

# update

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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 21 May (June) 12 June (Mid June) 25 June (July)

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ADMIRALTY IS. R. Manus, 3905, in PD 1127-1140+; M anncr, US pops, C&W mx, islands choral mx. Religious pgm 1135 (Sun.). Good level over AROs at this time. (Neal Perdue, ALA, 4-29) (C/H 196).

ARGENTINA R. El Mundo, 6120 in SP 0815; M anncr w/ ID: "R. El Mundo de Argentina;" TC, local mx, many mentions of Argentina. Fair to good. (Stu Klein, FLA 4-23)

BOLIVIA R. Padilla, 3489a, 0005-0017 with unbelievably clear signals. M finishing presumed nx, into soul song by women's group followed by short flute tune w/ W giving ID and talking over it. Then W anncr and two folk tunes by group. (John Moritz, OH 4-24) +++ R. Grigota, 4823, tentatively 0146-0201\* in SP; peppy vocal by group of women at t/in, followed by M singing ballad, then two more songs. At 0200, M anncr briefly in, brief excerpt of W singing and off. No ID heard, but suspect them. (Moritz, OH 4-16) +++ R. Fides, 4845, in SP 0018-0110\* w/ informacion and nx show, covering thw world, LA and then Central America. Breaks every fifteen minutes or so for taped ID. Finally a couple of IDs at 0100 and 0103, very simply as "R. Fides, Bolivia." Good reception and the first time heard by me in a couple of years. Off suddenly 0110, not sure if sked or problems. Stayed with it till 0130 but nothing else heard. Happy to hear this one again. Have it on tape and hope to get verie this time. (Moritz, OH 4-16) \*\*\* Wish I could hear them even once . . . tba\*\*\* R. Fides also noted 0050-0100+ 28 April in SP; talk of Bolivia, excerpt from "El Condor Pasa", ad for Banco \_\_\_\_\_ by W, occasionally using electronic sound similar to high-pitched pulser. ID 0100. (Perdue, ALA) +++ La Cruz del Sur, 4875, tentatively noted at 1015 in SP; talk w/ intervals of religious sounding mx. Both Colombians gone. Fading badly by 1030. (Jack Jones, MISS 4-25) \*\*\* Welcome back, Jack. Glad to hear things have dried out safely for you. tba\*\*\* La Cruz del Sur also noted at 0100 several nights lately. In well, even in static. IDs usually at 0100. (Perdue, ALA)

BRAZIL R. Rural, 4765, in PT 0835; M anncr w/ talks, nice local mx and more familiar Brazilian sounding mx. Modulation lacking. (Klein, FLA) +++ R. Nacional Boa Vista, 4835, in PT 0946; M anncr w/ canned ID, M pgm host, pop and LA mx. Good. (Klein, FLA 4-28) +++ R. Inconfidencia, 6000, in PT 0720; M vocal group w/ several MoR selections. M anncr at 0729 w/ ID and talk. Fair. (Klein, FLA 4-25)+++ R. Nacional de Sao Paulo, 6125, in PT 233-2343; M coverabe of futebol. Excellent and first time here. (Terry Krueger, FLA; 4-25)

BRUNEI RTVB, 7215, in CH 1010; in the clear for once, only occasional ARO QRM. MoR mx, W anncr. Fair to good. Tnx Krueger. (Klein, FLA 4-28)

BULGARIA R. Sofia, 15135, very good 30 Apr in EG at 2145. Though designated for WEur, no reason why this shouldn't be considered a NAM service too, as it's at a convenient early-evening time, and we're on the same beam from Bulgaria that England is. (Glenn, Hauser, TN)

