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AUSTRALIA VLV 6, 6140, in EG 1040; M anncr w/ WF network ID, local sports and C&W mx. (Stu Klein, FL)+++ABC Melbourne, 6150, tentative at 0900; M anncr w/ nx and sports. Possible ABC ID. (Klein, FL)+++ RA, 17795 in EG 0456; caught the closing of a RA pgm that has been getting good reviews-- the PM of PNG with his autobiography. Started at 0440 or so. (Glenn Hauser, TN)

AZERBAIJAN SSR RM via Baku, 21490, in EG 1230; nx in brief, "Just For Fun" pgm, annced by "Annette" (that's a Russian name???) . (Klein, FL) *** No, Stu, it's Azerbaijani. tba

BELGIUM BRT, 11705 and 15190, in EG *0015-0100*; NFs for N/SAM. These hold promise of regular enjoyment of David Monson & Co. (Wilder Pickard, ILL 4-3) +++ BRT, 11705, noted 4-3 w/ poor sigs; NF for NAM. 15190 noted 4-3 w/ fair sigs. Both heard 0015-0100. BRT also noted on 17745 // 21475 at *1610. Fair sigs on 21475 and 17745, both targeted for Afr and NAM. Listed 17740 not heard. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

BOLIVIA R. Stentor, 6093a, in SP-Indian 0942; ID, TC, Bolivian mx, several cuts of car engine warming up. Best ever. (Jack Jones, MISS 4-3)

BRAZIL R. Cultural, 3365, in PT 0128; cute little "R. Cultural" jingle, other jingles and ads, and ID. Very good. Best and latest ever heard. Also seemed to ID as "Emisora Cultural." (Neal Perdue, 4-5) +++ R. Nac. de Boa Vista, 4835, in PT 0320-0405*; Very EZ listenting mx, M&W anners, 2 IDs at 0402 and off w/ choral anthem. Good sigs but poor modulation, and SABC QRM after 0400. (Perdue, ALA 4-3)---Boa Vista also heard at 1015 in PT; M anncr, Boa Vista ID, and usual mx. (Klein, FL) +++ R. Brazil Central, 4985, in PT 0110-20; much chatter from M w/ latin mx interludes. Heavy splatter from YV on 4980. (Perdue, AL 4-3) +++R. Aparecida, 5035, in PT 2320-30; M&W w/ much talk, LA mx, freqs and IDs at 2325 and 2327. (Perdue, AL) +++ R. Guaiba, 5965, in PT 0915; M anncr w/ Guaiba IDs, ads, talks, and local mx. (Klein, FL) +++ R. Bandeirantes, 15370, in PT 2300 after jammer s/off and before Grenada s/on // 11925. PT pops and local mx and ads. (Zilmer, WI)

BULGARIA R. Sofia, 11860, in EG 0450; DX pgm on how nice QRP (very low power) is for hams. This was b'cast on their 500,000,000 mW tx. (Hauser, TN 3-30)

CANADA CFCX, 6005, in EG 0848; pop mx, CFCF ID. Reloj not on 6006 this a.m. (Jones, MISS 4-3) +++ CHNX, 6130, in EG 0945; nx, weather, ID as CHNS, TC ("15 min. before 6"). HCJB missing. (Jones, MISS; 3-27) +++ CKZN, 6160, in EG 0931; weather, nx and sports. Believe s/on 0930. Colombian still missing. (Jones, MISS 3-27)

CLANDESTINE R. Sandino, 7587-88, first heard 14 March w/ surprisingly good sigs at 0006. ID "Aqui R. Sandino, Voz de la Liberacion de Nicaragua," followed by vocal march already heard too often on RHC. 0010 commentary on "imperialismo yanqui"; 0039 mx, 0040 gave sked as 5:30 and 11 p.m. on the "41 meter international band" (not quite). 0045 brief message which seemed to be relayed off air. 0051 ID and s/off message, back at 11 p.m. "patria libre---". 0053* after nondescript anthem. The times still refer to CST though BBCMS reports that Nicaragua has gone to EST (CDT) as an energy saving measure. Also heard 3-30 0445-0513* and 3-31 0443-0501* including brief lesson at 0449 on "la bomba Molotov." Since it again gave b'cast time as 11p.m. but wnet off air then, may be observing DST now. (Hauser TN)*** Very nice. tba

COLOMBIA LV del Centro, 6095, in SP 0828; ID, calls, ads, LA pops, RCN plugs. (Jones, MISS 3-26)---Centro also noted 0910 w/ typical Colombian mx M anncr w/ local and RCN IDs, TCs.

