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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 20 November (Dec) 10 December (Mid-Dec) 20 December (Jan)

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BOLIVIA R. Stentor, 6090, in Indian 0922; rather wild sounding ranchera mx; numerous IDs and TCs for GMT-4. Persistent het. (Jack Jones, MISS; 10-31)

BRAZIL R. Iguatemi, 3295, in PT 2310; back at good strength after two weeks of poor level. RTTY splash from 3289 now a problem. (Neal Perdue, ALA; 10-26) +++ Rdf Nac Macapa, 4915 in PT 0840; usual format, ID at 0845 as "Macapa". (Stu Klein, FLA) +++ R. Aparecida, 5035, in PT 0035+; talks w/ mx bridges in between, long string of ads, mentions of Sao Paulo, and several quick IDs as "Aparecida". (tba) +++ R. Globo, 6035, in PT 2359; M anncr w/ "R. Globo Noticias". Heavy splatter from AFRTS 6030. (Perdue, ALA 10-29); R. Gaucha, 6135 noted at 0815 6 Nov in PT w/ M anncr, accordian tunes, panchera mx and ID as "Gaucha". Also noted at 2330-2350 29 Oct in PT w/ talks by two men, short orchestra mx and guitar breaks. Many mentions of Brazil, IDs as "Gaucha" and La Gaucha" (pronounced Gah-oosha). (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Guarani, 6175, in PT 0825; talks by two men, ID amid QRM. (Perdue, ALA; 11-6) +++ R. Banderantes, 6185, in PT 0840 and 2230-2307; a.m. show: two men, accordian mx, no ID. p.m.: two men, talks, and ID at 2307 as "Bandierantes, Sao Paulo, Brazil." (Perdue ALA 11-6)

CAMEROUNS R. Garoua, 5010, in FR 0505-0520; pop mx, then Afr group chants, M & W anncrs, and definite mention of Garoua by W. (Perdue, ALA; 10-30)

CANADA CFVP, 6030, in EG 1200-1430 f/out 24 Oct and reportable to approx. 1330. Nx on hour and half hour; weather and sports each half hour. Current pops and "gold"; e.g., "Let Her in My Life" and "Bad Bad Leroy Brown". Also several commercials and promos. Called stn and talked to nman briefly. He didn't say too much other than "wow". Suspect shellshock. Hope the postal strike ends soon. (Bill Whitacre, MI) *** very nice Whit. tba***CKFX, 6080, continues to be noted; 1153+ 20 October w/ M DJ, two C & W tunes, more DJ, more C & W, ID and nx on the hour. (Whitacre, MICH) +++ BBC WS 17830 presumed via Sackville at 1645 as of 5 Nov; down from 17840. Less QRM, possibly. // 11775. (Glenn Hauser, TENN)

CHILE R. Nac. de Chile, 6190, in SP 1008; US disco mx, ID. Ecos del Torbes not heard this date. (Jones, MISS; 11-5)

CHINA PLA 3200//3400 in CH 1131-1230 f/out; W in tirade. (Klein, FLA)

COLOMBIA Ecos del Combeima, 4785, in SP 0835. Many IDs, TCs, bored anncr, standard LA pops & vocals. (Jones, MISS; 11-3) +++ LV del Cinaruco, 4865, in SP 0230; Caracol ID and usual latin pops. (Klein, FLA) +++ Em Meridiano 70, 4925, in SP *0935; s/on w/ NA and various anncmts. (Klein, FLA) +++ Ecos del Atrato, 5020, in SP 1057; full ID (calls, freqs) and mx. (Jones, MISS; 10-21) +++ LV de los Centauros, 5955, in SP 0955; ID, ads (Banco del Colombia), LA mx. (Jones, MISS; 10-25) +++ LV del Centro, 6095, in SP 0952; ID and campo mx. AFRTS gone. (Jones, MISS; 10-29) +++ LV del Huila, 6149.9, in SP 2320; Easygoing SP vocals w/ excellent guitar background. Several IDs. Still there at 0120 check. (Perdue ALA; 10-29) LV del Huila also noted on 6150 at 1029: "la hora mas feliz en LV del Huila. Somos profesionales, somos Todelar, somos LV del Huila--Huila BUENOS DIAS !!!" Cant beat this one for sheer enthusiasn. (Jones, MISS; 11-2) +++ Em. Nuevo Granada, 6160, in SP 1100 w. R. Sucesos ID. (Klein, FLA)

