

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 6th January 1985

Although listening time was limited over the holiday period, none of the local stations were noted on either New Year's Eve or New Years Day in spite of many 'spot checks' at times when they might reasonably have been expected to have been on the air. In fact, only two stations have been noted this week and their broadcasts appear to have been limited to the weekend.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station was first noted shortly after noon on Sunday, but the sign-on time was missed. Jim Browne's programme was in progress but signal strength was poor and many of the announcements were unreadable. He did, however, say that the station was not making any announcements as to their future plans, as previous announcements had proved impossible to fulfill. He said that they were hoping to be on the air until 6pm but did not mention any particular schedule. At 1:30pm he seems to have handed over to Mark Evans, but Phil Davies has taken over from Mark at the next check. From $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour or so before darkness had set in, the station had completely disappeared under interference from the Continent (or maybe they had already closed down!)

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1242 kHz: 18, Mallard Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SL.

This station was noted shortly before 1pm on Saturday with Martin Miller Show. He was announcing a late afternoon close-down. However, spot checks during the afternoon suggested that the transmitter was giving problems. Signal was fluttery and unreadable. Before 4pm it seemed to have disappeared altogether. On Sunday the station was not noted until shortly after noon. The schedule was not noted, but Burt Williams and Paul Jay seem to have completed the schedule. Burt gave a couple of brief "histories" of the station in the time that he was on the air and was last heard at 6pm. After 6pm Paul Hendeson and Martin Miller seem to have run the station between themselves, but the schedule was not noted. Shortly after midnight the station was still on the air with Martin Miller saying that he would be on the air until 2am

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