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'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE'

THE ONLY IRISH FREE RADIO MAGAZINE.

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STOPPED ON
BIG D**
SEE EDITORIAL.

FREE RADIO

Dear Sir,

May I, through the medium of your magazine, inform all FRC-Ireland members as to the background of the sudden disappearance of the highly popular 'FRC-Ireland Show' on Sunday, July 30th. This show had been running continuously since September last - every Sunday morning from 10am to midday - first via Radio Dublin, and then more recently via Big D Radio. The show was also relayed out on Short Wave by Radio Condor and Westside Radio to thousands of radio enthusiasts across Europe as well as our FRC members in Europe.

Mr. Davitt Kelly has been appointed programme controller of Big D Radio, and in his capacity, has decided that there is "no need for the FRC Show". Your FRC Editor (who also presents the programme) was not informed of its cancellation until the day before (Sat. July 29th). Exclusives that were planned included an 'R.N.I. Special' and a 'Caroline Special'. It is unfortunate that Mr. Kelly chose how to stop the FRC Show; particularly as we draw dangerously near the time when the Dail will prepare new tough legislation on pirate radio.

Finally, to all FRC-Ireland members: if you want your show brought back on the air, then I suggest you write to Mr. Davitt Kelly, c/o Big D Radio, 11 Chapel Lane, Dublin 1.

Many thanks,
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(Sec. & Editor)
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Dublin 6

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SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE

EDITORIAL

DEAR MEMBERS,

WE START ISSUE NUMBER FIVE OF IRELAND'S ONLY FREE COMMERCIAL RADIO MAGAZINE WITH TWO APOLOGIES: FIRST, SORRY FOR THE LATE PUBLICATION OF THIS EDITION; DUE MAINLY TO PROBLEMS WE'VE BEEN HAVING AT THIS END (TOO MANY MEMBERS!!!!). SECOND, REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF THE HIGHLY POPULAR 'FRC-IRELAND SHOW' FROM BIG D RADIO. IT APPEARS THAT MR. DAVITT KELLY (EX. ARD) WAS APPOINTED WEEKEND PROGRAMME CONTROLLER ON BIG D RADIO, AND AS SUCH, DECIDED THAT "THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE FRC SHOW". I WAS NOT INFORMED OF THE SHOW'S CANCELLATION UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE (SATURDAY, JULY 29th). SO, THERE YOU HAVE IT - FRC MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DENIED THEIR OWN PROGRAMME ON A SO-CALLED 'FREE' RADIO STATION - THE RADIO STATION THAT FRC SUPPORTED RIGHT FROM ITS VERY SHAKEY START, AFTER THE RADIO DUBLIN 'SPLIT'. I AM NOT BLAMING THE OWNERS OF BIG D RADIO (NOEL KIRWIN & JAMES DILLON) THE BLAME LIES FAIRLY AND SQUARELY ON DAVITT KELLY. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT MR. KELLY CHOSE NOW TO STOP THE FRC SHOW - PARTICULARLY WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL VERY SOON BE INTRODUCING NEW TOUGH LEGISLATION AGAINST PIRATE STATIONS. THAT BRINGS US ON TO OUR NEXT POINT: IN A RECENT SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY 'YOUNG FINE GAEL' (A POLITICAL PARTY) SHOWS THAT 86% OF THE POPULATION OF DUBLIN ARE IN FAVOUR OF LICENSING COMMERCIAL RADIO. THIS, THEY ADMIT, IS A LIMITED SURVEY OF JUST DUBLIN, BUT THINK WHAT RESULTS COULD BE FOUND IF THE WHOLE COUNTRY WERE SURVEYED. MR. RICHIE RYAN, A SENIOR FINE GAEL POLITICIAN, SAID THAT THE ENDING OF RTE'S MONOPOLY WAS DESIRABLE. ALTERNATIVE RADIO IS NOW A VERY HOT POLITICAL ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE, AN EXTRACT FROM FIANNA FAIL'S ELECTION MANIFESTO PROPOSED: "THE EXPANSION OF RADIO BROADCASTING - INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND LOCAL, THE GREATER USE OF REGIONAL STUDIOS AND INCREASED PROGRAMMES OF AN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL NATURE". HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT APPEAR COMPATIBLE WITH THE RECENT STATEMENT BY OUR DARLING MINISTER FOR P & T WHEN HE SAID THE PIRATE STATIONS "WERE A POLITICAL MENACE TO RADIO SERVICES GENERALLY" AND THAT THE QUESTION OF INTRODUCING FRESH LEGISLATION "TO HELP COMBAT PRIVATE BROADCASTING" WAS BEING CONSIDERED. THE POLITICIANS OF THIS COUNTRY ARE SADLY, PLAYING 'THE RADIO GAME' - WILL IT WIN THEM MORE VOTES? AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE EXISTING STATION UNDER NEW LEGISLATION? WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. BY JANUARY WE SHOULD HAVE SOME INDICATION AND 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE' WILL KEEP ITS READERS WELL INFORMED. I HAD BETTER END THIS EDITORIAL NOW AS ITS BEGINNING TO READ LIKE A CERTAIN MARATHON 'NEWS' WE ALL HEARD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

