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AL NIBLACK, Editor, 420 Shelby St., Vincennes, Ind. 47591 DEADLINES 15th & 26th Month

AUSTRALIA 11850 RA, Shepparton, heard at 2100 with EE news to SE Asia, vy seldom heard as not beamed stateside...15355 RA also coming in good lately, even earlier, beamed to Pacific Isles. (Bob Zilmer, Wisc.)...9610 Regional Perth, VLW9, at 1100 with pops and man anncr, in at fair to good lvl. (Joe Helm, Ind.)

AZORES 4865 Regional Ponta Delgada, PP talk, gong at 2043, ID, by man. (CCDXA)(Crazy County DX Assn., comprised of Doug Burlew and Company, of Pa.)

BOTSWANA 5965 Gaberone at 0715 with native music, some talking in language, with reception at fair to good lvl, though some QRN. (Joe Helm)

BRAZIL Noting the confusion concerning the broadcasting situation in this country, friend and expert Giacomo (Jack) Perolo of Sao Paulo has written directly to the NASWA FS with the following remarks: DENTEL, the Brazilian conterpart of your FCC, is presently introducing dramatic changes in the local bcasting scene; the full extent of such changes has not been formally made public, some preliminary decisions have already been reported by the press. It is not yet altogether clear how the country as a whole will be served in the next decade, broadcasting wise. One plan would call for tropical band bcasting in Northern Brazil, whereas Southern and Central Brazil would move to FM. There are also talks about a TV and AM(?) svc to the Amazon area via satellite. All this is being discussed at present. Opposite views by others would rather serve the Amazon area via a ground VHF system either using tropospheric scatter and/or ground repeaters. What has been done already is: (1) Individuals can own only a maximum of three stations; stns in excess of three will not have their license renewed. The measure will not effect corporations or networks established prior to such rulings. Some MW stations in N. Brazil are already affected by the ruling. (2) R. 9 de Julho, 9620; and, R. America, 11855 kc, have both been off the air for about 6 weeks, licenses not renewed by DENTEL. (3) Purely regional stations will have their fqys reassigned consistently with their primary area coverage; no sense in having Ribeirao Preto operating 15415, the stn knowing that their fqys will soon be lowered to the 60 or 90, or 120 MB. They are still active on 15415, tho, specially on weekends. (4) Many SW outlets are semi-active or on a limited sked, but are on the air over the weekends to bcast sporting events. From a logging standpoint, those are the best occasions to log Brazilians, between 1600-0000 GMT; but they are the best chances, especially for those who do not command the language, to come up with wrong reports, as these are channels and transmitting swaps taking place, because of efforts to reduce operational coast by bcasters. This procedure has produced considerable confusion abroad within the SWling fraternity. The "new" XYZ stn logged on the WJK channel, is in effect a channel lease. (5) Specifically, refer to the 15135 kc outlet, their formal ID is R. Record and the QTH is correct in WRH-73. I hope the above is of help. (Indeed it does Jack, thanks for taking the time and making the effort to advise us, Editor)...3315 R. Gazeta de Algoas, PP talk, native music, definite ID at 0300, 11/25. (CCDXA)...11950 R. Min Educacao, 0140-0309 in PP, good lvl, some good music, much talk, several IDs. (Hadley Cress, Va.)

CAMEROON 5010 R. Garoua, chanting 0508-0515A, in FF, good lvl. (CCDXA)...This one, R. Garoua, 5010A, at 2045 fade-in, local music, and OM in language, 35433. (Ed Insinger, N.J.)

