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A bouquet of May flowers to this month's reporters: Rich D'ANGELO, Wyomissing PA ... Rich ECKMAN, San Jose CA ... Rufus JORDAN, Pittsburgh PA ... Alan LAVES, Dallas TX ... Chris LOBDELL, Wilmington MA ... Dan SHEEDY, Encinitas CA

ALGERIA: RTA -- From 4/28 thru 5/7, AR outlet was on 7194 instead of 7143 as noted c. 2200. Shifted to 7144 on 5/8. (BH)

BENIN: V. Rev., Parakou -- On 5026 every Sun. since 4/24 as observed c. 2230; always // Cotonou on 4870 rather than carrying own pgm, but assumed still Parakou. (BH)

BOLIVIA: R. 16 de Marzo -- On 4865v from 0035 with poss ID, folk and choral sels till another poss ID at 0044; into rousing speech, martial anthem. Not there after 0200--s/off or F/O? (Jordan 5/1)

BRAZIL -- R. Equatorial, 3375, from 0615 with PT pops, DJ taking listener calls; ID and T/C by W. Still going strong at 0800. (Lobdell 4/24) ... (T) R. Cancão Nova, 4825, from 0005 with W in PT, local versions of US pop tunes; at 0030 poss ID, freqs, QTH. P-VP. (Jordan 5/1) ... R. Cultura do Pará, 5045, from 0755 with M&W in PT, Z-3 T/C, upbeat pops and ballads; ID at 0808. Much stronger than any other ZY this AM. (Laves 4/24)

CANADA -- CFCX, 6005, from 0843 with EG call-in show; at 0846 seemed SW (CFCX) ID. Ref to 'AM radio in Montreal' at 0859, then into nx. SIO 132 with Costa Rica absent. (Laves 4/24) ... (T) CFVP, 6030, from 0833 with canned Top 40 show, no ID heard; SIO 232 till covered by AFRTS at 0845. (Laves 4/24)

CHINA -- Xinjiang PBS, 3990, from 2313 with W in presumed Uighur, then local instr, ancts, Oriental-type vocal; only F this freq but super on // 4735. (BH 5/3) ... Xinghai-1 PBS, 6260, from 2238 in drama, with M&W in CH plus occas mx bridges; continued thru '5+1' pips at 2300. Weak. Also signs of listed // 3950, but not enough audio to confirm. (BH 4/24)

COLOMBIA: R. Guatapurí -- On 4815 from 0205 with pgm of live mx; ancts and IDs between each sel. Also occas T/Cs and mtns of Coca-Cola. (D'Angelo 4/30)

CYPRUS: CBC -- On new 9635 for GK to UK at *2215-2245* [weekends only]. From 2210, IS of 8 guitar notes, ID, ancts by W and into pgm. (Jordan 4/30)

DOMINICAN REP.: R. Santiago -- On 9778a from 0010 with ballads; at 0016 ID. (Laves 4/28) ... On 9778 from 0302 with Latin romantic ballads hosted by W; at 0407 ID, s/off ancts, orch NA. (D'Angelo 5/1)

GABON: AWR Africa -- On 17890 from 1232 in EG with Bible correspondence course, many addr in Af; at 1259 ID. Heavy HCJB QRM. (D'Angelo 5/1)

INDIA: AIR -- On 9650, CH svc from 2220 with talk and slow Oriental orch number; at 2245 brief anct, then off. P-F here; very weak on // 7120. ... (BH 5/6) ... On 11745, assumed this from 0014 with haunting S/C vocal, then W in accented EG. VP. (BH 4/20) ... Also assumed the one on 15110 from 0107 with W in EG nx, followed by discoesque instr and freq recap to 0115*. Distorted audio, heavy flutter. (BH 4/21) ... On 15335 with folk mx and mailbag to 1100*. E level atop Morocco. Nice to see higher bands opening to India/Pakistan c. 1000. (Lobdell)

INDONESIA: RRI Jakarta -- On 11865 from 1158 with soft instr mx to 1200, when ID and nx in IN; at 1215 stringed instr mx as lead-in for W intro of vocal feature. At 1228 covered by FEBA. (D'Angelo 5/1)

