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- \*\*\*ANDORRA Radio Andorra off air from at least 2 Apr. Government ordered both foreign stns in Andorra, RA and R. Sud, to close in dispute over control of b'casting in Andorra. The Ruling Council of the Valley, which conducts day-to-day affairs refused to renew licenses/leases for the stns. It apparently wishes to establish autonomous national b'casting authority. Rumors have R. Sud back on after short hiatus. (Dan Robinson, VOA, D.C.)
- BELGIUM BRT, 11695, in EG 0030; very good. Mailbag pgm. (Ruth Vollrath, MO)
- BOLIVIA R. Panamericana, 6105, in SP 1033; ID, calls, freqs, into "Bolivia presente" pgm. Evidently s/on as not there at 1025. Very good. (Jack Jones, MS 3-28)+++R. Tupiza, 6295, tentative first heard 3-31 w/ mx 0402 and off w/ NA 0407. On 4-5, off at 1222. ID seemed to be R. Tupiza at times; at others, "R. Tucha Tucha Tucha." Mx pgm from 0355 to s/off 4-5. (Marlin Field, MI)
- \*\*\*BOTSWANA RB, 4845, in lang 0425; fair. M anncr, talks, some drum mx, mention of Gaberones on half hour. (Stu Klein, NJ 3-18)
- BRAZIL Rdf Maranhao, 4755, in PT 0715; M anncr, echo effect, local mx, ID 0721. Fair. (Jim Davis, CA 3-30)---Same 0200 w/ sports b'cast. (Field, MI)+++R. Rural Santrem, 4765, in PT 0815; huge. EzL PT pops and ballads, and M w/ ID. (Klein, NJ 4-5)+++R. Nac. Cruz. do Sul, 4765, in PT 0350; poor. Mixing badly w/ Santarem, both at abt same level. (Klein, NJ 4-5)+++R. Ribamar, 4785, in PT 0820; excellent. Many PT ballads and EzL selections. No anncmts till 0859 when s/on anncmt by M. (Klein, NJ)+++R. Nac. Boa Vista, 4835, in PT 0205; excellent. M w/ ID: "R. Nat. de Boa Vista, emisora Radio Bras." Into PT pops. (Klein, NJ 4-5)+++R. Journal do Brasil, 4875, in PT 2245; fair. 2 M w/ alternating nx items, mentions of Rio, W anncr, canned ID, GMT-3 TC, M&W alternating nx items, ID after every few. Damaged by Colombian fade-in after 2315. (Klein, NJ 4-2)+++Rdf Pocos de Caldas, 4945, in PT 2350; ballads to hour, ID, freqs and back into mx. (Klein, NJ 4-6)+++R. Poti, 4965, tentative in PT \*0810-34; local mx w/ anncmts by M. Tentative IDs 0810 and 0828. Listened to the tape many times and am fairly sure of ID but not 100% sure. Santa Fe off air. (Henry Lazarus, LA 3-23)+++R. Maua, 5055, in PT 0729; poor. M w/ fast talks, ID pops. (Davis, CA 3-30)+++RadioBras, 15290, in EG 0300\*; s/off of EG to NAM. (Vollrath, MO)
- CAMEROUN R. Bertoua, 4750, in FR 0443; good. Local nx. 5010, 4850 and 4000 also in well. (Harry Jones, VA 3-26)
- CANADA CFCX, 6005, in EG 1500; very good. Ads for TV affiliate, ID, nx, weather and sports. Clear at this time. (Klein, NJ)
- CHINA (P.R.) RP good at 0904 in CH on 11505 3-21. CPBS-1, 6225 good in CH 1103. Nei Monggu PBS 6976 fair w/ orchestral mx 1044 3-30. (H. Jones, VA)
- \*\*\*CLANDESTINE R. Venceremos (Salvadoran), 6998, in SP 0000 3-15; well heard. ID 0013. Slightly overmodulated. (Jerry Berg, MA)+++R. Prencera, 7075v, in SP \*0200-0230\*; s/on w/ Cuban NA, much talk by M and W, IDs as R. Prencera. Distorted audio w/ much CW QRM. Jumped to 7078 at 0208, back to 7075 at 0220 and back to 7078 a few minutes before s/off 0230. Fair. (Gavaras, MN 4-6)
- COLOMBIA LV Centro, 6095, in SP 1009; vy good. ID, ads, TCs and mx. (J.Jones, MS 4-3)
- COSTA RICA R. Rumbo, 6075, in SP 0730; excellent. Local ranchera mx, some EzL lat in pops, M anncr w/ freqs and ID/TC. (Klein, NJ 4-6)---Same on 6077a 1047; good. Usual ID and TC. (J.Jones, 3-30)
- ECUADOR LV de los Caras, 4795, in SP 0440-45\*; very good. M anncr, s/off anncmts, calls, freqs, into local mx and pulled plug. (Klein, NJ 4-5)+++R. Cent del Sur, 4890, in SP 0440; latin pops, many ads, M anncr, several IDs. Normal HC format. (Klein, NJ 3-18)+++Em Gran Colombia, 4910, in SP 0430, very good. M w/ live report and back to studio. Excited abt something. Several IDs. On 4-5 noted this on all night w/ mentions of other HCs. (Klein, NJ)+++LV de Saquisili, 4900, in SP 1059; fair. TC, fast ID, local mx. Wonder whats happened to Juventud? (J.Jones, MS 4-2)
- \*\*\* Don't know, Jack, but I miss 'em once in a great while. tba
- GRENADA RFG, 15045, in EG 2223; poor. US pops, ad for Tonys Shoes for Kids. (J.Jones, MS 4-1)
- INDONESIA RRI Menado, 3215, in IN 0955; Hindi mx, ID 0959 by M, W w/ nx 1000. Poor. (Davis, CA 3-29)+++RRI Ternate, 3345, in IN 1350; Hindi mx, W anncr, some pops, tone 1400, ID by W, and W w/ local nx. (Davis, CA 4-5)+++RRI Jakarta, 4774, in IN 1440; non-stop classical mx. Fair. (Davis, CA 4-5)+++RRI Palembang, 4856, tentative in IN 1145-1216; local vocals, anncmt by M 1159, SCI and nx by M. (Lazarus, LA 3-29)+++RRI Biak, 5450, in IN 1140. Mx to hour then nx. Fairly good. (Field, MI 4-7)+++RRI Biak, 6210a, in IN 1157; mx, including some EG vocals and c&w. (Field, MI 3-27)
- \*\*\*ISRAEL Reshet Bet, 11655, apparently all night 8 April. Noted 0229 w/ ad for bank and 0350 w/ ad for another bank. Usual s/on 0400. Excellent. (Joel Rubin, CA 4-8)+++Galei Zahal, 14728, SSB 0055-0200. Mix of US and Israeli pops w/ IDs on hour and half hour. Nx on hour. Anyone know what they're doing here? (Berg, MA 3-13)
- LEBANON V of Hope, 6215, in EG at regular and abrupt \*0400. S/on w/ comments or simply "Voice of Hope." Fair. (H. Jones, VA)
- LESOTHO LNBS, 4800, tentative in vern 0403; poor in UTE. Local Afr mx and chanting through very bad UTE QRM. Presumed. (Klein, NJ 4-1)

