday morning from Blackpool. The news-sheet is available on subscription at the following weekly rates.... posted **first class** within the U.K. and to all E.E.C. countries, including Eire, 40p..... posted **second class** (U.K. only), 35p..... posted at full rates to non-E.E.C. 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 any items at all will be accepted in any way whatsoever, but non-U.K. members should remember to add the extra 10 or 20%, whichever is applicable, and, if sending your own currency, check the exchange rate. Goods are normally sent by return, but there are one or two exceptions.... aerals and tapes, to mention two. Also, one or two items are despatched from Europe, to save on postage, again, Offshore Echo's items and Disco Queen Jingle L.P., to mention a couple. If in any doubt at all, ring (0253) 882017 during office hours only. Please note that we accept both Access and Visa credit cards for any payment.

ADVERTISE IN WEEKLY REPORT: For just £20.00, you can have a page to yourself (£11.00 for a half and £6 for a quarter). Simply send us your copy (on white paper, preferably), plus the remittance, and leave the rest to us.

THE ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE is available at all times. Call Sheerness (0795) 511118 and hear the latest news now. News for us is best written in, but urgent calls can be made on Blackpool (0253) 882017 or on Sheerness (0795) 511119 from where an Ansa-fone service operates.

THE DATA PROTECTION ACT of 1984 says we must inform you that all names and addresses are stored on computer, simply to ease the tremendous task of addressing envelopes each week. You may request to have your details removed and we will oblige but must add that in doing so, we cannot guarantee that our fast 'return of post' service will apply.

"COMMUNICATE '88". It is now just four weeks until the North West's first major free radio convention, which is to be held on Saturday 24th September 1988, in Blackpool. Response so far has been excellent, so book now, and join the hundreds of other free radio supporters for a great get together. A booking form for the function, to be held in the Winter Gardens Complex in central Blackpool, is available free of charge. Another up-date on those 'stars' who will be attending, will be mentioned in next week's report.

NEW MERCHANDISE. After more than one year, we now have back in stock, **The Radio England Story**, produced by Alfasound. This documentary lasts approximately 110 minutes, and traces the story of this short lived offshore radio station. Many off-air recordings are included on this cassette. The cost is £7.99. Whilst looking through some old material, we have found some collectors items in the form of the m.v Imagine sweat-shirts, which were originally advertised on Radio Caroline when it returned to the air in 1983. They feature a large, full width, red and black logo of the ship, with 'Loving Awareness Caroline 319/963' across the top. Unfortunately, the only size we have left is small, which will fit a maximum of a 34" chest. Price on our list will be £10.00, but this week, subscribers can avail themselves of one for £7.00. Finally this week, due to postal increases which will take place on 5th September, many items on our merchandise list will have to be increased slightly. Offshore Echo's Magazine will increase on this date to £2.00 (also due to extra printing costs in France), but for the next two weeks, all back copies will be still available at the old price of £1.90.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just three items to read this week. **Marine Broadcast News Issue 5** contains many features, including a long story on the early days of Radio Nordsee International, Caroline TV and 'Offshore Memory Lane' (April 1986). Other sections include an offshore quiz, one mans story of a trip to the Ross Revenge, old newspaper clippings, and the Caroline line-up chart for July 1988. The cost of this A4 publication is £1.30, from M.B.N., P.O. Box 963, Clacton-On-Sea, Essex CO15 6ED. Cheques etc. to be made payable to Marine Broadcast News.... **Radiotelex No. 131** contains shortwave logs from the end of July and first half of August, as well as SW station information and news. For more details on how to obtain this two weekly news sheet, contact R.T. c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany.... Finally this time is **Now Radio** issue 71. This weekly, 24 page A5 magazine, covers all aspects of radio, with both news and comments. Information can be had from **Now Radio Communications**, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

TAPE OFFER. The two specials for the British and Dutch Marine Offences Acts we had hoped to offer this week, are delayed until next time, so we travel back just one year in time, to August 9th 1987, where on **Tape SP-13** you can hear part of the short-lived **Radio Sovereign**, which broadcast to the North West of England, from Drogheda, in Southern Ireland. This particular recording is from the original master of the Chris Elliot show from that day. There are no times on this recording, as the same tapes were repeated throughout the day. This is certainly a good listen for 'golden oldies' fans. The cost is £2.00 for this C-90 cassette.

