

INTERNATIONAL SHORT WAVE RADIO

VOICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHORT WAVE CLUB

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THE JAMMING OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.

This subject appears on the front page this month, for it is most important. It is in the interest of the well-being of the hobby. If that terrible interference to good listening continues the usefulness of short-wave broadcasting will be at an end. Over 1,000 jamming transmitters are operated under the direction of the Soviet countries alone, not counting those operated by the West and other countries. The jamming could be stopped, if all who were interested acted as one. It is a crime to interfere with the good listening of a neighbour, but so called official bodies elected to act in the interest of it's peoples can go on pouring out those nerve-racking scounds with impunity. A listener sends us this letter. We did not ask for it, but here is what he says "The Soviet and other Communist radio stations are now finding it necessary to try and win back listeners by sending out questionnaires and souvenirs to former listeners. The Swiss Shortwave Service recently broadcast extracts from the ISWC statements on jamming, and omitted any reference to stations of countries using jamming in it's DX programme. This shows that what the ISWC said nearly two years ago is now being fulfilled because of the failure on the part of many DXers and short-wave news publishers to realise the implications of aiding and abetting the broadcasting authorities in countries where jamming is used, by sending reports to, and publishing news, about Soviet and Satellite radio stations. We are the listeners for whom several thousand people in almost every broadcasting country are working - these people are the first to suffer when a "fall-off" in the interest in short-wave listening occurs. Moscow and Prague are losing listeners for two reasons; firstly, people are not sending reception reports so much (although there are still those who desire to collect QSL cards overwhelms their conscience which demands that they act in the interests of other DXers) and secondly, those who would be sending in reports are becoming tired of listening to any station because of the annoyance caused by jamming to others in their family. For this second reason however, innocent stations are losing listeners who are not prepared to listen under present-day conditions. Therefore, it is the duty of all listeners, IF THEY ARE WORTHY OF THE NAME OF "SWL", to do all they can to suppress publicity on stations in countries using jamming, and to protest to those who enjoy publishing news on them. It will soon be too late, but we must try to help those who have given us so much pleasure since we began DXing - those stations who are suffering from, but who are not responsible for jamming. We can help them by NOT SENDING RECEPTION REPORTS TO STATIONS IN COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS USE JAMMING and by NOT SENDING INFORMATION ON THESE STATIONS TO SHORT WAVE NEWS PUBLISHERS, finally PROTEST MOST EMPHATICALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE ACTING CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF SHORT WAVE LISTENING". Information to and on any stations of the offending countries should be entirely suppressed. Anyone who does not support the anti-jamming campaign is not your friend. Those who broadcast a DX Bulletin are generally those who are responsible in finding interference free channels for their station's transmissions. How can they broadcast news on stations of the jamming countries? The countries who operate jamming transmitters are:- U.S.S.R. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. POLAND. HUNGARY. BULGARIA. ROUMANIA. EAST GERMANY. GREAT BRITAIN & EGYPT. Other countries from which jamming transmitters are known to operate against certain foreign countries are SPAIN. ITALY. JORDAN & N. AFRICA. NO RECEPTION REPORTS TO THEM AND NO NEWS TO BE PUBLISHED ON THEIR TRANSMISSIONS. WRH flouts the issue by printing a full page advert on Moscow. This is an insult to the intelligence of all listeners. All those who do not co-operate in the anti-jamming campaign are as bad as those who actually do the jamming. ISWC asks for the names of all listeners who send news on the offending countries to publishers and DX bulletins. This is not politics, but is in the interests of the hobby and SWLing. If a short-wave club or a short-wave publisher, or DX bulletin gives support and publicity to the stations of the offending countries then they are not your friends. They are helping to kill the hobby. Give them no support either.

FOOTNOTE. Mahatma Gandhi said this "I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the culture of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible, but I refuse to be blown off my feet by any of them. Mine is not a religion of the prison house, it has room for the least among God's creations". We take space for this because it is most important. If the jamming continues then the hobby is finished.