(Klein, FL) +++ R. Nacional, 15335 w/ EG-SP lesson 1045-57. Good sigs. (Zilmer, WI)

COSTA RICA Faro del Caribe, 6035, in SP *0917; NA, ID, freqs, slight het. (Jones, MISS 3-27)

ECUADOR Ondas Azuayas, 4980, in SP 0405-35+; after Ecos del Torbes off. Latin mx, no Andean mx. M anncr, IDs after almost every song. Many full IDs including freq and mention of Cuenca. (Perdue, ALA) +++ Recvd eutterly fascinating two-page typed letter from R. Triunfo explaining freq jump and giving stn history. Also sent pennant and Kodak pictures of Indian women. Possibly my most pleasing verie ever. (John Moritz, OH) *** Sorry to cut in on Sam with this, but it just got here and I couldn't resist. tba

FRANCE RFI, 25820, in FR 1215. RFI moved 25800 to here // 21595 and 21620 at 1215 and 1515. Reasons unclear since 25800 was fine and 11m rather uncrowded. (Hauser, TN 3-30)

GHANA RG, 3350, in EG 2245-2302*; local and world nx. NA at s/off. (Gerry Bishop, PA)

GRENADA RFG, 15045, in EG 2200-45*; roster of new Revolutionary gov't, rum ads, EL mx, nx and ID: "This is R. Free Grenada, the voice of the revolution, b'casting from Morne Rouge in St. Georges." Annced freqs as 535, 15045, and 15370. (Terry Krueger, FL) ---RFG has made some cagey freq choices, apparently well aware of the QRM on 15105. So 2315-0000 they use 15370 (which last appeared in 1961 WRTH for W.I.B.S.) when it is surprisingly clear and strong, after the jamming goes off at 2300. 3-26 noted reading of new "people's laws", or the Declaration of the Grenada Revolution;" at 2356 bingo numbers; at 0000 interview w/ PM Bishop. (Hauser)

---RFG also noted on 15370 w/ ads for the Grenada Amateur Body-Building Contest. (John Rich, SC) *** John promises a full follow up report on the gala events surrounding the contest as soon as they are available. Can't wait to hear myself. tba

GUATEMALA R. Cultural, 5955, in SP 0831*; closing freqs, and off. (Jones, MISS)

GUYANA GBS, 5950, in EG 0924; pop mx, vocals, happy birthday song (B. Crosby) and greetings. One calypso song--"Who kill Jimmy Jones if he kill everybody???" What a subject!!! vy good. (Jones, MISS)

HAITI R. Citadelle, 6156, in FR *0915; mx, "Ici R. Citadelle" three or four times by M&W. Horrendous het--sounds like a cotton gin. (Jones, MISS 4-3)

ISRAEL During treaty signing in Washington IBA was on continuously in Hebrew after 2310 w/ reshet bet galei zahak px. This was the first time they used their armed forces px on SW. noted on 17630, 15585, 15485, 15415, 11655, 11635, 11620, and 9815. 11620 and 15485 were very strong. (Zilmer, WI)---IBA also noted on 17605 NF in EG 1200-1230 w/ usual stuff // 25640, 21495, 17700, 15415, 11655 and 17685. 17700 is covered by USSR QRM and beamed to SEAsia w/ low power. (Zilmer, WI)

JAPAN FEN, 6155 in EG 0955; nx w/ rapid fading. (Jones, MISS 3-29) +++ RJ, 15195, in JP 0840; live coverage of sumo matches. I could tell this from the sound of the two trucks colliding. (Klein, FL)

MALAYSIA RM tentatively noted on 6025 at 1102 in presumed CH; long slow CH opera style ballad accompanied by oriental string instrument. M anncr mentioned Malaysia, possible ID, into long talk in sam lang. (Klein, FLA)

MEXICO XEW, 6165, in SP 1103, w/ "La Hora Ranchera"--ranchera mx. (Jones, MISS 4-1)---XEW also noted on 6169a at 1055 3-26; very early, off freq and hideously overmodulated. ID noted in general mush. Yecch. (Klein, FL)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 6105, in EG 1050; M anncr, talk on trout fishing competition. Het from YVTO. (Klein, FL)

