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ALBANIA Gjirokaster, 5020 nf, in lang *0300; NA, M anncr, ID, nx pgm and gypsy mx of the skinning cat mode. (Klein, NJ)

ARGENTINA With the war in progress there is much nx from Argentina (see also Gt. Britain below) so without further ado: Argentine Annie a/k/a Liberty, 17740, in EG *2200-2245*; vy good but bad mike modulation. E.g. of copy: Adult contemporary mx w/ comments by W to the effect that British soldiers in the Falklands were only there to buoy up Margaret Thatcher's sagging political hopes. Talk about how bad it was to be seasick. After sinking of H.M.S. Sheffield, reminders that Exocet missile used was standard NATO issue. All in the old Tokyo Rose vein. (tba)---Same 17740, 22-2245. Big sig, distorted mod. On just after VOA leaves freq. Pop mx and s/off theme of "Yesterday". Comments on British arms sales to Arg. during crisis and, "What do you think of that, boys?" (Bill Whitacre, VA 4-28, 29, 30)---Same, 2215-30, 17740 w/ pop mx (oldies) and messages to troops on shipboard. (Neal Perdue, AL 5-1) ---Same, 17740, from 0000 tnx Dexter. Woman anncr, schloky EzL mx, strong but distorted, and usual propaganda. (John Herkimer, NY)---Same, 2221-2245*, good. Sultry voiced W. Such comments as "We all know about the South Atlantic," and "When will you see London again?" Would have been 100% copy but for line noise. (Jack Jones, MS 4-28) +++R. Rivadavia, 9690, in SP 0825; vy good. Local mx, ID, MW and SW (9690) freqs. Many ads and nx. Communique from commander in chief of the armada. Must be R. Argentina xmtr w/ planned relay of Rivadavia since freq annced. (Jones, MS 4-29)+++R. El Mundo, 6120, in SP 0951; good. Noticias and more noticias concerning some goings on in "Islas Malvinas." Nxcasters quite worked up about the whole thing. (Jones, MS 4-29)

BELGIUM BRT, 15360, in EG to 0116*. One question from the mailbag was why do they change freq. so much??? (John Sgrulletta, NY)

BOLIVIA R. Padilla, 3478, in SP 0020-0106; fair. Strings of five songs or so w/o anncmts, W anncr w/ ID, TC and anncmts. Only use Padilla now and wonder why? (Whit, VA 4-30)+++R. Nacional, 5974, in SP 1010; good. Mx at t/in shortly after s/on. ID as R. Nacional "La Emisora Boliviana" and slight spill from R. El Sol. (Jones, MS 4-29)

BRAZIL R. Rib. Preto, 3202, in PT evenings slipping down a bit from nominal 3205. (Perdue, AL) +++R. Cl. de Marilla, 3235, in PT as early as 2300 on the inverted V. Typical Brazilian fare, IDs. (Perdue, AL 4-28)+++R. Cult. Pocos de Caldas, 3265, in PT 0020-40; 2 M anncrs, ballads, accordion mx, ranchero mx, Cultura ID 0038. Long time since last heard here. (Perdue, AL 5-1) ---Same, 0845; PT pops, old M anncr, ID, talk, stn hype, TC and more mx. Poor. (Klein, NJ)+++R. Congonhas, 3387+lv, in PT 0105; M anncr, ID, calls, freqs, into ballads. Poor w/ UTE on low side. (Klein, NJ)+++R. Cult. Aquidauana, 4795, in PT *0900. M anncr, ID, calls, etc., PT pops. (Klein, NJ) +++R. Gazeta, 5955, in PT 0820; 2 long ballads, W anncr, ID/TC, long talk. (Klein, NJ)+++R. Cl. Paranaense, 6045, in PT 0815 // 11935. Mucho stn hype by M, canned ID, ad PT pops, etc. (Klein, NJ) +++ R. Timbira, 15215, in PT 1033-1113; good. Talks by M to 1057, annctd of time "em Sao Luis" at 1057, full ID "R. Timbira do Maranhao" with calls and freqs, followed by Noticias do Estado do Maranhao to 1101. Another ID and then "Timbira, musica noticias." Into Brazilian mx. (Henry Lazarus, LA 4-30) +++RadioBras throwing a spur from 17830 all the way to 21830 at 0250. In fairly well too. (Jim Conrad, IA)

