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Dear Members,

Here once again is all the latest news of what is happening in the "world" of independent radio.

At the present time Parliament is in recess and consequently there is not a lot happening which is catching the public eye. However, there are many undercurrents with the television companies at the fore. Many of the I.T.V. contractors are preparing themselves to get into the commercial radio field. The C.I.B. believes that if the I.T.V. contractors are allowed a major stake in the commercial radio companies it will lead to an extension of their monopoly, of commercial broadcasting. We should not want the same people who run commercial T.V. to run commercial radio; we feel that opportunities should be left open for new companies, especially in areas where there will be only one commercial radio station. A view recently expressed by Brum Henderson, Managing Director of Ulster Television said that to prevent a future Government ever trying to take control of broadcasting, the organisation should be a large concern, i.e. the television companies being involved. However, we feel that the larger the organisation is, the more inclined a future restrictive Government may be to take it over.

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications recently announced that Mr. John Thompson has been given the post of Senior Adviser to the Minister to help set up the commercial radio stations. We shall, of course, try and arrange a meeting in the near future to discuss our views. Meantime, we are still meeting potential operators and M.P.'s where possible to express our views to them.

We expect the legislation to introduce the stations to be presented to Parliament by November of this year, providing there are no sudden emergencies which require a large amount of Parliamentary time.

THE OFF-SHORE STATIONS:

Radio Nordsee International - The result of the recent court case between them and Radio Veronica over the bombing incident earlier this year, was that the two Directors of Radio Veronica and the seamen concerned with the bombing, were all imprisoned for one year. Mr. Bollier sent a letter to the President of the Court hoping that he would be lenient with them, as R.N.I. and Veronica had come to a working agreement.

There have been several d.j. changes since the last newsletter and English programmes are now as follows:

MONDAY - SATURDAY

18.00	-	20.00	Mark Stuart	
20.00	-	22.00	Mike Ross	Rob Eden
22.00	-	24.00	Cris St. John	and
24.00	-	03.00	Dave Rodgers	Paul May are relief d.j.'s

R.N.I. broadcasts 24 hours-a-day from 06.00 Friday till 03.00 Monday.

On Sundays the World Service operates on 49m.b. (6205 kHz) and 31m.b. (9935 kHz) from 07.00 - 18.00 in English.

Sunday Programmes

18.00	-	19.00	In Concert
19.00	-	21.00	English Top 20
21.00	-	23.00	Hitback Show
23.00	-	24.00	Album Show
24.00	-	03.00	Dave Rodgers

On the Dutch Service, Joost Verhoeven is on the air between 10.00 - 12.00.
"Driemaster" presented alternately by the three Dutch newsreaders, from 16.00 - 18.00
"live" from the Mebo II. The newsreaders are: Hans Ten Hooge, Leo Van Der Goot and
Nico Steenberg.

Radio Veronica - Over the past few months Veronica have organised a Veronica blijft
campaign. The slogan: "Veronica blijft (als u dat wilt)" - "Veronica stays (if you
want it)" has been printed on millions of postcards, and people in Holland have been
completing them with their name and address and sending them back to Veronica. A
spokesman for Radio Veronica claimed that it had been very successful and that they
had received well over a million cards back. The d.j.'s also made a record (which
featured recently in the R.N.I. charts), called "Veronica". It calls upon all
Dutchmen to come out and support Veronica. On the other side are many jingles, and
the d.j.'s explaining in Dutch, what Veronica have been doing for the past 11 years.
It is a very good record and well worth the cost of 84p (7 guilders). It can be
obtained from "Newsbeat", the address is elsewhere in the newsletter. It makes a very
good souvenir. And talking of souvenirs

R.N.I. Souvenir Book - This is now available, and as well as the pictures in edition
one, this second edition has many new ones. It includes photographs of the bombed
ship, as well as d.j.'s past and present. The History of R.N.I. is in Dutch and
English. The book is available from: R.N.I. Book (CIB), P.O. Box 113, CH-8047
Zurich, Switzerland. The price is 10 guilders which is approximately £1.25. Send
only International Money Order or cash in a registered envelope. Do not send a
personal cheque or British postal order.

C.I.B. NATIONAL TAPE LIBRARY:

Since we started this service to members, a few months ago, popularity has grown so
fast that we can hardly keep up with the demand for recordings. Up to now we have
tried to send you your recordings within 3 weeks, but please be patient if yours takes
longer from now on. All the same we will always return your tapes just as soon as
possible. Our new list (No. 3) is now out and includes many more interesting
recordings. If you have sent a s.a.e. some time ago you will receive a copy of List 3
automatically and by the time you read this, yours may have already arrived. If you
have not already asked for details why not do it now! Please enclose a foolscap s.a.e.
and at the same time let us know if YOU have any good quality recordings you think
could be of interest to other members. Remember this is basically a free service so
take advantage of it while you can!

