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BOLIVIA R. Illimani, 6025, in SP/Quechua; nx, talks and some Andean mx. (Urbelis, NJ 3-17)
***Time? tba

BRAZIL R. Nac. Tabatinga, 4815, in PT 1005-10; ads anncmts, tcs, IDs, freqs and local mx.
(Urbelis, NJ)

CHILE R. Agricultura, 9630, in SP 1030-50; fair. News and ID. (Urbelis, NJ 3-7)+++R. Nacional, 9750, in SP 1003-40; nx by M, ads, IDs and tcs but no mx. Fair. (Urbelis, NJ 3-7)

COLOMBIA LV del Guaviare, 6035, in SP 1020. Fair. Phone rings, IDs, tcs, LA mx ads, and a Caracol stn. Gives QTH as San Jose del Guaviare, same as R. Transamazonica which was previously on this frequency. Probably a name change. (Jones, MS 3-14)---Same, 1010-15 3-17. Caracol net anncmts, ads tcs, etc. (Urbelis, NJ)+++R. Nacional, 9635, in SP 1043-57; EG lessons w/ two M annrs. ID. Good signal. (Urbelis, NJ 3-7)

GUATEMALA R. Chortis, 3308, in SP *1101-20; good. Marimbas and ID, freqs, prayer, mx, and anncmts. (Urbelis, NJ 3-5)+++R. Tesulutlan, 4835, in SP 1104-30; excellent. Continuous marimbas, a few anncmts, and an ID by M. (Urbelis, NJ)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 11960, in EG 1000-40; news, weather, tcs, ads, sports and some MoR mx.
(Urbelis, NJ)

PERU R. Bagua, 3310, in SP 1018; Peruvian mx, and vocals, many TCs, good mornings and IDs. (Jones, MS 3-10)+++R. Madre de Dios, 4950, in SP, *1035. NA, theme mx "Tonight we love," ID, freq and considerable talk over Peruvian mx. (Jones, MS 3-10)

QATAR Doha, 9905, in AR 2005-2115. Nx 2100, AR chants, and a few anncmts. ID by M on hour. Mixing w/ Belgium. (Urbelis, NJ)

SEYCHELLES FEBA, 11755a, in lang 0400-30*. Good. Religious prgm, talk, mx to s/off. (Urbelis)

USSR Petropavlovsk, 4485, in RS w/ nx, talks and classical mx. (Urbelis, NJ)***Time?

VENEZUELA R. Capital, 4850, in SP 1054; fair. Talk show, ads for pants, clothing etc. ID by W. Back after long absence. (Jones, MS 3-9)

We welcome a new contributor to UD this time. Dr. Richard Wood, a veteran DXer to say the least, makes his home in Abha, Saudi Arabia, where he is a university professor. We look forward to his perspectives from the Middle East.

Albania RTirana Bulgarian, 0400-25, listed in '84 WRTH as on 6200is on 6190. A long-established Tirana freq omitted from the 84 WRTH is 6025, noted in Bulgarian 1700-25 // MW 1215. (3-3)

Australia New Carnarvon transmitter noted testing on 11790 at 1758 with specific anncmt as "a test transmission from Carnarvon transmitter directed to the Indian sub-continent on 11790 kHz." Good strength until till 1800 when an antenna, power or xmtr switch was made. Thereafter noted only weakly under VoA Hungarian on same freq. (3-21)

Bangladesh RB is back on earlier noted 17822. Observed w/ AR *1615-45*. QRM from RCI 17820. (3-22)

Belgium BRT Dutch to Africa 0430-0550 (Except Sundays) noted on 9615. WRTH '84 says 9610. IS often noted as early as 0415. (3-27)

Bulgaria/Poland An interesting example of two "fraternal allies" interfering with each other at the same time and frequency in the same language to the same target area is 1700 on 11840. Then both R. Sofia and R. Polonia b'cast in AR, Polonia to 1730 and Sofia to 1800. Of course here in the target area the results are horrendous. (3-2)

Cameroun R. Yaounde, 9745, which had been reported off of the air, is back, noted w/ an unusual IS and FR nx 1900. Do not confuse w/ RMoscow Afr Service also here.

Clandestine V. of the Broad Masses of Eritrea has been noted on an in-band freq for the first time. 6166 noted at *0400 and into AR 0404 w/ ID: "Huna Sawt ul Thawrat ul Iritriya." I.e., "This is the Voice of the Eritrean Revolution." Then AR nx. Unlike b'casts in Eritrean languages, those in AR are never jammed. No //s noted, though at times in the evening, up to 5 // freqs may be. Four more usually. (3-27)

Cyprus BBC 11750 noted w/ WS IS 0555 and local ID: "This is the BBC E. Mediterranean Relay Stn opening tx. to Europe on 11.75 MHz." Into World Service relay. (3-22)

