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QTH Africa is a news sheet, published EVERY TEN DAYS and consisting of changes in times (GMT) and/or frequencies (kHz) of mainly African stations. Main emphasis is on the speed with which these news are reaching you. In the past, "QTH" was able to report some items faster than the BBC Monitoring Service.

QTH Africa is generally compiled two days before being sent out and very great care is taken to verify every item and each frequency monitored is measured to the nearest 1 kHz. All stations mentioned receive a copy and good contact has been established with many of them.

Not only does QTH Africa contain off-the-air, monitored schedules of such "frequency jumpers" as TWR Swaziland, but with every new period, that is four times per year a complete list of all external/international services of African stations in English is published, giving times, frequencies, transmitter powers and target areas and is sent to the subscribers free of charge. Twice yearly - in January and July another "Special" is published - a survey of the clandestine and semi-clandestine stations from African continent, giving times, frequencies, languages, powers, locations etc., also free to the subscribers.

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...very interesting, very complete and detailed description, contains all what is useful for DXer... (Brussels Calling).

...should be in every DXer's shack... (Radio RSA).

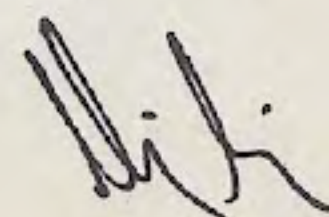
...very active on the African DX scene... (DX Jukebox, RN).

...very important lists...if you are interested in the African DX, this is the thing to get... (Sweden Calling DXers).

and similar comments from AWR, HCJB, V.of Turkey, etc., etc...

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Good DX and 73





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No. 44.

1980 -07- 30

Afghanistan: R. Afghanistan has replaced its 19mb frequency, 15075v used for English at 1900-1930 with a new fq of 17745\*. This applies to the preceding 1830-1900 programme in German as well. (\*).

Algeria: Algiers frequency usage at their 2000-2030 English programme continues to change almost daily. Announced fq of 7145 remains untraced, 7195\* is used instead, 9610\* is used erratically, 11740\* regularly, 11810 untraced, in the 19mb following fqs were noted at various dates: 15245\*, 15260\*, 15308\*, 15360\*. 17745 seems to be off the air at present but 21635\* is still heard. (Cf. QTH 39,42)(\*).

Cameroon: Yaoundé has been heard back on its old fq 4972\*, noted in parallel with 4850\* around 2000 with National Service. 4972 is therefore not a replacement fq but a separate transmitter. Observation of the signal strength, lower on 4972 agrees with listing of 4850 as using 100kW and 4972 as 4 or 30kW. Programme on both of these fqs is usually parallel to the "international" outlet on 9745\*. (Cf. QTH41)

Comoro: Radio-Comores has returned on the air on 7260, noted there 1330-1508 on July 19th. Some audio feed difficulties were observed and what appeared to be a substitute musical programme was transmitted at 1400-1450. (A. Sella, Kenya). The only other SW outlet known to be active is 3331\*. Both transmitters are using only 4kW. (\*).

Ecuador: HCJB, Quito has informed us of the following changes: At 2230-2330 change 15365 to 15400 (Russian & German to S. America). At 2330-0030 change 15365 to 15350 (Japanese & German to S. America). At 1900-2200 change 15435 to 15300 (English, Nordic, French & German to Europe). At 0900-1130 change 9705 to 9710 (Quechua, German & Portuguese to South America). Reports are welcome. (via HCJB).

Israel: Kol Yisrael has announced that as from 2200 on August 2nd all their transmissions will be on the air one hour earlier due to the introduction of summer time in Israel from that date. It has also been announced that there are NO fq changes. (via Kol Yisrael).

Mocambique: Provincial station in Nampula has left 4965 reported in QTH 42 and has been noted operating around 4800 instead, measured from 4798\* to 4804\* on different days. Frequencies used by this station in the past include also 4938\*, 4950\*, 4965\*, 4972\*, 4975\* & 5350r. (Cf. QTH 40, 42). (\*). The programme "Interprovincial" transmitted from Maputo is not, as the name would seem to suggest, a second country-wide programme, but one serving Maputo and Gaza provinces only. It is basically a provincial programme, same as Beira or Nampula. There is only one country-wide programme, originating in Maputo, in Portuguese only, identifying as "National" programme. (E. Mondlane, Mocambique). Frequencies used by "National" programme are: 3210\*, 4868\*(nom. 4865), 7240\*, 9618\*, 11814\* & 15300v\* at various times (\*).

