

update

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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 10 March (Mid-March) 20 March (April) 10 April (Mid-April)

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BANGLADESH RB, 9755, in Nepali 1325-42 w/ instrumentals, vocals, IDs by M&F, commentary and annmcs. Dual to 7105 but much weaker. (Barto, CT 1-14)

BOLIVIA R. Panamericana, 6105.6, in SP 1037-1100. Very poor. Vocal mx with very nice flute interludes. TCs by W during tunes. Finally managed to hear an ID and promo by M anncr at 1100 during a brief slackening of QRM. (Allen, OK 1-17)

CHAD Tentative R. Mondou, 5287.8, 0541-0555 fade. Local styled mx, drums and guitars. No annmcs heard before fade. Weak signal with ute QRM. Should have tuned here a bit earlier. (Allen, OK 1-28)

CLANDESTINE R. 12 de Septiembre, 7194.9, in SP 0504-0520. Fair w/ ARO QRM. // 5555 and 5580 (forgot to check 6215 but presume they were there too.) First time I've noticed them using a frequency so far into the ham band. The usual shouting and machine gun sfx. (Allen, OK 1-27)

COLOMBIA LV del Guaviare, 6035.3, in SP 0145-0200+. Poor. ID by M over mx from "Close Encounters (five note theme)." S/off shortly after 0200. (Allen, OK 2-3)

ETHIOPIA VoRevolutionary Ethiopia, 9560, in EG 1458-1510. Interval signal, EG ID, news in EG. Weak but clear. (Barto, CT 1-13)

INDIA AIR Hyderabad, 4800, special program all in EG (usually in lang at this hour). 1430 AIR ID, prgm about environmental quality in India, 1500 into prgm with summary of happenings at day's session of the new Parliament. Fair. (Howard, CA 1-16) +++AIR Madras, 9525, at 0118 open carrier, AIR IS 0123, Indian singing 0125, Indian instrumental mx 0127, M in lang 0130. Fair-good. (Howard, CA 1-16)

MEXICO R. Mexicana XEJ, 1940 H, in SP 0902-15. Good. Ranchera mx and M w/ "Aqui R. Mexicana." 2x970 and not audible on fundamental. (Allen, OK 1-12) +++Radiator XETO, 2800 H, in SP 1009-1115. Very good w/ almost local sounding signal. 2x1400. Strongest MW harmonic ever heard here. Frequent IDs by M w/ TCs. Typical mx. Fundamental not audible. (Allen, OK 1-11)

NIGER ORTN, 3260, in FR 2155-2200; W anncr, ID, anthem and sign off. Fair level. (Barto, CT 1-8)

PAKISTAN RP, 5097.5, w/ prgm of subcont mx 1423, seven time clicks at 1500, ID, M anncr in lang. Good. (Howard, CA 1-13) +++Tentative RP 6128.4 from 1300-14 in language w/ possible ID at 1300 followed by instrumental stringed mx and a few vocals. Weak and had to use exalted carrier to get this much. (Barto, CT 1-11)

PERU R. Bagua, 3309.8, in SP 1050-1100 w/ IDs, TCs and a M anncr. Fair. (Barto, CT) +++Radio Inca, 4762, in SP 0339-0350 w/ ID, one vocal selection and mostly commentary by a M. Good signal. (Barto, CT) +++R. Eco, Iquitos, 5010, in SP 0855-1112 fade out. Was very pleased to hear this while checking inactive OA frequencies during the Pope's visit. Good signal with some QRM. They played a variety of LAM mx from the countries the Pope visited on his trip. Ad strings. ID just as: "Radio Eco," or "Radio Eco, Iquitos." Annrcs gave a very detailed rundown of "Papa's" itinerary complete with updates and remote reports from towns the Pope had yet to visit. A half a dozen annrcs/ reporters took part in the special b'cast and each had a distinctive musical theme of 15 seconds played prior to speaking. E.g., "Rocky" theme, "El Condor Pasa," "Quest for Fire." (Orcutt, NY 2-2)

SOMALIA R. Mogadishu, 7199.9, in Somali 0325-40. Poor w/ severe ARO QRM. Mx till ID and possible nx 0330. Het from UnID stn on 7200. (Allen, OK 2-3)

SUDAN Omdurman, 5038.9, in AR 0423-40. Weak. Ar chant and flute mx. Six time pips at 0430. Caught a partial ID by M: "Huna Omdurman . . ." Brief martial mx and into possible nx. (Allen, OK 1-28)

