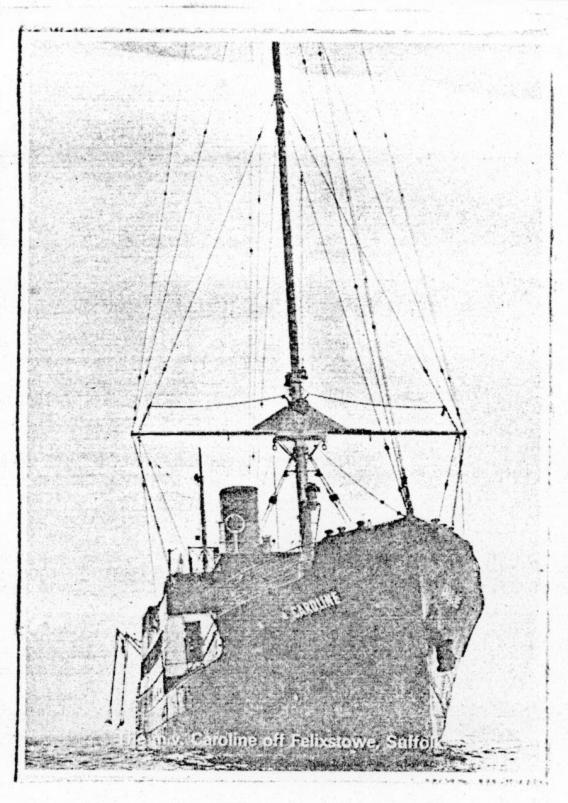
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### SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE,

DEAR MEMBERS.

WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER TWELVE OF 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE'. QUITE A LOT HAS BEEN HAPPENING ON THE RADIO SCENE SINCE WE WERE WITH YOU LAST. WE HAVE THE EVENTFUL HISTORY OF NER, AN EXPLAINATION OF THE CONFUSING FREQUENCY SITUATION IN DUBLIN CITY, NEWS ON SSR AND A WORLD RECORD ON THE
C.B. RADIO SCENE ON WHICH WE REPORT ON BELOW. THE LAST PAGE AS ALWAYS, HAS OUR VERY POPULAR 'TUNE-IN'
SECTION WITH ALL THE UP-TO-THE MINUTE NEWS ON ALL THE STATIONS BROADCASTING HERE IN IRELAND.

FINALLY, OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP - YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS GREATELY APPRECIATED. GOOD LISTENING!

KIERAN MURRAY. EDITOR.

