MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 26th January 1986

Only three stations have been noted this week.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

Although this station were in court on Monday to answer charges arising from the DTI raids of 22nd Nov and 12th Dec, the station re-appeared on the air at 5pm on that day. Heard were 5pm-7pm Dave Collins; 7pm-9pm DJC in for Tony Coltrane; 9pm-11pm Tara; 11pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am Ktc; 1am-2am Mark Newman's "Peaceful Hour".. The station then went off the air till Friday, when they opened at 5pm, but with a format different than expected. Heard were:- 5pm-7pm DJC; 7pm-10:45pm Dave Collins; 10:45pm-Midnight Tara; Midnight-1am Mark Newman(announced). Tara apologised for turning up late, saying that she hadn't realised that she was due on the air. She also said that the station would be going off the air for about 15 minutes at midnight, for "adjustments" but any break in transmission around this time wasn't noted. On Saturday, the station seemed to have opened at 8am with the normal "two hour" stints of Dave Collins; Mark Wright; Barry Noble; DJC; Paul Woods and KtC; and Tara. From 8pm the line-up seems to have been:- 8pm-9pm Dave Collins; 9pm-Midnight close-down Mark Newman. The Sunday schedule is also incomplete, but it started as announced with 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott: 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm KtC's "Chart Show". At 7pm, KtC said he would be holding the fort till Peter Thomas arrived. Sign-on time of the latter wasn't noted, but he was heard till 10pm, when Mark Newman took over. The later schedule was announced as 10PM-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight- 1am(or maybe 1:30am) close-down KtC.

CONCEPT RADIO 104·4MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 6DF.

This station say that they have been "testing" their new higher-power transmitter through the week, but the broadcasts haven't been noted. They say that they lack a mains power supply and that the "tests" have been limited to the duration of a battery-pack which gives them two hours at the most, On Sunday, they relayed Central Radio from 9:45am(?) till 6pm, when they started their own programming. The line-up was announced as 6pm-9pm Tom Webb; 9pm-Midnight Jim Lowe and Midnight onward Tom Webb and Jim Lowe, but the latter wasn't noted

CENTRAL RADIO 1413kHz; 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station wasn't noted until Saturday, when announcements said that they had been moving location, which is why they hadn't been on the air on Friday. Heard were:- 8am-10am Jim Lowe; 10am-Noon Jim Browne. The following line-up till 2:45pm wasn't note d, but at that time, Phil Davies was putting out appeals for Joe, the Engineer to turn up at the studio as the transmitter valves were glowing, and that Joe should bring the "crystal" with him. The remainder of the schedule seems to have been 4pm-6pm Tom Webb and 6pm-8pm close-down Charles Browne. Reception on Saturday wasn't too good, which may be the reason why the station closed early. On Sunday, the station wasn't noted till 10:40am, although later announcements said that they had been on the air since 8am, with Charles Browne talking to himself till about 9:45am, due to a technical hitch. Heard were:- 10:40am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon- 2pm Tom Webb; the latter announced that the station were now using 1413kHz rather than 1404kHz, but this wasn't verified. The remainder of the noted line-up was 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Jim Lowe and 6pm-8pm close-down Jeff Thompson. Reception on Sunday was much better than that on Saturday, which saw a distorted transmission on most speech and the normal "one deck out of operation".