ACTIVITY MAGAZINE. SW stations please note : All station reports should arrive here no later than Saturday, 3rd September. All SW stations are invited to send details of their recent activity for publication in the September issue to : 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.
WANTED. English language issues of **Offshore Echo's Magazine** 58 to 61, and also the Radio Caroline six album boxed set. Send details to : Steve Ball, 2 Badger Grove, Meir Park, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. ST3 7RY.

ANTIQUA VALVE RADIO SETS. Ivan has a couple of such wireless sets, and would like to get in touch with a society or club which specialises in renovating, and obtaining spare parts for such old equipment. If anyone knows of an address which he could contact, please write to : Ivan Henry Howard, 24 Main Road, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 0AA.

RADIO STATION NEWS : IRELAND.

Co. DUBLIN. At **Sunshine 101**, the finalists of 'The Big Kahuna 88' were announced on Tuesday 23rd August. Ten were picked, and each was telephoned with the good news. The final will take place on Saturday 27th August, between mid-day and 5pm. This should take the same form as the first 'Big Kahuna', during which each finalist was given 30 minutes on the air to do his/her thing. We hope to report on the finals next time. We do not envy any of the finalists, who must be extremely nervous at the thought of all of Dublin listening to them, and also with the sight of £50,000 worth of prizes at the end of the tunnel. It certainly must take a lot of guts! The 531kHz. outlet is as strong as ever, and is understood to be running at approximately 2kW at

present. 846kHz., which is also very strong, is running just under 1kW. Several weeks ago, in our cuttings sheet, we re-printed a small piece from The Times, in which is stated that Owen Oyston was buying out Sunshine Radio in Dublin. We thought this strange at the time, as Owen Oyston has always been a big hater of the station which broadcast across the Irish Sea, thinking that they were eating into his profits. Not only that, but he would have been buying at a time of uncertainty on the Irish radio scene. In a recent article in the local paper, it turns out that The Times had indeed got it wrong. But where did the story come from in the first place? At the time, Sunshine Radio in the South of France was up for sale, and so we assume that the national daily got themselves in a muddle!

Elsewhere in Dublin, things seem quiet. Southside 95 (94.9) were off the air for a while on 16th August, during which time it was noted that 3CR was still on the air to the Clondalkin area of West Dublin. They operate on 94.80MHz. Co. LOUTH. Heady Eddie confirms in a letter this week, that the Radio Fax transmitter is indeed being operated by himself. Trevor Brook apparently brought the transmitter across, which is an Ex - BBC RCA E.T. unit, and installed it in county Louth. It has been modified successfully to switch from medium wave to short wave automatically, and has a built in audio processor. The aerial in use, is the one formerly used for Radio Rainbow International on 1521kHz. This explains the current absence of the AM service each Sunday. Radio Fax runs from 7am to 7pm on 6205kHz., and then from 7pm until 7am on 1611kHz. At the moment the tapes are being run as follows : On Saturday night 'Tape A' is used, and runs through until Monday at 7pm. Then a new tape is used every two days. Back to Radio Rainbow International now, and the 1521kHz. AM transmitter is now out in Co. Roscommon, so look out for some tests on this frequency in the near future. Rainbow itself continues with the relays on shortwave each Sunday morning.

Co. MONAGHAN. KISS-FM were off the air on medium wave 1170kHz., on Friday afternoon. It is believed that they went off in order to change frequency, possibly to 1413kHz.

