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**FROM HEADQUARTERS: IMPORTANT**

Nominations for the next ASWLC Board of Directors are now open. This board takes office Sept.1 and will then be the ultimate governing body for the next two years. Its first and most important task will be to either re-appoint the present Executive Editor or to appoint a new one. There are SEVEN seats on the Board to be filled and all nominations must reach Headquarters (Box 218) by June 15. In our special July election issue all candidates will be given a chance to state their views.

The present, Executive Editor, C.M.Stanbury II, is a candidate for re-appointment. If you wish to challenge him for this office, you should nominate yourself by typing a statement of your candidacy, proposed policies and outlines of your qualifications in triplicate, and send one copy each to club headquarters, to the Publisher/Treasurer and to President August Balbi (3326 Larga Ave, Los Angeles, Cal.- 90039). If the board has more than one candidate to choose from, and we certainly hope they will, a neutral party will be chosen to count the votes.

Our constitution doesn't permit present Executive Editor to run for the Board of Directors. Any other member may seek (but not hold) both offices. If first elected to the Board, and then appointed Executive Editor, he would under the constitution be allowed to appoint his own successor to the board.

The job of Executive Editor takes AT LEAST 20 hours EVERY month. The position of SWBC Editor, which CMS also currently holds down, requires another 30 hours EACH month. If you are a candidate for Executive Editor, we believe your statement should contain a guarantee to keep the position for at least a year. We're sure no one wants any three month wonders.

Okay, how does the club stand right now? During the past four months we have added 41 new members. This brings us back well over the 150 mark (to 160) after briefly dropping below that figure last fall. The present upsurge is due to favorable publicity received as a result of our activities in the R.Americas controversy, PLUS the tireless recruiting efforts of Treasurer/Publisher Stewart H. Mackenzie and President August Balbi.

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HEADQUARTERS MESSAGE (Continued)

At present the ASWLC is faced with two major problems, but both are currently under control;

1. Repayment of the loan from Stewart H. MacKenzie for our mimeo machine. This is to be paid off at the rate of \$10 a month and although some payments were missed last fall, these have now been made up.
2. A possible raise in postage rates. If this should happen, the ASWLC would either have to up its dues or revert to third class mail which in turn would require a drastic change in our format. A raise in dues would of course have to be approved by the Board of Directors.

If I (CMS) am re-appointed Executive Editor by the new board, I will do my best to continue ~~to~~ and expand the present editorial policy, ie. "SWL" will continue to cover ALL ASPECTS of non Amateur Short Wave listening, and get that coverage to our members fastest by first class mail.

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AWARDS: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The American SWL Club is pleased to announce that its Tropical Area DX Award is now available to all DXers whether they are members of the ASWLC or not. Further, we now have a new class of TADXA - for 10 countries QSLed which lay entirely or in part between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. This means there are now a total of 5 different TADXA classes; for 10, 25, 50, 75 and 100 countries. All types of stations, except Amateur, are eligible.

Each entry must include the entrant's name and address, a 50¢ processing fee, and for each ~~XXXXXX~~ country claimed - station name, frequency, time and date logged (preferably in GMT) and type of QSL. For each station claimed you must have a QSL in your possession but you should not send these unless specifically requested to do so.

Incidentally, R.Americas counts as Tropical International Waters which is the equivalent of one country.

AWARDS ISSUED

TROPICAL AREA DX AWARD/25 Countries - Robert I. Cate, N.H.  
GENERAL SW/50 Countries - Desmond J. Colling, England

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NEW MEMBERS

David L. Williams, California	B.W. Dorsay, Quebec
Jonathon Kusko, Massachusetts	Mark Convoy, New Jersey
Harvard Hechter, Texas	Donald Raschke, Illinois
James J. Franklin, California	Bill Flynn, California
Louis Freid, California	J.S. Lidsky, Massachusetts
RENEWALS: Serge Neumann II	Melvin Hickman
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VOA, CIA, NSA

When the Director of the Voice of America, John Chan ~~described~~ <sup>discussed</sup> the CIA/NSA affair he stated that they were giving the controversy "adequate" play but added; "We always try to remember to explain what these are - the American student movement, the CIA and everything else. So our concern isn't keeping it out of the newscast. It is making it understandable.... We don't try to offer rationales on the CIA or government. Buy ~~X~~ as a news organization we carry what other people are saying about it pro and con, and they do the explaining. We're a channel for that kind of explaining". (UPI via Bob Dods Jr, WNSURY)

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THE CHINA/VIETNAM SCENE

Radiodiffusion Nationale Lao is being hrd WCNA on 6195 w/French until 1500 S/Off (ABA/6)

A letter from Richard Leggett advises that those R.Liberation Army stations report in "SWL" last month on 2440//3900 (as well as 4365) are the Chinese variety and announce their location as Fukien (which is right across from TAIWAN). He also reports that Urumchi (Sinkiang province) has been hrd on 4110, 4220 & 4500 until 1635 then R.Peking XMSNs in Russian are carried on these same channels.

V.of Vietnam, Hanoi is rec.ECNA on 15017½ w/home svc.and clear IDs at 1115 //9760 but 11760 is not hrd at that time (BLR/2) At last report 11760 was used for Hanoi's 1530 Eng.

Signal strength ECNA of R.Peking's 0000 Eng to NA on 15060//17680 continues to vary considerably (CNC/2 BCO/4 RIC/1) As of III/24 R. Peking was using 15255//15060 for its 0200 Eng to NA (BLR/2) At 0000 1145 is used for Spanish to Latin America. Around 0115 15115 kc is also noted w/Spanish (CNC/2) Hrd ECNA on 9475 at 1200-1255 (STS/3) Noted III/14 on new 11698A at 1744 S/Off (CLC/6)

According to an item aired by the R.Canada SW Club, and reprinted in WORLD RADIO BULLETIN, Lockheed Aircraft is building new Blue Eagles for TV use in Vietnam. However we know from the time that has elapsed (roughly 6 months) that the SWBC station calling itself Blue Eagle on Oct.8 could NOT have been one of these. The R.Canada report seemed to imply that it was.

