

# FLASHSHEET

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Serious DXing thrives on the fast exchange of DX news, especially news of the rarer stations. In order to overcome the problems inherent in a monthly bulletin some DXers in North America have, for the 3 years and more, been exchanging data on a more frequent basis. But there has been a problem getting such a thing done on a larger basis, with a group the size of NASWA. The group mentioned is only about 25 in size. NASWA's 600 plus members makes things a bit more difficult. However, we have now, after discussions continuing over several months (since the ANARC convention in Boston, last July), we have arrived at something which will speed the delivery of flash-type material, at minimal cost to the club. (Incidentally, the monthly FRENEX has been expanded from the former maximum of 48 pages with mimeograph reproduction, to a regular 52 pages with offset, and a much larger maximum, with no increase in postage over the usual 16 cents.)

In the past, even the latest items telephoned to headquarters were at least 10 days old by the time they reached the members, in the regular FRENEX. And earlier breaking items were even older. Now, for most items, a few more days won't make all that much difference. But for the real DX items, it does! So, we will in the future publish the FLASHSHEET via mimeograph reproduction, and it will be printed at the last possible minute, after the regular FRENEX has already been printed! The mimeographed FLASHSHEET will be stapled in the center of the FRENEX, and can be removed, like the combination order blank/survey in November.

Due to the reorganization of the Log Report, it will be an easy matter to see that all Flashsheet items appear in the text of the next regular FRENEX, so that the flashsheet can be discarded after the receipt of the next FRENEX, if desired. For those wishing to keep the flashsheet it will have sufficient space for punching, for storage in a 2 or 3 ring binder.

In addition, on a limited basis, for the time being, we are issuing a mid-month Flashsheet. The limited basis for the mid-month Flashsheet distribution is necessary due to the problem of increasing the workload at headquarters. After the purchase of the planned addressing machine, it might be possible to widen the distribution. However, we believe that all those who are interested in receiving the mid-month Flashsheet will be able to receive it under these rules, to follow. To receive the mid-month Flashsheet, you simply enclosed a self addressed, stamped long envelope with your report to the LOG REPORT section. With all reports to the Log Report now being sent to headquarters for distribution for the editors, it is a simple matter to note the flash-type items in those reports, and include them in a mid-month Flashsheet. Since the deadline on receipt of reports for the LR section is the 12th, we will allow a couple of extra days for any late flashes to develop, and mail it the 16, after compiling & running it off on the 15th. (Real super-flash items might cause it to be mailed earlier. Note again that all items which appear in the Flashsheet will appear also in the next regular FRENEX. All the mid-month Flashsheet will do is get flashes to those members supporting the club with logging a little bit earlier. If we meet with favorable response on this, and after arrangements are made to simplify the production of larger quantities of the mid-month Flashsheet, it is possible that it will be made available on a more general basis. For the time being, however, restricting it to those who report to LR, or who report late FLASHES, should cover everyone who would make much use of the material. Members who have occasion (or who want to take occasion) to write HDQ might let us know their opinions on this expanded service. Dan Ferguson

LR and Flashsheet reports to the HDQ address! Late Flashes, phone (304) 346-5738.

NEW SECTION TO APPEAR IN FRENDX Former Log Report editor Larry Magne will be editing a new section, dealing with clandestine stations, pirates, other illegal or quasi-legal stations/broadcasts. The first installment should appear in the January 1973 issue. We are looking for an R. Crumb type cartoonist to design a heading for the new section, as well as perhaps do a few additional cartoons for FRENDX. In over 600 members we should have some-one so talented. Please write headquarters immediately if you can help us with this need. Thanks.

SPANISH SAHARA has begun to QSL! Earle Hall, Al Niblack, Al Sizer and Ed Shaw have recently received QSLs from them. The schedule given with the QSL shows 0800-1100 and 1900-2300 on 7230 kHz, 10 kw. However, this frequency is known to have been inactive for sometime. Possibly, however, this schedule indicates they may return to the air. (via Don Jensen)

TIJOR Don Jensen reports a QSL from Timor, 3668 kHz.

GALAPAGOS This station, now on 3520v kHz, has been heard in the mornings, at 1100 to 1128 fade-out by Hank Michalenka. Others are noting them evenings, around 0300 and later.

ISRAEL From Larry Magne comes word that Eileen Hyman of IBA indicates that Mr. F. Z. Stocknein tells her that NA transmissions "are under discussion", but that "we regret that we are unable to confirm their imminence." Larry also indicates they verified each frequency he checked for each time segment - over 30 freqs over an hour! (Larry Magne) C.M. Stanbury notes that a reply to an effort to QSL what he believes is their "counter broadcast" on 1106 kHz, consisting of a num on Cairo's 1106 kHz Hebrew service, indicates that it may have been "an harmonic" of our broadcast on 11760 kHz. However, as you gave no program details and do not mention the language of the broadcasts we regret that we cannot confirm your report'. (C.M. Stanbury) We can see the next Log Report section now, "GG num 2200-2215, when EE num began; short news summary in RRnum at 2229, then into what seems to be a Swahili num." Hmmm!

GREECE Athens domestic svc in Greek rptd new 100 kw SW tx, at Avlis, to begin 16 Nov. Not on till 20 Nov, when carried the announced sked to 1200, at least. All tx so far are in Greek, begin w/approx 12 minute news bulletin. Announced sked:

0500-0750	Turkey/Cyprus	6175 kHz
0800-0950	Australia	21610
1000-1150	C. Africa	17780
1300-1350	Spain/Portugal	15425
1400-1450	Panama Zone	21610
1500-1550	Egypt	9605
1600-1700	Balkans	6075
1715-1750	Soviet Union	7125
1800-1850	Ethiopia/Kenya	9520
1900-1950	Europe	5960
2000-2050	Azores	7295
2100-2150	Australia	7215
2200-2250	Japan	6075

(BBC monitoring Service - used by permission) FLASH! Latest num from BBC IS indicates the above schedule is being followed, as announced. (BBC IS)

JAPAN Additional NHK Home Service Relays! Two additional NHK HS relays have been discovered by Hiroatsu Matsuura. They are 9535 kHz at 2330-0000 GMT, 2nd network, location not known, and 9550 at 0100-0700, Tokyo, first network (Hiroatsu Matsuura, Japan)

INDIAN SUBCONTINENT Don Jensen indicates that fade out of stations in this area may occur slightly later than usual in the mornings in the next couple of weeks, thru perhaps the middle of December. Nothing definite, but some of those stations are certainly worth a try.

#### 60 METER SURVEY

We have run out of copies of the recently issued 60 meter survey. 60 meters will be re-surveyed shortly, and the survey is expected to be considerably longer than in the past. Those who have additions and/or corrections to the last survey should send them to NASWA HDQ. Thanks.

73, Dan Ferguson