CHILE 9750 R. Soc Nac de Minera, 0945, native music, SS, several IDs. (Joe Helm)...9570 R. Emisora Portales, 0215-0230, PP talk(??, Editor), various IDs, nice. (CCDXA)

CE AFR REPUBLIC 5038 Bangui in FF and local music, from 2040 tune, to beyond 2100(Ed Insinger)

CHINA(PR) 3200 PLA with CC talks by high pitched voiced man 1055//3400 kcs, though much weaker. (Doug Burlew, Pa.)...9940 R. Peking on seemingly new fqy in EE at 0000, excellent lvl, and QRM free. (Ed Insinger)

COLOMBIA (FLASH) 5950V This new one is Radio Super de Medellin. ID, "Radio Super, Medellin una emisora orgullosamente Colombiana", and time checks between music. Jim Whitehead, Mass., further says this is a new R. Super outlet in Medellin, and not Bogota. (continued)

COLOMBIA (continued) 5951.3 A Radio Super here 0700-0715, in SS and LA music, many IDs as, "Superrrrrrradio", "Radio Super", etc., possibly ex-6066. (CCDXA)

GO GARCIA (See earlier FLASH, Editor) This one is a pin point island of near arid bleakness in the Indian Ocean, south of Maldives, and east of Madagascar. It is a Naval Communications site, both for surface and submarine activity. Air traffic is occasionally via Nairobi or New Delhi. No large craft can land or take off due to physical size of the spot. Many Navy Seabee construction teams are there building facilities. There are no facilities for visitors whatever. While not classified, its not advertised either, the island is being used by permission of the British. I doubt any one will get a QSL from this Service. (Thanks, Ed Shaw, Va., for sharing this enlightening information with us, Editor)

ENGLAND 9740 BBC heard with vy strong sigs, 2315, with World Radio Club. Is this a relay by the CBC from Sackville?? (Bob Zilmer) (See Ernie Behr's remarks in December 1973 FS, Editor)

...6253A Heard 2320-2322, what I believe is a Pirate. Signal was erratic, only got a word now and then. Mention of BBC, man and woman in EE. Skip must have been about right. (Bob Zilmer) (Bob, I have logged the same on 6255, same details, its the VOA, obscure info on it here, possibly its a harmonic, but I don't think its a Pirate, thats my suggestion, Editor)

FIJI Radio Fiji was heard around 0220 on 15103 kcs, with ID in EE as, "This is R. Fiji, testing on 19 meter bands with 5000 watts". (SWCDXERS) (Possibly this info had better be classified with Nibi-Nibi, until some one can confirm, Editor)

GUATEMALA 3360 LV de Nahuala, 0420-0435*, SS, ID at 0433, SA music. (Richard Schwartz, Del.)

EQ GUINEA 4926 R. Bata, NA 0429, then bird calls, SS ID 0432, SS news, fair lvl. (CCDXA)

FR GUIANA 3385 ORTF, FF news 0100, ID by Man 0105, 11/23. (CCDXA)

GAMBIA 4820 RG, 0645, "chants from the Holy Koran" poor lvl. (CCDXA)

GUYANA (REP) 3290 Action Radio, LA guitar music 0805 tuning, EE ID 0814, good. (CCDXA)...

This one, Action Radio, 3287M, 0400*, featured "Sounds of the 70s"; annts, IDs, EE. (Richard

HONDURAS REP 4920 R. Progreso, 0115, native music, news, in SS, with several / Schwartz) IDs, moderate QRM. (Joe Helm)

HUNGARY R. Budapest, 6165, at 0115 tune, good lvl in EE svc. (Ed Insinger)

ISRAEL 9785 IBA at 2030 in EE news. This fcy used in EE until 2040 GMT as of 11/19. Do not know of their 24 hour EE svc. (Ed Insinger)

IVORY COAST Abidijan, 11920, 0730, native and FF type music, talk in FF. (Joe Helm)...4940 RTVI, FF ID 2120, hi-life music, afro music, till 2140 tune out. (CCDXA)

IRAQ 6095 R. Baghdad, 1900-1915, AA music and talk, AA ID 1915, fair to poor lvl. (CCDXA)

JAPAN NHK in EE to NA on 15445//11725, ex 17825. 15445 good at S/on. (Ed Insinger)