In the III/25 issue of the National Radio Club's "DX NEWS" appears our item on VOA S.VIETNAM (which as an NRC member CMS submitted to tem) accompanied by these comments from the NRC's international editor Gordon Nelson. Before the item (emphasis theirs): "C.M.STANBURY SPECULATES AGAIN, this time about the VOA station in Vietnam on 760". And then after the item itself (which can be found in the March "SWL") this comment (emphasis ours): "Several WC DX'ers have reported hearing Chinese on ,60 and have assumed it to be from the CJKT (Peking - CMS) station on this channel. Last reference to reception of the VOA station that I can find is from Ken Brownless who reported it at 0845 on 11/13/65. WHY NOT JUST WRITE AND ASK THE VOA, STAN?" Frankly, we think these remarks represent "The Establishment" at its "best" but time will tell, hi.

CLANDESTINE

WALFEO/LU reports that he can hear absolutely no trace of R.EUZKADI in Argentina which seems to eliminate this country as a possible location even though its QSL letters are supposedly printed there.

Regarding the NUMBERS STATION on 3200 kc. JDA/4 reports from Key West as follows; "The station on 3200 fades out erratically, the average volume also varies from week to week. One week they could be loud and clear, and the next it might be impossible to understand them." John suggests a portable XMTR as one possible solution.

R.LIBERTAD's 19M XMTR after apparently being on 15020A late in Feb (at 0213 w/program(?) called "R.Universidad")(SHM/6) was back on 15050 early in March but has been silent since about III/13 (BLR/2 CMS) R.Libertad is still hrd on 7305A//9300A (CMS) R.ESPANA INDEPENDIENTE often hrd on 10112V from 0600 S/On until 0700 S/Off (RHU//1)

- ALBANIA R.Tirana continues to have excellent signals during its 0230-0255 Eng to NA on new 9715 (CLC/6, BC0/4 who suggests a power increase) Also hrd III/10 WCNA at the unusual hour of 1757 (S/Off) on 7265 (CLC/6)
- ASCENSION ISLAND ZD8RB advises "Relay station is just about complete now. Are having trouble with reception here in the evenings due to the extremely rapid fading encountered which means that our relays, although strong, are often of poor quality. I think the only solution is a SSB feeder as used to feed Cyprus relay station" He also reports that all 4 XMTRs are now in use between ~~XXXX~~ 1700-0800A (WALFEO/LU) Another letter from this station officially lists their address as; BBC Atlantic relay station, c/o Ascension A.A.F.B, Patrick A.F.B, Florida (STS/3) The XMTRs reported last month as Cyprus on 9670 and 15360 are both ~~EX~~ Ascension (RLB) 9670 hrd 0500-0800 w/Eng & Fr. 11820 hrd from 2300 w/Port, Span. & Eng (ABA/6) Other new freq. are 9580 w/Fr. at 2130-2200 //15180, and at the same time w/World Svc. on 15400 //11820 Hrd. w/World Svc. evenings (EST) on 15140 (BLR/2) (Letter was the freq. missing from last month's rundown - CMS' typo) But logged III/17 at 0240 with World Svc. on 15105 (BC0/4)
- AUSTRALIA As of III/5 R.Australia's 0100-0300 Eng to NA is on new 15320//17840. Eng to Africa at 0330-0515 is also on new 15320. And to the Pacific at 1800-2115 on new 11810. Will begin operation from new Darwin site with two 250 KW XMTRs soon (ABA/6) VLX9 at Perth is being hrd ECNA clearly and consistently on 9610 around 1230-1400, the most distant SWBC station that can be hrd in this part of the world (EJP/4 RIC/1)
- AUSTRIA O.R. has potent signals from coast to coast on 9770 until 0200 (GWA/6 GKL/2 CLC/6) Noted III/12 on // & new 15430 beamed to C.America (BLR/2, CLC/6 who noted that their IS is the Blue Danube)
- BELGIUM R.T.B. hrd using new 15335 to S.America from 2115. Another new freq. is 11715 used until 2100. As of III/5 2315-0100 NA XMSN uses 6125//11895//a 31M channel not yet located. Around 2045 9620 has replaced 9615 (BLR/2)
- BRAZIL R.Sociedad de Bahia, Salvador has reactivated its 19M XMTR. Noted III/25 at 1045 on 15121. Had a brief Eng ID at 1100 (BLR/2)
- BR.HONDURAS R.Belize 3300 hrd at at 0311 w/ad for "Mother Fletcher's Castoria" thru static, hi (BC0/4)
- CANADA CFVP 6030 Calgary, Alberta (relays BCBER CFCN) logged WCNA III/7 w/only fair to poor signals at 0800 (TJB/6) R.Canada excellent on new 21495 at 1900 III/11 (CLC/6)
- CEYLON R.Ceylon recently has been a regular ECNA on 9667 at 1245-1315 (BMI/8) VOA Colombo on 11835 is fair to weak WCNA at 1800 S/Off. Probably R.Ceylon on 11800 w/occasional Eng ads until 1730 S/Off (CLC/6)
- COLOMBIA HJFW 5020 Trans.Caldas logged weakly at 0630 (GKL/2)
- COSTA RICA TIQ R.Casino monitored III/4 from 0500 w/Eng & all types of records on 5955 (STS/3) TIHBBG R.Reloj hrd on 6207 at 0100 on w/consistently good signals (RIC/1 BMI/8)
- CUBA R.Habana Cuba noted on 11760 at 0230 II/25 w/SINPO 33333 (CCH/6) On III/19 was //15270 w/Eng from 0100 but neither very strong. For XMSNs to Mediterranean from 1700 15365//15230 are used while the channel for Europe is 11735 (BLR/2)
- CZECHOSLAVIA R.Prague excellent III/11 up on 21735 past 1600 (CNC/2) Hrd to NA on a variety of freq. 5930 excellent at 0115 (GKL/2) 7345//9550//11990 at 0100-0155, 7345 suffers RTTY QRM, CHU slopover (KMC/4) 11990 excellent at 0100 (CLC/6)

