

**Topline tip. . . NEW ZEALAND** -- A funny thing happened to R. New Zealand on its way out of existence...it made a quick U-turn! Here's the tale from a passle of DXH reporters: 11865, RNZ noted at 0456-0502 in EE. Last song was "Won't you please help me if you can." Good signal, bellbird after s/off. (George Poppin, Cal., via Greg Ravenhorst) Keith Glover was just given the honor of ancing (0241 GMT) that RNZ will be back on the air as of June 5. Bcsts will be relayed, (more below)

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**NEW ZEALAND** (cont'd fm above) -- ..."Not the old style RNZ, but we hope it will be soon. Thanks for all you people for writing to the authorities," said Glover. (Poppin) 11705, RNZ hrd 0430-0450\*, much like an FM stn with few anmts, bcstg classical mx. "This is the external svc of RNZ bcstg to the Pacific islands" at s/off. Mtn of 6185. 6/7. (Ravenhorst, Minn.) 11865, sounded like jury-rigged xmtr, testing and ancing // 9585 in waning days of May. Robins called me with the flash. Classical type mx, few anmts. (Bill Whitacre, Mich) I rcvd a press release. RNZ is back on the air as of 6/5 with rebroadcast of the national program. (Scott Neumann, Ill.) RNZ hrd 6/7 at 0041 tune to 0152 s/off, ancing 9585 // and with MoR pgming. At 0130 there was mtn of "here on the National Program". Also, the pgm was called "Calling the Pacific". There was tlk some time ago that RNZ was contemplating a switch to higher power xmtrs, then the tlk ceased and the next thing they ceased all pgming. Also, 15380 was only recently rptd as a "new fq" in several bulletins. I wonder if they're up to something. The idea that they can't afford shortwave may be true, but initiating a new svc just prior to total shutdown appears strange. (Mike Hardester, Cal.) Pres. the 25 mb fq, OM?/Ed. RNZ hrd def back on the air taking rly from YA and the regionals, noted 6105 // 9585 kc 0500 past 0700 ck. That's it gang -- I am personally happy to see such a good stn back on the air. (Jim Conrad, Iowa) For what it's worth, it apparently never was a matter of the NZ government not having enuff bucks to run a SW svc (after all, the major outlay -- for xmtrs -- is well behind them) but rather some political maneuvering of funding of the svc into a different area of the gov't budget./Ed.



**ITALY** -- 6209t, Gamma R., actually on 6209.8v, fm 0225-0240. Not pop mx, tho. Instead it was constart class orchl mx. At 0230 I caught a few phrases of assumed Italian, but no ID. Don't claim to know my Italian, but it sure sounded like it. Anybody have an address? Anyone else hearing? (Ravenhorst) 5/20 Yeah, Greg, Don Jensen in Wis. says he's noted something during a.m. GMT on same gen'l fq. With these current rpts on this off-channel fq, the same as initially noted by BCCMS, I submit it's probably unlikely, but not impossible, that Gamma varied up fq for a lengthy period and then returned to the same off-beat fq QTH. Apparently something else on 6222, or perhaps image, Sam?/Ed. To the best of my knowledge, the ship Mebo is still impounded in Holland so this is probably not that pirate back in business. FM pirates proliferating in Italy now, so maybe one of them moving up to SW. (John Campbell, Australia, via Jensen)

**GREECE** -- 9760, VoG, Cf. June DXH. My rpted on air time should have read \*2257 with other opening details the same. Current s/off time 0350. (Hadley Cress, Va.) Tnx, Hadley./Ed.

**SRI LANKA** -- I rcvd a ltr from Ruth Walter, public info ofcr for the VOA. I'd written a ltr with a couple questions in it during my last reception rpt for the 15185 Colombo outlet. She answered, and added this nasty: "VOA no longer identifies xmtr sites on QSL cds nor does it announce xmtr locations." Merde, oui? (John Moritz, Ohio) After watching RNZ buckle before the vast show of might of DXers armed w/typewriters (hi) I don't feel this is to be taken too seriously. Twas only a couple years ago VOA announced it wasn't going to QSL at all for stateside rpters. The unpopular move bombed out, as this will./Ed

