

Welcome to the final Weekly Report of 1984, and guess what?...That's right, we have numbered it this week. Sorry about that. Well, before we start looking back on the year just gone, let's get through the news this week, because, that always comes first, and if we have any room left at the end, we will reminisce. You will notice a larger edition this week. It has become an ever increasing problem trying to fit all the news in each week, and it has not left much room for any comments and other little bits and pieces which I would like to fit in, consequently, I am trying the larger edition just for this week, and if it proves successful, I may well continue it in the future.

NOVA. The signal has continued to improve this week, or, I should say, the modulation. We can tell this because we have one radio set out of reach, set always on Nova, and we had to get out the steps and turn down the volume this week. Other than that, there has been little to report. Christmas Day and Boxing Day had different staff schedules, and included the ever popular Tony Allan each afternoon. The present weekday line-up is as follows :-
6.00am., Colm Hayes(with Bob Gallico), 10.00am., John Clark.
2.00pm., Greg Gaughran(with Mark Weller on news), 7.00pm Aidan Cooney(with Bernie Jamieson on news), Mid-night, Noel Clancey.

Weekend presenters include Peter Madison, Dennis Murray, Dave Harvey and news-reader Dave Johnson. Weekend syndicated shows: American Top Forty with Casey Kasem and Rick Dees Weekly Top Forty(done by his producer Don Vestante this week).

Next week sees New Years Day with a different line-up.

Q 102. This station looks like being very big. We keep on saying this, but reports from there indicate plenty of money behind the operation. The station was reported to have been off and on with test transmissions throughout the week, but last night, with good FM conditions here, we picked them up on 102.00mhz., in mono. Today the signal has come through even stronger, and we have listened off and on for the most part of the day. The signal compares favourably with both FM signals of Sunshine and Nova, whose aerials are all situated in the same vicinity in the Dublin hills, beaming out in a North Easterly direction.(hence receiving them here in the North West of the U.K.). Continuous music has been heard with only the odd I.D. saying 'on AM and stereo FM, this is Q 102'.

SUNSHINE: Roger Lane now only does weekend shows due to pressure of work, and his place on the Breakfast Show with Cathy Cregan has been taken by Irish New Zealander, Pat Courtney. Their studios in portakabins have had to be moved slightly, due to planning regulations, or the contravention of same, and are now nearer the Sands Hotel, and at a lower level. The move was carried out some weeks ago, without any loss of transmissions.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Radio Zodiac were heard on 1410khz., (off channel), on Monday last (24th Dec.). The signal was quite good, despite stations audible on 1404khz., (Carousel) and 1413khz., (Kildare).

On Wednesday, medium wave conditions were rather excellent, and a station was received on 1413khz., here. Kildare Community Radio was off the air. It was thought that it was possibly Radio North West from Sligo, but of that, we cannot be sure.

And so, another year is over in Ireland. It is now over four years since super-pirates emerged with Sunshine in September 1980, and still this era continues, as strong as ever, with new super-pirates imminent. Government action..... always a problem with a coalition government, let's hope that it stays that way.

THE VOICE OF PEACE: No news from that quarter this week, but looking back at the year reveals quite a big turnover of presenters. At the moment the moral on the station is a bit low, with a shortage of presenters. The adverts are few and far between, and Abie is hopping to and fro to Ethiopia, but the station will survive. All it needs now is a programme controller, and a few names spring to mind, John Lewis, Tony Allan to name just two.

CAROLINE: What can we say here....we can hardly hear it. Can it be heard anywhere we ask? Probably along the Kent(North) Coast and Essex coast. We are talking about the 576khz., transmissions of course. There are two German stations on the same channel. OK., so they had to get some cash from somewhere, and it was either religious broadcasts or Dutch, and I for one, would settle for the latter, but having sold the daytime listenable channel to the Dutch, I would have then concentrated on 100% album tracks, particularly at night when most people are listening. But no, we are being subjected to music which we can hear on any ILR station. What are they frightened of? Laser? Solution.....try 585khz., BBC Radio Solway is a long way off to be affected by 5km., it could always be switched off at night, if it caused problems then. Recruit more stalwarts like Tom Anderson, Jay Jackson and John Lewis. Throw all the singles overboard! To rub salt into the wound, letters in this week from Holland indicate that Monique is not liked there, (well, yet, at least).