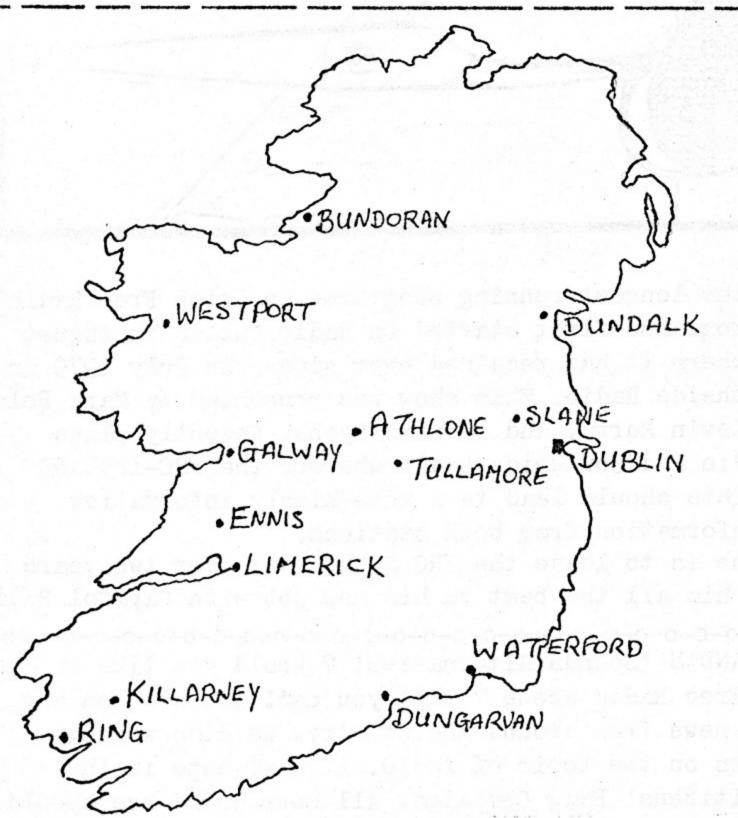
As we mentioned in 'S.A.' a couple of issues ago Citizens Band radio is very popular and its use on a nationwide scale is on the increase. Nearly every town in Ireland has its own CB Radio Club, which in turn, is affiliated to the National CB Council of Ireland. One of these local clubs — the Dundalk 11 CB Radio Club — recently organised a sponsored 'marathon modulation'. This was in aid of a local hospital (St. John of God's, Drumcar, Co. Louth). The 'marathon modulation' took place during the weekend of 29th/30th August. Commencing at 6.00pm and involving 3 breakers — SAM, REBEL and Z VICTOR ONE — located each in a caravan in different parts of Dundalk town. The 3 breakers took it in turn to talk to each other, and did so for a total of 30 hours! This, as well as being an Irish Record is also a possible World Record! Nearly £5,000 was raised on behalf of the Club for St. John of God's Hospital.

As we go to press, we received news of a National CB Rally to take place in Chonmacnoise, Co Offal; on Saturday 20th Sept. 1980, starting around 8.00am and finishing around Midnight. There will be trade stalls, amusements, Club Displays, information centres, and musicial entertainment. The Rally

will be addressed by several politicians and National CB Council Members.

South Side Radio (300 Metres) returned to the airwaves in mid-July of this year, but are now broad-at casting from the Hotel Victor in Dunlaoghaire. The station is now providing fine coverage of most of South Co. Dublin, with a strong well modulated signal on 1000 KHz/300 metres M.W. The service area is considerably reduced after dark due to Continental interference. Recently we note that SSR have changed frequency slightly to 1008 KHz presumably to improve night time signal.

In addition to the MW outlet, SSR have also introduced a Short Wave service on the 48m band. The power output is 100 watts approx. SSR now broadcast 24 hours per day.



According to the 1979 Edition of the World Radio and TV Handbook, The European Broadcasting Union has granted Ireland a total of 17 frequencies for radio broadcasting. This includes the present Medium Frequency network of RTE Radio's 1 & 2. Initially, the local stations will use Medium Frequency, but this should later be complimented by a VHF network. The map on the left indicates the geographical location of the new and existing thansmitters. Below, we list the frequencies and location of the new transmitters:

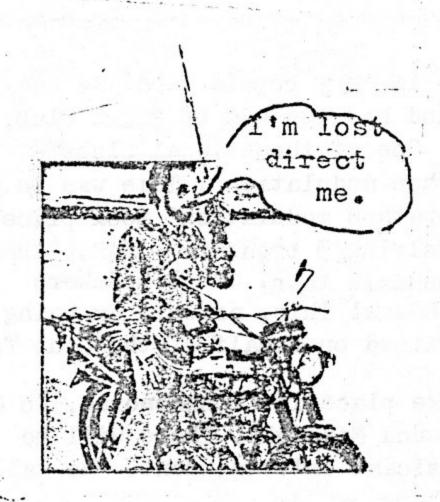
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Killarney/729 KHz
Ennis/765 Khz
Bundoran/891 KHz
Westport/1143 KHz
Dublin 11/1278 KHz
Athlone 11/1305 KHz
Dundalk/1323 KHz

