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HCJB's German Service: *Music the universal language? Don't you believe it!*

It must be German. And the German Language Service of HCJB has the proof: Canadians, Brazilians, Paraguayans, and yes Germans have all helped out during 40 years of broadcasting.

German Language Service Director Rüdiger Klaue recounted the rich history at a mission staff meeting on the department's 40th anniversary, August 13.

Canadians David and Anna Nightingale arrived at HCJB on August 13, 1953. The station had been broadcasting in German since 1941. Otto Seidlitz produced the programs and Abraham Dyck, a missionary in Ecuador's port city of Guayaquil, answered listener letters. Another Canadian, Sally Schröder-Isaak arrived in 1957.

The programs were aimed at people who already knew Jesus Christ. But Sally Schröder's visit to Germany in 1966 changed her perspective. She learned that many listeners were males with a world view that didn't include a Creator. "Then she came back from Germany and started a whole new

philosophy on programming," Klaue recounted. "The listeners in Europe are more interested in cultural things while the South American listeners want more Christian teaching." Schröder made subsequent visits to Europe as well as Paraguay and Argentina during her 31-year career with HCJB.

In 1964 a German-speaking couple arrived from Brazil. Peter and Maria Hübert began a career that spanned decades, producing programs and handling correspondence. During that time they visited Brazil three times, as well as Argentina and Paraguay.

The German service held a contest in 1971 and received 33,000 letters. Also that year, a Canadian couple, Cornelius and Elfrieda Balzer, began their 10-year stint as program hosts. A year later an HCJB board was founded in Germany and called Arbeitsgemeinschaft.

Klaue says with his arrival in 1982, "I was the first real German in the German department. I was born in Vienna—that's Austria," he says with a laugh. "But I'm German. I mean I grew up in Germany and in 1968 I came to Paraguay and I met my wife Dorothea and she's Paraguayan."

Dorothea Klaue continues the Mennonite tradition that runs through the German service's 40-year history. The Mennonite Brethren Church of Canada had supported HCJB missionaries until the Hüberts' retirement in 1989 after 25 years. Financial support—and missionaries—began arriving from Germany. They included Iris Rauscher, Wolfgang and Uschi Brinkmann and Horst and Sigrid Rosiak.

The German team has translated some listener letters into English. As the letters show, the programs challenge the Christian and secular mind alike:

We have listened to the broadcasts since the days of the Nachtigals (Nightingales) when they sent a pair of slippers to those who

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David and Anna Nightingale and family, first missionaries to come to Quito to produce German programs.

wrote to Ecuador. Those were big, leather slippers. It was our fifth neighbor who got them. It was right in the beginning of the German broadcasts from Quito. We didn't have a radio at that time so we went to our neighbors' in order to listen to HCJB.

Another listener writes:

Since I've begun listening to your programs on a regular basis, I started to think about the Bible and the fundamental things in life. I am not a church-goer. Twenty-five years ago I opened my Bible for the last time. It was during our Bible class in school. I think that going to church has nothing to do with faith in God. You have at least forced me to re-evaluate some of the ideas and views about religion.

The current German team consists of Paraguayans and Germans, along with their Ecuadorian secretary. It is broadcasting on these frequencies:

