

FLASHSHEET

The Flashsheet is published twice monthly by NASWA, Box 8452, S.Charleston, W.Va. 25303

MID-MARCH 1974

Freq: KCS(KHZ)

Time: GMT(CUT)

L NIBLACK, Editor, 420 Shelby T., Vincennes, Ind. 47591 DEADLINES 10th & 20th Month

ALGERIA 11910 RA has EE *1900-1930 period, I note. (Larry Abraham, Mich.)

AUSTRALIA 11850 RA, 2125, "World of Music," 2130 EE ID, light music. (Doug Burlew, Pa.)

BRAZIL 4915 1003, Rdif de Macapa in PP IDs, ads, native mx, fair level(Neal Perdue, ...6000 R. Inconfidencia, PP talk 2329 tuning, 2332 PP ID for "Inconfidencia", /Tenn.) light music, excellent lvl. (Doug Burlew)...All the SW channels of Rdif de Sao Paulo are used by Radio Tupi. In Nov 1973 the licenses of several stations were cancelled; included Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo 540, 9620; Radio Sao Paulo(not RDif de Sao Paulo), 1260; Radio America, 11855; Radio Clube de Franca, 1240; Radio Difusoria Rio Preto, 1400; Radio Bela Vista de Uberlandia, 720; Radio Sociedade Santa Fe do Sul, 960; Radio Eldorado Rio de Janiero, 3385. (World Radio Bulletins)

BOLIVIA 4875 La Cruz del Sur, 0955-1005, native music, an ID. (Neal Perdue, Tenn.)

BOTSWANA 4845 Gaberone, 2153-2259* Setswana, chants similar to AA, talks, IS, off with anthem. (Editor Jerry Lineback, Ill.)

BURMA (FLASH) Folder from BBS accompanying recent QSL, says welcomes reports in EE, to: Director General, Information and Broadcasting Dept., BBS Building, Prome Rd., Rangoon Burma. Says report will be acknowledged and QSL cards sent if IRCs enclosed. (Gregg Calkin, via NU and Don Jensen, Wisc.)

CAMEROUN R.Garoua, 5010, 2130-2200*, IS, chants, local music, excellent level. (Editor Larry Yamron, Pa.)

CANADA 4910 Radio Canada International observed S/on in FF, IS, an ID, also possibly SS, on this odd fqy. Maybe spurious?? Time: 0729. (Neal Perdue)

CAPE VERDE 3930 R. Barlevento, 0833, YL in PP, hosting Meriam. (ODDX - Messers Estes, Lay, Jamison, Rippel, and Shaw)

CHILE 9690 Unable to now correctly get current ID on this one; have heard some La Voz Je Chile prgms, but format not generally that; Ernie Behr says, "Radio Cooperative". Any help?(Robert Zilmer, Wisc.)

COLOMBIA 4786 0515-0530 Ecos del Combeima in SS, LA mx, talks, and IDs.(Neal Perdue)

COOK ISLANDS Re the 2/18 test bcst, Bryan Clark, Editor of the NZ DX Times, reports that New Zealanders are positive the test was not on. Many NZs and the official NZBC Monitoring Station at Quartz Hill monitored 11758-11760 from 1015-1135 and heard nothing. Clark is checking further with a contact at the station. (Editor Dan Ferguson) Second hand, I understand several DXers have reported hearing the test. (Don Jensen)... (See FS).. Dear Al: "By omitting "MW" in your editing of my Cook Islands item(Glenn did not report hearing the test, Editor), you made it look as if I didn't know that MW condx don't necessarily correlate with SW. Should have been "on a split and on MW". Quite possibly wouldn't have been heard even if on a completely clear 25M channel." (End of quote by Glenn Hauser, Okla.)(Glenn, I am sincerely sorry for my misquote in re your item in the very previous FS, Editor)

ECUADOR 3240 (Checking Al Sizer's unID, thought to be a Guatemalan) At 1031, 3/7, began with IS of Andean music, then into an Indian Language. Possibly AL's hearing "Guatemala" mentioned was instead, "Otovalo"; 1045 in SS. Stronger by 1114. A phrase in the Indian Language sounding like, "Radio Nacional" was heard several times and, at 1124 into SS for an ID which clearly mentioned, "la comunidad quecha del Ecuador". (Glenn Hauser)...6130 HCJB has replaced 6080, EE DX Party Line at 0930, with fair sigs, March 4th. (Bob Zilmer)...4795 0430-0500, Voz de las Caras in SS, LA music, ID 0500, lotsa QRM. (Neal Perdue)

GALAPAGOS IS 3520 La Voz de la Galapagos at 2330, classic music and SS OM. (ODDX)

GUATEMALA 9759 Voz de Guatemala, 0446, better here than 6180, though severe het from TWR, 9760, at times; marimba music, election returns, 3/4, still on at 0639 check. (Glenn Hauser)...3300 TGNC, 1125 SS Gospel music, SS talk 1130, SS ID, on 2/21.(Doug Burlew)

