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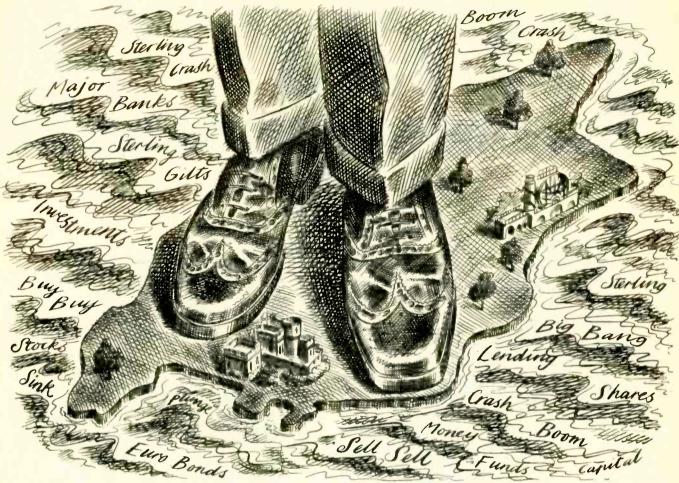
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# ANEW MIX FOR WORLD SERVICE

Anthony Rendell, Editor of the World Service in English (below), explains the thinking behind the programme changes you will hear from this month

OTHING can stand still and survive. We like to think that World Service is the leading international radio station, with its authoritative and comprehensive news and current affairs and its wide mix of other programmes, but during the past couple of years we have subjected ourselves to the deepest scrutiny.

Several study groups have looked carefully at what we broadcast, and made a number of recommendations about how our future should be shaped. In some cases it was recommended that we keep things as they were, in others that we keep things as they were, only better; in still others that changes be made.

Special audience research was undertaken to link new information with data we already possessed, in an effort to build a more accurate picture of who listens when, to what — and why.

All this work was discussed extensively. As a result, from *October 29th*, listeners will notice some changes.

There are new programmes, such as Newshour at 2200. Not everyone will be able to hear it, but if it proves successful we hope to introduce further editions later on.

There is a new discussion programme, called *With Good Reason*. There will be more financial reporting, broadcast more often during the day. *Radio Newsreel* will sound a little more modern – it is now called, simply, *Newsreel*.

A programme called *Megamix* for young people, built on the success of the recently introduced *Pop Science* programme, makes its debut. Also starting is *Worldbrief*, a weekly summary of world news, and there's a lot more besides.

Some changes have already taken place, without fanfare, in recent months, and there will be more next year, too.

I know that any change, however good,

can mean some sense of discontinuity among our listeners, particularly those of you we especially treasure – those who listen most. Some programmes will be heard less often as a result of the changes, or will be broadcast at different times.

Moving a programme to a new time means that listeners who have never heard it before — perhaps because they were at work, or asleep — now have a chance to tune in, and we like that. The other side of the coin is that existing regulars might find that the programme has moved to an inaccessible time.

Faithful listeners, who have struggled with variable shortwave reception and planners' decisions for many years, know all about this. I'm sorry if we disappoint some of you but hope that for anything you miss there will be something new, interesting, enjoyable and welcome to compensate.

Overall, I believe we have arrived at a plan that will spread a sense of renewal throughout the programmes, and carry World Service forward into the next decade.

Write and tell us what you think.



You'll find full details of the new BBC World Service programmes on the preview pages of this issue, which covers the period from *October 29th* onwards:

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### At a glance

#### **World News**

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

#### Newsdesk

A half-hour programme including World News and despatches from overseas and UK correspondents daily 0000, 0400, 0600,

#### Newshour

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

#### Newsreel

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

#### News about Britain Daily 0309, 1109, 1609.

#### Twenty-Four Hours

Analysis of the main news of the day daily 0509, 0709, 1**3**09.

#### British Press Review

Survey of editorial opinion in the Press Daily 0209, 0909.

#### The World Today

Examines thoroughly one topical aspect of the international scene Mons to Fris 1645 rep 2209, Tues to Fris 0145 (South Asia), Tues to Sats 0315, 0545, 0915.

#### Commentary

Background to the news from a wide range of specialists Mons to Fris 1709, 2309.

#### Outlook

An up-to-the-minute look at people, events and opinions together with the latest UK news, sport and weather Mons to Fris 1400, 1900, Tues to Sats 0100.

#### **Financial News**

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

#### Financial Review

A look back at the financial week Sats in Newshour 2225 approx rep Suns 0530, 0930, brief review in Worldbrief Suns 0445 rep 1345, 2009.

#### Worldbrief

A 15-minute roundup of the week's news headlines, plus everything from sport and finance to bestsellers and the weather (see page 7) Suns 0445, 1345, 2009.

Anything Goes – a variety of music and much more. Write to Bob Holness at World Service a variety of music and much Suns 1430 rep Mons 0330, 0830.

ssignment – a weekly examination of a topical issue *Weds 2030*, rep Thurs 0230, Assignment 1001, 1615.

Book Choice - short book reviews with four editions each week - Sats 0145 rep Suns 0940, 1709; Sats 2309 rep Suns 0745; Suns 2309 rep Tues 0455, 1125; Weds 1740 rep Thurs 0140, 1125.

Business Matters - a weekly survey of commercial and financial news Tues 2115

rep Weds 0430, 0815, 1445.
Classical Record Review – Edward Greenfield

reviews new releases Sats 0130 rep 1115, 2115.

Composer of the Month- Sats 1830 rep Suns 0030, 1130. Country Style - with David Allan Weds 0145 rep 0445, 1115.

Development '88 - reflecting aid and development issues Tues 1930 rep Weds 0730, 1330.

Discovery scovery - an in-depth look at scientific research *Tues 1001 rep 1830*, *Weds 0330*.

Europe's World – a magazine programme reflecting life in Europe and its links with other parts of the world Mons 2115 rep Tues 0145, 0730.

The Farming World - Weds 1225 rep Thurs 0640, 1940.
Focus on Faith — comment and discussion on

the major issues in the worlds of faith Thurs

1830 rep Fris 0330, 1001.

From Our Own Correspondent – BBC correspondents comment on the background to the news Sats 2009 rep Suns 0315, 0730. 1115.

From the Weeklies a review of the British

weekly press Fris 2315 rep Sats 0730.

Good Books – recommendation of a book to read Mons 0315 rep 0915, Weds 2315.

Here's Humph! – all that jazz Sats 0430 rep

1001, Suns 1901.

How It All Began – Keith Parsons looks at the origins of some of the major issues in the world today – Weds 0130 rep 0945, 1945.

In Praise of God — a half-hour programme of marking the companies of the suns of the companies o

worship (see page 19) - Suns 1030 rep 1830, Mons 0030.

#### FINANCIAL NEWS

more comprehensive financial news service than ever before is provided on World Service from November. An outline of your daily financial listening is given below:

2225 approx Mons-Frls during Newshour 2225 approx Sats during Newshour: Financial Review

0025 approx Mons-Fris during Newsdesk 0125 Tues-Sats: International Commodities Report

0450 approx Suns during Worldbrief 0530 Tues-Fris: Financial Report

0530 Sats: (rep from Fris 2225 and Sats

0125

0530 Suns: Financial Review (rep from 2225 Sats)

0625 approx Mons-Fris during Newsdesk 0728 approx Mons-Fris during Twenty-Four Hours

0930 Mons-Fris: Financial Report (shorter bulletin Mons)
 0930 Sats: Financial Report (rep from 0530)

0930 Suns: Financial Review (rep from 2225 Sats)

1328 approx Mons-Fris during Twenty-Four Hours

1350 approx Suns during Worldbrief (rep from 0450)

1825 approx Mons-Fris during Newsdesk 1925 Mons-Fris: UK Stock & Commodities Report

2014 approx Suns during Worldbrief (rep from 0450)

Jazz for the Asking - Suns 0630 rep 1715, Weds 1030.

John Peel - selects tracks from newly released albums and singles from the contemporary music scene around the world *Tues 0330 rep* Thurs 0830, Fris 1330.

Jolly Good Show -Dave Lee Travis presents your record requests, the enquiry desk and the album of the month Sats 0815 rep 2315, Tues 1515.

The Ken Bruce Show - Sats 1401 rep Suns 0230, Mons 1130.

Letter from America – by Alistair Cooke Sats 1015 rep Suns 0545, 1645, 2315.

The Learning World – an international survey of education around the world introduced by John Turtle Mons 2315 rep Tues 0430, Weds 1515.

Mediawatch - monitoring worldwide developments in communications Thurs 0730 rep 1445, 2130.

Megamix - a compendium of music, sport, fashion, health, travel, news and views for young people – *Tues 0030 rep 0830, 2130.*Meridian – each week, three topical programmes about the world of the arts *Sats 0630* 

rep 1130, 2030; Tues 2030 rep Weds 0630, 1130; Thurs 2030 rep Fris 0630, 1130.

Multitrack – all the latest news and music on the British pop scene Mons, Weds, Fris 1830 rep Mons, Weds, Fris 2330; Tues, Thurs, Sats 1215.

Music Now – presented by Geoffrey Norris
Thurs 2315 rep Fris 0815, 1515.

Nature Now - Fris 1445 rep Suns 0915, Mons 0445.

Network UK – looks behind the issues and events that affect the lives of people throughout the United Kingdom. Three editions each week Mons, Weds, Fris 1930

rep Tues, Thurs, Sats 0215, 0745, 1330.

