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AL NIBLACK, Editor, 420 Shelby St., Vincennes, Ind. 47591 DEADLINES 10 & 25th MONTH

ANGOLA 9660 Voz de Angola observed 0510-0630, 10/28, other later dates, with IS through R. Rumbos at 0458, followed by several PP IDs. Afro type and miscellaneous music, sigs fair to good, then deteriorating. (Hadley Cress, Va.)

ALGERIA 21565 AA prgm noted 1600, peaks around 1700; S/off 1800, unlike 21715V. Is poor lvl. (Glenn Hauser, Okla.)...21715V RTA, 1430, in FF prgm, varies annoyingly. In EE segment at 1900-1930. Fades out before 1900, now. (Glenn Hauser)

AFGHANISTAN 4775 Kabul, since 10/22, most evenings, carrier 0120, flute melody from 0125, woman anncr 0128, three pips 0129:55, anncts by M and woman, into chants till fade out 0200. Has constant het QRM, is fairly strong, rapid shallow QSB. (Editor Bob

ANTARCTICA (FLASHES) AFAN McMurdo, 6012, from 1113 tune to seemingly S/off / Hill, Calif.) at 1200. Vy good lvl but voice portion copy difficult. Some spill from adjacent channels, and some fade. (Gerry Dexter, Wisc.)...6012 AFAN, 0844-0930, 10/25, in EE, continuous pop music, annct at 0853, heard, "shortwave", barely missed the rest. Sounded like a local talent DJ anncr. (Jack Jones, Miss.)...AFAN, McMurdo, 6012, logged 10/30, 0900 exactly, an ID noted in EE, with anncr breaking into the middle of a musical selection; 0905 pops, concert type recordings, few anncts, and noise level made for difficulty. Some flutter fading. (Bill Sparks, Calif.)...6012, AFAN, has been fairly regular since mid-October, here. On 10/13, logged 0955-1051 with feature prgming, possible news at 1030. Standard AFRTS annct at 0959:30. (Bruce Churchill, Calif., via NU)...Don Jensen, Wisc., advises that McMurdo does use New Zealand time, GMT plus 12, and the time given is local, not GMT...In reply to my report to the MARS Station in KC4 Land, I just received an acknowledgement from AFAN, McMurdo, 6012. Stated that a FRT-24, high fgy, 1000 watts AM transmitter was used for that portion of the broadcast; and, a Gates BFE 50G, 50 watt, Fm transmitter was used also. The AFAN studio is located in downtown McMurdo, with transmitters about three miles south, at the top of transmitter hill, overlooking Scott Base. Was very cordial, said if further info needed, contact: J. T. Adams, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Support Force, Operation Deep Freeze, Antarctica, FPO San Francisco 96601.(Al Niblack, Ind.)...Going back a little and doing a bit of research, I located the following info about the Admiral Byrd Expedition to the Antarctica, circa 1940: KC4USB, East Base Station of the Antarctic Expedition, was active on the air, first amateur contact was W6KW, at 2:00 AM PST, on March 26th. KCUSB's fgy was about 7075 kcs (W6KW was using 7104 kcs), and the mode was CW.(This from QST Magazine, May, 1940.) (Editor)

AUSTRALIA A letter from Mr. Homfray, Director of RA, informs that RA will be dropping 7295 khz from 10/27/1974 - after that, 9580 will be the only fgy to NA in the AM. Evening transmissions remain the same. (Scott Sigel, Iowa)...6090 VLI6, 0913, Sydney weather and local news; believe ID for Albury MW station, TC. (Glenn Hauser)...15400 RA mixing with BBC on new fgy, 0640. Not listed in sked bcst 1 Sept. (Glenn Hauser)

BRAZIL 11915 (TENT) RTV Gaucho, at 0025 while HCJB not transmitting, with PP sports, fair signals, 10/20. (Bob Zilmer, Wisc.)...17815 R. Cultura de Sao Paulo, 0420, with PP annct after classical music. (Glenn Hauser)

CHAD 4904 0427-0515 with FF IDs and unusually good music, at fair to good lvl, sometimes bad hum on carrier. (Hadley Cress)...4904 Ndjamana fine lvl 0431 tune, 10/30, drums, and man in FF. (Gerry Dexter)

