

Listening time over the holiday period has been restricted, but none of the local stations were noted on either Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL

Signal on Sunday 30th is weaker than ever and most of the announcements are only being picked up with difficulty. The station were on the air with continuous music for a short period before noon, when Jim Browne opened the station officially. The broadcast was announced as a "test" transmission and a lot of "on-air" adjustments were made. Jim was the only DJ heard (until 3pm) followed by continuous music. The station say that they will broadcast on New Year's Day from about noon. They say that they will shortly be going back to 1386kHz, and they hope to be back up to full power in three or four weeks time, with a full complement of DJs. It was announced that during the continuous music from 3pm adjustments would be made and equipment repaired. The station was gone by 3:30pm and not subsequently heard.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES

Paul Anderson, Mark Sutton, Tara and friends put the transmitter on the air for a special Christmas broadcast on Christmas Eve/Day. They were heard at 12:25am and said that they would be holding a phone-in at 1am. Opening and closing times of this broadcast were not noted, nor was the frequency. On Sunday the station were not found until 12:45pm as they now appear to have moved over to 1242kHz for their programmes. They say that the station had been on the air since 11am but for the first 40 minutes or so had had problems with the equipment. The schedule was:- 11am-1pm Burt Williams; 1pm-2pm Paul Anderson; 2pm-4pm Paul Jay (when checked at 3:30pm they were carrying continuous music); 4pm-5pm Martin Miller. The latter said he would be on the air until 6pm, but after a short break in transmission at 5pm the station re-appeared with more continuous music until 5:53pm, when Martin Miller was back in charge. At 6:20pm Burt Williams interrupted to say that they were still having problems with the record decks and that they would continue with continuous music tapes until things could be sorted out. Reception hasn't been too good during "live" shows for most of the day. The station was back on the air "live" by 9:20pm, with Martin Miller announcing that they would be closing down at 10:30pm, but at 11:07pm they were still on the air saying that they would be holding a phone-in at 11:30pm. Close-down time was not noted.