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AY marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Tchaikovsky. Professor David Brown, who begins an eight-part series on the life of the composer this month, is an authority who admits that in his younger days he held his subject in poor esteem.

Tchaikovsky is generally considered one of the "great" composers, but in the years after the Second World War, David Brown recalls, his stock had fallen badly. "There was a suspicion that he was little more than someone with a flair for good tunes and colourful

orchestration, a bit of a simpleton when it came to weighty matters such as symphonic structure or 'real' musical thought."

How the professor came to spend the past 15 years immersed in the life and work of this "simpleton" is explained in his introduction to *Tchaikovsky* on page 13.

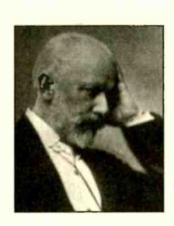
Tchaikovsky's is not the only anniversary celebrated this month. The BBC's Hindi Service has been on-air for 50 years in May and to mark the occasion, especially for

our many readers in India and Hindi-speakers elsewhere, the service is featured in London Calling's occasional series Around Bush House.

Another language service deserves mention: BBC World Service has resumed broadcasting in Sinhala for the first time in 14 years, with a weekly 30-minute programme called Sandeseya presented by M Vasantha Raja. Times and frequencies, back page.

"We look forward to providing listeners in Sri Lanka with a weekly window on world and regional developments." says the head of the BBC Eastern Service, William Crawley.

Finally a note for listeners in, or travelling to, Hong Kong. The frequency charts in this issue include a rebroadcaster for the first time - Radio Television Hong Kong now transmits World Service in English 24 hours a day on its Radio 6, so it seemed sensible to reflect the availability of this clear signal. Watch out for a lot more information on rebroadcasting around the world in *London Calling* later this year.



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World News (9/5/1 min)

Broadcast daily in the World Service 0200, 0300, 0500, 0700, 0800, 0900, 1100, 1300, 1600, 1700, 2000; 5-Minute News 1400 (Mons-Fris), 2300 (daily); News Summary 0100, 1000, 1200 (Suns only), 1400 (Sats and Suns only), 1900, 2100

Newsdesk (30 min)

Including World News and despatches from overseas and UK correspondents daily 0000, 0400, 0600, 1800

Newshour (60 min)

A comprehensive look at the major topics of the day, plus up-to-the-minute international and British news daily 2200

Newsreel (15 min)

News of events as they happen and despatches from BBC correspondents all over the world daily 0215 (South Asia), 1200 (ex Suns), 1500

News About Britain

Daily 0309, 1109, 1609

Twenty-Four Hours

(20/45 min)

Analysis of the main news of the day daily 0509, 0709, 1309

British Press Review

Survey of editorial opinion in the Press daily 0209, 0909

The World Today

(15 min)

Examines thoroughly one topical aspect of the international scene

Mons-Fris 1645 rep 2009, Tues-Fris 0145 (South Asia), Tues-Sats 0315, 0545, 0915

Commentary (5 min)

Background to the news from a wide range of specialists Mons-Fris 1709, 2305

Outlook (25 min)

An up-to-the-minute mix of conversation, controversy and colour from around the world, plus the latest developments here in Britain Mons-Fris 1405, 1901, Tues-Sats 0101

Financial News (9/5 min)

Including news of commodity prices and significant moves in currency and stock markets Mons-Sats 0930, Mons-Fris 1925, 2310, Tues-Sats 0125, 0530, brief news Mons-Fris 0625, 0728, 1328, 1825 approx, Tues-Sats 0025, daily in Newshour 2225

Financial Review (9 min)

A look back at the financial week Sats in Newshour 2225 approx rep Suns 0530, 0930

Worldbrief (15 min)

A 15-minute roundup of the week's news headlines, plus everything from sport and finance to best-sellers and the weather Fris 2315, Sats 0445, 0945

Jolly Good Show (45 min)

Dave Lee Travis presents your record requests and dedications in his own unique way, including the Album of the Month Sats 0815 rep 2315, Tues 1515

Andy Kershaw's World of Music (15 min)

Mons 0215 rep 0945, 1330, Thurs 0445

Anything Goes (30 min)

A variety of music and much more. Send your requests to Bob Holness Suns 1430 rep Mons 0330 rep 0830

Assignment (30 min)

Weekly examination of a topical issue Weds 2030 rep Thurs 0230, 1001, 1615

Book Choice (5 min)

Short book reviews with four editions each week Sats 0145 rep Suns 0940, 1709; Sats 1709 rep 2310, Suns 0745; Suns 2310 rep Tues 0455, 1125; Weds 1740 rep Thurs 0140,

Business Matters (15 min)Weekly survey of commercial and financial news *Tues 2115 rep Weds 0815, 1445*

Counterpoint (30 min)

Paul Jones with the best of r&b, jazz, soul and pop Tues 0630 rep Weds 0230, 1615, 2115

Country Style (15 min)
With David Allan Weds 0145 rep 0445, 1115

Development '90 (30 min)

Reflecting aid and development issues Tues 1930 rep Weds 0730, 1330

Discovery (30 min)
An in-depth look at scientific research Tues
1001 rep 1830, Weds 0330

Europe's World (15 min)

A magazine programme reflecting life in Europe and its links with other parts of the world *Mons 2115 rep Tues 0145*, 0730 SEE PAGE 6

Focus on Faith (30 min)

Comment and discussion on the major issues in the worlds of faith Thurs 1830 rep Fris 0330, 1001

From Our Own Correspondent

(15 min)
BBC correspondents comment on the background to the news Sats 2009 rep Suns 0315, 0730, 1115

From the Weeklies (15 min)

A review of the British weekly Press Sats 0030 rep 0730, 1945

Global Concerns (15 min)
Keeping ahead on environmental issues
Thurs 2130 rep Fris 0145, 1115

Good Books (15 min)
Recommendation of a book to read Mons
0315 rep 1615, Weds 2315, Thurs 0815

Health Matters (15 min)

Keeping track of new developments in the world of medical science, as well as ways of keeping fit *Mons 1115 rep 1630*, *Tues 0815*, *Weds 0215*

Here's Humph! (15 min) All that jazz Fris 1345 rep 1945, Sats 0430,

Jazz for the Asking (30 min) Sats 1830 rep Suns 0630, Weds 1030

Jazz Scene UK/Folk in Britain

(15 min)