CANADA Shocked to find bizarre propagation 4-25 making reception of some regional Canadians possible: CHNX 6130 in at local level 1945 w/ pop mx, "CHNS Newstime, and IDs. CFCX 6005, also in at 20 dB over S9 2040-2200 w/ live coverage of Expos v. Padres, ID and ads. Never thought I'd get this one. Also noted on 4-25: CFRX 6070, 0910-0919, poor w/ EG DJ, and pops to HCJB s/on. (Krueger, FLA) \*\*\* CKFX/CKWX Vancouver, 6080, in EG 0804; nx ending 0805, M anncr, C&W vocals. Caught partial ID as "\_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_KW\_\_\_\_\_". (Klein, FLA) \*\*\* Would have italicized both of the foregoing reports but for the fact that the italic element for my typewriter has temporarily given up the ghost. Nice loges, gents. tba \*\*\* RCI, 9535, in EG 0122; this freq unlist in any pgm sked. NF or error ??? (Joel Rubin, CAL)

CHILE R. Univ. de Concepcion, 6135, in EG/SP, at \*1100; Trumpet IS, SP and EG IDs by W, requests for reports. Then NA. (Jones, MISS 4-26)

CLANDESTINE R. Sandino, 7587, heard for second time 0408-0450 t/out w/ M preaching to listeners in SP about butcher Somoza; (Kreuger, FLA 4-23) \*\*\* May LN has some interesting reports on what passes for light entertainment on this one. tba

COLOMBIA LV de los Centauros, 5955, in SP 0956; ID, calls, freqs, "La Emisora del Llano", campesino mx. (Jones, MISS 4-23) +++ R. Mira, 6015, in SP 1058; ID, slogans, pop mx. Mixing w/ R. Korea. (Jones, MISS 4-26) +++ S. Sutatenza, 6075, in SP 0109-0126; nx by M, and many ads for Banco de Colombia. Fine sigs until killed by infamous DW s/on at 0125. (Moritz, OH 4-20)

COSTA RICA R. Reloj, 6006, in SP 1116. On air for approximately one half minute only between 1045 and 1130 26 April. Just popped on and then off. Vy faint indication of signal on 6005. (Jones, MISS)

CUBA Following tip from David Crawford of R Moscow via Cuba on 9550 17 April in local afternoon, RMWS first noted here on 9600, 22 April, at 1259\* to Asia, but staying on to Oceania (not referring to this freq) w/ very strong signal, stronger than RHC 9550 and no flutter. Rock steady unlike weak and choppy NHK 9505, and no Europeans audible on band. Conditions were disturbed w/ 11m dead, 13m poor, no BBC on 15070. At 1307 had tones on and off; cut carrier at 1325. Subsequent checks showed regular usage until 1300, opening around 1100. RMWS also noted via RHC on 11840 1330-2200. regular relay service. Audio is obviously fed by satellite, and Cuba does have an earth stn. First noted 22 Apr, Lenin's 109th birthday, as we were constantly reminded on nxcasts. Satellite feed also confirmed by split-second delay in audio after // 11905 and 21530 at various times, weak sigs direct from USSR. At 1512 they interrupted for some phone-switching sounds. At 1659 annced that they were closing to Asia until 0400 GMT. Characteristically, no anncmt from Moscow abt this relay. Also found whenever checked on susbequebt days except 4-24. (Hauser, TENN)

ECUADOR Ondas Quevedenas, 3325, in SP 0815; under UTE but audible w/ nica LA mx and M anncr w/ ID. (Klein, FLA 4-25) +++ R. Luz y Vida, 4851a, in SP 1011; ID, Ecuadorian mx. (Jones, MISS 4-27) +++ R. Rio Amazonas, 4870, in IND \*1033; long NA, primitive sounding instruments (one sounds like Jew's harp), and talk in Indian lang. (Jones, MISS 4-25)

GUYANA GBS, 5950, in EG 0340-0354\*; EG pops, National Prayer and NA. Good. (Krueger, FLA 4-25)

JAPAN NSB, 6055, in JP 0940; two M anncrs w/ possible comment on a sporting event. (Klein, FLA 4-29) \*\*\* Baseball, Stu??? tba

