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DX CALENDAR ...

Friday, April 19th	0215-0230 E.S.T.	1140	KNEI	Waukon, Iowa	250	NRC/test
Monday, April 22d	0330-0430	740	WCAS	Cambridge, Mass.	250	NRC/test

WHO IS JIM DANDY ...

Intended to comment last week on Wayne Plunkett's musing re "Jim Dandy" at WSPO in Cleveland. Some time last spring, NRC HQ got a request for a sample bulletin from somebody (not NAMED "Jim Dandy" but an equally likely name) at the Yeakel Avenue address in Cleveland. A few weeks later, Norm Shacat informed me he had sent his copy of the bulletin to a "James Dandy" at WSPO. Somebody, then, is writing to NRC members (whose addresses he gets from sample copies) for more sample copies. If we assume that he sends one letter per week to a member, he has found the means of getting a subscription to the NRC bulletin for \$2.04 a year. It's a funny thing ... you get into some kind of position of responsibility and you see all kinds of naive, ridiculous (and most times successful) means of CHEATING.

MUSING ...

In this issue from Larry Godwin explains the IRCA vote on the Cooperative CPC issue ... and we must admit we didn't give this complete thought in our comments last week. There is a distinction between cooperation after the fact and before the fact.

THIS PAGE ...

is being typed as the production crew collects everything else ... and our philosopher king ~~is~~ candidate says "I think kindness and humility should be the editorial philosophy of the club." So bit (Sorry - be it)

VALUABLE FOREIGN INFO ...

continues to appear in musings (and not in IDXD). (which is not necessarily true, because most valuable info does.) It is sad to see Fred Van Voorhees leaving the club ... but the conditions that Fred complained about still exist.

Since somebody even copies our blank pages ... we dare them to space the front page.
-- Harriet

CONGRATULATIONS!

To NRCer TOM LITTLE of Toledo, who will be married on 4/19/68. His fiancée's first name is Marol, and we hope Tom & Marol will have tons of years of happiness.

GET WELL QUICK CORNER!

To WES BOYD of NRC and WHOT-1330, who is recovering from a broken arm while also getting over a case of pneumonia! We hope you're all straightened out soon, Wes!

PROJECT WHATCHA-HEAR?

Project Whatcha-hear? is meant for all NRC. A frequency or list of stations along w/a specified period of time will be given periodically in DX NEWS. Try to log the station(s) listed & keep a log on the frequency named for the time period stated. Information on AVerS, f/cs, ETs, etc. will prove helpful. Your daytimers, regulars & SSS/SRS catches should be listed. Send appropriate information to DXDD & Muse the rest. Comments on the project can be sent to Fish - 5039 South - Lincoln, Neb. 68506. Sample: Frequency: 1300k. Stations: WOOD WRBC WMAK. Time period: 3/31-4/6.

-Dave Fischer.

This is a PROPOSAL for an addition to DX NEWS by Dave. Write to him about it, if you are interested in such a project - not to DX NEWS, please. Then if enough show an interest, perhaps Dave will set the challenges up, and receive the replies, and compile them, say on a monthly basis, for DX NEWS.

FRED VAN VOORHEES

Writes to bid us farewell. Fred has not DXed for several years he states, and since this is the case, and since there are very few names in DX NEWS which are familiar to him, he has decided to drop out. Fred has been an NRCer for 30 years. His address is 215 North 24 Street, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011. So long, Fred, and we'll miss you - and to those of you who likewise do not know Fred, he was our very first IDXD Editor - in fact, the whole section was his idea, so even though Fred may not be a member in fact, he will always have a place in NRC annals. Good luck, Fred!

CONGRATULATIONS

This time to DXDD Editor, Randall Kane, who has just won a major news magazine's annual Current Events Contest at Medford High School!

JUNE 18

Is Primary Day in New York State - info from Ralphie Johanns.

"AN" SITUATION

OFFS: 730	C K D M	Now s/off @ 2an	ON: 970	W A V E	AN-6
1380	K G M S	Off MMs	1450	K P A L	Sat/Sun only
1430	K A R M	Off MMs now, instead of Wednesdays.	1490	K A I R	AN-7
			1540	K F K F	SPU, rr
920	K W Y S	West Yellowstone, Mont. NRC	1240	C F S L	Loris, Quebec NNRC
930	W T H D	Ex-WKSB NRC	1460	W A K S	Ex-WFVG NRC
940	W C S W	Shell Lake, Wisconsin IRCA	1540	K F K F	Ex-1330 kc/s. IRCA
590	C F N L	Ft. Nelson, BC (250w) IRCA/NNRC	1590	W Q T C	Ex-WTRW NRC

CHANGES IN STATION DATA - FCC

(Purchased from Cooper-Trent Division of Keuffel & Esser Co., 1130 19 St., Wash. 20036)

NEW STATIONS

980	Starkville, Mississippi	1,000 D-1	1090	K E X S	Excelsior Springs, Mo.
1090	Berlin, Wisconsin	500 D-3	1510	K U R B	Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

NEW CALLS

FACILITIES

590	W P L O	Atlanta, Georgia, 5,000 U-2.	Changes in nighttime pattern.
690	W V O K	Birmingham, Alabama, to 50,000 D-1, from 50,000 D-3, 540' antenna.	
950	W R Y T	Boston, Massachusetts, 5,000 D-1.	Move XR S.W.
980	W P F P	Park Falls, Wisconsin, to 1,000 D-1, from 1450 kc/s., 1,000/250 U-1.	
1000	W F M I	Montgomery, Alabama, 5,000 D-1, from 1500 kc/s., 500 D-1.	
1460	K E N O	Las Vegas, Nevada, to 5,000/1,000 U-2, from 1,000 U-2, no change night.	
1480	W I S M	Madison, Wisconsin, to 5,000 U-4, from 5,000/1,000 U-2, no change day.	

MORE HEARD SINCE LAST ISSUE (FCC)

1090	W K T E	Now 1,000 D-1, new site	1520	W T R I	Now 500 D-1
1190	W S M L	Graham, North Carolina	1580	W H H M	Henderson, Tennessee

-CONVENTION

That time is coming, lads! August 30-31, & Sept. 1-2. Be there this year, and have one of the greatest times of your life! It should be the biggest ever! Come, all!

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MUSINGS

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EDITOR: ERNEST R. COOPER - 438 EAST 21 STREET - BROOKLYN, NEW YORK - 11226

DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY - THIRTY LINE LIMIT PER MUSING. PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE.

Benjamin Dangerfield - 202 Governor's Drive - Sprout Estates - Chester, Pa. 19013

I'm certainly one of the parties guilty of not Musing w/past regularity, so now I hope to maybe help a little bit. So I'll go back to early February & try to get up to date. MM 2/12- A happy morning, for I just happened to find CP34, R. Mendez, Bo;ivia, coming in on 680k between 4:10 & 4:30am, w/some nice, reportable details. I got a very nice v/l back in two weeks for Country #105. SA is complete now, save for French Guiana, & I'm working on it. I forgot Falkland Islands, hi! 2/13- My good intentions of getting the WSAJ program didn't materialize. As my wife has to get up @ 6:15am to teach, I thought it would be a nice gesture on my part not to have an alarm going off @ 2:30am. And I like my sleep too! Snore. I would say, though, that 2/13 & 2/14 were among the most pronounced LA nights of the season. MM 2/19- KMMO-1300 came through beautifully here, before & after 4am. 2/14- I noticed a temporary return of the CKIM splatter around 1498k. MM 3/11- The CBC duly noted off as advised. Now, how does one get rid of the Cubans? Invade Cuba? I noticed ERC's PP speaker u/XEQR around 3:50am, so it must have been his unID - perhaps PRDB, which has 2:30 s/cn? Lately, some of the PP & SS TAs have been improving, as during the evening of 3/13 @ 7pm. Also, Tirana-1088 was heard @ 10pm. 3/17- I found the Simultaneous Listening Contest great fun. Three loggings on Block #1 (775-(85) 6:30-7:30pm; four loggings on Block #2 (1025-1035) 10:30-11:30pm, & three loggings on Block #4 (875-885) 4:30-5:30am. I slept through Block #3 as expected nothing but Cubans. I'm looking forward to Block #5, Tuesday. I received three recent veries, besides R. Mendez: KIFN KOFO & KMMO. 73s & great DX!

Bill Alisauskas Jr. - 7 Avenue B - Haledon, New Jersey - 07508

Well, as Herb Oscar says every AM, "Hello again." I saw Ernie's plea for some Musings in the 3/16 issue, so here's mine! I hope it's OK that there's only a few DX items - things are rather slow. Guess we'll hit 'em first: 3/5- Logging on CHIR-730 @ 10:26pm, followed by the logging of a Canadian on 1390 @ 10:35pm - can anyone supply the ID & location? (CHCO, Ajax, Ont. -ERC) Then 3/6, a log on WRGM-1590 @ 6:05 pm, & last, WHIC-1510 finally @ 6:08pm on 3/16. Then there were very unusual CX on the AM of 3/6, w/stations like WGCH-1370 up clear as late as 8am! There were a couple of others too, but I forget 'em right now. That takes care of DX, so now to other things. I'm working again - at Airmatic Systems in Wayne, N.J. I'm working in the stock room at \$2.23 per hour, & a 15¢ raise by October. I've got all benefits, vacations, w/pay, etc. so I think I'm doing pretty good. And - Saturdays & Sundays are free! Ch, say, ERC - I'll see if I can get you that info on the Selinsgrove Pa. station on 1240 since I know a girl who goes to the college there. Also, I wonder if the Editor knows where Maujer Street in Brooklyn is? I do now, but when I asked a cop on Flatbush Avenue, he said there was no such street, hi! Is 438 East 21 far from there? Well, I guess that's about it for now so until later, I'll say 73s & good DX to all. (Maujer Street is in Greenpoint, & I'm in the Heart of Flatbush, Bill, so it's a goodly distance of at least 7-8 miles away - I had to look it up too!)

Harry Starr - WHOT Radio - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

Hi again everybody. Sorry to see the 3/16 Musings so sparsely populated. Not having Mused for almost a month, I guess I have no room to talk. C'mon, you guys, kick yourselves in the typewriter & Muse! DX here of late fair to good w/best catches sent to IDX. I second the views of Glenn Hauser in the 3/2 DX NEWS. Let's fact it: While heard totals are only as good as the individual DXer's word, the same is true for many veries. W/a VERY FEW exceptions, I don't know of any NRCer whose word I wouldn't take to the letter, so why not institute some recognition for the DXers who do not collect veries? Since the number of pages is no longer limited, would somebody be willing to compile & edit a sort of "Stations-Heard Honor Roll" on the order of Norn's Supremacy Ratings, perhaps monthly? Glenn? Also glad to see the Supremacy Ratings will now include a States listing in addition to continents. Let's go, domestic DXers. You don't have to be a foreign DXer to participate in the S.R.s. While the NRC has a very handsome "Countries Verified" award, we don't have a "States" or V.A.S. certificate! Shouldn't we have one? Many of our finest members are domestic DXers & lots of states are more difficult to hear than many countries. Shouldn't there also be an award for domestic DXers to work for? Comments, anybody? Recent veries: (P.4)

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 (Jerry Starr) v/1- WSAJ WPLB WMOX WPTS KMMO WJH WSPT. v/q- KHOW KFGO (tiny business-size card) WHBG KGLC CHSC (cards just printed, they should be catching up on reports, very nice card). 73s to all & good DX. And remember like they say in Western Pennsylvania: "Youse should Muse". Kudos to JAC for LA Verie List! /PS- who is Dr. Dave? hi.

Dave Fischer - 5039 South - Lincoln, Nebraska - 68506

KMMO TEST was a success as far as Bill (CE) & I are concerned! Nearly 60 reports to date - looks like he klobbered the EC! To those building my 2'x2'x15 turn box: Read GPN's Loop article! And make the box 2' x 2' x 11 (eleven) turns spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Paths seen more E/W than N/S these past few days, although the blasted one-eyed monster radiation messes up my evenings @ SSS chasing! Still no reply from KECK, ex/KLOL-1530 on a test. If you haven't tried it - share a little BCB (locals & DX) w/ another NRC chap! via tape. At 3 3/4" a second the Scotch 290 mailer (18¢ first class) make a nice one hour of sharing (two tracks) BCB. Truax & I are up to this now! The harning & BCB chasing is another most pleasant thing to try! I'm thinking about getting a new RX - new USED RX that is! I have sent RK/DXDE a few items these past weeks. I caught 57 new ones this past MM! Total nearly 500-600 now & there's many more catches to come that are not difficult! By the way, sharing daytimers via tape is also very interesting - especially if you can hear the other guy's loop at work! W/CBC off 540 sure sounds nice again since I need only null KNOE for the OC of CBK allows copy through it! Here are a few catches of possible interest: WCAL-770 changes to KUOM A 11:30am. WGTO-540 ET/OC, one minute of rx, & carrier seemed to go off, change frequency, come on, go off, etc. - verified 'em! KMCM-560 all alone SMs. KMAC-630 now radable early morns. I caught Specials of KNPC-1490 KBJM-1400 & Suspect KNDK-1080 was TTer u/KRLD! Also WAKX-970 in fairly well but KQAQ/KAKC QRM. KYKY-990 now readable after CBC goes to sleep! KEIS-600 last MM late, KWLA-1530 ET/rx MM 3/18 1:55, KBOY-1540 ET/c/w MM 3/18. Oh yea, I heard KJCT-1420 Johnson City, Tex. but have no listing on this one. CKWX-1130 BC I&C before KWKH s/ on OC @ 3:05 MM 3/18. The fun about moving every year or so is that you get to start all over! As they say in Marshall, Mo. KMMO - Kindly Muse More Often! Because Ernie's fingers are getting cool, hi. Welcome to James A? Daley Jr. Oh yes, you ever consider a "simultaneous listening" plus exchange of details w/another NRCer? Truax, Squibb & Fish at it again.

Bob Pietsch - 420 Canal Street #6 - San Rafael, California - 04901

Needless to say, Don Kaskey's "Washington's Washout" get-together 2/22-25 was a complete success, & my special thanks to Don for the great time I'm sure we all had. Some DX of late - I have been concentrating on graveyarders w/some success: 2/5- KIFN-860 3:32am TEST in SS/EE, cinch after XEMO s/off. 2/12- A Holiday, so up later than usual on MM - KEXO-1230 3:02am briefly w/ET, KPRK-1340 3:47am ET in the clear, CMW-590 4:45am almost like a local for about 20 minutes, KOOL-960 5am w/NSPer KABL off for two hours - only my third ever on 960, hi! KAIR-1490 5:40am in the clear. 3/3- XETNT-650 7:30am w/fantaxtic signal, KDEN-1340 8:14am for one ID & then rapid fadeout. 3/4- KENT-1340 ET 2:34am weak i/KIST. 3/11- KPIN-1280 4:09am w/talk show u/KFOX/TT/KIT/KNAK. 3/18- KUDI-1450 3:06am ET u/KSOL. Apparently mailman has finally noticed I have a mailbox as some veries are trickling in - KRBC-1470 v/f, KOOL-960 v/q, KGVW-630 v/q, KAIR-1490 KPRK-1340 KASA-1540 KGHG-1560 f/pp, KENT-1340. Totals now 709/453. I hope very much to make it to BADland o/Labor Day & remember as they say in Jackson, Va: WSIG - West Sacramento Is Great - for the 1969 Convention!

Ev Johnson @ 504 16th Street - Mendota, Illinois - 61342

A little DX received here w/following heard since last Muse. 3/3- WAKS-1460 test. WYNX-1550 for second report. 3/4- WABJ-1490 I&C 1:43-2 s/off. 3/5- KNAB-1140 u/WRVA SSS. 3/12- KFIL-1060 I&C, SSS. Others umn are WHIO-1290 s/off lan, son @ 5. KWKH-1130 s/off 2am. 3/10- KLPW-1220 f/c-TT 1-1:43. CKIM-730 s/off 2am. KOA-850 s/off @ 2. WMBR-1460 ET/rx 2:25-2:40. WBFJ-1540 r/c-TT 2:30-2:45. KADL-1270 TT 3-3:15. 3/12- WKNX-1210 s/on 6, off 6:45pm. WWCM-1380 s/off 6:55pm. CHAB-800 s/off 2:05. TT-1550 2:10 on, no voice. 3/13- TT/rx-1500 1:30-1:43, no voice. TT-1560 2:28 on. TT-1550 1:10. WHHY-1440 s/off 2. TT-1570, mx c/w, 1-1:15. 3/17- WBRC-960 s/off SM 1:55. TT-1110 2-2:13, possibly KEOR Okla. Veries for March: KBZB-920 WABJ-1490 KMAE-1140 WAKS-1460 WYNX-1550 CHSC-1220 CJLR-1060 w/rr record in FF, hi. Does anyone have v/s for YSF-840 WCIK-1560 KIML-1270 KNLV-1060 KALO-1250 & WYNA-1550? HELP! WX much warner so noise begins. Best DX to all, ST. LOUIS '69.