Namibia: According to SABC who is helping to set-up new Namibia Broadcasting Corp., the date for the first transmissions from two new 100kW transmitters near Windhoek has been postponed to September 1980. Fqs to be used are 3270 & 4965 local night time and 7190 & 9650 at local day time. Programmes are to include several hours in German in addition to other languages of Namibia. (Cf. QTH 39). (via SABC).

Uganda: Announced fq of 7195 used daytime GMT for Uganda's home service has been confirmed and monitored in Kenya. (A. Sella, Kenya). The same transmitter operates on 5027\* nighttime GMT. (Cf. QTH 39)(\*).

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QTH AFRICA ON THE AIR

STARTING WITH AUGUST 1980 THE MOST INTERESTING ITEMS FROM QTH AFRICA WILL BE TRANSMITTED EVERY MONTH IN A SPECIAL PROGRAMME WITHIN THE "DX CORNER" OF THE RADIO RSA. \*\*\*

This programme will consist of a report of the most important happenings on SW within the region of Africa and ME. It will be on the air every first Saturday of the month, with repeats on the following Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

First programme will be on the air on August 2nd, 1980 and repeated on August 3rd, 5th & 7th. Times and frequencies:

Saturday to Europe and W. Africa at 2135 GMT on 9585kHz, (500kW), 11900kHz (250kW) and 15155kHz (500kW).

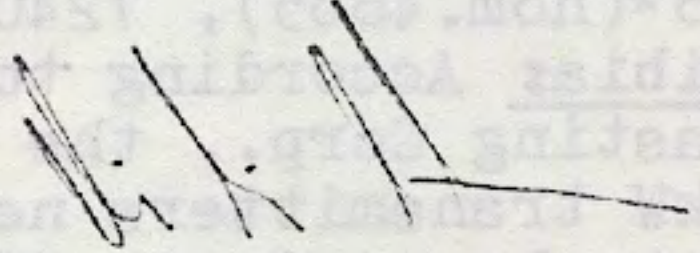
Sunday (Saturday evening in America) to N. America at 0235 GMT on 5980kHz (500kW), 9585kHz (250kW), 9610kHz (500kW) and 11900kHz (250kW).

Tuesday to Europe and Africa at 1115 GMT on 15220kHz (250kW), 21535kHz (500kW) and 25790kHz (250kW).

Thursday to Europe and ME within 1300-1500 transmission on the same frequencies as on Tuesday.

Any comments and suggestions by the listeners are very welcome.

Editor's note: I hope this will be only the beginning of a meaningful and timely reports from the African continent. At present the reports will be of 4 minutes duration with a possible extension in the future. Please do not hesitate to write your comments - it is the only way to improve such a programme and to make it exactly what a majority of listeners would expect to be. Thank you for your support.

  
Miki Vcelar, Ed.



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No. 55.

1980 - 11 - 20

Angola: The "Voice of Palestine, Voice of Palestine Revolution" is now being transmitted over the Luanda's 31 mb outlet on 9535 regularly every Tue., Thurs. & Sat. at 2130-2145 in French and 2145-2200 in English, with MW 1088 in parallel. The 25 mb outlet of 11955 is still inactive and no other fq has been traced as a possible replacement. (Cf. QTH 39, 49). (\*)

Egypt: English programme of R. Cairo, beamed to E., C. & S. Africa on 15255 has been retimed from 1630-1830 to new 1730-1945 and the programme in Lingala which follows, to new 1945-2015 s/off. (\*)

Mocambique: The 19 mb transmitter of the R. Mocambique has in the past number of weeks stabilized itself on 15296 but since the 10th of this month it started drifting again, noted first on 15281\* and then slowly moving to 15304\*. This Maputo outlet is signing off irregularly, often after 1700 but sometimes as early as 1300. Programme is "Nacional" in Portuguese only, in parallel to 11814\*, 9618\* and new 7241\*. (Cf. QTH 40, 53). (\*)

South Africa: As expected, Radio RSA has reintroduced previously used 17775, parallel to 15155 & 21535 at 1957-2057 in French and at 2057-2157 in English, beamed to Europe. 17775 is using 250kW, same as 15155 and the 21535 uses 500kW. Reception reports are welcome. - SABC domestic commercial service, Radio Five, is using 9680 during local daylight hours. (Cf. QTH 53). (R.RSA, SABC, \*)

Swaziland: Swaziland Commercial Radio (R. Truro, R. Paralelo etc.) is now using 7105\* in addition to 6155\* fairly regularly but still on a test basis. New 7105 has been noted (announced as 41 centimeters) mostly in the afternoon GMT and over the weekends at 0800-1100 & 1400-1600 with R. Truro, the Indian Service in English. - TWR Manzini operates according to following schedule in French: At 1415-1500 on 11760 & at 1900-1945 on 11840. In Portuguese at 1445-1530 on 11740 and at 1900-1950 on 5950 & 11965. In German at 0400-0430 on 5055 & 9730 and at 1630-1700 on 6070 & 7210. For English transmissions see last issue of QTH. (Cf. QTH 51, 54). (\*)

