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"Please renew my membership in NRC for the 7th year; I have nothing but praise for the way the Club has been operating and with the fine bulletin put out by the Publishing Committee." (Jim Neff, N. Y.)

IN THIS ISSUE...

REPORT FROM COLOMBIA - Jose M. Rangel N.

MANY NEW NRC MEMBERS THIS WEEK!

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- *Dave Bennett, 1034 #1 Rd., Richmond, B. C. (Rejoins; welcome back!)

Welcome to the NRC, gentlemen, we hope to be reading of your DX achievements often here in the pages of DX NEWS. We've been picking up so many new members during the past few weeks that we've temporarily run out of New Member kits; more are being made up this week and you should be receiving yours shortly.

RENEWALS THIS WEEK...

Neff... Palmer... Shapiro... Burger... Coombs... Hostettler... Pirnot... Schmidt... Nowak... Wheeler... Murley... Worcester...

*GPN & BGK

SPECIALS

Day	Date	Call	Freq	Location	Time	Time	Time	Notes
Mon.	Jan. 18	KAST	1370	Astoria, Oregon	1:00	3:01	4:00	I R C A
	18	W B A A	920	West Lafayette, Ind.	5:00	4:15	4:45	I R C A
Sat.	Jan. 23	W M N C	1430	Morganton, N. C.	1:00	2:00	-	H H R C
Mon.	Jan. 25	W S S C	1240	Sumter, S. C.	250	1:00	2:00	H H R C
Mon.	Feb. 1	W H I P	1350	Mooreville, N. C.	1:00	1:40	3:30	H H R C
Fri.	Feb. 5	K O R N	1490	Fremont, Nebraska	250	2:25	2:40	I R C A
Mon.	Feb. 3	K S R H	930	Soldatna, Alaska	5:00	4:00	4:00	H H R C
Mon.	Feb. 15	W D E L	1150	Wilmington, Del.	5:00	4:00	5:00	W H C / I R C A
	15	W J M X	970	Florence, S. C.	1:00	2:00	-	H H R C
Sat.	Feb. 20	W K K E	1380	Asheville, N. C.	5:00	1:10	-	H H R C
Mon.	Mar. 15	W J M X	970	Florence, S. C.	1:00	2:00	-	H H R C
Mon.	Feb. 15	W S T P	1430	Salisbury, N. C.	250	2:30	3:00	H H R C
Mon.	Apr. 26	W G B C	1400	Greensboro, N. C.	250	2:00	-	H H R C

Note: The correct date for WJMX-970 for NNRC is Monday, March 15th - sorry.

K A S T - 1370. This station will be testing its daytime, non-directional set-up at this hour, which is right after their normal midnight PST Sunday night s/off. They'll use music and IDs. We don't have the name of the OK'er of this TEST, but send reports to KAST, Box 445, Astoria, Oregon, 97103. Info, Patrick Merwan, IRCA, Warrenton, Ore.

W B A A - 920. This long-time friend to DXers everywhere is making its annual DX TEST. The first 15 minutes will be musical; the second, we're not sure. They'll be on non-directionally. Send to WBA A, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind. 47907. Info, McCormack & Taaffe, of IRCA.

W M N C - 1430. More on this next week, but send to Mrs. Madelyn Y. Patton, Program Director.

W S S C - 1240. Also more on this one next issue. Signer is Mr. Al Earnhardt, Operations Engineer.

HEARD SINCE LAST ISSUE

620	C J C I	Prince George, B.C. (Kruse)	1520	W K V I	Knox, Indiana (Kruse)
740	C B N M	Marystown, Nfld. (Morse)		W A R R	Warrenton, N.C. (Kruse)
1170	W S N E	Ex-1410 kc/s. (Copeland)	1550	W T B P	Parsons, Tenn. (Kruse)
1190	W A M B	Donelson, Tenn. (Kruse)	790	C F U N	Ex-CRMR (Kruse)
1530	W J R L	Calhoun City, Miss (Kruse)	1530	W J R M	Ex-WELA (1/4/71) (ERC)

WHHH-1440 NOW VERIFYING!

NRCCer Bob Cope is now at WHHH - send all reports, new ones only - no f/ups - to him, at 1071 Riverview N.W. - Warren, Ohio - 44485. Info from Wes Boyd, WHOT. Wes says NOT to send them to WHHH, but to Bob Cope at this address.

CONGRATULATIONS!

'AN' situation - ON - 1260 W I X Y Now NSP.

A bit belated, but nevertheless heart-felt felicitations to Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM RACZKO, who were married last August - we've just learned of their happy union, and we wish them nothing but the best, forevermore!

Radio outlets for NBA Basketball teams, sent in by Bill Mohr:

New York Knicks: WNBC-660	Chicago Bulls: WIND-560	Cincinnati Royals: WIN-700
Phila. 76ers: WCAU-1210	Atlanta Hawks: WSB-750	Detroit Pistons: WHR-760
San Diego Rockets: KFMB-760	San Fran. Warriors: KNEW-910	Buffalo Braves: WBBN-930
Seattle SuperSonics: KOMO-1000	Los Angeles Lakers: KABC-790	Boston: WBZ-1030
Baltimore Bullets: WBAL-1090	Portland Trail Blazers: KOLN-970	Phoenix: KTAR-620
Milwaukee Bucks: WMTJ-620	Cleveland Cavaliers: WERE-1300.	

ABA stations were also submitted but no room here - see this page in next week's as usual, great, lively DX NEWS. Excuse please, let's make the sender CHARLES MOHR!

MUSINGS



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One addition to Page Taylor's article on LPRTs - CBXQ-540, Ueluelet, B.C. is one LPRT that really gets out, even as far as San Diego, 1500 miles away. It is right on the ocean side of Vancouver Island & its signal apparently comes in right over the water. Someone recently got a verie from them indicating they had raised power to 50w. The CBC ordinarily won't verify LPRTs especially if there are several relays of the same station on the same frequency, but they have been verifying CBXQ. Very little DXing has been done recently. Since the surge of TPs in September & October, they seem to have completely disappeared. No DUs at all have been heard this season. I have put up a longwire, about 500' long, running N/S. Since this is about a 1/2-wave antenna, the major lobes should be E/W. At present, the wire is just draped along the top of a 12' shain-link fence, so in effect it is on the ground. I'll somehow have to raise it about 3' above the fence during the Christmas vacation. I have noticed that it gives a signal either equal to or better in strength than the 3' loop & PET pre-amp. There is, of course, much more noise with the LW since it picks up the electrical component of the waves as well as the magnetic component. "DX NEWTER" in the 12/19 issue of DX NEWS appeared in DX Monitor as part of "37", put out by SCECPODDX-ERBA South.