IRAQ: R. Baghdad -- On 15230 at 2058 with EG ID by W, then nx headlines preceded and followed by drums. (Laves 5/9)

IRAQ(?): 'R. Baghdad' -- Stn on 9544 ancg as Baghdad heard since 5/1 from c. 2045 with chants, ME mx, Azeri talk with ID close to 'Danyshir Baghdad, Iraq jumhuriyeti radyosi'; seemingly an 'Inja' (Farsi) ID before 2155*. Strong carrier, but audio constantly fades up and down. Suspect cland or quasi-cland beamed to Azerbaijan region of northwest Iran. Same stn heard on 7180 during 2/87. (BH)

ISRAEL: KI -- On U/L 21495 (carrier + USB) from 1510 in Farsi; at 1525 single chord and IS, then off. (BH 4/20)

JAPAN: RJ -- On 21610 from 0204 past 0230 in rapid JP. Weak, but still welcome evidence of improving HF prop. (BH 4/20) ... Same from 0230 with M&W in JP with actualities, remotes, sports; at 0259 ID and sked, then into EG. (Jordan 5/3)

KENYA: VOK -- On 6150 at 2115* after SH benediction (with several 'salaam aleikum's), ancts, a-cappella male chorus. G and alone on channel. (BH 5/7)

LIBYA: SPLAJBC -- On 15235 // 15415/15450 from 0155 with AR monologs, ME mx; at 0221 'Saut al watan' ID. SIO 343 with lousy mod. (Laves 4/27)

MALI -- RTM, 17985 (3X of 5995), at 2242 with FR talk; also heard on fund. (BH 4/23) ... On 23921 (2X of 11960+) from 1445 with M&W in FR nx; at 1458 monotonous guitar theme till 'R. Télévision de Mali' ID at 1500. Decent sig on peaks; fund inaudible. (BH 4/20) ... R. Beijing Relay on 21485 (spur of 11715 + 9770) from 0047 in EG-CH lessons; at 0055 W in EG gave ID and freqs. (BH 4/21)

MEXICO -- XEUW, 6020, from 0503 with vocals, SP talk with mtns of Veracruz; 0601* after NA. (Eckman 4/30) ... R. Educación, 6185, from 0735 with 'Don Quixote' drama; at 0758 full ID, C/S, pgm preview, Latin rhythms to 0814*. (D'Angelo 4/21)

NO.MARIANAS: KYOI -- On 9495 at 2100 in EG with QRJ slogan, then clear

'KYOI' and pgm preview for '2nd hour of our BC on Monday, the 18th of April' (tho sked shows 1800-2200 and the date in Saipan was already 4/19). Wretched sig. (BH 4/18) ... Also on 17780 from 0220 with old CCR tune, then 'Traces' by Classics IV; at 0229 ID and ref to C. S. Monitor. Weak but improving. (BH 4/20)

PAKISTAN: RP -- On new 9400 from 1837 in Urdu with S/C vocals; 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogan before chorus at 1900*. Severe co-ch QRM from R. Iran (clandestine). // 11570 strong amid fax QRM. (BH 4/18) ... On 15606 from 1100 with EG T/C, pips, nat'l nx to 1103; IS, ID, slow-speed nx to Eu from 1105. // 17660, both nice level. (Lobdell)

(T) PAPUA NEW GUINEA: R. New Ireland -- On 3905 from 0953 with M in seeming PD; at 0959 another M mtng 'Sunday night.' At 1000:30 chimes and another ref to Sunday night, then into gospel mx. P-F with muffled audio. (BH 4/17)

PERU -- R. Ancash, 4991, from 0307 with IDs, T/Cs, birthday greetings, rustic tunes past 0401. (Lobdell 5/1) ... R. América, 6011, from 0645 in SP with weird vocals, infrequent IDs; E past 0900. (Eckman 4/2) ... R. Union, 6116v, from 0820 with mensajes, ID, ad string, OA vocals. F with deep fades. (D'Angelo 4/21) ... R. del Pacífico on 9950 from 0155 with drama, ID, ad string, light vocals interspersed with IDs. (D'Angelo 4/28) (T) On 9949v from 0230 on 4/28 and again from 2345 next day. (Jordan) On 9950 from 0345 with modern clas mx, many IDs, T/C for '23 horas' at 0400. Move from 9675 or 2X 4975? (Laves 5/3)

