

# update

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A slightly delayed edition this time due to an unusually heavy junket of business travel. But the delay is more than compensated for by unusually fine reporting, so without further ado . . .

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BOLIVIA Radio Juan XXIII, 4964.8, in SP 0956. Shouted ID by M, into two minutes of vocal mx, then second ID utilizing echo chamber. Mixing with Brazilian. Noted again on 10-3 with ID and freqs 0955. (Bob Wilkner, 10-2)

CAMEROUN R. Bafoussam, 4000, in FR 0457-0532. M annr with interesting selections of local mx, netions of Bafoussam 0500. (Wilkner, 9-29)+++R. Douala, 4795, presumed in FR 0528 w/ talk by M and good signal. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)+++RNC, 4850, presumed 0526-0530 w/ non-stop local mx. (Wilkner, FL 9-29) +++ RNC, 4971.2, presumed w/ M in FR and slow talks. Weak. (Wilkner, FL)\*\*\*Time? tba\*\*\*R. Garoua, 5010, in FR 0501-25; IDs in FR, drum mx, EG nx 0503-0505, ID again in FR (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

CHAD RNT, 4904, presumed 0520 w/ mx and talks in FR. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

CHINA Xinjiang PBS, 4735, in CH 1102 // 5800. Talk by m&w, into CH choral mx and western classical mx--Rodrigo, Concierto Por Un Gentilhombre at 1130, tnx Reinstein tip. (Wilkner, FL 9-30)

EQ. GUINEA R. Nac. Bata, 4925.6, in SP 0514; High life mx, vocals by M, mentions of Bata and ID by M 0516, QRN but mentions of Bata by M in SP. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

GHANA Accra, 4915, presumed in EG 0613-16 mixing w/ Brazilian. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

MALI R. Nat. du Mali, 4783, in lang 0604, with local quality signal, strong as an FM broadcast. Afro high life mx. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

NIGERIA FRCN, 4770, in EG 0600-05; EG nx by M. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

NIGER ORT du Niger, 3260, in FR 0536-0601. Qu'ran recitations 0536, into FR talk by M 0537-39, then local mx. More FR talk 0544, possible ID 0550 and fading out with flute mx 0601. (Wilkner, FL 9-29)

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Next, our regular report from Dr. Richard Wood in Hawaii, who reports that Hawaii must be the best all around DX location in the world. Leaving aside its obvious geographic advantages, this report bears him out I think!!!

ANGOLA RNA Benguela booming 0515 on 5042.5; PT nx. ID: "Ouvintes, foi o primeiro boletim informativo de Radio Nacional de Angola em Benguela, em onda curta, 4960 kHz, onda media..., e frecuencia modulada, a trabalhar continuamente ate as 24 horas." "Para todos, os nossos votos de muito bom dia." US oldies and soul mx, African mx 0530. (10-11)

RNA Luanda, 5333, PT ID as "Radio Nacional de Angola no seu segundo programa," 0530. Muffled audio. (10-11)

CAPE VERDE IS A Voz de Sao Vicente 3930 in PT 0750 w/ ID. African vocals. (10-11)

CHILE RNC, 9550, in SP 0250. "Nacional de Chile informa la temperatura en Santiago, 19°." Chimes IS 0301. Atop RHC and from 0300 also VOA. No sign of 15140. (10-11)

CHINA CPBS Minority Lang Service, 17635, at 0600 w/ "East is Red" anthem (throwback to Maoism?), Mongolian ID and nx. (10-11)

CPBS 7250 at 0750 w/ lively CH report w/ sound of marchers, probably from recent 35th anniversary celebrations. NX 0800. (10-11)

EL SALVADOR R. El Salvador (note the exact name) on new 9587 with romantic mx. 0258, "Desde Radio El Salvador." This appears to replace 11984, but I expect variation will continue. (10-11)

