

The WEEKLY REPORT ANORAKS

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With both the postal strike and 'Communicate 88' now out of the way, we can hopefully at last get back to normal operations, and a regular six page issue. For those readers who were unable to make it, pages three and four of this issue feature a run down of the day's events at 'Communicate 88', which was held last Saturday, 24th September.

On the radio front, recent newspaper articles received from Dublin indicate that things are at last moving with regard to the setting up of the Independent Radio and Television Commission. The attached cuttings sheet indicates that this was to happen 'within days' (from 6th September report). This will certainly give some initial encouragement to those already working on the existing 'free radio stations', and who wish to continue their employment in radio without a period of being out of work. However, no specific dates have been given for anything and this will again lead to a certain amount of scepticism that the announcements are just a publicity stunt, in order to keep everyone happy. Does any government at all (especially the British one) know what it's doing? One wonders!

In the U.K., the IBA attempt to save its skin, by attempting to oversee 20 community stations is getting much publicity. Meanwhile, the DTI are still active, but up until last weekend appeared to be operating at a lower level, perhaps due to financial restraints. Certainly, the London stations have been having a good time of it lately, with very few having been raided. Several stations have lost transmitters, but not through the DTI it appears, as we understand that someone has been travelling around removing them. In the provinces, activity was in evidence in the North West last weekend, with a couple of stations going down.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. Plenty of new merchandise found its way to us this week, most of it being first seen at 'Communicate 88'. **Monitor 37** finally appeared, after many months of planning to be ready for last Saturday's convention, only to be delayed in the post. This latest issue has 72 pages, and is in the usual A5 format. Since the last Monitor was published during mid-1987, plenty has happened in the offshore radio world, and all the stories have been covered in this issue. We start off with a long, but interesting and factual account about the American station Radio NewYork International. Then it's into the detailed Caroline and Monique logs and snippets from the past year. Other features in this issue include the regular 'Viewpoint' section which looks

at the religious programmes broadcast from the Ross Revenge, and what could be a final look at the Communicator, tracing the story from the Summer of 1987 to the present day at its Mistley anchorage(!). The cost for this excellent, long awaited publication filled with masses of reading matter, is £2.00 including postage and packing..... Hot on the heels of issue 22, **Wavelength No. 23** arrived this week. At 90p including postage and packing, this one has the regular features 'offshore diary', shortwave, U.K., medium wave and FM land-based news, information and addresses. Specials this time include a profile of Heatwave Community Radio, briefings on WFRL and Radio Fax, a review of the Laser 558 L.P. and the story of a second visit to Ireland by Steve West. It all makes interesting reading..... From Holland, **Off Shore No. 46** is much thicker than the last issue, with 44 pages and many photographs. This magazine has articles in both the English and Dutch languages, and as the title suggests, is devoted entirely to offshore radio stations, both past and present. Price is £2.00 including postage and packing..... A cassette which has been awaited for some time, featuring the man who has done everything in radio, was premiered at 'Communicate 88'. **'The Johnny Lewis Story'** has been produced by the Radio Broadcasting Library, and brings us through his chequered 10 years in free radio. This 90 minute documentary tape features Johnny Lewis telling the story of his days at sea on Caroline, The Voice of Peace and Laser, along with his spell-on Irish radio. The Johnny Lewis Story is introduced by Peter Philips and also includes contributions from Roger Matthews, Stuart Vincent and Dennis Jason. Hear Johnny tell the true story about the early days of Laser, life on the Mi Amigo and the Ross Revenge, as well as many more interesting stories. In addition to this, the cassette includes many interesting and rare studio recordings. The price is £4.95 including postage and packing.... Also available for the first time at last Saturday's convention, was a book entitled **Radio Caroline - The Ross Revenge Photobook**. This was produced especially for the event, by Offshore Echo's, and will be advertised in the next issue of their magazine. The photo-book consists of in excess of 70, single sided A4 pages with photographs and captions on each page, tracing the story of the return of Caroline from its days in Santander harbour, up to the present time. The cost for this item is £8.99 including postage and packing.... From E.A.P. comes the cassette only version of **Another 10 Years of Offshore Radio**. This item is sold, as although it will eventually be out in L.P. form, many readers prefer a cassette version. This two hour long tape of airchecks, covers the highlights of the offshore radio scene from 1974 up to July 1988 (Radios Caroline, Mi Amigo, Atlantis, Veronica, Delmare, Laser 558 / Hot Hits and World Mission Radio), and complements the first L.P., 'Ten Years of Offshore Radio'. Price is £10.00, inclusive of postage and packing.