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RADIO ANDORRA CAUGHT IN INTERNATIONAL CROSSFIRE; CEASED OPERATION APRIL 2.

TRANSMISSIONS CONTINUE FROM PORTUGAL AND MALTA

One of the two broadcasting stations on Andorran soil, RADIO ANDORRA, used extensively by ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO over the past two years, suddenly left the air on Thursday, April 2, 1981.

AWR transmissions over the shortwave transmitter of RADIO ANDORRA came to an abrupt halt Thursday evening, April 2, 1981. The Andorran government closed all broadcasting operations from its territory including SUD RADIO, a mediumwave transmitter owned and operated by the French state company, SOFIRAD.

Concessions to operate had expired for both stations, and both had been advised that they would not have them renewed. Both stations are being nationalised as part of a reorganisation of all telecommunications in the Principality. However, SUD RADIO resisted the order to close, and on April 8 resumed regular operations. RADIO ANDORRA followed suit within a few hours, but next day determined that it would adhere to the close-down order regardless of what the other station did. It has remained silent since then, except for transmitting carrier signals on both mediumwave and shortwave for a few minutes occasionally to keep the equipment in operating condition.

Until the French are willing to submit to the close-down order it is not likely that the Andorrans will grant either station authorization to continue normal operations.

On the other side of the coin, Spanish authorities claim that they signed a contract with RADIO ANDORRA owners some twenty years ago to receive full rights to the station at the end of the twenty year concession. With the Andorran determination to nationalize the assets of both stations it is difficult to see how this claim can be satisfied.

Perhaps the most consequential issue behind the entire dispute involves not land based broadcasting stations, but that of satellites. Along with all other sovereign European nations, tiny Andorra has been granted an allotment of five channels for eventual use for geo-stationary-orbit direct satellite to home television transmissions. Could it be that larger, more powerful neighbouring states have an eye on control of Andorra's satellite channels?

High level talks continue between the Andorran government and the two co-princes, the President of France and the Bishop of Urgel, Spain. Various positive solutions are being proposed, the details of which cannot be disclosed. But a permanent solution should be finalized shortly.

Meanwhile, AWR transmissions through the facilities of RADIO ANDORRA will remain in suspension. For up-to-date information listeners should tune to WORLD DX NEWS, heard each Sunday at 0830 GMT (0930 in the winter) from AWR-PORTUGAL on 9665 KHz.

NEWBOLD PRODUCTION STUDIO - A.W.R.'s latest in its European chain of radio studios, is now almost one year old.

Built in late 1980 by volunteers with money donated by friends and students it is unique in being located on a college campus. Enthusiastic students raised almost £4,500 to build the studio after A.W.R. manager, Ron Myers spent a weekend at Newbold College demonstrating the potential of Christian radio.

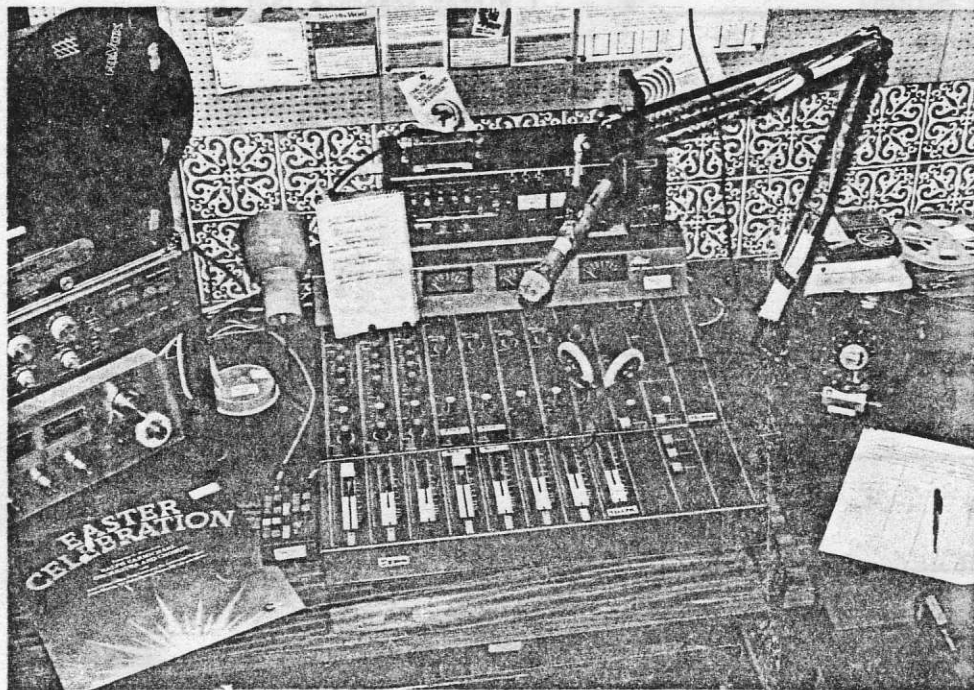
Programme production started last October with "Music of Faith" weekend programmes in English as well as a Tuesday night Dutch equivalent, "Musik bej Hert". With a very international student body N.P.S. hopes to expand into more languages in the coming year.