Co. CORK. Everything seems normal in this area. Pete O'Neil has left ERI after a brief stay, to join South Coast Radio. Current schedule reads... 06:00 Fergal Barry... 10:00 Pete O'Neil... 14:00 Rob Allen... 19:00 Pamela Brown... 23:00 Romano... 02:30 Tutna.

South West Community Radio

Castle Heights, Kilarney, Co. Kerry. Tel: (064) 32511

The ten most requested songs of the week

1. When We Were Sweet 16 — Denis McSweeney and Country Sunshine.
2. No More Good Times — Foster and Allen.
3. Up The Kingdom — Dermot O'Brien.
4. Eileen Alana — P. J. Murnighy.
5. Darling Walt Till Morn — Paddy O'Brien.
6. Gypsy Woman — Neily O'Connor and The Valley Rovers.
7. Far Away A Light Is Burning — Kathy Durkin.
8. O'Dwyer's Young Men — Denis Bowler.
9. When The Roses Bloom Again — Two's Company.
10. The Hand That Rocks The Cradle — T. R. Dallas.

When in Dublin — Call to the National Wax Museum.
Parnell Square. (01) 726340.

SATELLITE RADIO STATIONS...RADIO NOVA. The station continues to have a large staff turnover, with at least one new voice heard during the weekday shifts. Although not having been able to listen too much this week, we did not hear Cassidy Jones. Paul Graham was heard the previous weekend, doing a couple of long shifts. He had problems when the computer which selects the music apparently broke down! More relays are currently being obtained, as can be seen by the following press release.

Radio NOVA International

Satellite Network

*** P R E S S R E L E A S E ***

RADIO NOVA INTERNATIONAL, the first commercial radio station to broadcast via satellite from Great Britain, & WEST SOUND RADIO (ILR contractor for South West Scotland) announced today that that West Sound will be taking Nova Night Network programmes as from Friday August 26th. Programmes will be aired daily from 12 midnight to 06am.

West Sound is the UK's second most listened to ILR station with 58% reach (Source: Jicrar 1987). John McCauley, West Sound's Programme Controller said of the deal:-

"We are delighted to be offering our listeners 24 hour radio for the first time. We are sure that programmes from the Nova Night Network will be immensely popular with our audience."

Other radio stations taking the Nova Night Network programmes include Northsound Radio (Aberdeen), Radio Azzurra (Milan), Radio Nova (Paris), Radio VLR (Norway), ABC Radio (Waterford), Coast FM (Galway), The Sound Channel (Limerick) and Radio Nova (Dublin).

For further information contact Robb Eden/Sybil Fennell at the RADIO NOVA Press Office - 0276 692040.....
or John McCauley, WEST SOUND - 0292 293662.

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OFFSHORE STATIONS : THE VOICE OF PEACE. More news from the ship, courtesy of the Kravitski twins. On Sunday 14th August, just after midnight, the stations was off the air, but was back at 03:20, with a regular 'Night-Beat' in the company of Martin Murphie. Tuesday 16th, saw a special programme between 17:00 and 18:00, featuring the music of Elvis Presley, for the 11th anniversary of his death. During the time that there were no 'phone-ins' on the station, Abie has in fact been travelling around the Middle East and the U.S.A. talking to foreign dignitaries. On Friday 19th August, John MacDonald finally went on shore leave after 55 days on board. The two new deejays who were expected to come to the station, Richard Steed and Mike Davis probably now will not now be joining. Richard apparently changed his mind, and Mike is only going for a holiday, and not to work. However a new presenter is expected to arrive on Monday or Tuesday (23rd), and is understood to be from the Irish Republic. As John is now on shore leave, there are only three deejays to fill the line-up. The station is thus leaving the air between 01:00 and 06:00, with the rest of the day going as follows... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Richard West... 12:00 Kenny Page... 13:00 Martin Murphie... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Richard West... 22:00 Martin Murphie... 01:00 Closedown. A recent survey has found that for every two listeners of Reshet Beth or Gimel, there is a listener to the Voice of Peace. This means that the V.O.P. now has many more listeners than in recent times.