Father John P. Peiza - 12096 Ventura Avenue - Ojai, California - 93023

Since this is the first time I have written in to Musings, let me introduce myself. I am a Catholic Priest; I teach in Villanova Prep School, a boys' boarding school between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. I got interested in DXing the SW bands about a year ago - I started on the BCB about three months ago. My RX is a Hammarlund HQ-100A, w/a 70' longwire running N/S, and a three-foot loop which I finally got to work over the entire BCB. Gordon Nelson's articles on the loop are very helpful - keep them coming. Totals to date: 224/34 stations, 31/21 states, Recent loggings: 3/11 - KLAJ-1600, Lakewood, Colo. @ 2:55am EST; WNOE-1060 New Orleans w/ET @ 3:45; KCNC-860 San Antonio @ 4:20. On 3/15, KGA-1510 Spokane @ 2am. 3/14- XERFM-660 Mexico City, 2:38-3:00 a.m. s/off; then my first LA station, Radio Transmidial-800, Natal, Brazil, 3:00-4:00. This station also has showed up between 3:00 and 4:00 on 3/15 and 3/18; IDs nice & clear in Portuguese. S-4 level, slight QRM from CKLW. 3/16- KFJZ-1270 Fort Worth @ 3:55. Recent veries received are KGU-760 KRKO-1380 KYXI-1520 KATR-1490 & CKLW-800. Dave Fischer's KML0 is a new daytiner in Vista, Calif. on 1000, not 1390. 73. (Welcome to the NRC, Father, and we hope you'll be a regular in these columns. - ERC)

David Kulka - 160 Tioga Lane - Greenbrae, California - 04904

Well, here I am w/my first Musing. I'm a high school student, use an old Philco circa 1930, & have been DXing for six months. This MM was a strange one, w/KGHM-1110 @ 7:04 $\frac{1}{2}$ EST, KBUY-1540 @ 7:43 equal w/KXEL, WFSC-660 @ 6 27, WKNX-1210 @ 6:30 w/NX, WKY-930 - KHJ finally went off. I got WKY u/CJCA @ 4:43am, KWRC-910 TEST u/KHCS @ 3:32, KIOA-940 TEST @ 3:30, unID-920 @ 3:44 w/TT, other unID-920 @ 3:53, unID-930 @ 4:38 w/high-frequency TT, unID-620 @ 5:17 w/c/w rx, help! UnID-1350 @ 5:32 w/c/w rx; WADC? (You must have an old logbook, David - WADC is now WSLR, Akron, is 100& c/w-ERC) 3/11 was much better, I knew the IDs of some of the stations, hi. Like WPHN-1560 (Radio Soul NX & Information station), WBNB-1000 s/on, KRIS-1190 w/c/w rx, other assorted goodies. I have also been giving 1220 540 1050 a break. Heard: KTOT-1050 s/on @ 9am, KUPK-1050 s/on & NX @ 8, KLUC-1050 @ 9. Mucho want to start a movement to take XE off the air for good, Ole! On 1220, KLIP KKAR KFSC KGYN KZEE & a Mexican. Veries of late as follows: WGY-810 CBE-1550 WMEX-1510 KHOW-630 WCIR-850 CFMN sent me v/c for their SW w/100 watts - I can't decide whether to send it back or not, hi! WOWO-1190 KRK(ugh)0-1380. Finally KXRX in San Jose decided to s/off MM. Now, if anyone in the L.A. area knows the GM of KBEQ.... Here's one for some nice Eastern or Mid-West DXer. Who s/on @ 7:16am on 1220? Heard tail end of SSB, then what sounded like KMPR. KOFO? KGYN? KVLL? KZEE? KJAN? KOUR? KBHM? KZYM? KLPW? KVSA? KBCL? Well, that's about all for now, & I'd like to receive some mail & trade s/on times. Until next week, 73s & best of DX. (Welcome to the NRC to you also, David, and we also hope you'll be a regular Muser! -ERC)

C. Alan Taylor - ETN3 - OE Division - USS Hancock (CVA-19) - FPO - San Francisco 96601
A warm hello goes forth to all my old buddies in the NRC & also to the new members in the ranks. A big hello especially to ye olde Editor Eynie Cooper who has typed my Musings so many times before. Also to old crnie Dave Roys who left Indianapolis for green pastures in N.Y. This musing finds CAT many miles from his last reporting point, & an Electronics Technician Third Class (E-4) in the U.S. Navy. The USS Hancock is in Port here at San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyards until the middle of April at which time will be cruising up & down the Cal. coastline. The Hancock is a huge attack-aircraft carrier & is loaded w/multitudes of electronic equipment which I repair & maintain. Equipment back home is a 160' longwire running N/S, averaging 10' above the ground. This feeds a pre-amplifier-presselector using a cascode circuit (one of the last pieces of vacuum-tube equipment I ever designed) which feeds a National NC-200 RX which has quite good sensitivity & selectivity, one RF stage & two IF stages w/a crystal IF filter. One of my primary pieces of equipment, a T-1600 Wollensak Tape Recorder, is defective & is sked to be replaced in late 1970 w/a new (& probably quite expensive) Ampex, Royal, Magnecord, or Sony. My totals are 45 states, six provinces verified (all are definitly veries), Remaining to be veried are *Nfld, *NS, *PEI *BC Vt. *Id. *Haw. Ore *Nev. (*- heard). Until I succeed in verieing the remainder, I'll probably not devote too much time to the international scene. Totals heard no longer counted since after the 1,000 mark keeping record became too difficult. Veries total about 170 (no figures on hand here) Incidentally, what made me resolve to rejoin was the Dues Increase! I thought I'd better get in on a good thing EARLY to all & see you relatively soon. (Welcome back, Alan! Muse often!)

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In this location I have had no problem w/Conn. stations from Hartford. WPCP-1410 is regular from SSS on, especially during Aurora. WDRC-1360 is in & out w/no regularity. Both are rr. WPOP is NSP & off MM (?? -ERC) WDRC s/off lan. WCCC-1290 lists as 50Cw. D. The first two present no problem in the E. WPOP seems to push a big signal to Midwest on occasions although WING is there to mess it up. Providence RI offers WEAN-790 5kw occasionally u/WJAR; WICE-;290 w/AN-rr, 5/1kw, & WJAR-920 5kw. These three seem to be cominant here but never consistent. WJAR seems best for distance while WICE looks better for short hauls & consistency. Others listed: WHIM-1110 1kw. D is Summer possibility. A 50kw. D WLKW-990 is listed but probably beamed N or W & I don't know if on the air. (They are, Paul, & seem to beam NW/SE -ERC) (Seldom heard here & weak on Cape Cod -ERC) WPRO-630 5kw. & WRIB-1220 1 kw.D are SSS & short skip possible. Boston Mass. presents endless possibilities. WBZ-1030 clear channel. WMEX-1510 runs talk program AN mixing w/WLAC. WHDH-850 50kw. is occasionally heard here but beamed apparently N. WRKO-680 50kw. rr AN heard here on Aurora w/good signals. WCCP-1150 w/I&C "AN Serenade". WEEL-590 w/American Airlines I&C program, heard rarely here. Others listed: WEZE-1260 5kw., WILD-1090 1kw. D (which made it here once), WRYT-950 5k2. D (also one time here). You Boston fellers really have DX this week brought a few odds & ends. 3/10- WINX-1600 off, 1:50am. 3/11- WBAX-1240 4:35am w/NX. My WBAB of last week is WROK w/NN program. I must be getting senile. (Sure it's not WCHB, Paul? -ERC) 3/14- WKXV-900 f/c 3:35 u/QMML. unk if regular. CBJ playing Oriental mix 12:45am, 1580. WSHN-1550 w/ET 1:35am. QMMS-1080 2am in EE. 560, unID f/c 2:25-3:30 & on, non-stop; no IDs. 3/15- WDRC-1360 s/off 1 am. UnID HI show 1400, probably WICK. 3/16- WSAR-1480 1:20am, good level & scounded. RS. WCTW w/TX, NX, 1550, 10pm, u/CBE voice lull. On 3/14 a very weak f/c-1550 1:23 am a possible KCHN but no ID & WSHN took care of it. 3/16- Happy St. Pat's Day. I doubt if I can make MM 3/18 due to early appointments. No WAKX due WWSW/WRC.

Dave Carlson - 516 Hickory Hollow - St. Louis, Missouri - 63122

A bit of DX to report so I guess it's time for a Musing. 2/24- WJVM-1400 Tenn. @ 1:22am w/a Love-In. 2/25- WMOH-1450 Ohio s/off @ 1:02am. MM 3/4 - A failure, except for WDEF-1370 Tenn. @ 3:01 s/on. 3/5- XET-990 way o/CBW @ 8:02-8:17pm finally definitely logged. MM 3/11- KNDK-1080 ND TEST in well despite the Big Three (KRLD/WTIC/WKLO). I slept through the TEST earlier this season from then. 3/14- New WMCL-1060 McLeansboro, Ill. noted on RS w/a good signal for 250w. MM 3/18- Two testers were on 940 during the sked time of KQRC- one strong & the other real weak, but no IDs heard from either one. KWYR-1260 SD was in well on their TEST w/marches from 4-4:15am, then WNCC-1260 Tenn. appeared beginning "frequency measurement tests" until they either faded out or left the air around 4:22am when KWYR was again solid. 3/19- KRIG-1410 Tex. s/off @ 1:01am u/WING, KPLC-1470 La. u/QMBD for r/c as per NRC List. Veries are in from KMMO-1300 for TEST, WGOH-1370 v/f for TEST, & SS v/1 from XET-990 w/Olympic pennant. Total verified at 246, I think. A big THANKS to HQ for the great LA Veries List among other things recently which have made DX NEWS the best in the business! 73s & ST. LOUIS IN '69!

Joseph W. Plonka - Box 148 - Chaplin, Saskatchewan

I purchased a new Communications RX 2/7. The cost was around the \$240 bracket & from recent DX activities produces results as good as the more expensive models. I crawled out of the sack to catch KMMO-Mo. TEST on 2/19, tape report sent, verie back. Pleasant surprise to find KVOE-1400 Kans. w/RS @ 4:30. KOWB TEST heard, unnn, 4:37. 3/18- KWRC TEST heard @ 3:41-3:44. I heard someone Tting u/KHCS @ 4:37, possibly still KWHAC but unable to hear due to heavy QFN. ID heard here on 920, 4:45, 3/18 as KLVC?? Las Vegas - call change for KRAM? Very noisy MM & makes me wonder if the good season is jus about past. Glenn Hauser, I agree w/you 100% on your opinion in Dialog 3/2. I have logged some 1,200 stations to date & of these, I am darn positive I have heard every one. I will not consider a station as being heard until Ihear a positive ID or other substantial proof. I cannot see wasting good time copying a station's format while on the next frequency I'm blowing my chance to log something new. The only hears I now verify are Specials andI only do this in order to acknowledge the station's efforts in co-operating w/the DXers. Say, who is the world is "FISH?" (That is Dave Fischer of Lincoln, Neb., Joe - his nickname for himself - ERC)

THE MUSINGS SECTION LOOKS MUCH BETTER THIS WEEK, BOYS! WE COULD HAVE IT THIS WAY EVERY ISSUE - IF WE GET THE MUSINGS! WHAT SAY?

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DX NEWS

Marc DeLorenzo - 35 Sylvan Drive - Hyannis, Massachusetts - 02601

Hi all. Only recent veries are v/qc from WGSN-740 & WZKY-1580. As for DX: 2/23, sh
historical date here as logging #1,000 was finally made. The station: WRRV-990, ~~WRRV~~
rows, Va. on top @ 5:59pm s/off. Then on SM 2/25: CHSC-1220 Ont. swapping S-9 sig-
nals w/CJOC @ 4am; WIRE-1430 Ind. fair w/c/w @ 4:35, YVIB-1040 s/on weakly @ 5am.
MM 3/4- RNE-683 S-5 @ 12:59 apparently signing on, only TA noted as European CX con-
tinue to be ghastly: WOKJ-1550 Miss. in the clear 1:25-2:02 s/off thanks to early
s/off of CBE. WICK-1400 Pa. w/HI & ID @ 2:59. 3/13- CHOK-1070 Ont. DX in w/nice
signal 1:25-2 o/u WFLI r/c-rx. MM 3/18- WTYN-1550 NC r/c ID u/CBE @ 12:56, KQV-
1410 Pa. all alone w/rr 1:15 as WING was silent. WDCJ-1220 Fla. ET/rx/TT/OC 1:22-
1:30 & on, loud o/HJKR. KOB-770 NM ending HI @ 1:58 for state #42 & my most-wanted
station ever! Reception of KWYO-1410 Wyo. r/c-TT @ 2:02 made for two new states in
a period of four minutes. Weird, since it took me 12 months to log the two states
prior to these! KWYO was heard w/fair to/weak signals u/KQV w/IDs every two minutes.
Unns KNBR-680 * MCMO-1000 in well this AM. WFBA-1460 PR "R. Pepino" I&C @ 4:13 &
WMIA-1070 well on top @ 4:32 s/on closed out a very successful MM! 73 & good DX.

Jerry Starr - WHOT Radio - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

Hello again. Only news here this week is a few veries in & a letter from the Wash-
ington attorney for the 1140k grant in New Castle, Pa. This week the company will
apply for call letters WBZY. By law, all call letter applications must be mailed to
all station managers in a 50-mile radius before call can be approved. Other sta-
tions have the right to oppose call letter grants if they feel they might be mis-
leading (i.e. similar to already established calls in the area). For example, WHOT
wouldn't appreciate another station in the market w/the call WHOP-, for instance.
V/1 in from WMT CFTJ & WDEB. WDEB says they are now on RS on 1500k which began 1/12
/68, said the test I heard (1:10-1:35 3/13) was an f/c. Joe Fela, please note; used
TX & TT; don't know if f/c will always be this long. A million thanks to all NRCers
sending in the lists of their unverified repcats for the ANARC Committee; got a ~~TON~~
of /en. All info on this new branch of the Committee being sent to JAC. Recent per-
sonal visit by Fred Turverey who conducted the WSAJ TEST reveals the good possibili-
ty of another TEST around Easter vacation on an MM instead of Tuesday as the last
was. They got into Canada on the last TEST so everybody give a listen when the fre-
quency will be many times clearer. Date & info later - they send a very attractive
v/1. CPC results here so far: Six TESTs for eight requests or 75%. 73s & good DX.
Where is Dick Cooper? PS- Watch for a radical format change at WKYC. Their new rat-
ings are out, & , to be kind, they are terrible. Rumor is an all-NX operation. Lo-
cal NRCer Wes Boyd, just recovering from a badly broken arm is now down with pneumo-
nia, fortunately a light case & the "Boy" is feeling much better now. Too much "wild
living," Wes?

Ron J. Ponke - 8079 Dale - Centerline, Michigan - 48015

DX scarce for me; but I guess I'll survive. 2/18- WGKV-1490 Charleston WVa. heard @
2am. 2/19- WARK-1490 Hagerstown, Md. heard @ 1:04am, WDCW-1440 Dowagiac TEST heard
roughly through WCHB-1440 AN @ 1:20am. 2/21- WCEF-1050 Parkersburg, WVa. heard at
7:29am. 2/25- KCHA-1580 Charles City Ia. heard @ 6:45pm s/off. 3/13- WPTW-1570 Pi-
qua, O. heard @ 6:44pm w/off. ~~xxx~~ Veries: HCEW2-995, also pennant. v/leaflet-XEG.
v/q KFJZ WBAM WPUV-CM, calendar notebook. WPUV said my tape report was the first
they have received. Totals 470/102, 36/35, 5/2, 19/6. I would like some SC traders
to write me, OK? RX- HA-700, antenna 75' LW, 4 1/2' loop. QTH - I live outside of De-
roit, in suburb. 73s to you all.

David T. White - WIRV Radio - Irvine, Kentucky - 40336

Greetings all, from no-no land. DX still dogging along w/bad work sked & frequent
bad CX on the band. Late veries would be v/q- WWL (state #24) WATE. v/1- WACK.
Cuban on 635 coming in here @ 3:30pm, also noted by Jim Nall - anybody else? At long
last, a new RX here - antique (almost) Hall SX-28. Selectivity is really beautiful.
Totals now 170/65, 25/24 states, 5/5 provinces, 6/5 countries. Fish: I mucho like
your simultaneous logging idea on a regular basis. Jphanns: Plain paper mineo note
beats the heck out of none at all. It's not meant for decoration, you know, ~~HI!~~
Bill Raczko: In most medium market areas AN facility can pay for itself many times
over. Increased AN activity increases channelenge! Oh well, just because I'm too
lazy to get in touch w/everybody, I'd better not take up this space. So, the usual
73s, au reservoir (cic!) & let's MUSE!

Rick Marr - 352 High Point Road - Ellicott City, Maryland - 21043

Hello fellow NRCers. DX in this den, as is my usual policy this time of the year, is

extremely slow due to my college workload at U. of Md. However, there have been some changes recently in the formats of several of the stations in the nearby Washington, DC Metropolitan area, & I thought I would inform you of them. First of all, WUST-1120 in Bethesda, Md. is now airing an "all Soul & R&B" nx format every day from sunrise till sunset except on Sundays when mostly religious-type programs are presented. WUST's top DJ w/this new format is Barry Richards, who has the unique title, "The fastest tongue under the sun." Barry is well known to all radio listeners in this area, & in the past has worked at the following stations: WDCN-1540, Wheaton, Md.; WHMC-1150 Gaithersburg, Md.; WITH-1230 Baltimore; WMID-1340 Atlantic City; WYRE-810 Annapolis; WANN-1190 Annapolis; WINX-1600 Rockville Md., & WUST where he presently is, among other stations. Maybe w/this new type of nx blaring out on 1120, & w/fast-talking Barry at the mike, some of you will at long last be able to pull in this 250w. daytimer. In addition, WOL-1450 in DC now has NX @ 20 minutes after & 20 minutes before each hour. And finally, WEAM-1390 in Arlington, Va. is using CKLW-type jingles & slogans such as "And the best goes on..." So watch for any or all of the above changes. I have lost Jerry Bond's college address. Is Russ Edmunds still alive? And where is Joe Kureth these days? In regard to the dues hike, if we gotta, then we gotta. After all, being a member of the NRC is well worth it in my opinion. I'll report again soon; nehopes. 73s.

Doug Meyer - 34 Lewis Place - New Rochelle, New York - 10801

Ithaca is still no haven for DX, but things have been looking up. Those AM study binges help a bit though. If I could only use them for studying, half my troubles would be over. Recent DX: 3/17- 3:44am, WERE-1300 w/continuous rx & CBS Nat ID, good signal. WSAR-1480 typical rr format w/Money Game, "Prize Power R." I also heard WSLR. Paths to the W must be looking good. This past weekend I also managed to hear KGLC Okla., KSL Utah, & WDAF (Kansas City) & WCHS Charleston, WVa. W/luck that will add three new states to my verified list, all for two night's work. My record since 1/1 for all US & Canadians is still 100% verified (w/only six recent ones (two weeks or less) still out. My luck w/Mexicans is limited to XEG & XEDM. Veries: CFCO v/q, WHEN v/1 of sorts. My others all represent FM efforts but all represent AM possibilities, too: CHSC-FM (they checked my AM by mistake; it's a Hand Dandy All Purpose QSL), etc. W/Spring vacation this coming week, I should get some decent DXing in (coming in at 3am from dates helps a lot).

