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The Kulakoffs

Broadcasting a message of hope for Russians

In the early 1930s up to 1 million Russians fled across the Soviet border and into a remote region of northwestern China called Sinkiang. For 20 years they coexisted among the nomadic peoples in the area, afraid to return to their homeland where Joseph Stalin was leading the infamous "purge" trials, mass executions and mass exiles to work camps.

In the mid-1950s the Russian exiles in Sinkiang again faced persecution from the communists, and they were forced to flee from China. They scattered worldwide, but about 250,000 immigrated to Australia.

Two of these were Vladimir (Wally) Kulakoff and Natasha Shevchenko. They were married in 1977, years after settling in Sydney, Australia, and now work in HCJB's Russian Language Service, producing gospel programs for listeners in the Soviet Union and other parts of the world.

Both Wally and Natasha were born in Sinkiang, still young children when their parents fled the area in search of a land which offered freedom.

In Natasha's case, she left Sinkiang with 13 brothers and sisters. Traveling

by horse-and-buggy, it took them a year before they finally reached Canton on the Chinese coast. Three family members died during the grueling trip. After six months in Canton, they got official permission to leave China, enter Hong Kong, and fly to Australia in 1959.

Wally's family took a different route. They also left Sinkiang in 1955, reaching Shanghai the same year.

"The reason we went there was because there was a seaport," Wally explains. "We could have become 'boat people,' but we stayed--there were many Christians in Shanghai who sheltered us for four years."

In 1959 Wally's family also crossed into Hong Kong where they got their first taste of western civilization.

"For the first time we saw white bread and white sugar," he recalls. "And we discovered clothes that weren't handmade!"

Within months Wally and his family were on their way to Australia, settling near Sydney.

After graduating from high school in 1971, Wally decided to study chemistry at Granville Technical College in New South Wales. During his first year of studies, he sensed God's call to full-time missionary service. His response was to study at the Russian Bible Institute in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Wally was in his third and final year at the institute when he met Natasha, a first-year student, in 1975. After a brief internship in HCJB's Russian Language Service, they both traveled to Wheaton, Ill., U.S.A., to spend a year at the Institute of Slavic Studies. They were married in 1977.

Only two weeks after their wedding, they served as interpreters during a four-week tour to the Soviet Union sponsored by the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA).

"That was amazing,"

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Person to Person

Brent Allred
ANDEX Director



Glasnost, or openness, has given the Soviet people a lot more freedom than they have had in the past. This can be evidenced by the increase in mail from the Soviet Union to HCJB's Russian Language Service. Previous to the new policy, mail to and from the U.S.S.R. was heavily censored, and many letters from listeners in the Soviet Union never reached HCJB.

In recent months we have also seen a cessation of Soviet jamming of broadcasts from the West. This has allowed Soviet citizens more freedom in listening to foreign stations.

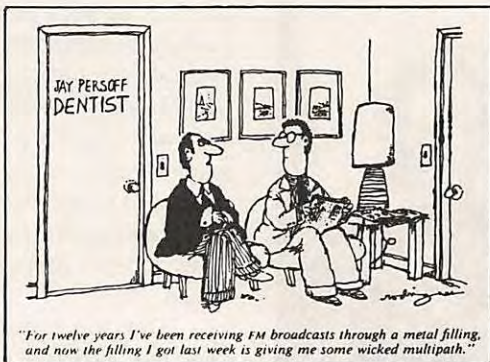
May those who live in countries where national freedom and personal liberty exist never reach the point where they take that freedom for granted. They can choose their occupations, travel where they please, voice their opinions freely and elect their own governments. Let us always be thankful for that liberty.

Wonderful as this is, however, Christians enjoy an even more glorious freedom. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans in the Bible, "through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life (has) set me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).

Jesus Christ offers freedom from sin's control over our life. He also offers us life as opposed to death. Through Him we can be saved from sin's penalty and imprisonment.

The liberty from sin and death Christ offers is freely available. No matter what your situation in life, you can experience true freedom through Jesus Christ.

If you would like to know more, why not write to us today? As the Apostle John wrote, "when the Son (Jesus Christ) sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).



via John Grimley
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WHAT'S A GIGAHERTZ?

