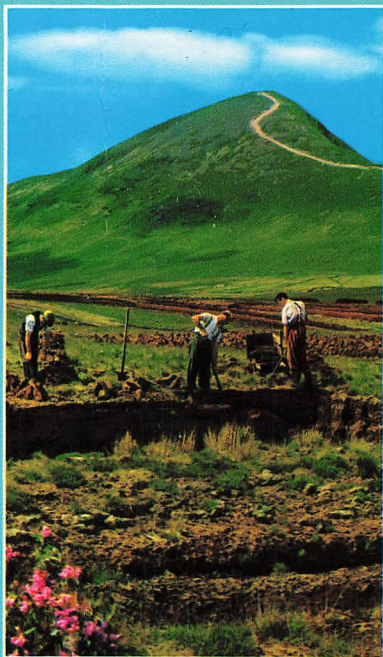
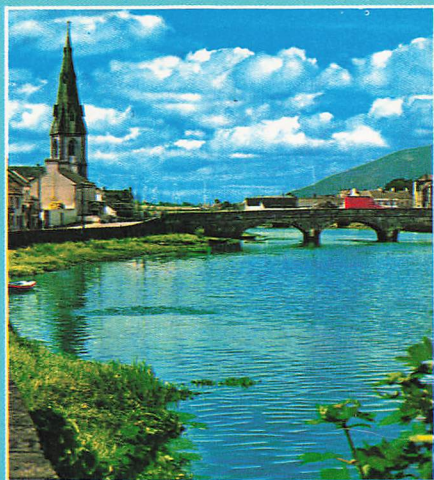


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Mid-West Radio, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, Ireland.
St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 1996

We are pleased to confirm your reception report of our historic
shortwave broadcast of March 17th/18th, 1996, on 11715/7325 kHz.

Thank you for writing to us. Good wishes from Ireland

Michael Commins -

MICHAEL COMMINS
Programme Producer

MAYO: The Mayo coastline provides a succession of remarkable views of golden beaches, cliffs and furrowed headlands. Within its rugged borders, scenic charm, pleasant towns and olde world villages abound. The most distinctive feature of Mayo's striking landscape is Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holy mountain, which is climbed each year by bare-footed pilgrims in acts of religious devotion. Long since renowned as a holiday resort, Mayo has an abundance of natural amenities which attract climbing, fishing and sailing enthusiasts. *Photographs on this card include: Westport House; Ashford Castle; Ballina; Croagh Patrick and Clew Bay.*

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10-July-1996.

Dear Carl,

Many thanks for your letter and reception report which we received some weeks ago. It was very nice to hear from you. We appreciate your very encouraging comments about our St. Patrick's Day shortwave broadcast. We certainly hope to do it again on St. Patrick's Day next year. If we secure Government funding or company sponsorship for the project, we would hope to do weekly or monthly broadcasts from the West of Ireland.

The response to our broadcast has been overwhelming and it has taken us a number of weeks to get around to replying to the huge amount of mail that has come in from so many parts of the world. Letters like yours are very important to us in furthering our plans to get a regular shortwave service on the air from the West of Ireland.

I am replying personally to every letter that we received and that is why it has taken some weeks to get around to answering your letter. Even now, I still have only got around to answering in the region of 75% of all the letters and reception reports that came our way. Thank you so much for your very kind remarks about our programmes on St. Patrick's Day. A lot of voluntary work went into putting it all together.

We received a huge response from the USA and all the letters have been very encouraging in relation to us doing further broadcasts on shortwave. I too hope that we can become a regular broadcaster on shortwave and bring Ireland to the attention of shortwave listeners around the world. There is certainly a great need and demand for such a service.

Nice to hear from a listener in Omaha, Nebraska. I am sure you have heard of the famous Fr. Flanagan and "Boys Town". Fr. Flanagan was born in Ballymoe, just sixteen miles from the MWR station in Ballyhaunis.

I will put you on our mailing list and will let you know about any future shortwave broadcast by MWR (which I hope will be in the relatively near future). I enclose a QSL card of our historic broadcast from Ireland.

Best wishes,

Michael Commins.
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MAY 1996

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your letter to Mid West Radio acknowledging reception of our special St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) shortwave broadcast. It was very kind of you to write to us and let us know about reception in your area.

We are overwhelmed by the huge response we have received to our broadcast. Hundreds of letters from many countries around the world have been arriving here over the last three weeks. All of you have been very positive in your comments on our programme.

This was a very historic broadcast from Ireland. It was the first time ever that any radio station in Ireland broadcast in six languages on the one day. We had programmes in English, Irish, German, French, Spanish and Italian. The entire venture was undertaken on a voluntary basis by all the programme presenters and programme guests.

Your letter and comments are a great encouragement to us to take this project further and we hope to secure the necessary funding and backing to present regular programmes of a similar nature from the West of Ireland. The reaction has been truly astonishing and we are deeply grateful to you for letting us know how much you enjoyed our broadcasts and how you would like to hear regular shows from this part of Ireland.

We will put you on a mailing list and inform you in advance of further broadcasts from Mid West Radio in Ireland. A QSL card is enclosed which we hope will find a cherished place in your collection.

Until we meet again on the airwaves, we thank you most sincerely for listening to our St. Patrick's Day broadcast. It was a great thrill to link so many people from so many countries together on this special day for Irish radio.

From all of us at Mid West Radio, the "Friendly Voice of Ireland", we say goodbye and thanks for the kind and encouraging letter and report.

Kind Regards,

Michael Commins.



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