Jeff M. Kadet - 8047 Park Overlook Drive - Bethesda, Maryland - 20034

Hi everybody. Since last report these have been our new veries: WMCL WOCK WDIM CKNX CJBQ KLTR WKJR WYND WHIV WSPF WKYB KWPC WKPA WHIP WKMK WNFL CJLR WRFS WSOK KBIZ KLFM KOFO KRBC WFRA KDEW KFMO WAKE WMUC (U. of Md. station) KYSN WABJ KMMO & CHSC to bring our Maryland-only veries up to 1,359/480 stations, 40/49 states, 10/10 provinces, plus 13 foreign veries. The station total is for U.S. & Canada only. This also does not include some 125 of 250 BCB/TV veries destroyed by fire last December. Not too much DX of late but after logging KKHI-1550's s/off @ 3am on 3/9 we had an almost definite 4QD although the QRM was pretty heavy. They peaked around 4:15am but were still too weak to positively ID. 2NA-1510 was coming in at the same time for their third IDable appearance here: 73. (Glad to see you back again, Jeff! -ERC)

Dave Schmidt - 44 Green Lane - Green Ridge, Chester, Pennsylvania - 19014

Hi. DX was a real washout on MM 3/18 w/nothing new heard. I did note WIEG & WING off but, on the sad side, KQV-1410 was AN MM, let's hope it's just once! MM 3/11 brought WCAZ-990 f/c 1:23-1:30am s/off w/TT & ID, really took care of WIEG; KKHI-155 2:30-2:43am w/semi-cl nx & nice signal, KNX-1070 2:45-3:01am FINALLY reported, and XERB-1090 3:24-3:32am w/very strong signal. v/1- WDIC-1430 WHHD-930 (Wonderful Things Happen in Delaware) & WKYB-1000. v/f- KMMO-1300-TEST. V/CM: WGOH-1370-TEST. I'll be finished school in two months, then probably to work & I'm trying at WAMS, WJIC, WEEZ, WXUR, WJBR-FM, or any other things, even Korvette's, hi! I don't know about WCH since the conditions weren't so good at the station. GPN: The spur on 660 is even there w/WCAU off! The Pause that Depresses Dep't: WAMS-1380 has moved into new studios in a place called Mount Cuba, outside of Wilmington, on the highest point in Delaware. They have just gotten a new PD, too, Bob Holland. You might try a Mr. Roger Holmes if you would want a v/1, he sent them when he was PD not so long ago & he's still with WAMS, A Rollins station who also own WNJR. That's it for this time.73

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D X NEWS

Glen Hauser - 303 Ash N.E. - Box #435 - Albuquerque, New Mexico - 87106

Finally, a compilation of all the non-local BCB harmonics I have observed. Dates are in the logical day/month/year system. 11060=1580x7, XEDM Hermosillo, Son. in Albuq 5/3/67 @ 4:40-5:50-am tuneout; very distorted w/phone-in requests & mentions of "Capital Agricola." Able to // w/fundamental during later minutes. 5700=1140x5, KORC Mineral Wells, TX in Enid OK 12/27/66 @ 1:20pm w/Lifeline; Texas State Net III @ 1:55, KLPR local on fund; report unanswered. 5600=1400x4, KREO Indio 7/4/67 @ 8:37am in SS, heard in Albuq. CE Glen Kippel says also heard by FCC monitors in Livermore & FAA in San Francisco (using 5604); estimated power, 5w, trap installed but heard again 3/9/68 @ 12:38am in EE w/"KREO Information." 4680=1560x3, WBOL Bolivar, in St. Louis, 1/26/64 @ 8:19-8:17; ID 8:14. 4200=1400x3, KDTA Delta Co., 3/23/67 in Albuq @ 8:50 w/c/w; Mutual NX 9am, ID 9:29, heard once since. 4140=1380x3, KFLJ Walenburg Co., 12/18/66 in Albuq. @ 11am w/SM church service, plus once since. 3160=1580x2, XEDM Hermosillo, in Albuq 12/30/67 @ 12:25am w/New Year greet & Nogales ad. 2900=1450x2, XEDJ Magdalena, Son., tentative, 12/29/67 in Albuq @ 8:25am w/fast MST-TC, covered 8:37 by Mexican two-way QRM; KIZY local on fund. 2860=1430x2, KCSI Aurora Co., in Albuq 1/28/67 @ 8:40am w/Denver-oriented programs. 2800=1400x2, WFPR Hammond, in Enid 12/31/63-1/1/64 @ 11:50pm-12:03 s/off. 2730=910x3, KALL Salt Lake City in Albuq 1/29/67 @ 8:27 w/ABC Reports & "Call" ID @ 8:29. 2680=1340x2, KTXL San Angelo, TX in OKC 11/9/66 w/powerful signal 8:10-10:09pm. 2640=1320x2, XERJ, La RJ, Mazatlan, Sin., 1/29/67 in Albuq w/Mexican mx & promos 8:33am. 2560=1280x2, KUCO Henderson, 10/29/66 @ s/off 7:57pm, Battle Hymn Republic, & off 8:02 QRMing marine phone station CFW-2558 Vancouver; also audible on fund but buried in QFM. 2180=1240x2, KAVE Carlsbad, NM, 10/10/67 @ 7:30-7:58pm w/local numbers, in Albuq. Also KCCR Pierre, SD 12/25/66 @ 12:50am w/NX in Enid. 2300=1150x2, CKX Brandon, Man. 10/23/60 w/cl mx 7:55-9:05pm in OKC. 2200=1100x2, YNQ La Voz de la Victoria, Managua, 12/24/66 in Enid @ 11:35pm w/IDs & frequent TCs. Again 3/20/67 in Albuq @ 9:35pm w/IDs, TCs & pop. 2020=1010x2, XEDX Ensenada BCN, 12/25/66 in Enid @ 2:40 w/Christmas mx. Again 3/19/67 in Albuq w/ID as "Radiocentro DX" & Variedades" @ 12:50-2:15. This should give you an idea of what can be done by frequent & careful tuning. I hope many will try DXing/harmonics I let me know what you pick up! Thanks & 73.

Duane Giese - Box 69 - Columbia, Missouri - 65201

Well, here I am again w/a Musing. Sorry I have not sent more in this season to this colorful section. Not a great deal of DXing done here so far this month. Last time I did any was on MM 3/11 but very little at that. The QFM was high so I didn't stay up too long. Only heard KSSS-740 after CBL s/off @ 1:10. Back on 3/4: WJAS-1320 Pa. 1:16 KUDU-1590 Calif. 2am, was heard w/WAKR most of the time. KMJ-580 Calif. 2:30 w/QRM from WIBW-HI. KRDS-1190 Ariz. heard testing @ 2:49. CX were good in all directions that morning which is a little unusual. February was a good month here w/38 new stations added to the log & 25 veries. Also heard KILT-610 back in Feb. for the first time as Walt B. did. I guess I was not trying hard enough. DX for 2/26, MM: KCLS-600 Ariz. 1:05; WKWF-1600 Fla. 2am s/off; KARM-1430 Calif. 4:30am, R. Jamaica-580 s/on @ 4:45; CHOC-1390 Ont., 5am. I would like to see name of the state after the call letters & frequency, more so on the ones not heard too often. It sure makes it a lot easier in more ways than one. Back on the weekend of 3/9 I had a good time over at Bruce Reynolds' place. Thanks again. Well, that's it for this time, I hope to send in another one before the year is over with, hi. As they say in McAlester, Okla., "KIMC." "Keep Those Musings Coming" to good ole ERC!

Bruce Reynolds - Route 2 - Warrensburg, Missouri - 64093

I almost forgot to muse this week - I hope the mailman comes through & gets it there on time! (In Monday 3/25 -ERC) Quite a bit to report this week: 3/17- Cuban & HCN2 R. Cristal, were fighting it out on 870 around 4:30am, KTAR-620 logged w/HL, looping out WSUN/CKCK @ 5:33am, KLIC-1230 w/c/w @ 6:52am, KWIX-1230 @ 6:59am s/on, & KBST-1230 @ 7:05am. SSS brought in WKAC-1080 @ 7pm s/off. MM 3/18 had WETC-540 ETing w/mx & TT most of the morning, KWRC-940 TEST put in two partially readable IDs & TT through intense WINZ/KHOS QFM. Also, WYLD & KLOA were testing at times. Tentative on KCAP-1340 DX, as TT heard through mess, KWYR I&C w/march & c/w mx on 1260. Also, just as I tuned in, WNCO was just ending an ET, 4:20am. (Now I can apply for an HAC award - "Heard all Chattanooga" that is, hi). Then going back up to 1340, WOKE r/c was like that proverbial ton of bricks, 4:45-4:55am. 3/20- KGVV-1400 Greenville, Tex atop from 7:42-8:01pm, very unusual. On 3/22 WJBC-1230 was noted @ 7:39pm. 3/23- (P.10)

(Bruce Reynolds) KWSH-1260 @ 7:11am through much QFM, & WKBL-1250 u/WREN @ 7:48am. Veries picked up a bit: v/1 (one-liner) from KIKT, WRTH-CM, WRJW-CM WEMP WTNT & WSMN TEST. v/q from WIFE & v/c from KSST. KSST's card is a picture of their building, one of the most modern & beautiful that I've seen. They claim to be the only radio station in the country w/a system for monitoring satellite WX info. They sent along a print, from their equipment, received from the ESSA-6 satellite. Totals: 1,260/584 states 45/44, provincew 8/8, & countries 30/20. 73s & good DXing.

Gene DeLorenzo - 35 Sylvan Drive - Hyannis, Massachusetts - 02601

Hi. Greetings from the three-Musing-a-year DXer! Due to school, I only get three vacations a year, so hence, three chances to DX. This vacation lasts from 3/7 to 3/28. But first, I'll re-introduce myself. I'm 14 (15 on 3/27), have been DXing for four years, & a member of the NRC for the past two. I have used about ten different radios, but mainly use Marc's HQ-129-X, an S-120, a Zenith MN-2601, & a Utica 92-01. Totals are 756 heard from 41 states & 37 countries. Most-wanted station here is WKBN5570 (believe it or not!), best domestic catch is either KQXI-1550 or KWO-1410, both heard last winter. I've been an active Musing-reader this winter, despite no DX, & I got a great idea! How 'bout a new, original, controversy? #1 songs. No go? I guess no one would fight about it. Enuf. Here's NRC DX: 3/7- WCPC-940 Miss. 6:37 pm. 3/8- Finally logged the "easiest bet for Maine" (according to some) in WFST-600 @ 5:30 s/off, Maine #17. 6:03pm, heard unk CBS NX on 1170, WCOV? R. Rebelde ID heard @ 6:20 on 874, they got two or three calls for that one, no? TIRICA 605 heard w/excellent signal @ 7:28pm, 50kw? MM 3/11- CJOY-1460 s/off 1:04, XEAT-1310 1:17, XELM-1580 1:54, WABB-1480 rr @ 2:25, WJBK-1500 ET @ 2:44. Possible KOLI-1090 heard @ 3am w/ID- are they AN? 3/12- R. Americas-1157 heard w/American rr @ 12:36. CHOK-1070 DX in well o/WFII/WIBC 1:20-2. US rr bombing in on 690 from 2:26-2:29 but faded out u/Cuban. Who was this? (WAPE? -ERC) WAPE isn't AN, is it? (It is -ERC) 3/13- WQIT-1410 5:48pm, WNHV-910 5:59 s/off. 3/18- L.Voz de Cuba ID on 840 @ 12:09, unk Oh Canada on 910 @ 12:11, CBO? CFMB-1410 lan s/off, WDCJ-1220 ET/ID 1:20, KOB-770 for state #41 @ 2am, thanks to Marc - I was falling asleep when he suddenly started blowing his mind about something! Cuban-660 in well @ 2:07. 3/21- Unk-1440 s/off 6pm, mentioned Conn., probably much-wanted WBIS. WTKO-1470 heard @ 6:09. I have gone through seven blocks of Contest so far - wouldn't want to tip anyone off on the total points so far, but the CX are terrible! Especially for IAs. KMOX dominating 1120, WGN even w/the Cuban, even WFAA o/HJED! Things had better improve - see you next June. 73s, go Sox, & may c/w rx perish from the Earth - sorry ERC, but rr is tops! (Yep Gene, & so are the METS -ERC)

Don Kaskey - Hotel El Rancho - Box 235 - West Sacramento, California - 95691

Enjoyable chat w/GPN last week due to Don Kenney's very acceptable gift in the form of a box loop which he brought w/him while he was up this way on business. Surely works great Don & again many thanks. I may even get into the foreign DX field if this keeps up. Recent domestics include: 3/4- KENT-1340 Ariz. f/c-TT 2:30-2:45, KSBW-1380 Cal. s/off @ 3 to return @ 9 w/KGMS off a bit early, KOKA-1550 La/ s/on 5:33 atop my deep mystery station, WPCN-1460 Mich. quite weak but there @ 5:50 w/c/w rx, WTNS-1560 O. w/ID after 6/s/on. Several stations s/on then but WTNS the only one I could make out. 3/7- KDES-920 Cal. u/o KLCC from 8:57-9pm before DA change. 3/11- KALI-1430 Cal. s/off @ 3:32 leaving frequency open as KARM again off MM - they must have changed from Wed. to MM for their off night. CKFH heard thereafter w/rr u/HNL; KARR-1400 Mont. w/one ID, announced as f/c-TT @ 4:24 but no more heard! 3/18- KWRC-940 Ore. fairly easy on TEST w/loop N/S, KBLE-1050 & KGUD-990 both ETing around 4, KCAP-1340 Mont. ID @ 4:58 on DX, almost missed as I was thinking 1400 all the time. KPOI-1380 Hawaii easy w/KRKO looped out from 4:58-5:15 which I taped but! xxxxxxxxxx later I found I had the volume on the recorder all the way down so nothing but a blank tape! WGY-810 NY good @ 5:49 as was WESC-660 @ 6:05 taped both for reports; WKY-930 @ 7 w/CJCA looped, KHJ was off again; KOAM-860 Kans. easy @ 7:09, KSKY-660 Tex. religious program 7:30-7:45 o/XERFM & about 20 Orientals on low end of band. I even got one verie, a v/1 from KENT for #1,815. Bad buzz back since 3/18, ruining any other chances even if I had the time; this due to several windy days recently. I forgot some other catches. 3/16- KBAM-1270 Wash. ET w/ID @ 5:05 & still on @ 5:47 & KNDI-1270 Hawaii atop someone. KNDI sounds like a jazz station & IDs as "Candy Radio." KZCO-1210 Hawaii also heard often lately w/loop along w/many other easier Hawaiians. KLBS-1330 Cal. & KMPG-1520 Cal. both heard 3/17 using loop to clear local slop. 73.

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DX NEWS

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Joe Skurzewski - 172 Lathrop Street - Buffalo, New York - 14212

He fellas, I'm finally back in the DX groove! First of all, I finally made arrangements w/local WBEN-930 for a Special DX Test. I know by the time you read this it will be too late, but Mr. Maser, DoE said the TEST will include, usical selections, IT and frequency IDs. Next on my list, a letter from CHSC-1220 in St. Catherines. I also tried to arrange a similar TEST but no deal! CHSC's CE, who is Roland W. Brundle, wrote the following in his letter to me "I do not agree with your methods of logging stations by means of special DX-Tests. I should think your members would find it more challenging to log stations under normal broadcasting procedure. I confirm all requests w/proper call letters & logging information." Mr. Roland also inclosed their new v/q, which is very nice! It shows their studios which are the most modern I've ever seen. Also their v/1 changed so I doubt if you'll ever get one, unless you really try. Not too much action reception-wise. On 3/11 WNJR-1430 @ 12:21am s/off. 3/13- WTOP-1560 @ 5:58pm o/WQXR, WCHB-1440 @ 6:22pm bombing in like a local at times! Veries are scarce! Only new one is KGIC-910 from Miami, Ok-la. This is a 24-hour jobber! The rx is mixed c/w w/Gospel type programs. Jim Scott of WKBW is leaving this weekend & is headed for Cincinnati! He's WSAI's new morning man. I'll close this Muse by saying HI & welcome to Father John P. Pejza & all other new members! 73s & watch out for WBEN!

Ralph M. Johnson - Buffalo, New York

My 3/9 DX NEWS came 3/20 & with it, Boston Postmaster's card that my complaint had been received promptly attention. I had asked JAC for an extra copy, but didn't get any & so only missed the WMAN DX. SM 3/24 was again "Travelers-Warning-Snow WX" but noted a long f/c-IT by KDDA-1560 spoiling an f/c-rx by a second lkw. station, 3:50am s/off. 3/23, I noted the 1560er on/off ITing to 4:20 off, but he gave no ID. On 1430 was WIRE & w/c/w rx (hurray) while they had a snowstorm. 3/22 I had CBW-990 RS s/off 1:16/to return @ 6am CST. Then I noted a f/c-IT by WLET-1420 1:45-1:55 s/off; the r/SSB (top & bottom) f/c by WSAO-1550 was w/telephone dial (he said) D/IT 2:01 @ 2:14 s/off & then another station ITed to 2:27 off & my 1560er had some rx & quit @ 4:31. Another ANer, WAVE-970 noted. TTer-1440 4:41-4:49, lost in WCHB-NN (Kilroy, your NN station'd give you sore ears here) to lan s/off w/Steve King & no SSB used. 1300 had WFBR Md. @ 1:22 saying "We're having a Test Show (rx) & like to hear from you." 1590 had WQTC Wisc. (ex-WTRW) f/c-IT 2:21-2:39; on 1430 I heard WNJR NJ RS @ 3:38 (AN?) Yes, except SM & MM -ERC) & who is "Radio Punto (or puncto) Minuto on 940? I have noted KIOA-940 doing a silent test for 1-1½ hours after s/off I IDs on the half hour only, on 3/17-18-19-20. On 3/18 WIBG-990 did some screwy IT/OCing for a couple hours & I sent a "temptative" report to KWRC-940-TEST from 3:18½-3:36½ possible, u/KIOA's IT & WINZ. I noted in Rader's BG: KWIC-1550 got the KRGO call now & WPTF-680 got the Durham Life Bg. Service as new owners. An un/rqt (??-ERC) v/q (light blue on glossy white) by CHSC-1220 (they're AN-6, off only MMs), they must've just got 'em printed. v/q WREL-1450, log-type ARRL form. v/1, WKID-1580, the Home of Good Guys, Box 8, Urbana, Ill. 61801. v/q by KGIC-910 dark blue on gloss/white, says c/w 24 hours. Nice v/1 KVOL-1330 "The Happy Voice", NBC, Box 3030, Lafayette, La. 70501. My 1949 v/1 was for 1340k, 250w. CE tells me lkw on 1330 was in 10/66, N-directional (Night, North or Non? -ERC), sked is weekly 5:25-12:12, SM 6am-11pm (I presume CST), f/c (listed) is w/Leé's Summit Mo - & 73.

Chris Lucas - 89 Round Hill Road - Fairfield, Connecticut - 06430

I'm home again for a week from college, & I'm hoping to get some real DXing done, now that CBC is off. DX lately: 3/24- WRIS-1440 Roanoke, Va. @ 6:01pm w/good rx, o/u WPOP, o/KQV. MM 3/25- WOKJ-1550 NN, Jackson, Miss. to 2:03am s/off, on top of channel. KKHI-1550 San Francisco @ 2:17am after long NXcast which followed cl rx. WOKJ is only #7 from Mississippi here, & KKHI is California #8. I also noted WBEN DX, & unnn ~~CKRB~~ which started out fine, but faded around 3:15. No go on South Dakota TESTs. I note WLOF-950's 5,000w are a bit stronger here than WINZ-940's 10kw. I wish both would go off the air & open some fine channels. On Sat. AM 3/23 I heard a station using AST on 950 around 4:30am, CKMB or CHER? Both needed here. Veries: 4VEC v/q & pamphlet. CJRW v/1 saying mine was the most complete report. I sent them about two minutes of 100% copy, in addition to general program description for 15 to 20 minutes. V/1, WMSG-1050. 73.