Kieran Murray, Secretary of FRC-IRELAND,
Editor of 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE'

W.L.R. 252M (WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO)

Your FRC Editor had the pleasure of meeting the owner of Waterford Local Radio (WLR for short) when he made a flying visit to Dublin City in mid-August. His name is Rick Whelan and he informed me that WLR recently moved to new studios in the centre of Waterford City. WLR broadcasts on the Medium Wave at 252 metres and for 13 hours per day from 8.00am to 9.00pm daily. The station has been on the air for 8 weeks now and as yet, has not been raided. We have a staff of 6 D.J.'s and our programme content is mostly requests, adverts and music - everything from pop to rock, country to classical. From time to time we present a comedy show. The aim of WLR is to provide the best possible service to the people of Waterford and the surrounding areas.

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Radio Carousel which brought the exciting sound of independent radio to the East Coast, is now recognised as the No.1 Independent Radio Station in Ireland, with a signal that is stretching up to the top of Antrim in the North, Southwards as far as Wexford, and regularly listened to within a 65 mile radius of Dundalk, Radio Carousel's listening audience of 300,000 is based on an independent survey carried out in eight major towns in the Carousel area (Dundalk, Drogheda, Castleblaney, Armagh, Ardee, Carrickmacross, Warrenpoint and Dunleer) which showed that a staggering 90.46% of the population of these towns listened to Radio Carousel.

The musical format and fast moving presentation has made the Radio Carousel presentors such a major hit with everyone young and old, because on Radio Carousel there is something for everybody from pop to country, from golden oldies to new releases, Irish dance music to Tamala Mowtown and from the big Band sound of Glenn Miller to the modern sounds of Horslips and Rory Gallagher.

Other regular features throughout the day include the Radio Carousel News (a daily round-up of the local, national and international news) at 1.00pm and 6.00pm. At 6.25pm each evening there is the Radio Carousel Sports Report (up to the minute reports and results of local and national sports fixtures) with a special sports news roundup on Saturdays.

The reaction and response to Radio Carousel has been nothing short of incredible. A petition to legalise the station organised by two local women has already twenty three thousand signatures in the Dundalk area and similar petitions are being organised in various other towns and villages.

The studios and reception area is located on the top floor of the Dundalk Shopping Centre. We use a 'V' shape aerial 200 feet above ground. Our power output is 350 Watts, crystal controlled for 265 metres, 1133 kilohertz. The studio consists of 2 Trio decks, 1 Sony tape deck, 1 Sony reel-to-reel, 3 jingle machines, 2 Sony mics. These are all fed into the 12 channel H&H mixer. Station manager: Ray Stone. D.J.'s MIKE AHERNE, RAY STONE, KIERAN MURRAY, ERIC VAUGHAN, SHANE MULLEN AND MARTY DONNAN. Radio Carousel's Managing Director is HUGH HARDY.

