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RECEPTION CONDITIONS Indications are for light to moderate disturbances to be expected April 7; 11-12 and 16-17, with fair to normal conditions other days to April 21.

Next Deadline April 19

AUSTRALIA Perth, VLW9 on 9610 latest schedule is from 0015-1015 GMT daily. VLW6 6140 is scheduled weekdays and Saturday from 2200-0000 GMT and 1030-1530 GMT. On Saturday 1030-1600 GMT. Sunday at 2230-0000 and 1030-1530 GMT. Power for both outlets is 2 Kw. All English transmissions. (6AZG).

ANGOLA, Radio Clube de Benguela was noted at s/off on 9502 at 2130 in Port. Two bells, followed by A Portuguesa. R. Clube de Cuanza Sul, Nova Redondo has been fair lately on 4838 around 2145 GMT w/instrumental music, and an ID around 2158 followed by A Portuguesa at 2200 s/off. (1AAC).

★ CAMEROON, Yaounde on 4972 is audible w/careful tuning and under heavy QRM, around 0545 GMT. (6EZ).

CHILE, Santiago CE970, R. Vitalicia on 9700 w/excellent signal 0000-0045 (ØAE)

CANADA, Vancouver CBUX on 6160 good at 0530 GMT and later. Is 500 watts. (6AZG)

CHINA, Peking on 11515 in Oriental Lang. 2330 GMT and later. (6EZ).

ECUADOR, Quito HCGB1 on 4635 tuned 0530 past 0615, w/music program. (2MI)

EGYPT, Cairo, UAR in Spanish on 9800 at 0105 GMT. (2MI).

FRANCE, Paris RDTF on 15160A w/talks in Arabic, to s/off 1800 GMT. (2MI).

GHANA, Accra on 11800 in Eng. still testing w/10 Kw xmtrs checking best frequencies for upcoming 100 Kw units. (Berg).

HOLLAND, R. Nederland, Hilversum second of a series of test transmissions to North America were beamed March 27-31 at 1955-2015 GMT. Asked for reports, and especially desired tape reports. The 17810 outlet was beamed to the E. Coast, and 15445 to the West Coast. Powerful signals. (4CSZ, 6EZ, ØAE).

★ HAITI, Cap Haitien 4VEH has made a change in their 31 meter outlet. A cubical quad antenna used on 9773, formerly beamed north is now directed wets. Signal is very much improved in California. (6EZ).

★ IVORY COAST, Abijan the new 11820, 100 Kw outlet is strong over QRM at 2200-2230 GMT. Schedule is 1745-2330 and 0630-0800 GMT. Programs are in French. (WRH #546, 6EZ, ØAE). Abijan also reported in Eng. to Europe at 1845-1915 GMT and into French 1915-1945, Monday through Thursday, still on 11820. QRM from WGEO carrier preparatory to 1930 GMT s/on. (2MI).

JAPAN, NHK Tokyo from March 31, on 11705 and 9525 to Africa, 1930-2030. (6AA).

KOREA, (South), Seoul on HLK41 on 15125 and HLK6 11925, 0500-0600 GMT. Has English news at 0530 GMT. (6EZ).

MONACO, Trans World Radio on 9710 at 2000 GMT s/off, w/100 Kw. (Berg).

NORWAY, R. Norway on 15175 from 1600-2100, (2200 on Sun.), and dual to 6130; 9610; 17825; 21730 and 25900. (6EZ).

NIGERIA, Enugu s/on 0500 GMT in Eng. on 4855, w/pop and jazz music. (6EZ).

Lagos, National Service s/off at 2230 GMT on 4990, w/"Music In The Still Of The Night" program, daily. Ibadan, (WNBS) on 6185. No time given. (2MI).

NEW CALEDONIA, Noumea on 6035 s/on 0700-1030 GMT in Fr. Bird call IS. (6EZ).