CHILE 15150 VoC ID in SS at 0102; this is the second time heard since HCJB moved off the fgy. (Hadley Cress)...15150 LV de Chile, 15150, back on the air 10/21, after seemingly being absent a couple weeks. EE cmtry at 2210. (Bob Zilmer)...9570 Em Diego Portales(also as R. Portales), noted 2333 with SS pops, fair sigs. (Bob Zilmer)...180A R. Nacional del Chile in SSB, 10/23, 0411 in SS, with sports news, excellent length, music at 0430. Then bcst in Fax(or A4) at 0447 Is this over ENTEL, a utility station?? (Kevin Szot, Calif.)

CHINA(PR) 2200 Fukien PBS, Foochow 1, 1403 man in CC, but low modulation. First time I have heard this one...2430 PLA Fukien Front Station, Foochow, 1250 man and woman in drama; weak at this time but good at 1410, //2600, 2800, and rest of the gang. (Editor Bob Hill)

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CHINA(PR) (continued from preceeding page)...A letter has been received from the "Chekiang Peoples Broadcast Station" in Hengchou for a report of reception on 2475 khz. But, it does not verify. They state, "We are sorry to inform you that being a station working on Home Svc we do not issue program schedule and QSL cards to verify reception reports from listeners". They invited me to tune to Radio Peking. (Kevin Szot)

COLOMBIA 5950 R. Super de Colombia de Medellin, at 0300 with SS news. (Bob Zilmer)

COSTA RICA 6145 ID by woman in EE, 0445, 10/23 as, "The Lighthouse of the Caribbean", after a religious prgm. This may not be a new station but I can't find it listed. (Hadley Cress) (Is TIFC, operated on 6175 for a while, are on their other standard and known fqys, Editor)

DOMINICAN REP 9505 RTVD at 0100 beginning the news in EE with tourist emphasis; this last noted reported at 0130; change probably due to local time shift. (Glenn Hauser)

ECUADOR R. Federacion logged with strong signal on 10/28, On 4960, at 1050, prior to official S/on with man singing unaccompanied Indian song; anthem at 1055, followed by rooster crowing, man calling hogs; opening annct at 1100 in Indian, prgming logged for 45 minutes all in Indian, some Indian music, and also regular Andean songs. An ID finally noted 1140. (Bill Sparks)...3280 LV del Napo in SS with S/off at 0313...4765 CRE in SS with, "El Informador"(news) at 0330...4923 Radio Quito in SS with, "Noticias del Mundo" at 0352. (Credit all to Kevin Szot)

ENGLAND 9555 BEC, 0245 in special election news coverage, test fgy, 10/11/(Bob Zilmer)

GERMANY(W) 6005 RIAS? On 10/26, emphatic GG talk by man from 1512 mixing with at least one other station, unreadable by 1530. If RIAS, would seem a real rarity on WCNA, far as I know. Was also hearing FF on 6010 mixing with VOA--perhaps a brief LP opening to Western Europe? (Bob Hill)

GUATEMALA 2342 R. Cadena Landivar ID, TC, 1139, heard immediately upon tune in; 2 x 1171; poor. (Glenn Hauser)...Radio Cultura, TGNC, heard on 3000, in EE, at 0313, with a talk. (Kevin Szot) (I think Kevin means, 3300 fgy, Editor)

GUINEA(REP) 7252 10/18, monotonous African music, drums, strong but distorted, TC, on NF, FF ID, "Ici la R.diffusion de la Republique de Guinee", //9649. (Glenn Hauser)

INDIA 11850 AIR 1225-1235 with EE freq sked, news, weather, fair lvl, 10/12. (Bob Zilmer)