New Ideas – a radio shop window for new products and inventions Sats 0145 rep Tues

0445, Weds 1730, Thurs 1115.
Omnibus – each week a half-hour programme on practically any topic under the sun Tues

1615 rep Weds 0030, 1001.

People and Politics – background to the British political scene Fris 2130 rep Sats 0230,

Personal View - of topical issues in British life

Fris 1945, Sats 0030, 0445, 0945.

The Pleasure's Yours – write to Gordon Clyde for your classical music requests Suns 0815 rep 2115, Thurs 1515.

Recording of the Week a personal choice from the new releases Sats 0045 rep Mons

0545, Tues 1345, Weds 2145. Science in Action – Fris 1615 rep 2030, Suns 1001, Mons 0230.

Seven Seas – weekly programme about ships and the sea *Thurs 2115 rep Fris 0215, 0945*.

Society Today – a weekly look at the changes in Britain Weds 1715, rep Thurs 0145, 0430, 0945.

Sports International - Mons 2130 rep Tues 0230, 1030.

Sports Roundup - Mons-Sats following the 0930 Financial News, 1245; daily 1745, 2101, Suns only 1330.

Sportsworld – the weekly sports magazine Sats 1430, 1515, 1615.

Talking From... – profiles from Northern

Talking From... - profiles from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales Thurs 2145 rep

Fris 0145, 1115.

Tech Talk – discovering what's new in the world of engineering Mons 1115 rep 1630, Tues 0815, Weds 0215.

The Vintage Chart Show – past Top Ten hits with Jimmy Savile Sats 0330 rep Mons 1020, 2020. 1030, 2030.

Waveguide - how to hear us better Suns 0750,

Mons 0530, Tues 1115, Thurs 0130.

With Good Reason – a round table discussion chaired by George Scott – Suns 1401 rep

2330, Mons 0630,1001.

Words of Faith – people of all faiths share how their scripture gives authority and meaning to their lives daily 0540 rep 0809, 2025.

#### FEATURES PREVIEW



#### Back to Square One

"Straight from the horse's mouth", it's revealed that "there's a skeleton in the cupboard" which is "browned off" with being "on the wagon". But "it's a piece of cake" in "the wild and woolly west", unless you have to "face the music" and get "a dressing



Hand-to-hand combat: Moroccans use poison against a locust swarm - see Crop Protection

having Otherwise, it'll all be "plain sailing

Confused? Chairman Chris Serle and his competing teams will reveal all in the return of the quiz game which delves into the origins of well-known words and expressions, and they come up with some surprising answers. Among this month's competitors are the writer Leslie Thomas, photographer Lucinda Lambton and broadcasters Katie Boyle and Moira Stuart. Suns from October 30th 2030 rep Mons 1215, Thurs 0330

process of pitting pest against pest. ● Sun October 30th 1401 rep 2330, Mon 0630, 1001 English

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#### **How it All Began**

Anyone who listens to the World Service regularly will be aware of the current tensions in international relations - whether East/West or between, for example, Pakistan and India. These same listeners will also appreciate the economic facts of life, such as the economic dominance of Japan and the debt problems of Latin America.

It's quite likely they will also take for granted the role of international organisations — the European Commission and the United Nations, for instance. But recalling the origins of these present-day facts of life, and

why they are as they are, is not so easy.

Hence How it All Began, a weekly series of 22 fifteen-minute programmes in which Keith Parsons delves into the past to find the roots of international relations. With the help of BBC archives and experts in their fields, the series offers the building bricks for understanding a modern world all too often taken for granted.

Weds 0130 rep 0945, 1945

#### **Crop Protection** Nature's Way

More than 300 species of agricultural pests have developed resistance to a wide range of chemical pesticides, according to a recent study by the Food and Agriculture Organisation. Chemical pesticides are also responsible for unfold damage to the environment, and increasingly to man himself.

In the face of these escalating

perils a more effective and ecologically better method of pest control is gaining popularity: using nature herself, and harnessing the natural

#### a Language for the World

Five 15-minute reports on a unique seminar held at the Bush House headquarters of the BBC World Service in London in October and opened by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. A varied group of distinguished people discuss the importance of the English language and its future development in the realms of literature, international business, diplomacy and cultural relations. Among those taking part are the distinguished author
Anthony Burgess and Sir
Anthony Parsons, Britain's former
ambassador to the United Nations.

1401 rep

The programme is presented and produced by Barry Tomalin.

Thurs 2345 rep Fris 0845, 1545



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the watch in Just a Minute.

Right: Nicholas

Parsons holds

#### Ireland - Naturally

Ken Jackson and Stephen Mills explore the varied habitats of Ireland, and some of the plants and animals that live in them, in a series of six programmes.

They start in the south, at Cape Clear, and finish in the city

They start in the south, at Cape Clear, and finish in the city and port of Dublin. In between they visit the Murlough Sand Dunes in County Down, the nearby Mountains of Mourne, which sweep down to the sea, and, of course, the inevitable trish bog.

They go east and west to the oakwoods of Killarney in County Kerry and to the unique limestone area of the Burren in South Galway, with its wealth of wildflowers and feral goats.

• Weds from 16th 1215 rep Thurs 0630, 1930



The splendour of Ireland - Errigal Mountain.



#### Just a Minute

Chaos breaks out on the airwaves of the BBC once again with the return of this popular panel game. Sadly Kenneth Williams, who had been with the programme since it started, died earlier this year, but happily he had already recorded this series.

And his inimitable laugh can be heard when he and his fellow regulars, Clement Freud, Peter Jones and Derek Nimmo, try to catch each other out hesitating, deviating or repeating as they attempt to speak for that famous 60 seconds on such subjects as "fashionable bed attire", "milking a goat", "soap" and "fudge".

seconds on such subjects as fashionable bed attire", "milking a goat", "soap" and "fudge".

Joining the regulars for this series are guest celebrities Richard Murdoch, Lance Percival, Wendy Richard and Christopher Timothy, under the watchful eye, as always of chairman Nicholas Parsons.

• Suns 0330 rep Mons 1715, Weds 0830

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#### US Presidential Election —



Who will win the White House Democrat Michael Dukakis ...

On Tuesday 8th the people of the United States go to the polls. They will be electing a president and a vice-president for the next four years. They will also - and this is sometimes forgotten by observers outside the USA – be voting for a new House of Representatives and for a third of the seats in the Senate, as well as a whole range of local political offices

November 8th will be a long voting day. The continent has several time zones, so that voting returns will be coming in from the eastern states before the polls have closed on the West Coast or Hawaii. Political analysts will be using computer models to forecast the final outcome.

Inevitably all eyes will be on the presidential contest between the Republican, George Bush and the Democrat, Michael Dukakis. Bush has

been vice-president for nearly eight years. He's a politician of great experience, but a man who is having difficulty shedding the image of an upper-class Eastern member of the political establishment. Dukakis, far less well-known to Americans, is fighting to get his views and personality across to the electors.

The BBC World Service election team will be service from 2200 throughout the pight from

operating from 2300 throughout the night from studios in Washington, providing listeners with up-to-the-minute results, analysis and reaction from all over the USA. Other regular World Service programmes such as Twenty-Four Hours and The World Today will also come from Washington and of course - the election dramas will all be covered in the new World Service current affairs programme Newshour at 2200.



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.. or the current vice-president, Republican George Bush?

#### The Million Pound Radio Show

Why is half an hour of anarchic comedy (which features two bickering twifs and a clutch of ridiculous sketches on every subject from science fiction to hopeless tennis players) called *The Million Pound* Radio Show? "No, I don't know

either," says producer Lissa Evans, "but it still made me laugh!"

• Weds 1530 (ex 2nd, 30th) rep Thurs 0030, 1030

#### The Reith Lectures

Is real change possible in the Soviet Union? Geoffrey Hosking, Professor of Russian History at the University of London, will be tackling this question in the 1988 Reith Lectures, which this year are being broadcast simultaneously on World Service and BBC domestic services

Mr Gorbachev and his attempts to reform Soviet life and institutions not least the ruling Communist Party

have captured the world's headlines. But can a totalitarian system the system bequeathed by Stalin at his death in 1953 - really be changed? Soviet society is still highly rigid, hierarchical and immobile

But Professor Hosking will argue that under the surface, and long before the arrival of Mr Gorbachev, major changes have been taking place in the Soviet Union over the past generation or so. They can be summed up as the partial re-emergence of civil society.

Perhaps the principal reason for the changes is that the official ideology has lost most of its power to convince. Few Soviet citizens now genuinely see the future in terms of a multi-national community building socialism. In the absence of such conviction, many have instead sought alternative and older ways of understanding their community life.
These derive from pre-revolutionary traditions.

Science and learning, culture and especially literature, nationality and religion are at the heart of what are likely to be the most durable forms of association and identity for the Soviet citizen. Examining these fundamental issues of human identity and community will be a major part of Professor Hosking's 1988 Reith Lectures.

Geoffrey Hosking has held his present post since 1984 and has been a frequent visitor to the Soviet Union. His visits include a full year of research into Soviet archives. His book A History of the Soviet Union won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for History in 1986.

Fris from 11th 0730 rep 1215,

Sats 2130

#### Worldbrief

A new weekly programme that sums up everything you need to know about the previous seven days. In the space of 15 minutes you can catch up on the week's most important world news stories and hear from the public figures who make the news, the correspondents who report it, and the analysts who comment on it.

