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**NEW MERCHANDISE:** Just a quick reminder that the latest issue of Europe's leading free radio magazine, *Offshore Echo's*, No. 74 is now in stock for instant despatch. The price is £2.00..... Copies of the World Radio and TV Handbook 1989 are expected any day. Orders may now be placed for despatch on arrival here, at the cover price of £17.95, inc. postage and packing. Please remember to add 20% if outside the England, Wales, Scotland, Channel Islands, IOM or Northern Ireland..... surprise, surprise!! At long last, but as always with EAP, well worth waiting for, "The Charlie Wolf Laser Video", "Eurosiege '85" and "Laser's Home Movies". All three videos are now available from us for £24.95 each. Running times are 50 minutes, 30 minutes and 50 minutes respectively. A full explanation of the contents can be found and takes up the whole of page one of the 1986 EAP catalogue. Anyone wishing for a copy of this page should drop us a line requesting same. Superbly presented, these classic items were premiered last September at "Communicate '88", and will make a magnificent addition to one's free radio collection.

**NEW ARRIVALS:** Late arriving last week, *Now Radio*, issue 93. 32 x A5 pages of general radio news. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW..... *Marine Broadcast News*, issue 10 with 20 single sided A4 sheets neatly presented in a binder. Very interesting with Caroline line-up charts, a quiz, looking back and the usual news etc. Priced at £1.30 (£1.70 outside U.K.) from P.O. Box 963, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 6ED..... *Current Pirate List* 17, the latest, with 4 x A5 sides of European pirate station names and addresses. Extremely useful and priced at \$1 or 2 x IRC's from Stefan Printz, Apelvagen 13, 330 17 Rydaholm, Sweden..... *Play-DX*, issues 533 & 534. Catching up after their postal strike, each issue contains 6 x A4 sides of long distance logs, solar activity and international news, mainly in English. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... <<FRS\*GOES\*DX>>, issue 79. Offshore, short wave, Irish and much more in this latest 20 page edition. More details from FRS Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands..... *Radiotelex*, issue 143, 4 x A5 sides of SW logs, news and information from the past two weeks. Details from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany..... and finally, *Activity Magazine*, issue 10, with just 12 x A5 pages this time, again, covering just SW. Details from 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RW3 0HH.

**GENERAL:** Dixie Peach started on Metro last Saturday,

if anyone wants any of his programmes, all they need do is send a tape and postage to Kevin Brindle, 17 Heathcote Green, Chiltern Park, Blakelaw, Newcastle on Tyne NE5 3TX.

**FOR SALE:** Brand new parts for the Alice 3000 Mixer, frame, penthouse mounts, stereo and mono channels, etc... further details on 01 661 0666 (ask for Dave Glass).

**AVAILABLE:** Irish postage stamps (28p variety), any quantity, also, for the benefit of foreign subscribers, English postage stamps (19p for EEC and 23p for non EEC). Face value, post free with an order... contact P.O. Box 539, etc.

**CAROLINE MOVEMENT:** A press release from CM informs us of a major re-vamp within the organisation. More regular, smaller bulletins are promised, along with more regular contact with CM members... The Caroline Movement, 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY.

**WANTED:** We have some readers interested in purchasing Q 102, Energy 103 or Sunshine 101 T - shirts and/or sweat-shirts. Anyone with any new ones, even odd ones, for sale may like to contact us at P.O. Box 539, etc.

**WANTED:** Transistor with the following markings on it... VHF MRF237/8512. Any information as to where I could get one, please drop me a line... Pierce McDonnell, 27 Dollymount Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3, Eire.

**FOR SALE:** VHF/FM transmitters, high quality, low cost, 88 - 108MHz. range.... prompt details from RTR, P.O. Box 140, Ashford, Kent.

#### RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.

Things seem unexpectedly quiet on this front, both legally and piratically, in fact it was mentioned on Media Network by John Campbell how little was happening with regard to the licensed operations getting on the air. In Eire, the national papers of last Friday 27th carried headlines like... 'Anger over hold up on licences for local radio' and went on to say... 'The full network of national local radio licences will not be allocated until summer because of a decision to hold oral hearings for each of the 85 applicants, it was revealed yesterday'

**Co. DUBLIN:** On Monday last (30th), the dailies carried an advert for 'Syndicated Radio News Ltd.' of 11 Lower Baggott Street, Dublin 2 (home of Sunshine Radio). The Daily Star advert was apparently the largest of these. So it looks like at least Robbie Robinson is hopeful of something.

Eamon Cooke of *Radio Dublin* was due in court again on Monday (30th January) in an attempt to obtain an indefinite extension of the injunction against the Minister of Communications, preventing the disconnection of his electricity supply and telephone. We do not know the exact outcome of this, yet, but the telephone number for requests etc. is still very much in use at the time of writing (Friday).

Weekends in the city see additional operators still, with *McKenzie FM*, *Radio Caroline* (!) and *Premier Radio* mentioned as being active last weekend.

**Co. MONAGHAN:** As we went to print last Friday, we noted (and mentioned) that *Radio Star Country* were announcing a forthcoming change of frequency ('in a few days'), from 891 to 981kHz. No reason has been heard mentioned on the air, and we can only assume that adjacent channel interference during the day, or co-channel interference after dark necessitate this move. On this side of the water, both channels are reasonable in daylight, although BBC Wales on 882kHz. and the local ILR on 999kHz. do cause us some slight problems from time to time, although this will not apply over there.

Still with the station, rather a pleasant surprise awaited us on Monday morning, the arrival of Don Allen, complete with his 'Country and Western Jamboree'. We had not heard his arrival mentioned or promoted but it only took seconds for us to recognise his unmistakable voice. He seemed to settle rather quickly and was heard later in the morning,



and on numerous occasions subsequently, to say that the studio was the cosiest in which he had ever worked and it was the first time in his long career that he had ever had an open fire in one. He mentioned a sign in the studio which asked the D.J. to act as if he was at home. No doubt this meant tidy up after you, rather than present programmes in a relaxed manner. Don was last noted on Radio West in Mullingar and Erneside Community Radio in Cavan in December last, and was planning to leave the country for his homeland, Canada, in view of their being no work at hand. Obviously, as things have changed, at least temporarily, he must have decided to stay put for the time being. Don has taken over the morning slot and he is followed by station owner, Gerry Burns, at lunchtime. The station is 24 hours, but due to poor reception after dark, we are not sure if tapes are played overnight.

**Co. DONEGAL:** Northside Radio continue on 846kHz. and 98.0MHz.FM from Redcastle, but again, we are not sure if the station is 24 hour operation or not, as we have not noted it in the early hours. The two station addresses mentioned last week (one in the north, one in the south) continue to be plugged. However, since the re-launch, no further appeals for funds to fight the Government, have been noted.

**Co. LOUTH:** Good FM conditions this past week have enabled us to listen to Zee 103 on 103.25MHz. This station certainly seems back to normal after the great upheaval of 31st December. Normal programmes were noted even quite late on at night and adverts and requests seemed a-plenty, which is not surprising as the station is the only one in the area operating 24 hours per day.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS.... The Voice of Peace:** All change, with new presenters this week.... Zoar Tal left for good on Sunday 15th and the station was off the air all night until 06:00 on 16th. The first newcomer, Dave Lee, was noted on Wednesday 18th. On this day, a promo from Abie, asking people not to bring any further clothes for his Armenian project, was played on many occasions. The return of John McDonald heralded Friday, along with a second new name, Tony O'Rahilly (spelling?). Sunday 22nd saw Linda Maisson host her final show, and she left the vessel the following day. The tender which took Linda to land, also brought off Kenny Page, with another new deejay (as yet un-named) arriving at the same time. The 'Hebrew Weekend Special' was actually presented in Hebrew that day by Ofer Nahshan, who played music by Shlomo Artsi. The schedule has changed a little recently, but the line-up on 24th January read... 00:00 the new deejay... 03:00 Tony O'Rahilly... 06:00 John MacDonald... 09:00 Dave Lee... 13:00 Ofer Nahshan... 16:00 John MacDonald... 18:00 the new deejay... 19:30 Ofer Nahshan... 22:00 Dave Lee.

**Caroline 558.** We left the station last time, with the line-up altering around somewhat due to two of the deejays also hosting the new rock service on 819kHz. In fact, Rob Harrison was only missing from 558 for one day, returning on Thursday 26th January. The line-up during the latter part of last week (up until 28th) was... 02:00 Richard West... 05:00 Dave Asher... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Rob Harrison... 16:00 Steve Richards ("Powerdrive")... 20:00 Andy Bradgate... 22:00 Nick Jackson. There was no change in staff over the weekend, although Dave Fisher hosted yet another 'one off' show between midnight and 02:00 on Monday morning (30th January). The weekday line-up, up until 2nd February, has now altered slightly to... 01:00 Richard West... 05:00 Dave Asher... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Andy Bradgate... 16:00 Steve Richards ("Powerdrive")... 20:00 Rob Harrison... 22:00 Nick Jackson. No breaks in transmission have been noted, and the station is still putting out a 24 hour schedule. The regular close for maintenance was not apparent this week, although an announced close was made for three hours on Thursday morning at 02:05. News continues to be on the hour, and read normally by the deejay on the air. The 558 service is also relayed on shortwave between 23:00 and 06:00, although occasionally Caroline has still been heard on 6215kHz. as late as 08:00 before the switch is made between studios.

**Caroline 819 - "The Overnight Alternative"** is the name which has been given to this new service, which is now into its second week. During its first week, the service started at 22:00 each night, going through until 04:00, when the Dutch, Radio 819 commences its daily programmes. Rob Harrison did all shows between 22:00 and 01:00, with Colin Muesli Bar filling in on the last three hours. The rock service

is not on the air on a Saturday night unfortunately. This is due to Radio 819 wanting to use the transmitter that night for its own programmes, and indeed they have been doing this for several weeks. Sunday saw a slight change to the time at which Caroline 819 comes on the air. Previously, no matter what time the religious programming finished, the gospel music was played through until 22:00 (23:00 on a Sunday). Now however, as soon as the last religious programme is over, Caroline 819 comes on the air. On Sunday this was at 22:49, Monday at 21:30 and Tuesday at 21:45. The two presenters have now changed around, and Colin Muesli Bar hosts the first slot, with Rob Harrison coming in at 01:00.

#### LAND-BASED STATIONS.

**Essex.** Heard around the Thames Estuary area of Essex and Kent this weekend were Stomp FM (105.4) on Sunday afternoon, Inner City Radio (105.6) all day Sunday, and Underground Surreal Transmissions (105.2) on Sunday night. The latter has been operating test transmissions recently, but this was their first 'official' broadcast. Deejays were Sharon Smith and Ricky Ego. A carrier was also noted on 105.35MHz. This could well be a new station which is taking over equipment from Radio Hot Wire, which has now closed down.

**London Weekend Survey - 27th to 31st January 1989.** As revealed at the end of the last report, the early part of the week saw the Waterloo Wanderers on the rampage in east London when they scooped up SUNRISE RADIO (88.70) on Tuesday. A little later that same day, and a few miles away, they pounced again on the transmitters of the still testing HARP FM (88.45). The hapless lads at Harp were hit with the full gang bustin' power of a combined operation led by the Soul Destroyers and using a vanguard of baton wielding, visored police, who, with complete abandon for life and limb, sledge-hammered their way into the flat housing the transmitter. Grim faced men streamed in and filled the flat with blue and grey uniforms, milling around damaged furniture and ripping anything with a plug attached, out of the socket by the cord. The near terrified inhabitant of the flat was in a state of total shock at the explosive suddenness of the attack on his home, and after a noisy and intimidating questioning session, was arrested and carted off down to the local nick to be charged. It was only then that leads were found that led them to the studio in another part of the building. By this time, the studio was unattended and only the cassette deck with the test tapes was still working, but that did not stop the needless violence as the doors were again ferociously smashed flat, and entrance was effected. The studio was roughly dismantled and valuable and expensive equipment was carelessly thrown into yellow plastic skips to be shipped off to the depths of the London Lubianka on the southern shores of the River Thames. Later that day, the Harp lads returned and found the flats open to the world, with the splintered remains of the doors hanging limply from broken hinges, and the marks of damage by the careless and temporary occupation of officialdom. This has hit Harp hard, as they have only been in test mode, except for a brief live period over the previous weekend, and no revenue had started to come in. They will have to dig deep to get the funds together to make it back, but sacrifices are already being made and they confidently expect to be back testing as you read this. This highlights the dilemma of new stations. Harp had been putting out test tapes to secure the slot for themselves, whilst they built up a team to go full time. They had learnt a bitter lesson back in November '88, when they first attempted to come on air, initially as a weekender, but intending to go full time as soon as they could. Before this happened, they found that Star had pre-empted them, and moved in full time, before they could do anything about it. They lost the slot and a transmitter. This, like Q 102, left them in a Catch 22 situation. Either risk losing the slot to another station, or risk losing the transmitter to the DTI. In each case, it is a no win situation, as there is no money coming in, but it does establish a form of 'squatter's rights'.

At just about the time that Harp were being taken out, the likely lads at WLIB were just putting the final touches to their rig, before switching on for a full scale test of the new link system. As they did so, they became aware of the commotion at the nearby Harp site. There then followed a frantic half hour, as gear was switched off and stowed out of sight. The men from the ministry passed them by, as they were obviously happy with their catch for the day.