ANGOLA -- 3375, 0510-0525, pres. this the one here with OM in PP tlk w/many mtns of Angola, f/by PP vocal w/an African flavor, then African mx and more tlk. listed as being hrd by SENS in TDKN 32, although I have not seen it rptd, and I have never hrd them here at this time. Seems likely though, especially fm the pgming. (Moritz)

EQ. GUINEA -- 4926, R. Bata, 0548-0557, YL in SS w/Afr mx between. Poor. (Moritz)

BOLIVIA -- 6035, R. Panamericana, 1015-1035, strange military march type mx. Then vocal song of LA nature, into OM SS w/mtns of Bolivia and a few words. More weird mx, poss. nx then. Headlines at 1025, into OM and YL tlk after 1030. Poor. (Moritz)

QATAR -- Although rpt unconfirmed, the state of Qatar is to build a new radio stn, supplementing the existing installations, as part of the information ministry's plan to make Qatar's voice hrd in as many parts of the world as possible. There are also plans to improve the HF xmtrs for xmsns to Europe and the Americas. (!/Ed.) The new stn is expected to be operational in 20 months' time. (BEC MS)

SOMALIA -- 11645, R. Hargeisa at 1115 on May 1 near threshold lvl. Only traces of vox modulation this early hour. Had to depart before sig could develop. (Ed Shaw, Ky, in GLDXA)

LESOTHO -- RL intends to soon put into operation two new xmtrs just purchased, each running 50 kW, one of which should be on the air anytime now. Watch for tests. (E. Rimmer, SADXC) And you were worried about this one, hi/Ed.

SIERRA LEONE -- 3316, SLBS, noted 5/29 w/vy strong signal from 0620-0650 in EE/vern. ID at 0630 as "This is the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Svc," f/by 0630 nx til 0637. On 5/30, noted w/five-note IS on a chime or something new at 0557-0600. TC at 0600 w/tone, then NA at 0601, ID, rlg mx by choir at 0615. (Ravenhorst)

GAMBIA -- 4820, cking this fq for past several months and tonight, 5/29, success. At 0654, noted a man chanting until 0659, then a full ID by OM, tc at 0700 w/tone and ID again, then into BEC nx, just as per WRTH! (Well, they can't always be wrong, hi/Ed.) Next night not there. Have hrd rumors of this one being off and on, Irregular. (Ravenhorst)

SARAWAK -- 3385, Miri, new outlet noted 5/8, abt 1215 w/Malayan lang. pop vocals, anmts by OM. Was //6060 better. Listed //5020 blocked by CC stn and jammer. 3385 found to run past 1330 so s/off time likely 1500 (as 6060) rather than 1300 per WRTH. (Bob Hill, Cal, NU)

LAOS -- 5797.5, Luang Prabang, new fq //6995 w/Lao tkg. Gone by 1407, usu on til 1430. (Hill, NU) 8176, Luang Prabang, fair abt 1245, good by 1400. Lao tks by YL, //6986v, both fqs fair lvl w/some het QRM. Muffled mod that almost disappears at times. 5/23. (Hill, NU)

PERU -- 3385, R. Dif. Centro del Pais, finally IDed after more than 4 yrs of effort. This full title is only used at s/off (anytime between 0430-0800+); normal ID during pgms is simply "Difusora del Centro". Sometimes ancs 1130 s/on but no mtn of location. Pgming is typical high Altiplano huaynos, of the melodic kind, with regular tcks, IDs and dedications. Note, beware Zaracay on 3390, the mx is similar but in a lower key. (Tony Jones, Paraguay, via NU)



SIGN-OFF -- I'm not sure what you've all done to deserve two cartoons in one ish, but there they are. Hope everybody's summer is a good one. Just one more reminder that rpters should send their items for the July FRENDX DXH (deadline June 23) and the July mid-monther (deadline July 14) to Gerry Dexter, erstwhile standby DXH editor. Observant souls will note I've moved the deadline dates up a day - very good! Bossman Al Mayer says the mail from Kenosha is arriving a day later than that posted from former Libertyvil address. So, DXH from now on will have a Wednesday night deadline, rather than the usual Thursday. As for ye ed, I'm off to the Andes, where I'll stay out from under llamas but inside stations. Hope your last rpt to Onda Imperial, Cuzco, was a good one...because you-know-who will see it. hi

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