But Worldbrief is not just a survey of political events: it takes in the sport and financial headlines, the major weather trends, what's in the pop charts and which books are the best-sellers.

in a world that seems to move at an ever-faster pace, where information floods in from every corner of the globe, take time out to catch up on the important issues and news of the

previous seven days.

Suns from October 30th 0445 rep 1345, 2009

#### HIGHLIGHT

#### Take three informed, articulate speakers, put them in the company of a genial, experienced host, throw in some topical questions on the arts, politics, education, internationall diplomacy, terrorism — or simply life in general — and you have the classic recipe for what everyone seems to remember enjoying before the advent of television — stimulating conversation.

That's the aim, at least, of the new World Service programme With Good Reason, a round-table discussion with, each week, a different panel of guests who we hope will be illuminating matters of concern with an exciting exchange of ideas

The regular host is the writer and broadcaster George Scott, for whom, incidentally, the programme marks a happy return to the international airwaves after an absence of almost ten years

 Suns from 13th 1401 rep 2330, Mons 0630, 1001

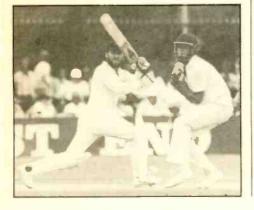
#### With Good Reason



George Scott hosts With Good Reason



Alan Border turns out once again for Australia.



Rugby Union, cricket and football head the sporting bill this month:

RUGBY: The touring Australian "Wallabies" meet England and Scotland in Rugby Union Test matches and Sportsworld features commentary from Twickenham 5th and Murrayfield 19th.

CRICKET: There are three Tests this month as two new series begin in Australia and India. The West Indies, who have enjoyed the luxury of a three-month break since their four-nil victory over England, are now in Australia where they will play five test matches against the "Aussies" and also compete for the World Series Cup against Australia and Pakistan.

Brisbane, the sunshine capital of Queensland, is the venue for the first Test, featured in our regular sports programmes 18th-22nd. Meanwhile New Zealand have begun their tour of India, during which they will play three Tests and five one-day internationals. This month's two Test matches are at Bangalore 12th-17th and Bombay 25th-30th.

FOOTBALL: There are ten further internationals this month as the group qualifying competition for the 1990 World Cup continues: Rumania v Greece, Denmark v Bulgaria, Austria v Turkey and Cyprus v Norway 2nd; Albania v Sweden 5th; Spain v Republic of Ireland,

Czechoslovakia v Belgium and Portugal v Luxembourg 16th; Yugoslavia v France 19th; and Turkey v East Germany 30th.
On major football nights, Sportsworld Extra presents the results from Britain and around Europe: 1st, 2nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th 2309-2315; 9th 2315-2330.

Also this month:

TENNIS: Wightman Cup - Great Britain v USA (women) at Royal Albert Hall, London 3rd-5th; Benson and Hedges International (men) at Wembley 8th-13th; Virginia Slims Championships (women's grand prix finals) in New York 14th-20th.

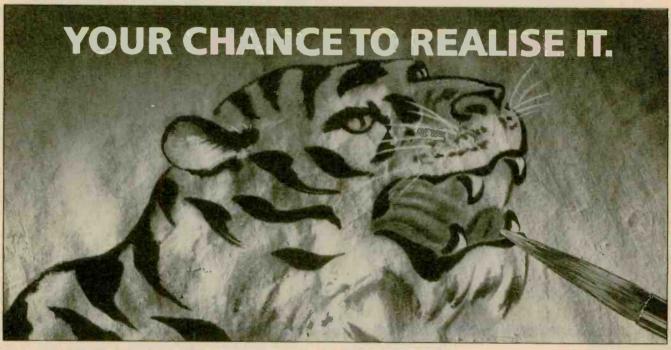
GOLF: Euro Car Cup in St Moritz 3rd-6th; Benson and Hedges Trophy, Madrid 10th-13th.

MOTOR RACING: Australian Grand Prix (final round of 1988 World Drivers Championship) in Adelaide *13th*.

RACING: Melbourne Cup at Flemington 1st; November Handicap at Doncaster and Breeders Cup at Churchill Downs 5th; Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham 12th; Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury 26th; Japan Cup, Tokyo 27th

BOWLS: Women's World Championships, Auckland 21st-December 2nd.





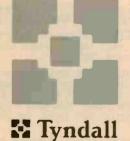
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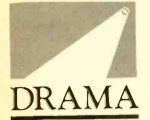
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Three of the six Globe Theatre writers: from left William Trevor. John Mortimer and David Pownall.



**Best of British** OVERS of drama will notice a big difference in the plays featured in this year's Globe Theatre season. This is the third in a series mounted by BBC World Service in associa-

tion with domestic station Radio 4. Audiences around the world have been delighted by the plays performed by star casts under this banner in previous years, most of them familiar works by dramatists from many countries and eras. But the six plays performed this time round are by the cream of contemporary British writers, and you will be hearing them for the first time, because they have been specially

commissioned for Globe Theatre by the BBC.
The season begins with a play by William Trevor called Events at Drimaghleen October 30th. Directed by David Hitchinson, it tells of a townland in the west of Ireland, where the modest farms that comprise the neighbourhood are scattered among rocky slopes and marshes

Alleviating the hardship of their lives, the people of Drimaghleen, like people everywhere, talk about the past. There are memories of dramatic happenings,



passed down from generation to generation. But no

story, and no long memory, can match the horror of the event that still belongs to the present.

On a Tuesday evening in 1985, Maureen McDowd rode off on her bicycle to meet Lancy Butler. On Wednesday morning, a tragedy awaited the people of Drimanbleen.

Drimaghleén.

William Trevor was born in Ireland in 1928, and taught history and art before spending some years as a sculptor. He then worked as an advertising copywriter before finally becoming a full-time novelist and playwright in 1964. He is also well-known for his short stories, and many of his radio and tv plays, such as *The* Ballroom of Romance, are based on them.

Cigarettes and Chocolate is the title of a one-hour

play by another stage and television writer, Anthony Minghella 6th. Gemma is the centre of a close-knit circle of friends and has just been on holiday to Italy with circle or irrends and has just been on holiday to Italy with her lover Rob plus Lorna, Stephen and their baby Tom. But now she has stopped talking, won't answer the telephone, won't return calls – won't say a single word. Her silence throws her friends into a frenzy of self-examination as they try to understand her withdrawal and probe it for a response.

The last time Minghalla colleborated with disparent.

The last time Minghella collaborated with director Robert Cooper, with a play called Hang Up, they

emerged with one of the BBC's entries for the Prix Minghella is youngest of this month's writers – he was born in 1954 on the Isle of Wight of Italian parents. He was a university lecturer until 1981 when he embarked on a career of writing for stage,

television and radio. The stage play Made in Bangkok is probably his best-known work, winning the accolade Best Play of 1986; others

include Whale Music and Love Bites

The title of the Globe Theatre play by John Mortimer is a word which has perhaps suffered more from international over-use during recent times than any other – Glasnost 13th. Mortimer can, however, always be relied upon to put a novel and usually comic slant on his themes. "Comedy is the only thing worth writing in this despairing world," he believes. Mortimer was born in London in 1923 and his first play

to be performed was for radio – *The Dock Brief.* Trained as a barrister he is a prolific film and tv script-writer and novelist as well as a playwright. Although his best-known work, the autobiographical *A Voyage* Round My Father, is a full-length play, he has been

instrumental in pioneering the one-act play.

Glasnost is a comedy about the attitudes of the English and Soviet intelligentsia. Three English writers, a working-class novelist, a sensitive lady author and an elderly biographer, are on an official visit to Moscow The play deals with their experiences, disaster and triumphs and is directed by John Tydeman.

The most pressing problem all people have is how to earn a living, says David Pownall. In some ways he believes it has become the foremost political question, eclipsing how we should be governed or the integrity of

our systems of values.

In A Matter of Style 20th, Reg has lost everything Jobless, he approaches a government agency for help in starting a new business. It comes up with a fraction of what he needs. Before he can begin his original scheme for making his fortune he has to gauge the practical problems, and conducts a dry run sitting on a pillar in the ruins of a medieval abbey in the Lake District. His lubricious girlfriend helps out with a tape-measure and Arthur, a retired oil company executive, takes a stroll which will change his life. The director is lan Cotterell. David Pownall is 50 and a Liverpudlian. He worked in

the motor industry and Zambian copper mining for ten years before becoming dramatist in residence with a fouring company in Britain in the early '70s. Master Class and Livingstone and Seychele are among his best-known stage works; he has also written extensively for tv and radio, including the award-winning Beef and Ploughboy Monday, and has written five novels.

Frederick Raphael is the author of this

month's last Globe Theatre production, The Thought of Lydia, directed by Walter Acosta 27th.

Raphael was born in Chicago of a British father and American mother in 1931 and brought up in England. Writing for radio is a departure for this novelist and Oscarwinning writer of screenplays for cinema and television.

His credits include such films as Far

from the Madding Crowd and Darling, and ty plays like The Glittering Prizes and

Oxbridge Blues.

The award-winning radio playwright

Shirley Gee completes the series with her
play Against the Wind — full details next month

Suns from October 30th 1401 rep

#### Citizes

Limerick Road celebrates its first anniversary, but an unwelcome guest threatens to spoil the fun.

Julia finds a partner in the hat business; Hugh gets into deeper water with the shady Bobby McHale; and Alex begins a new régime at Bread Street

Only Suzi has nowhere to go, and

turns to an old, dangerous friend.

