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TWO WEEK'S DX: JANUARY 3-16, 1966

CONGO. Elisabethville wx /is noted afternoons on 11865Kcs. Noted I/15 with news in French at 1957 SINPO 43433. Suffers some sideband QRM from VOA. Progs consist mostly of non-stop music.

CUBA. Radio Havana seems to have moved its lower powered 16 mb transmitter down to 17725 (may vary) from 17750. Noted arnd 1430 I/15 SINPO 3/1-2/3/3/1-2 (improved as Europeans began to fade). This is parallel to powerhouse on 17855.

ETHIOPIA. ETLF, Radio Voice of the Gospel noted with English news at 1330 then review of weeks events at 1340. At 1345 there was a program in English/Tamil produced in Madras. Frequency was 15410Kcs SINPO 33333 I/15.

HOLLAND. Radio Nederland noted with it's Afrikaans weekdays at 1630-1720 and Happy Station Sundays at 1600-1720 on 15160Kcs. SINPO 33333 I/15 at 1630.

NIGERIA. The recent revolt did not seem to disrupt VOICE OF NIGERIA very seriously. Noted on 15255Kcs I/15 with English news at 1700 but heavy QRM made copy impossible. Noted I/16 with French arnd 1930 very strong and readable but at about 2000 came under heavy QRM. 11900 may not be active (not sure).

SAUDI ARABIA. THE VOICE OF ISLAM has been noted this last week every night with an all night long service of chants and Arabic talks (soft) on 7270Kcs. First noted as an UN*ID station I/14 arnd 0230 with Ham QRM & het. Then I/16 noted much stronger arnd 0035 with ID at 0054. Continuous chants till ID then a talk. About as strong as Tirana..... It seems funny that while the station was so widely heard last winter about this time with high powered signals on 11855/9670/7085 and other channels, that this station is not now being heard. It must be that they are not broadcasting so extensively, but why?? They just put in those new transmitters and with all the oil they have allot of money to play around with.

SOUTH AFRICA. Radio South Africa noted I/8 on 15220 noted at 1740 with meoldys dance music SINPO 34333. WHY IS THIS STATION SO WEAK?????

UN-ID. ARABIC ON 6080KCS s/off with march at 0000 SINPO 33333 I/3 WHO????????

THATS ALL FOR THIS WEEK, 73s

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THIS WEEK'S DX: FEBRUARY 14-20, 1966

ALGERIA. "La Voz de la Libertad" Portugese program of Algiers noted with anti-Salazar talks until 0100 II/20 (as per sked in SCDXers) on the following freqs: 9510Kcs (on top of BBC) SINPO 4/3-4/3/3/3-4 (very good signal)
9685Kcs SINPO 22332
6080Kcs SINPO 33333

Could not find the station on 11835 (4VEH dominating the channel) and also 6175 channel was covered by QRM. WITH THE ADDITION OF 9510KCS, EITHER 6175 OR 11835 MAY HAVE BEEN DROPPED. 9510 REALLY HAD A TREMENDOUS SIGNAL.

AUSTRALIA. RADIO AUSTRALIA hrd with their Pacific Islds service until 2115 closedown on 11840Kcs. SINPO 3/2-3/3/2-3/2-3 with Lisbon BELOW.

Time signal station VNG, Melbourne noted on 12005Kcs II/19. While listening on 12000Kcs for Haitian (see Haiti) a station was noted with time pips just above the frequency of the Haitian. The pips were unlike WWV but instead were exactly like those the BBC World Service uses on the hour. Then at 2259 or so there was an identification by a woman. I did not get a completely positive ID of the station due to heavy RRTY & CW QRM on this channel but it is supposed that the ID at 2259 clinches it as VNG. At 2300 the station went back to time pips but by 2330 had faded below the QRM level. Not enough for a report, will keep trying for enough to get a QSL. The station is sked to use 10kw at that hour. SINPO was 3/2-3/3/3/2-3.