Uganda: The External Service of R. Uganda has left its 49 mb fq of 6030 and is now using 31 mb, 9730, for its programme at 1400-1600. (R. Ginbey, SA.) - Unconfirmed. (\*)

Zimbabwe: Contrary to recent reports, Zimbabwe BC is still using its 120 mb fq of 2425\*, carrying commercial "Jacaranda" programme, also identified as Radio Three. Usually on the air 1600-2100, poor reception lately suggests possible decrease in power (to 10kW?). Radio One transmits on 3396\* at 0330-0615 and 1530-2200 and on 7284\* at 0545-1545. Radio Two is on the air on 3306\*v. at 0330-0615 and 1515-2100 and on 7122\* at 0530-1545. Powers used are 100kW except when transmission times for 41 and 90 mb overlap, when one of the fqs is using 20kW only. No scheduled fq. 7175 has been in use. S/off times of R. Two might vary and on Sundays the s/on times are 0400 for R. One and 0500 for R. Two. (Cf. QTH 42). (\*)

LATE NEWS Algeria: R. Algiers has been noted using out-of-band fq 15033\* in the afternoon/evening GMT and heard past 2200. 15033 is in parallel to 21635\* and seems to be a replacement for previously used 15365. The English programme at 2100-2130 is also being carried on this new frequency. (Cf. QTH 54). (\*)

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## NEW FREQUENCIES

The following listing applies only to ENGLISH to AFRICA and changes only are shown. Parallel fqs when not mentioned, remain as per S-80 schedule. Time span is 1700-2400 GMT. Next issue will list changes in the 0000-1700 GMT span.

Bulgaria has dropped 11840 at 1830. At 2030 they dropped 9580 & 11765 and introduced 17825 instead. Cuba at 1700 moved from 17765 to new 17710. (This is USSR relay). Germany (East) has moved from 15170 to new 21500 at 1800 and at 2000 they moved from 9665 to new 15140. India is now at new 11830 (ex 9715) & 15185 (ex 15190) at 1745. Israel added two new fqs, 11960 & 15405 to the existing ones at 2000. Korea (North) has moved 10 kHz to new 11885 at 1700. Switzerland is on the air now at 2145 on 15230, 17830 & 17850. USA - UN at 1830 on Fridays moved from 11900 to new 11935. USA - WYFR is using new 17845 instead 21525 at 2300. (Info via stations).

## QTH AFRICA ON THE AIR

The following are the latest times and frequencies which carry QTH Africa news:

- 0100 GMT on 17770kHz, 100kW, beamed to India, every last Thursday of the month, via KTWR, Guam, in English.
- 0240 GMT on 9585kHz, 500kW & 11900kHz, 500kW & 15325kHz, 250kW to N. America every Sun. after 1st Sat. via R.RSA in EE.
- 0915 GMT on 11840kHz, 100kW, to Japan (back lobe to Austral.), every last Friday via KTWR, Guam, in English.
- 1130 GMT on 15220kHz, 250kW & 21535kHz, 500kW & 25790kHz, 250kW to Europe every Tue after 1st Sat. via R.RSA in English.
- 1310 GMT on 15220kHz, 250kW & 21535kHz, 500kW & 25790kHz, 250kW to Europe every Thu after 1st Sat. via R.RSA in English.
- 1445 GMT on 15365kHz, 100kW, beamed to India, every last Friday of the month via KTWR, Guam, in English.
- 1840 GMT on 21535kHz, 500kW & 25790kHz, 250kW every second Saturday of the month via R.RSA in German. To Europe.
- 2140 GMT on 15155kHz, 250kW & 17775kHz, 250kW & 21535kHz, 500kW to Europe every 1st Sat. of the month via R.RSA in EE

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# Olé! It's Radio SA calling South America

By DOUG KUZMIAK

RADIO listeners in South America will soon be hearing the sound of the bokmakierie — call sign of the external service of Radio South Africa.

Radio RSA is forming a staff from both South Africa and Spanish-speaking South America for its expanded international service.

The inclusion of Spanish will bring to 11 the number of languages broadcast by the service overseas.

Mr Theuns van Heerden, Director of the SABC's External Services, said the new broadcasts to South America will be an important extension of Radio RSA.

Transmission is expected to begin next June.

"South America and South Africa are having increasingly close ties, and it is important that this region be included in our daily broadcasts.

## Technical

"Although some listeners in South America have been able to occasionally pick up our broadcasts beamed to North America, this will be the first time that programming is directed to the region," Mr Van Heerden said.