Sunrise and Harp weren't the only ones being taken out. The DoTI men have had a busy week and have even been on overtime. Sunday 21st January saw Time Radio finally lose a transmitter. In the ensuing period, Q 102 who have been becoming increasingly annoyed at the impertinence of Southern Sound testing with a mega signal on their slot, quickly dropped down to 102.25 and set up home with a tuning signal whistling out. The DoTI men had them on Saturday night / Sunday morning (28/29 Jan.), just as Time returned with a test tape. Time lasted until just after 8:00pm on Monday. During the week, SWITCH (103.00) had gone, as had SUPREME, GCR, GRL, ACR, SoBA and CRN. The weekend was to prove a bonanza for the Reggaecide squads and there was probably more than one team out. Whilst Saturday was peaceful and saw the return of CRN (90.70), ACR (103.35) and TROPICAL (105.10), it was a phoney peace. Sunday saw a team in the south take out Q 102 (102.25), SKY (91.70), MAGIC (104.30) and commercial free soul tapers, BREEZE (96.90), who went live Saturday. While in the north, GRL (97.95), RJR (90.00), STUDIO (92.65), SoBA (102.50) and LONDON FM (94.60) all went missing for various lengths of time.

Worst hit of all, were popular golden groovers, VERONICA 102 (101.90) who lost both the brand new stereo rig, and a couple of hours later, the stand-by mono rig from a different site. To a lesser extent, the scene at the Q 102 busts resembled the sights at the Harp busts earlier in the week. At the main site, the TX and the tape player were missing, and various ancilliary equipment had been damaged. At the stand-by site, everything including the antenna, had gone. This led to some speculation as to whether the Phantom TX Nicker of Old London Town was back in business, but was finally discounted when the total tally of busts for the day was realised. Disconsolate, but not deterred, and after a couple of hours reviving spirits in the pub, the non-stop struggle to bring good music to London was continued, and, even as this is written, a replacement tx is on the bench being tested and readied for this Sunday's outing.

Veronica 102 are not the only ones in the golden groove, as popular HERTS LOCAL RADIO (HLR-105.4) have an alternative Sunday schedule of pumping out raves from the grave, to the south of Herts., and well into north London. The out of towners were rudely interrupted on Sunday 21st January, when they fell foul to the local Gestapo who had it away with their transmitter. It will take a week or two for the lads to get everything back in place, but they seem confident of success.

RADIO FREE LONDON (92.0) had a full session Saturday, which is more than can be said for the week before, when their transmitter went dirtier than an ILR rig. They had an involuntary early night on the 21st, when they realised that the problems with the tx were getting out of hand. Finally, station supremo Nigel Grant dispatched erstwhile jock and engineer, Peter Russel, post haste to the basement to get to grips with the problem. The intricacies of messing about with live gear in a freezing darkened tower block basement, can be fraught with danger. And so it was possibly understandable that something would inevitably go wrong in the tight confines of the basement, and young Peter inadvertantly dropped a screwdriver across a couple of live terminals, and took the station out in a shower of sparks, and barked knuckles. Given the amount of sprogs they were emitting, it was probably the best thing. They made it back this week with a relatively clean signal, and a wide range of the best in rock music. RFL welcomed back old stager, Mike Burnett, who is as much enamoured by the Beatles, as Magic FM's reclusive Mike Summers. Mike B tempers his adulation though with a touch of humour, by throwing in the odd Rutles track. Meantime, just down the road, MAGIC FM took to the air in the early hours of Saturday morning, with a lengthy test tape, promising a full weekend's entertainment. They are using the old JBC slot on 104.30, in their latest bid to find a home, but this was not to be, as the boys from the London Lubianka visited them on Sunday. They did manage to get out a few of their dieheard regulars, including DJ Howard, whose self proclaimed 'wackyness' can be quite amusing, but is sometimes offset by his overwhelming desire to be different, which makes him try too hard.

Five year old Marylyn, a veteran Harlesden listener of popular local, PEOPLE'S FM, (103.75-stereo), is someone who obviously remembers what her mother told her about accepting gifts from perfect strangers. Although the People's

FM jocks are not perfect, neither are they any stranger than than any other Privateer jocks around at the moment. Anyway, Marylyn was not to be lured, Madonna like, by the material world. She put DJ Bigga firmly in his place when he asked her if she would like a 12" disc. "NO" she said without a moment's hesitation, and then added with that terrible certainty of logic, that only a five year old can muster, "I've already got one!" Collapse of DJ, who promptly disappeared behind a welter of clicks and scratches, as he mis-cued the next track.

What could be the return of London Arab, was heralded by tests on 89.7 believed to be coming out of E London on Sunday 29th January. This may be the same team mentioned last week that were testing briefly on 105.1. This has now been claimed back by SE London's TROPICAL RADIO (105.1), who turned up for the first time since Christmas, on Saturday evening. Of the other ethnics, ACR (103.35) has been sounding exceedingly thin of late. It looks like both the Greek stations fell foul of the latest DoTI Men effort to clear the London airwaves this week. It seems highly likely that GREEK RADIO FOR LONDON are the group now settled on 98.1, and, like GREEK COMMUNITY RADIO (104.45), are both considered soft touches by the DTI, although neither outfit has the high open profile that LGR maintained.

Heard this weekend were :- Sunrise (88.75) - Euro-Jam (89.5) - London Arab (89.7) - Reflection (89.8) - RJR (90.0) - RTR (90.2) - Supreme (90.45) - CRN (90.7) - Sky (91.7) - RFL (92.0) - Star (93.0) - Starpoint (93.25) - Lazer (94.0 stereo) - CCR (94.2) - London (94.6) - Breeze (96.9) - Joy (97.85) - Stage (98.1) - Veronica 102 (101.9 stereo) - Time (102.2) - Q 102 (102.25 stereo) - SoBA (102.5) - SLR (102.7) - ACR (103.35) - Peoples (103.7) - Magic (104.3) and Tropical (105.1). A total of 28 stations with three in stereo.

A final note, that if parts of 'The London Survey' seemed not to make sense in WR 245, it was because one of the pages of the original script got transposed from the middle to the beginning - many apologies. The first three paragraphs should have followed the last but one paragraph. Many thanks to Sid once again this week.

Merseyside: Saturday 28th saw an early start to both North Coast Radio and Radio Merseywaves, who were both very much alive with programmes when we checked the bands just after the 8 o'clock news. In fact Dave Collins had managed to get to the studio early, and began his show at 06:00. Both had excellent signals coming into this location, although Merseywaves was the weaker, apparently due to aerial location problems. Radio Atlantis (1197) was on the air by 10:00. Programming on both Atlantis and Merseywaves was just announced for Sunday and Monday, although extensions to their schedules are expected in the coming weeks. On listening to Radio Atlantis just after sign on, on Sunday (29th), none other than Stephen Bishop was in the hot seat. Stephen was with the station for a long time up until last summer, but then disappeared for a considerable time. He hosted a three hour programme until 13:00, when Rick Dane took over. North Coast Radio (1350) were heard during Sunday morning, but by mid-afternoon we noticed they had disappeared. This however, was due to poor weather conditions, which brought down their aerial. Current address of N.C.R. is 79 Kestrel Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 6BW. Radio Merseywaves (1242) were on the air throughout the day. With all the Irish stations operating around 1242kHz. having now closed, Merseywaves must be picking up a few listeners in Eire, especially if they continue with the country programme Sunday lunchtimes. (There are now no country music stations on the air on the east coast of Ireland.) Two FM stations were heard locally in Liverpool. Veronica 104 (104.7) were active on both Saturday and Sunday. Neil Fraser was heard announcing that he was having a few problems, and that everything was breaking down. Finally, Starpoint FM were reported as coming in loud and clear in Liverpool on 105.3MHz. This station has apparently been on the air regularly of late, usually on a Sunday afternoon.

Manchester / Cheshire. Just the regular four stations were noted again this week. WBLS (102.4) are reported as the strongest, and are now announcing a 24 hour schedule. They have an address c/o The Hideaway Youth Project, 102-104 Shoreham Walk, Quinnie Crescent, Moss Side, Manchester. Lazer 103.5 (103.7) are currently operating about 15 hours per day. They, along with Super Fresh FM (98.3) use an address c/o The Abosindi, Peoples Centre, St Mary's Street, Moss Side, Manchester 15. Finally, Unity Radio (104.8)



have been on the air daily, and their mailing address is given as c/o 24 Range Road, Whalley Range, Manchester.

**Nottingham.** Everything went well for **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) this week, apart from Monday (30th January), when they had to go off between 14:32 and 18:00 due to 'suspicious' persons in the area. The station are advertising a special holiday beginning on Friday 28th April. This entails a trip by ferry to Holland, and then to Germany, where all the HCR crew are on stage at one of the clubs with reggae star Joseph Cotton. Everyone will be back in Nottingham on Bank Holiday Monday. Tickets are £105, and applications can be obtained from 'Danny's Records'.

**Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire.** Activity seems to be on the increase once again in West Yorkshire. **NLV Radio** having tested briefly on 22nd and 24th January, returned to the air in Keighley, at 6am on Saturday morning (28th January) on 105.5MHz. Programmes went through until 8pm, and were also announced for Sunday, from 6am until midnight. Stephen and Christine of Radio Veronica were noted during the Saturday broadcasts. Apart from two specialist music shows (acid house and 50's rock n'roll), the format is Top 40 and recent pop oldies. Presenters are occupying two hour slots. Both signal and audio quality are reported as excellent. **Thunder Radio** (104.6) were noted with their regular Sunday evening broadcast, as were **Telstar Radio** (104.45) who were giving out a dedication/sales line of (0422) 248694. A little further away, a new station has been heard during the week, called **Virgin FM**. This station broadcasts on 105.6MHz., and is only active during the week, on Monday (3-11pm), and Tuesday to Thursday (3-5pm). Presenters heard so far include David Martin and Paul Sykes. An address for prospective advertisers has been given out as Rosewood Enterprises, 16 Highroyd Lane, Huddersfield, and a contact number of 518331 has also been noted. Their musical format is varied. In **Leeds**, **Lethal FM** (97.9) after being missing since the previous Sunday, were heard once again on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and Thursday evenings, leading to speculation that they have opted for mainly weekend broadcasts only. An unidentified station playing reggae etc., has been noted on 104.5MHz with a strong signal. This was the area of the band formerly occupied by People's FM. Bradford's **Paradise City Radio** (104.9) and **Harmony**

**Radio** (105.3) have both been heard this week, although **Harmony** have not been noted since Monday (low power?)

In South Yorkshire, just **Rebel Radio** (105.4) were on the air this week. **Radio Britannia** were off due to audio problems, and **Village Radio** may never be heard of again, following a letter which the operator received from BBC Radio Sheffield. The letter warned that if the operator (Chris Roberts) didn't cease broadcasts immediately, then the RIS would be informed and he would be prosecuted. Since a complaint from a (jealous?) local radio station seems to bring out the DTI in force (take the numerous raids caused by Pennine Radio for instance), Chris will have to think very carefully about continuing.

To the east, **W.L.N.G.** (104.9) can now be heard each Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 20:00 and 22:00. Also, the unidentified station last week, is now announcing as **Radio Dolphin**, and is on every day from 9pm, on 104.9MHz.

**The Midlands.** After a period without much DTI activity, they struck heavily against **Powerhouse Radio** on Thursday 26th January. Apparently 11 DoTI Men were involved in the raid along with 2 policemen. Closed circuit TV cameras used by the station for security, were blanked out at the time of the raid. According to reports, 2000 records and 200 cassettes were taken by the authorities, as well as studio and transmission equipment. **Powerhouse** returned the following day, and have operated a full schedule since. The frequency is a slightly higher 105.4MHz. and only in mono, and the presenters have been heard appealing desperately for records of any type. They give out a telephone number of (0836) 282391 for anyone who can help them. The closure of **Radio P.C.R.L.** and **Enterprise** has made things much easier for the DTI, as they now only have one 24 hour station, **Powerhouse Radio**, to worry about.

Other stations heard in the area included **Centre Radio** (99.2) on Sunday 29th January and **Quest FM** (103.55) on 28th and 29th. A new operation was heard testing on 106.00 calling itself **Freedom FM**. They were first noted on 28th with low power, and then again with a stronger signal on 30th January. By 1st February they appeared to have started regular broadcasts with jingles, and a phone number of 0836 696 432. **FM-104** (104.0) have not been noted with programmes this weekend, but a noisy carrier has remained.

#### SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

##### Log for Sunday 29th January 1989.

6200kHz...**RADIO TITANIC INT.**, at 11:07gmt.  
6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 11:00gmt.  
6230kHz...**JOLLY ROGER RADIO**, at 10:22gmt.  
6240kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 10:09gmt.  
6265kHz...**UK. RADIO (?)**, at 11:29gmt.  
6266kHz...**FREESOUND RADIO INT.**, at 11:10gmt.  
6273kHz...**ROCK RADIO INT.**, 10:21gmt.  
6293kHz...**RADIO GLORIA (QSO)**, at 13:37gmt.  
6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 12:59gmt.  
6299kHz...**THE ROCK N'ROLL ALTERNATIVE**, at 13:15.  
6304kHz...**RADIO VIKING (?)**, at 12:20gmt.  
6306kHz...**RADIO ELECTRA**, at 12:40gmt.  
6312kHz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 13:12gmt.  
6317kHz...**RADIO TITANIC INT.**, at 11:47gmt.  
6318kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 12:18gmt.  
6320kHz...**UNID.** (all morning).  
6815kHz...**'Y 95'** (via RECC), at 10:28gmt.  
6815kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 12:24gmt.  
6875kHz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 09:28gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 10:26gmt.  
7374kHz...**RADIO LUCE**, at 09:45gmt.  
7374kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 10:24gmt.  
7440kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 08:30gmt.

