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RADIO VALLERI

- The Action Station -

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Mailing address:47 Clarement Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland.

Radio Valleri QSL Card

Date: 18/10/76

This card confirms that KIERAN MURRAY.

of FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN, 53 CHARLES RD.D-G
heard Radio Valleri - a free radio station broadcasting with a
power output of 40 watts from Dublin, Ireland - on a
frequency of 6260 kHz from 6000 to 13000 hours

GMT on Scot 254 1976.

Many thanks for your report which we found most helpful.

For: Radio Valleri

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Mailing address
Radio Dublin,
90 Ranelagh,
Dublin 6,
Ireland.



RADIO SOLENT CITY INTERNATIONAL

1322 Khz. MW

6-280 Khz . SW

Mailing address:- Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts, NG23 6JX, England.

It is the official voice of FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN - IRELAND and aims at keeping 100 informed of the latest news on the Irish Free Radio scene. Sample copy: 200 plus IRC or large SAE.

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HELLOW F.R.C.I. MEMBERS!

MAY I START BY WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO EVERYONE WHO SENT US CHRISTMAS GREETINGS...
WELL THE FREE RADIO SCENE HERE HAS REALLY GOT ITSELF TOGETHER - WHAT WITH RADIO DUBLIN, RADIO VALLE.
PREMIER RADIO AND A.R.D. ALL ON THE AIR! A WEEK BY WEEK BREAKDOWN OF NEWS HAPPENINGS CAN BE FOUND IN OUR 'NEWSDESK' COLUMN. WE'VE GOT THE HISTORY OF IRELAND'S OLDEST FREE RADIO STATION - RADIO DUBLIN, OUR STATIONS RECEIVED COLUMN, A LIST OF FREE RADIO MAGAZINES PLUS A BRIEF HISTORY OF RADIO SOLENT CINTERNATIONAL. IF YOU CAN STAND THE EXCITEMENT, WE'VE GOT AN ARTICLE ON PREMIER RADIO INTERNATIONAL AND FINALLY, SOME 'THOUGHTS' BY THE EDITOR OVER CHRISTMAS. MEMBERSHIP HAS CERTAINLY INCREASED AND DON'T FORGET WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ARTICLES VERY SOON. PLEASE ENCLOSE AN I.R.C. OR S.A.S. WHEN WRITING TO US. PEACE AND GOOD WISHES.

KIERAN MURRAY - EDITOR.

It's beginnings: Radio Dublin (The Big D) is the oldest landbased Free Radio station in Dublin City and also in Ireland. It all began in 1966 when Kenneth Edwards began test transmissions with a very low powered transmitter of under 10 watts on 253 metres. However, the distance covered by this tx. wanever more than one mile. From '66 to '69 modifications to the transmitter resulted in an increase in power to 20 watts. Late 1969 a new transmitter was built using parts from the first. Test transmission followed and a regular programme from Radio Dublin was put out every Sunday from 12.30 to 1.00pm.

In 1971 Mark Tee and Stevie I. joined the station. A change of location and Radio Dublin began live programming. It was then that Prince Terry joined — and programme time was extended to two hours every Sunday. The station at this time was briefly known as 'Static Radio'. A new 'V' antenna brought the power up to 60 watts. The station then returned to the name Radio Dublin — 'The Big D'. An English mailing address was then used.

In 1972 the G.P.O. tracked the station to within 100 yards of the studio. The staff decided that it would be safer to close down rather than be caught and face a court summons. The plan was to come back on Short Wave in six weeks - but for various reasons this never came to be. In 1974 Prince Terry attempted a come-back which lasted a couple of months and again fell over for various reasons. In late '74 Doctor Don arrived driving an X P&T van (that's what it says here! - Ed.) and through his girlfriend (Debbie) was introduced to Prince Terry.

In 1975 Don and D.J Debbie, now married were operating Radio Westside on Short Wave. With Westside organised, Dr. Don and Prince Terry were determined to put Radio Dublin back on the air - where it belonged. The tx. was damaged and the Doctor knew a wizzard who could fix it at the right price. So came the cool (but capable) Captain Cook in his 1958 Jaguar. The Captain and crew set up several locations with high aerials - some as high as 400 feet. The rig was ready to go and programmes began in October 1975, with power at 30 watts.