INDIA AIR Delhi 17805 at 0320 w/ Hindi nx of Indian-Swedish relations. Then mx. (10-11)

JAPAN NHK domestic service 6190 good from 0700 through 0800. 6175 clear by 0745, 0800\* (10-11)

LIBERIA ELWA, 6070, at 1700 off-air relay of BBC nx, 1709 into fascinating local EG nx by M: "Here is the national nx. In continuous support for the government of C.I.C. (Commander in Chief) Samuel Doe, the United States government has presented . . . The United States support for the government of C.I.C. Doe in Liberia . . . The Minister of Education, Bishop Gardner, says the United States shows full support for the government . . ." etc. 1715: "Join us at 7 o'clock for another 15 minutes of national and international nx. The time is 15 minutes after 5 o'clock. This is ELWA, your Christian radio station. Join us now for Guidelines for Family Living." Into US transcription by that name. (10-11)

MONGOLIA RUB booming in on 7259 with AR (!) mx 0750 (had me thinking of the Mauritania area for a moment), 0759 ½ Mongolian listing of "barnamaj" (program, a word of AR origin); 0800 six short time pips, all equal, ID: "Ulaan Baatras yarsh," listing evening's schedule with

khabar (nx), barnamaj (prgm), meters. Potent signal which should make it to ECNA at this propagationally favorable time. No //s observed. (10-11)

NEW CALEDONIA Noumea now has EG nx 0700, female anncr w/ FR accent. Emphasized Pacific area, Australian nuclear tests, etc. 0704 ended w/ "4 mins. past 6, good evening." Straight into lively FR DJ show, "Prochain rendez-vous avec les informations a 7 heures, informations en francais, bien sur." As he said, nx in FR 0800. Booming on 7170, fair on 3355, no sign of 11710 which has not been reported lately. (10-11)

PAKISTAN RP home service (location?) powerful on new 4790 in UR, with studio discussion, two men and one woman, of the origins of Pakistan, references to "Millet" (religious community), "Muslim, Musulman, Congress, Mashrik (East), Sunni, Jinnah." 1628 played a song, "Mohammad, ya Mohammad," probably referring to Mohammad Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan. (10-11)  
RP 17660 UR film mx 0545, nx 0600. (10-11)

PERU 4790, 0315 ID: "R. Atlantida, la emisora que cubre mejor al oriente del Peru." Into nx, "Desde el Central de Informaciones de R. Atlantida." (10-11)

QATAR RQ, 9665, \*0245 anthem, AR ID: "Idhaat ul Qatar min al Dawha tohayeikum... (presents);" list programs, into adhan (call to prayer, in Egyptian AR, azan). (10-11)

SINGAPORE BBC EG by Radio presented in EG for Asia, 1645-1700\* is on new 6010, probably to avoid Peace & Progress and Pyongyang on 6165. At 1700 requested subscriptions to magazine "BBC English", "goodbye, no freq annmnts. (10-11)

SOMALIA RM 6095 end Swahili, ID "Hii ni Mogadischu, Sauti ya Jamhuri ya Somalia," 1700. Open carrier remained on. (10-11)

SWAZILAND TWR, 4760, 1625 IS, EG ID 1628, 1629; 1630 GM s/on: "Hier ist der Evangeliums-rundfunk mit einer Sendung aus Manzini, Swaziland." Into sermons, hymns. Also noted in a Bantu language 0315. (10-11)

TANZANIA RT 5050 s/on 0300 into Swahili hymns, religious talk. (10-11)

We will have more from the good Doctor in upcoming issues.

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I saved the best for last! We have two sets of reports from our friend in Lima, Juan Carlos Codina. The first set covers the period of September and early October:

3647.4 ECUADOR R. Federacion Sucua, first heard with what seems Aymara lang prgm, but perhaps another, not sure. M&F anncrs reading names of people and other annmnts. Strong signal (s-9) and especially good for this time and freq (2210, 23 September). At first wondered whether this possibly might be some kind of UTE, but language seemed an Amazonic one as from R. Federacion or R. Rio Amazonas. Later checked Federacion's // freq of 4960 and confirmed the ID. Perhaps this is one of the 90m inactive outlets now here in the 80 mb. This channel is better than 4960 because latter has heavy QRM from R. La Merced, but it is not heard regularly.

