

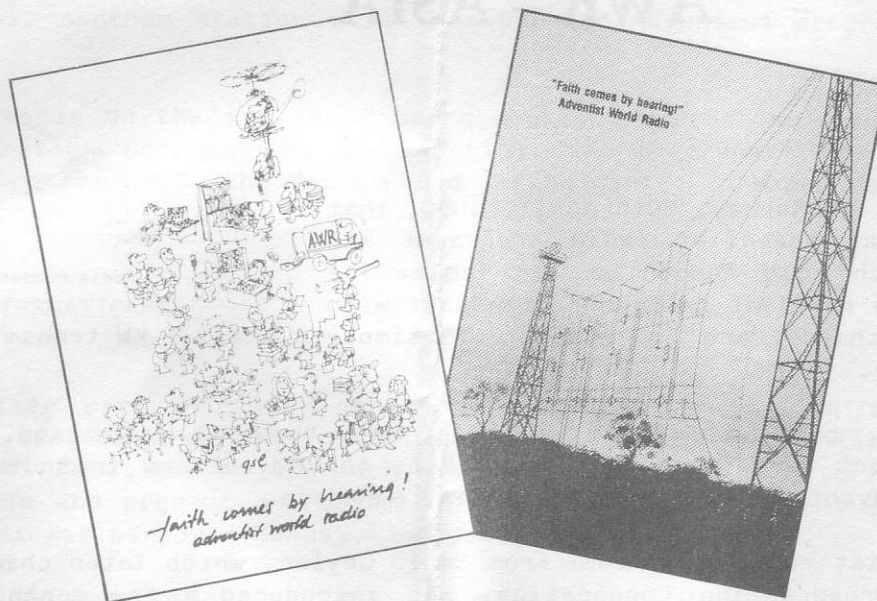
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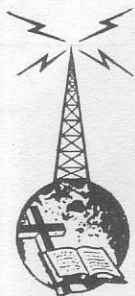
DX-ers--

AWR has two more QSLs to add to your collection. The cartoon one on the left is a reprint of one of our earlier, popular cards, and the other is a colour illustration reproduced courtesy of C & S Antennas, Rochester, England. Listeners are requested to include 2 IRCs for verification by QSL card.

AWR-EUROPE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Radio Trans Europe (Sines, Portugal) Effective 30 September 1984

TIME UTC	SUNDAY 9670 kHz	SUNDAY 9605 kHz
0500	Russian	
0530	Ukrainian	
0600	English-Voice of Prophecy	
0630	English-Your Story Hour	
0700	Polish	Albanian/Macedonian
0730	Rumanian	Arabic/Greek
0800	Hungarian	Slovenian
0830	German	Serbian
0900	English-Who Cares?/DX	Croatian
0930	Arabic	Arabic
1615	MONDAY - 9670 kHz - Ukrainian	TUESDAY - 9670 kHz - Russian
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THE STORY OF AWR - ASIA



Sonia Poddar, announcer for RMI

It was at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 30th April, 1950, that the first regular Adventist radio programme was broadcast from the old Radio Goa, in India. The programme was the familiar half-hour broadcast with Pastor H.M.S. Richards, and the station was simply a small 1 kW transmitter broadcasting on short wave.

From this small, but auspicious beginning more than 30 years ago, has grown the international short wave outreach conducted by the Adventists in Southern Asia, under the concept of Adventist World Radio in Asia, AWR-Asia.

The first Adventist radio programme from Radio Ceylon, which later changed its name to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, was introduced a few months after the Goa broadcasts, which were eventually discontinued. The programme again was the familiar "Voice of Prophecy" with Pastor H.M.S. Richards, and the same programme was broadcast four times each Sunday. In the earlier days, Radio Ceylon broadcast regular programmes on short wave to Africa, South East Asia as well as to the Indian sub-Continent, and the "Voice of Prophecy" was heard in these various services. In those days, Radio Ceylon was the most powerful commercial radio station in the world.

As a result of a special project accepted as a personal service, "Your Radio Doctor" was commenced by Dr. Clifford R. Anderson, an Australian doctor resident in the U.S.A., specifically for broadcast from Ceylon. The first broadcast was aired on Saturday, June 6th, 1953, at 7 p.m. And the same time slot, 7 p.m., has been used for "Your Radio Doctor" ever since. Dr. Anderson's broadcasts still produce the largest mail response of all the AWR programmes in Southern Asia, where, as in many countries of the world, reliable doctors are often scarce. Thousands of people tune in to the broadcast on Saturday night to learn how to handle day to day problems, and hear the latest suggestions concerning heart disease, lung cancer and digestive troubles, among other things.