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FRC-IRELAND'S NEWSDESK.....

On Saturday, May 20th 1978 you R FRC Editor had the pleasure of opening Radio Carousel (Dundalk) and since then has a regular daily show..... Journalists in the Eastern section of the National Union of Journalists have asked the minister for P & T to move against the pirates as they see them as a threat to their papers and therefore ultimately their jobs..... On Monday, May 22nd, the BIG D installed a new 'compressor' which evens out the modulated signal..... On Thurs, June 1st 1978, Radio Carousel raided. No tx. got. Back on Friday 2nd..... Post Office having a field day. E.g. Thurs, June 15th BIG D Radio raided, tx. taken. Thurs. June 22nd CAPITOL RADIO (Dublin) raided, no tx. got. Tuesday June 28th INDEPENDENT RADIO GALWAY raided, tx. taken. Friday July 7th Radio Carousel raided (again) tx. taken. Thursday July 13th RADIO DUNDALK raided,

tx. taken. Saturday July 29th CAPITOL RADIO (Limerick) raided, tx. taken. And so it goes on..... Could the Post Office be thinking of starting a station of their own?..... Fans of the highly popular FRC-IRELAND show sadly noted its disappearance from the airwaves on Sunday, July 30th 1978 Mr. Davitt Kelly was appointed programme controller on the BIG D and as such, decided that there is 'No need for the FRC Show'. Your FRC Editor (who also presents the programme) was not informed of its cancellation until the day ~~had~~ before (Sat 29th July). Exclusives that were to be broadcast included an 'RNI Special' and a 'Caroline Special'..... ('NEWSDESK' cont. on next page)

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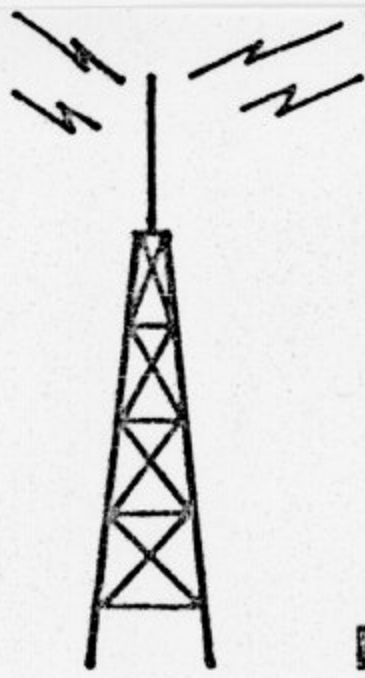
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DUNDALK

RADIO DUNDALK (S.R.D.) 220 metres Medium Waves began test transmissions on Sunday 7th May 1978. One week later on Saturday 13th and again on Sunday 14th May - six hours of music and chat were broadcast. The response was amazing as the good word had travelled far and wide. On Saturday, May 20th 1978 RADIO DUNDALK officially went on the air.

RADIO DUNDALK or, as it is now called, S.R.D. Radio (Swinging Radio Dundalk) has been broadcasting continuously since, first on 100 Watts and later increasing power to 400 Watts. Unfortunately, their 400 Watts transmitter was taken in a raid brought on by a front page in a Sunday newspaper, which was not in the least complimentary.

There is a total of 28 people who are in some way connected with the station, some part time and some full time. The dee-jays, most of whom had disco experience, have reached a standard thought impossible. To mention but a few - DES WILSON (Cotton Mill Boys Keyboard player) has a large listenership with his 'AFTERNOON DELIGHTS' programme - MICHAEL HARRISON, young, impetuous, but still lovable - PAUL O'CONNOR, news reader extraordinaire and jockeys as well - GAVAN DUFFY, the early riser who does the 'BREAKFAST SHOW' - TOMMY TURPIN, the Top 20 expert - PETER ST. JOHN who has his own style and the new addition, BRICK WALLACE, a man to 'watch' or is it 'listen to'. The station Manager is the now famous Disc Jockey, HEADIE EDDIE, who brought to Radio Dundalk the fun and games which give rise to the idea of 'Swinging Radio Dundalk'. The telephone number for requests is (042) 35642 and broadcasting begins at 8.00am every morning.