MALDIVES (FLASH) R. Maldives, 3331, QSLed in 10 months for logging around 1300. Card received with verie statement--also postal cards, schedules, circulars. My best QSL from Asia!!!! (Dan Henderson, Md) (Special congrats to Dan, you know, I am turning a deep shade of green, Editor)

MAURITANIA Nouakchott, 4850, 2213-2219*, definite ID in FF, must be new 100kW (Richard

NEW HEBRIDES (FLASH) R. Vila, 3945, folder in 34 days QSLing for logging at / Schwartz) 0745. (Dan Henderson) (Well, I am getting a deeper shade of green, Editor)

NIGER 3260 ORTN, FF talks, Afro and a-cordian music, 2205-2220, ID 2221, poor. (CCDXA)

NIGERIA 4990 RN in EE news 0600, chanting 0615, RPTY high side. (CCDXA)

PERU 5980 R. Panamericana at 1200, Latin type music, two IDs, commercials. (Joe Helm)

PORTUGAL 9670 SEIT via RTE, 2200-2215*, Swedish prgm, PP music. (Frank Orcutt, N.Y.)

RWANDA 15380 Kigali at 2103, news in GG, pops, an ID, fair enough lvl. (Joe Helm)

SO AFRICA 4790.3 SABC All Night Svc, polka music, clear EE ID at 0015, noted some afternoons hetting Turk Islands. These definitely two separate stations. (CCDXA)...4788 SABC here, no trace of Turks. The African heard daily 2100-2300. (Frank Orcutt)...4875 Afrikaans Svc, piano concerto, polkas, Afrikaans ID, 2030-2100. (CCDXA)...3250M SABC All Night prgm in EE, 0012-0230*, FBIS lists as 20kW. (Richard Schwartz)

SAUDI ARABIA 9585 Seemingly SABS around 1300 in AA, maybe testing, from 12/3A. (Bob Zilmer)

SENEGAL 11895 Dakar heard from 2300-2400* in mostly FF. Prgm of classical and operatic type music. No definite ID. Can any one confirm. (Bob Zilmer) (It is, fcy reactivated, Editor)

SERRA LEONE 3316 RSL vernacular 2230-2240, then EE ID, fair lvl. (CCDXA)

SINGAPORE 11940 RS at 1302 in language (as Hindu), with some pops, some native music, some comments in EE, with EE ID at 1315, no doubt about it, fair lvl. (Joe Helm)

SPAIN 7105 (TENT) RNE in SS 1015-1035A, with guitar music, SS, no definite ID. (CCDXA)

SWEDEN R. Sweden's new 6000 kcs outlet, in EE 0030, here admidst mucha QRM. (Ed Insinger)

TURK IS 4788 0220 on 11/24, pops and other types of music, some songs in EE; some news items, commercial on coffee, fair lvl, seemingly is Turks. (Joe Helm) (Joe, to my knowledge, Turks carries no ads; I suggest the format is SABC's Regional Cm Svc, Editor)

TURKEY 6900 Logged Voice of Meteorology at 1423 to 1502, when RTTY absent. I kinda like this one. (James Young, Calif.)

USA Attractive QSL postcard in color in today from WFYR, 17 days airmail. Full data for 15444 kcs. (Corky Webb, Tex.)..WYFR heard on 17815, 1930-2300 with religious prgming and news. Says studios in Calif., but transmitters in Mass. New station??(Frank Orcutt)...In a letter from new WYFR(formerly WNYW) informs: On Oct. 19, 1973, Family Stations Inc., annncd the purchase of international SW station Radio New York Worldwide. The transmitting facility in Saituate, Mass., is of four high power SW transmitters(a fifth will be added) and nine directional antennas. The total bcast hours of WYFR will be dedicated to Gospel programming. Address for correspondence and QSLs is: Family Stations Inc., 290 Hegenberger Road, Oakland, Calif. 94621. Communication Coordinator is Tom Sommerville. Winter-Spring 1974 schedule for the Caribbean and Americas follows: 1945-0030, 17760; 2315-0230, 15215; 0015-0230, 11855; 0045-0230, 9715//5985. Bcasts also beamed to Europe and Africa. (Ed Insinger)

