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EDITORIAL NOTE: Due to the lack of time to compile EuroNews this edition is not complete. More news from Europe in the next edition - hopefully there is more time available then. [1]

ESTONIA: There's a new private station on the air in a suburb of the Estonian capital, Tallinn. Called Nomme Radio, it operates on 1602 kHz, with just 10 watts of power. [2] via [3]

There were major changes in Estonian Radio on May 1st. Frequencies broadcasting Estonian Radio's first channel were taken over by a new commercial channel called Radio 2. This will form part of the state radio, even though it will be financially independent. Programming includes 4 hours a day of VOA Europe. The first channel now uses the "Vikerraadio" frequencies. The third channel is being seriously cut. For the time being, rebroadcasts from Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe, Voice of America, Deutsche Welle, the BBC, and Radio Sweden will continue on this channel. [2] via [3]

INTERNATIONAL WATERS: A radio ship called "Freedom of Speech" has begun broadcasting what is called "honest news" to the former Yugoslavia from the Adriatic Sea. The effort is funded by the European Community. The transmissions are on 720 kHz and 98 MHz. [2] via [3]

A new radio station is on the air in the ex-Yugoslavia area. The station is called "Radio Brod". It operates 24 hours a day with a power of 50 kW on 720 kHz where it has already been heard in Scandinavia during night-time. Radio Brod is located on a ship anchored in the Adrian Sea some miles off the ex-Yugoslavian coast. The station is owned and operated by journalists who are tired of the boring and biased propaganda broadcast by the many official radio stations of the ex-Yugoslavia. Radio Brod has been financed by an important donation from the EC. [4]

This radio has been launched with the help of (among others) french organisations called "Droit de parole" (which means Right of Speech) and France-Libertes (founded by the French president's wife Danielle Mitterand). Their addresses are: Droit de Parole, 18 rue Clavel, F-75019 Paris 19 and France-Libertes, 1 place Trocadero et 11 novembre, F-75016 Paris 16. [5] via [4]

IRELAND: The Irish pirate station calling itself Radio Caroline has been heard on 3940 kHz, in parallel with the regular 6295 kHz. This station is heard weekends. [6] via [3]

ITALY: 1548 R Paperina (network: Top Italia Radio) has the address: Via Goffredo Mameli 71, 36100 Vicenza. [7] via [8] via [9]

KALININGRAD: 1386 broadcasts now R Moscow World Service in English replacing Radio Ala. [10] via [9]

LITHUANIA: Radio Baltic International, a joint project of Lithuanian and British companies aimed at broadcasting Radio Luxembourg type programs to Scandinavia, has been given permission to put a 200 kW transmitter on 684 kHz. Broadcasts were supposed to begin by July. But a station spokesman says a dispute with local farmers over compensation for crops damaged by construction has delayed the start until November, 1993. There is also confusion over a reported remark from the head of the British company involved that the station would use digital AM stereo, which the Lithuanians believe could interfere with their own stations. [11] via [2] via [3]

This station is very shadowy. The AM stereo suggestion is strange, considering no one in Scandinavia has equipment to receive this mode. Not only has there been no publicity for the station within the proposed target area, but Sweden's own first commercial radio stations will be appearing by July. If Radio Baltic International isn't on the air first, there won't be any audience to speak of. [3]

RUSSIA: The Voice of Abkhazia has been heard on 7305 kHz at 1730- 1800. It identifies as "Apsua Radio" (Abkhaz Radio), apparently broadcasting to the separatists in the breakaway Georgian region on Abkhazia. The broadcasts appear to be in Abkhazian except for a news summary in Turkish at around 1750. At around 1800 the transmission switches to Radio Moscow's Arabic Service. [2] via [3]

684 R Baltika from St.Petersburg is noted on this frequency (ex-747 kHz). This is a former frequency of Radio Ala that is now off the air. [4]

Radio Ala is off the air since February 15th. [10] via [9]

UNITED KINGDOM: 603 kHz CD603 is now on the air. [12] via [9]

1584 KCBC has a new address: P.O.Box 1584, Kettering. [13] via [12] via [9]

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