CARTER SCHOLZ - 3 Somerset Road - Tenafly, New Jersey - 07670

DX: WTRQ-1560 sent a nice letter thanking me for my report, but no verie, darn it all. SSS on 1580 brought in WJVA Ind/ s/off @ 5:15 & WHEN N.Y. in nicely u/local WVNJ. Sorry but not much DX since last Musing. Say, does anyone know what happened to the old "E.C.A.D." DX Club? It looked like it had the makings of a fine club - Frankie Waldron convinced me to join, but I got only one bulletin. Some good catches, but none as good as Marty Martelle's "Radio Forces Shar'jah". What's this I hear about a 50kw aerial in some lake in Ontario? Any truth to this rumor? And what's "Grok", RJE? 73ses, y'all.

GORDON NELSON - NRC HQ - 02138

Only 16 pages this issue; between ERC & RJE closing early to avoid mail delays, Foxy not doing so and getting mousetrapped as a result (thus no IDX) and a flu epidemic amongst the Publishing Committee, it looks as if this'll be the smallest issue I can remember... There was some thought of holding back this material and merging it with next week's issue but we expect next week's to be rather heavy on its own... To the Third Class subscribers: one of the compensations for a small issue of DXN (20 pages or under) is the fact that you'll be receiving this issue by First Class mail since First and Third rates are the same at this weight... More than 18 new members in the past two weeks, many from the latest issue of Communications Handbook but still quite a few from the NRC LOG... According to Kokusai the MF order was to have been mailed by the end of November but no sign of it here yet; it's probably hung up along with Foxy's section near Tenafly... TA cx have been extremely good during the past few weeks; except for a few days of auroral conditions around the 14th of December, high latitude paths have been better than we've experienced here since 1965... Low-powered USSR stations noted on 1554 and 1586 thanks to a tip from Rich Heald; Page Taylor in N. J. has been experiencing very good cx also and reports VOA-Okinawa on 1178 last MM for the first ECNA logging of this one in quite a number of years! Good DX!!

RELIFE LUTON - Route 1 - Box 334 - Elizabeth City, North Carolina - 27909

About 15 years ago since I last reported so long overdue. First, Billie & I were extremely pleased to have Joe & Marty Brauner stop by in May during their North Carolina vacation. It was sure a pleasure to talk with Joe about the good old days and Marty is such a lively and cheerful person. Here's wishing them both many more happy and prosperous years. Then on Thanksgiving, I was delighted to have long-time-missing Tony Leggett spend most of the day here. Good old rag-chew. I didn't tell Tony, but reception was the best that day it had been in weeks. I hope it doesn't take him ten years to get back again. After the news about the longwire, I just had to string up a couple & see what it was all about. I had known about the Beverage all these years but never had one. One is almost due W & seems to beam on all states in that direction. This one is 1800'. The other runs NNW, 900'. I guess they must work as I get different stations on same frequency at same time. The longer one is very effective on the 1200-1500 end of band. 12/12- KPIK Colorado Springs s/off C 6:45pm. 12/14- MTER -1570 s/off 5:45. KLLA, five minutes later. 12/15- KLOV-1570 Loveland s/off 6:45. 12/18- All on 1050, WCEF s/off 5pm; WSMF 5:31, WPEP 5:45; KMYO 6; KFMJ 6:15. 12/19- WDEB-1500 Jamestown, Tenn. fund-raising program @ 3:30pm. I was up this SM @ 2:30 for some real DX & couldn't even get across the Mississippi River. Still no Alaska but I'm working on this & then I'll retire. I had something on 650 other than KOKL past MM. It may take a little time. I'm already 35 years past due. And I remember to double-space! Happy hunting. (Welcome back, Relife! Please rejoin us as a regular Muser?? -ERC)

JERRY STARR - WHOT - 401 North Blaine Avenue - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

I read with much interest Page Taylor's LPRT feature in the 12/19 DX NEWS, in particular, the remarks about CBLG-730 in Geraldton being barely audible in that local area. On the evening of 12/29/68 shortly after sunset I noticed an easily-copied CBC station on 730. Not finding anything listed thusly in the log, I started my tape recorder to catch the ID which never came - instead, just dead air a la LPRT. This signal was quite reliable all evening and even the OC was still noted with good strength in the morning hours of 12/30. I felt this was a unique opportunity to obtain a valid verie of an LPRT since I had a rather unusual tape, including the closing & openings of CBC programming with all OC in between & weak but readable CHIR-730 ID announcements under this OC. This established two facts: It was an LPRT & it was on 730. I sent the entire tape of three ID periods w/a lengthy letter to explain what it was & what I wanted. Several weeks later I received a letter back which says in part: "---we operate just three low power relay transmitters on 730k - two in B.C., & one in Geraldton, Ont. You were hearing the one in Geraldton (CBRG) which has an operating power of 20 watts.: I feel this, along with the tape, is the closest thing I'll get to a positive verification of an LPRT. Question for technical freaks: Is it possible that the antenna system of CBLG, being quite old as are all the 20 watters, has some design error which radiates in such a manner as to provide poor local signals but good skywave? This happens at times with regular CBC stations. I might add that this is the only time this signal was ever noted, even the next night it was all gone. 73s from the DX Capitol of the World. Next Muse maybe some DX, CX last few eeks have been phewy here. CPC Members: Do it!

THOMAS R. SUNDSTROM - Box 205 - Willingboro, New Jersey - 08046

DX & work got halted in their tracks here from 12/14 to 12/19 while I had some kidney stones removed at a hospital near work. I got nailed all of a sudden while driving down a local interstate, after that I had my first ambulance ride. I don't remember too much of what happened. But at least I'm out for the Holidays, & did do a little DXing. The HCJB-700 IRCA DX on 12/14 was heard here briefly w/an ID @ 2:08, but nothing for a report. I seemed to have one or two unID S3es w/HCJB, all buried by WLW even with the loop. WKIX-850 NNRC DX also heard on 12/14, easy @ 1:15. WGOE-1590 NNRC/IRCA TEST of 12/20 apparently signed on late @ 12:15, heard well to 2:30. WINR-680 NRC DX of 12/21 was not heard 12-2:15; Cubans throughout time period also // -640-670; WRKO @ 1. UnID TT looped WSW 1:05-1:15, KNBR 1:40-2. WPTF s/off 2. KFI-640 heard around 2 12/21 o/Cuban. 73

