Clandestine Confidential

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Welcome to the first issue of the Clandestine Confidential Newsletter! The Newsletter, when used in conjunction with the new book, CLANDESTINE CONFIDENTIAL, being published by Universal Electronics will serve to keep you up to date on the fascinating world of clandestine broadcasting.

C-C-N will be published in February, April, June, August, October and December each year, usually around the middle of the month. Subscription rates are $10.00 in the U.S. and Canada, $13 foreign, payable to the editor, in U.S. funds.

Your reports, observations and input are, of course, very welcome. As we point out in our book, much of the information relating to clandestine broadcasting is to be found in any number of off-beat publications, not widely read. Any printed material you may run across is eagerly sought. Information that provides clues or answers to such questions as "Where is it?", "Who's running it?", "How can I QSL it?" is of prime interest. Your logging reports are also of value, particularly when they deal with frequency and schedule changes or contain information from actual broadcasts which serves to aid in answering the questions noted above.

Generally, listings will be under target country rather than the known or presumed location of the transmitter. C-C-N will not deal with pirate stations unless there is a political/governmental tie-in.

We hope you enjoy C-C-N and that you'll find it to be a valuable aid in your clandestine DX'ing efforts.

AFGHANISTAN - The Voice of the Afghanistan Mujahidin is the new shortwave version of Radio Free Kabul, the FM only network which has operated within the country for some three years. The shortwave operation is reportedly broadcasting programs of some thirty minutes in length around 1530 GMT using a 500 watt transmitter located in the mountains north of Kabul. Frequency usage varies from 6.270 to 6.290 although initial usage was in the 90 meter band. A possible address for this one might be the Afghan Information and Documentation Center, Islamabad, Pakistan, although with the above schedule the station is unlikely to be heard in North America.

ARGENTINA - Those needing verifications for reception of Liberty during the Falklands war should send a prepared card to Dr. Edgardo Bautista Matute Bravo, Jefe de Division de Radio, Direccion General de Defensa Nacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Liberty broadcasts, incidently, are now said to have come from RAE transmitters at Gral Pacheco.

BURMA - Kawthalay Radio, operated by the Karen minority within Burma on 9.775 at 0030 to 0130 may be off the air at present. The Burmese Army is reportedly making a move on Maw Pokay where the station is supposed to be located. To our knowledge the station has not yet been heard in North America.

CAMBODIA - Voice of the People of Cambodia/Voice of the Khmer People is supposedly operating from two mobile transmitters located near the boarder with Thailand. This station is a joint effort by the National United Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful and Co-operative Cambodia, lead by Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann's group, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front. The line is anti Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia and also opposes the current government of Cambodia. Although the power is said to be in the area of 100 kw. no frequency or schedule information has turned up. The station may still be on medium wave only although intentions for shortwave use were announced.

CHAD - Radio Bardai continues to operate on 6.009 to sign off around 2020 GMT. A possible address for this station is Front du Liberation Nationale du Tchad, B.P. 2915, Tripoli, Libya. There were a few logging of this in ECNA during mid-winter.

CHINA - Radio October Storm, Voice of the People's Liberation Army, Radio Spark and Contingent of the Proletarian Fighters are all Soviet creations, all broadcasting anti-Deng Xiaoping material and operate on an interchangeable basis. Transmissions of about ten minutes are aired sporadically between around 0900 to 1200 GMT. Check 7.185, 7.524.6 and 9.267 during these hours.

CUBA - A new outlet for La Voz del Cuba Independiente y Democratica is noted on 11.101.5 around 0000, 0100 and 1700. Identifies as La Voz del Seis Tresento (?) and La Voz del Cero along with the usual CID identifications. QSLs via the usual addresses in San Jose, Costa Rica, Miami, Washington, D.C. or Chicago.

CID has also announced a Radio Camilo Cienfuegos service due to begin operating. Names after an old comrade of CID leader Huber Matos.

Radio Marti, the US-sponsored anti-Cuban broadcasts, is due to start in the spring using only 1180 kHz, from the Voice of America's Marathon, Florida facility. No shortwave will be used nor will the rumored 530 kHz. frequency. Initial operations will run about 4 hours per day, expanding in length to 14 hours per day as additional staff is added.

ETHIOPIA - Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea can be contacted through Abraham Yohannes, Eritrean Relief Committee, 230 West 29th St., Apartment 3-S, New York, NY, 10025. At least one reception report was hand-carried to Eritrea for verification and the QSL letter then hand-carried back to the US for mailing. Most recent frequency usage is 7.387 with sign on at 0430 GMT.

EL SALVADOR - Radio Venceremos is now using frequencies around 4.000 and below (i.e. 3.720, 3.670) as well as the usual assortment in the 6 and 7 mHz range (6.800, 6.725, 6.555, 61595, 6.588, 7.205 and so on). Most recent schedule is 0000, 0230, 1215 and 1830 Monday-Saturday and 1400 and 2000 on Sundays.