**Britain Radio International** were announcing test transmissions, and hope to begin regular broadcasts on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. They hope to use 6240kHz. in future, but any station also using it, was asked to contact **B.R.I.** so that they could sort out frequency usage.

The unidentified station on 6320kHz., was heard all morning, but very weakly. They were playing chart music, but the language being spoken could not be identified either.

Finally, and sadly, according to Radiotelex, the German station **Radio Batida** fell into the hands of the German **GBF** on January 22nd at around 14:00. The station was operating live on 6582kHz at the time, and operator **Mike F** will probably be charged for this offence later.

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**NEW ARRIVALS:** Arriving very late last week, yet again, (it quite often takes 3 days from Kettering, first class!), **Now Radio**, issue 94 with 28 pages packed with all radio news, including some pirate. Issue 95, on time, was hot on its heels, and contained another 28 pages. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 0NW.... from Germany, **CLCG Magazine**, issue 139, 50 x A4 sides, stapled together and covering European radio generally, inc. offshore, SW pirates, etc. Lots of logs and other information, but text is basically German. Details from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... **Freewave Magazine**, issue 174, 24 x A5 pages of European news and information, including offshore (mainly Radio 819). All Dutch text here, with details being available from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 Groningen, Holland..... **Jaybee News**, issue 16 from John Burch of the Caroline Movement. 10 x A5 sides of CM and offshore news for 10p + an SAE (CM members) or 20p + and SAE (non members), from 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY..... finally this week, **Play-DX**, issue 535 with 6 x A4 sides of logs and international info, mostly in English, from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

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

The inevitable has happened, the Irish authorities have raided and at least one pirate has possibly crossed the border. We shall continue to classify them in this column, in this case, although they should now come under 'Land-Based-U.K.' **Co. DUBLIN:** In his speech to the nation (well, the city really, plus a few SW enthusiasts), on Sunday, **Radio Dublin** station owner, Eamon Cooke mentioned several court cases and an appeal in the high court which had failed the previous Wednesday and services being cut the following Wednesday, but it was almost impossible to make out exactly what he was saying due to low modulation.

On Tuesday morning, an early check of the band (07:00) found 1188kHz. empty, so a swift re-tune to RTE Radio 2 caught this isolated news item... 'The last remaining Dublin pirate station, Radio Dublin, was put off the air this morning after a visit to its headquarters by Department of Communications officials and Gardai. Yesterday, the Supreme Court dismissed an attempt by the station's owner, Eamon Cooke, to prevent the communications minister from instructing Bord Telecom and the E.S.B to cut off the phone and electricity supplies to his home in Inchicore. The station had been broadcasting from Mr. Cooke's home, and this morning he said he intended resuming transmissions as soon as possible.'

According to comments heard on the air on Radio Star Country, the 'raid' took place at 06:10 and equipment was lost. However, it was said that he was back by 15:05, just on 100.9MHz.FM (we noted nothing, suggesting low power, although conditions were bad mid week). It was also stated that Eamon was going offshore and was getting a ship from New York (!).

**Co. MONAGHAN:** There has been excitement here too, this week, but first off, going back to last Friday. As we were printing last week's issue, **Radio Star Country** left the airwaves on 891kHz., and despite a week of 'changing frequency' promos, we were still not convinced it wasn't the authorities 'pulling the plug' on them, as they had threatened. A quick check on 981kHz. found that empty too, but we decided to leave the radio on that spot and we were glad we did, as shortly afterwards, a carrier appeared, then disappeared again. At exactly 15:37, country music was heard, followed by ID's for 'All Country Music Radio', then adverts, then full programming resumed at 15:57 with station owner and afternoon host, Gerry Burns. He apologised for the break and said that the technicians had been running around frantically to get the thing sorted out. The signal was very good here in Blackpool, on 981kHz.(announced also as 337m., but later amended to 305m.), although on Sunday, it was a little distorted at times. It was nice to hear a request for one of the old team of travelling transmitter engineers and nice to know that they are still around and active, and not departed for pastures new. The station claims in promos, many of them now re-recorded with Don Allen's voice, to broadcast to 15 counties and the whole of Northern Ireland, in total, reaching a possible 3 million people. Even if only a small percentage tune in, the station must have a good listenership.

On Monday, Don was not heard hosting the morning show, but appeared at 13:00 instead, standing in for the absent Gerry Burns. Apparently the station left the air this day, at 14:00, mid record, and when we searched for them Tuesday morning, following the Dublin incident, we had no succes



at all and feared the worst, naturally. A late night check yielded country music on 98.1kHz. again, and we later learnt that they returned at 17:45. It came as somewhat of a relief to hear that the reason for the absence was because the storms and torrential rain on Monday had brought down the aerial. However, tuning in on Wednesday, we were even more surprised to hear the words 'broadcasting from Tyrone' (U.K. territory, now making it legal to advertise from both north and south of the border!). These promos were extensively aired until lunchtime, when Don Allen came on and played a promo (in error, we thought) which indicated the station was broadcasting from the Swan Lake Hotel in Monaghan Town. Some time later, Don was heard to mention 'the Star Suite (the studio!) in the Swan Lake Hotel' and then heard to criticise the contents of his sandwiches made by the hotel staff, 'downstairs'. All this, on top of reports last week that the station was broadcasting from its transmitter site in Emyvale, confuses us completely and we are not at all sure of where they are coming from at all. Hopefully the authorities are equally confused! One thing is for certain and that is the fact that they are on. Gerry Burns announced that should anything happen, people should stay tuned as they would be back, without question. The station gets ten out of ten for its fighting spirit. Finally, a promotion for a function to raise funds to keep the independent stations on the air, was heard in the week.

**Co. LOUTH:** **Border Weekend Radio** was noted by us last Saturday, 4th Feb., on 115.2kHz. The station was difficult to listen to, due to all the ILR activity on that channel, but a positive identification was heard. They also broadcast locally on 98.5MHz. and were heard giving out a Newry telephone number, 64272.

Following the Tuesday raid in Dublin, we checked 103.25MHz. and found **Zee 103** operating normally, however, very poor FM conditions prevailed mid week and prevented further identification of the station, if indeed it was on.

**Co. DONEGAL:** **Northside Radio** (846kHz.) was noted on the Tuesday morning check of the bands, but disappeared later, although a carrier was evident, we believe. We are not sure if the storm was responsible here, or whether the station was moving out of the Redcastle Country Hotel, on threat of power and phone disconnection if they remained, but a short break for 'essential maintenance' was noted about 13:30 and on the return some ten minutes later, several requests for a certain member of staff to contact the station urgently, were made. We had to unavoidably leave the radio at that stage and the station left the air later that afternoon and nothing more was heard by us until a check on Thursday evening at 21:00 yielded country music once more, along with adverts for localities, Limavady and Ballymoney. The station identified at 21:23 as being on 846AM and 98FM. The channel is fairly reasonable at night, as night time channels go, unlike 98.1kHz. which is dominated by the foreigner. The station was actually active on Thursday afternoon, according to another member of our team and again as normal on Friday.

**Co. WATERFORD:** A station using the name 'Laser', active of late in the city, on FM, has apparently ceased transmissions due to TV interference. Nothing further is known here.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS:** On Tuesday next, 14th February, it will be three years since the m.v. Nannell left Southampton to be refitted as a radioship (!) in the harbour of Santander in Spain.

**Caroline 558:** We do not often comment or voice opinions in these pages, but as Radio Caroline approaches her 25th birthday there seems to be increasing scepticism from certain areas of the media, that the station has any influence at all on the development of radio in the U.K. anymore. Some even suggest that she might as well close down, (horror of horrors)! Perhaps the format is similar to many of the existing ILR/BBC stations, and does not give an alternative to daytime listening, but the simple fact is that she is still on the air. No matter how low or high the power, or indeed what format is used, the fact that Radio Caroline is still on the air gives hope to those listening on land, that all is not lost, and that eventually a proper system of broadcasting, with choice will evolve. The fact that Radio Caroline is still on the air keeps the interest in radio alive, giving incentive for land-based operators to come on the air. ILR and BBC bosses are extremely frightened of this, because it means that they cannot just sit back and pump out what they think the punter should listen to. They have competition, and as such, have to keep constantly reviewing the situation, usually by watching what the 'alternative' stations are doing. The 1960's offshore stations brought the BBC into the real world, by the realisation that the listener did want a pop service after all. They also lead the way for the ILR Network. The early 70's brought this long awaited commercial network, but it was soon realised that this was going to be a big disappointment with so many restrictions, and they all soon fell into a rut. The first half of the 1980's brought Radio Caroline back on the air in the SE of England as well as Laser, and equivalents, Radio Nova and Sunshine in the North of England. On land (in London) there were Radios Jackie and Sovereign operating 24 hour schedules. Together, these ate away at the ILR and BBC audiences, because technically they sounded better and were more exciting. The result of this, was the ILR and BBC operations had to look at themselves critically, and see what they were doing wrong. Recently, the splitting of frequencies has begun (something which we all said should have been done from the start), to give more choice. There is no doubt that land-based legal radio is improving in leaps and bounds (a lot of the presenters are ex-pirates anyway!). The many oldies services now available, which are direct descendents of Radio Sovereign, show that 'alternative' operators, be it offshore or otherwise, are constantly monitored for ideas. As Tony Blackburn once said if Caroline had not appeared in 1964, 'We would all be still listening to Mrs Dales Diary!' A similar story could be told in twenty years, should Caroline disappear today.

No competition = No new ideas = Stagnation!

On the station front, little has changed since last week. The line-up for 1st, 2nd and 3rd February was... 01:00 Richard West... 05:00 Dave Asher... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Andy Bradgate... 16:00 Steve Richards... 20:00 Rob Harrison... 22:00 Nick Jackson. There was the usual changearound in programmes at the weekend, and although no new staff were noted Richard West announced in the early hours of Monday morning (7th) that he would be only hosting until 03:00, when there would be a special guest. However we were unable to discover who this was. Was anybody listening at this early hour? Since Tuesday 7th, the line-up has read... 02:00 Richard West... 05:00 Dave Asher... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Rob Harrison... 16:00 Steve Richards... 20:00 Andy Bradgate... 22:00 Nick Jackson. No new adverts this week, but a promotion for a Caroline Rock Show at the Corn Exchange in Bury St. Edmunds on 24th February has been aired. Bands appearing are April 16th, Chrome Molly and Tricky Dicky.

**Caroline 819 - The Overnight Alternative.** This service continues with rock music every night but Saturday on 819kHz. The two hosts, Rob Harrison and Colin Muesli Bar alternate the hours from one week to the next. Last week, Rob hosted the early slot until 01:00, and this week, Colin is doing this slot. Address for both services, including your entry for the Top 1000 (558 service), and personal Top 5 (819 service) is : Apartado 146, 17250 Playa de Aro, Gerona, Spain.

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### LAND-BASED STATIONS: U.K.

#### London Weekend Survey: 3rd to 7th February 1989.

The sunglassed, red swathed figure of disco queen Yazz took the podium at the London Hilton, and praised the efforts of the soul Privateers in lifting her solo career, when she received an award at the prestigious Variety Club Awards of Great Britain, on Monday afternoon. The whole Top Fifty is dominated by black music to a degree never thought possible a few years back. This is down to the influence of the 'pirates'. They may have, at times, an awful load of jocks with silly sounding names, but the effects are now being felt far beyond the confines of the London Lubianka.

At about the same time that Yazz was being feted in the five star luxury of a Mayfair hotel, the DoTI Men were dusting off their scowls and preparing to hit the road for a sweep through the East End. After a comparatively quiet weekend, they took our Sunrise, CRN, Lazer, London, London Arab and GCR. In S London, Sky Radio also went missing. Unaccountably, they didn't hit the returned and still testing Harp (88.45), or the nearby RJR and Supreme. Sunday had seen only Stage Radio (98.1) and Studio (92.65) go missing. Time Radio (was also missing Sunday, but they are very erratic these days, and in low power, but they do have tapes going out on most days. Recently, these have consisted of a lot of W African music. These stations may have been the victims of the 'Soul Destroyers', or possibly gone out for other reasons.

Still not back from the last round of busts, are Q-102, Switch (103.0), although a hefty carrier was noted at various times over the weekend on 103.15. Euro-Jam (89.45) have probably been taken out at some time during the week, as their signal is appreciably weaker, and no sign of stereo has been detected this week. Magic FM have still not returned, and there was no sign of E London rock and rollers Rock-FM, although they may have been on low power and been blocked by Brixton's powerful Classic Community Radio (94.3) who are bang over the top of the slot used by R-FM. WLIB (90.95) are still not back, but promising to be back daily. Main problem now seems to be the need to find a completely new site, as E London becomes more and more crowded with prospective stations claiming every tower block around.

Harp (88.45), having recovered from last weeks traumas,

have bounced back and are testing again, with a strong signal. While some stations have only just finished having their closing down and farewell parties, Harp are proposing the opposite. They are currently trailing the promotion of a grand free opening party at a yet to be announced venue, in the near future. They are also trying to break the mould, by making sure that they not only cover the usual types of 'Black Music', but are also bringing V-102's Gary Stevens in, to do a weekly oldies show. Apart from running the increasingly popular Sunday Veronica 102 (101.9), the very busy Gary is also to be found on WLIB on a Friday morning. Veronica 102 made a quick return to the air after last week's double loss with a powerful new set up, which got the 'Golden Groovers' being heard as far out as Basingstoke in Hampshire. Growing popularity for the 'super smoothies' has also been bringing pressure on them to expand the service, but as 'red light' Roberts explained this Sunday, resources, facilities and personnel are limited.