INDIA (TENT) 4775 Heard many mornings at 1300, much Indian music. Any positive IDs on this one?? (Larry Abraham)

INDONESIA 5987 RRI, Menado, Celebes, man and woman II talk, 1345-1400, ID at 1356, US pops, QRM de R.Japan, 5990 @ 1355 with IS. (Neal Perdue)

INTERNATIONAL WATERS (FLASH) On Friday, February 22, 1974, U.S. District Court Judge Mitchell H. Cohen issued a permanent restraining order prohibiting the Reverend Carl McIntire from broadcasting aboard a ship beyond the U.S. Territorial Limit. Consequently McIntire cannot now legally broadcast from the High Seas, and Judge Cohen's ruling makes his earlier temporary restraining order permanent. (Excerpted from the Star-Ledger, Friday, February 22, 1974, by Ed Insinger, N. J.)

IRAQ 9745 R. Baghdad has EE *1930-2020 period. (Larry Abraham)

ISRAEL 7395 IBA first noted on this frequency with IS at 0257, 2/28, ID at 0300, followed by news in RR, till 0345 when frequency was jammed. Clear transmission resumed at 0500 in usual EE news. (Hadley Cress, Va.)...15100 IBA noted on the air at 1700, 3/3, to 1730 IS. News in possibly Hungarian, frequent mention of "Kissinger", fair level.

(Hadley Cress)...7400 IBA tuned on this frequency 3/2, at closing at 2043, short news in EE, and announced a 30 minute program at 1130; and, at 2000, a 45 minute program in the 16, 19, 25, 33, and 41 MBs. Steve Cohen, announcer, off at 2046. (Grady Ferguson, S. Car.)

JAPAN 15270 NHK at 2345-0045 in EE to NA, this replaces 11725, which suffered QRM. Poor to fair level on March 4. (Bob Zilmer)

KENYA 4915 0435-0455, Kenya in probably Swahili am sure, though no positive IS, as Ghana did not S/on till 0530. Programming for Kenya of Afro music, fair level. (Neal Perdue)

KHMER REP 4908 R. Diff at 1114, fairly certain, YL with Oriental music, opera. (ODDX)

KOREA(N) 2670 Saraiwon Regional, 1030, low voices in Korean...2745 Sariwon Regional, 1030, poor level in KK...2746 Sinoju (TENT), 1030 poor in KK...2850 Radio Pyongyang in KK with Oriental music. (Credit all to ODDX) (1030 GMT)

LESOTHO Radio Lesotho's SW transmitter is again heard on 5070, though slightly distorted, but actually providing better reception. Excellent all day on South Africa's East Coast, but signal is barely perceptible in the north. Antenna is apparently directional. (World Radio Bulletins) (Ernie Behr, this may explain the unknown African that you reported in last FS, also the one that I have logged at times, Editor)

LIBERIA ELWA, 15170, AA talk and ID at 2130, IS, and more talking. (Steve Estes, Va)

MALDIVES 7225 (PLEASE SEE TWO PREVIOUS FLASHSHEETS) Have now decided the QSL received from Maldives was not conclusive for the present, due to information received that their QSL policy may not be as stringent as earlier thought. Have contacted Zahir again, though no answer yet, for reassurance that he gives attention to the taped reports he says are welcomed at Radio Maldives. Until I am personally satisfied that this report was considered fairly and judiciously, I am not counting reception of Maldives on 7225. (Ed Shaw, Va.) (Thanks, please keep us advised, Editor)

MALI 5995 Rdif du Mali, strange LA music, Afro stringed music, FF DJ, 2345-2358, then killed by Vatican. (Doug Burlew)

NEPAL 3425 R. Nepal at 0017 with IS, till 0020, followed by OM S/on, Oriental music. (ODDX)

NIGER I got a QSL from...its been over 9 months since I have seen one reported in FRENEX!! Joy, Jot!! (Greg Kelley, Va.)

PAKISTAN 5035 Islamabad, possibly, 1230-1237, with Pakistani music, native language. (Neal Perdue)

PERU 5050 R. Loreto (A stranger returns) at very good level with US pops and some rock, 0445 to 0505 tune out, 2/25, many Spanish IDs. (John Tuchscherer)...5050 This one, Radio Loreto, 1130-1145, in SS, through QRM. (Neal Perdue)...5025 Radio Quillabamba in SS talk, with Hawaiian music interludes, ID, good level at 1000. (Neal Perdue)

PHILIPPINES (Refer to February Flashsheet); UNID AFRTS by Ernie Behr. This is the AFRTS Philippines Relay (PHP-5) on 5995, 1630-2130 GMT, daily, on a bearing of 290 degrees. It is on the air again 2130-0030 GMT from PHP-4. This is the only 5MHz frequency in use by AFRTS. It is not in Europe, only medium wave. (Charles Wooten, Morocco)

SAUDI ARABIA 15250 On the air 1601-1815 (at least), in all AA. Usual mixture of chants and news. Fair level, no QRM, though at latest checks, not heard. (Hadley Cress)

