

The WEEKLY REPORT ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

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We appear to be in the midst of a quiet spell once again, with little action to report on from most areas. Eire seems dormant as the outcome of court cases is awaited and even Caroline has been missing for quite a spell this week. The 'New Merchandise' and 'New Arrivals' section are also both the smallest we have experienced them for some time. We are confident however, that this is merely temporary and are considering it as the 'lull before the storm'. Medium frequency ground wave conditions are rather good, as we approach the peak time, and it can be fascinating, even for non-dx-ers, to 'twiddle the dial', especially with a loop aerial, and receive stations from the other end of the country and even further afield.

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free to readers with a subscription running (space permitting).

INFO-LINE: It appears that our info-line is no longer in
existence. According to a message on the line from operator,
Steve Harper, pressure of business is to blame. We should
like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for all the hard
work he has put in over the years (and all the cash!). Until
something further is sorted out, we suggest that people
wishing an up-date, should ring the CM info-line in Tiverton,
Devon. Their number is (0884) 258641.

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are stored on computer disc for ease of access only.

NEW MERCHANDISE: 'There is a distinct lack of new
merchandise at present'.... more than one person has made
this comment of late, but hopefully things should shortly
improve with the arrival of the 1967 John Venmore Rowland
books, "Radio Caroline". Also, once the new masts are
completed on the Ross Revenge, we hope to offer a new
set of colour photos.

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RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Sunday 30th April saw the closure of Radio Millenium
after almost 14 months of operation. The legal station,
an off-shoot of RTE, came on air to celebrate the city's
Millenium celebrations and broadcast on 88 FM locally and
1278kHz.AM, the latter being heard well into the U.K.
Initially planned for only a few months operation the station's
life was extended twice by the Government who saw it,
not only as a great success, but as a replacement for the
pirate stations, the majority of which closed at the end
of 1988. The most recent extension was granted in the
hope that the two new local stations would be set to start
some time in May and would take over and fill the gap left
by the pirates. However, this was not to be and the whole
operation is now at a standstill due to court cases and one

wonders when, sometimes if, the stations will ever make
the air. The result of course, less choice for the Dublin
listeners. Millenium went off in fine form, with a two hour
programme from 16:00 until 18:00, on the last day, featuring
most of the popular presenters, many of them ex-pirates,
along with snippets of the highlights of the station's output.
There was no question that the station had been a great
success, although had made a hesitant start, mainly due
to the choice of super-pirates active at that time. Several
of the presenters mentioned that they had been involved
in station closures before, but this was the first time with
a legal one.

As mentioned last week, **Radio Dublin** had just
re-commenced transmissions on medium wave, 1188kHz.
Saturday morning saw a blank carrier on the channel and
this kept cutting out, but finally at 11:15 programming was
relayed, which had obviously begun on the FM outlet much
earlier. Modulation quality was much better than that of
the previous day, when we first heard it. 1188kHz apparently
first started relaying programmes on Thursday (27th April).
For the first time in ages, we were able to hear 'station
news' ourselves on Sunday afternoon. Station owner, Eamon
Cooke, was delighted to be back on medium wave and to
hear that it was receivable in Blackpool (we are unable to
receive the current FM transmissions, probably due to the
low power in conjunction with our receiving aerial problems).
He went on to say that they should know in a day or so,
when their court case is to be heard, probably later in the
month. As regards the Robbie Robinson (Sunshine Radio)
court case, this continues, despite an appeal by the
Commission to have the case thrown out of court. The
latter was rejected, as we thought, and the case is set for
about 20th May. In the meantime, nothing can go ahead
and the whole project is at a standstill. Radio Dublin was
not heard on medium wave during Monday and despite being
active on Tuesday, had disappeared by lunchtime. Wednesday
saw live programmes as we listened for much of the day
and again on Thursday and Friday. Since the closure of
Millenium, **Radio Dublin** is now the only station able to cater
truly for the Dublin listener, and programming during the
latter part of the week has gradually come together. The
live programmes have meant that news and weather reports
can be included every hour, as well as horoscopes, small
ads etc. The station is rapidly returning to its former self.
Occasional problems are occurring with certain records being
extremely low on the AM outlet, whilst the deejay is at
the correct level. This apparently happens when the FM
stereo is one-sided.

Other stations reported this past week included
Premier 212 on Sunday afternoon only. They were noted
here in Blackpool commencing transmissions at 15:00,
announcing programming until 18:00. Frequency was
1413kHz.(and 104.2 FM locally in the Dublin area). Locally,
K 104 (98.7), were monitored most afternoons between 15:00
and 18:00 and **Radio City** (105 FM), every evening from
19:00 till 21:00. A **Radio Mother's Day** (!) was reported
for the one day only on 100MHz., formerly identifying as
Radio Jackie.

Elsewhere, **Radio Star Country** (981) from Monaghan and
Northside Radio (846) from Donegal, continue un-interrupted
and can be heard loud and clear here in Blackpool, although
having said that, the former did seem slightly down in power

mid-week.

According to the Irish newspapers, the commencement of the new national service from Century Communications has now been put back to July (from May), although presenters are now on the payroll, as of 1st May. These include Marty Whelan (ex RTE) and Declan Meehan (ex Sunshine, Nova, Capital and Millenium)..

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

M.V. Magda Maria: Our colleague Jos in the Netherlands tells us that the ship is now in a scrapyard in Brugge, Belgium. He has noted that already the mast has been taken down and he thinks the rest of the ship will disappear very soon, so if anyone is in the vicinity with a camera, it may be an idea to check this out..

M.V. Communicator: Despite rumours of trips to Spain, Portugal and scrapyards, this vessel is anchored some 30 miles south west of the Ross Revenge, at the Fairy Bank. No masts were up as of mid-week, but it appears that work is progressing and one must assume that a radio station will once again be housed on board - what language or to what country it will eventually broadcast to (or for how long!) is not known. Mike Barrington is not on board (he had been looking after it for some months at Mistley), but there are several people aboard, two keeping the ship, and others doing technical work.

Caroline 558: On Friday 28th the line-up was... 00:00 Philip John... 02:00 Ian Miles... 06:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Neil Gates... 12:00 Cherry Marshall... 15:00 Philip John... 17:00 Nick Jackson... 19:00 Chris Kennedy... 21:00 Christopher England. Ian Palmer (03:00-Sat + Sun), Rob Harrison (09:00-Sat + Sun) and Andy Bradgate (19:00-Sun) all appeared in the line-up during the weekend up until the technical breaks began.

Whatever the reason (threats of the Dutch pulling out?), work finally began during calm weather on Sunday afternoon (30th April) to finish the erection of the new front mast. The first of the expected off-air periods occurred at 17:35 on Sunday. The station returned to full programming at 22:00 the same evening with Chris England, following 15 minutes of continuous music. Shows continued throughout the night, and Monday morning (1st May) saw a breakfast show from Philip John. Ian Mack began his programme at 09:00, but at 10:46 announced a closure for essential maintenance. The transmissions resumed at 20:35, again with continuous music, and Chris England at 21:00. On both Sunday and Monday work was being carried out on the rigging, in order to make it strong enough for the final sections of the mast to be added. Tuesday morning dawned, and Ian Mack was back on breakfast, and was heard to say what they had been up to during the previous day... 'dancing around two poles and having dinner with the Dutch' was his answer! Nick Jackson followed at 09:00 but at 10:00, he signed off once again for maintenance. This time, the station stayed off all day. That morning, in a rather delicate (and dangerous) operation, further sections of mast were hauled up with the aid of all the ship's crew. At one point one section almost tumbled onto the crew 60 foot below. No programming is thought to have gone out during Wednesday night / Thursday morning, although carriers were noted at times between 21:00 and 21:12 on both 558 and 819kHz. It wasn't until 10:27 on Thursday morning that a full carrier was heard on 558kHz., followed by 'Caroline' by the Fortunes at 10:28 and continuous music until 11:00 when Nick Jackson sat in for two hours. He indicated that work still had to be done on the aerial system, but said that it would be all worth it in the end. In fact, the front tower is now up at 100 feet, but there are still at least one and possibly two, 20 foot sections to be added. Perhaps these will also be completed during this present calm spell. At time of writing the full line-up is not yet known, but so far it reads... 06:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Nick Jackson... 13:00 Ian Miles... 16:00 Rob Harrison ('Powerdrive').

Despite adverse criticism in some publications, the return of 558 was like a breath of fresh air. At one stage during the week, one radio at our base was actually tuned to an ILR station in desperation - others preferred just to listen to dead air, waiting for the 558 signal to return!

Caroline 819 : The programming at the end of last week altered somewhat, as during the periods in **Viewpoint 819** when no religious programming was available, a deejay sat in playing records as Caroline 819. On Friday (28th) this occurred between 20:00 and 20:45 with Neil Gates. The regular shows started at 21:45 with Rob Harrison followed at 00:00

by Colin Muesli Bar and Chris Kennedy at 02:00. These three have also hosted all the regular shows during the week. Despite not having a proper English service on a Saturday night, Caroline 819 was heard from 19:00 to 19:15 with Philip John, and 21:00 to 21:45 with Neil Gates.

World Mission Radio : The shortwave service went off the air on Sunday afternoon (30th) and did not return until Thursday afternoon (5th May).

The Voice of Peace: The latest from Gali and Vered in Israel... Last time we left the Voice of Peace only broadcasting on AM (1539kHz.). This lasted until Thursday 13th April, when at 17:51, John MacDonald mentioned that they were now back on FM, but only on low power. On the same day, Kenny Page celebrated his birthday and McLelland played him a song. Ofer Nachshon also played him a tune, saying that Kenny was 22 years old! Kenny himself had been on shore leave since 9th and returned that day with Dave Lee. McLelland and Tony O'Reilly were supposed to leave the ship for good on the same tender, but Ofer said that they would be back after a week, for a couple more days. Kenny was doing the 'Dance Hits Show', when at 14:13 he said that Dan Smith the engineer, told him that the transmitter couldn't take anymore and at 14:19 the station went off the air, returning at 14:32, still only on AM. On Sunday 16th April, just after midnight, there was a 10 second silence in memory of the Liverpool fans killed in Sheffield.

Ofer went on his shore leave on Monday 17th, with McLelland and Tony O'Reilly returning for their last few days. Chris Massey also went off on the same tender. Monday saw a special sports programme with Shaul Izinberg. He was in Ben Gurion Airport welcoming the Israeli football team after their victory in Oceania. Kenny played music between the reports. The line-up for 20th April was... 00:00 McLelland Hackney... 03:00 Tony O'Reilly... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 John MacDonald... 11:00 Ofer Nachshon... 14:00 Kenny Page... 15:00 Ricky Marks... 17:00 John MacDonald... 18:00 Tony O'Reilly... 19:30 McLelland Hackney... 21:00 Dave Lee.

The station has a re-vamped format, with the following programmes being hosted by the deejays at the above times... 00:00 "Late Night Affair" (love songs)... 03:00 "Night Beat"... 06:00 "Good Morning Friends" (soft music)... 08:00 "All Time Greats" (a featured artist from the 50's / 60's)... 09:00 "Thirty Years of Gold"... 11:00 "Hebrew Special"... 12:00 "Kassack" (oriental music)... 13:00 "International Showcase" (songs in Russian, French)... 14:00 "Dance Hits Show" (70/80's hits)... 15:00 "Peace Programme" (or phone-in with Abie)... 17:00 "Number Ones of All Time"... 18:00 "Twilight Time"... 19:30 "Classical Programme"... 21:00 "Specialist Show"

Channel Seven : This station which broadcasts from a vessel close to the m.v. Peace has at last stopped putting out the test transmissions which it has been for several months. There are now different types of programming, including a Hassidic Hebrew chart presented by Shlomi Galay. As with most programmes from the station it is repeated later in the week. The station transmits on 918kHz. from 07:00 until 23:00 daily.

LAND-BASED STATIONS

The Midlands : **Powerhouse Radio** were again raided by the DTI, possibly on Thursday 27th April. The station was heard testing on 105.2MHz on Sunday 30th April, during which it was announced that the DTI had cleared out the studio. PHR resumed normal broadcasts from Monday 1st May at around 09:00.

KISS FM returned to the airwaves on 21st April at about 16:07 when a tape loop was heard announcing "You are listening to the stereo sound of KISS FM on 102.2". From 19:00 onwards full programming was heard in stereo, although by the next day they had returned to mono. DJ Mike Stewart mentioned that they had hoped to be on the air the previous weekend, but had been sabotaged 8 times. The announced an address c/o Loading Bay Records, 586 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6BQ. The station's return was short, as on 26th April the went off the air, apparently due to warnings from the flat's caretaker that they would be reported to the DTI if they did not leave. A new tx site is now being sought.

A new West Indian station calling itself **Sabotage FM** appeared Tuesday evening 2nd May on 107.1MHz. Test broadcasts were being made.

Elsewhere in the area **Supreme FM** (103.6), **Power 92 FM** (92.15), **Metro FM** (104.95), **Freedom FM** (87.9) and **Skyline**

Radio (94.3) have all been heard daily, the latter two during the evenings only. **Centre Radio (99.3)** were broadcasting on Sunday morning and afternoon (30th April), **Rise FM (104.3)** was on the air again on Sunday evening. **Radio Sangam (89.8)** was heard broadcasting as usual on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, as well as additionally on Monday, 1st May.

Outlook (96.8) continues each Monday evening with its religious broadcasts to Birmingham, beginning at 20:00.

Further out, **Rapid Radio (97.9)** from Coventry were noted over quite a large area on Sunday 16th April, with a hip-hop, house etc. format.

Shropshire : Sunday 30th April saw **98 WR - The Hot FM** on the air between 11:55 and 15:45 for the regular last Sunday in the month broadcast. The signal covered a wide area. Their next broadcast is scheduled for 28th May. **Sunshine Radio** made one of its regular tests on 1017kHz. These are not usually announced tests, but just continuous music. The crew from WR turned up at **U.K. Radio** (who were putting out a mammoth broadcast), on Sunday night, where there commenced a great free radio gathering. U.K. was going out on three bands at this time, 1413kHz medium wave, 105.5 FM and shortwave. Monday saw **WPGC** on 105.45MHz.

Bristol : During the past month, just one free radio station has been heard operating in the city. **Savage Yet Tender Radio** were noted on Sunday 9th April on 104.2MHz. in stereo. The following Sunday they began early, at 15:30, on the slightly higher 104.6, before slipping down to their regular channel. Programming went well into the night, with the usual selection of shows. Sunday 23rd saw the lowest level of activity for a long time, with not even S.Y.T. Radio putting in an appearance. Listeners were more fortunate on 30th April, when **Savage Yet Tender Radio** returned on the new channel of 105.6MHz. Audio problems prevented programmes being heard, and the frequency kept jumping around before the transmitter finally left the airwaves. The station returned later that night in mono, on 104.6MHz where a local BBC transmitter covered most of the evenings programmings. No activity was noted on Bank Holiday Monday.

