

Topline tip. . . NEW ZEALAND (kaput!) - The New Zealand government announced early this evening (4/28) that it has cancelled the Foreign Affairs Dept. subsidy, by which Radio New Zealand is funded. So, NZ is leaving shortwave, and we ask that all letters of protest be directed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Parliament Bldgs., Wellington 1, NZ. We would ask that letters highlight the value of shortwave in promoting understanding between nations and in increasing... (cont'd below)

DX Hotline

Next deadlines:
(Pse see note
below!)
5/27 and 6/17



NEW ZEALAND (cont'd) - ...one's knowledge of NZ and its way of life, tourist potential and attitudes to the international scene. Thanks to our American friends in anticipation of your support. (Bryan Clark, Chief Editor, NZ DX-Times) Annncd over R. Australia on 5/2 that RNZ had discontinued SW effective 5/1. Apparently the decision was made rather hurriedly this past week. (Jack Conover, Pa.) That's the call to arms, gang. RNZ has a fine tradition to it and -- at least to this DXer -- represents a sweet DX memory as one of the earliest stations hrd, other than RA, from a far-flung corner of DXdom. The shut-down would be/is quite a loss. And, lest I raise a rather distressing ramification for grizzled DXers who could care less about RNZ, its departure from SW could have disastrous effects (as in cessation) of SW xmsns which recently resumed from Cook Island BC and Newspaper Corp., whose recent raison d'etre has been to relay RNZ./Ed.

NOTICE:

Hotline Hdqtrs is moving! (Yes, my creditors caught up to me...) As of 5/25, probably as you read this, my new address will be:

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BUT...

Due to a little R&R jaunt that will take ye ed out of the country from mid-June through mid-July, Gerry Dexter will be handling the DXHs for the July FRENDX and the July mid-monther (deadlines 6/24 and 7/15). For his efforts, he will possibly get some action on a Huancayo QSL. And then again, he may not! hi

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The trip will take Fay and me to Lima, Cuzco, Puno, La Paz, Quito, Guayaquil, Ambato, Riobamba, Latacunga et al. Caramba!/Ed.

USSR - French to South and Southeast Asia from 1330-1400 has been discontinued, thus ending bcsts by this stn (Radio Peace and Progress) to this area. But, *1300 EE. (BECMS)

INDONESIA - The Indonesia Times rpted a 10 kW xmtr (MW or SW?/Ed.) for the Jambi stn of RRI is in process of being installed. When completed the stn will have three xmtrs, at 7.5, 1 and 10 kW. (BECMS)

Cf. May LN. To the contrary, it would still appear Gates has lock on Indo SW expansion scheme, despite LN info. The data rpted via "Telecommunications" mag, a journal of telecommunications (ie. PTT, etc.), has all the earmarks of the ballyhooed satellite-ground station project announced in February. Yes, it would (as the mag article put it) allow extended coverage, but most likely through feeding pgming on the satellite link to other stns. No reason to presume the Thompson-CSF contract is also SWBC. The details: Bank of America headed up a 33-bank consortium which extended a \$160 million loan to the Indonesian government, with which it is building 40 ground stations and putting two satellites into orbit, HS33D's, I believe./Ed.

LAOS - A Vientiane report states that a provincial broadcasting and rediffusion station, built with Chinese assistance, was inaugurated in Oudomsai Province on 4/10. (BECMS)No fq/Ed

DOMINICAN REP - Verie rcvd 4/16 says 1600 kHz (5 kW), 4825 (3 kW), 1330 kHz (5 kW). MW and SW stns use half-wave vertical antenna and, save 1330 (Moca) are in Sto. Domingo.(J.Jones)

SAUDI ARABIA - 21520, Jiddah, now here ex-11855 at 1600-1655, Swahili to E. Africa.(BECMS)

NEW HEBRIDES - More on R. Vanafo and the bizarre circumstances surrounding it. (From New Hebrides News, 4/13) ...On 4/2, the Br. and FF district agents in Santo Town (official name is Luganville, but is never used) went to Vanafo to receive a gesture of atonement. This turned out to be the special killing of a bisexual tusker pig (in Bislama, the NH pidgin: Hemi pig we haf man mo haf wuman). The Br. residency later announced that the gesture was accepted if it had the effect of reducing Santo tensions. The real proof of Na-Griamel's aims would be shown by their future actions, including ending "of their illegal broadcasts on Radio Vanafo." (Robert Yeo, Australia, via NU)

