

# update

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POSTAL PROBLEMS, episode 155: My post office (64111) has moved to a new location. Because of this mail is taking a couple of extra days to reach me. Please be aware of this as you try to meet deadlines. Thanks.

AFGHANISTAN RA, 9667.5, in EG 1902-30; fair. M, local nx, comment, ID 1918. Closing in EG 1929 w/ freqs, requests for reports; then into lang. 15077 not heard. (Ken Briscoe, IN 12-22)

ALBANIA Gjrokaster, 5020, in Albanian \*0400; good. Short anthem, ID by M (heard Tirana) and talk by W. // 5047 but this better. (Jack Jones, MS 1-6)

ANGUILLA Dropped a note to the Caribbean Beacon regarding their much talked-about SW plans. Gareth Hodge, their operation manager, replied: "The plans for SW are somewhat in the distant future. Plans have not worked out the way we thought they would. If and when it does come into being, it will be b'casting from Anguilla. The frequency has not been chosen as yet." (John Moritz, OH)

ANTARCTICA LRA 36, 15474, in SP 0035-40\*. Good. Talk by W, apparent s/off anncmts, "Taps." Clear and steady. (Richard D'Angelo, PA 12-15)

ARGENTINA RAE, 11710, in EG/SP 0124-35; good. Sports feature: talk on Vilas tennis and next year's Davis Cup. IDs in various langs after pips for 0130. Nx in SP. (D'Angelo, PA 12-15)

AUSTRALIA VLR-9, 9680, in EG 0829-41; concert mx by Australian Symphony Orch and a bit of opera. Good. (D'Angelo, PA 12-19)+++RA, 15115, in EG 0811-26; good. Spectrum ARDXC report, mailbag, talk on upcoming EDXC conference. Then Top 40. // 9570, worse. (D'Angelo, PA 12-19)

BENIN LVR, 4870, tentative in FR 0521-35; QRM from 4875. Talk by M into mx 0533. No ID. (Stidwell, MD 12-29)

BOTSWANA Gaberone, 4848, in vern per Klein tip. Choir singing and short anncmt. M anncr between songs. (Johnson, TX 1-6)\*\*\*Time? tba

BRAZIL R. Itatiaia, 4805, tentative in PT 0416-34; weak in noise. M talking, break for quick vocal by M, ads, strings and possible ID 0431. (Moritz, OH 12-29)+++R. Nat. de Tabatinga, 4815, in PT 0342-0404\*; fairly strong, much QRM from a UTE and Guatapuri off. Pgm of ballads, anncmts by M, ID 0400: R. Tabatinga...onda media, 670, onda tropical, 4815, uma emisora RADIOBRAS." Then into bossa nova song by M to 0404\*. This bossa nova theme is the same as I've heard on R. Nat. Cruzeiro do Sul as a s/on theme. (Henry Lazarus, LA 12-12)+++R. Borborema, 5025, in PT 0137-0232. Good. Sports throughout to 0232 when ID. (Marlin Field, MI)+++R. Aparecida, 5035, in PT 0045. Musical pgm and anncmts. (field, MI)+++R. Globo, 6035, in PT 2304-21; fair. Phone chats w/ listeners, some Brazilian pops. IDs. // 11805, also in. (D'Angelo, PA 12-19)+++R. Globo, 11805, in PT 0020-38; vy good. Live phone-in show--listeners guessing song titles. Lively talks each way. ID 0024, ad string. (D'Angelo, PA 12-15)

CAMEROON R. Garoua, 5010, in EG 0535+; EG nx at t/in from R. Cameroun, and back to FR 0543. (Martin Foltz, MI 12-30)

CANADA CKZN, 6160, in EG 1040; good. End of nx and sports. TC for 7:10 local time, local wx and driving conditions. A rare visitor here. (Jones, MS 12-27)

CHINA CPBS Beijing, 6110, tentative in CH 1205-33. Think this is the one w/ M&W alternating in CH throughout pgm. At 1231 into flute mx w/ plaintive singing by W. W anncr in briefly and into similar mx. (Moritz, OH 12-30)