EGYPT. CAIRO NOW BROADCASTS A DAILY ENGLISH PROGRAM FOR NORTH AMERICA.....

The program apparently runs at 0145-0300 in the regular service for the Americas on 9595Kcs. This same frequency was noted ~~xxxx~~ back on ~~Rxxx~~ I/19 signing on at 0000 with their Latin American service.

Noted daily with music up to 0145 then at 0145 their program introduction march and then a news program in English until about 0152. This is followed by non-stop music until at 0230 another English news broadcast (maybe repeat of first) then usually again non-stop music until 0300 s/off. Another program was noted one time only II/16 at around 0245 with records introduced by a female announcer. Reception varies but is usually about SINPO 33333. One thing that makes announcements hard to understand is that the modulation level is quite low with some distortion. They do announce the freq correctly (9595) and also that the program is beamed to North America.

ENGLAND. BBC INTRODUCED NEW MORNING SERVICE TO ~~XXXXX~~ SOUTH ASIA.....

BBC-London noted arnd 0135 with a new morning service to India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Noted II/15 at 0135 in a South Asian language until 0145 when they joined the world service on 7255KCS SINPO 33333. Will do more checking this week to find out exact schedual of languages. It was just a year ago this month that the BBC introduced morning programs in the languages of South East Asia.

The BBC North American Service is still being heard from 1530 on ~~ETXKRXIX~~ 15300//15350, weekends at least. 11840 joins these two freqs at some later time, possibly 1600 or 1630.

ETHIOPIA. ETLF noted with "V" Drum IS until 1831 then an Eenglish ID and into Hausa for West Africa. SINPO 33333 II/19 until Vatican carrier on at 1834 (see VATICAN) then ETLF was covered.

FRANCE. ORTF now noted with their English news feed for Brazzaville at 1915-1930 on 11885 & 9560Kcs (11885 by far the better channel here). Brazzaville then apparently relays this live. They also mentioned something which sounded like "This program is relayed by the ORTF Brazzaville and Cayenne".

There is a new French program at 2058-2200 on 11885 & 15130Kcs. Noted with IS till 2058 then ann. and time sigs and into a program in French. Must be a program feed for Africa and possibly French colonies in America.

HAITI. "La Voix de Revelation Duvaliarist" (ex- Radio Commerce), Port-au-Prince noted with their SECOND HARMONIC briefly around 2254 ~~wkkk~~ II/19 with a complete ID at 2254 then a fanfare and into a talk, all in French. By 2300 signal had disappeared. The frequency was ~~xxx~~ apprx 12000 (plus or minus only 2kc) which would make the fundamental 6000 instead of the old 5985. When tuning down for the Fundamental it was ~~xxxxxxx~~ believed to be heard on just about 6000 just below Radio Americas but under tremendous QRM. (makeing copy ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ impossible). TWO QUESTIONS IN MY MIND HERE, WHY THE MOVE TO 6000 (5985 WAS A MUCH BETTER CHANNEL) AND COULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS A MOVE TO BLOCK RADIO AMERICAS (WHICH IS ONLY ABT 1kc HIGHER)--- THAT IS MAYBE RADIO AMERICAS COULD HAVE THEIR HANDS INTO SOME ~~xxxxxxx~~ PROGRAMS FOR HAITI THAT WE HAVEN'T SPOTTED YET. ??????????????????????????????????????

NIGERIA. VOICE OF NIGERIA still has their 100kw XMTRS on 9690 & 15255. 11900 is not being heard and it can be assumed the they probably have 10kw on this channel. 15255 is putting really powerful signals in up here.

PORTUGAL. Lisbon's Afriac service is being noted around 1820 on 17880Kcs. Noted II/19 with a talk on Chinese ~~xxx~~ Atomic Bombs SINPO 3/4/3/2-3/2-3.

