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Not a very impressive month for reports, at least in terms of volume, but we're pleased to hear from three DX'ers who have been among the missing: Dan Henderson, Peter Schipelliti and Jim Young. Welcome back, gents!

ICELAND: ISBS -- Reykjavik again on 11731 for *2300-2345* xmsn to USA/Canada; quite strong here with some slop from "R. Kiev" on 11730. (BH 4/3)

INDONESIA: RRI Manado -- 3215 from 1220 with Jakarta QSP; ID at relay end, then long final anct. Electronic mx to 1230*, which appears to be regular s/off time now. Better sig these days. (Sparks 4/4)

INDONESIA: RRI Gorontalo -- Has moved up to 3266.3 as noted 4/3 from 1155 with gamelan mx, ID and 1200 Jakarta QSP. Now s/off 1330. Strong, clear. (Sparks)

INDONESIA: UnID -- On 3644, an Indo heard several days as late as 1440; maybe Fak-Fak, reported to be in this region. (Young)

JAPAN: NHK Sendai (presumed) -- 3259 at 1245 with JP vocals, 1255 JP nx briefs; time pips (3 short, 1 long) at 1300, then off. Weak but clear. (Sparks)

MARSHALL IS.: WSZO -- 4940 at *0530 on 3/9. 0555 ID, then pgming in Marshallese till 0745 T/O; nice mix of old and new rock, ancts, IDs, mentions of new SWBC svc. Some fading at first, also Abidjan QRM 0600-0650, but booming in after that. Was strongest sig on band by 0745. (Kusalik) Also 3/9 from 0903 with nx wrapup in Marshallese followed by repeat of wrapup in EG by W at 0907. Final anct before 1003* (phonetically): "This is Radio Mayro, W-Zero. Radio Mayro, W-Zero, is assigned to broadcast on 1098 kiloHertz and also on 6070 MegaHertz at daytime and frequency of 4940 MegaHertz at nighttime. Radio Mayro is broadcasting for the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Broadcast tomorrow morning at 7 AM. From the staff and management of Radio Station W-Zero, good night and take care." Great sig, very clear and up to S9. (Sparks) And an easy log here in MA on 3/12 with Polynesian vocals segued till 0958, when ancts in Marshallese by W in sleepy-sounding monotone; off at 1007. (BH)

MEXICO: R. Nucleo Oro -- 6020 at 0410 with noticias, ID; in clear. (Sparks 3/31)

NEW CALEDONIA: RFO -- 3355 at 1308* with "La Marseillaise"; strong. (Sparks 4/3)

NIGERIA: FRCN, Lagos -- Reactivated 4932 heard again after two years or so. At 2058, ending discussion about vaccination policies; ID for "R. Nigeria, Lagos," IS of rapid drums. 2100 T/C for "10 o'clock," another ID and into nx // 4990. Gone by 2159 R/C. When previously active, had been special educational outlet; not sure if that's what it is now. (BH 4/8+)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: R. West New Britain, 3235 ... (T) R. Western, 3305 ... R. East Sepik, 3335 ... R. Northern, 3345 ... all heard in 1035-1057 time period with pop or Islands mx, Pidgin/vernac talks. (Rippel 4/3)

PERU: R. Paraiso de los Andes -- 8063.7 at 0010-0023 with some vocals but mostly ancts by M; ID at 0021. (Barto 3/22)

PHILIPPINES: RVA -- 15270 at 0010 with JP ID: "Kochira wa Radio Veritas Asia"; surprisingly decent level for this one here. (BH 4/10)

SWITZERLAND: SRI -- 3985 at 0658 ending GM, then 0700 IT and 0730 EG; F at first, then faded quickly, going fast by 0720. (Kusalik 2/21)

USSR: R. Tallinn, Estonian SSR -- 5925 with IS (do-sol-fa-mi re-do-mi-sol-do-re-mi) several times at 2103, then brass fanfare thrice at 2105 and into Swedish. No "Här är Tallinn" ID caught then, but one noted 2115. (BH 3/13)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: VOVAE, Abu Dhabi -- New 6015 observed 0244 ending Qur'an and giving usual AR ID; almost in clear, but // 6195 (also new) barely QPK in a jumble of other stns plus spur or slop. Don't assume 6015 is Qatar! (BH 4/3)

USA: WCSN -- Logged 3/30 (first day of operation) on 7365. *2155 OC, then bell-type IS; 2200 ID "This is the World Service of the Christian Science Monitor" and said this was first broadcast. Continued with nx, "Today's Monitor," "Roundtable," headline stories and into "Letterbox" at 2243, with address given as P. O. Box 860, Boston, MA 02123. At 2252, ancr mentioned that many people had phoned and telexed to say that they were hearing the stn. Severe QRM from RTTY on 7361 and Moscow on co-ch 7360. Tnx Jim Mulvey of Winchester, MA, for tip. (Schipelliti)

VENEZUELA: R. Nacional -- Now heard on 5023.6 at 0600 with rock mx, ID. (Sparks 3/28)

CLANDESTINE: R. Venceremos -- 6620v at 0057-0115 with usual songs, interviews, speeches; bad reception due het and mx jammer. Couple days earlier had been on 6590; next day on 6610v at 0050-0131½*. (Kusalik 3/1, 3/2)

CLANDESTINE: R. Caimán -- 7470 from 0158 with usual anti-Castro talks and interviews; at 0255, "Hit Parade" opening with "Born in the USA" by Bruce Springsteen -- quite an inspiring song to open the pgm! Strong sig, professional sound on 3/2. (Kusalik)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 2475, EG at 0945 but no ID. 4VEH reactivated? (Henderson 4/4) [Negative, Dan, it's the 3rd harmonic of R. Paradise, St. Kitts. -- BH] Another unID on 2440 at 1150 with Latin vocals, M ancr; not sure of lang. Didn't sound like a harmonic, but ... (Henderson 4/4)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 10243.6, a very weak sig, seemingly in SP, at 0022-0023; definitely SWBC. Possibly Futuro [Peru]? (Barto 3/22)

Hey, even with the season on the wane, we can do better than this! 73/DX,

Bob