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### PLUG FROM THE OLD DOMINION STATE

Since joining the NRC last week I have enjoyed receiving the NRC "DX NEWS" publications, which I think is the best BCB publication devoted to the DXer. Glad Wayne Alcott told me about the NRC! - Bruce G. Lyeth - 110 Hill Street - Hampton, Virginia

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### D X C A L E N D A R

		kc/s		Watts	A.M. E.S.T.
Wed. Jan. 11	K A R E	1470	Atchison, Kansas (band music)	5,000	3:00 - 3:30 NNRC
Mon. Jan. 16	K B Z Z	1400	La Junta, Colorado (See P. 2)	250	3:00 - 3:30 N R C
	16 K W O W	1600	Pomona, California (See P. 2)	500	3:00 - 3:30 N R C
	16 W S A J	1340	Grove City, Pennsylvania	100	3:30 - 4:00 NNRC
Mon. Jan. 23	K A G O	1150	Klamath Falls, Oregon	1,000	3:00 - 3:30 N R C
Fri. Jan. 27	W N B T	1490	Wellsboro, Pennsylvania	250	12:45 - 1:30 NNRC
Mon. Jan. 30	W R A W	1340	Reading, Pennsylvania	250	3:30 - 4:00 NNRC
	30 C J M T	1420	Chicoutimi, Quebec	1,000	3:30 - 4:00 NNRC
Sat. Feb. 4	Y N O L	825	Managua, Nicaragua	15,000	6:00 - 7:00 NZDXRL
Mon. Feb. 6	C F O X	1470	Pointe Claire, Quebec	1,000	3:30 - 4:30 NNRC
	6 W A Z L	1490	Hazleton, Pennsylvania	250	4:00 - 4:30 NNRC
Mon. Feb. 13	W R I P	980	Rossville, Georgia	500	4:00 - 4:45 N R C
Mon. Feb. 20	C F B C	930	Saint John, New Brunswick	5,000	3:30 - 4:30 NNRC

### HEARD NEW LAST TWO WEEKS

570	C F C B	Corner Brook, Newfoundland	1340	K S K I	Sun Valley, Idaho
600	C F C H	(not CKCH as in 12/24 issue)	1430	W N E L	Now 1,000/500 U-1 ex-1450
1010	W I N Q	Tampa, Florida	1440	W P R S	Now 1,000 D-1
1070	W F L I	Lookout Mountain, Tennessee	1450	W H T C	Now 1,000/250 U-1
1130	K R D U	Now 1,000 U-3, ex-1240 kc/s.		W W R I	Now 1,000/250 U-1
1250	K M S L	Ukiah, California		W R C O	Now 1,000/250 U-1
1310	K G M T	Fairbury, Nebraska	1490	W R N B	Now 1,000/250 U-1
1320	W A T R	Now 5,000/1,000 U 4	1540	K C U L	Now 50,000 daytime XR.

### VERIE SIGNERS SENDERS-IN (LIST, PAGE 2)

A - Ev Johnson	D - (unsigned)	G - Len Kruse
B - Hal Williams	E - Larry Godwin	H - Fran Nittler
C - Bruce Lyeth	F - George Huycke	I - Ralph Johanns
		J - Dennis Jarrett
		K - Lefty Cooper

		V E R I E		S I G N E R S			
550	W GfG A	Wilbert Darracott, CE	D	1270	W O R X	Roger Bradley, CE	J
	K Sfd	C. R. Yarger, CE	D	1290	K S R C	C. E. Franklin, GM	G
560	W QqA M	Jack Sandler	D	1300	W OfO D	Dale Wloters, ACE	D
570	W WfN C	Harvey Nations, CE	D	1310	W OfB A	Kenneth F. Schmitt, GM	D
580	K AfL B	Robert E. Miller, CE	D		W RfR	Mrs. Billie Davis, S/MD	D
	C K P R	J. P. Frieson, PD	F	1320	C H Q M	Robert Waldman/Service CE	F
	W G A C	James E. Clegg, CE	I	1340	C K O X	Paul Hunter, CE	F
590	C K A R	Murray A. Shields, CE	F	1360	K RfY S	Leo S. Burch, CE	D
600	W F S T	Gerald D. Johnson, CE	K		K XrO L	John R. Crouse, TSu	D
620	K WfF T	Lewis Dickensheets, ExecD	D	1380	W LfC Y	D. E. Kimberlin, ACE	D
	W SqU N	William J. Coddling, CE	D		W LfO S	George F. Sprague, CE	D
630	C KqR C	Roy T. Maguire, Stu E	D	1390	W TfJ S	Frank S. Proctor, M	D
680	C K G B	E. D. Mott, CE	F		W M P O	Roger Bennett, CE	J
	C H L O	William R. Onn, CE	F	1400	W C O S	Robert D. Lambert, Jr. CE	A
690	W NfN T	W. Dean Loudy, CE	C		C K C Y	J. H. Meadows, OpM	F
710	K E E L	R. C. Johnson, CE	A	1420	W KuC W	S. J. Hart, CE	A
730	K L O E	Paul Bateman, CE	E	1440	W RfA J	James Young	D
740	K RfM G	Rae Jones, S	D		W BfC M	W. L. Thompson, CE	D
790	K C E E	Ed Hepp, E	G		K DfN T	Harwell V. Shepard, O,M	D
800	C F O B	D. A. Fawcett, MD	F		W D O W	Richard Hedges, M	G
810	W K B C	Walter B. Harrold, CE	J	1460	W M B R	C. Roy King, CE	J
900	W LqS I	Roy Alexander, M	J		W F M H	B. C. Eddins, M	J
	W J I V	Michael F. Warth, CE	H		W AfI L	J. E. Van Valkenburg, CE	D
910	C K L Y	C. A. Gregory, AM	F	1470	C F O X	Bernard Freeley, CE	A
930	W MfG R	Henry D. Fitzgerald, PD	D	1500	C H U C	Gordon Earl, CM	I
940	W IqN Z	Russell Lee	D	1510	K OfO R	Ray Doane, CE	G
	C J G X	H. F. MadRae, CE	F	1550	W C T W	Francis A. Thompson, CE	G
980	X ErN R	Jose Fernandez Santos, M	H	1560	C F R S	Robert Watmough, CE	F
1050	C J I C	David K. Irwin, CE	H	1570	C HqU B	Lew Fox, CE	F
1150	C K X	E. H. Davies, CE	F		W P E P	Lawrence L. Prado Jr. CE	G
1210	W CfA U	Boudinot K. Sheppard, PD	C		K M A R	Si Willing, GM	A
1220	K O U R	Ronald L. Bushaw, E	K	1580	W A N B	Anthony Morrell	G
1230	C F P A	Ralph H. Parker, CE	F	1590	W E T T	J. G. Lenoir, SM	A
1270	W D L A	Charles B. Lissner, CE	B	1600	W HfL L	William Thalman, NxD	D

TWO BIG N.R.C. DXES ON MONDAY JANUARY 16th

K B Z Z - 1400 - La Junta, Colorado  
John Doenges, PD

"We will be most happy to conduct a special early morning DX program for the benefit of your members. This program will be broadcast as you suggested on Monday morning, January 16, 1961, starting at 1:00 a.m., MST, station time." It has been several YEARS since KBZZ has received a DX report and they would be most happy to receive reports from all over the country! KBZZ was formerly KBNZ and is probably needed by almost every NRC member, and with 1400 clear in the West, this ought to be a relatively easy logging over that sector, and they might slip into the East, too. Band music, tone modulation periods, and station information have been suggested, so here's wishing KBZZ luck in their DX, and reports should go to Mr. Doenges, whom we thank. FRANCIS H. NITTLER

K W O W - 1600 - Pomona, California  
Jim Flint, CE

On Monday morning, 1/16, from 3:00 to 3:30 EST (12:01-12:30 PST) KWOW will present a special DX broadcast. KWOW operates on 1600 kilocycles with 500 watts of power. A clear channel is almost assured for this DX, so it is hoped their signal will be heard coast to coast and vorder to border. It was in November of 1955 that this station changed its calls to KWOW, from KBUZ, so this is a first chance for many of our members to log them as KWOW. We do not have any information on the type of programming to look for, but since they are expected to be the only station on 1600 at the time, they should be easily recognized by all. Our thanks to Mr. Flint, to whom to write. LEW KRUSE

Hal Williams - 50 Third Avenue - Seymour, Connecticut

New stations logged and reported are: On 12/21 WDLA-1270 Walton, N.Y. heard on RS between 6:45-7:10 a.m. easily topping WSPR and needed for #146 logged in New York. 12/23- WCAW-680 Charleston, W. Va. heard on their AN programming with a signal that sounded like 250 kw. not 250 watts. 12/25- PLENTY of French and LAs on Christmas Spedals but I was for too tired to sit up and log them. I did log CHEF-1450 Granby, Que. briefly and all in French for a needed call. 12/26- The YNOL-825 DX Special was very well heard with TT QRM by the Twxans on 820 and after they finished, spillover QRM by HJED, Cali, Colombia, who by the way have never QSLed my 1959-60 report. Guess I'll send them another. WICC-600 was off the air before 3 a.m. but oncy WPDQ heard and they are not needed. Also unneeded KTOE-1420 Mankato, Minn. was heard after 3:30 on what seemed to be RS. 12/27- WKSK-1600 West Jefferson, N.C. again heard with ET/M and as they did not QSL my 8/15/60 report nor reply to my f/up of 12/13 I sent them another report. Just two lonely veries received, a QSL card from WBWL-950 for 3/21/60 f/c after a f/up and thanks to the v/s list for this one. V/1 WDLA-1270 Walton, N.Y. for #140 verified from New York State. As this is being typed (12:15 a.m. Friday 12/30) I realize that 1961 is very near and I wish for each of you a happy, prosperous 1961 with lots of good veries but more important, good health for you and your loved ones. One New Year 's Resolution I am making that I am really going to TRY to live up to and that is MORE VERIES in 1961 than in 1960, my worst year. 73.

Jim Ernst - 134 Edward Street - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Here I am in the studios of "Happy 1000" better known as CKBW. Have picked up some work over the vacation, and by the time this has been printed, will have worked about 30 hours on the air, plus about 80 at the store, so y'all see I am busy during vacation too! DX has been fair, and as my memory serves me, I go back to December 18, when I heard KIUA-1270 Santiago completely atop 12:55-1:00 s/off - report off. Next, YVND-970 S-9 1:12-1:35 s/off; KPRC-950 s/off 2:05 after WPEN, and to round out the morn, WIVI-970 (I'm fairly certain) weak on a f/c 2:08-2:13. Dec. 19- Good morn, with KXEO-1340 completely ruling that channel for its f/c, and a surprise; WAGN-1340 I believe heard on f/c 4:22-4:25 - hard to read though; WMFJ-1450 along on that frequency 4:33-4:39 fade out; KIUF-1340 heard 4:45-5:15, when I quit. It was all alone and coming in weak-fair, but only talking, but mention of "Dominicana" and "Radio Caribe" several times. Christmas AM I got WNEB-1230 and CFLM-1240 on AN, and maybe CKVD-1230. Veries in from WNLC, a QSL, and an extremely nice QSL letter and decal plus car banner from WNIK-1230. This is the kind all stations should send out. Will try to get f/ups off to HIF and LR-3 again, but I'm getting a bit disgusted. Will get tapes off to Jeff, Ernie, Phil and others as soon as time permits. A really bad fire here in Bridgewater wiped out 12 businesses, but fortunately it was in the West End of town, and CKBW was unhammed; we're in the East End. Guess I'll sign off, and wish all of you a Happy New Year, and thanks to those of you who sent me Christmas cards, but who never received one from me. Thanks Marv, Ernie and others. Time is just a bit on the cramped side. Am going seven days a week and will get three days off this vacation before going back to college. 73s for now, and the best of DX. Don't forget - Hamilton won't be blue in '62! Thanks to you boys for the Hamilton Spectator. I'm with ya! Remember - it's coming - soon! 73s.