With the all new digital set-up kindly provided by Halfords after an over long delay, it was possible to start bringing in the out of towners. On Saturday 4th February, Stomp (105.45-stereo) were heard, and earlier that day, a so far unidentified soul station came in on 105.3, and from what could be heard, was from the Essex area. On Sunday, what was almost certainly Inner City Radio (105.6), could be heard coming in on the high spots of South London. Out of towners HLR (105.45) haven't delayed in getting back on air. Coming out of S Herts with a mixed bag of music, from oldies to soul, they have answered the challenge laid down a couple of weeks back by the DoTI Men, and are back with a vengeance. Determined not to be put off, they have now extended their transmission times, to go from 4pm Sunday to 1am the next morning. Not only that, but they are now going weekly instead of bi-weekly, so there is double the opportunity to catch up on the growing popularity of these lads.

Many stations are becoming involved in holiday promotions, as a source of extra income. Over the last few years, these have included hot days of sun, sea and sand, and even hotter nights on the disco floors of various popular Spanish resorts. Striving to come up with something different to attract the punters, Harlesden's increasingly popular and powerful Peoples FM (103.65) are pushing an Easter weekend break in Amsterdam. Now apart from the possibility of seeing the Ross Revenge on the cross channel ferry, what else could make a visit to Amsterdam so attractive, that the organisers are having to lay on extra capacity to handle the rush of applications? Could it be the chance to take a bus tour out to see the world famous tulip fields at the height of their blooming? Or, taking in a concert at the beautiful Concertabauw? Chances are, that it is the special guided tour of Amsterdam's infamous 'Red Light' district, with plenty of time to sample the delights of, say, 'The Paradaiso Club', which is proving to be the big draw.

Radio Free London (92.0) had a full day on Saturday, but faded a lot by late evening, maybe the batteries were running down again. RFL may well be in for a hard time, as two newcomers set up shop nearby. Puzzlement was caused when, interference noises were heard in the area of 92MHz over the weekend. It wasn't until Monday that it resolved itself into two new stations taking the air. The more powerful of the two is WLO on 92.35 in stereo, who came up with a test tape that incorporated professionally finished custom jingles. No doubt these have been pirated from the U.S. station of the same name - well, what else would you expect a 'privateer' organisation to do? The other, seemed to be lower power, or, maybe further away, and was getting lost in the sidesplash from WLO. They are working under the name of Direct Radio (92.2) and are nothing to do with Direct Line Radio, the occasional pop/rockers from SE London. Both are programming in the wide spectrum of Black Music.

SE London's Tropical (105.1) are now putting out a very strong signal from a new and better base, which has them reaching far beyond the confines of the London area. The mainly reggae based station, is now London wide, with a signal up there with Star Radio (92.95), and with E London's Supreme (90.45), CRN (90.7), Sunrise (88.75) and Brixton's Classic Community Radio (94.3).

Next week, the London Survey goes to the Midlands to recount two exclusive stories of 'Provincial Privatisation', one of almost black comedic proportions.

Heard this week :- Harp (88.5), Sunrise (88.75), Euro-Jam



(89.75), London Arab (89.7), RJR (90.0), Rock-to-Rock (90.25), Supreme (90.45), CRN (90.7), Sky (91.85), Radio Free London (92.0), Direct (92.2), WLO (92.35-stereo), Studio (92.65), Star (92.95), Starpoint (93.15), Lazer (94.0-stereo), CCR (94.3), London (94.5-stereo), Joy (97.85), GRL (97.9), Stage (98.1), Veronica (101.9), Time (102.15), Big Apple (102.5), SLR (98.1), ACR (103.35), Peoples (103.65-stereo), GCR (104.45), Tropical (105.1), Essex Soul (105.3), Stomp (105.45-stereo) and ICR(?) (105.6).

A total of 33 stations with three in stereo. As an illustration of how effective the Government pronouncements on radio have been, there have been over fifty different stations logged in the London area since the beginning of January!!!

Thanks again to Sid for his efforts, and glad to see that he finally got some satisfaction from the supplier of his faulty wireless! Finally this week, the operators of Strong Island Radio inform us that they hope to resume weekend broadcasting in the near future (hopefully on Friday 10th or 17th February). The same frequency (96.8) will be used with the possibility of higher power.

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**Bristol:** After almost a week of lengthy test transmissions (the final, moving the station up to their former 105.2 slot), B.A.D., 'The Bristol Amalgamated Deeja's' finally resumed official broadcasting at 17:19 on Friday 20th January, after over an hour of continuous music with 'Captain Jamaica', who announced that B.A.D. was to operate between 16:00 and 02:00 on weekdays, plus 24 hours at the weekend. Unfortunately, nothing more was heard from them until Friday evening (27th), after their first weekend's programming had been completed. By this time, the P.O. Box 539, Bristol BS99 1NH was in operation again, and several commercials were being regularly aired, the majority being for companies which have long supported free radio in the West Country. A commercial had also cropped up on Sunday 22nd January on, of all places, **Savage Yet Tender Radio** (104.4-stereo), a supposedly advertisement free open access station. The station had a couple of new jingles, in Spanish(!), courtesy of the monthly Central American magazine programme, which went out a week late on 22nd.

Terry reports this week, that the BBC are beginning to swamp the 104MHz area with test transmissions for their new service to Wiltshire and the Mid-West. Un-daunted, **S.Y.T. Radio** (104.4-stereo) arrived on the scene a little late last weekend, with the result that all the programmes were running late. However this was minor compared with the blunder made at 18:30, when following new reggae programme with 'The Chaplain Sisters', 'Modge's Wonderland of Sound' first transmitted on January 8th, was broadcast, during which, comments were made on the tape-order hic-cups during the Christmas broadcasts. One show which wasn't a re-run was the 'Northern Soul and Ska Show', which finally returned, following numerous weeks of technical faults. 'Nigel', the host, mentioned that every now and again, heavy metal would be played (as it has been a couple of times before), under the title of the 'Oi!' show. He went on to suggest that anyone willing to produce a 60's punk programme should get in touch with the station at Box S.Y.T., c/o 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3PY.

Like S.Y.T. Radio, the **Bristol Amalgamated Deeja's** (105.2-mono) were on the air later than usual, and programmes did not materialise until 16:53 on Saturday afternoon (4th February). The station was also off-air early on Sunday morning for unknown reasons, but made up for it by broadcasting on both Monday (6th) and Tuesday (7th). Everything now seems to be running smoothly with this station, with competent and professional output, very clean and

organised audio, and an increasing catalogue of advertisements and promotions, the latest being for gigs in the area. The number of jingles, both home and custom-made is also increasing, one of which mentions B.A.D. Community Radio. Could this herald the return of community news and information programming, which was un-successfully experimented with by B.A.D. last year? Perhaps all will be revealed next time?

**Manchester:** **Radio Rag** have been reported on air this week, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, on 105.0MHz in stereo. This student station normally transmits for 'Charity Rag Week' at this time of year. They were announcing an address of P.O. Box 88, Sackville Street, Manchester.

The regular **WBSL** (102.4) have been noted everyday for the past two weeks.

Laser, Unity and Superfresh have not been noted for a few days.

**Merseyside:** **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz. were noted very early on Saturday (4th), with Dave Collins till 09:00, when Kevin Jordan took over 'live from Wolverhampton'.

The station was heard throughout the weekend with a good signal and had a carrier still in operation on Monday morning. **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. also appeared on Saturday morning, but a little later than RMW, and programmed all weekend. As with RMW, they too had a carrier on Monday. **Radio Atlantis** on 1197kHz. commenced regular programmes at 10:00 on Saturday, with Stephen Bishop. However, at 10:54 the station cut off mid-record and was not heard for the rest of the day. A carrier was evident early Sunday and the station sprung to life again at 10:00 and programmed throughout the day. Despite announcements of Saturday and Sunday programming only, the station appeared on Monday at 10:00, possibly to make up for time lost on Saturday, and during one link, Stephen Bishop was heard to play a record for the DTI, who he had been talking to a couple of days before, 'not through choice'. We wondered whether this was the reason for the sudden cut off on Saturday morning.

Strange things happened on Thursday evening (9th) when **Starpoint Radio** (105.3) were on the air to Liverpool. Transmissions began at 21:00, and went through until 22:30. However, several suspicious vehicles were then seen in the area followed by the transmitter being messed about with, before it went off. It is not known if these vehicles belonged to the DTI, or some other group of people. Other stations in the area should look out for two F registered Suzuki jeeps (with a rhinoceros printed on the side), a Ford Sierra and a Rover. If you see them in the area, watch out!

Nothing was noted on air on Friday morning from the area. Some FM activity is promised, so we will keep an eye open (usually around 105MHz.) in the evenings and at weekend.

**The South Coast:** A little FM action around Eastbourne is brought to our attention. **Coast FM** were reported active on Sunday 5th February on a frequency adjacent to Southern Sound (102.4), of 102.1MHz. The broadcast was very strong all over the town and ran from 09:30 until 13:30 and although the deeja's names were different, they sounded very similar to those heard on the old ABC Radio which made its last broadcast on New Year's Eve. The 118 Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne, Sussex BN23 7RT address was given out.

**Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire:** In Hull, **Radio Dolphin** (104.9) were active on Monday 30th January with their first ID'd tests. They were also heard testing on 31st January, and 1st and 6th February. On 6th, they were noted as early as 19:30. Amongst the test tapes are "I Spy for the DTI", and the "B.T. Christmas Party" advert. Meanwhile, **W.L.N.G.** (104.95) are clashing with Dolphin in this area on the frequency, and both announce broadcasting on a Tuesday. W.L.N.G. have been noted most Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and have sometimes gone on as late as 23:30. They were not noted this Tuesday however.

Across in Leeds, activity is hotting up again. **Rapid FM** returned to the airwaves after a lengthy absence, being first heard on Friday 3rd February. They have been heard every day since on 105.1MHz. The reggae station on 104.5MHz has also been heard every day, but has still not been correctly identified. **Lethal FM** (97.9) appeared again on Thursday evening (2nd), and was very active over the weekend, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Lethal were not noted on Monday, but re-appeared on Tuesday. Aerial alterations have been announced, and the signal does appear to have



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improved. Taped programmes from listeners are currently being aired. Further out, in Huddersfield, Virgin FM (105.6) detoured from their announced schedule, and were noted on Friday evening (3rd), as well as Thursday. They were not heard at the weekend, but as announced, returned on Monday (6th) and Tuesday (7th) of this week. Telstar Radio were not noted on Sunday. In Bradford, both **Harmony Radio** (105.3) and **Paradise City Radio** (104.9) have operated each day. In Keighley, **NLV Radio** (105.5) tell us that full 7 day programming will commence as from Saturday 11th February. They are using 30 watts, and intend to operate for 16 hours per day.

In South Yorkshire the activity reduced further, with just **Radio Britannia's** (98.2) **Kenny Crescendo** putting in a couple of hours on Friday (3rd) at 19:00, and **Rebel Radio's** (105.4) **Scooter Jones** operating between 20:00 and 22:00 on Monday. **Vulcan Radio** (105.8 area) expect to be back on the air between 17th and 21st February. Due to unforeseen circumstances, mail sent to the previously announced address has not been reaching the station. They have a new address of : Craig, 92 Havant Road, North End, Portsmouth PO2 6BP. Any mail which was received will be acknowledged during these next broadcasts.

One we forgot to mention last time was **Radio Xanadu** which were noted in Derbyshire on 1404kHz, on Boxing Day playing continuous music, and giving the 118 Kingfisher Drive address in Eastbourne.

**Nottingham:** **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) have been on air every day with no problems. They still have not received a new date for the impending court case (deferred just before Christmas). Yet another night out with staff from stations in other areas is being announced for 17th February at the Marcus Garby Centre. This time, members of **Paradise City Radio**, **Music City Radio** and **Peoples FM**, all from Yorkshire, will be joining the jocks of H.C.R.

**Staffordshire:** A new station has been heard in this area, called **Laser 98 FM stereo**, and was noted on 97.9MHz. It was first logged on Sunday 29th January from 16:00 until 23:30. They were then operating most nights from 20:00 until midnight, and extended on Sunday 5th February from 15:00 until midnight. The signal is reported as excellent, with superb stereo. The deejays are Simon Templar, Ian Glover etc., who were formerly with **Centre Sound** and **Radio Veronica** in this area.

**The Midlands:** **Freedom FM** (106.0) appear to be getting out well, being heard as far away as Rotherham. They have been heard with daily broadcasts (from 13:00) since 1st February. **Powerhouse Radio** (105.35/45) is still on daily, but with reduced hours since the raid. Other station monitored have been **Centre Radio** (99.2-Sunday), **Metro FM** (104.95-Sat/Sun) and **Quest FM** (103.5-Sat/Sun).

**Essex:** As Sid mentioned, **Stomp FM** (105.4) and **Inner City Radio** (105.6) were heard over the weekend. In addition **Radio Hot Wire** (105.3) returned to the air, and a **Funk 98** were also noted. However three of these stations are expected trouble from the DTI this weekend, as the local official was seen close to three of the sites on Sunday, along with the infamous 'Eric'.

## SHORTWAVE STATIONS:

Log for Sunday 5th February 1989.