Radio Farabundo Marti says it is in Chalatenango and cooperates with Venceremos and Radio Guazapa. Scheduled at 1230, 1830 and 0100. Try 6.815, 6.824, 6.910, 6.930, 6.945 and 7.030. One or two QSLs have been received using prepared cards sent to Radio Farabundo Marti, P.O. Box 32-80, Managua, Nicaragua.

Radio Guazapa. A Pop Comm reporter noted this one asking listeners within the "liberated territories" to send in reports of reception, music requests and "unusual words you have heard" through their local political commissars. Gave out a phone number for use in rebel-held territory, 252-3520. Interesting but not of much practical use to those of us who have not been "liberated." Any information regarding a mailing address for this one is urgently sought!

HAITI - The fairly recent addition to the clandestine line-up, Radio Liberte, continues operating at 1200, 2100 and 2300 on Wednesdays or Sundays on 9.610. Sign on times are variable by several minutes. Signal levels have improved considerably since the station was first heard a couple of months ago. Addresses in New York City, Miami and Caracas, Venezuela re occasionally, but not always, announced. So far addresses have not been copied off the air. The opening announcement following the Haitian national anthem gives the name of the group apparently operating this outlet but that too, has not been copied. We hope to have something more definite on Radio Liberte in time for the next issue.

IRAN - Radio Nejet Iran, also known as "Salvation of Iran" is confirming reception reports sent to the Front for the Liberation of Iran, P. O. Box 102, Greve Strand, DK 2670, Copenhagen, Denmark although replies, with no return address on the envelope or the letter, come from West Germany or England. Gives schedule as 1830-1925 GMT on 11.660 and from 0300 to 0355 on 9.932.

The former Voice of Iran (11.640) is now identifying as Radio Iran, as does the station using Radio Bagdad facilities on 3.367, 7.170 and 11.765 (all variable). Both stations are now also using the same address: C.B. 17, Blvd. Raspial, Paris 75007, France. However, no known QSLs have been received from this address for either station so far.

Voice of the Iranian Communist Party operates from 1315-1355 and 1730 to 1810 on variable 6.420. Address given as Box 3023, 14303 Varby, Sweden.

Voice of the Mujahidin-e-Khalq (Voice of the Iranian People's Revolution) uses 10.100v and 6.600v at 1300 and 1700 to 1900, again, variable.

MALAYSIA - Voice of the People of Malaya is now the Voice of the People of Malaysia. The change is the result of a merger of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Malaya into a new Malaysian Communist Party. The station operates from around 1100 to 1500 on variable 7.068.

MOZAMBIQUE - The Voice of the Mozambique National Resistance, from South Africa, still maintains their 0400 to 0500 broadcast, making it occasionally audible in North America. There is, reportedly, and approximately ten minute English segment during the hour, the remainder of the schedule is in Portugese. Reception reports can be tried to P.O. Box 169, 2752 Caseais, Portugal although there are no known replies from this address.

NAMIBIA - The Voice of Namibia a program prepared by the External Mission of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) is aired by Radiodiffusion Television Congolaise, Brazzaville, on 9.714.8 and 15.190 from 1830 to 1900. Also via the Voice of Revolutionary Ethiopia on 9.595 at 1900 to 1930. A possible address for reception reports in the United States is 657 West 161st Street, New York, NY 10032.

NICARAGUA - Radio Quince de September, Radio Miskus and La Voz de la Libertad - We hope to be able to announce a breakthrough on QSLing these FDN stations in time for our next issue.

"Free Nicaragua", a program produced by the Nicaraguan Assembly of Democratic Unity (ANUDE) is reportedly aired by Radio Columbia, Costa Rica on 4.825 on Mondays from 0100 to 0130 GMT. Not yet traced.

PALESTINE - The Voice of Palestine/Voice of the Palestine Revolution is aired over Algerian radio on 15.370 from 1705 to 1730.

SOUTH AFRICA - The African National Congress "Radio Freedom" program is aired by The Voice of Revolutionary Ethiopia at 1930 to 2000 on 9.595. One address which might be tried for reports is 49 Rathbone Street, London, W1A 4NL, England.

SOUTH YEMEN - Voice of the Free Sons of Yemini South is still operating from 1300 to 1700 on 11.180, attacking Soviet and Cuban imperialsim. According to Dr. Richard E. Wood the Arabic used in the broadcasts has a South Yemini accent.

SRI LANKA - The Voice of Tamil State (Timal Eelam) which made a splash when it began broadcasting from an unknown location early in November, is now off the air. The station was operated by the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil State headed by Uma Maheswaran. Location was believed to be either on a private yacht sailing the waters off Sri Lanka or on a nearby island. Equipment had reportedly been purchased in West Germany. The station was not located by Sri Lankan authorities so far as we know so its silence may be for other reasons and may be only temporary.

SUDAN - Voice of the Sudanese Popular Revolution, via Libyan transmitters on 17.940 has been off the air for about two months. It's not known whether this is an intentional move by Khadaffi or whether permanent or temporary.