MORRIS SORENSSEN - 591 Harvey Street - North Bay, Ontario

I've added 47 stations to my North Bay log since last week's report. Here are some of them: 12/9- WJAS-1320 9:37pm; CHYM-1490 9:39pm, WHK-1420 9:42; CFOR-1570 10:32; CKIM-1570 10:33pm; WIXY-1260 10:38pm, WKBN-570 10:53; CBEF-540 11pm; CFCC-630Ont. 11:01; WJW-850 11:12pm; WWJ-950 11:15; KFAB-1110 way o/WBT @ 11:25 - are they still operating non-directional nights? KSL-1160 11:31; WINS-1010 w/CFRB nullled @ 11:43pm. 12/10- WMAL-630 12:36am; WHOT-1330 12:47; CBEE-1400 Sturgeon Falls, Ont. 9:30am; CBEI-990 Banfield, Ont. 9:31; CFRA-580 9:37; WQXR-1560 N.Y. still in well @ 9:42am; WTSN-1270 N.H. 6:37pm; WFBR-1300 6:39; CKBC-1360 N.B. a surprise catch @ 6:42; WIRE-1430 7pm; WHEC-1460 7:52pm; WRCC-1280 8pm. 12/12- WMT-600 12:28am, CHOK-1070 ID way u/CBA @ 11:11pm. 12/13- WSBT-960 Ind. 12:05am; CHOO-1390 2pm. Of course most of these are fairly common & all but CKBC-1360 have been heard at my home in Emsdale, 67 highway miles (considerably less by air mileage) S of here. Report out to CKBC. I generally use my own judgement in counting North Bay loggings in my totals. CX here at night are almost identical, & there are no local stations between except of course CFCH itself. I'm not counting any daytime DX or graveyard DX heard here in my totals but I will count stations heard on regional or clear channels at night if they are sufficiently distant from both cities that 60 miles or so wouldn't make much difference. One question - why is it that during Auroral nights I often receive signals from parts of New England & Quebec while other stations except semi-locals (received on groundwave) & those in the southern states & LA are blacked out? I note also in DX NEWS of 12/12 Fred Nordquist's loggings of two New England graveyards in Suracus during Auroral CX on 11/18 & perhaps most interesting of all, John Hoogerheide's logging of WJOY-1230 Vt. in northern Michigan during Auroral CX on 11/9. Could anyone explain this? It puzzles me as I would think these signals would have to pass right through the Auroral zone. 73.

DAN PHILLIPS - X-2 Seminary Village - Louisville, Kentucky - 40207

I have added some pretty good DX lately, 12/2- KIIR-1580 Okla. s/off @ 6:15. 12/4- KYAL-1600 s/off 6:30. 12/5- KBUY-1540 heard on RS @ 6:30. 12/7- The likes of XEPR KFBK & KFH booming in as usual. Then WLCY-1380 ET @ 2:25. 12/8- WELX-1110 s/on 7:45am. 12/14- The really big one, HCJB, made it to Louisville or else my ears are going bad. U/WIW I heard mucho march mx & a pretty clear ID @ 2:21. The only time I could hear them was when WIW's DJ was talking. A new country & much-wanted station. 12/16- WSON-860 heard RS @ 4:10. 12/17- WJSB-1050 Fla/ s/on 7:30 in the clear, pretty good catch. For all you skewed loopers: Take heart, be not dismayed, for maybe there is hope for you. I have found that with my skewed loops that I can still completely null some of the locals. W/my Zoop Loop WKLO & WXVW can be completely nullled by nulling the loop instead of peaking it. There is only one place on the 360° turn where this is possible. Try peaking your loop, then try nulling it. When you try nulling it, keep turning it until you find the place where the signal of the local almost disappears. For instance with my one foot loop on 590 the Cuban is very loud when peaked with no sign of anything else. Then without turning the loop if I null it WOV in Omaha comes in I&C with just a bare trace of the Cuban. This was how WIW was heard here, by nulling instead of peaking. Evidently it causes a phase change in the loop somehow. What do you call this, GPN? I would be interested if anyone else has tried this & had the same results. At least this way I don't have to fool with tilting the thing. Happy New Year to all. 73.

KEN LYON - 9415 Goodrich Road - Clarence Center, New York - 14032

DX this week: 12/13- KOAM-860 heard 1:29-1:32am w/their newly-initiated ET sked. It lasted only three minutes, excellent strength. 12/20- WGOE-1590 heard 2:03-2:36-plus AM w/ET as listed in bulletin. It sounded like RS & was about equal w/WAKR. CJRN-1600 was off @ 2:38 & later ran TT. This one isn't off very often. No veries this week. C U later.

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOUR MUSINGS REGULARLY IN 1971! REMEMBER OUR DEADLINE IS EVERY THURSDAY, 30 LINES IS OUR LIMIT. DO NOT INCLUDE V/S' NAMES IN MUSINGS!

GEORGE B. SHERMAN - 104 Pinewood Circle - Rosemount, Minnesota - 55068

DX has been very Auroral. 12/10- WSMA-1590 Mich. s/on over WGEZ/WAKR/KUUU @ 6:10am, then c/w; WXTN-1000 Miss. s/off @ 5:59pm u/WCFB; KXII-970 Neb. good o/WFBC splash @ 6:02pm; KFYO-790 Tex. fair @ 6:26; KKAM-1350 Colo. w/rr o/KABQ-SS @ 6:45; KZIA-1580 N.M. shock o/KTUF @ 6:59. 12/11- WTLO-1570 Ind. fair @ 6:58am, KNEK-1540 Kans. s/off o/u KXEL @ 6:15pm; KFML-1390 Colo. good o/QRN @ 6:25. 12/13- WGGH-1150 Ill. strong w/no QRN @ 5:10pm. 12/14- WKIX-850 N.C. fair on f/c-DX @ 1:15 u/KOA, also SS .ERM. KWED-1580 Tex. amazing signal @ 6:30pm, no QRN! 12/15- TGHR-700 good o/u WLW w/R. Mundial ID @ 11:40pm. Nice to hear something besides WLW on 700 for a change. 12/16- KLIB-1140 Kansas w/no readable QRN @ 6:19pm, so I decided to try for the other Liberal station, KSCB-1270, & there they were L&C @ 6:21. KFLA-1310 Kans. fair w/s/off @ 6:27 on what I thought was a worthless frequency; KPAR-1190 N.M. tried for & heard @ 7pm s/off w/vocal SSB o/KLIF. 12/17- KMUS-1380 Okla. @ 6:28 & KSWO-1380 Okla. @ 6:45 pm, both good; KFFA-1360 Ark. @ 6:48; WDCG-1310 Tenn. fair o/ERM @ 7:25, rather far to the E for Auroral CX. 12/18- KENN-1390 N.M. w/Christmas mx, fair o/WMIN splash @ 6:42pm. That's all the DX I've hears so far, a total of 1,102 stations, over 1,050 of them on my Realistic TRF portable. My New Year's Resolution is to send ERC at least a dozen 1971 Musings, how about some of you who seldom report? Send a Musing NOW!

DR. RICHARD E. WOOD - Louisiana State University - Dep't of Foreign Languages - Baton Rouge, Louisiana - 70803

The occasional verie for Hawaiian reception still trickles in. Latest, KIIS-1150 v/l, address unchanged from KRKD, i.e. 1050 Montecito Dr., KPOK-1330 Ore., likewise unchanged from old KPOJ, KRML-1410 Cal. v/r, rather proud of this one, & then a nice v/l from KSRC-1290 N.M. for #12 verified from that state out of 13 heard in Hawaii. KRML was my 95th Cal. verified, & w/quite a few trickling in as a result of f/lups, I hope to hit the 100 mark. I could have done it more easily if I had bothered to report some of the Cal. regulars like KFKK when in Hawaii. Sincere congratulations to Page Taylor on his delightful IPRT article, a fine combination of useful factual information & entertaining writing style. I did not make it to Conrad's or Schatz's for Christmas, unfortunately. I will be more active in DX in the New Year.