Jazz one week, folk the next Thurs 1345 rep Fris 0130, 0445

John Peel (30 min)
Selects tracks from newly released albums and singles from the contemporary music scene Sats 1715 rep Tues 0330, Thurs 0830

etter From America (15 min) With Alistair Cooke Sats 1015 rep Suns

0545, 1645, 2315

Megamix (30 min)

Compendium of music, sport, fashion, health,

travel, news and views for young people Tues 0030 rep 1130, 2130

Meridian (30 min)

Each week, three topical programmes about the world of the arts Sats 0630 rep 1130, 2030; Tues 2030 rep Weds 0630, 1130; Thurs 2030 rep Fris 0630, 1130

lultitrack (30 min)

1 World Service Top Twenty *Mons 1830 rep 2330, Tues 1215;* 2 New pop records, interviews, news and competitions **Weds** 1830 rep 2330, Thurs 1215; 3 Latest developments on the British contemporary music scene Fris 1830 rep 2330, Sats 1215

Music Review (45 min)
News and views from the world of music Thurs 2315 rep Fris 0815, 1515

Network UK (15 min)
Looks behind the issues and events that affect the lives of people throughout the UK *Mons, Weds, Fris 1930 rep Tues, Thurs, Sats 0215, 0745, 1330*

New Ideas (10 min)
Radio shop window for new products and inventions Sats 0150 rep Tues 0445, Weds 1730, Thurs 1115

Off the Shelf (15 min)

Daily readings from the best of world literature Mons-Fris 0430 rep 1430

Omnibus (30 min)

Each week a half-hour programme on practically any topic under the sun *Tues 1615 rep Weds 0030, 1001*

People and Politics (30 min)

Background to the British political scene Fris 2130 rep Sats 0230, 1030

Personal View (15 min) Of topical issues in British life Suns 0445 rep

2009, Mons 1345

Recording of the Week (15 min)
A personal choice from the new releases Sats
0045 rep Mons 0545, Weds 2145

Science in Action (30 min) Fris 1615 rep 2030, Suns 1001, Mons 0230 Seven Seas (15 min)
Weekly programme about ships and the sea,

with Malcolm Billings Thurs 2115 rep Fris 0215, 0945

Society Today (15 min) A weekly look at the changes in Britain Weds 1715 rep Thurs 0145, 0945

Sports International (30min) *Mons 2130 rep Tues 0230, 1030*

Sports Roundup (15/14/9/5 min) Mons-Sats following the 0930 Financial News, 1245; daily 1745, 2101; Suns only 1345

(195 min) Weekly sports magazine Sats 1345, 1515, 1615

Tech Talk (15 min)
The latest from the world of engineering Fris
1445 rep Suns 0915, Mons 0445

The Farming World (20 min) Weds 1225 rep Thurs 0640, 1940

The Ken Bruce Show (30 min) Suns 0030 rep 1130, 1830

The Pleasure's Yours (45 min)

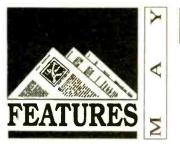
Write to Gordon Clyde for your classical music requests Suns 0815 rep 2115, Thurs 1515

The Vintage Chart Show (30 min) Past top twenty hits with Paul Burnett Sats 0330 rep Mons 1030, 2030

Waveguide (10 min)
How to hear World Service better Suns 0750,
Mons 0530, Tues 1115, Thurs 0130

Words of Faith (5 min)

People of all faiths share how their scripture gives authority and meaning to their lives daily 0540 rep 0809, 2025; Sats, Suns 2305



(4 x 15 min)

Arabic poetry has a long and illustrious tradition, yet outside the Arab world it remains remarkably little known.

In the first two programmes of this new series Robin Ostle traces the classical origins of Arabic poetry and its development from the desert odes of pre-Islamic Arabia to the court poetry of Haroun alRashid and love songs of Moorish Spain.

Programmes three and four examine how modern Arabic poetry has emerged under the twin influence of the classical tradition and the impact of the West, and how it expresses the social and political concerns of today's Middle East.

With readings in Arabic and in English. Bread, Hashish and Moonlight celebrates one of the world's great literatures.

• Mons from 7th 0815 rep 2315, Weds



Voice of Our Own

(6 x 15 min)

Some of Britain's newspapers. The Times, for instance, are well-known around the world. There are dozens of others, however, that are virtually unknown even within the country. Unknown, that is, unless you are a member of one of the many ethnic or national communities living in Britain today.

These are the specialist newspapers produced for and by the Indians, Pakistanis, West Indians, New Zealanders, Poles, Chinese, Americans, Irish or any of the other groups which have made their home in the UK. Indeed, it has become one of the signs that a community is well-established when it produces its own newspaper.

Sometimes the paper is a thick, professional affair; equally often it is a crafted news-sheet compiled by enthusiasts, subsidised from their own pockets but sold all over Britain.

What sort of information do these titles carry, and what relationship so they have with the community? How much of what they print is home news from abroad, and how do they report on the domestic affairs of Britain?

Les Woodland describes a fairly light-hearted day in the life of these community voices.

• Weds from 2nd 0130 rep 0945, 1945 (ex 23rd)

Goldmine in the Dustbin



The mountain of rubbish dumped in landfills or incinerated in the USA is rising at a steady one per cent a year. Four-fifths of existing landfill sites, the only legal dumping grounds, will close within the next 20 years. Two states, New York and New Jersey, already have no landfill sites left.

The USA's is only the most extreme case of a planet-wide problem. Industrial society is producing more and more waste. with fewer and fewer places to put it. Recycling, that impractical-seeming flower child of the distant '60s, is becoming the only realistic option for tackling it.

John Newell investigates further the new technology which is available to tackle what many regard as the biggest single challenge facing the environment.

Weds until 30th 1215 rep Thurs 0630,

In Praise of God

Starting the month is a service from the Church of St Thomas-on-the-Bourne in Farnham, Surrey. introduced by Canon Chris Herbert 6th.

There follows a service from Fishponds Baptist Church in Bristol led by the Reverend Dave Pole 13th.

A studio meditation led by the Right Reverend Professor Robert Davidson. Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland can be heard 20th.

• Suns 1030 rep 1715, Mons 0030

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Russia, the Drive to Empire

(5 x 30 min)

The Soviet Empire is crumbling: earlier this year Azerbaijan and Armenia made world headlines as clashes between the two communities led to bloodshed and were followed by Moscow's decision to send troops to Azerbaijan.

