

TOPLINE: USA (via Hauser): Further on the WWV propagation information. I have talked extensively on the phone with one of the forecasters at the Institute of Telecommunications Science, the agency which provides the info at :14 past the hour. At first, his agency planned to take up the slack from the SESC's dropping its info at :18 past by starting to give the A index. A week later he called back to advise me that the

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(Topline - more) powers that be in his agency had decided to drop all their WWV broadcasts too, as of the end of September (which is the end of fiscal 1976), and in fact, close down the entire forecast center, which would also mean cessation of propagation info by mail. However if there is sufficient protest from taxpayer/users of the :14 services, the decision may be reversed. The person to write about this is: Mr. Douglas Crombie, USDOC OT/ITS, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302 (with a copy to your congressman, ed) More details in the August LN, but unless a lot of us write now, it appears there will be no propagation info at all on WWV! (Hauser, TN) ERL replying to complaint letters with form letter, saying essentially, no money. (ed)

OMAN: Marconi Electronics has signed a contract to install the new high frequency relay station for the BBC at Masirah Island to be operational in 1977. The aerials will give the station a range from 6 to 26 MHz. This operation will augment the two 750kw transmitters (MW) which have been operating since 1969. (NZRDXL)

ASIATIC SSR: Khabarovsk on 6/30, 6035. Fair signal, in parallel with 6115, 6050, 6070 and 6080. Noted 1714 to past 1800. 6070 Vladavostok list. All RR. (Whitacre, MI).

AUSTRALIA: RA DX Program, "DXers Calling" will celebrate its 30th anniversary July 9 (make that past tense, ed). ARDXC will issue its own QSL cards for correct reports on the pgm along with the usual RA card. Green on white glossy and will include full details including tx site and power. Try 0240 Sundays on 17795, 15320 or 11780, or 0840 on 7290 suggests Hauser

BICENTENNIAL: Radio Havana carried special program on 7/5 to 0530 featuring an Ohio communist leader and announcers quoting Gus Hall. In Argentina, U.S. Embassy press attache with Bicentennial message 7/3 at 0308 f/by the Star Spangled Banner. (Hauser) (any others? ed).

BURUNDI: Radio Cordac, 4900 with African religious hymns 0429 - 0451, f/by woman in Unid language. Lost by 0500. 10KW? Strongest ever heard. (Moritz, OH)

COLOMBIA: Unid harmonic reported earlier on 2580 is R. Pipaton, HJNY, 2 x 1290. 24 hour, Toledar net. 6.190, noted 1000 6/22, some days later at 0945 with clues indicating LV de los Centauros, ex-5962 (Hauser). And so IDd by Biasini, Alberta on 6/24. LV de la Selva, 6170 at 0945 6/22. Good until open carrier came on at 0952. (Hauser)

ESPIANUMEROS: Different from those heard before, 6/20 at 0301, man with 5 digit SS numbers in AM but seemed oriental accent. Concluded at 0305 with "794 794 25 25 00000", open carrier and off by 0308 (Hauser)

FINLAND: Radio Finland announcement new times for NA xmsn. Now 1330-1400 and 1430 - 1500 on 15.110. (Sterling, SC)

GERMANY, EAST: RBI on unlisted 12000 6/16 at 0341 to NA w/ // 11890 stronger. Schedule lists 11970, noted by Dunn, NJ 12030. (Hauser)

GERMANY, WEST: DW on 9735 noted in EE at 0357 on normally all GG frequency. Was taped greetings from visitors to DW. (Hauser)

GREECE: VOA Kavala, 9770 at 0401 with messages that US Embassy in Beirut urging all US citizens to leave Lebanon. Giving phone numbers for information on how to get out. (Hauser)

NEWFOUNDLAND: CKZN, St. John's, 6160 from 1036 with woman and CBC news, f/by local weather and sports. Strong and clear. (Moritz, OH)

PAPUA/NEW GUINEA: 3220, Morobe w/ island music and believed Pidgin, 1020
3245, Karema, local pops, Pidgin, 1024.
3275, S. Highlands, pops and Pidgin 1025
3305, R. Western on high side of ute at 1038
3322, Bougainville, 1039 good with island music
3385, Rabaul, good in EE
3905, Manus 1008-1048 during spot checks.
(All 6/20 by Whitacre, MI)

SINGAPORE: Radio Singapore, 6155 from 1115 - 1145, Malay with woman anner and Asian type music. May have been EE ID 1129, pips 1130, then man in Malay and light music. Poor on 7/4 (Moritz, OH)

UNIDENTIFIED: 6110, 1639 - 1700+ Carol King (?) mx, then off in mid selection. No announcements. Could this be BBC/DW testing Antigua on this unlisted frequency? (Whitacre, MI). Seems a bit early, but maybe.

USA: VOA on "unauthorized" 9575 at 0421, EE. Not on usual 9755. Concluding that xmtr engineer reversed the 5 and 7 and punched up wrong frequency. Called them and took less than a minute to show up on 9755. Engineer amazed and thankful. (Hauser-6/20)

VATICAN: Vatican Radio testing 6015 at 0051 in EE on 6/14, into NA EE transmission at 0100 // 5995 rather than 6105. Also on 11700 with tests to NA at new time of 0030 on 6/14 // 5995 (Hauser)

SIGN OFF: It's been fun, I think. But RWP managed to return to America's bosom without getting kidnapped, held up or hijacked. Got through the Bolivian miner's strike and the Peruvian state of emergency with no trouble. Welcome back! And thanks to all who helped me out with contributions for both issues. Don't forget those letters to Boulder!

Next deadline, again, 7/28 in Kenosha.

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