

The DX BULLETIN BOARD

"For the Advanced DXer" ☆ George R. Cox, Editor

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RADIO KATANGA IS BACK!

R. Katanga is again heard, and with powerhouse signals, on 11.872 mcs. till closedown around 2100 hours. Observed on 7-4-62 at 1800 with news in French, read by a man. Later tuned on 7-8 from 1955 with talks in a native lingo, back into French after 2000. NOTE: I hastily reported this as R. Havana with French in BB No. 13 (at one time when QRM from 11.870 was severe, ID did sound like R. Habana.) Now, with the improved signals of late, there is no doubt about it being Katanga. -Editor

BULLETIN BOARD SALUTES...ARTHUR T. CUSHEN: "DXer SUPREME"

Mr. Arthur T. Cushen of Invercargill, New Zealand, with a recent verie from Gilbert and Ellice Island, now has an amazing total of 192 countries verified. Art also won the Radio Contest of Radio Nederland and the prize, a 4-band Philips set, is being sent to him from Holland. (Thanks to WRH for the information)

DATELINE...JOHNSTON ISLAND: MAN-MADE AURORA

A powerful hydrogen bomb knocked a hole in the ionosphere on the morning of July 9th, 1962, which disrupted some communications across the Pacific for a spell. Your editor was behind his HQ-180 around 1200 on the same morning for a quick check of R. Japan and R. Australia. The 11.725 outlet of Tokyo was putting in a pretty fair signal at 1200 with English news, read by a man; I would say that their signal was near normal here despite the explosion. However, Radio Australia, on 11.710, at 1215 was definitely weaker than usual, being closer to the area it's signal path. RA did improve somewhat after 1230 hours. I hope to have an extensive report from August Balbi shortly to be inserted at the end of this BB. -George

EUGENE SANTOS, JR. REPORTS...FROM MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA (6-30)

INDONESIA -The following Home Service stations were noted on 6-27 from 1315-1400:

Bandung, 3.205, weak signal in language	Ambon, 3.241, fair level in native.
Bandjarmasin, 3.3.250, weak in native.	Makassar, 4.750, good level in native.
Palembang, 4.855, good signal in lang.	Surakaja, 4.875, good level in native.
Gorontalo, 4.900, weak signal in lang.	Medan, 5.030, weak level in native.
Jogjakarta, 5.047, good signal in lang.	

SURINAM -, AVRDS, Paramaribo, 15.465, hrd. on 6-24 thru RTTY QRM with prog. of mx and talks in Dutch at 0130-0145.

BRITISH HONDURAS -Belize, 3.300, noted on 6-24 with weak signal at 0145-0200.

LEBANON - R. Beriut, 15.235, noted with Arabic prog. on 6-24 from 2100-2130 with strong QRM from the VOA (same freq.)

MALAYA -R. Malaya, 7.200, hrd. with E/N at 1300-1315 on 6-26; good signal.

TAIWAN (FORMOSA) - AFRTS, Taipei, 7.215, noted with a prog. of pop mx on 6-26 from 1315 till 1330; fair signal.

SARAWAK -R. Sarawak, 4.950, noted with E/N on 6-27 at 1300; good level. Also noted on 4.835 with prog. in language; also good signal.

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N. BORNEO -R.Sabah,4.970,noted with E/N at 1300 on 6-27; fair signal.

SINGAPORE -FBS,Singapore,5.010,hrd. with program in language at 1315; fair signal.

(Hope that you enjoyed your trip to the World's Fair, Gene -Geo.) END

FLASH! from GEORGE BUCHANAN, MISSOURI....(DATED 7-5)

KATANGA -R.Katanga,11.875,noted from 0634 with E/N by a woman; gave clear ID at 0635 and news(World and African)continued to 0643. This was followed by African and European mx,hrd. to past 0700 along with occasional French annemts by a man. Signal was fair to good around 0640, but much weaker by 0700; sounds like 50kw. Really surprised to hear this one! (Yep,they are easy 50kw.,George)
(I would just address the report to R.Katanga,Elizabethville,Katanga Prov.,Geo.)
(Hard to tell where they may be located in Elizabethville now.)

VERIE DEPARTMENT

Pakistan -George Buchanan,Mo.,finally got a QSL card from R.Pakistan after sending many reports over a 2 1/2 year period.

Giacomo Perolo,Brazil,sent two reports to R.Pakistan,one in 1960 and one in 1962, both fully detailed in English. He has received no reply to date,possibly due to lack of IRC's.