SPAIN. RNE still is using 9760 for their channel with English to North America. Noted II/18 at 0235 with a talk then Spanish music. SINPO 3/2-3/3/3/2-3. There was slight distortion, but the least ever hrd on the 31 mb channel!! At times, their distortio wasn't any more than Cairos...

RNE noted with their Spanish for Latin America arhd 0200 II/19 on 11715Kcs SINPO 333/2-3/2-3 but, still with those noises on the carrier. This was // 9360Kcs.

SOMALI REPUBLIC. Radio Mogadiscio was finally logged here ~~xxxx~~ II/15 with Arabic until 0315 then a march and into news in English. At 0321 some American music and at 0332 news in another language, possibly Somali or Sudanese then at 0341 Arabic music. SINPO 2/3/3/3/2-3 on 7120 (slightly above) ~~wkkk~~ later coming up to SINPO 3/4/333 by 0321 then BBC Eurp Sce came on at 0326 with first carrier then IS and finally program. This was a few kc away and with Q-multiplier was able to null this out fairly well.

U.S.A. ANARC should send a petition to VOA asking that they refrain from putting their super power carriers on the air more than 15 minutes before the start of programming. In some cases, I have noted them daily with their carrier on the air as much as 1 hourx before programming starts.

VATICAN. VATICAN RADIO noted with Portugese at 1840 and French at 1900 on 11875, probably to Africa. However, ETLF is on same freq makeing copy of either very hard.

VATICAN also noted with their English to Aust/NZ at 2200 on 11745 anned // to 9675 (not hrd)

YUGOSLAVIA. Belgrade is coming through with their 1530 English on 15240. SINPO 3/2/3/3/2-3 II/19.

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THIS WEEK'S DX: ~~MARCH 21-27, 1966~~ ~~MARCH~~ MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 1966

ALBANIA. It is very possible that Radio Tirana has re-instated its early evening transmissions to North America. Noted signing off at 0100 IX/3 on 7265Kcs with SINPO 4444. Tuned into program too late to determine language and I was not at home ~~xxx~~ at that time IV/4. Will try to get confirmation at the end of this weeks reports.

ARGENTINA. Radio Belgrado, Buenos Aires noted with its own programming around 2345 on 11780Kcs. SINPO 33433 III/29. Noted with ann. in Spanish & IDs at around 2343 during a program.

AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia noted with INDONESIAN from 2245 on 11780Kcs III/31 SINPO 2333/2-3 with heterodyne (even after BBC off this freq at 2245...not prob. from R. Belgrado). Annd // to 15330Kcs.

BECHUANALAND. BBC-FRANCISTOWN noted on 7295Kcs at 0400 III/28 with news in English from World Service. SINPO 21332. Was very overmodulated and had much distortion..heavy jamming on frequency. (Stan, - thanks for tip on this...believe that jamming on this frequency that WE hear is against Radio Liberty. Jamming by Rhodesians may also be here but inaudible to us. Jamming for Radio Liberty on this channel is noted from early evening.... In enclosed SGDXers, they say that Francistown is on 4845 from 0400..)

CUBA. Amedium wave note: While trying out some old crystals I have laying around here, I came up with some that allow the SX-117 (By the way, almost anything will oscillate in the rx, even the 1700kc sideband crystals). Well, anyway, Radio Rebelde noted with an ID at 2345 then L.AM music SINPO 34333 on 720Kcs III/30. Two note gong I² noted.

ENGLAND. BBC North American Service noted IV/2 from 1500 to 1730 on 15350Kcs (also joined by 11840Kcs).

LEBANON. Beirut noted with their Latin American Service with Arabic until 0026 then Spanish on 11760Kcs III/29 SINPO 33333.

MEXICO. XEQM- Merida 6105Kcs noted around 0200-0230 III/29 SINPO 34433 with Mexican music, commercials and nxs at 0203. Seems to use somewhat different slogan than that used in WRTVH.

