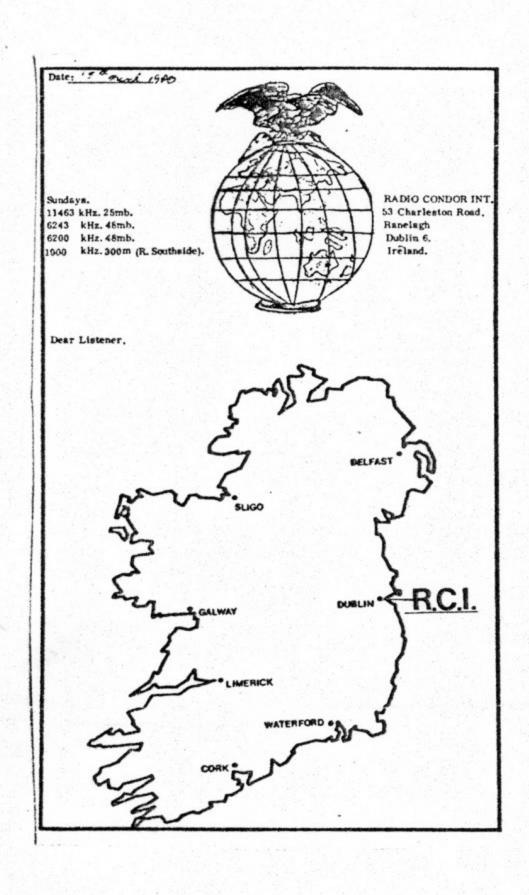
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DEAR MEMBERS, SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE

WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER ELEVEN OF 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE'. AS USUAL, THE MAGAZINE IS PACKED WITH FEATURES AND INFORMATION. THE AIM OF FRC-IRELAND'S MAG. IS TO PROVIDE AN INFORMATION SERVICE FOR OUR MEMBERS AND TO KEEP YOU UP-TO-DATE ON THE CURRENT RADIO SCENE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW OUR MEMBERS' ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE POSTAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN INCREASED CONSIDERABLY AND IT IS WITH FUCH REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP FEE TO DEFRAY THIS ADDITIONAL COST. AS AND FROM AUGUST 1980 OUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE INCREASED TO £1.50 for Ireland & U.K. AND £1.75 FOR EUROPE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND INCREASE SINCE THE MAGAZINE BEGAN IN 1976. HOWEVER, YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE' WILL CONTINUE TO BRING YOU AN ACCURATE AND INFORNATIVE ARTICLES ON THE RADIO SCENE.

Kieran Murray, EDITOR.

FRC-IRELAND'S offices in Charleston Road have been flooded with enquiries as to the abscence of SOUTHSIDE RADIO. The reason for S.S.R's abscence is best explained by quoting an interview which was transmitted on the FRC-IRELAND SHOW on BIG D RADIO last March. In the studio was Station Controll er Mark Boland and Station Owner Paul Nicholas. Programme presenter Bernard Lyons asked Mark about the problems they had been having:

Mark: "I think the best way to get the message over is for me to read a little article from last weeks 'Wicklow People' headed "Southside Break-In Investigated by Gardai". Gardai in Bray are investigating the theft of transmitting equipment from a local pirate radio station last Wednesday night. The equipment was taken during a break-in at the broadcasting base of Southside Radio situated at Rathmichael, near Shankill Co. Dublin. Southside Disc Jockey Mr. Paul Nicholas said this week that the equipment, which included amplifiers and a transmitting unit, turntables and tape decks was worth £3,500. He added that this was the third break-in which the station had suffered over the past few months and that it was highly likely that the thieves would probably attempt to sell the stolen gear to some other pirate station in this country"

Mark Boland then introduced the station owner Paul Nicholas: "Mirstly, thank you Bernard Lyons for having us on the FRC-IRELAND SHOW. We hope to be back on before next weekend providing a 24 hour service to the Southside of Dublin also going out on 101 MHz FM also with a very strong Medium Wave transmitter..."

