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Thanks also to Dave Copp, Alan Laves and Gene Pearson, whose reports arrived too late for last month's DXtra. To be sure of making our deadline, please mail your reports by the 5th!

AFGHANISTAN: On 2/4, Jim Young and BH independently observed that RA is here with Kabul City Svc *0130-0227*, then xmtr stays on with tone till *0230 with R. Toilers of Iran pgm. At that time, seems change in both lang and audio quality. Xmtr is presumably in Afgh, not USSR.

ANGOLA -- ER de Benguela, 5039.3, at 0504 with RNA nx // 4952.5 (Luanda) and 7171.9 (Lobito); at 0514 short march and into political cmntry. (Clark 1/9) Same on 5039.8 as early as *0440v with IS of high notes; sometimes // 3345 [3355?]/3375/4953 at 0500 with nx. (Young 1/31) RNA on 7245 vice 4953 around 2320 // 3376. Bizarre condx, with only a couple sigs on 41M--normally wall-to-wall SWBC at this hour. (BH 1/15) RNA, 11954.8, from 1700 with 'VO Namibia' pgm in EG. Opening anct: 'This is the Voice of Namibia, the radio service of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) of Namibia, broadcasting to South and Central Africa from the studios of Radio Nacional de Angola here in Luanda ... on the following frequencies: shortwave 11955 kHz in the 25-meter band and 4825 kHz in the 60-meter band.' Followed with freedom songs, nx about SWAPO and Namibia; 1718 into lang. F. (Howard 1/23)

BANGLADESH: RBD -- (T) Per Behr's tip in Dec. LN, heard on 6239.2 at 1444 T/I with S/C vocals, W in lang between selections; 1459* abruptly after brief anct but no anthem or discernible ID. F but with RTTY QRM. Urdu sked this time, but not here on nominal 6240. (Helms 1/17) On 7505 from 1813 with IS, then *1815 EG ID for GOS, freqs; into nx and cmntry. (Clark 1/10) On 11750 (replacing longstanding 12030) at 1245 with Western pops, then usual Bengali-style vocals; quite G over BBC. Also G on // 15515.1 till clobbered by jammer just before 1255*. (Clark 1/9)

BOLIVIA: R. Nueva América -- On 4795 from 0352 with EG-lyric rock; ID and s/off ancts in SP and EG at 0400*. (D'Angelo 2/5)

BRAZIL: UnID -- On 5980 from around 0100 till 0151-0223v* with PT pgming, some futebol coverage; always badly QRMd. R. Guaruja? (Howard 1/25,26,28)

BULGARIA: BR -- DS on 7670 (Stolnik) from 0515 past 0547 with BL mx, talk. (Young 1/31)

CANARY IS.: REE Relay -- On 15365 (vice 11815) at 0100 with EG ID, then into SP. // 9360 till 0100, then no //s found. (Young 1/30)

CHAD: RNT -- On 4904.5 at 2118 with ID 'Ici R. Tchad'--never heard them ID this way before. (Leskowitz 1/23)

CHINA -- Yunnan PBS, 2310, around 2230 with CH ballad, talk; nice and solid but faded quickly; 2460 audible but much weaker. (BH 2/3) Yunnan PBS, 2460, from 1105 with CH talks by M&W. Weak; VG on // higher-pwr 4760. (Clark 1/9) VO Pujiang, Shanghai, 3280, presumed 1200 with 5+1 pips (the last one only a few notes higher), then W in CH with talk or nx. Seemed // 4950 but very weak; 3990, also sked //, covered by hams. New svc beamed to Taiwan. (Clark 1/24) [My unID in last month's DXtra.--BH] CPBS-2, 3290, at 1235 with Oriental vocal, W in CH. F; rarely shows here. No sign of PNG. (Clark 1/9) Per Oz sources, my 3910v unID is NF for Beijing's VT service // Kunming on 6035. (BH) On 4800, unID PRC outlet with seeming Minority Svc pgm in Mongolian to 2225*; OC stayed on till *2230, when carried travelog pgm in EG till 2300. Back to CH then. Quite strong at T/I; later began to sink into co-ch QRM. One of the CPBS nets? (BH 1/16) VO Jinling, 4875, from *1155 with instr mx IS, ID in CH by M&W. (D'Angelo 1/27) RB FS on 4883 around 2220 in RS; 'Govorit Pekin' at 2230. (BH 1/16) New REE (Spain) relay, 7165, with ID in SP at 1055. (Jordan 1/21) REE relay, 11870, from 1058 with IS, *1100 SP nx. (Jordan 1/21)