Hary Epton- Box 4 - St. Patrice de Beauvillage, Quebec

Bonjour, mes amis. Hope that everyone had a good Christmas, and that lots of good DX was received. During the month I had some fair loggings, the following stations appearing on the 19th- WNTA-970 12:01 a.m. I caught the s/off of WELI-960 @ 12:30, but not enough for a log. WHOL-1600 @ 1:00 a.m. doing a f/c-TT. I had no luck with the D show from CJCJ (did they show?). Others logged were KTOE-1420 3:04 a.m. They were asking for telephone calls. WELM-1410 3:43 a.m. with a nice signal, WIVI-970 with their 4:25 a.m. s/on for a new country, very heavy QRM from WWSW and TIRH. WDEV-550 @ 5:05 a.m. s/on for Vermont #2 and that was it for that date. The rest of the month netted WISM-1480 12/24 @ 1:24 a.m., KWEW-1480 12/24 on a r/c-TT @ 2 a.m. This is a new state; KSO-1460 12/24 3:20 a.m. and also on 12/24 "Radio Jamaica" (Port Maria-750) @ 5 s/on completely atop WSB for ten minutes. This is a new country. Heard WJDY-1470 @ 4:25 a.m. s/on but faded quickly, then on 12/26 YNOL-825 @ 2 a.m. came through with their DX show for another new country. I really enjoyed reading that skit of the interview with Senor "Jimee O'Brien" of XERF, it must have been great to see. Len Kruse, for your info, CJLM-1350 and CJLR-1060 will not DX. Also many thanks for the cards

(Harv Epton) from Lefty, Murray, Sam, Art, Larry and Glen, they were appreciated. 73s for now.

Mike Silbert - 100 Winston Avenue - CONVENTION CITY '62

Hi all! I notice we have two members living on Annette Avenue, one in Toronto and one in Binghamton. The Indiana State Fair sounds mildly interesting in comparison to the Canadian National Exhibition, one of the extra attractions if you the members decide on Hamilton for '62, which I'm sure you will. The Canadian National Exhibition is the largest annual exhibition in the world. Its midway is over a mile long. It has a huge building devoted to electronics displays which has millions of dollars of equipment. At the "Ex," as it is called, you can see everything from the cross-section of a toilet seat to one million dollars in Canadian currency and gold bars. There are stations from Kingston to Wingham who have remotes there. About 50 hours of CBC Radio, and 25 hours of CBC Television network programming originates at the "Ex." Latest DX is 19/12/60 WNOR AN 2:00 a.m., WTAR AN 2:58, KTOE AN 3:26 over S-9, WMTN f/c, WEVA s/on 4:54, WLBR s/on 5:00, WGBA s/on 5:01 and WKCW RS @ 4:10. On 21/12 logged were WLCY @ 4:49 with the Joe Lee Show and WOBS Jacksonville Fla. @ 5:26. It got cold on Saturday and the thermometer dipped to -20°, a record for this date. The 20 below zero quite surpassed the previous record of 2 below. The following day, Christmas had a high of a balmy 41°. Some weather, hi! Well 73s from CONTENTION CITY '62 till next week.

Bud Barto - 3 Glenwood Avenue - Naugatuck, Connecticut

This being my first report to the NRC, I guess I'd better let the members know what I've been doing. My totals for the BCB are 1,254 stations heard with 403 QSLs. Heard 1,334 in U.S.A. and Canada. The rest are outside of continental U.S.A. I use an eight foot whip placed about 30 feet above ground. The receivers are HQ-100, S-107, Wayfarer and a Zenith. @n 1586 kc/s. have been hearing Radio Sofia in English dual to 9.7 mgs. S/off is 5 p.m. Is this a new channel or am I getting a harmonic? On 12/26 heard an ID in either French or English on 1438 kc/s. as "Radio Dakar" at 5:02 p.m. There used to be a station in Dakar on this frequency. Are they still on? An unID station has been heard @n 1538 kc/s. on 12/23 from 6:03-6:15 p.m. The language wasn't German - sounded more like an African dialect. Might again be Dakar. They use 10 kws. while the other Africans are 1 kw. Any help on this one? Also heard lately were WCPA-1100, TIRA-735, WNVA-1350 WIXI-1480 WGAD-1350 WKOZ-1350 KPOI-1380 WHEW-1600 WMEG/WBBB/WCTA 920; WOWW-860 has already tested but as for myself I haven't heard them. I think that Hank Wilkinson's LA idea is very good. I've written over 200 letters to LIAs, only have a few to show for it. Why not have a listing of the members' recent QSLs from LIAs? This may help us a little bit in knowing which stations QSL. Forgot to add I've heard 54 countries with 33 QSLed. The age here is 15. 73s. (Welcome to the NRC, Bud, and nice DXing! Let's have more! -Ed.)

C. M. (Stan) Stanbury II - Box 218 - Crystal Beach, Ontario

First about Lefty's beat frequency images. Would suggest reducing the sensitivity control slightly. If as I suspect, your set is overloading, this will get rid of most of them without any real loss in sensitivity. I have similar difficulties with my Hammarlund. Only one domestic logging, a surprise. CKSB-1050 St. Boniface, Man. heard briefly topping the channel at midnight on November 26. Now Hank Wilkinson asked for opinions on LA reporting and not being exactly bashful, will oblige, hi. I am convinced that reporting in Spanish is a definite plus. It shows the station that you are at least trying to speak his language. When using the NRC Spanish Report Form and the accompanying list of expressions, your grammar isn't going to be very far off. I also think PP cards have their place but not on your first report to a station. They are especially useful when I widely heard station has little or no clerical staff or for a station which is seldom heard and doesn't understand what is meant by verifying. The basic trouble however is none of these things. For me it is summed up every time I hear a DXer (?) either BCB or SW variety refer to a "Spñc." Know what I mean? PS-Thanks to Mike Silbert for that special issue of the Hamilton Spectator.

T. Devereux - R.R. # 3 - Alberni - British Columbia

After writing for a QSL card to KHVH Radio in Hawaii, their musical director wrote me and told me about the National Radio Club and its publication, the DX NEWS. Pete Taylor, the musical director, said this was a club of Broadcast Band DXers. I have also listened to New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Detroit, etc. I would appreciate any information you could give me on the operation of this Club. (Hello, T.D.; we hope you enjoy this issue of DX NEWS and that you will join up with us! \*Ed.)



Charles Ziegler - P.O. Box 1582 - Venice, Florida

Don Barone - Route 1 - Box 170 - Nokomis, Florida

Well gang here's a combination report from two Florida DXers. This is sort of overdue but at least it will get in sometime. Whoever said WTMP in Tampa changed to WJLP is all wrong. The reason this report is from both of us is we practically live together when I'm home from school in Miami. Before I left almost all of our DXing was done together at either of our houses. We hope to do some while I'm home for the holidays. New stations for me are KBUY-1010 WINQ-1010 KIUP-930 on r/c, KTKT-990. Veries are few. KIUP KTKT WLPM WJAZ on 1050 which was a PP card, WFRX on f/up report, KRKD. New stations for Charles are KOY-550 on RS, KGEM-1140 on RS, TGUX-1020 on RS in English, WINQ-1010 on RS. WINQ Tampa, Fla. on 1010 kc/s. came on the air for RS on 11/17/60 and are directional E/W. Veries are great being XERF (ha ha) KGMS KNOW WINQ WFCT WMGR WMGY WNUE WHOO KVOL KIUP WTMP KWRE KTOE WJOE WQXI KSYL WDBO WFOY and WITA for Puerto Rico #4. XERF sent a form letter in Spanish for a six month old report. Anyone who sent WFOY a report and didn't receive a verie should send in again as they have a new engineer and he is verifying all reports. Reports go to WFOY (1240 kc/s.) c/o Mark Manucy, Engineer, St. Augustine, Fla. Somebody mentioned having trouble from a verie from WQAM. Try again as they usually verify with a QSL card. Also somebody mentioned having WWTB changing to WSOL on 1300 kc/s. They have been under WSOL for about a year now. Getting veries back is a contest down here with C.Z. leading D.B. 644 to 603 (why not?) A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from two Florida DXers D.B. and C.Z. Does anybody have a copy of a record called "On Top of Old Smoky" who cares to get rid of it? C.Z. will buy. D.B. back again. I got old Charles a nice pet. I brought him back an iguana from Miami. He's 2 1/3 feet long. They make nice pets. In case any of you have been wondering why some of the Miami stations don't come in so good throughout the U.S. here's some info about them telling why. WQAM-560 5 kw. day, 1 kw. night, non-directional, WCKR-610 5 kw. straight and two towers to the North and South in their beam, WGBS-710 50 kw.-10 kw. and use four towers aiming NE/SW. WINZ-940 50 kw. - 10 kw. six towers, NW/SE. WMIE-1140, 10 kw. - 5 kw., six towers, E/W. WAME-1260 are three towers aiming E/W. WFAB-990 should go on air soon as their studios are already located. WGBS-710 now AN seven days, WMIE s/off 12:30 and s/on 5:00 WAME s/on 5:30. We both use Silvertone radios. His is ten tubes and mine six. But his very highly directional with a loop antenna. I go to an Electronics school called RETS in Miami so DXing sort of shot for me except for sending to stations not already verified and I average two or three a week. That's why C.Z. is ahead of me. Merry Christmas all and to all, good DXing. (Ha Ha.) Since one Musings report is 30 lines we're sending in 40 lines for two members. OK? (OK -Ed.)

G. Harley DeLeurere - 1 East 8 Street - Mounted Route 21 - Hobart, Indiana

Happy 1961! Veries since last report include the following: KVOM-800, Morrilton, Ark. WACT-1420, Tuscaloosa, Ala. (414 Tenth Street, P.O. Box 112); WJAM-1310, Marion Ala. (The address for this one is WJDB Radio, Inc., P.O. Box 757, Thomasville, Ala. The verie signer is Virgil Moore who is the CE of both WJAM and WJDB.); WLOU-1350 Louisville 8, Ky. (2549 South Third Street, Melrose 7-6531); WELL-1400, Battle Creek, Mich. (WELL is owned and operated by Southern Michigan Broadcasting Corp., 1000 Michigan National Bank Building, 1 West Michigan Avenue.); and WTVB-1590, Coldwater, Mich. (Twin Valley Broadcasters, Inc., Broadway 9-9119). WTVB's studios and XR are located on U.S. 27 South of town. Loggings since last report include the following: 12/20- WAIM-1260, Albion, Mich. (W-Albion-Marshall), from 5:58-6:35 a.m. 12/21: WKRK-1390, Murphy, N.C. on RS from 5:29-5:38 a.m. 12/24- WPCC-1410, Clinton, S.C. from s/on at 4:49 to 4:53 with too much WING QRM. WTMP-1150, Tampa, Fla. on RS from 4:59-5:00 with plenty of WDEL/WJJD QRM. 12/25- WEAQ-790, Eau Claire, Wis. with WBBM QRM from 7:50-8:05 a.m. 12/27: WAXU-1580, Georgetown, Ky. (Box 759, Lexington) with ET from 4:30-4:47. CMCQ-1550, Habana, Cuba, on AN with Christmas music and announcement "Radio Codazos" from 5:05-5:15 a.m. WINI-1420, Murphysboro, Ill. with TT from 5:45-6:00 with WOC/WACT QRM. 12/28: WRFB-1580, Tallahassee, Fla. with WBBA QRM from 5:42-5:45 p.m. s/off. WBBA-1580, Pittsfield, Ill. with WRFB QRM from 5:38-5:47 p.m. s/off. 73s for a week. I'll report next week and then again in February. 12/29: WINX-1600, with WWRL QRM AN 3:35-4:30. Also I have two mysteries: 12/26- ----1550, 9:15-9:30 a. m. They were on CST with program "Beefs and Bouquets". The phone was Adams 5-7551. Does this sound familiar to anyone? 12/27: W--- 1580 Greenville, Miss. with CBJ QRM from 5:50-6:00 a.m. Any help here? Thank you. 73s.