FRC NEWSDESK (Continued from previous page).....

Very many thanks to the FRC member who has been sending us plenty of Free Radio news and press cuttings. The letters are postmarked GALWAY - do please let us know who you are!!! TRALEE COMMUNITY RADIO in Kerry claims to be the first pirate on VHF in this country. We would like to inform them that they are in fact the third. First was RADIO ATLANTIS on 88.0 MHz from Naas Co. Kildare. The second was RADIO SOUTHSIDE on 102 MHz from Dublin. Let's get our facts right - O.K. ?.....CAPITOL RADIO is definitely TOPS in Dublin City when it comes to quality music - their 'International Turntable' show on a Saturday afternoon is a musical education in itself.... We have some unconfirmed reports that a new station is starting shortly - under the name of RADIO LEINSTER. Power output will be in the region of 1 to 2kW - making it the strongest of all the commercial stations.....Your FRC Editor had the pleasure of being interviewed live

while on a recent visit to RADIO CILL DARA. Programmes have been extended to include Saturday broadcasts as well as Wednesday nights. There's no doubting it - R.C.D. is tops in Co. Kildare!!!



Belvedere House
Belvedere Place, Dublin 1
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DUBLIN LOCAL RADIO

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

7-9: Breakfast with Steve Rhodes. 9-11: Out & About. 11-13: Dave C. 13-14.30: Dr. Don. 14.30-16: Ronan Collins. 16-17: Jason Maine 17-18: Drivetime. 18-18.50 (Mon-Thurs): Debbie's Discs. 18.50-19: (Mon-Thurs) Everyday English. 18-18.30 (Fri) Debbie's Discs. 19-20 Mon: Checkpoint (Consumer show), Tues: Live Issue (Current Affairs), Wed: Women's Media Collective (19-19.30), Environmental Roundabout (19.30-20), Thurs: Local Line (Current Affairs). 18.30-20: ARD World of Sport. 20-21: Mon: Traditional. Tues: Jazz. Wed: 78 Show. Thurs: Hot Spot. Fri: Annie Henry. 21-22: P.D. Express. 22-02: Mon-Thurs: Nightline. Fri: Loveline.

***News on the hour

SATURDAY

7-9: Luke Scott. 9-12: Saturday Requests. 12-14: Lunch with a Crunch. 14-15: Dr. Don. 15-18: Jimmy Lynch. 18-20: In Town Tonight-Annie Henry. 20-23: Ron Allen. 23-02: Saturday night party.

*** News on the hour

SUNDAY

8-9: 78 Show. 9-11: Luke Sco. 11-14: Sunday Requests. 14-16: Top 30. 16-18: Dave C. & Paul Downey. 18-20: Ron Allen. 20-23: Jimmy Lynch. 23-02: Allen Rowe.