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For quite a time now the ISWC has operated an anti-jamming campaign with the object of getting rid of those fearful noises that are ruining good listening and the hobby. The noises of the very many jamming transmitters systematically employed by the Soviet Union. Jamming transmitters are being operated by other countries but they are insignificant, a flea bite, to those operated by the Soviets. Poland, Hungary and other Satellite countries claim not to operate jamming stations, maybe they are right, but the Russian military are doing it for them in these countries. Poland was taken out of the list of offenders once, but when it was heard that the Russian military were operating jamming transmitters in that country Poland was included in those countries who are helping to ruin your listening. It is understood that the Chinese People's Republic are now operating jamming transmitters. The anti-jamming campaign is now also directed against Radio Peking. No reception reports to Radio Peking and no publicity on it's transmissions. The nature of the Chinese jamming is rather different to that of the Russian jamming. It has no identification calls in morse and is more apt to be broad in tuning, causing even more interference by over-lapping on adjacent frequencies. The Chinese jamming is directed against the Voice of America in the Philippines and Okinawa. Radio Liberation using transmitters of the Voice of Free China. The Voice of Free China and other Taiwan stations broadcasting in Chinese. The United Nations Command with transmitters in Japan and the Republic of Korea. Russian speaking clandestine stations such as Radio Baikal (believed to be located in Okinawa), Radio Bariba za Svobodu and the Russian religious programmes broadcast from the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila. SWL's may wish to have QSL's from the stations of the offending countries. Do without them. Who wants a souvenir from someone spoiling your listening? Write letters of protest to the stations of the offending countries if you like, but give no support with reception reports or publicity on their transmissions. Do not feed those who are stabbing you in the back. Ruining your listening and the hobby. We hear daily from those who are stopped listening on the radio because of the noises upsetting the family, so their interest in the hobby goes. Stop the jamming by giving no support to the stations of the countries who are operating jamming transmitters. No reception reports and no news to be published or broadcast on their transmissions. The offending countries are:- U.S.S.R. CHINA, CZECHOSLAVAKIA, POLAND, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY, ROUMANIA, BULGARIA, GREAT BRITAIN & EGYPT. If only everyone supports the anti-jamming campaign the jamming can be stopped. Already the effects of the campaign are being felt. The Japanese Short Wave Club has a lot to say about the jamming, it being a crime against the listener, but they go on printing information on the offending stations. Radio Sweden recently broadcast a Sweden Calling DXers 10th Anniversary programme but it's reception was marred in many places by jamming, yet they go on and broadcast news on Hungary and Radio Prague. Anyone who has to find clear channels for their transmissions should spurn these countries like the plague. Then we have the World Radio Handbook, always giving publicity to the countries who are operating jamming transmitters. These people are not the friends of you, the listener. Many other short-wave clubs are also continuing to give publicity to the offending countries, especially the Universal Radio DX Club (USA). It is this, they do not comprehend the importance of the subject and they have not the interest of their readers or members at heart. It is else, that they know that they are helping to ruin the hobby and that they have communist tendencies. There is no politics in this campaign, only listener's politics, acting in the interest of good and clean listening and the listener. Over 1,000 jamming transmitters are pumping out infernal noises all over the bands. Soon International Short Wave broadcasting will be finished, for the listeners will have had enough of it. The offending stations require reception reports. Stop the jamming and they will get them. Soon too the publishers who print information on the stations of the offending countries will go broke, for the listeners will not be interested. Those who are not supporting the anti-jamming campaign should receive no support from the listeners. Come to your senses, give the campaign 100% support. We ask the Press and the stations, please give publicity to this campaign.

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THE JAMMING OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.

