

Topline tip. . . Merry Christmas to all and, courtesy of Bob Hill, here's an early present. SOMALI REPUBLIC - 7121½ kc, Hargeisa suddenly a regular since first noted 11/25 at 1535 w/tk in Somali. Usually carrier from arnd 1450, some kind of singing from arnd 1457, then AA-type mx to 1528 when mx is presented. Lots of strange native mx and Somali anmts till 1630 s/off. Often good til 1600; not a trace on 11645v. HIC-206. (Hill via NU)

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HONDURAS - 5999.3, R. Swan, 0900 SS tlks, 1000 ads and mx; noted here since 12/7; also ancg 1160 kHz, "desde San Pedro Sula" -- they never claimed to be on Swan. (Behr, Ont.) 6000 kHz, 0900-1000 GMT on 12/10, instrumental LA mx. Solid ID. (Comstock, Minn.) 6000 kHz, R. Swan rcvd 12/6 at 0445-0455 with usual SS mx and frequent IDs. Poor reception. (Lausevich, Wis.) R. Swan now on 6000 kHz varying to 5999½ kHz noted at 0715 with pgm "Canciones de Cuba" and 0730 ID, mtning "veinte y cuatro horas de transmission" apparently meaning round the clock transmission, though this not confirmed. A visit to the Honduran embassy here in Washington for more info on this stn gave the following result. A man I presume was the consul-general told me rather curtly that he knew nothing about the stn but had himself sent for more info on R. Swan. His reaction to my mentioning R. Swan leads me to believe he knows more about it than he wants to say. He showed me a map of where the original Radio Swan was (he was very anxious to do this) and told me the only thing on the island now is a met station. (Robinson, D.C.) Noted on 6000 kHz at 0600 nightly. (Bixby, Calif.) Not noted on 6185, just 6000 kHz, usual pgming 1000-1030. (Talbot, Wis.) 4870 kHz, Radio Landia, new stn, noted 12/3 at 0149, SS anmts, "Aqui la hora Centro Americana de Radio Landia." US pops, comls, LA mx, many IDs, at 0209 gave QTH as Comayagua, Honduras. Flashy newcomer also hrd 1105. (Jones, Miss.) 4870, new Central Am. stn R. Landia noted 12/3 giving tc's for CA. Pgming in SS w/SS & EE pops. Hrd best arnd 1225-1250 when Guatamalans and Hondurans at good lvl. (Lineback, Ill.)

CLANDESTINE/TIMOR - 3550 kHz, brand new Timorese stn first noted by Geoff Cosier on 11/20 on 3550 kHz, s/on at 1000 to 1500 s/off. Station is "R. Ramelau" although it IDs in various ways (R. Timor Liberdade, Radio Liberdade). Pgms mostly in PP, but II and one or two other langs hrd. Fretilin mentioned often. Presuming Dili xmtr was indeed destroyed, and since spare parts would be impossible to obtain owing to the Indonesian naval blockade of E. Timor, then it is reasonable to assume that this new stn must be pro-Indo. In fact, newspapers have mentioned that the four anti-Fretilin parties have been using a stn, reportedly located in the Indonesian Timor border town of Atambu, for nightly xmsns. This could be it. Fq. choice is interesting, seems that by taking fq near old Dili 3668, new stn is trying to "poach" East Timorese listeners. For what it is worth, RRI-Kupang, 3385 kHz, has not been heard by Robert Yeo, Australia, for several weeks. (With DXH tnx to David Foster, Down Under DX Survey - DUDX) Has been hrd stateside, per NU. (Ed.)

TURKS ISLAND SPECIAL - 4788 kHz, R. VSI, agreed via work of NASWAer Lt. Forester Isen, Fla., for special xmsn 0200 Jan. 16. W.G. Grant, Turks Is. information officer, interviews Lt. Isen on formation of NASWA. Lt. Isen mentions 4788 has again gone off air of late, but will be back in use soon. Sked uncertain. (via Mac at NASWA hdqtrs, Liberty, Ind.)

Propagational picks. . . After a somewhat interesting and early start, this DX season settled, in November, into rarely relieved mediocrity. While there "have been days", the 1st half of Dec. has ranged from average to poor as far as low-fq reception is concerned. The pattern of unsettled geomag condx characterizing the early part of this month will continue, and then become active between Xmas and New Year's. Possibly for 1st time in several years, improved African reception may coincide with late skeds for some stns on Xmas Eve and New Year's.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - 3290 kHz, R. Central Province (name per QSL ltr), R. Central District (name per stenciled sked), long letter in 6 mo., v/s Jack Aila, assistant stn manager says station nickname is R.C.P. "Kibi Ena Gadona". Programme sked lists to 1205 s/off on week-days and Saturday, to 1230 s/off Sundays. No power listed, nor local address. Correspondence via P.O. Box 1359, Boroko. (Ed.) Homey sked tells ancrs to "sweep up" stn at night, hi.

BELIZE - 3300 kHz, R. Belize lives! Last night I hrd R. Belize 0050-0200 in EE w/ads, cmtry, nx at 0100, and a radio play. Difficult copy as they were fading in and out under TGNC with hets difficult, definitely // 834 kHz. Seemed 0.1 to 0.2 kHz below the Guatemalan (Lineback) Those needing, go to it! But beware TGNC. (Ed.)