NEW GUINEA, Port Moresby latest schedule is: VLT9 9520 2215-0645 GMT daily. VLT6 on 6130 2000-2200 GMT week days and Saturday. Also on week days at 0700-1330 GMT. Saturday 0700-1400 GMT; Sunday 2030-2200 and 0700-1330 GMT. Power for both outlets 2 Kw., all Eng. transmissions. (6AZG).

PHILIPPINES, VOA in Mandarin on 11965, 1530-1600 GMT. (2MI). Also w/Eng. ID at 2230 GMT, then into Japanese on 17805 DZI6, then at 2300 s/off on 11855 on DZH8. These are Far East Broadcasting Co. outlets. (6AA).

PORTUGAL, Lisbon CSA58 on 11840 2215-2245 GMT w/news in Port, and music. (ØAE).

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★ RUANDA-URUNDI, Usumbura on 6195 s/on at 0430 w/news in Lang. Another as yet unidentified station also heard on this frequency w/news in French, just prior to 0430 close. (6EZ).

★ SOMALI REPUBLIC, R. Hargeisa has been noted w/weak signals at s/on at 1330 on 9668. Announcements by man in Somali, followed by chants and more talks. Fades in and out, and has QRM from CMQ. (LAAC).

SENEGAL, Dakar on 4955 from 0630-0730 GMT in French. Some CWQRM. (ØAE).

SUDAN, Omdurman on 11855 at s/on 0415 after March Anthem. Another station is audible on this frequency from 0400 GMT. (6EZ).

SWITZERLAND, Berne International Red Cross test program from Geneva on 7210 heard 3/28 and 3/29 w/missing persons reports in English at 0630-0645 at a fair level. (2MI).

TURKEY, Ankara R. Ankara on 9515 from 2315-0000 GMT w/news and concert music. (ØAE). Opens in Eng. to Europe at 2145 GMT on 7250. (2MI). (6AZG).

★ TANGANGYIKA, Dar-Es-Salaam on 5050 heard at weak level and w/some phone QRM on the high side at s/on at 0315 GMT. (6EZ).

TANGIER, VOA in Czechslovakian w/American music 0430-0500 on 9755. (2MI).

TOGO, Lome s/on on 5049 at 0600 GMT w/French news 0602-0605, then music program to 0530 GMT and news. (2MI).

UNIDENTIFIED A station has been heard on 4950 from 0600-0715 GMT, almost completely covered w/CWQRM. It possibly might be Nairobi. Can anyone help identify this one? (6EZ, ØAE).

VENEZUELA, R. Tropical has moved from 4900 to 4875. Noted around 0330 with strong signals and Latin American music. (LAAC). R. Barquisemeto, YVXJ in Caracas, formerly on 9510 seems to have given up "sharing" QRM w/BBC on the same frequency from 2300-0300 GMT. Anyone know where they have moved to? (6EZ)

WITH THIS ISSUE the MESSENGER is just seven months old! It was in September of last year that the very small start was made. Those of you who have stuck by us since we took those first faltering steps have seen the paper grow in a remarkable manner from a mere half sheet, one sixth the size of the present issue, to that which you hold in your hands today. Without the help and cooperation of those who have been so kind with encouragement and DX items of general interest, such rapid growth would not have been possible.

Items from the MESSENGER are now regularly quoted in the DX programs of some of the prominent shortwave stations of the world. For this too, we also extend our thanks and appreciation.

Other plans for improvement and expansion are being formulated, and will be noted from time to time.

As we go forward now towards our first anniversary, we feel confident that we can count on continued support and encouragement. Thank you all!