Gerry L. Dexter - 718 1/2 Second Street SE - Independence, Iowa

~~Gerry L. Dexter~~ Greetings mighty hunters. DX during the past seven days has included: KEAN-1240 on 12/17 with test at 1:52; also WWCA-1270 with RS at 1:59. 12/19- KFBC-1240 with f/c at 2:05. 12/20- CMCU-850 at 2:30, KFPW-1230 with f/c at 2:36. 12/21- WJBK-1500 RS at 2:20, CHUB-1570 RS at 2:36 when XERF off with XR troubles (my ears can testify they came back on as I was valiantly logging program info on CHUB). TGO-1140 RS at 6:44 p.m. 12/25- WFBK-1300 at 9:24 and YNOL-825 RS at 9:56 p.m. Veries: WIVI KAYL WKID KMIN WTRO WQIC KORN WAIL and KEAN. DXed most of the night (or morning) Christmas with nothing much for my efforts but two "mysteries". Station on 775 at 3:40 IDing as TGAN and not listed, also a Cuban on 1150 "La Voz del M???" was not including Camagueyano in ID which is only Cuban listed on that frequency in 1960 WRH. Brainstorms anyone? So, four hours sleep last night plus a journey to Wisconsin tomorrow bright and early will undoubtedly curtail DXing tonight and definitely the rest of the week. Am no longer with KOUR so since we're tied down here till June (wife teaches) am studying for first phone, and will take it from there in June. Since I'm no longer at KOUR-1220 suggest future reports go to Ronald L. Bushaw. If you use my name the secretary (Ignorance is Bliss) will hold them, and possibly no verie. Got NRC report forms and letterheads from my wife for Christmas. Ah, wedded bliss. 73.

Ev Johnson - 514 16th Street - Mendota, Illinois

Not much DXing being done here. My last report which includes up till 12/3 amounts to this: 12/4- XEIQ-960 RS 2:25. WGIL-1400 s/off 2:00. WMRO-1280 off at 2. CJGX-940 RS still at 3:30. 12/5- WKYR-1270 s/on 4. WIRL-1290 was off this morn. WRVK-1460 s/on 4. WRVA-1140 s/on at 4:55. WDIX-1150 s/on 4:55 for second report. WCRK-1150 s/on 5. 12/8- WFBL-1390 s/on at 3:57. WSSV-1240 s/on 5. WNOX-990 s/on 5. KLCN-910 s/on at 5:30. WGST-920 s/on at 5:30. KMAR-1570 r/c 5:30-5:45. 12/12- KVGB-1590 s/off 12:07. S/on Sunday 8:30, weekdays 7:00. KRAI-550 test at 2:30-2:45. KURL-750 r/c. Jamaica Broadcasting Co.-750 on till 3:00 special program. XERF off; nothing heard on 1570 though. KNDI-1270 fair signal at 3-3:30 when KDJI had r/c. KOMO-1000 s/off at 4. KORL-650 weak signal. 12/10- WAAP-1350 test at 1-1:15. WCOY-1580 test at 2. WLWL-1330 back on AN. WGIV-1600 s/on at 5. 12/15- KFSC-r/c. KGBX-1260 on top of frequency at 12 midnight. 12/17- WLLJ-1580 test r/c per list, only 1-1:10. KOGT-1600 test said r/c-TT 1-1:15 third Saturday. KOME-1300 RS till 1:30. WCVS-1450 said AN. 12/18- KFDF-1580 another test. KABL-960 AN. SS on 870 and 820. 12/21- TGUX-1 1020 on top of KDKA. New veries here since the third of December are from WCOS-1400 WKCW-1420 (2) KEEL-710 WETT-1590 WACT-1420 KMAR-1570 CFOX-1470 and KMIN-980. So goes DX here. Total veries now 2,075 - hope for 2,100 before April 1. On February 28th I'll be in NRC nine years and have enjoyed it very much. Glad to help out with the chores. Wishing you all a Happy New Year and keep those TIPS coming in 1961 - really thanks for them. Best DX to all and 73s.

John Schoening - 811 Normal Avenue - Normal, Illinois

Hi. I hope that everybody had a joyous and rewarding Christmas and New Years. We had a "White Christmas" after all. Christmas Eve and a few nights before, we had 15° below zero, and six inches of snow. Now to the DX: December 6 produced two reports, one to WRFC-960, Athens, Ga. at 5:15 a.m. and KALB-580, Alexandria, La. a little later with a fair signal. The 7th bagged two reports also. KXOL-1360, Ft. Worth, Texas AN and WSUN-620, St. Petersburg, Fla. also ANer. December 9 brought KENS-680, San Antonio at 6:30 p.m. just before they switched to directional. The 10th brought KWCB-1300 Searcy, Ark. at dusk. Dec. 19 sent a report to WCBS New York, 830. Dec. 22 produced reports to KCRG-1600, Cedar Rapids, Ia. and WBBF-1270, Rock Island, Ill. Dec. 23 brought five reports: WTIC-1080, Hartford, Conn. with a good signal and no KRLD. WGR came in next on 550 from Buffalo with good signal before KSD s/on. Next WNEV-1130, then WGGH-1150, Marion, Ill. with a bad signal; WKBN-570, Youngstown, O. with a fair signal for the last report today. Dec. 25, Christmas Day, brought three reports. WZOK 1320, Jacksonville, Fla. for second report; WPET-950, Greensboro, N.C. and also WERA-WPLO-590 Atlanta for first time. On Dec. 26 I sent a report to CBK-540, Regina, Sask. Veries in are letters from WWNC Asheville, N.C.; WMGR Bainbridge, Ga.; WLCY St. Petersburg, Fla.; KDNT Denton, Texas; WAIL Baton Rouge, La.; KALB Alexandria, La. QSLs in are from CKRC, Winnipeg; KENS San Antonio, WBBF Rock Island, Ill. and a beautiful one showing scenes of St. Petersburg from WSUN. WIBA, Madison, Wis. and KXOL, Ft. Worth both signed my reports and returned them as a verification. WIBA sent this six months to the day after I had mailed it. 73s.

Bud Forrest - 202 Salmon Avenue - Johnstown, Pennsylvania

This is my first report to Musings since I joined the NRC last September. I really enjoy DX NEWS and reading about the others' DX. I did a lot of DXing last summer. Although it wasn't like the stuff you hear in the wintertime, it definitely was there if you looked for it. In July, logged WNOR-1230, WTJS-1390, CKSL-1290, WKAM-1460, WGIG-1440, WAAY-1550, KTHS-1090 and WITH-1230. For August, logged ZNS-1540, WANS-1360, WALA-1410 WRBC-1300, WKAT-1360. For September, logged WAIL-1460, WKRM-1340, WOND-1400, KXLR-1150 CKOT-1510 WNDR-1260 WTLB-1310, CFOR-1570, For October, logged WARK-1490, Radio Swan-1160, WLCY-1380, WJMJ-1540, XEOY-1000 and WJET-1400. Only logging for December is KOMA-1520. Haven't had too much time lately to DX as my time is taken up by school, work, band, and a really cute YL. My other interests include music, ham radio (my call is K3HWP) and again, a really cute YL! Well, that's it from here. 73. (Welcome to you, Bud, and we hope for many more fine reports from you! --Ed.)

J. Warren Routzahn - 231 South West Street - York, Pennsylvania

Probably too late to wish you all a Merry Christmas but I hope you all had one. Anyway a prosperous New Year to all and the very best of DXing. Glad to see so many young fellows active in the Club - no better way of keeping it active. Thinking of young fellows - Pat ole friend and buddy that includes you! Just give that ticker the rest it needs and come back good as new. Notning can keep such a sweet-fightin' Irishman down. The nice fall weather we had up until a week ago may have helped keep me off DXing as weekends were still spent in the mountains. Did get a report off to YNOL one evening. They were quite good and played a lot of music and hymns familiar to me so I hope they reply. Couple of verifs strayed in, WRFB and KQWB. Thought I'd try some f/cs this AM but found CMCA instead of KIZZ, KINT couldn't penetrate 1590. Did hear WNIL-1290 with a f/c that ended at 2:30, just enough for a couple announcements and a report. WDVA-1250 testing at 2:43 a.m. topping WCAE. CBE-1550 topping AN CMCG at 3 a.m. Did you hear about the Indian that didn't know heads from tails? You should have seen his collection of scalps! 73s and glad those airliners didn't come down on you, Lefty. (Thanks, Warren, and so am I! -Ed.)

George Greene - 1527 Sunset Avenue - Akron 19, Ohio

Hi all! CX about the same since my last report. Several more new stations have been added to my log. New stations are: 12/23- WHBQ-560, WJAR-920, KPRC-950, WELI-960, CHML-900, WMLN-920, WBBF-950, WFIN-1330, WGBI-910. 12/24- WKY-930, KIOA-940 WJER-1450 WLEC-1450. 12/25- WTIK-890 KSL-1160. 12/26- KFAB-1110. Veries are scarce. Veries back from: WTAR-790 and WYDE-850. New reports out to: KPRC-950 WELI-960 WINS-1010 WBBF-950 and KFAB-1110. WLCY in last several Saturdays and Sundays like a semi-local. WLCY then drops out completely at 5:30 when they change their antenna system. KOMA is usually in from 5 to 6 p.m. each day, then WKBW and KOMA battle it out. CFRB out last several days and WINS in better than usual. WATE was out on 12/26 and WTMJ in, though unneeded. Total is now 28 states and three Canadian provinces. Well, 73s.

Geoege Huycke - 255 Annette Street - Toronto 9, Ontario

Report #2 - where is WAYN-550 and WGUS-1380? Both s/on 4:00 a.m. (First is WAYN in Orange Park, Fla., WGUS is North Augusta, S.C. -Ed.) Heard WFLI-1070, said Chattanooga, Tenn. Heard YNOL-825 here weakly 26th AM; WELM-1410 AN, JEQ-750 Jamaica, sent report, KBIG-740 19/12 4:30-4:35 a.m. test. CKEY-580 is off occasionally Monday mornings from 12:00-6:00, not regular. Only hear CKY. CKTB s/on 5:45 weekdays, s/off 12:15 10/5 kws. now. CKLY-910 s/on 6:00 a.m., s/off 1:00 a.m. Mr. Edge is right; CKBB is 10/2.5 now. CKMP-1230 s/on 6:00 a.m. CHIQ is now on AN sked "IQ" radio. CKFH is back on AN with 10 kw. day and night, just as noisy as ever. XR on Wards Island off Toronto in Lake Ontario. Protects WJL-1440 days, other U.S. stations at night. Built an RF section for DX radio, a six tube AC/DC Viking finally got it adjusted. I can now get 1410 and 1450 even with CKFH. Incidentally CHUM's XR is on Toronto Islands also. May build two more RF sections in the new year. Better DX CX to all in 1961!

Tom Mann - 1801 East Jarvis - Apt. 203 - Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still at the dials. I logged WKBH-1410 at 8 p.m.-8:05 EST S-8 on 12/27/60. To Robert R. Covington, the power of KGEM-1140 is 10 kw. I hope everyone will have a Happy New Year. Would it be possible to have the 1963 NRC Convention here in Milwaukee? How about it gang? Milwaukee has some nice hotels and a Y.M.C.A. at 915 West Wisconsin Avenue for sleeping quarters, etc. Milwaukee for 1963 N.R.C. Convention! 73.