WELL, LADS, IT'S A LOT BETTER THIS WEEK - BUT WE CAN DO STILL MUCH BETTER - WHAT SAY? WHY NOT WRITE OUR YOUR MUSING RIGHT NOW AND GET IT DONE? GET THE MUSING HABIT!

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Larry B. Godwin - 6559 South Clayton Street - Littleton, Colorado - 80120
Greetings. It's been a while since I've sent ERC a report, in fact about a year, I think. I'm living in Colorado again (ex-Berkeley) & find the change delightful. From a DX standpoint, I miss the TPs & DUs, but the LAs seem stronger & more consistent. The most surprising signal this season from the S is CX16-850 Montevideo, which literally pounds in every AM @ \square /on, 4am EST. With the loop properly tuned, there isn't any interference, either. I noticed a recent Musing indicating IRCA is against the idea of a joint CPC, but this is not true. The IRCA Board of Directors defeated a proposal to support an ANARC clearing house for all CPC requests before they are mailed, but the intent was not to counter basic cooperation w/the NRC & NNRC CPCs. IRCA's CPC Chairman Eric Floden is strongly in favor of such cooperation, as are other club leaders. As this CPC season nears an end, I think we can look forward to a great one next Fall w/more extensive publicity in all club bulletins & frequent correspondence among the CPC chairmen. Hopefully we can eliminate much duplication of effort & collectively arrange a greater number of TESTs. 73, & keep up the excellent work ERC, GFN, & JAC.

Tom Mann - 1805 East Elmdale Court - Milwaukee, Wisconsin - 53211
WNUS-1390 Chicago must have changed their call letters to WMUS, & it stands for W-Music. They play easy-listenable mx 24 hours a day. I found WMUS on 3/24/68. They must have been on for some time now. 73. (What happened to WMUS-1090, Muskegon, Mich., Tom, if WMUS is now WMUS? -ERC)

Ernest B. Cooper - 438 East 21 Street - Brooklyn, New York - 11226
No veries this week, but we finally were able to get a few reports out for a change. 3/21- Two SSS reports out w/PP/cs, as both were reported earlier, & neither answered. WCDQ-1220, Harden, Conn. in/out w/WGNY 60 their 6pm s/off, and WHYP-1530, North East, Pa. w/WCKY to their 6:30 s/off. On 1550, Another one calling itself "KB" comes in 6-6:31pm s/off - WKBA, Vinton, Va., the Home of the KB Cowboys. Umm here. 3/22- I happened to wake up & tried my hand at the dials, & I'm sure glad I did, for I ran into an ET/TT/OC/mx by WPDF-1550, Corydon, Ind., 2:55-3:31am & on, for #3 Indiana 250 watter on this spot for me. That evening, WSRB-1550 heard for the first time @ 6:15 s/off, but not enough for a report. SM 3/24- Two TTers w/different pitches noted on 1560 1:31-1:45, no IDs fathomed here. I had to "leave the room" & when I came back @ 1:50, both were gone - how's that for the breaks? I noted two signals on 1550 though, & one was umm WOKJ which s/off @ 1:59 w/SSB, & they left the other one nicely in the clear & it turned out to be the fourth & final Indiana 250 watter on 1550, WCVL, Crawfordsville, ETing w/mx, so now I have all four that state's entries on the 1550 spot. WBAL-1090 noted carrying HL. MM 3/25- Somebody on 1000k w/ all mx @ 2:14-2:19, but then knocked out by an ET from local widespreader WINS. I found out why I've never been able to log previously the WXCL-1350 r/c-TT - it does not go on 2:30-2:45, but is 2:40-2:55, heard accidentally while fishing, for a report, third best to WSLR/WEZY. WHN-1050 came back on around 3am this MM: TTer-790 noted after 3:15, loud, who? Also one on 740 who quit @ 3:18. The 1240-er w/good mx around supper time was IDed this week - it's WCEM, Cambridge, Md., umm. Now, next question - who's the c/w station on 1400 before & after 7pm? Three of the MM DX-Tests were on channels w/local ANers - WBEN-930 killed by "Dull Music for Dull People" (hi), WBNX took care of KFCB, & WMCA, Frantic Radio, killed WNAX. No sign of WNTN-1550 on RS yet. That's about it, so C U N 7.

Roger Winsor - Valparaiso, Indiana (via phone)

I am working tonight, and had a few minutes' break, so I thought I'd phone in my MM 3/25 DX to help out the Musings Section. Finally, WNAX-730 heard on r/c-TT 12:30-12:44 s/off. Then WBCB-1490 also heard on r/c-TT, 1:45-2am. WBEN-930 heard on its DX, but very weak here, TT from 1:14-1:22. Then KENC-1460, Las Vegas, logged with a very strong signal, 2:57-3am s/off, & s/on of CKRB-1460 for DX, mixed w/an OC. KOEL-950, Oelwein, Ia. heard on TT/ET, 3:15-3:29, mentioned RS s/on is 5am CST. The WNAX-570 DX was heard too, mixed w/WMCA/WKBN, 4:29-4:40am. CX were excellent here this MM, and these several new ones logged.

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From "Cadex" of the CDXC, February 1968 issue, Page 7:

IRCA: This club in CDXC's opinion is ahead of NRC is (sic) bulletin content and format.

* - QWC. Quote, Without Comment.

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CONTRIBUTORS: Deadline for mail reports is Tuesday AM, for phone reports, Tuesday PM. Please submit information in standard IDXD format, in EST, and with standard NRC abbreviations - preferably on standard-sized 8½" x 11" paper, one side only. Please qualify all assumed and tentative loggings as such in order to reduce errors; check through back issues of IDXD before asking help on unidentified stations.

DX conditions here in the northeast have been astonishingly poor during the past week. It would indeed have been difficult to pick poorer conditions for the Simultaneous Listening Contest - very high noise levels, weak TA's, and only fair LA's. So far this season, there have been absolutely no traces of South Africans - the nightly check on 1286 produces only Prague. It's beginning to look as if this might be the first season in the last 5 years not to produce any South African reception - although there's still time. From the comments on the Contest Entry forms returned so far, it would seem that Contest Week was rather poor in most locations. On 3/17 and 3/18, Kaskey in California noted some remarkable receptions from the Far East: "DX conditions both 3/17 and 3/18 were obviously quite good for FE as most of the orientals have not been heard here since early December; cx seemed very good from Japan - Japs all over the place with NHK programming - it was a ball!" From Florida, Rogers reports, "FM of 3/22 was pretty bad, it seems only D.R. stns were coming in; good northerly cx permitted me to hear Boston's wx on WEZ but even Cubans barely audible." Those hoping for a simple correlation between geomagnetic indices and unusual reception should note that the A_{FR} values for 3/17 and 3/18 were rather high (10 and 12) and that the value for the previous day, 3/16 was 23 - the highest since February 11th (when it reached 35).

*On Reciprocal Paths. The South Africans have begun to note a few of the high band ECNA 50 kw-ers; nothing below 1010 so far, and weak signals at best. The Zedders have also noted a few ECNA stations recently, including: WKY at 0230, ZEM1 at 0300, WLCY at 0425, and WVON at 0310. Even the usual WCNA stns logged have also been almost exclusively high-band. This is very similiar to the general tend to high-band TA receptions noted here almost all season. As we've pointed out previously, the amount of absorption experienced by a MW signal (nondeviative only) goes as the inverse square of the frequency; thus a signal at the bottom of the band will experience about 10 times more absorption than one at the top of the band, all things else being equal. Since this type of absorption is most important when the solar activity is at its peak, a marked tendency for "high band openings" should be observed during this period. (Ed)

*Thailand. According to an AP item spotted by Bob Foxworth and John Dallar, the "Voice of Free Asia" outlet on 1580 cost \$6 million for the US to construct; it was sold to the Thai Government for 5¢ (which Foxy notes is = 1 Baht of Thai currency). No wonder we've got a balance of payments problem. (Ed)

*Dominican Republic. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS will be held on May 16th according to Cesar Objio; he suggests watching the Radio Television Dominicana outlets on 620, 860, 1310, 1370, 1400, and 1360 for AN ER; others may join in also, he adds.

Simultaneous Listening Contest results will be given next week if it appears that all of the entries are in. In addition to the tabulation of what who hrd when, we plan to issue a series of maps indicating the geographical distribution of receptions in each block. SLC entry form information will not appear in the Monitor Reports section; please submit receptions for MR in the regular manner if you wish something to appear in IDXD.

*Panamanian political crises presently making the newspapers may well influence the pattern of broadcasting in that country - keep your ears open for unusual AN activity.

*Mail Service to the "forbidden countries", e.g., China, North Vietnam and North Korea has apparently been recognized by U.S. postal authorities. According to our local Postmaster, regular first class mail addressed to these countries will now go directly through, according to the latest postal regulations (10/67). "Small packets", e.g., tapes, will not be accepted, however, and the DX'er is advised to use the old expedients of sending such material "Via Hong Kong", "Via Moscow", etc. Mail service to Cuba was recently modified because the Cubans refused to accept parcel post - letters and "small packets" will still go through, however. If a report to one of these countries is returned "address unknown" as has been the case in the past, contact your postmaster. (Ed)

As the World Radio Handbook deadline draws near, we offer the following Mexican station information to be used with the SRDS list published in DX News a few months ago. Correcting the SRDS list with this new information should bring Mexico up to date; PLEASE CONVEY ANY FURTHER CORRECTIONS TO THE IDXD EDITOR IMMEDIATELY. We offer special thanks to Ron Schatz, Glenn Hauser, and Wayne Heinen for responding to our recent appeal for information for the WRTVH list in preparation.

540	XEWA			power is 0.5
570	XEBJB	Monterrey, N.L.	5/0.25	add
590	XEFD	Rio Bravo, Tamps.		location
600	XEMN	Monterrey, N.L.	0.5d	add
630	XETS	Tapachula, Chis.	1/0.5	new power
	XETK	Mazatlan, Sin.		new call, ex-XERPS
730	XEX	San Luis Potosi, S.L.P.	0.5d	add
810	XERSV	Cd. Obregon, Son.	5d	new
820	XEKG	Fortin de las Flores, Ver.	1d	add
850	XEZR	Zaragoza, Coah.	0.5/0.2	new power
860	XENL	Monterrey, N.L.	5	power
900	XEWB	Veracruz, Ver.		add
920	XETAA	Torreon, Coah.	0.5/0.2	new power
950	XEFA	Chihuahua, Chih.	0.5d	new call, ex XERFH
	XERN	Montemorelos, N.L.	1d	new
960	XEMM	Morelia, Mich.	1	power
1120	XEVNO	Guadalajara, Jal.	1d	new call, ex XEVMC
1130	XEZL	Jalapa, Ver.		here ex-1550
1160	XEIW	Uruapan, Mich.	1d	add
1240	XERZ	Leon, Gto.	1/0.25	new power
1250	XEJX		1/0.1	new power
1270	XEGL	Narojoa, Son.	1/0.5	day power
1280	XEzs	Coatzacoalcos, Ver.	1	new freq, ex-1170
1300	XEHU	Martinez de la Torre, Ver.		new call, ex-XEHV
1310	XEIZ	Monterrey, N.L.	1	new
1320	XENI	Nueva Italia, Mich.	1	new (CP)
	XERJ	Mazatlan, Sin.	5	add
	XEUH	Tuxtepec, Oax.		off
1340	XESL	San Luis Potosi, S.L.P.	1	add
	XEBK	Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.	0.25	add
	XECM	Coatzacoalcos, Ver.	1/0.25	add
	XEMA	Fresnillo, Vac.	1	call, ex-XEML
	XEGR	Coatepec, Ver.	1	here ex-1160
1450	XENA	Queretaro, Qro.	1/0.25	power
1460	XEJT	Tampico, Tamps.	1	power
1470	XEDS	Colima, Col.	1	power
1540	XEVF	Villaflores, Chis.	0.5d	add

Glenn Hauser writes about Mexican broadcasting:

Mexico seems to be a cross between the United States and Latin America with regard to call sign and slogan practices. The only official designation of many Mexican stations is their call sign; hence most references indicate no slogans for the stations, or substitute a corporate name which may never be heard on the air, e.g., "R. Dif. Comerciales" (in WRTVH) for XERH, which ID's simply as "La RH, en el 1500 de su Radio. Diga Vd. siempre, 'mi estacion'." Some stations have no slogan ID at all, while others have "unofficial" ones which are used every few minutes on the air nevertheless. I suspect these are more like fads, which a lot of U.S. stns use, changing frequently and at will. Judging from a relatively small sample of Mexican stations heard, "Radio Variedades" seems to be very big these days.

SINGLETON-ELIMINATOR FOREIGN CONTEST STANDINGS

As of March 15, 1968

1. Wood (Hawaii): S: 2RE-1560, XEAE-1600, XERF-1570, XEDM-1560, 4YA-780, 3GI-830, 3ZB-1100, 4QB-910, 4ON-630, JOKB-1600, JOHR-1290, Americas-1157, 5AN-890, 1Z, 1YZ-860, 2GI-820, JOBF-1200, 4GR-860, 5MV-1590, JCQR-1130, XEB-1220, 4BU-1330, 4YC-900, DYLA-1550, 1YA-760, 4BC-790, 2YZ-630, 2LM-900, DZCH-1599, VOA-1580, JCSF-1330, JOBR-1350, 2NC-1230, 2GB-870, 4QD-1550, WLIG-1220, XEW-900, JCGB-1590, 2YC-850, JOCR-560, VUNC-1270. E: AFNT-1560, Tahiti-1400, 4RK-840..... 880
2. Reynolds (Calif.): S: AFNT-1560, CX16-850, HCEW2-995, YSC-1015, KIMO-850, HJEW-812, USSR-1475, Tahiti-1400, HJDA-1260, JOPE-760, JOUC-820, KORL-650, JOPC-1070, KFQD-750, HJKC-850, FEN-810, JCZB-1510, USSR-1550, KIKI-830, JOCG-660, JCQC-1220, JORK-990, JCQB-1190, HJED-820, TIRS-975, JOIG-650, TIRB-700, 4RK-840, 2EA-810, 9PA-1250, Thai-843, USSR-1250, ZYX9-1270, WMDD-1480, HRVC-1380, RJR-770. E: YNX-750, JCQG-850, JOKB-1600, Montserrat-885, PJC2-855, 4QB-910, HCAW2-975, YVQR-910, BBC-1214..... 869
3. Godwin (Colo.): S: HIPQ-890, 4VEC-890, HIDV-1200, HIAM-660, Montserrat-885, HIOR-880, Tirana-1214, PJC2-855, HCAW2-975, HCFA2-540, JCQG-850, YSR-730, HJIM-660, YVMP-880, BBC-1214, VRH3-890. E: HJEW-812..... 306
4. DeLorenzo (Mass.): VOA-1196, Senegal-764, HRTV-715, NDR-1586..... 82
5. Kennedy (Calif.): S: YNX-750, PJB-800, KFAR-660. E: KIKI-830, KIMO-850..... 68
6. Conrad (Ky.): S: PJA5-1435, Nice-1554. E: Langenberg-1586..... 51
7. Northam (Cre.): S: JOAB-690, JOKR-950..... 46
8. Sullivan (Mass.): S: Tirana-1394. E: HCEW-995, PJB-800, Senegal-764..... 41
9. Seaver (Calif.): S: YVRQ-910, HJKR-1220..... 32
10. Kaskey (Calif.): S: KSRM-920, KZOO-1210..... 28
11. Raczko (Ohio): S: HON-1500..... 24
12. Foxworth (N.J.): S: PRF4-940..... 18
13. Silvera (Jamaica): S: CB73-730..... 16
14. Rugg (Quebec): No Entries..... 0

DEAD STATIONS (now ineligible): HCEW2-995, YNX-750, HJEW-812, PJB-800, Senegal-764, JCQG-850, JOKB-1600, Montserrat-885, AFNT-1560, Tahiti-1400, 4QB-910, YVRQ-910, PJC2-855, HCAW2-975, 4RK-840, BBC-1214, Langenberg-1586, KIKI-830, KIMO-850.

NOTE: Stations underlined have been awarded 10 BONUS POINTS for remaining as Singleton for 3 months. More bonus points next month for some stations which should easily be eliminated, thus preventing the bonus award. Notice that the BEC27-1560 listing has been changed to AFNT-1560. Until now this has been improperly listed as BEC27 because of incorrect listing in FBIS. It is good to see several place changes in the list this month. That proves that the spirit of competition is still alive (even if it did knock me out of first place. Hi! -- sob! sob!)

CONTEST MANAGER: Don Reynolds, 19055 Hollyvale Street, Glendora, Calif. 91740.

MYSTERY AROUND SHIPS OF RADIO CAROLINE

Since Saturday, March 9th, there are two ships with high mast radiators in the Java harbour in Amsterdam and they keep their secrets carefully. Nobody knows to whom they belong, nobody knows their registration and nobody is allowed to go onboard. It is only sure that the transmitters belonged to Radio Caroline, beaming programs to England. It is also confirmed that this Radio Caroline group itself doesn't own these ships, but they have chartered them.

Nobody knows anything more and Amsterdam harbour is a free one and as long as harbor-rent is paid nobody asks! The name "Caroline" is not in the Lloyds register, but nobody is asking about that fact.

After a stormy voyage through the Channel, Radio Caroline North arrived on Saturday evening. Onboard there were 5 DJ's and they were quiet about the reason. The sudden trip to Holland came as a complete surprise. They had to break their programs quite unexpected.

The same story happened to the other ship "Mi Amigo". This ship is registered in Lloyd's under the Panamanian flag. The question is now: will they return to the air?

At the little office at the Singel in Amsterdam hired by Radio Caroline since last year is a 30 year old Irishman not willing to give any clear answer. He is not even mentioning his name. He only confirms that the 2 ships are visiting Amsterdam for urgent maintenance works, nothing more. (Item in the Dutch Press, via ARC)

*Our fine Dominican member, Cesar Objio writes about HIL-790:

According to Cooper's verification letter from L.V. del Tropic (IDX 3/2), they give the address as Calle Abreu No. 30. This is not actually the case, although the address was used until April 25th, 1965.

L.V. del Tropic is one of the oldest stations in the capital and since a long time ago they had been making use of the house they built at Calle Abreu. In 1963 this station was the leader in the opposition against President Juan Bosch. Through their microphones were aired the protests against the President's leftist inclination. On September 25, 1963, Bosch was overthrown. Later, on April 24th, 1965, the government in power was also overthrown and the mobs took advantage of this fact and attacked the studios as well as all other anti-communist organizations. Because of this the owner had to move the studios to the place where the transmitters were located on kilometer 5, Carretera Duarte. The Abreu 30 site remained within the rebel zone during the civil war. Later the place was occupied by the North American soldiers until September of 1966. When they left the country, the place was handed over to the Dominican police and the place has been a Police Station ever since.