CAMEROUN Bafoussam, 4000, in FR 2200-2230*; fair sig and plenty of ham QRM. IDs as RN de Bafoussam and just plain R. Bafoussam. M&W anncrs w/ locl mx pgm, IS, s/off anncmts, NA and off. (Whit, VA 4-22)

CLANDESTINE V of Africa Libre, 4762, in lang 0428-31*. M anncr, EzL mx, talks and off. (Klein, NJ) +++LV del CID, 5106, in SP 0130-0134*. ID as in the name Sid. Closing anncmts, Cuban NA. (Perdue, AL 4-28)

CONGO Brazzaville, 3265, in FR 0430-35; fair. Highlife style mx, M anncr, metnion Brazzaville, more mx. (Klein, NJ)

CYPRUS CBC, 7230, in EG 2230-2245*. Radio drama, closing anncmts, s/off margh. 6155 and 9695 not hrd. (Sgrulletta, NY)

DUBAI UAE Radio Dubai, 17775, in EG 0338. Excellent. Nx followed by "The Holy Prophet" (Life of Mohammed) to 0400*. (Jones, MS 5-1)

ECUADOR HCJB, 3220, in lang 0135; first of several on great HC night. Beautiful folklorico stuff and in clear as a bell for once. Much, much mx and came back to it in rechecks just to enjoy. About the time I get tired of SW, I stumble across a pgm of tis kind of mx and get all excited abt the hobby again. It's that beautiful to me. (tba, with apologies for the "True Confessions" nature of the last log.)+++R. Antenna Libre, 3240, in SP 0147-58*; no doubt abt it. Weak but audible w/ M vocal selection, DJ in, W vocal fronting orchestra, s/off anncmts and ID, NA and gone. Something else there after this out. (tba) +++LV Rio Carrizal, 3260, in SP 0204; ID, local folk mx but fading in and out as this HC window closed. Couldn't get much else. (tba) +++R. Zaracay, 3394, in SP 1035; big level. Nice campo mx pgm noted in passing. Called

"Canciones de la Sierra." (Herkimer, NY)+++R. Luz y Vida, 4850, in SP 0030; in nicely w/ LA ballads and several clear IDs. (Perdue, AL 4-23)

***GREAT BRITAIN BBC to Falklands, 1540 // 11820, in EG *2115-2200*. ID: This is London calling ***the Falkland Islands. Nx of S. Georgia landing, damage to Argentine sub, Mary White host also ***had messages. At 2200 s/off noting that Falkland Service had moved to 15400 and 11820. 9915 ***and 12040, old freqs for this, now have WS. 15400 better of two. (Ken Briscoe, IN)+++In random checks here, have noted a large amount of time (relatively speaking) devoted to messages to the islands. Sounded like the reverse of the usual "Letterbox" format w/ letters and taped messages to Falklanders and troops at sea. And per CBS NX, at least one amateur xmtr initially survived the Argentine invasion. Members of the Bahai faith (and Americans) operated an amateur xmtr for some days after the invasion, it apparently ultimately falling into Argentine hands. (tba)

HONDURAS R. Juticalpa, 4781a, in SP 1002; ID, M anncr, ranchera mx. (Perdue, AL 4-24)+++ R. Lux, 4890, in SP 0028+; talk by 2 M, plugs for R. Olanchito, cent am mx, ID. (Perdue, AL)

***KIRIBATI R. Kiribati, 16432, LSB, in EG 0612-0705. Eg to 0700, international and national nx to 0621, psas to 0628, mx to 0630, BBC nx pgm, "International Call" to 0659, ID by W as R. Kiribas at 0659 then into lang and apparent nx by M 0700. (Lazarus, LA 4-20)---Same, 16433, 0633-0740 w/ fair sigs on USB, BBC transcription pgm to 0658, W w/ EG ID: "R. Kiribati. It's now 2 minutes to 7. At 7 we'll have the world and national nx in the Kiribatese language followed by . . . and weather report." So they did to 0739 when into fine local pops. (Whit, VA 4-23)