Merseyside : Both **Radio Atlantis (1197)** and **Toxteth Community Radio (104.9-stereo)** programmed throughout the week without any apparent problems. Additionally noted over the three day holiday weekend were **North Coast Radio** who this week just operated on 1350kHz. Rumours of a DTI raiding party in the area were thought to be the reason for the station not being on 105 FM as they were the previous week. An extremely powerful blank carrier on 1026kHz., was noted on Monday around mid-day, but no modulations came of this.

Wednesday evening saw a return for **Kiss FM** on 97.1 and they were also reported as active on Thursday, but by the time we had been alerted, the transmitter was silent again, for what reasons we do not know. Also heard locally on Wednesday evening..... a station identifying as **Studio FM (107.05)** and (surprise, surprise!), **Radio Merseywaves (105.8)**. The latter was hopefully a test for a full return shortly.

Manchester / Cheshire : **Outlook (96.3)** again put out an excellent signal on Sunday beginning at 20:00. Programmes were extended until 00:30 for the second week running, in an experiment, presumably to attract more listeners. It is unfortunate that whilst the audio quality of the 'live' announcements etc. is superb, some of the pre-recorded religious tapes leave somewhat to be desired, and are very muffled. In the city itself, **SpuerFresh FM (98.3)** were noted on Sunday evening, and **WBLS (102.4)** and **Laser (103.55)** have operated at various times daily.

Nottingham : It was fun and games this week from the boys (and girls) at **Heatwave Community Radio (105.1)**. The station was in court on Thursday 27th March on several charges, but the DTI had the case delayed for a short while so 'more information' could be gathered. The staff at HCR feel that they may be in for a rough ride with this particular case. Un-deterred however, they returned from a week of the air, the following morning (Friday 28th) at 07:00. They were not on long however, as the DoTI Men raided the tx site at 11:30, taking both the transmitter and aerial. The boys returned on Saturday morning only in mono. The HCR staff must have been upset by the activity against them, as unusually for them, the DTI came in for some verbal stick over the weekend. The station went as normal until Tuesday, when it disappeared again during the morning. This was again due to the same DTI officials being seen in the area. At 17:00, 105.1 came alive once more, this

time back in stereo, and programmes have continued 24 hours per day since. *

Bank Holiday Sunday (30th April) saw **Laser Hits Hits FM** on the air from around 08:30 that morning until 10pm. Frequency was 102.15MHz., which seemed to get out well. They also announced 1566kHz medium wave, and this was receivable in Derbyshire. Programming for Monday was also announced, as was a contact address of... P.O. Box 140, Nottingham NG2 7FD.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire : Starting in Sheffield this time, where **Diamond Radio (101.95)** has not been heard since a test on Wednesday night (26th April), during which a mobile operator on the same channel sounded as though he was suffering interference. Whether it was a co-incidence or not, a new station called **Sheffield Community Radio** began testing three days later on 105.05MHz. This one is putting out a much stronger signal than Diamond Radio was. More tests took place on Sunday and Monday. Programmes are being promised for Friday through until Sunday. Dee-jays are "Bannercek", "Sargeant Bilko" and "Sweet Gee", and the programming is reported as professional. The tx now seems to have settled on 104.9MHz. Also back on the air testing each evening over the Bank Holiday weekend on the new channel of 99.2, was **Radio Britannia**. Test announcements were given out, as well as an address for reception reports of... 17 Barber Balk Road, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3RR.

In Derbyshire, **North Midlands Radio (105.5)** put in Bank Holiday programming on Sunday 20:00-20:50 and Monday 18:00-19:00. **Radio Freedom** are also reported as being on the air.

Elsewhere, **Exocet FM (99.2)** was heard on Saturday 22nd March between 12:45 and 14:02. The only ID is heard when the dee-jay whispers 'Exocet 99.2'. In York **KL-FM (97.9)** were heard back on the air during Wednesday evening (3rd May), giving out a telephone number of (0836) 615071. They are hoping to try and return on a regular basis. Bradford's **Paradise City Radio (104.9)** has operated daily, and the carrier from **Rapid FM (105.1)** has also been heard each day, occasionally with programming.

London Weekend Survey - 24th April to 2nd May 1989:

In the springtime, with sun starting to warm the innards for the first time in the year, a young man's fancy invariably turns to thoughts of crumpet. Or, more particularly, how to get hold of crumpet. None more so than the heroes of many of our tales, the 'Privateer' jock, who have been attempting a number of very public ways of solving his particular problem this weekend. At least four jocks were heard setting out to assuage their carnal desires in various ways. The methods included the blatant bribery of a Saturday night **Fresh FM (103.35)** jock, who claimed to have a spare ticket to 'The Radio Presenters Awards' (or was it The Radio Awards Presentation - ?), and would be glad to give it to any nice young lady who would care to accompany him to the show at The Camden Palace. Then there was Dave West on E London's **WIBS (102.4)**, who played on everybody's heart strings when he pleaded for a young lady to cook him a breakfast when he finished his stint in the early hours of Monday morning, as being Bank Holiday, all the early morning cafes were shut, and he was starving hungry having sat over a hot mixing desk all night. All together now - aaahh. An equally blatant appeal to rampant consumerism was made by a guy who was offering a ride around the West End in a red, open top Porsche - just for the price of a phone call. Less blatant, was a simple phone-in contest, again on Fresh, where the prize was a night out with the two guys presenting the show. These offers were (of course) only open to young women. The aim of this last meeting was made embarrassingly plain, as one jock slavered and drooled over the prospect of meeting the two young 'winners'. It would serve them right if they both turned out like Nora Batty!

WIBS is very much an east and central London station as the renegade **Medina (102.25)** outfit has proved to be blocking them out over all of west London. Medina has been the thorn in the side of several stations. It has caused WLR to move down to 102, and in turn Q-102 and Veronica have been pushed down to 101.75/80. **WIBS** Dave West - 'The Master Blaster', is an oldies freak and is just as likely to throw in Slim Dusty's 'A Pub With No Beer', as play soul and reggae. **WIBS** have also inherited all the rock jingles that used to come out of **WLIB** a few months back, giving it a similarly incongruous sound.

Rock FM (92.05) were up early Sunday morning, and were

warming up the transmitter by 6am. They closed at the usual time, but made it back again on Bank Holiday Monday. Q-102 started on Saturday morning on the usual 101.8 in stereo, and went off for Sunday to allow Veronica in. Veronica 102 didn't make it and Q-102 returned on Monday, another half slot down on 101.75. They had decided that West London Radio's (102.0) ghetto blasting sound, was still causing too much splashover. On the other side of town, the old rockers at Radio Free London (92.05) held sway on Saturday, and supremo Nigel Grant was heard complaining long and loud about the size of his recent (unpaid) telephone bill. Meanwhile the young doyens of alternative rock could be found at London Rock (98.4), with links that still sound as though they are being made in a biscuit tin. It probably doesn't help matters when accident prone Lisa Kristel(?) explained that a muffed link was due to the mike dropping on her head! She didn't explain how the mike came to be in that position in the first place, so one can only wonder at the London Rock studio set-up. Neither did she explain how she came to fall off the chair the previous week! The breathless enthusiasm of the underground jockette could be heard well beyond her new 9 x 11 slot, when both the tape machine and the tx were left running overnight. This may have caused some problems out in Cambridgeshire, where the telephone was due to be manned to take messages and dedications for next weeks show.

South London weekenders Starpoint (93.15-stereo) celebrated the Bank Holiday weekend, and a substantial trouble free run, by finally going into full blown stereo. They were last heard in stereo last December. Joining Starpoint in going stereo, are E London stalwarts City Radio (94.5-stereo) who pressed the button on Saturday night. At about the same time, the Starpoint rig developed a nasty sprog down on 92.15, which could be heard over most of S London.

There is believed to have been the usual pre-Bank Holiday cull of stations, but with the exception of Star, all were back for a near enough full count for the weekend. Tropical Radio were not around, but that may well have been down to technical problems with the new tx. The ethnics proved to be a soft touch for the DoTI Men, as usual. Both Greek Community Radio (104.4) and Asian Community Radio (89.65) made it back for the weekend, with London Arab (89.65) finally making it back after a seven day break, on Bank Holiday Monday evening. Peckham's Sky Radio (91.7) tried valiantly to make the scene, but despite several brave attempts over the weekend, all that was heard was series of clicks and buzzes. Crystal Radio 92.3) who returned after a two week absence, have very rarely fulfilled their advertised seven day, 24 hour schedule, as they are usually off overnight. But Saturday night, even this limited schedule went out of the window, as did the jocks, when they all decided that they wanted to go to the same party. The party was 'The 1989 Radio Presenters Awards' (or was it The...) in Camden Town, so just after 9:30, they left the studio and were not heard again until the following morning.

The carrier waves mentioned last week around the 88MHz sector, this week broke out into music on 88.4'ish. Unfortunately, the signal was so weak in central and south London that they remain un-named at this moment. Far more easily heard were CWS (89.4) who came up Sunday with a test, and a promise of "an important new weekend service for music lovers and advertisers". New out of the East End are Reflections (96.95) who are thought to have been around for at least a couple of weeks, causing interference and confusion with the Breeze FM tests which were going out on the same slot. Non-commercial, non-stop dancers Breeze, have now dropped down to 98.85, and are still in the 'coming soon' stage of things. Following on last weeks promise of a new service from Premier Radio, nothing happened, and it was assumed to have been a wind-up. That is, until a very noisy signal was heard in the early hours of Sunday morning on 92.15, the same slot as the Promised premier was due to appear. It also appeared to come from the right part of town. It turned out to be a false alarm, as, by co-incidence, after listening for some time it was finally established to be the Starpoint sprog.

Heard this week up to Bank Holiday Monday were :- No Name (88.4), Sunrise (88.8), CWS (89.4), London Arab (89.65), Asian Community Radio (89.85), RJR (90.0), Rock-to-Rock (90.25), Supreme (90.45), CRN (90.65), Lightning (90.9), Radio Free London (92.05)/Rock FM (92.05), Crystal (92.3), Switch (92.7), Star (93.0), Starpoint (93.15-stereo), Lazer

(94.05-stereo), Classic Community Radio (94.3), City (94.5-stereo), Breeze (96.85), Reflections (96.95), London Rock (98.4), Q-102 (101.75/80-stereo), West London Radio (102.00), Medina (102.25), WIBS (102.4), SLR (102.75), Fresh (103.35), Peoples (103.65), Greek Community Radio (104.4), Stomp FM (105.35) and Inner City Radio (105.65). A total of 32, of which 6 were in stereo for at least part of the time.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Log for Saturday 29th April 1989.

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:50gmt.
6273kHz...TRIANGLE NIGHT TIME RADIO, at 23:36gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:30gmt.

Log for Sunday 30th April 1989.

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 09:29gmt.
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 09:25gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 10:31gmt.
6234kHz...UNID., at 09:31gmt.
6234kHz...FREESOUND RADIO INT., at 10:11gmt.
6236kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 10:14gmt.
6240kHz...PREMIER RADIO INT., at 10:28gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA (?), at 10:22gmt.
6290kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 14:58gmt.
6299kHz...4IFR, at 09:40gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:30gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ENGLAND, at 11:06gmt.
6308kHz...TOTAL CONTROL RADIO, at 15:25gmt.
6310kHz...DX 20 (QSO), at 12:59gmt.
6310kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (QSO), at 12:29gmt.
6313kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (QSO), at 13:15gmt.
6317kHz...RADIO CONFUSION, at 13:32gmt.
6319kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 09:39gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00gmt.
6815kHz...U.K. RADIO, at 15:21gmt.
7315kHz...SUPERCLAN RADIO, at 08:08gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:47gmt.
7360kHz...UNID. (Dutch), at 09:46gmt.
7433kHz...RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND, at 07:57gmt.
7490kHz...RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND, at 08:19gmt.
7490kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:30gmt.
7490kHz...VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS, at 10:21gmt.
11515kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11:10gmt.

Conditions today were not very good, and for the first time in many months, no French stations were noted in the 41 metre band. Perhaps they were all on holiday! Logs in BOLD are ours, monitored in Blackpool, others were kindly supplied by Stuart in Staffs., Ken in Yorkshire, Pete in Gloucester, Ken in Scotland and Neal in the midlands.

The section of the band between 6230 and 6240 was total chaos during the late morning, with at least four stations, and possibly five, being heard at once. A 1kHz (approx.) heterodyne appeared on Premier for a time, which was possibly caused by the fifth station. The unidentified heard early, on 6234 was thought to be Freesound testing. Radio Laser on their first official broadcast, gave out the P.O. Box 140, Ashford, Kent address.

Radio ECC were plagued by a heterodyne here caused by something or someone on 6813. At one point, very low modulation was heard from this unidentified tx, but then it disappeared after a few minutes. Perhaps it was a station from the Far East. There was no sign here of any transmissions from RECC on 11515kHz, but they were heard weakly in Yorkshire. This channel sill not be in use for the broadcast on 7th May. A report has been received from Czechoslovakia - not bad for just 12 watts.

Log for Monday 1st May 1989.

6232kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:00gmt.
6235kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 10:58gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:45gmt.

Unusually for a Bank Holiday, only three stations were logged on the Monday. On Britain Radio, Roger Davis and Jane were playing their Top 15. Both stations heard here were putting in very good signals. Radio Orion were also playing favourite tracks (with a more rocky touch), although not in any particular order.

Our thanks for the usual wealth of info arriving once more, and to everyone for their efforts in this respect.

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INFO-LINE: The Anoraks U.K. Info-Line is now no longer
in operation. Until a new service is sorted out, we suggest
that people wishing an up-date, should ring the CM info-line
in Tiverton, Devon. Their number is (0884) 258641.

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are stored on computer disc for ease of access only. You
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NEW MERCHANDISE: The contents of our range of **Audio
Magazines** from **Stichting Media Communicatie** in Holland
has always been a bit of a mystery, even to us, for despite
now being up to issue 32 (Jan/Feb 1989), we never seemed
to know what each one featured and found their description
difficult to put over. Now, all that has changed with the
production of an (6 x A4 sides) info booklet detailing
everything about each cassette available (it's in Dutch, by
the way, but is easy to work out). Anyone wishing to purchase
any of these audio mags is advised to request, free of charge
from a us, a copy of said sheet. All but six of these cassettes
are on C.60's, the odd six being C.90's and the contents are
air-checked highlights of offshore activity since the Summer
of 1981 (Radio Paradijs) and right up to February of this
year. The cost is £3.50 each and we have them in stock
here. We do occasionally run out, but supplies are readily
forthcoming, usually in a matter of days..... the final reminder
now about our special magazine offer which expires at the
end of the month. Any five copies for just £6 (instead of
£10) and they include Offshore Echo's, Monitor and the Dutch
magazine, Off Shore, plus we still have issues 17, 19, 21
and 23 of Wavelength magazine for just 50p each and, of
course, the last two editions, 24 and 25 at 90p each. The
latter magazine has now ceased publication and no further
supplies will be available..... and finally, we are still awaiting
the arrival of the John Venmore Rowland book '**Radio
Caroline**'. The books will hopefully be arriving from the
continent any day now, but at this stage, please send **NO**
money, although we will be only too pleased to accept your
advanced order.