In 1976 a linear boosted the signal to 130 watts covering the Dublin area and reports also came from Naas, Kildare, Carlow, Meath, Drogheda, Kilkenny, Mayo and Newry. In March '76 night time shows commenced on 225 metres/1335Khz (announced as 227) and this grew to four nights a week from 11.30pm. In June '76 after a march listeners handed in a petition to Leinster House (Irish Government Buildings) to try to legalise the station. In September '76 the station had two raids from the G.P.O. In December '76 a new 1,000 watt transmitter was put into operation. Also, the "Radio Dublin Club" had it's first get-together on 15th Dec. A great opportunity for everyone who has ideas on Free Radio to express them.

Today, the record collection consists of several thousand singles and almost one thousand LP's Equipment has also been improved and Garrard turntables are used. The station is self supporting and non-profit making. Broadcast time: Sundays 253 metres/1185Khz, 1.30pm onwards.

The following all logged in Sweden: 227mts/1320Khz Radio Johnny Walker, output 1Kw. Plays pop music and verifies reports with Q.S.L. card and letter. Address: c/o Simon Hendriks, 33 Meerstraat, Emmen, Holland.....Radio Jacky - The Killer (!) is a new Dutch Pirate on 227mts also transmits 1Kw. Can be heard almost every weekend. Address: Postbus 25, Emmercompascuum, Holland.....Radio Casablanca has been logged on 6225Khz and 6248Khz S.W. Address: Postbus 428, Almelo, Holland.....Radio Valleri has been picked up in Sweden with very good signals on 6260Khz. Address: 47 Claremont Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland.....Many thanks to Bengt for these loggings. Have you any loggings?

