

JULY 1988

Our noble reporting cadre this month consists of **Rich ECKMAN**, San Jose CA • **Harry HELMS**, San Diego CA • **Rufus JORDAN**, Pittsburgh PA • **Alan LAVES**, Dallas TX • **Chris LOBDELL**, Wilmington MA. You too are invited to join this small but tiny group.

AUSTRALIA: VLW6 (Perth) — On **6140** from 2201 tune-in with ABC news, mainly of Australia and New Zealand. At 2210 weather forecast for Perth area, then announced "This is ABC, Perth. The time is 10 past 6." Continued with pops hosted by DJ. Weak, but alone on channel. At 2228 recheck, bothered by subaudible heterodyne that turned out to be R. Beijing s/on at 2230. (BH 6/29)

CHINA: Xinjiang PBS — On **7385**, presumed Urumqi from 2241 in Chinese with good old-fashioned ranting and raving. At 2259 peppy instrumental, "5+1" pips, brief announcement, and into seeming exercise cadences over the syrupy theme from "Love Story"! Poor; starting to weaken by 2345 recheck. (BH 7/3)

COLOMBIA: CARACOL (Bogotá) — On **4755** from 0434 with salsa music interspersed with frequent CARACOL IDs; also ads for Coke, *pantalones*, beer, promo for UNICEF, CARACOL news at 0500. Powerful; seems 24 hours a day. (Lobdell 7/3) At 0506 dual 4945; good signal. I believe this is the former *Emisora Nuevo Mundo*. (Laves) ... **La Voz del Cinaruco** — On **4865** at 0041-0230+ with lively Latin pops, IDs in Spanish on the hour and at approximately 7-minute intervals. (Jordan 6/13) ... **La Voz de la Selva** — On **6170** from 0945 with wakeup program hosted by DJ; time check and ID at 0950, then *ranchera* tunes. At 0955 block of ads, then ruined by VOA splatter from 6165. (Lobdell 6/21)

COSTA RICA: R. Impacto — On **5030** at 0232-0317 with nice mix of US pop and Latin ballads; many IDs and time checks in Spanish. (Jordan 7/1)

CUBA: R. Moscow Relay — On **28800**, presumed 3rd harmonic of the North American Service relay on 9600 from 0024 with fair signals but rapid QSB; same program as 9600. (Helms 7/5)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: R. Clarín — On **4850** at 0320-0420 with mostly US pop standards; IDs in English and Spanish every 20-22 minutes or so. (Jordan 6/28)

ICELAND: ISBS — On new **15659** (very good) and **13770** (fair at best) opening at 1855 with usual "Utvarp Reykjavik" ID, then Icelandic talks by man and woman. Both outlets using carrier plus USB. Nothing on 17560, supposedly also in use. (BH 6/28)

KIRIBATI: R. Kiribati — On **14802** from *0555 with opening announcements by two women over nondescript music. At 0600 "5+1" pips and into BBC World Service news; at 0604 local news. Mixing in ute; poor overall. (Laves)

MALI: RTV de Mali — On **4835** from *0557 with beautiful harp IS, march-like anthem, ID as per WRTH. Directly into long vocals, the first one lasting 12 minutes. (Eckman 6/16)

MALTA: R. Mediterran — On **new 7110** (ex-5960, 6100, 6110) from 2053 with gospel program produced by IBRA North America. Just before 2115 s/off, asked for—nay, *pleaded* for—letters, giving address as POB 444, Niagara Falls, Ont. (plus a postal code I didn't catch), and promising QSLs in return. This on 6/29; next day, heard from 2004 till 2016* in Slavic language. Transmitter ID per Padula in *DXLD*. (*BH*)

NEW ZEALAND: R. New Zealand — On **12045** from 0350 with Australia/Papua New Guinea service. Program of pop selections by orchestra, talk re New South Wales, calendar of upcoming arts activities, big-band music. At 0500 into BBC program. (*Jordan 6/5*)

OMAN: R. Oman — On **11890** from 2122 with *Qur'an*. At 2131 announcement killed by splatter (and not helped by typically low audio); off at 2133 after anthem. Fair and in clear. Dual 6085 also audible through severe co-channel QRM from *Bayerischer Rundfunk*. (*BH 7/2*) On **17770** from 0204 with mournful recitations; at 0230 talk in Arabic, then Middle Eastern vocals and heavy orchestral works. This on 6/13; next day heard from *0157 with flute IS. Poor signal, with low modulation and QRM from KVOH on 17775. (*Jordan*)

PAKISTAN: R. Pakistan — On **17660** from *0230 with "Typewriter Song" theme; woman in English giving ID, freqs, slow-speed news headlines and details to 0245*. Again from 0438 with chanting, then discussion in Urdu at 0441. Followed with mix of exotic instrumentals and talk by man and woman till 0457 tune-out. Parallels: 17725 and 15580. (*Jordan 6/5, 6/8*)

PERU: R. Tropical — On **4935** from 0344 with Peruvian pops; at 0357 closing announcements over theme of "*Buenas noches, mi amor.*" Choral anthem to 0402*. Unusually strong level tonight. (*Lobdell 7/3*)

SWITZERLAND: ICRC via SRI — On **12035** from 0312 with news of ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) activities, visits to refugee camps, interview with ICRC director. (*Eckman 7/1*)

UGANDA: R. Uganda — On **4976** from *0259 with xylophone IS followed by ID in English; short newscast by woman, then continued with pops. Faded into QRM by 0315. (*Lobdell 6/25*)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: UAE R. (Dubai) — On **new 9550**, plus 11730 and 15300, around 2015 in Arabic with numerous IDs. At 2030 six pips, *Caucasian Sketches* theme and into news. All three channels off at 2050 after anthem. (*BH 6/27*) On **21700** from 0504 with presumed news in Arabic; at 0516 martial anthem, Middle Eastern music, talks in Arabic. Fair. (*Jordan 6/5*)

CLANDESTINE: Iran's Flag of Freedom R. — On **15555** from 0335 with heated Farsi polemics; at 0401 anthem followed by martial music and more orations. Possible IDs at 0412, 0447, 0500. (*Jordan 6/8*) ... **La Voz del CID / R. Camilo Cienfuegos** — On **29825v**, 3rd harmonic [of 9941v] becoming a regular. Found on 29826.3 at 0213 with fuzzy audio 6/24, on precisely 29825 at 2154 with better audio 7/3, on 29825.4 at 2218 with good audio 7/4. Always good to excellent signals. Wonder if they're aware of this harmonic and consider it "bonus" coverage? Have send them a report on this freq to get their reaction. (*Helms*)

73/DX,

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