SURINAM - Radio Erie Sranan (Radio Free Surinam) still scheduled at 0100 on 6.850 although also reported on 6.905. Several QSLs, complete with posters and bumper stickers, have been received from Raad voor de Bevrijding van Suriname, 2280 AS Rijswijk (Z.H.), Postbus 737, Verrijn Stuartlaan 17, The Netherlands. Verification signer is Ir. M. Nasrullah, Radio Department, Council for the Liberation of Suriname.

ZIMBABWE - Radio Truth has suspended its vernacular services for the time being due to unnamed technical problems. Operates on 4.902 or 5.015 at 0430 sign on with bird call interval signal and English in addition to the former local languages. Believed to be another South African-based operation.

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Deadline for April issue - April 10th. Subscriptions and information/loggings can be sent to me at the masthead address.

Good Hunting!

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THIS ISSUE marks the beginning of CCN's fourth year! We thank you for your continued interest and support. It has been awhile so we are probably way overdue in pointing out that listings are under target country, unless otherwise noted.

AFGHANISTAN - The address in Hamburg, West Germany for the Voice of Unity whic we had in the last issue proved to be incorrect. It should be P.O. Box 2605, D-2000 Hamburg 60, FRG. But it may be a moot point since at least one person has already had a report bounced back by the German post office - a replay of what normally happens with the station's Vienna address.

ANGOLA - The period from late December through early February saw the interference which normally dominates the area around 4975 kHz gone and the frequency clear. As a result there were a number of receptions of the UNITA station A Voz de Resistencia do Galo Negro on 4973 at its 0330 sign on. An active address was turned up at last, resulting in a number of replies. Reports for Galo Negro can be sent to Mr. Jardo Muekalia, UNITA Representative, Free Angola Information Service, 1850 K St., NW, Suite 370, Washington, DC 20006-2202. Muekalia provides a schedule of "A" abd "B" programs: Program A at 1200 UTC on 15180, 1530-1730 on 4975. Program B at 1100 on 9600 and 1500 on 7155. This schedule, however, is either incomplete or out of date as it does not include the 0330 sign on on 4973 (nominal 4975). The station is easily recognizable by its cock crow sound effect used at sign on.

CHAD - Libyan-supported Radio Bardai continues broadcasts on 6009 to about 2030 daily. Former leader of the Transitional Government of National Unity (GUNT) - Goukouni Queddei has left and now supports the government in N'djamena. His position was filled by Acheikh ibn Oumar as part of a reshuffling of the 13 member GUNT cabinet. In Chad, fighting continues involving Chadian, French, Libyan and Libyan-backed Chadians. We've still not been able to turn up a workable address gor GUNT - the B.P. 2915 in Tripoli creates only bouncebacks. Can anyone help out here?

CHINA - First August Radio or Radio Ba Yi, (12120kHz) which is believed to be a Soviet-operated anti-Beijing station has been silent since early December and press reports speculate that it may have been taken off the air as a step toward promoting improved relations with Beijing. However, the station has had numerous "vacations" in the past so perhaps too much should not be made of this.

CUBA - In the February edition of our "Clandestine Communique" column in Popular Communications we discussed Radio Caiman and the claim of something calling itself "Pro Libertad de Cuba" that it was the operator of Radio Caiman. We expressed our doubts that any such

group even existed and invited P.L.C. to prove us wrong. The challenge did bring a response. We received what appears to be a handmade folder, about the size of two wallet-size calenders. On the right hand inside there is pasted a business card (it appears to be the sort of thing printers do offset printing from) which bears a replica of the Cuban flag, the words "Comite Pro Libertad de Cuba," "Cuba, 1987." In the center there's a drawing of an aligator with the word "caiman" under it. The other side of the folder bears a small sticker of a Cuban flag and another sticker with the word "Cuba" and a section of barbed wire underneath. The front and back of the folder are blank.

The envelope was addressed by cutting out our byline and also the Pop'Commaddress from a subscription card and pasting both on the envelope. The envelope was postmarked Providance, RI on February 2 and Bryan, TX on February 4.

We remain unconvinced. This kind of cut and paste job could have been created by anyone. We can see no logic to the inordinate amount of secrecy this "organization" pretends - particularly when one considers that other anti-Castro groups which are or have been operators of stations operating in violation of U.S. laws (which Caiman, since it is obviously foreign-based, does not) have operated openly, with offices, phone numbers and press spokesmen! Nor does the approach taken by P.L.C fit in with the stable, powerful and smoothly produced programming and overall "atmosphere" created by Radio Caiman. Why have the Cuban exile groups and umbrella "freedom" organizations we've contacted denied even having heard of P.L.C. prior to our mentioning the group. Radio Caiman is just too noticeable to be run by a group which approaches the rest of the game in such "Mickey Mouse" fashion.

Pro Libertad de Cuba first surfaced a couple of years ago in response to an item about Radio Caiman written by Dr. John Santosuosso in his column in Monitoring Times. Santosuosso, at least, did receive a written communication in which P.L.C. claimed to be behhind the Radio Caiman broadcasts. So, the only appearances of Pro Libertad de Cuba have been in response to mentions of Radio Caiman in radio monitoring magazines! Some pirate radio broadcasters have responded this way but there is a world of difference between a rock-playing pirate and and a powerful anti-government clandestine station, involved even marginally in the game of nations.

