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In this edition: The history of Capitol Radio(Dublin) including the full story on the raid..... The golden day of Free Radio..... Caroline leads Dee Jays..... Radio Dublin's local radio campaign.....Stations received column.....Plus... The complete list of F.R.C. Ireland's promotional material......good reading:

# CAPITOL RADIO 220metres – MW

#### Address:-

15 Fermandy Lane, Crawley Down, Sussex, England.

#### DUBLIN Community Radio.

#### :PROGRAMME

Sunday, 12 noon,

Ed Mc Dowell, 12-40 G.B Show. 1-20 Alan Russell. 2.00 Kenneth Murphy. 3.00 Close.

Friday, 12 midnight,

Ed MC Dowell, 12.30 C.B SHOW. 1.0 Alan Russell. 1.30 Close.

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DEAR READER.

THIS IS THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FROM P.R.C. TRELAND. WE ARE AN IRISH BRANCH OF A NONPROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATION, SET UP IN 1968 TO SUFFORT AND PUBLICISE FREE, OFFSHORE RADIO STATIONS
SUCH AS CAROLINE AND LAND BASED FREE RADIO STATIONS. WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A FREE RADIO NETWORK
IN IRELAND AND EUROPE, SIMILAR TO THAT PROVIDED BY THE VERY POPULAR OFFSHORE "PIRATE" RADIO
STATIONS DURING THE SIXTIES. THESE STATIONS POPULARITY, INDICATED BY OPINION POLLS, WELL DEMONSTRATES THAT THE TYPE OF RADIO SERVICE THE PUBLIC MOST WANTS, CONSISTS OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL STATIONS, PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO R.T.E. AND THAT THESE STATIONS SHOULD BE
PREE PROM ANY EXTERNAL, POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL OR UNION PRESSURES, THE F.R.C. PUBLISHES A REGULAR
MAGAZINE "NEWSCASTER". IRISH MEMBERS RECKIVE A BONUS EXTRA OF "NEWSLETTER", WHICH CONTAINS ALL
THE LATEST NEWS ON THE IRISH PREE RADIO SCENE, PROGRAMME GUIDES, STATION HISTORIES, ETC.
WELCOME TO THIS, THE FIRST OF OUR NEWSLETTERS FROM P.B.C. IRELAND, COMMENTS AND ARTICLES ARE
ALWAYS VERY WELCOME.

Kieran Murray - EDITOR,

#### The History Of Capitol Radio 220m

On Saturday the 6th of April 1974 transmissions from Radio Empathy (222m) ceased at 1.10pm. That was to be the last Free Radio station in Dublin for 1½ years. Then, during July 1975 test transmissions were heard on 220m. The station was Capitol Radio. These tests were going out for approx. 4 weeks before the official opening.

During the second test they overcame some technical problems, but found some new ones. A new \(\frac{1}{4}\) wave aerial was built and after major adjustments had been made to the transmitter, the Effective Radiated Power was increased to approx. \(\frac{70\) Watts}\). They went to great pains to get rid of harmonics, improve sound quality, maintain aerials and make lots of coffee! Better reception was experienced everywhere, in fact transmissions were received as far away as North Wales (125 miles away).

The big day came on August 2nd 1975 at 12 noon, when D.J. Chris Barry (C.B.) ann—ounced "This is Capitol Radio on 220 metres medium wave, and now the Ed. Mac Dowell Show". The first voice heard was C.B. and the D.J. lineup was as follows: Ed. Mac Dowell, C.B., Alan Russell, Kenneth Murphy and John Edwards. Sunday transmissions were from 12 noon to 3pm. Capitol Radio also broadcast on Friday nights at 12 midnight with a very agreeable format. The station proved to be extremely popular, not only with the young—but with people of all ages. The listenership grew to 20,000. The Irish record charts also bore witness to Capitol's popularity hence the presence of The Eagles and Glen Campbell for many weeks. Rumour has it that even the Police were listening in: The station broadcast happily giving away lots of new albums and running competitions. Capitol Radio also ran phone—in's every week and these were very popular with the listeners. Many phone calls were received even from Wales and the Isle Of Man.