NEW ARRIVALS: **Activity Magazine**, issue 13, with 16
x A5 pages of pirate SW station news from Great Britain,
Ireland and the continent, plus much more too. Details
from 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH...
<< **FRS * GOES * DX** >>, issue 82, '**THE** magazine for free
radio enthusiasts' has 20 x A5 pages covering offshore, short
wave and much more, including the second part of the Roger
Matthews interview and a feature on Radio Galaxy 6225.
To find out more, write FRS, Postbus 41, 7700 AA
Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands..... **Freewave**, issue 178 has
24 x A5 pages, all in the Dutch language, covering European
radio generally, including offshore. Details here, from Hans
Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands.....

Horizon, issue 9, again in A5 format with 12 pages of offshore
news covering the Easter celebrations. For a copy, send
a medium sized SAE, along with two 19p stamps to 121
Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ (this
is the final 'free' issue, from now on, a charge will be made,
we understand, so take the opportunity for a bargain now.....
Play-DX, issues 547 and 548, the weekly read from Italy
both list many long distance high frequency logs and have
an international news features. 6 x A4 sides each, from
Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....
from Germany, **CLCG Magazin**, issue 142 with a wad of
A4 sheets of news, information and cuttings covering offshore,
Ireland, shortwave and much more. Totally in the German
language, details can be obtained from Postfach 54 01 01,
D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany.

TAPE OFFERS : As it was recently Radio Caroline's 25th
birthday, we had a look back into the archives and found
a selection of recordings from **Radio Caroline North**, some
24 years ago when it was operating on the original 199 metres,
and was well into its second year of operation. Tape SP-
31 features Bob Stewart between 18:00 and 19:00, with
'Caroline Club Requests' from 30th June 1965. Tape SP-32
takes us to 12th July 1965 and Tom Lodge on the breakfast
show from 08:00 to 09:00. Finally, we move to 8th August
the same year and for Tape SP-33 take a listen to a mid
morning show from 10:00 to 11:00, with Mike Ahern. All
the shows were recorded off 199m, and the quality is very
good for the age. All three tapes this week, each contain
sixty minutes of continuous programming, including adverts
and news etc. Cost, as usual is £2.00 per cassette.

WANTED: 3 x Easter '89 Tape Recordings... BBC Radio 2,
Simon Dee, Sat. 25th March... Radio Caroline 558, Top
Ten only of 'Top 1001'... Radio Caroline 819, Top Ten only
of 'Top 200'. Will purchase or swap other 'goodies'... Ring
Chris on (0223) 240322 (before 10 pm).

FOR SALE: Collector wishes to dispose of late '50's to
early '70's New Orleans R n'B / Soul 45's, mostly original
labels... write for list to Harold Eastwood, Dept. AUK,
16 Ravens Close, Normoss, Blackpool FY3 7SL.

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with pre-emphasis. 5 watts @ £50. 35 watts @ £80. Send
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and 10m of co-ax. Write to : P.O. Box 140, Ashford, Kent.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

The Irish Radio and Television Commission have issued
a list of frequencies allotted to the new operators, but as
this falls outside our category, we will not be printing it,
however, we do realise that this will be of interest to many
people, especially DX-ers (of the FM band). Our colleague
in Dublin, Peter Madison, has kindly made a list for us and
anyone who would like a copy free of charge, should request
one without delay. Only one medium wave frequency has
been announced, and that is for the new national commercial
station to be run by Century Communications. With a power
of 100 KW from Tullamore, the station will be heard on
891kHz. from 1st May we are told (although recent newspaper
articles suggest that there will be at least a two month
delay for the service). Anyone wishing to listen, in East
Wales could have problems due to the BBC Wales transmitter
on 882kHz. Likewise, listeners in West Wales may have
problems receiving the Welsh transmissions due to the power
of the Irish one. We shall see.

Co. Dublin : **Radio Dublin** continues to be the only major
daily operation to Dublin city. The medium wave outlet
on 1188kHz. has continued all week (apart from a couple
of breaks), but live programming has been a little irregular,
especially during the morning. With the signal being so
good here, and only 40 watts apparently being used, the

transmitter to aerial matching must be extremely good. In his regular station news broadcast on Sunday afternoon (13:55) Eamon said that he hoped the station might be back on shortwave by the end of the week. It is understood that the former 6910kHz. frequency will be used again. He mentioned further changes as regards transmitters and was heard asking for the loan of a JCB digger, so it sounds like he may have acquired a much larger medium wave one. Supporters have been most kind in donating various equipment. Mention was made of the closing down of Millenium and of the pending court cases, which now seem to be put back further and June was mentioned here. When the two new Dublin stations will come on air, if ever, remains to be seen. He concluded by saying that if all the pirate stations had stayed on the air at the end of the year, the authorities would not have raided them and things may have been completely different now.

As mentioned to begin with, programming during the week was a little erratic, at least on the medium wave outlet. Mostly 'live' programmes were in evidence at the start of the week, but then taped shows were heard, including one on Tuesday lunchtime from former Radio Dublin presenter (back in 1976) Prince Terry. The announcements were only for '101 FM', so the tape must have been made several weeks ago. Still, it was nice to hear 'The Prince' on the station once again. On Wednesday the medium wave was on and off during the morning and early afternoon, with very low modulation. By 15:15 this had been sorted out, but full programmes had still not returned. By Thursday morning, 'live' programmes seemed to be back to normal again. Plenty of commercials are being aired, as well as many 'live spoken' adverts and a promo for a 'Radio Dublin Night Out' at the Dewdrop Inn, in Kill, Co. Kildare on Saturday 20th May. The all in cost of this, including transport for the 20 minute journey, there and back, is just £5, which entitles people to admission to the various parts of the club. Radio Dublin is still trying to raise more cash for the High Court case, the cost of which could be tens of thousands of pounds. Any donations to the fund would be greatly appreciated and indeed any proceeds raised from the 'night out' will be going towards the court fund. Perhaps a way of advertisers getting their names heard on the station would be to donate a sum to the fund, and in turn get their adverts played. It is not illegal for anyone to donate money in order to fight a court case - so the 1988 Wireless Telegraphy Act act (which is being challenged anyway) cannot be enforced.

Sunday afternoon (7th), saw the regular transmissions from **Premier 212**. The medium wave outlet of 1413kHz. was receivable here in Blackpool, but weaker than last week. This could have been conditions however, as **Radio Dublin** on 1188kHz. also seemed a little weaker. Premier were also announcing 104.2MHz. Also reported active (but not received here), **Radio Martina**, very briefly, and **K 104**, along with a couple of unofficial relays of Radio Dublin.

Outside Dublin, and again, the only other two operators heard, are **Northside Radio** (846 and 98.0) from Redcastle, Co. Donegal and **Radio Star Country** (981) from Monaghan Town. Star continues to broadcast 24 hours per day, and as promos on the station state, is the 'only all country music station in Ireland'.

Finally, it was six years ago this week that the massive raids took place on Radio Nova and Sunshine Radio, during which the Department of Communications took away large amounts of transmitting equipment. Anoraks U.K. produced a 90 minute documentary at the time, narrated by John Lewis, and featuring the last 45 minutes of Radio Nova up to the raid with Declan Meehan. Also included were news bulletins, and interviews from the days following the raids. The cost of this piece of radio history is just £5.00.

SATELLITE STATIONS: Unfortunately we are not always able to include this section due to a lack of space. We feel the 'pirate' activity must take precedence. Our colleague, Peter Messingfeld writes from Germany... 'I can give you some information about **Star*Sat** (that's how they spell it!) **Radio**. One of the managing directors is Jo Luders, who, once upon a time, was involved in the setting up of **Radio Northsea International** to broadcast to Germany. As you know, this failed and RNI went Dutch. Jo Luders however, is still very interested in offshore radio. Together with his partner, Peter Pelunka, they now run **Star*Sat Radio** from Munich. Just like Nova did, **Star*Sat** are using only CD's. They also run two local stations, 'Radio Isar' and 'Radio Yesterday' which improve the financial income.

Their address is ... Hohenzollerstrasse 88, Postfach 401145, D - 8000 Munich 40, West Germany. By the way, they do not confirm reception reports by QSL card as they only concentrate on making radio!

Our thanks to Peter for this little piece. As regards the station, it can be found on the Eutelsat 1 - F4 satellite, 11507GHz.(V) on sub-carriers 7.38 and 7.56MHz.

It is almost a year since Radio Nova International commenced on satellite, although the station closed after some months due to it not making the impact everyone thought it would, due possibly to it being ahead of its time. This left various 'foreign' stations to be found on the 11GHz. Ku-band, namely **Radio 10**, in Dutch, from Amsterdam, **Cable One**, half English, half Dutch, from Hilversum, **VOA Europe**, in English, from Munich, **Sky Radio**, automated, from Amsterdam, **Star*Sat Radio**, automated, from Munich, **RTL** (Luxembourg), in German until midnight, then a relay of the English '208' service after, **'The Super Station'** nightly, with a relay of LBC (London) daily and the two BBC World Service relays.

We would not suggest that anyone should go to the expense of buying satellite equipment to hear the above, unless of course they intend to take full advantage of the television channels. Our opinion of the above stations..... Radio 10, Cable One and Star*Sat, we like their music format best. Sky Radio with its 'soft pop' format is very wishy-washy and one soon finds oneself re-tuning. VOA Europe is rather old fashioned but does have spells of good music, along with syndicated shows from the States. Its nice to be able to hear '208' in stereo after midnight and also to have the facility of being able to listen to the World Service and LBC daily. 'The Super Station', well, it's just an extension of ILR.

We are looking forward to hearing the new oldies station planned for later this year.

Anyone puzzled about how to receive any of the above stations should drop us a line or call us by telephone. We will be delighted to offer our assistance.

On a final note here, we must just that add that once more we are encountering problems with our Rediffusion satellite receiver and feel we ought to send it back to the manufacturers before the guarantee runs out later this month. As a result, we will be unable to make any satellite tapes for a short while. Watch this space for news of its return!

THE OFFSHORE STATIONS:

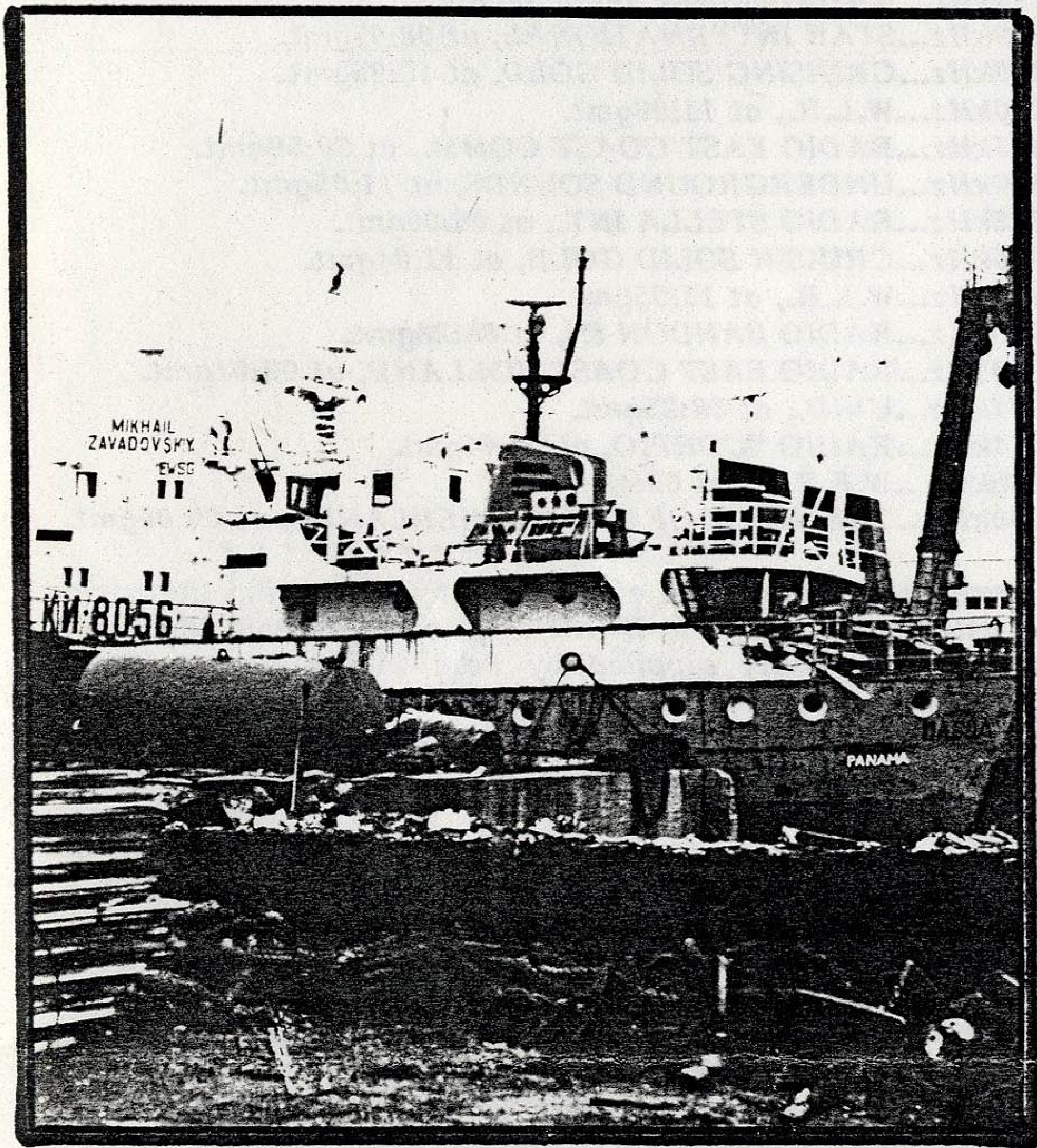
Our thanks to Stuart who tells us that on Monday 15th May, it will be 18 years since the radio ship, m.v. Mebo II was fire-bombed off the coast of Holland.