## HEADLINE.....HAWAII

VOA Honolulu has been dropped from the latest official Voice of America frequency schedule. Which apparently indicates that this relay has been closed (BLR/2)

- DOECANESE ISLANDS VOA Rhodes hrd WCNA on 15160 from 1530 in unknown lang, Eng ID at 1600 S/Off. Good signal (ABA/6) Under the new ANARC country criterion this would no longer count as a separate country from Greece.
- DENMARK V. of Denmark noted III/23 w/Spanish on 15165 at 2045-2115 probably to S.America. If so, would be a new time for this XMSN (BLR/2) 15165 hrd daily w/Eng at 1930 (CLC/6)
- ECUADOR HCBK2 R.El Mundo 4750 noted III/19 at 0600 w/special late musical program (WSP/6) HCJB hrd III/18 on new 15385 at 2040 w/Scandinavian //17880 (BLR/2)
- EGYPT R.Cairo is using a new freq. for their European XMSNs - 12005 replacing 11965. Strong clear signals ECNA w/Eng at 2145-2315 (CNC/2 BLR/2) New 21615 hrd until 1430 S/Off, fair signals (BLR/2)
- ENGLAND BBC noted up on 11M at 1345 using 25650 w/World Svc, 25670 w/Arabic, and 25750 w/Asian languages (BLR/2) Noted III/11 at 1930 w/African svc. on 21610. Fair WCNA (CLC/6)
- ETHIOPIA ETIFV's Interval Signal which sounds like the V for Victory is actually the first four notes of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (CLC/6) Logged on 15185 at 1515-1555 SINPO 55554 (GWA/6)
- FRANCE ORTF hrd up on new 17730 w/Port, Fr. & Spanish to LA at 2300-0130, //regular 11845 & 9755 which stay on until 0200. 17730 is NOT announced (BLR/2) Logged on 21750 from 1500 S/On (STS/3) For its 2000-2100 XMSN 15120 replaces 15130, //11885 & 9525 (BLR/2)
- FINLAND F.B.C. on 15185 has good signals WCNA at 1600 but BBC QRM (CLC/6)
- GERMANY (EAST) RBI currently scheduled to NA as follows; to ECNA on 9730//9620 w/Eng at 0100 & 0230, to WCNA on 9650//11970 w/Eng at 0345 & 0445 (KXXZ WSP/6 BLR/2) ROS/2)
- GERMANY (WEST) VOA Munich noted w/series of short XMSNs in various European languages until 1400 S/Off on new 25950//15290. On III/21 talks were mainly about "the closing of the last Swedish Communist daily" (BLR/2) Deutsche Welle noted w/Port. to Brazil on 15405 at 2230 (BC/4) Strong at 0300 on 9530 (ROS/2)
- GHANA R.Ghana noted III/14 w/Eng until 2100 on new 11850, but weak so apparently NOT Caribbean XMSN. However 2000 Caribbean XMSN is no longer hrd on 11800 or //9760 so may have been dropped (BLR/2)
- GREENLAND WSP/6 reports that he has finally bagged Grnlands Radio, Gothaab on 5980 kc from 0130 until 0225 S/Off w/heavy QRM from R.Panamericana which was about 1 kc higher. Q
- HONDURAS HRN La Voz de Honduras 5875 kc logged at 0130 w/fair signals (GKL/2) At 0245, in Spanish of course (WSP/6)
- HONG KONG R.Hong Kong logged WCNA on 3940 in Chinese at 1400 w/fair but ham QRM (WSP/6)
- INDIA A.I.R., Delhi hrd w/XMSNs to Europe on 9912 kc until 2230 S/Off (STS/3) Also hrd weakly on //7215 (BLR/2) Regional A.I.R. station VUM Madras hrd w/fair signal at 1500 (WSP/6) (Frequency, Bill? - 4920? ?) AIR's G.O.S. monitored II/26 from 1350-1530 S/Off on 15375 w/POOR modulation (CNC/2) XMSN to E.Africa hrd in Argentina until 1945 S/Off on 15225 (WALFEO/LU) AIR logged WCNA on 15105 at 1530, on 15165 at 1630 (GWA/6)
- INDONESIA The RRI regional on 5065A is Medan on a new frequency, local ID hrd at 1530. Regional at Pontianak, Kalimantan on 3340 is the only 90M Indonesian currently hrd mornings PST. S/Off at 1520A (WSP/6)