INDONESIA RKIP Surabaya, 4698 from abrupt fade-in at 1159, apparent news at 1200, nearly gone by 1217, 10/10...RRI Sibolga, 5260, 1207 past 1230, mostly vocal music, good strength on 10/7...RRI-Kendari (TENT), 4000, noted 1248, 11/4, with vocal music, bells or chimes 1300, man in II. (Credit all the foregoing items to Gerry Dexter)...3800 RKPDK, Jember(JAVA), 1258, 10/12, anncts, 1259 joiner theme, "Jember" ID, Djakarta news relay, fair lvl. (Glenn Hauser)...4855 RRI, Palembang, with many IDs, man and woman cmtry, at 1252. (Kevin Szot)...4000 RRI-Kendari, an II ID at 1300, then native music until 1306. (Kevin Szot)...RRI Bandung, on 3205, 1105 with Djakarta news, followed by local ID, and pops American and Indonesian. Frequent mention of "Bandung" in anncts, faded badly by 1145. (Bill Sparks)

ISRAEL 21590 IBA at 1642*, sometimes buried under jamming, ID 1635; IS 1642, off, in RR. (Glenn Hauser)

ITALY 21560 RAI, 1650, Somali, excellent lvl, 1655 IS, off; 1659 back on for Italian to African coast. (Glenn Hauser)

JAPAN 6190 NHK HS 1 Relay, Osaka, 0710 woman in JJ, later into drama type, //9655, Yamata, 10/12. (Bob Hill)...NHK, 9675, 1115 in EE news to S.E. Asia; 15105, NHK, 0000, EE news to Asia. (Bob Zilmer)

LAOS(Kingdom of) 6130 RNL in probably VV with news until 1346, then musical prgm, considerable QRM de VOA. I like this one! (Kevin Szot) (Its a goodie, Editor)

LEBANON Beriut, 9675, with EE ID at 0230, then into EE news. (Kevin Szot)

LUXEMBOURG 6090 RL, 0002 EE news, Daily Mirror ad, rock music; "Radio Joy" ID, CET TC, SINPO 43544. (Glenn Hauser)

MALDIVES 3522 Station still on this fgy(currently) during 1300-1500 period. (Victor G. via NU)

MEXICO 21705 R. Mexico consistently anncs this fgy, but never loggable here. Its a pity not one IA station is using 13 MB, as of 10/22, while conditions are favorable, except RN-Bonaire....(Glenn Hauser)

NICARAGUA 1610 YNKS, 0400*, R. San Cristobal, prgm of dance music, SS, no ads; distorted and carrierless as spur or variant from nominal 1600. This item for those clubs defining SW as beginning at 1605 khz. (Glenn Hauser)

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NORWAY 21655 1829 NRK, EE annct at close down, on 10/23. (Glenn Hauser)

PAKISTAN 9640 R. Pakistan, 1300, EE news, poor lvl...15520 R. Pakistan, 1300 EE news, 10/12...17845, R. Pakistan, 1300 EE news, poorly heard. Credit all to Bob Zilmer)

PUPUA/NG 3220 R. Morobe likely the station with music 1237, 10/13, a good date for PNG as many other 90 M outlets in...3305 1220 R. Western District, talk on radio's impact in P/NG, in EE...3322.5 1304 Possibly R. Bougainville, 1235 in EE/Pidgin, 1240 local music, begin S/off 1301...3360 R. Milne Bay at 1227 with woman in language, 1229 ID, "Dept. of National Broadcasting", chimes, TC. (Credit all to Glenn Hauser)

PERU 4085 R. Huancavelica (a town of about 12000), observed 11/2, from 0503, when Ondas del Meta pulled the switch, nice Andean music, ID and closed with anthem at 0511. (John Tuchscherer, Wisc.)...R. Libertad del Junin, 5040, in SS, with prgming of native music at 0412. (Kevin Szot)...9562 R. Nacional del Peru, 1102 and 2328, in SS, 10/14. (Bob Zilmer)...9506 0752 R. America in the clear 10/14, TC, "en la America", SS vocals, SINPO 33544 until NHK, 0754, 9505 het. (Glenn Hauser)

PORTUGAL 21735 EN in PP music //21700, as late as 1825. (Glenn Hauser)

SAUDI ARABIA 21460 1403* BSKSA on new fqy, ex-21635, AA prgming, RTB QRM. (Glenn Hauser)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 11855, noted 1658-1749, IS prior to 1658, EE ID at 1700, followed by prgm, possibly in Farsi. Fair to good listening until 1749 when suddenly wiped out by RCI. (Chuck Shukis, Va.)