That was in March. It was not until May that test transmissions were noted at this location. At the time of going to press Southside Radio still has not returned to the airwaves and a big question mark now hangs over the station.

RTE's plans for community radio which were unveiled on 12 of June, would bring local broadcasting to every part of the country and put broadcasting facilities into almost every town. They have asked the government to give RTE the right to organise local radio rather than leaving it to local enterprise. The cost initially would be about an extra £1. on the already exhorborant T.V. licence fee of £38! The local units would be ready in about one year. They believe that for a full time service a population of at least 100,000 is required so they would only set full time stations in Dublin, Cork and Limerick.

There would be six other broadcasting regions which would give access to the airwaves to every small community. RTE would only expect the smaller communities to need two or three hours broadcasting a week, so they would be fed into the regional radio service on a rota service.

Each community radio service under the plan would be run by a locally elected committee, with RTE providing the technicial back-up and an editorial overseer. The committee would determine the style, tone and content of the programme and would seek to have all local interests such as agricultural advisory services, education authorities, voluntary groups and newspapers, contributing to the programmes.

The RTE community radio service would bring local news, sports and details of activities of local organisations to each part of the country. The pirates, Mr. George Waters, Director Gen. of RTE claimed, only cater for the commercially viable, well populated regions.

The regional stations would provide local news and then full in with programmes from RTE radio One and Two. With an agreed rota, each town could be linked to the regional service, for its regular input of programmes. The Dublin service would have links with Swords, Lucan, Celbridge, Maas, Tallagh Dun Laoghaire, Bray, Greystones. The North East service would be linked to Managhan, Castleblaney, Carrickmacross, Cavan, Dundall, Ardee, Drogheda, Kells, Slane, Balbriggan, Navan, Skerries and Rush.

'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE' puts the spotlight on two of Europe's most famous and most consistent 48mb. Short Wave pirates:

(1) RADIO COMDOR INTERNATIONAL broadcasts every Sunday on 6243 kHz in the 48m band. In late Summer and early Spring the station switches to 11463 kHz in the 25m band. Last Spring these transon this frequency were regularily received by listeners in North America: and also in New Zealand The format of Radio Condor's programming includes news items, weather reports for the whole of Ireland, tourist information and items of general interest. R.C.I. would be interested to have readers' comments and suggestions as to the formation of a DX-League. If you have an interest in the hobby, whether it be slight or active and you would be willing to share your knowledge with fellow International DXer's, then we would be delighted to hear from you. The format of such an organisation would be wide and varied, consisting of technical information on the hobby, the programming and organisation of international radio services, DX news from different continents, and contacting DXers in different countries.

Further to the expansion of their International service, RCI proposes to introduce additional language services commencing in 1981. As a result they are looking for mature persons to work voluntarily on their international network. A proficiency in music and an international language

like French, German or Italian would be desirable. Persons interested in either of the afore-

mentioned positions should write to JOHN PAUL JONES c/o FRC-IRELAND.

(2) WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL broadcasts every Sunday on 6280 KHz in the 48m band, Westside radio offers a variety of programming each and every Sunday. In the early hours of Sunday morning the station puts out DX programmes for different European countries. Then at 10.00am Westside joins BIG D RADIO 273m MW for the FRC-IRELAND PROGRAMME. This show is especially for FRC-IRELAND members and listeners with the latest Free Radio news plus a regular feature. The programme is presented by Bernard Lyons and Kevin Murray. Reception reports, listeners letters and telephone calls (Dublin 78 48 15) are always appreciated. It is worth noting that the FRC-IRELAND PROGRAMME is the longest running programme on Irish Free Radio, having started in 1977 (on Radio Dublin), continued in early 1978 on BIG D RADIO, split up into two programmes on BIG D and SOUTHSIDE RADIO in early 1979, and now continuing on BIG D RADIO only, in 1980. And during all this time Westside Radio has consistantly relayed the programme each and every Sunday. Following the FRC-SHOW at 12noon on Westside the PRINCE TERRY SHOW takes to the air. Terry is undoubtfully the Prince when it comes to Heavy Metal and Rock music!!! Persons interested in sending reception reports can do so by sending tham c/o FRC-IRELAND.