LASER: This station has been closing early(11.00pm.), and opening late (7.00am), and operating on low power. Maybe they are short of fuel as well? Anyway, full power has been restored now, and normal operating hours restored. It is also rumoured that there have been some modifications to the aerial system. The signal is now superb, particularly during the daytime. The station has quietly gone from strength to strength since it was first heard last January. New adverts keep appearing one by one, and in ILR circles, the station is referred to as 'the competition'. I am sure it has a large listenership throughout the North West of Europe.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: Liverpool first this week, and Central Radio were heard weekly on 1404khz., today, Sunday. Also heard were Radio Merseywaves with Bert Williams, on 1242khz., announcing 244m., and 1233khz. No other stations were heard from this quarter.

KFM have been noted on 1017khz., medium wave, only, from Manchester during the week. They have been received here, but, due to other stations on the same channel, were not heard clearly. The signal is reported to be strong, but only over a limited area.

The Voice of Cyprus has been received here on 1611khz., from London, during the week, but on Monday last, Radio Seagull from Holland was received at 1645gmt., on 1611khz. Other Dutch and the odd English station, have also been picked up around this area, and up to 1643khz.

The following stations were noted in North West London by Gary Hogg, this morning, London Weekend Radio on 92.05mhz., Sola(or is it Soula?) on 102.5mhz., JFM on 103.3mhz., and various ethnics stations on 104.1, 90.0, and 91.8mhz. Radio Jackie continues on 1332khz., despite proposed court injunctions.

Sounds Alternative were received on 1179khz., on Wednesday last, from Birmingham. They were also received by Dave Small in Cannock, with an excellent signal. He also received U.K. Radio from Wolverhampton on 94.1mhz., weakly, and County Radio on 94.35mhz. the previous day.

The latter end of the year has seen lots of raids by crack squads of D.T.I. men from London, but this will not deter people, merely hamper their efforts. The Government has got it all wrong, this is not the 'finest broadcasting system in the world', it is the pits! , and it has got to change.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. Lots of space this week, but lots of reports too, in fact three days, this time. That's holidays for you!
Amendments to last week's log, from Podney R. Sixe. 6228khz., Radio Caroline relay, at 1050gmt. 7317khz., UNID at 1011gmt., (Sound of Switzerland?). 7325khz., Radio Delta at 0953gmt. 7375khz., Radio CLCG via Station 41 at 1228gmt.

THE CHRISTMAS DAY LOG: Ourselves, Podney R. Sixe and Dave Small.
5010khz.,, Weekend Music Radio at 1335 and 1344gmt.
6200khz., Weekend Music Radio at 1029, 1059, 1110 and 1214gmt.
6207khz., Radio Delmare at 1147gmt., Radio CLCG at 1207gmt., (via Delamare) and Radio 49 at 1330gmt. (again, via Delamare).
6240khz., Radio Arena (I thought it was Arana), at 0913, 0930 and 0949gmt., Address: Postbus 47, 7019 AA, Gaanderen, Holland.
6240khz., KLA Radio at 1130 and 1340gmt, address, Postbus 19074, 3501 DB, Utrecht, Holland.
6245khz., (or thereabouts), Flying Dutchman Radio at 0950 and 0953gmt.
6280khz., Weekend Music Radio at 0934gmt.
6280khz., UNID, playing 'Woodstock' at 1144gmt (not Radio 47).
6280khz., Radio 47 at 1134, 1143 and 1214gmt. Address: P.O. Box 5 etc....
6289khz., Radio Mi Amigo at 1242 and 1308gmt.
6300khz., Radio Camilo Cienfuegos at 0810gmt.
6313khz., Weekend Music Radio at 1218 and 1332gmt.
6910khz., Radio Dublin at 1302gmt.
7295khz., 'Wings of Healing' (via Radio Milano Int.), at 0810 and 1016gmt.
7311khz., Future World Radio at 1011, 1025 and 1040gmt.
7315khz., UNID at 1017gmt.
7330khz., UNID at 1036gmt., with Postbus 41 etc....address.
7350khz., Radio Black City at 1042gmt., with Postbus 41 etc....address.
7358khz., Radio Madison at 0929, 0931 and 1004gmt., above address.
7360khz., Sound of Switzerland at 0917, address as above three.
7410khz., Weekend Music Radio at 1223, 1255 and 1300gmt.
11415khz., Sunrise Radio at 1122 (sign off at 1130gmt.)

