

RADIO VERONICA were not heard on 1413kHz on Monday night, and have not been heard on 199m through the week.

R.N.I. were not heard on Friday night, but see under Radio Eleanor.

RADIO ELEANOR were heard "testing" on Friday night. Suspect that they may have been operating on their "new" frequency, close to 1413kHz, but they closed down before I had chance to check them out. Everything seemed to be normal on Saturday whenever the frequency was checked, but on Sunday, Station "M" apologised for Radio Eleanor's "intermittant operation and early close-down" on the previous day. During one of the programmes, it was announced that there would be no competition set this week, as all the personnel would be very busy next week. Station "M" announced that Radio Eleanor would shortly be changing frequency and operating on both Saturday and Sunday.

CENTRAL RADIO have not been heard at all this weekend. Suspect that last Saturday's fairly rapid "run-down" may have been a Tx failure which has not yet been repaired.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO were heard "testing modulation" on both Thursday and Friday night. The signal is now strong enough to be picked up on a small pocket-portable Rx, but is very poor to say the least. On Thursday night, I suspected that someone was deliberately jamming them, but this could not be, as the "jammer" was not much stronger than LPR. On Friday, from 6pm the jamming was deliberate. Prior to 6pm, the effect was the same as on the previous night, but at 6pm, a very strong jamming signal was heard on frequency. This lasted for very few minutes before it was replaced by a tape of MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO's repeat tape of their Bank Holiday Monday broadcast of the Steve Bishop Show. This transmission was continually switched on and off, apparently in an effort to establish whether LPR were still operating. By 7:30pm, both stations had gone. On Saturday, LPR were operating, and a check showed that they have drifted in frequency down to 1236kHz, where they were virtually "wiped-out" by Boyneside Radio, Killeen on 1233kHz. A check on Sunday showed that Boyneside Radio itself was suffering QRM from an unidentified, Irish-sounding station on approx 1230kHz. On Sunday, although not checked, LPR seem to have drifted even closer to Boyneside Radio, which could be heard on both sides of LPR. Result was a disaster. The speech from both stations could just about be heard when the other station was playing music, but two speeches or two musics was unreadable. At approximately 1pm, Phil Davies handed over to Jeff Stone, but LPR seem to have gone off the air shortly afterwards, and were not heard again.

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO did not make their announced 8am to 8pm broadcast on seven days this week. As expected, they were not heard at all, although the Merseyside Free Radio broadcast on Friday night was obviously Steve Bishop playing with the M.A.R. transmitter. On Sunday, MAR appeared on 1242kHz with further "test transmissions", announced by Steve Bishop, from approximately 11am. Shortly before noon, he announced that the GPO had been spotted in the immediate vicinity of the Tx, and that the station was closing down. They were heard again at about 12:55pm, but had gone again at 1:05pm, and have been heard since then. Tom Lodge announced over Station "M" on Sunday that Steve Bishop had appeared in Court the previous Monday to answer charges arising from the raid on Radio Veronica on 21st May. Unlike the Peanut Kenny case, some of Steve Bishop's friends did go along to give him some support. According to Station "M", Steve Bishop was fined £100 with £25 court costs, to be paid at a rate of £2 per week. The sudden departure of MAR from the airwaves today has prevented any announcements about future plans to be heard.

RADIO JACKIE NORTH opened at noon on Saturday on 977kHz. Rick Dane apparently ran the show single-handedly, with no sign of Steve West, and in spite of announcing a 4pm close-down, he continued through until 6pm. Schedule on Sunday seems to have been the same. This is yet another clear channel around the 1 MHz area although the signal is not all that strong.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL opened at 11am, but have operated a different schedule this week.

Heard this Sunday have been 11am - 12 noon Phil James;
Noon - 1pm Pete Heaton; 1pm - 2pm Kevin Palmer; 2pm - 3:30pm John Freeman; 3:30pm - 5:45pm Tom Lodge; 5:45pm - 6:45pm Marty Collins; 6:45pm - 7:36pm Phil James interview with local group "Freeze Frame"; 7:35pm - 8:38pm Roger Dee; 8:35pm - 9:22pm Phone-in request and dedication show with Pete Heaton and Phil James.

News from Tom Lodge is that the competition to pick a name for Peanut Kenny's new station closed last Friday, and that the man himself will be appearing on Station "M" next week to

winner and the winning name. In the meantime, it was revealed that the station had been testing on 199m, 1512kHz, although they will not necessarily use this frequency, which may be changed to 1521kHz. In any event, the frequency will be somewhere between those of Radio Merseyside and Radio City. The station will be testing next week on 199m, 399m and also on 102.7MHz FM. More details are promised next Sunday in an interview with Peanut Kenny. Tom Lodge also mentioned another new station, Skyline Radio, which is due to begin tests on 227m during the week. There are no further details on this one. During the phone-in show, it was said that Martin "C" of Storeton Community Radio rang to say that SCR will be testing on 232m next Saturday, and on the air seven days per week from the following Monday. It was also reported that Radio Caroline are due to increase power very shortly in order to improve daytime reception. Finally, it was stated during the phone-in show that KDA will be on the air on 90.3MHz tonight.

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Barrie,

not much heard this week - I wonder what's going on. Have not heard Peanut Kenny's station testing on 1512 kHz although I have listened out on this frequency for Radio Veronica's return.

Bob,

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