He said the two-hour daily broadcasts would include news commentary, music and programmes informing listeners about South Africa and this country's affairs.

The decision to broadcast was taken last year.

"Until now, we have not been able to broadcast to that part of the world because our antennas, which were constructed during the 1960s, were intended for broadcasts to Africa, Europe and North America," Mr Van Heerden said.

He added that, in addition to the Spanish transmission, there would also be a daily one-hour programme in Portuguese to Brazil.



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1981 -01-30

Algeria: The programme "La Voz de la Resistencia Chilena" is being transmitted by R. Algiers in Spanish over the following frequencies: MW 1422, SW 6160, 7195, 7245, 9610, 9705, 11740, 11810 & 15260. Time of these transmissions is 0105-0130. ("MADRIDX", Spain). (See also below).

Burundi: In the last few days, the Voice of Revolution from Bujumbura has been noted to use only 6140<sup>#</sup> between 1600-1700. No trace of the second transmitter on 6142 was found. The English programme is still being carried at around 1645. (Cf. QTH 52). (\*).

Gabon: According to article in "Le Monde", the Africa No. 1 is to be on the air regularly from the 1st February 1981. The director of Andorra's Sud Radio has been chosen to finalize this project. No transmission times or frequencies were given. (SCDX, Sweden). In 1980 the Africa No. 1 was testing its four 500kW transmitters usually between 0700-1000 on various frequencies, mostly on 15200, 15265, 17815, 17830 & 21640 with announcements in seven languages. (Cf QTH 37).(\*).

Kenya: Unconfirmed reports in Nairobi's Daily Nation speak of completion of the "first West German Radio station in east and central Africa". Whether this refers to DW relay station, DW studios or Voice of Kenya transmitters build with W. Germany's help is unclear. (R. Horvitz in RTB). Transmitter is reportedly in Ngong and built for DW. However no transmissions have been noted as yet and, as G. Hauser from US points out, the DW has not mentioned any such facility of theirs in Kenya. (\*).

Mocambique: Maputo's 60mb transmitter of the domestic service, carrying programme "National" in Portuguese is at present operating on 4859<sup>#</sup> instead of its usual 4865 and QRMing the Maputo's own External Service in English on the air daily at 1800-1830 on 4855<sup>#</sup>. As the frequency continues to drift a rather interesting situation should arise when the two carriers will finally meet on 4855. (Cf QTH 53). (\*).

Clandestines: The Voice of Free Africa has again changed its frequency in order to escape QRM on 3236 caused by Mocambique's provincial station in Beira. The new frequency is 4664<sup>#</sup> and is in use at usual times, that is 0400-0500 and 1700-1800 with programmes in Portuguese and Vernaculars. At the same time it reverted to the use of SSB(LSB) with full carrier. (Cf. QTH 61). (\*).

Voice of the Egyptian People is back on the air for some time now, between 1900-2000 on 9670. Suspected operating from Malta with help of Lybia, it is anti-Egyptian government station, broadcasting in Arabic (G. Hauser, US). Please add this information to QTH-Africa Clandestine list. (\*).

Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan. This clandestine station announced on 14th January that from 17th January it would broadcast its morning transmission from 0400-0500 and the evening transmission from 1530-1630. The announcement was given in Arabic, Surani Kurdish and Bahdinani Kurdish. This station was monitored from 14th to 19th January on 6250 kHz. (© BBC MS).

Voice of the Iraqi Revolution. This station continues to shift. On 14th January it was on 6920 kHz and on 15th January on 6936 kHz while on 19th January it opened on 6947 kHz, moved to 7002 kHz and returned to 6947 kHz. (© BBC MS).

Voice of the Tigre Revolution. Recent observations of broadcasts of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front show that a transmission of the "Voice of the Tigre Revolution" is carried on 15450 kHz. The radio signed on at 1310 on 18th January with a signature tune and the following opening announcement in Amharic at 1315: "This is the Voice of the Tigre Revolution. Voice of the Tigre Revolution is a radio programme arranged and transmitted on the Eritrean People's Liberation Front radio from the liberated areas of Eritrea by the Tigre People's Liberation Front. Voice of the Tigre Revolution broadcasts once a week on Sunday from 1315 to 1345 GMT in the afternoon in Amharic and twice a week on Thursday and Sunday afternoons from 1345 to 1415 GMT in Tigrigna in the 19 and 41 metre bands, short wave". (© BBC MS).

