

# RADIO JAPAN NEWS

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## Relay Broadcasts via Canada to Start in October

Radio Japan's signals will be transmitted from the North American Continent for the first time on October 1st this year, with programs in Japanese and English relayed for one hour daily via the Sackville Station of RCI (Radio Canada International). A brief report about this was given in the previous edition of "Radio Japan News". Here are further details about this new relay service.

The relay will be for one hour, from 6:30 to 7:30 EST daily. This time slot will be the same in both summer and winter. The relay broadcasts will begin at the same time throughout the year. The contents of the transmission will vary, however. Until October 25th, while Daylight Saving Time remains in effect in North America, the first half of the transmission (from 6:30 to 7:00) will be in Japanese and the latter half (7:00 to 7:30) in English. During the winter period, from October 26th to April 25th, the order will be reversed, so that the first 30 minutes (6:30 to 7:00) will be in English and will be followed by another half hour (7:00 to 7:30) of programs in Japanese. The schedule for this new service is given on the next page.

The signals for this relay transmission will be sent, first, from the NHK Broadcasting Center in Tokyo to the Ibaraki Satellite Communication Center of Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Ltd. (KDD); and then, via the INTELSAT communications satellite over the Pacific Ocean, to the Lake Cowichan satellite Communication Center of Teleglobe Canada on the Pacific Coast. From there, the signals will be relayed

across the Continent to Sackville on the Atlantic Coast by ground lines.

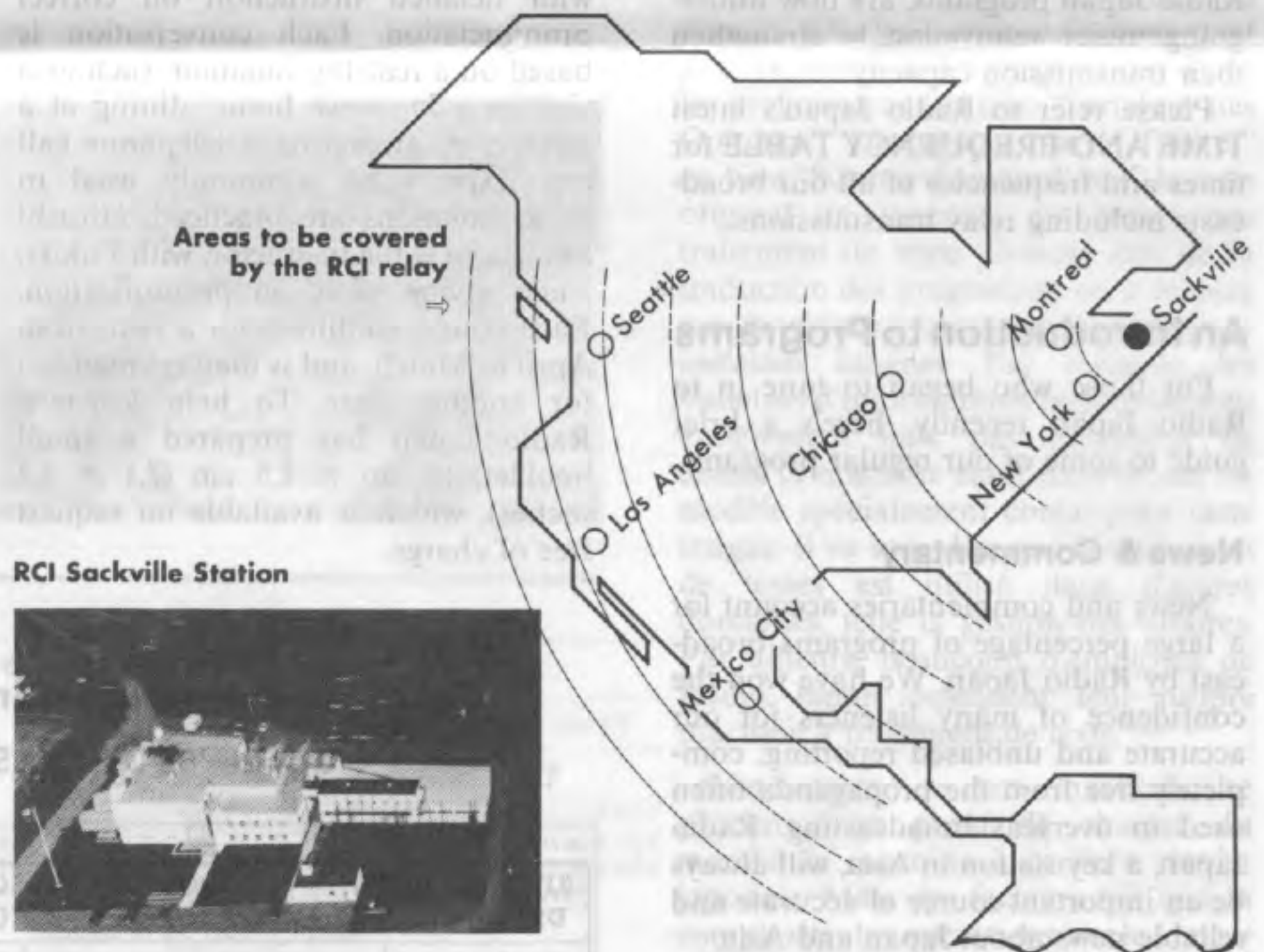
The Sackville Station is situated at latitude 45°30' North and longitude 64°19' West, about 890 kilometers northeast of Ottawa. It is at the eastern tip of New Brunswick Province near the Nova Scotia border.