CUBA: La Em. CLX -- On 6995 at *2300-2312* in SP with seeming wx info for Atlantic/Caribbean; also sked, target areas. F. Full name is La Emisora CLX del Instituto de Meteorologia de la Academia de Ciencias de Cuba. Tnx Hauser tip in Greensburg PA nxpaper. (Jordan 1/22)

(T) ETHIOPIA: VOE -- On 9560 from *1359 with xylophone-sounding IS, AR [Amharic?] talks with mentions of Iraq; local vocals and instrs. EG ID 1500 seemed Ethiopia. (Jordan 2/1)

GHANA: GBC -- On 1/15, GBC-2 pgm normally on 3366 was on 3350, a GBC-1 channel, till 2304*. Since then, back on 3366. (BH)

GUAM: KSDA -- On 11965 at 2155 ending 'Voice of Prophecy' and saying that, due to demand, would now carry four hours of EG daily: 1500, 1800, 2100 and 0000. Full ID and Hong Kong mailing address, then into Tagalog. (Clark 1/16)

GUATEMALA: R. Buenas Nuevas -- On 4800 from *1133 with mx IS, SP ID, freq, addr. Improving sig--maybe 1 kw now? (D'Angelo 2/5)

INDIA -- AIR, Kurseong, 3355, at 1220 with romantic-sounding Indian ballad; weak but clear (no sign of Noumea or PNG). (Clark 1/9) AIR, Gauhati, 3375, suddenly *1223 (listed *1230) joining pgm of S/C mx, talk in Indian lang (seemingly not HD); F. Usually one of the best Indian regionals. (Clark 1/9) AIR, Delhi, on 3905/4860/7412 at 1430 with EG ID, nx, sports nx. (Howard 1/28) AIR, Gauhati, 4775, from 1211 in Indian lang, vocals, W comments; 1215 M closing ancts and promptly off. Unusually G; this channel much tougher here than 4860 or 4800, for example. (Clark 1/9) AIR, 9545, at 1342 ending EG cmntry, pgm lineup; into talk on promotion of tourism promotion. Strong over co-ch QRM; P on // 11810. (Clark 1/17) AIR, 15360.1, at 1758 with IS, then *1800 in EG by W with ID, freqs; into nx. // 11935 covered by jammer.

(Clark 1/10)

INDONESIA: RRI Bukittinggi, 3231.8, with OC at 2250 T/I; mx theme IS began 2252 and continued till W opening ancts in IN at 2256. Brief choral anthem till 'SCI' at 2259; M with possible nx (lower speech level, hence probable Jakarta relay) at 2300. Virtually gone by 2305. My first afternoon logging of this one. (Clark 1/17) RRI Bengkulu, 3264.7, from 2230 with anthem; at 2231 possibly local ID but definite RRI reference, then M&W dialog with short mx breaks past 2240. R/T 2259 to hear 'SCI' and possible Jakarta nx relay at 2300. Lost under noise before 2305. Site presumed, but seems obvious (Gorontalo is well past SR at this hour). (Clark 1/16) [Coincides nicely with my 3265 unID of last month and 2/3. Just couldn't dig enough out from under the co-ch ute blankety-blanketing the freq!--BH] RRI Serui believed the one on 4607 from 1433 with W ancr, weird mix of oldies ('Whiter Shade of Pale,' 'When a Man Loves a Woman') and Indo Madonna clone. No 'SCI', ID or RRI nx heard at 1500. Mx audio E but speech audio muffled; F-P overall. (Helms 1/24)

