

Topline tip... AZORES - Ponta Delgada is back! Hrd on 4865 from 0010 t/i, when it was very weak, to 0037 almost sudden off. It was really on top of everything by 0020. Had mostly interviews on Portuguese and African politics. This on 76 12 08. Again at 2130 with fantastic signal (strong carrier, although they had one breakdown and audio problems a couple of times); lots of Portuguese and international songs or instrumentals, DJ, nx headlines at 2200, etc. (Victor C. Jaar, Charlesbourg (Quebec) Canada) Bravo Vic! Those of you needing this one get going. They verify with full data card, and very quickly, usually in less than a month. Get going! Ed.



DX HOTLINE

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25/1 and 11/2. Or, send in
material as it is heard.

COOK ISLANDS - R Cook Islands On 5045, 0732-0805* in native programming w/ EE anmts and IDs! Some noss PF and Maori noted, with programming similar to Tahiti. Brazilian not around this local Sat. night only. Got it all on tane, and especially pleased to have finally gotten a definite log on this one! (James W. Young, California, on 12/5)...Cook popped in on 5045 at 0800 with definite Radio Australia ID followed by a musical program with the "honky sound." Covered quickly by the latin on 11/20 (Myron Smith, New York) Congrats OMs! Ed. Myron, what's the "honky sound?" hi

LESOTHO - R Lesotho hrd on 4927 kHz // 899 from 0430 to 2030 hours GMT over very badly modulated tx (Gerry E. Wood, Radio RSA, directly to your DXH Ed) ...tent. Radio Lesotho on 4800, 1535-1600 fadeout, in EE. Talks by M and W, in EE, part of which sounded like nx. Western style mx, ID as "This is Radio...OH" several times. Harsh local QRN due storms and QRM USB voice st right on top of freq. The QF-1 let me hear it...but all I could make out was an occasional word or portion of sentence (Charles Wooten, Sardinia)

UGANDA - Kampala, 4976, weak on 76 12 03 at 2020-2107*, African songs, anmts by M or W other times. Better on 76 12 06: 2013-2108*. Lots of hymns by a chorus. Weaker than Nairobi on 4804, strangely. Lang used seems to be EE at times. Reception before s/off becomes difficult because of Brazilian fade-in (Victor Jaar)

NIGERIA - NBC noted here on 4900 from 0430 s/on with drums IS, EE ID, rel pgm, Koran reading, nx etc. Sometimes as late as 0532 (Jim Davis, California) ...Nigeria hrd here on 4900 at 0500 with drums IS, nx and TC. NBC IDs noted a number of times. (Alan Laves, Texas) If I am not mistaken, this freq was in use a number of years ago, with Maiduguri as the site. Possibly Lagos now? Somebody get a QSL on this one. ok? Ed.

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS - Radio Barlavento hrd on 3930 at 0742 in PP with ID at 0745. Pop songs and good sigs. Next night China there! (Kevin Szot, Calif)

AFARS & ISSAS - Djibouti, 4780 from 0345-0400 in verns with M tlking or chanting. Poor, and mixing with a latin, but definitely there. My first log on this one, and HIC 170! (Tom Alleman, St. Louis, MO) Great Tom! Ed.

HONDURAS - 4890, R Lux at 1234 in SS with "musica ranchera"...6075, LV del Junco from 1255 with SS tlk, ID and mx. (Jack Jones, Jackson, Mississippi)

ZAIRE - R Kisangani, 6085 from 2046-2058* with African chorus, and M in FF. This on 11/11. Also on 11/14 from 2045-2058* with M and W in FF, African mx, and off abruptly in middle of song. Good sigs (Dan Shingler, Michigan)

NEPAL - Radio Nepal, 3425, from 1224-1300 in NN or other lg. Chanting to 1230, then mx, more tlk. Full ID at 1240 with mentions of Kathmandu. Good sigs on 11/20 (Greg Ravenhorst, MN)

KENYA - Kisumu, 4885, first noted here on 76 12 02 and 03 roughly 1915-1935*. Rather weak, but clear enough with Indian-like mx, Koran-like recitation before s/off, etc....Came back on 76 12 06 with weak sigs at first, at 1857, with instrumental; had Arabic-like and Indian-like mx or songs; anmts in clear Swahili, religious chants before s/off; very short national anthem with lots of trumpets. 1933*....Nairobi, general svc in EE, 4804; 1903 f/in; mostly pop songs in EE to 1959; ID, TCs, nx. At 2010 w/anmts of next day's broadcast. Off w/anthem as above (Victor Jaar) Fantastic! Ed.

Propagational picks... Now is the time to be looking for a break from the subcontinent. Start about 1215GMT, scanning 90m.b. for AIR and Pak regional stations. If things continue as they are right now, we should have an opening during the first week in January, with any kind of luck, and no geomag disturbances. Look for Kashmir with outlets on 3345 and 3277 about 1300. Also take a chance on 3315 AIR-Bhopal. I'll be looking, will you???