4254.5 PERU R. El Sol de los Andes, Cotorumi, Santa Cruz, Cajamarca, reactivated! First heard with its unmistakable F anncr 25 September at 1940, but lost at 1945. Back again at 2000 so seemingly just testing after four or more months inactivity. Nice to see one of the most exotic stns back on the air. In the past they opened at 2300 but now seems to be all-day in operation. Signal reached s+30db. Address: Jiron Zarumilla 620, Santa Cruz. Anncing new 4254 kilociclos. Many IDs. 0100 goes "Noches criollas." Closing 0555 with very nice lengthy annmnt. Anncing that it would return the next day at \*1800. The last prgm from 0455 was "Musica del Ecuador."

4271.1 ECUADOR Rdf Gonzanama, Canton Gonzanama, Loja; heard again evenings 9-29 at 2310 with disco mx. Later tropical mx, anncing that they are in the festivities of the Canton Gonzanama, so presumably this explains its reappearance during the evenings.

4440.7 BOLIVIA Radio Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa De Lyaquina, Beni, first heard with very low signal 8-30 at 2345 first check. Thought at first a harmonic, but later had messages for people in other towns and then a mention of Santa Rosa on the move. Closed at 0130. Annced that they should stabilize its transmission times initially for only two hours in the morning and two more in the evenings for the time being but later expanding after improving the technical aspects of the transmissions. Following day heard with wonderful signals, in fact the best Bolivian in the 4400 range and better than Movima, Tropico and Reyes. Should be well heard elsewhere.

4588.0 ARGENTINA First noted in USB with very nice tango mx and strong signal 10-4 at 0053 and the hope that they would be regular which would be very nice for me. At 0058 heard the anncr and could deduce that this was a Buenos Aires stn. Nx at 0100 but not in the usual Rivadavia style. Prgm consisted of tango mx, TCs, temperature checks and the like, typical of MW stns there. 0105 ID for Rivadavia and an emerging explanation. This was exceptional emergency prgmming for a strike implemented by workers at private stns and was conducted by the management personnel (for once they should work hard, hi!). This is a new feeder replacing 9115 which is only heard weekends and holidays with sports. Closed 0300\* and annced that they would be back \*1000 (normally 24 hours on MW). Also annced schedule as emergency for workers' strike. Also heard following days with normal programming.