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 10:06gmt.  
6230kHz...**RADIO JOLLY ROGER**, at 10:19gmt.  
6236kHz...**SOUTHERN SOUND (ILR)**, at 10:00gmt.  
6273kHz...**ROCK RADIO INT.**, at 10:03gmt.  
6280kHz...**RADIO 48**, at 10:05gmt.  
6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 13:31gmt.  
6315kHz...**R. EAST COAST HOLLAND**, at 08:30gmt.  
6630kHz...**ROMEO GOLF ONE (QSO)**, at 11:53gmt.  
6630kHz...**DX 20 (QSO)**, at 12:19gmt.  
6630kHz...**SUGAR FOXTROT (QSO)**, at 12:24gmt.  
6815kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:28gmt.  
6815kHz...**'Y-95' (via RECC)**, at 1044gmt.  
6815kHz...**R. EAST COAST COMM.**, at 11:28gmt.  
6820kHz...**UNID.**, at 11:30gmt.  
6875kHz...**L.R.R.S.**, at 10:07gmt.  
6875kHz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 11:30gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 10:09gmt.  
7374kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:52gmt.  
7374kHz...**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 11:12gmt.  
7385kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 10:13gmt.  
7440kHz...**RADIO GAGA INT.**, at 10:46gmt.  
7440kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 11:08gmt.  
7490kHz...**V.O.T.N. RADIO INT.**, at 10.11gmt.

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Band conditions today were much better than of late and most U.K. / Irish stations were audible here all morning with steady signals. Logs in **BOLD** were monitored here in Blackpool, additional listings were kindly supplied by Stuart (Staffs.), Peter (Gloucs.), Ken (Yorkshire), South Surrey Monitoring and Neal (Midlands).

The transmitter on 6236kHz. was relaying the ILR station, Southern Sound throughout the morning. No self identification was noted and possibly the same transmitter was heard on Tuesday between 10:00 and 10:20 relaying the BBC World Service, although 6230kHz. was reported as the frequency.

V.O.T.N. Radio Int. was presumed to be the Voice of the Netherlands, although this was not actually heard by us. The signal was very strong and test transmissions were being announced. The signal was a little unstable, but remained centered around 7490kHz. The address was given out as P.O. Box 669, 7900 AR Hoogeveen, The Netherlands. According to Ken, **Radio East Coast Holland** were heard up until around 10:00, when the operator announced he was closing down on that frequency (6315) and moving up to 7490kHz. When the signal did re-appear a few minutes later it was calling itself V.O.T.N.

The unidentified station on 6820kHz. was reported as possibly saying it was closing down after 8 years on air and it could have mentioned **Radio 101**.

**Radio Gaga Int.** was a German speaking station and was relayed via **Radio Waves Int.** They announced an address of Postbus 220342, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany. **Radio Waves** themselves were heard on MW last Saturday (5th), on a frequency around 1608kHz.

Finally, **Britain Radio International** have asked us to point out that they hope to operate on 6240kHz. if the frequency is clear, on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. We appear to have to mis-heard what was said on the air last week (we printed 1st and 3rd Sunday).

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Our thanks to all contributors as usual for the continued co-operation with the compilation of the report.

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**TAPE OFFERS:** We're back, having cleared most of the backlog from the Irish and 'Communicate' packages. To begin this new series of offers, we travel out to the Eastern Mediterranean for both this week's tapes. **Tape 233** features the new and still testing offshore radio station **Channel Seven (Aruts Seva)** who only operate on 918kHz medium wave. The station has been in test mode for several months now, and this particular recording was made on Friday 10th February 1989, between 06:59 and 08:34 Israeli time. Speech content on the station consists just of an ID on the hour, then KOL Israel news and an advert, followed by continuous Hebrew music. Not one for an English music fan, but certainly an addition to any offshore radio tape collection, from a little reported station. For **Tape 234** we travel literally 'across the water', to the m.v. **Peace**. There we see what the **Voice of Peace** is currently sounding like. Two different deejays are featured on this one. Side A (Wednesday 8th February) has part of an afternoon show from Kenny Page, who seems to have been on the station 'forever'. Side 2, from the following day, features Ofer Nahshon again recorded during the afternoon. This recording was made from the 100MHz FM outlet, in stereo. Both cassettes run for 90 minutes, and cost just £2.00 each including postage and packing.

**NEW MERCHANDISE:** Nothing new this week, but just a reminder to those who missed recent editions, that the three new E.A.P. videos are now in stock. These are "Eurosiege 85" (30 minutes long), "Laser's Home Movies" (50 minutes long) and "The Charlie Wolf Laser Video" (50 minutes long). All three cost £24.95 each inclusive of postage and packing, and are available only in VHS format.

The 1989 **World Radio and TV Handbook** is also now in stock priced at £17.95, again inclusive of postage and packing.

**NEW ARRIVALS:** First to arrive this week, on Monday, was **Contact**, the monthly bulletin of the **World DX Club**, February edition. 38 x A4 sides packed with a wealth of logs, radio news and reader correspondence from around the world. Details of how to become a member of this fine club should write to Arthur Ward, 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton..... Two copies of **PLAY-DX** (536 and 537) arrived together this week. News and loggings of rare MW, as well as Tropical / Latin American stations are included in each issue. Information from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.... **Now Radio** (No. 96) contains the regular across the board radio news and

comments. For subscription details write to P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

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#### **RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND:**

The radio band was its usual empty self as we checked on Monday morning (13th), with just the two main Irish stations noted, **Radio Star Country** (981kHz) and **Northside Radio** (846kHz). Tuesday was even worse, with just Star on, possibly the overnight storms had taken their toll with Northside. It was interesting to note than in a recent newspaper cutting, the Department of Communications stated as being aware of stations in Galway, Monaghan and Donegal (as well as Dublin), leading us to the conclusion that we are reporting on all the stations currently operating.

**Co. DUBLIN:** According to an RTE news bulletin last Saturday (12th), **Radio Dublin** suffered at the hands of the authorities once again. They were raided at 08:50 earlier in the day and once again lost all broadcasting equipment (they had been broadcasting on FM only, 100.9MHz., although we were unable to hear it on this side). Although station owner, Eamon Cooke was unavailable for comment to RTE, it is understood that should he return to the air again, the full force of the law will be applied to him and to any advertisers etc. who are at all involved. (Up until now it is just thought that the equipment has been confiscated, and nobody has been charged.) The station duly returned at around 15:00 that Saturday afternoon, around 101MHz, with continuous music and tapes, with the odd gap, and announcement. At 18:00, Eamonn Cooke came on to explain what had happened earlier in the day.... "Another raid I'm afraid, and more transmitting equipment gone. Quarter past-twenty past eight this morning, the usual Department of Communications came in, removed transmitting equipment, emptied the studio again, and this time they took down the aerial system. So, of course we've changed location and are back again. Temporary programming running now for tonight, and we'll settle into some sort of normal programmes tomorrow. And any disc jockeys listening, you can ring me at home. There's a message on the machine there for you. I won't be available I'm afraid for the night, have to be in the station." The station closed at around 11:12pm that evening. Radio Dublin was back on Sunday lunchtime at 12:30, with Eamonn doing a main news broadcast at 13:30, saying that they had moved location from the Inchicore area to the western suburbs. In this he summarised all the happenings over the past couple of weeks. During the first raid he stated that they lost the main MW, FM and shortwave transmitters as well as all studio equipment. In addition, electricity and telephones were cut off on Friday 10th February. Eamon said that they would be moving again that evening, as the Department of Communications knew where they were. He hoped that the station would return to a 'fortified' Inchicore Road, later in the week. It was mentioned that the situation was now back to the 1970's when raids were the normal thing once every one or two weeks. This time around they are using different tactics, by removing aerial systems (including cables and connectors), although not the actual mast. Eamonn thought that in a couple of weeks, if the raids continue, that they may have to resort to moving location often, to avoid losing equipment. The station continued on until around 16:30 that afternoon, and then went off to change locations. We have no reports of them being heard since. We await further reports this



coming week. Many thanks to a 'dedicated Radio Dublin supporter' for most of the preceeding information.

With all other stations in Dublin gone, and Radio Dublin being 'harrassed', it comes as rather a stab in the back to the licence applicants, to hear that RTE's Millenium Radio is to get yet another 'extension' to its licence, perhaps until the new stations are on the air. Whilst this is of good news to the staff, why could this not also have been the case for the other commercial stations in the city? Still, as in the U.K., 'good reasoning' always falls on deaf ears when it comes to parliamentary decisions.

**Co. GALWAY:** Word at last arrives from the west and tells us that **Quincentennial Radio** is alive and kicking and has been since the beginning of the year, in the city. The station broadcasts on FM only, on 98.4MHz. (the city held quincentennial celebrations in 1984, hence the frequency choice). The station broadcasts twenty four hours per day playing a great cross section of music. Presenters heard include the well known Tony Allan, Steve Marshall and a host of local talent. The station address is Prospect House, Eyre Square, Galway. We understand that the station, Coast Hot Hits, which closed at the end of 1988, has applied for a licence.

**Co. MONAGHAN:** On **Radio Star Country** (98.1kHz) Don Allen and Gerry Byrne between them, host the daytime shows, usually 4 or 5 hours at a time. The station is still announcing as coming from the 'Star Suite' of the Swan Lake Hotel. The signal on this frequency is getting into the U.K. much better than 89.1kHz.

**Co. LOUTH:** Following the news of the raid on Radio Dublin, Zee 103 (103.25) closed down at 12:00 on Tuesday 7th February, and will not be heard again. It is thought that for the same reason, **Border Weekend Radio** (98.5MHz/115.2kHz) failed to appear for its regular Saturday and Sunday broadcasts. Certainly, we could not detect the AM transmissions last weekend.

**Co. DONEGAL:** As we went to print today, last minute news came in that **Northside Radio**, whilst being off their AM channel of 84.6kHz., were still pumping away regular programmes on 98.0MHz. It was announced that three engineers were working hard to get the AM back on, following storm damage. They were successful on Friday morning, and Northside is now back on 84.6kHz with a good signal once more.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS:** On Thursday 23rd February, it will be one year since Radio Caroline started regular short wave transmissions from the Ross Revenge.

**Caroline 558 / Radio 819 / WMR.** Little has happened this past week, with the exception of some off-air periods on Friday (10th)(10:45-11:47 and 12:08-18:46) and Saturday (11th)(09:00-16:27 and 23:49-04:55 Sunday), which were announced as for routine maintainance. Since work is still progressing on the news front mast, it is assumed that these breaks are to allow engineers to work near the current array. Radio 819 was missing more or less for the same periods. World Mission Radio (6215kHz) was not heard between Friday and Monday, but has been on air every day since 13th February. The line-up on 558 this week has been fairly constant, with no staff change.... 00:00 Nick Jackson... 05:00 Dave Asher... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Andy Bradgate... 17:00 Steve Richards... 21:00 Rob Harrison. There will be a full offshore section next week.

#### **LAND-BASED STATIONS: U.K.**

**London Weekend Survey: 10th to 15th February 1989.**

Further to the exclusive revelations concerning the ferocity of the manner in which the DTI goes about busting otherwise law abiding people, in WR 247, other stories have started to come up of similar violence. Despite strong denials from the DoTI Men, the excessive use of violent entry, and the complete disregard for personal property continues.

**Broadway FM** (106.1) are a small outfit out of Bexley, with a small output that doesn't get them very far. Nevertheless, this micro set-up became the target for the full force of a 'Combined Thugs Brigade' outing, one day last week. They are usually only on the air for a few hours at a time, in the early hours of the morning. Because of low power and the limited on-air time, precautions have been minimal, and broadcasting has been taking place from the front room of a small suburban house, with the transmitter upstairs. The slot they occupy is the main frequency for the SEGAS Emergency Gas Leak Service for SE England, but tends not to get a lot of use at the times Broadway are around. Unfortunately for them, the mechanical timer they use for switching the tx on and off, malfunctioned one day last week, and the tx came back on when it should not have done. This was only noticed by the operator when he was at work the next day. At the first opportunity, he rushed home to switch the tx off, only to find that the authorities were already there, and had decided to do it for him. The road had not been cordoned off, and there were no helicopters hovering over the scene, but there were enough vans with blue lights flashing, to make journeying down the road difficult. Having negotiated the obstacle course of Police and brown coated heavies, our crestfallen hero got to his home, to find that the door had been needlessly battered off its hinges. Later inspection was to show that the frame was so badly damaged, that considerable work would be necessary before the house would be safe from other predators. Needless to say, he found that his home had been ransacked, and the mess and damage was heartbreaking. Men, with the expressions and physiques of Turkish torturers, had pulled and ripped the cassette deck, mixer and turntables from their installations. They had been tossed, with scant regard for property, into the middle of the room, ready for carting away. On top of this had been piled the owners own beloved hi-fi system, records and tapes, all of which had been kept well clear of the broadcast gear. There was much needless damage, as was evidenced by twisted record deck

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It turns out that the poor quality 60's tape which preceded the start up of **Lazer** (94.0-stereo) on Jan 3rd (see WR245), was in fact a half hearted attempt by LWR to keep the slot open for them, in the event that they would return. Time are doing much the same sort of thing, and losing transmitters up on 102.2, or thereabouts. It still isn't clear if there is any link between **Lazer** and LWR, but an anonymous source close to LWR, says that LWR are intending to return on their old slot of 92.05'ish on March 1st, using the name **Reach**. They have now given up the idea of using the name **R London**. To this end, they have let it be known that the 92.05 slot should be kept clear - or else. This may account for a number of events that have occurred in the last week or two. The aerial which LWR used, has been removed from the Beckenham site it has been in for so long. This is unlikely to be the DoTI Men. They don't seem to worry too much about old antennas, judging by the number still dotting the roofs of various tower blocks. So, someone has a use for it. The two stations that opened up in the 92 region last week have suddenly gone for no apparent reason. **WLR** (mistakenly referred to last week as **WLO**) has relocated to 101.95, while **Direct** (92.2) suddenly went off late on Friday night. In the early hours of Wednesday morning, a tape loop started up. The only identifying marks, were the gruff voice of Bill Mitchell intoning 'This is London's Premier Soul Station'. Could this be the start of the return, or, is someone else daring to venture where few else would dare to tread?