Radio Japan is leasing transmission facilities there and the relay will use a 250 kW transmitter on 6120 kHz (49 meter band).

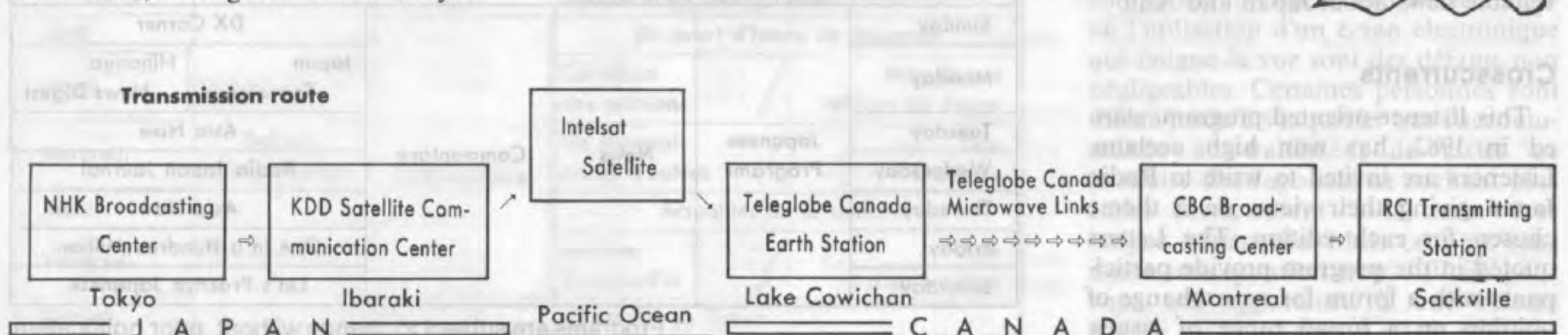
The East Coast of North America has hitherto been one of the most difficult places to pick up Radio Japan. The

Sackville relay is expected to improve present reception conditions in the region considerably.

To commemorate the start of this relay transmission, Radio Japan has prepared a specially designed verification card, which will be posted to all listeners who send in reception reports. In writing to us, please give your comments on the programs you heard, besides the usual data on reception conditions. Why not write to Radio Japan and add our new verification card to your collection?



RCI Sackville Station





## Other Relay Broadcasts by Radio Japan

Radio Japan's first relay broadcast via overseas transmission facilities was in October 1979, when a one-hour relay transmission was beamed daily to the Middle East and Europe using the facilities of Radio Trans Europe in Sines, Portugal. This relay, using a 250 kW transmitter, continued until March 1986.