RADIO CAROLINE / RADIO 558. Another week passes by with very little to report about Caroline 558. Line-up wise, there has been no change in staff from where we left off last week. Michael Grant has not been heard, so he obviously did return to land during the middle of last week. The weekdays have seen the following programmes... 00:00 Chris Kennedy... 03:00 Neil Gates... 05:30 Johan Maasbach

(Dutch)... 06:00 Radio 558... 18:00 Johan Maasbach (English)... 18:30 Ian Mack... 21:00 Nigel Harris. One day last week, it was reported to us that the wrong Johan tape was played, and a Dutch version went out at 18:00 instead of an English one. It apparently played all the way through without anyone noticing! On the news side of things, Nigel Harris and Ian Mack have been sharing all the bulletins between them. Friday (26th) saw both the shortwave and medium wave transmissions off the air for a time during the afternoon. It is not known what the problem was, but they were back on at 17:16. :

The rumours going around about there being two sections of a new mast already available are understood to be correct. However, it looks as though it could be some time before the rest of the sections will be available, due to current financial problems. Judging by the sections already purchased, the mast will not be 'tapered' like the old one, but each section has the same cross section, giving a 'straight-up' appearance, similar to the old Laser ones, but more substantial.

Further to our mention of the 6215kHz. service last week, being clearly audible in Yugoslavia at around 04:00, this week, we received a card from a holidaying John, currently in Peru, and he tells us that **World Mission Radio** and **Radio Caroline** were audible there from 23:00gmt. for approximately three hours nightly. He goes on to say that he was using a Sony SW1 plus 10' long wire in his hotel room.

LAND-BASED STATIONS : U.K.

MERSEYSIDE. We tuned in last Monday morning to find that **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) were not on the air as normal. At this point we feared the worst, however we later learned that all was fine, and that the station had gone off the air at midnight for security reasons, announcing that they would not be on the air at all on Monday. The station was not on the air Friday morning, but had returned by the afternoon with a good signal.

Radio Atlantis (1197kHz.) put out a good signal on both Monday and Friday, extending the programmes well into the evening on Friday. Rick Dane was again well heard throughout the day.

FM activity seems to have been on the increase, with several stations being heard throughout the week. **North Coast Radio** returned to the air on Friday after an absence of several months. They were back on 104.85MHz., and could be heard here in Blackpool. **Eastham Community Radio** were noted locally on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, announcing full programming for Sunday, on 105.35MHz. **Concept Radio** were testing on 97.7MHz., with an advert mentioning programmes for Bank Holiday Sunday. **Commodore Radio** (105.55) were heard on Thursday during the daytime, but have not been noted since. Finally, **CD-FM** were on with another test last Thursday, using 102.3MHz. **Storton Community Radio** are expected on over the weekend, on 102.6kHz., but at time of writing, Friday night, we have not yet heard them.

YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE & DERBYSHIRE. No less than seven stations were audible in the West Yorkshire area last weekend. The regulars, **Peoples FM** (104.6), **ABC FM** (105.1), and **Music City Radio** (90.3 and 104.9) were all on the air throughout the week. **Rapid FM** has finally been found on the band, squashed in between ILR stations, on 103.6MHz. How long the station has been operating at this position is unknown, (it originally tested on 105.8MHz.), but it brings the 7 day operators to four. Elsewhere, **Telstar Radio** were operating on 105.5MHz, with a presenter called Alan. They broadcast on Saturday and Sunday evenings. **Thunder Radio**, who were operating on 104.8, have moved down slightly to 104.7MHz., following problems from Music City Radio, and can now be heard a little clearer on their Sunday evening broadcast.

Elsewhere, **W.L.N.G.** were heard with a test transmissions last week on 104.95MHz. The signal was reported to be very good. **Rebel Radio** (105.4) were back with their regular Monday night broadcast. The station was playing promotions for a new station called **Vulcan Radio**, which hopes to be on the air in a few weeks. Otherwise all is quiet in this area.

