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I WOULD be obliged to you of you would allow, me some space in your paper to express my views on the radio station known as "Badio Dubin,"
Tens station has been operat-ing and broadcasting to the people of Dublin for a number of years and has now been forced to close down as a result of equipment being confiscated and unending harassment by the authorities.

It should be noted that the station applied for a licence from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Dr. O'Brien. some time agd, but the request. was refused.

I would like to ask the Minister why a licence was not issued to permit Radio Dublin to operate legally and allow the station to continue to give enjoyment - and pleasure thousands of people living in or around the Dublin area? Does the Minister want only

oue state - controlled radio station for Irish people? If Dr. O'Brien should be thinking along these lines, it is a won-der why he has not tried to ' jam' other stations which can also be heard (received) this country, such as B.B.C. Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4, and of course, not forgetting Radio Luxembourg. Of course, the above-named stations are oper-ating legally, it will be said Radio Dublin wanted to broad-

cast legally also, 1 beg the Minister (who incidentally was once known as a 'Liberal'), to have a re-thick on the Issue of legalising Radio Dublin or at the very least to state the reasons why he will not do so should that be his final decision. J. McBRIDE.

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appy Birthday to us!

WELCOME TO THE FIRST BIRTHDAY EDITION OF 'NEWSLETTER' - THE MAGAZINE THAT MAKES 'EXECUTIVE SUITE' LOOK LIKE THE 'MAGIC ROUNDABOUT!!!! SERIOUSLY THOUGH FOLKS, I THINK IT FAIR TO SAY THAT THIS IS THE BEST AND MOST INFORMATIVE EDITION - SO FAR. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO PRESSURES FROM THE ACADEMIC FIELD. YOUR FUHRER WAS UNABLE TO WRITE ANY ARTICLES. BUT WITH HELP FROM MEMBERS AND THE STATIONS WE HAD ENOUGH INFO TO CARRY US OVER. 'NEWSLETTER' WILL BE CHANGING ITS NAME WITH THE NEXT EDITION WHICH INCIDENTALLY WILL BE OUT IN AUGUST, ALSO A CHANGE OF ADDRESS. ALL MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIF-IED AT THE END OF JUNE - SO KEEP AN EYE ON THE POST! AND TALKING ABOUT POST. THE RATES INCREASED AS FROM APRIL FIRST (FOOLS DAY - COULD THERE BE A MESSAGE THERE SOMEWHERE ?) SO NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE HAVE TO INSIST THAT WHEN WRITING TO P.R.C.I. THAT YOU INCLUDE RETURN POSTAGE. ONE MORE THING BEFORE I DISINTEGRATE, DON'T FORGET WHEN WRITING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EDITOR'S NAME IS ON THE ENVELOPE - THAT WILL ENSURE THAT IT WON'T BE LOST IN THE CHANGEOVER. KEEP SUPPORTING AND KEEP FIGHTING FOR PREE RADIO!! Kieran Murray, Editor.

IS DUBLIN FREE RADIO UNITED ?? by Leslie Anderson.

With the premature and unfortunate closedown of Radio Dublin, it would seem to be an appropriate time to take a long hard look at the Dublin Free Radio scene.

The striking feature of the Dublin scene is the virtual non co-operation or liaison between the stations. Each one appears to be following their own seperate path, to what hopefully is their common aim, LEGALISED I.L.R. IN DUBLIN.

To the average Free Radio listener this situation must seem ridiculous. On a typical Sunday afternoon in January there was a choice of 3 Medium Wave stations, all with different formats. On the face of it, an excellent choice! But the reality is, that although all 3 were on the air, the average listener would probably only have known about one of them.

These stations take the risks involved and are on the air to provide a much needed listening choice. But it does seem pointless when the listener is denied this choice, because of non co-operation between these very stations.

At the beginning of December 1975 the operators of the then M.W. stations had a meeting. At this meeting it was decided that future co-operation would be better. This would include a common programme schedule, listing all the stations, times and frequencies. That was in 1975. Since then, stations have come and gone and still no major co-operation has been noted. The only station that does give a "plug" to another is Radio Laxey who, at the end of programming gave Radio Dublin's times, D.Js and frequency. (This station also gave a plug to Capitol Radio as well - Ed) Formerly known as Radio Galaxy, this station was one of those represented at that meeting in 1975.

The old phrase "united we stand - divided we fall" is unfortunately all too appropriate for the Dublin scene at the moment. What is needed is a definate policy whereby every station will give a complete list of Free Radio stations, times and frequencies. If the Dublin Free Radio scene is to survive, then CO-OPERATION RETWEEN ALL STATIONS MUST BE ONE OF THE FIRST CONSIDERATIONS.

Additional information on the meeting of Dublin M.W. operators 1975, was taken from 'Medium 8'. Please note the views expressed in this article are my own and may not necessarily be those of F.R.C. Ireland.