GARY ATKINS - 2200 West Burnett Avenue - Louisville, Kentucky - 40210

First off, I'd like to apologize for being so careless in my last Musing. The CJOE listed on 1570 should have been CHLO, & the WGM5 on 710 should have been WGES. I guess I could have given a little into also, as it was my first report. I'm 30 years old & single, & work in the supply department of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. Since last Musing I've added 21 new ones to bring total to 1,001. Most of them were Cubans & Mexicans I've never taken time to log before. Among the others were: WMOC-1550 11/28 @ 5:50pm. 12/5- WJRB-1570 @ 5:33pm; KNCD-1600 w/s/off @ 6:15; KWED-1580 w/s/off @ 6:23. 12/6- WJKY-1060 w/s/off @ 5:30. 12/7- WMRO-1280 @ 1:10am; WPRA-990 @ 4am s/on in SG/EE; WWOL-1120 w/r/c @ 4:10am using RS-type program; PJD2-1295 @ 4:20am w/religion. 12/12- KCRG-1600 @ 6:15pm. 12/16- KULY-1440 w/f/c @ 2:45. 12/21- HJBT-840 @ 2am, & finally WYLS-1350 York, Ala. on 12/22 w/ET @ 1:25 covering usual WSIR. Veries in from KICX KORL WCM5 & WCPC. 73s till next time.

NANCY GANTZER

DX of late includes: 12/6- WNCE-1060 Ia. @ 5:58-6pm w/no KYW. 12/8- WNNR-620 W.Va. @ 7:25pm. 12/10- ID from WPDJ-750 W.Va. @ 4:19pm followed by WHEB-750 N.H. 4:21-4:45, ID @ 7:59 of WVNJ-620 N.J. & WPRO-630 R.I. 8:15-8:45. 12/11- WEEZ-1590 Pa. @ 7pm. 12/15- 9:25pm, XEQR mixing w/WBZ. Happy New Year, all.

WE ASK YOU MEMBERS PLEASE TO OMIT FROM YOUR MUSINGS REPORTS ANYTHING ADDRESSED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER UNLESS IT IS IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION HE MAY HAVE POSED EARLIER. AND - PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING IN YOUR MUSINGS REPORTS WHICH YOU KNOW WILL BE DELETED BY YOUR EDITOR, WHICH WILL OFFEND ANY MEMBER IF PRINTED.

DICK TRUAX - 5101 Tamarock Drive - Charleston, West Virginia - 25312

If things could get any better since my last Muse, then they have now. DX has been just outstanding in the last two weeks w/my total logged in W.Va. now at 998 as I type this 12/21. First of all there is a pirate on 1610 from the Cincinnati area noted last three Sunday eves @ 9pm mixing w/RAB beacon. Format is rr & genuine ads for places in Cincy. IDs given frequently but usually down in noise each time. DJ sounds like same fellow heard in Lexington Ky. o/a year ago, so they have a coverage area of at least 200 mile radius. Down to legal DX: 12/9- WOOF-560 Ala. s/off @ 5:45pm o/semi-local WJIS; WKRG-710 Ala. w/ID & NX @ 5:55pm w/WOR nulled. MM 12/14 proved to be best MM for several years w/16 new loggings: WELI-960 Conn. r/c @ 1:10am, XECO-1380 D.F. indeed is easy to mistake for now silent WENX as others have noted, in like a rock @ 2:04am. I did note WEDD-1330 was on most of morn - perhaps replacing WENX? Then my best Cal. catch to date - KWOW-1600 Cal. w/c/w & ID @ 2:18am w/no sign of WWRL/CJRN. Luck ran out quickly though as CJRN was bzck as usual by 2:30am killing all chances for needed KLAK. XELZ-1440 D.F. was in well @ 2:35am w/nice ID & mx. Best DX of morn was HRVF-640 Honduras w/two nice IDs u/Cuban @ 2:54am, then @ 3:08 what I thought to be XEOY turned out to be PRB9 in Sao Paulo as strong as the missing XEOY. Turning back to 1380 @ 3:45am yielded HI--- D.R. w/nice ID & mx for what I thought had been XECO. Later that day Auroral CX continued w/KVOL-1330 La. w/rr & ID @ 6:05pm, KLLA-1570 La. s/off @ 6:18 & KWED-1580 Tex. s/off @ 6:34pm all alone. KWBA-1360 Tex. w/ID @ Mutual NX @ 7pm w/no sign of peset WSAI & just a trace of WKAT Fla. 12/16- KUSH-1600 Okla. s/off @ 6:15pm. 12/21- No sign of the WINR-680 DX, too much KNER. WEDH-850 Mass. noted @ 3:30am w/ID & NX, never heard at any location before; WAZY-1410 Ind. TEST u/WING w/ID @ two CW IDs @ 4:04am. That's it for now; more later from the heart of the Mountain State.

BILL RACZKO - Route 2 - Box 70 - Frankfort Road - Swanton, Ohio - 43558

Hi group! It's been a while, so here I am. I've been less active this season & really just never got around to Musing. On 8/28 I got married, & we now live in rural Swanton, about ten miles W of Toledo. DX is good here, as the nearest stations are at least 15 miles away. Here's the little bit of DX I have heard: 9/27- KRDS-1190 11:11pm. 10/8- YSC-1015 R. Internacional 7:18pm, PJA6-925 R. Victoria 7:28pm. 10/15- R. Montserrat-885 7:15pm, unnn, but first time heard in the evening. 11/22- WOGA-1540 s/off 5:30pm; WQIK-1090 5:47pm. 11/30- WMTS-810 7:01am. 12/1- CBEF-540 (heard many times but never logged) 7:03pm, PJA5-1435 R. Kelboom 7:12pm. 12/2 (What a morning!) WOFB-1530 8:17am, WINW-1530 8:24am, WFIC-1530 8:40am, WTHM-1530 8:46, WQVA-1530 8:57am (1530 frolic!), WQVA-1550 @ 9:33am, WNR5-1290 9:58, WLRO-1380 10:04am. Totals now (heard only, as I don't collect veries any more) Stations 1147, states 48, provinces 10, countries 42. That's all - 73 & peace.