SINGAPORE: R. 1 -- On 11940 from 1700 with pgm 'Music and Company' (phone calls from listeners, dedications of US pop songs); phone number 250-1090 (couldn't get thru) given often. Frequent 'R. 1' IDs; 'SBC' ID only after nx on hour. VG. (Eckman 4/30)

SWEDEN: RS -- On 21555 (USB) from 1345 with SD ID, M&W talks, nx, folk mx; again at 1544-1558*. (Jordan 4/24)

TAIWAN: WYFR via VOFC -- On 15055 at 1339 with EG talk re Genesis. (Laves 5/4) [Well, they're not a bad group, but I liked them better when they had Peter Gabriel.--BH]

USSR -- Khanty-Mansiysk, 4820, presumed the one c. 2220 with 'utrennie uprazhneniya' (morning exercises); usual schtick of corny piano tunes accompanied by 'raz, dva, tri, chetyre' as the comrades huff & puff. At 2229 silence, then W&M swapping mike in lang. (BH 4/22) ... Tashkent, 5925, assumed the one from 2335 with monotonous, dirge-like vocals in bizarre mix of Oriental and ME styles; at 2359 brief anct, then back to mx across the hour with no pips or further break. Weak, fluttery, Prague slop. (BH 5/7) ... R. Vilnyus, 12200 (2X of 6100), just before 2130 with 17-note IS on horns, then EG to Eu. Gave freqs as 666 kHz and 6.1 MHz. Weak-F; low audio. Fund also QRM when 6100 clear. (BH 4/24+)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: VO UAE, Abu Dhabi -- On new 7300 going past normal 2130* during Ramadan with AR discussion and IDs. Decent QSA, but bad co-ch QRM. (BH 4/21) ... (T) On 11865 from 0240 with chants, instr mx; soon clobbered by QRN/QRM. Have seen s/on listed as 0300. (Jordan 4/6)

USA -- Helms's UNID on 3690 [in last month's DXtra] is 3X of KGFJ, Los Angeles, MW 1230 kHz. (Sheedy)

CLANDESTINE -- (T) AV da Res. do Gâlo Negro -- Seemingly this on new 7145 from c. 2045 with political harangues in Af vernac; many mtns of Angola, UNITA, Savimbi, Soviets, Cubans, Program 'A', Program 'B', 'kilowatt'--and, weirdly, 'Coca-Cola'! Just before 2156-2159v*, PT anct heard as: 'Estimados ouvintes, um [5-6 words] em ponto final. Você está conosco nas horas da anunciada. [?Epilog?].' Off after march played atrociously by local Chowder & Marching Society band. No ID heard, but fits VRGN format. (BH 5/7, 5/8) ... RVO Ethiopian Unity, 9425, from 1910 way under VO Greece with ranting in pres Amharic; at 1955 typical 'Horn of Africa'-area instr, then long anct that seemed to include mailing address, and off at 2005. Buckshot from filthy audio of whichever US gospel stn is currently disgracing 9465 at this hour. (BH 4/18) ... VO Libyan People, 9500, from 2207 with AR polemics, ME mx, chants; trumpet flourishes and off at 2300. (Jordan 4/21)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 3391 from 2340 with M in fervent SP exhortation, either political tirade or gospel-type sermon; only words 'armonía' and 'el mundo' positive, tho stayed with it till 0018*. Weak, staticky thruout. Alerted Jerry Berg, who caught ref to Bolivia at 0004. Maybe R. Camargo? (BH 4/22) ... On 6233 from around 2240 with mostly nondescript Eu-style vocals, ancts in poss FR; low audio, deep fades, sig worsening after 2300. Heard 4/26 and 5/3; either not there or too weak other days. Europirate? (BH) ... On 21595 from 1507 in perhaps EEU tongue, with perhaps a 'Rah-dio' ID; cut off at 1555. (BH 4/20)

Low-band DX may be scarce between now and next fall, but check 19M and 16M around 1000-1200 if you're in ECNA! Jam-packed with sigs from all over the globe.

73/DX,

Bob