Conditions on this day seemed quite good in all areas, except Cornwall, where Podney reported bad conditions, local QRM and unable to measure freq. properly on the 41m band, for some reason.

THE BOXING DAY LOG. It was our turn to experience bad conditions on short-wave today. We abandoned the band in favour of superb medium wave conditions. The log supplied by Dave Small and Podney.

6200khz., Weekend Music Radio at 1000 and 1220gmt.
6200khz., Radio Sylvia (via WMR) at 1003gmt.
6207khz., Radio Delmare at 1218 and 1300gmt.
6226khz., Britain Radio Int. at 0951gmt.
6230khz., Radio Kristal Int. at 0915 and 1240gmt.
6240khz., KLA Radio at 1204gmt.
6280khz., Radio 47 at 1016, 1138 and 1230gmt.
6300khz., Radio Camilo Cienfuegos at 1104gmt.
6306khz., Weekend Music Radio at 1440 and 1535gmt.
6312khz., Radio Sylvia (via WMR), at 1056gmt.
7295khz., Radio Victoria (via Radio Milano Int.) at 0929gmt.
7310khz., ABC Radio (Waterford) at 1250gmt. (Dave Small only). ???
7320khz., Radio Jan Rap at 0916 and 0944gmt.
7339khz., Radio Waves Int??? at 0936gmt.
7375khz., Crystal Radio at 1320 and 1332gmt.
7410khz., Weekend Music Radio at 1144 and 1255gmt. (FM).

4. SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER 1984. Ourselves, Sandy Mountain(Blackpool), Gary Hogg (in London), Ken Baird(Scotland) and Dave Small in the Midlands.
 6200khz....Radio Apollo at 1123gmt., with SINPO of 33333.
 6200khz....Weekend Music Radio at 1259gmt., calling CQ., and 43444.
 6205khz....F.R.S. Holland at 1021gmt., and 34333.
 6230khz....Britain Radio Int., at 1118gmt., and 43323.
 6238khz....Atlanta Radio at 1112gmt., and 44344. P.O. 319 address etc.
 6240khz....Spectrum World Broadcasting at 1151gmt. and 42333.
 6280khz....Westside Radio Int., at 1137gmt., with 34323.
 6290khz....Radio Mi Amigo at 1256gmt., and 32132.
 6312khz....Radio Ireland at 1138gmt., and 33333.
 7295khz....Radio Victoria(via Radio Milano Int.) at 1039gmt and 23333.
 7315khz....F.R.S. Holland at 1022gmt and 34333(relay of 6205, 1' 42" later.).
 7339khz....Radio Pacific Int.(via Radio Waves Int.) at 1023gmt.
 7710khz....Spectrum World Broadcasting,(Scotland only).
 The following were all UNID.....6218 at 1055, 6235(FM), 6240(playing 'Woodstock') at 1255gmt., 6268, 6305 at 1224gmt.

And that just about completes a very busy week. Just two logs next week, The Sunday, as usual, and of course, New Years Day. Watch out for 'Huggy Bear' on the accordion on NYD, and watch out Jimmy Shand.

All that remains now, is to thank all the hundreds of people who have supported us throughout the year, by buying things, writing with information, phoning us(even those who phone in the night!) in fact everyone who has made contact with our organisation. Thank you all, oh, and thanks for all the Christmas cards we received..Thanks too, for all the support received from other similar organisations, both at home and abroad.

What were the big news items of the year....Laser coming on....Monique appearing.....all the raids(the recent ones).....the closure of the Irish Super-Pirate, South Coast Radio.....the appearance of Q102.....the continuing success of Radio Nova....the list is endless.

What about 1985? Its all about to happen! stay tuned, whatever you do.

A Happy New Year to you all. **Barrie and Ruth Johnston**

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