ROBERT E. FISCHER - Box 94 - Newark, Delaware - 19711

Well, since I've moved, no DX to report as of late w/all the usual humble jumble of moving & relocating. I'm now a meteorologist w/the Weather Bureau at Wilmington, Del. & expect to be here for one-wo years, then transfer to a higher level position. CX for DX look good here except for the much greater concentration of locals & pests than in Colorado. Noise level is generally low except for TVI from 4-10pm daily & all day Sat. & Sun, so late evening I early AM DX CX should be good locally. I paid a visit to John Wilson, fellow NRCer in Wilmington on 12/20 & listened to his HQ-180. I tried for several TAs but no luck due to HNL & fluorescent lights which just obliterate the BCB at his location. I'd like to hear from HQ-180 owners as to how they like their equipment. Also, is there any good place near here (like in Philly) where I can pick up a new one? I guess the next few weeks will be spent cleaning up the locals & pests with the RCA. All for now & good DX to everyone.

WE CLOSED OUT "MUSINGS OF THE MEMBERS" ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, DUE TO HEAVY DATES COMING UP DURING THESE HECTIC HOLIDAYS. MANY LETTERS COMING IN HERE TOOK OVER A FULL WEEK TO BE DELIVERED, SO IF YOUR MUSING DOES NOT APPEAR HERE, IT IS PROBABLY STILL ON THE WAY BY TOONERVILLE TROLLEY TO BROOKLYN. PATIENCE! ERC.

DAVID SCHMIDT - WHOT - 401 North Blaine - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

Not very much happening in the line of DX. At work, I have noted XEM-1580 on till about lam or later w/a "Down Home" c/w mx show, asking for listener response and also mention of going AN if response is favorable. If they go AN, then kiss 1580 goodbye! Veries: v/q- WREC-600, WPUV-1580 CKCK-620. v/f- WCRV-1580-TEST. The WILM DX TEST went well, and thanks to all who reported & Tim Davisson and Karl Scholt who called. By the way, if you didn't send return postage with your report, don't expect a verie. Be watching for a TEST up-coming from WXUR again. This time they will probably get out. WIXY-1260 is now NSP. I hope '71 is a DX-filled new year to all, & the CX will get better. And, the WHOT "Hawaiian Good Luck Sign" goes to George Greene, Tim Davisson, Bob Ligon, Rick Briggs, & Jim Crislip who have all plagued me with visits to the WHOT Night Site. Big Al has never sounded better, hi! 73S.

CARTER SCHOLE - 3 Somerset Road - Tenafly, New Jersey - 07670

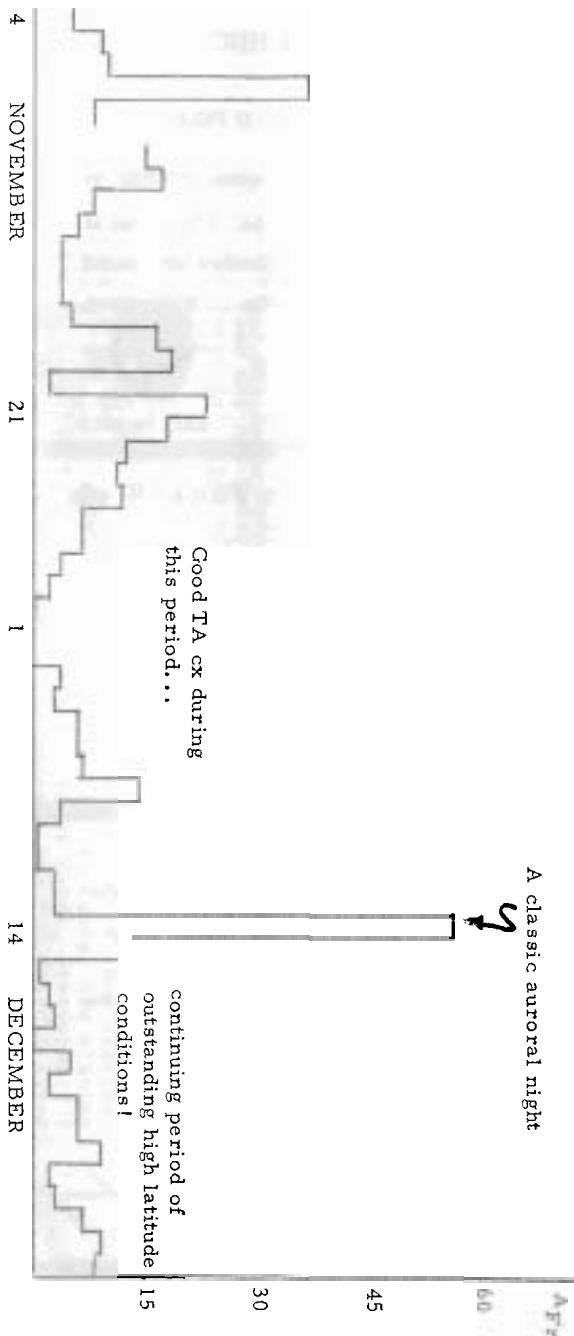
Felicitations from WIFY-land. After noticing our two local pirates off for a while (WNOV & WFSH-1615a) & assuming David Popkin had done his duty, WNOV popped back on (or "floated" back on, as their DJ says) on MM 12/14 & stayed till 2. I finally got down to some serious DX & pushed the log above 300, all on MM 12/14: WICY-1380 St. Pete @ 1, signing off. WKIX-950 TEST w/incredible signals (e/20db e/WCRS) CJCB-1270 N.B. @ 1:30, & a much-welcome relief from WMLB stop yielded WARM-1600 @ 1:47 & CERN @ 2:02. Shortly after WQV-1320 was logged @ 2:15, I turned in, but alas, I got nailed the following morn by Mr. Chen (in joke). BBC-121a was quite good @ 12:30, but gone by about 2. Also, mystery FF on 1290, quite weak. Who be this? And who's on 1560, MoR, w/a call that sounds like WIP? All alone @ 12:30. 570 SS was R. Rambo, I assume. About the Wkrs' Beverage; all will attest that, with the proper beverage, anything can be logged, WIFY notwithstanding.

STAN MORSE - Route 3 - Bradford, Massachusetts - 01830

CEEM-740 s/cn weekdays @ 4:30. Reports should be sent to CHN-640 as there is only an engineer on duty at CEEM, a satellite of CHN.