The Voice of Peace : Latest news from Gali and Vered is that Tony O'Reilly and McLelland Hackney both left the station on 23rd April. Another tender on Tuesday 25th brought Chris Massey back to the line-up, with John MacDonald taking his turn on land. Ofer Nachshon celebrated his 23rd birthday aboard the ship on 27th April, although Kenny Page jokingly told everyone during 'Good Morning Friends' that Ofer was 43 years old! The joke carried on to the next day, when Ricky Marks said he had just heard of Ofer's birthday, and this would now make him 43 and a day! It was certainly birthday week, as on Saturday, station owner Abie Nathan celebrated his 62nd birthday, having just arrived back from Washington. Ofer's birthday wasn't the only one made fun of by Kenny Page, as Kenny sang Abie a song on the air, and said he was 100 years old! (Will he be heard on the station again!) The line-up for the last week of April was... 00:00 Dave Lee... 03:00 Chris Massey... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Ricky Marks... 11:00 Ofer Nachshon... 13:00 Kenny Page... 15:00 Ricky Marks... 18:00 Chris massey... 19:30 Dave Lee... 21:00 Ofer Nachshon. On Monday 1st May after the news at 19:00, Kenny announced that the station was leaving the air for essential maintainance, and would be back in the morning with 'music of love and understanding'. This was in commemoration of the holocaust. They actually didn't return until 18:00, when 'Give Peace a Chance' was played. Regular programmes began at 19:00, but only on the AM outlet. It wasn't until 09:25 on 3rd May that the FM returned, following an announcement from Ricky Marks. The same day, John MacDonald returned from shore, as well as Richard West. Richard was aboard for six months during 1988, and is a welcome return to the line-up. The tender took off Dave Lee and Ricky Marks for shore leave, as well as deckhand Keith Gibson, who is leaving after a long seven month stint. This is apparently a record, as some deckhands only stay for a couple of days! Keith was touring around the world and working on a kibutz before

going to the Voice of Peace. He is now going to continue with his tour, and is currently on his way to Egypt and Africa. The new line-up for the first week of May was... 00:00 Richard West... 03:00 Chris Massey... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 John MacDonald... 11:00 Ofer Nachshon... 13:00 Richard West... 14:00 Kenny Page... 15:00 John MacDonald... 18:00 Chris Massey... 19:30 Richard West... 21:00 Ofer Nachshon.

Channel Seven : Just a small piece of information about this little reported station. It is understood that programmes for this neighbour of the Voice of Peace, on 918kHz., are being recorded on land, and then sent to the ship. There are two deejays on board, and payment to them is very high. They work one week at a time on the ship (only on weekdays). The contracts are understood to be for three months, during which they record cassettes for future broadcast.

M.V. Magda Maria: Further to our piece last week about this vessel, our correspondent and good friend in Belgium, B.Dom, visited the said scrapyard and confirms what we wrote last week that the mast was gone and the ship was in the process of being broken up. He spoke to the manager of the scrapyard who was under no illusions at all... the ship was to be scrapped completely! Nothing worthwhile remained on board, everything had been removed whilst she was lying in Amsterdam. The picture below, possibly one of the last ever taken of the vessel still intact, shows her lying amidst other vessels, no doubt awaiting the same fate, together with lots of junk and scrap.



Caroline 558: Aerial work is currently suspended, apparently due to the riggers only having a contract to erect 100 feet. Two new voices were heard in the early hours of Tuesday, Mark Rogers (00:00) and Steve Martin (03:00). Line-up since then has been... 00:00 Mark Rogers... 03:00 Steve Martin... 06:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Nick Jackson... 13:00 Ian Miles... 16:00 Rob Harrison... 19:00 Neil Gates... 21:00 Philip John. Over on 819 one of the roadshow crew, Colin Ward hosted shows at 02:00 on Monday and Tuesday, but hasn't been heard since. Apologies for short piece, due to above photo.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

Renfrewshire : Former pirate **KLT Radio** currently has a license to operate until the end of May on 103.5MHz. The station broadcasts each day during daylight hours, and although using only 1 watt covers a wide area across Glasgow. So take a listen before the station has to go off the air. In a deal with the Paisley Beer Festival, anyone saying KLT at the door gets a free pint. **Glennifer Radio** who were jamming KLT at first, now relay KLT on their own channel of 104.8MHz. **Northside Radio** (103.3) were noted on Wednesday night after 7pm.

Merseyside: The two '7 day-ers', **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.9) and **Radio Atlantis** (1197) continue to be heard here

in Blackpool, with hardly any interruptions. Both stations have masses of adverts and operate very professionally. The latter seems to manage everything (the whole programming, engineering and advertising) with just two people, Rick Dane and Stephen Bishop. Some shows are, understandably, repeated from time to time. The music format is generally pops and oldies and the station airs at 10:00 am daily, until midnight. TCR, a black station, seems to have more personnel involved, and whilst playing basically black music, does deviate from time to time, no doubt in an attempt to attract a wider audience, realising that Liverpool is not exactly London.

Saturday (6th) and active, also on FM (104.7), was **Veronica 104**. The station was noted (unusually) before lunch, here in Blackpool. The station announced weekend operation and 'the home of classic rock on Merseyside'. The station was listened to all afternoon and its format made a complete and refreshing change for us. On Sunday, limited listening time prevailed and we were unable to note the station at all on the few brief checks we made. However, excellent FM conditions brought in the legal occupier of 104.7, from Bristol, possibly overpowering Veronica. Also noted, both Saturday and Sunday, was **North Coast Radio** (1350), with normal weekend shows. N.C.R.'s power was well down on previous weeks.

Finally, we just heard that Keith The Chief appeared in court on 3rd May, and was fined £200, with £150 costs for operating Radio Merseywaves without a license.

Nottingham : After their recent DTI problems, **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) managed a full week's broadcast. One of their former top presenters 'The Lioness' returned this week, after not being heard for some time.

Manchester : **Outlook 96.3** made its regular Sunday night appearance on 7th May, but the signal was lower than usual at our location. Locally, in central Manchester, **SuperFresh** (98.3), **Laser** (103.5) and **WBLS** (102.4) were all heard the same evening, with the latter two also broadcasting each evening during the week.

London Weekend Survey - 2nd to 9th April 1989:

Veronica Gold 102 didn't make it at all this Sunday (7th May), but had been on for a short time the previous week. Circumstances, which got quite hairy at one point, were well beyond their control, and forced them to come off air. This has meant that a radical rethink has been forced on them, but the 'golden groovers' should be back within a very short time, with an improved 'Gold Over London' service. Slot sharers and weekend rockers **Q-102** (101.8-stereo) came up for air on Saturday, and have been experimenting and fine tuning the broadcast slot. On Bank Holiday Monday they had been on 101.75, but by Friday were testing on 101.70. Saturday saw them back to the more normal 101.80 spot. Saturday also saw rockers **Radio Free London** (92.05) and **London Rock** (98.40) both complete their schedules. Meanwhile in East London, **Rock FM** (92.05) have seen two of their stalwarts in the shape of Arthur Burton and Chris England leave the relative steadiness of tower block broadcasting, to make a sharp move 60 miles to the east. They now have an excellent view of the Olau Ferry crossing the Channel, twice a day.

Asian Community Radio (89.85) went missing on Wednesday from what is presumed to have been a sweep through N London, which also is believed to have netted **Lazer** (94.05-stereo), **City Radio** (94.50-now back to mono), **Fresh FM** (103.25), **Greek Community Radio** (104.4) and possibly **London Arab** (89.75) as well. With the exception of ACR, all made their presence felt over the weekend. There were a couple of mystery disappearances over the weekend, when both **Star** (93.0) and **Switch** went off at odd times. Switch went off Saturday afternoon to be followed a little later by Star, in mid record. This led to fears that the 'Soul Destroyers' were out and about, but nothing else went missing, so technical problems were believed to be at the root of it all. Switch did not re-appear over the weekend, but there were signs of Star making a comeback within a few hours. During Sunday, a highly distorted signal which turned out to be NW London's **Crystal Radio** (92.2) could be heard. It may have been a sprog of course, but more likely that they were using the Crystal signal for test purposes. Last week's serious sprog from SE London's **Starpoint** (93.2-stereo) was not in evidence this week, indicating that some work had been done during the week.

Not heard for several weeks are E London's CRN, WLIB and weekenders Stage FM, and from south of the river,

Tropical Radio and Sky Radio. At least two of these are known to be looking for new studio premises, as the old sites have become too hot for them, in one way or another.

Several stations seem to have very low bust rates these days, echoing the record of Traffic Jam last year. These include Haringey's **SLR** (102.75), and Brixton's **Classic Community Radio** (94.35), neither of whom seem to have been off the air in months. In the meantime, an old DoTI Man favourite, **Rock-to-Rock** (90.25) appears to have lost its appeal to the London Lubianka, as it also appears to have been clear of hassle for some months. RTR have been the subject of some very heavy busts in the last year or two, including one occasion when they the tower block they were broadcasting from, had a helicopter circling it. The lack of problems may be due to the much lower profile they have adopted of late. This has reduced their listening area from much of London, to an area with a radius of about four miles.

Strange how some tx's are more unstable (despite denials) than others. Whilst checking centre frequencies on Sunday, it was noted that RJR in particular was wandering up and down between 89.50 and 90.50, over a comparatively short period of time. On the other hand, Crystal Radio didn't seem to be able to make up its mind where it was going to settle. It started off on 92.30 on Monday. Drifted down to 92.25 by Friday, and then settled for the weekend on 92.20.

Out of towners **Stomp FM** (105.35) had a full weekend covering much of Essex and E London. **Inner City Radio** (105.65) on the other hand, were heard to mention that their service area is for Essex county town of Chelmsford, yet they can be heard quite easily over the river in Kent, and faintly in Surrey, yet not in central London at all. [During lift conditions at Bank Holiday, they were also again heard in Yorkshire!-Ed.]

E London newey **Reflections Radio** (96.95) are putting out a considerably enhanced signal this week. But then so are S London dance station **Breeze FM** (on the same 96.95 slot). This has meant that there is a neat north / south divide for each station's listeners. Breeze are weekends at the moment, while Reflections are 7 day / 24 hour.

New soulsters in town are **Obsession** (104.3) heard for the first time on Sunday, from a believed N London base. Apart from Obsession, this week has seen the return of **Independent Radio** to 93.85 in stereo, and **Mega Radio** (95.4). Independent were on over several weekends at the end of March on 94.00, but were forced out by the return of Lazer who had decamped briefly to 88.50. This week saw them with extended tape loop tests going out from Saturday morning. By the evening, one of the guys behind it had evidently got fed up with listening to the same tape loop, and came in the studio to go live for several hours. After his efforts, the tape loop returned for the rest of the period. **Mega Radio** (95.4) on the other hand, is a strange one. They have been wandering around the band, turning up on odd frequencies at odd times, usually in the early hours of the morning, and usually sounding the worse for wear, for several months now. Not since the early days of Peckham's Sky Radio's Del Brisco, has a jock put in so much on air time as 'The Mission' has on Mega. It seems that whenever the station is turned on, there, sitting at the desk, is 'The Mission'. With the arrival on 95.4, they now seem to have settled down to a full time existence, on a slot that has not been used for many months.

Putting out a noisy hum with soul, were new weekenders **CWS** (89.35), who, during the run up tests on Friday evening, managed to knock the arm off the record deck no less than three times in as many minutes.

Heard this week were :- Un-named (88.40), **Sunrise** (88.8), **CWS** (89.35), **London Arab Community Radio** (89.65/75), **Asian Community Radio** (89.85), **RJR** (90.0), **Rock-to-Rock** (90.25), **Supreme** (90.45), **Lightning** (90.9), **Radio Free London** (92.05), **Rock FM** (92.05), **Crystal** (92.3/2), **Switch** (92.7), **Star** (93.0), **Starpoint** (93.2-stereo), **Independent** (93.85), **Lazer** (94.0-stereo), **Classic Community Radio** (94.3), **City** (94.5), **Mega Radio** (95.4), **Breeze** (96.95), **Reflections** (96.95), **London Rock** (98.4), **Q-102** (101.80-stereo), **West London Radio** (102.00), **Medina** (102.30), **WIBS** (102.40), **SLR** (102.75), **Fresh** (103.25), **Peoples** (103.65), **Obsession** (104.3), **Greek Community Radio** (104.4), **Stomp FM** (105.35) and **Inner City Radio** (105.6). A total of 34 stations heard, of which only four made it into stereo.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Saturday 6th May 1989:

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 09:05gmt.
6230kHz...**JOLLY ROGER RADIO**, at 08:06gmt.
6230kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:20gmt.
6233kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 12:34gmt.
6298kHz...**UNID.**(music), at 13:00gmt.
6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:41gmt.
6303kHz...**UNID.**(music), at 12:55gmt.
6304kHz...**"Fish Head"**, at 13:02gmt. [QSO]
6306kHz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 13:39gmt. [QSO]
6317kHz...**WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO**, at 12:50gmt. [QSO]
7490kHz...**UNID. (Dutch)**, at 09:06gmt.

The station on 7490kHz was just signing off as we tuned in, and was possibly Radio East Coast Holland, as on Sunday they mentioned broadcasts every Saturday and Sunday.

Log for Sunday 7th May 1989:

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 05:55gmt.
6225kHz...**RADIO MARABU**, at 07:11gmt.
6230kHz...**JOLLY ROGER RADIO**, at 08:01gmt.
6230kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:03gmt.
6237kHz...**RADIO LASER INT.**, at 10:04gmt.
6275kHz...**RADIO NORMAAL INT.**, at 08:07gmt.
6277kHz...**RADIO MIRAGE**, at 08:34gmt.
6282kHz...**CALDONIA RADIO**, at 09:18gmt.
6285kHz...**RADIO GLORIA INT.**, at 12:10gmt.
6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:59gmt.
6319kHz...**STAR INTERNATIONAL**, at 08:03gmt.
6320kHz...**CRUISING SOLID GOLD**, at 10:05gmt.
6320kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 11:06gmt.
6815kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 09:59gmt.
6870kHz...**UNDERGROUND SOUNDS**, at 11:05gmt.
7315kHz...**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 08:00gmt.
7315kHz...**CRUISIN SOLID GOLD**, at 11:04gmt.
7315kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 11:05gmt.
7360kHz...**RADIO BANDON (?)**, at 08:28gmt.
7360kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND**, at 09:01gmt.
7374kHz...**UNID.**, at 08:25gmt.
7374kHz...**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 09:44gmt.
7385kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 09:45gmt.
7490kHz...**THE VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS**, at 09:00gmt.

Conditions today were excellent, at least during the period we listened in. Logs in BOLD were made here in Blackpool, others were kindly supplied by Pete in Gloucester, Stuart in Staffs., Ken in Yorkshire and Neal in the midlands.

The strongest signals noted here were Radio Waves and Voice of the Netherlands, but all, except 6282 and 6237, were loud and clear.

Radio Normaal on 6275kHz was announcing test transmissions with 10 watts, and giving an address of P.O. Box 395, 2980, The Netherlands. The signal was very weak.

Caldonia Radio announced 'the sound of young Europe' (the operator must have been an ex RNI listerier!).