Egypt R. Cairo noted on 15260 w/ nx in FR 1830 and ID as "la Radiodifusion de la Republique arabe d'Egypte." No such xmsn listed in '84 WRTH. However, Lingala (spoken in Zaire) is

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listed 1830-1915. The (temporary?) replacement of Lingala by FR may be another case similar to the supposedly temporary replacement of RAI's Maltese service w/ IT "due to the unavailability of a Maltese anncr." The same situation also occurred on R. Pakistan many years ago--a "temporary" EG b'cast to Turkey until a Turkish anncr was finally obtained. (3-5)

FranceRFI EG nx to Afr and Indian Ocean 0415-30 is listed in 84 WRTH as "freqs not received" and to Middle East not listed at all. Well . . . freqs to Afr are 7135, 9535, 9545, 9790, 11735 and 11875. To Mid East they are 7125 and 9550, which is only 5 kHz from also-used 9545, causing hets on some receivers. (3-19)

India AIR Delhi in AR 1745-1945 has moved from 11810 (often reported in the US) to 11845, noted // usual 9912 and, from 1800, 3905. EG to NEAsia 1000-1100 formerly 21695 now on 15170. Noted // 15320 and unsual 17386, a good one to try for in NAM, to NEAsia and 17705 and 17875 to ANZ. 9912, in AM at 1800 goes to USB 2000 w/ EG nx. (3-16)

Iraq Sawt ul Jamaheer, V. of the Masses, is referred to in '84 WRTH as a "home service." However, it is noted 1900 on 17770 w/ specific AR anncmts that it is then beamed to Europe and Africa. (3-20)

Kuwait RK is noted on new 9800 w/ AR nx 0415 // 6055. 15345 and 15495 then carry Qur'an service so not // the first two. (3-14)

Libya R. Jamahiriya, 17930 and 17940, often carry clandestine or quasi-clandestine services and are frequently misidentified, e.g. regularly as "Sudan" or even specifically as "Sudan (external service)." However, both noted in // and w/ specific ID as R. SPLAJBS in AR // usual 9890.

Pakistan RP AR 1215-1315 is noted onnew 21470, a poor choice as mixed w/ BBCWS. WRTH 84 lists 21485. Usual 17640 remains //. Have noted EG dictation nx on 11672 at 1600-15.

Qatar Current QBS sked: 0245-0800 on 11820; 0900-1830 on 17910; 1830-2130 on 9905. This is observed as correct. Power 250 kW and targets N and EAfr, Mid East and Europe. QBS sends an attractive SW Club membership card w/ official stamp, if the DXer submits a photo, which QBS attaches to the card. Validity is two years. Did not respond to my request that they carry their EG service on SW. With only one transmitter this might be a problem, but they could alternate as Dubai does.

Sudan Per my observations and contrary to various reports, Omdurman has not been active on 5039v or elsewhere on SW since November. Several claims of Sudan 5040 appear to be Tbilisi which at time plays Georgian, somewhat Middle Eastern mx. 5039 was always strikingly weak and overridden here, close to Sudan, by Tbilisi. Maybe taken off of air again due to ineffectiveness. As reported recently in the nx, R. Omdurman was the target of a recent air bombing.

UAE R. Dubai noted with anthem and AR s/on 0425 on 17830 (mixed VOA) and 21700. These had been off for a week or so during antenna work, previously annced in the EG mailbag.

We will feature more of these fine reports in upcoming UDs. Stay tuned.

Our regular report from Hitoshi Miyashita is next up in the feature section. First a request: Is there anyone out there who would be willing to exchange tapes of clandestine stns not heard in Japan or local MW/FM stations for his tapes of clandestine stns heard in Japan? If so, please contact your editor.

On to the reports:

CLANDESTINE

IRAN VoMujahedin Khalgh heard 1745+ 3-21 on 3500 with very, very, very poor signals and playing tag with jammers. QSY from 4190 and //6650. Sked remains the same.

MALAYSIA Vothe Malaysian Democracy heard *1215-1330* (1215-Malay, 1300 CH) 6670, has drifted and is now on 6699. Noted 3-18 // 8999. This one is a pro-China clandestine.

"LEGAL" B'CASTS

INDONESIA RRI Pekan Baru: as reported in SCDX 1780, this is now 24h. In Japan heard as follows: 1100-1600*, 5885.7, *1600-2300, 5881.7. This curious QSY has been noted from at least February.

RRI Jakarta on harmonic 6553.5 (fundamental 3276.7x2) with the harmonic much better level. Noted 3-17 *2159 // 4774.4. On without anncmt or IS. Only heard "Rayuan Pulau Kelapa." Then Jakarta nx.

RRI Ujung Pandang now has returned to 4753 for its night xmsn instead of 4719. PAKISTAN Dari service heard in late March on 3385v and 4950v *1600-1900*. Formerly heard only on 5095v. 3385 seems to have replaced 5095. Heavily jammed by USSR, to be sure.