Europe

0430 UTC 9600 & 11735 kHz
0600 UTC 6205 kHz & 11835 UTC
1830 UTC 17790 kHz & 21480 kHz
2100 UTC 15270 kHz & 17790 kHz

S. America

0930 UTC 6110 kHz & 9670 kHz
2300 UTC & 0 UTC 15250 kHz
Also, on 17490 on SSB at all these times.

History at a glance

- 1941-Otto Seidlitz of Germany begins German programs
-Abraham and Mrs. Dyck, Guayaquil, answer letters
 - 1953-David & Anna Nightingale arrive in Quito from Canada
 - 1956-60 - Hugo Jantz, Canada, serves in GLS
 - 1957-Sally Schröder-Isaak, Canada, arrives
 - 1964-Peter and Marie Hübert arrive from Brazil
 - 1964-Mary (Wiens) Harder arrives from Canada
 - 1966-Miss Schröder visits Germany
 - 1967-Jacob Dueck, Canada,
 - 1969-Dr. Jacob J. Toews, Canada
 - 1969-71-Henry & Esther Born, Canada, help in GLS
 - 1971-Cornelius and Elfrieda Balzer arrive from Canada
 - 1971-Contest, 33,000 letters
 - 1972-German board Arbeitsgemeinschaft founded
 - 1976-Miss Schröder's second trip to Germany
 - 1977-Hilda Regier, Canada, killed in pedestrian accident in Quito
 - 1981-Martha de Montenegro, Ecuador, joins GLS
 - 1982-Paraguayans Rüdiger and Dorothea Klaue come from work in Brazil
 - 1982-Miss Schröder travels to Europe a third time
 - 1987-Iris Rauscher arrives from Germany
 - 1988-Wolfgang and Uschi Brinkmann arrive from Germany
 - 1989-Hüberts retire
 - 1990-Horst and Sigrid Rosiak arrive from Germany
 - 1993-Esther Neufeld (D. Klaue's sister) arrives from Paraguay
- Other people who helped in GLS:** Anna Kornelsen, Canada. Agatha Bock, Canada, Friedemar Becker, Germany, Dr. Ekehart Wolff (HCJB medical doctor from Germany), Arnold Boschmann (Paraguayan working visitor), Mark-Torsten Wardein (a German on deputation.)

Person to Person

I'm a country boy. As a youngster I could look across the pancake-flat plains of South Dakota and see the horizon miles away. And so, quite frankly, at times I find it difficult to enjoy the big city of Quito.

Fortunately, people are trying to build a cleaner Quito, a purer environment in Ecuador, and a better world. That is what the "Blue Planet" awards are all about as described in this issue of *Andex*. As a Christian I see the importance of the care of nature—the air, water, and soil as well as the many animals in the forests and on the prairies.

One problem with today's environmental movement, however, is what's forgotten (or better put, *who* is forgotten). The beauty of the world around us was created by someone and that someone is God. This is described in the book of Genesis in the Bible. I read and believe every word of that wonderful creation account. And I find there that God's highest creation is mankind—that's you and me! God has created you and me. Do you find that exciting? I surely do!

Since we are created, we should care for ourselves. Here is how the Apostle Paul admonished his friends in the ancient city of Corinth:

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
—I Corinthians 10:31

Since God created us we should care for ourselves in a way that pleases Him. But it's become popular to use the motto, "It's my body," to rationalize all kinds of immoral conduct. The fact is that it's not my body, but God's. It's not my life, but God's. In its simplest form, that's Christianity. I must admit that I have gone my own way, rejecting the One who made me. I must turn from my own way and return to my Creator, my Savior, my Lord.

Maybe you would be interested in a pamphlet, *How to Become a Christian*. Please write to me and request it. Write to *Andex*, Box 17-17-691, Quito, Ecuador, South America.



Ralph V. Kurtenbach of Studio 9

My Favourite QSL

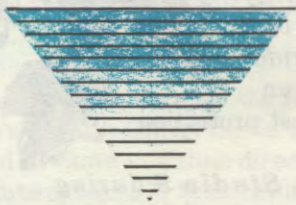
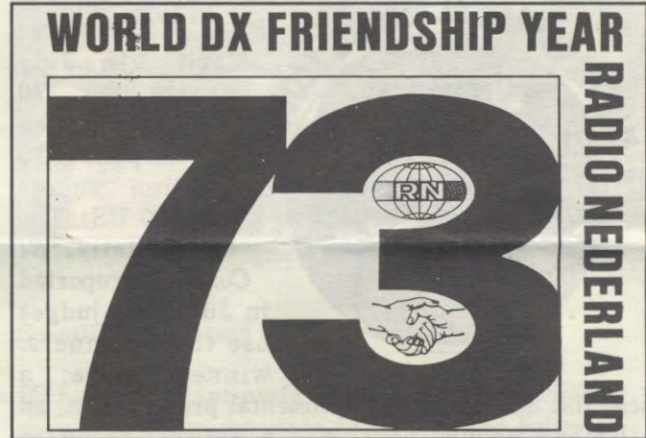
"My favourite QSL holds lots of memories for me of a song that Radio Nederlands played for my mother," writes Mrs. Brenda Rogers of South Yorkshire, England. She tells the story:

"Back in 1973 I wrote to the station to request 'No Regrets' by Edith Piaf. I was quite surprised when I read the card and saw that I would have the request played on September 4, 1973."

The QSL (pictured here) also promoted World DX Friendship Year, and Mrs. Rogers writes "so that was special too." She continues, "I told my mother about the request to be played for her and she was over the moon, so to speak!"

Mrs. Rogers took her shortwave, a Marconiphone Radio-gram, to her mother's home to hear the Radio Nederlands program. "I knew that my mother was thrilled when she heard the song played and so was I," she writes.

With her mother's death in 1985, Mrs. Rogers says the card continues to provide satisfying memories of a broadcast that brought them such joy.



Last month I received a regular issue of **ANDEX** magazine. It was a pleasure for me, as I did not hope to continue receiving **ANDEX** this year. I would like to thank someone who provided me so fine a gift.

Alexander
Republic of Belarus
Commonwealth of Independent States

THANK YOU

In June I received my **ANDEX** Membership Certificate and the May-June '93 **ANDEX** bulletin. Thanks very much for that. I would like to thank the friendly person who sponsored

my **ANDEX** membership, but unfortunately, I don't know who's the kind person. With our salaries, I would never have been able to pay my membership fee for the year. I find the bulletin very interesting.



Ecuador Contest promotes "Blue Planet"

While athletes and actors strive for trophies of gold, an Ecuadorian contest upholds a different prize: the color blue.



The contest is called "Blue Planet—National Prize of Ecological Merit". In July nearly 70 candidates vied for the prize of 10 million sucres (\$5,000 US). The Quito daily, *El Comercio*, reported in July that judges chose three winners.

The winners were: a scientist devoted to environmental preservation, an oil clean-up business, and a natural resource management institute.

The newspaper reported that scientist Misael Acosta-Solis was awarded the prize in recognition of "a total life" dedicated to protecting Ecuador's natural resources. (See story on following page.)

Another winner of the Blue Planet award was an institution, Program of Management of Coastal Resources. The program began in 1986, promoting community consciousness to defend coastal resources. The business, Ieconsa, was the contest's other winner for its work to recover spills during oil exploration and extraction.

The three winners each received 10 million sucres, provided by the businesses, Pronaca, Banco Continental and Glaxo. The jury choosing the winners was composed of delegates from *El Comercio*, La Television, Teleamazonas, and the Nature Foundation. In addition to the winners, the jury chose the following finalists:

Individuals: *Edgar Cevallos*—designs campaigns to develop social conscience about the environment. *Tony el Suizo*—works to find ways to recycle petroleum exploration garbage. *Susan Shephard*—actress involved in forest protection in La Concordia through an agency called "The Pearl." *Roman Medardo Tapia*—administrates the farm of Chimborazo Polytechnic School and rescues animals threatened with extinction. *Haro-Perez Family*—At Bamboli Ecology Ranch they promote preservation of virgin jungle. *Herbert Schlenker*—unequaled dedication in preservation of birds. *Presley Norton*—worked in ecology, archaeology, journalism and

education to promote ecology. *Carcía José Toro*—offered practical ecology solutions in Manabí Province. *Letamendi Dora Garzón*—promoted ecology on the Santa Elena Península.