Tues and Thurs 1130 rep 1715,
Weds and Fris 0230

#### **Short Story**

Mr Topol finds his English classes lifeless and boring – until a young girl student comes to sit next to him. The Late Spring is by Jaroslav Kriz, a listener in Czechoslovakia October 30th.

The Fat Girl and the Doll, by Susann Mill in Mallorca, sees a small-time villain in a strange encounter with the supernatural 6th.

Mr Persad's kindergarten is not as popular as the new one over the road and it drives him to distraction! The End of a School is by RT Allen, from Trinidad in the West Indies

The Six-Legged Cow is what Ikeh

needs to satisfy his ancestors relatives. and The story is by Mary Okoye in

Nigeria 20th.
Short Story is going off the air until March 1989; but we would still to receive

stories from listeners overseas. They should be original and unpublished and around 2,000 words long.
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Smith and Son

Phil Smith concludes his series of humorous talks looking back at the time when he first became a feature.

The Twilight Zone describes an The Twilight Zone describes an experience familiar to many, the agony of living with an infant who seems to have abandoned the practice of sleep altogether 2nd.
Finally, in Have Son, Will Travel,

Phil reflects on the image he projects as he strides out with his baby son perched in a rucksack on his back 9th.

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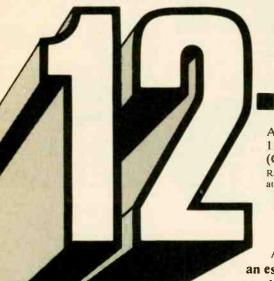
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#### PREVIEW



Bristol Docks - famous as the port from which Cabot sailed for a quick trip round the bay, missed hearing his number called and ended up

missed hearing his number called and ended up in America — is the unlikely venue for a new musical series called *Acker's Away*.

Perhaps not so unlikely though, as the two stars — Acker Bilk and Fred Wedlock — are both Bristol-bred. Acker is joined by the Paramount Jazz Band and describes the parameters are in mixture of music and lunger. programmes as "a mixture of music and lunacy".

Tues from October 29th 0630 rep Weds

#### Best on Record

Buying a recording of a classical work can be a daunting task. There are for example up to 30 different versions of Vivaldi's popular concertos The Four Seasons on compact disc alone. This is where our team of reviewers can help you out. This month Geoffrey Norris considers Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherezade 4th; William Mann Holst's The Planets 11th; John Georgidis Beethoven's Violin Concerto 18th; and Sir Denis Forman Mozart's Piano Concerto K467

• Fris from 4th 0030 rep 1030, 1715

#### HIGHLIGHT **Gala Concerts**

take part in this year's BBC Festival of Music from the Fairfield Hall in Croydon, south London. The five weekly one-hour concerts are put on by the domestic music station Radio 2 and reflect its wide musical style, from big band to light classical.

In the first concert, Stars of Friday Night Is Music Night, introduced by Robin Boyle, Robin Stapleton conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra with singers VIvian Tierney, Alan Ople and Evette Davies. Also on the bill are the Stephen Hill Singers, the Kneller Hall Fanfare Trumpeters and comedy quartet Instant Sunshine.
The Concert Orchestra and Stephen Hill

Singers are back in action the following week as Ken Bruce introduces The Musical World of Stanley Black. Stanley conducts, aided by the vocal talents of Lorna Dallas and Nick Curtis.

The award-winning Radio Orchestra Show is presented by Steve Race, with popular bandsman Geoff Love conducting the BBC Radio Orchestra with singer Salena Jones, the Stutz Bear Cats and jazzmen Kenny Baker and the All Stars.

Band Parade is the fourth concert, with Chris Stuart introducing Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra with singers Angela Christian and Jeff Hooper plus special guests the Danny Moss Quartet and Jeanie Lambe. The final concert, Melodies for You, is

presented by Richard Baker. Ashley Lawrence conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra with soprano Isobel Buchanan and acclaimed pianist Kristin Merscher in a programme of favourite popular melodies. Singing group Cantabile and the massed voices of the Ambrosian Opera Chorus are also featured in the show

Sats from Oct 29th 1901 rep Suns 0101,

#### HIGHLIGHT

#### Composer of the Month

The subject of the first in this new series, Composer of the Month, is Robert Schumann, who lived from 1810 to 1856. Four programmes explore some of the works written at the beginning of his career, reinforcing the sentiment of one critic who wrote that "the young Schumann is the essential Schumann".

You can hear music from the "Spring" Symphony, the Piano Concerto, the Piano Quintet, the First String Quartet, the piano works Papillons and Carnaval and, of course, some of the many songs which dominate this

period of Schumann's career.

Sats from 5th 1830 rep Suns 0030, 1130

#### Celluloid Rock

Steve Wright's series comes to an end this month with four more programmes examining the role of rock music in the movies. Sting has won success both on record and on screen, but there are problems involved in being a rock star as well as a straight actor, as he explains 1st. And Sting is back the following week to take a closer look at his own acting career and those of other rock

performers 8th. Film director Alan Parker brings matters right up to date with a critical look at contemporary cinema and the rock musical 15th, while the importance of the rock soundtrack to the successful movie of the 1980s is discussed in the final programme

Tues 0630 rep Weds 1615, 2115



#### and the German **Enlightenment**

Four of J S Bach's sons reached musical eminence and this year sees the 200th anniversary of the death of the most famous and prolific member of this talented brood. Carl Philipp Emanuel was known throughout Europe as a keyboard performer of extraordinary powers. He served King Frederick II of Prussia for almost 30 years and then moved to Hamburg as kantor and musical director, following in the

steps of his godfather, Telemann.
C P E Bach composed an enormous amount not only of keyboard and chamber music, but also concertos and symphonies, songs and large-scale choral works. In many respects he was the foremost representative of the enlightened cultural movement which was influencing the arts in north Germany at the end of the 18th

Nicholas Anderson's series of six programmes places this colourful musician from a remarkably gifted family in the context of the German Enlightenment

● Tues 0945 rep 1445

#### From Britain's **Music Festivals**

The oldest continually presented music festival in Britain is that of the three choirs, Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester, which has been running since the 18th century

Most of the country's major festivals began in the post-World War Two era - the Edinburgh International Festival, still perhaps the most prestigious of all, in 1946; Aldeburgh, founded by Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears in 1947; Cheltenham in 1944; Bath in 1949. The City of London's festival is a comparative newcomer

Each has a different character contemporary music has always been to the fore at Cheltenham, Aldeburgh has Britten's music as a continuing thread, Bath specialises in chamber music. These are some the festivals which represented each week in this new ten-part series.

● Suns from October 30th 1515 rep Tues 2315

#### **Royal Concert**

This year's Royal Concert is to be held in the Barbican Hall in London in the presence of HM the Queen Mother. It celebrates the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of musicians, and benefits through various charities musicians in need.
The Scottish National Orches-

tra conducted by Bryden Thomson will be heard in Greetings to a City by Sir Arthur Bliss, the Theme and Variations from Tchaikovsky's Suite No 3 in G and Don Juan by Richard

Wed 23rd 2101

#### Stand by Studio

In a new series of programmes, John Sugar provides a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes in some of London's most famous recording studios. He meets the unsung heroes of the music business: producers, technicians and studio managers who, over the past three decades of popular music, have coached and teased the best performances out of a whole range of musicians and singing stars, from Diana Dors to the Sex Pistols.

In the process, John uncovers some marvellous moments in pop history, like the time the Grateful Dead played by the Sphinx in Egypt to an audience of utterly amazed Bedouin Arabs.

Fris from 4th 2115 rep Sats 1345, Suns 0430

# MegaMix



If you are young enough to know what a "megamix" is, you'll want to tune in to the new programme of the same name which starts this month. Presenter Anne Bristow writes from the mixing desk . .



OME six months ago, in the busiest corners of Bush House, the home of BBC World Service, several different programme-makers were hatching a similar idea. They wanted to do a programme for young people but one that had more than just pop music, one that would reflect youthful attitudes and concerns, fashions and crazes, their health,

their hobbies and their future.

The result is *Megamix*, aiming to please and, we hope, to provoke. As the title suggests, there'll be something of everything in this new programme.

The "megamix" of a normal seven-inch pop record is the special version, the one with all sorts of instruments making lots of different sounds and lasting much longer than the standard three minutes. Because it differs from the original it induces a kind of curiosity in the listener, a sense of wondering what might happen next.

So we took that name to use for the show, and aim to provide – for more than three minutes.

than three minutes – a host of different sounds on a wide range of topics.

We'll tackle the issues that you want to raise in London Yelling. It could be pollution, drugs, famine, apartheid, or even why the latest Prince album isn't on sale in your country! You'll be invited to send in your phone number, and we'll send you a Megamix T-shirt, or an album of your choice

 maybe that Prince one you just can't find!
 There will be sports features too, on everything from your favourite football team to the newest tennis star. We'll be letting you know about the latest young British fashions, like whether flared trousers really will make a comeback, and how to dress in style on just a little money, by adapting your own clothes to follow the trends.

We'll also be going on a health and fitness kick with Dr Alan Maryon-Davis, and in his What's Up, Doc? section you can write in for advice on anything from hair and skin problems to high blood pressure

From time to time, too, Megamix will look at what's involved in travelling, working or studying abroad. We'll focus on different parts of the world, tell you the best ways of getting there, what to expect when you arrive, what's worth visiting and what to avoid. On the music side, there'll be a guide to who's touring where, the latest pop gossip, and a fan club spot so that you can write for more information on your favourite group or artist.

