

Dr. Santosuosso Returns ...

and so does Havana Moon!

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It is good to be back after spending some very pleasant time in Europe. More about that later, but first here are a few clandestine items.

Several months ago we recommended keeping an ear tuned to Radio Caiman, which puts out the strongest signal of any clandestine. We still think that is a good idea, but you will probably find them on 9960 rather than the old 7470. Look for them mornings and evenings.

It was almost inevitable that a Guatemalan clandestine would eventually turn up. The country has been faced with insurgency movements for years. Look for a station by the name of Voz Popular on 6950. This one may not be very easy to hear.

John Demmitt of Pennsylvania furnishes us some interesting information about Miami-based Radio Mambi on 710 kHz. This anti-Castro broadcaster recently found itself in the peculiar position of having the FCC reject its application to reduce its night time power from 50,000 to 25,000 watts. The station is thus forced to run excess power it does not need or want. Is the FCC trying to jam a frequency the Cubans already jammed by placing a Radio Reloj transmitter on 710?

From Texas, Dave Larson writes that the unknown clandestine log reported by Matt Varick on 6610 in the June column is anti-El Salvador government Radio Farabundo Marti. You will find programming on this similar to that of Radio Venceremos, although it is less active and reported less often.

Report from the Emerald Isle: If you have not yet logged and verified unlicensed Radio Dublin on 6910, time may be running out. Ireland was one country I recently visited. While in the Dublin area I was told that as many as twenty commercial pirates are currently operating, but by October they could all be gone.

Rumors of government legislation to shut down the Irish pirates are nothing new. However, this time the situation does look more serious. Part of the problem is the irresponsible behavior of the stations themselves. In March, the authorities raided one of the facilities of Boyneside Radio, which operates in several communities. Word has it a competitor encouraged the government to act, falsely claiming the station was causing interference. Because of this raid, station personnel are somewhat paranoid, and it was impossible to visit the studios of any of them.

At present time there is still plenty to be heard on the medium wave and FM bands as you travel about the country. Although I had little free time to monitor the bands, I managed to tune in several pirates in the Dublin area including Sunshine Radio (531 kHz), Radio Dublin (1188), BLB Community Radio (657), and Energy 103 (103 MHz). In Cork, WBEN (98 MHz) was logged, while Limerick's Sound Channel (97.7) was heard in that city.

most of their transmissions to this band. Keep an ear open!

Scott also sent along an interesting report on the English offshore pirate station. We will have to hold that until next month. At that time, I will also report on what I managed to hear on some of these stations during my recent trip.

And now...

The Return of Havana Moon

by Havana Moon: I'm back! That roar of approval (?) is just what I expected. It's so darned nice to know that so many of you missed (?) my column and welcome (?) it back.

And why did it stop in the first place? Well that's not an embarrassing question to answer. Let's just say that other commitments were catching up with me. Were they ever!

During my hiatus, I've marked a number of milestones. Most notable is my book on numbers stations, *Uno, Dos, Cuatro* (Tear Publications). It's available from Imprime, Box 241, Radnor Station, Radnor, PA 19087, as well as several other *Monitoring Times* advertisers. Get the hint? Buy the book!

And if you are new to *Monitoring Times*, I'm the guy shrouded in black wearing a fedora that used to do a column entitled "Los Numeros." I wrote a lot about "numbers" transmissions and other things that go bump-in-the-night. I also--at times--managed to offend U.S. Government agencies, a few readers, and one foreign government that shall remain nameless.

And all it takes to be included in this column is for you to forward your intercepts, comments, or whatever to Havana Moon in care of *Monitoring Times*. Nothing could be easier. Nothing that is--except hearing a "numbers" transmission. I understand, however, that there are many of you that have never heard a numbers transmission! I find that very strange. But in future columns I'll tell you the best frequencies, times and many other things about "numbers" transmissions in non-technical language.

I'm a former member of the intelligence community and have been involved in communications activities for almost more years than I care to remember. And if you think I'm going to discuss my former days as a "spook"--forget it. Suffice it to say I was not Director of NSA! I was also not night porter at the KGB

outpost in Managua as has been suggested! Try somewhere in between. Maybe it was night porter at PTL.

As there is a *Monitoring Times* team, so there is a Havana Moon team. I've often been derelict in my duties by not giving the Havana Moon team proper credit for their very able assistance and friendship. They play a very important part in this column. There's Detective Lieutenant John Fuard and the nearly famous Eric Connors. Eric is the guy who's a first class pro when it comes to the ins-and-outs of governments.

And there's a new Havana Moon team member, and she's a somewhat mysterious member. Her name is Diane H. Diane, for some strange reason, and had the audacity to be born in Alaska; however, she now calls Pennsylvania home. Diane is a most methodical research expert. She's also, of all things, a Ouija specialist and likes "silent flowers!" Now, if Diane would only tell her story...

Hot "Numbers" Frequency List: 3090 kHz, 3120, 3125, 3130, 3690. Some, but not all, "numbers" transmissions on the above frequency do originate from downtown Havana! Repeat frequency for the above is 4030 kHz at 30 past the hour. 3445, 4030, 4445, 4670, 4780. The above is a very important frequency to watch. It is a FEMA (Mt. Weather) frequency. FEMA--for reasons known only to FEMA--does not like to talk about "numbers" transmissions. 4825, 5060, 5080, 5090, 5135. Note that 5134.5 is a discrete FEMA frequency! 5810, 6802, 6825, 6835, 6840, 7404, 7527. The above frequency is but another curious "numbers" frequency. Seems that "numbers" transmissions literally forced U.S. Customs to abandon this frequency.

And speaking of Mt. Weather and FEMA, be sure to pick up a copy of William Poundstones' *Bigger Secrets* (Houghton Mifflin). Be sure to read every word in chapter nine. Poundstone, as only Poundstone can, reveals a lot of things about Mt. Weather that FEMA would just as soon you not know.

I'm not really sure if I'm allowed to mention Tecate or not in this column. But what the heck. And time now for a Tecate and...Adios, from Havana Moon y Amigas

That's it from the Outer Limits team. See you in 30. ■

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All these were logged on a small pocket radio. When you travel to a foreign country, or even a different part of your own, take advantage of the situation to hear something different. You do not have to haul a lot of expensive equipment along.

And if you are not traveling to Ireland, there is still time to hear Radio Dublin on shortwave. It is on 6910, 24 hours a day, and can be heard throughout the year in the Eastern United States if conditions are right. It has made it through all the way to the West Coast on occasion. The station is a good verifier. Reports go to 5B Inchicore Road, Kilainham, Dublin 8, Ireland, but play it safe. Don't wait too long. Speaking of pirates, it's time to hear from Scott.

The McClellan Report:

It appears as though an effort is being made to get U.S. pirate stations to move away from the overcrowded 41-meter band, in favor of the area just above the 90-meter tropical band. Radio North Coast International is sending letters to various stations urging them to give the range between 3400-3500 a try. Test transmissions on this band have produced excellent results. So far, KROK and Zeppelin Radio Worldwide are joining RNCI in moving