The owner of the station had tried to recover it but to no avail. Until the present date, the station is operating with studios at the transmitters. The letter-head was printed before the civil war. Apartado 335 is the correct address (this is the post office box) and this is the one to be used for reports.

*In connection with the portable tower "controversy", Jerry Starr comments,

"I worked for a tower erecting company some years back, and I would say that any guyed tower under 350' is 'portable' since a five-man crew can erect or dismantle it in one 8-hour work day. A 250' foot pre-painted tower can be completely installed from unloading to completed installation in six hours of hard work! Towers over 350' in height call for different construction techniques which are more time consuming." (Yes, Jerry, but how long does it take to install it on an airplane? Hi. - Ed)

*Supplement to MW BROADCASTING IN CHINA (IDXD Mar.-June '67) Except for the numerous low-powered "pirate" transmitters operated in certain large cities (reported previously in IDXD), there have been relatively few station or frequency changes in the past year. In keeping with the general political climate, the political status of the various stations has been in a state of constant flux. In particular, the complex system of interconnected and interdependent wired and off-air relays is yet to reach any semblance of stability. The Provincial JKT stations (see IDXD, April 1, 1967) are most often heard of the lesser stations; because of the recent upsurge in TP conditions we'll outline the present situation for our West Coast and Pacific members. As of March 8th, 1968, the Provincial JKT situation was as follows.

1. The following PJKT stations were still broadcasting considerable amounts of locally-produced programming instead of relaying Peking: Canton, Changsha, Chengchow, Chengtu, Hangchow, Harbin, Hofei, Huhehot, Kunming, Kweiyang, Lanchow, Nanchang, Nanking, Shanghai, Sining, Taiyuan, Tsinan, Wuhan. (Nanking the Kiangsu provincial station began broadcasting its first locally originated material on 3/5; it had been broadcasting nothing but CJKT Peking relays since 12/30/67)
2. The following PJKT stations devote almost but not all time to CJKT Peking relays: Yinchuan, Nanning (although it did carry local dialect news items on March 6th), and Changchun (although they were noted with local nx on 3/3 and 3/4).
3. The following stations are relaying only Peking CJKT programming: Foochow, Lhasa, Shenyang, Sian, Urumchi, and Tientsin (although Tientsin Municipal JKT on 1070 has been originating some of its own programs).

The frequencies of the Provincial and Autonomous stations listed above are still essentially as they were in the NRC list (March-April, 1967) and have been reprinted in the 1968 World MW Guide from our IDXD series. (Ed)

*A major reassignment in Japanese stations became effective April 1st; these are only freq changes however. WEST COASTERS NOTE.

<u>NHK 1st Network</u>		<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>		<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>	
JGCP	Koriyama	620	820	JOTI	Tsuwano	1160	1100
JONK	Nagona	620	820	JOZT	Imbari	1160	1320
	Fukushima	650	1320	JOSV	Karatsu	1160	1440
JODG	Hamamatsu	650	1000	JOJK	Kanazawa	1170	1220
	Kamaishi	650	820		Kure	1220	1030
	Yahatahama	650	1300		Komagane	1240	1300
	Akita	700	1170	JOGQ	Hitoyoshi	1240	820
JOFK	Hiroshima	770	1070		Fukuyama	1340	1160
JOLQ	Yonago	780	960	JORG	Hirosaki	1440	820
JOIP	Oita	790	820	JOJP	Tsuruoka	1440	1320
JOAT	Sasebo	790	820		Miyazu	1440	1000
JOHI	Naze	980	790	JOTK	Matuse	1490	1240
JOKP	Kitami	1150	1190				

<u>NHK 2nd Network</u>		<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>		<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>	
JORC	Hirosaki	820	1370	JCMX	Nobeoka	1320	1480
JOUC	Yamaguchi	1070	1150	JOZZ	Niihama	1320	1080
JOPC	Kushiro	1070	1150		Oozu	1320	1480
JOFB	Hiroshima	1070	700	JOAZ	Nayoro	1320	1370
JOAC	Nagasaki	1080	1600	JOZI	Yahatahama	1360	1080
JCQB	Niigata	1190	1590	JOKD	Kitami	1370	700
JOQC	Morioka	1220	1390	JORB	Kouchi	1370	1150
JOHC	Kagoshima	1220	1390	JOJC	Yamagata	1470	1520
JOFD	Fukushima	1320	1480		Ueda	1470	1600
JOTC	Aomori	1320	1520	JOJZ	Tsuruga	1470	1510
JONB	Nagano	1320	1370	JOJV	Nanao	1470	1370
JOCZ	Takayama	1320	1370	JOLC	Tottori	1470	1080
JOSZ	Iida	1320	1480		Ishimi	1470	1510
JOSD	Saga	1320	1370	JOLC	Toyama	1520	1080

2nd Network (continued)

	Old	New		Old	New
Nichinan	1540	1600	JOHV Naze	1600	1480
Hagiwara	1540	1600	JOTB Matsue	1090	1510
Yokote	1540	1600	JOUB Akita	1590	770
JOJD Tsuruoka	1600	1510			

Commercial Stations			Old	New	
JOTO ABS Asamai	800	1500	JOTL HBC Nayoro	1420	1490
MRT-Nichinan	800	1500	JORF R. Kanto	1480	1420
R. Gifu, Takayama	1200	720	RNC-Kannonji	1500	1110
JO5A RSK-Kasaoka	1420	1490	RKE-Mainichi	1530	1200
STV-Obihiro	1420	1490	YBC-Tsuruoka	1530	1110
JOYR RSK-Okayama	1420	1490	(Frcm NZDXRL)		

*Latest list of Thai stations in Bangkok; info from Thai Government via ARC:

Freq	Full name	Short name	Power
555	Armor School Radio Broadcasting Stn	Chor. Sorl.	10kw
600	AAA Division Radio Broadcasting Stn	Pol. Por. Tor. Or.	10kw
650	Inspector General's Department	Chor. Sorl.	10kw
662	Kasetsart University R. Broadcasting Stn	Mor Kor 1	10kw
705	Defence Energy Dept. R. Broadcasting Stn	Wor. Por. Thor. 705	20kw
830	National Broadcasting Stn of Thailand	R. Thailand	100kw
857	National Broadcasting Stn of Thailand	Por Chor Sor	10kw
1043	Wor. Por. Thor 1 R. Broad. Stn (Army)	Wor. Por. Thor. 1	10/20kw
1100	Territorial Defence R. Broad. Stn	-	10kw
1150	Thai TV Broadcasting Stn, pgm 1	TTV Radio	10kw
1200	Royal Thai Air Force 2nd Radio Broadcasting Station	"07"	10kw
1277	Transportation Dept. R. Broad. Stn	Kor. Sor. Thor. Bor.	10kw
1320	Royal Thai Air Force 2nd Radio Broadcasting Station	Tho. Or 2	10kw
1333	Amphorn Sathan R. Broad. Stn (Royal)	Or-Sor	10kw
1470	Territorial Defence R. Broad. Stn	-	20kw
1500	Thai TV R. Broad. Stn, pgm 2	Tho Tho Tho	50kw?
1520	"2-0" R. Broadcasting Stn	"20"	20kw

*NRC'er Allen Nissen, currently serving in Vietnam, pens "Just a few minutes out from fighting the war (hi!). I thought you might be interested in the list of AFVN (American Forces Vietnam Network) stations here in Vietnam. These stations are all in parallel with one another and all ID as "AFVN Saigon". AFVN is NSP 7 days a week. Also, there are other American Forces stations that pick up AFVN programs from time to time. But, here are the five main high power AFVN stations:

540	Saigon	50kw	(Originating station)
560	Pleiku	50kw	
770	Qui Nhon	10kw	
850	Da Nang	10kw	
900	Dong Ba Tinh	50kw	

By the way, Vietnam time is 13 hours ahead of EST. We are in the same time zone as Manila, but a half hour ahead of Malaysia and Singapore." Tax, Allen and take care!

*Macau. According to a letter direct from the station, Emisora de Radiodifusao de Macau broadcasts on 1200 (0.25 kw) and 900 (10 kw). Schedule is per 1968 WRTVH, but the 900 frequency was left out. The 900 kc channel was, for a number of years, listed in the FBIS list for "Trans-World Media" of Macao. In a letter in Summer 1966, the E.R.M. explained that "the 900 kc channel had not yet been explored". Apparently the seemingly commercial project never turned out, as they have not started using the channel in parallel with their old one for their ordinary programming. (Lars Ryden)

*Cuba. NOTE that the old CMQ outlets are now using the new slogan of Radio Liberacion.

*Swan Island. Once Americas goes off the air, this country will probably become extinct for BCB DX'ers. Get a report off now if you want this country! (Ed)

The editor calls your attention to the possibility of logging Cameroon on 1106, and to the many fine Far East loggings of Wood and Kaskey.

- 530A Costa Rica. Unid station in this country on 530 or 535; can't tell exact frequency right next to 540. S/off 0000 Sunday night and 0100 other days. (Miller, Fla.) Sheldon, note IDXD item in 2/25/67 issue; FBIS also lists a 250 watt Radio Rumbo in Cartago, no call letters known. Probably them. (Ed)
- **540 Ecuador. HCFA2, Guayaquil all alone at 0505 3/17 and 0234 3/18 w/"Tropicana" ID's after each record. Perhaps the easiest one from this country now that CBK is no longer AN. (Godwin, Colo., IRCA)
- **640 Laos. A Vientiane home service broadcast on 3/11 announced that the National Broadcasting Service of Laos is currently using MW 640 kcs; "Listeners in the Vientiane area have up to now usually listened in on the 640 frequency, which is easy to tune into," the broadcast continued. (Ed)
- 647 England. The BBC European service is being transmitted by Daventry on this channel (ARC) Good nightly from s/on 2220 past 2315. (Ed)
- Botswana? Clarification of last week's item: I heard what was tentatively identified as a BBC S/On at 2258 EST. The Rhodesian style jamming hrd briefly but distinctly at 2302 consisted of low pitched A2 modulation which was neither square wave or "buzz saw"; the latter is not really a technical term but is used generally by SWLs to describe a certain type of self imposed jamming employed to discourage unauthorized listening on certain utility networks. A station was hrd again 3/10 on 647 with news at 2301 - I think in EE. At 2309 what appeared to be the Rhodesian jamming was hrd but the sound could not be made out as distinctly as on 3/19. (Stanbury, Ont.)
- 647A Cuba. R. Progreso noted here 2/21 only at 2250 w/beisbol; ID 2325, s/off around 0003 2/22. Which station? (Hauser, N.M.) Don't know Glenn, this is the first time that anyone has reported a Cuban here except for CMQ-640 when it was drifting
- 650 Hawaii. KORL at unusual level at 0350 on 3/18; some deep fades but R&R mx makes for good modulation. Best reception of KORL this season. (Starr, O.)
- 654 South Vitenam. VTVN, Hue, blasting in, strongest signal on the Tonkin dial; a long log taken 0820-0902 3/8; Asiatic mx, short announcement on the 1/2 hour; occasional short announcements between mx, which was quite varied and included orchestral, LA in SS, MOR US, R&R, and US C&W mx; orchestral fanfare 0900, ID by man in Vietnamese mentioning Vietnam and a dozen light, quick short pips (probably not an IS. (Peterson, Vietnam, IRCA)
- 655 North Korea. Pyongyang, 3/18 at 0731. (Kaskey, Calif.) Pyongyang likely, oriental language hrd 0820 3/1; northernmost point on the Albuquerque-Pyongyang path is 55° N. (Hauser, N.M.) Sounds very likely, Glenn. (Ed)
- **665 Reunion. Reunion's higher power transmitter is again back on the air. (ARC)
- 670 Japan. NHK 1st pgm at 0841 3/18; spotty but good fade-ups at times. (Kaskey, Cal.)
- 700 Unid Oriental. Fair signal w/woman babbling away 0746 3/18 w/fair signal; China or Korea? (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 710 Mexico. XEPQ, Muzquiz, Coah., R. Variedades s lid 2010. (Fischer, Neb.)
- 720 Cuba. CMGN, Cruces had spiced-up "documentary" complete w/dramatic mx and gunshots worked in comments on gold crisis and pound devaluation 2252-2257 3/20. (Hauser)
- 725 Costa Rica. Sports coverage, rapid and enthusiastic, from 2259 tune in, including amazingly high pitched and sustained yells at 2317; ID sung for R. Columbia at 2340:30 3/20. (Hauser, N.M.)
- Thailand. HSKW, Korat hrd 0725-0731 3/3 w/strong signal and singing; female announcer and wild Asiatic mx I've hrd on other Thai National stns at some ID times. (Peterson, Vietnam, IRCA)
- 735 Unid Oriental. Fair signal 0749 at 3/18; woman talking but not // w/700. (Kaskey) Best info we have is that 735 is Fyongyang pgm 1 // 725, etc. See IDXD 2/27. (Ed)
- 738 Macau. Radio Vila Verde is still here instead of listed 835. (Peterson, Vietnam)
- 740 Unid LA. News and commentary 0450 until CBL s/on ruined the fun at 0500 3/18; 3 note chimes between items; Cuban far beneath; news still going 0505. WIAC? (Starr)
- 750 Japan. NHK-2 pgm noted 3/17 S6 at 0613; in at 0413 on 3/18 w/excellent signal and wiped out all opposition; hrd o/KXL 0915. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 760 Guatemala. TGHB, "Super Radio" at 2035. (Fischer, Neb.)
- 760 Vietnam. VOA not here at 0709 or 0730 3/8; perhaps off? (Peterson, Vietnam)

- 765 Malaysia. Kuala Trenggau, R. Malaysia aly Service hrd 1120-1127; hrd w/6 pips, monotone and one per second at 0730 3/8. (Peterson, Vietnam, IRCA)
- 770 Japan. NHK 1st pgm thru QRM at 0839 3/18, not as good as 780 but better than 670. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 780 Japan. NHK 1st pgm way over WBPM 3/18 at 0722; better later. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 785 North Korea. 3/18 at 0755, poor signal heavy 790 slop. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 800 Netherlands Antilles. PJB hrd w/religious programming in PP from s/on 0300 3/15; very good signals here, slight QRM from CKLW looped out. (Pejza, Calif.)
- 809 Scotland. The BBC 4th program transmitter is used for the European Service during daylight hours as well as 647. (ARC)
- 827 Spain. Spaniard noted 2100 3/22; assume EAJ1; weak SAH was also from a European.
- 830 Mexico. XENSM, Culican, Sin. S/on 3/18 at 0759 w/excellent signal but under the Japanese 15 minutes later. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- Japan. NHK pgm 2 good signal over WCCO 3/17 at 0723; hrd 3/18 over XENSM at 0834 with good signal. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 835 China. Nanchang, 3/18 at 0711, improving the later it became; High handed Mao Propaganda shouted at listeners; fortunately I couldn't understand it. (Kaskey)
- 840 Japan. NHK 1st pgm 3/18 w/heavy QRM at 0905; QRM probably SS but maybe another oriental - I was too tired to care. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- South Korea. HLKY, Seoul, noted 3/17 w/EE religious 0730, EE ID 0759. (Wood, Ha.)
- 843 Thailand. Thai National BC, Khon Kaen; strong signal but splash from China on 845 0855-0904 3/8. "Khon Kaen" mentioned at 0855; no IS at 0900 as usual; not // 830. (Peterson, Vietnam, IRCA)
- 850 Japan. NHK 1st pgm noted 3/17 at 0550; good signal although only S2. (Kaskey, Calif.) Sounds like you could use a FET Loop Booster, Don. (Ed)
- Uruguay. CX16, R. Carve, Montevideo relogged 3/4; amazing signal strength, arm-chair copy, certainly much better than ever hrd them on SW. Organ mx 0353; 0400 s/on mentioned affiliation w/"AIR"; TC at 0400:20 relayed from same telephone service which PTP station uses for a marker, and which can be hrd daily on 24.250 Woman says "La senal indicara...". (Hauser, N.M.)
- 860 Unid Oriental. Hrd 3/17 at 0715 w/S3 signal; 3 note IS on rising scale and one pip hrd at 0735; beats me. (Kaskey, Calif.) Richard Wood?
- North Korea. Pyongyang, Korean ID 0800 3/17. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 870 Japan. NHK 2nd pgm noted 3/17 at 0535 and later at 0720 over WWL; also hrd 3/18 at 0803. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 874.88 Cuba. LV de Cuba, usual mixed music/propaganda 3/8 0600; first cuban here. Location (Guantanamo?), power? (Wood, Hawaii) According to Silvera's report in the 1/27 IDX, it's CMDD, Las Mercedes, from 870; power listed 1 kw. We'll use this identification until something else comes along. Measured on this freq during contest, but will count for Block 4 per SLC Rules. (Ed)
- 875A Jammer? There is a consistent jamming sound hrd w/the Cuban; what is it? (Rogers Fla.) Perhaps it's one of the Cuban jammers for WWL-870? (Ed)
- 880 Japan. NHK pgm 1 hrd w/man talking 0806 3/18. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 890 Japan. NHK pgm 1 3/17 at 0728; poor thru QRM; 3/18 at 0805, pips at 0900. (Kaskey)
- Cyprus. BFBS, 7.5 kw is still active here. (ARC)
- 908 East Germany. The address of the quasiclandestine Deutsche Freiheitssender is Postschlieszfach 275, A1021, Vienna, Austria. (MWN)
- 920 New Zealand. 3YZ, Greymouth. Relay National pgm 3/17 0600. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 940 Venezuela. R. Punto Fijo here well above the noise (which was considerable) 0508; nx w/short commercial and ID at 0515; more news w/chimes. Anybody QSL this one lately? No reply to 1/9 report and tape. (Starr, O.)
- 960 New Zealand. 3YC, Christchurch s/off 3/17 0614. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 998V Rhodesia. Radio Jacaranda is on the air again w/daily tests. (ARC) The following spot was aired over Salisbury radio on 3/18: "Radio Jacaranda, the new commercial radio station, will be operating in the Salisbury area from 1st April. R. Jacaranda will be on the air from five p.m. until 11 p.m. daily Mondays to Fridays and until midnight on Saturdays. So if you've got something to sell, a motor vehicle, a house, a refrigerator, anything, here's your opportunity of advertising at really reasonable rates. Contact Radio Jacaranda, telephone Salisbury 29445." Later announcements gave advertising rates. (Ed)