For the present, then, our conclusion remains that Radio Caiman is an operation of our own government or is at least strongly supported by the government. The Comite Pro Libertad de Cuba, if such a group even exists, either took it upon themselves to take credit for Radio Caiman (since no one else had come forth) is the creation, the brainchild of those who really set up and operate Radio Caiman or is someone enjoying the monitoring game in his own unique way. Perhaps some of our subscribers in the Washington DC area would care to tell us more?

Radio Clarin, in the Dominican Republic, which was forced by the government to drop programming from Cuba Independiente y Democracia a year or so ago following complaints by Havana, has picked up CID programming again. A more right wing government in Santo Domingo was certainly the main factor in the switchback.

EL SALVADOR - Radio Venceremos seems to be in an unsettled period, noted with distorted modulation around 7010. Radio Farabundo Marti may be off the air.

IRAN - Representatives of the Mujahedin-e-Khalq organization, led by Masud Rajavi, have told Eason Jordan of CNN that it is their group which is responsible for the clandestine television broadcasts from Iraq-based transmitters, beamed into Iran. The hour long daily broadcasts are said to be seen in much of Western Iran. This organization also operates the Voice of the Mujahedin/Mujahedin-e-Khalq, also known as the Voice of the Crusader.

Radio Iran Toilers, believed to be a station of the Iranian Tudeh (communist) party has been heard in Wisconsin and Florida recently, but with very weak strength on 10870 kHz at 1530 UTC.

The Voice of the Feda'i responded to Vashek Korinek in South Africa stating that the station's broadcasts aim to "mobilize the people of Iran against the Islamic Republic and its leader, Khomeini. Our organization is a secular socialist organization and our broadcasts are mainly directed towards the workers and student supporters of the organization. We received good reception reports from inside Iran as well as those who pick up our station at further distances. Our organization has no link to other regimes. We are critical of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and consider them revisionist. We operate in the liberated areas of Iran in the western and southeastern regions. If you are interested in receiving publications of OIPFG please let us know in further communications." We are not familiar with the "OIPFG" but assume it is some sort of variant of "Organization of the Guerrillas Devoted to the Iranian People" which is the operator information we have down for this station.

IRAQ - A new station opposing the Baghdad government has been launched, apparently a joint venture of most of the groups opposing the government of Saddam Hussein. The station calls itself the Voice of the Oppressed in Iraq and operates from an unspecified location on a medium wave frequency. (Reuters, via Jordan)

KOREA - Seldome reported Echo of Hope, based in the South and beaming North) is scheduled at 0200-0500 and 2000-2100 on 6348 and 0900-1200 and 1400-1700 on 3985. (Yamashita, Japan,via ABI, via NASWA/LN)

LIBYA - Voice of the Libyan People, voice of the National Front for the Salvation of Libya, has confirmed reception of the station. Signed by A.R. Abuzaakouk, Director of Information. The address is 323 So. Franklin, Box A-246, Chicago, IL 60606-7093. This address, however, is just a commercial mail forwarding firm. The reply was mailed from the Northern Virginia Mail Handing Center which, we understand, handles some or all outgoing Washington DC area mail.

MALAYSIA - Voice of the People of Malaysia, variable 7050, a station of the Malaysian Communist Party, is now scheduled in in Malay from 1300-1330 and 2200-2230, in Tamil from 1330-1400 and 2300-2330 and Standard Chinese 1400-1430 and 2230-2300.

NICARAGUA - Radio Liberacion, the new contra medium wave station on 1520 kHz came on the air in mid-January. The 50 KW station operates from 6pm to 6am local time and, according to various press reports is designed tp break the information monopoly of the Sandinistas and present the contra cause. It uses the slogan "the voice of those who have no voice." Programs consist of news, commentary, music, short storues and comedy. Carl Huffaker in Mexico has monitored the station and calls it "definitely a smooth operation" but notes that

the script writers are "dirtier than usual." Huffaker says "the broadcasters are professionals, the writers amateurs, and neither creative artists nor battlefield revolutionaries." He observes "exaggeration in the dramas, popular song lyrics rewritten and comedy break-in announcements" which are "typical university student stuff, translated to a revolutionary situation." The news is on a different level," Huffaker says, "and probably handled by La Prensa professionals."

According to many press reports, Radio Liberation was to take the place of Radio Quince de Septiembre, but Quince has remained on the air, moving briefly to 6130 and then back to its former 5950. Some reports indicate that Quince will continue in operation, serving the military aspects more exclusively. And, with the recent resignations in the UNO leadership we wonder about the status of La Voz de la UNO, though this continues to operate around 5890.

SOMALIA - Radio Halgan, the voice of the United Somali Opposition, has neen heard and confirmed by several monitors recently. Heard as early as 1700 when the program starts (depending upon Radio Norway's use of the 9590 frequency) to 1755 close. Replies received from Abdirashid A. Sed, station director, P.O. Box 1686, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and from Mohamed Ismail Bari-Bari, Secretary, Department of Information, Somali Salvation Democratic Front, P.O. Box 838, Addis Ababa. Transmissions are via Ethiopian government facilities.

