

update

Mid-August 1978*Number 25*ISSN 0160-7758

Tom Alleman
615 W. 43rd Terr., Apt. 6
Kansas City, MO 64111 USA

(816) 931-5943

UPCOMING DEADLINES: 21 August (Sept); 12 September (Mid-Sept); 25 September (Oct)

Reprinting permitted provided credit is given original reporter and NASWA UPDATE. Dates, times and days are GMT; freqs are kHz.

ALBANIA Contrary to BBC announcement that R. Tirana ceased relaying R. Peking on July 15, I heard Peking relay on 29 July at 0000 on 9750 w/ fair sigs. On 1 Aug, Tirana annced on 9750 that they had ceased cooperation w/ Peking and no longer would relay RP px. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

ANDORRA R. Andorra, 6230, in FR at 1045+ 23 July w/ jazz px and poor sigs for such high power. First thought this was a new FR pirate, but no such luck. (Bill Whitacre, UK)

ANGOLA Em. Regional da Cabinda, 5032.5, at *0500 with a poor-fair signal. Drum IS, usual taped ID. Ex-*0530. (Pitt McNeil, DC)

ARGENTINA R. El Mundo, 6120, in SP 0923 w/ TC, ID and talk. Fair. (Jack Jones, MISS)

AUSTRIA ORF, 15110, in several langs 1158 w/ IS multi-lang ID; hurt badly by sudden HCJB s/on on 15115. (Jones, MISS; 7-30)

BOLIVIA R. Padilla, 3482v, straight songs 0235-0247 when a W came on w/ ID; short bit of mx to 0248*. (McNeil,DC) +++ La Cruz del Sur, 4875, in SP 0212 w/ ID and religious px. (Stu Klein, FLA)

BRAZIL R. Iguatemi, 3295, TENTATIVELY noted 0000-0100 on several nights recently. Lang is PT and annct sounds like EE-GUAT-EE-MA. M anner, mostly modern pop LA mx and some US pops, including some very recent ones. (Plays "On and On" often, for example.) Good level but high QRN. No solid ID but have heard following phrase in annct: "EE-PAH EE-GUAT-EE-MA." Also have tape of this. (Neal Perdue, ALA)

CAMEROON R. Bertoua, 4750, again regular at *0430 but better at 0515 when Lubumbashi het fades; playing a lot of MoR mx. (McNeil, DC)

CHILE R. Univ. de Concepcion, 6135, in SP 1103 w/ W requesting reports. (Jones, MISS;7-29) +++ VoC, 15125, in EG 1208 w/ talk by W on Chilean industrial development. (Jones, MISS)

COLOMBIA Ecos del Combeima, 4785, in SP 0920 w/ talk, ads, mx (sounded like off the air relay), ID and another "Emisors Fundamental de la Cadena Super." (Jones, MISS; 7-28) +++ R. Cinco, 5040, in SP 0933; ID, LA mx het. (Jones, MISS, 7-28) +++ R. Mira, 6015, in SP 1054; organ mx, chimes at 1100, " . . . somos popular, somos profesionales, somos, R. Mira . . ." tape broke, 30 sec. silence, then rest of tape. (Jones, MISS)+++ LV del Llano, 6115, in SP at 0900 w/ latin mx, Cadena Super ID, and // w/ Super de Bogota on 6065. (Jones, MISS, 7-27) +++ LV de la Selva, 6170, in SP 0600 w/ anncmts by M, pop mx, and very nice, complete IDs. (Klein, FLA)

COSTA RICA R. Casnio, 5955, in SP 1027; continuous pop and band mx, ID, calls, and freqs at 1030. Into ranchera mx w/ ads and many TCs. Centauros not there. (Jones, MISS; 8-7)

DOMINICAN REP. RTVDom. on the move again: noted on 5970 at *0926 on 7-25 w/ piano notes IS, usual s/on routine by M & W, freqs of other stns in the net. On 8-8, noted on 5975 in SP at 1041 w/ nx. (Jones, MISS)