NOTICE - The DX extravaganza of the century will be held in San Francisco, California on 29 January, 1977. Bob Hill and Larry Nebron are organizing & co-ordinating this bash. Plans are not all in yet, but they include an all day talk, speeches, and tane session at a rented hall, with plenty of gear on display, and some free pamphlets, lang report forms, etc. However, the night promises to be the best part of this gathering. After the session at the hall, there will be an all-night dx session at Bob Hills house, with two R390s and a FRG 7, with three different antenna configurations to pull in all those rare ones. Make your reservations now, by Calling, or writing Bob Hill at 139A Fifth Avenue, SF 94118 (752-4164). Everyone is welcome to attend. More info will follow, as it is released.

GREENLAND - Godthaab is heard here as early as 1920 on 3999 // 9575. Daily. (Victor Jaar)...3999, Godthaab noted from 0115 with music under hams. Lang seemed Danish. Hrd till 0130 (Kevin Szot) Kevin also adds that his R390 is for sale. \$375.00 firm. Call 707-448-5748, or write to him at 555 Westwood Court, Vacaville, California 95688.

URUGUAY - R El Espectador, 11835 from 2335 with LA pops, ads, and several IDs. At super level on 12/5 (Gerry Bishop, PA)

USSR HIGH FREQUENCY BROADCAST NEWSLETTER - Is the new publication put out by none other than our resident USSR expert, Mr. Roger Legge. The November edition is jam-packed with valuable info on USSR broadcasting sites, times, and lang in use. Included also are tips on hearing those elusive Soviet republics. This promises to be a regular happening if enough are interested. Drop Roger a line at Box 232, McLean, Virginia 22101. Your DXH editor thinks its great. Get out there and support this man who continually keeps all of us abreast of the latest news on USSR sites through his hard work and diligence. Ed.

BRAZIL - R Sociedade da Bahia hrd on 11877 from 2300 with IDs, PP tlk, and snorts, thru 0015. Noted on 12/9,10, and 12. (Dave Walcutt, Illinois)... R Clube de Goiania, 11737.45 at 0014 with Brazilian-accented tlk. Mixing w/ VOA. (Glenn Hauser, TN)

CLANDESTINE - (Venezuela) Radio Euzkadi heard s/off at 2100 on 13250, but missed ID. Hrd s/on again at 2130 with an g note IS and a NA. Then IDs in SS, Basque, and EE. Into SS programming. (Lauren Ware, Virginia)

IRAQ - 11700, R Baghdad hrd between 1600 and 1730 in AA. Usual AA fare, w/ bells a la Cairo at 1700, when hrd a definite ID. Fair to poor (Bill Hood, University of Manitoba DX Club, via their correspondence coordinator, Barry Wasylik, to your ed)

TADZHIK SSR - Dushanbe, 4635, is heard 1200-1300 better than 2300 s/on time. Several days lately. RR? (Victor Jaar)

KARELO-FINNISH REPUBLIC - Arkhangelsk, 5015 from 0400-0420 with M and W in RR tlk. Fair level till 0420, when covered by a GG numbers station till 0425. (Tom Alleman)

GEORGIAN SSR - Tbilisi, 5040, can be heard as early as 1005 in apparent RR. Builds up a nice signal, better than usually heard at 0157 s/on. Seem to play their own anthem at 2000, anmt by M in unid lang, one IS at 2005 then into mx, W anncr also. At 2100* they play the Internationale, preceded by bell tolling. This one 76 12 05 and 06 (Victor Jaar)

ANDORRA - QSLs back for Al Sizer in CT, and Charlie Wooten in Sardinia. Charlie describes QSL thusly: "Color cartoon card showing OM and YL in Andorran costume standing in the woods. In ffront of them on either side of the card are 2 antenna towers. In front of the towers is a lake surrounded by high mountains. The bottom of the card says Radio Andorra using old German script and to the right of that is the seal of Andorra set in pink wax setting." Probably as close as I'll ever get to it. hi Ed. A reliable source tells me that ads in a European newspaper have them apologizing to their audience for not being on lately. Anybody else hear anything? Ed.

MOZAMBIQUE - A pgm now on 4972kHz ex 4855 (Colin Miller, via Gerry E. Wood)

PAKISTAN - NF 4935, nice signal 1203-1245*. Mostly local songs, anmts in apparent Urdu. Positive ID on 76 12 03 although heard before (Vic Jaar)

MALAYSIA - VOM, 15275, in EE at 0625, in unusual opening on 12/5. Hrd IS, and IDs. (Glenn Hauser, TN)

ECUADOR - 3985, Escuelas Radiofonicas Populares hrd at 1050 in Indian lang, folklorico music and ID at 1100. Poor (Kevin Szot)

AZERBAIJAN SSR - Baku, 4785 hrd from 1836, M & W announcers, Near East mx; fair to good, but bad het by 1940 (obviously caused by Mali). 76 12 06 (Victor Jaar)

VENEZUELA - R Occidente, 3225, at 1055 with SS tlks, many mentions of Ven. short mx breaks between tlk; into pgm on Venez agriculture at 1100; ID at 1106. Fair to poor (Jim Ronda, OH)

A splendid outpouring this time! Plaudits go to good friend Victor Jaar for his truly outstanding work this time around. As this year grinds down to a close I would like to thank you all for your contributions, compliments, and words of encouragement. Rest assured that in the coming months this column will remain exclusively DX oriented, giving you the latest info on the rare and hard-to-get stations and countries. I wish you all the very best of holidays. Catch ya in the new year! Warmest 73s de john-john *John*