Enjoyed Radio Dublin

I have been an avid listener to Radio Dublin since they began test transmitting in Septem-ber 1975. For the past 17 months 1 have enjoyed their excellent programming and valu-able service to the community of Dublic The Station is a pirate of Dublin. The Station is a pirate I believe which means that they do not have a licence to broad-

On Saturday, June 12, 1976, 1 had the pleasure of taking-part in a peaceful march to Government Buildings and watched as D. J. Doctor Don handed in an application for a licence. Since application for a licence. Since then, Radio Dublin has done everything possible in its power to go legal (or at least to get some sort of provisional broadcasting licence). They have even written to the Secretary of the Department of Posts and Tele-

your Department not made any attempt to negotiate the legalisation of Radio Dublin? (2) Why do members of the Special Branch and members of your Department continue to harasa the operators of Radio Dublin?

At this point, I would like to repeat (and I think I speak for the majority of the 50,000 listeners) that I have enjoyed oublin's excellent pro-Radio Dublin's grammes

community.

KIERAN MURRAY,
Secretary, Free Radio
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Ranelagh 6.

RECEIVED.....(G.M.T.) On 17/1 at 01.30 hrs Radio Clive was heard testing on graphs to try to arrange an in- 229 metres/1310 khz. D.J's Alan King and Tony West. I have two questions I would like to ask the Secretary — (1). Ballymun, Dublin 11.....On 30/1 at 11.30 hrs a station heard testing on 6230 khz (over Radio Andorra). calling itself Maniac Radio (!) no address read out .. V.F.R.I. is a new station heard on 6310 khz, using 10 watts and playing mainly C&W music On 13/3 Maniac Radio heard testing on 6212 khz. SINPO = 32233. Mailaddress read out but very inaudable European Music Radio heard on 20/3. Frequency is 6265 khz. Address is: - E.M.R., 7 Godric Road, Witham, Essex, CMS 1PQ, England. They verified our report in less than 5 days with a very nice Q.S.L. card.....SPECIAL NOTICE: WE AT F.R.C.I. HAVE PRODUCED VERY SPECIAL RECEPTION REP-ORT FORMS TO HELP YOU WHEN VERIFYING FREE RADIO STAT-IONS. THEY'RE AVAILABLE FREE FROM US AND THE ONLY CHAR-

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EVENING HEARLD-WED. 9TH MART GE WE MAKE IS FOR DUPLICATION WHICH RUNS AT 5p FOR TWO FORMS, 10p FOR FOUR FORMS, 15p FOR SIX FORMS AND SO ON. PLEASE ENCLOSE A 8p OR 10p STAMP-THANKS! TREE RADIO CAMPAIGN IRELAND - NEWSDESK.....

Capitol Radio returned on New Year's Eve and welcomed in the new year on 220 metres/1358 khz...On Su day 9th Jan '77 Paul Downey had an Elvis Presley 'Special'......Huge courtcase in Brussels recently 40 persons including Mi Amigo owner and boss Mr. Silvain Tack were tried. Tack was

40 persons including Mi Amigo owner and boss Mr. Silvain Tack were tried. Tack was safely out of reach of the Belgian authorities, but never-the-less he was tried and sentenced in his absence. This means that if he returns to Belgium he will automatically be arrested, asked to pay a fine of £5,000 and may be imprisioned for up to 12 years.....In the 'Starlight' magazine poll, R.T.E. was voted as Ireland's favourite radio station. What alternative have we?. An raimeis ar Radio na Gaeltachta ???.....



Tune into the sound of the nation, your happy station - Radio Mi Amigo on 192 metres/ 1563 khz. The station with 50 kilowatts of music power!!! And the beat goes onFirst new Free Radio station 1977 is Radio Clive. Station name later changed to Radio City. Sundays at 2.30pm on 229 metres/1310 khz.....99.9% of the stations on Short Wave are government controlled and preach either politics or religion. Did you know that you can still tune in to Free Radio ?. Give a listen to the stations on the 'pirate' 48mb.....Radio Solent City will be commencing T.V. transmissions during 1977 The programmes will be going out on channel 5, 405 lines V.H.F. using 15 watts.....Very special thanks to all landbased stations for their help in promoting F.R.C. Ireland Congratulations to Dr Don and D.J. Debbie on the birth of their first child, a baby girl called Tracey... The new Mi Amigo tune is just fantastic! Give it a listen at about 17.55 (G.M.T.) on 192...... Radio Valleri are now on a new frequency of 6202 khz. The operator has asked me to point out that all those who have sent in reception reports will be receiving a reply very soon. Please enclose two International Reply Coupons (available at main Post Offices) if you want a Q.S.L. card. The address is: - 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 8DT, England. Derek Jones and Mike Anderson still groovin' every Sunday mornin News on the David Hutson court case at Southend - Dave was fined £25 for wearing a Caroline badge £50 for delivering newspapers. Author Ord was fined £100 for delivering letters and £100 for delivering newspapers to Caroline. Both were ordered to pay £20 costs..... Radio Dublin raided on Sunday 130

NO REASON FOR REFUSAL

May I also Join with Mr. McBride in asking Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien why he insists on putting Radio Dublin off the alr when they have applied for a licence with yet no reason for being refused it.

