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The execution of Radio Caroline is the greatest harm done to rock music. It is a definite case of discrimination.

It seems to me that popular music these days is governed by a desire to make money quick with a minimum of talent, originality and effort. Groups like the Bay City Rollers, Showaddywaddy and their imitators are controlled by accountants.

Now I'm not saying that the music of Led Zeppelin, Yes and Genesis is produced with no regard for money making, Perhaps we pseuds are controlled zombie-like by these bands. But isn't it fair that these bands should get air time. Radio One, through Messrs Freeman and Peel shed a little light on the darkness, but surely if bopper music can get whole channels to itself then so-called progressive music should be given the same service. So why get rid of Caroline?

It think the lucrative industry of hit-making and bopperproducing controls more than just the boppers. It's got the Government and the BBC under its grubby hands. Nigel Thompson, Higham Green, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. FOUNDS 10"DEL" 75

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A DUBLIN man has launched a campaign for a free radio network in Ireland. Mr. Kieran Murray, of Charleston Road, Ranelagh, has formed an Irish branch of the internatioal "Free Radio Campaign," a nonprofit making organisation for free radio stations both offshore and land based.

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the Irish Free Radio scene and costs 20p. (plus an I.R.C.).



Said Mr. Murray: "What we are looking for is a radio net-work that is free from any Government control. We would like to see radio stations being set up in different areas and

run by the local people.

"The type of station we have in mind is a 24-hour music service promoting Irish groups with interspread

grammes about the sourrounding area."
He added that apart from the local interest, "I think it would be very good for the Irish music industry.

"There commercial "There are commercial stations in England which pro- i mote English and American records. If we had Irish stations we could promote our own i music."

"But we are planning to launch a big publicity campaign over the next few months and we are preparing a newsletter with up to date information on free radio stations".

Mr. Murray added that in other countries F.R.C. opinion polis had demonstrated that the public wanted regional, national and international stations, providing an alternative to the Government controlled stations, and that these stations should be free from any external political, commercial or union pressures.

Left: Recent photo of Dr. Don which appeared in 'Starlight' magazine dated 2nd Sept 1976.

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HELLOW FREE RADIO FREAKS!

WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER THREE OF IRELAND'S ONLY FREE RADIO MAGAZINE!!

IN THIS EDITION WE HAVE THE HISTORY OF RADIO ANTRIM AND A NOTE ON CAPITOL'S BIRTHDAY BROADCAST. OUR

STATIONS RECEIVED COLUMN IS BACK — MAINLY DUE TO THE GOOD SUPPORT WE'VE BEEN GETTING FROM MEMBERS.

WE ALSO HAVE A NEW ADDITION TO OUR 'NEWSLETTER': F.R.C.I. "NEWSDESK" — THE NEWS AS IT HAPPENS!!

DO KEEP THOSE LETTERS ROLLING IN — WE REPLY TO THEM ALL — AND DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE AN S.A.E. OR AN I.R.C. EVERY LITTLE HELPS! L.A. AND GOOD VIBES!

Kieran Murray - EDITOR.

Richard Black announced the birth of Belfast's first Free Radio station - Radio Antrim.

Radio Antrim's intention was to provide a service for Belfast which neither the BBC nor IBA could give. The format consisted of music of all kinds and news of local interest. This went throughout the night with as much chat and listeners letters as possible.

It's callsign: "Testing, testing, 1...2...3...4... This is Pirate Station Radio Antrim, non political, non commercial station broadcasting with a power of 17 watts from Belfast, Northern Ireland." was to become familiar to Free Radio enthusiasts.

Several difficulties were encountered on the first transmissions - the most significant being that speech was distorted and sounded mumbled when a radio was correctly tuned into the station. This condition improved however, as following transmissions showed.

At this stage no mailing address was given although one was promised. The initial power of the station was 17 watts which was enough to cover Belfast.

With an interval of a year, Radio Antrim resumed transmissions (1974) with a more thoroughly prepared format and a mailing address in England: 18 Knightsbridge Road, Oulton, Solihull, Birmingham, England. Richard Black had produced a Radio Antrim Q.S.L. card which he promised to send in reply to

listeners reception reports.

The format now consisted of Top 20 singles, Oldies and Country & Western intermixed with chat. The station was not as successful as had been hoped, even though the Home Office and the Post Office had not interfered. Very few letters were received and in the next transmissions Richard Black

had not interfered. Very few letters were received and in the next transmissions Richard Black appealed for a greater responce and a new mailing address was given: 2 Cosway Mansions, Cosway Street, London NW1.

A new voice appeared behind the mike, this was of D.J. and news reader Paul Hamill who had two

pre-recorded shows broadcast on 224 metres (1340Khz). The shows consisted of Oldies and the theme tunes from various offshore stations, giving the sound of Radio Antrim a little enterprise.

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CAPITOL RADIO 220metres – MW

CAPITOL'S BIRTHDAY BROADCAST.....

Capitol Radio returned to the airwaves on 1362Khz (220 we're going metric here!!) on Sunday 22nd August. The transmission began at 12.00 noon with the first ever programme - the Ed Mac Dowell Show - which was broadcas exactly one year ago to that date. That was followed at 12.40pm by the Chris Barry Show. The format was humour-

ous with lots of fun! Also included in the show was an interview between Chris and the Editor of this 'NEWSLETTER'! At 1.20pm came Alan Russell with more music and special records from Capitol's past. This went on till closedown at 2.30pm.