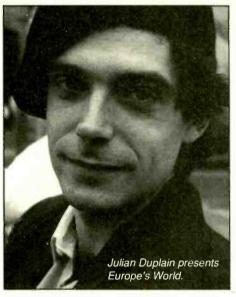
Also in the Caucasus, Georgia has made it clear that its ultimate objective is independence. The same is true of the Baltic States to the north, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

But how did this vast empire come into being in the first place? Russia, the Drive to Empire was first heard on World Service a year ago. The USSR has changed immensely in that time.

John Eidinow explores its origins and how more than 100 nations with their own languages and traditions were brought together. Part five, *The Soviet Union Today*, is updated to take account of recent developments.

The first programme, Muscovy and the Mongols 1480-1682 **April 29th** is followed by Muscovy, the Baltic and the Black Sea 1682-1801 **6th**; The Age of Empire 1801-1917 **13th**; Revolution and the Rise of Soviet Power 1917-1988 **20th**; The Soviet Union Today **27th**.

• Suns until 27th 1401 rep 2330, Mons 0630, 1001



Europe's World

Europe has had its fair share of headlines over the past year, with new governments in Poland and Czechoslovakia, the Romanian revolution and the question of German unification in the forefront.

But change is coming elsewhere as well; as the European Community prepares for 1992 and the Single Market, new links are being forged between Western Europe and the new democracies of the East, and the environment is now a priority.

Each week
Europe's World looks
at European developments which matter
worldwide, and gives
the world a window

on life in Europe. It reports on EC business and attempts to find out where the new ideas and the new money will come from in Eastern Europe.

As old divisions break down, it asks: do Europeans feel closer to each other, from Ireland to Turkey, Finland to Portugal? If it's in Europe, it's in Europe's World.

Mons 2115 rep Tues 0145, 0730

Mediawatch

(13 x 15 min)

The political changes in Eastern Europe have released an avalanche of pent-up energy from the once-docile media men. Hundreds of independent newspapers have sprung into life and even the stodgy party organs have been rejuvenated.

Sport, scandal, controversy and even pornography are now all on offer to a wide-eyed public.

This is just the kind of story **Keith Hindell** plans to discuss in the new series of *Mediawatch*, along with the latest technical innovations worldwide, the rise and fall of media empires and the efforts of politicans to exercise some control.

• Thurs from 3rd 0730 (ex 24th) rep 1445 (ex 3rd), 2145



Philosophers and lovers: Simone de Beauvoir and Jean Paul Sartre.

Omnibus

(30 min)

French philosopher and author Simone de Beauvoir was nicknamed Castor - "the beaver" - because of her phenomenal work rate. She completed *The Second Sex* in 14 months in 1949 and it has become, in Dale Spender's words, "part of the taken-for-granted feminist reality".

Deirdre Bair's biography of de Beauvoir is published this month, and she describes to Ed Thomason the carefully structured working sessions she had with her subject.

These usually started with Bair waiting outside the formidable writer's Paris apartment, daring to ring the bell only on the dot of the appointed hour.

Bair describes de Beauvoir's career and personality, and her extraordinarily unfeminist relationship with her fellow-philosopher and lover Jean-Paul Sartre. Mixed with extracts from the new biography, the programme provides a fascinating double portrait of subject and biographer.

• Tues 8th 1615 rep Wed 0030, 1001



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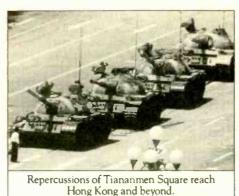
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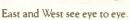
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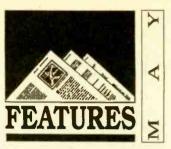
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which is said to be of historical significance.

Preservation or Progress?

It is often said that the British are too much in love with the past, but growing numbers of people argue that what remains of the past is too precious to lose. The British, it seems, are keen to preserve any building, landscape or way of life

But in a country which has been likened to one vast historical and archaeological site, conservation has always been an uphill struggle against the demands of progress.

The Government says it cannot afford the cost of preserving all of Britain's old monuments. And private developers say they must sometimes construct new buildings on highly sought-after sites, ever if these do contain ancient ruins.

Today, the demand for land and living space in Britain is greater than ever. Preservation or Progress? asks whether it is possible to protect and maintain every relic of a rich and varied history, and at the same time create the buildings and industries which both reflect and meet the needs of the modern age.

On a small and crowded island, is there even room for the past and present to exist alongside each other? The final outcome of this clash of values will offer important lessons for conservation movements all over the world.

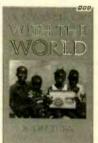
• Fri 25th 0730 rep 1215, Sat 2130

Preservation hit the headlines in Britain last year as actors joined the protest against redevelopment of London's Rose Theatre, where Shakespeare is thought to have performed. Here Dames Peggy Ashcroft and Judi Dench with Judi's husband Michael Williams maintain a vigil at the site.

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Playing God

(2 x 30 min)

John Newell explains how we humans, "the slaves of our genes", are becoming the masters of genetic engineering. He investigates not only the possibilities but the ethical problems that arise. These two programmes received Medical Journalists Association Radio Awards following their first broadcast on World Service last year. • Suns 11th and 18th 0730 rep 1215,

Round Britain Quiz

(10 x 30 min)

Sats 2130

A new quiz on World Service, with question-masters Louis Allen and Gordon Clough challenging two teams to bend their minds to some of the most fiendishly cryptic questions you have ever heard.

Each week the resident London team does mental battle with a team from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the West, the Midlands or the North of England.

Producer Paul Z Jackson describes it not so much as a competition as an example of the best of British after-dinner conversation.

• Suns 2030 rep Mons 1215, Thurs 0330

The Learning World

(13 x 15 min)

The worst of training in industry is often described as "sitting by Nelly" - watching how the job is done, then doing it yourself.

There is still debate, however, about how far an education for a profession and a career should be based in the workplace and how far in formal teaching. Is a systematic apprenticeship better than a college course followed by a job?

And before primary education starts, how far can pre-school teaching improve a child's chances of doing well?

John Turtle reports on these issues in The Learning World, and on other news in education and training worldwide.

• Suns 0215 rep Mons 0915, 1445



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PLAYS OF THE WEEK

SPOKESMEN: Alan Bennett (left) and Simon Callow, taking a break from recording The Ultimate Invention, find a bicycle wheel peculiarly absorbing. What can it all mean?