Contrary to first impressions, GigaHertz isn't the name of a new auto rental agency or the yelp of an Italian frog in the night. It is, however, a metric measure of frequency in **cycles per second**. 1000 c.p.s. (an audible tone) is also 1 kiloHertz. 1000 kiloHertz (a frequency in the middle of the standard AM radio broadcast band) is also 1 megaHertz (1 million c.p.s.). 1000 MegaHertz (1 billion c.p.s.) is also 1 Gigahertz. Get the idea?

During the 1960s, cycles were renamed to "Hertz" in honor of Hendrich Hertz, the founder of Hertzian waves. Radio amateurs and shortwave communicators, however, quickly recognized Giglielmo Marconi as the true inventor of the wireless radio. Our proud and gusto ancestor simply had the wrong name. Can you imagine a radio calibrated in kiloMarconis?

(from *DX Ontario*, Feb 1989)

The Kulakoffs

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Wally says. "We were able to meet many of our relatives and the audience which we would later be reaching by radio."

The Kulakoffs spent the next seven years with SGA, producing programs in Russian at Far East Broadcasting Company's studios in Manilla, Philippines. Programs were broadcast into Siberia.

Following a year at SGA's offices in the United States in 1984, the Kulakoffs, along with children Mark and Marsha, arrived in Quito to begin working in HCJB's Russian Language Service.

Russian programs are broadcast to North America (30 minutes daily) and to the Soviet Union (4 1/2 hours daily). This second target area encompasses western Siberia, the central and eastern parts of the Soviet Union and Soviet satellites.

Two couples work in the Russian service of HCJB: the Kulakoffs and Alex and Elodia Kuvshnikov. Together they are responsible for about half of the station's Russian broadcasting. The remainder is supplied by program sources in the United States and elsewhere.

Wally's programming responsibility is producing and presenting a program called "Abundant Life" which is broadcast four times each week. In this program, Wally explains portions of the Bible, shares listeners' testimonies and letters and answers their questions. Natasha helps on this program and also takes care of answering all listeners' letters.

As a result of *glasnost*, listeners letters from the Soviet Union have increased dramatically in recent months. "We used to get about 20 letters a month from the Soviet Union," Wally reflects. "Now we get 200 a month!"

Wally adds, "It's a privilege to be involved with the ministry at HCJB which has such a powerful radio signal into the Soviet Union."

Special DXers



LOUIS IOCONA

ANDEX is pleased to introduce Louis Iocona, ANDEX 6212, of New Jersey, U.S.A., as one of our special DXers for this issue. He wrote a good letter about himself which speaks for itself.

"My name is Lou Iocona. I am 30 years old. I live in southern New Jersey in a town called Mantua about 40 miles northwest of Atlantic City, N.J., on the east coast of the U.S.A.

"I am married and my wife's name is Lisa. We have no children as yet, but we do have a very spoiled cat. My profession is a radio dispatcher for emergency fire and ambulance vehicles in the country where we live.

"My interest in shortwave listening began when I was about 22 years old when my older brother brought back a Grundig radio from his stay in the Armed Services in Germany. It had a shortwave mode and I was so amazed that I could listen to radio stations from around the world. But it is only recently that I have been seriously involved in shortwave. The first receiver of my own was one that I built from Radio Shack. It was quite primitive (made of cardboard and plastic), but very productive. It was with that receiver that I first tuned to HCJB. Since then I have upgraded from a Realistic DX-360 with nine-bands to a Realistic DX-440 12-band receiver. I have a long-wire antenna strung between two trees in my backyard.

"It wasn't until I received my first verification card (again from HCJB) that I really caught the DX bug and since then I've logged many other stations with about 27 verified to date.

"In addition to DXing, I also enjoy gardening, hunting for old coins and fossils. My wife and I are also active members of the local fire department. It is very rewarding to help our neighbors in their time of need.

"I would like to correspond with DXers from around the world, especially the Scandinavian areas."

If you would like to write to Lou and congratulate him, his address is P.O. Box 343, Mantua, NJ 08051, U.S.A.