NOTTINGHAM. **Heatwave Community Radio** (104.9) have made an almost full week, with the exception of Thursday, when the audio disappeared for about nine hours. **Passion Radio** deejay 'VIP Commander B' made another marathon 10 hour appearance on the station on Tuesday.

ESSEX. We start off with an interesting station monitored last Sunday in the Walton-on-the-Naze area. Non-stop music soft rock music was noted on 105.4MHz., with a spurious signal on 101.7MHz. On Monday night the signal was again heard, this time between 21:30 and 00:11. The deejay announced the station as **Sealand Sound**, and made only one dedication, to someone called Andy. Nothing more is known on this one, but the following was taken from the Ipswich Evening Star of 23rd August, making it look as though the station was located in Essex, rather than out on 'Sealand' itself.

NOT US, SAYS SEALAND PRINCE

REPORTS that a new pirate radio station had started broadcasting from a former North Sea fortress were being investigated by Government inspectors today.

However the owner of "Rough's Fort" off Felixstowe denied any knowledge of "Sealand Sound" that has been broadcasting on a VHF waveband over recent evenings.

During the 1960s Major

Roy Bates bought the fort — seven miles off Felixstowe — and proclaimed himself "Prince of Sealand."

He has announced in the past that he hoped to set up radio stations on the fort, and last year outlined plans to set up a television station there.

But he denied any knowledge of "Sealand Sound," which was picked up in Walton on the Naze.

BRISTOL. The level of free radio activity has remained at a low level, with just **Radio For The People** (103.6) making their regular daily broadcasts, and running long hours. An ever increasing number of commercials and promotions are being aired on this station, probably aided by the improved stereo signal in recent days. Reports have been mentioned from various places, including Swindon, Gloucester, Newport and Cardiff.

THE MIDLANDS. Following last week's DTI raids in the city, things appear to have settled back down to normal once again. **Enterprise Radio** (91.9) and **Radio P.C.R.L.** (103.5) have both been heard at all times. On the Asian front, **Midland Asian Community Radio** has been heard each day on 106.50MHz. with programming during the evening. **Powerhouse Radio** (105.1) has also been heard daily from its sign-on time of 15:00. **Rapid Radio** has been noted on some evenings, once again on a varying frequency between 105.85 and 106.10MHz. Finally in this area, a new station calling itself **Radio Chaos** made some test transmissions on 94.2MHz., last Tuesday evening (23rd August). The station announced that it hoped to commence regular weekend broadcasts of album and rock music very soon (we hear sighs of relief everywhere!). Neither **KISS-FM** nor **Electro Radio** have been reported heard this week, the former of whom was believed raided recently.

SHROPSHIRE.

We keep omitting Ludlow's **Sunshine Radio** from our news each week, but apparently the station is on the air most Sunday's. They were last reported to us on 14th August, on their usual frequency of 101.7kHz. **WR** should be on the air this weekend, with their regular end of the month transmissions on Sunday 28th August. The programmes should have gone out between mid-day and 3pm, and with one of the main presenters, Paul Kay away on holiday, the schedule was slightly different to normal.

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Shropshire

THE HOT FM

LONDON. **Swinging Radio** England continue to operate with a good signal in the London area on 1611kHz. Despite the presence of Radio Fax on the same frequency, SRE has skipped into several parts of the U.K. over the past weekend. Currently, the schedule of the station in Wednesday to Sunday, from 4pm in the afternoon, until either 2 or 4am the following morning.

LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY.

19th - 22nd August 1988.

This weekend, touched down on 39 stations, 12 in stereo.