But then, during the C.B. (Chris Barry) Show on the 21st of December 1975 at approx.

1.03pm the airwaves were silenced. All we were left to listen to was the gaping silence......

Disaster had struck...or had it??? D.J. Chris Barry takes up the story "The Post Office raided us alright, but they did not get what they were looking for. It took them three hours to find our studio location. It took them another 35 mins to break our studio door down. All that was left for them then was our studio equipment. During the raid I was asked by the P.O. 'Where is it?' I replied 'What?'. P.O: 'The transmitter'. I said 'What transmitter?'. Then the P.O. said: 'We're not leaving till we find it'. I said 'Fine, I'm having a cup of coffee!!!!.....' A friend of the staff tried to take photographs of the action—but was pushed up against the wall by a P.O. detective and his film smashed. I asked the detective 'What happened?' (Continued overleaf.

THE HISTORY OF CAPITOL RADIO - CONTINUED ..... and he said: 'The camera fell'. I replied by saying: 'Thats your story ... " The result after 31 hours of searching by the P.O. was the confiscation, and eventual return of all Capitol's audio and receiving equipment. The ministers heavies had failed to get the transmitter ... Capitol returned the very next week (Sun 28th Dec 1975) to explain to their listeners what had happened. Since then we've heard nothing on 220metres. That's Capitol's history right up to the present time. Let's hope that we will hear something from Capitol Radio on 220metres - soon. RECEIVED.....RECEIVED.....RECEIVED..... Received in Dublin on Sat 14th February 1976 - Radio Rag from Manchester on 225metres. Reception very good. Heard from 12midnight to 1.03am.....Sun 25th April 1976 - received Radio Wesley on 227m at 23.35 hrs. G.M.T. Signal was moderately good. Announcement: "This is Radio Wesley, London-England calling". Also heard in Dublin on Sat 1st May 1976 - Radio Gnome on 225m, 24.00 hrs to closedown at 01.45 hrs. G.M.T. Reception near excellent. Address read out as: "Radio Gnome, P.O. Box 38, Aberdeen, Scotland". Anyone got any info. on any of these stations ? Our address is at bottom of page. -000 RADIO DUBLIN'S LOCAL RADIO CAMPAIGN..... That's the latest from Radio Dublin (253m). They want everyone who listens, their families and friends to sign a petition with the heading 'Legalise Radio Dublin'. To quote D.J. Dr. Don: "It's strange to think that we have a local station North, South and West of us, but NONE in Dublin - the capital." They promise a colour photo. of the D.J's with every 100 names sent in. Their address is: 90 Ranelagh. Dublin 6. According to their latest bulletin 2,850 names & addresses of supporters have been collected. The campaign will end, a march to the offices of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs. Dr. Cruise O'Brien, aimed at getting him to amend the Mireless Telegraphy Acts of 1926 and 1972. Radio Dublin broadcasts every Sunday at 1.30pm on 253metres with Dr. Don. Prince Terry and D.J Debbie. CAROLINE LEADS DEE JAYS..... According to a survey carried out in England by the 'Radio Guide' - as many as 20,000 Disc Jockeys could be listening to Radio Caroline every wook. The survey was conducted by telephoning 250 D.J's in the Greater London area. They were asked which of 4 radio stations they listened to, at least once a week, after 7pm in the evening: 163 Dee Jays tuned in to Caroline (65%), 137 tuned in to Luxenbourg(54%), 93 tuned in to Capital Radio(37%) and only 41 tuned in to Radio One(17%). It is interesting to note that Caroline is ahead of 208, as it is an all-album format against Luxembourg's singles playlist ..... Back here in Ireland - in a recent Irish 'Scene Magazine' poll, Caroline came 3rd in the "Favourite Radio Station" section. Radio Luxembourg came 2nd and R.T.E first. Let's hope that Caroline does much better next year. 'FREE RADIO FOCUS' - available now from: F.O.R.P., 49 West Way, Lancing, Sussex, England. The price per issue is just 10p or £1:10 for 6 issues. F.O.R.P. also has a service for landbased pirates... FLASHBACK - THE GOLDEN DAY OF FREE RADIO..... Sunday 10th Septhember 1972 must be the most memorable day of Irish Free Radio broadcasting. On that day, on less than 5 stations were on the air - each with it's own individual music format. 300metres came alive with the sound of Radio Melinda at llam. This station had a good variety of music, from pop to 'Golden Greats'. At 12.00 midday on 253m came Radio Dublin - mostly 'Progressive' music. At 1pm on 217m came Radio Galixy - mainly 'Old Time' music. At 2pm two more stations opened up: Radio Valleri on 192m and Radio Caroline(Dublin) on 227m. Galixy closed down at 2pm; Melinda, Dublin, Caroline and Valleri around 3pm. So ended the golden day of Irish Free Radio broadcasting. Another soon? ? ?? THE IRISH INDEPENDENT RADIO MOVEMENT - is at: 9 Shelton Grove, Kimmage Road West, Dublin 12. Where the secretary is: Alan Geraty. Write to him for details enclosing an I.R.C for reply. turnan armanan manan Are any of your friends Free Radio Campaigners, too? Don't keep a good thing to yourself-tell them about Free Radio Campaign and get them to join too. Remember, the more members and subscriptions we get, the bigger your 'NEWSLETTER' can become! Comments, suggestions, Free Radio news, articles and of course new members are always very welcome. Our address is: F.R.C. Ireland, 53 Charleston Road. Ranclagh, Dublin 6, Ireland. Help us keep Free Radio ALIVE in Ireland. Well, that ends 'NEWSLETTER' Nol. No2 should be out shortly. Meanwhile why not glance over our list of promotional material ?..... EDITOR - Kieran Nurray. 