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# The Africa Service and the New Broadcasting House



The Deutsche Welle has moved to its new Broadcasting House. This means for the Africa Service that it will be able to render a better service to its many listeners. A good example for what the new facilities mean in terms of better and more interesting programmes: the first music recording in one of the super-modern studios was with the Liberian popgroup Kapingbi. The historical event was attended by the top executives of Voice of Germany and once again demonstrated that the Africa Service occupies a central place in the Deutsche Welle's world wide broadcasting operations. The new Broadcasting House means also a lot more convenience for the roughly 100 members

of staff of the Africa Service. For the first time, there is adequate space for everyone – including a desk for each staff member. And the studios are just across the corridor from the editorial offices – a great improvement from the previous situation when offices and studios were a couple of blocks apart. We are sure that the excellent facilities we now enjoy will also make our programmes better. Information will be faster, communication with correspondents easier, and editors will profit from modernized back-up services such as enlarged sound and press archives. So for us in the Africa Service, the new building is a huge step forward to take VOG into the 80's with renewed energy and vigour.

Here are post-office box numbers for our friends in Africa who are not as yet familiar with this facility:

Deutsche Welle Voice of Germany P.O.Box 7504 Nairobi/KENYA	Deutsche Welle Voice of Germany P.O.Box 12498 Kinshasa/ZAIRE
Deutsche Welle Voice of Germany P.O.Box 8180 Lagos/NIGERIA	Deutsche Welle Voice of Germany P.O.Box X330 Kumasi/GHANA
Deutsche Welle Voice of Germany B.P.90 1012 Tunis - Belvédère TUNESIA	

## Tune to Africa

New schedule of the Ethiopia's External Service in English is as follows:  
1500 Opening, 1505 Ethiopian Perspectives, 1515 News Flash, 1516 Editorial Review, 1519 Music, 1530 News, 1540 Commentary, 1543 Topic of the Week:  
Mon From the World of Sports, Tue Africa in Focus, Wed Profile of the Ethiopian Revolution, Thu Spotlight on the Developing World, Fri Socialist Revolutions, Sat Week in Review; Responding to Letters from Listeners (Contact), Sun Music from other Lands. 1559 Closing. (R1B)

## Publications

A new publication from Argentina is "Sitonia DX", published by Eduardo Hugo Ink. Not a DX Club bulletin but rather a summary of the DX activities in Argentina, it brings on 6 large pages variety of DX information from all over the world, technical items, loggings etc. Sample can be obtained from Eduardo H. Ink; CC23 - SVC 11; (1411) Buenos Aires; Argentina.

PLAY DX, a weekly publication in Italian, bringing the DX news of various topics is available to DX Clubs at exchange basis. The editor, D. Monferini is also interested in exchange of radio & TV station's stickers. More information (return postage please) from: Dario Monferini; Via Davanzati 8; 20158 Milano; Italy.

QTH Africa back issues, both regular and special, Clandestine List or External Services List are available for 2 IRCs each. If more than one copy is ordered, please add 1 IRC for every copy. Copies are sent air mail anywhere in the world.

The new rates of the 12 months QTH Africa subscription, including special issues are from January 1981 as follows: Surface mail world-wide, every 10 days for US \$ 8.00 or £ 3.00 or DM 12.00. Air mail every month (three issues together): Africa US \$ 10.00, Europe £ 5.00 or DM 20.00, Americas & Australasia US \$ 15.00, Asia US \$ 17.00. Air mail every 10 days: Africa US \$ 12.00, Europe £ 6.00 or DM 25.00, Americas & Australasia US \$ 18.00, Asia US \$ 21.00. The increase, sincerely regretted is caused by massive postal tariff increases.

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No. 63

1981 -02- 10

Algeria: Radio Algiers is using new 13 mb frequency, 21715, replacing old 21725 (G. Hauser, USA). (Cf. QTH 61)

Equatorial Guinea: Radio Ecuatorial in Batá, Rio Muni, has registered frequency of 15190 with IFRB for M81 transmission period, starting March 1st. This fq is registered for 0530-2300 but with exception of 0630-0800, the registration is only for "occasional" use. With Congo, Belgium, France and Spain using the same fq, reception is expected to be difficult as was the case in 1980 with test transmissions by Radio Ecuatorial on 7150, 9555 and 11715 in the evening GMT. The power of the transmitter is given as 50kW with 13 dB aerial. (\*)

Gabon: The station at Moyabi, Africa Number One, is on the air again. Against all expectations, only one frequency in the 60 mb is used, 4808\* kHz. Noted operating between 1700-2300, programmes are on regular basis, mostly music with French announcements. Station still identifies as Africa Number One and announces it operates "African Service in the tropical broadcast band"(\*) (Cf QTH 37, 62)