HERBERT R. COOPER - 438 East 21 St. - Carrier Route 23 - Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

Vetic on a business card, plus a big long roll of tape, from R. Central, Maracay, Venezuela, on 970 is the only one in since the fine v/1-SS from HILR-060, Santo Domingo. Some DX, as follows: MM 12/21- The 1090 SS is that same guy that was there last season, w/never a definite ID, only Caracas. They were B-7 around 2:52am. On 1090 @ 2:50am, I was flabbergasted by hearing "Blanca Navidad" vocal at B-9 volume, and I was envisioning a sensational new catch, only to find it was merely a song on the CHM AN clank! XEM-730 was AN w/few IDs, & I wasted about 1/2 hour there. Guyana-560 was good today, just w/ WPIL @ 3:47-4:16am, for a second try for a verie. WJAM's OC testing was the loudest signal on the frequency, though. Hey Ron Schatz, can't you quiet them down these good MMs, hi? Also a log on Jamaica-580 @ 4:44-4:52 w/WKAA, R. Holoj. Christmas morn, 12/25, was also good to me w/SSes. The 1225 Costa Rican was in quite good A 12:26, for a report, at last. Also, a fine log on "La Voz del Atlantico" 1146, Puerto Cortes, Honduras, AN, logged 12:41-1:23am. Then, one heard last Christmas too, R. Libertad-553a, San Jose, Costa Rica AN for Christmas, & logged 2:31-3:02am. Earlier, they were not there (before midnight) but Tic-Tac-555 was, as I heard their ID clearly, but not enough to report. No chance to DX on MM 12/26, too popped from visiting relatives to get out of bed to tune and still rise & shine for work. I had my HQ-100 completely re-aligned by a local radio mechanic recommended by local NRC'er David Copeland & he did a great job on mine! I got the 1146 SS on 12/25 with no slopover from WJAM-1130, 50kw local, where I always had in the past, as one example. He'd like other work in this area, if anyone needs a realignment. I've ordered the Worcester Ferrite Loop, & this was after a demonstration here by David Copeland of his, hooked up to my RX. It beat my present loop by at least double volume on nearly every station logged - that was good enough to sell me- I eagerly await mine! C U N 7!



This graph shows the daily values of AFI, the Fredericksburg index of geomagnetic/auroral disturbance in the Earth's magnetic field. High values of AFI occur during a heavy influx of electrically charged particles into the upper atmosphere as the result of certain types of solar disturbances. The medium-wave signal absorption produced by one of these events is strongest in high latitudes and persists for some days following the initial particle influx. Values of AFI above about 20 are inevitably associated with high levels of absorption along high-latitude TA and TP signal paths. Very high values (above about 40) are usually accompanied by E-layer blanketing over North America and Europe; on such a night stations from the South will appear to dominate most channels. Long periods of low geomagnetic/auroral activity are necessary but not sufficient to guarantee excellent high latitude TA and TP reception - other ionospheric effects such as the "Midwinter Anomaly" may effectively mask what would otherwise be periods of excellent reception on high latitude paths during periods of continued low geomagnetic/auroral activity.

RADIO STATION KHBC

HILO, HAWAII

THE BIG ISLAND — KA HOME O PELE

We are happy to verify the reception of KHBC by
Mr. Relfe E. Lutcm on the 5th day of
November 19 48 and therefore have caused
the seal of Pele — Hawaiian Goddess of Fire — to be fixed.

ALOHA NUI LOA INA HOA ALOHA
MA KE LA AOA O KE HAI
Robert W. Moore
Chief Engineer, KHBC

SEAL OF PELE

See Page 4



CONRAD FROM MY! :

WISA

a. m. 1390 k. c. 1000 W day 500 night
f. m. 101.5 m. c. 8460 Watts

ISABELA, PUERTO RICO

Your reception report has been received and we
can confirm that you received our transmissions on
June 24, 1963 at 0200-0230 ZT.

Thank you for your interest in our station.

Cordially yours,

Ronald S. Ashing
Chief Engineer

REPORT FROM COLOMBIA

by José M. Rangel N.
(Cúcuta, Colombia)

- 800 R. Atalaya, HJBW, Bucaramanga, Santander. 10 kW. Not on 810.
(Heard lately on 790)
1040 R. Tropical, HJAI, Barranquilla, Atlántico. 5 kW. Caracol.
Change of name from R. Quince.
1050 La Voz del Llano, HJKS, Villavicencio, Meta. 10 kW. From 1200.
Also change of call from HJBX.
1100 Armonías de San Gil, HJMO, San Gil, Santander. 1 kW. New sta-
tion.
1130 Ondas del Río, HJNH, Magangué, Bolívar. 1 kW. (Heard on 1148)
1150 R. Sutatenza, (Acción Cultural Popular), HJGJ, Belencito, Bo-
yacá, have been regarded as unnecessary, 810 covers the area,
therefore eliminated.
1160 Voz del Simá, HJAZ, Montería, Córdoba. 5 kW. This is the real
name and not Emisoras Simá. (Heard lately on 1150).
1190 Ondas del Meta, HJBX, Villavicencio, Meta. 10 kW. Change of
call.
1220 R. Quince, HJFV, Barranquilla, Atlántico. 10 kW. A change of
name from La Voz del Litoral. Caracol.
1310 La Perla del Pacífico, HJJO, Tumaco, Nariño. 1 kW. New station.
1320 La Voz del Cinaruco, HJLZ, Arauca, Arauca. 1 kW. New station.
1330 K. Andagoya, HJJZ, Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca. New station
1330 Emisora San Eugenio, HJLD, Santa Rosa de Cabal, Risaralda. 1
kW. This is the real name, not Emisora Río San Eugenio (from
1300).
1330 La Voz del Chicamocha, HJWQ, Pidecuesta, Santander. 1 kW. Not
in Bucaramanga.
1340 R. Regalos, HJFA, Soledad, Atlántico. A new name from Cadena
Radial del Caribe.



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Greetings once again from the land of overwork, tiredness, noise, loop feed-line problems and general lack of motivation. My New Year's resolution for 1971 will be to become so systematic about DX'ing that I don't get discouraged as to what to listen to on one of the rare AM's w/ good ex & low noise level. Otherwise I'd have to specialise in either domestic or foreign or West ern Hemisphere or some such. Gretch !!