When Charles Dickens died in 1870 with his final novel incomplete, he left behind an intriguing mystery. But all is revealed in the final two episodes of David Buck's dramatisation of The Mystery of Edwin Drood, with an ending by Leon Garfield which supplies all the answers.

Edwin Drood has disappeared. Was he murdered by his uncle, John Jasper, who is in love with Edwin's flancée Rosa? Or by the notoriously short-tempered Neville

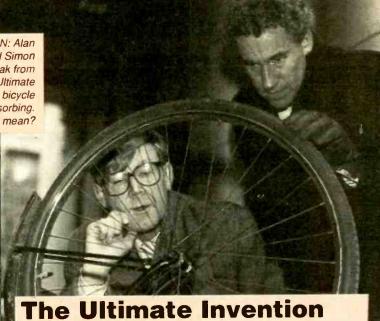
The Mystery of Edwin Drood 60 m

Landless, the last person seen in his company? Is he indeed dead?

And who is the mysterious whitehaired stranger, Dick Datchery, who has been asking far from innocent questions about young Drood and his uncle?

Ian Holm stars as John Jasper, with John Moffatt as Dick Datchery and Gareth Thomas as the Reverend Mr Crisparkle. The director is Gordon House.

Suns until 13th 0101 rep 1201, 1901



(1 x 60 min)

Grand Duke Alexander, a minor 19th century European despot, has cash flow problems. Not to put too fine a point on it, his duchy is bankrupt, and rich, single princesses are none too keen on marrying impoverished Grand Dukes.

All is not lost, however, while there flourishes within the duchy one Francis Block, an inventor of unparalleled genius, and a man to whom Alexander entrusts his future. It is true that Block's most recent invention - a dirigible balloon - proved, alas, distinctly unstable in high winds; a fact which the Imperial Collector of Taxes had particular cause to rue.

But Block's masterpiece - The Ultimate Invention - seems destined to restore the duchy's fortune. Or such, at least, is the fond hope of Grand Duke Alexander.

Simon Callow stars as Alexander and Alan Bennett as Francis Block in this production of a play by Don Haworth, directed by Gordon House.

• Sun 20th 0101 rep 1201, 1901

Short Story

(15 min)

Lucy Thornycroft has A Touch of Fever it's only 'flu but it conjures up memories of malaria, and time spent in Africa, 30 years earlier. Rosina Umelo from Nigeria wrote the story 6th.

Marilyn Noronha has set Jyoti Means Light in a block of flats in an Indian town. The neighbours are scandalised by the "liberated" behaviour of young Mrs Joshi, but her presence brings comfort to one middle-aged woman 13th.

A Jewish child, orphaned by the Second World War, fantasises an identity to get the security he craves. Gradually he learns that reality does hold meaning for him. Etian's Watch is by Zilla Kupissonoff and Zena Holland from Israel 20th.

What's inside Grandfather's Secret Room? After his death Chima can at last find out - and the answer brings unpleasant revelations. The story is by Dede Kamkondo in Malawi 27th.

 Suns 0945 (ex 13th) rep Mons 1945, Tues 0130, Fris 1330

The Sittaford Mystery

(5 x 30 min)

It is 1931. The remote village of Sittaford on the edge of Dartmoor is cut off by deep snow. At a tea-party at Sittaford House.



Crime-writer extraordinary Agatha Christie.

Mrs Willett and her daughter Violet are entertaining their neighbours - Major Burnaby, Mr Rycroft, Mr Duke and young Ronnie Garfield.

To amuse themselves they hold a séance, but the message they receive from the spirit world is a disturbing one.

A murder has been committed, and the investigation brings two young Londoners down to Sittaford - journalist Charles Enderby, and Emily Trefusis, the fiancée of the murdered man's nephew

The Sittaford Mystery, by Agatha Christie, is dramatised in five parts and directed by Michael Bakewell. Melinda Walker plays Emily Trefusis, with

Stephen Tompkinson as Charles Enderby and Geoffrey Whitehead as Inspector Narracott.

• Thurs from 17th 1130 rep 1715, Fris

Winston Comes

to Town

(6 x 30 min)

Winston Hayballs is the friendly village poacher in Winterleaf Gunner, somewhere in the west of England.

Winston is fat and flirtatious. Several months ago his wife threw him out and he moved in with the Empson family at the old Dower House.

With his philosophical country manner he soon endeared himself to most of the family. But father's health has taken a turn for the worse and he wants to move to London. What will become of Winston now?

Bill Wallis is Winston, with Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William. Winston Comes to Town is created by Peter Tinniswood and directed by Shaun MacLoughlin.

• Weds (ex 30th) 1530 rep Thurs (ex 31st) 0030, 1030

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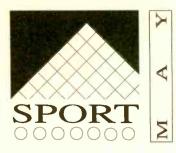
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FOOTBALL: On Saturday 12th

Sportsworld takes listeners to Wembley Stadium in London for the FA Cup Final. There is a special early start (1330) to this year's Cup Final edition of the Saturday afternoon sports programme. to set the scene and capture the pre-match atmosphere, including the traditional singing of Abide With Me.

Live commentary begins at **1400** and continues throughout the match, including any extra time played. There are also reports on the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park at half-time (**1455** approx) and immediately after the Wembley final.

Then there is a further roundup of both matches in *Sportsworld's Cup Final Special* **13th 0430-0445** and **0945-1000**.

This month also sees the final of the three European club competitions. The most prestigious trophy is the European Cup, with the final taking place in Vienna. Once again *Sportsworld* takes you to the big match, from 1905 23rd and with edited repeats 24th 0130 and 0730.

Sports Roundup also features reports on the European Cup Winners Cup Final **9th** and the two-leg final of the UEFA Cup **2nd. 16th**.

CRICKET: The New Zealand cricket team begin their tour of England at Arundel 6th with a match against the Duchess of Norfolk's XI. Their itinerary then continues with matches against: MCC at Lord's 7th; Ireland 9th and 10th; Worcestershire 12th-14th; Somerset 16th-18th; Middlesex 19th-21st; England, first one-day international at Headingley 23rd; second one-day international at the Oval 25th; Sussex 26th-28th.

Zimbabwe also undertake a short tour of England, playing five matches against county teams **13th-25th**. News of both tours in *Sports Roundup* and reports and commentaries in *Saturday Sportsworld*.

RACING: The first two classics of the 1990 flat racing season are run over the traditional Rowley mile course at Newmarket. *Sportsworld* features **Peter Bromley**'s commentary on the 1,000 Guineas *3rd* 1445 and the 2,000 Guineas *5th* 1440 approx.