Every listener is aware of that terrible interference with good listening that is being pumped out mainly by the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic and by other countries. 75% of the other bands produce only noise, an infernal noise, which if it is allowed to continue will mean the end of short-wave listening and DXing, indeed, for International broadcasting will come to an end, for the listeners will have gone. We have received a further letter from Moscow, the text of which was communicated to governments, the United Nations and the Press some weeks ago. Here it is:- "It seems to me that attention must be directed to those stations who, as you put it," tend to aggravate the jamming by the nature of some or all of their broadcasts". You probably realize, as I mentioned in my previous letter, that the Soviet Union is not against all foreign broadcasts. The important thing is - are they friendly in spirit or not; do they tend to promote friendship among nations, or, on the contrary, hinder it. If the former, we can only welcome such expressions. But, you must understand, that we cannot assist in the spreading of unfriendly transmissions which pervert the truth and sow discord among nations. There is no need to give many examples, one will be enough. It shows very well how some of the Western stations turn facts into slanderous statements. For instance, on June 10th 1956 the Russian Service of BBC stated, "The Soviet Union declared a cold war against the Western powers". It is difficult to imagine a more malicious perversion of fact. Incidentally this has been admitted by outstanding public figures of the Western world. On Feb. 11th of this year, the well-known American industrialist, Cyrus Eaton, made a statement which quite contradicted BBC. He said that twelve years ago the United States in effect declared cold war on the Soviet Union, and this is still the basis of American foreign policy... And in fact it is not the Soviet Union which had need of the cold war, but certain influential groups in the West who hoped that an armament race would prove a way out of economic difficulties. Eisenhower's declaration of September 1952 substantiates our contention. He said that the American economy is a military economy, and that the prosperity of the USA is a military prosperity. Of the many such statements made by BBC, this statement alone is sufficient to show how our people feel towards this kind of broadcasts and the reason for jamming them. So, in my opinion, an appeal should be made to the stations whose broadcasts make it impossible to allow free access over the air. However, I repeat, that the Soviet Union is ready to talk over any problems in connection with broadcasting transmissions which will adhere to the spirit of justice and the promotion of friendship among governments and nations and will certainly not impede the spread of such transmissions". We had a reply from most governments and what they had to say was "They would welcome Russia talking about broadcasting and an effort being made to end the jamming of radio transmissions". So Russia, match your words with deeds. The anti-jamming campaign has now been in operation for some years. IT IS NOT POLITICS, but rather is it politics on behalf of the listener, to attempt to gain a cleaner air so that the hobby will not be ended. The anti-jamming campaign is having effect, a big effect, for the stations of the offending countries would not offer prizes to listeners, good and expensive prizes, for listener's co-operation. We get hundreds of letters from listeners in support of the campaign but there are still too many short-wave clubs and publications and broadcast DX bulletins giving publicity to the stations of the offending countries. We say send no reception reports and afford no publicity to the stations of the offending countries which are:- The U.S.S.R. CHINA. CZECHOSLAVAKIA. EAST GERMANY. POLAND. ROUMANIA. HUNGARY. BULGARIA. EGYPT and GREAT BRITAIN, or to the countries of the west and to Radio Liberation and Radio Free Europe, who through the nature of some or all of their broadcasts, aggravate the jamming. 100% support would stop the jamming. Many people there are still, short-wave writers and short-wave clubs, who cannot see the light, by giving the anti-jamming campaign their support. Those who are doing the jamming, aggravating the jamming, or giving publicity to the offenders are helping to ruin your hobby. They are not the friends of the listener and should be treated as a plague. We have often thought of abandoning the campaign, leaving those who are not supporting it with the scum of the pot, THE JAMMING and the early end to listening and the hobby. Write to us now, all of you. Are we to abandon the campaign or continue it. Write to us AT ONCE.

ALL NEWS & REPORTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE SHOULD REACH HQ ON OR BEFORE MONDAY 18th AUGUST. Give times in GMT or EST and every information.

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SEPTEMBER 1958

THE JAMMING OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.