There will also be news of the latest rock and pop films and books, and what's happening on the music scene in Britain's major cities. A range of guests will be invited to the studio to chat about anything from windsurfing to hi-fi systems, and we'll be looking ahead to future events in the news.

Above all, this is your programme, and we'll welcome your ideas and opinions on what you'd like to hear in it. And though it won't be possible to cram all of this into each weekly edition, we'll try to make sure it really is a Megamix!

● Tues from 1st 0030 rep 0830, 2130

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So when we started thinking about a new combined news and current affairs programme on World Service, we weren't thinking of altering what we tell our listeners, but how.

Do we need any such change? Our World News bulletins, News About Britain, and major current affairs output such as Twenty-Four Hours and Outlook are tried and trusted. Why interfere with them?

The short answer is that we're not. But we did feel the need for a major programme bringing all these elements together, in an hour-long sequence that would be a comprehensive briefing on everything important happening in the world. That's Newshour.

World news, British news, sport, finance, the views of news-makers and analysts on the day's events – if you listen to *Newshour* you can get it all. The format is predictable enough to help you catch whatever is of interest to you. At the same time it is flexible enough to allow the programme-makers both to vary the mix as events dictate and to produce the sort of variety and pace that make for a "good listen".

There were two other key elements in the

There were two other key elements in the decision to put *Newshour* into the World Service schedule. For the first time a programme combines the resources of the News and Current Affairs departments. With rapidly alternating teams of journalists working to tight deadlines and often under severe pressure in both the Newsroom and the Current Affairs department, co-ordination between the two has in the past—I think we would all admit—often left something to be desired.

In Newshour, teams from the two departments

Men of the Hour: from left, Oliver Scott, Hugh Prysor-Jones and Nick Worrall.

**Newshour** takes to the air for the first time at 2200 on Saturday October 29th, writes the programme's editor Alan le Breton. It begins with World News and reports from BBC correspondents around the world, and then examines in detail the background to the news.

During the hour, there are reminders of the main news points for those listeners choosing to dip in and out of the programme, with a formal summary on the half-hour. And there are regular contributions from the BBC's Financial Unit—Newshour is ideally placed to include the closing figures on the New York financial markets—and from the Sports Unit, which will be able to report on

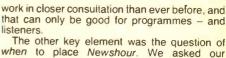
the results of events held that evening in Europe.

British issues will figure too, with a bulletin of news about Britain and an early taste of the next morning's national newspapers. Weekends offer the opportunity to review the major talking points of the past week and to look ahead to those events likely to figure prominently during the next seven days

One of the most promising aspects of the hour-long format is the flexibility it offers to the programme's editors. If a major story breaks during transmission, both reports and analysis can be included live. There will be room for feature reports from correspondents about political and topical issues "on

their patch", and a reflection of the lighter side of life and culture.

Newshour has a regular team of presenters, some of whose voices will already be familiar to World Service listeners from their work with Twenty-Four Hours. Nick Worrall came to World Service in 1985 after years of reporting extensively in Africa and the Caribbean. Hugh Prysor-Jones returns to Bush House after hosting current affairs programmes on the BBC's domestic radio and television networks. They are joined by Oliver Scott and Geoffrey Stern, who will be exchanging the Twenty-Four Hours presenter's chair for one on Newshour.



when to place Newshour. We asked our audience research department to identify key listening times when we could expect a peak audience in the main areas of the world in which there are large numbers of people with English

as their first or second language.

Of course a good time for listeners in one area is a bad time for listeners in many others. That is one of the greatest difficulties of scheduling programmes for a worldwide audience. But 2200 has been identified as a time at which a number of important audiences can be well served: it's a good evening time in Western Europe and Africa, good for breakfast-time listening in the Far East and for the late afternoon audiences we know we have on the east coast of the United States and in the Caribbean.

We hope they will find the new programme as exciting and enjoyable to listen to as the news and current affairs team find it to make.



### COMMUNICATIONS

HE first time I came face to face with the power of the media was in what was then Rhodesia, in the early days of the Smith régime back in 1965. While recording interviews for a radio documentary I encountered a great deal of antagonism from white Rhodesians who saw the BBC World Service as a deadly enemy which had the gall to broadcast the views of block Rhodesians of black Rhodesians.

One listener in Sinoia was so incensed with our coverage that she wrote to our correspondent in Salisbury (now Harare) a critical letter ending with the rhetorical statement: "If you only came up here you would see what the country is really like and how we treat our blacks." Handing it to me my colleague smiled, saying: "Why don't you go?" I did, receiving much hospitality but

also many bitter complaints.

At a party an elegant woman was so steamed up she tried to clinch our fractious discussion by asking a sarcastic question: "Is it true that Bush House is run entirely by intellectuals?" The tone of her voice indicated that intellectuals were a species of reptile. Remembering that even the BBC has its share of boneheads, I replied: "Unfortunately not."

Later on, when I was interviewing a tobacco

farmer in a white club, I was interrupted and closely questioned by a Special Branch policeman, tipped off by one of the bystanders who thought I was a spy. Of course, that sort of thing happens in all revolutions, even the

respectable ones.

At the time the BBC African Service was running an essay competition in which it invited listeners to advise the Rhodesian Prime Minister lan Smith on how to back off from his illegal independence. Both the question and some of the answers, which of course were read over the air, incensed the régime. So before my two weeks were out all the BBC personnel in the country were expelled, bag and baggage,

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Certainly in the interval the power and diversity of the media has grown immensely, greatly aided by chip technology and the satellite. Not only have radio and telévision become universal but the newspapers, the cable and video industry, and even the humble telephone have all joined in the communications explosion. Public and private communications networks are proliferating, improving the definition, multiplying the range of services, cutting the cost and slashing the transmission time.

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#### 0800 World News

- 09 Words of Faith 15 A Jolly Good Show

#### 0900 World News

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

#### 1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!

- 15 Letter from America 30 People and Politics
- 1100 World News
- News about Britain
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Meridian

#### 1200 Newsreel

- 15 Multitrack 3 45 Sports Roundup

#### 1300 World News

- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 30 Network UK
- 45 Stand by Studio
- 1400 News Summary followed by The
  - Ken Bruce Show
  - 30 Sportsworld

#### 1500 Newsreel

- 00 Arts and Africa
   15 Sportsworld
- 1600 World News 09 News about Britain
- 15 Sportsworld
- 1700 1-minute News Summary followed by Sportsworld contd

- 09 African News
- 15 Arts and Africa 45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

- 30 Composer of the Month
- 1900 News Summary followed by Gala

#### 2000 World News

- 09 From Our Own Correspondent 25 Words of Faith
- 30 Meridian

#### 2100 News Summary followed by Sports

- Roundup
  15 Classical Record Review
  30 Relth Lectures (ex 5th Reith Lecture

#### 2200 Newshour

#### 2300 World News

- 09 Book Choice 15 A Jolly Good Show

#### Sunday

#### Oct 30. Nov 6 13 20 27

#### 0000 Newsdesk

- 30 Composer of the Month
- 0100 News Summary followed by Gala Concert

#### 0200 World News

- 09 British Press Review 15 Reading (ex 27th Gospel Explorations)
- - 15 Newsreel 30 The Ken Bruce Show

#### 0300 World News

- 09 News about Britain
  15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Just a Minute
- 30 African News
- 35 Postmark Africa

#### 0400 Newsdesk

- 30 Stand by Studio
- 30 African News 35 Postmark Africa
- 45 Worldbrief

#### 0500 World News

- Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary Financial Review 09
- 40 Words of Faith 45 Letter from America

#### 0600 Newsdesk

- 30 Jazz for the Asking
- 30 African News ■ 35 Postmark Africa

#### 0700 World News

- Twenty-Four Hours: News
- Summary From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 African News35 Postmark Africa
  - 45 Book Choice 50 Waveguide

#### 0800 World News

- Words of Faith
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours

  15 6th, 13th African Perspective; 20th, 27th African Theatre

- 0900 World News 09 British Press Review
  - 15 Nature Now
  - Financial Review
  - 39 Book Choice
  - 45 Short Story

#### 1000 News Summary followed by

- Science in Action
  30 In Praise of God (ex 13th Cenotaph Service)
- 1100 World News (ex 13th Service 09 News about Britain (ex 13th Service
  - 15 From Our Own Correspondent (ex

- 13th Service contd)
  20 (approx) War Graves Commission
  Talk
- 30 Composer of the Month
- 1200 News Summary followed by Gala

- 1300 World News Twenty-Four Hours: News
- Summary Sports Roundup
- 45 Worldbrief
- 1400 News Summary followed by Globe

#### 1500 Newsreel

- 00 6th, 13th African Perspective; 20th, 27th African Theatre
  - 15 From Britain's Music Festivals

#### 1600 World News

- 09 News about Britain
  15 The Queen's Parliament
  45 Letter from America

#### 1700 World News

- 09 Book Choice
  09 African News
- 15 Jazz for the Asking
  15 6th, 13th African Perspective; 20th, 27th African Theatre
  - 45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

- 30 In Praise of God
- 1900 News Summary followed by Globe Theatre

- 2000 World News
- 09 Worldbrief Words of Faith
- 30 Back to Square One 2100 News Summary followed by Sports
- Roundup