More from Hitoshi, and from Takayuki Inoue, who has been on vacation in Peru, in our next issues.

No UD would be complete without reports from Juan Carlos Codina, our ears on Latin America. This time his reports bring us to the beginning of March. There are even a few non-LA goodies thrown in for extra measure.

- 2499.7 BOLIVIA Radio Frontera, Cobija, heard 2-2 at 0122. Could be harmonic, but who knows? Last time heard the second harmonic (9458) of SW outlet on 4730. This one does not have a registered MW outlet, but may have added one. Good sig, good modulation. To 0127*. Perhaps a 120 mb outlet?
- 4494.3 PERU Radio Inca del Peru, Los Banos del Inca, Cajamarca. Reactivated and first noted 2-1 at 0020.
- 4907 PERU Radio Cobriza 2000, Pacaycasa, San Pedro de Cachi, Huancavelica noted here 2-19 and 20, alternating between this freq and 4926.
- 4910.7 PERU Radio Libertad, Trujillo, La Libertad. First heard (surprise!) 2-19 during first bandscan at 0125 w/ Sport prgm, "Vision Deportiva." 20 db over 9 signal and inclear. Stn has the following slogans: "La voz del pueblo y la juventud. "La nueva radio." Also "La libertada." The Sunday sports prgm goes till 0220. Later pop mx, sometimes w/ audio problems. Varying slightly to 4910.8 and going to 0400+.
- 4928.5 PERU Radio San Juan de Caraz, Caraz, Ancash. First noted 2-20 at 1755 w/ R. Cobriza 2000 on 4926. Periodistic prgm till 1800. I hope that this new freq makes it over-seas. Very strong and noted till 2300+.
- 5030.1 PERU Radio Los Andes, Huamachuco, Libertad. After a short stay on 3708, Los Andes returned to this frequency during evenings. The most interesting this is that the stn now has an international-oriented mailbag / Huamachuco promotional oriented prgm. There is even some SWL mixed in, too. It is b'cast Saturdays from 0300-0500 and according to annmt, the idea originated with Dario Monferini. They give the name of prgm as "El Mundo en Antenna." As heard on 11 Feb local, prgm consisted of reading listeners letters from abroad, playing cassettes listeners submitted including their voices or foreign mx--e.g. Norway and Finland--and greetings to many, many listeners. In another part of the prgm, they played tapes of Peruvian FM stations. The prgm also includes promos for Huamachuco, biographies of notorious people born there, literature reflecting the way of life of people in the Andean part of the country, etc. After all of this, Peru may not have a foreign service, but Huamachuco does!!! Incredible to have a small b'caster putting on material like this only for the benefit of its foreign listeners and, of course, to promote its little town. Please write to encourage them to continue this effort (Agreed!!!tba) but remember that this is a new venture by inexperienced b'casters. Continued encouragement may result in a Peruvian foreign service. The stn specifically asks for letter stating that they will answer with a lot of information about Huamachuco. Complete address as they announce it is BOLIVAR 529.2o Piso, Huamachuco, Provincia de Sanchez Carrion, La Libertad, PERU.
- 5145.9 BOLIVIA Radio Galaxia, Guayaramerin. Reactivated with what seems to be something like Venezuelan "llanera" mx 2-1 at 0128. More than s9 here in Lima. Slightly distorted audio. Stable frequency. Also some Argentine-Bolivian mx, so first hint that this was a Bolivian. Annced 5145 kHz, banda internac. de 58 mts. Very tough to get the ID. Heard one mention of R. Patiti and one long speech, but Patiti was on usual 4682, so possible this refers to Patiti because the two are nearby. Closing at 0230 w/ Star Wars sounds and full ID text as follows: De esta manera, amables oyentes, hemos llegado a la parte final, tratando de brindarles lo mejor de nuestra musica y poco de comentarios para nuestro futuro general." (Female) Then M annr: "Radio Galaxia, culturalmente, lo esperamos para un . . . una programacion especial(?). Buenos noches." Of course, being in Guayaramerin, it is logical that they would refer to Patiti. Annced later that they would mark the "inauguration" of the stn. Also mentioned Mamore. On 2-18 hrd on 5145.2. Closed at 0200*.
- 5657.2 PERU Radio Bambamarca, Bambamarca, Hualgayoc, Cajamarca. Very good signals to 2255 on 2-5. All Sundays have extended schedule due to futbol matches. This is the best opportunity to try for them in the states. Try to 2300. Canned Echo ID: Surcando nitidamente, los cielos del Peru y del mundo, surge una voz llena de amistad progreso y carino, Radio Bambamarca." Another non-canned slogan: "R. Bambamarca, la frecuencia mas sintonia en todo el norte y el nororiente peruano." Another: "Los 5656 kHz de R. Bambamarca, la favorita en el dial."

About out of space for this time. More goodies to come in the months ahead. Stay tuned and why not send some reports? I'd love to hear from you!!!