SRI LANKA - Bill Matthews in Ohio provides this more complete address for the (genuine) Voice of Tamil Eelam: 11, Thesigar St., North Palani, Madras 600 026 (Tamil Nadu) India. Tamil Nadu is the state in which Madras is located. Matthews' southasian contact says the station continues to operate on frequencies varying between 7000-7020. Unheard outside the south Asian area, to our knowledge.

SUDAN - Radio SPLA of the Sudan People's Liberation Army has suffered jamming of its English an Arabic language segments for sometime - often taking the form of recitations from the Koran. More recently broadcasts in local Sudanese languages have also been jammed, the new jamming taking the form of shouted slogans of victory on behalf of the Anyanya II group. Formerly aligned with SPLA, Anyanya II now sides with the Sudanese government.* In past weeks Radio SPLA's 1300 UTC broadcast has moved down to 9550 (from former 9600) and then to 11710. (* AFP, via Jordan) Can't anyone help with an address for SPLA?

UNO, DOS, CUATRO - A Guide To The Numbers Stations, by "Havana Moon" is now available. An in depth look at this quarter century old mystery, complete with what is believed to be the most extensive listin of frequencies used for such transmissions (in frequency as well as time order) outside US government files. $13,95 plus $1 shipping ($2 foreign) in US funds from Tiare Publications, P.O. Boc 493, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

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INFORMATIONAL INPUT is always needed. Press reports, backgrounders, addressleads, news clippings - anything you feel might be of interest. We can use the information without using your name, if you so orefer.

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BURMA - A new Burmese clandestine is the Voice of the People of Wa State, using 5110 with an apparent (and partial?) schedule of 1130-1330 in the Wa language. At least one 15-20 minute segment in Burmese is aired at around 1240. Interestingly, this frequency was once used by the Burmese Communist Party for broadcasts of its Voice of the People of Burma a few years ago.

CAMBODIA - The Voice of Democrátic Kampuchea, supported by China and via transmitters in China, is presently scheduled at 0400-0500 using 15110 and 17680, 0900-100 on 8345, 11780 and 11870; 1300-1400 on 6025, 6825 and 9440 and 2330-0030 on 7350 and 9440.

The Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea is currently scheduled at 2315-0200, 080-0900 and 1000-1600 on variable 5408. All broadcasts are in Khmer, except for an hour in Vietnamese at 1400-1500. Both stations support the Khmer Rouge.

CHINA - The Goddess of Democracy ship, which was supposed to be home to the Voice of Democracy radio station, planned to beam into mainland China, has "sunk" without ever airing a program. Organizers of the project are blaming the governments of Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong (and the US for what they claim was pressure put on those countries) for refusing to give needed support to the project. Taiwan denied permission to take the transmitting equipment aboard and also would not allow a transmitter which was to have been donated by a Taiwanese TV station. The operators gave up their plan to sail to Japan to look for an alternate source of a transmitter when Japan let it be known the ship would not be welcome. Hong Kong had denied the ship access for anything but life essentials. The ship which , at last report was still at the Taiwanese port of Keelung, was to be sold. The crew was to have been flown back to France from where the ship had sailed. (various press reports)

COLOMBIA - Radio Patria Libre is using such frequencies as 6284.8, 6315, 6319.8, 6338.5 and 6300 for its Spanish language broadcasts in opposition to the government in Bogota. Broadcasts run from around 0030 to about 0115.

CUBA - We have learned, albeit a bit belatedly, of the FCC raid which closed down a station calling itself Radio Antorcha Martiana. This took place on 9 February. The station was being operated by one Eloy Escagedo of Miami. This same individual had another broadcast shut down back in 1982 when he was caught operating another unlicensed station - also using the name Radio Antorcha Martiana. In the past this station has been the voice of the anti-Castro "Torch of Marti" group, one of the more - shall we say - "adamant" of the organizations which want Castro out of power. Oddly, there were no reports of this most recent appearance of Antorcha Martiana being monitored by anyone but the FCC.

Cuba, continued:

On 20 May there was a one-day appearance by a station calling itself the Voice of the Partido Independentista Cubano, which called upon the Cuban Armed Forces to overthrow Castro. The broadcast, which was apparently only a few minutes in length, was repeated every hour throughout the day. Frequencies were reported as being 28.450 in the 10 meter amateur radio band and 14.325 or 14.350 in the 20 meter amateur band. Although CCN was tipped of that the broadcasts were taking place we were unable to pick them up despite several checks throughout the day. The broadcast claimed the station was located "somewhere in the Caribbean", although it's much more likely that the transmitter was/is somewhere in the Miami/Southern Florida area. May 20 was chosen for the broadcasts since it was the 88th anniversary of the inauguration of the Republic of Cuba. Our infomation is that the station had been on the air on an occasional basis for a month or so prior to the May 20 broadcast. We have no indication as to whether there may be future broadcasts, but we have recommended that any such broadcasts not be within the frequency ranges allocated to amateur radio.