A NEW PRODUCT marketed by World Radio Laboratories, Council Bluffs, Iowa, may be of interest to you. In kit form and part of the "Comet" line, it has been dubbed the "SS-3 Signal Slicer". A self-powered unit, (good news to AC-DC set owners), spec sheet says it increases selectivity, and rejects unwanted signals 50-60 db. Nice and compact, and sells for \$14.95. Thanks to WPEØBFI, and received via Doug Benson, WPE2MI, one of our regular reporters. * * * * *

THIS, OUR LARGEST ISSUE At the present time we cannot maintain a three sheet size each issue. That will come later when we have established a firmer foothold. If you would like to see that goal realized at an early date, please tell your DXing friends to join us. For the present a supply of self addressed, stamped envelopes is all that is required. If each present subscriber would obtain just one new subscriber, we would sincerely appreciate your efforts. Will you make the effort? Again, our sincere thanks.

*****REMEMBER, YOU SAW IT FIRST IN THE SHORTWAVE MESSENGER.*****

EQUIPMENT DESIGNED FOR THE SWL Have you written your letter yet to one or more of the manufacturers, asking if they will consider the design and production of certain items needed by the SWL? If we will express an interest and desire to own such equipment as a preselector designed to operate on the shortwave broadcast bands, and a frequency standard offering 10 Kc reference points in addition to the usual 100 Kc reference points, I feel confident that our wishes will receive the attention of the manufacturers. We have also received correspondence concerning interest in a receiver in which the dials are calibrated for the shortwave broadcast bands. None exists at the present time. However, one manufacturer has expressed their interest in producing such a receiver. Preliminary interest in our two other proposals have been expressed by some companies. So, write a letter yourself, and ask your DXing friends to do the same. Nothing will come of it if we all wait for the other fellow. Do your part, now!!!

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★ MY BIGGEST DXING THRILL On a sheet of paper separate from your DX reports, we would like to be let in on your experiences. Please send full details in regards to dates, time, frequencies etc. wherever possible. If you can keep it down to not more than 125 words, we will print it exactly as you submit it. There are no prizes involved. Just an opportunity to share your unusual experiences in DXing with others who are interested. Let's hear from the young fellows who are just starting out, as well as the old timers. Remember kids, the "old boys" who could tune KDKA on a crystal set as their biggest thrill, couldn't possibly tune in a satellite, which you can do today. So, don't let the oldtimers scare you off. Let's hear from all of you. Send in as many contributions as you wish, but please do confine each item to just one subject. We all have our favorite stories. It should be educational and interesting to share our experiences.

WRH 1961 SUMMER SUPPLEMENT Word has been received from Mr. O. Lund-Johansen requesting submission of all possible corrections and additions to WRH 61 for inclusion in the new Summer Supplement. Deadline for receipt of these items is May 1, 1961. QTH is World Radio Handbook, 1 Lindorffsalle, Hellerup, Denmark.

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UTILITY ITEMS will not be included in the MESSENGER. In answer to our recent request for an expression of your ideas in the matter, we received one vote for, and one vote against. Huh? Guess everyone else had gone fishing.

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A NEW FM LINK AT 4veh from their studios located in the compound is now in operation between that location and the transmitting site some distance away. Keep an eye on this Missionary station. They are a progressive and active group, doing fine work. Their 97.1 outlet is heard on the West Coast now with a much improved signal, since the Cubical Quad antenna has been directed this way. Incidentally listen for DX items from the MESSENGER on Monday at 2315-2330 EST.

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A NOVEL QSL FROM RADIO JAPAN acknowledging a report of their N. American service has just been received here. It is a large, natural color photo card, 6"x8", depicting a native dance scene. On the face of the picture is a 45 RPM record, barely discernable to the eye. Opening item is R. Japan theme. Item 2 is Kabuki Music, and the third item is a Japanese folksong, "Awaodori". It has been performed in Tokushima, Shikoku Island every summer for the past 380 years. A novel type QSL indeed.

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ONE OF OUR CORRESPONDENTS recently erected a new Mosley SWL-7 Dipole antenna. Know what his complaint is? He says it pulls in too many stations!!! He tells me he cannot unscramble the all of the wealth of listening? An unusual complaint to say the least. In all seriousness though, he is very much pleased with the performance of the SWL-7. Have you tried one?