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- IRAQ R.Baghdad hrd weakly but regularly in March on ~~XX~~ 6095 from 2115 w/Fr.until 2200 S/Off (RIC/1)
- ITALY As of III/19 RAI's Eng for NA is scheduled as follows; 0100 on 11795 (replacing 11810)//9575 (BLR/2) at 0350 on new 15310//11905 (ABA/6) Hold it, the latter XMSN may actually be for E.Africa, is also //17770, and is followed at 0420 by what may be Somali (BLR/2) Excellent on 9710 at 0145 S/On (CLC/6) to Latin America.
- JORDAN H.B.S.hrd regularly WCNA w/Arabic & an unID language on 11810 at 0630-0900, good signal (ABA/6)
- KOREA (NORTH) As most ASWLCers know, there is no mail svc.between the US & NK. According to an item aired on R.Finland's DX Corner, DXers should try sending their reports via Czechoslovakia (CNC/2) (We assume they mean c/o R.Prague - CMS) R.Pyongyang logged III/1 on 6540 w/excellent signals at 0850 S/Off (CLC/6)
- KOREA (SOUTH) V.of United Nations Command hrd on new 13830 III/11 at 0800. The XMSN consists of Eng announcements (but no specific IDs) short Korean talks which are interspersed w/U.S.dance music (WSP/6) It was previously reported by a Japanese source that these XMSNs actually come from Okinawa. Anyone have concrete evidence one way or the other?
- LEBENON R.Lebenon is now using new 15325 for their XMSNs to South America at 2300-0100 (BLR/2)
- LIBERIA ELWA on 11975 has a WCNA SINPO of 55444 at 0845 (GWA/6)
- LIBYA Libyan BC Svc.logged ECNA on 7167 w/good sigs at 0548 (GKL/2)
- MALAYSIA V.of Malaysia still hrd ECNA weakly on 6175 w/Eng from 1115 until 1215 (CNC/3 STS/3)
- MAURINTANIA R.Mauritanie is back on 4855 wkdays at 0700-0800. Sounds like 100 KW (WSP/6)
- MONACO R.Monte Carlo 7135 has been hrd several times WCNA w/French at ~~XX~~ 0545, pop music and commercials (WSP/6)
- NETHERLANDS Beginning IV/20 R.Nederland will add to its schedule ~~XXX~~ "North American DX Report" which will be carried the third Thursday of every month. It will be produced and announced by Gleen Hauser a professional announcer, presently CDXC Utility and one of the hottest of the young ~~XX~~ SW DXers currently on the scene. NA DX Report will be aired at 2115 on 15425//11730 then repeated via the Bonaire relay at ~~XXX~~ 0145 on 9590 (info from NASWA) This should hopefully add some life to R.Nederland's otherwise tame schedule. Also on IV/6 begins a course on SW SW propagation. Meanwhile BLR/2 notes that on III/9 RN had its 2310 newsfeed for Bonaire on 15220 while at THE SAME TIME THIS SAME FREQUENCY IS USED BY THE BONAIRE XMTR ITSELF FOR XMSNs to LA. Now that's really being asleep, hi.
- NEW ZEALAND RNZ is hrd on 15275 ECNA at 0604 S/Off, then on 11780 at 0615 thru BBC&VOA QRM (CNC/2) Is on 11780 until 0845 //9540, then at 0900-1145 //9520 (ABA/6)
- NIGERIA R.Nigeria has switched from 11900 to 11915 avoiding R.RSA QRM at 1700-2205 //9690 (ABA/6 BLR/2) New regional freq 4932 hrd ECNA III/20 at 0530 //4990 (BLR/2) Latter logged at 0500 SINPO45232(GWA6)
- OUTER MONGOLIA R.Ulsan Bator tentatively logged in unknown lang.on 7345 w/fair signal (CLC/6) Station hrd last month w/Spanish on 7365 turned out just to be R.Moscow (CMS)
- PAKISTAN R.Pakistan is hrd regularly WCNA on 15205 w/Eng at 1515-1540 but severe QRM from VOA on same freq.(GWA/6) ECNA w/Eng to SE Asia on new 15332 until 0115. At 0130 there is a zonal svc.XMSN in an Asia lang.on this channel. Also hrd w/Arabic on 15315 until 1745 (BLR/2) and irregularly on 21580 at 0345-0500 along w/other languages (ABA/6)