Galway/1359 KHz
Limerick/1386 KHz
Ring (Kerry)/1413 KHz
Waterford/1449 KHz
also 4 stations on
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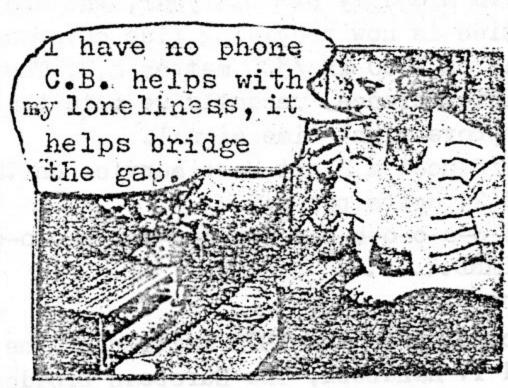


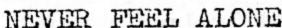
Bandstand is a monthly magazine which reports on the never ending fight for this legalisation. Its pages contain Parliamentary debates and questions on this subject, newspaper cuttings from all over the UK on the present illegal use of CB radio, articles from countries where this form of two-way radio is legal showing its many uses, which include the saving of lives, instant help in bad weather conditions, instant traffic reports, and its social implications for combatting loneliness of the housebound and its important use to the long distance lorry driver and motorist, to combat boredom.

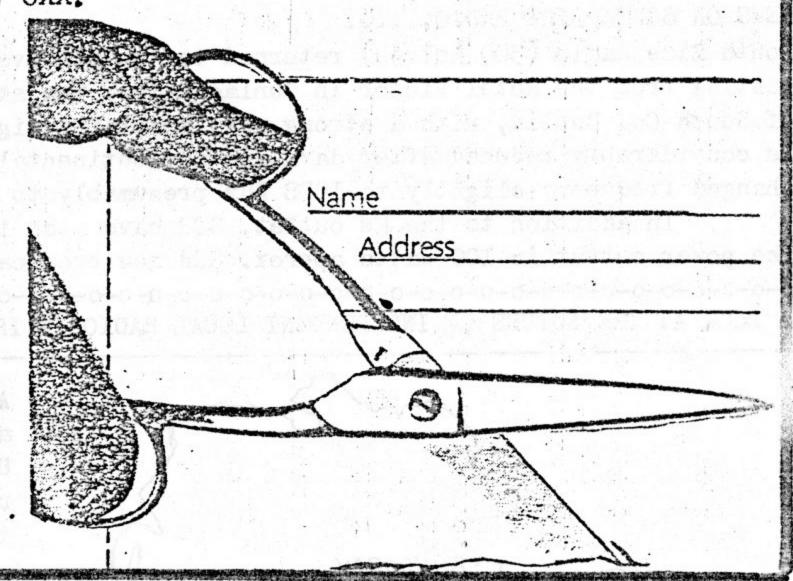
If you would like to know more about this subject, why not write to us and obtain a copy of our monthly magazine.

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WHAT ABOUT THE FRC-IRELAND SHOW??????

Have you ever stopped and asked yourself what is the longest running programme on Irish Free Radio? Well, the answer is THE 'FRC-IRELAND SHOW'. The programme first started on Radio Dublin in August 1977. It then moved to Big D Radio in March 1978 where it has remained ever since. In July 1979 an additional FRC-IRELAND SHOW was augumented on Southside Radio. This show was presented by Mark Boland while the Big D FRC Show is jointly presented by Kevin Murray and Bernard Lyons. Recently plans were announced of an arrangement between Big D Radio and Southside Radio whereby the FRC-IRELAND SHOW will be jointly presented on both stations. This should lead to a more highly informative FRC Show as a result of FRC staff pooling their information from both stations:

NEWS ON NORTH EAST RADIO.....