Midnight to sunrise

- 540 WBAK-Ga Strong o/CRK on ET w/TT, rr MM 12/21 0243-0300+ (Steve Kamp, San Jose, Ca.)
- 560 KPQ -Ma W/ MoR 12/20 0516-0531 (Kamp)
- 610 WSHW-Al Hrd 0525-35 atop freq. Killing pests WIP-WYWN-WDAF w/ Drake format rr. (Wes Boyd, Youngstown, Ohio) ** Sonahow, I always reverse these two stupid letters there...RJE
- 600 WIDD-Fl Hrd w/ talk 0150-0205 o/above & regular pests 12/15 (Boyd)
- 600 KGW -Or Hrd o/CRK's Xmas mx, w/ talk 0330-45 12/26 (Page Taylor, Butler, N.J.) ** He's at it again, folks - I'd be happy enuf to hear CRK or KXAB, but w/ his quiet he hears this-RJE
- 630 WUPD-MO Ad follo by ID 2340 12/22 (Taylor) **Hah! One I've hrd-RJE
- * 580 CKWV-On ID following long promo 0320 12/26 (Taylor) ** Hah! again.
- * 710 KPTH-Co Unbelievably off MM 12/14, ET'ing ard 0300 w/TT, maybe an SP?? (Blake Lawrence, Canon City, Co) ** So what'd you get w/that off??-RJE
- 730 CJBH-On Hrd o/off 0009 12/3 & 12/4, annod. // CKNB-1340, 250w. (Gray Serlageour, Toronto, Ont., Canada)
- CHEN-MO Strong on 12/5 & 12/12 ard 0130 after hockey games, (Gray)
- 740 WRAM-Al Hrd ET w/ID 0253 12/6 (Gray)
- 790 WFUN-Fl Hrd 0055-0110 w/ mx, rr & PSA's (pub svcs annct's -RJE) wall o/WTAB,WQXI,WAKI,WBC, etc. (Boyd) ** Presumably the "etc." includes such pests as WABE 77 -RJE
- 850 WKIX-MO Easy log on tent 12/14 0100 even w/ EOA atop HJXC (Gray)
- 860 KOAM-Ka Hrd w/ET 0117 on, 12/23 w/TT, repeated ID's @0118, mx, and more TT, etc. (Lawrence)
- 900 NLMQ-MI Hrd 21/TT w/ ID 0028 12/16. TT was a la WWV. (Taylor)
- 910 WCHD-SC Hrd o/a WBWL 0552-0600 w/ typical Sunday AM junk pgs & instr. mx 12/13. (Boyd)
- 920 WJAH-RI Hrd 0420-30 w/next one, o/WOHL etc. 12/13 (Boyd)
- * WSHW-Fl Killing local WSHI (whops, semi-local -RJE) Is not on HI anymore... (Boyd)
- WGST-Ga On RS 0315 12/14 fair, w/ fades (Gray)
- 940 WSHW-Va ET hrd 12/3 0047+ w/ CHM (Gray)
- 960 GPAC-Ab Hrd a/9 on 12/6 0115-0305 (Gray)
- KOOL-Az Strong w/ KABI inexplicably off 12/22 w/ MoR 0353-0400, mx/wx to 0305 (Kamp)
- KALE-Wa Hrd w/ KOOL looped, w/rr 12/22 0440-0453 (Kamp)
- 990 KTKT-Az Hrd w/rr 0250 12/21 (Page) ** Must be nice to have no WING QRM... RJE

- 1350 R. Península, HJOK, Maicao, Guajira.
- 1350 R. Festival, HJHL, Ibagué, Tolima. 1 kW. New station.
- 1350 La Voz de la Candelaria, HJDS, Medellín, Antioquia. Not in Bello.
- 1360 Emisora La Popa, HJMW, Cartagena, Roldívar. 1 kW. New station.
- 1380 R. Veinticuatro (24), HJMW, Valledupar, Cesar. 1 kW. New station.
- 1390 R. Yarumal, HJLN, Yarumal, Antioquia. 1 kW. New station.
- 1400 La Voz de la Gran Colombia, HJBR, Villa del Rosario, Norte de Santander. 1 kW. Only offices are in Cúcuta.
- 1420 R. Guanantá, HJNR, San Gil, Santander. 1 kW. New station.
- 1440 Ondas de Ríohacha, HJBZ, Ríohacha, Guajira. 1 kW. Not on 1430.
- 1440 La Voz Karla, HJZH, Envigado, Antioquia. 1 kW. Not in Medellín.
- 1450 R. Mancomotán, HJMX, El Carmen, Bolívar. New station.
- 1470 Emisora Valles Unidos, HJHQ, Ubaté, Cundinamarca. 1 kW. New station.
- 1480 R. Palonegro, HJTZ, Lebrija, Santander. 3 kW. Not in Bucaramanga. (Heard on 1465).
- 1480 R. Quince, HJTX, Girón, Santander. 1 kW. Not in Bucaramanga. (From 1270. Heard lately on 1465)
- 1510 La Voz del Sureste, HJWA, Jericó, Antioquia. 1 kW.
- 1510 La Voz Panamericana, HJHX, Floridablanca, Santander. 1 kW. Not in Bucaramanga.
- 1550 La Voz Porteña, HJAX, Puerto Colombia, Atlántico. 1 kW. Formerly R. Corporación Barraza.
- 1560 R. Copacabana, HJTX, Copacabana, Antioquia. 250 watts. Not in Medellín.
- 1580 R. Curramba, HJQZ, Soledad, Atlántico. 1 kW. New station.
- 1580 Armonías Zipaquereñas, HJKF, Zipaquirá, Cundinamarca. Not Armonías Zipaquereña.
- 1590 La Voz de la Música, HJJP, Envigado, Antioquia. 1 kW. Not in Medellín.

- 1140 CKXL-Ab Hrd w/ wx for Calgary & Southern Alberta 0248 12/21 (Page)
KLUC-Nv Finally logged on ET/mx w/ ID 0309 12/28 MM (Page)
- 1190 WAMB-Tn ET/mx 12/14 hrd 0148-0159 tune-out. (Gray) Hrd again 12/21 & 12/28 w/ apparently the same tape as past MM's, gets to be a pest (Page)
- 1230 KDZA-Co Hrd w/ET 0307-0315 w/ varying TT, no ID's, but by strength, could be no one else. (Lawrence)
- 1260 WEZE-Ma Long-wanted hrd 0131-0140 12/14 o/u W.DC-WIXY-WMDR-etc. (Boyd)
+ WIXY-Oh Now on MM's. I guess MSP to battle WGAR. Just what I need. (Boyd) ** Oh, maybe now I can pull 'em out from under WNDZ, hi -RJE
- 1300 KR0P-Ca Exc. w/ c&w, record offer 0153 12/12 (Lawrence)
- 1380 KGMS-Ca Hrd wk. w/ wx 0306 12/14 (Lawrence)
- 1440 KEWL-Ka Strong s/on 0605, intro rr to tune-out 0614 12/21 (Kamp)
WGEM-IL Fair 12/21 0634-38 fade w/ Ae rx,wx, ID, & MoR (Kamp)
KPUR-Tx W/rr & SID's w/ KEWL looped 12/22 0525-37 (Kamp)
- 1450 WILM-De Mostly u/ WEN2, fair to good copy for much of test 12/14 (Boyd)
WENZ-Va Tried for test, but, natch, no soap. (Paul Hart, Ft. Worth, TX)
On top most of AM w/ rr & r&b. (Boyd) 12/14. ** As they are usually thruout much of the East - RJE
- 1500 WKER-NJ ET/OC 0010-0100 w/ 1kw XR 12/16 (Page)
- 1560 KPMC-Ca Hrd 0245 12/26 w/ c&w, app. a format change. (Page)
- 1580 unID Hrd 12/12 0121-30 w/ TT. Breaks @ 0124,26,28 & off @ 0130, no ID's hrd, is this WCCR's r/c. (Lawrence) ** Dunno - RJE