ALL Times are GMT

- PERU R.110 5034 kc logged II/25 at 0455 S/Off (WSP/6)
- POLAND Warsaw R.hrd w/unusually strong signals for WCNA on 11840 at 0730-0830 from III/6. Power increase? (CLC/6 ABA/6)
- PORTUGAL Emisora Nacional noted XIII/18 w/Portuguese on 15049A at 1505 apparently uses this channel for point-to-point purposes (BLR/2) Hrd w/Eng to Africa at 1800 on 21490 w/ECNA SINPO 44444 (KMC/4)
- RHODESIA RBC XMTR at ~~XXXX~~ Gwelo on 3396 hrd twice in March w/Eng news at 0400, first time in over a year, thru heavy cw QRM (WSP/6)
- RYUKYU ISLANDS VOA Okinawa logged II/19 on 7165 at 1630 (CCH/6)
- SAUDI ARABIA On II/22 around 1800 the only stations that could be hrd on 19 Meters in S. California were Saudi Arabia Broadcasting on 15150 and (weakly) BBC on 15070. (CLC/6) CERTAINLY FREAK CONDITIONS. Meanwhile in mid-March at least S.A.B. was operating all night on 15150 and 11855 (BLR/2)
- SOUTH AFRICA For its XMSNs to NA at 2330-0325 R.RSA has replaced 9670 w/9705, //11900 (ABA/6 BLR/2) For Eng to Europe at 1900-1955 they are using new 17790//11770 (BLR/2) SABC svc. to SW Africa logged ECNA at 0430 S/On on 7210 kc II/16 (RHU/1) Another new ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ freq. is 15370 hrd at 0800 w/Eng (ABA/6)
- SWEDEN R. Sweden is using 15240 for their 1600 Eng to WCNA (ABA/6 GWA/6 TJB/6) At the same time is very strong ECNA on 17840 (ROS/2) Uses 11705 for 0330 Eng (ABA/6)
- SWITZERLAND SBC is now using for its 0115-0300 XMSN to ECNA new 11790 //9535//6120 (ABA/6 BLR/2) For the 0500-0645 XMSN to QCNA freq. is 9655 which suffers QRM from RHC (ABA/6 TJB/6)
- SYRIA A station w/Arabic music, almost certainly Damascus, noted on 9605 II/23 at 0035. This is supposed to be beamed to NA but to the best of our knowledge has never before been reported (BLR/2)
- TANZANIA R. Tanzania is hrd in Argentina on 15435 w/Eng IDs & news in various lang. at 1900-1920, followed by a talk in Eng then music until 2000 S/Off (WALFEC/LU)
- THAILAND R. Thailand is now on new 11920 at 0930 S/on, Eng at 1030 (ABA6)
- USA Since II/12 the FCC has been hunting for an "underground" station calling itself R. Free Harlem which is attempting to raise funds for ex-Congressman Adam Clayton Powell. Because of its short XMSNs it has been extremely difficult to locate (UPI via BLR/2 & BCO/4) One would expect to be on the BCB but a R. SWEDEN reporter, in the Bronx reports reception on 80 Meters. Possibly this is a harmonic. WINB is hrd in Georgia on 11795 at 2000 (EJP/4) KGEI San Francisco now has its entire 2230-0500 schedule on 15240 (ABA/6)
- USSR Soviet home svc. XMTR hrd nightly on 15100 at 0410, listed as Kransnoyarsk (SHM/6) Moscow's "Radio Station Peace and Progress" alias monitored III/11 at 1445 on 16265 making hay out of the CIA/NSA mess (CNC/2) Regarding the who is using who's frequencies, RLE points out that WRB lists no frequencies (SW) for Vilnius at all which suggest that it has no SW XMTRs at all while Kiev probably does. RHU/1 reports that for R. Kiev's 0430 Eng (Mon, Thur & Sat) 7250 has replaced 7290. CLC/6 notes good reception of R. Tashkent (UZBEK) 1400 Eng on 9600 (sometimes QRMd) //11925 X
- VATICAN STATE Vatican is hrd well on 21510 w/Eng to Asia at 1445 (ABA6)
- VENEZUELA YVOT R. Junin 4930 San Cristobal noted at 0340 //(RIC/1) w/rebroadcast of VOA news in Spanish (BCO/4)
- WINDWARD ISLANDS no longer exists as a country. W.I.B.S. should now be listed as GRENADA - PLEASE NOTE. Is currently widely hrd on 11970 from 0000 (EJP/4 CLC/6 RIC/1)
- YUGOSLAVIA R. Beograd's 2200 Eng logged w/good signals II/21 on 6100. (RIC/1)

COMMENT

Jan Tuner (Producer of R.Finland's DXA program)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The first paragraph refers specifically to our special editorial in the January "SWL" - CMS)

As for your question about the Swan-story, I don't agree, X Pro primo, I am not convinced (although I don't reject the very idea) that the DXers' actions against RA had the effect that the 6 MC XMTR was put off the air. Pro secundo I am convinced that even so this will have no effect on distant radio listening. DXers form a minority without a say, that's a sad fact I have learned during 10 years in the hobby. The reasons are among others X that we are too young on the average, too badly organized and too few.

As to Ginbey, I think you are a bit too rough with him. I have had freak contact with him during the years and I am of the opinion that he is a bum in many respects. But he has been of immense value to us for keeping us informed about DX news in the southern part of Africa. Most of his info is quite accurate and the result of his own listening. It is then understandable that a small percentage of his reports happen to be mistakes or jumping to conclusions. His Radio Safari station is rather ridiculous in some respects and it is of course a mistake by the WRTH to list it as a station, which I will point out to Mr.Frost. He could just as well list SweDX (DXA) as a station, we're on the air 4 times as often as Ginbey and far more accurate.

I don't think the SADXC has any say in the new listening law of South Africa. They are all very unimportant and if connected in any respect only to justify the government's fishy actions on the propaganda level. This law is, of course, just enormous and it is natural to react strongly against it. However, I don't think the U.S. DXers should make too much noise about it. I know a U.S. DXer who had to sign a contract (they used his wife's nationality as a threat) that he would cease all listening to anti-U.S.stations and also drop any correspondence with them while in the Armed forces (he was not doing his service but was a professional military). There is a difference of course, him being in the Armed Forces and the South Africans being civilians, but it all goes to show that this is a world of shades of gray rather than one of night and day.

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(Also in response to the January editorial a letter has been received from R.RSA, to which a reply has been sent. However because of the extremely controversial nature of these documents, we have been specifically asked by President August Balbi not to publish them in "SWL". Therefore unless we hear <sup>from</sup> MANY members who want to see them, the ASWLC will NOT publish ~~the~~ letters - CMS)

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LAST MINUTE FLASH: Brand new member ZD8RB reports that BBC S.Atlantic Relay now has its own local ID announcement A new frequency is 15235 at 0500-0700.

Your editor hopes that our QSL Editor is now home from the hospital and is feeling much better these days. The members missed his column last month.

All times are in G.M.T.

4.194.5 CQJ40 PORT. GUINEA-Bissau Port Naval station hrd at 0330 calling CTAG on CW. (9CQC) ADDRESS: Direction du Service d'Electricite et des Communications, Ministere de la Marine, Lisbonne.

