

Topline tip... Here is a gem found by Ralph Perry, that Ralph and Don Jensen, both of NUMERO UNO, asked me to share with you all: NIGERIA; - 5965, Radio Nigeria, Jos, a new xmtr for the Benue Plateau State Program, first noted 1/26 at 0435 and local afternoon and evenings since. Best on 1/27, 0425 OC, tkg drums at 0429 and vl EE s/on amts 0434. Each day local ID followed by ngm preview, local ID again and into chants at 0440a. ID has substantial pause in the middle so the Jos site can be missed. "You are listening to Radio Nigeria.....Jos." Nice level throughout, good around 2230 local afternoon cks, tho obliterated by Canada IS at 2257. Ancs MW and FM //s. (Ralph Perry, Wisconsin)...Heard by your trusty editor, also an NUer (hi), with essentially same details, only caught running // with 4990.



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NIGERIA (cont)...Also snared by the ever reliable James Ronda during 2200-2310* period, running // 4990, complete with IDs, etc....Not to be outdone, John Sgrulletta, of Bedford Hill, New York, FLASHED this item off to your editor: NIGERIA, 4900. In response to a report to Radio Nigeria on the 4900 site, John received a letter from R.L.A. Oise-Oghaede, in monitoring, who stated the following about the 4900 site: "Thank you for your report on our frequency of 4990 KHz belonging to our Home Service Transmitter located at Sogunle a few kilometers away from Lagos. As I said the frequency is 4990 KHz and not 4900KHz. However I would like to state that the 20 KW transmitter of 4990 KHz which had been in use for many years was recently replaced with a 50 KW transmitter. This increase in power might have resulted in a frequency drift, as many other listeners quoted a frequency of 4900 KHz in their reports too. (probably this last freq was a typo on his part, he meant to say 4900, Ed.) The situation is being closely studied and an official announcement will be made on it shortly." Anybody have any comments they would like to make on this? jm

LESOTHO: 4800, RL back with a respectable signal after an absence of some 1 1/2 years; coming in well at 0425 past 0424 with Sesotho oration, possible ads, highlife chorus (1/21) (Robert Hill, California, via GLDXA advance) 4800 Lesotho is back on this freq with incredible signals, almost equal to Botswana; QRM de Radio Popular 4790.5 and bad ute 4800.7a, but on USB at beautiful lvl at 0400 s/on, NA, IDs in Sesotho giving frequencies, cow mooring, into hymns; 0415v. Usually news in Sesotho; 0500 BBC ns. (Dan Robinson, D.C., on 2/2)...Hrd by your editor on 1/28 thanks to tip from Bobbus Hill, during 0407-0503, with problems from the ute.

GUINEA*BISSAU 4780, on 2/3 from 2053 a station here with PP tlks, political speech, and definite (taped) IDs as "Radiofusora Nacional da Republica de Guinea-Bissau;" 2230 one loud chime, ID by OM, into PP nx "noticias." (Dan Robinson)...4780 Guinea-Bissau heard with remarkable signals from 2145-2210 in PP playing lots of African tunes. Brief talk by man in PP at 2205. Noted again from 2303-2315 but now playing many instrumental pieces of music. Off at 0000. (Lauren Ware, Virginia) This one also heard, but tentatively, by your editor and Bill Whitacre, of Michigan, on 2/8. jm

GREENLAND: Around 2100 Godthaab on 3 outlets: 3999, 5980 (usually weak and QRM'ed, but definite) and 9575. (Victor Jaar, Canada)#Vic, its always a pleasure to hear from you, certainly one of the best and most reliable dxers around. jm

COLOMBIA: Radio Mira, 6015, from 1142 with pop mx, many IDs, slogans; into news (sounded like off the air relay). Thought Swan at first, but they seem to be gone from here. (Jack Jones, Mississippi)#Jack, what can I say? You are without doubt one of the finest Latin American dxers around today! You always seem to come up with new and refreshing material. jm

BOUGAINVILLE NO MORE: I have just received a QSL letter from Aloysius Rumina of the former Radio Bougainville. Aloysius informs me that the new name for the province is now North Solomons Province. The new name for Radio Bougainville is now Radio North Solomons. (Charles F. Mitchell, Indiana)#The same info also forwarded to your editor from Jim Ronda and Lauren Ware. Tnx to all three of you! jm

COLOMBIA: 4775, Em Kennedy, from 0326-0357 with IDs, "Ave Maria", group prayer, and EE tape talk by Ella Mae Miller. Off with ID, freq, and NA. This on 1/30. (Al Miller, Jr. OH)#Nice grab buddy! jm