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CASSETTES FOR SALE. CASSETTES POUR VENTE. KASSETTEN FÜR VER KAUFEN.

(1). The Ed Mac Dowell Show on Capitol Radio. Details: The last show before Post Office raid. Includes at beginning Capitol's "Christmas Promo". Good quality records & jingles. Broadcast: December 21st 1975, at 12 noon on 220m MW. Sound quality: A. Time 40 mins. Price £1:75. (X). Kieran Murray, 53 Charleston Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland.

(2). Capitol's Last Transmission after raid, 28th December 1975. Details: Capitol Radio was raided on Sunday 21st, but they were on again the following Sunday. This tape explains what happened, as told by the DJ's. Sound quality: C. Time 30 mins. Price £1:20. (X).

- (3). Radio Dublin Announcing Raid by Post Office on Capitol. Details: Extracts from the Dr. Don Show. On this show he explains what happened to Capitol and plays taped extracts from Capitol's last transmission. Broadcast December 28th 1975, at 1.30pm on 253m NW. Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins. Price £1:75. (X).
- (4). Complete Set of Capitol Radio Jingles.

  Details: Hitpicks, Station ID's, Album Reviews, Listen-To-The-Music, Capitol Nº 1, Hitmaker,
  Solid Gold, The Music Machine, Going Back In Time-It's A Capitol Flashback, Hitmaker......

  and many more. All used by the DJ's of Capitol Radio on 220m MW.

  Plus a bonus extra of "Capitol Programme Promotions".

  Sound quality: A. Time 30 mins. Price £2:00. (X).
- (5). The Dr. Don Show on Radio Dublin. Details: Chat (lots), music, and jingles from Dublin's only surviving Free Radio Station. Broadcast: February 22nd 1976 at 1.30pm on 253m MW. Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins (Approx). Price £1:00. (X).
- (6). Radio Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Programme.

  Details: Fun, records, jingles and chat from DJ's Prince Terry, Dr. Don and Special Guest.

  Broadcast: March 17th 1976 at 1.0pm on 253m MW.

  Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins. Price £1:00. (X).

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