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BY

K. MURRAY.

STATION NAME	WAVELENGTH	DAYS AND TIMES OF BROADCASTING.
RADIO DUBLIN	253 metres	07.30 to 02.00 hours (Mon-Thurs) non-stop weekends.
ALTERNATIVE RADIO DUBLIN	257 metres	07.00 to 02.00 hours daily.
DOWNTOWN RADIO DUBLIN	227 metres	12.00 to 24.00 hours daily.
CAPITOL RADIO (Dublin)	220 metres	08.00 to 01.00 hours daily.
BIG D RADIO	273 metres	24 hours per day, every day.
RADIO DUNDALK	220 metres	08.00 to 20.00 hours daily.
RADIO CAROUSEL (Dundalk)	273 metres	07.00 to 21.00 hours daily.
RADIO CILL DARA (Kildare)	270 metres	10.00 to 18.00 hours Saturdays and Sundays.
CORK BROADCASTING COMPANY	230 metres	08.00 to 20.00 hours daily.
ALTERNATIVE BROADCASTING CORK	233 mtrs	08.00 to 22.00 hours (Mon-Thurs) non-stop weekends.
CORK CITY RADIO	199 metres	07.00 to 20.00 hours daily.
WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO	252 metres	08.00 to 21.00 hours daily.
BIG L (Limerick)	194 metres	09.00 to 20.00 hours daily.
RADIO LIMERICK	265 metres	09.00 to 20.00 hours daily.
RADIO LIMERICK WEEKLY ECHO	253 metres	08.00 to 19.00 hours daily.
INDEPENDENT RADIO GALWAY	199 metres	11.00 to 18.30 (Mon-Sat), 10.00 to 18.00 (Sundays)
WEST COAST RADIO (Galway)	219 metres	14.00 to 18.00 (Mon-Sat).
ATLANTIC RADIO (S.W. MAYO/N. GALWAY)	300 mts	13.00 to 18.00 hours Saturdays and Sundays.
INDEPENDENT RADIO SLIGO	no details available as yet.	
RADIO LEINSTER	no details available as yet.	
RADIO VALLERI	6202 kHz	10.00 to 13.00 hours Sundays.
WESTSIDE RADIO	6280 kHz	10.00 to 13.00 hours Sundays (carries FRC Show)
RADIO CONDOR	6317 kHz	10.00 to 13.00 hours Sundays (carries FRC Show)
RADIO SOUTHSIDE (Dublin)	102 MHz (F.M.)	14.00 to 18.00 hours Sundays (carries FRC Show)

STATION ADDRESSES:

Radio Dublin, 3 Sarsfield Road, Dublin 10. A.R.D., Belvedere House, Belvedere Place, Dublin 2.
Downtown Radio Dublin, 121 Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10. Capitol Radio, 394 South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Big D Radio, 11 Chapel Lane, Dublin 1. Radio Dundalk, Fairways Hotel, Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Radio Carousel, Dundalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
Radio Cill Dara, 9 John Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. C.B.C., 52 Wilton Gardens, Wilton, Cork. A.B.C., 1 Empress Place, Summerhill, Cork. Cork City Radio, Annely, Fairgrove Crescent, Bishopstown, Cork. Waterford Local Radio, Waterford Shopping Centre, Waterford.
BIG L, Ellen Street, Limerick. Radio Limerick, Upper Castle Street, Limerick. R.L.W.E., 51 O'Connell Street, Limerick. Independent Radio Galway, Arch Shopping Arcade, Williamsgate Street, Galway. Atlantic Radio, 92 Renmore Park, Renmore, Galway. Independent Radio Sligo, Music Centre, Wine Street, Sligo. Radio Valleri, Westside Radio, Radio Condor and Radio Southside, c/o FRC-IRELAND, 53 Charleston Road, Dublin 6, Ireland.



Independent Radio Galway

ARCH ARCADE, GALWAY

PHONE 62095
Advertising 68760

INDEPENDENT RADIO GALWAY broadcasts on 199 metres and goes out each day from 11.00am to 6.30pm. and on Sundays from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Our experience here is that the public wants a local entertainment programme. Despite what the pundits say, our listeners do not require deep discussions on local issues or long talk programmes. This point was proved in Galway with the RTE local radio experiment and people got tired of it after a week. We also feel that RTE are wrong in changing over to music and pop as there is a large listenership countrywide for the type of programmes that were being put out by that station. I.R.G.'s transmitter covers a range of 6 miles. However, we are picked up well in places like the Aran Islands, Ballyvaughan and North Clare. We even had reports from listeners in Westport and Castlebar.

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