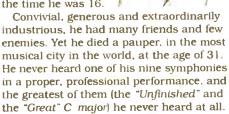
OTHER SPORTS: Regular sports programmes also feature the Motor Racing Grand Prix in San Marino 13th and Monte Carlo 27th; Motorcycling Grand Prix at Jarama, Spain 13th; Misano, Italy 20th and Nürbürgring, West Germany 27th; the Thomas and Uber Cup Badminton Finals in Tokyo from 21st; the Volvo PGA Golf Championship, Wentworth 25th-28th; the Italina Open Tennis Championship in Rome 7th-20th and the French Open Tennis Championships in Paris from 28th.



Composer of the Month

(30 min)

Few composers' lives have been more poignantly tinged with romantic irony than that of Franz Schubert. Born in Vienna in 1797. his genius emerged, fully bloomed. by the time he was 16.



Composer of the Month in May explore the life and art of this most endearing composer in the context of his songs and chamber music.

• Mons 1130 rep Tues 0830, 1715

Concert Hall

(45 min)

This month's programmes range from a recital of Renaissance music by Emma Kirkby and the Consort of Musicke 6th and a concert of Bach by the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra 13th to a recital of Chopin and Liszt by Vladimir Horowitz 20th and a concert of American music,

featuring works by Ives. Cowell, Gershwin and Barber 27th.

• Suns 1515 rep Tues 2315

On the Record

A History of Classical Recordings

(8 x 15 min)

Robert Matthew-Walker continues his concise history of classical recordings by tracing the rise and triumph of the longplaying record 7th and then the stereo boom, with its galaxy of superstars 14th.

From there we move to the advent of digital recording and the beginnings of the Early Music movement 21st, and Robert concludes with a look at the great compact disc revolution, the uncertain future of Digital Audio Tape and the impact of the classical video 28th.

Mons until 28th 0145, Tues 0945,

The Dancing Fiddles

(8 x 15 min)

Gaelic music at its best, as those fine fiddlers Ron Gonella and Angus Cameron and the rest of the band entertain audiences in Scotland. The other musicians are George McIlwham on flute and piccolo, Rhona McKay, harp, clarsach and vocals, pianist Walter Blair and Graham Robb on double bass.

• Sats 0130 rep 1115, 2115

The Singing Stars

(8 x 15 min)

Malcolm Laycock spotlights the great solo singers of the post-war decade, and this month traces the careers of Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney, Bobby Darin and Frankie Laine through the songs they immortalised on record.

We learn how they were discovered. groomed and marketed to become the forerunners of the pop idols of today.

• Fris 2115 rep Suns 0430 (ex 13th), Tues 1345

Opera of the Week

(7 x 45 min)

This month Bernard Keeffe charts the tragic progress of Pushkin's Eugene Onegin through Tchaikovsky's most famous opera 5th. while Dan Zerdin explores the lighter side of life in company with Léhar's The Merry Widow 12th.

Elaine Padmore travels east to meet Puccini's Madam Butterfly 19th; and Julian Budden guides us through Mozart's highspirited portrait of human fallibility. Così fan tutte 26th.

Sats 1901 rep Mons 0101, 1515



Susanne Mentzer (standing) as Dorabella and Margaret Marshall as Fiordiligi, in last year's production of Mozart's Così fan Tutte by the Royal Opera, Covent Garden.



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TCHAIKOVSKY

AST year my wife's mother celebrated her hundredth birthday, which meant, I reflected, that she had been born while Tchaikovsky was composing his finest ballet, The Sleeping Beauty, and that she was already looking ahead to starting school as he was creating his last and greatest orchestral piece, the Pathétique Symphony.

For me these thoughts set a real perspective on Tchaikovsky; instead of lying in that remote chronological limbo which so many "great" composers of the past seemed to inhabit, it gave him a direct line of connection with my own times: a sort of immediacy.

And if we go back just one half more of that lifespan, we arrive at 1840, the year in which Alexandra, the wife of Ilya Petrovich Tchaikovsky, mining engineer in the town of Votkinsk in the Ural Mountains, gave birth to her second son.

Never could she have foreseen that at his death 53 years later he would be second only to Tolstoy in fame within his native land, and one of the most universally renowned of composers.

Yet by the time I was a student, after the Second World War, Tchaikovsky's stock had fallen badly. True, he was still popular, or some, at least, of his works were.

But for myself, and for my equally superior contemporaries, there was a suspicion that he was little more than someone with a flair for good tunes and colourful orchestration, a bit of a

simpleton when it came to weighty matters such as symphonic structure or "real" musical thought

such as we found (or thought we found) in Beethoven or Brahms.

How wrong we were! For the past 15 years I have made Tchaikovsky the very centre of my musical researches. To be frank, when I started upon all this in 1975, I thought it would be a three or four-year stint which would produce a

But as I entered the world both of the man himself and of his works, I found rich and fascinating facts and experiences which simply had to be probed more widely and deeply. One volume became two, became three, and finally four. My publishers, Gollancz of London, were

The life and work of Tchaikovsky has obsessed Professor David Brown for the past 15 years. His new eight-part series for World Service coincides with the 150th anniversary of the great Russian composer's birth, and to introduce it he explains just why Tchaikovsky has come to mean so much to him...

wonderfully understanding. I believe also that, as each volume was presented to her, Livia Gollancz and her colleagues felt that Tchaikovsky and his music fully justified the ever-expanding scope of my work.

In these eight programmes I shall try to share some of the discoveries and rewards that have been mine since 1975.

I shall pursue a chronological course, for although I could take categories of works and talk about them, it is impossible to understand properly much of Tchaikovsky's music if you do not know something of what was happening in his

period as a teacher at the Moscow Conservatoire and his brief allegiance to the methods and styles of his more aggressively Russian contemporaries, and then to the events and masterpieces of the "Year of Fate", 1877.

We will observe how he seems after this to escape into himself in his private life and yet away from himself in his music; then we shall follow the international celebrity through those later years of creative triumph in such masterworks as the Manfred Symphony and Sleeping Beauty to the end, with that most

devastating of symphonies, the Pathétique.

And what about the end itself? It is surrounded in mystery and controversy. Did he take his own life. was he literally "sentenced to death"? We shall probably never know for certain, but there is evidence that he was.

May 7th is the actual anniversary of Tchaikovsky's birth, and I have a private ambition to sign the preface of my final volume on that very day.