- 4830 ECUADOR Radio Federacion, Sucua, first heard on 9-2 at 2240 with a very rare Indian dialect, but mixed with some SP words as well as well as SP names and surnames. Similar to the lang used by R. Rio Amazonas, 4870. Later found this to be // to 4960 so a new freq for them. About the same level as 4960 (20db over s9) but with a slight het from Tachira. This outlet had been inactive for several years so nice news.
- 5145.4 PERU R. La Voz del Tawantinsuyo, San Marcos, Cajamarca. Initially heard on 5145.3 with huge signal 9-15 at 0030. Low audio and sometimes cutting out on the audio, though. Huge hum in the back, typical of overmodulated signal, too. TCs for GMT-5 and mention of Cajamarca 0042. Audio improved to perfection after 0050 but the prgm deteriorated. The record cut in the middle of songs and repeated again and again. Seemed to be testing. Full ID 0057: "Es . . . Radio La Voz del Tawantinsuyo, transmitiendo en los 5145 Kilociclos, banda de los 60 metros, onda corta internacional." Mx pause and then, " A nuestros grandes amigos, les pedimos escribirnos a Miguel Grau 488, indicandonos la forma como nos estan recepcionando en nuestras transmisiones." Later another identical ID, but beginning with, "Desde la mlamante Provincia de San Marcos, Cajamarca, Peru, transmite . . ." At 0100 annced that they were just finishing the day's transmission. Seemed the first day on the air, but had not been to active at the dials during the previous few days. TCs were 10 minutes fast!. Final anncmts 0104 anncing that transmissions were "de prueba." Said would be back the next day at 1300. No anthem or anything when off and OC for one more minute. Power should be at least 2-3 kW, because signal was very powerful far more than Moderna from the same city, but 20 db weaker than LV del Tawantinsuyo. Next day strong at \*2302 with very nice ecuatorian mx, very popular in Cajamarca. Later pops and so on. Reached s9+30db and stronger than San Juan de Chota. Noted again 9-17 at 1640 so probably had been on an abridged schedule. Noted again 2150 check and seemingly day-long. By 9-25 heard regularly and closing @205 w/ NA. ID: Esta es la radio superior, la mejor, la mejor del departamento, Radio La Voz del Tawantinsuyo, por supuesto." Lots of commercials, even canned ones so seems well-established. Another slogan "Que buena radio."
- 5632.7 PERU R. Yungay, Yungay, Ancash, reactivated. First heard with rustic huaynos at first check, 9-4 0230. Nice Ancash type huaynos, and usual happy birthday theme to greet people. Nice to have this rare stn back. Well modulated though very low signal and the A index was 42!!! Moving very slowly down toward 5632.4 as evening progressed and heard until 0330\*.
- 5333.8 ANGOLA On 9-9 heard again what started out as an UnID African from about 2100. Just at a seeming ID 2200 a neighbor lit a flourescent lamp, ruining the signal. Before this nice African type salsa mx. Into PT after 2200, with a heavy African accent. Distorted heavily making ECSSB impossible. Readable only in AM. Later down to 5333.5 and Cuban type latin mx. Modulation improved and nx of Southern Africa 2300 and signal becoming USB with full carrier. Virtually no LSB component. Finally a prgm list and mentions of Angola and Luanda. Should be them. (See Dr. Wood's report above. tba)
- 6065 SPAIN REE Service to the Americas in SP now here and on this band for the first time in many years. In parallel with usual freqs, some good, others not so good. First noted, with surprise, 9-30 at 2325 to 0500\*.
- 6229.9 Radio Monimbo (Honduras?), first heard with salsa mx and good signal (20db over s9) 9-16 at 0023 first check, while searching for spur of R. Belgrano on 6220. Well modulated signal but seemed far away. Thought a Colombian at first but later learned that this was a CIA-sponsored anti-Sandanista stn. Interestingly, the style was very soft spoken, well announced, without the usual hysteric anncrs normally heard in these stns. Carried songs by patriotic Nicaraguan artists such as Mejia Godoy, and statements from opposition parties such as the Social Christians. The stn has an AM signal varying a little down to 6229.8. Heard till 0100\* and again 0230-0300\*. Following day heard \*0000-0100\*, \*0200-0300\*. Monimbo is the name of a town in Nicaragua where the Indians fought Somoza.
- 6364.1 PERU Estacion "C", Moyobamba, San Martin, reactivated. First heard 9-6 at 1850 and, as in past, noted with spurs 34.9 kHz from the fundamental (e.g., 6329.2, 6399, 6433.9, 6294.3). When I say reactivated, I mean reactivated this transmitter, formerly used as R. Moderna, the same estacion C. Also used lately by Jepelacio, where they identified as "Estacion Preferencial." So seems now back in Moyobamba in the Estacion "C" format. Lots of other more distant spurs, 6468.9, 6259.3, 6503.8, 6224.4 6538.8 and 6189.5 also heard.

In coming issues we will have more new reports from "JCC" and reports compiled during the summer which may help as a guide to activity during the forthcoming holiday season to the extent that such may be predicted. In the meantime, my best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and