C. Wayne Alcott - 125 Hill Street - Hampton, Virginia

Hi to you all. Glad to see you in DX NEWS. Here are the new ones for this week: 12/24/60 found WEER-1570 Warrenton, Va.; WEPD-1580 Orangeburg, S.C. (both at twilight); WKEY-1340 Covington, Va. (night). DXed this morning (12/26/60) and found the following: WDAK-540 Columbus, Ga., WWSA-550 Harrisonburg, Va., WGAI-560 Elizabeth City, N.C., WMCA-570 New York, N.Y., WCHS-580 Charleston, W. Va., WCAO-600 Baltimore, Md., WCKR-610 Miami, Fla., WIP-610 Philadelphia, Pa. (WCKR and WIP were both together), WATE-620 Knoxville, Tenn., WIRC-630 Hickory, N.C. (s/on 5:00), WNBC-660 New York, N.Y., WGN-720 Chicago, Ill.; WMAQ-670 Chicago, Ill., WLW-700 Cincinnati, O., WOR-710 New York, N.Y., KRMG-740 Tulsa, Okla. and CBL-740 Toronto, Ont. (both together), WJR-760 Detroit, Mich. WABC-770 New York, N.Y., WTAR-790 Norfolk, Va., WGY-810 Schenectady, N.Y., WRAP-320 Ft. Worth, Tex., WHAS-840, Louisville, Ky., WRAP-850 Norfolk, Va., CJBC-860 Toronto, Ont. Oops, I left out YNOL-825, Managua, Nicaragua; KELP-920 El Paso, Tex., WRNL-910 Richmond, Va., WPAT-930 Paterson, N.J., CBM-940 Montreal, Que., WLOF-950 Orlando, Fla. WBOC-960 Salisbury, Md., WAVE-970 Louisville, Ky., WIBG-990 Philadelphia, Pa., WINS-1010 New York, N.Y., WHO-1040 Des Moines, Ia., WMGM-1050 New York, N.Y., XEG-1050 Monterrey, N.L. (drowning out WMGM at times), WNOE-1060 New Orleans, CBA-1070 Sackville, N.B., WBAL-1090 Baltimore, Md., KFAB-1110 Omaha, Neb., WNEW-1130 New York, N.Y., WDEL-1150 Wilmington, Del., WJJD-1160 Chicago Ill., WHAM-1180 Rochester, N.Y., WGAR-1220 Cleveland, O., WNOR-1230 Norfolk, Va., WWDC-1260 Washington, D.C., WGH-1310 Newport News, Va., WAVY-1350 Portsmouth, Va., WSAY-1370 Rochester, N.Y., WLCY-1380 St. Petersburg, Fla., WLOW-1400 Portsmouth, Va., KQV-1410 Pittsburgh Pa., WCOJ-1420 Coatesville, Pa., WNAV-1430 Annapolis, Md., WQOK-1440 Greenville, S.C., WAIL-1460 Baton Rouge, La., WSSB-1490 Durham, N.C., WTOP-1500 Washington, D.C., KOMA-1520 Oklahoma City, Okla., KXEL-1540 Waterloo, Ia., CBE-1550 Windsor, Ont., WQXR-1560 New York, N.Y., XERF-1570 Villa Acuna, Coah., WAKR-1590 Akron, O., WKWF-1600 Key West, Fla. The underlined stations were new loggings. All the above stations were heard from 2:45 to 5:15 a.m. EST Does anyone know what station on 630 s/off at 3:02 and comes back on at 5:00 a.m. on Mondays? In what town and state is WESN and how many watts does it transmit and what is the exact frequency? I think it's on 1550 but am not sure. Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. Well, better s/off now and lets have more reports from Virginia (WESN-1550 is North Augusta, S.C. -Ed.)

Bruce G. Lyeth - 110 Hill Street - Hampton, Virginia

Hi all! How is the DX out there? It's really good here, and I mean good! Everywhere I turn the dial there seems to be a station. Since joining the NRC last week I have enjoyed receiving the DX NEWS publications which I think is the best BCB publication devoted to the DXer. This month I have logged these new stations. During the day, WGTM-590 North Carolina; WNAL-1090 Maryland. At twilight, WESR-1330 Virginia; WESN around 1550 which I couldn't find the location of or exact frequency and watts. (If any member knows the exact frequency, watts and location I would appreciate the info.) At night: XEWA-540 S.L.P. Mexico, WKBN-570 Ohio; WFAA-820 Texas; XEX-730 Marroqui, Mexico; KMOX-1120 Missouri; WKEY-1340 Virginia; CBE-1550 Ontario, Canada. At early morning: WGY-810 New York; WCCO-830 Minnesota; WHAS-840 Kentucky; WAVE-970 Kentucky; and WSPD-1370 Ohio. WCCO was my first station in Minnesota and KMOX was the first one in Missouri. Last month I logged 51 new stations. Some of these are: WLCY-1380 Florida; WAPE-390 Florida; WBAM-740 Alabama, WPOP-1410 Connecticut; WNJR-1430 New Jersey; WKLO-1090 Kentucky; CBM-940 Montreal Canada (first station I've received in Canada), WHO-1040 Iowa, WEBR-970 New York, CFOR-1570 Ontario, XERF-1570 Coahuila Mexico, WKCT-930 Kentucky, WMCA-570 New York, WCHS-580 West Virginia, KRMG-740 Oklahoma, WTIX 690 Louisiana, KFAB-1110 Nebraska, KTHT-790 Texas (KTHT was heard when WTAR, a local, was nd 24 hours as they are now), WLS-890 Illinois, WRIC-540 Virginia, WDBF-1420 Florida, WGTO-540 Florida; WDEL-1150 Delaware. I have been DXing since October '60. In that time I have logged 130 stations and received 25 veries, which are (underlined stations sent cards) WDMV-540, WGAI-560, WSUN-620, WSM-650, WNBC-660, WPTF-680 (WPTF sent card, letter and P.S.), WNNT-690, WOR-710, WSB-750, WWL-870, WCBS-880, WRNL-910, WBOC-960, WBZ-1030, KYW-1100, WVVA-1140, WANN-1190 (letter and coverage map), WONO-1190, WBAU-1210, WGH-1310, WKBW-1520, WCKY-1530, WBOF-1550, WEZL-1590 and WKWF-1600. I have a Philco 46-1226 Eight tube receiver with a 50' longwire antenna and a built-in loop antenna. I'm planning on buying a new long wire antenna soon. Glad Wayne Alcott told me about the NRC. Thanks, Wayne. This is all from this DX shack. See you next week. Yes and lets have more reports from good old Virginia! (Welcome, Bruce! -Ed.)



Robert H. McArthur - 705 North Florida Street - Arlington 5, Virginia

Veries coming in very slowly (mighty slowly) but a few catches, etc. are worth talking about. KRTV-715 Honduras (new country), KTSM-1380 El Paso, KCTX-4510 Childress, Tex., KEAK-690 Tijuana, KCRG-1600 Cedar Rapids, KZON-1190 Tolleson, Ariz.; 1554- Nice, France (new country), KOOL-960 Phenenix, CKDM CHOW CKOY CKRC CBK are new Canadians. Also logged KFYR-550 Bismarck, N.D. for my 49th state. This might not seem bad, but the past few Mondays have been full of QRM, QRN, and QSB, poor WSA, never hearing any QRTs or having even one QRA mentioned. This can be pretty bad for nerves. The other day 4VEH had their program from 6 to 7 filled by reading off the names, addresses, etc. of people who had sent correct reports to them. These included several NRC members, including Roy Millar, who it seems sent in a very clear recording. That same night (12/30) at 1025 I heard a hillbilly show. Later the same station was speaking Spanish, probably Panama. I think I heard KINS-980 Eureka giving WX at 5 a.m. 12/28. Anyone in that area know if this was possible? On 12/31 in early AM I heard KFI and KNX at 12:05, the earliest I have ever heard them. KNX occasionally came in front of WIBC and WAPI couldn't even be heard. I picked up KKOK behind local WMAL as the latter wasn't speaking. I asked a man recommended by the place I got my SX-28 to sharpen the IFs for better reception selectivity, so he broadened them. That's life. Anyone too lazy to make a loop antenna can order one by sending \$32.5 to the J. W. Miller Co., at 5917 South Main Street, Los Angeles 3, Calif. The catalog number is 703A. Well, I guess I'll use the talking box some more. 73s.

Dennis Jarrett - R.D. 2 - Box 79 - Ashland, Kentucky

Not too much to report. Some veries in from WLSI WDXR WGAP WQSN WTNS WVLC XEG WCPC WJLS KTBC WQXI WETU WAIK WJAM WPAP WBLR WJSO WHBT WTNC KWCO "Radio Swan" WORX WMPO WMBR WKBC WEMH WWJ WGIG WPRW. Well, finally was up on a Monday AM and the results are very surprising with very clear channels compared to the crowded frequencies at sunset when I usually am at the dials. Received 12/25/60- WJAS-1320 RS at 11:30 p.m. EST. 12/26- 12:40 a.m. WMAL-630 RS @ previous time mentioned. WETT-1590 Equipment, frequency and Conelrad tests @ 12:45 a.m. KNX-1070 @ 2 a.m., also KFI but not needed. KTOE-1420 RS on AN show @ 3:00 a.m. YNOL-825 DX broadcast received very well except for TT from WBAP-820 @ 3:15 a.m. WENX-1380 on AN show on Monday @ 3:20 a.m. KERP-920 @ 3:35 a.m. Tried for New Mexico but failed. WKYR-1270 s/on at 4:00 comes in as if next door. WKCW-1420 @ 4:30 taking KTOE out. Very few tests as it was fairly noisy. Bill Davidson, why don't we get together some time for a small Kentucky NRC gabfest? Hope everybody is receiving veries which I am not. Good luck and 73s.

Alex Bowab - Box 539 A Atmore, Alabama

First, can any of you geniuses tell me why I have gotten WWV on 1070 kc/s. on some occasions on two different radios? 12/24 found KCLN-1390, Clinton, Iowa TT 1:29-1:36. 12/25- CFRB-1010 s/off 3:05 for regular Sunday off period and after that, two stations there, but didn't hang around to find out who. Believe they were Jeff Stewart's and Lefty's favorite stations, KBUY and WINS respectively. WFBR-1300 Baltimore broke through AN WIBR for first time, 4:00. 12/26- 1290 usually dominated solely by WIRL but KOIL over them all morning. WCJU-1450 on f.c but what gets me is that I have heard this one on f/c on the first, second, and fourth Mondays, all in one month! May be weekly. Usually silent Monday but AN today was WECY-1380. The YNOL DX made it here OK, an enjoyable program. Particularly enjoyed hearing mine and other NRCers' names mentioned at 4:08 on Dave Roys' tape. Thanks, Dave. SS on 650 all morn until WSM TT came on at 4:00. Not KORL, but who? YVQO? CKEY-580 AN. 12/27- KRMG s.iff 1:02, WGN ditto 2:06, both silent Tuesdays. WSKS-1600 West Jefferson, N.C. "on the air for necessary technical maintenance", music, 1:30-2:02, over KATZ, the latter still on RS. WJMW-730, Athens, Ala. PoP test with OC and TT, IDs heard only at 2:57 and 3:37. When carrier went off got CKDM for new province. 12/28- Casey Bush's WGEA-1150 was NOT on for r/c today. TT on 1570 at time listed for WSKS, under Pancho's station who was not selling peanuts at the time. WKAB-840 ET/M 2:49-3:18. Their IDs must have been taped as they were made by an announcer who quit working at that station over eight months ago. 12/29- Station on 1340 giving weather for Charleston at 1:15 but too much WKGN and WAKE to ID. Only Charleston listing for 1340 is WOKE Charleston, S.C. Are they on RS at that time? (They're AN -Ed.) Not much done this AM as I ran across WOWO who was playing all the top tunes of the past year so ended up listening to that. Trying to fill in the gap between my list of stations heard and verified; reports out to WAIL (The People's Choice in Baton Rouge), WKDA WMEG WICK. It's already time to say 73s to the year 1960 so will say the same to you all.

Larry Godwin - 73 Baker Hall - Boulder, Colorado

Hi gang! The prospects for a good f/c list this season look dim. Only seven DXers have sent me their lists. Why don't you other active DXers send me your lists of f/cs? This isn't my list, you know; it's yours. If you want a good list you will have to send me your individual lists of f/cs heard this season. Please - all active DXers - go back over your logs and jot down the f/cs you have heard since September 1, including date heard, time EST, frequency, state, and if tone or music is used. It is unfair to the NRCers who contribute to the f/c list if you don't send in your f/c loggings. Please, please send me your f/cs heard recently to my Boulder address as soon as possible. Let's make the 1961 list one we can all be proud of. Christmas in Amarillo was great - I enjoyed the visit home very much. DX was good, although I didn't do much listening. Veries received are KNDI-1270 Honolulu, YSKL-765 Salvador, and WIVI-970 Virgin Islands. I enjoyed very much talking with Dave Roys, Mike Silbert, Joe Plonka, Bob Foxworth, Marty Wright, John Callarman and Lefty by long-distance over the holidays. Don't forget - it's Amarillo in '61! Visit the capital of the Texas Panhandle and Palo Duro Canyon on Labor Day. We still plan a pre-convention trip to Del Rio. Please send your f/cs now. 73s and good DX. Nice going you KBIC verie, Roy!