In April 1984, Radio Japan leased Africa's most advanced transmission facilities at Moyabi (longitude 13°31' East, latitude 01°40' North) in the Republic of Gabon and inaugurated six hours of broadcasting daily in Japanese and English using a 500 kW transmitter. In April 1986, this relay service was expanded to 7½ hours a day, with additional broadcasts in French, German, Russian, Italian and Swedish. Although the target areas are the Middle East and Europe, this relay is picked up by many people far from the transmitter as well as listeners in neighboring regions.

All broadcasts from Radio Japan except the relay services via Canada and Gabon are transmitted directly from KDD's Yamata Station in Ibaraki Prefecture.

The facilities at Yamata, while still being used daily for the transmission of Radio Japan programs, are now undergoing major renovation to strengthen their transmission capacity.

Please refer to Radio Japan's latest **TIME AND FREQUENCY TABLE** for times and frequencies of all our broadcasts including relay transmissions.

## An Introduction to Programs

For those who began to tune in to Radio Japan recently, here's a brief guide to some of our regular programs.

### News & Commentary

News and commentaries account for a large percentage of programs broadcast by Radio Japan. We have won the confidence of many listeners for our accurate and unbiased reporting, completely free from the propaganda often used in overseas broadcasting. Radio Japan, a key station in Asia, will always be an important source of accurate and reliable news about Japan and Asia.

### Crosscurrents

This listener-oriented program, started in 1982, has won high acclaim. Listeners are invited to write to Radio Japan giving their views on a theme chosen for each edition. The Letters quoted in the program provide participants with a forum for an exchange of opinion on a broad range of issues.

Among the themes dealt with recently have been "What Radio Means to Me" in June, "My Views About Marriage" in July, "Learning from War History" in August, "The Relationship between Parents and Children" in September and "My View of My Family Diet" in October. The narrator is Kaoru Kubo.

### Japan Panorama

This is a program designed to help further understanding of this country. Its nature, climate, traditional events, customs and manners etc. are discussed with reference to a specific theme closely related to the life of ordinary people. Expert opinion is also sought. Since it began in 1985, this program has helped many listeners understand the structure of Japanese society and people's lifestyles.

### Let's Learn Japanese

Like many other overseas broadcasters, Radio Japan has language study programs for beginners, which are designed to help people overseas learn Japanese. One of these, "Let's Learn Japanese", has always been an extremely popular program and first went on the air in 1959. Lessons range from how to greet people to simple daily conversations, with detailed instruction on correct pronunciation. Each conversation is based on a real-life situation, such as a visit to a Japanese home, dining at a restaurant, answering a telephone call etc. Expressions commonly used in these situations are practiced. Hiroshi Shioyuchi is the instructor, with Fukiko Endo giving hints on pronunciation. Each course continues for a year, from April to March, and is then rebroadcast for another year. To help learners, Radio Japan has prepared a small booklet, 18 cm × 8.5 cm (7.1 × 3.4 inches), which is available on request free of charge.

### Let's Practice Japanese

This program is designed to provide listeners with opportunities to practice expressions they learned in "Let's Learn Japanese". The colloquial phrases used in the conversations are not so difficult to master. The instructors are Katsumi Komeiji and Fukiko Endo. A textbook, similar to the one for "Let's Learn Japanese", is available.

### Meet the People

This interview program, first broadcast in April 1986, presents the views of leading figures in various fields, such as economy, science and technology and culture. Among those who have already taken part in this program are the chairman of a leading automobile manufacturer, the president of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Co., an internationally known pianist and a popular Kabuki actor. These interviews elicit considerable response from listeners. The announcers in charge are Graham Webster and Hiroko Ito.

### One in a Hundred Million

A human interest program looking at the daily lives of Japanese people from various walks of life, both famous and unknown. It has been very popular since its first broadcast in 1969. The individuals featured in recent programs included a yachtsman who had returned from a worldwide cruise, the woman owner of a popular theater in an old sector of Tokyo, a middle-aged man who had moved from a large city to a remote island and a street musician and his wife.