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- 27th African Theatre 15 The Pleasure's Yours

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- 2300 World News
  - 09 Book Choice 15 Letter from America 30 With Good Reason (ex 30th Oct Crop Protection – Nature's Way; 6th Feature)

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- 30 In Praise of God 0100 News Summary followed by Globe

#### Theatre

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- 15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
- Vewsreel 30 Science in Action

#### 0300 World News

- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Good Books 30 Anything Goes
- 30 African News35 Network Africa
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  - 45 Recording of the Week 30 With Good Reason (ex 31st Oct

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- 0700 World News Twenty-Four Hours: News
- Summary 30 The Queen's Parliament
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- 0900 World News 09 British Press Review

  - 15 Good Books 30 Financial News followed by Sports
  - Roundup 45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music

#### 1000 News Summary followed by With Good Reason (ex 31st Oct Crop Protection – Nature's Way; 7th

Feature) 30 The Vintage Chart Show

#### 1100 World News

- 09 News about Britain 15 Tech Talk
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show

#### 1200 Newsreel 15 Back to Square One

- 45 Sports Roundup 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

#### 30 The Queen's Parliament

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News 45 Reading (ex 28th Gospel

#### Explorations)

- 1500 Newsreel 15 Feature

  15 Focus on Africa
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain 15 Through the Looking Glass
- 15 Focus on A 30 Tech Talk on Africa
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary 09 Focus on Africa 15 Just a Minute
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk 30 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 30 Focus on Africa ■ 55 African News

#### 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary Financial News

- 30 Network UK 45 Short Story
- 2000 World News

#### 09 The World Today 25 Words of Faith

30 The Vintage Chart Show

#### 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup 15 Europe's World

- 30 Sports International 2200 Newshour
- 2300 World News 09 Commentary 15 The Learning World 30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

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#### 0000 Newsdesk

- 30 Megamix

#### Your Guide To World Service Listening

#### 0100 News Summary followed by

Outlook 25 Financial News

30 Short Story 45 Europe's World

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#### 0200 World News

#### 09 British Press Review 15 Network UK

15 Newsreel

30 Sports International

#### 0300 World News

09 News about Britain 15 The World Today

- 30 John Peel ■ 30 African News

■ 35 Network Africa

#### 0400 Newsdesk

The Learning World

30 African News

■ 35 Network Africa 45 New Ideas

55 Book Choice

#### 0500 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary Financial News

40 Words of Faith 45 The World Today

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News 45 CPE Bach

1500 Newsreel

15 A Jolly Good Show

15 Focus on Africa

09 News about Britain 15 Omnibus

15 Focus on Africa 45 The World Today

#### 1700 World News

09 Commentary

■ 09 Focus on Africa

15 Citizens ■ 40 African News

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#### 1800 Newsdesk

30 Discovery
■ 30 Focus on Africa
■ 55 African News

1900 Outlook, opening with News

Summary 25 Financial News

30 Development '88

2000 World News 09 The World Today

25 Words of Faith

2100 News Summary followed by Sports

Roundup 15 Business Matters

15 Caribbean Report 30 Megamix

30 Calling the Falklands

2200 Newshour

#### 2300 World News

09 Commentary (ex 1st and 29th Sportsworld Extra; 8th US

Presidential Election Coverage)
15 From Britain's Music Festivals (ex

8th Election Coverage contd)
30 (8th only) From Britain's Music Festivals

#### Wednesday

#### November 2 9 16 23 30

#### 0000 Newsdesk

30 Omnibus (ex 9th US Presidential Election)

#### 0100 News Summary (ex 9th US

Presidential Election Coverage) followed by Outlook (ex 9th Election)

25 Financial News (ex 9th Election

contd) 30 How it All Began

45 Country Style (ex 9th Election

▶ 45 The World Today

#### 0200 World News

09 British Press Review 15 Tech Talk (ex 9th US Presidential Election)

15 Newsreel 30 Citizens

0300 World News

on News about Britain
15 The World Today (ex 9th US
Presidential Election)
30 Discovery (ex 9th Election contd)

■ 30 African News

35 Network Africa

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30 Business Matters

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Sports Roundup

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1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute

45 Business Matters

1500 Newsreel 15 The Learning World

15 Focus on Africa 30 The Million Pound Radio Show (ex 2nd and 30th Two Cheers)

09 News about Britain 15 Celluloid Rock (ex *30th* Acker's

Away)

■ 15 Focus on Africa 45 The World Today

1700 World News 09 Commentary

09 Focus on Africa 15 Society Today

30 New Ideas 40 Book Choice

40 African News
 45 Sports Roundup

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30 Multitrack 2

30 Focus on Africa55 African News

1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary Financial News

30 Network UK 45 How it All Began

2000 World News 09 The World Today 25 Words of Faith

30 Assignment

2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup (ex 23rd Royal Concert)
15 Celluloid Rock (ex 23rd Concert contd; 30th Acker's Away)

15 Caribbean Report 45 Recording of the Week (ex 23rd Concert contd)

2200 Newshour

2300 World News 09 Sportsworld Extra (ex 9th and 16th

Commentary
15 Good Books (ex 9th Sportsworld

Extra) 30 Multitrack 2

#### Thursday

#### November 3 10 17 24

0000 Newdesk The Million Pound Radio Show (ex

3rd Two Cheers)

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0200 World News 09 British Press Review

15 Network UK

15 Newsreel 30 Assignment

0300 World News

09 News about Britain 15 The World Today 30 Back to Square One

30 African News ■ 35 Network Africa

0400 Newsdesk 30 Society Today

30 African News35 Network Africa 45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music

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30 3rd and 10th Smith and Son; 17th and 24th Ireland - Naturally

30 African News35 Network Africa40 The Farming World

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0700 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Mediawatch

■ 30 African News ■ 35 Network Africa

35 Network Africa 45 Network UK

0800 World News

09 Words of Faith 15 Reading

30 John Peel

0900 World News

09 British Press Review 15 The World Today 30 Financial News followed by Sports

Roundup 45 Society Today

1000 News Summary followed by

Assignment 30 The Million Pound Radio Show (ex 3rd Two Cheers)

1100 World News

09 News about Britain

15 New Ideas 25 Book Choice

30 Citizens 1200 Newsreel

15 Multitrack 2 45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News

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45 3rd and 17th Jazz Scene UK; 10th and 24th Folk in Britain

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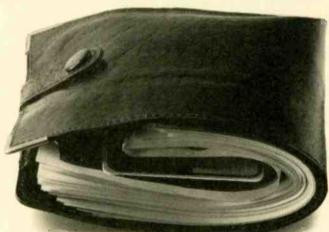
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- 30 Citizens

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- 30 Report on Religion
  30 African News
- 35 Network Africa
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- 30 Short Story
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#### 1200 Newsreel

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- 30 Science in Action

#### 2100 News Summary followed by Sports

- Roundup
  15 Stand by Studio
  15 Caribbean Report
  30 People and Politics
- 30 Calling the Falklands

#### 2200 Newshour

#### 2300 World News

- 09 Commentary 15 From the Weeklies
- 30 Multitrack 3

#### African News

Daily 0330, 0430, 0630, 0730; 1709 (Sats, Suns only); 1740, 1855 (ex Sats, Suns)

#### Arts and Africa

A forum for Africa's musicians, painters and performers Sats 1500, 1715, Suns 2130

#### Network Africa

Early morning listening with Hilton Fyle, Ofeibea Quist-Arcton and the Network team, packed with information, personalities and music Mons to Fris 0335 rep 0435, 0635, 0735

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#### Focus on Africa

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An in-depth analysis of political and other developments in South Asia Sats 0145

#### Dateline East Asia

A weekly magazine dealing with the political and economic affairs of North-east and South-east Asia Fris 1115, 1145

#### Caribbean Report

Weekday coverage of Caribbean affairs in Britain, the EEC and the Caribbean region, with the emphasis on political and economic analysis Mons to Fris 2115

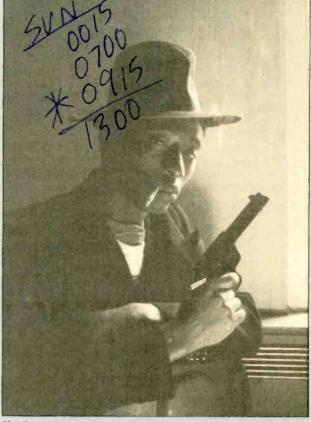
#### **African** Theatre

The world of the professional criminal collides with the world of the professional journalist in the first of this year's African Theatre sea-son. The Last Days of the Kid by Daniel Bisi Ogibo takes us to the bedside of Nigeria's number one villain, as he languishes in hospital after a police shoot-out, yearning for a cigarette and awaiting certain execution.

Sunday Oladjie is the journalist who comes to visit, armed with a packet of filter-tips and a burning ambition to get the Kid's story on the front page. Fact fights fiction at the journal-ist's typewriter in this furiously funny satire from Nigeria.

In stark contrast, Zimbabwean playwright Chenjerai Hove follows up with Sister Sing Again, Someday, an angry drama on the plight of women who lose out in a man's world 27th.

African Theatre goes out every Sunday for six weeks, starting 20th 08 1500, 1715, 2100 0815 rep



Kwabena Manso stars as the Kid, the number one villain in Daniel Bisi Ogibo's Last Days of the Kid.