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FREE PEOPLE LOVE FREE RADIO

FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN IRELAND - NEWSDESK..... Sunday 3rd Oct '76 and A.B.C. England were raided. The Home Office confiscated a 200 watt transmitter plus the power supply. A.B.C.E. continue with a 40 watt tx. on 6270Khz.......Radio Valleri received their first reception report from Italy in Oct. R.V. also celebrated their 3rd birthday on 17th Oct.... ... World Music Radio 6230Khz 49mb S.W. commenced broadcasting on Aug. 28th '76 from 8.00 to 14.00hrs (G.M.T.) Saturdays. But by October the service had closed down. "Lack of advertising funds has led to the premature close, but it is hoped to resume services as soon as fresh backers can be found for the operation". - from Record Mirror 16/10/76. W.M.R. had been broadcasting via the transmitting facilities of Radio Andorra, from the Principality of Andorra, high in the mountains of the Pyrenees between France and Spain......Radio Mi Amigo introduced a pop news service in Nov. It's in English and is attacked. aired every Wednesday at 16.30hrs (G.M.T.) and includes the Nol U.K. Disco Single.....Radio Caroline have plans to produce a official magazine sometime in the New Year. If you would like to write an article for the mag., write to:- Caroline, A321, Rosas, Gerona, Spain. Remember the postage is 11p..... On Sun. 14th Nov. Radio Dublin had an exclusive interview with Marianne Faithful......The Town Council of Plya de Aro have published statistics in which they admit that since Radio Mi Amigo set up offices in that town, the tourism has increased by 15%.....9.00 to 13.00hrs (G.M.T.) it's Radio Valleri - the Action Station! They operate from Dublin City and broadcast every Sunday on 6260Khz 49mb S.W. D.J's: Derek Jones and Mike Anderson. The new address for R.V. is: - 47 Claremont Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland.....It's been rumoured that the Editor has a Radio One calendar!.....Radio Dublin using 1,000 watts also R.D. now claims to have had more publicity over the past year than all the pirates together since 1966......Sat. 12th Dec. '76 and Radio Mi Amigo is now on 192 metres/1563Khz. Reason for change is that listeners in the Benelux were experiencing interference from the 135Kw Radio Budapest transmitter on the same channel (253). Radio Caroline is now on 259 metres 24 hours a day......Wed. 15th Dec. and the Editor had the pleasure of attending the first 'Radio Dublin Club' rave-up at The Crampton Court in Dame Street in Dublin's City Centre. Good time had by all. Great idea Don - give us more!!! ... Anyone been to Robin's Records???... Premier Radio International making a great comeback on S.W. --Sundays 8.00 to 11.00hrs (G.M.T.) on 6240Khz 49mb. D.J's include: Jimmy St. Ledger and Gerry Stivell. Mailing address:- P.R.I., 47 Claremont Drive, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland......Radio Caroline has more than 5 million listeners - that's more than any other commercial radio station in Europe....... Radio Valleri has commenced Medium wave transmissions on 227 metres/1320Khz......MYSTERY OF THE MONTH A station was logged in France on 6255khz at 14.30hrs (G.M.T.) on Sun. 31st Oct. '76 called: The Voice Of Ireland. We have no records to suggest such a station exists. Anyone got any ideas????...... CAROLINE CAR STICKERS - Latest design produced by the F.R.C. New wording reads: '259 metres - the voice of Loving Awareness' and 'Radio Caroline - Europe's only album station'. To get yours, just send us two 7p stamps (Irish only please!) or two I.R.C's to our address on top of page 1. CAROLINE POSTERS: Size: 18" x 12" (45 x 30cms). Reads: "Caroline continues broadcasting with love, peace and good music" and then at the bottom: "Radio Caroline 259m". Just 25p including postage (still a lot cheaper than M.R.P!) and available from: - F.R.C.I., 53 Charleston Road, Dublin 6, Ireland. RADIO SOLENT CITY INTERNATIONAL - BRIEF HISTORY BY MICHAEL JAY..... Began in June 1970 on 6600Khz. Short Wave service ceased in 1971 and Medium Wave started alternatively on 227metres/1320Khz using 10 watts. In 1975 power was increased to 15 and then to 150 watts. On 1st August '76 Radio Solent City International recommenced it's S.W. transmissions. First test was put out on 6280Khz and due to the excellent responce, we have broadcast twice a month since then. We have a DX programme at 12.30hrs G.M.T. on the last Sunday of every month. Our tx. power on 1/8/76 was 15watts. This was increased to 50 watts and at present we're running 150 watts on 6280Khz. Over the next year further tests will be carried out on S.W. on the following bands: - 41m, 31m and 25m. Low powered tests are being tried on 7425Khz and 8980Khz at random times. We welcome tapes from other D.J's and requests from listeners. We reply to all letters and verify reports with our Q.S.L. and a free car sticker. Our address: - Radio Solent City International, Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts., NG23 6JX, England. and photograph of the Voice of Peace pirate radio station is available. It includes the voice of Abe Nathan with his New Year message of Peace and Love, jingles music and commercials in Arabic, Hebrew and English: D.J's Keith Ashton, Stevie Gordon etc. Send £5 now to: - COMMERCIAL RADIO SALES, Number 10, 119 OXFORD STREET, LONDON WIR 1PA, ENGLAND. Don't forget to include your own name & address: Wow! We've got an extra page! In it the history of Premier Radio, plus a list of Free Radio Mags!!!!!! there's an extra page lurking about somewhere

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PREE RADIO MAGAZINES - AN INFORMATIVE LIST COMPILED BY THE EDITOR.....