### Our Heritage

The purpose of this program, which started in 1982, is to present Japanese culture. Although originally it took the form of a rather serious lecture, the

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## Program Schedule for the Canada Relay

Oct. 1 — Oct. 25, '86 Daylight Saving Time, East Coast, North America  
Frequency 6120 kHz

(UTC)	10:30	11:00	11:10	11:15	11:25	11:30
(DST)	6:30	7:00	7:10	7:15	7:25	7:30
Sunday					DX Corner	
Monday					Japan Travelogue	Nihongo News Digest
Tuesday	Japanese Programs	News	Commentary	Asia Now		
Wednesday				Radio Japan Journal		
Thursday				Asia Now		
Friday				One in a Hundred Million		
Saturday				Let's Practice Japanese		

Programs are subject to change without prior notification.



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program format was changed in April this year to make it more informal, and easier to follow. In the form of a dialogue between two announcers, the program each week introduces the life of a typical Japanese person, from birth to death. Recently, the program featured adolescence and dealt with some of the problems encountered by young Japanese today. The final edition each month is entitled "Japan As I See It", in which a leading personality representing a specific field is invited to expound Japanese culture. The announcers are Kiyoko Tanaka and Okito Toyoda.

### Tokyo Pop-in

We wish we could offer more music programs. But we have to present as much news and information as possible in the limited time allotted us. Nevertheless, this relaxing 5-minute music program should be a good breather for all listeners.

### What's on Radio Japan?

You must not miss this program if you want to know what's coming to you from Radio Japan each week. Besides being a brief guide to programs, it gives other information on frequency changes, new verification cards, etc. A useful program for all listeners. Hiroko Ito is the announcer.

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"Radio Japan News" is not a monthly publication but is published eight or ten times a year. Ten editions are scheduled for 1986. Radio Japan at present does not have a mailing system whereby printed matter (including this publication) can be regularly sent to individual listeners. So please send us your reception reports to make sure you get your "Radio Japan News". A copy will be sent to you along with a verification card.

### Program Schedule for the Canada Relay

Oct. 26, '86 — Apr. 4, '87 Winter time, East Coast, North America  
Frequency 6120 kHz