MALAYSIA RM Penang, 7295, in EG 1115; fair. Talks by M. (H. Jones, VA 3-30)---Same at 1210 in EG. Religious talk by M, seemed to be quoting Koran. Ar-sounding mx to 1215 when W read wire service nx. Fair. (Davis, CA 4-2)

MONGOLIA RUB, 12070, in EG \*1220-50\*; nice. IS, ID, NA, sked, nx on USSR and Mongolian cosmonauts, etc. Beautiful local mx, rpt on "Industrial Enterprises." Tnx RCI/gh DXDigest. (Tom Gavaras, MN 3-25)

MOZAMBIQUE RM, 3210, in EG during IS 0250 w/ usual RM ID. Poor. (Davis, CA 3-29)---Same, 9617, in PT 0248-0311. IS w/ PT IDs and other langs. NA, pgms for day, nx by M 0300. Very strong but QRMd. (Lazarus, LA 3-28)

NAMIBIA RSWA, 4965, in EG 2240; ID by M and EG pops. (Klein, NJ 4-1)---Same, 4965, in verns tentatively 0402-0515; US pops to 0445, talk pgm to 0515. Vy strong w/ Santa Fe off. (Lazarus, LA 3-23)

NIGERIA Kaduna, 4770, in lang \*0359; vy good. Drum IS, M anncr w/ ID, s/on, local string mx. (Klein, NJ 4-1)+++FRC Shogunle, 4990, 2235 4-1; excellent w/ classical mx, W anncr, and more mx. Played some nice Schubert. (Klein, NJ)

PNG Many seldom hrd PNGs noted 3-24 including 2340 Kimbe, hrd at 1035 w/ "Slip Slidin' Away" which it was doing. Opening gone by 1045. (Berg, MA)+++R. W. Sepik, 3205, in PD 1112+; native and EG c&w mx. (Field, MI 3-24)+++R. Morobe, 3220, in PD 1135+; c&w mx including selection by the Carter family. (Field, MI 3-30)+++R. Madang, 3260, in PD 1110+; Crystal Gayle c&w mx selections. (Field, MI 3-24)