NIGERIA VoN, 15185 nf, in EG 0640; local nx, features on education and fertilizer production. Good copy, if that's what you like to copy. (Klein, FLA)

PAKISTAN RP noted as follows: 21625 at *1227 w/ IS, lang talk at 1230 and chant-style mx. // to 17765, but not 17640 or 21485. 21725 noted at 1300 w/ lang talk and mx to 1315*. // 17640. 15465 in EG 1700-30. Into Urdu at 1730. (Zilmer, WI)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. Manus tentatively noted on 3905 at 0825; real island mx, M anncr in PD, mentioned Papua, and nx by W 0830. Seems probable. (Klein, FL)

PARTS UNKNOWN VoFree Grenada, 7425, 0238-0254*; px consisted of AR chants, lots of Caribbean mx and a political px. I swear by my VoVenus QSL that it sounded as though anncr was talking about "Southern Venereal Disease Regime" headed by a President Bishop (no relation I hope). Fair to good. (Gerry Bishop, 4-1)***I suggest that date of reception gives a good idea about the genuineness of this one. tba

PERU R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0120-40+; long talk by M, ID. Much QRM. (Perdue, AL 4-3) +++ R. Tawantinsuyo, 6175, in SP 1045; M anncr, ID, Andean mx, pipes and high voiced vocals. (Klein, FL)

SOUTH AFRICA Springbok R. on its last day on SW, 3-31, as warned the week before on RSA. Vy poor reception on 4810; ID 0430, world nx in EG w/ "V" beeps. Led w/ Harrisburg nuclear problem, faded by 0445. Earlier had severe het w/ a latin. (Hauser, TN) ***Galapagos??? tba

VENEZUELA Ondas Panamericanas, 3215, noted at 1010 in SP; M anncr, positive ID, TC and YV mx. First time here. (Klein, FL)---Panamericanas noted 2350-0000 in SP w/ M anncr, latin pops, frequent IDs. Tnx Krueger. (Perdue ALA, 4-5)---Panamericanas noted 0150-0359*; excellent sigg and IDs as "Ondas Panamericanas, La Estacion de la Felicidad." (Wendel Craighead, KS)--- Panamericanas noted 0232 in SP w/ YV mx, ID and ads. (Jones, MISS 4-1)+++ R. Mara, 3275, in SP 1015; M anncr, YV pops, stn promo. (Klein, FL)---Mara noted at 0203 w/ ID, TC and pops. (Jones, MISS) +++ R. Los Andes, 6010, in SP at *1008. Unusual rendition of NA--all strings. ID as R. Los Andes, greetings to listeners, YV mx. Later usual R. 1040 ID. (Jones, MISS 4-3) +++ R. Agnostura, 6120, in SP 0926; ID, calls freqs, greetings, YV mx probable s/on. (Jones, 3-27)

Having a shortage of logs this time, we have plenty of room for some special features. First, as promised, Bill Harms' report on b'casts in KR.

2510 South Korea Taegu KBS-HS 1100-1200 in KR. Very weak.

3015 North Korea R. Pyongyang, 1130 in JP. Very weak.

4020 PR China RP in KR 1100-1500 good almost daily // 5975.

4110 North Korea Vo Rev. Party for Reunification; KR 1000-1400; EG 1400-1430 Fair to good daily.

4273 North Korea Kanggye "KCBS" in KR 1000-1300 regularly but usually weak.

4557 North Korea VoRPRK // 4110. Less frequently heard than 4110.

5975 PR China RP in KR // 4020. Usually very good. KBS-Taegu not yet heard here.

6020 USSR RM in KR // 6040, 6100, 7260 at various times 1000-1400. All fair to good.

6030 Japan RJ in KR 0900-0945; // 7140, 7205. Fair to good.

6135 South Korea Suweon KBS-HS/R. Korea. JP and Korean px.

6348 South Korea Hui- Mang- e Me- ari (Echo of Hope). Only in Korean 0900-1200 Good daily w/ UTE QRM. Also noted on 3985 at 1400-1700 if conditions are good. Beware of Peking 6345 in CH when looking for this one.

Bill Harms' report on b'casts in Korean continued---

- 7130 Taiwan VoFC in KR // 9760, 11825, 11860. Good daily.
 8565 PR China Minority b'cast for Koreans in KR 1000-1055 // poorer 6430.
 11350 North Korea Pyongyang "KCBS" in KR. heard throughout the day as early as 2000 and as late as 1700.
 11905 Taiwan CBS "VoFree Asia" px in KR 1553-1615. Poor from jamming.

