

# update

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UPCOMING DEADLINES: 23 October (Nov); 10 November (Mid-Nov); 20 November (Dec)

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ADMIRALTY IS. R. Manus, 3905, in EG 0948 w/ talk by YL or soft-voiced M. (Dan Shingler, MI 9-24) \*\*\* welcome aboard, Dan. tba

ALBANIA Tirana, 11985, in EG \*0700 w/ "Typical Tirana Tirade. (Klein, FLA)

ANTIGUA BBC heard on 9710 at 1100 w/ EG world nx. Overmodulated signal and poor audio, so may be a test as it isn't listed. Noted 10-2. 9710 vacant on 10-3 but noted instead on 9695 with a very distorted audio. // 11775. Site tentative. (Bob Zilmer, WI)

ARGENTINA R. Nac. Mendoza, 6180, in SP \*0900 w/ anthem, "R.Nac. Mendoza," and apparently only one call. Argentine mx and rel. px at 1000 recheck. (Jack Jones, MISS;9-26)

AUSTRALIA ABC-VLW-15, Perth, 15425 w/ ABC nx 0810. (Klein, FLA)

BRAZIL R. Ribamar, 4785, TENTATIVE at 0825 in PT w/ ID, freqs, power. Not 100% sure of ID, but sounded like Ribamar. (Jones, MISS; 9-30)+++ R. Borborema, 5025, in PT 0801 w/ ID, freqs, Brazilian pop mx and vocals. (Jones, MISS; 9-30)+++R. Maua, 5055, from 2307 playing tropical African influenced mx. Taped IDs generally around quarter hour, giving 5055 and 1520 as freqs. Think this is ex-3305, but still not sure. (Pitt McNeil, DC)

CANADA CKFX/CKWX Vancouver, 6080, was very strong after 0700 during last week of September. IDs for MW and SW at 0800. (Jim Young, CAL) +++ CKFX, 6080, noted 0935-0958 on 6 Oct w/ fair sigs amid lightning QRN. Got several CKWX IDs and a couple of ads; also C & W mx and sports on 3/4 hour. Covered by DW at 0958. They really need a relay in St. Louis for good coverage of the U.S. (Bill Whitacre, MICH) +++ CKFX/CKWX, 6080, w/ pop mx 1158-1200 then OM w/ EG annmnt and nx. (Shingler, MICH) \*\*\* You sure Dan??? CKFX plays C & W mx. tba

CHINA Peking, 11643v, in lang 1612-1701 w/ RS thereafter. Drifting 11641-11644.5 w/ very poor sigs. Hargeisa hunters beware. (McNeil, DC)

COLOMBIA Em. Meridiano 70, 4925, in SP \*0932; mx, ID, calls, freqs, "M.B. Dias amigos," NA, and possible statement as R. Meridiano 70. (Jones, MISS; 9-26)

COSTA RICA TIFC, 5054, at 0110+ 3 Oct w/ SP religious px, M & W annrcs, ID as "Faro del Caribe" 0115 then M w/ SP talk. (Whitacre, MICH)

DOMINICAN REP. R. Clarin, 11700, at \*1048 w/ IS, ID in EG and SP, and freqs as 4850 and 11700. Then SP nx, talks and mx. Strong. (Zilmer, WI; 10-3)

ECUADOR LV del Napo, 3280, in SP 1045-55+; nondescript LA mx, "M. B. Dias," high pitched het, and another ID 10 minutes later. (Neal Perdue, ALA; 10-1) +++ R. Quito, 4920, in SP 0420; MoR mx, M DJ, full ID w/ MW and SW freqs. (Novello, NY)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA R. Malabo, 6250, from 2050 playing W. Afr. instrumentals past 2105 w/o break. Also noted same night at 2253 w/ mx, then M in SP w/ ID, two mentions of Partido Nac. de Trabajadores, NA and off 2259\*. Strong by then. Not on next evening. +++ Rio Muni, 4926, presumed at 2128 w/ anthem in progress same as noted on 6250 day before; clear and loud to 2130 s/off. (McNeil, DC; 10-8 for Malabo; 10-9, Rio Muni)

