

Topline tip. . . Radio Oman verifies! Ye ed received a full, hale and hearty letter of confirmation in English in three weeks time from H. Al-Kindy, technical director of Radio Oman for 1540-1658 GMT mid-Sept. logging. States power is 50 kW, with antennas unfavorably beamed vis a vis reception in North America. Sked is 1400-2000 on 11890. Address is: Sultanate of Oman, Ministry of Information and Culture, P.O. Box600, Muscat. (NA/world 1st??)

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OMAN - (continued) 11890, Radio Oman hrd from 1435 until overtaken by noise lvl at 1505. AA type mx, man singing, only one anmt by man in AA at 1446. Woman anng at 1500, brief mx and man tkg to signal loss. USSR on freq to 1430, but clear after that. (Don Jensen, Wis.)

UGANDA - 9730, Radio Uganda, new external service, at armchair level from 2015-2100\* in apparent vern, Afro mx, AA mx and some pops till 2030 EE ID, followed by EE mx, then EE weekly news roundup on Africa. Then more rock mx till they pulled the plug. Anncd bcst to N. Africa on Sunday, Mon, Wed and Fri. Sounds like the promised 250 kWer. (John Moritz, Oh.) 11/3 & 11/7 from 1856 IS of hand drums, 30 seconds of anthem and ID at 1901 in unrecognized lang....at 2100, "You have been tuned to the external service of the Uganda Broadcasting Corp., broadcasting from Kampala, Republic of Uganda, to the Northern African countries..." No trace of this on Wed, 11/5, but S. Arabia on fq, as usual. On both days when Uganda heard, it overrode Arabia by a 30-40 dB signal. (Hadley Cress, Va.) Noted w/FB signal 11/3, from 1901 t/1 to 2101\*, pgm sequence is FF, AA, Swahili and lastly EE. EE mx at 2030, magazine show at 2043 GMT called "Radio News(reel? room)". Annr for news is Georgie Johnson (?). Obviously oh-so-live as announcers muffed the time cks twice and the schedule once...forgot to mention station on air Mondays when the date hrd was a Monday! (Jensen, ed.)

LAOS - Some fascinating info on this SEA goodie has spun our way via the BECMS: 7385 kHz, former Voice of Peaceful Laos is now "Central Regional Radio". 6980 alternating with 6987 kHz, and 8400 alternating with 8170 kHz, apparent fqs for regional broadcasts from former royal capital Luang Prabang, 1030-1130, carrying Vientiane nx at 1200, tribal news at 1330. Heard extensively in central USA on measured fq. of 6989.8 kHz (BECMS, and Jensen, Gerry Dexter, Wis., and ed.) 7145 kHz, unid hrd last two mornings, today 11/7 at really good lvl from 1220-1310. OM and YL w/nx until 1230, nx interlude, then into FF nx again with OM and YL. Anthem IS to break up portions of the pgm, to 1304 in FF, mx interlude, Asian lang tlk and then Oriental march mx. (Kent Corson, Iowa) Kent, no question this is RN-Lao, Vientiane, heard here for past several weeks at good lvl tho traced on this fq by BECMS for months. Runs //6130 kHz and a far better bet than 49 mb fq! Skedded Lao nx from 1200-1230 and lo 'n' behold, FF nx 1230-1300. (ed.)

PERU/ECUADOR/UNID. - 4890 kHz, Radio Musical de Junin (?), can only be hrd after the Venezuelan goes off the air at 0400. After 0400 they play Latin American and pop mx, ads and phone calls aired, first hrd 10/16; abrupt s/off with no complete ID. Think Peru QTH due "Junin" reference. (Bob Vokes, Tx.) Mentions "Republica de Ecuador" twice hrd at close in last week. Definite "Radio Musical" IDs, maybe Junin. Dunno. (Dexter)

*Propagational picks.* . . . The recurrent geomagnetic activity of early November has given way to generally quieter conditions. This pattern is expected to continue until late in the month. Look for quiet to mildly unsettled conditions -- A's averaging around 6 to 8 -- until about the 25th of the month, with geomagnetic conditions rising to active level, above A-15, by the 29th. Watch for improved low-fq condx from SEA, but spotty from day to day. Best bet: try Africans during the final weekend in November...

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS - 4810, La Voz de Galapagos, 0220 t/in to 0406\* Pgmng contemporary SS mx to 0232 when IS by gulls (? - ed.), numerous IDs for 15 mins, running 30-40 dB over SABC on 10/27 until after 0300. Het from R. Norte on 4807 kHz but still readable to close. South Africa usually dominates fq. (Cress) Nice going, Hadley. (ed.)

PAKISTAN - 3329v kHz, R. Pakistan, Peshawar listed, heard several mornings from 1430 to 1530. Subcontinental type mx in lang, nx at 1500, surprisingly gud signal on three or four occasions. Hrd as low at 3325½ kHz. (Dave Williams, Ore.) 1415 EE and Urdu. (Ed Shaw, CA.)