Francis H. Nittler - 2634 South Josephine Street - Denver 10, Colorado

Practically no DX here the past two weeks. I spent four days over Christmas visiting in Nebraska with our family and haven't had time for any DX since I got back except for a short time this AM and nothing new heard. While in Geneva, Nebr. noted they have a new local on the air, KGMT-1310 Fairbury. I don't know what significance their call letters have but I do know they aren't on GMT, hi. 12/18 reported XENR-980 Nuevo Rosita, Coah. running late and in the clear from 2:30-3:00 with program "Posadas Radiofonicas de Navidad" per verie. 12/19, a good Monday morning with five reports out. First added WMGY-800 Montgomery, Ala. on ET 2:25-2:30. WRIG-1400 Wausau, Wisc. heard on ET 3:10-3:38 in the clear for a surprise. WJIV-900 Savannah, Ga. heard on r/c at 5:17 with gospel music. WLIV-920 Livingston, Tenn. heard at s/on at 5:30 for second report with KRLP off AN for a change. XEHR-1090 Puebla was heard running either AN or quite late with strong signal at times. Veries practically non-existent as per usual at around Christmas time. I did receive QSL cards from CJIC-1050 WNBC-660, a letter with program sked and coverage map from WJIV-900 and nice letter in Spanish from XENR-980. 12/18 noted KCUL-1540 testing their new 50 kw. XR. On 12/19 noted WVNA-1590 on ET and likewise KBST-1490 but neither needed here. KWG-1230 heard announcing as AN this AM and KALL-910 appears to be AN except Mondays. KTRM-990 seemed to be AN this morning but sounded more like an AN ET. I forgot all about the KCEE DX although not needed but brother Maurice heard them so they got one report from Denver. May 1961 bring ~~you~~ many new DX catches to every NRC member and 100% veries. (What a dreamer!) 73s

Len Kruse - 816 Euclid Street - Dubuque, Iowa

Here's wishing all NRC members and their families a Happy New Year! Since my last report a half dozen new additions to my DX Log. Station KMOR-1510 Littleton, Colo. was heard on its RS on 12/12 from 1:30-2 a.m. Later that same morning I was thrilled to log Station WPEP-1570 Taunton, Mass. on extra early that morning with severe snow storm warnings; heard from 6:19-6:30 a.m. Fortunately, XERF was off the air that morning, so WPEP was "in the clear" in the Midwest. Lawrence Prado, CR of WPEP stated in my verification that my report of reception was their best DX since they took the air on 12/22/49. Then on 12/14 Station KLOE-730 Goodland, Kans. was heard with its RS from 6:15-6:30 p.m. when they signed off the air. The test from KCEE-790 Tucson, Ariz was heard on 12/19 from 3:30-4:30 a.m. with QRM from AN WTAR. I was glad to hear WAYR-550 Orange Park, Fla. with a f/c on 12/20 from 3:30-4 a.m. with interference from KTSA's AN show. The final logging was WAXU-1580 Georgetown, Ky. which was logged on 12/27 from 3:05-3:40 a.m. with a test program. As for recent verifications, letters were received from WDW KSRK CFAM WAMB WCTW KCEE WPEP and KMOR, and a card from KEWB. So as 1960 came to a close my verification total stood at 3,465.

Sid Rosenbaum - 806 Market Street - Wheeling, West Virginia

Had several listening sessions but only two reports out. No new veries in, probably because of the holidays. 12/26- \*YNOL-825 in strong with Spanish Air Force Band selections 2:30 and on. 12/27- WKSK-1600 test 2-2:10. 12/29- \*WVEC-1490 RS 1:30. 12/30 WSAR-1480 RS at 1:00; while not needed this one is a seldom heard here. Was pleasantly surprised to receive a New Year's greeting via ham radio from Dan Phillips in Clinton, Tenn. The message relayed by a Moundsville amateur. 12/31- WLIK-1270 with TT/M on ET, 1:15 a.m. and later.

Hank Wilkinson - 6620 Beeman Avenue - North Hollywood, California

First of all I would like to thank all of you DXers who sent Christmas cards. I appreciated this gesture. Very nice, to say the least. For those DXers who don't know why I am able continually to send in reports on foreign reception, it is due to the following. I have been working a second shift (4:30 to 1 a.m.) for about four years out of the past five and therefore I'm able to DX every morning after coming home from work. If reception is good I stay with DXing until daylight, sometimes. If not I just read the papers and go to bed. You can readily see that I have had a "big advantage" over many DXers due to my working hours. It sure beats setting an alarm and then deciding whether to get up or not. Now fellows, you know the "secret." Now if those LAs would reply what a season I'll have! Just read the Dec. 24 bulletin and saw the standings in the NRC Foreign DX Contest. I'm quite sure you fellows in the Eastern and Central Leagues have more veries in than those shown in the lists. It can't be true that the only place for DX is on the West Coast! I know that we have the climate and the money but I always thought the best place for DX (foreign, anyway) was the East. Congrats to Roy Millar on his KBIC verie. Also to Francis Nittler on his ZNS verie. Had a short visit from my old DX buddy Don Reynolds Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27. It would be nice to see him active again as the West Coast needs more active DXers. Reception CX at this location started on a decline 12/21 and to date there has been no indications to show that it may be better before the month ends. Fellows, I hope those who are interested in Foreign DX will come forward with some thoughts and opinions on the verifying of LAs. Too many DXers the LAs are the only foreign DX they get so it is important that we use some space in the "Musings" section of the NRC Bulletin to possibly pave the way for better methods to use in reporting reception and requesting confirmation of our reports to the LAs. And NOW is the time to discuss this matter as LA reception is at its best and should be for another two months or more. To those DXers who write to me concerning their added veries for the SUPREMACY RATINGS I'm always interested in knowing the name of each new country you verify. Thanks a lot.

Roy H. Millar - P.O. Box 778 - Bellevue, Washington

DXing along: Dec. 19th- KCEE-790 Tucson, Ariz. ET logged 3:55-5 a.m. plagued throughout by KABC testing. Dec. 22nd- I rarely DX FM but noted fine signal from CHQM-FM on 103.5 mc/s. at 9:15 p.m. for good catch. Dec. 25th- HJED-820 Cali, Colombia ID at 5 a.m. while looking for HI9Z who were on last Christmas AM; the Queen's Christmas message heard at 5:30 a.m. on 820 with tone pips at 6 a.m., presumably unneeded 2GL. KAIM 870 s/off 4:03 a.m. and reported to for DXH contest; JOLB-870 weak ID at 5 a.m., but tape off as need Japan and Asia badly for NRC Foreign Contest (JOLB unverified, this is third report); 2GB-870 Sydney, NSW ID at 7 a.m. for welcome Aussie commercial BCer; YNOLs DX on 825 in with a good signal most of the time; logged from 11:05 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Particularly enjoyed David Roys' tape. Quite a Christmas Day! Not quite a match for Christmas of '54 when Europe made it in on 1205 kc/s. Nevertheless, four continents logged in a matter of a couple of hours is most rewarding. Dec. 26th- Very brief log of YVOA-1000 at 5:30 a.m. s/on; possibly just below 1000 kc/s. Dec. 27th 0 Taped easy XEDM-1580 s/off at 2:58 a.m. to see if can replace PP card verie of several years ago by report on Spanish station, and tape. Dec. 29th- Taped easy XEWA-540 s/on at 6:45 a.m. for report direct to station as my verie is XEW card with 540 kc/s. marked on it; KFMB in San Diego, Calif. was on, to my disgust, creating some QRM; hi, Jim Critchett! Veries since last report few, but here they are: KORL-650, KCEE-790, KRKC-1570 (out over a year, no f/up). Jim C's remarks about CX of graveyard frequencies here in the Far West sure the truth; a mess, with little DX thereon for many a moon. It hasn't always been thus. For instance, log of morning of 1/21/57, less than four years ago on 1230 includes following: WEAR Pensacola, Fla. ID at 3:04 a.m. on AN; WHLR Danville, Ky. DX logged with 30 second periods of tone topping the frequency; WNIA, Cheektowaga, N.Y. ID at 3:51 a.m. on DX for very brief logging. All three verified promptly. Since said date, only 11 have been added on 1230, the most distant being KOAL in Price, Utah. Will reminisce on another graveyard some other time. Meanwhile, let's keep 1400 open Mondays; the "Last stand" for "Graveyard DX." 73.

Fred Barene - 2828 West 69 Street - Seattle 7, Washington

A little DX to report - very little. The only new veries since last report are YNOL-925, KUMA-1290, KORL-650 and KCGM-610. F/ups are out to KPRC-950 and KXXX-630, but both f/ups are overdue. If they verify for others, why not for me? I don't send f/up unless I have a v/s. A report also out to KCEE-790 Tucson for their NNRC DX. (Page 12

(Fred Barene) My DX on 670 consists of only WMAQ and JOBK, with neither verified. On 680 I have heard KNBC KENS KFEQ and CJOB. KNBC and KENS are verified, while CJOB was verified on 1340 kc/s. Who said reception would improve this year? I have never heard it so terrible. By the time this is read the New Year's Bowl games will be over but I sure hope Washington smashes Minnesota in the Rose Bowl.

Ernest J. Wesolowski - 1416 Pasadena Avenue - Omaha 7, Nebraska

Hi again! This is one report that I wish I could be making from somewhere else other than Omaha. Today is next to the last day of 1960, and I should be in Wichita, Kansas but since there were so many that could not make it there, we decided to cancel the Convention until later. Also, this area of the country had snow, which would have made the driving a little bad. Marv and I could not even get to Des Moines, Iowa, which we would have liked. I took my NC-183D over to Marv's house and did a little DX there in the daytime and was overwhelmed by the terrific results. All of my images were gone except for some splatter from KOIL-1290. That afternoon, we decided to build a 40" loop like the one in DX Horizons. As of now, it is about 7/8 finished. The total cost will be about \$5 each. One verie has arrived this afternoon. It is KBVM-1380 in Lancaster, Calif. New stations are KGHL-790, Montana; KCLN-1390, Iowa; YNOL-825, Nicaragua; WITY-9 80, Illinois; KECL-990, Baja Calif.; and Nebraska's newest radio station, KGMT-1310 in Fairbury. They now wipe out station KFSB in Joplin, Mo. Local KBON-1490 makes ET every Friday AM from 1:00-2:00. It is a 1500 cycle tone. KOIL-1290 has ET every Thursday AM from 1:30-4:00, sometimes uses 250 watts. Well, that's about it for now. Will see most of you in Amarillo come next Labor Day! 73s till next issue.

Ray H. Kraul - 6423 33rd Street - Berwyn, Illinois

Seeing that there will be no mail delivery on Monday, I think I'd better get this in Friday's mail. Before I get into DX though, I'd like to add the name of Mr. S. J. Hart of WKCW to the list of "very cooperative" verie signers. After sending him a thank-you card for his recent verie, I received a Christmas card with a thank-you for my card! Thoughtfulness, such as his, is the most rewarding part of this great hobby. Now to DX. Dec. 16- WSWV-1570 ending test at 12:20. Dec. 17- WPAP-1570 5:20 to 5:30 p.m. s/off with finally enough for decent report; KIUP-930 on Dec. 18 2:00-2:06 on r/c Forgot the 18th: KYRO-1280 TT 2:25-2:30. Monday the 19th: KCEE-790 on special ET, barely through WTAR; WIVV-1370 s/on 4:30; WHLF-1400 s/on 5:03; WGBG-1400 RS 5:10-5:20; KVOP-1400 r/c 5:15-5:30; WEYE-1290 s/on 5:32; WMTM-1300 s/on 5:33. Christmas morning: WKLY-980 s/on 5:58; WWIT-970 RS 6:05 to 6:15; WRRF-930 RS 6:33-6:40 a.m. Nothing new on the 26th and haven't listened intently since, so that looks like it for the old year. On the bright side is the number of veries received in last two weeks. These include WNUE WSWV KVOP KIUP WLSH WBVL KGHL KYRO (with pen for souvenir) WDMG WDOB KFRD KGAS KCOH WPAP WEYE WMTM and KCEE. One other note before I quit. In regards to Hank Wilkinson's comments on LA veries. I'm probably not qualified Hank, but I have a notion of what could be wrong. I don't report SS at all myself and my reasons are (1) Language difficulty. For what it is worth: Don't you think that using report forms and standard phrases tends to stereotype all reports? Perhaps the SSers are underestimating the ability and intelligence of the DXer. There can be no substitute in reporting for self-expression and unless a person can read and write Spanish rather fluently he is in trouble to start with. You can probably write a Spanish report better than I can write in English, Hank, but I believe you are unfortunately being swallowed up in a mass of incoherence to the point where the LA doesn't even bother to heed decent reports after receiving a good number of well-meant but unfortunately senseless (to them) reports. I hope it straightens out for everyone interested in SS veries, but in the meantime, if results are so bad using Spanish, could things be any worse if reporting was done in English? Anyway Happy New Year, all!