ITALY: AWR -- On 7257.5 from 0750 with relig mx; 0759 anct 'Adventist World Radio' audible thru intense ham QRM plus het; address, pgm details lost. IS once, then into Slavic lang. (Young 1/31)

KOREA, NORTH: R. Pyongyang -- On 15115.1 at 0002 with IS, then *0003 with EG nx; G with some QRM. (A. Kelly)

LEBANON -- VO Hope, 6280.3, here at 0511 vice listed 6215. (Young 2/1) Presumed VO Lebanon, 6549.8, at 0500-0536 with AR pgmning. (Young 2/1)

LESOTHO: BBC Relay -- On 3255 at 0310-0315 with EG nx; strong and in clear. (Young 2/1)

LUXEMBOURG: RL -- On 6090 from 0550 with GM pop vocals; at 0600 ID 'Hier ist Radio Luxembourg.' (Young 1/31)

MALAYSIA: RTM, Kuching -- On 4950 from 2148 with test tone till 2158, when into brief march, then brief M anct and into NA. At 2159 six pips; at 2200 anct by M possibly in EG. Followed with CH vocals. P-F with choppy QSB. (BH 1/16)

MALI: R. Beijing Relay -- On 11715 at 0300 with EG ID, into nx; // 9770 but QRM. (Worob 1/20)

MEXICO: XEFAJ, R. Consentida -- On 4899.8 (USB) from 0226 till 0420 T/O; still there at 1330 R/C. Mostly ranchera mx with many IDs, slogans; G with some RTTY QRM. Must be on 24 hours. Has anyone received a QSL or letter from this strange one? (Howard 1/30)

NEPAL: RN -- On 3230.1 from 1145 with Nepali talk (just missed presumed 1145* EG), several mentions of Nepal; flutes at 1155, more talk and then W vocal. M&W dialog from 1200. Weak but mostly QRM; VG on // 5005. (Clark 1/9)

PAKISTAN: PBC, Quetta, presumed the one on 4878.9 at 0235-0240 with M talk, S/C vocal by W; F carrier but very weak audio. (Clark 1/12)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA -- R. Manus, 3315, at 1259 with island vocal to 1302, when anct in PD; G with short, choppy fades. (Clark 1/18) R. North Solomons, 3325, at 1325 with C&W mx, chatter in EG and PD; remained audible till 1400* after brief PNG anthem. First time I've ever heard a 90M PNG all the way to s/off. (Clark 1/19) R. Eastern Highlands, 3395, noted in passing at 1304 with C&W-style vocal; weak-F but clear. (Clark 1/18) R. New Ireland, 3905, at 1328 with tribal vocal, drums, chanting; F when no ham QRM. (Clark 1/18) NBC, 4890, booming in at 1313 with mixed bag of US pops and local mx, EG ancts. (Rippel 2/2)

PERU -- R. Oyón, 3450.2, at 0935-0946 with F ancr, short bits of instr mx between ancts; M ID 'Transmite Radio Oyón.' Sig undermod but 20 over 9 on S-meter! (Barto 1/20) R. Marginal, 4039.1, at 0309-0320 with ID, mention of Tocache, M ancts, two vocals; weak. (Barto 1/20) R. Tropical, 4935, at 0404 with echo s/off ancts, OA anthem. (D'Angelo 1/26) Onda Popular, 5283a, at 0143 with mx, SP ID; weak. (Field 2/4) R. Quinto, 5700, at 0455 with ID, s/off ancts, maybe address too. (Field 2/2) R. Tacna, 9505, at 1030 mx, many IDs; 1100 nx. (Field 2/1)

THAILAND: RT -- On 9655.5 at 1235 with EG ID: 'This is HSK9, Radio Thailand External Service ...' Then into stn and freq ancts. T/O about 1250. (Rippel 1/28) Also at 2334 with same ID, pgm/freq info. (Rippel 2/2)