Listeners in Dublin may be interested to know that Radio Dublin has introduced a new second service. Initially, the new service was only available on VHF (90.3 MHz) but this was later complimented by an additional Mudium Wave outlet on 235 metres. The power output of the VHF is approximately 30w with a radius of 7 miles. However, the service is available to the whole city via the wired T.V. cable system. The broadcast is at present in mono, but stereo is planned for later in the year. The medium wave service is a recent addition launched partially because there were rumours that RADIO 257 and COMMUNITY RADIO FOXROCK had plans to open up on this wavelength. The new service is called 'RADIO DUBLIN-CHANNELL TWO'. For the greater part of broadcasting the 235 wavelength is joined to the 253 outlet. The programmes on R.D. 2 consist of specialist programmes, like classical, current affairs, community, traditional irish music, country music etc.

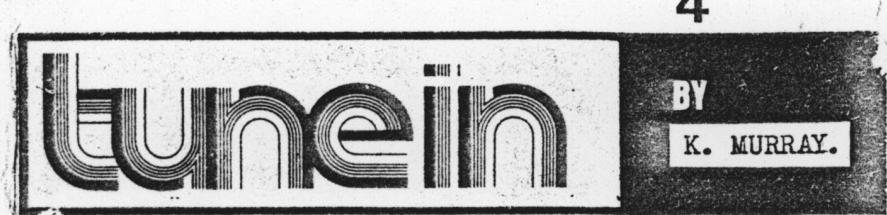
The Radio File (Contemporary Communications)

We have received many letters like this; "I would be obliged if you would tell me how to contact the 'Radio File'. I have written twice and tried 'phoning, but no reply. The reason? I sent a cheque which was cashed but have not received their magazine".

If you have lost any money to; Radio File/Radio File Yearbook or to Contemporary Communications then please forward us the following; - 1) FULL details (when you sent the money, how much, what for, which address, plus your name & address in Capitals).

2) If possible, the Postal Order Counterfoils or the cashed Cheque(s)(apply to your bank for this). If you do not wish to send these(they are proof of you sending money) then send as photocopies. PLEASE KEEP ALL THE INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT SHEETS OF PAPER TO ORDERS ETC. Once we have all this information we may issue a summon against this group in a small claims Court. Have ALL information sent direct to us, as set out above. The address; P.O. Box 319 Edenbridge, Kent, England.

FRC-IRELAND wishes to apologise for the small size of this edition of 'Sounds Alternative'-this is due to increased printing & postage costs. However we do hope to be able to increase the size of our August/September Edition. Thank You.



Please note that this list includes only the stations that are known to be octive at the time of going to press. If you know of any Free or Commercial stations currently active, and not included in this 'Tune-In'section, please write to the Editor supplying full details - Thanks.