Jack Anderson, in his May 9 newspaper column, calls TV Marti a faiklure, saying Cuba has successfully blocked reception of the station's signals. He also says Cuba has used the TV broadcasts as an excuse to "turn giant transmitters toward the United States and block commercial radio broadcasts." While such an action was certainly threated by Cuba we have no information or reports that this sort of thing has actually taken place, certainly not on a regular basis. Are we wrong?

Here is the current schedule for the US government's Radio Marti broadcasts on shortwave: 0930-1200 on 6075, 1200-1400 on 9570, 1400-2300 on 11930 and 2300-0300 on 9530. All are in Spanish, of course.

The Cuban American National Foundation's La Voz de Fundacion via WHRI, Indiana, has this schedule (times are apparently EST): 10-11am 1500-1600, editor) on 15105 for Cuba and the Americas; and 21840 for Europe (Monday through Friday). Also 8-9pm (0100-0200) and "Saturday midnight" on 9495 for Cuba and America and 7315 for Europe. (WHRI QSL card via Wendel Craighead)

Cuba Independiente y Democratica's La Voz del CID has moved from 7380 to 7340.

ETHIOPIA - A station (or program) operated by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party has started broadcasts on 7010 and 9400 between 1730-1800, all in Amharic. These broadcasts, first observed earlier in the spring, are of an experimental nature. The address is given as P.O. Box 710358, Dallas, TX 75371.

Meantime, another fairly new anti-Ethiopian government station continues operation. This one is The Voice of the Ethiopian People for Peace, Democracy and Freedom which is on the air at 0400-0500, 1500-1600 and 1900-2000 on 7885, very possibly over transmitters owned by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. It claims, however, to be operating from "liberated territory" of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front. All programs are in Amharic. Broadcasts are said to be taking place in the 49, 44, 43, 41, 40 and 31 meter bands, but 7885 is believed to be the only frequency noted in use so far.

IRAN - Iran's Flag of Freedom Radio has added a new broadcast period to its schedule. It's now also on the air air at 0645-0730 on 15100.

The Farsi program, Radio Seda-ye-Iran, was to have begun airing in late June on KUSW, tentatively starting at 1430 on 15590, according to a note received on a QSL card from the station. Has it, indeed, started? (Thanks: Wendel Craighead)

IRAQ - The Voice of the People of Kurdistan, anti-Iraq, is scheduled 0300-0400 (except Fridays) and 0400-0430 (except Fridays) on variable frequncies between 4040-4340. Also variable 7100 and 15048. Also on the air at 0900-1100 (Fridays only) and daily 1600-1730 on the same frequencies. Languages used are Arabic and Surani Kurdish.

LIBYA - Two anti-Khadaffi outlets, the Voice of the Libyan People and the Voice of the People are using 9450 and 9500, alternating frequencies on a nearly daily basis. Voice of the Libyan people runs from 2100-2154 and Voice of the People from 2200-2352.

LOS NUMEROS UPDATE - 7415 is an interesting place these days. It's beginning to rival 6840 for the number one slot in the Numbers Stations Top Ten. Defined as a government frequency allocation, over the past year 7415 has become home to a large number of North American pirate broadcasters, not to mention other odd tenants, including a Soviet Naval CW numbers station, unidentified RTTY traffic and a Russian 5 digit numbers station.

Introducing The Numbers Factsheet - a new quarterly newsletter which focuses on numbers stations and other intriguing subjects as only its editor - Havana Moon - can. Available by subscription from MoonBeam Press, PO Box149, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. $16/year, USA. $25/year international.

NAMIBIA - The Voice of Namibia has been closed down by the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) which now holds power in an independent Namibia.

NICARAGUA - Radio Miskut is scheduled for 1800-2300 Monday - Saturday and 1200-1400 and 2000-2300 on Sundays, all on 5560. Programs are in the Miskito indian language, with occasional Spanish language announcements.

The contras' Radio Quince de Septiembre continues to be reported. Heard early in May from sign on at 1134 to closing at 1222 on 6214.7. Local evening schedule, if any, isn't known.

Press reports indicate that the Sandinistas retain control of at least one radio station so they will likely continue to have a broadcast voice in opposition to the Chamorro government.

NICARAGUA/PANAMA - Radio Impacto, the no-commercial "commecial" Costa Rican station which had broadcast on shortwave since 1983 announced in late April that it would discontinue operations. Sure enough, both the 5044 and 6150 shortwave outlets disaappeared on or about 30 April. The medium wave 980kHz transmitter stayed on the air a few weeks longer but that, too, appears to have left the air now. Once report we saw quoted Radio Impacto as saying it had accomplished its mission, i.e. seen democracy arrive in both Nicaragua and Panama. So now we know, if we had any doubts, that this station's raison d'etre was as a propaganda tool against the dictatorships which ruled both those countries. But, unfortunately, we still don't know for sure that Impacto was a CIA operation, although many in the hobby press take it for granted.

PALESTINE -Al Quds Radio has been monitored between 0600-1100 on 15050, upper sideband. This would seem possible for reception in the United States.