SO AFRICA RSA EE Svc noted on new fqy of 4835, on 11/7, 0415, with agriculture news, an ID at 0430. Strong signal. (Bill Sparks)...21535 Radio RSA noted fading in as early as 1245, 10/18, in FF. (Glenn Hauser)

SWAZILAND TWR heard with tests 0426 tune, on 10/19, off at 0430, said was switching to 9615. Excellent lvl, asking for reports. (Gerry Dexter)...(FLASH) To friend John Tuchscherer, Wisc., goes the honor (far as I know), of obtaining the first QSL stateside from TWR, just arrived; better svc than trying to get a VOA sked, says John!...TWR, Swaziland, logged several nights late October on 6070, from 0400, until after 0445 tune-out, much choir music, vy few anncts. EE ID about every 10 minutes. Could not locate on any other fqys. (Bill Sparks)...6070 TWR tuned 0356, 10/23, religious prgm, an ID at 0405, "This is TWR Swaziland", repeated at 0414, 0433. (Hadley Cress)

CANARY IS 11800 I have just received a QSL from Radio Nacional de Espana, for my report of Oct. 5th, quite prompt service. (Charles George, Texas) (This, I mislisted, Editor)

SRI LANKA 15425 Noted 1520-1615, 11/1, pops, all EE IDs as, "This is the Ceylon Broadcasting Corp., for listeners in East Asia", TCs. This is a new fqy. (Hadley Cress)

TAHITI 15170 RT ending SS news at 2005; EE news moved to 1900. (Glenn Hauser)

TAIWAN 3335 BCC, Taipei, 1340, man and woman in CC, jammed; not //3230. (Editor Bob Hill)

USSR 4920 (ASIATIC) Unlisted outlet 1440 in RR vocals, brief RR anncts; mixing badly with possibly AIR, both unreadable by 1455...5260 Alma-Ata, KAZAKH SSR, around 0105, a discussion, sometimes quite impassioned, brief excerpts of all kinds of music. Tune out 0115. Really a miserable signal, language did not seem RR...6180 Alma-Ata, KAZAKH SSR, 0053, man and woman in RR, silence 0058, pips 0100, MSK time, "Good morning" in RR, said news would follow, sure enough it did, //10530. (Not the same network as 5260)...4930 Ashkhabad, TURKMEN SSR, 1359 Mayak IS, 1400 pips, miserable IS, with flutter, het QRM. (Credit all to Editor Bob Hill)...Radio Tashkent, UZBEK SSR, 6025, 1110, EE news and cmtry, fair lvl. (Jack Jones)

YEMEN R. Sanaa heard mixing it up with three other station on 7280, after 1430. Twice noted Sanaa dominating at about 1500; always a YL anncr and AA music. Going by 1515. (Bill Sparks)

LAST MINUTE ITEMS SENEGAL 11895 R. Diffusion Senegal, 2234, 3/11, FF ID, music, off 2235, QRM de Radio RSA. Unlisted to the best of my knowledge. (Harold Sellers, CANADA) (Harold, the fqy was in use by Senegal years ago, has been reactivated, Editor)...
VENEZUELA Radio Nacional with their International Svc noted back on the air on 11/5, on 15390, from 2205-2220 check, in EE and SS, mentioned that prgm was directed to Europe, Africa (and others). Nice. (Al Niblack)

UNIDENTIFIED Mother of Vietnam, assumed at 1313 tune, 7085, on 10/8, at fair lvl. (Gerry Dexter)...
UNIDENTIFIED 2606 At 1200, on 10/13, possibly Korean, an annct in unidentified lang; pip TS, last higher pitched. (Glenn Hauser)...3140 Since 10/8, from just before 1300, station with religious programming. There is a theme played on chimes, four letter ID, S/off 1430 daily. Suspect 2 x 1570 listed, religious station HIDA, South Korea... Unidentified Greek Sender, 3219V, on 1019, from 0144 past 0200. Seemed Greek music, (continued)