- **1010 Dominican Republic. HIJB, R. Comercial noted on this new freq since 3/23; was noted on usual 1020 on 3/22 so must have moved that day. (Rogers, Fla.)
- **1019.94 Colombia. HJDO, Emisora Claridad measured here AM of 3/25; this one drifts a lot. (Ed)
- 1025 Cuba. Anybody know who this one is? Only comes in when WEZ is also being hrd. (Rogers, Fla.) Nothing previously reported, Walt; which pgm is it? (Ed)
- 1032.5 Nicaragua. YNVOZ up to here, hrd at 2235 3/17 w/ID as R. Reloj de Nicaragua and TC; 2255 s/off announcement and carrier cut 2256:35. (Hauser, N.M.)
- 1040 Hawaii/China. KHVH and Peking fighting it out at 0520 on 3/17 after WHO had s/off (Kaskey, Calif.)
- Brazil. What's the slogan of PRG2 here? Tupi or Cultura? Have seen both reported recently; both slogans used or is there another stn in there. Hrd 0340 on 3/17 in PP but no ID hrd. (Starr, O.) They're very definitely still using Tupi, Jerry - I think the Cultura item was not the station slogan; only one Brazilian on the channel as far as I know. (Ed)
- 1070 Colombia. HJGG respectable S7 level 0357 3/18; elaborate R. Santa Fe ID at 0359, then DJ pgm of light pop SS mx; several periods of deep fade but otherwise healthy. (Starr, O.)
- 1097 Spain. EFE14, Madrid, astonishingly strong and stable 1930-2145 tune-out 3/24; apparently off at 2200. (Ed)
- 1100 Colombia. HJAT, R. Reloj, Barranquilla consistently dominated HJCN, R. Reloj, Bogota during AM of 3/25 after WKYC went off. (Ed)
- **1106 Cameroon. R. Douala is now here w/10 kw ex-1448, according to letter from station. (ARC) A good bet on the East Coast at sked s/on 0000! (Ed)
- **1150 Japan. JOKP, Kitami. Gave specific call-letter ID before pips 3/17 0700; beating Vladivostok, often best NHK outlet here. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 1170 China. Mao talk 3/17 0715. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 1178 Ryukyu Islands. VOA, Okinawa tremendous signal 3/18 at 0907, S8 on meter and separable from KOFI-1180 easily; VOA was out of this world. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 1180 Mexico. XEPR, Mexico, D.F.; R. Felicidad ID at 0400 3/17 using loop. (Kaskey, Ca.)
- Unid SS. SS noted here 2105-0100 3/17, mentioned Colombia at 2110. (Kaskey, Ca.)
- 1200 Nicaragua. YNC hrd w/variety of mx 0143 3/18; TC at 0159 and long list of names as dedication; ID as R. Capital. (Hauser, N.M.)
- Dominican Republic. HIDV hrd very clear all PM 3/22; local like signal, negligible fade. (Rogers, Fla.)
- 1210 Hawaii. KZOO, fine signal 3/17 at 0400-0500, then WCAU on top; hrd as early as 0230 on 3/18. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- Japan. JOOR, nice signal 0810 on 3/18 and as high as S7 at 0910 playing US pop records. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- Australia. 3YB, Warrnambool, Vic. DJ show 3/17 0600. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 1212 Colombia. HJBE, Cucuta hrd w R. Internacional ID's at s/off 2356 3/12; this one is really drifting. (Godwin, Colo., IRCA)
- **1214 Malta. Radio Malta is back on the air again, apparently for good now, according to a DX'er on that island. (ARC)
- **1250 New Zealand. 1YD, a 2 kw powerhouse and beating Khabarovsk 3/17 0500 w/a very commercial pgm. (Wood, Hawaii)
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** Hong Kong. British Forces Broadcasting Service is operating a 2 kw stn on this frequency. (ARC)
- **1259 Balearic Islands. R. Popular de Mallorca is being hrd on this channel in Europe. (RNYWDXC)
- 1270 Hawaii. KNDI, Honolulu hrd both 3/16 and 3/17 after CHWK s/off at 0410; Under KBAM's EC on 3/16 and I thought they were R&R but 3/17 they seemed to be a jazz stn; ID's as "Candy Radio". (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 1285 North Korea. Pyongyang, Korean mx 3/17 0630. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 1286 Czechoslovakia. It's only Prague 2200-2300 so far this season; not even enough of the South African to cause a SAH. Prague audible most nights. (Ed)
- **1300 Costa Rica. TIJH, R. Alajuela here now; former R. Progreso-550. (ARC)
- 1310 China. PJKT Korean Service, Peking, // 1020 3/17 0700. (Wood, Hawaii)
- **1313 Asian RSEFSR. Unid location, home service 0700 3/17. (Wood, Hawaii)
- **1325 Morocco. Safi noted on this channel 1900 in Sweden. (ARC)

- 1370 Japan. NHK 2nd program w/booming signal 3/18 at 0527 giving EE lessons. (Kaskey)
- 1380 Hawaii. KPOI hrd 3/18 w/KRKO looped out. Nice signal; taped 0458-0515 w/R&R mx. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 1410 Mexico. XEKB, Atemajac w/R. Jalisco ID 0444 2/26 and vocals. (Hauser, N.M.)
- 1420 Mexico. Note slogan for XEEW, Matamoros, Tamps. is R. Corazon, confirmed by phone; not hrd on this freq but on spurious radiation at 1680 2155-2206 3/18; spur might also show up on 1160. (Hauser, N.M.)
- Spurious. VOA here very strong at times; is spurious mixing product from the interaction of WINZ-940 and VOA-1180; (1180 - 940) + 1180 = 1420. (Rogers, Fla.)
- *1430 Malta. BFBS is now operating on this freq w/1 kw. (ARC)
- 1439 Libya. BFBS, Tobruk (1 kw) is still active. (ARC)
- 1484 Libya. BFBS, El Adem (1 kw) is the only other active BFBS stn in Libya. (ARC)
- 1502 Cyprus. BFBS Nicosia, 1 kw, is the only active one besides 890. (ARC)
- 1550 Australia. 4QD, Emerald good log on 2/19 0420-0600 over CBE and US QRM until WOK! s/on; much weaker thru HNL 3/18 over the following unid stn. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- Unid SS. SS noted atop freq 3/18 at 0737; should have stayed with it but didn't. (Kaskey, Calif.)
- 1562 Switzerland. Beromunster missing on 3/6 and 3/7; hrd same programming on 3985 3/13 at 0055-0110; also hrd since. Testing on SW now? (Scrimgeour, Ont.)
- 1570 Asian RFSFR. Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (list), Russian talks 3/17 0730. (Wood, Hawaii)

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V E R I F I C A T I O N S . . .

- 650 COLOMBIA. HJKH, Bogota, short explicit v/l on Todelar letterhead; v/s: Bernardo Tobon, Jr. Gerente; QTH: Apt. Aereo 8467; slogan seems to be Emisoras Monserrate. (Starr)
- 656 SPANISH SAHARA. Photo v/c, positive QSL; signed illegibly by Director "Radio Sahara"; rubber stamp indicates Emisoras EAJ103 - Gobierno General de la Provincia de Sahara. Country number 98. (Anderson, Va.)
- 690 NEW ZEALAND. 3YA, Christchurch. Usual NZBC card from District Manager. (Wood)
- CUBA. CMBC, R. Progreso, Havana; surprising reply from Antonio Hernandez; v/q for 10/67 report. (Long)
- 770 AUSTRALIA. 3LO, usual ABC v/q; f/up necessary as original report had been misdelivered to SW R. Australia. (Wood)
- 780 BARBADOS. R. Barbados, v/form in 6 weeks by air. (Long)
- 830 NEW ZEALAND. 1YX, Whangarei; v/l from C.A. Salmon, P.O. Box 845, Whangarei; mine is most distant report yet. (Wood)
- 920 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. PJA6, R. Victoria v/l and info card from Robert C. Mitchell CE. QTH: P.O. Box 410, Oranjestad, Aruba. (Rogers, Fla.)
- 960 BERMUDA. ZFBI, Hamilton; v/l; v/s Barry J. Roche. (Long)
- 990 MEXICO. XET sent SS v/l promptly w/8 color pennant; same v/s as in LA Verie list. (Carlson)
- 1050 MEXICO. XEG, long v/l in SS and v/q; v/s Teofilo Bichara, Gerente; Apartado 118, Monterrey, N.L. Seemed surprised w/quality of tape I sent them and returned the tape. (Long) XEG; sent report to Ft. Worth; received XERB promotion sheet w/XEG QSL typed in; no v/s. Mailed from Harold Schwartz Associated, 1227 Loyola Ave., Chicago; prompt. (Kilroy)
- 1235 BERMUDA. ZBM1, v/q; v/s is Wes Sutton; tape sent. (Long)
- 1240 AUSTRALIA. 3TR, Sale, Vic.; 2 page v/l from Eric W. Evans, Manager; first report from Hawaii. (Wood)
- 1310 JAPAN. Nice card with, for once, from Japan, full details; JOLF. (Wood)
- 1460 NEW ZEALAND. 3YW, Westport. V/l from F.J. Jacobs, Stn Manager, P.O. Box 378, Greymouth, plus excellent and very detailed new NZBC card; my report was featured on the station. (Wood, Hawaii)
- 1570 MEXICO. XERF v/q promptly; usual QTH and illegible v/s. (Long)
- 1600 AUSTRALIA. 3NE, Wangaratta, Vic. V/l from D.C. De La Rue, Managing Director.

R A N D O M N E S S . . . Nice recent visit from Chris Maslin and fine phone chats with Don Kaskey, Randy Seaver, and Walter Rogers... Had hoped to give a list of IDXD contributors here but spacing didn't work out; next week... Now soliciting orders for the second order of Japanese mechanical filters, want one?...

Admiral Nelson

Some Tips on Loop Construction

- to be used in conjunction with NRC Loop plans

By Jerry Starr

So you're gonna build a loop? Once you get it working you'll love it like a member of the family... once you've got it working! The Good Admiral's recent series of articles on loop problems should be required reading before taking on the project. Some years ago I made a stab at loop building and am now writing this in hopes that future loop-makers will not make the same boo-boos that had me talking to myself.

First of all, make it mechanically strong. Don't select masonite for the center brace. After carefully drilling all the holes I found that the masonite curled up at the edge when the bolts were tightened. The plane of the loop will be far better if you use a good healthy chunk of 3/4" plywood at least 15" square. Use heavy 1" bolts 2 1/2" long with sockwashers on both sides of the plywood, and large wingnuts for tightening up. Tighten up the nuts until the washers bite into the wood; retighten a after a few days to take up the slack resulting from "give" in the wood. If everything isn't good and tight, you'll have a droopy loop after a few weeks.

For the crossarms, use at least 1" dowels or square stock. These are sometimes hard to find at the local hardware emporium; I let a smiling salesman sell me 3/4" dowels which bend like a fishing rod when the loop is wound tightly. The 1" variety is much more sturdy. (since it is very important that the plane of the loop be flat, make like Robin Hood and "sight" down the crossarm stock to make sure you aren't being sold warped wood - A.N.)

Mounting is always a problem. After being the victim of a falling loop on more than one occasion, I purchased a tripod-type Christmas tree stand with a wide base and it hasn't tipped over yet. The adjustment screws in the stand also make it easier to plumb the whole works. (An alternative solution to the mounting problem, which has proved quite practical, is to run a long shaft through the loop plane extending both above and below the loop. If the length of the shaft is the same as the distance from the floor to the ceiling, it is easy to pivot the rotation shaft at both the floor and ceiling. Anyone who's ever seen a "pole lamp" can take it from there.- A.N.)

The latest NRC loop plans suggest a method of rotating the loop by connecting the supporting dowels with a piece of rod or "Readi-Thread", thus allowing the top section to rotate on the bottom dowel. Forget it! First of all, unless the holes in the dowel ends are drilled exactly (which is tough if you don't have a large-bedded lathe) you will end up with a severe case of loop-lean. Even if the holes are exact, constant rotation eventually enlarges the hole, the top-heavy construction will tend to bend the rod, and the loop ultimately ends up on the floor (and possibly the trash). Here's a much more sturdy method of pivoting. Beg, borrow, or steal a two-foot section of conduit or antenna mast with a one inch inside diameter. The bottom end of the upper loop supporting dowel is inserted into the conduit at least 10". Drill two 1/4" holes completely through the conduit and another at right angles 6" lower. Tighten bolts through both of these holes so the conduit is firmly fixed to the upper support dowel. Now you can slide the whole loop frame over the lower support dowel which is firmly fixed to the Christmas tree stand. The end result is that of a large sleeve-bearing rotating around the lower dowel. Since the conduit's inside diameter and the dowel's outside diameter are the same, a snug fit will result - keeping the upper and lower dowels in good alignment and permitting easy rotation. Rotation may be uneven if the mating ends of the dowels are rough; if this is the case, place a penny on the top of the upper dowel before sliding the upper part in. This will act as a bearing. If the fit is too tight, a little light sanding of the lower dowel will do the trick. Do not oil the wood as this will make it swell and bind up the free rotation of the loop. (Once the diameter of the freely rotating dowel has been fixed by sanding, a liberal quantity of powdered graphite lubricant will guarantee smooth rotation without warping the wood; also, too much plumbing and too little woodwork can possibly result in the presence of so much metal tubing near the loop that the antenna pattern will be distorted -go heavy on wood and plastic and light on metal - A.N.)

Now we're ready to wind the loop. Use stranded, insulated wire; I wouldn't recommend wire smaller than #16 gauge. Thinner wire stretches too easily and you'll be tightening it every other week. Don't do as I did and yield to the temptation to solder together some lengths of scrap wire to save a little money - buy the wire you'll need all in one piece.

Winding the loop requires the patience of Job and then some. It would seem natural to lay the loop on the floor to wind it. Not good. When you pick up the wound loop, the frame will flex and you'll have to retighten the windings or possibly even rewind it all over again. Erect the loop frame first, then wind it while it is in its final position. If you're not so tall, grab a chair. This method is more time consuming but will result in a more tightly wound coil... (A tuned loop isn't one that makes like a guitar when rotated - the windings should not vibrate when the loop is turned. Trick invented by the ancient Indians to firm-up weaving looms: "weave" a short flat piece of wood into the winding in several places - under the first turn, over the second, under the third, etc. Do this at three or four places on each side of the winding, and the loop will be "firmed up" greatly. Tongue-depressors or popsicle sticks are perfect for this - A.N.)

If you're handy with chassis tools, the tuning network should be mounted in a small aluminium "Bud" box bolted to the loop support dowel directly below the loop windings. Do not place the tuning network (and especially not a FET booster!) inside the loop windings. Binding posts or terminal blocks make for easier connections; you'll need about 6 of them: one for each end of the multi-turn tank coil, one for each end of the single or double turn take-off link, and two for the feed-line to the receiver. Binding posts are a lot easier to use than having to solder all of the external connections.

Use only shielded, two-conductor cable for the feed-line to the receiver. Belden 8641 is fine and available at any radio parts store. Keep the cable as short as possible and connect the shield to the receiver ground terminal.

Now a few fine points. The variable capacitor called for in the NRC Loop plans usually comes with a large 3/8" diameter shaft. Trying to find a knob to fit this shaft is almost impossible, and you can't leave the shaft bare since hand-capacitance will foul up tuning every time you touch the shaft. An adapter shaft is available to accept the almost universal $\frac{1}{4}$ " knob size is available from Allied Radio for 35¢; the part number is 47 B 1109. The large Davies knob (Allied part number 47 B 4126) makes for easy tuning; the cost is only 56¢. (If you use a FET Loop Booster and find that the tuning has become so critical that an ordinary knob will not do, try one of the very inexpensive Japanese-made vernier knobs offered by Radio Shack, Lafayette, Allied, etc.; it'll be a bit harder to mount but will be much easier to use for everyday operation - A.N.)

Of course there are lots of other considerations in loop construction but they have been covered quite completely in the previously published loop plans and in the Nelson articles. Read them well before starting construction of your loop, and visit a DX'er with a good loop before you begin work on your own. If your loop works like it should, you'll probably never use your old antenna again - you'll wonder how you ever DX'ed without it!

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Editor's addenda: while a new set of NRC loop plans (including both box and spiral types, along with plans for the FET Loop Booster) will hopefully be out by summer, Jerry's comments are invaluable for those who'll build a new loop or improve an old one before then. You'll still stick with your impressive longwire, you say? One of the NRC's most talented, experienced, and respected "old timers" recently wrote,

"An old DX buddy came over the other day and we put a loop together. He had put in more effort than I as he wished to prove how effective a loop can really be compared to an inverted 'L' antenna. I've been heard to say many times: 'how can that small loop compare with that high goodlooking L antenna that has given me all the continents and all the pleasure that goes with it?' Well that loop has shown me things that I didn't think possible - just things you dream of and wish were true."

-Admiral Nelson-

Contributions need not be separated by category, but please include the frequency, call, state, date and time in EST of each item. Deadline is Thursday mail before publication. DX printed will be limited to s/ons, s/off, ETs, AN & F/c changes, schedules, new stations; plus any and all graveyard, pirate and college stations, and other unusual DX. Please refer to the NRC Condition of Frequency and Frequency Check lists, and to recent DDXDs, before reporting.