And so will finish my long association with not only one of the most resourceful, skilled and intelligent (I choose the word very deliberately) composers of the 19th century, but one of the most kindly of men.

Difficult he certainly was, but totally human, unboundedly generous both of his money and himself, an impressively wise man when it came to seeing how others' problems, if not his own, could be solved, and (perhaps most surprisingly) a skilled troubleshooter in any situation where plain human tact was required.

The image I have acquired of him while reading his thousands of letters and the many recollections of him is of a very warm and attractive human being.

I shall miss him.

The early years: Peter Tchaikovsky at the age of eight (left) with his mother Alexandra and father Ilia, and brothers and sisters Alexandra, Zinaida, Nicholas and Hippolite.

personal world. How can you get the full measure of his Fourth Symphony and his greatest opera Eugene Onegin if you do not know of the appalling traumatic experience he was enduring at the time he wrote them?

But I do not intend to give away the content of the programmes themselves, except to say that some at least will try to do more than simply investigate the next year or phase of his life, but will also attempt to point out some particular facet of his work.

Tchaikovsky's childhood was absolutely crucial to an understanding of the man. After his student years we move on to his

• Tchaikovsky (8 x 30 min) Fris from 4th 0030 rep 1030, 1715

DAY TO DAY

Special programmes for ■ AFRICA ▲ ASIA ● THE CARIBBEAN ◆ THE FALKLANDS

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- Outlook 25 Financial News
- 30 The Dancing Fiddles 45 Book Choice
- 50 New Ideas

0200 World News

- 09 British Press Review 15 Network UK
- 30 People and Politics

- 0300 World News 09 News About Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show
- 30 African New
- 35 Saturdays Only

0400 Newsdesk

- 30 Here's Humph!
- 30 African Ne
- 45 Worldbrief

0500 World News

- 09 Twenty-Four Hours 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith 45 The World Today

0600 Newsdesk 30 Meridian

- 30 African News 35 Saturdays Only

0700 World News

- 09 Twenty-Four Hours 30 From the Weeklies

- 45 Network UK

0800 World News

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- 0900 World News
 09 British Press Review
 15 The World Today
 30 Financial News followed
 by Sports Roundup
 45 Worldbrief

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- Here's Humph! Letter from America
- 30 People and Politics

- 1100 World News
- 09 News About Britain 15 The Dancing Fiddles
- 30 Meridian

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- 15 Multitrack 3
- 45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News

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- 45 Sportsworld

- 1400 News Summary (ex 12th)
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- 30 Meridian

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 Playing God (5th Living With Death; 26th Preservation or Progress?)

2200 Newshour

2300 World News

- 05 Words of Faith
- 10 Book Choice 15 A Jolly Good Show

SUNDAY

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- 0100 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: The Mystery of Edwin Drood (ex 20th The Ultimate Invention; 27th)

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 - 15 The Learning World
- 30 Taking Issue

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- 30 Panel Game
- 30 African News35 Postmark Africa

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- 30 The Singing Stars (ex 13th
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- - 45 Book Choice
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0900 World News

- 09 British Press Review 15 Tech Talk 30 Financial Review
- 40 Book Choice 45 Short Story (ex 13th Sportsworld)

1000 News Summary followed by Science in Action

30 In Praise of God

1100 World News

- 09 News About Britain
 15 From Our Own Correspondent
 30 The Ken Bruce Show (ex 27th)

1200 News Summary (ex 27th) followed by Play of the Week: 6th and 13th The Mystery of Edwin Drood; 20th The Ultimate

1300 News and Twenty-Four Hours

- on Sunday 45 Sports Roundup

1400 News Summary followed by Russia, the Drive to Empire 30 Anything Goes

1500 Newsreel

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THE HINDI SERVICE

"Elated and honoured" is how Kailash Budhwar, head of the Hindi Service. described his feelings when he was presented with the Vishwa Hindi Samman award recently. Given by the

Institute of World Literature and Culture for services to Hindi outside India, he regards it as a tribute and recognition for BBC Hindi broadcasting as it celebrates 50 years on air.

The Hindi Service was set up as a messages programme for Indian troops during the Second World War. Its expansion since reflects the status of Hindi in the world today and has perhaps in some way contributed to it. "Hindi has now arrived and is very much on the map," says

Most of the service's listeners are in India, but it has sizeable audiences in Nepal. the Gulf, Pakistan, Bangladesh and even, "by some quirk of frequencies", in California. At the last count there were an estimated 30 million adult regular listeners in India alone, the largest for any of the BBC foreign language services.

The other major international broadcasters - Deutsche Welle, VOA, Radio Moscow and Beijing - accounted for no more than a third of that audience in total.

Historical links with Britain and widespread ownership of radios in rural India is

only part of the explanation. "Without being immodest," says Kailash, "it is the quality that counts. We have built up credibility over the years and have been able to convince our listeners that what we tell them is without motive. They can trust us. knowing that we are as accurate and up-tothe-minute as humanly possible.

The Hindi Service broadcasts for 14 hours a week in four daily slots, each beginning with a news bulletin provided by the newsroom and translated. It is made up of 13 "front men" but, says Kailash. they could not function without the backup received from the rest of World Service.

All the broadcasters are from India. carefully chosen for their rich and varied backgrounds. This is considered essential in a comparatively small unit which is often regarded as a "walking encyclopaedia" on Indian matters and which provides a full back-up support service for the rest of the BBC, including national radio and tv.

Kailash, himself a history post-graduate fluent in Hindi and Urdu, was an actorwriter who also taught and "staff artist" with All India Radio in Delhi and Lucknow before joining World Service in 1970.

Like most of the staff he keeps involved in the Indian scene by going back to India whenever he can and keeps in touch by reading Indian newspapers and magazines even listening to rival stations.

Kailash has scoured the archives in preparing for the anniversary celebrations this month. Plans include a host of special programmes, a pictorial history of the

service in book form, an audience show in London and listeners' parties in India.

"We regard the history of the Hindi Service as the history of the past fifty vears - of



Kailash

South Asia and the world," says Kailash.

A recent innovation means that Hindl speakers in Britain can now listen to broadcasts in their own language. BBC Radio Leicester in the Midlands is rebroadcasting the Hindi evening programme, and Kailash hopes this project will be the first of many.

Keeping in touch with the needs and views of its listeners is important to the service. Apart from surveys on the ground and postal questionnaires carried out by the audience research department, it receives a lot of feedback from other BBC departments which visit India

But among the most important sources of information are the thousands of listeners' letters - last year there were 20,000-plus!

