

Due to prior commitments between 11:30am and 10:00pm on Saturday, very little listening has been done at a time when plenty seems to be happening, but few stations are heard. It would seem to be a logical conclusion from some of the things heard that the Home Office has at last decided to try to take some action against the pirate stations. Radio Eleanor operated intermittantly and closed down early on 17th September, "due to circumstances beyond our control". MAR said at midday on 18th September that they were closing down "because the GPO have been seen in the immediate vicinity" and they operated intermittantly from then on. On the same day, Station "M" International suffered a few breaks in transmission "due to circumstances beyond our control". This weekend, LPR said that they closed down early last weekend "due to GPO activity", Steve Bishop apologised for the breaks in MAR's transmissions, and Tom Lodge thanked Peter Heaton and Phil James "for standing guard".

Now for this week's news. A reminder that listening time has been scarce, and that the notes only include what was actually heard. Anything could have happened in between the times noted!

RADIO ELEANOR were heard "testing" on 1449kHz on Monday night, but were not discovered until 10:30pm, and they signed off at 10:45pm. Reception was very difficult with co-channel QRM from SENDER FREIES BERLIN, splatter from RADIO LUXEMBOURG on 1440kHz and splatter from BBC RADIO MANCHESTER (relaying Radio 2). The latter was featuring "Beat the Tune", but I have been unable to pin this down to Radio 2. Radio Eleanor showed up on 1413kHz on Saturday. They said that "tests" carried out through the week were from a temporary location. From next weekend, they are announcing both Saturday and Sunday operation on 1449kHz, and confirm the change of frequency to avoid Station "M" transmissions on Sundays. I hope they do succeed, as they are my favourite station: Good signal, excellent DJs, no "idle" chat or superfluous comments, nice flowing style and a good mix of music, They are also very good at informing listeners of what is planned for the coming weeks, and having made the announcement, they stick to it!! On Saturday their schedule seems to have been disrupted, due to the absence of Clarke Kent, but I was not able to determine the exact schedule. Think they signed-on an hour late, and signed off an hour early to close the gap left by the absence of "Superman".

PEANUT KENNY STATION something was heard on or around 1512kHz on Tuesday night at 6:30pm on a pocket-portable while out in the park with the dog. The station was playing continuous music, without announcement, but signed-off at 6:45pm before I had chance to check the frequency. On Sunday 25th September, Station "M" announced that very few suggestions for a name for this new station had been received, but response this week had been good, and it had been decided to extend the competition for two more weeks. Their interview with Peanut Kenny has thus been postponed for a while.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO on Monday night, some noises, but no modulation, were heard on or near to 1355kHz at about 6:30pm. Whatever it was disappeared at about 7:00pm. I believed that it might have been CENTRAL RADIO experimenting with a repaired transmitter. However, on Saturday 24th September, at 1:17pm, LPR were heard on 1355kHz. They were apologising for problems with the "Authorities" last weekend, and announcing the a Jeff Stone, Phil Davies, Jim Brown, Chuck Brogan line-up. This is LPR plus Jim Brown of Central Radio!. Think that the 5pm - 6pm slot might have been Paul West of Central Radio, instead of Chuck Brogan of LPR, but reception in the Moreton area was not very good. The new 15, Finchley Road, Anfield, Liverpool L4 2TL, address has been announced for the past couple of weeks. Reception on Saturday was very poor, but I thought at various times that they were announcing Saturday only operation, and at others Saturday and Sunday operation. However, on Sunday 25th September they were not heard at all. Last weekend, I tried to contact them during their phone-in, but could only get a "number unobtainable" tone. Reception was poor, but I picked up the phone number at least 6 times before I tried it!!

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO were heard at 1:20pm on Saturday 24th September, and from announcements, it seems that they probably signed-on at noon. They seem to have disappeared from the air at about 3:30 or 3:45pm, but were back again by 6:45pm. From announcements, it seems that Dave Graham did the 8pm - 10pm slot, and Steve Bishop the 10pm - midnight slot. During the latter slot, Steve Bishop announced that MAR would be on the air throughout the night. At midnight he handed over to Dave Graham, who was still on the air at 12:20am last listen. On Sunday 25th September, they were still on the air at 10:30am first listen, with PETE FERRY (BERRY?) and DAVE GRAHAM. They went off the air very suddenly at 12:07pm, but were back again shortly afterwards with a very distorted signal, which improved later. It seems from announcements that Dave Graham and Pete Ferry kept the station on the air from Midnight Saturday to 1pm on Sunday. If so, then I admire their