Terry Liberty - 5318 Glencairn Lane - Indianapolis, Indiana

HOME OF THE 1962 NRC CONVENTION. Hi to all you happy (?) peoples! Christmas Eve was a tremendously good night for me with 18 new stations logged and all of them were LAs! Some of the better loggings are as follows: YNR-805 at 1:04; TGRL-1182 at 1:15, TGCA-1188 at 2:08. I wonder if Don Roller got them, hi! Also heard were TICEC-1005 at 2:57 with a really good signal and finally HJCE-870 at 3:08 a.m. On Dec. 23, VPCF in Panama City Fla. on 1430 was heard on RS at 7:45 p.m. under our local, WIRE. This is the account of my loggings so far since the 23rd and I'm really grateful for such a long Christmas holiday. The total now stands at 280 even and we're hoping for 300 (page 13



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(Terry Liberty) by the end of the holidays. Sorry Larry Godwin, but no f/cs to send you but maybe for the supplement. It is now December 30 so I'll say Happy New Year!, and 73s. INDIANAPOLIS FOR '62!

David E. Roys - 5121 Radnor Road - Indianapolis, Indiana

CONVENTION CITY '62! Estimado senores. It's I again. I will now give a few comments on foreign reports by tape (stand by, everybody). I send my reports to IAs by tape. For each report, I type up a letter using a Spanish form which I have. I also have the same forms in French and Portuguese. I enclose mint stamps for return postage, not IRCs. The stamps are much cheaper anyway. I believe it would be better to send IA reports by registered mail, as about one third of the mail to IA is stolen! Maybe the reports don't ever get there, as some bandito may think your tape is a bunch of goodies and make off with it. Poor, disappointed bandito. The WRH would probably be the best place to look up a name to send a registered letter to, as their info seems to be fairly accurate in that respect. Christmas DX proved fairly productive with a few new ones on AN, such as HJCE-870 HJKR-1220 TICEC-1005 TGRL-1182 TG??-1188, PJA-10-655, TI--875, moved here from 830, plus unIDs on 605 and 750. The stations which had Sunday AM silent periods were off as usual, such as WHO WSB WWL etc. Next year Christmas will be a Monday so the IAs will be on Monday AM. Goodie goodie! gumdrops! The sunspots will be at a much lower level then, too (chuckle). Maybe I can get the Falkland Islands on 585 with 500 watts. Not quite. Maybe if I had a 5,000 mile beverage----. The Jones Log is at the printer's and will be mailed out as soon as it is received. I plan to put an NRC leaflet in to some of the envelopes to try to get us a few members. So if some of you get a leaflet, you'll know why, hi. The address for the Jones Log is 3749 North Keystone, Indianapolis, Ind. Jones is also considering printing a frequency allocation map set. There will be a page for every frequency, with stations marked with circles representing power in daytime, and nighttime. The price would be about \$15. If there is enough interest shown, he will do it. It would be a great help on sunset and sunrise DX especially, as well as other DX in general. Any comments, people? On 12/29 OAX4A-854 in for NX at 11:55 and s/off at 12:00 with anthem. Very strong, even with the Williams Loop. I can get PRH-9 CX-28 KORL etc. with the loop quite well, too. 73s and INDIANAPOLIS '62!

John Howard Harding - 1847 Ganyard Road - Akron 13, Ohio

Greetings, fellow insomniacs! Yes, after two years of inactivity I'm back at the dials again, believe it or not. As some may have noted, we've moved since my last report to a newer and smaller house in the far Northwest section of Akron. To George Greene, welcome to the NRC; glad to see a new Akron member in the Club. George, where is WLCY? It is not listed in my two year old Weyrich Log or other sources. Speaking of Logs, I'd like to second Roy Millar's proposal for an NRC-published one. I would be willing to do whatever I could to help compile station lists, etc.) And what happened to the new Jones Log which was supposed to be out in November? Can any of you Indianapolis members help on this question? DX here has been spotty, mainly because my attempts at it have been so. 12/5- WDAK-540 AN 1:25-1:38 a.m. for a nice card verie signed by Joyce Jordan; KDFB-630 1:47 a.m., WBKN-1410 2:25 a.m.; WQIC-1390 2:29; CKSL-1290 2:39 a.m. 12/19- WHBQ-560 11:53 p.m.; KXLR-1150 12:22 a.m. Who was TT on 890 at 1:28-1:30 on 12/19? 12/26- YNOL-825 12:15-12:27 a.m.; WBBF-1270 12:59 a.m.; CKKW-1320 1:07 a.m. Who was French speaker on 1280 at 1:10 a.m. 12/26? Good to see some NRC DX programs scheduled. I sure hope I can get KAGO on 1/23/61 and will try again for YNOL on Feb. 4. for a better report. My only report out is to YNOL for its 12/26 DX for NNRC. Above loggings bring my heard total to 801 but only 74 verifications. Guess I'll have to get busy on the locals. WJW-850 is now announcing that it will soon double its power, so I guess they are finally going to raise to 10,000 watts days. What is the English sked for Radio Swan? I think I've heard it in Spanish but would like to verify its English broadcast if possible. Did anyone in the East hear KELO-1320 about 1:06 a.m. on 12/26? I think I caught them IDing then but am not sure. Good DX to all. Hal Williams: thanks for the Christmas card. 73.

Snowstorms, blocked roads, etc. figure in the report this time. Missed a few days' work while waiting for the snow plows; as a result, a little extra time for DX. New since the last report are WBNR-1260 heard through ANs at 5:50 a.m. on 12/12. The same PM we finally copied WKEE-800 during final 15 minutes of the day, after WCHA signed off at 5:00. WKEE off at 5:15, hard to log through CKLW. 12/19 we tried for (page 14

(Joe Brauner) KCEE DX and did get one lone ID and parts of two tunes when WTAR broke down briefly and dropped off air. 12/21 found us snowed in and as a result some unusual DX. At 8:35 a.m. found WYAL way on top of 1280 and he stayed there for a half hour, covering the semi-locals, for a new call. Then to 1270 and there was WTLD out in front of the usually top WKYR and WHLD, for another new call. On 12/25 we added three more new calls, WNCG-910 with RS at 6:15 a.m., followed by WMSK-1550 on their 6:45 a.m. s/on, but barely audible back of CBE. WJCW-910 heard well at 6:55 a.m. but covered by s/on of WAVL at 7:00. 12/26- SS one on 890 at 5:45, mentioned "Radio America"; didn't sound like Cuban or Mexican??? 12/27- WAXU-1580 like a local with ET at 3 o'clock for another new one. Veris are hand-written letter from James E. Cooper, CE of KBVM, letter from WPEG, WCTW and a form from WFLN verifying a report 13 months out. No f/up. KBVM f/s are made quarterly, usually between 3:15 and 4:15 a.m., EST. Other tests from time to time, no dates given. That's about it here. Have heard those piano notes on 1270 several times but WKYR always gets under way first here. No ID yet. No YNOL here either, just a hetro around 815 all morning. We miss those reports Pat - hope to see 'em again real soon. I depended on them to find out what I missed! 73.

Bill Roney - Route 2 - Box 12-A - Waldorf, Maryland

This is my first report to NRC and I just got my rig set up in the back (kid's) room of my trailer. I am using an RBM-4 Westinghouse. Stations received to date: WBRY-1590 WEAM-1390 WWBZ-1360 WLBR-1270 CBE-1550 WQXR-1560 WTIC-1080 WRCV-1060 WWSW-970 WMAZ-940 WMMN-920 WMGM-1050 WCMB-1460 WAJR-1440 WHHH-1440 WIP-610 KXYZ-1270 WSBA-910 KQV-1410 WAVY-1350 CFOR-1570 WCAE-1250 WHBI-1280 WBT-1110 WPOP-1410 WKCW-1420 WICU-1330 WLDB-1490 WAMS-1380 WJHP-1320 WJAS-1320 WPGC-1580 WPRW-1460 WAGE-1290 WWVA-1170 WSNA-550 WHP-580 CEM-940 WRNL-910 CMCF-910 WINS-1010 WDAS-1480 WMEX-1510 WOR-710 CBL-740 WTAR-790 WGY-810 WLOF-950 WBNF-1290 WDRG-1360 WFAX-1220 WDOV-1410 WHVR-1280 WNOW-1250 WNYC-830 WPIK-740 WCYB-690 WNNT-690 WHJB-620 ZNS-1540 WKKO-860 WMOP-900 WIBX-950 KCJB-910 WOV-1280 CBF-690 WWRL-1600 CFOS-1470 CKPC-1380 WFEA-1370 WTIV-1290 WARM-590 WAVZ-1300 WERE-1300 WIMO-1300 WCHK-1290 WKLV-1440 WDEL-1150 WSAN-1470 WCOJ-1420 WKAP-1320 WFIL-560 WLEE-1480 CKWS-960 WJWL-900 PJC-2-864 WHRV-1600 WEVD-1330, and that is it with the exception of the Maryland stations and all but two of those are my locals (daytime) and they are expected. By the next report I hope to have some more but can't tell what is in store. On that 1580-WPGC which is a stone's throw from here, Bradbury Heights and Morningside; they are close to each other but the station IDs as Morningside, Md. After 1 I have found many TTs but no IDs to go with them. I am getting some noise from Andrews AFB (air to ground) station. ZNS-1540 blasting through just before dark here. Does anyone have PJC-2 address so I can send a verie in the right direction? Do many NRC members have WPE QSL cards? That's it for now - may have some good to report next time. 73s. (Welcome to the NRC, Bill, and your reports come to our Brooklyn address on Page 1 - we'd appreciate double-spacing! -Ed.)

Bob Kalish - 2214 Avenue T - Brooklyn 29, New York

DX this week has been good, with a tone of newies. On Christmas AM logged the following Frenchies: CKSM-1220 1:35 on, CKBL-1248 at 2:02, CHLN-550 3:24 above CFNB briefly. CHEF-1450 in Granby, Que. at 3:30 momentarily above AN WWSW; what sounded like CKRN-1400 at 2:55, could have been CFGP, however. CFGT-1270 with powerful 5-9 signal at 3:30. Who was the Frenchie s/off on 1240 at 2 a.m. with GSQ in French? Monday 12/26 netted a few, including a goodie, KNCY-1600 with 1 1/2 minute test at 2:34, OC and ID. At 12:03, JEC-700 logged clearly. Noticed station on 655 AN. Turned out to be PJA-10 only 400 watts, so report off. Also got WISM-1480 at 2 a.m. ET; HIUA-1270 at 3:45 with piano, s/on at 4 burying WKYR 100%. Took a log on XEP-1300 in Cd. Juarez, 500 watts s/off at 3. WIVI-970 finally gotten above WWSW at 4:50. Noticed WGUS-1380 tearing old WBNX and Cha-Cha - gee whiz! Finally, WNAV-1430 s/on gotten at 6 over WNJR who usually sound like a mid-Westerner, till noon. On 12/27 logged r/c of WIMC-1290 in Ocala, Fla. at 12:10 with TT. Got a weldon-heard one when I logged f/c of WAFD-630 at 1:40. Station on 740 probably KSSS. SS AN on 840 is PRH-9 in Sao Paulo; at least it sounds like it; sure weak enough. Found 12/30 excellent to South - OAX4A-854 in Lima in all evening with 5-9 signals. Report off. There was one on 1225, only one listed is a 200 watter in Ecuador - I hope! After getting home from Lefty's on the 29th, I found WBNX-1380 off, also s/off at 12:00 on 12/30 and said AN Saturday. Maybe weekend AN only - let's hope. The Europeans were fine on 12/30, with Germany-1586, BBC-1457, Lille-1376, Nice-1554 in at 1 with good signals. Veries this week were OK with ones in from WAWK KDSN WNUE WPLH WVEC WSIP, all letters. I sure hope CX improve. 73.