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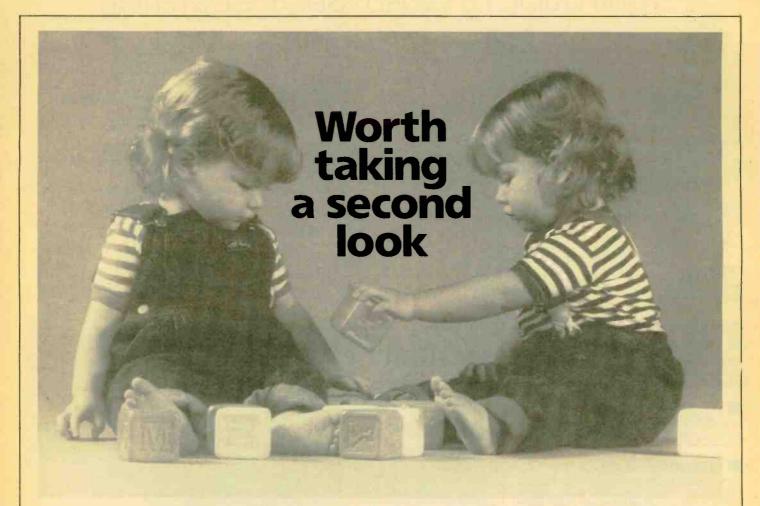
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#### QUESTIONS OF FAITH

# RELIGION

# A change of gear

By Executive Producer, Religious Broadcasting David Craig

ELIGION is alive and well and a passionate interest for an enormous number of World Service listeners. During the past 12 months I have been excited by the letters that have arrived on my desk. Enthusiastic Buddhists from Sri Lanka, Muslims from the Philippines, Christians from Africa, Europe and the USA have all come up with suggestions for programmes, recommendations for new contributors and criticism of some of our output.

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Religious broadcasting has been the subject of an internal evaluation as part of World Service's constant search for better and more relevant programmes. As a result there will be a number of major changes to our output in this and coming months. If not "all change", this certainly represents a change of gear.

Focus on Faith is the title of the programme which replaces Report on Religion, although its

Focus on Faith is the title of the programme which replaces Report on Religion, although its timings are different (see below). Presented by Julie Loyd, it provides half an hour of comment and discussion on the major issues in the worlds of faith. Focus on Faith also aims to reflect the cultural and historical aspects of religion and includes a weekly roundup of the world's religious news.

For many years listeners have enjoyed the weekly religious service from various churches around Britain. While we shall still be broadcasting such services, the new worship programme In Praise of God will also allow us to reflect the liturgical changes taking place as people seek ways of worshipping God which are more relevant to their own experiences. Beginning on October 30th a third transmission of this programme replaces Sunday Half-Hour.

Reflections, too, gets a new look and a new title, Words of Faith. Since the early 1970s speakers have been sharing their personal religious experiences and insights each day. Increasingly the question has been asked: "By what authority do they speak?" And from this month we shall be looking at the sources of authority in religious belief.

What is the significance of specific sacred writings? Why do the believers depend on them? How should they be interpreted? During the coming months we shall investigate the sacred scriptures of all the world's major religious traditions.

The first contributors include Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sachs, principal of Jews College in London; Canon Colin Semper of Westminster Abbey; Gai Eaton, a regular broadcaster for World Service and author of many books about Islam; and Ranchor Das, a Hindu involved in education.

Taking an overview, Professor John Bowker, dean of Trinity College, Cambridge, will be exploring some of the sources of authority which appeal to individuals as they search for meaning in their lives

Words of Faith Daily 0540 rep 0809, 2025
 Focus on Faith Thurs 1830 rep Fris 0330, 1001



General Eva Burrows with students at the Howard Institute, Zimbabwe.

#### In Praise of God

The first edition of *In Praise of God* features General Dr Eva Burrows, world leader of the Salvation Army. In *Bonnets and Banners October 30th* she introduces a studio-based meditation reflecting the international dimension of the work of the SA, active in 90 countries.

Eva Burrows was born to Salvation Army parents in Australia. She gained an arts degree there before moving to London to train as an SA officer. Commissioned in 1951 she was soon undertaking educational work in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). After 17 years in Africa she returned to London as vice-principal and later principal of the International College for Officers, and worked as a commander in Sri Lanka, Scotland and Australia before becoming general in 1986.

The programme makes use of Salvation Army music from around the world.

Also this month: a service from Grove Methodist Church, Horsforth, Leeds led by the Rev Frank Pagden on the theme Forgiveness 6th; a

studio worship by Stephen Oliver for Remembrance Sunday 13th a service from St Finnian Parish Church, Belfast led by the Rev Noel Battye 20th; and from St Vigean's Parish Church, Arbroath, led by the Rev Dr John Munro 27th.

Suns 1030 (ex 13th) rep 1830, Mons 0030

#### Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday the nation honours all those who have died in the service of their country. In a live broadcast from the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall, John Hosken describes the scene as representatives of the Armed Services and the Commonwealth governments gather for the annual service of homage.

The massed bands of the Guards Division play traditional music before the chimes of Big Ben signal the start of the two minutes' silence. HM Queen Elizabeth then leads a wreath-laying ceremony followed by a short service.

Sun 13th 1030

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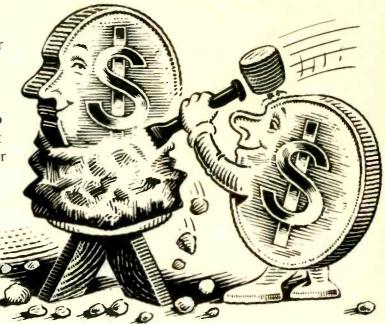
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#### LET'S GET SERIOUS

I am writing to you with some comments on your programmes, most of which are excellent. I am, however, concerned about the minimal coverage of "serious", ie non-chart, rock music. Currently we have Multitrack 3 and the

excellent John Peel Show. Andy Kershaw's World of Music was a useful addition. But even by listening to all the available repeats, we are unable to satisfy our need for both excitement

and relaxation which this type of music provides.

May I respectfully suggest that you consider
allocating more time to John Peel, or giving Andy Kershaw a permanent 30-minute slot. To make space, perhaps you could cut down the time given to the many "blanket coverage" music programmes, like DLT or Bob Holness's spot. Really, there are too many request shows!

MARTYN REYNOLDS,

PAPUA NEW GUINEA What do other listeners think about the musical balance on World Service? Please let us know.

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TORBJ SUNDBLOM, ALAND (FINLAND)

#### REQUESTTIME

I write as a long-serving listener to the BBC Overseas Service/External Services, now to be known as the "World Service" - and why not, for that is exactly its function all these years. In my case going back to 1944 when serving with the then BOAC in the Middle East and asking Jean Metcalfe to play a request for four lonely Brits in

the Southern Sudan - which she did, bless her. Which brings me to add support to your correspondent PJ Heller in the September London Calling with his suggestion to repeat the double spread of all newsreaders now currently to be heard.

DENNIS ARKELL, AUSTRALIA

#### **RELAY RELIEF**

I heard with great relief this morning on your programme The World Today about the new transmitters in the Indian Ocean intended to boost the BBC reception in East Africa. This achievement of a new relay station should not go without comment, and I am sure many listeners of the BBC will welcome it as we have been experiencing a lot of problems to listen to your programmes. Please keep it up always.
PRIMO TINKA, UGANDA

#### **PRODUCT PAGE**

Many of the improvements that have been made to London Calling make for a better publication. I especially like some of the background articles and Your Letters, but I would like to see a mail order page for the BBC World Shop. Each month the most popular selection of books, tapes, posters etc could be featured with ordering information. Most of us can't make it to the World Shop every year, so how about it?

ANDY W REID, CANADA

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title or the first line, or better still, both. And if you have a particular reason for your choice, he'd be interested to know about it. Perhaps you have heard of a writer whose work you'd like to get to know? Let Michael know the name of the poet and he'll choose a poem for

The series starts on *December 4th* so write as soon as possible to: Michael Rosen, *Poems by Post*, Room 636 SE Wing, BBC, Bush House, Strand, London WC2B 4PH. And by the way, short poems please, or extracts: there's only 15 minutes for each programme.



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photographer, why not double your chances and enter both competitions?

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Christopher Jones, seen here with Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, presents a new series . . . producer Nicola Barranger provides the background story ...



# The Queen's Parliament

in London, there is a stretch of road along which tourist coaches spill their occupants out on to the Embankment, to train their cameras across the river at one of the most famous sights of London.

The neo-gothic Palace of Westminster stretches nearly 300 metres along the north bank of the Thames. At each end of the Palace are the two great towers: the square Victoria Tower, which flies the "Union Jack" flag whenever Parliament is sitting, and the Clock Tower, which is often mistakenly given the name of the great bell it houses, Big Ben.

And in between is the smaller central spire which is built over the central lobby dividing the two houses: the Upper House – the House of Lords – and the Lower House – the Commons.

This bi-cameral parliamentary system is one which has not only served Britain well for more than 700 years but which has been adapted by other countries, including Canada and Australia.
And yet, surprisingly for such a successful Parliamentary system, it is backed up by no written constitution. It operates simply on tradition and usage over the centuries.

All the rules of both Houses are strictly adhered to and respected, even if one or two cause a certain amount of confusion to newcomers and outsiders. One of the strangest

newcomers and outsiders. One of the strangest features, for example, is that the Chamber of the House of Commons seats only 429 Members of Parliament, or MPs, when in fact the British people send no less than 650 members to Westminster to represent them.

