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GERMANY/USA: It's been reported that the new Clinton administration will propose the merging of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty into the Voice of America. The president of the two stations, Eugene Pell, has told the RFE/RL Works Council that the proposal is for the two stations to cease operations on October 1, 1995.

There have been a number of protests: the Chairman of the Latvian Supreme Council, Anatolijs Gorbunovs, has appealed to President Bill Clinton not to close the two stations, saying they have been a significant force in the process of gaining independence in Latvia, and the rebirth of democracy there is not completed yet.

The US-based Nobel Prize winning Polish writer Czeslaw Milosz has also appealed for the two stations to stay on the air. Although the Cold War has come to an end, he argues, a source of sound objective information is still very much needed in the areas of central and eastern Europe hit by civil wars. [1] via [2]

In a commentary distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, William Pfaff, who worked for the RFE/RL supervisory organization when it was run by the Central Intelligence Agency, says RFE has recovered from "a not wholly undeserved reputation for recklessness and Radio Liberty for a reactionary and fairly mindless anti-Communism." He says that while the need for the stations in some countries with new and democratic press services has diminished, this is not the case everywhere.

The VOA's Audience Research Officer, Dr. Kim Elliott, has written an article called "International Broadcasting on a Budget", supporting the merger, pointing out that VOA and RFE/RL share 17 languages in common, which he says is a great waste in resources. He adds that the United States spends more than twice as much as the BBC for international broadcasting, nevertheless, employing only half as many journalists, and attracting half the audience.

He also argues against the proposed introduction of a new Radio Free China, and calls for the creation of a new autonomous American international broadcaster. Dr. Elliott also points out "VOA is alone among international broadcasters in that it does not include broadcasting to its fellow citizens abroad as part of its mandate", and urges that the US government avoid competition where the private sector can do the job, a clear reference to CNN. [2]

GERMANY: Deutsche Welle is to take over all German external broadcasting with effect from July 1st. It will take on all the responsibility it currently shares with Deutschlandfunk. It is expected that Deutschlandfunk will become solely responsible for home broadcasting within Germany [3] via [4] via [5]

GREECE: Voice of Greece is on the air in English to Europe and America at 1540-1550 on 15630, 15645 and 17525 kHz, 1903-1915 on 7450 and 9375 kHz, followed on the same frequencies in French at 1915-1930 and German 1930-1945. [3] via [4] via [5]

ITALY: 7379.8 Idea Radio, Genova is a new station on shortwave. The station is very anxious to get reception report, says Technical Manager Mr. Laudicina. 2 IRC's are required and they asks to wait 60 days to print QSL-letters. Address is P.O.Box 38, 16030 Gattorna (Genova) or Via Elsa 11/2, 16152 Genova. Power is 500 watts. [6]

9420 R Europa Internazionale, Brescia was active during Christmas 1992, but is now inactive. Address: Via Gerardi 6, 25124 Brescia. [6]

1502v R Yoga Network, Bologna is a new station. Broadcasts 1230-2000 Monday-Friday and 0600-2000 Saturday-Sunday. Address is P.O.Box 610, 40100 Bologna. Phone: +39-51-371 832. Director is Renzo Samaritani. The station is operated by the Hare Krishna Movement. [6]

1548v Paper Radio/Top Italia Radio, Vicenza (ex-Key Radio) (ex-ex-R.N-O-I 1553v). Address is Viale Trento 200, 36100 Vicenza.

1318 R Campogalliano is announcing as "Radio 107". [6]

7294 R Europe, Pioltello in USB-mode 0800-1300 and on 25900 in USB at 1300-2000. [6]

MONACO: R Blagovest broadcasts in Russian via Monte Carlo: 0730-0800 on 12020 on Sundays and 1850-1950 on 7385 (Mondays to Saturdays). The TWR schedule doesn't list these. Address: Catholic Radio and TV Network, 32-34 Rue de l'Association, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium [7] via [8]

Trans World Radio's summer schedule: In Dutch: 2015-2030 on 1467 kHz (only Monday). In English: 0640-0820 on 9480 kHz (Sundays until 0845), 2030-2130 on 1395 kHz (except Saturday & Sunday), 2200-2230 on 1467 kHz (Sunday until 2300). In French: 0230-0300 on 216 kHz. In German: 0345-0415 on 1467 and 6230 kHz, 0730-0745 on 7160 and 9795 kHz (Sundays until 0815), 1005-1020 on 7160 and 9795 kHz (not on Sunday), 1330-1400 on 7160 and 9795 kHz, 1900-1930 on 1395 kHz, 1930-2000 on 6230 (until 2015 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday), 1930-2015 on 1467 kHz. [3] via [4] via [5]

NETHERLANDS: Radio 3 on 675 kHz MW is no longer available. In the next few months the Ministry of WVC will determine which commercial radiostation will use this frequency. Radio 3 is the national popmusic radiostation now only transmitting on different FM frequencies throughall the country.

Netherland's Minister of Culture Ms. D'Ancona has decided to continue broadcasting Radio 1 on 747 kHz AM, because of protests of truck-drivers and Dutch people, living in foreign countries. This decision may be not right according to European rules for stations transmitting on AM and FM at the same time. But now radio 1 (Dutch newsstation) is broadcasting on both bands. [9]

NORWAY: cf. Svalbard!!!