TIMOR - 3550, R. Dili now has disappeared and not on 3668 either. Absence first noted 4/23. (Yeo, NU)

HONDURAS - In response to my inquiry re the stn on 4820 w/ the cuckoo IS, since IDed by Bill Sparks, et al, as R. Catolica, I have this reply from Paul J. Hutton, mgr and CE of HRVC: "What you are hearing is splatter from another stn onto our studio-xmtr link. That means you are hearing their audio on our carrier before our xmtrs go off the air and just after we've shut down our stn." (John Tuchscherer, Wis., via NU) Besides Catolico, the other MW stns (e.g. Satelite, Setente...) are listed WRTH. This slop-over onto the link has been known for two years, but it keeps on foolin' DXers!/Ed.

NEW GUINEA - 2468, quick verie for April rpt to Popondetta, using old Administration form verie, indicating name is only "R. Northern" and that the "District" designation has been dropped. Should hold for other stns in system, too./Ed.

CLANDESTINE - 6580, Voice of Lebanon, pro-Phalangist clandestine has been recently noted operating 0600-0900 and 1100-1300, and again 1500- (?). (BECMS)

SAO TOME - 4807 $\frac{1}{2}$, noted 5/1 at 0531 w/anthem, schedule by man, lively songs through 0550. (Vic Jaar, PQ) Although most listeners link Vic w/Haiti or Dominican Rep., he sometimes calls himself the "DXing Palestinian" since he was born in Bethlehem, Palestine./Ed.

LEBANON - 11810, Beirut at 1740 in AA, song to 1801, IDs as "Izaat Libnan min Beirut". nx to 1807, ID again, political comment. Good signal, but when rechecked this one at 1830, QRM from Algiers noted. (Jaar)

BOLIVIA - 4845, R. Fides, 0113-0129, SS wld nx, OM ID in SS, and "atencion, La Paz", vy strong on 5/3. (John Moritz, Ohio)

4875, R. Cruz del Sur, 0149-0207*, nonstop class stuff to 0159 ID by YL, OM in SS w/closing remarks, then OM in EE w/ID, fq, QTH, asking for rpts. (Moritz)

SYRIA - 9545, SAR BC Sv^c, 2051-2101*, EE tlk by OM on Lebanon situation, ID, then into military type anthem and off. Thot this was sked to 2200* (Moritz)

NIGERIA (BIAFRA) - 6025, 0518-0537, Afr mx and some pops, vern tlk, OM on in EE at 0530 w/ment of Nigeria, then alternating tlks w/YL, tuff copy due VOA QRM. Pleased with this one, my 52nd African. (Moritz) Bravo!/Ed.

3204, NEC-Ibadan, 0457-0516, OM in chants to 0500, then OM w/2 EE IDs, into EE nx, then YL commentary 0510 and another ID. Vern tlks and mx. Not rpted in some time. (Moritz)

SINGAPORE - 11940, numerous rpters hearing RS here 0930-1530+, in EE. (Japan SW Nx)

MONGOLIA - 11810, five Japanese listeners hear Ulan Bator here 2200-2230 w/EE. Though not recently, N Am DXers used to hear this in midwinter years ago, I am told./Ed.

BELGIUM - 9725, ex-9730, for NA xmsn at 2345-0045, EE at 0015-0045. Vy gud sig. Unique IS. (Kim Elliot, Minn.)

GREECE - 9730, used this fq for NA xmsn 4/14, at 0000, but ancd 9760. Back to 9760 now, EE at 0015-0030, strong signal lately. (Elliot)

TAHITI - 6135, R. Tahiti, hrd to 0730*, native pgming, ID, short island mx and off w/LM. SIO 343 on 5/4. (Jones)

##Okay, that's it. No prizewinner this time, but the doldrums have apparently hit!

Remember, a) new address for me. And, b) July and mid-July rpts to the inimitable GLD. (Thanks, Ger.)

Best 73 de ralphus!

