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Interesting observations from Chuck Boehnke: "Haven't heard Marshall Is. 6070 lately—this doesn't mean they're off, only that I haven't heard them. Not even on medium wave too often, although they were audible last night around 0830 on 1098 kHz very weakly. Tonga on 5030 heard occasionally but usually torn up by QRM. Paul Ormandy says it's good evenings in New Zealand. However, 1017 medium wave is regular here."

AUSTRALIA: *4RPH* (*R. for Print Handicapped*), Brisbane — On 1620 at 1015 in English with man reading from book, then short story; followed with news bulletins and into Frank Sinatra's "All the Way." (*Boehnke 6/18*)

BOLIVIA: *R. San Gabriel* — On 6078.8 from *0900 in Aymará. (*Jones*) [*Stateside listeners, beware of HCJB spur near this frequency. — BH*] ... *R. Cosmos* — Heard on 6094.6 around 0930-0100 in Spanish with many ads; sometimes leaves carrier on all night. (*Jones*) ... *R. Fides* — On 6155 from 0149 with Spanish ID amid ad string, then into dialog between announcer and reporter on telephone; weak and clobbered by adjacent-channel slop. Also audible on dual 4845 under the Brazilian. (*BH 7/6*)

BRAZIL: *R. MEC* — Reactivated on SW after long absence. Heard on 9599.7 from 1100 till lost around 0130; on 11950 from 1100 till smothered at 2300 by Alma Ata and Havana s/ons. Also probably this one on 5990 going off at 2100; big carrier but almost zero audio. (*Jones*) ... *R. Guarujá* — Active irregularly on 5980 around 1100-0100. (*Jones*) ... *R. Bandeirantes* — On 9645 at 0835 with mix of Brazilian pops and nice *campesino*-type tunes; good here and on dual 6090. (*Boehnke 6/21*)

CAMEROON: *CRTV, Yaoundé* — On 4850 from 0505 with news and IDs in English, then African vocals. (*Streitmatter 6/20*)

CHINA: *Xinjiang PBS, Ürümqi* — Uighur service on new 7195 at *2200; in clear after VOA s/off. Dual 5800. (*Jones*)

COLOMBIA: *Emisora Meridiano 70, Arauca* — On 4925 at 1010 with good *cumbias*, etc; heard irregularly. The "70" refers to MW frequency of 1170. (*Boehnke 6/24*) [*But the slogan is derived from Arauca's being situated smack on the 70th meridian of longitude, ¿no? — BH*]

COSTA RICA: *R. Impacto* — On 6160 at 0145 in Spanish with Latin pops, full ID, brief announcements, news. These guys are everywhere—5030, 5044, 6150, etc. (*Boehnke 6/14*)

ECUADOR: *R. Nacional Progreso* — On 5060 at 1015 with *folklorica* music, some *anunciados* in Spanish and unfamiliar dialect. (*Boehnke 6/23*)

INDONESIA: *RRI Manado* — On 3215 at 1107 with lilting tunes, several by same female singers. These Indos can be great listening! (*Boehnke 6/24*)

LIBYA: SPLAJBC — On new 6120v (6120.6 on 7/6, 6119.7 on 7/7) from 0207 in Arabic with seeming patriotic speech, perhaps by Qaddafi himself; at 0217 ID "Saut al-watan al-arabiyya kebir ..." Parallel 7235 and 15235. (BH 7/6+)

MALAYSIA: V. of Malaysia — On 15295 from 1025 s/on with anthem, chimes; at 1030 ID in English, then into Chinese. (Streitmatter 6/8)

PAKISTAN: Pakistan BC Corp. — Still audible on 7169.5 some evenings. On 7/2 noted from *0040 with IS, announcement by woman, 10-20 seconds of chanting, announcement by man and into Qur'an. Too weak to determine language. Location unknown—Quetta listed for 7170; Islamabad supposed to be on 7175. (BH)

PARAGUAY: Emisoras Paraguay — Recently reactivated 6014.5 heard around *0830-1630* and *2000-2330.* (Jones) ... **R. Nacional** — On 9735 at 0227 in Spanish and Guaraní with good musical program of male group vocals and fantastic Paraguayan harp. (Boehnke 6/17)

PERU: R. Oyón — On 3450 at 1125 in Spanish with possible church service (heavy-sounding music, some religious-type wailing and singing); at 1128 ID. (Boehnke 6/24) ... **R. Mundo (La Voz del Campo)** — On 5081 at 0942 with Andean music, including "yippy" vocals; clear ID in Spanish. Heard often since 5/8. This is probably Field's unID in June *DXtra*. (Boehnke)

SAUDI ARABIA: BSKSA — On 21670 from 1101 with martial-type anthem, ID in Arabic; into presumed news. Signal gone by 1108. (Jordan 6/26) [Supposed to be in Indonesian at this time. — BH]

SIERRA LEONE: Sierra Leone BC Service — On

5979.7 at 0745 in English; good carrier but low audio. (Jones)

SOUTH AFRICA: R. RSA — On 4965 from 0416 past 0440 in Afrikaans with classical music; IDs and announcements by woman. At 0430 presumed news. Poor here and on parallel 6130. (Jordan 6/23)

TAIWAN: BC Corp. of China — On 15270, heard coming on any time between 2200 and 2250 with Chinese talk, including ads; off at 2400 after time signal. Severe co-channel QRM from *Deutsche Welle*. This is a relay of domestic service; had been mystery station till recent edition of *DX Spread* provided solution. (Jones)

TUNISIA: RTT — On new 15450 at *0300 in Arabic with WRTH-style ID, Qur'an; at 0329 another ID. Good here as well as parallels 17610 and 11550. (Careful—don't assume Libya!) (BH 7/6)

USSR: Tatarskoye R., Kazan' — On new 11945 from 0700 fade-in; at 0719 a minute of silence, then ID "Govorit Kazan'." (Jones) ... **Kazakhskoye R. (2nd Program), Alma Ata** — On new 17730 opening at 2300 and mixing with Moscow World Service, also *2300. Dual 5970. (Jones)

USA: VOA — On 26040 at 1700* after "Top 40" program in English. (Jordan 6/15)

VENEZUELA: R. Táchira — On 4830 at 1020 in Spanish with IDs and many excellent Venezuelan harp selections. (Boehnke 6/24)

UNIDENTIFIED — On 3480 from 1145 with man and woman in discussion; at 1150 into music. Language was definitely Oriental but didn't sound Korean. Seemed slight echo—perhaps two transmitters poorly synchronized. (Boehnke 6/24) □