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DXtra marches forth with reporters Rowland ARCHER, Raleigh NC and Alameda CA ... Dave CLARK, Newmarket, ON ... Marlin FIELD, Hillsdale MI ... Harry HELMS, San Diego CA ... Rufus JORDAN, Pittsburgh PA ... Gene PEARSON, Perrysburg OH

AFGHANISTAN: R. Iran Toilers (via Kabul) -- On 4775 from 0245 in Farsi by W; short patriotic song at 0251, then political talks by M past 0300. Quite G at T/I; losing out to R. Tropical (4774.9) by 0255. (Clark 2/8) [What R. Tropical is this, Dave?--BH]

ANGOLA: ER de Benguela -- Apparently the Angolan on 5040 around 0410 with mx, talk; no ID but // RNA on 4952. (Field 2/22)

ARGENTINA: R. Nac. -- On 9720, apparently new outlet from around 1545 past 1700. First noted 2/20 with SP pops, phone calls from listeners; ID as 'R. Nacional' without city names, ads or other clues as to country of origin. Watery sig and slowly dropping; gone at 1845 R/C. (Helms)

BANGLADESH: RBD -- On 15525 at 1236 with EG world nx by M with perfect BBC accent, then cmntry by W with local accent; 100% copy in rcvr USB mode. (Archer NC 2/28)

BRAZIL: R. Poti -- On 4965 at 0634 with PT and EG ID: 'This is R. Poti ... 4965 ... Natal, Rio Grande [do] Norte, Brazil.' (Field 2/6)

COSTA RICA: R. for Peace Int'l -- On 7375 from 0230 with EG pgm 'New Age Lifestyles'; P-F with deep fades. (Archer NC 3/1)

ECUADOR -- R. Nac. Espejo, 4679.5, at 0136-0215 with Coca-Cola ads, radio drama, ID 'R-N-E, R. Nac. Espejo, la señal mas poderosa en todo el país.' Tnx Behr tip on 'SWL Digest.' (Archer NC 3/1) Same on 4680a from 0345 with nonstop Ec mx till 0407 ID 'Transmite R. Nac. Espejo ... kHz onda larga ... onda corta, desde Quito, Ecuador, América del Sur.' (Field 3/1) R. Popular, 4800, at 0443 with ID 'R. Popular, Cuenca'; loudest ever here. (Field 3/1)

GABON: RFI Relay -- At 0453 giving stn address in various langs including EG. Another trop-band invasion by a 'big one.' (Field 2/10) [Freq 4890?--BH]

GUINEA: RTG -- On 7175v from 0730 in FR, with ID 0735, then local mx, talk, nx till 0800* after drums, s/off anct. (Jordan 2/19) [Haven't known them to stray so far from nominal 7125. Something new?--BH]

INDONESIA -- RRI Bukittinggi, 3231.8, from 2255 with strong carrier, modulated tone on and off. At 2310 R/T, powerful level

with seeming relig pgm to 2322, when instr anthem ended Jakarta relay. Followed with local ID and pops. Peaked at 2315; still F-G by 2330, then rapid fade. RRI Tanjungkarang, 3395.1, also in. (Clark 2/7) ... (T) RRI Dili, 3306.1, from 1013 with C&W-type pops, IN ancts by W; at 1040 S/C and Islands mx hosted by M. At 1059:45 'SCI,' brief anct by W, then M in possible warta berita. Weak on indoor antenna at motel. (Archer CA 2/19) ... RRI Bengkulu, 3264.7, from 2257 with AR-sounding vocal by W and flute; at 2259 RRI and probably local ID, then 'SCI,' chimes, net ID and nx. F to 2300, but Jakarta feed much lower level. (Clark 2/14) ... RRI Padang, 4002.7, from 2259 with instr mx, brief anct; at 2300 choral bridge (no 'SCI'), possible ID and into nx. Into vocals at 2308. F during ute breaks. (Clark 2/6) ... RRI Serui, 4607.3, heard 2/18 in CA from 0916 with pops and S/C mx; generic ID at 0941 and possibly local ID 0958. Tough copy in RTTY. Again 2/27 from NC; definite 'SCI' at 1226 followed by RRI ID, then buried by TV oscillator QRM. (Archer) ... RRI Ujung Pandang, 4753.38, from 1227 with instr mx till 1230, when RRI ID twice; more ancts and into ME-like chants till 1245 T/O. (Pearson 2/18) ... RRI Wamena, 4871, from 1200 with EZL pops, DJ chatter; F past usual 1215* but covered by ute at 1230. Showing again after virtual absence in Dec./Jan. (Clark 2/8) Same at 1218; ancr atop 'Love Ambon' till 1220:45*. (Archer NC 2/27) ... RRI Surakarta, 4931.6, from 1230 with W ancts; into pops at 1233. (Clark 2/15) Same on 4932 from 1115 with lagu, ancts mentioning Surakarta; 1159:45 site ID, 'SCI,' Jakarta nx. (Archer CA 2/18) ... RRI Yogyakarta, 5046, from 1104 with IN pops, W talk; at 1129:50 local ID and into EG nx ending at 1138 with 'That is the end of this BC in EG' and back to pops. (Archer CA 2/19) ... RRI Pekanbaru, 5894, presumed from 1150 with pops; definite 'SCI' at 1159:30 followed by Jakarta relay. F and in clear. (Archer NC 3/6)