Following the success of the English broadcasts from Radio Ceylon, additional programmes were produced in several Indian languages in the early 'fifties, as well as Arabic and Farsi. The latter two programmes were produced in studios in the Middle East and were beamed by Radio Ceylon to listeners in that area. The Indian language broadcasts at this time were Tamil, Hindi, Telegu and Malayam, which were all produced in Poona.

It was about this time also that Adventist programmes were broadcast by the Burma Broadcasting Service in Rangoon, and Radio Nepal in Kathmandu. In both cases, the programme was "Your Radio Doctor", in English and the local language.

Because of a change in advertising policy by Radio Ceylon, all religious broadcasts were dropped in 1957. For the next 14 years, the only Adventist programmes broadcast by Radio Ceylon were the health programme "Your Radio Doctor" and the children's programme, "Your Story Hour". Both programmes originated in the United States.

In 1967, in an endeavour to reach the large radio audience in Southern Asia, the "Voice of Prophecy" halfhour broadcast was aired from the Maldiv Islands Broadcasting

Service in Male. However, the signals from this station cover only a very small area, mostly comprised of the Indian Ocean, and after a while of experimenting, this service was dropped.

It was in 1971, that a new series of Adventist broadcasts commenced from Radio Ceylon, and the first of these was the "Voice of Prophecy Music Hour" with Pastor J. Willmott. Quite quickly several other Indian languages were added and today there are five quarter-hour programmes in various major languages of India.

For a while, "Modern Ways to Health" was heard in Dari and Pushto from Radio Afghanistan, Kabul. Another station which has carried Adventist programming is Radio Bangladesh.

Currently, AWR-Asia is on the air for 9 hours weekly from the various stations of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. In addition, two programmes are broadcast from NYAB Bhutan, and one from MBC, the Music Broadcasting Centre in Male, Maldives Islands.

RADIO MONITORS INTERNATIONAL

Back in the earlier part of 1975, many listeners to the English service of SLBC requested that a service programme of semi-technical radio information be presented regularly from their station. An approach was made to Mr. Adrian Peterson, director of AWR-Asia to compile and present a programme of this nature. Agreement was reached, and the first broadcast was aired on Sunday, 1st June, 1975 at 0420 GMT.

Since then, the programme, known as "Radio Monitors International" has been heard each Sunday for the past nine years, though the time was subsequently changed to the peak listening time of 1350 and then 1330 GMT, which corresponds to 7 p.m. Indian Standard Time. From its original 8-minute duration it has grown to 15 minutes and now half an hour. RMI is broadcast twice a week and each edition is made up of up-to-date news regarding the latest developments in international radio broadcasting, being rather similar in format to the DX programme broadcast by AWR-Europe. Segments from "Radio Monitors International" are also re-broadcast by scores of radio stations elsewhere, and considerable co-operation is obtained from other international broadcasters, such as Radio Canada International, ORF, the Austrian Short Wave Service, Swiss Radio International, and AWR-Europe, with whom scripts are exchanged.

(If you wish to receive AWR-Asia's current schedule, write to AWR, Box 15, Poona 411001, India, or AWR-Europe.)

Senior Technician Isaac Chavan at the controls during a recording session.

The production studios for AWR-Asia have always been located in the two-storey building in Poona which serves as the head-quarters office for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern Asia. There are three studios used in the production of programmes. The large music studio is used for music recordings and talk programmes. There is also a small talk studio which can be used independently for announcements and talk recordings. The recently modernised technical studio was officially inaugurated in a simple ceremony on 20th September, 1982. It contains the bank of modern tape recorders, disc players, amplifiers and mixers. Programmes produced in the studios of AWR-Asia are forwarded to SLEC for direct broadcast according to a pre-arranged schedule.





Quality programs from attic studio



Living in the small village of Untertullnerbach, near Vienna, Austria, Rudolf Tauscher is one of the AWR-Europe radio programme producers. He is an audio expert who earns his living as a sound engineer in a large studio in Vienna.

His main interest, however, is at home, where both space and leisure time are very scarce. Dedicating his talents and time to producing programmes in German for Adventist World Radio and several local Adventist stations, he has set up a small but well-equipped sound studio in his attic.

Each week excellent new productions are coming from his private studio, such as two series, "Evolution or Creation?" and "Gospel Magazine", both of which have attracted large audiences and positive responses when aired on short wave and FM. (Approximately a quarter of the Stimme der Hoffnung programmes carried on AWR have been produced by Tauscher in Austria, the rest by Friedhelm and Heidemarie Klingenberg in Darmstadt, Germany.)

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