SIERRA LEONE SLBS, 3316 2220-2302 S/off, EE play, closing with church svc, good level. (Editor Larry Yamron, Pa)

SRI LANKA 11890 VOA, Colombo, new frequency for relay, 1600-1645, in all EE, including news in Special English. Verification received. (Hadley Cress)

SO AFRICA (FLASH) SABC has been changing frequencies again. On 3/4, I heard the following: 3955 NEW frequency, 0430 Afrikaans, through ARO QRM, 3/4; 3995 SABC, 0420, EE business news, weather, down from 3997, or just wandering; 4810 SABC, 0438 EE ID as Springbok Radio,

(continued)

(continued) also all night svc on this fqy, earlier in the evening, ex 4790. Heard over R. Popular; 4830 SABC 0437 EE, EE svc, heavy QRM; 4875 SABC, 0435, Afrikaans, talks, good lvl. (Credit all to Editor Jerry Lineback)...4810 0328 Apparent new fqy for Radio So. Africa, in EE with light music, ads, TCs. May I here point out that the common abbreviation in DX circles for the International Service, "RSA", is quite incorrect. Those letters stand for, "Republic of South Africa", and might be applied to anything relating to that country, not particularly its ISWBC station. (Glen Hauser)

THAILAND 7863.5 Thai Meteorological Station, no strain 2/25, from 1230- 1334 closing. A nice prgm of light music and classics. YL amcr, EE and Thai, at good lvl and a crisp signal. (John Tuchscherer)...This one noted, Thai Metro Station, observed 1130-1300 in Thai and EE, a lotta rock music. (Steve Estes) (NO fqy quote, though presume 7863.5, Editor)

TURK IS 4788 Have definitely heard Turk Is Radio with an ID at 2215. Reception was poor with QRM de FF spkr. Carries VoA news till 2215, then an ID simply as, "This is VSI8 Turk Islands Radio", S/off came after 2245. (Rick Keating, JN)

ZANZIBAR(TANZANIA) 3339 R.Zanzibar, 0310-0330 Swahili, chants, news, many mentions of Tanzania and Zanzibar, 2/23. (Editor Jerry Lineback)

UNKNOWN 4930 Believed Venezuela outlet, a lot of QRM from Radio Mil. ID not known, any help? (Bob Zilmer)...4930 1030-1108, 2/24, with an ID sounding like "La Voz de Say", maybe Sunds only, at excellent vq. Soft LA mx till 1100, then religious talk by man. Wiped out by Radio Mil S/on. Several seemingly IDs heard. (Neal Perdue) ... (I have noted this one myself after R.Mil s/off, but thought it to be Casa de la Cultura, Ecuador, which does operate around the spot; and, R.Junin is also listed for the fqy, Editor)...VENEZUELA 6020 Noted at 1000 S/on, WRTH lists as La Voz de Anaco; Ernie Behr says is R. Anzoategui. I hear similar but am unable to get a definite ID, though fair signals in all SS. (Bob Zilmer)...9665 An Arab with AA music, up to 2000, unreadable AA ID, time pips, and fanfare. Any help? (Steve Estes)

CLANDESTINE 5345 Radio of the South Yemeni Revolution in AA. Noted 3/2, from tuning at 1950 till S/off at 2000. Korah chants, ID, and off with anthem. No jamming, QRM from facsimile signal on same fqy(Charles Wootten)...12008.5 Radio Free Portugal, vq weak, but heard chimes-like IS at S/on, but too much QRM to be absolutely sure. Language was PP and did hear "...Portugal Livre", spoken a couple of times. Not noted on any parallels. (Charles Wootten)...11415 Peyk-e-Iran (Courier of Iran) Noted 3/3, at 1455; at 1500 with full IS, ID, then into Azerbaijani language, giving sked. Mention of Shah's regime and much mention of "Imperialists". No parallel fqys heard (Charles Wootten)

SOME KIND OF A TREND? Frien Serge Neumann(recently of Radio Nederland) and Family have returned to the Unuted States. He phoned the following information to the FS: ORTF, Paris, France is cutting their Overseas Broadcasting Svc by 50%...Radio RSA, So.Africa, effective May 4, is dropping their Overseas Svc in the Dutch and German languages.

SUGGESTED READING In CQ Magazine for February 1974, is a very interesting and informative article concerning shortwave broadcasting in the 60 and 90 MBs in primitive New Guinea. It explains the purposes and intent, the history of shortwave broadcasting in New Guinea. Vy good reading; you know how interesting the listening becomes when conditions open to that part of the South Pacific, and that Pidgin English is loggable. (Editor Al Niblack)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Thanks to all those who supplied so much material to make this Mis-Month FS possible. It was necessary that I use the blue pencil considerably, but any worthwhile material that did not make this issue will be used in the next FS, only 10 days away, so please bear with me. Thanks also to those who took the trouble to phone in last minute Flashes.

Last minute Flashes may be phoned to 812-882-3976, before 2000 GMT. Please keep "shootin" in the reports.

Good DX, happy hunting, as ever, with.....

Vy 73,
AL NIBLACK