	(UTC EST)	11:30 6:30	11:40 6:40	11:45 6:45	11:55 6:55	12:00 7:00	12:30 7:30
Sunday							
Monday				DX Corner			
Tuesday				Japan	Nihongo		
Wednesday	News		Commentary	Travelogue	News Digest		
Thursday				Asia Now		Japanese Programs	
Friday				Radio Japan Journal			
Saturday				Asia Now			
				One in a Hundred Million			
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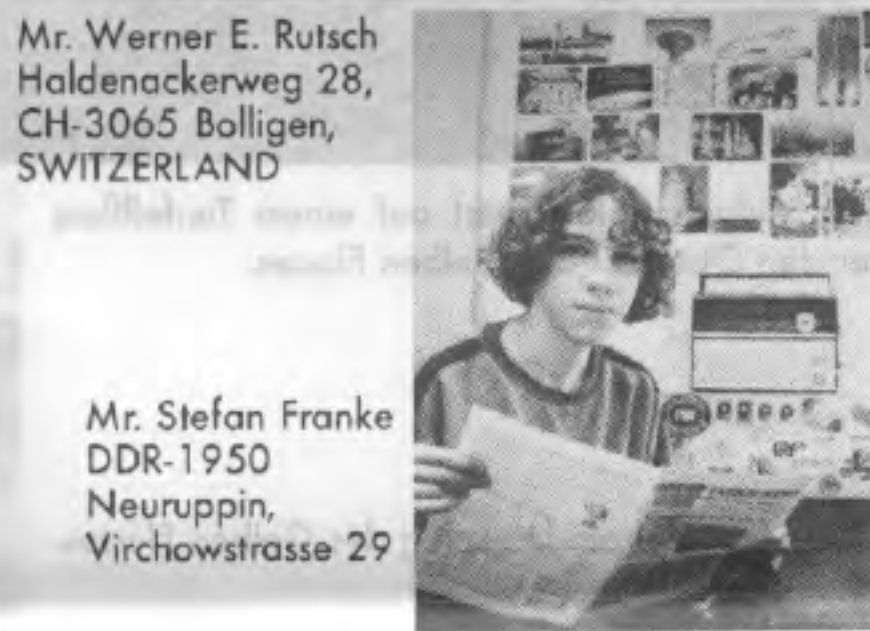
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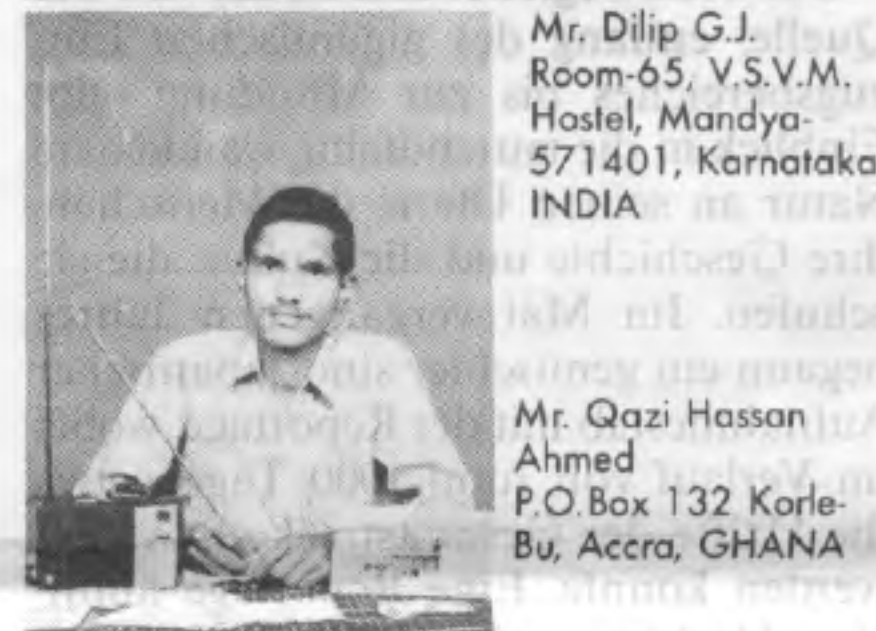
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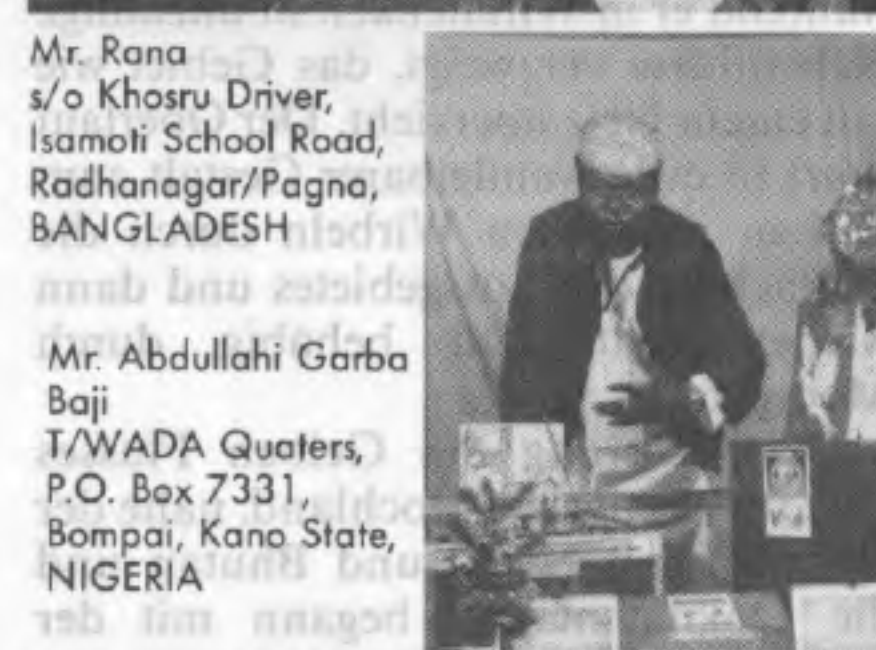
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