Radio Gloria were announcing a test transmission and giving out the 23 South Beechwood address.

Radio Orion mentioned that there was no Radio England programme this week due to the tape not arriving. At the end of their broadcast at 14:47, they were heard to mention that in the coming weeks tests would be carried out somewhere in the 11 metre band (25MHz.).

Cruisin' Solid Gold were announcing on 6320kHz., that this was their first show since December 1988.

Radio Stella announced test transmissions on the dubious 7315 slot (dubious owing to the BBC World Service on 7325!), but despite a rock solid signal, suffered, as others have done, with splash-over. Cruisin' Solid Gold was heard on this channel later, but announcing 6318kHz. An address in Bath was again announced.

There was a German language station on 7360 which was clearly audible and the name given sounded like Radio Banzon, or Radio Bandon. The Wuppertal address was being given. At the end of this programme, Radio East Coast Holland closed the station down for the morning.

The unidentified station on 7374 was quite audible, but the 'numbers station' was active on the frequency between 09:00 and 09:30 obliterating other more entertaining co-channel operators. On the cessation of numerical entertainment, the music station was identified as Radio Scorpio, but the earlier one could well have been a different station and may have been Radio Luce.

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NEW MERCHANDISE: "Radio Caroline" by John Venmore
 Rowland.... copies of this 1967 classic book are now arriving
 as promised. We have rather a lot of orders, as expected,
 but feel sure we shall be able to fulfil these, despite not
 being too sure of how many books are available. People
 who have pre-ordered may now send £7.00 for their copy.
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 may experience a slight delay before receiving the goods....
 Apparently our 'supplier' of the above has found that his
 contact also has one or two other things and we shall mention
 them here and ask that if anyone is interested could they
 please let us know without delay.... the book 'Independent
 Radio' by Mike Baron (we would charge £7 for this)....
 'Veronica Tunes' (E.P. record, includes 'The Horse', Crunchy
 Granola Suite', etc.).... 'Veronica 538' by Vader Abraham
 (E.P.).... 'Man of Action' by Les Reed (E.P.). The three
 latter items, all E.P. records, would cost £6.00. Please
 note, all items are new. As regards the 'Man of Action',
 we have copies for £5 in stock here, but this one appears
 to be an E.P. and a collector may wish to avail of such an
 item. Whichever way, let us know if you are interested,
 without delay and in the meantime, we will get more details.

NEW ARRIVALS: Three from last Saturday, **Now Radio**,
 issue 108, with 20 x A5 pages of mainly legal radio news
 and views from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northampton NN16
 0NW..... **Contact**, the monthly bulletin of the World DX
 Club, 34 x A4 sides, packed with logs, news and much member
 correspondence. To join the club, contact Arthur Ward,
 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY..... from Medium
 Wave Circle, **Medium Wave News**, Vol 35, No. 2, with 20 x
 A5 pages of news, logs and features on this band only. To
 join, get in touch with Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road,
 Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY. The latter two highly
 recommended magazines are aimed at the DX-er, rather
 than the 'Anorak', but do cover the pirate broadcasts and
 not just legal transmissions. Both are only available on
 subscription..... on to this week's arrivals now, **Radiotelex**,
 issue 150 has four x A4 sides of short wave logs and news
 and details can be had from Radiotelex, Duempter Strasse 6,
 D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany..... surprise, surprise,
PIN Magazine, issue 32 / 33. In A4 format now, this excellent
 well produced magazine sadly appears rather infrequently
 (the last issue, no. 31, appeared in May 1988), despite
 numerous adverts being heard on short wave stations. Twenty
 eight pages of news covering European radio generally, plus
 offshore and short wave, along with technical features and
 interviews. Totally in the German language, the price is
 DM 10 and further details can be obtained from Postfach
 22 03 42, D - 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany..... **Play-DX**,
 issue 549, with 6 x A4 sides of logs and news from the high
 frequency operators. Details from Dario Monferini, via
 Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... and finally this week,

'Radio Stations in the U.K.' from the British DX Club. The
 24 x A5 page guide lists all national, local and regional LW,
 MW and FM transmitters in the U.K., along with powers,
 locations, addresses, telephone numbers and much more.
 The price is £1.20 / 4 x IRC's / \$3 from Dept. AUK, 54 Birkhall
 Road, Catford, London SE6 1TE.

TAPE OFFERS: Complimenting the archive material from
 1965, Tape SP-34 again features **Radio Caroline North**. This
 time, Jerry Leighton entertains us with part of the breakfast
 show from 25th August 1965. As with the recordings offered
 last week, the quality is good for its age, the duration is
 sixty minutes and the cost is £2.00 per cassette.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathon Marks (of Media Network
 fame) and his wife on the birth of a son, (their second child).
 He was born just in time to hear this week's programme,
 we understand! Best wishes to all, in Hilversum.

FOR SALE: Tapes of Millenium Radio closing down on
 30th April and of all D.J.'s recruited from the Dublin pirates
 to staff this unique station... write Rodney Neill, 54 Abercorn
 Park, Portadown, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland BT63 5JW.

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RADIO STATION NEWS.

It is only now, with just the odd Irish pirate active, that
 we have come to realise just how little choice we have,
 here in the north west, especially after dark. In fact, we
 found ourselves, aimlessly tuning along the LW band the
 other night, in search of some listenable music (just like
 we used to pre 1964). It came as some surprise to hear
 excellent 'hard rock music', with a superb signal (no fading
 and no aerials needed) on 216kHz. It was of course, Radio
 Monte Carlo with a two hour rock music programme presented
 by 'Doom Doom Wah Wah' (probably spelt 'Dum Dum!!').
 The language was French, of course, but the music was superb
 and even continued during the 'talking bits'. Heavy rock
 fans should check this out. We noted it from 21:00 till 23:00
 on Wednesday and Thursday, but it may be on every night.
 Maybe our French readers could fill us in on this one?

EIRE:

The main news here this week is the failure of Robbie
 Robinson to overturn the decision of the Radio Commision
 not to grant Sunshine Radio a licence. Robbie had brought
 the case after he discovered that one of the members of
 the commission had an interest in one of the Dublin stations
 chosen for a licence. The case was built around the fact
 that shares in the company were still said to have been owned
 by commission member, Fred O'Donovan, proving that he
 had an interest in the choosing of Radio 2000. He said
 however that they had been been transferred in 1988, long
 before he was chosen to sit on the committee. According
 to Robbie, there was no written agreement about the transfer.
 In the end, the judge ruled that despite the transfer of the
 shares only being by 'gentleman's agreement' and not actually
 in writing, Mr O'Donovan believed that they were no longer
 his. In a disbelieving interview on RTE Radio 1 news, Robbie
 commented that although he himself was only a layman,
 he would have thought it essential that any share transfer
 should have been in writing, and that a court should not
 have accepted anything else as evidence. The case finished
 on Friday 12th May. The Irish 'Sunday Tribune' carried
 quite a full report on the matter. The other successful
 Dublin applicant for a radio licence (Capital Radio) is now

considering taking Mr Robinson to court for causing the delay, which was said to have cost them £25,000.

Co. Dublin: **Radio Dublin** disappeared from the medium wave band (1188kHz.) last weekend, after being heard daily for a couple of weeks. We assumed that the FM service was still in operation on 100.0MHz at this time. The silence did not last for long however, as on Tuesday morning (16th) a tune to 1188 revealed a massive carrier. The signal was stronger here in Blackpool, than anything else which has come out of Ireland for some time. The station looked like returning with a vengeance. The signal was later modulated and the station returned with live shows, however, modulation was extremely low with a severe 50Hz. buzz. However by Wednesday the buzz had gone. We noted programming that day just after 10:00 with Mike Wilson and Alan Hunter. Plenty of plugs were being given for the Radio Dublin night out on Saturday 20th May, the proceeds of which will go towards their forthcoming court case. Modulation was much clearer, with perhaps a little RF getting back into the audio equipment. Unfortunately, the audio disappeared shortly after 11:00 and just a blank carrier was in evidence for the rest of the day. Thursday, and Friday brought full programmes. In his 'station news' of Sunday 14th, 'Captain' Eamon Cooke mentioned the absence of the medium wave service and said that they were working on it and higher power would result. Programming currently runs from 9:00 / 10:00 until 22:00 daily, but midnight at weekends. The former Liberty Radio donated the transmitter, it appears. He commented on the Robinson court case and said he thought that Robinson should have won. **Premier Radio** (1413) made its usual three hour broadcast on Sunday, and could be heard clearly, but weakly in Blackpool. Also reported active and noted in the local area were **Premier** on 103.1, **K 104**, **Radio Martina** and some unofficial low power relays of Radio Dublin.

Word reaches us of activity in the Londonderry area of Northern Ireland. We are unsure of the exact location and are not sure if it is the south or north. The station, identifying as **Riverside Radio** has been active for several weeks, nightly from 23:00 until 07:00. They announce '101 FM in broadband stereo' and also have a relay on 98.5MHz. 24 hour operation has been promised shortly and already advertising has started to appear. Apparently the station is a resurrected Irish pirate, one of the many who closed down on 30th December, and voices heard confirm this. The programming / music format is very slick and professional. Also in this area every weekend is **Triangle Night Time Radio** on 98.5MHz. Elsewhere **Radio Star Country** (981) from Monaghan Town and **Northside Radio** (846) from Co. Donegal are both clearly audible here.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

It is with much regret that we learn of the death of Joe Vogel (a.k.a. Mighty Joe Young). His body was discovered by his flatmate in Ipswich, on arising, last Saturday morning. In the inquest, held on Tuesday, his death, 'by natural causes', was said to be caused by a massive brain haemorrhage. Joe apparently had no family in this country, but no doubt did in the states. To them we send our sincere condolences.

Joe came to prominence in the mid '80's when he was appointed station manager in charge of engineering and programming on **Laser 558**, following his success in the states, with stations in Fort Lauderdale. Paul Rusling's book 'The Lid Off Laser 558' tells all about Joe, along with a number of photos. Of late, Joe was involved with others in a record company, an advertisement for which was carried in the most recent edition of CM Thanet's magazine, 'Horizon'.

Radio Caroline: Following last week's quiet period, work on the new aerial system has again been going ahead the past few days, and has resulted in the various off-air periods. First of all though, back to last Saturday, when Dave Fisher made another rare appearance at midnight. No other staff changes were noted, although Andy Bradgate came into the line-up at 18:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Severe rain on Saturday night brought its usual problems with the insulator, and both 558 and 819 were tripping out. The longest break was at 21:11, when 558 was off for 7 minutes. At the time 558 is off, 819 reduces greatly in power, and goes very distorted, but does not actually leave the air.

On Monday (15th) Ian Mack's show was cut short at 06:44, when the transmitter left the air mid-record, along with **Radio 819**. At this point **World Mission Radio** was still on the air on 6215kHz. WMR was still noted late in the morning, but by 13:00 BST had also disappeared. Continuous music was heard on 558 at 13:15, with Ian Miles beginning his programme at 13:33. Rob Harrison programmed from 16:00, with Philip John at 19:00 and Neil Gates at 21:00. Tuesday

saw a full line-up of... 00:00 Mark Rogers... 03:00 Steve Martin... 06:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Nick Jackson... 13:00 Ian Miles... 16:00 Rob Harrison... 19:00 Philip John... 21:00 Neil Gates. There was an announced close at 18:12, but programmes resumed a short time later at 18:53, and the line-up followed the same pattern as above until mid-morning on Wednesday. A major break occurred on Wednesday morning, when at 11:00, the station signed off for 'essential maintenance', and presenter Nick Jackson promised that they would be back as soon as possible. All three frequencies were off at the same time, indicating major aerial work was being carried out. Nothing more was noted until 20:35, when a carrier was evident, with music and programmes following at 21:00 with Neil Gates. Programming ran as above until 13:00 on Thursday, when there was another announced closure. This time it was for less than three hours. In fact, it was only through a phone call that we knew a carrier was on just before 16:00, as the power on 558 was extremely low. The Caroline theme was played at 16:00, but we could only just make it out. Listeners in Harwich did not notice any difference however. 819kHz seemed to be about the same power. Low power was still in use at the time of writing (Friday dinnertime).

We understand that the breaks in programming were due to the new rear mast being worked on at this time, and this was erected to a height of 40 feet. The new front mast remains at its current height of 100 feet for the time being. The rear mast will take the same form as that at the front - a twin section at the bottom, and single section higher up. It has been positioned on the back deck, just forward of the rear tower, between it and the funnel. The extra distance from the rear of the boat is possibly to enable the tower to be guyed a better. Nearer the back would mean a very steep angle for the cables. The fact that the new tower is between the current mast and the funnel means that as the tower height increases, there may be extensive breaks in transmission, as the existing aerial system will have to be taken down.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Renfrewshire: A mistake was made with **KLT FM**'s channel last week - even before we visited the Paisley Beer Festival! In fact their main tx was on 104.8MHz., with a relay from local 'pirate' **Glennifer Radio** on 103.5. **KLT** finishes its three week broadcast this weekend. Thanks to Bob and Alistair for taking us on a visit to **KLT**, and to everyone in Scotland for their hospitality last weekend.

Manchester : An interesting and unusually long court case took place this week, and was brought following a raid on **FAB FM** during 1988. Several free radio supporters were present, as well as three well known DTI officials for the area. The first part of the case was brought by the DTI against a Mr. N. Gamble. The defendant claimed that the DTI had entered the premises without a warrant, during which 'Shirley' had had her arm twisted. The DTI claimed they had been allowed in. The court then ruled that the DTI had been unlawful in entering the premises, and at this point the defence tried to stop the case continuing on this ground. However, the DTI prosecutor (Christine Bradley) objected, and after a heated discussion lasting a couple of hours, the case carried on. The result was that N. Gamble was fined £200 and in addition ordered to pay £50 costs. Then, an interesting part came, when the fate of the equipment was under scrutiny. The DTI obviously wanted everything to be confiscated. However, 'Shirley' told the court that the equipment was her own, and had been borrowed by the defendant, and as such was not his to have confiscated. The court asked her a few questions, and then, much to the disgust of the DTI, had all but the transmitter returned to her. Mr. Yates did not look very pleased.