Mexico City---- XEHH & another station in Mexico City noted IV/2 at arnd 0230 on a beat frequency of 11600Kcs. Both stations modulations were clear & undistorted. The other station was NOT XEWW. The UN-ID station had almost continuous music (Mexican). The strength of this spurious emission was poor.

PARAGUAY. Radio Teleco, Asuncion noted arnd 2350 with talk programs, commercials and at 0000 an ID, a low gong and into world news III/29 SINPO 32333/2-3 on 11850 with a heavy heterodyne on freq.

SAUDI ARABIA. Saudi Arabian Broadcasting noted IV/3 noted with Arabic chants and some announcements in Arabic at arnd 0045 on 7270KCS (SINPO 33333) & 9670KCS (SINPO 2-3/1-2/3/3/1-213 with VOA Greenville covering). MAYBE SOME MOSLEM FEAST????? ALSO NOTED AS I AM TYBEING THIS (IV/77)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ VATICAN RADIO. noted from 1640 w/ Arabic on 15120Kcs SINPO 33333. However, at 1642 XMTR abruptly went off the air. This XMSM sked for 1645 P.T.O.

PROPAGATION NOTE: A TERRIBLE BLACK OUT WAS IN EFFECT AROUND 1255 III/30 WITH CONDITIONS TO ALL ZONES TERRIBLE. VERY HIGH ABSORPTION ON LOW FREQS AND THERE WAS AN APPARENT LACK OF IONIZATION AT HIGH FREQS. ABOUT ONKY RELIABLE PATHS WERE TO AUSTRALIA ON 9580 & 9610KCS. MOST OF S.AM WAS BLACKED OUT WITH SIGNALS FROM THE CARIBBEAN VERY WEAK.

CLANDESTINE.RADIO LIBERTAD

An investigation has shown that all sign-on announcements emitted on 7305 & 15050Kcs are in sync. Noted with powerful signals III/29 at 0000 during check.

This station noted on 11865KCS with powerful signals IV/2 at 0200 with an ID SINPO 3/2-3/3/3/2-3 with QRM from Brazilians. 11865 had limited fidelity & some distortion. At the same time, Also noted on 15050, 9325 & 7305 with varying strengths and QRM levels.

"CAN'T BUY ME LOVE" (EX- "KISS ME HONEY")

Noted IV/2 at arnd 1345 weakly on 11699KCS. PEKE IRAN was at the same time noted on their regular 11696-11697KCS well below the jammer.

UN-ID. When conditions permit, an Arab is noted up on 17920KCS around 2245 SINPO 1543/1-2 (III/28). THIS IS PROBABLY CAIRO but it seems a little late for this freq and was unable to find a // freq.)

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THIS WEEK'S DX: MARRM APRIL 4-10, 1966

ALBANIA. Radio Tirana is noted again with their 0000-0030 English to North America. Noted IV/5 at 0000 SINPO 33333. (Either reception of the 0230-0300 XMSM was so poor that they reinstated this XMSM or maybe it was never even dropped). Meanwhile the 0230-0300 XMSM is still noted on 9520KCS with SINPO 3233/2-3 IV/10 with heavy jamming (apparently aimed at some station like Radio Liberty) on frequency.

AFRICA-WEST Just a short note here on the reception of West African stations. CONAKRY-Guinea is pounding in on 4910 // 9650 until 0000 in French DAKAR-Senegal is pounding in on 9720 // 4890 until 0000 in French and ABIDJAN-Ivory Coast is pounding in on 4940 & 6015 until 0000 also in French. This is an easy way for a novice to get three fairly good loggings in his book in one day.

CHINA. Peking noted with English to Europe arnd 2210 IV/5 with "anti-imperialist" propaganda talks on 6290KCS SINPO 233/2-3/2-3. Peking also note on 11600Kcs with English from 1300 IV/5. Although apparently covered by RTTY, use of Exalted Carrier mode and the selection of Lower Side Band brought this station clear of all QRM. to SINPO 2433/2-3.