COOK IS. Cooks, 5045, heard here 10/21 and on tape from 1125-1140 approx w/ poor-fair sigs. Noted first as UnID till recheck of tape. RRI-Jogjakarta on 5046 as usual but much weaker than Cook. On tape have several old US pops, M in EG and presumed Maori w/ distorted anncmts. At approx 1130 have promo for RNZ px carried by Cook w/ RNZ anncr. Must be a sports px as there were crowd noises and anncmts w/ "color". Two mentions of Cook Is. during ad, and "Voice of Polynesia" or similar thereafter. Then M DJ w. TC, ID and clear mention of RNZ. Quite obviously a strange reception. Am ready for questions and willing to send copy of tape if you send cassette. (Whitacre, MI) *** very interesting, Bill. A fine catch. tba

COSTA RICA R. Casino, 5960, in SP 1133; TC, ID: "la hora exacta en R. Casino", and ads. This is a NF, a move from 5955 to get away from VOA, Centauros and Nicaragua, or so I would assume. (Jones, Miss; 11-1); Casino also noted on 5960 at 2325-35. EL mx, IDs by M, anncmt or ad by M & W. Not strong but audible in het. (Perdue, ALA) +++ TIFC, 9645, in EG 0300; "Unshackled" and "Hour of Dedication." Good. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)

DOMINICAN REP. RTVD, 5975 or 5970, w/ ID nx items in SP at 1029. Some days 5975, others 5970. (Jones, MISS 11-5)

ECUADOR R. Pastaza, 3315, in SP 1051; ID, call, freq, lengthy NA, into px called "la hora ???". Faded out fast. (Jones, MISS; 11-1) +++ Ondas Quevedenas, 3325, in SP 0915; Musica Nacional px; canned ID TC for GMT -5. (Klein, FLA)+++ Rdf Nac. del Ecuador, 4940, in

SP, 0157; ID, Ecuadorian mx, and no sign of Yaracuy. (Jones, MISS; 11-2) +++ R. Splendit, 5025, in SP *1008. "Buenos Dias Ecuador," ID, freqs, short NA and into typical Ecuadorian mx. (Jones, MISS; 10-27) +++ R. Catolica, 5055, in SP 1050-1100*; s/off anncmts, R. Catolica ID, sermonette, SP hymn and off. (Klein, FLA)

ETHIOPIA VoRev Ethiopia, 9615, in EG *1500; IS, s/on proceedings. Faded out by 1510. (Aaron Hywarren, MAN)

FINLAND RF noted as follows: 15210 at 1300 w/ "Sunday Best" px poor to fair // 15265 which was covered by QRM. 9585 at 1930 w/ EG to Eur poor and // inaudible 6120.11910 at 2130 also poor in EG // 9585 to NAM and SAM. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

GALAPAGOS IS. LV de Galapagos, 4810, in SP 0355-0401*; W w/ closing anncmts, background hymn (heard on Sunday) mentions of San Cristobal, long Ecuadorian NA 0358. (Perdue, ALA; 10-30)

GHANA GBC, 3366, 2250-2305* in Verns and EG. Heard most evenings lately usually w/ religious px. ID: "This is GBC--the commercial service of the Ghana B'casting Corp." (Perdue ALA)

GUATEMALA R. Chortis, 3380, in SP 1122; ID, ranchera mx. (Jones, MISS; 10-21)

HAITI R. Nacional, 6155, noted again in FR 0950 w/ easy listening mx, badly jumbled until 1035 when R. Nac. ID popped through. No mention of Citadelle. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Citadelle, 6156, in FR/Creole 1007; continuous FR Christmas pops (e.g., "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" Adeste Fideles, etc.) then ID: "Bonjour . . . R. Citadelle presente (pre-zawn-tay) . . ." and into Creole talk. No mentions of R. Nationale, but due to heavy fade and het could have missed references to it. (Jones, MISS; 11-6) *** OK, folks, looks like we have a real mystery here. Can anyone determine what is going on with these two??? Seems like they currently have some kind of tx sharing arrangement . . . tba.

HONDURAS R. Juticalpa, 4780, in SP 1140; ID, TCs, long ad string, ranchera mx. (Jones, MISS) +++ HRVC, 4820, in EG 0330; "Chapel of the Air." (Vollrath, MO)

IRAQ Baghdad, 9745, in EG 2149; talk on Arab unity against Camp David accord. (Chris Leithner TENN)

LUXEMBOURG RTL, 6090, in EG 0026; DJ w/ pop and disco mx. (Leithner, TENN)

MEXICO R. Huaycocotla, 2390, in SP 2330-0000; very good of late. QRM free during this period w/ usual Mexican mx and M & W anncrs. (Perdue, ALA) +++ Huaycocotla also noted at 0030 w/ ID and very nice ranchera mx. (Klein, FLA)