ECUADOR Sistema de Emisor Atalaya, 4781, first noted 7 July and finally IDed at *0951. Also IDs as "Radiodifusora del Ecuador" so don't mistake for CRE which also is from Guayaquil as I initially did. Also noted 0400-0500 but best from s/on to 1040 when Juticalpa co-channel s/on. (McNeil, DC) +++ Esc. Radiofonicos, 3985, 0258-0305* w/ nice campos mx and two full IDs on the hour. Off w/ NA. Good but ham QRM. (McNeil, DC)+++ HCJB activated a 13m tx as planned, but on 21480 instead of 21490. First heard at 1953 w/ vy good sigs. Still on 17755 and 15300 (under RFI), so this is an additional rather than a replacement freq. (Glenn Hauser, TENN)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA R. Malabo, 6250, reactivated; first noted 0526 on 7-29, and heard w/ an SP ID at 0527 on 8-5; then back to px of pleasant local mx past 0600. A pleasant surprise, first time ever heard by me. (McNeil, DC)

GHANA Accra, 4915, at 0615 at 0615 w/ nx by M, many mentions of Ghana, and African drums. Essentially lost in heavy QRM. (Pete Grenier, CAL)

GREAT BRITAIN BBC using 17770 w/ EG Sunday Ser. Unlisted but Sept "London Calling" says that this is Far Eastern Relay site from 0900-1300 to Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan. Good sigs on 7-23. Where is Eastern Relay??? (Zilmer, WI)*** If memory serves, Bob, FE Realy site is now in Singapore at Kranji. I do not know if the new stn is completely in operation yet, however. tba

GREECE VoGreece, 9865, at 0055 in Greek and at 0215 in EG. Noted on both of my rx. Poor sigs. Possible spur. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

HAITI 4 VEH, Cap Hatien, noted from 1030-1130 on 11835 w/ SP px and religious mx. Stayed on it to 1100 when an EG ID was heard, announcing only 1035 kHz MW and no SW parallels. "Mx along the Way" px at 1100. Nothing noted on old // 6120 and 9770. Possibly they are testing one tx for re-use, or they only intend to use one SW tx. I've written to Raechel Picazo who used to host "Mx along the Way" and is presently in the USA. So far no reply. Can anyone else help??? (Jim Conrad, IOWA) *** Very interesting, Jim. Does anyone else know what's going on with this one??? tba

ISRAEL IBA, 21565, w/ IS 1355 and into possible RS, but w/ EG actualities from government official's speech. Poor sigs. (Dave Alpert, ILL)

LIBYAN WATERS Radio of the Holy Qu'ran, 6206, in at 2155 w/ Qu'rean recitations straight through the hour. ID per BBCMS and on extended sked for Ramadan wich began 8-5. (McNeil, DC)

MAURITIUS MBC, 9709.5v, 1234-1300* w/ subcontinental songs to 1245 when W gave extended talk in an Indian lang w/ short mx interludes to s/off w/ ID. Fair, but best ever, and fairly clearclear to 1250 when a stn came up on 9710+ causing another het. (McNeil, DC, 8-3 w/ tnx to Dan Robinson)

MOROCCO RTVM, 6190, in AR 0615 w/ relatively short mx selections and M anncr between each song. // 7225. (Klein, FLA)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TWR, 11720, w/ unsked RS tx at 0350. (Klein, FLA)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 15380, in EG 0300 w/ live coverage of the Commonwealth Games; a special tx according to annmt at 0415* 8-9. (Alpert, ILL)

PAKISTAN RP, 17830, in EG 0245* w/ dictation speed EG nx, ID at 0245 and off immediately. (Jones, MISS; 8-3)

PERU R. America, 3240, in SP 0340 w/ usual px of US pops and the like but little talk.

(McNeil, DC) +++ R. Inca, 4761+, IDing as such and not "Inca Radio" as reported elsewhere at 0345 after nice local songs; then more talk coverver by CW and "Colonel Bogey March" to 0350*. (McNeil, DC) +++ R. Loreto, 5050, still apparently b'casting on local weekends only, noted 7-29 and 8-5 from 0300 to past 0630 w/ upbeat pops and little campos mx. Frequent IDs. (McNeil, DC) +++ R. Panamericana, 5980, in SP 1115 w/ ads, ID and LA ballads.