EGYPT. To apparently cover a special Moslem season, like Saudi Arabia, Cairo has extended their transmissions. Noted IV/8 with their Arabic program arnd 0100 on 7050/9790/11745 & 11940Kcs.

Cairo noted IV/10 at arnd 2000 with a news-reel in English on 17690Kcs SINPO 4444 until program ended at 2015. At end of program anned that this was on the air daily at 1930-2015 (however anned erroneous 17915Kcs). Then an Arabic ID & s/off. This frequency again comes on at 2030 with a West African Service in FRENCH (apparently English was beamed to West Africa).

Cairo also noted the same day at 2045 with a African language on 17920 (This is a funny channel, the voice and music is out of tune like when you mistune a SSB station, MAYBE CAIRO USES SSB LINKS BETWEEN STUDIOS AND CERTAIN OUTLYING TRANSMITTER STATIONS????). Also a station was noted at the same time on 17910 but much weaker carrying Arabic programs. This was also probably Cairo (don't think that Accra would use that freq so late with a new Arabic program).

FRANCE. ORTF-Paris. To make up for the shortening of the L.AM Service 15 minutes (that is ending it at 0200 instead of 0215), they ~~xxxx~~ are apparently starting the service 15 minutes early NOW at 2300 instead of 2315 on 9755 & 11845. This new segment is in SPANISH makeing up for the time cut from the Spanish prog. at the end.

GERMANY. (EAST) RADIO BERLIN INTERNATIONAL'S INDONESIAN PROGRAM IS BROADCAST SATURDAYS AT 1240-1255 on 15165/15240KCS AND AT 1440-1455 ON 11795KCS.

This program is broadcast during the regular English session. Full sked for English to South Asia is:

0700-0730 15240

1200-1300 15165/15240

1400-1500 11795

1530-1600 11795

(according to announcements)

with non-stop pop music arnd 0250

then at 0300 ID & news by male. SINPO 22332 with hetrodyne on freq and apparently some jamming (although very weak) ~~SINPO~~ Freq ---6005KCS.

(First time I logged them)

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ITALY. RAI noted with Italian from 2230 on new 11800Kcs SINPO 44444 // to 6010 & 9710Kcs (No 9630). This new frequency apparently replaces 11810 which Switzerland is using. RNE-Canary Islnds comes on 11800 at 0000 and this makes a mess out of this frequency. Also we have Peking here with English to North America at 0000-0100. WHEN WILL SOMEONE WISE UP???

RAI also noted with their English to the UK at 2020-2040 on 9710 noted IV/8 with SINPO 33333. Also announce // 5990/6050/7230 & 7270

INDIA. All India Radio noted with their GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE in English at 0030-0115. Noted on 11710 DAILY with SINPO 23322(IV/8). Announced // to 6180/7200/9615 & 9740Kcs (9615 leaves at 0045). MUSIC until "Radio Newsreel at 0045-0055 with 10 minutes of news and commetray at 0100. (that was program IV/8)

SAUDI ARABIA. This country apparently still on the air all night due to holiday.

SPAIN. "La Voz de Andalucia", CORDOBA EFE-58 noted with 4TH HARMONIC from 1570 to 6280KCS daily around 2200. Noted IV/5 arnd 2158 with VERY CLEAR ID (Just happend to be tuning near there, if it wasn't for such a clear ID I probably would never have logged them but instead just skipped them). After the ID an IS which was a gong and from my memory (after I realized what I was listening to) was a two note descending gong. ID was "Aqui Cordoba - La Voz de Andalucia". ~~XXXX~~ Was about SINPO 2-3/3/2-3/2-3/2-3 at 2158 but when retuned after 2215 and in subsequent nights has still been there but MUCH weaker. MAYBE ~~XXXX~~ I CAUGHT THEM WHEN THEIR HARMONIC WAS ESPECIALLY BAD (BAD FOR THEM, GOOD FOR ME)

This, I think, is my first logging of a T.A. BCB harmonic, although stan you know I have caught quite a few domestics and some EAs in the past. This was especially good seeing that their ~~max~~ BCB power is 15kw.