PAKISTAN RP, 6030, in Asian lang at 1201; noted while looking for CFVP. M anncr w/ nx, short anncmt at 1210 and into Islamic chanting. Lang possibly Urdu. (Whitacre, MI; 10-20)

PERU R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0933; ID, Peruvian mx. (Jones, MISS; 10-25) +++ R. Chinchaycocha, 4860, in SP 0940; may have been s/on. ID, short pop mx, "buenos dias amigos . . ." left air abruptly 0942 (no carrier) and still off 0945. (Jones, MISS; 10-27); Chinchaycocha also noted 0405 w/ Andean mx, M anncr, and ID. (Perdue, ALA; 10-30) +++ R. Eco, 5010, in SP *1014; ID: "Buenos Dias hermanos del Peru y mundo . . .", NA, Argentine-like mx, W anncr w/ ID. (Jones, MISS; 10-31) +++ R. Panamericana, 5980, 1059 in SP; US disco mx, vocals. "Por musica del mundo, siempre Panamericana!" (Jones, MISS; 10-31) +++ R. America, 6010, in SP 0945; disco mx, TC "en America" full ID as "R. America" at 1055. Splash from Reloj. (Jones, MISS; 10-31) +++ R. Victoria, 6020, in SP 1031; ID, pop mx (including "Besame Mucho"). (Jones, MISS; 10-25) +++ R. Nacional, 6082, in SP 0855 and 2310; strong in a.m.. M w/ talks, full ID and Peruvian mx. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP 1027; long series of ads, ID, Peruvian mx. (Jones, MISS; 11-6)

SRI LANKA SLBC, 15425, in EG 0255; "Back to the Bible." (Vollrath, MO)

SWEDEN RS noted as follows: 21505 NF to NAM in EG // 21700 to SAsia; both good. 9695 to NAM excellent at 0230 // good 11705. 11905 good to NAM at 0030. 21690 poor to Afr at 1230. 11705 good to NAM at 2300 // fair 9690. (Zilmer, WI)

TURKEY TRT/VoT; 9515; in EG 2202-20; Turkish mx and px on Trukish authors. (Leithner, TN)

UK BBC WS now running later on 21550 still going strong at 1645 5 Nov, while 21710, which formerly ran later, was off. These 13m outlets are valuable backup in NAM mornings, though not intended for us. (Hauser, TN)

USA (PIRATE) Anonymous call tipped me that VoVoyagers would return at 0500 5 Nov on 6220 for a "final tribute". Such a stn was heard opening w/ VoV guitar IS and px from 0500-0621*. Lots of rock mx; also used at least three different telco loops: (212) 747-9979; (215) 842-0095; and (612) 537-9929. Also announced Mike Martin's address in Crystal, MINN. I'm not sure that Martin himself was involved in the b'cast however. (Hauser, TN); VoV also noted on 6220 5 Nov 0500-0520 t/out; "highlight" of reception was a recreation of the FCC bust "as it should have happened." (Aaron Hywarren, MAN) +++ VoV also noted here with details as above after anonymous call. Supposed purpose of this b'cast was to celebrate return of former stn member who was home on leave from Army. Stated that this was last scheduled b'cast but implication of comments was that they will return to air from time to time. (tba) +++ VOA, 26040, in EG and usual stuff at 1630 on this interesting freq. (Bob Batson, MO)

USSR RM Tbilisi, 4930, 0158-0205; 4 x Mayak IS at 0158, ID by W 0200, into RS talks. Weak but quite readable. Also on freq was a second Moscow domestic outlet w/ M 1 HS IS mixing in; 2d stn faded rapidly after 0200. (tba)

VENEZUELA R. Nacional, 6170, in SP 1004; calls, freqs, nx. S/on 1000. (Jones, MISS 10-31)

PIRATE NEWS FROM BILL WHITACRE: At the risk of starting my own SCDX "here's some-more-than-just-a-rumor pirate nx": R. Sunshine Int. at my suggestion has scheduled some tests for NAM this winter. They start on Sat. 18 November (GMT and NAM local) 2330 GMT on 6262 and 7375 w/ 100 and 50 w respectively. Depending on response, the tests will continue for 6 weeks, and I hope to inform you of schedule changes. Also, from the same party, during a visit to Mi Amigo HQ in Playo de Aro, Spain, comes nx that they (Mi Amigo presumably--tba) will begin a service on 6210 "soon" w/ 10 kW. Very interesting and optimistic. I'm just the messenger. Tnx for this fine tip, Bill. tba

FROM EDITOR STEVE WISEBLOOD: It seems that many novice DXers blindly accept WRTH information. For this reason, it's time for another Indo UPDATE. This is how Indos show on 90 m as of Oct 19. Information comes from Glenn Hauser's LN section, my own monitoring, and reports from other DXers (Young, Poppin, Uerlings) in FRENDX and TDXN. So, without further ado:

- 3205 SULAWESI RRI Gorontalo heard occasionally around local sunrise, 1400-1430 at much weaker level than last summer-fall. Supposedly a new 10 kW tx.
- 3215 SULAWESI RRI Menado, heard here w/ good sigs 17 Oct; island type vocal mx, W in Indo, M in Indo. Jakarta relay 1400-1407, then back to MoR mx. 10 kW.
- 3225 _____ RRI Tanjungpinang; new 10 kW tx; very good here on good Indo days. Good 17 Oct at 1402 w/ Jakarta relay. Light choral mx 1431.
- 3232 SUMATERA RRI Bukittinggi; another new 10 kW tx. Fair on 17 Oct w/ M chanting at 1431. Strange mx as if someone blowing on a ram's horn. Perhaps a prayer session. M in Indo 1433.
- 3265 RRI Bangkulu; fair on 17 Oct at 1435 w/ light MoR type vocals mixing w/ another, weaker Indo stn w/ talks by M. Another new 10 kW tx. (This is in SUMATERA. Sorry. TBA)
- 3277 JAVA RRI Jakarta. Noted 15 Oct w/ light instrumental mx 1414, M in Indo and into ballad by M. Also noted 17 Oct 1400 w/ Jakarta nx. Supposedly 7.5 kW.
- 3295 KALIMANTAN Samindara; I haven't heard this one but other West Coast DXers have heard it around 1300 w/ Jakarta nx relay.
- 3325 KALIMANTAN RRI Palangkaraya. Very strong 13 Oct w/ island mx and sliding guitars. MoR vocals 1422.
- 3345 MOLUCCAS RRI Ternate; occasionally noted at fair level. Listed as new 10 kW tx.
- 3375 _____ RRI Jambi TENTATIVELY the one here 17 Oct at 1424 w/ vocal and island mx.
- 3395 SUMATERA RRI Tanjungkarang poor 1402 18 Oct w/ W in Indo talk.
- 3414 _____ RRI Medan reportedly here around 1330 w/ MoR mx. List 7.5 kW.
- 3427 _____ RRI Manokari here 1300-1400+ w/ choral singing and island mx.

Another fine report. Tnx, Steve. tba

FROM YOUR EDITOR: this is an UPDATE on R. Moscow NAM, CAm and SAm services based on reports and listings in the October USSR HF B'cast Nxletter published by Roger Legge. Sites per USSR HFN except as noted. (All monitoring done during week of 25 October).

- 9450 MOSCOW; good in PT Ser 0035 despite high local QRN.
- 9775 MINCHURINSK: fair-poor in SP w/ anti-Somoza diatribe 0232. Anti-Somoza ramblings are very popular on RM latin services these days.
- 9810 MOSCOW; RS talk by M 0030. Probable nx.
- 11630 MOSCOW; SP ID to "America Latina" 0026. Fair.
- 11710 TBILISI; PT Ser talks 0020; fair to good.
- 11735 VINNITSA/SOFIA; EG freq anncmts 0159. Good
- 11745 MINSK RM switching to R. Magallenes 0201. IS, s/on by M & W. Very good.
- 11750 LVOV/PLOVDIV; EG nx 0103.
- 11805 TBILISI; SP nx 0212, Good to very good.
- 11860 GORKY; SP ID 0028. Poor to Fair.
- 11920 BAKU; SP talk 0110 Good to excellent.
- 11930 ASHKHABAD; SP barely audible under RHC, 0215.
- 12010 SERPUKHOV; SP Ser 0225. Poor to fair.
- 12020 _____; ID as "Mos-coo" 0012. Unlisted in any schedule I have. Very poor. Possibly not to this area.
- 12040 ARMAVIR; PT 0015 mixing w/ a Moscow RS service. Armavir fair, other service poor.
- 15100 KHABAROVSK/VLADIVOSTOK; Strong EG anti-US feature story (U.S. delegate to a Red Cross conference alleged to be former SS agent) 0039. USSR HF Nxletter lists as Asian site to WNA at this time but strength and propagation suggests that this may be in Eur.
- 15140 _____; unlisted EG px not // 15100 and much weaker. 0045.
- 15240 _____; unlist EG // 15100; October USSR HF Nxletter lists Nikolayevsk on 15245 at this hour but I can find nothing there. Has it moved down 5 kHz???

More Moscow UPDATES next month.

Well that's it for another, much improved UPDATE. Hope you all have a very happy Thanksgiving. Special tnx to all who contributed. 73, *Tom*