RUSSIA: Radio Seven (Sem) is a new independent radio station in Samara. Address is Gagarina 6A, 443079 Samara. Programs in Russian, Tatar, Mordiv, Chivash, German, Polish and Yiddish have been heard. It operates on 6115 kHz 0600-0700 daily, 0700-0800 Saturdays & Sundays. Also heard at 0500 and 1300. At other times the station carries R Kazan programs. The power is 5 kW (some sources says 200 kW, but those are probably wrong). [8]

R Alpha & Omega has expanded its schedule to 1400-1600 on 9795 kHz. [8]

R Art has also the address Treskaya 29 korp 1, Moscow 103050. President is Mr. E.Sotnikov. Current schedule is 0400-0700 on 11665 and 1500-1800 on 11700. [8]

R Diapzon, Perm in Russian on 5290 kHz at 0430-0500 is a new station. [10] via [6]

9880 R Galaxy announces an address P.O.Box 7, 117418 Moscow. [1] via [11] in [12]

R Rukhi Meroc (Spiritual Heritage) address: Islamckiy Tsentr g. Moskva i Moskovskoy Oblasti, Vypolzov per., d.7, 129090 Moscow. Telephone is +7-095-281 49 04. Broadcasts on Fridays at 1600-1645 on 1089, 4055, 17890 in Tatar. V/s is Sheykh Ravil Gaynutdin. [10] via [6], [13] via [14]

DW current schedule over transmitter in Samara : 0300-0355 on 12055 in Pashto, 1000-1050 on 17735 in Persian, 1400-1800 on 7315 in German, 0200-0250 on 12055 in English and 0800-0850 on 17675 in Dari. In addition there are some transmissions from Novosibirsk and Irkutsk. [15] via [8] via [12]

R Nadezhda lists this schedule from March 7th: 0800-1100 on 630, 6050, 15460. At 1500-1800 on 7390, 9490, 11870, 11910, 17675. 1500-2100 on 1440. 2000-2300 on 1215 and 5905. [7] via [8]

The name 'Radio Moscow' is going to disappear as from March 28. A new name is mentioned as "Russian Wave". Uncertain is if all languages used will be continued. [3] via [4] via [5]

Voice of the Assyrians, Moscow is transmitting at 1600-1630 (Wed/Sat) on 1170, 1494 and 5905 kHz. Address: Pyatnitskaya Street 25, Moscow, Russia. [3] via [4] via [5]

SLOVAKIA: Slovak R foreign service broadcasts in Slovak, English, French, German and Russian. In English the stations transmits as follows: 1130-1157 on 7345, 9505 and 11990. 2030-2057 on 7345. 0200-0227 on 5930 and 9580. All times are CET! [1] via [11] via [12]

SVALBARD: Norwegian coast radio stations are going to start relaying "Dagsnytt"-bulletins of NRK. Stations are: Vardø Radio on 1713 and 1737 kHz, Hammerfest Radio on 1635 kHz and Svalbard Radio on 1731 kHz. All are USB. Vardø and Hammerfest broadcasts at 1033, 1600 and 2233 UTC and Svalbard at 0700, 1500 and 1900 UTC. It is also possible that for example Jan Mayen and Hopen will join later! [16]

UKRAINE: R Lugansk has a local program 0500-0530 and 1600-1615 on 7246 and 1485 kHz. [17] via [14]

R Ukraine International is scheduled in German at 1800-1855, 2100-2155 and 0000-0055 on 6010, 7240, 9675, 9710, 9860, 11770, 11960 and 15195 kHz. In English at 2200-2225 they use the same frequencies. [3] via [4] via [5]

A station announcing "Hovorit Ivano-Frankjevsk" was heard on 1584 kHz in Finland. What station is this? I haven't seen any news about it yet. [18]

UNITED KINGDOM: Wye Valley Radio have won the franchise for High Wycombe. The program format will cater for a pre-dominantly middle aged audience, with oldies and classical/easy listening music. They plan to commence broadcasting on September 1st, 1993 on 1170 kHz. [19]

Offshore special event station Radio North Sea is on the air in April in Edinburgh. The station is in the ship and broadcasts on 1602 kHz. [20] in [16]

KCBC Kettering/Corby is now on 1584 kHz (ex-1530) because of QRM from Vatican Radio on 1530. They have also increased their power. [20] in [16]

630/1161 BBC Three Counties Radio is the new name for Radio Bedfordshire. [20] in [16]

The BBC and Radio Korea will begin relays from each other's transmitters on May 1st. Radio Korea's English service will be relayed from Britain at 2030, with French at 2100 and German at 2145. The BBC will be relayed from South Korea in English at 1300-1400 and in Chinese at 2200-2300. Beginning July 1st, each station will add an extra hour relay, with Radio Korea's Korean service from Britain at 0630 , and the BBC's Cantonese service from Korea at 2300. However, the frequencies have not yet been decided. [21] via [1] via [2]

CREDITS: [1] BBC Monitoring Service [2] Sweden Calling DXers [3] Dale Vanderpoel [4] Shortwave Paradise BBS [5] InterNet [6] Play-DX [7] NR [8] Australian DX News [9] Remco A.Rutten [10] Anatoli Klepov [11] FK [12] Short Wave News [13] Yoshinori Kato [14] Orbita [15] R.Rudnev [16] DX-News [17] Russia DX Club [18] Risto Kotalampi [19] Contact [20] Bernt Erfjord [21] Radio Japan