'Monitor' - covers offshore news. Caroline & Peace Ship. 25p from: 31 Avondale Road, South Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1EH, England.... Baffle Radio Magazine' - in Dutch, promotes Mi Amigo & Caroline, Sample copy from: V.V.V.R., Delbergen 43, Mi-Breda, 4304, Holland ... Free Radio Focus' - covers both offshore and landbased pirates. Now published monthly. Costs 15p plus I.R.C. from: F.O.R.F., 13, "The Chase", Crawley, Sussex, England....'Offshore Echos France' -- in French, but with an 'International' section in English. Ceci est le revue que je recommende!! For details: F.R.C. France. 37 rue Georges Carel. F776450, Cany, France....'Snipits' is a regular monthly newsheet. News on Caroline & Mi Amigo. Costs only 3p plus I.R.C. from: F.R.N.S., 22 Mallow Way, Chatham, Kent, ME5 ORH, England 'Radio News' is the title of an excellent magazine from F.R.C. Germany. With very high quality photographs, it covers Commercial, Offshore and Official Radio (printed in German). Details from: Postfach 420 224, D-1000, Berlin 42, W. Germany 'Free Radio Waves' - comprehensive coverage and news on Short Wave stations. Priced at just 10p and available from: F.R.W., Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1TA, England ALBUM: "Loving Awareness" - featured exclusively on Caroline and Mi Amigo. Priced at only £4.20 (including postage and that's a lot cheaper than M.R.P!). From: Peter Lenton, 101 Pytchley Rd., Kettering, Northants, NN5 6NA, England ... 'Air Magazine' - Edition No.1 from the newly formed F.R.C. Scotland, Covers Caroline, W.M.R. and Scottish broadcasting in general. It costs 40p plus large SAE or 5 I.R.C's from: F.R.C. Scotland, NPRS, 52 St. Enoch Sq., Glasgow, Gl 4AA, Scotland. We wish our new friends at F.R.C. Scotland all the best for the future.

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ALL THE MAGAZINES MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT WITH F.R.C. IRELAND'S 'NEWSLETTER'.

TAPE SERVICE: We were sent a copy of the Oct. issue of F.R.C. Denmark's tape service. The show consisted of Golden Greats and Rockin' Roll numbers. All discs on the show are no less than 15 years old and the quality was indeed very good. This service is free to all our members. Just send a C-60 cassette plus 3 I.R.C's to:- F.R.C. Denmark, Room 32, Hillerodgade 64, DK-2200, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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In the U.K. there are at least 40 radio stations you can tune in to: 20 B.B.C. and 14 I.B.A. local stations, Manx Radio, Radio Luxembourg, Voice of America, American Forces Network, B.B.C. World Service and Radio Caroline/Wi Amigo in the North Sea. Although this would appear to give a wide choice, there is still a large number of Free Radio enthusiasts ready to risk jail for transmitting excellent but illegal programmes from the tops of blocks of flats. Clearly they are not happy with what's already available - more so here in Ireland because of the monopoly of R.T.E. It is evident that they represent a graving number when whe such in the seal of the monopoly of R.T.E. It is evident that they represent a graving number when whe seak in the seal of the monopoly of R.T.E. It is evident that they repre-

sent a growing number who, each in his own way, want to democratise broadcasting.

-(5)- Got anything regarding Free Radio you wish to buy or sell?

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Quality B. (Total 1 hour) Only £1.25. including postage.

Casst. (5) Capitol Radio - last transmission after raid (Sun 28th Dec 1975) Quality C.

Casst. (4) Premier Radio - Jimmy St. Ledger Show and Pat Brighton Show 219mts/1370Khz also -

- Radio Dublin St. Patrick's Day programme (Wed 17th March 1976) Quality B. Each show 30 minutes. (Total 1 hour) Only £1.25. including postage.
- Casst. (6) Alternative Radio Dublin 217mts/1380Khz (Sun 29th Aug 1976) Quality B.
 Radio Dublin fival nightime broadcast 227mts/1320Khz (Fri 17th Sept 1976) Quality C.
 Each show 30 minutes. (Total 1 hour) Only £1.25. including postage.

Why not do a tape exchange with us? If you have any good quality (pre 1975) landbased pirate cassette recordings - contact us!

PONUS ADDITION TO OUR PROMOTIONAL LIST: - Colour Slides/photos of the Radio Dublin march(June 1976).

(1) Assembly in O'Connell Street. (2) March commences. (3) Captain Cooke's Jaguar outside Leinster House. (4) Radio Dublin supporters assembled outside Leinster House (Irish Government Buildings).

250 each plus sag or all 4 for £1 including postage. This is cost price with absolutely no profit.

P.O's should only be made out to:- Kieran Murray and should be sent to address on top of page 1.