

# It's wonderful Radio Free Liverpool

*"Have a happy, happy weekend,  
Take a little rest, have a little fun,  
And set your dial, the fun's just begun...  
This is wun-der-ful Radio Liv-er-pool."*

THE JINGLES are bright and breezy, the DJ sounds professional, the music's pop or progressive. Radio Free Liverpool is on the air again, broadcasting from a secret transmitter

on 217 metres medium wave (GPO and police permitting).

Yes, Liverpool has its own free radio station, although few people know about it because of the silence of the press and BBC.

What's more, until recently there have been seven free radio stations transmitting in the Merseyside area. And Radio Liverpool has broadcast regularly for three hours on Sunday for six months, and off and on for the past

three years.

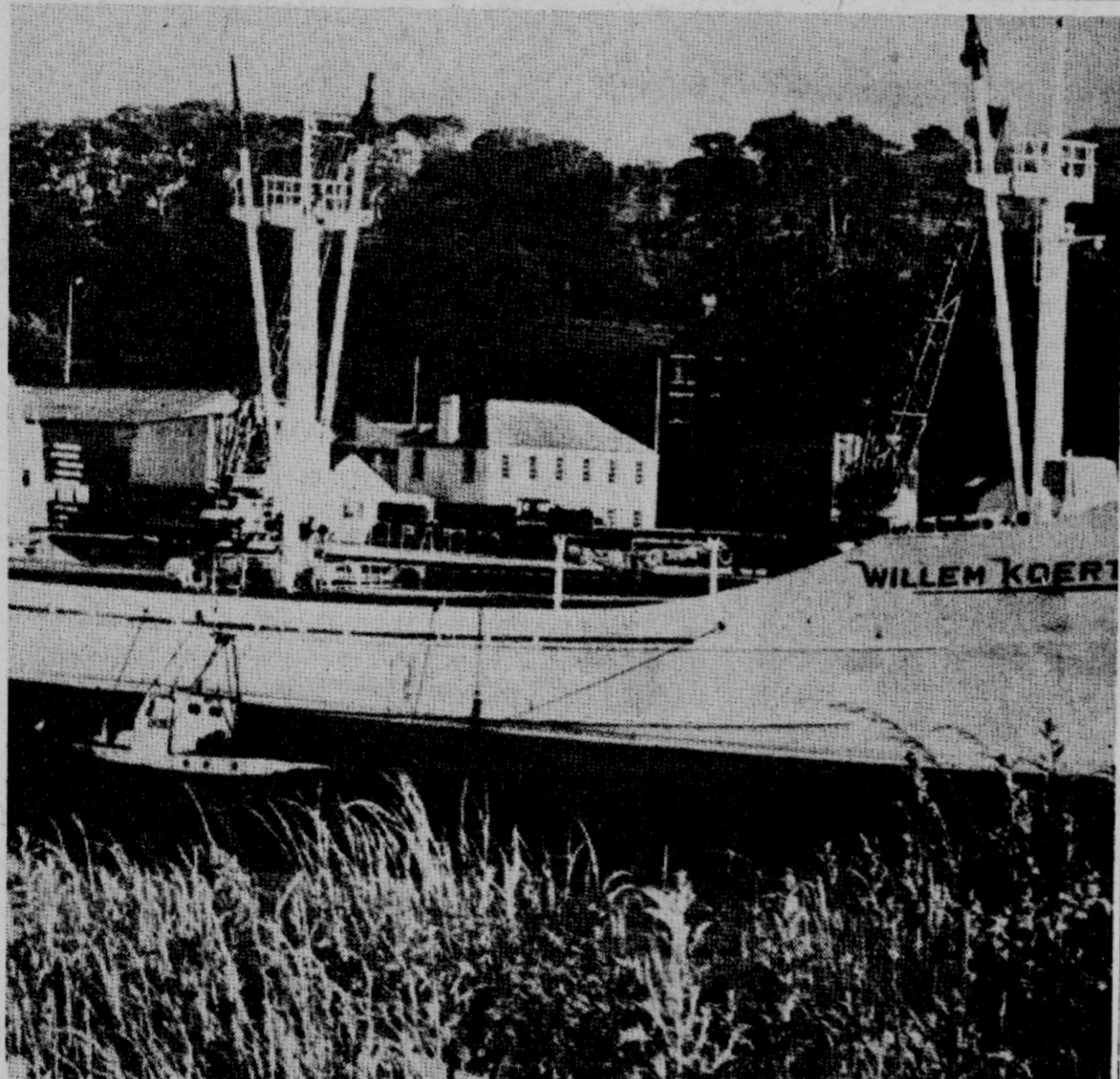
The GPO has gone to extraordinary lengths to silence the small voices which are challenging the present monopoly of the BBC. In the last seven weeks, Radio Free Liverpool has had £200 worth of equipment seized. The two people who operate the radio have been chased across farms, tracked by police dogs, and ambushed by GPO officials.