Businesses: *Bioesa*—researches insects beneficial to agriculture. *Life Laboratories*—seeks elimination of business trash through recycling. *Shering-Plough*—pharmaceutical research and treatment of solid and liquid waste. *Windsor Laboratories*—stopped making products with chlorofluorocarbonated gases.

Institutions: *Vivarium*—cares for animals and returns them to their native environment. *First Finding of Recoverers of Trash*—helps Ecuador save millions of dollars by recycling paper, plastic and glass. *Programs of Managing Fishing Resources*—programs on Ecuador's coast to preserve diverse ecosystems. *EPN Laboratory of Metalurgic Extraction*—investigates gold extraction methods that don't use mercury. *Santa Catalina Experimental Station of Iniap*—

researches genetics of vegetation in search of sustainable ecosystems and food source stability. *Farming Communities of the Chongon Colonche Corridor*—modified exploitation of forests and began forest protection on Ecuador's coast.



Listen to HCJB's *Studio 9* during October 18-22 for a couple of features on Misael Acosta-Solis.

An HCJB Radio producer, Edwin Chamorro Erazo, hosts **Galapagos Program** featuring Ecuador's Galapagos Islands. Chamorro was one of more than 70 nominees for the "Blue Planet Award".

He interviews many different people, from the director general of UNESCO to the cook on a fishing vessel. Listeners from the Americas and Europe have responded to Chamorro's environmental focus on the islands. He also hosts *A Little of Everything*, sometimes using an open-microphone technique that lets listeners hear the natural world in action.



Edwin Chamorro,
HCJB producer

Misael Acosta-Solís—Scientist Extraordinaire

Nature: the never idle workshop.

—Matthew Arnold

The life of Misael Acosta-Solís parallels the Nature that Matthew Arnold describes—“never idle”. The 83-year-old Ecuadorian scientist has developed careers as a naturalist, botanist, forester, professor, ecologist and scientist. He was recently honored with an award of 10 million sucres. Quito’s *El Comercio* newspaper reported that contest judges awarded Acosta-Solís the Blue Planet Award in recognition of “a total life” devoted to Ecuador’s environment.

Born in Ambato, he began collecting varieties of plants during his youth. By crisscrossing his native Ecuador over the years and always collecting plant and tree species, he assembled a documented collection of more than 25,000 samples. He dutifully noted location and altitude, ranging from sea level to 5,650 meters in a land where altitude and not seasons, determines vegetation.

In 1934, he was top graduate of Ecuador’s natural sciences curriculum. He went on to study botany, vegetable ecology and forestry in the United States.

Acosta-Solís founded the Botanical Institute at Quito’s Central University in 1935. In 1940, he helped to found and then directed Ecuador’s Institute of Natural Sciences in 1939. A decade later he served as founding director of Ecuador’s Forestry Department. He also founded the “Fifth of August” School in Esmeraldas. In 1950, he founded and directed the experiment station, Quinta Equinoccial, located on the equator.

At the experiment station, scientists have learned much about drought-resistant plants and trees. They also conduct soil conservation studies on arid soils. Acosta-Solís discovered that the equatorial sun must be considered in soil erosion.

He has authored one hundred books and more than 3,000 articles. His major discoveries are compiled in the five-volume Natural Resources of Ecuador and the eight-volume Economic Botany of Ecuador. He has received international awards, with recognition by geographic, conservation, and historical societies.



Misael Acosta-Solís, award winner

Scientists have said of Acosta-Solís:

He has worked intensely in many fields of natural science, in the countryside, in the lab, and before he was 50 he was already recognized overseas as an authority due to his publications.

—Dr. Samuel T. Dana
Michigan University, July,
1949

Dr. Acosta-Solís is, according to his research and publications, the most productive naturalist of the continent.

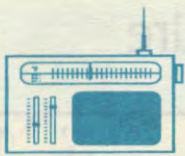
—Dr. Enrique Beltran
President, Mexican Institute
of Renewable Resources

The naturalist, Misael Acosta-Solís, is an unequalled scientist for his work and contributions to his country.