sunrise & daytime

- + 730 WFMW-Ky S/on observed 0655 12/14, anncd on w/ 300 w. PSA to 0800, when up to full 500 watts. Log lists at 1 kw. (Hart)
- 910 WLAS-NC Hrd s/on 0600-0605 12/13 w/ rx & ads (Boyd)
- 930 WLLL-Va Hrd 0607-15 w/ rx, PSA's, instr. mx. 12/13 (Boyd)
- + 1020 KSWB-NM Hrd s/on 0800 12/20, so has Su M SP too (Hart)
- 1350 KMAN-Ka Fair sig on PSA pwr 0725 12/13 (Lawrence)
- + 1450 WMBH-Mo S/on observed 0600 12/14, so not NSP as listed (Hart)

sunset & evening

- 730 KSVN-Ut W/mx 1857 to 1859 s/off 12/22 (Kamp)
- 790 KBRV-Id W/Xmas mx 12/22 1825-32 (Kamp)
KGMI-Wa W/Ae commentary, state rx/wx 12/22 1928-33 (Kamp)
WMC -Tn Hrd 12/11 1900 ID, then rx buried u/KGHL, KCEE (Lawrence)
- 910 KLCN-Ar Hrd 12/22 s/off 1758 (Page)
- 920 KARK-Ar Hrd 12/11 1851 exc. w/ MoR (BL)
- 1060 KGFY-SD Hrd 12/13 1747 w/ c&w (BL)
- 1140 KLUC-Nv S/off hrd 1930 u/ hvy QRM for 1st Nv. 12/20 (Hart)
- 1260 KWYR-SD Hrd 12/13 1733 w/ SD sx (BL)
- 1310 KOKX-Ia Clr ID 12/11 1827 as "Tri-State Radio" (Lawrence) ** Oh, another one of those... -RJE
- 1490 KBLF-Ca W/ski rpt 12/18 2052-2100 (Kamp)
- 1510 KIRV-Ca Hrd w/ local ads 12/19 1848-51 fade. (Kamp)
- 1540 KASA-Az Hrd w/ religion 12/18 1905-17 s/off no SSB (Kamp)
- 1550 KOBY-Nv W/ MoR 1925-1930 s/off 12/18 (Kamp)
- 1580 WCCR-IL Hrd atop channel @ 1730 s/off 12/12 (Page)

+CHANGES, only one - 1440 KPRO-Ca, is off AN, per Kamp

- 2nd Tu: WVID-1270 ; 2nd Wm: KDTH-1370; WHUB-1400; WBEJ-1240
2nd Sa: WCCR-1580 ; 2nd Sa: KNLV-1060; KBLI-1240;
3rd Tu: KUDI-1450 ; 2nd FM: KXIT-1410; KOKX-1310;
3rd Wm: KPEL-1420 ; 3rd Th: *WMMT-1520;
3rd FM: WRA-1590 (is quarterly 1,6,9,12); WFOY-1240; WBBK-1260; WLET-1420;
KHS-1230; WJW-1250; WAFB-900;
4th Wm: WTOP-1240; WMB-1590; WWS-1450; WMS-1050; KSYL-970; WPH-1440;
WTFP-1500; WBAK-1400 (is 2-3,6,9,12); WLY-1340; WSCB-1490; KREY-690; *WMB-570;
4th Tu: WPD-810; WAIT-1510; WABH-1150;
4th FM: WNPV-1440; 4th Su: KCKV-1480;
4th Sa: KINL-1270; KSRA-960; *KSVP-990;

All checks marked w/ an asterisk (*) are new to NRC, times, etc. listed next issue as space permits

So much for this time, a shortie due to the USPOD's Thursday-noon to Monday morning holiday, gee thanks, R&N. Since I expect more of the same for New Year's weekend, deadline is again advanced to Monday, to assure (hopefully) timely arrival of this at HQ. It's mailed 1000 EST Tues. 12/29. Possibly, the long weekend last week delayed last column beyond deadline, and it's also possible thi's'll miss. If so, I'll know by phone, and simply "skip" a column in early Jan., leaving more space for the UPDATER & other goodness.

G. Sherman sends along comments, additions, etc. for DX'ing the 50 states, also, I've one correction of a typo sent by B. Lawrence, so those'll be soon upcoming.

73's RJE RJE

Radio Geronimo Gets Scalped

MONACO—Radio Geronimo, until October 31st, was a progressive music program broadcasting from midnight to 3 AM on weekends over Radio Monte Carlo. The British government's stranglehold on radio broadcasting was gotten around by taping the programs in London and mailing them to Monte Carlo for broadcast on a bona fide wavelength. In ten months of operation, Geronimo had gained a loyal and growing audience of people who tuned in for music they couldn't get anywhere else on the radio.

But on Halloween the faithful who tuned into the Geronimo spot on the dial got nothing but static. Radio Geronimo had disappeared without a trace and without warning. It just was no more.

What happened, according to Tony Secunda, chairman of Radio Geronimo, is that Radio Monte Carlo, without notice, refused to play the weekend's tapes, declaring that the station's association with Geronimo was finished. Geronimo has been off the air since then.

This was all quite legal. The "trial agreement" between the two parties ended on October 31st, and it was Geronimo's tough luck that Radio Monte Carlo decided not to renew the agreement.

"Radio Geronimo was a failure," says Maurice Gardett, a Radio Monte Carlo official. "We gave them a fair trial and low time rates, but they just didn't make it."

This makes Radio Monte Carlo sound like a benevolent uncle giving the kids a chance, but the fact is that Radio Geronimo was paying \$1500 to \$2000 a week-end for broadcast time that Monte Carlo hadn't even used for 15 years before Geronimo started last January.

Even more interesting is that immediately after jerking Geronimo off the air as a "failure," Radio Monte Carlo announced that it would start its own music program in exactly the same time slot. The program, called Radio Monte Carlo International, has hired a couple of disc jockeys, and Gardett says the plan is to start with weekends and go to daily broadcasting later. The programming is supposed to start out with Top 40 music and then move on to heavier stuff.

Secunda, who used to manage the Move and the Moody Blues, denies that Radio Geronimo was a failure when it was cut off. He says the show was about breaking even and that negotiations were under way with Radio Monte Carlo to expand Geronimo's air time.

"We pioneered the show and proved that there is an audience after midnight," Secunda says, "and now with this legal rip-off Radio Monte Carlo thinks it can capitalize on our work." He says that Ringmaker Music, a company financed by himself and Jimmy Miller, producer of the Rolling Stones, spent \$60,000 developing Radio Geronimo. When it went off the air, he claims, Geronimo had between two million and six million listeners, although this has never been confirmed by a survey. The program's income came from about 2500 subscribers and its mail-order sales of records, posters and other merchandise.

But Radio Geronimo is far from dead, says Secunda. About 30 letters of protest from faithful listeners have been pouring in daily, he says, and Radio Geronimo will take to the air again around the first of the year from a new Continental location. Secunda says Geronimo has up to \$1.2 million (dollars) backing from unidentified sources with which to build its own transmitter. The new Radio Geronimo will open up with the same type of broadcasting, only more of it, he says, and will add new programming.