KOREA (REP.) R. Korea, 6015, in EG 1100; nx, commentary, pop mx w/ W DJ. Into lang at 1130. Mixing w/ presumed R. Mira. (Jones, MISS 4-25)---RK also noted on 6015 at 1100 in EG; nx and commentary by M and W. Several IDs. What are they doing here. (Klein, FLA 4-29) \*\*\* See UPDATE 42 for further information. tba

MEXICO R. Huayacocotla, 2390, in SP 0135; pgm of long ballads, W anncr, TC, IDs between songs. (Klein, FLA 4-23) +++ From Dave Walcutt comes word of a new possible pirate stn calling itself R. Galaxy. Freq is 6940a. Noted 0025-0104\* w/ hard rock mx and intermittent anncmts. Possible site ID as Monterrey, Mexico. Power given as 1 kW. Appears to be operating early evenings and on Saturday nights. Also being heard by other Houston area DXers. (Dave Walcutt, TX) \*\*\* Dave has called me w/ this several times but reception not yet possible here. Can anyone provide more details??? tba

MALTA DW, 15105, in PT \*2130; IS, EG ID and QTH. Then into PT for Brazil. (Jones, MISS 4-30)

PHILIPPINES VOA, 15425, at 1320 w/ excellent Sunday pgm in EG, "Critics Choice." Clear audio by satellite feed; at 1329 cut off ancmt giving retuning instructions, then picked up Korean at 1330, on inferior SW feed relay. Site per freq sked. (Hauser, TN) +++ FEBC not often heard here but ran across it 21 Apr on 15450 at 2331; EG nx, ID at 2335 as FEBC Radio International in the Philippines. Bad splatter from TWR 15440. Found while looking for RMoscow DX pgm on 15455 maybe, the illegitimate son of SCDX! (Hauser, TN)

PORTUGAL RP, 15125, in EG 2038 21 Apr; as usual the left hand doesn't know what right one is doing--found here at 2038 in EG nx. At 2041 ran old, old tape giving full EG sked but omitting this freq, just usual 6025, 9740. and, at 1400 and 1600 giving old 17895 instead of 17880 currently listed by BBCMS. (Hauser, TN)

SARAWAK RM Kuching, 7160, in EG 1104; M anncr w/ ID and b'cast info. Then nx by M anncr. Tnx Krueger. (Klein, FLA 4-28)

SAUDI ARABIA Riyadh, 5875, in AR \*0300-0315; opening prayers by M in AR, continuous singing straight through period. No anncmts so ID presumed. (Moritz, OH 4-16)

SIERRA LEONE SLBS, 5980, in EG 0705; w/ anncr w/ local nxcast to 0710, then ads and mx of various types. (Klein, FLA 4-25)

STN NX According to a recent nxcast on R. Nederland, the Lutheran World Federation will use exiting transmitters in Sierra Leone and Seychelles to replace the nationalized ETLF in Ethiopia. No mention of the high powered tx in Gabon that reportedly figured in their plans. (Jim Conrad, IOWA)

USA VOA, 10387 USB, in EG 1700. Feeder??? (Butch Spencer, KS)

VENEZUELA R. Impacto, 3355, in SP 0200+; talk by M, several mentions of Valencia, LA mx amid grinding QRM from idling RTTY. Finally caught ID at 0225 by going to SSB and 1 kHz filter and reducing RF gain. (Perdue, ALA 4-23)+++R. Barcelona, 3385 in SP 0355-0403\*; LA mx, M anncr, clear ID at close, then YV NA. Weak. Not often reported and audible only on 700' antenna. (Perdue, ALA ) \*\*\* Yes, campers, Neal does have the antenna we've all dreamed about, a 700'a beverage!!! tba \*\*\* R Angostura, 6120, in SP \*0940; s/on proceedings, ID, calls, state of Bolivar, and typical YV mx. (Klein, FLA 4023)

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