North East Radio began transmissions on 251 metres MW in March of this year from the Imperial Hotel in Dundalk. The station was set up in direct competition with the established Radio Carcusel, the idea bieng, presumabably, to gain a share in the lucrative advertising market in the area. North East Radio got off to an excellent start, with a clear powerful signal provided with a custom built transmitter. The station had secure financial backing from prominant businessmen in the town, and all loked sat for a successful period of broadcasting. People listening to the station found it a refreshing alternative to Radio Carousel, which at this time had become rather stale in it's transmissions. However this situation was to alter drastically in the coming months

Disagreements between station staff and the engineer caused the latter to depart leaving the rig in the hands of the staff. When the transmitter was serviced the job was done incompetently and the transmission quality deteriorated considerably. In the meantime management-staff relations were deteriorating rapidly with presentors claiming that they were not receiving payment for work done. There was much argument on this matter sometimes ending in fist fights. In June a Citizen Band Radio Operator with a mobile unit who was chatting to other "Breakers" outside the Imperial Hotel inadvertently caused North East Radio's transmitter to blow up. This was caused by an interaction of the two transmitters at close proxmity. This put the station off the air for almost a week while the damaged transmitter was repaired. The station engineer constructed a new transmitter employing parts of the original rig in conjunction with parts of a standby transmitter.

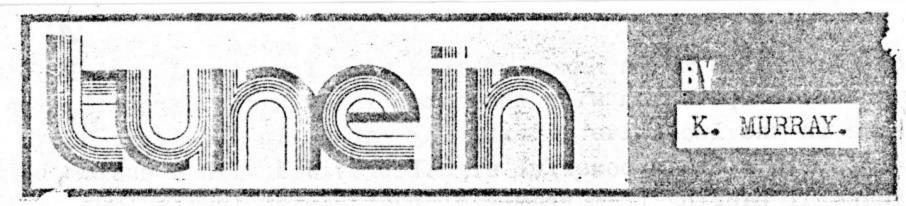
While this combination of transmitters worked satisfactorly, it produced some very dangerous third harmonics on the Short and Trawler wave bands. Anglesey lifeboat Radio in Wales noted interferance to their transmitters and the source of the interferance was named as North East Radio. An official complaint was sent to the Irish Department of Posts & Telegraphs, and they in turn got on to North East Radio. The station was given 24 hours to sort out the problem. Station staff decided it was better to switch off the tx untill the problems could be sorted out and this was done. At this point the hotel owners became unhappy with the presence of the station in the Hotel, and the financial backers were also becoming disillusioned. In late August the Hotel owners indicated to the station that they would have to vacate the studios and remove the twin 100 foot aerials within a week. At the same time the financial backerswwithdrew their support thus effectively forcing the station to close. Lates we have is that the aerials are still up but that transmiss ions have ceased and the studios vacated. Whether North East Radio will resume transmissions from a new location in the future is at this stage unknown.

Listeners in and around the Dublin area to Radio 257 will have noticed that the station makes a daily change of frequency from 261 to 265 metres. The change taking place at dusk and reverting back to 261 during daylight hours. This is because of the wide bandspread of Radio City which operates on 257 metres. However, Radio City's tx tends to wander around 257m causing severe interference to Radio Dublin and Radio 257. In order to minimise interference, Radio 257 decided on a daily freq. change.

Recently we have noticed that the station has been reverting back to its old name of ARD 257. The reason for this is unknown at present, but it has believed that this move is an effort on the station's part to try to regain its old identity. Meanwhile the signal from Radio 257 continues to provide good coverage to most of Dublin City.

Radio Dublin's Short Wave service on 6317 KHz is receiving much acclaim from the British Radio Mags. The service from R. Dublin is 24 hours a day and is a direct relay from the Medium wave service on 253m. The power of the S.W. rig is about 200 Watts and NOT 5KW as reported in some British Radio magazines. More recently, Southside Radio from Dunlaoghaire (Co. Dublin) have added a S.W. service to their output. The power of their transmitter is approximately 100 Watts. SSR only bring their S.W. tr into service for a couple of hours during the morning and early afternoon. Westside Radio broadcast regularily every Sunday on 6280 KHz from 10.00 to 13.00 hours, relaying the FRC-IRELAND SHOW from BIG D RADIO 10.00 to 12.00 hours. We at FRC-IRELAND have received a number of reception reports sent by people who do not know the various stations' addresses. See our 'Tune-In' section on the last page for the most recent information available on the stations.