One point for our members outside Britain. With the recent increase of British Postal
charges we must unfortunately increase the service charge for tapes sent abroad to 40p.
Sorry about this but it is unavoidable - otherwise we are making an actual loss on each
tape sent!

One last matter for everyone interested: PLEASE NOTE that in future the address of our
Tape Library is:

41a Banchory Road,
London, S.E.3.

RADIO MANX:

Britain's only legal commercial radio station, sent out a circular a few weeks ago
from their sales office, stating that they will be starting transmissions from a new
10 kilowatt transmitter by the end of this month. However, they did omit to mention
that they had not yet obtained permission from the Post Office for the increase in
power. Therefore, the Sales Office had to send round another circular pointing this
fact out. Let us hope it is not too long before Mr. Chataway says "Yes". For your
information, Radio Manx broadcasts on the following frequencies:

232m (1295 kHz) - daylight hours
188m (1594 kHz) - dawn and dusk
89 MHz and 91.2 MHz FM throughout the day.

NEWSBEAT:

The third issue of this popular magazine is available from November 1st. This issue
contains all the latest news from Holland about R.N.I. and Veronica. Also featured a
new regular page by R.N.I. d.j. Mark Stuart, as well as his and Mike Ross's life
lines. There are interviews with Dutch d.j.'s Rob Out, Peter Holland, Tom Collins,
and Herman Stok. A photograph of R.N.I.'s D-X programme presenter A. J. Beirens and
details of the November and December editions of that programme. Also included
regular features, "Grubble" and the competition. The price for the magazine is only

20p and copies can be obtained from "Newsbeat" (CIB) 26 Spey Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks.

I.T.V. 2

Many of you may have seen in the press, over the past few months pressure building up for a second commercial television channel.

Whilst realising that you joined C.I.B. in order to help promote the introduction of independent radio it is interesting to note however that the fields of communication are to a certain extent inter-related.

At a meeting of the Royal Television Society, Mr. Peter Morley, a producer who made the "Mountbatten" programme, stated that it may be necessary to appoint directors of I.T.V. 1 and I.T.V. 2 along B.B.C. lines. He also said that the I.T.V. programmes might have to be controlled more directly by the I.T.A. when I.T.V. 2 comes into being. This will mean, in effect, that I.T.V. will become a commercial B.B.C., i.e. "Commercial Broadcasting Corporation". There will be even less freedom for the programme contractors. Now as the I.T.A. will be re-named I.B.A. so as to run the commercial radio stations, this attitude would more than likely be extended to radio. We don't envisage anything exciting about the Government's plans as they stand; with this theory added they would be worse than ever. We shall oppose, therefore, any move which will invest any further control into the I.T.A.

NORTH OF ENGLAND FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN:

The N.E.F.R.C. is now the largest network of 'free radio' groups of which C.I.B. is a part. There are well over 50 area organisers. It issues a newsletter every month to members, which includes what the various area organisers are doing. The N.E.F.R.C. leaves the policy to individual area organisers, to promote free radio in their own locality. This includes distributing leaflets, and other publicity material, petitions etc. For more details send s.a.e. to N.E.F.R.C. (CIB) 12 Queens Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 2.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

Our General Secretary reports that there are now quite a number of members whose subscriptions have lapsed. It would obviously be very costly to write to all the members concerned, so we would ask that all members whose subscriptions are due for renewal to send their subscription fee to us as soon as possible. We are as usual, printing a renewal form at the end of this newsletter for your convenience. If you are paying by cheque, as the banks do not recognise the $\frac{1}{2}$ p, we would be grateful if you would make your cheques out for 38p and payable to "Campaign for Independent Broadcasting."

If you have lost your membership card, or you are not sure when your renewal was or is due, please send us a s.a.e. and we will let you know, by return, when it is/was due.

Recently, we have had several members contact us because they have not heard us. This is because they have changed their address and forgot to inform us. If the address on the envelope is different to your address please let us know. If you intend moving please also let us know.

C.I.B. FUTURE POLICY:

We shall be continuing in the coming weeks, and months, to take all measures possible to urge a more flexible system of radio broadcasting. This will include making representations to the I.T.A., especially those members who will be actively concerned in setting up the new radio system, which includes Mr. John Thompson, who we referred to earlier. We shall continue, of course, to keep our Parliamentary lobbying.

However, the committee represents YOU. So, if you have any constructive ideas or suggestions for a future course of action, do please write and let us know.

Finally, we should like to know if one of our members sent us something in a pink envelope but did not receive a reply. This is because we received an empty envelope! The only part of the postmark we can read is that it was dated 6th August 1971 and timed at 8.45 but we do not know whether it was a.m. or p.m. The post district begins "CHE....", but we can read no more! If this was you, perhaps you will kindly send whatever you were sending again!

Well, that is it for another newsletter. If we do not have an opportunity to communicate before, let us wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to hearing from YOU.

Sincerely,

THE COMMITTEE