TURKEY: (T) Turkish Police R. Maybe this one on 6341 at 0557 with W voice and some mx sneaking from behind big ute. (Rippel 1/30) Turkish State Meteo. Svc, 6900, from 0511 with TK mx; no talk till 0541, when lost. (Young 2/1) Same from 0515 with segued ME mx, chants; at 0532 seeming wx rpt with many mentions of Ankara. First time heard after years of trying. (Rippel 1/30)

UAE: UAER, Dubai -- On 15435/17865 at 0605 with AR mx, full EG ID during VG opening to ME. (Young 1/31)

USA: KUSW -- Evidently slogan is 'From the West to the world.' Certainly would make more sense than 'The way west to the world,' which is how it was reported last month. (BH)

USSR -- Yerevan, 4810, from 0302 with M&W in AM nx; at 0315 exercise pgm in RS. // 4040 barely audible in ute QRM. (Leskowitz 1/25) UnID site on 4810 at 1059 with Mayak IS, pips. Listed Frunze and Yerevan both in daylight. (Leskowitz 1/20) Ashkhabad, 4825, from 0347 with doleful RS ballads, W in RS; lost by 0400. (Leskowitz 1/26) Uralsk, 4875, at 0430 with Mayak, exercises; quick fade at 0444. (Leskowitz 1/25) [This one is not Uralsk but a new one somewhere in Eu.--BH] Dushanbe, 4975, with lang to 0200, then IS thrice and full ID ('Injo[?] Dushanbe') by M, then W. Heard past 0218. (Young 2/1) Krasnoyarsk, 5290, at 0325 with drama in lang; G. (Field 2/3)

WEST BERLIN: RIAS -- On 6005 from 0558 past 0700 with GM singing; IS of sonata played several times, then W ID 'Hier ist RIAS, Berlin ...' (Young 1/31)

ZAIRE -- R. CANDIP, 5066.4, sporadically from 0340 past 0430 with Af

singing, drums. Best when probable Lubumbashi on 4750.8 audible.
(Young 2/1) LVdZ, 15245, from 1700 past 1735 with FR nx, also perhaps political talks; V-VP. (Jordan 1/23)

ZAMBIA: RZ -- On 4965 from 0342 with fish-eagle IS; s/on after 0350 missed. Mx and talking past 0450, but weak audio. (Young 1/31)

ZIMBABWE: ZBC -- On 3396 at 0400 with EG nx after Ecuador/3395 s/off. (Field 1/21)

CLANDESTINE -- VO Crusader (presumed), 3930v, at 0341 with militant Farsi talk amid bizarre, space-invaders-type jamming; moved to 3920 at 0349. (Leskowitz 2/2) VO Iranian Kurdistan (presumed) 4080, at 0353 with FS talk, martial mx; also jammed, but not as effectively as Crusader. (Leskowitz 2/2) R. Iran, 9400, at 1845 with lang, some mx; s/off 1925. Same stn as on 7425 some time ago with address in France? (Field 2/3) VO Unity, 17540, at 1535 with lang and mx; 1600*. (Field)

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 2410 around 2315 with romantic vocals interspersed with W ancts in lang; very laid-back style, not at all like typical Brazilian (if in fact it's listed R. Transamazônica as I suspect). Low audio and rapid deep QSB. T/O 2345; gone when R/C 2357. This on 1/14 and 1/22, but not a trace since. (BH) On 3200 at 1230 in unID lang. (Field 1/25) [Why not CPBS?--BH] On 3465.7 at 0350-0403 with SP ancts, M vocals, mentions of Peru. 'La Reina de la Selva' in Amazonas, Peru, as per PLAY-DX? (Barto 1/20) On 9720 at 2330 with AR-type mx IS, marching song, lang ID. Saudi Arabia? (T. Kelly)

Point of info: Below 10 MHz, hams operate only within 1800-2000, 3500-4000 and 7000-7300 kHz. If you hear voice or CW traffic elsewhere, it ISN'T hams (or AROs, if you must use that pointless 'abbreviation').

Fantastic showing this month! I had to edit like crazy. Keep up the FB work. 73/DX,

Bob