Ivory Coast: Radiodiffusion Ivoirienne has recently reactivated its 25 mb outlet on 11920. Signal is very clear between 2030-2330 with 7215 in parallel. Programme is in French. (N. Takahashi, Japan). This Ivory Coast outlet of 100kW is scheduled on the air 0600-2400 with English programmes of the External Service on weekdays at 1830-2000 but is heavily QRMed here by USSR relay of Cuba from 1800-2100. The French programme has however been noted around 0700, 1700 and again 2200 until 2230 when RBI comes on this fq. (\*)

Lebanon: BBC MS reports: The evangelical radio station "Voice of Hope" based in Marj 'Uyun in southern Lebanon announced in Arabic at 0600 on 26th January that from the following day it would begin operating its new short-wave radio station. It had been named the "King of Hope" (Arabic: Malwk al-Amal) and would "clearly cover the entire hemisphere". It would be heard "clearly in Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Russia, France, Britain, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and various other European, American and African countries". Changes to programmes in Arabic would also be announced soon. Programmes and times would be extended. The broadcasts of the "King of Hope" and "Voice of Hope" together would continue for 24 hours. The radio then asked listeners to pray for "the success of the Voice of Hope, the King of Hope, Free Lebanon and Peace". The announcer added that the short-wave channel could be found "a fraction before the Voice of Lebanon" (Ed.Note: the Phalangist radio station operating on 6550 kHz). It would be on the air from 1200 on Wednesday. This station was observed on 26th January testing intermittently on 6215 kHz, carrying programmes in parallel with "Voice of Hope's" 945 kHz channel. On 27th January the "Voice of Hope" was heard on 6215 kHz after 1745 when Radio Cairo's Turkish service left the air. Although audibility was poor, a "Back to the Bible" broadcast in English was heard from 2030-2050. This was followed by a five-minute news-cast in English. The station, which closed at 2101 after a prayer and an anthem, identified mostly as callsign WORD although there were rare mentions of "King of Hope" and "Voice of Hope". The station gave an address in Metulla (Israel) for listeners' letters. (© BBC MS) The station WORD is now noted operating between 1700 fade-in till 2200 on 6215 with religious programmes mostly in English (\*)

Mozambique: Maputo's domestic service transmitter in the 60 mb has now drifted to 4856\* from its nominal 4865. When the External Service of R. Mozambique comes on the air in English at 1800, it uses 4855\* and Maputo is jamming itself. Surely the world's first! The fqs of Mocambique are constantly drifting and here are fqs listed in WRTH81, followed by actual fqs used: Maputo: 3210-3208; 3265-3265; 3338-3341; 4855-4855; 4865-4856; 4925-not observed; 6050-6050; 7110-6977; 7240-7241; 9600-9532; 9620-9618; 11820-11818; 15295-15297. Beira: 3280-not observed; 3370-3371; 6025-6024; 9635-9648. (\*) (Cf QTH 60, 62).

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South Africa: Radio RSA has announced that its South American Service is expected to be on the air in June 1981 at the following times: 2200-2300 in Portuguese, directed to Brazil and at 2300-0100 in Spanish to the rest of S. American continent. Frequencies used will be 5980, 6015 and 9585. R. RSA is still looking for the monitors, specially from Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru and southern parts of Chile and Argentina. For further information write to

Mr. P.V.D.M. Martins, P.O. Box 6, Honeydew 2040, South Africa.

(R. RSA, ✽)



RADIO RSA

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Broadcasting  
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# Staff cuts are aimed at keeping Capital alive

CAPITAL Radio, Transkei's independent radio station which went on the air with a bang but continued with a whimper, is cutting back staff and expenses.

The station, 51 percent owned by the Transkei Government, has lost at least R8-million since switch-on in December 1979, and was until recently losing R200 000 a month.

Cost-saving measures include the retrenchment of 35 staff members (25 percent of complement), the axing of their prestige news magazine programme "PM", the already reported sale of their largest-in-the-southern-hemisphere Herschel medium-wave transmitter and "cutting corners everywhere", according to Capital's sales director, Mr Beau Maloney.

Retrenched staff will receive three months' pay and all other benefits due.

The station expects an immediate 40 percent saving on running costs from this drastic pruning of expenses.

Staff who have left or intend leaving, including newsman Julian Potter and deejay Alan Pearce, will not be replaced. Due to the reduction in news coverage journalist Muff Andersson is included in those made redundant.

"The rest are mainly lower grade admin staff," says Mr Maloney.

The severe cutbacks have fanned long circulating rumours that Capital is about to close down or be taken over.

"Not so," says managing director Monty Ntioko, "we are merely stabilising our operation."

Mr Maloney elaborated by admitting that these severe measures should have been taken when it was realised that Capital's poor reception in many areas meant that income would be much lower than expected.