DENIS TAN

Denis Tan, ANDEX 5518, a retired radio engineer living in Queensland, Australia, is our second special DXer for this issue. Having worked in broadcasting stations throughout Southeast Asia for the past 30 years, he enjoys shortwave listening very much, especially when able to correspond with the people from the stations he hears. He says, "This helps to broaden my outlook on life and improve my knowledge of life in other lands."

During World War II Denis served with the British Forces in Malaya (now Malaysia) in the medical division. After the war, he was with the British Forces Broadcasting (later to become the British Broadcasting Corporation) in Singapore. He assisted in the installation of high-power transmitters before going to Sarawak to start the broadcasting service in Kuching. He emigrated to Australia in 1969.

"I don't have much equipment to talk about," Denis writes, "except a Yaesu FRG-7700 communications receiver and a long-wire antenna running under the eaves of my roof. Good equipment is hard to get here and very expensive because it is mostly imported from Japan."

Denis has logged more than 40 countries around the world. His first QSL card from HCJB was for a reception in February 1966. He started listening in 1948 but did not take it seriously until later when he managed to get his first shortwave receiver, a Philips ex-army set which he converted for his use. Then he got a Hallicrafter SX-16, but did not really get into it until five years ago when he had more time to spend in this very rewarding hobby.

"This is my most enjoyable hobby," Denis comments, "as I have made so many friends which I have not met except by radio. I wouldn't give it up for anything."

ANDEX congratulates Denis on being chosen one of our special DXers. We hope many of you will write your own note of congratulation to him. His address is 16 Dubarda Drive, Strathpine, QLD 4500, Australia.

ANDEX SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

When we first introduced the ANDEX sponsorship program, whereby members could sponsor those who could not pay the membership subscription, the response was overwhelming. We were able to welcome many new members to the club from countries in the Eastern Bloc, Africa and Asia who would not have otherwise been able to join. A number of new international friendships have developed between sponsors and those they are sponsoring as a result of this program.

There are still some people who would like to join ANDEX who are not able to pay the necessary subscription. Unfortunately, we do not have any new sponsors to pay for these memberships.

If you would like to help someone in this way—someone who may not be as fortunate as you are—how about sending an extra subscription that we can allocate to one of these listeners? They would be very grateful, and you would be making a significant contribution to the international goodwill that exists in the shortwave listening hobby.

ASSOCIATION OF PAN-ASIAN RADIO CLUBS



এসোসিয়েশন অব প্যান-এশিয়ান রেডিও ক্লাবস ASSOCIATION OF PAN-ASIAN RADIO CLUBS

The Association of Pan-Asian Radio Clubs publishes a monthly newsletter called *APARC Newsletter* for DXers and shortwave listeners around the world. It contains DX information and loggings from Asian countries, especially Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Pakistan. A sample copy may be obtained for three IRCs by writing to:

Mohnd. A. Halim Sarker
Secretary, APARC
P.O. Chandana - 1702
Dt. Gasipur. BANGLADESH

Mr. Sarker also has advised that he is willing to obtain QSLs from Radio Bangladesh for listeners who send him a reception report and two IRCs.

STATION PROFILE: Radio Los Andes

Radio Los Andes is located in Huamachuco, capital of Sanches Carrion Province in northern Peru. Broadcasts from the station began on July 5, 1980 on 3375 kHz with 100 watts of power and on 1360 kHz medium wave with a 5 kw transmitter. Later, according to general manager Pablo Cardenas Valverde, the station obtained a new 250 watt shortwave transmitter, and the frequency was changed to 3700 kHz. Then, on September 1, 1982, another shortwave transmitter was put into service—this time a 5 kw unit—and a frequency change was made to 5030 kHz, where

the station can be heard today. Broadcasts on medium wave ceased at this time.

Cardenas says the 5 kw shortwave transmitter was introduced to better service their listening area. Because of the undulating topography of the Sanches Carrion Pro-

vince medium wave and low-power, shortwave broadcasting is not sufficient to provide listeners with a good signal.

Radio Los Andes, which uses the callsign OAZ2A broadcasts daily on 5030 kHz from 0900-0200 UTC. Verification from the station is in the form of a full-data QSL card. A recent QSL was received in one month which was signed by Cardenas. The address of the station is Jirón Bolívar 529, Huamachuco, La Libertad, Peru.

Station information from Radio Nuevo Mundo and the WRTH 1989.

