

Free Radio Campaign, Ireland.



'NEWSLETTER'

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Legalised murder of Caroline

The execution of Radio Caroline is the greatest harm done to rock music. It is a definite case of discrimination.

It seems to me that popular music these days is governed by a desire to make money quick with a minimum of talent, originality and effort. Groups like the Bay City Rollers, Showaddywaddy and their imitators are controlled by accountants.

Now I'm not saying that the music of Led Zeppelin, Yes and Genesis is produced with no regard for money making. Perhaps we pseuds are controlled zombie-like by these bands. But isn't it fair that these bands should get air time. Radio One, through Messrs Freeman and Peel shed a little light on the darkness, but surely if bopper music can get whole channels to itself then so-called progressive music should be given the same service. So why get rid of Caroline?

It think the lucrative industry of hit-making and bopper-producing controls more than just the boppers. It's got the Government and the BBC under its grubby hands. — Nigel Thompson, Higham Green, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

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He campaigns for 'free radio'

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A DUBLIN man has launched a campaign for a free radio network in Ireland. Mr. Kieran Murray, of Charleston Road, Ranelagh, has formed an Irish branch of the international "Free Radio Campaign," a non-profit making organisation for free radio stations both offshore and land based.

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RADIO DUBLIN



Said Mr. Murray: "What we are looking for is a radio network that is free from any Government control. We would like to see radio stations being set up in different areas and run by the local people.

"The type of station we have in mind is a 24-hour music service promoting Irish groups and interspread with programmes about the surrounding area."

He added that apart from the local interest, "I think it would be very good for the Irish music industry.

"There are commercial stations in England which promote English and American records. If we had Irish stations we could promote our own music."

"But we are planning to launch a big publicity campaign over the next few months and we are preparing a newsletter with up to date information on free radio stations".

Mr. Murray added that in other countries F.R.C. opinion polls had demonstrated that the public wanted regional, national and international stations, providing an alternative to the Government controlled stations, and that these stations should be free from any external political, commercial or union pressures.

Left: Recent photo of Dr. Don which appeared in 'Starlight' magazine dated 2nd Sept 1976.

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HELLO FREE RADIO FREAKS!

WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER THREE OF IRELAND'S ONLY FREE RADIO MAGAZINE!!
IN THIS EDITION WE HAVE THE HISTORY OF RADIO ANTRIM AND A NOTE ON CAPITOL'S BIRTHDAY BROADCAST. OUR
STATIONS RECEIVED COLUMN IS BACK - MAINLY DUE TO THE GOOD SUPPORT WE'VE BEEN GETTING FROM MEMBERS.
WE ALSO HAVE A NEW ADDITION TO OUR 'NEWSLETTER': F.R.C.I. "NEWSDESK" - THE NEWS AS IT HAPPENS!!
DO KEEP THOSE LETTERS ROLLING IN - WE REPLY TO THEM ALL - AND DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE AN S.A.E. OR AN
I.R.C. EVERY LITTLE HELPS! L.A. AND GOOD VIBES!

Kieran Murray - EDITOR.

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THE HISTORY OF RADIO ANTRIM - BY NIGEL McCELLAND.....

In July 1973 test transmissions were heard on 215 metres (1395Khz) medium wave when the voice of D.J. Richard Black announced the birth of Belfast's first Free Radio station - Radio Antrim.

Radio Antrim's intention was to provide a service for Belfast which neither the BBC nor IBA could give. The format consisted of music of all kinds and news of local interest. This went throughout the night with as much chat and listeners letters as possible.

It's callsign: "Testing, testing, 1...2...3...4... This is Pirate Station Radio Antrim, non political, non commercial station broadcasting with a power of 17 watts from Belfast, Northern Ireland." was to become familiar to Free Radio enthusiasts.

Several difficulties were encountered on the first transmissions, - the most significant being that speech was distorted and sounded mumbled when a radio was correctly tuned into the station. This condition improved however, as following transmissions showed.

At this stage no mailing address was given although one was promised. The initial power of the station was 17 watts which was enough to cover Belfast.

With an interval of a year, Radio Antrim resumed transmissions (1974) with a more thoroughly prepared format and a mailing address in England: 18 Knightsbridge Road, Oulton, Solihull, Birmingham, England. Richard Black had produced a Radio Antrim Q.S.L. card which he promised to send in reply to listeners reception reports.