The DoTI Men continued their war of attrition this week, as they warily rode the milk run, around the various tower blocks, covering vast tracts of London, in their ceaseless toil. In the meantime, **London Arab**, **Stage**, and **CRN** are still not back from the previous weekends busts. **Harp** were lifted again during the week, as were **Tropical**, **RJR** and **Greek Radio for London**, none of whom were heard over the weekend. **Sky** (91.8) went missing again during the week, to return Saturday (11th), but went out again Tuesday (14th) morning. Similarly, **Star** (93.05) were lifted during the week, but came back Friday (10th). **Greek Community Radio** (104.45) returned Saturday (11th), only to lose out again on Sunday (12th). The Sunday losers included **Laser** (93.95-st), **London** (94.5), **WLR** (101.95-st), **Big Apple** (102.5) and **Asian Community Radio** (103.35). **Q-102** (102.3) who are reported to have been relocated over a mini-cab office in East London, made it back during the week only to be one of the Sunday losers. **Switch**, who were last heard on Monday 23rd Jan., on 103, resurfaced on 13th Feb., on 98.1MHz. The same slot that East End weekenders **Stage** have been using. **Time** (102.2) or '102.2', came back for afternoon and evenings with a tape loop on Sunday evening. **City Side** (98.45) the Top Forty tape loopers, finally made it back in the early hours of Wednesday 15th Feb., having been missing since 16th Jan. The intervening time has been spent in a complete re-appraisal of the system. This has involved the uprooting of the whole organisation from the West side of town, to an estate in East London.

Out of town weekenders **Stomp** (105.35-st), had a good weekend, with Saturday bringing them booming across town in good stereo. Overnight shows were, unaccountably, in mono, and this appears to be the first time that **Stomp** have been heard clearly over both days of the weekend. In-town weekenders **Joy R** (97.85) and **Starpoint** (93.15) also completed a full weekend. **Starpoint's** current 'powerplay' is a 1968 single by Bill Martin, called 'The Duke of Carnaby'. This a single in the style of the new Vaudeville Band, and portrays a glossy glamour image of Carnaby St. in the sixties. **Starpoint** claim this to have been re-released, and that the single is on the move. On the other hand, **Music Week** are showing no chart action on the Top 50 - or are **Starpoint** just pulling our legs? **Starpoint** are also making a fair bit of use of samplers and tape cut-ups, with some entertaining use. Some however, wear the patience a bit thin, by going on for much too long.

Inevitably it had to happen. In the late hours of Sunday night/Monday morning, the incongruously named **Mega R** (105.65) hit the airwaves. After a few technical problems, they now appear to be establishing themselves, and are putting out a 7/24 format. Believed to be out of SE London, they sound pretty well organised, with station gigs already set up. The first was for only two days after they started, with a Valentine's Day party in a nearby Peckham disco. After 'Fresh', now there's 'Mega' - sooner or later there must be a station called 'Massive' or even 'Yo'!

Mark Damon, the king of the voice-overs, has been allowed to make use of some creativity at last, with active voice processing, flanging and various digital techniques employed to give the necessary eerie effect for a forthcoming promotion for one of the endless series of club dates. Only heard once, but one of the few worth hearing again. Also worth hearing, is a clever ad going out on a number of stations over the last week or two. It purports to feature Prince Charles discussing the impossibilities of following one's own pastimes in Buck House. The upshot is that Bonnie Prince Charlie is off to some seedy dive in the nether regions of Willesden, where apart from the usual attractions of excruciatingly loud hip-hop and soul music, the big screens will be relaying the Bruno/Tyson fight in all its gory.

Super smooth 'Golden Groovers' **Veronica 102** (101.9) had a clear run on Sunday, once **WLR** (101.95) were out of the way. V-102 featured the surprise return to the radio of popular blind jock Tim Stewart, who was one of the steady line-up at the Hits-FM outfit. As far as the rockers were concerned, there was nothing heard from Radio Free London, Rock-FM or Magic. As mentioned earlier, **City Side** re-launched mid-week.

Yo! This mega/massive report has been the 100th from the London Survey. Next week, Survey 101 will have the story of newcomers **Lightning R**, and will look forward to



Easter, for what is promised will be the biggest land-based 'Pirate Special Eventer', ever.

A total of 27 stations were heard this week. Many thanks to Sid once again. Due to lack of space, his 'Stories from the Black Country' will follow next week's London Survey.

**Merseyside:** Following our mention of the raid on Starpoint Radio last week, during which a Ford Sierra was seen, **Radio Merseywaves** (1242kHz) suffered a severe blow on Sunday 12th February when the DoTI Men again picked on the station and raided it at 20:45 in the evening. One of the vehicles was a Ford Sierra! Starpoint informed us that their raid the previous Thursday was strange, as no aerials were seen on any vehicle. A member of the Merseywaves crew tells us a similar story, but found that aerials are concealed under the bumpers of the said vehicles - seen by tying your shoelace next to the car! Merseywaves had been operating both Saturday and Sunday, although programmes were late starting on Sunday morning. Ricky Haughton was on the air at the time of the raid, and was booked by the officials. Raids were simultaneous on the aerial, transmitter and studio locations, with all equipment taken. The officials apparently stated that they had been watching the station for a month prior to this visit. It is not known when the station will be back on, as it is unusual for them to lose the transmitter. Michelle, one of stations 'secretaries' is in Birkenhead Magistrates Court at 10:00 on Monday 20th February. This relates to the last raid on the station. All support will be appreciated.

Elsewhere on the medium wave, **Radio Atlantis** (1197) appeared to have a trouble free weekend, broadcasting both Saturday and Sunday. Their carrier was last noted at 22:45 on Sunday night. **North Coast Radio** (1350) were only heard on Saturday. Not even a carrier was noted on Sunday (12th), and although we understand they were not raided, it is possible they went off as a precaution after seeing snooping officials

A chance to check the FM band presented itself on Sunday and we were delighted to note a splendid signal on 104.75MHz. from **Veronica 104**. Excellent programming was noted all afternoon and into the evening with plenty of popular music and oldies noted. The station address was noted as Neil Frazer (no station names, please), 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17.

No stations were active for the rest of the week, as far as we could tell.

**Manchester / Cheshire.** A report on 'North West News' recently, stated that illegal stations had been interfering with Gas Board Services in the area. This is presumably why the DTI raided **Laser 103.5**, **Unity Radio** (104.8) and **Super Frash FM** (98.4) all, on Monday 6th February. It is not known if **Radio Rag** (105.0) were also busted, as they haven't been on since around that date. Since then, just **WBLs** (102.4) has been heard daily, and they were only missed as they were moving location at the time. **WBLs** are currently putting out spurious signals on 98.8 (!) and 106.0MHz, the latter being perilously close to Gas Board channels in this area. The only other activity noted has been **Super Fresh FM** (98.4), and they just appeared for a Sunday evening transmission.

**Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire.** Bad news again in Leeds, with the news that **Lethal FM** (97.9) were last heard on Friday night (10th), and were raided shortly afterwards in the Chapel Allerton area of the city. They took all gear and left a receipt. The station vows to return in the next couple of weeks. Elsewhere in Leeds, **Rapid Radio** (105.1) and the still as yet unidentified station on 104.5MHz continue to operate daily with a selection of reggae and soul music. **Rapid** seem to be very short of presenters, as blank carriers are regularly heard.

In Bradford, **T.C.R. (The Community Radio)** on 104.5MHz in stereo, is the latest seven day addition to the airwaves. They programme a mainly Asian format, from 12 to 15 hours per day. **Paradise City Radio** (104.9-stereo) are still operating 24 hours per day, and **Harmony Radio** (105.3-stereo) are also seven days, but with some breaks due to lack of presenters.

Elsewhere **N.L.V. Radio** (105.5) were putting out a very good signal last weekend to the Keighley area, and definitely promise a seven day service, as from 18th February. **Virgin FM** (105.6) were last heard on 13th February, and have now closed following a raid threat from the DTI unless he closed.

**Radio Britannia** (98.2) were active last Friday evening, as were **Rebel Radio** (105.4) who were testing a more powerful rig. **Rebel** were on for the regular transmission on Monday

evening. Across in Derbyshire, **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) have been active recently, being last noted on Friday 3rd February. Finally, **WLNG** (104.9) seem to have dropped the Tuesday programme, and were just noted last Thursday.

**Nottingham.** Still further bad news, with a St. Valentine's Day raid on **Heatwave Community Radio**. The station had its transmitter taken at 10:30 that morning, during the Miss Dee 'Keep Fit Class!' The station resumed broadcasts on Thursday lunchtime (16th) with full power, on 105.1MHz.

**The Midlands:** After just over a week of full time broadcasts, the DoTI Men struck again in this area, and **Freedom FM** on 106.0MHz was raided. The station had been noted every day from 1st February until Thursday 9th with full programming, following test transmission. It was on this latter day that, unfortunately, the station was raided by the DTI, sometime between 5:15 and 6:15pm. Interference to the Electricity Board had been alleged. They had been announcing an address of c/o 37 Maslen Place, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3BU. **Metro Radio** was heard on 104.95MHz. on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th. **Powerhouse Radio** (105.3) is still operating on low power, but is announcing that stereo broadcasts will recommence 'next week'. Hours are still reduced after the raid of three weeks ago. Other stations heard last weekend include **Laser 98** (97.9-Staffs.), **104 FM** (104.0), **Skyline** (94.3-Wolverhampton) and **Centre Radio** (99.2). **Power 92** is a new West Indian station heard for the first time last Sunday 12th, on 92.1MHz. Also new was **Rise FM** who were noted testing on 104.3MHz. **Quest FM** was broadcasting on 103.5MHz. on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th. Finally, **U.K. Radio** was reported on air on 1413kHz on Sunday afternoon, 5th February.

#### SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

##### Log for Saturday 11th February 1989.

6275kHz...DELTA RADIO, at ?  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 13:22gmt.  
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:24gmt.

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##### Log for Sunday 12th February 1989.

6225kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:20gmt.  
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 09:54gmt.  
6240kHz...UNID., at 09:52gmt.  
6273kHz...ROCK RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 09:51gmt.  
6275kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:15gmt.  
6280kHz...UNID., at 10:19gmt.  
6280kHz...RADIO MIRAGE INT., at 11:40gmt.  
6288kHz...DX 20 (QSO), at 13:50gmt.  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:46gmt.  
6290kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (QSO), at 13:23gmt.  
6293kHz...RADIO GLORIA (QSO), at 14:02gmt.  
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:12gmt.  
6547kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 09:10gmt.  
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:14gmt.  
6875kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 10:45gmt.  
7289kHz...UNID., at 09:12gmt.  
7290kHz...RADIO MIRAGE, at 09:27gmt.  
7290kHz...UNID., at 10:24gmt.  
7290kHz...V.O.T.N., at 12:40gmt.

Conditions today were quite noisy at our location. Although nothing that could be identified as a station was logged on 7375kHz, there was a severe noise on this channel all morning, suggesting that there was some activity. Logs in **BOLD** are ours, here in Blackpool, supplementary logs were kindly supplied by Neal West (Midlands), Stuart Dobson (Staffs.), Ken (Scotland) and Ken (Yorkshire).

The unidentified station on 6240kHz was announcing the Wuppertal address.

We are unsure as to who was actually operating the transmitter around 7290kHz., as several stations appeared to be relayed from tapes. The first unidentified on 7289kHz, at 09:12, sounded like it was calling itself Radio New York(!) and said it was coming from The Hague. Later, the unidentified station on 7290kHz at 10:24gmt, was giving out the Wuppertal address.

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Our thanks as always, to all contributors for the week's news, cuttings, calls, recordings and all the other useful material received. Any material out of the report may be used on air or in other publications, but credits are expected. Please state when sending in information, if you do not wish to see your name credited.



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**NEW ARRIVALS:** **Radiotelex**, issue 144 with 4 x A5 sides of logs and news, in English, from the past two weeks on the pirate SW bands... information from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany.... **Play-DX**, issue 538, the weekly read from Italy has 6 x A4 sides of high frequency, long distance logs and international news, mostly in English. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.... **Now Radio**, issue 97, the third of just three this week, has 20 x A5 pages of general radio news, the majority legal. Details here, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

**TAPE OFFERS:** March 3rd sees the 21st anniversary of the towing of the m.v. **Fredericia** from its anchorage off the Isle of Man, to Amsterdam. To commemorate this, we have a special tape offer, **SP-28**, which features around 70 minutes of programming from the final day of **Radio Caroline North**, on Saturday 2nd March 1968. Based around Don Allen, the tape begins with Don's final link of his last 'daytime show' (which also lists the line-up for the rest of that day), followed by the news, read by Roger Scott. The recording then skips to 8pm, when Don begins the famous 'Country and Western Jamboree', which unknown to him would be his last from this ship. The tape finishes with the final half hour of the 'jamboree', followed by the normal closedown tune and announcement, and then the **Fortunes**. Quality of the recording is exceptionally good for its age. (As a footnote, it is interesting that 21 years later, Don Allen is still presenting his 'Country and Western Jamboree', on **Radio Star Country** - could this be the longest running programme to be presented on an 'alternative' radio station??) For our second tape, No. 235, we travel to London, and one of the new crop of FM 'rock/pop' stations to emerge this year. This recording of **Q-102** was made on the afternoon of 7th January 1989, when the station was in its early days. Both this week's offers are on C-90 cassettes, and cost £2.00, including postage and packing.