A MUST FOR FANS OF RADIO CAROLINE!!! Join the official Dutch Radio Caroline Club. Membership for persons outside the Benelux is £4.00 cash. For this, yourwill receive the latest bi-monthly club journal "Caroline Radio News". A nice colour picture card of the Mv. Mi Amigo; some nice stickers and a membership card. The address is: C.R.C., P.O. Box 35, 4153 ZG BEESD (GLD), THE NETHERLANDS. Please mention that you read this advert in 'Sounds Alternative'.



that are known to be active at the time of going to press.

If you know of any Free Commercial stations currently active, and not included in this 'Tune-In' section, please write to the Editor.

TIMES OF BROADCASTING STATION NAME WAVELENGTH 261/265 metres RADIO 257/ARD 24 hours per day 24 hours per day (FRC Show Sundays 10.00-12.00) 273 metres BIG D RADIO (Dublin) 06.00 to 02.00 hours, non-stop at weekends 186 metres BIG L RADIO (Limerick) 09.00 to 21.00 hours Mon-Sat only BIG M RADIO (Monaghan) 230 metres 11.00 to 23.00 hours daily 365 metres BRAY LOCAL BROADCASTING 08.00 to 21.00 hours daily BOYNESIDE RADIO (Drogheda) 225 metres 08.00 to 02.00 hours daily CAPITOL RADIO (Cork) 227 metres 08.00 to 01.30 hours daily 226 metres CAPITOL RADIO (Dublin) 08.00 to 20.00 hours daily CORK CITY LOCAL RADIO 261 metres 19.00 to 22.00 hours (Mon+Fri), 14.00-16.00 (Sun) INDEPENDENT RADIO DRUMSHAN. 186 metres transmits daily KILDARE COMMUNITY RADIO 216 metres 07.30 to 22.00 hours daily 217 metres KILKENNY COMMUNITY RADIO transmits daily KERRY COMMUNITY RADIO 188 metres transmits daily LIMERICK B'CASTING COMPANY 270 metres 09.00 to 21.00 hours daily 235 metres NORTHERN RADIO (Omeath) 07.00 to 24.00 hours daily 265 m/96.8 FM Stereo RADIO CAROUSEL (Dundalk) 24 hours per day 257 metres RADIO CITT (Dublin) 24 hours per day RADIO DUBLIN 253 m, 235 m, 91.8 FM, 6317 KHz SW 08.00 to 24.00 hours daily 216 metres RADIO LIMERICK transmits daily RADIO TRALEE 255 metres 24 hours per day SOUTHSIDE RADIO (Dunlaoghaire) 300 m/48m SW 07.00 to 24.00 hours daily SUIRSIDE RADIO (Waterford) 257 m/98.7 FM 08.00 to 21.00 hours daily 252 metres WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO 10.00 to 13.00 hours every Sunday (Carries FRC Prog WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL 6280 KHz RADIO CONDOR/VOICE OF IRELAND 6243/11463 KHz transmits Sundays

STATION ADDRESSES:

This is a local community radio station broadcasting from Ashbourne, Co Meath. Information on this station was received too late for inclusion in our Tune-In' section. A.C.R. broadcasts on 242 metres M.W. very close to RTE's 240m Dublin transmitter. The farm from where the station transmits is owned by Davitt Kelly, well known in Free Radio circles. Davitt was one of the original founder members of ARD, later moving to Big D Radio as weekend programme controller. He retired recently from the Dublin Free Radio scene only to start up this recent venture. Ashbourne Community Radio uses a power of approximately 100 watts. They broadcast from 09.00 to 18.00 hours daily.



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