COLOMBIA Ecos del Combeima, 4785, in SP as follows: 0233-41 w/ M anncr, ID, mx, ads. Noted first on 12-19. Super used frequently. (Charles Bolland, FL 12-23) 0425-33 in SP. LA mx, solid signal, IDs 0428, 0431. (Stidwell, 12-29) 0600-10 for the first time in a long while. Good clear strong signals. Traditional Colombian fare and calliope mx. M anncr, many IDs. (Moritz, 12-23) 0735 w/ ballads and many IDs. (Foltz, MI 12-25) 1029 w/ frequent reference to Super net (consequently frequent use of Super in pgms--tba). Usual ID, TC, LA pop mx format. (Jones, MS 12-20)+++R. Bu-

\*\*\*caramanga, 4845, in SP 0035; mx, ads and ID 0041. (Field, MI)+++Armonias del Caqueta, 4915, in SP 0950-1035. Instrumental mx at t/in, ID 0954: "Desde Florencia...saludo para Colombia y el mundo entero, Armonias del Caqueta, HJVK, 970 (or 960) kHz, 30 kilowattios, canal preferencial (or provincial), 3000 wattios, 4915 kHz, onda corta, en esta Navidad un mensaje de paz, amor y felicidad, Armonias del Caqueta...organizacion religiosa y cultural en el sur de Colombia." Another long ID 0958 w/ waltz and bird chirping sound effect. Then pgm "Que Bello Amanecer" w/ LA mx and many anncmts-TCs by M. Mentioned reports from Chris Lobdell, Gerry Dexter and Ralphus Perry. (Lazarus, LA 12-17)---Same, 1056, in SP. Guitar mx, ID, MW call, freq, power, SW power, song about Caqueta and repeat of ID. (Jones, MS 12-19)

CUBA RHC, w/ spurs as follows: 15328, 15342, 15317, 15302, 15285, 15272, 15260, all good. This from 0338-51 and all for the sake of a general condemnation of America and things American. (D'Angelo, PA)



dozen other pgms. Steve Reinstein and Bob Wilkner in Florida have compiled a report on these Soviet regional stns. Data is accrued through 7 December 1982. A few comments by yr ed are included in parentheses; these reflect some listening experiences in the MW.