ANTARCTICA - AFAN-McMurdo is finished testing and will operate on this schedule: from 1 Nov. 75 to 28 Feb. 76 on 6012 kHz; from 1 Mar to 31 Oct. 76 on 7215 kHz. Imtr power listed as 1 kW. QSL's via: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Naval Support Base, FPO San Francisco, 96692. Skedded for 24 hr operation. (Cushen via DUDX, Moritz, Ohio)

PARAGUAY - Contrary to public proclamations, FBIS is expanding rather than contracting world listening posts. Building monitoring center in Paraguay per obscure treaty I bumped into in a government info repository. (Handler, Ill.)

TAIWAN - 6105 kHz, Voice of the Chinese Air Force, long gone from this fq. (DUDX)

PIRATES/UNID - 6262 kHz, I am still hearing this, 0920 on 12/2, 1040 on 12/4, as usual, nonstop mx, few anmts. First hrd months ago on 6207, then he moved to 6255 and is now on 6262A. No question in my mind Barto hrd same stn. He advanced theory this may be one of the European pirates, but the announcer on that particular day (and only time I've hrd an anmt at all) was def plain old American accent. From Sam's details, I am getting better reception here than in Connecticut. TCs are GMT -8 or -9. In any event, I'm not gun-shy about this stn anymore. At least somebody besides myself is hearing it. (Jones, Miss.)
6255 kHz, 12/3, R. California International, hrd from 0536 to 0600 s/off with continuous U.S. pops. Due to strength of signal (SIO hllh) and near total lack of fading, I think xmtr is fairly close to my QTH. This stn also showed up on 6207 kHz last August... hope this solves mystery of Jack Jones' unid. (Bixby)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA - 6250 kHz, R. Malabo, s/on 0700 nightly with fair signals. Hrd 12/6 with OM tlling to a crowd in SS, many mtns of Malabo. (Bixby) This had been missing awhile. (Ed.)

PAKISTAN - 5949.3, RP-Rawalpindi, 1215 S. Asian mx and tlk to 1245 s/off w/anthem; weak signal 12/7, appears in sked, Dec. LN-2. (Behr)
3395 kHz, Cf. Dec. DXH, apparently is but one stn at upper end of 90 meters, per info from Gerry Dexter. Last settled on 3396½ kHz, possibly Rawalpindi, listed 4000kHz.

LAOS - 7145 kHz, in the ever-changing DX scenario, this no longer appears a sure-fire fq for RNL-Vientiane. Al Sizer reports noting this apparently //7245 kHz w/Viet at 1150. Bob Hill also says fq is empty save for Sarawak on 7144. Gregg Calkin notes Vientiane on this fq in early Dec. w/FF at 1300. (all via NU) 7145 kHz w/FF nx at 1230. (DUDX) Thus, the warning is to be careful -- best idea is to try for the 1230 FF nx pgm or ditto 1300.

CHILE - 9648.3 kHz, R. Yungay, 2315 pop mx and IDs for "CB146"; fading in and out to close at 0300. Hrd 12/7. (Behr) 9650 kHz, pop mx interspersed w/noticias, comls and TCs, part of one ID sounded like "La Dimension Cuarenta seis". Note WRTH listing of R. Yungay, maybe "146"? Hrd from 1012-1030 f/o on 11/26. (Jones) 9648 at 1008. (Robinson)

YEMEN ARAB REP. - R. Sanaa noted on new fq 9766 kHz at excellent lvl from 1850-1900 when three IDs hrd, "Idha'at al Jumhuriyah al Arabiyah al Yamaniyah". (Robinson.) Date? (Ed.)
9780 kHz, R. Sanaa here 2115 AA mx, 2143 AA nx and chants to 2158 s/off, good on this new fq 12/12. (Behr)

INDONESIA - 6220 kHz, Unid., tentatively a R. Universitas station, definitely located in Bandung, usually 1500 s/off, now and again to 1600. Former 6203.

7048 kHz, RPKD Kab. Poso, to 1425 s/off, much fading and Urumchi QRM, this one was noted on 5277v three or four years ago. (both from Robert Yeo, via DUDX)
7871t kHz, RRI-Jember, ID noted after nx at 1321, to 1400 s/off. (Foster, DUDX)

ALGERIA - 7144.7, RTVA, 2300 SS tlks about Sahara liberation, maybe "LV del Sahara" mtnd in Nov. LN-4; 2328 "LV de la Resistencia" SS pgm for Chile to 2400 s/off. Good 12/10. Next day back on 7143.2, weak under jammer. (Behr)

GETTING IT STRAIGHT! DEPT. - Ernie Behr sends in the following:

5026, rpt of Rdif. Aquidauana, Brazil, in Nov. IR wrong. Borborema here since June, often past 0430....5953½, "Voz de Bogota" in Nov. IR is wrong, s/be R. Super de Medellin, noted 1000 mx, tc and ID....5980.3, not Trans. Independencia as reported in some DX-shows, is Rdif. Nacional, hrd w/ID and anthem to 0459 s/off....4820, R. Satellite, rpted by Jim Roberts in Nov. IR, often hrd 0455-0518*vv, but ID sounds more like "R. Catolico" to me. Same carrier as HRVC, so def. in Tegucigalpa, noted for over 2 yrs, but still no info.

+++Really had to use the blue pencil this time. Excellent showing, gang! 73 de rwp