At last London warms up under the Summer sun, for the never ending crocodiles of tourists who criss-cross the capital in search of culture, and a pub with cold beer. Few of the crowds who throng the floors of Oxford Street's HMV superstore, may realise the significance as lunchtime jock Paul Baker proudly and defiantly marks the top of the hour with a ship's bell. Little do they realise that above their heads, a quiet battle rages for the ears of London. Meanwhile the manic official activity of the last few weeks has abated, and quiet descends on the 'London Lubianka', as the DoTI Men drop off on their annual hols., to the beaches of Kent, where they stare wild eyed and hungrily out over the sea, at a distant speck on the horizon.

In the meantime, power-mad Brixton 'reggae-rocker', **Passion Radio** (90.7), this week pioneered a totally new concept in radio, with the single channel stereo service for one night only, on Saturday. With the left channel rocking along steadily, the theory was advanced that they may be considering a separate service on the right hand channel. A new meaning for 'split frequency service'? Not to be out-done, mega-powered Harlesden 'super rocker' **Big Time Radio** (103.75 - stereo), balanced it out the following night, by introducing their own special one night only, 'left channel only' service, the very next day. Time Radio's signal is now so strong (how long can it last?), that it spreads from half way to Birmingham, to the tarmac of Gatwick Airport. Returning holiday makers can now get their soul/reggae fix, that much faster than before.

A number of stations have been in various forms of test mode this weekend. **Tropical Radio** (105.15 - stereo) are back to stereo from South East London, but have not had a constant output. Also from South East London, and not heard for several weeks, are **Joy Radio** (97.85), who for two days, had an unattended studio in search of the endless groove, as a stylus clicked monotonously away in the end groove, at 33 and a bit times per minute. This ended when more live tests took place on Sunday morning. 96.9 (or possibly **Soul FM**), came up with a noisy carrier on 96.5, on Friday night. By Saturday night they had moved up to 96.9. On Sunday, back-to-back music tests were started on 97.0, but no intro's or ID's were caught. Finsbury Park's **Euro-Jam** (89.45), have returned, and were testing with back-to-back music on Saturday, and live jocks from Sunday, with a few blank spots in between. A strong dead carrier came up Saturday on 88.6, where London Rock had been expected. It may also have come from JSM, who announced their presence in a similar way, back in the Spring. Un-named music tests were heard briefly on 105.65, on Sunday morning with a selection of mid-sixties 'Motown Magic'. A station announcing itself as 107.3 was very briefly heard on 107.45, in the early hours of Saturday morning. A transmission was heard on Sunday evening, on 107.8, which was totally garbled by a wolvertone from London Transport Engineering, on the same slot. New, and testing for one day only on Sunday, was a new Asian outfit, out of Tooting called **The Eastern** (91.00), with the usual traditional Asian music. This is from the same area that the currently moribund daytime **Brittania** Asian service comes out of. Apart from a dead carrier, the next morning, nothing more has so far been heard.

Whereas a week or two back, **Raiders FM** were testing with a tape that could have come from **Rock FM** (94.35), this week saw **Rock-FM** testing with a tape on Saturday, that could have come from the archives of '**Oldies**' **Hits FM** (Sunday's 102.3). In stereo for the Saturday tests, maddeningly they were back to mono for an early start to the Sunday 'all dayer'. Running with the slogan 'good music on at least one day every week', testing was carried out on Monday evening, with what sounded like bits and pieces being tweaked up. The aforementioned **Raiders** were still missing this week, but '**Oldies**' **Hits FM** (102.3) had a full Sunday, slightly less, in the shadow of the gradually improving **TKO** (102.4). Both **SLR** (103.2) and **MMR** (105.8), completed

their normal schedule, un-hindered, as did Saturday stereo rock and rollers **Radio Jennifer** (102.2 - stereo).