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RADIO 257	261 metres	24 hours per day.
BIG D RADIO (Dublin)	273 metres	24 hours per day.
BIG L RADIO (Limerick)	196 metres	06.00 to 02.00 hours, non-stop at weekends.
BIG M RADIO (Monaghan)	228 metres	09.00 to 21.00 hours, Mon-Sat. only.
BRAY LOCAL BROADCASTING	365 metres	11.00 to 23.00 hours daily.
BOYNESIDE RADIO (Drogheda)	225 metres	08.00 to 21.00 hours daily.
CAPITOL RADIO (Cork)	227 metres	08.00 to 02.00 hours Mon-Fri., non-stop at weekends
CAPITOL RADIO (Dublin)	226 metres	08.00 to 01.30 hours daily.
COMMUNITY RADIO FOXROCK	98 MHz FM	Sundays 10.00 to 19.00 hours. (Carries FRC Show).
COMMUNITY RADIO YOUGHAL	199 metres	11.30-13.30/ 16.30-18.30(Mon-Fri),10.00-19.30(Sat.)
CORK *BROADCASTING COMPANY	215 metres	08.00 to 24.00 hours daily.
CORK CITY LOCAL RADIO	197 metres	07.00 to 17.00 hours daily.
INDEPENDENT RADIO DRUMSHAN.	186 metres	19.00 to 22.00 hours (Mon-Fri), 14.00-16.00 (Sun.)
INDEPENDENT RADIO SLIGO	257 metres	08.00 to 02.00 hours daily.
INDEPENDENT RADIO THURLES	230 metres	11.30 to 23.30 hours daily,
KILDARE COMMUNITY RADIO	230 metres	transmits daily.
KILKENNY COMMUNITY RADIO	217 metres	07.30 to 22.00 hours (Mon-Fri), non-stop weekends.
KERRY COMMUNITY RADIO	188 metres	08.00 to 19.00 hours daily.
LIMERICK BROADCASTING CMPNY	.270 metres	transmits daily.
NORTHERN RADIO (Omeath)	232 metres	09.00 to 21.00 hours daily.
NORTH EAST RADIO (Dundalk)	251 metres	24 hours per day.
RADIO CAROLINE DUBLIN	199 metres	10.00 to 24.00 hours Sundays.
RADIO CAROUSEL (Dundalk)	265 m / 98.4 FM Ster	reo 07.00 to 24.00 daily.
RADIO CITY (Dublin)	257 metres	24 hours per day.
RADIO CITY (Sligo)	230 metres	transmits daily up to 24.00 hours.
RADIO DUBLIN	253 m/91.8 FM	07.00 to 03.15 hours (Mon-Fri), non-stop at weekends
RADIO LIMERICK	216 metres	08.00 to 24.00 hours daily.
RADIO TRALEE	255 metres	transmits daily.
SOUTHSIDE RADIO (Bray)	300 metres	07.00 to 02.00 hours daily (FRC Show Sun, 10.00-1300)
SUIRSIDE RADIO (Waterford)	257 m/98.7 FM	07.00 to 24.00 hours daily.
WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO	252 metres	08.00 to 21.00 hours daily.
WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL		10.00 to 13.00 hours every Sunday (Carries FRC Show).
RADIO CONTOR INTERNATIONAL	6243/11463 KHz	10.00 to 13.00 hours every Sunday (Carries FRC Show).

STATION ADDRESSES:

Big D Radio, 85 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2, Big L Radio, 13 Ellen Street, Limerick. Big M Radio, Bree, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan. BLB, 8 Goldsmith Terrace, Quinnsborough Rd., Bray, Co. Wickbw Boyneside Radio, 14 Mill Lane, Trinity St., Drogheda. Capitol Radio, 51 Oliver Flunkett St., Cork. Capitol Radio, 36 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1. CRY, Youghal Co. Cork. CBC, 36 St. Patrick's Quay, Cork. CCLR, 2A French Church St., Cork, IRD, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim. IRS, 15 Lord Edward St., Sligo. IRT, 29 Matthew Ave., Thurles Co Tipperary, KCR, St Martin's, Naas, Co. Kildare. KCR, Ballycallan Road, Kilkenny. KCR, Church St, Tralee Co. Kerry. NER, Earl St., Dundalk, Co Louth. RCD, c/o Disk-It, Finglas Village, Dublin. Radio Carousel, Dundalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk, Co Louth. Radio City, Capel Arcade, Capel St., Dublin 1, Radio Dublin, 58 Inchicore Road, Dublin 10. Radio Limerick, Abbey Advertising, 47 O'Connell St., Limerick. Radio Tralee, c/o Keily's Record Shop, 4 The Mall, Tralee, Co Kerry. Southside Radio, c/o In The Mood Records, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Suirside Radio, 50 Patrick St, Waterford. WLR, Waterford Shopping Centre, Waterford. WRI&RCI, c/o 53 Charleston Road, Dublin 6.

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