PARAGUAY R. Nac., 11914, in lang 0049; fair w/ het off 11915. Nice local mx, some marimbas and harps, annmnts, ID and talks between. Long ID and freqs 0058. (Klein, NJ 3-17)

PARTS UNKNOWN UnIDable snatch of tx as follows, "irk to terprise." Sounded very distant and signal had significant warped effect. No ID or idea. Help! (C. Loudenboomer, MO 4-1)

PERU R. Atlantida, 4790, in SP 0445; vy good. Indecently strong for a Peruvian. Trouble was they were playing latin pops not the great local stuff I prefer. (Klein, NJ)+++R. San Martin, 4810, in SP 0951; poor. W ID and about three more IDs in a few minutes time, harp and flute mx. (Davis, CA 3-30)+++R. Union, 6115, in SP 1101; good. ID by W, TCs, and good w/ Llano gone. (J. Jones, MS 4-4)+++R. Oriente, 6190, in SP\*1100. NA, b. dias, and ID, Into mx. In till 1125. Usually fades before then. (Field, MI 4-5)---Same tentatively at 1103 w/ splash off BBC. Local mx, M anncr, mentions of Yurigamas, possible ID. Bad, bad QRM. Tnx Lazarus. (Klein, NJ 3-17)

PORTUGAL R. Renascenca, 11745, in PT, 1900. Pgm of PT vocals, annmnts and IDs. Mixing w/ Moscow co-channel but holding its own for the most part. Nx 1930. (Berg, MA 3-14)

SOLOMON IS. SIBC, 5020, in PD/EG 0905. Very good. Religous pgms w/ M anncr. (Klein, NJ 4-5)

S. AFRICA R. 5, 3250, in EG 0355; mx pgm including Dolly Parton's "Nine till Five." (Field, MI)

SWAZILAND TWR, 4760, in GM 0415; fair. This definitely GM rather than Afrikaans because I speak GM and could follow it. Usual format. (Klein, NJ 3-18)

TANZANIA RT, 4785, tentative in Swahili 0358-0414; drum roll on hour followed by pips, tentative ID by M and nx. (Lazarus, LA 3-26)

UAE RCTVDubai, 15320, in EG 0340. Very strong w/ world nx. (Vollrath, MO)

USSR Yerevan (per IFRB), 7130, in EG 1325. Usual RMWS stuff under an unID Asian. // 7175. (Davis CA 4-2)+++Frunze, 15335, in EG 1559; site per IFRB. "Midnight in Moscow," (is that the title?) TC, ID and RMWS stuff. (Davis, CA 4-5)\*\*\*Jim, it is if you're a fan of Spike Jones who arranged the tune and made a hit of it some years ago. I know this because my college marching band used the arrangement as a popular half-time piece for football games. Have also heard it called "Moscow Nights." tba\*\*\*Armavir (per UHN), 21545, in EG \*0625; into RMWS. (H. Jones, VA)

VANUATU RV, 7260, in EG/PD 0800; fair w/ little ARO QRM. M w/ nx, good clear ID, GMT+11 TC. (Davis, CA 4-5)

VENEZUELA Ondas Panamericanas, 3215, in SP 0315 3-25; usual mx pgm and good sigs. (Field, MI) \*\*\*Harry Jones also called this one in. Apparently reactivated. tba\*\*\*R. Occidente, 3225, in SP 1047; fair. ID, local mx under strong OC. (J. Jones, MS 3-28)+++R. Frontera, in SP 0255; fair. Local anthem style piece, M w/ ID calls, NA and off. (Klein, NJ 4-1)---Same 0200 3-24. Talks by M&W, some ads. To 0230. (Field, MI)+++R. Sensacion, 5999, in SP 1017; fair. ID, TC and mx. (J. Jones, MS 4-3)+++R. Turismo, 6180, in SP 1030; good. "B. dias America" pgm, TCs, IDs. (J. Jones, MS 3-28)

VIETNAM VoV, 6384, presumed at 1112. Lang talk in apparent Khmer. (H. Jones, VA 3-21)

ZIMBABWE ZRBC, 3396; surprisingly good sig from 0327 3-26 t/in w/ prayer. Into pops 0330 until nx 0400. Many IDs for Radio One (the net designation--tba), TCs. Never hrd as well here before. (Berg, MA)

RFE-RL is to receive increased funding from the new administration and is considering a new xmtr at a Mid-East site, beamed to Soviet Central Asia. (Berg.).\*\*\*Wonder who'd have them thereabouts?