**FOR SALE:** **Radio Scotland Sound Memorial L.P.** (Scotia SCO 242) in excellent condition... offers to Ivan Harris, 24 Crescent Avenue, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 3QL.

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

For us on this side, little has changed, with just the two medium wave operators from Monaghan and Donegal audible daily. A call from Dundalk on Sunday told us that the 'Sunday World' carried a piece about a new offshore station arriving 'within the next month', to anchor twelve miles off Greenore. Radio NewYork Int. was mentioned, as was Miles Johnston, one of the main people behind the successful Kiss FM, which came out of Monaghan Town. The article failed to mention that the Sarah has no usable engines, which means that it would not be easy, safe or cheap to get the vessel on to this side, and not really safe to anchor in the sometimes stormy Irish Sea. Other sources inform us that although 'discussions' took place at one time, that is as far as it went, and the stories have now just got out of hand. Still, its keeping the interest alive and, as they say, 'there is no smoke without fire'!

**Co. Dublin:** Re-capping, following **Radio Dublin's** second raid on Saturday 11th February, they returned at 15:00 that day on FM only, with Eamon Cooke at 18:00 with 'Station News'. The station returned at 12:30 on Sunday 12th, with Eamon again being heard, this time at 13:30. The station left the air at 16:30, to move location, and was not reported again that week. A brief telephone call on Wednesday afternoon (22nd February), from the city, told us that the station was back on FM, after ten days of silence. It is doubtful whether the station was raided on 12th February, although Eamon stated on the air that afternoon, that the Department of Communications knew where Radio Dublin was currently transmitting from. Eamon said that they were going to move back to Inchicore Road that week, so it seems likely that the time off air was used to 'fortify' the studio to delay the officials entering, thus giving time for all equipment to be dismantled and removed. At least this way, less would be confiscated.

**Co. Louth:** With Kiss, Zee and Border Weekend having now closed for good it seems, little was to be noted in the Dundalk area, on both AM and FM bands, last weekend. A local operator, identifying as Kiss (formerly KCR) was noted on 98.0MHz., playing tapes, in addition to a transmitter on 106.05MHz., playing Irish country music, again, thought to be low power and local and a relay of disco music from Nikittas Nite Club in Carrickcannon, on 103.95Mhz.

**Co. Monaghan:** **Radio Star Country's** signal on 98.1kHz. continues very good and deejays heard this week, include Don Allen, usually in the mornings, till 13:00, Gerry Burns most days after lunch, with Tony West early evening and Larry Burns up till midnight. Wednesday afternoon saw Gerry Burns missing from his afternoon slot with, we think, Sam McLuskie sitting in. Don Allen failed to appear on Thursday morning, and Gerry sat in here. We did not recognise the afternoon deejay. Tony and Larry have not actually been heard due to darkness, but only heard mentioned as being on later.

**Co. Donegal:** **Northside Radio's** signal seems slightly weaker on 846kHz. since the break last week, but is still audible and was noted at all times we checked the band.

**Co. Galway:** As far as we know, **Quincentennial Radio** continue to operate out of the city.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS:** Several readers have commented on the fact that now the court case involving Laser 558 is over, the long awaited book from Paul Rusling should be out soon. However, there are still cases continuing, and due to legal reasons, the book will not be published until these have been completed.

Dublin isn't the only place with 'offshore-itis'! According to more than one info-line, we ought to be checking our



radio dials, as they hint that new transmissions are imminent! (... from a ship? ... in the Thames estuary?). It surely isn't the same ship as the one mentioned 'coming to waters off Dublin'. All these rumours are exciting, as always, but that is possibly all they are, much to the relief of the Caroline organisation, who know only too well that more than one ship out there attracts great attention from the authorities.

Talking about excitement, it is 21 years on 3rd March since the two Caroline ships were hijacked from their respective berths, ending a major era in free radio. (see this week's tape offer, earlier).

**The Voice of Peace:** Activity in the middle east, with two ships here, is as follows... **Channel Seven** is still operating test transmissions. Just one advert has been noted, and the station relays the news from Kol Israel, as do the VOP on the hour.

Little of note has happened on the VOP ship and the lineup since the last report, up until 6th February remained... 00:00 John McDonald... 03:00 Tony O'Reilly... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Dave Lee... 13:00 McLelland Hackney... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 McLelland Hackney... 19:30 John McDonald... 22:00 Dave Lee.

On 2nd, a promo from Abie was aired many times, stating that sufficient money had been raised for the ship to Armenia project. \$35,000 was mentioned. On Saturday 4th, there was a special show between 23:00 and 24:00 called 'After Saturday'. It was presented by Shaul Aizenberg and was all about sport. Tuesday 7th saw the return to the ship of Ofer Nachshon following two weeks shore leave. He replaced Dave Lee, who went off, followed by John McDonald. The same day, Abie went on air to talk about the Armenia project. He said a ship was coming from Armenia and would be in Israel on 13th, when he would join it. He asked listeners to contribute more money to buy flour. Further reports tell us that the ship duly arrived on the 13th, when Russian music was played on the station to accompany its arrival (a Russian ship).

A new cook is on board it appears. He is called Neil, comes originally from England, but is now settled in Israel. According to reports his food is very acceptable.

The line-up on 9th read... 00:00 Ofer Nachshon... 03:00 Tony O'Reilly (comes from hospital radio)... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 McLelland Hackney (comes from BBC Radio Leicester [doesn't say much for them!])... 13:00 Ofer Nachshon... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Tony O'Reilly... 22:00 McLelland Hackney... Incidentally, we are told that Dave Lee comes from Radio Lollipop(?).

Further changes took place on 15th, with John McDonald and Dave Lee replacing Tony O'Reilly and McLelland Hackney giving a line-up of 00:00 John McDonald... 03:00 Ofer Nachshon... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Dave Lee... 13:00 Ofer Nachshon... 16:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Dave Lee... 22:00 Ofer Nachshon. Shabat Sport last Saturday was presented by Gil Katzir, with sports news being given from the office by Gil, whilst music was played from the ship's studio by Kenny.

**Caroline:** Once again a quiet week aboard the Ross Revenge, although a slight panic was noted last Friday when someone rushed into the Radio 819 studio saying that there was a fire in the galley. Apparently it was soon under control, according to what was said later, and sounded like the chip pan had caught fire. Recently, some of the Dutch crew have been heard with odd programmes. At 03:00 on Friday 10th, John van der Vilt was heard. He possibly did other shows that week, as 'the special guest' mentioned by Richard West, between 03:00 and 05:00. He was also our 'unknown guest' mentioned last week but one. Another Dutch voice called Harry Anderson was heard for one show between 01:00 and 05:00 on Tuesday 14th Feb. This week, apart from a break for maintenance between 01:00 and 05:00 on Monday morning (20th) the stations have all operated a full schedule. The 558 line-up this week has altered slightly, as Dave Asher is getting a break from the early shift, and is now on during the afternoon. All this week it has read... 00:00 Nick Jackson... 05:00 Steve Richards... 09:00 Caroline Martin... 13:00 Dave Asher... 17:00 Rob Harrison... 21:00 Andy Bradgate. This has remained all week, except on Tuesday, when Caroline Martin took over from Rob Harrison between 20:25 and 21:00, due to Rob being very tired. Harry Anderson, was again heard hosting a programme in the early hours of Sunday morning (19th). 'Powerdrive' has been dropped and the drive show now begins at 5pm.

**Caroline 819 - The Overnight Alternative**, continues during

the night, with Rob Harrison and Colin Muesli Bar, with Dave Asher doing a one-off at 22:00 on Tuesday 21st. It appears as though Sunday night may also now have been lost to the Dutch, as on 19th, Radio 819 presenters were heard through the night. The rock service returned on Monday night however. An advert for Greenpeace has been heard.

We are delighted to note that the medium ground wave conditions are improving as days become longer. We are now able to hear Caroline until tea time, despite the meagre power used on 558 (probably about 500 watts). In January, on poor days, we could not get them at all, even around midday (peak time).

They must be experiencing some problems with the Lotto 6/49 numbers, as they are still reading out 4th January results.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS:** The current scene in the U.K. is not looking good, with DTI officials cracking down heavily in all areas of the country. It is not known whether the situation in Ireland (where all but two stations closed down at the end of 1988, hoping for a licence) has encouraged the British authorities to make a big effort to clear the bands, but certainly over the past few weeks, their plan of attack has altered, with stations suffering badly. Perhaps all the vacancies for officials have now been filled, following the recent heavy national advertising campaign by the department. Whatever the reason, more taxpayers money is being gobbled up in overtime, as many raids are now taking place during the evenings.

**Midlands / Shropshire:** WR Shropshire tested on 97.9MHz last Sunday, with more to follow on 26th February between 12:00 and 15:00. Full programmes will recommence at Bank Holiday, when the station will celebrate its 7th birthday. Also heard this week: **Sunshine** (101.7kHz-test), **Power 92** (92.15), **Powerhouse Radio** (105.1-drifting), **Metro FM** (104.95), **Quest FM** (103.55), **Skyline Radio** (94.3), **U.K. Radio** (141.3kHz, 99.25 and 106.1MHz). **Outlook** (96.8) appeared as announced, at 20:00-22:00 on Monday 20th February.

**Manchester / Cheshire:** Outlook 96.3 was heard last Sunday (19th) on its usual 96.35MHz outlet. Programming was from 20:00 to 22:00, and the announcer then stated that there would be a new programme at 22:00 called 'Revive'. A further announcement stated that from next week, 26th February, they are to programme from 8pm to 10:45pm, and from the following day, Monday 27th, they are to broadcast to Birmingham on 96.8MHz. No other stations have been heard at all this week around Manchester - more DTI activity?

**Staffordshire:** Laser 98 is currently being heard throughout this area on 97.9MHz. Latest transmissions were on Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th February) from 20:00 to 23:30, as well as Sunday (19th) from 15:00 until 23:30.

**Merseyside:** First of all many apologies to anyone who turned up at Birkenhead Magistrates court last Monday, for the Merseywaves court case, to find no-one there. In fact, this was the fault of the court, who had the case listed for the wrong day. The case was actually heard the following day, Tuesday. Cases involving 'Michelle' and D.J. 'C' were to be heard and involved several charges, including 'aiding and abetting' an illegal radio station, 'installing' and 'using' transmission equipment. The DTI then apparently wanted to know where Keith the Chief was. It then came to light that a summonse had failed to be issued (very efficient)! As a result, and also because the DTI stated they had 'further evidence', the case was adjourned for three weeks.

A number of reports at hand mention that CD - FM have been noted at odd times of late, on around 105MHz.

After a week of no audible activity at this location, and that included Saturday 18th, Sunday brought forth **Radio Atlantis** (1197) and **North Coast Radio** (1350), both with excellent signals and as far as we could tell, normal programming. No reason for Atlantis appearing late was mentioned, although at around 17:00, Stephen Bishop was heard to state... 'It's surprising what you have to do to keep the station on the air', suggesting that they had had a few problems. As last time, when they missed a Saturday, **Radio Atlantis** were active on the Monday (20th) to make up for the lost hours (presumably to keep the many advertisers happy). North Coast are understood to have had a little tx difficulty, although when we listened on Sunday night the signal was even stronger than the previous week. Just a carrier was noted on Monday morning, but this disappeared later. Veronica 104 was not noted despite many checks after lunch and later.

**Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire:** Three stations are still operating seven days per week in Bradford. **Paradise**



City Radio (104.9) are 24 hours, and on Wednesday installed a new aerial system, giving much better results to the south of the city. Harmony Radio (105.3) also operate 24 hours, although were missing on Wednesday (22nd) for unknown reasons. The newest station, T.C.R. (104.5) are still on between 12 and 15 hours per day, with an Asian format. Just north of Bradford, NLV Radio (105.5) are now operating a seven day schedule, with broadcasts between 06:00 and midnight. Their signal is covering a wide area of West Yorkshire. Down in the Halifax area, Telstar Radio (105.45) put out a good signal last Sunday evening.

In Leeds, just two stations were noted this week. Rapid FM (105.1) have been heard daily, although with blank carriers much of the time. Peoples FM (104.6) have also been noted every day. They seem to have problems with the audio cutting out for lengthy periods. Both stations have a reggae/soul format.

To the East, Andy reports that W.L.N.G. (104.95) have been active on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings recently. Also activity in Hull is picking up, with Radio Takoradi (105.1) playing a test tape on Wednesday afternoon (15th) between 13:00 and 17:30. Radio Dolphin haven't been heard since 9th February, when they signed off at 23:00.

In South Yorkshire, Britannia Radio (98.2) altered programming from Friday night, to Saturday afternoon, between 13:00 and 15:00. Kenny Crescendo plans a further Saturday broadcast this week. Monday (20th) saw Rebel Radio (105.4) on the air with their new transmitter, and putting out stronger signal.

**Nottingham:** Heatwave Community Radio seem to be being picked on at the present time. We reported last time that the station had returned to the air on Thursday (16th) after being raided two days previous. They hadn't been back on for 24 hours, when the DoTI Men struck again, and at almost the same time as Tuesday, they took the main transmitter at 10:30 on Friday morning (17th). According to newspaper reports, both transmitters were taken from the same block of flats. Undeterred, the Heatwave crew were back on the air on Saturday afternoon, and have been operating as normal all week. Since the return, the signal has been slightly lower, on 105.0MHz.