Why don't you be a man, Dr. O'Brien, and not a mouse, and come right out and say why you won't legalise Radio Dublin. After all, all they ever did was to give pleasure on 253 metres.

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Feb. at 2.35pm. Ministers heavies failed again and Radio Dublin returned one hour later from a new location.....Just in case you missed it, Number One & the Caroline Top 100 Albums is 'Dark Side Of The Moon' by Pink Floyd, No. 2 was 'Wish You Were Here' with 'Sorgent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band' by the Beatles at No.3. Other artists in the Top 100 include: Mike Oldfield (4) Deep Purple (5), Led Zepplin (6 & 7).....Premier Atlantis Radio are now on high quality V.H.F. Disco equipment is used and the frequency is 88.0 Mhz. Sundays 4.00 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.00 to 11.00pm... On Sunday 27th Feb. Radio Dublin had its Final Hour - 2.00 to 3.00pm. The station returned on Easter Sunday. Irish Free Radio is alive in Clonmel.... Popular Dutch pirate station Jacky The Killer won't be on M.W any more, but on the 48mb S.W.....On Thursday, March 3rd, Radio Caroline closed down on 259 metres. The station then returned on Wednesday 9th, on a new frequency of 319 metres/953 khz..... The first edition of the Radio Dublin newsletter is now available. Membership is just £1.00 and members from overseas are most welcome. Details from: 90 Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland..... Caroline fan Paul





Radio Dublin - there will be a meeting for Club members at the Crampton Court, Dame St., Dublin, on Friday 15th April. Also, another march has been planned for Saturday 11th June to goesth-

ment Buildings in Kildare Street. A coach trip has also been planned to the new 500 kw R.T.E. tx site. (I've printed those three naughty letters and broken my New Year's resolution!!!)....Congratulations to Arno St. Jude on his winning the Radio Neptune competition - no better man!...Finally, our publication 'NEWSLETTER' will be changing its name with the next edition (Note-August) and also a new publication address. Details will be sent to all members at the end of june - so watch out for that!

NEW SOUND IN LOCAL RADIO - RADIO CITY on 210 metres..... Radio City First day on the air: Monday 17th Jan 1977. Time 1.50pm. Test transmissions: Tue 18th, Wed 19th, Tou 20th, Pri 21st, Sat 22nd, First off programme: Sunday 23rd Jan 1977. Time: 12 midday. The station was then known as "Radio Clive on 230 metres". Technical details: Aerial - 85 feet high and the distance covered at this time was 4 miles approx. Programmes were put out every Sunday at 12 noon and Wednesday night at 1.00am. A G.P.O. detector wan was spotted on Wed 2nd February at approx. 1.30am. Due to this, nightime shows were shifted to Friday night at 1.00am. On Sunday 20th February, a fault occured in the tx. and due to this Radio Clive had to closedown! 4 weeks passed. During this time a new 250 foot aerial and some new equipment was installed in a new location by R.C. D.J's ALAN KING and TONY WEST. The tx. was also repaired and some new parts added! The rig was now ready - set to go!! On Sunday 20th March the first broadcast from Radio City (as it is now known) was received all over Dublin. The phone-in that Sunday brought in calls from as far away as Co. Louth. Radio City was now born. Programmes are sent out each and every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm on 210 metres/1429 khz. TUNE IN!!! CALLING ALL DX-ERS: The Danish DX Listeners Club publish a regular magazine (in Danish) called:-"DX FOKUS". It covers all aspects of DX-ing and includes a section on landbased pirates. A years subscription is 55D. Kr. which sould be sent to: - DDXLK, Box 392, DK-8100 Arhus C. Denmark. Greetings to its Editor, Mr. Stig Hartvig Nielsen, from F.R.C. Ireland! Please note that recently, this organisation produced a 'Hobby Pirate List'. It is very comprehensive and costs only 2 International Reply Coupons, from the same address. (I.R.C's are available from any main Post Office, price 21p each).

THIS ARTICLE I DEDICATE TO DON AND DEBBIB by Pat Gilmer.