SURINAM A recent note from G.B. Sankatsing of Radio Surinam International read as follows: "We realize that it is difficult for you to follow our broadcasts as the languages used are Dutch and Sranan Tongo. For this reason we are planning to incorporate English in our programs starting in January 1985." Schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1730 on 17755. (Harris, OH)

ZAMBIA R Zambia, 4910.4, in Verns/EG 0454-0524 fade. Fair w/ considerable fading. At 0500 they played a few bars of their NA, three time tones w/ the third longer and higher pitched. TC as "7 hours" and into EG nx until 0510. First time I've managed to hear their EG nx-cast. Seems they've usually faded by 0500 here. Back to verns after 0510. (Allen, OK 1-28)

Next, our regular report from our good friend Juan Carlos Codina in Peru. These reports are for the period just prior to the end of the year.

- 4146.8 PERU R. Gran Pajaten, Celendin, Cajamarca. Hrd here 11-16 at 0110 with a lengthy canned ID: "En la banda internacional de 65 metros, 4200 kHz . . ." Seemingly the anncr here is the same one who formerly worked at Nuevo Eden, now inactive, in the same city. He IDs himself as Juan Guitierrez. Following day noted with greetings to Radio Moderna, from the same city, with congratulations on their third anniversary. This station is very stable on any given frequency, but they stay there only three or four days, sometimes a week and then move again in the range 4100-4200. Examples: noted 11-13 at 0123 on 4147.2 and on 12-12 at 0115 on 4181.7 w/ nx prgm with very good style and two M anncrs at the mike.
- 5161.8 BOLIVIA Radio Galaxia, Guayaramerin. Heard again after an absence of several months on 11-12 at 0105 t/in. Faint signal, however.
- 5176.6 BOLIVIA Radio Galaxia here on 11-13 at 0105. First heard with very faint signals, W anncr, some melodic ballads and later some tangoes.
- 5190.7 PERU Radio Nuevo Continente, Cajamarca. Back on the air after about a month (last heard on October 10 and 11). As usual very good signals on 11-13. Noted again 12-4 at 2306. Also good signals at that time.
- 6601.3 PERU also 7921.5 and 9241.8 Radio San Jose, Cajamarca, emitting strong harmonics from fundamental 1320.2. Also heard on previously reported freqs of 2640.5 and 5281.1.
- 9595.1 URUGUAY Radio Montecarlo, Montevideo. Heard here 11-25 with nx of the first democratic election in Uruguay in more than 13 years, ousting the government of Alvarez. Fair signal, better than El Espectador on 11835. All this at 1900 during afternoon. After 2130 QRM from NSB via long path.
- 11780.1 ARGENTINA R. Belgrano, Buenos Aires. Noted this freq till 0702* on day of popular referendum in nation. Fighting well and heard over boring and ever present R. Nac. de Amazonia. Later the Brazilian closed but QRM remained. Regret that this freq is not used daily with its very nice programming reflecting the very interesting times in my country as it is on its way to liberation and democracy. After 0330 in the clear with s9+10 db signal here in Lima. Another nice change would be to have Nac. de Amazonia choose another freq and leave this one open. On referendum day noted Rivadavia, 9115, till 0630 and Belgrano on 6090.2 till 0600. The old xmtrs of R. El Mundo, now belonging to R. Nacional, were inactive as they have been for several months. The freqs are still announced by R. Nacional (15290, 11755, 9710 and 6120). Also inactive are the old Splendit transmitters, which were used one night last year for national elections. Sometimes Belgrano carried prgms of El Espectador, Montevideo, Uruguay, concerning the elections there; for example, at 0630 they carried in parallel the speech of the newly elected president of Uruguay, Sanguinetti (Belgrano+ El Espectador+ Radio Sport, 11780.2//11835.1//6044.9)!!! Montecarlo, 9595.1 was also //. CX-30, La Radio, carried a different prgm on 6033.9.
- 11905 HOLLAND Since 11-12 have hrd the following xmsns from the new Flevo xmtr: 11905 at 2200 (test only). 9895 from 2130 to 0625* with normal prgms. This freq in the period from 2225-2330 seems to switch to Lopik. About 20 db difference between the two with Flevo stronger, and, more important, with better modulation. 9895 from Flevo was even stronger than 15315 Bonaire. 0030 changed again to Lopik, nearly inaudible, till 0125. Back to Flevo at 0140 recheck. Also hrd test xmsns on 6020 and 9895 at 0630. Very faint, 6020 was better.
- 13665 KOREA (REP.) Radio Korea, heard here testing with IDs and instructions for reports in SP and FR and very strange music similar to Koran chanting. Korean, of course. Not particularly strong.