3.200A "SPY" Spanish numbers station hrd with strong signal at 0406-0408. SINPO-54555. (EM)

3.715 Russian Fishing Boats?? hrd at 0415 w/Russian Radio Telephone traffic. (AEG)

7.335 CHU CANADA-Dominion Observatory Time Signal station hrd at 0400. (RS)

8.674 WVM INDIA-Madras Radio hrd at 1303 w/V-marker on CW. (9CQC) Dual: 4301-12718.5-17242.4. Power: 2.5kw

8.690 FJY4 NEW AMSTERDAM Is-St Paul hrd at 1245 w/CQ on CW. (9CQC) Dual: 510 kc. Sched: 0548-0618 & 1148-1218 & 0900, w/ weather in clear English on CW.

8.752 UGK2 USSR-Kaliningrad hrd at 0110 w/CQ on CW. (9CQC) Ray, you listed a call sign of UJY. According to the ITU this is assigned to Iman, USSR which is on the Pacific Coast. IIRRC also lists this as UJY on 8736.

9.455 4XQ59 ISRAEL-Tel Aviv hrd at 2320 in English on SSB w/Cond. "B" test. SINPO-55555. (EM). Also possible hrd by RS but he lists 9655 kc at 0100 hrs. (-200kc).

9.920A GREECE-Athens at 2235 in English/Greek on SSB. SINPO-43444. (EM). ADDRESS: Hellenic Telecomm., Organization, 15 Stadiou Street, Athen. (RCDXC)

11.205 CHINA-Peking w/testtape at 1730 s/off. (AEG)

11.253 WAKE ISLAND w/traffic at 1735 hrs. (AEG)

13.042.5 CRX23 MOZAMBIQUE-Lourenco Marques Naval radio hrd at 1350 calling CTAG on CW. QSL rcvd. (9CQC).

13.128 GVN BAHRAIN ISLAND-C&W sta hrd at 1602 w/CQ V-marker on CW. (9CQC)

15 mc WVV COLORADO-Ft Collins hrd at 0400 hrs. (RS).

17.266.4 GYS6 SINGAPORE-Naval radio hrd at 1444 with V-marker on CW. (9CQC).

17.675 SYRIA-Damascus PTT hrd at 1305 w/marker in English on SSB. (9CQC).

18.560 EPJ IRAN-Tehran PTT hrd at 1430 w/marker in Persian/French/English on SSB. (9CQC) / (9CQC)

19.155 5BC91 XXX CYPRUS-Nicosia hrd at 1315 w/marker in Eng/SSB-/

APRIL REPORTERS:

NEXT DEADLINE: 29 APRIL 1967

AEG	A.E. Glover-Washington	9CQC	Ray Fansler-Illinois
EM	Bill Higley-Ohio	IIRRC	Newark News Radio Club
RS	Ronald Savich-New Jersey	RCDXC	Radio Comm., DX Club

It seems that reports to this column have dropped off some what in the last few months. Hope this is not a permanent factor and that reports will pick up again soon. Reort by the deadline of 29 APRIL.

Still have plenty of the COLOR RCA WALL MAPS left plus a booklet on Marine Radio. Yours for the cost of postage: 10c or 4 IRC's.

JWA - JXZ	Norway
JYA - JYZ	Jordan (Hashmite Kingdom of)
JZA - JZZ	Western New Guinea
KAA - KZZ	United States of America
LAA - LNZ	Norway
LOA - LWZ	Argentine Republic
LXA - LXZ	Luxembourg
LYA - LYZ	Lithuania
LZA - LZZ	Bulgaria (People's Republic of)
MAA - MZZ	United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
NAA - NZZ	United States of America
OAA - OCZ	Peru
ODA - ODZ	Lebanon
OEA - OEZ	Austria
OFA - OFZ	FINLAND
OKA - OMZ	Czechoslovak Socialist Republic
ONA - OTZ	Belgium
OVA - OZZ	Denmark
PAA - PIZ	Netherlands (Kingdom of)
PJA - PJZ	Netherlands Antilles
PKA - POZ	Indonesia (Republic of)
PPA - PYZ	Brazil
PZA - PZZ	Surinam
QAA - QZZ	I. T. U. Service Abbreviations (Q Code)
RAA - RZZ	U.S.S.R.
SAA - SMZ	Sweden
SNA - SRZ	Poland (People's Republic of)
SSA - SSM	United Arab Republic
SSN - STZ	Sudan (Republic of the)
SUA - SUZ	United Arab Republic
SVA - SZZ	Greece
TAA - TCZ	Turkey
TDA - TDZ	Guatemala
TEA - TEZ	Costa Rica
TFA - TFZ	Iceland
TGA - TGZ	Guatemala
THA - THZ	France and Group Territories
TIA - TIZ	Costa Rica
TJA - TJZ	Cameroon (Federal Republic of) (Provisional)
TKA - TKZ	France and Group Territories
TLA - TLZ	Central African Republic (Provisional)
TMA - TMZ	France and Group Territories
TNA - TNZ	Congo (Republic of the) (Brazzaville) (Provisional)
TOA - TQZ	France and Group Territories
TRA - TRZ	Gabon Republic (Provisional)
TSA - TSZ	Tunisia (Provisional 1/2 Series)
TTA - TTZ	Chad (Republic of the) (Provisional)
TUA - TUZ	Ivory Coast (Republic of the) (Provisional)
TVA - TVZ	France and Group Territories
TYA - TYZ	Dahomey (Republic of) (Provisional)
TZA - TZZ	Mali (Republic of) (Provisional)
UAA - UQZ	U.S.S.R.
URA - UTZ	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
UUA - UZZ	U.S.S.R.
VAA - VGZ	Canada
VHA - VNZ	Australia (Commonwealth of)
VOA - VOZ	Canada
VPA - VSZ	Overseas Territories of Great Britain & Northern Ireland.
VTA - VVZ	India

April, 1967

QSL Corner

Deadline: 27 April

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Sorry about the absence of this column last month. As deadline approached, I was in the hospital getting my appendix taken out. All's well now, though. Well, plenty of info, so to begin, two articles concerning the South African Broadcasting Corporation, given to me from the station.