"It is said that at moments of crisis," says Kailash, "one can walk along a street in an Indian town and, without having a radio, can listen to our broadcasts from one end of the street to the other!"

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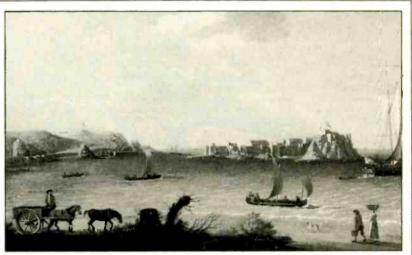
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YOUR letters

OUT OF THE CAGE

Last time I received a copy of London Calling was five years ago, and I was so glad at the end of December to receive again your programme.

Your programmes on the air were, and still are, helpful for us to know and learn about the world, about democracy, about freedom. We've been living here in Romania like in a cage of the prehistoric ages.

And the bloody party and Ceausescu regime got a lot of help from governors all over the world, beginning with the communist countries and ending with presidents of USA and the Queen of England. None of them heard the cries of the people...

I hope to receive again your London Calling. D STROESCW, ROMANIA

HUNGARIAN HI-FI

In my letter of 26th October, I was complaining about poor receiving conditions of BBC World Service on shortwave bands.

Now I gladly inform you that in my vicinity (Hungary, Transdanubia) your programmes can be received in hi-fi quality all round. This became possible with the help of the local cable radio-TV service from 1st January this year on the 72 MHz-FM waveband. They are getting your transmission from the Eutelsat F4 satellite, then converting it to the local network.

The townsfolk are very happy about this wonderful opportunity. Your clear and sound voice is needed here as never before

SZABO LASZLO, HUNGARY

LONG-TIME LISTENER

Thank you for the 50 years of listening pleasure I have had through the programmes of the general Overseas Service and, later, the World Service. I am sure that a check of your files will disclose that I am one of South America's oldest and most ardent listeners.

May I point out that the Atlantic Relay Station provides us with wonderful morning reception. I listen daily to programmes from 0900 to 1130 GMT on the 19 metre band. I wish to renew my thanks for sending me London Calling, which I have been receiving for some decades now.

PAULO NASCIMENTO FONTES, BRAZIL

GIVE US A LAUGH!

Whatever happened to humour on the BBC? I'm talking about programmes like Take It From Here, My Word, Many a Slip, Just a Minute, and such like. On looking through London Calling the only programme I can find under this category is Two Cheers, which I find un-funny and at times sick.

Most of your programmes are of a serious nature and of excellent quality, but please give us a laugh now and again.

MILNE BUCHAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Producing programmes that everyone finds funny was never easy! World Service's weekly light entertainment programmes usually

include a comedy show as well as lighthearted panel games and quizzes. A series of Radio Active has recently finished and this month you can hear Peter Tinniswood's Winston Comes to Town (see page 8).

What do other readers think about World Service's comedy content?

PHOTO CALL

I would pick Barbara Myers — she has a most pleasant way of saying "goodbye". P F HARRIS, OMAN



Barbara Myers of Outlook and Health Matters.

IMPERIAL RULE

Is it not time that the World Service. particularly the News, adopted metric measurements? I cannot pretend to know much of Asia, but would have thought that excluding the United States most of the peoples addressed by World Service are now schooled in metric.

I B ALLAN, ZIMBABWE

We put your point to Newsroom Editor Mike Fitzgerald who, perhaps surprisingly, tells us that the question has rarely been raised by listeners in the past. While most of the language services now use metric, the style for World Service in English remains imperial measurements first with metric "in brackets".

This is still felt to be the most readily understood arrangement, but what do you think? Let us have your views.

BEHIND THE VOICE

lt was a pleasure for me to read the profile of Pamela Creighton in the February issue of London Calling. I would like you to provide a column in the subsequent issues for profiles of the BBC people, so that we could know them better. After all, just knowing their voice and/or face is not enough.

MATTHEW KIBE, SIERRA LEONE

More World Service personalities coming up soon in the Behind the Voice pages.