- 4040 ARMENIA Yerevan 0405-29+ Relaying Mayak (hereinafter M2)//4930 presumed Tbilisi. M2IS 3 times 0429.
- 4040 PRIMOR'YE KRAY Vladivostok, 1105-45+ w/ M2 pgm. Quite regular.
- 4055 KALININ OBLAST Kalinin \*0400-0430+ relaying M3 pgm. No //s found.
- 4485 KAMCHATKA OBLAST Petropavlovsk 1030-1200. M1 Relay w/ Orbita 1 pgm. This is the marker for morning Soviet regionals. (Quite regular here to as late as 1300.)
- 4545 KAZAKHSTAN Alma Ata 0100-0130. Believe this is the one though very weak and QRMed. Listed as Alma Ata I and local Kazakh pgms.
- 4610 KHABAROVSK KRAY Khabarovsk 1100-1200 best. Relay Moscow M1 w/ Orbita 2 pgm.
- 4635 TADZHIKISTAN Dushanbe 2325-0100 w/ nice local pgms and Orbita 4. Moscow IS 2359 and into M1 nx.
- 4780 KARELIAN ASSR Petrozavodsk 0400-0415 only hrd after LV de Carabobo s/off. 6 pips 0400 and relay M1 // 4785, 4810, 4958, 5065. After 0415 only // 5065. (Typically here 0400+ but has faded in earlier on occasion.)
- 4785 AZERBAIJAN Baku 0130-0430 w/ Baku I pgm. M1 nx 0400. Some nice local mx. Very strong at times. (Here usually in after 0230.)
- 4810 ARMENIA Yerevan 0318-0430 w/ Yerevan I pgm. RS to 0340 then trumpet fanfare and "Yerevan" ID by W. Armenian to 0400 then into M1 RS nx. A difficult catch w/ so much competition on freq.
- 4825 TURKMENISTAN Ashkhabad--a tough catch and unherad here despite many checks. Too much UTE QRM 2130-2200. (Fairly regular here 1230-1300. Local pgm and ID 1245. Often fighting Vladivostok w/ FS pgms, but can be audible as later as 1330.)
- 4850 UZBEKISTAN Tashkent 1145-1210 in RS w/ Tashkent II pgm. Pips 1200 and prgm sounder. Blocked local evenings by Surinam.
- 4860 KALININ OBLAST \*2300-0300+ relay RM in EG as a feeder. An UnID here too at 2140-2200\*. Mayak relay, maybe Kalinin.
- 4895 ASHKHABAD Turkmenistan 2152-2202 w/ M2 pgm. Mayak IS 3 times 2159. 6 pips 2200 and RS nx. (Also have noted this one infrequently 0200+ over the years.)
- 4930 GEORGIA Tbilisi 2150-0430 relay M2. Site presumed. Ashkhabad also listed here. Mayak IS on hour and half hour. (Consistently in and strong.)
- 4940 UKRAINE Kiev 2140-0150\* and \*0300-0430+. Strongest of the Soviet 60m stns. Kiev II pgm. Kiev HS IS at 14 and 44 min past hour. Clear ID as "Havorits Kiev." (Likeliest shot at this during 0400-0430 segment. Can run later.)
- 4940 YAKUT SIBERIA Yakutsk 1110-40, site presumed. Seems relay of M1. Frunze listed here too, and possible at this hour.
- 4958 AZERBAIJAN Baku 0200+ w/ Baku I contrary to incomplete WRTVH information. USSR anthem // 4785 Baku. Relay M1 nx as part of Baku I pgm.
- 4975 TADZHIKISTAN Dushanbe 1205-12 in RS. Terrible UTE troubles on high side. Classic example of morning gray-line DX.
- 4990 ARMENIA Yerevan 0230-0430 w/ Yerevan I pgm // 4810 at 0400 when 6 pips, "Moskva" ID and into M1 RS nx. Stayed // at 0420 when back to Armenian. Beware WRTVH typo which lists 4810 as 1 when it should be I. Also not //4040 per TB. (Noted very occasionally here and always with very heavy competition from one or more Africans.)
- 5015 PRIMOR'YE KRAY Vladivostok 1100-1215+ not sure which pgm relayed. 6 pips 1200, pgm "sounder" and into RS nx. (Often heard here as late as 1330 given favorable condx. But early on can have competition from Arkhangelsk also here. Arkhangelsk fairly easy during 0400 slot.)
- 5035 KAZAKHSTAN Alma Ata 1115-1200\* surprisingly regular w/ Alma Ata II pgm in RS. // 5260 weaker.
- 5040 GEORGIA Tbilisi 0158-0350+ w/ Tbilisi I pgm. Co-channel latins totally attenuated. IS to 0200, USSR anthem. Later Moscow IS 0259 then anthem after Kremlin chimes. M1 relay w/ opera.
- 5065 KARELIAN ASSR Petrozavodsk 0250-0415+ Moscow IS 0300 then M1 relay of nx after Kremlin chimes and Soviet anthem.
- 5260 KAZAKHSTAN Alma Ata \*0000 // 11950 w/ Alma Ata II pgm. RS 0000. Also hrd mornings 1130+ // 5035.
- 5290 KRASNOYARSK KRAY Krasnoyarsk 1120-40 w/ choral mx and RS ballads. Listed as M1 w/ Orbita 3 pgm.

As time goes on we hope to UPDATE this and to move into the other b'cast bands, where there is more Moscow and regional HS activity. Coming next: the 31m EG bandscan, a DXpedition report from a trip to Williamsford Ontario, an UPDATE of the China information we've previously provided and other exciting features. Thanks to all and especially to Steve and Bob for what I believe is a first in NAmerican DXing. You saw it here first!