UPPER VOLTA 4815 RTVV, talking drums, afro music, FF ID, at 0701, strain lvl. (CCDXA)

USSR 4785 R. Baku, RR talks, ID 2114, from 2110 tuning, till S/off 2159. (CCDXA)...4825 R. Ashkabad, RR talks, gongs, good to excellent lvl, 11/24. (CCDXA)...9380 Alma Ata at 0040 with OM and YL talking in RR. No definite ID heard though many mentions of "Kazakh". Weak lvl with QSB, but readable. (George Schnabel, N.Y.)

VATICAN Tonight I noted VR on 6200 at 2325, with IS, Bells of St. Peters, into language. This is a move from 6190, possibly to avoid VOA-Greenville. (Al Miller, Ohio)

VIEP NAM(N) 15012 VOV, Hanoi, observed at 1305 in news, followed by comments, and lotsa of communistic yak. A bit of native music. (Joe Helm) (Presumed EE, though Joe did not say, GOODIES REPORTED BY JACK PEROLO(from his Sao Paulo QTH) BOLIVIA R. San Miguel is / Editor)

ative again on 4700 kc, to S/off 0300 daily. Operated temporarily on 4690, also. And had been off the air for 6 to 8 weeks...R. Difusora Mamore, Guayaremerin is also back on the air after a shutdown of several months. Does not seem daily but S/off appears 0200A when is on; this on sits on 4602...Pirai Radiodifusion, Santa Cruz de la Sierra good on 9607, around 1200, later...BRAZIL R.Difusora Macapa, Macapa, can be logged on 4914 at 0800 S/on. Blocked by the other Brazilian on 4915 after 0900...PERU R. Universidad, Arequipa is irregularly noted on 6243, after 2200, weak lvl...R. Juliaca has been off the air for several months, not being on 5082, where they have remained without many interruptions since 1962. Previous channels included 4862, 5780 kcs...BRAZIL R. Caciquem Sorocaba, listed 2470, is in effect operating on 2460 kcs, on irregular sked. Best noted prior to 2200, after which MW harmonics start fading, runing the 120 MB.(END)

PIRATES: A QSL and letter provides the following info FLASHES A.E.Martin, England: Radio Valleri(Dublin, Ireland) on fqy of 6300(card says 6317), though my report was sent for the quoted fqy of 6300 kcs. QSL card was received in 19 days for one IRC. It states that the outlet is a free radio station broadcasting with a power output of 100 watts from Dublin, that they hoped to bcast every Sunday till 1300...A QSL card and letter received from Tower Radio, Nottingham, England, on 6240. I presume this is a hobby pirate. Card was received in 8 days about. Is white in color, large black print, and with an inverted "V" at the center. XMTR Details: 220 watt peak output, using series gate modulation, crystal controlled. Antenna is a half-wave dipole 75', center fed.Signed by Chris Evans, Station Engineer; also, this one reported by A.E. Martin.

UNIDENTIFIED 7215 Daily except Sats., station on the air 2055-2150, good lvl, but heavy interference with IS of series of notes like shepherd's flute(sounds like Athens, Editor), followed by orchestral rendition. ID on the hour not understood, in language, then into news seemingly. (Hadley Cress) (Radio Ecclesia has been heard there in the past, but currently Abidijan, Ivory Coast, dominates the fqy, Editor)...17750 At 0328 with chimes like IS, YL ncr for, "Radio Swoboda", follows with talk in language, who??(Hadley Cress) (Its either one of RFE's numerous transmitters or one of the USSR's many services, Editor)...A station on 21715, in FF. Does not seem to be Paris. From 1555 to 1635, my logging period, I could detect no ID at 1600 and 1630. It seems to be a phnne type program with an identification of musical numbers. Who? (Ken Earhart, Pa.)

So ends this Mid-Month FS. HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL, THANKS for the help, Best of 73, AL