Ralph M. Johans - 11 East Chippewa Street - Buffalo 3, New York

Last of 1960; for the first of 1961 you'll have to wait for 4,048 years before you can turn the year-date upside down and make it read the same. I won't be there, but will be at the 1962 HAMILTON NRC CONVENTION. V/1 by WGAC-580, Twin States Broadcasting Co., Augusta, Ga. verified 12/17 s/on. He returned my copy of 2/22/60 for a 20 minute report while CKEY was off for XR trouble and gave zero info on same. My old WGAC verie was for 1945 on 1240 kc/s. with 195 watts. V/1, coverage map and price skeds from CM of CHUC-1500 1 kw. day, with a directional coverage for Durham and Northumberland Counties ending eight miles short of Stouffville but covers Brooklin (Ontario, Lefty). Radio CHUC Ltd., Box 520, Cobourg, Studio at 157 King Street East, Hatfield Hall and Port Hope studio at 71 Walton St. Don Williamson is P/GM/CE. January sked 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., February, 7:15-5:45. This makes my verie total 1,763 different BCB stations. ~~Stuixixix~~ WKBW did not sell for 13 million dollars, and Toronto got a new TV on Ch. 9, CFTO for 1/1/61. Short times of listening only; 12/26 on 1070 kc/s. 6 a.m., WKOW s/on through CBA who signs 5:58 a.m.; 1580 had an OC at 6:43 and continued through CBJ Chicoutimi 6:55-7:20 etc., a very faint s/on at 7:15 a.m., but CBJ with French program held the spot. On 630 CKRC was battling CFCC 7:20-7:50 a.m. and no CJET coming this way, although already daytime. 12/27 on 1330 was KFH and a nonspeakable TTer continuing through s/on of WBTM at 4:57. On 720, Kingston, Jamaica was poor at 5:02 etc., on 570 at 5:30 s/on by WENC singing "Carolina in the Morning", then s/on by WKBN and Youngstown held the spot. 600 had RS by WFST Caribou at 6:20 a.m., then WFRM Coudersport got front at 6:35 a.m. Got a surprise on 770 with the Olaf College station on RS with NX at 7:03 and later classic music to fading at 7:44 a.m., from Northfield, Minn station WCAL. 12/28, the ANer WXYZ poor due to a TT and at 5 a.m. s/on sounded like WLBR, but got the WKYR collection plate station s/on right after. Lefty, on 1070 kc/s. a SS talker was on at 5:53 and he did mention Arcibo so maybe WMIA was your 1 kw. station. 5:59:30 CBA s/on, earlier on 1390 was 4:15-4:47 s/off TT/M XR ET by WFIW. 12/3: on 680 was poorly WCAW, then a s/on by SS at 4:45 a.m., then s/on at 5 by WPTF. 600 at 5:05 sounded like WCVP, at 5:30 WSJS was there, at 5:42 a TT, at 5:58:30 WMT Iowa s, on, 6:29 WTAC; on 590 6:35 was WPLO, going up to 1540 found KXEL, then WPTS 7:29-7:45 a.m. and I quite DXing for 1960. When your hand is on the bottle, keep your foot off of the throttle" said CKLW. 73.

Lefty Cooper - 438 East 21 Street - Brooklyn 26, New York

Veries in from WFST and KOUR. Hi, Larry Godwin; what was that you did to YSKL-765 (International P. 1, 12/31 issue, hi) Our gathering featured Bob Kalish, Marty Siegal and Eric Polkes, with the holidays, and the rain-snow-hail stopping others from coming. However, we had a fine DX chit-chat, and phoeey to the rest of you local boys, hi! No further new DX in 1960 (images every morning, including on the Hammarlund, the Grundig and even the Zenith portable, so must be the next-door medical building which is doing it - all the radios couldn't have the same aches and pains, could they? Images aren't contagious!) 12/30 noted WBNX-1380 silent. 1/1- No AM DX (did you expect any from me, now!) but in late PM, 4-VEH-1035 logged and reported to 11:34 p.m. s/off with fine signal. 1/2- All AM DX jam session here, all by myself, with the world at my fingertips, hi. 12:27 a.m. pulled in WFLI-1070 on ET/V, with weak signal but on top of 1070. Noted WGY-810 off at 12:45 a.m., but back on next time I crossed their spot. French AN with CJAD-800 all AM. Unneeded WEER-1570 ET at 12:43, over Pancho. CBE-1550 s/off at 2:03 a.m. Radio Jamaica logged on 750 and 700 with game from SW from Australia. Interesting point was that they couldn't pick up the SW signal clearly enough to re-broadcast around 2:30, but Trinidad on 730 had it in good! Unneeded WQXI-790 ET/M at 2:30 with TTer behind, unIDed. WHBI-1280 s/off at 4:02 a.m., WADO s/on at 5:30. In between I was surprised and pleased to log WYAL 4:04-4:30 a.m. with RS, Stan Morss-type music. They call themselves "Big Y." At 4:15 s/on, in the clear, "Rocket Radio, the Voice of Cape Canaveral" WRKT, Cocoa Beach, an easy logging. S/on was definitely 4:15, not 4:00 as noted by someone last week. WDIX-1150 ruled channel from 5:00 s/on. Not needed, but I was hoping for WTMP. S/ons not needed, WBLR-1430 5:27; WDBF-1420 5:27, WHLD-1270 5:30. Somebody on 1550 behind CBE's OC at 5:46 mentioned Virginia but much too weak to have been WBOF - WODI Vinton, perhaps? Noted WEGP already on RS at 5:56 a.m. with Morss-billy music and way on top of everybody for another easy and welcome new one. On LAs, I feel the percentage of veries received is about the same as with U.S. stations. I feel many of them do not have anyone there to interpret English and even if the Spanish Form is not perfect Spanish it is certainly understandable to them. Registered mail sounds like a bonnie idea! WHOM-1430 AXR ET killed WJEM's f/c.

Send "TIPS " To Ev. Johnson-504-16th St. Mendota, Ill.- (E.S.T.)

FREQ.	CALL.	REMARKS
550	WPAW	Pawtucket R.I. S/on 05:30- Wk Dys. (A.Fregeau-Conn-
580	WCHS	Charleston W.Va.- S/off 02:02- Bowab- Ala.
	WHP	Harrisburg Pa. S/on 06:01- A Fregeau-Conn-
	WTAG	Worcester Mass. S/on 05:31- A Fregeau- Conn:
610	WCKR	Miami Fla. is now A.N. Bowab- Ala.
620	WDNC	Durham N.C. S/on 04:59- A.Fregeau- Conn:
630	KXOK	St Louis Mo. S/off 02:00- Bowab- Ala:
730	KKSN	Grand Prairie Tex Change call to KRZY- L.Kruse-Ia.
<del>730</del>	WJMW	Athens Ala. had POP test 12/27 TT 2:57-3:37-Bowab ala.
740	KFBM	Carlsbad N.M said R/C 1st Tues 2-2:15-TT Lv.
740	KRMG	Tulsa Okla A.N. Silent MON 01:00 Bowab-Ala.
790	WIBM	Miami Fla. S/on 05:00- Lewis-Tenn:
800	WLAD	Danbury Conn- S/off 4:30 P.M. Fregeau- Conn-
840	WHAS	Louisville Ky S/on 06:00- Bowab- Ala.
840	WKAB	Mobile Ala. had ET- 12/28- 2:49-3:18- Bowab-Ala.
850	WKIX	Raleigh N.C. S/on 05:00- Lewis-Tenn:
...	WYDE	Birmingham Ala. OFF MON. Lewis- Tenn.
910	WJCW	Johnson City Tenn. S/on 05:34- Fregeau- Tenn.
	WNTA	Newark N.J. S/on 06:01- Wk Dys. S/off 01:00 Fregeau-
	WFMD	Fredrick Md. S/on 05:04- Fregeau- Conn.
930	WFMD	Fredrick Md. S/on 05:04- Fregeau- Conn.
950	WPET	Greensboro N.C. S/on 05:02- Fregeau-
980	WKLH	Wilmington N.C. Said R/C 1st TUES. 1-1:15-TT (Ev.
1000	WBAL	Baltimore Md. S/on 04:56- Fregeau-
1150	WCNX	Middletown CONN. S/on 06:00 Fregeau-
1230	WJBW	New Orleans. La. A.N. Off MON.1-6:00- Bowab.
1270	WSPR	Springfield Mass. S/on 05:30- Fregeau- Conn.
1280	WYAL	Scotland Neck. N.C. S/on 04:00 Northup- Ia.
1300	WFBR	Baltimore Md. S/off 01:05- F. Wheeler- Pa.
1300	KVET	Austin Tex. S/off 02:00- Bowab-Ala.
1310	KNIA	Knoxville Ia. S/off 5:50 P.M. Northup Ia.
1320	WATR	Waterbury Conn. S/on 06:00 Fregeau-Conn.
1320	WKIN	Kingsport Tenn. S/on 04:00- F Wheeler-Pa.
1370	KUKO	Post Texas. Maintenance Test 1/2 1:55-2:10- Northup- Ia.
1380	WAYZ	Waynesboro Pa. S/on 06:01- Fregeau
1390	WBL	Syracuse N.Y. S/on 04:59- Fregeau- Conn.
1400	WGAP	Maryville Tenn. S/on 04:55- Fregeau- 4th
1430	WFCT	Fountain Cnty. Tenn. had F/C 12/28-02:00- Abbee Reg. WED.
1440	WCHB	Inkster Mich- S/on 05:01- Fregeau Bowab-
	WBIS	Bristol Conn. S/on SAT. 07:00- SUN 09:00-Fregeau
1460	WRKB	Kanapolis N.C. Now on Air as of 12/11/60- F Wheeler
1470	WJDY	Salisbury Md. S/on 5:22 Fregeau- Conn.
1480	KLEO	Wichita Kans. Silent Off 02:00- Bowab- Ala.
1480	WABB	Mobile Ala. A.N. Off MON. 02:00* Bowab-Ala.
1510	KGA	Spokane WashS/off 02:55- Lewis-Tenn.
1510	WHEX	Boston Mass. S/on 05:15- Fregeau- Conn.
1540	KCUL	Ft Worth Tex to Go A.N. in Jan. 1 Kw Days 50 50 Kws D.
1550	WESN	N Augusta S.C. S/on 04:57- Northup- Ia. L Kruse-
1580	WATM	Atmore Ala. S/on 04:55- S/off 6 P.M. Wheeler-
1580	WESY	Leland Miss. S/off 6:03 P.M. Northup Pa.
1590	WEZL	Richmond Va. R/C 1st TUES. 1-1:15- not 00;30_00:45-Ev.
	WCBG	Chambersburg Pa. S/on 05:03 Fregeau-
	WGTC	Greenville N.C. S/on 05:30- Lewis- Tenn.
1600	WINX	Rockville Md. S/off 00:02- Wheeler- Pa.
	KCRG	Cedar Rapids Ia. S/off 01:00 Wheeler- Pa.
	WKSK	W Jefferson N.C. had ET. 12/27- 1:30- 2:00- Bowab-Ala.

The Above S/ons are Wk Days unless stated differently. 73's.

F/C's per List- 1st Tues. WLPO-1220-WJBIL-1480- 4th WED.- WCPC-1320-WJAK-1460- 4th Thurs.- WWSW-1590-



## INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

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Welcome to 1961 and to all of you who are actively DXing these days. There is much for you to hear, and here is some of it.

