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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: This issue marks the ninth anniversary of my first column. I started at UD three weeks after the bar exam in 1977, and though the numbers may be off by one or two at this point, I do know for certain that I've been here ever since. As I always do at this time of year, let me extend my thanks to the many friends and contributors who have made this such an enjoyable task over nine years . . . On to our Hawaiian reporters. First Dale Park:

CANADA BBC via Sackville, 9510, in EG 1128. Promo, time bells and "Meridian." Amazing reception since time at Sackville is 0828 local. Poor, QRM Malaysia 9515. (7-11)***Sure about time? One or the other seems off. tba

CHINA CPBS II, 9775, in CH 0958. Kids singing while time pips were heard, ID by man, "Zhongyang renmin guangbo diantai," and nx by W&M // 9020. Due to DST KR is now at 0900. Fair, QRM, Australia 9770.

CPBS I, 5860, in CH 1548. Woman playing Western classical mx; nx 1600 // 4460, 5320 and 5880. Fair; co-channel ute QRM.

FR. GULIANA RFI, 9800, in EG 0427. Filler mx of top 40 (like "Lover Come Back to Me" by Dead or Alive), soul, jazz and Afro. Nxreader came on 0445 to say that due to a work stoppage by a trade union, the nxcast would be shorter and normal programming would return at 2200. Then 10 minutes of nx. Good as usual, except for utes at 9800, 9803 and 9805.

INDIA AIR GOS, 11705, in EG 1044. Indian movie mx, ID and commentary on media coverage of South Africa. Poor to very poor; mixing w/ DW, RAustralia IN in back, and jammed from 1055. I suggest immediate relocation.

KOREA (REP) RK, 15395, in EG 0454. Nx about Korea read by Peter Gordon, filler mx, then nx in KR. This is their "World News Se vice," on a completely new frequency. Poor; RAustralia in back.

NORTHERN MARIANAS KFBS, 17885, in presumed Burmese *0000. EG annmt of opening service to SEAsia and SIndia, into local mx that resembles the Burmese IS, annmt by W then local pop mx. On a religious stn? Fair; QRM RMWS 17880.

RWANDA DW, 9565, in EG 0437. World and Afro nx; into "The Week in Africa" and "Science Magazine." No sign of VOA FR or RBeijing anywhere. Fair; QRM unID 9570.

SINGAPORE?? BBC WS, 7105, in EG 1454. Mx prgm, "Best of the British," about defunct groups, this time the Specials/ Special AKA. W reading Wimbledon scores, "Radio Newsreel." WRTH Nxletter says 7105 s/on is 1600. Poor, QRM unID/ute 7110.

TAHITI RFO Papeete, 15170, in FR 1923. Relay of RFO play-by-play of World Cup game between Bulgaria and Mexico. Poor; QRM het from 15165.

TAIWAN WYFR via VOFC, 9555 nominal, in RS/EG 1654. W singing with guitar, then another W w/ annmt and station address. M reading from the Book of Acts in slow EG. Not listed in May WRTHNxletter. Poor; local and ute QRM.

USA WMLK, 9455, in EG 0400. Finally logged here, testing on 9455 after VOA s/off. Test consisted of Elder Jacob O Meyer giving stn ID, address and location ("130 miles west of New York City") and time of the test ("1700 to 1900 hours GMT" (sic)). Also talked about the Assemblies of Yahweh and read from the Assemblies' version of the Bible. Off 0507 recheck; all I heard was a woman on SSB reading numbers in SP. Poor, ute QRM.

VOA, unID site, in AR 0728. IS and ID in EG followed by "The following program is in AR." W IDing as "Huna Washington." Freqs, nx. Another new service apparently, site? Poor, local QRM.

USSR RStn Peace and Progress, 11690, in CH 1300. IS of horns, ID, "Fuchen renmin...diantai" and into prgm. Fair, white noise static.

RM NAM Ser, 13665, in EG 0428. Group singing "Midnight in Moscow" a welcome change from the regular version, "Round Up of Political Events." // 13605, 12030. Poor, local QRM.

RM, 15405, in unknown lang 1342. W w/ commentary, interlude and ID as "Radio Mosku." Talk on Afghanistan w/ US and Pakistan prominently featured, interlude, ID, regional pops. Recheck at 1359 found stn giving Indian Standard Time before IS. Poor, local QRM.