For some years now the ISWC have been operating and fostering an anti-jamming campaign in an effort to combat that terrible interference with good listening caused by more than a thousand jamming transmitters systematically employed by the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic. The campaign has been equally directed towards the Satellite countries of the Soviet Union, for although countries like Hungary and Poland, etc, have not actually employed jamming transmitters themselves the Soviet Union has operated the jamming transmitters in the Satellite countries. The anti-jamming campaign has been successful in many ways. Stations of the offending countries have had to offer expensive prizes (BAIT) to receive reception reports and what publicity these stations have received has got around the world too late to be of any good, for to some extent, the publicity given to the offending countries stations by some of the other short-wave clubs reaches the listener when it is out of date. How the stations of the offending countries must regret that publicity is not given to them in ISWR, for ISWR is across the world before the 1st day in each month. ISWC has brought the matter to the notice of everyone concerned and Moscow themselves have been prompted to write to us about the campaign, they say that we should blame the alleged unfriendly statements broadcast by the transmitters of the West. They attacked us for saying that it was a crime to interfere with good listening. The average listener does not listen to propaganda and surely the Russian or the Russian Satellite listeners can switch-off if they think that they are being intimidated over the air. What an ordeal it is to try to listen to DX, trying to identify that elusive, or some new station, when every few Kcs there is that BURR, BURR, BURR. Transmissions of the countries that are innocent and those who do not employ jamming transmitters are interfered with and it is these stations that are losing listeners. Indeed, if the jamming continues there will be very few short-wave listeners at all. Moscow says that they are willing to talk about the problem of broadcast transmissions. We say to them, then get on with it and bring about an end to the jamming. GREAT BRITAIN STOPS JAMMING. No longer is Great Britain using jamming transmitters. All the jamming can be stopped if the anti-jamming campaign receives the support of everyone concerned. No one is neutral, or can afford to be neutral where the interests of the listener are concerned. It is the duty of all short-wave clubs and short-wave publishers and the broadcasters of DX bulletins to take care of the interests of listeners by affording no publicity to the stations of the offending countries. Commonsense must tell them that they are helping to ruin the hobby if they give publicity to these stations and they must be prepared to only sell half the amount of their publications in the very near future for the people that would usually have had them would have given up the hobby. The anti-jamming campaign in order to protect the hobby says NO RECEPTION REPORTS, OR PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN TO THE STATIONS OF THE OFFENDING COUNTRIES, who are:- U.S.S.R. THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (Radio Peking), CZECHOSLAVAKIA. POLAND. EAST GERMANY. ROUMANIA. HUNGARY. BULGARIA & EGYPT. The campaign also applies to some major stations of the West and stations like Radio Liberation and Radio Free Europe. Stations, who by the nature of some, or all of their broadcasts, aggravate the jamming. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. IS THE JAMMING CAMPAIGN TO CONTINUE OR SHOULD IT BE ENDED? WRITE & TELL ISWC at LONDON. S.E.16. We ask for a democratic vote from all members of ISWC and non-members, from everyone concerned, from the critics of ISWC, other short-wave clubs and the broadcasters of DX bulletins and the publishers of radio handbooks. Just send a postcard, or air letter, saying if the campaign should continue or be ended. There are still many of you who have not sent in your vote. If you say that the campaign should be ended you will not be committing a crime. You owe it to yourself to vote and please don't delay. Those who don't like ISWC and it's anti-jamming campaign can end it tomorrow if they have enough supporters. TO ALL OF YOU. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR VOTE. We do solicit the assistance of all concerned, the Press and the Radio in making this Vote known. The results will be judged by some independent body and will be adhered to without fear or favour. HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR VOTE? WELL, DO IT NOW. WHAT WE WANT IS A STRAIGHT YES OR NO. NOT AN APATHY VOTE. IS THE ANTI-JAMMING CAMPAIGN TO BE CONTINUED ? OR SHOULD IT BE STOPPED ?

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