—Dr. Enrique Perez Arbelaez
Founder, director-
Botanical Garden, Bogota;
organizer Natural Science Museum
of Nat’l Univ. of Bogota and
of Colombian Academy
of Exact Science Dec. 1975

Praised by scientists worldwide, the never idle Acosta-Solís describes himself in the simplest of terms:

“Like a dog always moving forward and without giving myself rest, but now I feel the weight of my years.”



Special DXer of the Month



Audrey McNeill

Audrey McNeill remarked in a letter to Rich McVicar of *Andex*, "It's amazing what a letter can do." She ought to know because of the copious flow of letters from her desk.

And the gracious widow from Blackpool, England, gets results indeed! She asked Radio Austria to record a piece of Mozart music and copy an interview they'd aired. She got both (being the subject of the interview didn't hurt). Deutsche Welle and the Voice of America have responded when the "Queen of the DXers" alerted them to signal splatter beyond their bands.

Her letters are all hand-written. She pastes on a few stickers with messages like "Jesus makes me happy", or just a heart shape. The letters span the gamut — station loggings, program notes and reactions, compliments and critiques and a personal touch. One host confided in listeners, mentioning his personal difficulties. "I felt so moved that I just had to write and as I had a lovely 'Thinking of You' card, I sent it," writes Mrs. McNeill. She also knows the hosts' children by name and says she enjoys being a "granny" to them all.

Writing letters to friends worldwide is a passion for Mrs. McNeill, even when her health worsens. She writes to McVicar, "My mail is piling up more and more with being unable to write until now. This is my second week in bed with a severe attack of bronchitis, tonsilitis and a mere whisper for a voice." Another letter finds her with as many problems or more from a recent fall. She lists the ailments starting with a wrapped ankle up to a pounding headache, then says, "but mail is once again

mounting high and I must comment on *Andex*." (And the letter went four pages!)

She is "Audrey" to program hosts and listeners alike. Despite her shortwave fame, however, she has gotten a cool response or two. She wonders if one program host is less than enthused with "my long letters, which he doesn't seem to like . . ." Once she tried phoning a fellow listener in Blackpool to introduce herself. Instead she reached a wrong number whose owner "must have thought me a crank—or worse—and promptly crashed the phone down nearly shattering my eardrum!!!!"

Mrs. McNeill was widowed in 1986 after 47 years of marriage. When program hosts and listeners refer to her or stop by her Blackpool home, she wishes her late husband could have enjoyed it with her. She often refers to "my beloved Mc" in her letters.

She began DXing in 1983 and has made many friends worldwide. Two show hosts were fielding a listener's question when, as Mrs. McNeill tells "right bang in the middle of it, the listener asked them to say 'hello' to Audrey McNeill." After the greeting, one host remarked, "She certainly gets around!"

That statement summarizes Audrey McNeill's past decade in the shortwave world.



Audrey McNeill and friend Sally Nixon from Blackpool, England

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All days are local days, as opposed to UTC days. This distinction applies only in North America.

NEWS AND SUCH: New staff member, new voice, new program--all in one package named Allen Graham! Allen is from California and recently studied Spanish in Costa Rica. He will be heard on Studio 9 and on **El Mundo Futuro**, the new science & technology program on Tuesdays.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

STUDIO 9--Latin America comes sharply into view on **Studio 9** each weekday. Join hosts Ralph Kurtenbach and Curt Cole. Curt looks at Peru, Chile and Argentina. John Adams reports on Mexico and Guatemala. Len Kinzel provides updates from Colombia and Venezuela.

MORNING IN THE MOUNTAINS (to the Americas only)--We're here Monday through Friday beginning at 1200 UTC. Begin your weekdays with host John Adams and newsman Leonard Kinzel.