Thanks Dale. Now on to the latest from Dr. Richard Wood:

BANGLADESH RB, Dhaka, noted on new 4910 with EG news 1530. Male annr has a purely British accent, not identifiably South Asian. This must replace 4890 listed in WRTH 1986. Good. (7-25)

BRAZIL Radiobras, 15155, noted with interval signal 1755 and English to Africa 1800-50. 11745 in Spanish to the Americas 0100-0200. Good. (7-19, 7-14)

CAMEROUN R. Bafoussam, 5955, noted 1600 with soccer game in French between L'Union of Douala and Conakry, Guinea. This is Bafoussam's daytime frequency and the nighttime frequency of 4000 was not noted. Quite good. (7-13)

CHINA Urumqi, Xinjiang, 4330, noted in Kazakh with ID and Kazakh folk opera 1535. (7-7) Also in Uighur on 4980 with news and ID 1530-1540. Good. (7-25) RBeijing Swahili 1630-55 noted on new 7185 parallel to usual 9457 and 11575. All good. (7-7) R. Beijing English to Australia and New Zealand (note the typographical error in WRTH 1986, p. 200; target area "VII" appears twice as "Far East Asia" and also as "Australia/New Zealand", change the second to Target Area VIII.) 0830-0925 and 0930-1025, are heard on new 15440 parallel to old 9700, 11455 and 11755; 15440 may replace 15195. All good. (7-8)

CLANDESTINE R. Iran Toilers, 9250, 1600-1630 noted in Farsi with talks attacking the Khomeini regime and favoring the Tudeh, Moscow-line Communist Party. Good with possible trace of jamming. (7-7)

GUIANA, FRENCH The Radio Beijing relay via Montsinery appears to have been suspended. 9565 noted 0500 with RFI relay in French, rather than Beijing in EG. Other times not noted at all. Good. (7-23)

INDIA All India Radio, Delhi, 9950, noted with English news in home service 1530. (7-22) External Service, 11715, noted with English news 0100. Good. (7-14) External Service in English 1000-1100 good on 15320 and good but hummy modulation on 11705. (7-27)

INDONESIA RRI Bukittinggi, 3232, noted with Indonesian pop music 1545 to local ID 1559 and into Jakarta news relay 1600. Quite good. (7-25) RRI Dili, Timor, 2456, observed with its own eight note electronic interval signal, not heard on other RRI stations, 1545, for five minutes, then into dead air 1550; local ID 1559 and into Jakarta news relay with apparent off-air sound 1600. (7-25) RRI Ujung Pandange, 9510, noted through BBC Antigua 9510, with Qur'an recitations 0630, local ID and into Jakarta news relay 0700, which was parallel Jakarta 11770 and Jayapura 9611.5. Fair. (7-7)

KOREA (DPR) R. Pyongyang, 9750, in Chinese 0700-0750, appears to replace 9765 listed in WRTH 1986. Heterodyne from Tahiti 9753.5. (7-7) English 0800-0950 noted on 15180, 15160, 13680 and 11830. All good. 7-14) Korean 1600-50 noted on 9530. Good. (7-23) Hyesan, 2300, noted with Korean instrumental music 1530 and Korean KCBS ID 1600; not parallel Pyongyang 3320 or 6250. Good. (7-25)

LIBYA SPLAJBS, 15415, heard with Arabic ID and news 1600. Fair. (7-17)

MADAGASCAR R. Nederland relay, Talata, noted with an interesting English feature on clandestine Radio Freedom, Lusaka, on 21480 and 17575. Good (7-16) ***Time? tba

MONGOLIA R. Ulan Bator home service, 11855//7260, noted with interval signal on harp or similar stringed instrument, time signal and Mongolian ID, "Ulaanbaataras yarsh" and into nx 1000; 11855 very good, 7260 poor. Still noted 1145 when 4995 and 3960 are heard in parallel. 4080 was not heard and may be silent. (7-16)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Radio Nederland's 0900-1025 transmission to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles, previously on 6020 only is now apparently being jammed by Surinam and has added an additional nearby frequency, 6040. Jamming on 6020 is of the heterodyne type (in Hawaii there is also interference from Radio Moscow in Japanese), while on 6040 it is an electric motor grinding type. Noted during a Dutch interview criticizing the Desi Bouterse regime as a military dictatorship. (7-27)

NEW ZEALAND RNZ, 9620 and 11780, noted with an English interview on exports 0500. Good. (7-23)

NORWAY Radio Norway International, 9615, noted with interval signal 0155 and into "Norway This Week" in English on a target-area Sunday, UTC Monday at 0200-0230. QRM of course from Radio RSA also in English to North Americathen on 9615. This seems like poor frequency coordination. Poor. (7-21) RNI, 9580, has interval signal 0255 and Norwegian 0300; fair but splashed by VOA 9575. (7-14) Norwegian 0600 noted on 15175 and 11865. Good. (7-7)

PAKISTAN R. Pakistan, 17660, in Arabic 1215-1315, identified as "Huna R. Pakistan." Good (7-12)

About all we have room for this month. Best 73 till the next,