LWR (92.05) are continuing in relatively low power, but are currently continuous. **TKO** (102.4) are a little like a man recovering from a broken leg, as he begins to flex his muscles and slowly comes back to form. This week saw a quantum leap in the quality, although still remaining in relatively low power mono. East London weekenders **Sunrise Radio** (88.75) are also gradually regaining power and coverage. Power weekenders, **Solar 93** (93.0 - stereo) are now back in stereo, but a different reception pattern suggests a change of tx site. Fellow weekenders **KISS-FM** (94.0 - stereo), on the other hand, came blasting back on a super heavy signal, with the limiters being pushed to the maximum. **Rock-to-Rock** (90.25), have been plagued with spurious signals up and down the band, and especially noticeable South of the river. A likely recipe for a quick visit from the 'sun-bronzed' DoTI Men, when they return from their ship-watching. Several stations have not been keeping up regular schedules, for whatever reason. These include new South East London 'reggae-rockers' **Tropical Radio** (105.15 - stereo), who missed all day Saturday, and most of Sunday, '**Another Greek**' (105.55), who turned up Friday and Monday, missing out the usual Sunday, and Hackney's **WLIB** (90.9), who missed out Sunday and Monday. **ICE FM** who re-appeared last week, were not heard at all this week, but the mains hum which accompanied them, seems to have been inherited by 'robot-poppers' '**New**' **Hits FM** (98.4), who also seem to be down in power compared to last week. North London soulsters **Studio FM** (91.65 - 'the funky frequency'), had a more or less full weekend, starting Thursday, but going off earlier than anticipated on Sunday. **Swinging Radio India** (SRI - 90.85), were not heard after Friday, and Bangla Radio, has not been heard through **Sky Radio** (91.80) this week.

With the re-awakening again of interest, in African music, helped by the final success of the Mory Kante single, which has already been a massive European hit, Tottenham's powerhouse **RJR** (90.00) devoted a large part of Sunday evening to African music. This featured the Cora lead music of West Africa quite extensively. Early mornings are enlivened on North London's **City Radio** (94.5), with several hours of modern jazz, which can make a nice change from the usual mix. Harlesden's untouchable **JBC** (104.3 - stereo) Sunday night discussion / phone-in show, lead by the quaintly named 'Man of Wisdom', and aided by 'Woman of Light', the problems of a disorganised and possibly crime-ridden 'Carnival', due to take place on the last weekend of August, were discussed at length. On Monday evening, from near neighbour **Fresh-FM** (103.35), could be heard the delightful telephone love reggae dedication show. Apart from the nice and simple 'live' on-air dedications, they also featured a number of 'tiny tots' singing along to the latest hits. Wonderful! Just a few sides of 'black' London radio.

Also heard were ethnics **London Greek Radio** (88.4), **Greek Radio For London** (96.20), '**An Asian**' (105.25), '**The Arab**' (89.65 - stereo), weekenders **Stomp FM** (105.4 - stereo), **CD-93/Starpoint** (93.25 - stereo), and seven dayers **Groove FM** (93.80) and **WNK** (102.9).

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Due to our new printing times, there will be no logs this week. However, 'WR' 226, which will be printed next Friday/Saturday, will include this weekend's logs for Bank Holiday (U.K.). Any written reports would be gratefully appreciated to make the log as complete as possible.

Falcon Radio / Radio Suson now have a new mailing address which reads as follows... M.A.C., P.O. Box 109, Northampton, United Kingdom.

Steve Most from Radio Pamela informs us that the station has altered frequency somewhat (last heard by us on 7360kHz.), down to somewhere between 7128 and 7140kHz. The station should be getting back to regular weekly programming very soon and would appreciate reception reports for this new channel. Radio Pamela still operate each Sunday evening from 22:00, on medium wave 1608kHz., but the FM transmitter is currently awaiting repairs.

Just one addition to last week's log. Podney reports hearing **RADIO SCORPIO** on 7446kHz., at 10:35gmt. In fact, we did have a report of this last Sunday, but for some reason, being the last station on the list, it was omitted. Besides Podney, there was only one other report of Scorpio being heard, and it also came from a listener in Cornwall, showing the strange conditions which prevailed on Sunday 15th August.