Guinea -Reported to them(R.Conakry)twice in 1961,for an English and a French/Russian xmsn;one report in French,one in English. Though IRC's were enclosed in both cases,no reply to date - Giacomo Perolo

Mali Rep. -In 1961,this country gave no reply for an English report addressed to the old French Sudan QTH. Another report,to the same P.O.Box,but addressed for "Rep. du Mali" and written in French,was verified by sending back the card I enclosed to the report,with the statement "exact",the date and a rubber print from the station. This last was accompanied by an IRC--Perolo

Pt.Guinea -Bissua,verified a report on September,1959,written in Portuguese, stating that the power was 500watts on 7.946. However,two reports in 1960,another in 1961 and the last one four months ago (all in Portuguese)went unanswered. Each report was fully detailed and with at least one IRC for each--Perolo

Surinam -AVROS,Paramaribo,verified for the 15.462 channel with a giant white and black card; a photo of the studios is on the front and the verie data on the back. This one took 20 days -Cox

Greece -After many tries,the Central Broadcasting Station of the Greek Armed Forces finally came through with a verie,a fine postcard view of the Parthenon. This was for reception last October of the 6.045 outlet--Don Jensen

Cook Islands -Finally,after four follow-ups and a tape(with an expense of roughly 10.00 over a period of a year and a half)R.Rarotonga came through with a nice verie card,for reception of 12/1/60. Stated that my first reports were sent to the Cable and Wireless station on the island by mistake and were not forwarded to R.Rarotonga. Verie gives sked as 0430-0745hrs,apparently daily,on a freq. of 5.045,a freq. which I haven't yet seen reported anywhere else. No mention of any 3I mtr. freq. as some European sources recently claimed(I believe that 9.690 is to be used in the future,Don,and is not as yet active -Geo) The 5.045 channel runs 300 watts. (Very nice one,though expensive,hi! -Geo.)

Surinam -AVROS,Paramaribo,verifies with a mammoth size card,approximately 4-11/16" by 6-7/8",showing their studios on the face. Verie is on the back,in English,the name of the signer not readable.(mine looks like Sblering -Geo.) I have two of them verifying the 15.462 channel,sked also received -Perolo

Monaco -TWR,verified for the 7.098 channel with a folder type verie showing the transmitting towers on the face. Signed by Mrs.Douglas Griffin;took about 15days.

Jordan -HBS,verified with a beautiful card;the Garden of Gethsemani is on the face and data on the back. Signed by the Director General,S.Abuzeid. ← COX ↑

(More verie information in a future BB)

GERRY L. DEXTER REPORTS...FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA (7-6)

FIJI ISLANDS -FBC, 4.735, noted with sign off at 1036 with "GSTQ".
PERU -OAX4K, Lima, 9.540, tuned with program of LA mx and commercials at 0425.
COLOMBIA -R.El Sol, Cali, 6.115, HJNE, good level until s/off at 0455.
BRAZIL -R.Mayrink Veiga, Rio de Janeiro, 9.575, noted with march mx to past 0800.
ALGERIA -Algers, 9.685, hrd. with usual Arabic and talking at 0800 (sounded as if they were still celebrating Independence) on July 5th.
BRAZIL -ZYR96, Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo, 9.620, hrd. 0815 with usual Brazilian programming.
AUSTRALIA -RA, Melbourne, 9.570, at fair level with program review at 0815 (that should have been program preview, sorry! -Ed.)
NORWAY -R.Norway, Oslo, 15.170, tuned with IS at 1746, talk at 1750.
CONGO -Brazzaville, 15.190, hrd. with program of semi-classical mx at 2130; s/off at 2250.
END

(Good luck with your engineering and announcing courses, Gerry! And do report when time permits -Geo.)

FROM THE WRH BULLETIN NO.612.....

ADEN -The Aden Broadcasting Service has replaced 7.170 by 6.095 at 0330-1930.

FROM UP WISCONSIN WAY, ...REPORTS FROM DON JENSEN... (7-7)

TANGANYIKA -TBC, Dar-es-Salaam, 5.050, hrd. with a good signal, up to S-8 at times but with moderate to heavy QRN and QRM from the AT&T station. Program was of modern African native jazz; tenor sax, flute, rhythm, etc. at 0345 to 0400 when was beginning to fade. Anyone who has seen the South African film of a few years back, "Penny-whistle Blues" will remember that type of music.
ANGOLA -R.Clube de Benguela, 9.502, hrd. with good signal from 0600 until after 0625 with man talking in Portuguese. QRN level was low on this night (7-5) and reception was good.
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(Don now has a part-time job at the new FMer in Racine, WPNY-FM in addition to working at the "family" store. Also, he has just received acceptance of an article on DXing for publication in the Fall issue of Radio-TV Experimenter. My congratulations, Don!)

FROM THE WRH BULLETIN NO.612.....