LESOTHO: BBC Relay -- On 3255 at *0400 with BBCWS nx. (Field 2/13)

MALI: R. Beijing Relay -- On 15130 from *1200-1257* with EG nx, cmntry, features; P to marginally F. (Jordan 2/23)

NEPAL: RN -- On 3230 from 0021 with Asian flutes, S/C vocals, brief ancts by M&W in presumed NP; lost before 0115. Mostly P but occasional peaks to F over ute and Peru. First time heard in evening window. (Clark 2/11)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA -- R. Enga, 2410, from 1205 with variety of C&W tunes, one relig song; ancr in PD with bits of EG, including ID and maybe freq anct at 1220. Chants from 1230 with brief PD anct 1245. G at T/I; weak and noisy by 1245. My first definite log and I doubt I'll ever get a better one! This during spectacular PNG opening on 2/14. (Clark) R. Gulf, 3245, presumed at 1152-1210 with usual PNG mx; M ancr, two mentions of PNG. (Archer NC 2/27) R. East New Britain, 3385, presumed the one from 1245 with Islands choral mx till 1249 T/C for '11 minutes to 11.' Into more Islands mx with W chorus, percussion. Weak but clear; fading toward T/O. (Pearson 2/17)

PERU -- R. Quinto, 5700, in mx pgm; very weak. ID presumed, as

this one heard here before with ID. (Field 3/4) UnID on 5825, likely R. Comercial Cosmos, Bambamarca, at 0230 with Peru-type mx; maybe 0300*. Very weak. (Field 3/3)

SUDAN: Nat'l Unity R. -- On 9435 from *1400v with AR polemics, ME mx, chants to 1505v*; several abrupt sig breaks lasting about :30. (Jordan 2/2+) Same from 1430 with mostly talk, some mx of AR/NAf variety, no ID; off at 1504. (Field 3/1) [Lang AR? Please don't omit lang unless obvious, e.g., Indo or Latin stn.--BH]

SURINAM: R. Apintie -- On 5005.7 from 0359 with EG pop tune and voice-over s/off ancts in presumed DT; continuous drums to 0402, then instr anthem and off 0403. Surprisingly G, punching thru ute QRM. (Clark 2/14)

USSR -- Tbilisi, 5040, at 0320 with what sounded like exercise pgm heard on other USSR stns; no ID. (Field 3/3) Riga, 5935, from 2100 with bell-tower chimes, two mins of anthem, nice orch and operatic mx. Long talk 2130-2155, then clear 'R. Riga' ID; pops to 2159:30 'Runa Riga' ID. At 2200, '5+1' pips. (Archer NC 2/27) [By '5+1,' do you mean à la CPBS, with final tone different pitch? Never heard such on USSR stn.--BH] R. Tashkent, 7275, at *1200-1230* in EG; also 1300-1330 in HD, then into EG nx. Both xmsns to SEAS // 9600 (weak)/11785 (G); other //s inaudible. (Jordan 2/17)

VENEZUELA: R. Occidente -- On 9750 at 1210 with mx; ID and time after each selection. Hadn't heard in long time. (Field 2/25)

PIRATE: R. Caroline -- On 6210 with EG ID at 2258 after version of 'Heartbreaker' or similar song, then into Buddy Holly-style number a la 'Summertime Blues'; nice sig. Tnx Jerry Berg for tip. (BH 2/25) Same booming in from 0102 with pops and rock, ads for Canadian lottery and Brighton Record Fair; ID 'Caroline 558 broadcasting from the North Sea.' Seemed to be drifting (no anchor jokes, pse). Anyone have address for report? (Archer NC 3/3)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 5045 from 0550 with talk and mx; seemed ref to 'Cristiano.' Off at 0556; weak. (Field 2/21) On 6720 from 0234 with marimba mx, SP to 0306*. Again briefly 1200; faded quickly. (Field 2/27, 3/4) [Likely 2X of LV de Nahuala, 3360.--BH] On strange 9207 from 2340 with LA romantic ballads, some by group sounding like Ink Spots; M voice at 2400, but deep fades and puny sig made ID hopeless. (BH 2/11)

73/DX,

Bob