SPANISH GUINEA. Radio Santa Isabel is coming through SINPO 233/2-3/2-3 daily arnd 2200 with an ID at 2200. Spanish nxs arnd 2245-2252 then s/off with anthem at 2252 and XMTR off at 2255(IV/5) Anthem was not the regular ~~xxxx~~ Spanish National Anthem.

SWITZERLAND. SBC now has their 1730-2030 Africa service on NEW 17845KCS (// to 11810 & 15305) up from 9595Kcs. Puts strong signals into North America with Arabic at 1730-1800, French at 1800-1830, English at 1830-2000 and Portugese at 2000-2030. SINPO 34433 or better.

USSR. Tashkent is coming through on their 11925Kcs channel arnd 1300 with Hindi as well as their regular 9600Kcs channel. Fair sigs IV/8.

THATS ABOUT IT FOR THIS WEEK, 73s, good DX & good health

THIS WEEK'S DX: MAY 8-14, 1966

Not too much DX this week but here is some:

CEYLON. The Commercial Service of R. Ceylon, Columbo noted V/11 from 0130 s/on with English on 15230Khz. SINPO 33323. However, they did announce that they were using 9667 & 15205 instead of the 15230 channel.

CHINA. At 1315 V/14 Peking was coming in on 15060 with Chinese, 15080 with a South Asian language and 15095 with English.

EGYPT. Cairo noted V/8 on a new channel for Arabic, 9550Khz. SINPO was 33333 and it was // 11745 meaning it was a "Voice of Arabs" program

GERMANY(E) RBI noted at 1210 with English on 17700khz // 17880khz with prog apparently for S. Asia SINPO on 17700 was 2/3-2/3/3/2-3. Stan, note the use of 17700-the same freq as Radio Espana Indep.

ITALY. RAI is now using 11800 & 11810 alternatly with their XMSMs to N.AM. Noted using either frequency on different days. This is a deploreable situation. Apparently they can't make up their mind. Noted that Bucarest is using 11810 to N.AM and RNE-Canary Islas is using 11800 to L.AM and therefore either frequency is bad choice although nothing would be lost by RAI using Bucarest's frequency.

PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan noted V/14 with their General Overseas Service slow-x-speed English news at 1335-1350 on 17947Khz SINPO 34433.

VATICAN. Vatican Radio is using 11740//15285 with Portugese at 2300-2320 and Spanish at 2330-2345 or 2350. Note: The Vatican Radio has begun broadcasting more feature programs in their transmissions. Instead of almost 100% news, they now include stories, more talks and even some programs of church music. Their English to North America is now on 11770, 9645 & 7250khz.

U.S.A. That West Coast transmitter that broadcasts Baseball games to Hawaii (I think thats where) has been noted during every San Francisco GIANTS game on 15852AKHZ. AM and noted with regular commercials between innings.

CLANDESTINE. R. Libertad is coming through mornings on 11865 firghting it out with Berne-SBC until they fade out. Noted at 1315 V/14 weak but in clear. This station noted with s/off 1515 V/14.

UN-ID. A station believed to be DJAKARTA is being noted mornings around 1200 on 11720 with rather strong signals. Has Asian music until 1200 then news until 1205 then back to music(Asian). At end of newscast clearly heard to say "DJAKARTA RADIO" and language seemed to be Indonesian or Malay. Will do more checking. Later on it is ruined to CBC.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SUPPLIMENT TO "CALLING NORTH AMERICA" IN TIME FOR THE JUNE "SWL"...IT WILL CONTAIN CORRECTIONS TO COLUMN.

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