The quality and signal strength was much improved with reception good all over Dublin City. Capitol have plans for further tests in the near future - so if you hear anything, their mailing address is:- Capitol Radio, c/o 49 West Way, Lancing, Sussex, England.

-F.R.C.I.--F.R.C.I.---F.R.C.I.---F.R.C.I.----F.R.C.I.----F.R.C.I.--FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN IRELAND - NEWSDESK Our friend Dan Srebnick of Staten Island, New York, U.S.A. has asked us to

mention that he is NOT F.R.C. America and that in fact no such organisation exists. He goes on to say that since the info got around that he was supposed STARLIGHT LETTER exists. He goes on to say that since the info got around that he was supposed STARLIGHT LETTER ly in charge of an F.R.C. he has been deluged by mail from all over the world...

Congratulations to Radio Valentine (6230Khz) who came first in the F.O.R.P. Free Radio Popularity Poll. Radio Westside came 3rd......Radio Valentine also came first in the Free Radio League's Popularity Poll, followed by A.B.C Europe, East Coast Radio and Radio Poseidon..... The newest Free Radio station in Dublin is: 'Alternative Radio Dublin' on 217mts (1380Khz) - E.R.P. 40 watts. Reception very good here in Ranelagh...... Take note that Caroline's new mailing address is: - Radio Caroline, Valkenboslaan 18, The Hague, Holland. This is just a mailing address and not the Caroline Office Evening Press gave F.R.C.I. good promotion recently Radio Dublin celebrated their first birthday in August. 12 months of continuous broadcasting - congratulations from all of us here at F.R.C. Ireland Capitol Radio also returned with their birthday broadcast on Sunday 22nd August. Included was an interview with the Editor of this magazine Radio Dublin have a Top Ten. Sundays at 2.30pm on the Dr. Don show 253mts (1185Khz) don't miss it!.....Tune into Radio Valleri (the action station) every Sunday morning at 10.00hrs. on 6260Khz 49mb S.W...... Eratum - re. the article in previous 'NEWSLETTER' the interference lasted five

Back Free Radio



encourage them in their gowork. - Brendan Lawlor, Mourne Rd., Drimnagh, Dub-

Ed. - We agree.

minutes..... 'Starlight' magazine has been giving very good publicity to Radio Dublin (see front page and right)... Also Radio Dublin have their own Disco and have started their own 'Big D' club. All the info from: 90 Ranelagh, Dublin 6..... 'NEWSLETTER' No.4 (January 1977) will he one extra page and it will also include more international short wave news.....NEWSFLASH..On Wedner day 15th September at 00.10hrs Radio Dublin were raided. The Post Office and Special Branch did not get the tx. but it means that now Radio Dublin will have to suspend all nightime broadcasts. The Sunday service continues with possibly a Saturday service. The ministers heavies have failed again.....

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Full Information are any of your friends Free Radio freaks, too? If so, why not ask them to join FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN - IRELAND? Remember, the more members and subscriptions we receive,

the bigger we can make your F.R.C.I. 'NEWSLETTER'. A single copy costs 20p - plus an I.R.C. - or a years subscription is just £1.

Comments, suggestions. Free Radio news and of course new members are always very welcome. Send all correspondence to:- F.R.C. Ireland, 53 Charleston Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland. Our thanks to Sounds, Evening Press and Starlight. To our reporters Nigel McCelland, Martin Byrne, Leslie Anderson and everyone who helped by contributing articles. 'NEWSLETTER' No.4 will be out in January 1977. Compiled and Edited by Kieran Murray. @ F.R.C.I.

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(1). The Ed Mac Dowell Show on Capitol Radio.

Details: The last show before Post Office raid. Includes at beginning Capitol's "Christmas Promo". Good quality records and jingles. Broadcast: Dec. 21st 1975 at 12 noon on 220m (1358Khz) Sound quality: A. (STUDIO TAPE) Time 40 mins. Price £1.75. (X).

(2). Radio's Dublin, Laxey, Premier and Capitol.

Details: Record breaks, jingles, I.D's, music and chat from all four stations. Quality varies due to different stations signal strength. Broadcast: Sunday 16th May 1976 between 12 noon and 5.30pm.

Time 1 hour. Price £1.75. (X).

(3). Radio Dublin Announcing Raid by Post Office on Capitol.

Details: Extracts from the Dr. Don show in which he explains what happened to Capitol and plays taped extracts from Capitol's last transmission.

Broadcast: December 28th 1975 at 1.30pm on 253mts (1185Khz).

Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins. Price £1.25. (X).

(4). Premier Radio - First Official Broadcast.

Details: Records and chat with D.J's Jimmy St. Ledger and Pat Brighton.

This station dissappeared shortly afterwards.

Broadcast: Sunday 20th June 1976 at 12.30pm on 219mts (1370Khz).

Sound quality: B. Time 1 hour. Price £1.75. (X). _______

(5). The Dr. Don Show on Radio Dublin.

Details: Chat (lots), music and jingles from Dublin's longest surviving Free Radio station. Broadcast: February 22nd 1976 at 1.30pm on 253mts (1185Khz).

Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins (approx.) Price £1.20. (X).

(6). 'Old Time' Music from Radio Laxey.

Details: Dublin's only light, middle of the road music Free Radio station. D.J's name is Polly!!

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