Capital has have an estimate around 111 000, mostly in the

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coastal regions, according to Mr Maloney.

Once the two smaller medium-wave transmitters (one of which will beam to Durban) which will replace the Herschel transmitter are in operation, the increased signal should improve the station's viability, he says.

On the subject of a takeover by Kirsh Industries, who own

Channel 702, the BophuthaTswana independent station, and Swazi Radio, Mr Maloney is adamant.

"No-one will buy Capital. We will fix our problems on our own."

However, Mr Issie Kirsh of Swazi Music Radio, admits that there have been negotiations to buy Capital although they are at a standstill.

He would not comment, however, when asked if he was optimistic about the outcome.

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Algeria: For the past three weeks the English transmission of R. Algier's at 2100-2130 has not been heard on any fq above 12 MHz here but reports from Europe suggest 15210v still in use. (\*). (Cf. QTH 61).

Kenya: P. Karagianis reports from UK: Precisely who is who on 4915 and 4934 - Nairobi or Mombasa - is not clear. On 8.1. the Nairobi National Service news in Swahili was carried at 1800 on both fqs, separating at 1815. Also in parallel during 1900-1904 news summary and again at 2000-2012 s/off on both fqs. At 2011 both fqs identified as Kenya, Nairobi (P. Karagianis, UK). Possibly Mombasa, listed on 4934, carrying relays of Nairobi at various times. Pattern however seems to change considerably. (\*).

Madagascar: Radio Netherlans' relay transmitters at Volonondry are to operate from March 1st to May 3rd according to this schedule: On 6020 at 1730-1920. On 7285 at 2130-0025. On 9715 at 2030-2120. On 11735 at 1430-1625 and 2130-0025. On 11740 at 1930-2020. On 15220 at 1630-1720 and 1830-2120. On 15560 at 1130-1425. On 17810 at 0830-1125. On 21480 at 0700-1525. On 21640 at 1630-1820. On 21685 at 1530-1625. On 25650 at 0700-0820. English programme is carried on these fqs at 0700-0720, 1430-1525, 1830-1920 and 2030-2120. Other English programmes of RN are not relayed by Volonondry. Two transmitters of 300kW each are in use (RN,\*). (Cf. QTH 57).

Mozambique: Constantly changing fqs of R. Mocambique are making it impossible to determine fq usage with any accuracy. Latest developments are: Domestic service 60mb transmitter drifted to 4859\* and is now less interfering with Maputo's External Service on 4855\*. On 31 mb, Maputo has switched back from 9623 to frequency varying around 9530, often QR'ing Angola on 9535. 19 mb outlet continues to drift, noted as low as 15241 and as high as 15318 (\*). (Cf. QTH 64).

South Africa: Complete schedule of English broadcasts of Radio RSA from March 1st is as follows: To N. America at 0157-0257 on 5980, 9585 and 11900 (500kW). To E, C, S. Africa at 0257-0427 on the same fqs plus 7270 (500kW). To Europe + Africa at 0627-0730 on 9585, 15220, 17780 and 21535 (500kW). To Europe + ME + Africa at 1057-1157 on 15220, 21535 (500kW) and 25790 and again at 1257-1557 on the same fqs. To Europe + W. Africa at 2057-2157 on 15155 and 17780. Where power of the transmitter is not given, 250kW is used. Spokesman for the Department of Technical Services said that in view of the excellent reception in N. America of the currently used fq 15325 at 0157-0257, this fq might be retained for the time being. Domestic SW relays of the SABC are not changing fqs and their schedule is: English on 4835 at 0358-0545 and 1520-c/down around 2100, plus on 11790 at 0550-1515. Afrikaans on 3965 at 0348-0545 and 1525-c/down. On 4880 at basically the same times  $\pm$  5 min as 3965, on 9560 and on 11885 at 0555-1515 also  $\pm$  5 min. Radio Five on 3250 at 0300-0545 and 1520-2200 and on 9680 at 0550-1515. The SABC All Night Service is carried at 2200-0300 on 3250. Powers of all transmitters are 100kW each and are beamed in West-North-Westerly directions with exception of fq 3250 which is omnidirectional. (R. RSA, SABC, \*). (Cf. QTH 57).