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Since its inception by an act of Parliament in 1936, the South African Broadcasting Corporation - a fully autonomous public entity - has made significant contributions to the world's broadcasting technology. In many instances the Corporation has overcome problems that overseas experts bluntly said were insoluble.

South Africa presents some of the most difficult conditions in the world for the reception of broadcasts on the ordinary wavebands, and there are additional problems posed by the need to disseminate simultaneously a large variety of programs in Afrikaans, English, and in various Bantu languages. The S.B.C. maintains twelve separate domestic services: one in English, one in Afrikaans, three bilingually in English and Afrikaans and seven in Bantu languages. These programs are broadcast on medium-wave, shortwave, and VHF-FM.

A romance of radio engineering and planning lies behind the establishment in South Africa of one of the world's largest and most modern VHF-FM systems, which was first introduced in January 1962 in the Johannesburg area. The tallest structure in Africa, the soaring 772 foot high Albert Hertzog Tower dominates the Johannesburg skyline and is the center point of the FM system. The tapering needle of concrete and steel - visible from the air 100 miles away - was the first to be erected of the country-wide grid of transmitting stations. When completed, the system will span the whole of South Africa with a network of 127 transmitting stations, in which will be installed over 500 transmitters.

The Corporation's External Services - Radio RSA, the Voice of South Africa, started its broadcasts on May 1st 1966. The studios of Radio RSA are located in the heart of Johannesburg, gold-mining metropolis of South Africa, and the service is operated on 250 Kw transmitters.

Daily programs in English, French, Portuguese and Zulu are beamed to the countries in Africa. There are daily transmissions in English for the United Kingdom, Europe, the United States of America and Canada. In the near future broadcasts in French, Portuguese, German, Dutch, and Spanish will be introduced for listeners in Europe and at a latter date there will also be daily transmissions for the Far East, Southeast Asia, Australia, and Latin America.

### SPRINKBOK RADIO

The national network of the S.B.C.'s advertising service, Sprinkbok Radio, with headquarters in Johannesburg, operates on medium wave, short-wave, and FM transmitters giving country-wide coverage and wide overseas reception. Times of broadcast are 5:00 a.m. to midnight on weekdays and Saturdays, and 6:00 a.m. to midnight on Sundays.

A great variety of programs is broadcast including recorded music shows, quiz programs, live musical performances, news magazines, serials, plays, interviews, and programs of the general service type. Six news bulletins and two news headlines features are broadcast each weekday. Apart from spot channels and a number of station "sustainer" programs

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and showcase features, which allow production houses to display their wares to sponsors, programs are sponsored, i.e. they are paid for by business concerns and other organizations who are allowed to place in the time channels occupied by their programs their commercial messages in accordance with laid-down principles.

Sponsors may also buy time spots for messages which are broadcast at fixed times. The cost of these commercials vary according to the listener rating of their time channel. "W" time is the most expensive. This falls in the peak listening period 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays. "B" times fall between the hours 6:00 - 7:-- p.m. and 9:30 - 10:00p.m., while "C" times is between the hours 8:45a.m. - 600 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays. Other times are set aside for spot announcements.

On Sundays only spot announcements are carried, and no programs are sponsored; sponsors participate in time channels.

There is a consistently heavy demand for commercial time on this popular service.

In addition to Springook Radio's national network three regional commercial services are operated by the SABC. They are Radio Highveld, Radio Good Hope, and Radio Natal. These stations follow a program pattern consisting mainly of music with news bulletins on the hour. Spot commercial messages are broadcast by these services and no programs are sponsored. (30)

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TAPES AVAILABLE

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I have some tape recordings sitting around the shack which might be interesting to some of you. They're listed below. If you'd like to hear them, drop me a line, and I'll send them. I ask only for postage.

1. SABC Tape Library - Messages from the staff, a talk by former-AMARC head Don Jensen, a special recording of Radio Norway, info on how a station operates from WNYW & WRUL, off-the-air recordings of the day President Kennedy was assassinated, ex-pianitory and informative tapes from Radio South Africa and Radio New Zealand, an excellent report on jamming - complete with many examples - from the VOA, and much, much more is included on this 5 inch, two track reel recorded at 2 track. You may keep it for one week for postage cost of 50¢.
2. Friend/member Des Gelling of London has sent me a 3 inch reel of tape crammed with recordings of the English pirates such as Radio Caroline South, Radio 390, etc. If you're interated in pirates - and if your ears are accustomed to "that" sort of music, this is the tape for you.
3. In line with the above articles by the SABC, J.A. Jooste of the station was kind enough to send 240ft. of recorded Radio Springook. Quizz games, serials, drama, newscasts, light musical features, abound on these two 7 inch reels. Recorded full track at 7½ ips, this one will be sent third class if requested.
4. Lastly, I'd be glad to lend out World Publications' Broadcast Identification Tapes. This one has the interval signals, etc. of close to seventy stations.

Albania: Radio Tirana in English gives date, time frequency and schedule of English programs. Design is antenna tower transmitting radio signals with birds flying. 7 weeks.

Australia: Bill Sparks reports VLI6, card in seven weeks.

Ascension Island(out of order): Dave Siddell reports from Argentina: "Friend Dick Buckley, 2D8RB, will QSL all reports to him for the EBC relay station. IRC's appreciated. Address: R.I. Buckley - 2D8RBc/o EBC; Ascension Is. AFB; Patrick AFB, Florida. He is especially interested in reports for the 15375kHz 23:00 GMT Portuguese to Brazil transmission.