The Summer-Supplement to the WRH-62 is now off the press, with it follows a new, revised and up-to-date shortwave table. Price in U.S. money is \$1.25 (additional 50¢ for airmail).

FROM SAO PAULO, BRAZIL...THESE ITEMS FROM GIACOMO PEROLO....

BOLIVIA -R.Pio XII, now on 5.953 after a short sojourn on 5.980. Noted at 0345 with ID and Latin mx; fair signal.
BOLIVIA -R.Libertad, CP-30, "Santa Cruz de la Sierra, is now on 6.305. Observed here with LA pop tunes till 0346 s/off with out ID. First time heard since last noted on 6.300. Signal is good level. To follow this one, a full time skilled staff plus electronic computer is necessary (it doesn't stand alone in this respect, Jack -Geo)
PERU -R.Inca, OCX4W, Lima, 9.675, noted with commercials around 0254, with ID at 0300. On Saturdays their s/off time is 0700; this announcement was given on the air by the station.
HELP WANTED! Who is the French speaker on 6.050 with native chanting around 0500 hrs.?? Fades out around 0515-0530. Their s/off time is 0530 on Sundays mornings.
(Jack, this may be Radio Rwanda at Kigali, Republic of Rwanda, listed with @.5.6kw. Anyone else here this one??)
END (N.P.P.)

FROM ALAN ROTH, CONNECTICUT ...THESE ITEMS:

HAITI -R.Independence,Gonaives,5.020,noted from 0130-0230plus with Latin mx;French ID and chimes. Listed as only 120 watts. (Nice going,Alan! Nice CWQRM in that spot too -Geo.) Heard irregular in Connecticut.

GERMANY,EAST -Summer schedule for Radio Berlin International as follows:
English to Europe,1730-1800,1930-2000,and 2100-2130 over 7.295,6.115
6.080 and 9.730.
Beamed to North America at 0100-0130 and 0230-0300 over 9.560.

PARAGUAY -Current schedule for ZPA-7,R.Guarani,Asuncion,who is now on a new freq. of 15.200: 1200-1600 and 1900-0000 with all Spanish programs. END

(Hope that you enjoyed your trip West,Alan. Yep,I did get your card okay -Geo.)

REPORTS FROM "VET" GRADY FERGUSON,CHARLOTTE,N.CAROLINA,who got into this hobby long before many of us were "knee-high to a grasshopper's knee":

CONGO -Brazzaville,21.500,tuned on 7-7 at 1440 with E/N to 1447,then ID. Continued with recordings to 1500,ID and then French.

SURINAM -AVROS,Paramaribo,15.465,noted on 7-9 with a mm man in Dutch at 0100 and heard to tuning out at 0154. Recheck at 0300 found organ and choir with what sounded like church service(Sunday night).

REP.CONGO -Leopoldville,15.240,noted closing on 7-8 at 2200 with ID and march. On 7-9,Monday, tuned at 2031 and heard to close at 2100.

SYRIA -Damascus,15.165,tuned at 2000 with E/N to 2008 when announced music program to close. Heard 7-8.

CLANDESTINE -R.Libertad,15.049M,noted 7-10 at 2255 with mx and at 2300 had station announcement at length in Spanish. First noted on 6-14 and have heard to 0430. This morning(7-12)tuned at 1425 and still going at 1505. (They really give Fidel the needle! -Geo.)

CUBA -R.Havana,tuned 7-8 on a measured frequency of 11.655 in parallel with 11.960 and 11.760. Had ID at 1500,then more Cuban mx,and was still there at 1720. However, shifted back to the three old frequencies of 11.760,11.840 and 11.960(all approx.)

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Grady comments:"I found the quotes from Don Jensen(editorial in BB No.17)of interest. There is an angle not mentioned that I feel has some responsibility for a decrease in listeners. Twenty years ago I could get nine out of ten in replies to reports;it is not that way now. Evidently many of the stations(new ones)do not want to give the time and attention to listeners reports.

I feel that when an interested listener monitors a station,pays 15¢ for an IRC, and 25¢ for an airmail stamp plus some two hours checking and writing a clear report,he is entitled to at least a proper QSL card. In January,I mailed six reports to stations that were clearly identified and got one QSL card the last of March." (And I can recall back in 1949 or thereabouts when my return percentage was running around 97 percent,Grady -Cox)

Grady also sent along the monthly sunspot counts which I will try to get in the next issue of BB. The average for May was 41.8 and for June 41.6.

My thanks to Al Niblack and Grady Ferguson for the enclosed money which will keep the BB's rolling along. Much appreciated,gents!

A closing thought:

"If it's really such a small world,
why does it cost so much to run it?"

Good listening and 73,

George