The format now consisted of Top 20 singles, Oldies and Country & Western intermixed with chat. The station was not as successful as had been hoped, even though the Home Office and the Post Office had not interfered. Very few letters were received and in the next transmissions Richard Black appealed for a greater response and a new mailing address was given: 2 Cosway Mansions, Cosway Street, London NW1.

A new voice appeared behind the mike, this was of D.J. and news reader Paul Hamill who had two pre-recorded shows broadcast on 224 metres (1340Khz). The shows consisted of Oldies and the theme tunes from various offshore stations, giving the sound of Radio Antrim a little enterprise.

However, since November 1975 nothing has been heard of this station.....

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Amsterdam, Holland. Don't forget to enclose your own name and address!

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F.R.C.I. member Nigel McClland in Belfast received Radio Gloria International on 6.25 Mhz (48mb) on Saturday 17th July. Reception very poor with a S.I.N.P.O. of only 23111. Nigel also sends us a list of all the Free Radio stations currently broadcasting to Belfast:- Radio Echo 224 & 215mts(1340 & 1395Khz) Radio Big Jim/Ajax 247 (1214Khz) after Radio One goes off and 227mts (1320Khz). Radio Seagull (frequency not mentioned) on-air last summer broadcasting the B.B.C's T.V. Test Card music!! Another F.R.C.I. member Martin Byrne of Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 12, reports that on Friday 6th August he received Radio Cleo on 213mts (1410Khz) at approx. 01.00hrs. Also received on Friday 6th August by F.R.C.I. member Leslie Anderson of Ardlea Road, Artane, Dublin 5, a station called Radio Peel on 215mts (1395Kh) playing oldies and progressive music. D.J. was Arno St. Jude. Radio 215 were heard testing on 1395Khz on Sunday 29th August with a good signal, though modulation was a little low. Address read out as:- Radio 215, 1 Streamstown, Malahide, Co. Dublin. Martin Byrne also tells us that he wrote to a station broadcasting from the Netherlands called Radio Tom Cat(!). They broadcast on 1320Khz and their mailing address is:- P.O. Box 47, Oude Pekela, N.E. Netherlands. Our thanks to all reporters - Ed.

'FREE RADIO FOCUS' - The magazine with all the latest Free Radio news. Single copies are just 10p each plus an I.R.C. A subscription for 6 issues: £1.10 (Irl. & U.K.), or £1.30 for Europe, both include postage. It's available now from: F.O.R.P., Mark Dezzani, 13 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex, England.

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(((((((((((The Free Radio Campaign - Keeping Free Radio ALIVE in Ireland))))))))))

ATTENTION! All Free Radio Freaks!

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PIRATE CASSETTES FOR SALE. CASSETTES POUR VENTE. KASSETTEN VER KAUFEN.

(1). The Ed Mac Dowell Show on Capitol Radio.

Details: The last show before Post Office raid. Includes at beginning Capitol's "Christmas Promo". Good quality records and jingles. Broadcast: Dec. 21st 1975 at 12 noon on 220m (1358Khz)
Sound quality: A. (STUDIO TAPE) Time 40 mins. Price £1.75. (X).

(2). Radio's Dublin, Laxey, Premier and Capitol.

Details: Record breaks, jingles, I.D's, music and chat from all four stations.
Quality varies due to different stations signal strength.
Broadcast: Sunday 16th May 1976 between 12 noon and 5.30pm.
Time 1 hour. Price £1.75. (X).

(3). Radio Dublin Announcing Raid by Post Office on Capitol.

Details: Extracts from the Dr. Don show in which he explains what happened to Capitol and plays taped extracts from Capitol's last transmission.
Broadcast: December 28th 1975 at 1.30pm on 253mts (1185Khz).
Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins. Price £1.25. (X).

(4). Premier Radio - First Official Broadcast.

Details: Records and chat with D.J's Jimmy St. Ledger and Pat Brighton.
This station dissappeared shortly afterwards.
Broadcast: Sunday 20th June 1976 at 12.30pm on 219mts (1370Khz).
Sound quality: B. Time 1 hour. Price £1.75. (X).

(5). The Dr. Don Show on Radio Dublin.

Details: Chat (lots), music and jingles from Dublin's longest surviving Free Radio station.
Broadcast: February 22nd 1976 at 1.30pm on 253mts (1185Khz).
Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins (approx.) Price £1.20. (X).

(6). 'Old Time' Music from Radio Laxey.

Details: Dublin's only light, middle of the road music Free Radio station. D.J's name is Polly!!
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