ETHIOPIA VoRE schedule via Wendel Craighead, Kansas: Home Ser.: M-Sat 0330-0600, 0900-1200 (1300 Sat), 1430-2000 and Sun 0430-2000 on 5990 and/or 7110. No mention of last year's 4905. International Ser.: 1200-1800 (EG 1500-1600) on 7165 and 9615 (annced as 9610). (Craighead, KS)

FINLAND RF back on 15265 at 2330 w/ EG to Nam. Their move to 31m was a catastrophe, so the return to 15265 allows them to be heard again. Strong sigs on 10-4, but not noted on 10-5 till 2340. And, RF noted on 9565 at 2330 on 10-5 w/ EG to Nam and strong sigs. What gives? Same night Peking covered them on 15265. (Zilmer, WI)

GREAT BRITAIN BBC, 3952a, in EG 0610 w/ Newsdesk. (Klein, FLA)

GUATEMALA Voz de Atitlan, 2390, in SP at 1100; tuned down from a PNG just in time to catch ID by M. Poor bur readable. (Shingler, MICH) +++ R. Cultural, 5955, in SP at 0825\*; rel. px: "La Plabra del Dios," ID, call, freqs and off. (Jones, MISS 9-26)

HONDURAS R. Progreso, 4920, in SP 0410 w/ SP version of "Spanish Eyes." (Novello, NY)

INDONESIA RRI-Manado (Sulawesi), 3215, at 1155 w/ Indo talk by M to local ID and SCI at 1158. Then Jakarta nx relay. First time this season. (Whitacre, MICH 10-7) +++ RRI Palangkaraya, 3325, in Indo 1150-1232 w/ talks by W, soft MoR mx, and Jakarta nx relay at 1200. Poor. (Tom Gavaras, MINN) +++ UnID Indo, 3375.5, noted here \*1200-1500 fade out. Suspect Java or Sumatra. (Young, Cal.) +++ RRI Ujung Padang, 4753, noted 6 Oct from 1221-1245; nx on hal hour; Nusantara I and ID just before and up to nx. (Whitacre, MICH) +++ RRI Fak-Fak, 4790, w/ island mx at 1115. (Shingler, MICH) +++ RRI Jambi, 4927, returned here after 10 mo. absence on the same day Jambi disappeared from 3427. Normal Indo px and quite strong by 1400. (Young, CAL) \*\*\* Nice to see some Indonesians being reported again. tba

KENYA Nairobi, 4934, in verns \*0300 w/ talks and Afr mx. Very strong on 6 October. Peaks about 0320. No sign of 4915. (Young, CAL)

LESOTHO Maesuru, 4800, in verns 0405-11; M w/ apparent speech; mx, W in briefly and into religious choral mx. (Shingler, MICH; 9-27)

MEXICO R. Mexico, 15385, in SP 0330 w/ ID freqs local mx, slow fades and no QRM. (Novello, NY)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES RN Bonaire, 9725, in EG at 0530 broke in on usual px to announce death of Pope John Paul I. Cancelled DX Jukebox in favor of somber mx on ground that DX it would be inappropriate to air the DX mx. On the other hand, Dutch by Radio proceeded as usual. No explanation given or apparent. (Gavaras, MINN)

NICARAGUA Rdf. Nac. Nicaragua has returned to the air on 5950 and 620 MW, apparently on a 24 hr sked. "La Hora Nacional", a somoza style nxcast at 0930. (Klein, Fla); Also noted at 0115 w/ ID MW and SW freqs; power as 50kW; M & W anncrs. Cut out briefly at 0900 29 Sept. (Jones, MISS); also noted tentatively during many evenings. Same format but couldn't catch an ID. (Lenny Saaf, ILL); noted almost daily from as early as 0000 to as late as 1130 fade out. On 30 sept repeating scratch in record went unnoticed or corrected for five minutes. (Gavaras, MINN); also noted 10-4 from 2325-0021 w/ old recorded IDs when testing, short drama px 2330-2345; "Radio Informativos" w/ Somoza nx conference and some EG questions; El Presidente sidestepped them easily w/ short-curt answers. Vy interesting. (Whitacre, MICH) and finally, also noted here during evenings with same format of classical and light classical mx they use last winter. Excellent mx. (tba)