**Bristol:** As reported last time, Bristol Amalgamated Deejays Radio (105.2-mono) made up for their late sign-on on 4th February, by broadcasting on Monday 6th, and Tuesday 7th. This continued throughout the week, with sign-on being around 13:00, and although the station's 24 hour weekend schedule was interrupted overnight Friday/Saturday, the station's popularity continues to grow, with another new promotion being regularly aired for 'Replay Records'. 'The Soul Chart' show is now back on 105.2, between 18:00 and 20:00 on Sundays, hosted by 'Soul Twin Dee'. From the week beginning 13th February, B.A.D. Radio increased its broadcasting hours, and now starts at 09:00 each day, running through until 02:00 the following morning. On Valentine's Eve (a year to the day since the DTI raid on the station), reggae star John Holt, who was appearing that night in the city, paid a visit to the station, and was asked a few questions by the staff present in the studio, in an informal interview. More new commercials as well as numerous staff engagements at parties and gigs were aired last week. The station can be contacted at P.O. Box 539, Bristol BS99 1NH.

With the BBC testing on 104.3 (and 103.6) with un-necessarily high power, Bristol's only other free broadcaster, Savage yet Tender Radio (104.4-stereo) had a rough ride on Sunday 12th February, being only just audible due to low modulation. The station was late signing on, but programmes were still running late throughout the evening. One new programme was aired following the 'ska' show, and featured rock music hosted by a quite competent and professional American Lady. She adopted a procedure of playing 15 minutes of music followed by a little talking, which made a change. Things improved a little the following Sunday (19th), with early sign on at 17:00, and increased audio. Unfortunately there was no increase in power, which meant that the BBC was still causing a lot of problems with its tests on 104.3. S.Y.T. Radio can be contacted at... Box S.Y.T., 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3PY.

#### London Weekend Survey - 17th to 12st February 1989.

Andy Walker, the moving force behind weekend shortwaver, WFRL, last week relented and in an exclusive interview with WR, gave the details behind the failure of NMR Worldwide to appear at Christmas, and previewed what is reckoned will be the biggest land based special event

ever. Forcefully outspoken in his views, and gregarious to the point of aggression, Andy has been involved in the pirate radio scene for many years. He got his first taste of life behind the mixing desk nearly fifteen years ago, and it was shortly after that, that he suffered his first bust, at the tender age of fifteen. Never one to allow anything to set him back, he has been involved in pirate radio ever since. Now in his late twenties, he is a successful local businessman (in a totally unrelated business), but still harbours ambitions to go to sea, but finds pressure of business too great to allow him the time off. His main outside interest remains the success of WONDERFUL FREE RADIO LONDON (6855, 7385 and 25845kHz.), but has had ties with a number of other outfits over the years, including News-Music Radio. NMR had a brief life around December '87 / January '88, when it attempted to bring a 7/24 oldies station to London. It had been decided to resurrect the project on a much grander scale, as a special one off for the New Year period of 1989, but despite much publicity, it failed to make the scene. Andy now tells me that he had set up the studio and all the transmitters, and had the links in place. At that stage, it included three short wave transmitters, plus the old NMR FM one. As Andy had done with the old NMR set-up, he intended to take the early breakfast shift, to wake up London in a manner it had never experienced before. The success of the venture pivoted on two main things and one minor. The minor was the addition of a medium wave transmitter to be supplied at a later stage. The others were considered by Andy to be pivotal to the whole project. One was the re-registering of a contact address at BCM-London, the other, and for on-going programme details, the most important, was the provision of a portable phone for taking on-air requests, and hopefully putting the world wide audiences on air. At the very last moment, Andy found that his partners in the project had let him down and none of the items needed to make the station a success, were available. What, in other circumstances, would have been termed political considerations and internal dissension ended the project. Andy prefers to refer to it as 'throwing a wobbler'.

Everything has now calmed down and with the passage of time, Andy has decided to bring the project up to date, only under a different title. WONDERFUL FREE RADIO LONDON will take to the air at Easter, on at least five different frequencies. The previous known best from an English land-based station was back in the mid seventies when three frequencies on three bands were used. WFRL hope to surpass that with the five frequencies on three bands, and, the possibility of a long wave slot being pushed in as well. There will be the three usual short wave slots that WFRL go out on at the weekend and additional slots on AM and FM. This should make it the biggest land-based pirate ever. Plans are now well advanced and this time, contact addresses and yuppie-fones will be there on time, for what is hoped to be an Easter weekend to remember for Anoraks everywhere. Playing on the feeling for nostalgia, which seems to grow day by day, Andy intends to make a large part of the output over to Anorak fans. So, much of the output will be the playing of much loved incidents from pirate radio history. With yuppie-fone in place, they will take requests, not only for your favourite oldies, but favourite bits of pirate radio memorabilia as well. The cast are already gathering around, and tape libraries are being scanned for the best quality items. More details will be forthcoming as time goes on.

More of the new stations who have been coming up since Christmas seem to be going underground deeper than ever. Very few have been noted giving out contact addresses or permanent phone numbers. This is the latest in a series of moves designed to combat the unprecedented level of harassment inaugurated by the most secretive and repressive government outside of Romania. They seem more and more to be relying of pagers and rented mobile phones. This makes for great security but inhibits any enquiries. However, the following has been piced together from snippets gleaned from various places. One of these is LIGHTNING RADIO. New out of Brixton, this station on 90.90MHz. has inherited the mantle, if not the actuality and staff of the previous incumbrent of the spot, Passion Radio. Passion went off at about the time of the big shut-down at New Year. Within a week, some of the Passion crew had decamped north of the river, to the very popular east end, where they set up Community Radio Net. The initials CRN had actually been



used quite a lot on Passion. Things don't seem to have gone too well there, with several busts in quick succession from the DTI death squads. So, a further move was made, and a rounding up of the old crew, back to the old stamping grounds in Brixton where Lightning Radio has been set up amid a much tighter security screen. No more front offices or on-air phones as in the days of Passion, but only a pager and a mobile rented phone. A return, however, to the community status. A strong feature has been the promoting of a confidential phone line to grass up your local dope pusher.

It nows appears as if Q 102 (103.30 st.) moved over to east London from Crystal Palace after their first bust. A story which may, or may not, be true, has it that in an incident bordering on black farce, that shortly after moving into the upper floor of a Hackney mini-cab company, the building was surrounded by the usual cacophony of vehicles signifying a raid. The only problem was that the DoTI men failed to find a way in at all. When the nervous staff finally came down to the street several hours later, they found it littered with wood splinters, where frustrated DoTI men had been venting their frustration by chewing on the sledgehammer handles they carry. The rock side of Q 102 was evident this week for the first time. Q 102 is an amalgamation of the rock-based CD organisation and the soul-based SOLAR set up, and until this week, only soul had been heard.

A number of new or returned outfits were noted this weekend. Starting on Friday, for one day only, Spotlight was heard on 92.70, the slot normally associated with soul weekenders, Studio, who were last heard on the 5th February. Believed to be out of west or north west London, but coming into the south in a very broken up form, was an un-named station on 89.6, on Saturday evening. Saturday evening and Sunday saw the return of the tape loop for 'London's Premier Soul Station' (92.30) and Monday morning its abrupt disappearance. This is believed to be the precursor of Reach FM, understood to be going full time in a week or two. Saturday also saw the return of Tottenham's RJR (90.00), albeit in low power. Lazer, busted on 12th February, made a brief test return in the early hours of Saturday. GREEK RADIO FOR LONDON ((97.90) returned mid week, with a very loud signal. E. London weekend neighbours, Stage Radio (98.10) had still not returned from their 5th Feb. bust, and S.E. London weekenders, Joy Radio (97.85), were, unaccountably not heard at all. But to add to the confusion, Monday saw the return of Croyden's ENERGY (98.00), who were all but blasted away by the sidesplash of GRL. Energy were last heard as 'weekenders' back in November. Monday was also the day that LONDON ARAB (89.65) came back on with an Ayatollah stopping signal. WEST LONDON RADIO (102.05 st.) was thought to have taken over completely from Time Radio, as nothing had been heard from Time for nearly a week, but the early hours of Monday saw the re-start of the tape loop on 102.20. Yet another tape loop was heard with a thumping great signal coming out of S. London, starting on Monday night, on 104.20. Soul oriented, it was inclined towards the 12" mixes of recent electro dance hits. The conclusion is that this may herald the return, yet again, of Magic FM. On top of all this, Sunday night saw a strong, but dead, carrier on 94.40, where Cityside are supposed to be, but no tapes followed.

The heavy rain on Sunday must have affected the attitudes of the DoTI men, as only Q 102 (102.30 st.), ASIAN C.R. (103.35), GREEK C.R. (104.45) and MEGA RADIO (105.65) were taken out. This is believed to be Mega's first bust, whilst GCR had only returned on Saturday morning from the previous Monday's bust. Q 102 had returned mid-week, having been off for about ten days.

Several stations don't seem to figure on the bust list. Harlesden's PEOPLE'S FM (103.65) appear to have escaped almost unscathed since they started back in October, when they took over the slot from the vacating Time Radio. Haringey micro, SLR (102.75) don't appear to have lost any time, either, and Deptford's ROCK TO ROCK (90.25), after months of heavy harassment, seem to be going through a quiet period. Neither SUPREME (90.45), LIGHTNING (90.90), STAR RADIO (93.05) or CLASSIC C.R. (94.35) appear to have suffered much, or maybe it is just down to very quick replacement.

Heard this week were.... SUNRISE (88.75)... EURO-JAM (89.45)... Soul (89.60)... LONDON ARAB (89.65)... RJR (90.00)... RTR (90.25)... SUPREME (90.45)... LIGHTNING (90.90)... SKY (91.75)... RFL (92.25)... LPSS (92.30)...

SPOTLIGHT (92.70)... STAR (93.05)... STARPOINT (93.15)... LAZER (94.00 st.)... CCR (94.35)... GRL (97.90)... ENERGY (98.00)... WLR (102.05)... Time tape loop? (102.20)... Q 102 (102.30)... SLR (102.75)... ACR (103.35)... PEOPLE'S (103.65 st.)... Magic tape loop? (104.20)... GCR (104.35)... STOMP (105.35) and MEGA (105.65)."

#### SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

##### Log for Saturday 18th February 1989.

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:00gmt.  
6274kHz...UNID., at 10:54gmt.  
6276kHz...DELTA RADIO, at 13:46gmt.  
6280kHz...UNID., at 13:22gmt.  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 13:37gmt.  
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:43gmt.

W.F.R.L. are understood to have made a test broadcast on 6855kHz between 09:20 and 09:57 this morning.

##### Log for Sunday 19th February 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 10:39gmt.  
6230kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:06gmt.  
6230kHz...UNID., at 09:28gmt.  
6230kHz...UNID., at 09:57gmt.  
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 11:11gmt.  
6268kHz...UNID.(Dutch), at 12:45gmt.  
6273kHz...ROCK RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 10:51gmt.  
6280kHz...M.R.B.C., at 10:18gmt.  
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:16gmt.  
6315kHz...UNID., at 09:30gmt.  
6599kHz...UNID., at 11:48gmt.  
6875kHz...I.R.R.S., at 10:16gmt.  
6875kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 11:47gmt.  
7375kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 08:46gmt.  
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:59gmt.  
7375kHz...RADIO D.J., at 11:19gmt.  
7440kHz...UNID.(English D.J.), at 08:55gmt.  
7440kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 09:06gmt.  
7440kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 11:18gmt.  
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 12:23gmt.

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Conditions weren't too bad today, although listening times were a bit limited. Logs in BOLD are ours from Blackpool and Leeds. Other contributions came from Stuart Dobson in Staffs., Neal West in the Midlands, Roy in Derby, Pete in Gloucester, Ken in Scotland, Bill in Nottingham, Ken in Yorkshire and Dave in Norwich.

On 'WMR goes DX', Tom de Wit said that the one hour DX programme goes out three times on Saturday and again on Sunday, at 05:00, 10:00 and 22:00, and indeed, all three transmissions were noted this weekend.

The unidentified station on 6230kHz. at 09:28gmt. was thought to be Maple Leaf Radio, as an address of Valley View, Alberta, Canada was heard. The unidentified on the same channel at 09:57gmt, sounded like 'Radio Jackie'.

Radio Orion were celebrating their third birthday today, 19th, and special programmes were noted looking back over the station's previous broadcasts.

Rock Radio Int. will be relaying the sole remaining Donegal pirate, Northside Radio from 11:30 till 12:00 as from next Sunday. Frequency, as always, is 6273kHz. The station is looking for reception reports at their address of... 105 Bushmills Road, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 2BS, Northern Ireland.

The unidentified on 6315kHz. was at first thought to be FRS Holland, but as it signed off at 10:00 and used Dutch language, it was later thought not to be that station.

An announcement on the unidentified station on 6599kHz. was thought to say 'Riverside Radio'. However this Irish station closed at the end of 1988, due to the current situation in Eire. Perhaps a station using this name, has come on the air from a different country. Any ideas?

Finally this week, Radio East Coast Commercial were not on the air due to Norman being ill. The station should be on the air this weekend on two frequencies. In addition to 6815kHz, a test will be carried out on 11480kHz, with programmes running in parallel. This may not be audible in the U.K. due to the long skip, but reports from anyone hearing the transmission will be greatly received at... R.E.C.C., P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU.

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Our thanks as always, especially to those who are able to receive stations outside our range, for sending information, news and the like.