DXH EDITORIAL #2: After reading the latest Freud I was shocked and dismayed to see that Glenn Hauser may no longer be editing LN. Allow me these few words if you all will: Glenn and I very rarely agree on anything, however, it would be a very severe loss to this club if he was forced out of his LN editorship. Glenn has done much over the years for this club, your club. I suggest you voice your disapproval to Mac at hq. at once. While you are at it, also voice your objection to the cancelling of Loudenboomer. If Charley is out, then we all take ourselves too seriously. The fun will no longer be in this hobby. Finally, I will direct these comments to hq. directly: I read your guidelines. I am not in agreement with them. I will edit this column as I see fit, which I believe is in good taste and in the best interests of those this column is intended for. If you disagree with me, you are at liberty to dismiss me. I would regret such an action, because I enjoy doing this column. I have a good many friends out there in this hobby. Please keep in mind, regarding your decisions, that the whims of a half dozen or less do not necessarily make for the good of all this club. Please stop trying to turn NASWA into a business. Allow it to be a hobby, please. John Moritz Jr. I sincerely hope that one and all are allowed to read these comments, and voice their opinions on them.

BURUNDI: 4900, Radio Cordac daily since 1/31 w/religious pgm from 0430 to 0517 s/off. Man in seeming FF tlc. Last noted many months ago at better lvs than this. (Dan Robinson) #Nice Dan! jm I have heard them a number of times, but like my good friend Bill Whitacre, never seem to get enough for a report! jm

SYRIA: 9300 still here with mandolin music 1830-1955, very weak, another country out of band. (Larry Magne, PA) #Nice to hear from you Larry. jm

COOK ISLANDS: 5045, R. Rarotonga, here at 0710 relaying RNZ with good audio. Program content is not a consistent schedule. Heard Feb 2, 3, and 4. Similar audio all times, but sometimes relaying Australia. No local IDs. Always clobbered by the Brazilian around 0740. First audio hrd in over a month. I am now figuring I will have to go there for a verification! (Jim Young, California) #How about sending me a tape if you get the time? If I recall my facts properly--and I have never heard them--Cooks is very meticulous about reports. Possibly you have never received enough for a solid report? jm

NICARAGUA: Radio Atlantico, 6121a hrd during 1213-1234 period with ID, latin vocals, M in quick SS, and an ads. Tnx to Rob Vokes and Doug Snyder for originally digging this one out. (your editor on 2/5)...6122v Radio Atlantico, SS ID at 1228, LA SS music, many anmts, and IDs. Mention of Managua--although in Bluefields--hrd till 1300. Tnx for tip in TDXN from Snyder! (Jim Young)

INDIA: 3375, AIR, Gauhati, very good 1545 ending Delhi news in EE after headline recap, wx, sports; into pgm preview and still holding up well at 1615. No other AIRs audible except 3315 faintly (1/16). Gauhati is consistently the best Indian regional owing to its location in extreme eastern India, an area that propagates better to WCNA because the great-circle path is further west of the North Pole than the rest of that country. (Robert Hill, via GLDXA advance)

SENEGAL: 3336, Ziguinchor, good many nights here after 0700. Nx, African music, some idle FF chatter, all featured in the program. (Gerry "Beercan" Bishop, PA) #Ger, if you slow down a taste (hi) you will undoubtedly go on to be one of the better dxers in the hobby. You have certainly come a long way in a short period. jm

ALBANIA: 5056.7 Gjirokaster measured at 0633 on 2/5 with Euro music, and accordions, etc. Pair. (Glenn Hauser, TN)

ANDORRA: Radio Andorra on 6230 with the "International Service of Radio Andorra" noted w/this ID in EE on 2/6 at 0700 with tremendous signal increase just at 0700 ID; pop music from Chicago, the Eagles....DJ gave freq. in SW and MW "6230 kHz" and ID at 0700. Back to music pgm through 0800 at good level all along. (Dan Robinson) #Nice going Dan! jm

ALGERIA: 8060v (ID via Noel Green, cabling from England) from 1/22-1/30 and still going, thanks to tip from Alan Roth, varying 8055-65, 1910-2400*. In with Africanish-Arab music, nx, chants 2240 and 1958, varying carrier and modulation problems suggest this choice of fq is due to tx drift rather than conscious choice, much FAX GRM. In AA. (Larry Magne)

BRASIL: Radio Xapuri on 3411, on 2/1 at good lvl, IDs in PP, OM in PP talks, and ads. Off at 0402. (Dan Robinson)

ANGOLA: 5033, A Vox da Cabinda, luckily tuned 0531, anthem, PP ID by OM, "Republica Popular de Angola, transmite A Vox da Cabinda" gave FM freq, AM, freq, and SW as "4970." Into local mx, instl and vocals. This on 1/31. (Dan Robinson)

NORTH KOREA: KCBS, Pyongsong -- Noted 1110* after local pgm on 1/15. Both WRTH and TBS show s/on time as *1110, with closing either 1120 (WRTH) or 1130 (TBS). In any event, this one operates only a few minutes each morning and is not often heard here. (Bob Hill via GLDXA advance)

Another splendid issue gang! Tnx to my contributors this time, especially Dan Robinson, who brings down best log honors! Great! Til next month.

JM