THE ART OF LATIN AMERICAN QSLing

QSLing Latin American stations can be the ultimate challenge for a DXer. In fact, getting those verifications back is a real art. And that's the title of a little publication from Argentina that can help you be more successful in your attempts to QSL Latin stations. It's called *The Art of Latin American QSLing* by Julian Anderson and Gabriel Ivan Barrera.

Although the booklet only contains nine pages, it can help bring those elusive QSLs into your mailbox. The booklet begins with an explanation of how to go about writing to Latin stations, right from how to address the envelope to what to put inside it. Then there are some excellent tips on how to write both a covering letter and a reception report in Spanish.

These are not just form letters or reports that you simply copy. Rather, a selection of phrases and paragraphs are provided to enable you to build your own letter or report. Within this section the authors present some things that are very worthwhile: paragraphs to include that explain just what DXing is all about and what a QSL is.

As the authors point out, most stations in Latin America have no idea why DXers are writing to them or what they want. Including an explanation of what your hobby is and what you want from the station is essential in getting a reply from them.

The booklet ends with a listing of the various languages used throughout Latin America, a list of Latin American soccer teams (very useful if you should happen to hear a sports broadcast), an explanation of the various musical styles of the continent and details of the currencies used in Latin American countries.

The Art of Latin American QSLing is an essential publication to have if you are at all interested in receiving QSLs from Latin America. It costs \$3.00 (U.S.) or six IRCs and is available direct from the publishers, Casilla 57, Suc. 40, 1440 Buenos Aires, Argentina. And if you are a stamp collector you can expect an added bonus. The envelope in which we received our copy of this booklet was covered on both sides with beautiful Argentinian stamps!

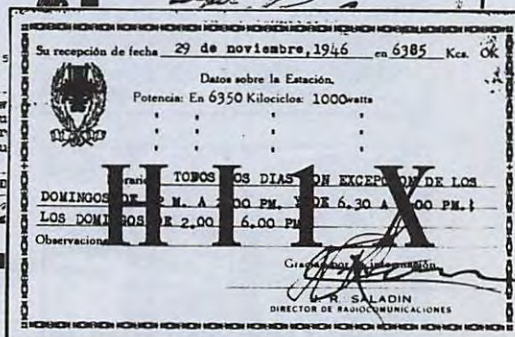
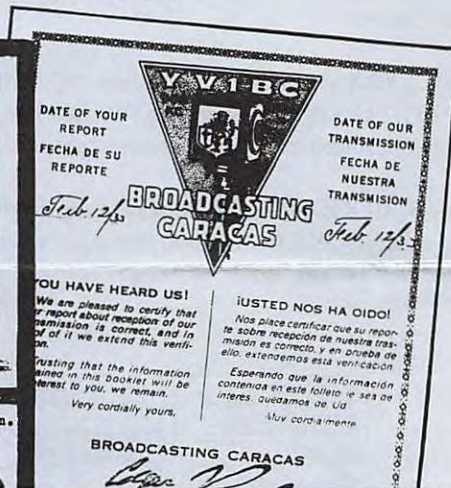
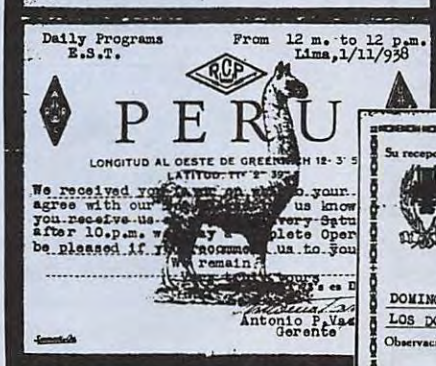
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COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE RADIO VERIFICATIONS

JERRY BERG, Chairperson • 38 Eastern Ave. • Lexington, MA 02173 • (617) 861-8481

In the last issue of the ANDEX bulletin there was an article featuring the Registered Collections Program of the Committee to Preserve Radio Verifications. Here are some examples of Latin American QSLs currently held by the committee.

If you are interested in protecting your QSLs once you have become inactive in the hobby or passed away, send a business-size SASE to CRPV Registered Collections Coordinator, John Herkimer, 3233 East Avenue, Caledonia, NY 14423, U.S.A. for full information.