PAKISTAN RP Home Ser., 7135, in EG 1300-1325\* w/ nx by W. Good level. (Craighead, KS)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA R. W. New Britain (list), 2340 at 1130 w/ M anncr in EG talk of PNG, and choral selections. Very good sigs. (Perdue, ALA) +++ R. Chimbu, 2376, at 0946 w/ bits of island mx; very weak. (Shingler, MICH; 9-18) \*\*\* did you get an ID on that Dan??? tba\*\*\*

R. New Ireland, 2428, in PD 1057 w/ island choral mx followed by M w/ anncmt. (Shingler, MICH)

PERU R. Cuzco, 6195, from about 1005-1033 t/out, only getting five short songs in edgewise against an SP DJ who loves to talk, talk, talk. Nice mx when heard, mainly huaynos. Many mentions of Cuzco, but no "kosher" ID. Poor w/ het, but no Venez. QRM from 6190. (McNeil, DC)

PHILIPPINES FEBC, 17810, in EG 0040; nx, "Music Machine," ID, and children's choir. In regularly at this hour. (Novello, NY)

PORTUGAL R. Japan via Sines, 11825, in EG/JP w/ General Service px at 2200. Quite weak. (Craighead, KS); Also noted on same time and freq w/ EG px. (Zilmer, WI)

ROMANIA Bucharest, 9570, in SP 0100 w/ close of their 0030-0100 SP px, followed by IS and three IDs. (Dave Valko, PA)

SAO TOME R. Nac., 4807, in PT 2200 w/ ID by W and nx. Great sig. (Shingler, MICH; 10-1)

SARAWAK Sibn, 5005, in lang 1203-1205 w/ talk by M, and Asian vocal mx. (Shingler, MICH)

SIERRA LEONE SLBS, 5980, in FR/EG at 2200-0007\*. S/off w/ EG ID and NA after mx request show, FR talks and some African mx. (Valko, PA)

SWEDEN RS, 9695, at 0030 w/ EG to NAM. 11905 was sked but not heard on 5 Oct. Good sigs. (Zilmer, WI)

SWITZERLAND SBC; 3985, in GM 0600 w/ ID and very relaxing mx. (Klein, FLA)

USSR Arkangelsh, 5015, in RS 0304 w/ talks by W, classical mx, all // 4930, so carrying M2 px. +++ Petrozavodsk, 5065, in weaker in RS 0308 w/ talks by M & W // 4780 which had severe UTE QRM. (Both from McNeil, DC; 10-9) +++ RM; 15150, in EG at 0800; ID after chimes. Annced this as RM World Service. (Klein, FLA) \*\*\* USSR HF Nxletter lists this as Minsk or Yerevan. tba

VENEZUELA LV de Carabobo, 4780, in SP 1005 w/ singing ID and local mx. Seems irregular of late. (Jones, MISS; 9-27) +++ R. Capital, 4850, in SP \*1000 w/ NA, ID by W, calls, freqs, names of stn personnel, anncrs. SRS practically gone by this time. (Jones, MISS; 9-27)

YUGOSLAVIA Belgrade, 9620, in EG \*2200 w/ IS, ID, freqs, and into nx. (Jones, MISS; 9-24)

AND FINALLY . . . Page 3 of this issue contains comprehensive information about the 1979 Tropical Bands Monitoring and Contest, an annual event organized by Jim Young in California. The format is designed to make participation by any and everyone as easy as possible, and I urge all UPDATERS to join in the festivities. Besides . . . you have a chance at a 1979 WRTVH as a prize. So, join in the fun.

My best till next time . . .