All three regular stations have been on the air this week at various times. **WBL5** (102.4) and **Lazer** (103.5) have both been monitored during evenings, but **SuperFresh** (98.3) seems to be expanding, and has also been programming during the daytime. Outlook was not monitored this week, either on 96.3 to Cheshire, or 96.8 to the Birmingham area.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire : Apologies for the lack of news last week, hopefully we can make up for it this time. First off, Kenny Crescendo at **Radio Britannia** would like to apologise to any listeners who wrote to the station's new address and had their letters returned as 'not known'. This was due to a misunderstanding at the address in question. All further letters will reach Kenny at 17 Barber Balk Road, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3RR. Whilst in South Yorkshire, three stations have been heard this week

playing reggae and soul music. **Diamond Radio** (102.0) were monitored on Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 18:00 and midnight. This station also carries plenty of advertising. **Sheffield Community Radio** (104.8) operates most nights in the week, and was also noted from 08:00 on Saturday, throughout the day. This operation does not have any adverts, but announces an address for requests c/o Ellesmere Community Centre, Ellesmere Road, Sheffield. The final reggae station was heard on Sunday evening, and called **Sunbright Radio**. It was also heard the previous Sunday on 99.2MHz., with deejay 'The Red Admiral'. Across in Derbyshire, **North Midlands Radio** (105.5) put in programming on both Friday night (12th) and Sunday (14th). **Exocet FM** (99.35-mono) were monitored in the early hours of Tuesday 9th May playing soul music, and relaying ILR news.

Things are picking up again in Bradford, following the recent raid on **Eastern Community Radio**. They are on the air again on 104.5MHz., daily between 11:00 and 03:00. A new station called **Asian Community Radio** commenced broadcasts recently on 94.6MHz. They also operate daily from 11:00 until midnight. Both ECR and ACR operate in stereo with 50 watts. **Paradise City Radio** (104.9-stereo) operate 24 hours per day, and have been on the air without a known raid for the past six months.

In Leeds, both **W.Y.B.C.** (104.7) and **Rapid FM** (105.1) operated daily this week, although with varied hours. Rapid tend to leave the carrier on despite no programming for much of the time. Just outside Leeds, **Thunder Radio** continue to operate each Sunday, and have recently moved up in frequency to 105.3MHz., in an attempt to avoid interference from the bigger stations in Leeds and Bradford. Across in York **KL-FM** (97.9) have been on the air every evening this past week, with the exception of the weekend.

Bristol: Once again, just **Savage Yet Tender Radio** made it to the airwaves on 7th May, beginning at 17:00, on their old channel of 104.4MHz. This time there was little interference from the BBC, and the broadcasts were in mono of good quality. A lot of non-stop music was aired, and even Pete Tender was absent, which meant Doug Savage was on his own. He explained that they had been off on 23rd April due to very few tapes arriving. It was hardly surprising then, that a promotion was then aired requesting people to take advantage of this open-access station's facilities. The address is Box S.Y.T., c/o 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3PY, which is now a furniture shop! Sunday 14th May saw S.Y.T. Radio missing again.

Merseyside: Saturday morning last brought **Veronica 104** (104.7) once again and they were noted on various checks throughout the day. They were in addition, of course, to the two 'regulars' **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.9) and **Radio Atlantis** (1197) who can be heard daily at present. On Sunday we failed to note Veronica, but must admit that checks on this day were infrequent. Instead, noted was **North Coast Radio** (1350) with normal programmes throughout the day.

A 'Radio Merseywaves' reported heard on the FM band recently is apparently not connected with the real station, we are told. A couple of articles from recent Merseyside papers (see cuttings sheet), tell us that 'Keith the Chief', one of the main men behind this station was fined £200 with £150 costs after being raided. The raid took place following letters of complaint (possibly from nearby residents, as high power was being used at times). A test is understood to have been made during the week on 1242kHz., in preparation for the return of Radio Merseywaves.

The Midlands : One station we miss mentioning each week is **Radio WR** which operates on 103.5MHz. in the Worcestershire area each Sunday from 8 am until 9 pm. There are six or seven different deejays hosting programmes each week.

Following in the steps of Powerhouse Radio, **Radio Freedom** (87.9) were reported as being raided on Friday 5th May, but are now back on the air. In reports up to 17th May, **Supreme Radio** (103.60), **Power** (92.05) and **Powerhouse Radio** (105.50) have all been noted daily. **Kiss FM** (102.15) were off the air from 4th to 9th, when they returned in the afternoon. They announced that they were looking for D.J.'s and asked for demo tapes to be sent in. They were broadcasting as normal on 10th, but left the air in the afternoon, thought to have been at the hands of the DTI. **Radio Milen** (105.60) have been heard each evening although suffer with splatter from Powerhouse. They give out the address... 316 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B12... Tel: (021) 449 0484. **Skyline Radio** (94.20) and **Sangam**

Radio (89.90) were both heard over the weekends of 6th and 7th and 13th and 14th. and a new station has been heard on several occasions, calling itself **Sabotage Radio** (107.15). They have announced broadcast hours of 18:00 till 24:00 nightly. D.J.'s have included 'Rankin' Stine' who was on Electro Radio and Skyline Radio previously. **WKS** (102.35), a new station from the black country area, was first reported with full programmes on Sunday 14th, but are believed to have been testing on the 12th and 13th, in the evenings. 'Serving Sandwell and the north midlands', the station has been giving out a contact number of (021) 556 0254. Finally, it is understood that DJ Frenchie of Fresh FM was fined £300 on 9th May at Birmingham Magistrates.

Sunshine Radio (Ludlow) was active Sunday morning, on 1017kHz. Several reports confirmed this.

LONDON SURVEY - 8th - 15th May '89.

The scheme by which **RADIO FREE LONDON** (92.05) hoped to garner listener participation and open up the airwaves (see WR 257) seems to have foundered, at least for the moment. Disappointingly, not one of London's near 10 million inhabitants has come forward to take up their generous offer of open access radio. 28 year old station supremo, Nigel Grant, has plans to expand the the RFL service and is looking for new jocks to supplement the current team, who include such luminaries as 'DF Loop' and 'Arfur Brainbender'. RFL is now running from early evening Saturday, until the early hours of Sunday morning and would like to put out more time, but need additions to the team to do so, but with the failure of the Open Access scheme to take off, his appeal for new jocks to help fill their expansion plans, seems doomed to failure. The one thing that seems to stop the expansion of Top Forty or Rock Radio, is the lack of people prepared to have a go. Maybe it is an image problem. The black stations have no problems, as the whole DJ thing has a very macho image and the problem there is to make enough room behind the turntables to fit everyone in.

On the other side of town, east London's **ROCK-FM** (92.05) take over the Sunday rock slot, from 10 am to around midnight and occasionally much later. R-FM are also looking to expand and are thinking of putting out a roadshow. They are still in the planning stages at the moment, but have been looking at possible suitable venues to house the event over the last week or two. They are not just looking to make it a record hop, but are hoping to put on a rock band as well. Any budding London area rock band looking for a gig might do well to contact R-FM's Barry Morgan as a start to a career. Rock roadshows, unlike their soul counterparts, are hard work to get off the ground, but R-FM have a loyal audience who may well give them the support they will need. And to this end they are asking for audience reaction as to whether a rock roadshow is a good idea or not.

In north London, the junior rockers at **LONDON ROCK** (98.40) have this week seen their name pirated in true buccaneering fashion by a new consortium who are attempting to wrest one of the new London franchises from the nearly defunct IBA. If nothing else, this may spur them on to replacing the lderly link mike which surely must have been cannibalised from an old telephone. Also currently involved in walking the short and narrow plank to respectability are **KISS-FM**, **JBC**, **DBC**, and **City Limits** backed **RED HOT FM**, who got very upset last year when the DoTI Men had the temerity to come and take away one of their transmitters. **LWR** are also in there, with a bid. This week sees the announcement of London Harringey licence, which the joint application by London Greek Radio and **WNK** is expected to win.

With the continuing quiet (possibly before the storm?), more stations are slowly returning to the air. The latest is south east London weekender **JOY RADIO** (97.85), who had a full weekend and have not been heard since the end of February. Also making it back were east London's **CRN** (90.65), who have been missing this past two weeks, and south east London's **TROPICAL** (105.10), who turned up mid-week having last been heard at the beginning of April. **Asian C.R.** have not been heard since 3rd May and are believed to have lost a studio. London Arab C.R. disappeared up its own noisy carrier and hasn't returned yet. 'Important' new weekenders, **CWS**, were a no-show. **FRESH-FM** (103.30) who were also missing on Monday, made it back by mid-week.

Apart from the no-shows, there were three newies around this week. Turning up on what is now believed to be the defunct Sky Radio slot of 91.75, is **TWILIGHT RADIO**. It

carries the usual mix of black music and may be a successor to Sky Radio, but comes from an entirely different part of town. Coming Tuesday evening were FUTURE RADIO, with a test in that dangerous zone for all privateers, (105.50). Much of the test was an appeal for jocks to come and join what was being lauded as a new 7 / 24 station. A much weaker signal was heard in the adjacent 105.45 slot over much of the weekend from a so far un-named source. It didn't help being sandwiched between the two stronger signals from Essex, STOMP-FM (105.35) and INNER CITY RADIO (105.65).

After London Arab went 'phut' on Monday night, the only other ethnic survivor was GREEK C.R. (104.40) who seem to have up-rated their transmitter to such an extent that they have (quite literally) blown away new weekenders, OBSESSION RADIO from their debut spot on 104.35 last week, to the much clearer 104.10 slot of this weekend.

MEDINA, who wished to get closer to their announced 102.2 slot, had the engineers in on Tuesday, but now seem to have drifted back up to 102.3. Maybe they have got too close to powerful ghetto-blasting neighbours, WEST LONDON RADIO (102.00) who have already been forced to move down once when the equally ghetto-blasting Medina took to the air at the end of March. This, in turn, caused rock weekenders, Q 102, to drop down as well. Q 102 (101.80) were up and running on Friday and Saturday, but Veronica Gold have yet to complete the up-rating of their rig.

It is not just Capital Radio's Chris Tarrant who uses silly gimmicks to promote themselves. A REFLECTIONS jock was heard to be stripping off in the studio in response to requests coming in over his pager. The person who paged in the last dedication request which left him stark naked, got a prize. Surprisingly, this was not a night out for the unsuspecting person, with the offending jock, but an album of her choice. Mind you, she had to leave a phone number so he could contact her, to forward on the prize. Also running with a silly gimmick, are south London newcomers SWITCH-FM (92.65/93.00), who are currently living up to their name and switching between two transmitters on two separate slots. The purpose of this is not exactly clear, as they don't use them both at the same time. During the day, they usually go out on 92.65, but overnight, this channel will often only have a dead carrier going out, and then, they come up on 93.00. It was during one of these overnight excursions in the early hours of Sunday morning, that a tape loop was being run, which included a very funky X - rated comedian. Maybe that was not the time to run such material, but it was very funny.

Heard this week were..... SUNRISE (88.80), LONDON ARAB (89.75), RJR (90.00), RTR (90.25), SUPREME (90.45), CRN (90.65), LIGHTNING (90.90), TWILIGHT (91.65/75), RADIO FREE LONDON (92.05), ROCK-FM (92.05), CRYSTAL (92.30), SWITCH (92.65/93.00), STAR (93.00), STARPOINT (93.20 st.), INDEPENDENT (93.85 st.), LAZER (94.00 st.), CLASSIC C.R. (94.30), CITY R. (94.50), MEGA R. (95.45), REFLECTIONS (96.95), BREEZE-FM (96.95), JOY (97.85), LONDON ROCK (98.40), Q 102 (101.80 st.), WEST LONDON R. (102.00), MEDINA (102.30), WBS (102.40), SLR (102.75), FRESH-FM (103.30), PEOPLES (103.65), OBSESSION (104.10), GREEK C.R. (104.40), TROPICAL R. (105.10), STOMP (105.35), ICR (105.65), FUTURE R. (105.50) and unsourced (105.45). A total of 37, but only four in stereo. If CWS, Asian C.R., Stage and Veronica Gold had been on air, the count would have been over forty for the first time this year.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Word reaches us from Steve Collins of Total Control Radio who tells us that on 26th May at 23:00 GMT, both Total Control Radio and Radio Confusion will be programming jointly in the 48m band. The format will take the place of each station taking it in turns to do half hour programmes. It seems a strange time to broadcast, but we shall see if anyone manages to the log the output.

Log for Saturday 13th May 1989:

6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 00:10gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:55gmt.
6229kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:40gmt.
6229kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 11:51gmt.
6290kHz...RADIO ORION (QSO), at 12:42gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:06gmt.
7445kHz...RADIO 101, at 07:15gmt.

Radio 101 made a welcome return to the shortwave bands today, on one of their former frequencies. Continuous music was heard early on, then a 'live' microphone test, with an announcement in German, which was thought to mention an up and coming free radio gathering in that country (perhaps this was the reason for the transmission). There followed a Johnny O'Brien show, which announced 7360 and 27035kHz. The signal was very good throughout the morning.

Log for Sunday 14th May 1989:

6215kHz...CAROLINE 819, at 00:04gmt.
6215kHz...W.M.R., at 06:55gmt.
6215kHz...RADIO CAROLINE, at 23:00gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:26gmt.
6231kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 09:40gmt.
6237kHz...RADIO GEMINI, at 10:06gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO TOWER, at 08:20gmt.
6275kHz...W.F.R.L., at 08:06gmt.
6281kHz...RADIO 48, at 08:58gmt.
6283kHz...UNID., at 08:16gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ENGLAND, at 12:00gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 14:20gmt.
6319kHz...SCOTTISH FREE RADIO SERVICE, at 08:48gmt.
6319kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 09:03gmt.
6319kHz...'CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD', at 10:03gmt.
6540kHz...UNID., at 11:12gmt.
6543kHz...UNID., at 11:19gmt.
6815kHz...UNID., at 09:57gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:04gmt.
6840kHz...UNID., at 12:57gmt.
6870kHz...UNDERGROUND SOUNDS, at 10:11gmt.
7314kHz...RADIO BLACK POWER, at 10:36gmt.
7315kHz...S.F.R.S., at 08:49gmt.
7315kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 08:56gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 07:04gmt.
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:02gmt.
7385kHz...W.F.R.L., at 09:02gmt.
7435kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:00gmt.
7435kHz...S.F.R.S., at 12:07gmt.
7444kHz...RADIO 101, at 08:03gmt.
7485kHz...UNID., at 08:54gmt.

Conditions today were excellent again, here in Blackpool, despite a rather noisy band, caused by various electrical apparatus being given its Sunday run-out! Logs in BOLD were ours, others were kindly sent in by loggers in Scotland, the Midlands (Neal West), Gloucester (Pete), Staffs. (Stuart)

Two stations only remained unidentified with us today, 6283, which was swamped, along with WFRL (again!), by the massive signal from Radio 48, before we could get an ID, and 7485, which faded out, although an FRS advert was played whilst it was audible.

Exceptionally strong signals for us were Radio 101 (definitely the strongest), Radio 48 and SFRS's 6319 and 7435 transmitters. The latter was running a promo, extensively, for the hire for relaying, of his various transmitters. The voice on these promos was instantly recognised as being from a former pirate, who closed at the end of 1988.

Radio 101 were on again with a big signal. This time, it was mentioned that next week, they would be transmitting on 15015kHz. Were the programmes broadcast this weekend all old ones we wonder. Despite their strength, no problems were caused to the transmissions on 7435, which is more than can be said about the transmissions on 7315, which, once again, were 'splattered' by the BBC on 7325, although not as bad as previously.