SUNDAY

SALUDOS AMIGOS--HCJB's international friendship program continues every Sunday. Letters from individuals around the globe dominate our 50 minutes together, plus music from Latin America and tunes that relate to the deeper issues of life.

MOUNTAIN MEDITATIONS--This mix of music and devotional thoughts in an Andean setting include HCJB President Ron Cline, Senior Vice President Ben Cummings, Chairman Abe Van Der Puy, World Offices Director Jim Allen and Pastor Ray Hinchman.

HCJB TODAY--Each Sunday HCJB missionaries get together to share what's happening.

October 3--Raising children between three cultures

October 10--Putting Christian TV on Ecuador's airwaves

October 24--Water for the needy, a view of community development water projects.

BLUES, RAGS AND ALL THAT JAZZ!--Bill Rapley selects some of the best in traditional jazz. **Blues, Rags and All That Jazz!** is in the top 10 most popular shows on the shortwave band, according to "The Passport to World Band Radio." Aired to Europe only at 2130 UTC. Also on Fridays at 0630 UTC.

MONDAY

INTROSPECT--Does violence on television and in the movies incite violence? How hard is it to be a teacher in the "remote control" generation? Join Len Kinzel for a look at current events from a Christian perspective.

CLASSICAL FAVORITES--Dawn Lowther and Bill Rapley present classical music--overtures, waltzes, opera, symphonies and concertos, and fascinating background for each piece. To the Americas only at 0630 UTC.

TUESDAY

EL MUNDO FUTURO--Our newest program, all about science & technology. Catch host Allen Graham with the latest about computers, scientists, medicine and more.

WEDNESDAY

HAM RADIO TODAY--Join John Beck for features on antennas, radio wave propagation, utility roundup, and useful tips.

THURSDAY

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE ANDES--Sample the foods, cooking and cultures of Latin America with Karen Schmidt. During October, features will include a South American native, the potato.

FRIDAY

MUSICA DEL ECUADOR--Tour Latin America via the music of Ecuador, courtesy of musician and host Jorge Zambrano. Listen and find out why this program has caught the attention of DX publications and music lovers.

ON-LINE--The fast-moving European magazine with a newsy exploration of current issues that will expand your view of Europe and make you smile as we look at the lighter side, too. Tune in Fridays at 0700 and 2130 UTC (Europe) and 0400 (Americas).

SATURDAY

DX PARTYLINE--Ah, DXing! What a great hobby. Join John Beck and Karen Schmidt for 50 minutes of news, loggings, tips and information.

MUSICAL MAILBAG--Letters, we've got letters! Maybe letters from you, or your part of the earth. Tune in to the Mailbag bunch for some listener letters, music, laughter and lots more.

Pen Pals

EMMANUEL ONYENWERE - No. 1 Awolowo St., Uwani, Enugu, Anambra State, NIGERIA. A 23-year-old polytechnic student. He likes playing basketball, film (especially Christian movies), reading, travelling and playing games like chess and Scrabble. ANDEX Member #7140.

MD. ABDUL MANNAN - Vill. Sona Masna, P.O. Sonaichandi Hat, Via-Nachole-6310, Chapai-Nawabganj, BANGLADESH. This 22-year-old fellow likes DXing and collecting stamps, calendars, magazines, coins, etc. He would also like to write to penpals.

KIM MARIE HEGERBERG - 771 Pebble Creek Drive, Norcross, GA 30093, USA. A 20-year-old lady studying business. Her hobbies are playing the violin and studying languages. Would greatly enjoy any correspondence in English.

M. RAVI - Plot-1, A.P.C., Veerabahu Nagar Guduvancheri-603202, Tamilnadu, INDIA. This 20-year-old DXer writes: "Interests are in whatever exists under the sun." Would like friends in Latin America. Hobbies also include philately, collecting photographs, maps, sceneries, wall posters and calendars.



"The voice coils of these speakers here were wound counterclockwise for use below the equator."

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