(Jones, MISS; 7-29) +++ Panamericana also noted at 0600 w/ same basic format. (Klein, FLA)

+++ R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1052; Beethoven IS, anthem, IS again, good morning to listeners. Not s/on, however; had been there quite some time before 1052. Bad het. (Jones, MISS; 8-8)

+++ R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP 1050. Usual folklorico mx and nice sigs. (Jones, MISS 8-8)

POLAND Polskie R., 11835, at 1630+ w/ super sigs and EG mailbag px. (Whitacre, UK)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 11855, at 1740 w/ super sigs w/ s/on proceedings and into Somali for Somalia--odd, but pretty sure that's what it was. (Whitacre, UK)

SOUTH AFRICA RSA on 11745, a fifth freq to NAM; heard 7-26 at 2220 w/ IS, tnx to tip from Gerry Wood. Also audible on usual four other freqs: 11800, 9650, 9585, 5980, w/ the last two being best. Don't know which tx is used for 11745; possibly one of the 250 kW's back on testing. (Hauser, TN) +++RSA also noted on 11745 NF at 2230-2330 and on 15125 NF. Both are poor because of QRM. Former 11900 dropped due to QRM from Moscow. Here is an example of a country that could use help from ANARC-FRC. (Zilmer, WI) *** I agree. tba *** Springbok R., 11935, at 0700 weak but audible w/ usual px. (Alpert, ILL)

SWAZILAND Radio SR, 4980, in well 0435-0505 w/ EG px for Asian nationals, but playing US soul mx w/ plenty of ads including one for the Kodak Instamatic. ID at 0458 said 1376 was closing, but that "shortwave 60m continue[d]". Good on LSB. (McNeil, DC, 8-5)

UGANDA UBC, 15325, noted 7-29 at 0417 in FR w/ px about Ugandan b'casting system. On 7-28 was heard on 9730 at same hour. (Hauser, TN)

USA (PIRATE) WGOR Brooklyn, 1625, still at it; noted 0425 on 7-29 w/ usual call-in px IDing as this in NYC. Fair. (McNeil, DC) +++ VoVoyagers, 11700, barely audible w/ usual guitar IS at *0527 for test on this freq on 7-23 per annmt during earlier px on 5850. 5850 much better. (Hauser, TN) +++ VoVoyagers, 5850, from 0400-0730 w/ usual Nighttime Melodies px of mostly Beatles mx. Annncd that they had antenna for 11955 but that crystal was off freq. Transmitted on 11995 from 0500-0930 local. Also said that 11995 would be used next week.

(M.J. Salay, Cincinnati, OH) +++ WSWL/ Voice of the Viking, 7450, at *0155 10 Aug. Snatches of open carrier w/ live mike to 0157. Then possibly live "Dueling Banjos" to ID as Voice of the Viking at 0204. Gave freq as 7450, but is slipped to 7444-7445 shortly thereafter. More banjo mx, including what might have been "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" (or at least a breakdown piece); then gave telco loop number of (212) xxx-9906 (bad audion and QRM made full copy impossible). "Shamabala" by Doc Severinsen, "Mama's All Right", ID, freq, "Rocky" theme, possible mention of UPDATE and "Great Gate of Kiev" followed. Gave telco loop number again. Faded out due to QRM from UTE until 0236. Clsoed with Philadelphia area loop number, gave power as 100w, and sked at Sat (Fri Local in NAM) at 0300. 0239*. Fair to good sigs but miserable audio, especially on talks. Bad QRM and QRN, too. (tba)

USSR R. Peace and Progress, 15150, in EG 1220 w/ talk on Soviet radio b'casting // 15135. (Jones, MISS; 7-30)

VATICAN CITY VR, 11845, in FR 0057 8-9; abruptly into EG annmt repeating nx of Pope Paul's death and back into regular px. Tuned VR freqs on morning of funeral for live b'cast but found nothing.