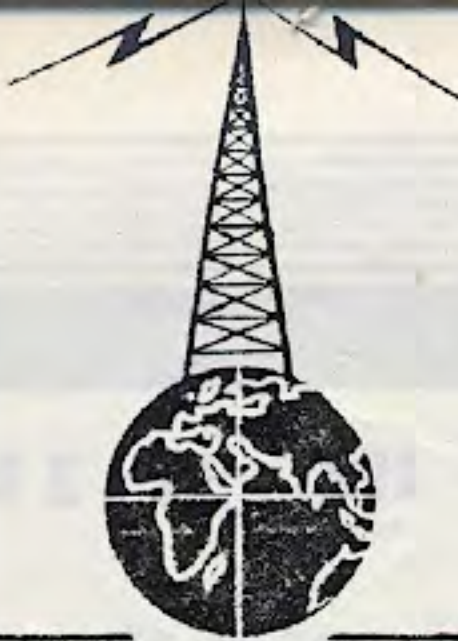
Tanzania: Recent reports of R. Tanzania using 15435 in the evening GMT are incorrect. In fact Radio France International is now using this fq, unlisted in their schedule, for their programmes beamed to Africa, including "Paris Calling Africa" in English at 1700. (\*).

Clandestines: Egypt: The Jordanian newspaper 'Ad-Dustur' reported on 14th February that its monitoring section had noted that since the beginning of the month, Egyptian Radio had suspended the transmission of Voice of Palestine which had been broadcast via Voice of the Arabs Radio. Monitoring observations show that the Palestine Service transmission, which was broadcast from 1400-1500 on 17745, 15475 and 621 kHz, has been discontinued but the remaining Palestine Service transmissions continue to be heard. Voice of the Eritrean Revolution: This radio station was observed on 5th, 8th and 10th February broadcasting on 7245 instead of 6155 kHz. Transmissions on 7245 kHz are in Arabic and Tigrigna on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 1425-1525. Station announcements give the frequency for this transmission as 9635 rather than 7245 kHz. "Voice of the Eritrean Revolution" also broadcasts, according to announcements, from 0345 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on 6170 kHz. (© BBC MS)

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Radio Monitors International has announced that a new identification signal will be used in all AWR programs broadcast from the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. The first usage of the new identification signal is expected to commence about the middle of March, and it will be progressively introduced into all of the programs of AWR-Asia. One hundred prizes of small books will be presented to the first 100 listeners who correctly identify the musical instrument used in the new identification signal.



ORF, Wien is to start a new "Marathon 81" competition in March. Basically question-and-answer type, it will run for entire year and various prizes and diplomas are offered. More details can be heard on W. Harranth's Kurzwellen-Panorama (in German) every Monday at 1930 GMT or Saturday at 1330 GMT plus on SW Panorama (in English) every Sunday at 1805 GMT.



R. Sweden has announced in its Sweden Calling DX-ers programme that in March a Slow Scan TV test will be carried by SCDX. This technique enables simple pictures to be transmitted via normal SW channels of 5kHz width and the picture can be recorded on ordinary audio tape to be replayed by SSTV equipment at any later stage.

### QTH AFRICA ON THE AIR

As announced in the Newsletter No.56, QTH Africa DX News will be transmitted on a regular basis via AWR-Asia's popular DX Programme "Radio Monitors International". First two reports will be transmitted on March 8th and 29th respectively and from April the QTH-A reports will be aired on the 3rd Sunday in each month. Times and frequencies currently in use for RMI programme on Sundays are: 1100-1130 GMT on 11835kHz, beam 122°; 15120 kHz, beam 36° and 17850 kHz, beam 80°. All three fqs using 35kW. At 1300-1330 omnidirectionally on MW 693 (20kW); 864 (20kW) + 918(25kW) as well as 4940 kHz with 0,1kW plus FM outlets. At 1500-1530 on 6075 kHz (10kW), beam 350°; 9720 kHz (35kW), beam 350°; 11800 kHz (100kW), beam 312° and on 15115kHz (35kW), beam 250°.

Other QTH-A reports (NOT the same programme) are carried by R. RSA once a month on Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday of the first week in the month within DX Corner and by KTWR Guam on Thursday and Friday of the last week in the month within "DX Listener's Log". Please publicize.

QTH Africa is anxious to contact experienced DX-ers in African/ME region who will be willing to co-operate and report from their area.

## Blast interrupts radio broadcast

Own Correspondent

MUNICH. — A bomb blasted Radio Free Europe as it was beaming news to millions of people behind the Iron Curtain about today's big party congress in Moscow

A woman employee said she saw three masked men running from the radio building in Munich a few minutes before the bomb tore apart one of the news departments and wounded eight people.

Ten minutes later the transmitters were in operation again

A reported on Radio Free Europe, which was set up by the US Central Intelligence Agency, but is now controlled by Congress, said: "Everyone suspects East European agents were responsible."

The bomb tore a hole in a wall near the station's main electric control centre, demolished an inside wall and wrecked a newsroom in which broadcasts to Czechoslovakia are prepared.

The station employs about 1400 people. News is beamed behind the Iron Curtain in 20 languages.

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