Close proximity to London makes for more interesting programmes as opportunities open up for interviews with artists, preachers and various Christians in all walks of life. Newbold Production Studio is often represented at Christian concerts, especially at the ever popular NEW GALLERY, 123 Regent Street.

N.P.S. does more than simply produce programmes. It is also a training studio. Young Christians from all over Europe can come here and receive training in Christian radio. A.W.R.'s latest staff recruit, Ray Allen, is a product of Newbold Production Studio.

Plans for the future? Manager, Victor Hulbert, hopes to have an on-campus radio station installed in the near future, as well as experimenting in the area of audio-visual productions. Already the studio has outgrown its facilities and plans are laid to build a larger studio, produce more and better programmes, and serve as many people as possible, either by the programmes they produce or by the training they offer.

Newbold Production Studio has been such a success that plans are being laid for similar studios on other Christian College campuses. God must bless such a venture.



NEWBOLD PRODUCTION STUDIO

INTRODUCING: RAY ALLEN



With Bernie Holford now returned to England to continue his studies, the new A.W.R. volunteer, RAY ALLEN, has arrived in Lisbon. In the following interview Victor Hulbert introduces Ray and discovers what makes a person volunteer a year of their life for Christian service.

VICTOR: You have been in the country for over a month now. What are your first impressions?

RAY: I find Lisbon a very exciting place. It is full of character and is certainly very different from Bristol where I live in England.

VICTOR: Is this your first time out of Britain?

RAY: I've been out once on a school trip to the north of France so this is the first real time abroad.

VICTOR: And you were in France again recently?

RAY: Yes, rather than coming down by plane I decided to drive down through Spain and France with a good friend of mine. It was a long and difficult trip but Gods hand guide us down safely.

VICTOR: Did your trip take you through Andorra?

RAY: It surely did and our Mini 850 did have a few heating problems climbing the 2340 meters to the top of the Pyrenean pass in the 40°C heat. But it was worth while when we arrived in the Andorran valleys. Most interesting was the radio station, "Radio Andorra". We looked around the transmitter and were amazed how the small shortwave antenna could be heard all around Europe and even in America! It was disappointing that it was not in operation when we were there.

VICTOR: Now you are in Portugal and will be working here with A.W.R. for a year. What made you decide to come here as a volunteer?

RAY: I have always had an interest in radio but I never had the opportunity to experiment until last year when I went to study at Newbold College. One weekend there was a radio workshop which I attended. I became interested and was soon down at the new studio recently built on the campus - Newbold Production Studio. I helped to make a few "Music of Faith" programmes with Victor Hulbert and he showed me how to use the studio and encouraged me to progress.

VICTOR: And from there you gained interest and momentum leading you to Adventist World Radios headquarters in Portugal. What will you be doing there?

RAY: Well the work involves any and everything from producing programmes to answering letters to helping make the food for the rest of the staff. It is amazing how many jobs there are to be done at a radio station and how adaptable you need to be. Still, after work there is still time to go camping with the youth at the local church and to absorb some of the wonderful sunshine.

VICTOR: So if anyone is writing a letter to A.W.R. in Portugal it is your name that should go at the top.

RAY: Yes, already I am becoming acquainted with a number of listeners and I am looking forward to making friends with a lot more.

VICTOR: Ray, on a more personal note, we are a very international staff here. We have American, French, Portuguese and English staff here, and now we have you.

RAY: Yes Victor, I am Jamaican by nationality but I have lived in England since I was six years old. I do not think that there is any major problem caused by my being black and you white or any other shade in between. God is interested in individuals, not in nations or cultural backgrounds. When we are working for him, whoever we are, I think we can work in unity. One thing that I can remember right from my early days is that I have always felt that God has had a leading in my life. I am sure that he lead me to Newbold College and now I am sure that he has lead me here to Portugal. I do not see any problems when God is leading.

VICTOR: Where do you see yourself in the future?

RAY: Well after spending a year here with Adventist World Radio I intend returning to Newbold College to continue my studies in Christianity. In the future I hope to work as a minister while keeping up my interest in radio.

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ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO - TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE PORTUGAL & MALTA

GMT	Sunday Morning
0600	A) Russian
0615	Russian
0630	Ukrainian C) Polish
0645	Ukrainian Polish
0700	-- D) Slavic E) Slavic
0715	-- languages* languages*
0730	B) Rumanian Greek
0745	Rumanian Greek
0800	German
0815	German
0830	Arabic Slavic
0845	Arabic languages
0900	French
0915	French
0930	English DX
0945	English
Monday	
1600	F) Ukrainian
1615	Ukrainian
Tuesday	
1600	F) Russian
1630	Russian

Winter Schedule 1981

Frequency (MHz)	Meterband
A) 9.670	31
B) 9.665	31
C) 9.585	31
D) 9.605	31
E) 9.615	31
F) 15.430	19

* Slavic languages include:
Albanian
Croatian
Hungarian
Macedonian
Serbian
Slovenian