3397v kHz, R. Pakistan Rawalpindi listed, YL lang mx at 1500 and sounded like nx commentary at 1515. ID 1529 and OM in EE at 1530. Varying as high as 3404 kHz. (Williams) Welcome aboard, Dave! Hope your contributions will be regular from your NW outpost. (ed.)

INDONESIA - 3381 kHz, RRI-Malang, 1538-1558\* Long segments of US easy listening orchl mx and then II anmts 1556 and IS 1558, closedown. Incidentally, just after close I noted EE pgmng, nx ancing time at 6 o'clock at 1600 GMT. World nx, mostly, with many mentions of Rhodesia. Missed 1508 ID. Has to be Rhodesia f/o at 1615. Must be first 90 meter longpath. (Williams) Only possible competitor coming to mind might be Bob Padula, longpath whiz. (ed)

1699 kHz, RKIP Surabaya, 1455-1502, YL w/anmts followed by gamelan bells and good ID by male. More bells than RRI Love Ambon theme and 1500 Jakarta nx. (Shaw)

1650 kHz, RPKD Simulungan, 11/2 II pops pgm in the clear w/extra fine signal that blew my mind. 1435. (Shaw) Your tape blew mine, too, Ed. Marvelous! Ed notes 11/2 one of the finest II openings he's had this season. (ed.)

1673 kHz, unid. II stn, 1445, nobody seems to want to report this one! OM vocals, likely a W. Indonesian province. Call it tentative. (Shaw)

COLUMBIA - 6121 kHz, R. Super de Cali, a new station noted running past 0630 on 11/9 with a strong signal. (John Tuchsherer, Wis.)

BURUNDI - Radio Cordac will soon put a 10 kW xmtr on the air which had been gathering dust in Burundi. A similar xmtr from Friendswood, Texas, is being given to the Burundi gov't in exchange for Cordac OK to up power. (Tuchsherer)

USSR - Recent sites on RM QSLs which may be of interest. Bengali service to So. Asia on 15185 opening at 1300 has verified as Ashkabad, Turkmen SSR, from v/s Nina Lazariva, So. Asian Svc. 9710 SS Svc in the winter quarter is again, as in years past, being verified as from Frunse, Kirghiz SSR. And, per recent info in FRENEX, 11930 Portuguese service to Brazil at 2400 GMT has been verified as via Ashkabad, also (but -- to steal a line -- in the immoral words of our IN editor, "Don't you believe it!").

BRAZIL - R. Aparecida, 9635, hrd at 0052 with IS, ID in PP. Lots of rock and pop mx with some EE records. Poor signal on 10/27. (Bob Zilmer, Wis.) 0220 lt mx, 10/27 (Glenn Hauser)

ALGERIA - 21655 kHz, RTA jumped to here, hetting RSA 21535 at 1534 ck in wailing; normally 21565. Noted 10/28. (Hauser)

MALTA - 9755 kHz, R. Mediterranee not hrd and believed not on the air Sat. 10/25. No replacement channel found on 7, 9, 11 MHz; possibly retimed an hour later due to std time change in Britain, but not found then either. (Hauser)

ANGOLA - The following sites not noted in relay transmission of Angolan national net. Seemingly disappeared: Sao Salvador, Teixeira del Sousa, Uige, Bie, Huambo, Libertas, and R. Commercial de Angola. (BECMS)

UNID. - 6262a, he's keeping either GMT -9 or GMT -8 (Pacific), DJ pgm 0858-1100\* abruptly, ancr didn't sound professional, I missed every ID. The one at 1100 sounded like "KC" something. Pop mx pgmng. Hrd 11/2, but also 10/31, 11/7, peaking on latest date at 1055-1105, closing abruptly at 1130. (Jack Jones, Miss.)

CLANDESTINE - It now appears the foreign-language service of has, in addition to the domestic Radio Saigon replacement service, also ceased operation, thus bringing a close to the activities of this clandestine station dating back to 1962. (BECMS) Lib Radio, course!

SWAZILAND - 9590 kHz, TWR-Swazi, 0459 EE ID and into rlg pgm, hymns to 0514 EE tks and signal then deteriorating. (Jim Zabransky, N.J.)

BOLIVIA - The gov't has authorized R. Pio XII, located in the Catavi mining district, to reactivate. The station was closed in January and their xmtrs were dismantled. (SCDX 10/21 via reporter H.A. Nigro, Uruguay)

GUAM - TWR's am stn, KTWG, signed on 8/22. "In just a short while, construction will begin on the shortwave station in Merizo, a small town in the southern part of the island," reads a TWR release. (Tuchsherer, via NU)

BANGLADESH - RB, 15532½ kHz, IS from t/in at 1226 on 10/27, OM anmts at 1229 w/EE ID for GOS f/by YL w/EE mx. Vocals, poor signal, noise on fq, as if generated by xmtr. (Cress) Funny you should mtn that, Hadley: "I've noticed most of the Communist countries transmissions suffer from audio distortion! Habana has long been noted for this problem. Other distorted bcsts noted over Peking, Uganda (xmtrs de Peking, Moscow, et al)" (S.Handler, Ill.) All of which raises the question -- didn't those RB xmtrs come via Moscow? (ed.)