POLAND - Radio Solidarity, which made occasional local FM broadcasts during the years Solidarity was building and struggling, has returned to the air, though certainly as a more legitimate enterprise now. Austrian Shortwave Panorama on Radio Austria International says the station is now in operation on 73.2 MHz. The location is unclear but likely is Warsaw. (Thanks: Harold Sellers)

SOMALIA -Radio SNM (Somali National Movement) has moved its broadcasts from variable 6300 to 6250 variable, between 1500-1700.

SOUTH AFRICA - The African National Congress will continue to air its Radio Freedom broadcasts via such stations as Radio Nacional Angola, Radio Zambia, Radio Tanzania and the Voice of Ethiopia, even though the South African government has now legalized the party. The ANC is still planning to set up a 250kw transmitter on Madagascar, according to a report on Radio Netherlands Media Network.

SRI LANKA - The Voice of Freedom uses 5304 from 1330-1415. The Tamil National Broadcasting Station, operated by the illegal Tamil Nationa; Army, uses variable 6740 at 01300215, 1030-1115 and 1430-1515.

The Tamil-operated Voice of Eelam is scheduled from 0200-0300 and 1230-1330 on a frequency which varies between 7000-7025.

TADZHIKSTAN SSR - The French Press Agency, AFP, quotes an Afghan rebel commander as saying he intends to open a radio statin which would send broadcasts in Pashto and Farsi into the Tadzhik Soviet Soviet Socialist Republic, for the moslem population there. It is not known whether these would be on medium wave or shortwave, or just when they would begin. (Radio Netherlands Media Network)

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NEXT ISSUE - mid-August.

UNTIL THEN -- good hunting!

Last Minute Information:

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - A "well placed source" says that the PNG government has pulled all government workers, including broadcasting people, off the breakaway island of Bougainville. Diesel fuel (which runs the generators for the station) was also removed. However, the equipment at Radio North Solomons (3325) was left intact and so it's possible that, once fuel is obtained, a "Radio Free Bougainville" or somesuch could be on the air over the existing Radio North Solomons facility. 3325 bears watching!

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AFGHANISTAN - Radio Free Afghanistan has been discontinued. This US-run surrogate broadcaster came on in the thick of the Soviet-Afghan war and was aired as part of the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty schedule.

ANGOLA -Voz Resistencia do Galo Negro (VORGAN) is now scheduled on 4960 and 9550 fromm 0445 to 0845 and 1630 to 2200; and on 7290 and 11830 from 1045-1440. The main language used is Portuguese, plus some local languages and some French and English.

BURMA - The Democratic Voice of Burma (via Radio Norway) is now scheduled on 11850 from 1430 to 1455, all in Burmese. This broadcast issues a nice QSL card. The address is P.O. Box 6720, St. Olavs Plass, 0130 Oslo, Norway.

COLOMBIA - Radio Patria Libre has reappeared on its 15050 frequency, which is used only sporadically. And not in the usual time frame, either. It was logged to sign off just after 2200. This station has been on the air for several years now and still no address possibilities have turned up.

CUBA - A new anti-Cuban program is Radio Roquero, which is broadcasting via the Honduran station Radio Copan International on 15675. The program airs Saturdays from 2200-2300. The program is produced by Victor Garcia-Riveria, 5862 Windermere Lane, Fairchild, OH 45014

Other programs still on the air:

Voz de Fundacion, Tuesdays-Saturdays 0000-0500 on 9495 and Mondays - Fridays 1000-1300 on 9850.

Cuba 21 - Mondays at 0000-0030 on 9495

La Voz Democracia Cristiana, 7355, Mondays 0100-0200, 7355

Movimiento Nueva Generacion Cubana, 0030-0100 Mondays on 7355

La Voz de la Unidad Cubana, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7355, 0200-0300

La Voz de la Alpha 66, Mondays-Fridays, 0800-0900, 7355 (ever wonder why they have such a late hour?)

Voz Ex-Presos Politicos Cubanos, Sundays, 7355, 2330-0000

It seems a safe guess that, as the Castro regime gets shakier and shakier, there will be more and more anti-Castro radio action.

George Zeller's clandestine column in the A*C*E bulletin reports that a *Miami Herald* story says that La Voz del CID is having financial problems which, the story speculates, could cause a reduction of its operating schedule, although CID has apparently not made any such admission or announcement and no cut back seems to have taken place. If the story is accurate it's certainly an odd time to be thinking cutback when the game in Cuba may be afoot any time now!

ETHIOPIA - the Free Radio Voice of Ethiopian Unity is aired via transmitters in Russia Sundays and Wednesdays from 1600-1700 on 11695, in Amharic, preceded by Radio Moscow's Amharic service at 1500-1600. Announcements indicate it is also airing on the 13, 16 and 19 meter bands but no frequencies are known. Announced address is P.O. Box 91701, Washington, DC 20090.