We will have more from Juan Carlos in upcoming Update. Many thanks, friend JCC.

We move now toward the serene and warm Pacific for our report from Richard Wood:

ARGENTINA RAE had been off the air for a few days for transmitter adjustment, but noted back 15345 *0000-0100 in PT to Brazil. (1-13)

BOLIVIA R. Nueva America, 4795, has full ID in unaccented American EG at 0355*. Refers to "broadcasting on the standard broadcast band, 840 kHz." (1-13)

BOTSWANA R. Botswana now appears to have all three 50 kw transmitters on the air. Noted *0345 IS, 0400 in Setswana, 0405 prerecorded religious meditation in US EG on 3356, 4820 and 7255. (1-13)

CHINA Unknown CH stn on 2340 at 1540. 1-14. Listed Kunming, Yunnan, w/ slow speed non-Mandarin CH, probably dictation on 2310, fair at 1540. (1-14) Beijing Minority Languages Service with Kazakh "khabarlar" (nx) on electric production, 7035 at 1545. 1984 WRTH shows s/off as 1455. (1-14)

ETHIOPIA VoRE 9595 *1857, EG ID and list liberation prgms, VoNamibia 1900 and R. Freedom from African National Congress 1930. (1-13)

FRANCE RFI noted in a lang not mentioned in 1984 WRTH, Romanian, 7135 at 1645 w/ nx of Julio Inglesias' concert in Paris. (1-14)

INDIA There is a fine opening to India in the 41 mb around 0200-0330 which might make it to at least WCNA also. AIR Delhi external service noted in Pushtu to Afghanistan w/ nx 0230 and into Dari nx 0300. This has been noted on 9630 in the recent past but now (also?) on 7225. Not the North Regional home service listed for 7225 in the 1984 WRTH. The South Regional service from Madras has IS *0225 and into Hindi 0230 on 7160. And Madras 7260 has Hindi nx 0230. Vividh Bharati via Madras is noted in Hindi 0200-0300 on 9525. (1-13)

INDONESIA Sledom reported 15150 is // usual 11790.5 from VOI in EG *0800-0900; on Saturdays has an IN lesson at 0830. (1-12)

IRAN VoIRI 6150 noted 0400 w/ time signal; AR ID, patriotic choruses, and bubbling Iraq jammer. (1-7)

LESOTHO R. Lesotho has changed from *0400 to *0300 with usual IS, choral anthem and Sesotho ID on 4800. (1-14)

MOZAMBIQUE The national service of RM is on 3210.5; ID: "Ouvem R. Mocambique." PT TC 0305. Emissao Regional Maputo e Gaza now on 4920, *0300 w/ ID: "Sintonizam a emisora regional de Maputo e Gaza da Radio Mocambique," and "Oucam Mocambique, o programa provincial de Maputo e Gaza." Into list of day's prgms. (1-14)

MEXICO XEWW is back on 15160.5, noted 1600-1800 w/ SP variety. (1-12)

PAKISTAN RP 17752 *0400 in UR: QRM R. Australia 17750. (1-10)

SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, 15370 *0400 Farsi ID, Qur'an, 0410 nx, attacking "Regime e Kabul." (1-13)

SWAZILAND TWR Manzini 9710 *1900 EG ID and into PT. Annced as for Mozambique. Mx included "The Old Rugged Cross." (1-13) 4760 *0300 EG ID and into Zulu. (1-14)

USSR Primorskoe Radio (Coastal Radio), Vladivostok, 15045, *0700 w/ local IS on chimes and ID: "Govorit Vladivostok. Nachinaem peredachu Primorskogo Radio." Into dance mx; 0705 RS nx, alternating voices. Conditions at the time suggest that the xmtr may indeed be in the Vladivostok area. Home service freqs listed for Vladivostok such as 5015 are not in parallel. (1-9)

ZAMBIA ZBS 4910, *0345 and 15 minutes of the cry of the fish eagle, one of the most impressive ISs from a part of the world with many. Into Chibemba 0400. Booming signal. (1-13)

About all for this time but the next issue promises to be exciting with reports from Hitoshi Miyashita in Japan and Kevin Szot in Brazil. See you then.