## NORTH AMERICA

CUBA-\*--CMCD (760) on 12/22 at 2240 like a regular. CMQ (630), CMHQ (640) on 12/22 both at 2245 S-9 Plus level with LA music. CMCA (730) on 12/24 as early as 1700, "Radio Mambi" ID. CMCH (790) on 12/24 at 2004. CMCH also noted on 795 Kcs. once. CMCO (1230) on 12/25 at 0130, is this AN? Heard at an S-9 Plus level. All above in Havana except CMHQ which is in Santa Clara. (BB) CMKR (1090) very good at 0120 on 12/26. (BD)

EL SALVADOR-\*--YSKL (760) picture postal verie enclosed in air mail envelope, signer Jose Bejarano R. (HT) "Radio Universal" (765) a real powerhouse at 0650 on 12/20. (HJW) Verie on this one also received by BD as his country #30. Address is 4a. C. O. No. 528, antiguo 48, San Salvador, El Salvador. (BD)

SWAN ISLAND-\*--"Radio Swan" (1160) noted off and on, usually battles with WJJD and CMJK. (BB) To JHH, English schedule is 1900-2000. (FW) ID in English logged 12/24 at 2300, but held only about 3 minutes. (FW)

JAMAICA-\*--"JBC" (700) logged for a new one here from 0535-0603 on 12/20. Little QRM from WLW that morning. (HJW) "RJR" (720) Kingston, with news at 2300 on 12/24. (FW)

HAITI-\*--4VW heard on 1325 on 12/25 from 0210-0220; programs were in French, probably Christmas mass. (BB)

NICARAGUA-\*--Station in Managua was DB20 over S-9 at 0605 on 12/20. I didn't hear "Union Radio" mentioned. YND used to use that slogan. (HJW, but you forgot the frequency) YNOL (825) s/off at 2300. (CWA) YNOL was logged on 825 Kcs. during the NNRC DX from 0015-0027 with "Ernest Cooper of New York" mentioned at 0020. (JHH) Very well logged from 2305-2430 12/25-26 on NNRC DX. (RHM) And logged from 0100-0530 with S-3 signal, but easily read with only a few minutes of QRM. (LL)

COSTA RICA-\*--TIGP (805) on 12/24 at 1815-1820 fairly good signal, TIRA (735) on 12/28 from 2215-2122, IDs as "Radio America Latina". (BB)

HONDURAS-\*--"Radio Centro" (865) playing American recordings at 0658 with many IDs in a very short period. Much louder than "Radio Pinares" (887) who signed on at 0700 the same morning. Now if they would just verify. (HJW) Station heard at 0105 on 12/25 (845) is thought to have been HROW. Not proven. (BD)

MEXICO-\*--Many heard, but have question on one. On 1230 ID as "Radio Majestic", call seems to be XECV. Heard on 12/26 from 0115-0145. S-9 plus 20 DB. (BB) (To the best of my knowledge, no Mexicans operate on 1230 Kcs.-FW) Does anyone have a good address for XEN (690) Mexico, D. F. One sent to WRH address came back. (BD) XESM (1470) heard well on 1/2 at 0359 with Spanish announcing as "El Heraldo del Chocolate Abuelita". They had 1470 all to themselves at this time. (AF)

PUERTO RICO-\*--12/26 at 0430 received WIVV, Isle de Vieques, signing on with religious program. S-8 for about 15 minutes when it faded out. (FW)

BAHAMAS-\*--ZNS (1540) s/off during the week at 2400 and s/on at 0600 daily with Sunday sign-on at 0700. S/off with "God Save the Queen". (CWA)

## SOUTH AMERICA

TRINIDAD-\*--VP4RD (730) heard at 0203 on 1/3 signing off for a couple of hours. Frequency was clear for them, operating on 730 Kcs. with 20 Kw., in English. (AF) (art, I don't have up-to-date schedule)

COLOMBIA-\*--HJED (820) Cali, logged at 0500 12/25 with "Voz del Rio Cauca" ID. (RHM) HJCN "Radio Reloj", very loud and in the clear from 0419-0427 on 12/19. (HJW) HJKN "Radio Metropolitana", still operating on 1258 Kcs. Good here most AMs after 0445. (HJW)

VENEZUELA--\*YVOA (1000) or just slightly under, logged at 0530 s/on 12/26, very rough copy, but fair music level. (RHM) YVKU (880) "Radio Libertador", ruding over TGJ from 2126-2200 on 12/17, and was S-8to 9 from 0545-0630 on 12/19. (HJW) YVQR "Radio Cumana" (720) was DP 10 over S-9 at 0530 on 12/20, and good reports to both. (HJW)

## EUROPE

U. S. S. R.--"Radio Erevan" broadcasts in Armenian 1000-1130 and 1430-1515 and Arabic 1400-1430 on 863 Kcs. (WRH)

SWEDEN--\*"Radio Nord" the new "pirate station" (Commercial broadcasting from a seaborne station on international waters) officially on the air from 12/24 at 2400 on 606 Kcs. with 20 Kw. Will go around the clock with entertainment, news and commercial spots in Swedish. Correct reception reports will be confirmed by printed QSL-card and the address is "Radio Reklam Produktion, Kammakargatan 46, Stockholm Va, Sweden. Station isn't using assigned European channel, but between the 602 and 611 channels. (CH)

WEST GERMANY--\*Flensburg (1570) heard in German with a strong signal on 12/24 from 1700-1715. Oldenburg (1586) logged from 1700-1718 with a weak signal on 12/24. (BB) VOA Munich (1196) received with good signal on 12/26 from 0110-0115. (BD) AFW Stuttgart, (1106) put in a brief appearance at 0117 on 12/26 with weak signal. (BD)

PORTUGAL--\*CSB2 (1034) parade, heard 12/23 from 1700-1706. Very weak signal. CSA3 (755) Lisbon, heard 12/23 from 1812-1817 better level than CSB2. (BB)

ENGLAND--\*West Regional (1457) heard 12/26 from 0200-0300 with good signals most of the way. This station has been one of the better BBC signals in past seasons. Also heard weakly on 12/26 at 0210, in clear with WCAU off, was Brookman's Park (1214) with Light Program. (EBL)

FRANCE--\*Bordeaux (1205) heard here with rather weak signals at 0115 on 12/26. (BD)

## AFRICA

LIBERIA--\*ELBC (650) Monrovia, heard after 0100 11/8 with some special news in Africa. Very specific veric by air mail from Mgr. New Country for me, and 29th African. (HT)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC--\*"Radio Bangui" is using 1570 Kcs. for its medium wave outlet, power 250 watts. S/on is 0230. (WRH)

TANGANYIKA--\*Tanganyika Broadcasting Corp. uses 1250 Kcs. for Swahili and 1025 Kcs. for English broadcasts. Power of both stations is 1250 watts. (WRH)

## ASIA (NEAR EAST)

ADEN--\*The Aden Broadcasting Service is now using 809 Kcs. for its medium wave service. S/off at 0030 and on at 0700. (WRH)

CEYLON--\*Commercial Service of "Radio Ceylon" uses 640 and 920 Kcs. (WRH)

## ASIA (FAR EAST)

JAPAN--\*JOLB (870) Fukuoka, with NHK ID at 0500 12/25; 3rd report sent with tape. (RHM) New NHK list at hand; many changes, some have been in effect for a year or more I know. Of particular interest noted were JOKP Kitami (700); JOQB Niigata (990), JOJK Kanazawa (1030); JOQC Morioka (1170); JOPE Shizuoka (1230); JOKD Kitami (1260); JOHC Kagohhima (1390); JOJB Kanazawa (1460), all 10 Kw.; JOKK Okayama (720), 1 Kw. These may solve some mysteries. (RHM)

## OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA--\*2GL (820) Glen Innes, NSW., with Queen's Christmas message at 0530 12/25; 2GB (870) Sydney, NSW (Commercial) ID with tone, pips, time and call at 0700 12/25 to round out a fruitful Christmas morning. (RHM) 2SM (1270) noted from 0610-0620 on 12/10. Several clear IDs. (BE)

HAWAII--\*KORL (650) veric letter, signed by James R. Markham, CE. (RHM)

## MYSTERY

RHM--SS on 900 Kcs. s/on at 0555-0600 with lots of noise, shouts, etc., then anthem. Have tape if could ID. Help?

JHH--\*Who was FRENCH speaker on 1280 Kcs. 12/26 from 0110 on? (Probably CJMS, Montreal-FV)

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Special greetings to several reporters to the DIGEST for the first time. Welcome aboard, and come back often. The balance of the page will be devoted to an editorial written by Hank Tyndall on the subject of Latin American verifications. Mr. Tyndall:

"In a recent muse, Hank Wilkinson asked for view-points concerning the present day verifying problems with Latin American countries. Admittedly, the majority of these stations are difficult enough to hear, due to the increased number of all-night broadcasters, but are still more difficult to confirm. However, if we do agree to this, then we must also agree that the same condition exists with everyday American and Canadian radio stations. A great many of our own stations make it very plain that it is a business venture, not a play-thing, run for mere pleasure. I do not think that the personnel of the LA stations are quite so concerned over the monetary portion as our own USA owners. Many times, we have blessed a contributor for sending in the signer's name on the verie it was his good fortune to receive, often, it is the magic that produces an eventual verie from a real toughie. One thing seems to remain unchanged over a period of over 30 years, it makes a whale of a difference who happens to handle your particular report. Another angle, in various years, our relationship to a particular country has a lot to do with the response. At present the Castro regime has almost stopped the flow of our dimes, but once again, many of the old-timers will recall the mid-thirties when we often remarked that the Cuban National Debt should be eased considerably with our contributions. Panama and Bolivia have evinced considerable hatred towards us, while others merely tolerate us. Chile, due to our charities during their recent earthquake disasters, love us, quite naturally/ International policies cannot be shrugged off, it is bound to have some effect on personal feelings. The question of language and its degree of success can never be proven, the method that worked so miraculously with one station is ignored by another. I have never used Spanish forms not have I ever written any station on this globe in anything but plain English, but it still proves nothing. However, to show that it has a certain degree of success, I will list my LA confirmations. Please do not forget that this covers DXing over 30 years. I have also had a fair percentage of success with IR Cards. Over 100 toughies were finally cornered by this method, somewhat distasteful and also a bit expensive. It was a tough battle back in the mid-twenties and remains so today; it takes a lot of writing and the cost runs high too. (Lack of enough space forces me to postpone the rest of this editorial to next week-FV) 73

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After the New Zealand pictures and tapes, we heard a tape made by Dave Roy's of his version of "The Night Before Christmas." It was complete with sound effects, and was a real laugh riot. It would sound good on a DX program!

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Around 1 a.m. some of the crew got hungry - again. And so a band of them set out to find food - and they did - after walking to the next town, about an hour's hike.

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And then it was back to the Hotel, at about 4 a.m., and more of Stan's beer was drunk - even that stuff in the blue cans. Wow.

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One or two stayed in character and DXed. Nothing great was heard - only Radio Swan.

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In the meanwhile back in Brooklyn - Bob Kalish, who did not come to the Convention, was logging about umpteen Puerto Ricans on Labor Day morning.

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It was a once-in-a-lifetime co-incidence - a Monday mornigg - a holiday - Northern Lights Conditions bringing in the LAs, and a hurricane bearing down on Puerto Rico. Bet that parlay would have paid 100 to 1!

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Then, about 6:00 a.m. or so, finally the gang gave up and went to bed. But for some, it was once again a short sleep indeed, as at 9:15 they were pounding on doors again as the parade was ready to start for WVOX-1460 in New Rochelle. But, only nine answered the bell this time.

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Phil Erwin, their announcer, welcomed us at the WVOX studio, in a basement of a New Rochelle building, and showed us through, and allowed us in the studio as he was reading the commercials and news. He almost broke up when he read a hair tonic commercial. Too bad he hadn't heard about this stuff five years ago!

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Then we headed back once more to the Roger Smith - by way of a side detour to WVOX' tower, where the picture-snappers snapped merrily to the amazement of the natives.

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And now the time was drawing near for all to take off for their respective homes. But not before some more food!

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Lefty took Len and Bob to Idlewild, and time was getting rather short, and the car was really loaded down with them, much baggage, and the bags under everyone's eyes.

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And thus the 1960 White Plains Convention went into the History Books, until we open the books again next year in the fine city of Amarillo, Texas.

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It has been our custom to alternate each year - one year East of the Mississippi, the next, West of Ole Miss - but for next year - 1961 - we have violated this arrangement, as we go to Amarillo - SOUTH of the Mississippi!

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The scene of the Amarillo Convention will be a motel owned by the famous comedian, George Gobel. Maybe we can get him to write this column for us next year.

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It's beginning to look as though the main order of business at the business meeting at Amarillo will be a lively discussion and vote on the site for the 1962 shin-dig. In case you've been away somewhere, it's between Indianapolis and Hamilton, Ontario.

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We hope you have enjoyed these comments on White Plains' big Convention. We may have strayed a bit from the truth in spots, but it is all essentially a humorous (we hope) recount of some of the fun we had. But the only way you can really appreciate the fun at the NRC Conventions is to be there - so come one, come all, to Amarillo!

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Because this issue being 20 pages, slips from World Radio Handbook can not be included as it would put DX News over weight. Will include them in next issue providing we have no more than 18 pages. To those of you new members, if DX News contains over 20 pages, then it requires additional postage which brings another sheet or 2 quite expensive as to postage