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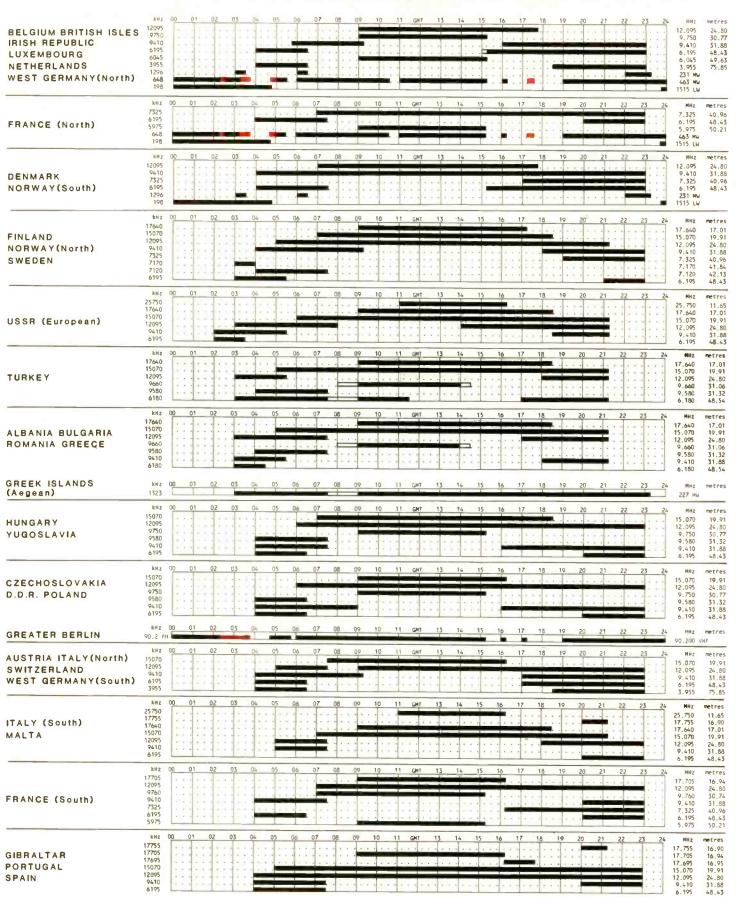
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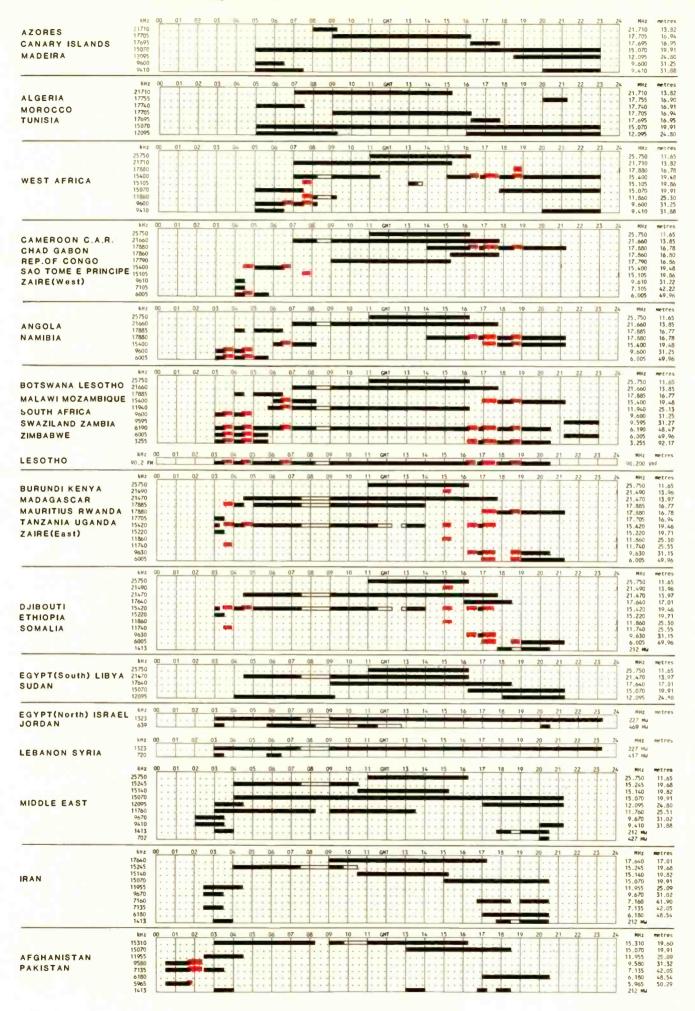
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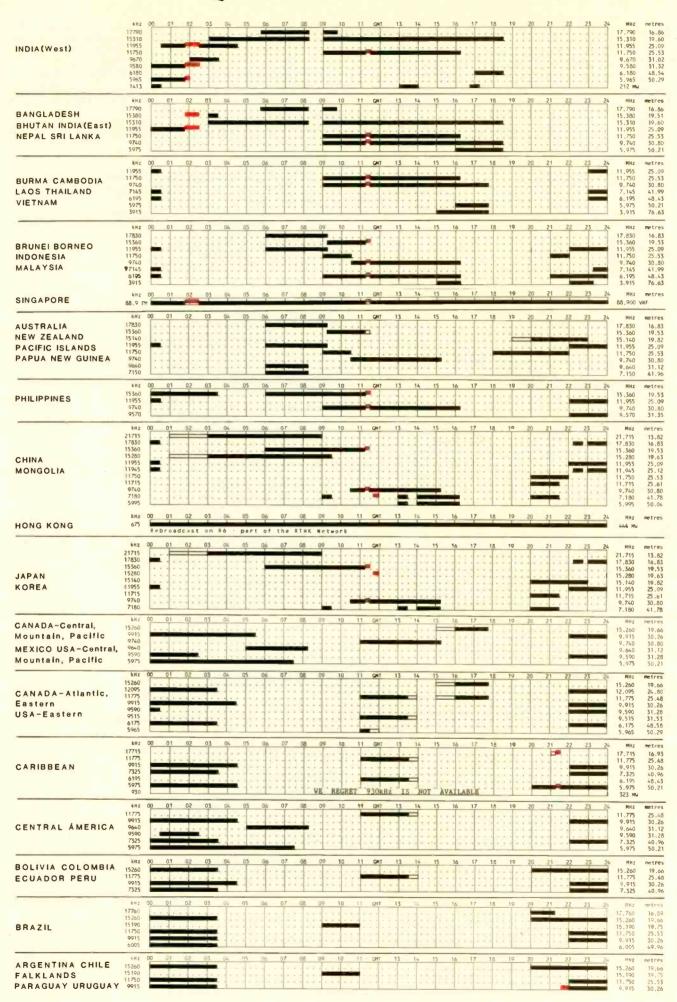
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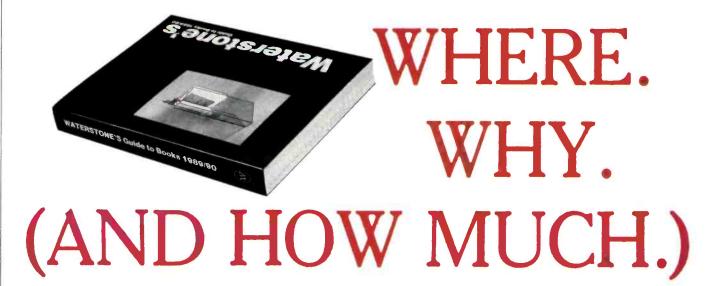
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	9630, 11820, 15105, 17830
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AVIA	
BENGALI	
0030-0050	9600, 11850, 15380
1330-1400	9605, 11920, 15245
1630-1700	6065, 7105, 9605, 117

BURMESE	
0010-0030	9600, 11850, 15380
1345-1430	3915, 6065, 7275
1500-1515	(Sun) 6065, 7275, 11920

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1300-1330	11920, 15360
2145-2200	6080, 7180, 9730, 11715
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0050-0135	1413, 6060, 7235, 9600, 11850,

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0245-0300	9600, 11850, 15380
1400-1445	1413, 7240, 9605, 11920, 1524
1715-1730	1413, 6065, 7105, 9605, 11750

1100-1130	7275, 9725, 11955, 17830
1300-1330	3915, 6065, 9605, 15125
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2315-2330	3915, 6080, 7180, 11865
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MANDARIN	
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PASHTO	
0200-0230	6060, 7235, 9600, 11740
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1445-1515	1413, 7240, 9605, 11720, 15125

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	15180, 15205, 15390, 15435,
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l	0930-1000	7180, 9725, 11955, 15280.
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	1700-1715	6065, 7105, 9605, 11750
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	2330-2345	3915, 6080, 7180, 11865

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