The two unidentified's, 6540 and 6543, were possibly the same, as the logged times were only minutes apart. Apparently, they were playing the Radio Jackie Story.

The unidentified signal on 6840kHz. was reported as being on for several hours, but was very weak, and suffering severe teleprinter interference. Test transmissions were being announced, with a name which sounded like Rock Radio International. Whether this was the same station as previously operated on 6273 is not known at this time. The signal was last noted at around 14:30gmt.

Our thanks once again to everyone for the continued support in one way or another, which helps keep the news-sheet 'on the road'.

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According to Media Network, it appears that the British Government have complained to the Irish Government about the proposed long wave station, Atlantic 252, due on air this Autumn. They, or at least a number of IBA / BBC stations, are concerned that people may tune in and listen to the station in preference to them. In other words, they don't want any competition in any way at all, certainly not on the scale of this operation. They wish to preserve the duopoly, which should have been scrapped years ago. They complained when Nova blasted into the north west with a breath of fresh air, likewise when Kiss FM bombarded Belfast, and on numerous other occasions too. One wonders do the Irish complain in reverse when, say, Downtown up their power and blast into the south, or mainland stations increase power and do likewise? According to the results of a survey carried out in Britain, 90% of households are able to receive long wave. The critics of the proposed station said few people would be able to receive long wave! They were obviously wrong and we wish RTE, RTL, Travis Baxter and John Catlett (who has a good track record in this respect) the very best of luck.

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NEW ARRIVALS: Just one from last Saturday, Now Radio, issue 109 with 20 x A5 pages with radio news and gossip, mainly from the legal sector. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW..... Play-DX, issue 550, with 6 x A4 sides of DX logs from medium and short waves, along with international news, mostly in English, from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158, Milano, Italy..... Skanneri, issue 10, a 28 x A5 page magazine covering citizen band, amateur, military and free radio, and DX. Totally in the Finnish language (the only one to cover free radio), details can be obtained from PL 82, 40101 Jyväskylä, Suomi, Finland.. The Caroline Movement Bulletin, issue 36a with 20 x A5 pages of offshore news, photos and good reading. Always very interesting, details from 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6JY..... Communication, the monthly journal of the British DX Club, issue 174. 28 x A4 pages of DX news, logs, mailbox, alternative airwaves (the pirates!), book review and much more. For a sample copy and details of how to join the club, write BDXC, 54 Birkdale Road, Catford, London SE6 1TE. Don't forget too, their eighth edition of 'Radio Stations in the U.K.' is now available and lists all LW, MW and FM legal stations, along with information on other broadcasters, including pirates, etc. This essential item for any DX-er costs £1.20, \$3, or 4 x IRC's from the above

address..... Marine Broadcast News, issue 14 comes in A4 format as usual, with 21 single sided pages. Full of interest for offshore fans, covering both past and present. Fast becoming a favourite and worth checking out, the price is £1.30 (UK) or £1.70 (elsewhere) from MBN, P.O. Box 963, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 6ED..... not exactly a magazine, but still an arrival, from Radio Shack Ltd., 188 Broadhurst Gardens, London NW6 3AY, a 'used equipment (for sale) list'. It includes such items as Drake, Trio, Yaesu, Sony and more, communications receivers, scanners and high frequency antennas. Anyone interested in a bargain should send an SAE for a list (mention you saw it in WR)..... still on with bargains, a recording studio in Bath has closed and is selling off all its equipment, from reel to reel tape recorders to mixers, and more. We have no catalogue as yet, but if you phone Mark on (0225) 444868, he will take your name and address and pass it on to the agents, or note your requirements and check availability of your wanted items, himself.

TAPE OFFERS: To Ireland we go for Tape 245 and a chance to have a listen to one of only a handful of stations around Dublin at present. Radio Martina, recorded in the city, off FM, on the afternoon of Sunday 14th May 1989. Martina is not on every week, but usually puts in a regular appearance. The format is pop / Top Forty. Tape 246 takes us out to the Ross Revenge for another sample of Caroline 819. This recording was made on 23rd April 1989 and features the start of the evening service, with Glen Fiddich at the console, playing plenty of excellent rock music. This is one of only a few shows which Glen presented from the ship. It is a great pity that this service is not audible all over the country, as it would certainly amass a very large dedicated audience. Perhaps if we all wished together! Finally this week, we look at the new crop of U.K. stations, and take a listen to two FM reggae operations currently operating in the Sheffield area. Side A of Tape 247 features part of a "Sweet G" breakfast show on Sheffield Community Radio (104.8-mono). Side B takes us down the dial a little to the home of Diamond Radio (101.95-mono), and an early evening show with 'Eddie Murphy'. Both recordings were made on Saturday 20th May 1989. As this week sees the anniversary of the commencement of broadcasts of Laser 558, we delve into the archives, and pick out a recording made on the station's first birthday, 24th May 1985. This 90 minute extract, Tape SP-35, features Christine Carson at the console in the early evening from 19:07, during the 'birthday party' which was supposed to be occurring on 'Splinter Beach'. There were microphones out on the deck, and these were in use, bringing plenty of entertainment to all the day's shows. This recording was made in Ipswich, and is of good quality. All tapes this week are 90 minutes in length and cost just £2.00 each.

WANTED: 'Peace' by Peter and the Loving Awareness album, preferably on record, (new, if possible). Write with price to Mark, c/o 21 Green Park, Bath, Avon, BA1 1HZ.

WANTED: Recording of Neil Gates on Caroline 558, Sunday 21st May, from mid-day onwards. Also info on recent 25th Birthday magazine features. Details to Steve Ball, 2 Badger Grove, Meir Park, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. ST3 7RY.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Co. Dublin: **Radio Dublin** failed to appear on Saturday morning last, on 1188kHz., but were duly noted on later checks in the afternoon (could this have been due to the Radio Dublin night out, the previous evening?). The audio seems to improve daily, we are pleased to note. Alan Hunter, on Friday lunchtime had mentioned that it was his final (morning?) show, although he returned a little later to fill in for the next deejay. Alan has since been mentioned in the line-up for the evening. Telephone numbers were given out (01 372705 and 372703), but it is not thought they are direct to the station at this stage. The address remains, however, Radio Dublin, Dublin 8 and mail does arrive addressed in this way. 'Station news' from 'Captain' Eamon Cooke was unfortunately missed on Sunday, due to simply to being engrossed in the short wave section of the radio band. Our colleague in Dublin usually records it and sends us a copy (just in case the medium wave goes off!), but a late mail train on Friday (when it usually arrives) prevented us from receiving much mail at all, no doubt including this. Anything of interest will, of course, be commented upon next week. On Monday (22nd), the station was not heard on 1188 until 11:29. Continuous music was played until sign-on with live programming at mid-day. Audio was distorted, and there was trouble with feedback. The AM tx cut off at 14:51, but returned later in the day with much improved modulation, which continued for the rest of the week. We awoke Tuesday morning to find **Radio Dublin** on the air at 07:00. In fact, this was the first night of the station's return to full 24 hour programming - for the first time since the major raid on the station on 7th February during which the powerful transmitters and the studio gear were taken. The deejay on at the time had been programming a marathon since about 01:00. Mike Wison started the 'Breakfast Show' at 08:00, and went through until 10:00. Other deejays promised for the day included Joe Vincent and Alan Hunter (night). The audio continues to be excellent.

Premier 212 were noted here on Sunday afternoon, from 15:00, on 1413kHz., with a fairly weak signal. We often wonder is this station the same as the short wave Premier? Does anyone know? Radio Martina now has an address... P.O. Box 1043, Dublin. Anyone writing to radio stations in Eire or the U.K. is asked not to put the station name on the envelope, simply the initials or a D.J.'s name.

Elsewhere, the story remains the same.... **Radio Star Country** on 981kHz., with Gerry Byrne and 'Daffy' Don Allen during the day and Tony West and Larry Burns in the evenings, playing 100% Irish and American country.... **Northside Radio** on 846kHz., with a country and pop music format.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

We have received information that the funeral of Laser 558's former engineer, Joe Vogel (Mighty Joe Young), who died on 13th May, will take place on Tuesday 30th May, 14:00, at St. Pancras R.C. Church, Tacket St., Ipswich. Flowers may be sent to the Co-operative Chapel of Repose, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich.

Radio Caroline: The low power on 558 noted on Friday of last week, continued over the weekend and reception here in Blackpool was quite dreadful and only with the help of a loop aerial could one determine that the signal was actually there. Not since the time of the mast collapse in November '87 had reception been quite as bad. Having said that, the other two frequencies were constantly checked and 819 was audible (not a good channel here!), with 6215 as strong as ever. David in Norwich commented that although the station was on lower power, at his location the audio bandwidth had improved on 558kHz., significantly. This was interesting, as one of the deejays was heard to mention that they had gone off to improve the audio quality. At our distance it was impossible to tell. Friday (19th) at 13:00 saw 'Coconut' return to the line-up, although he had been on board for a while, having been mentioned in on-air chatter. He didn't finish his show due to a couple of tx failures, and Rob Harrison conued at 16:07. 'Coconut' was announced for 15:00 Saturday, but he failed to appear (cup final?), at Neil Gates programmes from 12:00 until 18:00. Andy Bradgate made his regular weekend appearance at 18:00 on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Tuesday evening, 558 left the air at about 19:40, returning just after 20:00, with a vastly improved signal. The comment from Ian Miles was to the effect that he was sorry for the break but thought the signal could now be better.

It was! Tremendously so! What did they do? Was it a bad connection? Had they left a 'bit' out previously? Perhaps they simply put the aerial back up!! Ironically for us in the north west, who had experienced thunderstorms earlier in the day, the massive (600kw) RTE Radio 1, on 567 (right next door to Caroline) went off at about the same time. They had possibly been hit by lightning at their site in Athlone, hence the Caroline signal was loud and clear for the first time since 1987. Unfortunately, RTE returned a little later and side band splatter returned to plague our listening pleasure once again. Nevertheless, we could still hear Caroline much better than of late.

There was a staff change mid-week, with Neil Gates, Steve Martin and Mark Rogers not having been heard since Tuesday.. No new voices have been heard, so programmes have, in general been lengthened to suit. The line-up has altered daily, but at present seems to be... 01:00 Philip John... 13:00 Coconut... 05:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Nick Jackson... 13:00 Ian Miles... 16:00 Rob Harrison... 19:00 various... 21:00 Coconut.

With all the superb weather we have experienced this week, we naturally assumed that the team on the Ross Revenge enjoyed the same and that 'mast building' continued. Apparently not so, as even early in the week comments were being made about the wind and rough seas, despite being hot and sunny. By Thursday evening, conditions were even worse, with people falling over and the D.J. struggling to stay upright. On the half hour, the conditions were described as 'grisly'. So it just goes to show that even in the Summer, once the wind gets into the north east, the southern North Sea can be horrendous.

Caroline 819 : This excellent rock service continues every night except Saturday, and even then, rock music is played between the religious programmes of Viewpoint 819. Last Saturday, Ian Miles hosted from 18:30-19:15, and Nick Jackson from 21:00-21:45 when the Dutch took over. Caroline 819 is also included in Viewpoint on Friday night, with Coconut (20:00-20:45) doing the honours on 19th May. The three jocks which keep the main service running are Rob Harrison, Philip John and Colin Muesli Bar. They normally host two hours each, starting at either 21:45 or 22:00 depending when Viewpoint programmes finish.

Thanks to Jenny Knight for sending us some information regarding an 'alternative' Lotto 6/49 address from which entry forms have been received by some U.K. subscribers. 'Bet Canada', who have run the advert on Radio Caroline for the last 5 years are aware of this, and have issued a warning leaflet. They say that any organisation claiming to be Bet Canada, is doing this under false pretences, so beware. The only address which the official 'Bet Canada' operates from is P.O. Box 5555, Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 4B5, Canada.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Our colleague Ken, in Scotland, logged a station on 1611kHz. on the evenings of 17th, 18th and 19th May. Whilst this is not unusual there, as many Dutch pirates occupy this channel, he was of the opinion that this one was English and played jazz / funk one night and rock the other. Has anybody any ideas who it was (or is)?

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire : Visiting (another!) beer festival in Halifax last weekend enabled some monitoring of activity in West Yorkshire. With both radio (and beer) escaping a sudden cloudburst during which cars (and even a house) were swept away, three stations were clearly audible from Bradford. The ever regular **Paradise City Radio** (104.9-stereo) was putting out reggae, disco and soul music, and are running 24 hours per day. Two Asian language stations, **Eastern Community Radio** (104.5) and **Asian Community Radio** (94.6) were also heard with good quality signals, both in stereo. Just south of Bradford, **Thunder Radio** (105.3) were heard on Sunday afternoon, playing a selection of pop and oldies, and giving out a number for requests. In Leeds, strange things seem to be happening. Saturday (20th) dinnertime saw **W.Y.B.C.** on its usual channel of 104.6MHz., and a carrier just above, presumed to be **Rapid FM**. However at 15:30, W.Y.B.C. appeared on 105.75, playing old programme tapes, and the carrier had gone from 105.1. This went on until 02:00 Sunday, when the tx shut off. On Monday (22nd) they were in test mode on 105.45 in stereo, but by Tuesday this had changed to 105.55. The station has been on this channel ever since, announcing 105.6MHz. It is not certain if they have merged with Rapid, as 105.1

has still not re-appeared. Across in York, **KL-FM** (97.9) was heard every night last week except Thursday, but as usual, not at the weekend. Thursday's miss was due to technical problems.

The newspapers are at it again in Sheffield. Following the recent over-exposure by the local media, of alleged interference by Rebel Radio, **Sheffield Community Radio** is now on the receiving end of similar flack. According to the papers, a 'radio ham' 'Steven Hill', has been unable to use his radio since the said station appeared last Monday. He is obviously not much of a radio fan, otherwise he would have known the station has been on for much longer than this. Apparently the DoTI men have also received a complaint from Radio Hallam, so this may have sealed the fate of SCR, as ILR stations seem to have untold powers to bring out the officials, even if there have been no reports of interference. As with Pennine Radio in Bradford, is Sheffield's Radio Hallam frightened of a little bit of competition to its monopoly of six transmitters, even from a low power station which isn't even aiming at the same audience as them? **SCR** (104.8) themselves, were noted on Thursday, Friday and Monday nights, as well as all day Saturday and Sunday (20th/21st). They missed, as usual, on Tuesday, but had only been on for five minutes on Wednesday, when at 17:05, they disappeared. It is too soon to tell if there is any co-incidence between the newspaper article and the disappearance. Also in Sheffield, **Diamond Radio** were missing Friday, but programmed on Saturday, 18:00 to midnight on 101.95MHz. However on Sunday, the tx went unstable, starting on 101.7 at sign-on, wandering to 101.45 within an hour, and staying there until sign-off at 24:00. Let us hope that they get this fixed for next week, otherwise they could be in trouble, particularly in this area of the band. Elsewhere in South Yorkshire, **Radio Britannia** (99.2-stereo) began broadcasting on Saturday afternoon, until deejay Kenny Crescendo remembered it was the final of the F.A. Cup. He decided to switch off, thinking no-one would be listening. A mystery religious station was heard on 104.4MHz. in mono on both Saturday and Sunday, with a good signal. Programmes from the Christian Science Monitor were noted, but no station ID was given. Another mystery station was noted Wednesday night (24th) on 97.9MHz. This signed off at 21:30 with a Music Weekend Radio jingle, a station which hasn't been heard for a couple of years.