A (After hours: Midnight to sunrise DX)

- 560 WGAI-NC 3/23 0429-0430, 1 minute of an ET. (Paul Kilroy, DC)
570 WNAX-SD Typical strength on Test 3/25, w/some WKBN QRM, but basically solid. They aren't NSP, & I don't think they're AN. (Bob Hostettler, Lake City, Minn) Right. (rk)
590 KUGN-Oreg S/off 0300 3/22 w/SSB. (Fr. John Pejza, Ojai, Cal)
620 WVMT-Vt 3/11 0110-0119 f/c, per NRC List. ID at 0112, good level here at first. (Kilroy, DC)
630 CKRC-Man Doesn't seem to be NSP anymore; hrd well 0105 & again 0511 3/25, but not between times, just KHOW & Cuba (Hostettler, Minn)
* 670 unID 3/20 0300-0312, using f/c TT. Vw weak, poss KBOI preparing w/new antenna. (Kilroy, DC) Very interesting...sure not a het? (rk)
740 KBIG-Cal Runs tests 0800-0900 SM, null to San Francisco. (David Kulka, Greenbrae, Cal)
770 unID Someone ET w/OC at 0429 on 3/25 way o/WABC/KOB (ET?) (HI -rk); strength indicated WCAL or KUOM. (Hostettler)
790 CKSO-Ont 3/18 s/off 0105 after wx. (Kilroy, DC)
910 WPFB-Ohio 3/8 0230, excellent signal for 100w, or are they 250w yet? (Kilroy, DC)
* WNHV-Vt Box 218, 05001. F/c first Tues, 0000-0030. F/c pgm consists of random picked records until actual time of f/c, a 1 kc TT. Records are played again while equipment is readjusted, then s/off. (Kilroy, DC)
930 WHEE-NY 3/19 0100 s/off o/all; 3/25 DX 0105-0135. Moderate strength & hrd most of it but mx mixing w/QRM. (Kilroy, DC) Hrd on DX Test; 3/25- real good at first, later much QRM from WKY/unID. (Hostettler, Minn)
940 WYLD-La Test 0314-0320 3/18 (Frank Wheeler, Erie, Pa)
unID Someone w/TT at 0426 3/25, looped in like KIOA; do they ET every MM? (Hostettler, Minn) Looks like it. (rk)
960 KNEB-Neb S/off w/SSB hrd 3/17 at 0200. (Hostettler)
*1040 unID 3/10 0440 w/RR. Sigs weak & fluttery, the "AN Show". KHVH? Otherwise I draw a blank. (Earl Robinson, DC, via Kilroy) Fits but for the RR- I refer ye to IDXD. (rk)
1140 KGEM-Idaho S/off at 0300 on 3/24. Only a tentative, hrd u/KRAK. (Pejza, Cal)
1230 unID TT 0232 3/25. (Ron Hays, Versailles, Ky)
un 0045-0103 s/off FF Canadian, 3/4 & 11, no call or loc'n hrd. (Bill Stone, Claremont, Ont)
1240 WROV-Va RR and fantastic signal all AM 3/25. (Hays, Ky)
1250 KBRF-Minn Hrd on r/c 3/13, 0120-0130, announced as regular. (BH)
1270 WEIC-Ill 3/6 0135 w/TT. (Robinson/Kilroy, DC)
unID KNWC-SD NOT hrd on 3/25 Test; someone on w/TT after 0400 but wouldn't ID. (Hostettler, Minn)
1300 WFBR-Md S/off 0104 3/26. (Wheeler, Pa)
1310 KOKX-Iowa 3/8 0124-0130 w/r/c. (Kilroy, DC)

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- 1320 WJAS-Pa AN'r was silent MM(3/25) (Ralphie Johanns, Buffalo, NY)
- 1330 KPOJ-Oreg 3/24 s/off 0400 (Pejza, Cal)
- *1340 WOOK-DC 3/20 hrd off 0140-0330, looks regular on Wednesdays. (PK)
- KPDN-Tex TT 0112-0130 3/25, good signal. (Hays, Ky)
- WLDY-Wis r/TT/c off:0159 $\frac{1}{2}$ (hrd:3/25 4th/MM) (Johanns, NY) TT 0130-0145 3/25. (Hays, Ky)
- unID TT 0133-0145 3/23, who? (Hays, Ky)
- 1350 WXCL-Ill In here, 3/25, 0246 tune-in to 0255 w/r/c, TT. (Hostettl'r)
- 1380 WLOS-NC 3/20 0230 ET w/DT, very strong. (Kilroy, DC)
- KFCB-SD Rough w/WTVR QRM on 3/25 Test; unn though. (Hostettler)
- 1400 WFTL-Fla 3/19 0130 briefly. (Kilroy)
- KTNM-NM Hrd 3/25 on r/c, 0333 tune-in til 0345, TT & IDs. (BH)
- WFEC-Pa Hrd on r/c 3/25 from 0202 tune-in to past 0213, TT & IDs. (Hostettler, Minn) TT 0203-0212 3/25. (Hays, Ky)
- WCOS-SC RS w/good RR 3/25. (Hays, Ky)
- KILE-Tex S/off 0205 SSB (Dave Fischer, Lincoln, Neb)
- 1420 WLET-Ga un1/TT/c hrd:0145-0155 on 3/22 (Johanns, NY)
- 1430 WNJR-NJ hrd on RS at:0459 3/21 (R they AN/or early broadcast) (Ralphie) AN, I believe- right, NYC? (rk)
- *1440 WIIIH-Ohio RS s/off:0003 w/'Lord's Prayer'(3/21) (Johanns, NY)
- unID Steady TT - 0200-0300 - never opened his yap - D&D ID - deaf & dumb that is. 3/23. (Stone, Ont)
- 1450 WKIP-NY 3/18 0158 w/RR. (Kilroy, DC)
- unID 3/10 - steady TT - Morse Code ID only: -.-. .-. and either 3 or 4 dots - lost my damn Morse Code list. (Stone)
- 1460 KYSN-Colo Hrd up to 0200 s/off w/SSB, 3/25. (Hostettler, Minn)
- KENO-Nev Back-to-back religious pgms, 0230 thru unID OC; s/off 0301 3/25. (Jerry Starr, Youngstown, Ohio)
- CKRB-Que 3/25 DX 0307-0345. No problem except TVI, occ. fades. (Kilroy, DC) a jerky/OC'r:long & thru Spl/CKRB:who was fair/hrd 0300-0345. (Johanns, NY) Vy good w/IRCA DX. (Hays, Ky) NOT hrd for test, 3/25; someone on w/OC, however. (Hostettler, Minn)
- 1480 KLEO-Kans ET w/TT, anncts 0406-0415, sounded like f/c. (Starr)
- KWEW-NM 3/23 0203-0215 w/r/c, weak to moderate. (Kilroy,
- *1490 WPKY-Ky Has religious freakout show known as "Silhouettes" 0030-0100 every SM. (Only bet for Ky Capitol) (Hays, Ky)
- WABJ-Mich 3/18 0130-0145 w/nx & wx, terrific strength. (Kilroy)
- WBCB-Pa TT during RS 0150-0158 3/25. (Hays, Ky)
- WROL-Tenn Nx at 0055 3/24 thru WPKY. (Hays, Ky)
- unID WPKY-Ky, 3/19 0207-0220 ET, almost certain of ID. (Kilroy)
- 1500 unID 3/9 - TT steady - covering & distorting WJBK - gave ID at 0120 - did not get (Stone, Ont)
- unID 0302-0340 - man said - this is Whagee 1500 kHz - no location - whar do I write to? (Stone, Ont) What date? (rk)
- 1510 KGA-Wash S9 signal at 0300 s/off. (Hays, Ky) 3/25? (rk)
- 1520 WKBW-NY Off 0330 3/25. (Starr, Ohio)
- unID Under WKBW - steady TT - 0146-0230 - if he gave ID, WKBW covered - had OC 0215 on - still on 0300 - 2/15. (Stone)
- 1530 KECK-Neb f/c 0230-0245 last Thurs (Fischer, Neb)
- 1550 WNTN-Mass 3/8 0130-0145 TT w/opepa version of "Rhapsody in Blue" (?). ID at 0145. (Kilroy) Ugh...defilement! (rk)
- WSAO-Miss r/DT/c with top/&/bottom:SSB:0201-0214 3/22 hrd (RMJ)
- unID on 3/23(no CBE/on then)a TT'r 0540-0544:Thi's ? making a test. (Johanns, NY)
- 1560 WTAL-Fla 3/7 ET 0045 (Kilroy, DC)

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1560 KDDA 0320-0455 finally ID'd aftr TT/CC'g; a 2nd ET/Mx tstr not ed:0313-0345/end & only a piece/of/call & 1Kw hrd (3/24) (Johanns, NY)

1590 WVNA-Ala S8 - WAKR & him even - f/c - 0233-0258 - 3/23 - (Stone)

*1608A Pirate Cleveland pirate hrd early several AMs here recently; highly distorted c/w mx. (Hostettler, Minn) Must be running 50w or more... (rk)

B (Sunrise s/ons & daytime DX)

540 KVIP-Cal S/on 0900, often runs agricultural pgm. (Kulka, Cal)

WDXN-Tenn S/on 0701 3/6 (Fish, Neb)

* 630 KWLN-Neb Nebraska Wesleyan U, Lincoln. S/on 1600. S5 2 miles or more S of them. Called tech. div. to tell him- they're carrier-current at 5 w (and radiating -rk). Said my report was first and knew they were off freq (above 630). Operated by NWU Radio Club. Really hets 630 badly at night! (Fish, Neb)

740 KBIG-Cal S/on 0900 (Kulka, Cal)

900 KJSK-Neb S/on 0827 3/8, no SSB. (Fish, Neb)

1440 WECM-Mich RS/wkly s/on:SSB:0459(3/26 hrd) (Johanns, NY)

1550 CBE-Ont hr/CC & Can/Atm s/on:0459 this time:3/25. 3/23 it was 0559 (I didn't check:Sun's) (Johanns, NY)

1560 WTNS-Ohio s/on:0559(3/23) (Ralphie)

1590 WTVB-Mich RS/SSB s/on:0557 $\frac{1}{4}$ (3/23) (Johanns, NY)

C (Sunset s/off s & DX until midnight)

640 WNAD-Okla S/off 1930, left in clear after WOI s/off, 3/7. (Fish)

870 KIEV-Cal S/off 1930, runs phoney horse races. (Kulka, Cal) PST??

1140 unID SSB hrd way o/WRVA at 2000 3/23; time fits KNAB. (Hostettler, Minn)

1370 WEIE-WVa 1831 s/off 3/21 (Wheeler, Pa)

1490 WGAL-Pa Briefly atop channel at 1830 3/16. (Lon Berman, E Meadow, NY)

1530 WHYP-Pa 1830 s/off 3/24 (Wheeler, Pa)

1550 WYNX-Ga 1845 s/off hrd 3/23 (Berman, NY)

1570 WPGM-Pa 1815 s/off hrd 3/23 (Berman, NY)

1600 WHLL-WVa 1829 s/off hrd 3/24 (Berman, NY)

D (Schedules)

620 KWFT-Tex 0500 (0600 Sun)- 0100 (Fish, Neb)

640 WOI-Iowa 0700-1915 3/7 (Fish, Neb)

* 970 WAVE-Ky Now AN-6 with MM off. "Good" mx, etc. (Hays, Ky) AN'g: 3/22(*kiss your KOOK/spl goodbye 4:4/2) (Ralphie)

1050 KTOT-Cal 0900-1915, s/on hrd almost every day. (Kulka) That EST?

KWSO-Cal 0930-1600, relig pgm. (Kulka, Cal)

1290 WHIO-Ohio 0500-0103, hrd 3/26 (Wheeler, Pa)

Sorry about those doubts on EST, hi, we all have our problems. Please be sure, though, that your reports are in EST.

It's too bad we can't do another April-Fool's edition of "BAD News" like the 1967 edition. Last year's was a good one, though, despite the PO problems...

Another request for reporters: please don't send any monthly-variable sunset s/off s after the 20th of the month. After that time, they're pretty useless.

Re Jefferson Airplane's hijacking: Lon Berman reports Castro now intends to change his AN fromat to psychedelic mx. "Imagine WABC on 1209 & WRKO on 1210!" Well, WABC & WRKO are hardly psyche, but I'd like to see him copy KMPX, KPCC, or WHBI!

73, randy



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BOSTON CONVENTION 000

There will be a convention in Boston. It will be held over the Labor Day Weekend. Many DX'ers will attend. We hope you will be there, too. Come search for the mystery location!

AMUSING SADNESS 000

A sad note in from Frank O. "Hefty" Blooper, Amusing Editor, submitting his resignation ... not from the editor shores ... but just his feeling of resignation. Hefty writes: "I must tender my resignation as editor, because my section has outlived its usefulness ... it is a relic of the past ... the new 6¢ postage rate has cut down lwrrwea ... a lot of the Bad Guys are giving up DXing ... and two many typing eros have cropped up.

CONTEST NOTES ...

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CONTEST MANAGER: Ray Moral, Scientific Editor & Philosopher King, P.O. Box 99, Walpole, Mass. 02081

ANNOUNCING ...

the formation of the Federation of American Radio Club Executives. Eligible to join are all editors, publishers, and officers of all radio clubs. Oal R. Mann, founder, has been named president, then talked several other persons into joining. Already on the roster are Lord Nelson, Hefty Blooper, and Arcane. The Federation of American Radio Clubs is affiliated with the International Radio Association of Club Executives. Both are a part of the Executive Group of Organizations cartel.

ANNOUNCING ...

the Pop Edge memorial call letters. Radio Stations have call letters. Hams have call letters. Beacons have call letters. Workers have social security numbers ... but DX'ers have no means of identification... therefore, the BAD Guys have decided to set up call letters for DX'ers, honoring our most hallowed supporter. The calls will begin with W, follow with Pop Edge's initials, add a number per ham call zone, and follow with two or three letters. Thus Oal R. Mann becomes WPE1ORM. Apply to BAD Guys, Box 99, and send \$25.00 for your Pop Edge Memorial Call letter.

THIS BULLETIN ORIGINAL MAILED 4/1/67, BUT HELD UP IN MAILS SO LONG, THE POSTAGE RATES CHANGED AND THEY WERE ALL RETURNED !

DIATRIBE with YE PUB...

A 3 a.m. telephone call from "The New RFD" dictates: "Maturity -- the capacity to declare oneself mature without really trying and then judging others. DXers -- a rare breed, hurting themselves, condemning comrades faults, never commending his nonexistent virtues. Thoughts-- justified criticism is a sign of healthy appearance ... Neglect to publicly compliment those who deserve it. Rose-colored glasses bring 100% cooperation. Remember, who reads BAD NEWS? Be proud to show our friends self-censorship, the kind EREA'ns have met."

Sorry, R.F., but you spoke a little too fast for me to get it all, but certainly that which appears here is food for thought. Perhaps the comments by our Scientific Editor and Philosopher-King candidate, Ray Moral, a graduate of Harvard Square, can shed some light on the subject. He writes:

"Isn't it true, Cal, that all good is good and all bad is bad? All black is black and all white is white, and all grey is grey, by definition. Therefore, a DX'er's results plus his potential add up to measure his abilities.

Thank you, Ray, for enlightening us on that matter. Not everyone is so pleased, however, witness this missive from Pete E. Peu, Box 99, Arlington, Mass. 02174:

"Mail service is truly atrocious. My third class bulletins do not arrive until Tuesdays. This discrimination has got to cease. I understand all other Boston Area members get thier bulletins Friday night or Saturday."

Another complaint comes from Fell "Swoopy" Fullivit, P.O. Box 99, Westminster, Mass. 01473, bringing up an embarrassing subject:

"The scheduled programs from the Courtesy Programs Committee continually fail to materialize. Despite a clear channel, WORM in Birdland, New York, failed to show here, only 120 miles away. The CPC should insist stations show up on schedule, and if they don't, bring suit for breach of promise."

Refer you to last week's bulletin, Swoopy, in which the manager reported the station burned down the day before the program.

Mark & Gene DeKanna, W. Hyannisport, write: "How do you guys expect us to read these 48 page bulletins every week. Cut down the size of the bulletins, or we'll join the skimpy club. We feel left out when we can't read it all."

Why not split it into sections, fellows, and synopsisize to each other -- ORM

Wormwood R. Marsh of West Boxford complains: Last week's bulletin dropped from 48 to 46 pages. You guys better keep the standards up, or you're gonna lose a lot of members. Long live Free Croatia."

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The well-known beginning President of an Internationally-renowned DX club has pointed out that the International Radio Club of California has far surpassed the BAD GUYS in publishing a DX bulletin... Therefore:

S A D B U T T R U E D E P T

Due to the rapid deterioration of the Courtesy Programs Committee, the non-renewals of charter members, the falling off of teena-ge support, the competition of progressive all-band clubs, and, generally-speaking, the "handwriting on the wall," coupled with sudden personal commitments, we are forced to announce the suspension of publication of the BAD GUYS bulletin. This until we find a publisher who can come to Boston and transport the equipment and supplies to his own locations. We hereby plead with the membership to head our S.S. and for a new publisher to volunteer to come through with flying colors and offer his services to our beloved and bereaved club... affiliated with PARCE. The duties of the publisher are not too difficult, nor precise, rarely requiring more than 35 hours per week. If you wish to volunteer, please write to the retiring

This is a blank page -- Harriett.

publisher at the club address. Ye Pub has appreciated the massive support of the myriad few. TNX PSE. VY FINAL 73. -- ORM

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BAD NEWS
AMUSINGS

EDITOR: Frank O. "Hefty" Blooper- P.O. Box 99, Brookline, Mass. 02146
DEADLINE EVERY MARCH 28 - LIMITS PER AMUSING. PLEASE SPACE.
Fell (Swoopy) Fullivit, P.O. Box 99, Westminster, Massachusetts 01473
Howdy Kids!! It's been a couple of weeks since I've mused so maybe I'd better reintroduce myself for the benefit of all the new members. I am and a freshman at Westminster East High School, studying to be an expert in algebra, biology, and diplomacy. BAD Guys know me as the club's top survey collector; my most noted achievement being the compiling of a DEADLY ACCURATE record survey, based on the surveys of over 200 stations, every 8-9 months. Now down to important matters: Number 1 song on WIMM is "Chantilly Lace" by the Big Bopper. Remember my offer to all other members -- I'll send a IMM survey to anyone who sends me a survey from their local station. You'll be getting the better part of the deal because WIMM is the #1 station in the nation, getting all the new records months before anyone else. So send me your surveys now, and I'll send you what will be your survey next month. Don't forget. MK, RFK, MFS and JES -- you owe me surveys. For the many who have asked -- 45 RPM records cost 87¢ here, except at the Big Q discount store where they are 73¢ whenever Westminster High wins a basketball game (we got smeared 119-13, 98-2 and 101-17 the last three games, so I've been going broke buying records. And what a time for such to happen -- after I'd just bought a new 39-transistor radio -- a Kermaguchi Model QRM-1700 -- which cost my last \$3.99) Well, better close now -- let me urge all the others to write in and muse every week -- come on kids, we've taken over one radio club, let's get another. 33 1/3's, 45's and 78's to all. (Lots of good DX information there, Swoopy. That's what our club is for. -- FOB)

Rex Irate, P.O. Box 99, Avon Park, Florida 33825

I've just joined BAD NEWS and I want to say this: this (CENS RED) Censorship has got to stop. You (CENSORED) Bad Guys don't let any opposition get a word in edgewise. I see that (CENSORED) Gal R. Mann is on his soapbox again, and Lord Nelson proves every issue he's a real (CENSORED). And Mr. Blooper, your section particularly (CENSORED) with (CENSORED) typos.

(Welcome to the club, Rex, and we hope you amuse often. -- FOB)

Mike Southam, P.O. Box 99, Key West, Florida 33040

Enjoyed the Simultaneous listening contest. A great idea; but unfortunately, I was able to listen only to one block ... namely, Block Five. My results were as follows: 2230-2235 - Amoy, China -1115; 2235-2240 St. Pierre, Reunion 1124; 2240-2245-HOJ-1125; 2245-2250 OBX4A-1120; 2250-2255 Kaliningrad-1115; 2255-2300 Varna, Bulgaria 1124; 2300-2305 HCGY6-1125; 2305-2310 WVUV-1120; 2310-2315 Bad Hofgastein 1124; 2315-2320 Srinigar-1120; 2320-2325 Pietersbrug-1115; and 2325-2330 ECS1-1118. Also noted during the period were YNL-1115, CMDL-1120, TGRR-1120, RAI-1115, EAJ15-1124; TISRHB-1125 but unfortunately, not enough time to get logs on these and still satisfy the rules of the contest. Wish I could have participated in all the blocks.