R. Korea can also be heard throughout the day on 7150, 7275, 7550, 9525, 9640, 9720, 9870, 11860, 11965, and 15570 in various languages. the 1600-1700 EG b'cast to NAm on 9640 and 9720 seems to be best.

R. Pyongyang and "KCBS" can be heard on 6290, 6540, 6600, 6770, 9420, 9977, 11532, and 11778 in various languages as well as on freqs listed above.

VOA has three KR lang b'casts daily for one half hour at 1330, 2130, and 2330. Best heard at 2130 on 17750 and 15365. These b'casts are a good guide of what KR sounds like.

*****Thanks, Bill for a fine report. Bill speaks Korean and devotes much of his DXing to the monitoring of Korean language pgms. Next, from Glenn Hauser, a report on information gathered during his trip to the Dominican Republic 15-23 March:

- 3365 Visited R. Exitos in Santiago. They have a new multicolored AM & FM studio, and the manager no longer wants to bother with the less commercially valuable SW.
 4825 Visted LV de las Fuerzas Armadas in Sto. Domingo. It is indeed in a military compound. I was told that SW tx had been cannibalized for the benefit of a new MW relay tx elsewhere in the country, but that they do intend to come back on SW. They prefer taped reports.
 4882 R. Comercial's 800 watt SW tx finally petered out but a new 5 kW unit is on order and should be on in April, they say. Perhaps this will also put them on a stable nominal freq, whatever it is.
 5030 La Voz de Papagayo is only a memory in La Romana. Tried and failed to get MW authorization so couldn't reach local market. Visited the former site, a Puerto Rican club. Is located right on the beach and has a 41st anniversary (1938-79) T-shirt advertising their cabanas and bungalows.
 9505 RTVD still plans a 3-hour daily international service 2300-0200, including "DX-Caribe" GMT Thurs 0030-0130. Mostly in SP at first, but w/ EG nx and EG segments in the DX pgm. Studio and offices have been constructed on 4th floor of RTVD building but not yet complete. Dir. is Teo Veras, successful local b'caster who was my host along w/ RTVD's person in charge of international correspondence, Jose Rhadames Cabrera. Recent reports are being held pending imminent arrival of QSL cards from printer. They still hope to modify omni antenna to favor NAm. I hope to get QRMed freq modified. Xmtrs on 9505 and 5970v are at different sites.
 11700 I had the great pleasure of meeting Rudy Espinal, formerly of R. Clarin, a few days before his departure for a 2-year advertising job in Caracas. He was very proud to have been invited to be the keynote speaker at 1979 ANARC convention and is looking forward to it very much. He feels that "This is Santo Domingo" was the high point of his broadcasting career and would like to bring it back someday on some stn, even if it has to be called R. Caracas.

***** And finally, also from Glenn Hauser, some recent harmonic logs:

- 29115 ALGERIA Tent RTVA on 3 x 9705 hrd 3-31 w/ very weak mx and distorted audio; possible Koran recital.
 29295 ANTIGUA BBC PT noted 2222 3-31; suprressed audio typical of their harmonics; 3 x 9765 also audible.
 29704 ISRAEL NON-HARMONIC (sorry--tba) IBA has activated this freq just above the 10m band and appears to have escaped jamming obliterating its Soviet Service on lower freqs (e.g. 11m) Quite good here 3-31at 1415 improving to as late as 1609.
 30250 PORTUGAL RP fados // 15125 at 1550 3-31; only harmonic on band at first but soon joined by other Iberians during selective opening. Fados not a typo. (I know--tba)
 30340 PORTUGAL RFE w/ r&r 1552 // 15170.
 30390 ASCENSION IS. VOA SP 1220; off air relay 2 x 15195 but better on the harmonic.

Thanks for your reports Glenn.

BULLETIN via Jim Conrad, Iowa: as of 16 April, RadioBras will have 3 EG b'casts: 2000 to Eur on 15270, 2100 to Afr on 15280 and 0200 to NAm as before. New "simplified" QTH: RadioBras, International Service, Box04-0340, Brasilia 70323, Fed. District, Brazil. Tnx, Jim.

Best of 73,

Tom