(continued) one vy brief talk segment. (Gerry Dexter)...4115 1300 NORTH KOREA(?) Inspirational music, KK talk by YL; 1300 hauntingly beautiful IS. Good, but who is it?? (Glenn Hauser)...4835 Vy weak, noted 0434, slow piano or harp-like music, man in seemed FF. Gone by 0450. (Gerry Dexter)...5017V Since 10/25, S/on 0112-0114V with anthem much like AIR's, silence, theb, "Inja..." or, "Inya" by man. Then into AA type chants. Virtually out by 0200. Extreme flutter, assumed to be located in Iran/Afghanistan/Pakistan area. Maybe Iranian Regional? (Bob Hill) (Bob, you know some South Americans air some AA prgming around that foy, Editor)...6470 From 1538, African high life music, low modulation, sounds rather exotic, but all I can think of is 2 x 3235, Beira, scheduled 1530-1830 in native.(Bob Hill)...9050 On 10/27, 1353 AA-type vocal, at 1427 unfamiliar IS of 11 notes on stringed instruments, amct 1430, continued. Nothing heard on either 9009 or 9002. Israel? Iran? My guess: Teheran.(Bob Hill)

GLENN HAUSER makes the following observations: At this point in the solar cycle it seems to me that DX on 13 M is much of a "frontier", and hence worthy of attention by serious students of propagation. Conditions on 13 M continue to be remarkably open some days, other days totally dead; or only marginal signals from domestic xmtrs. Not as many countries are active, of course, but hearing all, or nearly all of them during the available window gives some sense of accomplishment. Currently, 24 countries heard on 13 M during October.

DOINGS AT HALLICRAFTERS (To be or not to be - with apologies to a certain Bard of several centuries ago, for the use of his phrase, Editor)...(From a trade journal) Hallicrafters to withdraw from Ham Radio Market...This info confirmed by phone contact with old-line manufacturer's sales department. Company plans to phase out remaining inventory of FPM-300 Transceivers. Hallicrafters, pioneer in ham market and manufacture of ham equipment for many decades will be missed sorely by ham fraternity...NOW HEAR THIS From Perry Ferrell of Gilfer Associates, comes this word to the FS, dated Nov. 4th: Would you believe that there is a report out that Hallicrafters is reconsidering? They would like to keep their ham line in business, but unsure just how. Actually, the whole picture has changed, so don't be surprised if published reports turn out to be wrong. Frankly, I rate Hallicrafters a better than even chance to stay in the ham field. But not too likely to get a receiver out that would be comparable to the SX-122A. (THANKS, Perry, for keeping us posted on whats going on in the receiver world, Editor)...Hallicrafters was formed in 1934(Ithink this is correct, though I am doing it by memory rather than going to my files where I have the exact date, Editor) by Bill Halligan (Hallicrafters)(Bill, W.J.Halligan, W9WEZ), to build communications receivers and transmitters, things of beauty and precision. Hallicrafters built some popular priced receivers(38 Series), and they also built some precision receivers such as the Super Skyrider, Super Defiant, the SX-42, the SX-88, and the SX-100. Unlike many Ham equipment manufacturers, Bill had a warm spot in his heart for the listener, and readily admitted that a good portion of their receiver sales went to the listening fraternity. Hallicrafters top domestic sales for ham equipment was thought to be around \$50,000,000 at their peak. Bill Halligan even knew that I used an SX-100 at my listening post. I consider the SX-100 Series to be the last great medium priced receiver to be built by Bill Halligan and Company. Fortunately, I was able to get just recently, an SX-100 in reasonably good shape, which I will use for spare parts, to keep my mint SX-100 Mark II perking as per the manufacturer's original specs. While Bill Halligan is gone, his dream lingers on, and we hope the people at Hallicrafters pick up the challenge to again put a receiver on the domestic market that is worthy of the name. During WWII Hallicrafters equipment functioned for many governments, on many fields, on the water, in the air, for many armed services. Bill Halligan was a contemporary of Al Ready of National Co; of Lloyd Hammarlund of Hammarlund; and of, E.G. Shalkhauser and Russell Planck of RME.(Editor)

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