Well here goeh my first attempt at a bit of serious journalism. My good friend Kieran asked me would I like to do an article on Radio Dublin. I thought to myself, why not?. Anybody who has ever listened to Radio Dublin must have heard of me! I used to write seven letters a week to Doctor Don and I recked I must have written a total of 500 letters altogether to the station. In fact, I remember the very first time I heard Radio Dublin. I did not think very much of it because it seemed allways to break down, but how my feelings for Radio Dublin changed since then. I did not realise at that time that the main reason why I did not like the sound of Radio Dublin was because up to this, my listening was all done on V.H.F. in stereo. So, being a bit of a perfectionist, I found it hard to listen on the Medium Waves. In fact, when I realise how stupid I was by thinking along these lines, I have often felt like kicking myself! I realise now that nearly all the Free Radio stations broadcast on the M.W. band. Like Careline and Capitol Radio which used to broadcast from Dublin on 220 metres. But alas, the powers that be (the G.P.O.) would not let it be and all because of a bit of paper which comes under the heading of the Wireless Telegraphy Act. Somebody ought to licence the establishment known as the G.P.O!!!

The very first time I heard Radio Dublin I was wondering to myself who was this fellow Dr Don who ever he was, he played great music and kept announcing the mailing address as: 90 Ranelagh, D.6. I thought to myself why not get your say in Pat?. Taking pen to paper I wrote to Doctor Don telling him I liked the station and would he play a request for my wife Mary and our baby son Paul, who was celebrating his first birthday at the time of writing. So when I tuned in to 253 metres the following Sunday, I heard him read out my request. I was suprised - there was only one thing, he got my name wrong - he called me Pat Killmer of Kennelsfort Road! It was very funny to hear him make so many mistakes and I recorded the show that Sunday.

Well, after that, I thought no more of Radio Dublin or its D.J. Doctor Don and it was with some suprise that I found a letter in my post box from 90 Ranelagh, D.6. I read it and found out that it came from the good Dr. Don himself. He was thanking me for having taken an interest in his station. He went on to tell me about the staff of Radio Dublin, starting off with the only femgle member, D.J. Debbie who is married to Dr. Don. Then he went on to explain about Prince Terry who presents a show featuring the very best of Heavy Rock - usually lasting about 2 hours. (He presents the best of the best; such as the Doobie Brothers, Led Zepplin, Mountain, Ted Nugent and Cream. You name it and he'll play it.)

Then I started to write regularly to Radio Dublin giving Dr. Don running commentaries of his shows and so forth. At first my letters were only one page long, but then as my love for Radio Dublin grew - so did my letters - to seven pages! After a while, Dr. Don invited his listeners to send in 15 minute taped shows with regular reminders that it was Radio Dublin that they were listening to and it was out of this idea that we got the great Paul Downey show. I remember his very first show because it was the finest 15 minute programming I have ever heard. He played great music like Connie Francis son "Lipstick On Your Collar" intermixed with some really great jingles. Then I wrote to Don and I told him that I would really love to meet him and if possible could I do a show with him. Don replied and said he had sent on my address to Paul Downey. Well shortly after that on a Bank Holiday Monday, Paul called in to see me. There is something I must thank Paul for, was that he introduced me to the world of mixing sound with a mic mixer, which I still do every day as practice.

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(FOR ONE YEAR THE FRC HAS KEPT FREE RADIO ALIVE IN INCLAND-WE HOPE TO BE DOING IT FOR A LONG TIME YET There was another good D.J. to come from this idea of Don's and he was Dave C. He played straight forward good music on his show, going in for a lot of Harry Chapin who he seemed to like a lot. He also played a lot of Fleetwood Mac numbers like "Black Magic Woman" and he always said hellow to his regular listeners such as Martin Byrne, Yvonne Coventry and especially my wife Mary.

It was after while that Don decided to get up a petition to try to legalise the station and I, as well as everybody else collected signatures. He ended up with 10,000 signatures and we held a mark to Leinster House (Irish Government Buildings) to crown it all. It was June 12th, 1976 at 1pm facing the G.P.O. building, on a large traffic island that we, his listeners, gathered. I was eagerly looking forward to it because at last I was going to meet my idol, my hero! I made up a big banner for me and the wife Mary to carry - which we did very proudly at the very front of the parade.

But now, let me bring you back to the very start of the march when I experienced the finest moment in my life, because of all the people at the gathering (and there were about 200) I was the very first he shook hands with and I'm proud to state that here and now. We then marched on to Leinster House where we handed in our petition and then went in to Stephens Green where we had a sing-song. One of the listeners had a cassette recorder and Don did a few interviews which he played over the air on Sunday (the following day).

Well, I'll end this article now and say thanks to the wonderful bunch who operate the best radio station in Dublin - God bless every one of them. So finally, in order of preference, I thank the following:- Doctor Don, D.J. Debbie, Prince Terry, The Captain and Tennille and last, but by no means least, Princess Anne. Also to Kieran Murray, Editor of F.R.C. 'NEWSLETTER', I wish you a happy birthday and hope there are many more years to come!

**NEWSFLASH: The NEW mailing address **

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