VENEZUELA R. Valera, 4840, in SP 0308 w/ ID and Venezuelan mx. (Jones, MISS)

FROM OUR OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT: Bill Whitacre, recently returned from a trip to the UK, has provided his logging of European pirate stns from his UK listening post. So, without further ado, we turn to the "Pirate Express."

PIRATE LOGGINGS OF July 16, 1978:

- 6290 Radio Solent City International with fair to good sigs 0811-0921+ in spot checks, w/ px as one might expect: pops, dedications, frequent IDs, address, and in an interesting change, a female anncr.
- 6235 Radio Sunshine Int'l, //7325, w/ 6235 good and 7325 poor, 0845-0930+ in spot checks; said they were testing. Played "Man of Action" theme once, jingle IDs, etc., address, "Countdown of Sound," mailbag. Johnny Drake anncing.
- 6281 Westside Radio, Ireland, with varying signal depending on tx used--had both high and low power tx (guess that powers are 100 and 30 w respectively-- 0851-0920 w/ mentions of Kieran Murray and R. Condor (see below); Prince Terry as anncr.
- 6255 R. Corsair w/ good sigs at *0857; beautiful eco four-note trumpet IS, s/on w/ ID, address, and "Listener's Mailbox," dedications.
- 6265 European Music Radio (EMR) w/ good sigs 0900-0950+ in spot checks. "Flashback" px w/ Barry Stevens, host. 0911 had Michael Night w/ R. Jackie relay (R. Jackie is king of London area MW pirates on 1331 kHz) to 1030. Then DX pgm w/ tips. FR/GM/DT promos for EMR throughout.
- 6217 Radio 49 heard again w/ very good sigs but weak modulation 0932-1115 in spot checks. Sometimes IDs as "Music Radio 49," pops, and DX show w/ tips like R. Animas, VoIndo.
- 6317 Radio Condor (Ireland) pirate alligned w/ Westside R.; heard mention of Westside R. and Kieran Murray. Good pops.

PIRATE LOGGINGS OF July 23, 1978:

- 6292 R. Solent City Int'l with good sigs 0700-0739+ during test tx on this NF; anncr was Michael Jay, requesting reports on this freq and 6280 (to which they switched later w/ poor results) requested new xtals from anyone and mentioned increased power soon. Later on 6280 had DX pgm under big UTE.
- 6227 ABC-Europa (which an unimpeachable source tells me is the same as FRBC--which, incidentally has never run w/ 6 kW--my source says they could only muster 600w at best; take note EC DXers who have verified this one) 0749-0806 w/ disco, jingles--evidently a test as at 0900 had 4 chord Moog IS, address 2 IRCs for verie and songs from 1961!
- 6235 R. Sunshine Int'l noted again this week 0900+ briefly at *0900 w/ echo ID and straight into good pops: started off with the Box Tops of old!!!
- 6205 Radio 49 moving around, this time they fixed their modulation and were booming in. 0902+ w/ usual pops.
- 6268 R. Zodiac Int'l w/ fair to good sigs 0934+ w/ end of "Punk Show part 1" done by my contact the operator of R. Mercury, alias Stuart Clark. "Back in August . . ." Dave Hampton new anncr at 0959 w/ "Top 10 Album Show", lots of ID and mentions of address.
- 6317 R. Dublin (an Irish MW "not so pirate" due to recent Irish court ruling) // 6281, relaying both R. Condor and Westside R. this week per usual practice. 0930+.
- 6200 Empire R. Int'l w/ fair sigs 1016-1034+ w/ some very nice pops including Ted Nugent and some excellent old pirate IDs and tapes, including RNI, R. London. Gave address, Dave Cooper was anncr.

So, one can clearly see that pirate free radio is alive and well and living in England and and the rest of Europe!!!

Many tnx, Whit. tba

AND FINALLY . . . Those of you who count the issue number at the top of each UPDATE have probably noted that this was issue 25, or, to put it another way, the first issue of our second year. I would like to take a few lines to thank each and every one of you out there for your support, good cheer, calls, letters, tips, reports, news items and camaraderie over the past year. Most important, the last 25 issues have provided me with many, many new friends. I thank you all for sharing your news and friendship. My best until next time.