Curtis E. Program, P.O. Box 99, Wayland, Mass. 01778

DX by dateline: 3/20 Noted WFOX-860 on ET at 1:25; added WRTH-590 at 1:30 on AN show, then tuned back to 860 where WHRT was QRM'ing WFOX, with intertwining signals. 3/22 found a noisy channel on 1240, with both KWAK and KLUK on ET. 3/24 logged my alltime best catch on 1010 in the form of APL, Lahore, Parkistan. A lot of interference from WORM. 3/26 Found WARM on 590 in well; WHOT-1330 weak under KFAC on AN show; and ~~two~~ two from Arizona -- KOLD and KOOL also were added to the logs. 3/27 Capped off a rather heavy DX week by adding XERT and WORK. (Sounds like KFUN and WFUN--- FOB)

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BAD NEWS

April 1, 1967

ANNOUNCEMENT: The BAD GUYS officially recognize the fact that the All-Nighters have taken over Monday Morning so it's as bad as every other morning. Thus, taking into consideration the fact that Sunday morning finds school kids and working people free to DX, we hereby declare Sunday morning officially Monday morning. Effective date: May 5 -- as reflected in the BAD GUYS DX CALENDAR.

Pete E. Peu, P.O. Box 99, Arlington, Mass. 02174

My turn to introduce myself in the pages of my favorite publication, BAD News. I am three years old, and able to DX most mornings while up teething. My mommy and daddy don't like it, but I rule the house... and if I don't get my way, I scream bloody murder. I'm offering this as a free DX tip for all BAD GUY members. Number one song here is "Farmer in the Dell."

Mike Westham, P.O. Box 99, Eureka, California 95501

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Wal/R/Main/P.O./Box/99/Washington/Massachusetts/02182
How many lines do I have to tell you about correction/fluid/
I use correction/fluid, Arcane uses correction/fluid, Lord Nelson
uses correction/fluid, why can't you use correction/fluid? (I'm
allergic to correction/fluid -- FOB) Interesting the comments on the
selective editing controversy. Don't the know-knobs know that
the term selective editing is a redundancy? What is editing if not
selective? And did you see the last issue of DX Magazine? We don't
have to worry about them if they keep up. Best of the B's.
(Sorry, fellows. That one wasn't for the section. -- FOB)

Alice Oskas, P.O. Box 99, Halcyon, New Jersey 07011

Please fellows, just because I'm the only girl in the club, stop writing. I can't acknowledge all these "Welcome-to-the-club" cards. And unfortunately, I can't come to the Boston convention this year. I've got to perform that week at the new bar in West Sacramento... maybe you've heard of the "Paris Review" at the El Rancho.

Digger O. Kasket, P.O. Box 99, West Sacramento, California 95691

I've seen all kinds of convent on bids from McAllen and St. Louis and so forth, but I'd like to invite all DX'ers -- particularly the BAD GUY S-- to West Sacremtno in '69. (Sounds like KFUN and WFUN-- FOB)

Ray Meral, P.O. Box 99, Walpole, Massachusetts 02081

I must admit the scientific advances made by Lord Nelson have been of value to DX'ers ... even those of us who are as far ahead in the technologic and scientific and electronic areas as I. As a result of constant pressure from the good Lord, I've replaced my crystal COHERER system with tubes. The move has opened up a whole new world of DX for me. This week, for example, I added the following new stations WLS, WLW, KNX, CRK, XERF, CBW, CBN, CMQ, WRVA, WOAI, Radio Ulan Bator, WFAA, KNBR, WCFL, WMAQ, KMOX, AND another good West Coast station, KDKA in Pittsburg, California. Time checks were three hours off. Also logged the new station of the French Embassy on 1400 at midnight signoff, following a speech in English by Charles DeGaulle. Difficult to log. Only heard the words ... "by the authority. This is FCC, Washington, D.C." Though I had Tahiti for a moment.

April 1, 1967

B A D N E W S

Fidel M. Johannsen, P.O. Box 99, Blo, New York 14201

@5amEST here:TEMP:26°,H'Y:85%,BAR:29.99(Fall'g),WIND:ENE/8 mph,AIR:
BLASTY--REC'N:2.23am:Carrier came: thru CASTRO/music-,a 2nd/poor US/
stn- & a 3rd (?)CBX... 2.24½: WXHR etc & McKinzey/song-- 2.32-2.34-2...
-2.41-2.43-2.44-2.47-2.49-2.58-(3.01:a SSB/s/off)*3.02:CASTRO 3.02½-
3.04-3.05½-3.08½-(3.10:yiddish)-3.20:RCN: on a Table/radio (RCA:1934/
vintage)-3.23½-3.25-3.28-3.30½-3.33-3.36½-3.39½(*Band Mx)-3.39½-(*W*at-
mough-H*olbrook) 3.44-3.47½-3.50½(*R*osenbaum)-3.57-4.03-4.06½-(4.
07½ "Side/by/side":woman/vcl"***4.28:DIFF'T/Voice/call-4.29: This HAS
been WXHR-4.29:WXHR Camb/Mass-THEN a stn & 200% music, later:YL/Castro
etc & believe CBX(?)cbc/mx.

PLEASED 2'VE HAD WXHR,-73-FIDEL.

OHCHW- 'idea, I give U I-idea, -MUCHO
send CPLE/rep't detailed:LATER, so THIS'll give U I-idea, -MUCHO
Times're:STN/calls.-NO DOUBT:WXHR'll get 'oodles'-of-reports & I'll
(Ph/call by DICK etc)(*I've No-phones?)- DURING test:WXHR was ok,
NICE Co-op by NRC's HEINEN/BADER came in to tell me: GBT'll be OFF

Sherlock Holmes, P.O. Box 99, Waltham, Mass. 02154

You'll recall last year I had all kinds of difficulty with the electric company... they told me the noise was bouncing off the Charles River, it wasn't their fault, and that n body listens to the stations between the stations anyway. I moved to a differnt location but it still didn't do any good. Again, I called on the electric company to try to correct the situation... In the new location, the guy came out, and the noise disappeared. He came out again and the noise disappeared again. The third time he came out, I kidnapped him, tied him up, and I now keep him in my den, right next to the radio. Haven't had a noise problem since. Elementary, my dear Hefty.) (Congratulations, Sherlock, and thank for the tip. -- FOB)

Mike Eastham, P.O. Box 99, Easport, Maine 04631

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Gordon B. McLendon, P.O. Box 99, Dallas, Texas 75221

No new DX, but recent verifications have come from KLIF-1190, KILT-610, WNUS-1390, WYSL-1400, KABL-960, KYXI-1520, KBVU-1540, and XETRA-690. Very friendly verification letters received from each of these stations. Can't understand why all the complaints.

C. Barton Phone-in, P.O. Box 99, Wilmington, Mass. 01887

Sorry, no DX. Can't hear due to the raucous loud music I have to play all day. Fortunately, I've got a weekend job at WEEI doing a telephone talk show. I'm looking for a new job, beginning shortly after September 3d. I'm considering offers in Houston, St. Louis, and Sacramento. I have a great deal of experience at hosting conventions. Any suggestions?

Frank O. "Hefty" Blooper, P.O. Box 99, Brookline, Mass. 02146

Oodles and oodles of reports this issue, gang, so it's a good thing I didn't add too many new stations this week. Managed to hear a couple of pirate stations ... WCOF on 1604, and WRUB on 537. I reported them ... and now they're off the air. As our member above used to say in Dallas and Houston and now says in Burbank, Calif., Keep Our Section Tops. And one more comment at the end of this issue -- How much does it cost to sue you, Qal?

PREVIOUS DX DIVERSION
April 1, 1967

Arcane Editor
50 Kilowatt St, Mafia, Mass 68103

Your editor is pleased to announce he has accepted the post of Harmonic Editor with CADC, effective as soon as our parent club ceases publication. I will, however, confine the Harmonic Column to music, as Harmonic "DX" is without place in a DX bulletin. Many thanks to Rex Irate Intellectual Emperor of CADC, for the assignment.

A (All DX, regardless of when, where, or how heard)

- * 640 unID Pirate, Philadelphia area, calling itself "WNOF" or phonetic equivalent. Portable DF useless, keeps pointing to my house. By the way, does the FCC get BAD News? (Chester Von Schmitt) No, they don't need it, they're so efficient
- CMQ-Cuba "#\$%&'(castro)*1@:?:/;1/2- (Ralphie) Should've censored the dammit. (ae)
- 650 KOPH-Hawaii Vy loud on DX Test while trying desperately to hear ELBC for S-E Contest. Why must radio clubs tamper with these stns' assigned schedules? I am indeed distressed at this iniquitous situation, am forming ANARCH Committee to combat it. (South Seas Embassy)
- * 700 WETR-Ky Bleach-Blond Radio, our high school station, dedicated to the liberalization of correct English spelling. We do things like that in Cincinnati. (Former Contest Manager)
- 740 WCAS-WI Clandestine, announcing Wikkus I., so revolution is taking hold; napalm hasn't got 'em yet, despite Ray Moral's efforts. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel, tho; this stn hrd all day w/59 sigs, great for a stn with studios in a 68 VW Microbus. (ae)
- 790 Canal Zone Hrd w/RR, Ids, etc; fiddling w/equipment while awaiting Fuzzy's return from Publishing/Ray Moral-Baiting Party. (Ruth Nelson's report, although foreign DX, sent here cause she couldn't find her husband.)
- 1070 WESP-Del Good vibrations at 1400 w/crystal-ball controlled quality. No rx on a the time- tried a radio once, but it made this too easy. (WC DXer)
- 1220 WLSD-Va Very high w/colorful tones & subtle fading, ID as "Acid Radio in Big Stone Gap". Uses XR made entirely of sugar cubes, I'm told. (Radio Shac, Harvard Sq)
- 1230 unID Who? (Paul Kiljoy, Warshington, Mass)
- 1330 WHOT-Ohio Hrd well w/local-like sigs on sink, bedsprings, TV set, birdcage, stereo, bathtub, tape recorder, ashtray, & potted plant. May be because XR is across the street! (*)
Lucky you have no NSP stns near you! (ae)
- 1490 WMRC-Mass Nowt on Stan Morss' DX Test - in bed - better luck - nex time - can't complain - will anyway - maybe not - (Vetera DXer)
- 1520 WKBW-Blo (*Why:NOT-ON(mm3/25@121/2-51/2a?*'N'TH'NG/to/listn:TO!*)(KB Ft
3140 unID Harmonic of a Del Rio, Tex, stn selling record albums, bibles, the state of Coahuila, cheap help for hire; other wise pgming quite acceptable. I do all my MW DX here, eve tho it's above the MW Band (300-3000 kc). (New Mexican)

In the interest of Domestic Tranquility, we present the following:

WANTED: Adequate supply of stencil correction fluid for nimble-fingere editor. Good friends suggest this is cure for Erros, to muster support. Send to National Radio Club, Brooklyn, NY (the Post Office knows me).

I'M NOT INSINUATING ANYTHING!

Editor: Lord Nelson, P.O. Box 99, Watertown, Mass. 02172. Cable HPDF&SSEMFMWECEB

*Reception conditions here in our neighborhood have been very good during the past week. We have logged 18 television sets (6 of them color!), 8 neon signs, one electric blanket and, best of all, an intermittent electric fork! **Reception is really picking up around here!** Still no trace of our most wanted catch though - the electric Ouija board reportedly operating on 536 from a nearby location - but we'll keep trying.

*On Ridiculous Paths. The Madagascar DX Club reports no receptions of North American stations in the past 4 years; in fact they haven't even tried. Once again the Principle of Reciprocity holds true!

*Christmas Island. According to a broadcast monitored from the Chilean Forces station on Easter Island, this station will soon begin cooperative broadcasting with the British Forces station on Christmas Island. The initial broadcasts of this joint venture will be known as the Holiday (in.) programs.

*We note a recent improvement in the time required for Cuban QSL's to return; according to the Postmaster General, this is connected with the large increase in commercial airline hijackings recently. Always alert to any project which could aid the DX community, FARCE (Federation of American Radio Club Executives) has appointed a committee to encourage this practice to speed Cuban QSL's. Those interested in working on this Committee should contact the chairman, Rex Irate, c/o Miami Federal Prison.

*The International BAD editor regrets to report that we will no longer be able to reprint information from the Catalina Area DX Club bulletin. The president of that group has cancelled the exchange of club bulletins because, as he says, "Every week I am sicened to see all of the new info in the BAD bulletin and that you do not use as much reports from our club as you do from other clubs. Therefore I cancel our bulletin exchange which has'nt given enuf publicity to our club. Find enclosed a renewal for my BAD bulletin so we can get yo'ure info."

Announcing a new contest! IBADN is pleased to announce a new form of DX contest designed to take the work out of entering contests: the First Annual Simultaneous Cheating Contest.

Rules

1. This contest will have run from 3/1 to 3/30, 1968.
2. This contest is open to all members of the BAD Club, especially those who've been expelled from the club and are receiving the bulletin under a fake name.
3. Send entry fee of \$50.00 (no checks - we can't accept checks from anybody crooked enough to enter this contest) to Contest Manager Fell Swoopy Fullivit, P.O. Box 99, Westminster, Mass. Use small, unmarked bills.
4. The idea is to QSL as many MW stations as possible during the contest period without actually hearing the station.
5. Scoring will be on the basis of distance - 2 points per 1000 miles of distance, as measured on the long path. For purposes of this contest, all receptions will be assumed to follow the long path unless there is a solar eclipse, in which case the short path distance will be counted.
6. Bonuses: a 10 point bonus will be added to the final score if no one else QSL's the stn during the contest period. A 20 point bonus will be added for each station QSL'ed for reception at a time when the station was off the air (QSL's from non-English speaking secretaries will not count for this bonus). A 50 point bonus will be awarded for any QSL from a non-existent station; this bonus is doubled if the country does not exist (Free Croatia is specifically excluded for this bonus).
7. Stations may be listened to on SW, and material may be stolen from club bulletins and WRTVH for purposes of obtaining QSL's for this contest, but under no circumstances will credit be given to any QSL received as the result of actual MW reception.
8. How to win the SCC: concentrate on obscure LA, Asian, Arab and African stations where station personnel are least likely to read English. Send short (no more than 5 minutes of program details) reports; go heavy on descriptive terms such as "man speaking in native language", "man reading news on the hour", and "typical local music". Include an overwhelming amount of technical information about your equipment, and try to minimize actual reception. Good Luck!

MIRACULOUS RECEPTIONS . . .

The editor calls your attention to the lack of reports on Spitsbergen-1484.

- 745 Brazil. Very strong static from Amazonian thunderstorms noted 0430 3/19; fade at times. Anybody know address for reports? (Murphy, Mass.)
- 683 Mauritius. MBS TENTATIVELY logged 2/31 at s/on 0330; very poor signal but I'm sure it was MBS because hrd studio door slammed at 0331; sounded just like the door hrd being slammed from MBS on SW in 1954. **Report sent.** (Mullen, Mass.)
- ***775 Costa Rica. Extremely powerful signal noted from new stn here; R&R and SS announcements by man in SS; IS is loud animal roar and call letters seem to be TIGRE. May be connected with stn on 875. (Mann, Mass.)
- 830 Unid LA. Strong SS speaker noted here w/psychodelic and folk-rock mx in SS; seems to be Dominican, call seems to be HIPY; slogan is R. Barba and claims to have "fuerza de las Flores". (Mann, Mass.)
- 875 Costa Rica. Powerful new EE stn here announcing "your million watt tower of power with news on the hour." Calls itself "TIGER Radio" and claims to be the first stn in San Jose w/"Two Color Radio." Same animal roar IS as noted on 775; call is TIGER. (Mann, Mass.)
- 1240 Puerto Rico. Non commercial stn noted 2100 s/off on auroral nights; operated by Cagamas High School Alumni Association, says power is 15 watts. Call seems to be WEAK. (Mann, Mass.)
- 1340 Tahiti. Weak signal from bootleg Tahitian stn noted in California 0230; call is FONY. (Catalina DX Club)
- 1500 Unid FF. FF stn hrd w/NA at 0415 2/12; signal excellent and easily readable. Unfortunately my FF is very weak and could not tell if it was French Guiana or Martinique. Also hrd 2/26; reports sent to both and form v/l's received from each; must have had French Guiana 2/12 and Marinique 2/26 or vice-versa. Am counting both. (Mann, Mass.)
- Antarctica. AFRTS must have been the weak stn hrd u/WTOP 2000 2005; man weak in EE; several mentions of "South" - obviously referring to South Pole. Also hrd mention of "army" during nx which clinches ID; report off. (Mealey, Mass.)

V E R I T I E S . . .

- 590 PHILIPPINES. DXDC, 1.kw. Sent for v/l in Tagalog for tentative 3 minute report 2/12 at 2200; can't understand letter but obviously intended to be a QSL so will count it. Country # 243. Didn't report it to MR because I didn't want anybody else to get it; how else can I stay ahead of you? (Miser, Mass.)
- 1500 Nepal. Prompt v/l in Nepalese and souvenir block of Yak butter; very friendly letter I think. Getting this one was a real surprise since I live only a mile from WMEX. (Nescal, Mass.) Mike, as I'm sure we all remember, is an expert on Asian stns since he was living in Kashmir until recently deported back to Harwan Square. (Ed)

IBADN Technical Section. The IBAD editor is proud to announce the latest technical break-through in BAD International DX'ing: the Monday Morning Tape Recorder. For the past year the editor has been experimenting with the use of a video tape recorder for MW DX purposes. The new MMTR technique works as follows: a good longwire antenna is connected to the input of the video tape recorder through a high gain RF amplifier. Because the video tape recorder can record signals up to 4 megacycles high directly, the entire broadcast band is recorded on the tape. After running the MMTR all AM, the output of the video tape recorder is merely connected to the input of the MW DX receiver and the tape is replayed. Because the entire broadcast band is recorded on the tape (some SW and LW is also recorded but the receiver selectivity takes care of this just as it would during the actual receptions), the output of the tape contain the entire MW band when replayed! All the DX'er need do is tune to any particular frequency of interest and listen to whatever was recorded on that freq that AM - the DX'ers receiver acts like a filter to pick out whichever signal is of interest from the MMTR output just like it does with the signal from the antenna! Thus the DX'er can replay the video tape over and over agin, tuning around with his receiver just as he would have on the the particular morning recorded on the tape! **We have been replaying** the tape made last November 7th and so far have been able to log 159 stations on that particular MM by tuning to a different frequency every time the tape is replayed. On the basis of these results, we expect to be able to spend an entire season replaying the reception on one particular AM. Tapes of "Classic MM's" will soon be available.