GUATEMALA - Clandestine enthusiast Robert Ross of Canada got an in-person QSL for the Guatemalan clandestine Voz Popular, signed by Julia Batres Lemis, a "lieutenant guerrillla woman combatant member" of the station who was in Ontario on a fund raising effort She says the station is located in the jungles of the Sierra Madre mountains near the Tajumunco volcano. The power is 2kw to a dipole antenna. The current schedule is Tuesdays and Fridays at 2300-0045 on variable 7000 and 0250-0300 on variable 3500 kHz. We haven't seen any actual loggings of this one in several years (Robert's QSL was for a 1988 reception). Note that the second daily broadcast is just 10 minutes in length! Wonder why!

HAITI - Radio 16 Desanm, a Creole program to Haiti produced by the Aristide government-in-exile had announced it was discontinuing broadcasts at the end of October, when Aristide was supposed to return to power Haiti. Since Aristide didn't make it it's not surprising that the broadcast is still on the air, scheduled on 17830 (WHRI) 2200-2300 Monday to Friday and 7355 (WRNO) 2300-0000.

Another Haitian broadcast still active is Radio Neg Mawon aired on Radio For Peace International Saturdays from 2000-2100 on 7385, 15030 and 21465.

IRAN (& etc.) Mike Hardester in North Carolina recommends keeping an ear on the 6220-6240 area between around 0255 and 0400 and later. He hears an unidentified station signing on at various times around 0300 on 6220 with mentions of Iran. He also hears all manner of other weird things in this segment of the band, including jamming and bits of English and Spanish number broadcasts, among other things.

The Voice of Human Rights and Freedom for Iran has issued a verification letter from this address: 18 bis, rue Violet, 75015 Paris, France. The letter was signed by Mina Alborzi. The schedule given was 1030-1225, 1445-1530 and 0030-0225 on 11470, 15100 and 15670. Also 2200-2245 on 9359 and 15100. You might also check 15145. Reports indicate that the station is jammed by Iran.

IRAQ - The Voice of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq was recently logged on 9670v, running to a sign off at 1452.

KOREA - South Korea's Echo of Hope now airs at 2300-0100 and 0300 to 0700 on 6348; 0800-1200, 1400-1700 and 2000-2100 on 3985.

Voice of the People (also from South Korea) is now scheduled at 0300-0430, 0600-0730, 0830-1000 on 6518 and 6600 plus 1200-1330 and 1500-1630 on 3912 and 2100-2230 and 2300-0030 on 6600.

MOZAMBIQUE - Voice of Renamo is now believed to be broadcasting over the facilities of Swazi Commercial Radio (Swaziland) on 6155. The schedule is given as 0400-0500, 1600-1700 Mondays to Fridays. To 0530 and 1730 on Saturdays and to 0600 and 1800 on Sundays. Although this is listed as a 100 KW transmitter, Swazi Commercial Radio is rarely, if ever, reported by North American monitors.

SOMALIA - The International Amateur Radio Network (IARN), which supports if not actually operates Radio Free Somalia, says that the power of the station will increase from 400 to 1,200 watts and that an additional station will go on the air in the northern part of the country. QSL address is Sam Voron, 2 Griffith Ave., Rosewell, NSW 2069, Australia. Voron was the operator of the former Radio Free Bougainville.

TAJIKISTAN - Voice of Free Tajikstan is supposedly active on 7088 from 0300-0330, 0600-0630 and 0900-0945 (all times variable). Personnel at this station are supposed to be ex-employees of the government station. The clandestine transmitter is believed to be located near Tajikstan's border or somewhere in the mountains. The station claims the current Tajik government is communist-controlled and pro-Iran to boot.

CCN CEASES! -

After eleven years *The Clandestine Confidential Newsletter* is ceasing publication, effective with this issue. .

There are a number of reasons for this decision, one we did not make lightly or quickly. Our company, Tiare Publications, is in the process of expanding - adding two new divisions - which means a great deal of additional work and time will now be added to our professional publication efforts.

In addition, in the last year or so it has seemed to take more and more time to gather material - perhaps a reflection of a downturn in clandestine broadcasting activity. CCN has not been a profitable endeavor either. And the very small amount of input from a declining readership has also made the effort more difficult and time consuming. In short, it seemed the time was right to call it quits.

Readers who wish to stay up on clandestine activity have some alternative sources. The *Listener's Notebook* column in *The Journal* of the North American Shortwave Association carries a fair amount of clandedstine news. ($2 sample issue from 45 Wildflower Rd, Levittown, PA 19057) George Zeller provides two excellent monthly clandestine columns, one in the bulletin of the *Association of Clandestine Enthusiasts* (PO Box 11201, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207), the other is the *Outer Limits* column in *Monitoring Times* magazine. Yours truly does a monthly clandestine column in *Popular Communications* magazine

We can also tell you that sometime in the spring Tiare Publications expects to begin publishing an annual directory of clandestine broadcasting, similiar to our annual *Pirate Radio Directory*. Watch the various club bulletins and radio magazines for details.

For those of you who are interested, Tiare will continue to make available *The Clandestine File*, a collection of all CCN newsletters from 2/82 through 12/93 - at least through 1994. The price is $25 plus $2 shipping and handling from P.O. Box 493, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

We've enjoyed it. We hope you have too. Thank you for your support and good listening.