Nottingham : **Heatwave Community Radio** continued un-molested this week and are putting out a good signal on 105.1MHz. They are currently airing a promotion for a £20 trip to Blackpool, Liverpool and Southport for 12th August. The HCR crew will be there providing the entertainment during a boat trip to New Brighton. Perhaps they will be also joined by the crew from Toxteth Community Radio?

The Midlands: We have since learned that the reason for the absence of Outlook 963 is due to a raid by the DTI, who 'stole' the transmitter from a field. Little else is known, but we understand that no one was caught. They plan on being back soon, we understand. This is possibly their first raid, for despite losing a transmitter quite some time ago, it was never established that the DTI were involved in this act. Stations monitored last week include... **Freedom FM** (87.9), **Metro FM** (104.95-st), **Powerhouse Radio** (105.3v), **Power 92 FM** (92.1-st), **Supreme FM** (103.65-st) and **Skyline Radio** (94.25) who were all heard daily, and in addition **U.K. Radio** (99.4/105.9/1413/6290/6815), **Rise FM** (104.3), **Sabotage FM** (107.2) and **Radio Sangam** (89.8) were all on the air at various times over the weekend. **WKS** (102.3) were heard in the week. On 17th May a test was noted on 105.4 playing rock n'roll, sounding like Cameo Radio or Camera Radio. Finally an Asian was noted on 105.6 the same, and subsequent night called something like Radio Midlands ?????.

Bristol : Sunday 21st May brought some action, with the resumption of programming from **Savage Yet Tender Radio** (104.4-mono). Their signal strength was up, over-riding some BBC interference, but their audio was low. Some of the tapes also sounded very muffled. The 'Doug Savage and Pete Tender Show' returned at 21:35, and included a 'send-up' of G.W.R.(ILR) and F.T.P. (recently licensed pirate) under the name 'F.T.W.R.'!

Merseyside: Alive and kicking everyday, but not quite 24 hours, we have **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.9) with an excellent signal at all times. Accompanying them, on medium wave, we have **Radio Atlantis** (1197) who operate 10:00 to midnight daily. They were joined on Saturday

by **Veronica 104** (104.72) with normal programmes, although reception was not as good as of late here, possibly due mainly to problems with our aerial (which will be overcome by the time of the next transmissions, next week), but also to the legal occupant of the channel from Gloucester. On Sunday, it seemed strangely quiet, with just the two regulars noted in the morning, however about 15:00, **North Coast Radio** sprang to life with a whopping signal on 104.95, completely blotting out TCR and Veronica (although we weren't sure if the latter were on or not). **NCR** was parallel on 1350 also, again with a good sound signal. They stated they would be on the air now every evening from about 16:00 to midnight and all day at the weekends. This is obviously to try and recapture some of their lost listeners who have defected to TCR and Atlantis since they went seven days. We were absent on Monday evening, but checked on Tuesday and noted **NCR** alive and well with Tony West programming. We later learnt that they were also on air on Monday evening, and also they left the air abruptly around 22:00 on Tuesday. As far as we could tell (static interference being very severe) that was the last we heard of them. DTI activity seems to be on the increase and the disappearance on Tuesday could have been caused by this. Also, on Wednesday, the Atlantis crew seemed distressed around midday, again they thought it was the DTI. They did continue however, and it was later learned that the DTI visited the wrong premises on this occasion. We expect further action from them, as a result.

What was presumably **CD - FM** (an ID wasn't heard) were heard in Blackpool on Wednesday evening, on 102.2 and on 105.2. Both signals were audible without an external aerial, but 105.2 was the stronger. Sign off was at midnight. Apparently they had been active the previous Saturday, and were noted locally at 21:49, but just on 102.2. On Monday, both transmitters were on air again and duly noted locally, with D.J.'s Edward Lamb and Max Hamilton, at 22:15.

Our thanks to Tim and Mike for the additional information this week.

Renfrewshire: Travelling through Paisley, a colleague noted a station last Sunday evening called **Chaos - FM** on 103.5. They seemed to be having problems and several breaks were noted between 17:30 and 23:00. This could be the same transmitter as had been relaying licensed festival station **KLT Radio** until 22nd May.

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As predicted here last week, the joint application presented by Wicked, Neutral and Kicking (WNK) and London Greek Radio (LGR) has been successful in having their joint application accepted for the north London / Haringey / Tottenham area. The two ex-privateers, who abandoned the airwaves last December in pursuit of legality, are optimistically hoping to be on air by the autumn. They will have the difficult task of sharing the airtime equally with two very diverse types of programming. The possibility of splitting the schedule into two hour slots of Caribbean and Greek Cypriot programming seems to be designed to please no one. There seems to be some doubt as to the connection of current WNK front man, Joe Douglas, the man named as leading WNK to respectability with the original WNK organisation. An inside source, close to WNK before they closed down in December, reveals that most of those involved are now concerned with the running of two other stations in the same area. However, it is always possible that he was using another name at the time.

The tinny microphone disease, which has for so long plagued Saturday rockers, **LONDON ROCK** (98.40), has seen the infection leapfrog up the band to **FRESH FM** (103.25). There, it has affected not only the mike but has got into the transmitter stages as well, which means that the earth moving base thump one expects from the Harlesdon Ghetto Blasters, is now little more than the occasional burp. Like **RJR** (89.95) and a number of other stations recently, Fresh has been suffering from centre frequency stability problems this week. Whilst **RJR** now seem to have come to grips with the problem, others including **ROCK TO ROCK** (90.25), **SWITCH** (92.60) and in particular, **WEST LONDON RADIO** (101.95 nominal) and **MEDINA** (102.25) have been drifting by the hour. The problem became quite acute for Saturday rockers, **Q 102**, when they were forced down a notch to 101.75, as **WLR** drifted down from 102 to 101.90 over a few hours during the Friday night / Saturday morning pre-transmission test period. This didn't stop the music, but it has affected the coverage down the south east side

of London into Kent, as the police still maintain an AM relay. Despite having vacated the broadcast bands some time ago, the police were persuaded to keep the relays switched on to act as a deterrent to the sector being hi-jacked by increased Privateer activity prior to legal commercial use.

GREEK C.R. (104.45) were the only ethnic representatives this week, and after a few days absence, they returned with just a fraction of the power output of last week. What caused the missing 24 hours is open to speculation, as it is with a number of other stations who also experienced lost time over the weekend. They included ROCK TO ROCK (90.25), LIGHTNING (90.90), CRYSTAL (92.30), MEDINA (102.25), as well as two broken spells from newly returned JOY RADIO (97.85). New weekenders, OBSESSION (104.10), only managed to make Saturday before going on the missing list. Whilst some mystery disappearances remain unexplained, the week also saw a mystery appearance by CHIC FM (this week, 89.90) who came up in a strange place after their much heralded 'non-closing down show'. They were heard only on Thursday 18th May in parts of south London, claiming to be in a 7 / 24 format from Monday to Friday, when CWS would take over for the weekend. (Could CWS stand for 'Chic Weekend Service'?). CWS were first heard a few weeks back on 89.35, but have been missing since. On Friday, neither Chic nor its counterpart CWS, were heard, which was good news for Tottenham's RJR (89.95) who, despite an increase in power, were being badly interfered with by Chic.

There was one newbie and two returnees this week. S.E. London low power weekenders, CHICAGO (88.30), who returned for just Saturday. Haringey micro, EURO-JAM (89.45) have used the time since they went down at the beginning of April, to totally re-engineer the system and take advantage of the DoTI Men staying behind closed doors. They have now blossomed into an all London station, with a massive injection of watts. This latest move puts them up there with Ghetto Blasters WLR, Lightning, Classic C.R. and Fresh. The newbie is GREEN APPLE (98.30) who are putting out an atrociously low powered signal, with bags of earth hum. They must have been around for at least a week as London Rock (98.40) are claiming that some of their listeners have complained of interference from Green Apple.

In a radio world where most stations sound the same, it is nice to see stations like STARPOINT (93.20 stereo at weekends), VERONICA 102 (101.75 stereo Sunday) and to a lesser extent, STOMP FM (105.35 weekends) developing recognisable sounds and personalities. One station which is rapidly developing a quirky personality of its own is the Saturday rock slot occupier, RADIO FRRE LONDON (92.05). As well as the extrovert personalities of Nigel Grant and Mike Burnett, a recent arrival has been the Neanderthal shape of Arnold Brainbender, which name conjures up a vision of minimal forehead clearance and maximum knuckle power, supporting a tattooed body that has been subject to lengthy gross lager abuse, and clad in the ripped oily, greasy leathers of a crypto neo Nazi biker of the Shepherd's Bush chapter of Hell's Disc Jockeys. He has a voice that has been torn out of the throat, reminiscent of early 'Freddy' movies. The music is delivered at the speed of a machine gun, with all the subtlety that can be mustered by full frontal thrash metal doing its best to imitate Concorde coming in to land on full reverse thrust. It is to be hoped that RFL will continue to develop their particular brand of anarchic humour, as it is something which is sadly lacking in some sections of the London Privateer community. Soul weekenders, STARPOINT (93.20 st.) have long been different from other soul weekenders (even the over-rated Kiss FM), but have been developing a somewhat irreverant personality of late. It was particularly noticeable on the overnight tape used this weekend, which included two totally off the wall promos. In one, they guy the AIDS / Heroin connection ad., which may be considered in some quarters to be in bad taste. The other, equally clever in conception, uses the backing track to the appalling 'Me, Myself and I' track, to devastating effect.

Gold over London returned on Sunday as VERONICA 102 (101.75 st.) fired up the stereo transmitters of the now re-engineered station. Response continues to grow, from not only the London area, but a wide swathe of the Home Counties, where the Golden Groovers are becoming well established. Veronica supremo, Gary Stevens, was in reminiscent mood on Sunday, as he recalled the days in the

dim and distant past when he was involved with an AM rocker run, from between two trees in a muddy field on the outskirts of north London. Appropriately enough the station was called North London Radio. Coincidentally, NORTH LONDON RADIO is the name chosen by Cruise FM for the recent series of limited tests they have been carrying out late on, these past few Sunday evenings, prior to a fuller service being introduced later this summer.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Sunday 21st May 1989:

6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 22:35gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:50gmt.
6228kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 09:26gmt.
6230kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:04gmt.(G)(L)(N)(R)(S)
6236kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 09:01gmt.(G)(L)(M)(N)(R)(S)
6273kHz...TRIANGLE (Night Time) R., at 09:30.(L)(M)(N)(R)(S)
6283kHz...UNID., at 09:12gmt.(N)
6290kHz...U.K. 212, at 19:00gmt.(M)(R)
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:37gmt.(G)(L)(M)(N)(R)(S)
6299kHz...RADIO ENGLAND, at 12:18gmt.(L)(M)(S)
6308kHz...ELECTRA INT., at 10:05gmt.(M)(N)
6312kHz...UNID.(Lansing Int.??), at 07:24gmt.(L)(R)
6312kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 07:42gmt.(M)(N)
6319kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 08:10gmt.(G)(L)(M)(N)(R)(S)
6319kHz...'CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD', at 10:01gmt.(G)(L)(M)(S)
6319kHz...K.C.T. RADIO, at 11:43gmt.(L)(M)
6814kHz...U.K. 212, at 19:37gmt.(R)
6815kHz...KBSJ (via RECC), at 10:05gmt.(G)(M)
6815kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00.(L)(M)(N)(R)(S)
6815kHz...DELTA RADIO, at 11:05gmt.(G)(M)(S)
6840kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 08:08gmt.(G)(L)(M)(N)(R)
7310kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 08:12gmt.(L)(M)(N)(R)
7375kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 07:30gmt.(L)(M)(N)
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:00gmt.(R)
7435kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 08:10gmt.(G)(L)(M)(N)(R)
7435kHz...'CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD', at 10:01gmt.(G)(L)(M)
7435kHz...K.C.T. RADIO, at 11:43gmt.(L)(M)
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:02gmt.(G)(N)
7440kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 13:47gmt.(R)

The Conditions: Today, they were once again good, here in Blackpool, but perhaps not quite as good as last week. Despite occasional fades, most stations still remained audible and, as a result, no signals heard by us, remained unidentified.

The Logs: Logs in BOLD are ours in Blackpool, other logs today came from Leeds (L), Stuart in Staffs.(S), Pete in Gloucester (G), Bill in Nottinghamshire (N), Ken in Rotherham (R), and Neal in the Midlands (M). Our thanks to all these people for their time and trouble.

The Programmes: The two FRS Holland broadcasts did not appear to be in parallel, although the 6228 was rather short-lived for further checks to be made. We appear to be the only one who logged it and must add that a definite identification was made. The fact that they were not in parallel, nor even just a little behind each other made us dubious as to whether the 6228 was actually an FRSH broadcast. They stated (on 7310 later) that there would not be any transmissions during July, but hoped to resume again in August.

Triangle Radio was a direct relay of the FM station which broadcasts to Northern Ireland on 98.5MHz. and local adverts (for Portstewart) were carried. The 'Night Time' tag has been dropped, as the station has now extended its broadcasts from Saturday night until 15:00gmt Sunday afternoon. 'TNR' was used as an ID also. At the end of the broadcast, the station announced it would be back again next weekend.

Radio Orion had a programme in German and one called 'Sounds from the Bush' by Tom Clay was noted. Electra Int. struggled to be heard, but noted was 'test transmissions' with a 'Gary Philips' (did anyone get an address here?). Brigitte was very distorted. 'Cruisin' gave out the address of 21 Green Park, Bath, Avon. KCT made pleasant listening, with the very professional 'Krissie', back on the air, again. (Let's have some more Paul, as well!). The initials apparently stand for 'Krissies Classic Tracks'. Krissie was not the only young lady heard, there was a female voice heard on RECC, although the name was not noted. Radio Stella announced test transmissions during their shows. All broadcasts on 6319 and 7435 appeared to be in parallel at all times checked.

Finally, Radio East Coast Commercial had several 'relays' consisting of old programmes this morning on 6815kHz. Reception reports for all these broadcasts should be sent to RECC, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU, England.