***KOREA(DPR) Pyongyang???, 6348, my presumption of Echo of Hope in UD 113 was incorrect. I sent a letter and cassette by registered mail to Echo of Hope and it was delivered to Korean B'casting System. Return letter just in from Mr. Sang-Eke Shin who said that I heard "North Korean Communists b'casting." He also said that N Koreans b'cast as "if they were free South Korean." (Lazarus, LA)

LIBERIA ELBC, 3255, in vens tentative 0605; weak, much QRN. Verns chants. (Klein, NJ)

NIGER Niamey, 5020.4, in FR to 2307*; fair. M w/ nx to 2305, short flute piece, W anncr, s/off annmnts, flutes and NA. (Whit, VA 4-22)

PERU R. Moyobamba, 5015, in SP 1035; chatter, ads, jingles and IDs. Perdue, AL 4-24)+++R. Eco, 5112, in SP 0258; fair w/ thunderstorms hurting reception badly. ID by M after long ad string. "Transmite R. Eco." (Jones, MS 4-28)---Same, 0450-0510; M w/ excited futbol commentary. ID over game 0507. (Klein, NJ)+++R. Melodia, 5995, in SP 101-20; poor. M anncr, Arequipa nx, ID, TC. Under this RA and under that Amambay making a first class mess. Nx pgm called "Melodia Noticias." (Klein, NJ 4-13)+++JSV R., 6060, in SP 1004-1030 f/out; poor. On low side of freq so spearable from Arg. Huaynos and folklorico mx, M anncr, TCs and IDs between songs. One ID as "Emisora Hota Ese Ve Radio." TCs pretty accurate and great mx. (Whit, VA)

PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca, 11730, in from *2329-43. Mostly mx w/ some talk by W anncr. (Sgrulletta, NY)

QATAR Doha, 15505, in AR 1659-1705. Strings to 1659, ID by W exactly per WRTH, AR mx riff, 6 pips on hour and into nx. Qatar pronounced "Kuh-teer" or similar. First time for me. (Perdue AL)

SINGAPORE RS, 11940, in EG 1230; good. W DJ, pop mx, requests and dedications. (Jones, MS 4-30)

SWEDEN RS, 15420; in very well 0230. (Jim Conrad, IA)

TOGO Lama Kara, 3222, in FR 0545; poor in UTE. Afr chants, drums, M anncr, ID. (Klein, NJ)

SURINAM (AND OUT OF ORDER TOO) R. Apintie, 4995, in DT 0520-40; good. Much local style mx, loud M anncr sometimes over mx, several IDs. Klein, NJ 4-17 and after)

USA VOA, 17640 now used // 17785 at 1715. In full AM mode and in well. (Conrad, IA)

VANUATU RV, 3945 // 7260, just before 1103*. Beatles mx. No ID but pgms definitely //. Last month 3945 stronger, this time vice versa. (Sgrulletta, NY)***w/out ID should be marked tentative or presumed. tba

VENEZUELA R. Valera, 4840, in SP 1011; IDs, ads and ship whistles. (Perdue, AL 4-24)+++R. Barquisimeto, in SP *0955. S/on w/ NA, annmnts and ID by M. (Perdue, AL)

YUGOSLAVIA Belgrade, 6100, in EG 2012. Comment on Yugoslav-Soviet relations, ID, and into pop mx. (Sgrulletta, NY)

And finally--from an unnamed source found while waiting in the supermarket check-out line (cover story, "600 ways to lose 600 pounds in 6 seconds!") comes word that the sultry voiced W anncr who used to work at SRS Surinam sounds an awful lot like Argentine Annie. Would be interesting if true.

Tnx to all for a fine effort. Looks very nice this month. Watch for further developments in the South Atlantic Radio story next time in UD.

Best of 73,



PLEASE NOTE:

This is a copy of the original mid-May UPDATE which still has not arrived in Levittown. We assume it is lost in the mail. Tom was kind enough to send us this copy which he had made of the original (fortunately). I'm personally becoming a little tired of this nonsense. The higher the rates go, the worse the service becomes.

73, Bill