British Honduras: A single report was verified by card in two weeks. Large 5 in. by 7 in. yellow graphic type card showing coastline, principle points of interest, products, and recreational activities on land and sea. Full QSL information including power 5kw on back of card. Their sign/on is 00:00 GMT and usually in English but Spanish is used at various times in 15 minute periods. S/off is 4:00 GMT. Best reception is on Saturday evenings when the military network groups are off. (Coombe)  
Bulgaria: Card in 40 days. Picture map of Europe with bright red Bulgaria. No other material.(McCorkle)

Canada: CHU, Dominion Observatory; Observatory Crescent; Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canadian time signal station at 7335kHz. Design is a picture of the observatory. 1 week.(Savich) 13 days(Dave Williams).

China(Peoples' Republic): From Dave Siddell: "My father reports that my two gigantic calendars from Radio Peking have faithfully arrived as always - in addition to more booklets. I've been receiving this for three years now, all in response to one reception report. And they send me duplicates of everything(ugh!) for some reason or other."

China(Republic): LCC sent a complete QSL, current program schedule, and an accompanying letter. Time: 2 months. They said in the letter that "we are sending you in another envelope information about the Voice of Free China, cousins, etc." I haven't received them yet, possibly due to the Argentine postal problems, but am looking forward to the promised interesting material(Dave Siddell).

Colombia: HJAF, Radio Santa Fe, 4965, letter signed by Louisa V. de Lernal, 6 weeks.

Dominican Republic: HISD - 24 days. Post card in Spanish received for Spanish report including IRC. That's on 6090kHz(Bob Cate).

Ecuador: HCJE received in 65 days with assorted religious material. Card shows black and white picture of Quito(McCorkle).

Fiji Islands: Art Mover includes Radio Fiji, 3230, card with complete detail in 44 days.

Georgian SSR: Tbilisi, 5040, card via Moscow, 2 months(Bill Sparks).

Germany(Dem. Republic): Radio Berlin International, 21 days for correct report on 5970kHz.(Dave Williams)

Germany(Federal Republic): Deutsche Welle, 17 days for correct report on 9735kHz.(Williams).

Ghana: From Bob Condor: "QSL received from G.B.C. for a report on 3366 kHz. in 25 days. Speaking of how Radio RSA used to sent their QSLs; this one from Ghana was wrapped up in a one-page program schedule and the schedule had an address label unit that was called the Ghana government "economy label". This sentence on the label attracted my attention: open by cutting the label, re-use envelope by affixing fresh label".(They've done it to. I received a twice-used envelope from the station!-ed.)



Poland: Warsaw, 11340, card, letter, and schedule in 7 weeks and magazine "Poland" being sent under separate cover. This was their English broadcast to Africa November 24, 12:00 - 12:30 G.M.T. Nice "folkey" letter. Attractive 5 color card with Seal and map of Poland on white background and dotted with names of leading cities. They say this is their first card of a concurrent set of seven and that the remainder of the series will show different regions of Poland. They also are offering prizes for answers to a seven-part quizz concerning Poland's Contribution to World Culture. The quiz looks tough and will probably require a world encyclopedia and a few trips to the local library, hi. However, 4 correct answers qualify for the drawing for the 1000 prizes. Special prizes for all correct answers. Type of prizes not mentioned. (Many thanks to Cha's Coombe for the info).

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A few months back a poll was run to determine which stations were the most popular as far as QSL policy and attractiveness was concerned, also including the most unpopular station. Here's a new question.

**IN YOUR OPINION - AND GIVE THE OPINION - WHAT STATION HAS THE WORST-LOOKING QSL CARD?**

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Russia: For a first opinion ofr the poll, "Russia takes it hands down. Moscow's card is concentric circles of quady colors with "Radio Moscow" in Russian coming from the center. Kiev is simply two colors - blue and a sick red; that's all. No wording, just colors"(McCorkle).

Senegal: Radio Senegal sent card in 2 weeks. Card is map of the world in yellow with blue oceans(notch). Antenna coming out of the city of Dakar. Includes only name of reporter, date, time, and frequency.(Jim Widner)  
RX7210, card, 6 weeks. One of my most interesting receptions. Like their music lot(Lou Dadt).

South Africa: Radio Safari at 9680. The design is outline of the continent of Africa with a lion's head. 65 days.

Radzchick SSR: Dushanbe, 4635, card via Moscow in 7 weeks(Sparks).

Tahiti: Radio Tahiti on 11825 in 11 days(Williams).

Tanzania: Radio Tanzania on 15435 card with date, frequency in 3 weeks.

Thailand: HSK9, 4830, card with full detail in 3 months.(Eber)

Togo: 5047, card, 3 months. Sent several reports with IFCs, pictures, souvenirs, etc to get this one. (Bob Dadt, who also likes this African)

United Nations: New York, 11740 kHz. Single report verified by card in one week, and a copy of their new schedule. All info on card except power. Their schedule says VOI Greenville uses 19723.5 for QSB transmissions to Tangier. No times given.

United States of America: WVV, Fort Collins first day QSL, 5000 kHz, 9 weeks. This was for reporting reception of their "first voice announcement" from their new location. Attractive card, leaving the impression of just showing terrain, building, serials, etc with large WVV and "1st Day" on top and bottom center and Chamber of Commerce National Bureau of Standards Seal in lower right. This was accompanied by a thank you form letter with a "Brief Chronology from March 1923 to the present time and place. A side border of old gold makes a fine enclosure for the picture card.

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 Next month definitely a listing of the Standings, so please include with your report. Sorry about the typing. My Royal Custom broke down, and I'm hammering away at a Wobbly Woodstock. We just don't get along.

Tom

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