A Committee of the Association of North American Radio Clubs

Pen Pals

ZAKIR HOSSAIN - Vill. Pathan Para, PO Dist. Chapai Nawabgonj, 6300, BANGLADESH - ANDEX 6732 - 17 years old - Hobbies are DXing, swimming, cricket and current events.

ROB HARRINGTON - P.O. Box 22202, Denver, CO 80222-2202, U.S.A. - ANDEX 40 - Would be interested in hearing from other ANDEX members who have their Amateur Radio license.

AMAYO JOE NJOKU - P.O. Box 951, Aba, Imo State, NIGERIA - ANDEX 6833 - 28 years old - Would like members to correspond with him - Has been a DXer for nine years.

DABBY J. WILSON - C/o Radio Rhema, Private Bag, Christchurch, NEW ZEALAND - ANDEX 6000 - A 24-year-old engineer - Hobbies are DXing and international yacht racing - Would like to hear from anyone around the world.

DEBASISH TARAFDAR - Bijulia, Ramgarh Cantt., 829122 Bihar, INDIA - ANDEX 6837 - A 27-year-old bank employee - Hobbies are music, international affairs and sports - Would like to correspond with anyone.

ESMAY AZAM - Vill. Huzrapur, Joramath, PO Dist. Chapai Nawabganj, 6300, BANGLADESH - ANDEX 6832 - Would especially enjoy corresponding with someone from the United States.

DAVID LYDA - 2600 Center Street NE, Apt. 47B, Salem, OR 97310, U.S.A. - 23 years old - Would like pen pals from foreign countries in order to trade stamps.

JOEL S. GOODMAN - 7 Robin Grove, Highgate, London, N6 6PA, ENGLAND - A young teenager who likes snooker, music, and DXing.



FEES FOR ANDEX MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PAID IN THE CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRIES BELOW BY SENDING TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN:

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CANADA	C \$6.50	HCJB—ANDEX, 2110 Argenta Rd., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5N 2K7
FINLAND	FIM 25 to the bank	Send fee to: Radio HCJB, Helsingin Sp/Helsingfors Sb, 405506-09630716. Send application form to: Radio HCJB, PL-101, 15111 Lahti, Finland
ITALY	L 7.000	HCJB—ANDEX, Via Cavallotti, 16, 41043 Formigine (Modena), Italy
JAMAICA	J \$25	HCJB—ANDEX, Jamaica Office, P.O. Box 31, Kingston 6, Jamaica
NEW ZEALAND	NZ \$10	HCJB—ANDEX, P.O. Box 82-296, Highland Park, Auckland, New Zealand
SWEDEN	Equivalent of \$5.00 USA dollars	Fees to: Postgiro 68 06 80-6 OR to bank giro 332-4407. Send application form to: Radio HCJB, Box 110, 54201 Mariestad. Check the current exchange at your bank to determine the fee.
SWITZERLAND	SFr. 10	Send Fees through the postal system to: Radio HCJB-Schweizer Arbeitszweig, Mannedorf, P.C. Glarus 87-3468. Send application form to: Radio HCJB-Schweizer Arbeitszweig, Postf. 119, 8708 Mannedorf
UNITED KINGDOM	3 pounds 75 pence	HCJB—ANDEX, 131 Gratton Rd., Bradford, West Yorkshire, England, BD 1 2HS OR send to Post Office giro account 625 2311 by using a transfer form from a members Girobank account or using the "Transcash" service available at all post offices in the U.K.
U.S.A.	US \$5.00	HCJB—ANDEX, P.O. Box 553000, Opa Locka (Miami), Florida 33055-0401
WEST GERMANY	DM 12	Margot Stegmiller, Hebelstr. 32, D-6908 Wiesloch, Federal Republic of Germany Account Nr. 2074 15-675 Postgiro Ludwigshafen

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Applicants may use the United Kingdom post office giro account by sending the equivalent of three pounds and 75 pence.

IF YOU LIVE ANYWHERE ELSE, REMIT \$5.00 (U.S.A. dollars) to: HCJB-ANDEX, P.O. Box 553000, Opa Locka (Miami), Florida 33055-0401.

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