There is, however, a perfectly good reason for this. When MPs first began to sit at Westminster they took over the Chapel of the Royal Palace. In

indeed still have what are called choir stalls in which the benches for members of the choir and clergy are placed not facing the altar but at right angles to it, resulting in two or more rows looking at each other. When the politicians moved in they decided to keep the same arrangement. Today the Government on one side faces the Opposition on the other. Even after the bombing of the Palace in May 1941, Winston Churchill, who was Prime Minister at the time, decided to rebuild the Chamber to the same proportions and in the same way to maintain a sense of intimacy

England many churches and cathedrals had and

and tradition. Observing the complicated and detailed regulations of the House takes, not surprisingly, a little while to learn. To a new MP it can seem very daunting. To an outsider it's another world and few people in Britain really understand how the place works.

Christopher Jones has been reporting the proceedings of both Houses for nearly 30 years. In a new series, *The Queen's Parliament*, he invites a cross-section of those who work at Westminster, both politicians and top officials, to explain what they actually do and how they cope with those endless traditions.

included on the list of contributors to the programmes are key members of the Conserva-tive Government. **Douglas Hurd**, for example, explains what his responsibilities are when he attends the weekly Thursday morning Cabinet meetings at Number 10 Downing Street (a meeting for the top 20 or so people in the Government).

Nigel Lawson is the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the man who holds the purse strings in Britain. He tells Christopher Jones what it is like to stand in front of a packed Chamber on the annual Budget day and detail to the House and the country listening in on radio what his tax changes are going to be.

With equally refreshing insight, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Bernard Weatherill, outlines the historical reasons which forbid him from actually making a speech. Yet like an ordinary MP he has a duty to his constituents and has to represent their interests in Parliament

Also in the series are contributions from Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party. Why is his official title leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition? What are his powers and duties? The series also looks at the House of Lords,

which in the early days of Parliament held the real power in the country. Now its role is that of a revising Chamber with the main power resting with the House of Commons.

The British system of government might be confusing to almost everyone not actively concerned in it, but it works.

The five features on The Queen's Parliament are followed next month by an international discussion

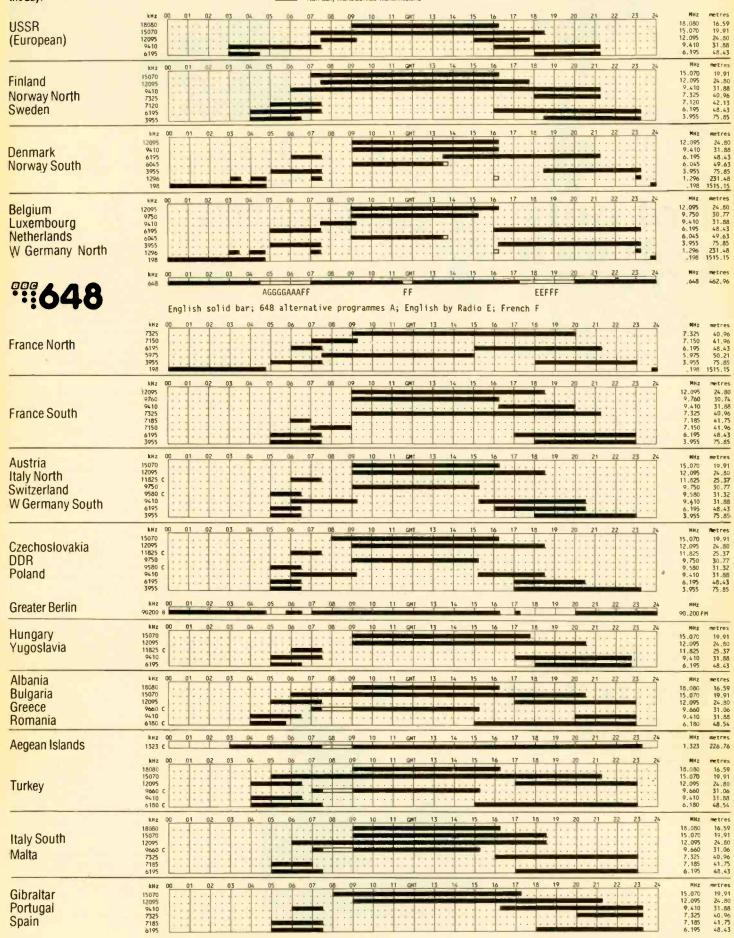
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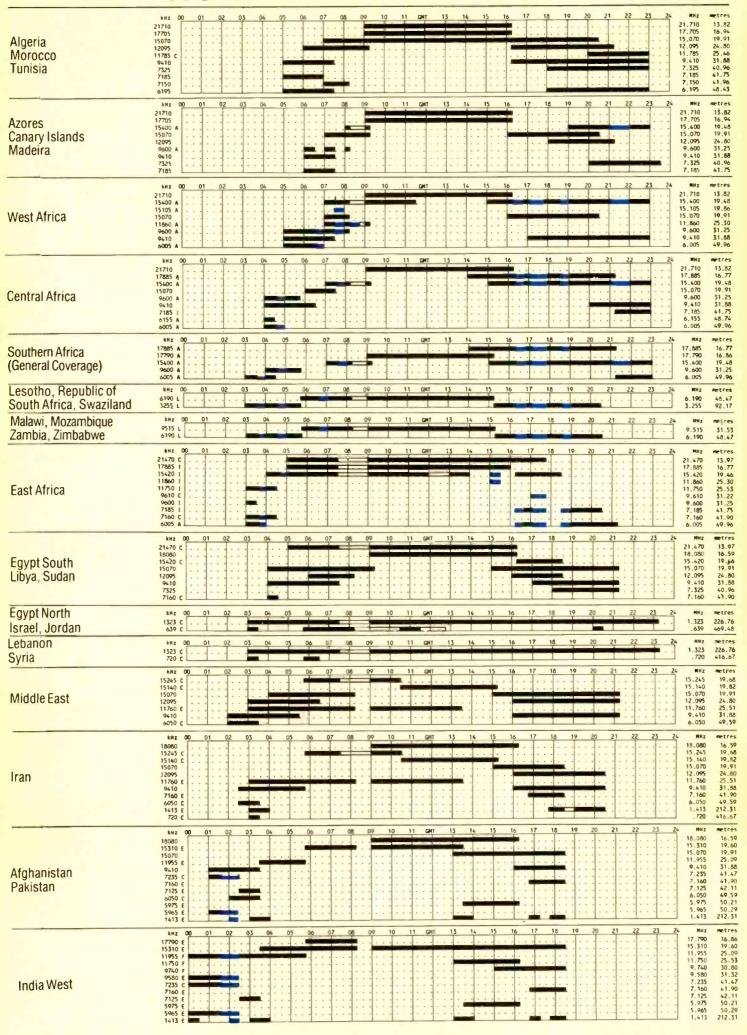
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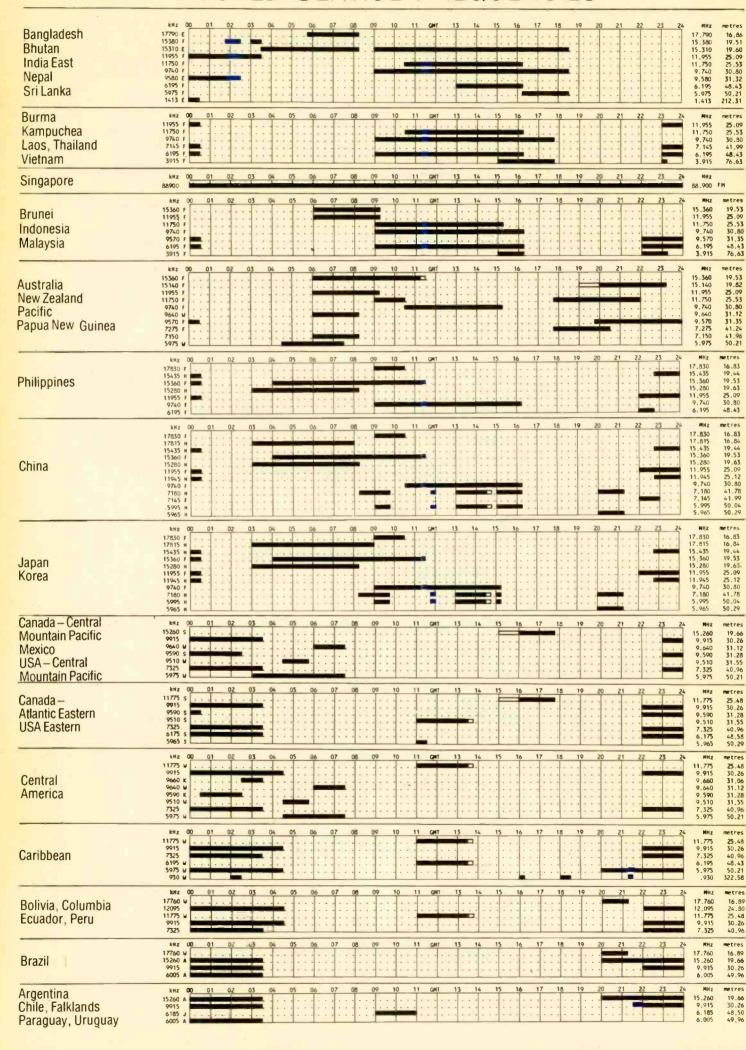
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