Certainly few people listening to the

catchy jingles and lively music are aware of the comic cat-and-mouse scenes which often take place within twenty miles of their homes.

Just a few Sundays ago, Bob and Dave who run the station, set up their equipment in a farm field on the outskirts of Liverpool. Bob climbed a tree until he was seventy to eighty feet off the ground, drooped the aerial wire across the top of the tree and threw the end

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Surrounded by hills and trees, the little port of Mostyn on the North Wales coast is worrying Merseyside dockers. See page eight to find out why.

## Lecturer is sacked – no reasons are given

Background to the sacking – page four

LIVERPOOL University have sacked an American lecturer – without giving him a written statement of the charges against him, and without allowing him to hear all the evidence.

Vague, unwritten accusations of poor teaching and poor research have been made against Dr. Charles Wakstein, of the mechanical engineering department, whose appeal was being heard on July 14.

But the university have prevented Dr. Wakstein from carrying out an important research project by refusing to sign a contract with Unilever, worth nearly £3,000. The project was also given approval and further £10,000 financial backing by the Science Research Council.

Nottingham University have now agreed to accept the research project. Dr. Wakstein has also been asked by a publisher to be the joint author of a book on engineering failures. The other author is the very man who wants Wakstein sacked, Professor Roy Penny, head of design and production.

Over the last two years Dr. Wakstein's students have had much lower failure rates than on many other courses.

In complete contradiction to the charges Professor Penny put Wakstein in charge of the entire final year course in design and production.

The reasons for Wakstein's sacking become a little clearer in the light of his involvement with people in Wavertree fighting to have the M 62 rerouted, and the technical assistance he offered to tenants living in flats built on the Ronan Point principle.

In both cases his aim was to give people the information that they could use to try and get around the phoney participation offered to them by the corporation.

Charles Wakstein has always held strong views on the engineer's responsibilities towards the community. Not surprisingly, he feels that he faces trumped charges which disguise the real reason for his sacking.

## Massive transfer of work abroad

# FORD'S PLANS LEAKED!

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FORD motor company plan to begin a large-scale transfer of work from Britain to Germany in August when they begin production of the modified 1973 version of the Capri.

Strictly confidential company documents released by Ford clerical workers have produced detailed evidence of the transfer. Thirty British firms – including Plessey (Liverpool), AC Delco and Lucas – will all lose all or part of their contracts for the Capri components. The contracts cover 55 components.

Plesseys, of Edge Lane, will lose a major radio contract for the Capri to Germany's Blaupunkt radio company who will take over supplies from August.

### Jobs lost

Ford management have glibly denied accusations that they are shifting work out of Britain. But company documents are now being used by Ford workers to trace the export of work over the past five years, and to show Ford's future plans.

Work in the Halewood press shop, which produces car panels, has fallen to its lowest ever. Eighty operators have been moved elsewhere in the plant to fill jobs made vacant through natural wastage.

When Ford introduced the Capri in 1969 only ten parts were imported into Halewood from Germany. By next January Ford plan to bring in 272 parts from outside Britain, mainly from Germany.

There have also been indications that in the Capri's successor – code

named Diana – which is due to be introduced in mid-1974, there will be a further increase of German-made panels. The same could be true for the Escort's successor – code named Ford Brenda – which is scheduled for 1975.

The Association of Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Staff (ACTS) – part of the Transport and General Union – are collecting information from company files to establish an early warning system for all Ford workers.

The Halewood branch of the ACTS have embarrassed the national union with their campaign against Ford's clerical time-and-motion study and their release of highly secret company information.

### Played off

An ACTS member at Halewood said: "We are not striking a nationalistic pose in our fight to stop work going abroad. We recognise the rights of German workers.

"But for too long Ford have played off one group of workers against another. We are determined to stop this. Already some of our members have been threatened with the sack for our activities. But if one is sacked, we are all out."

## Thrasher lashes out on caning

THE DECISION of Liverpool Education Committee to abolish caning has made odd bedfellows of Councillors Myra Fitzsimmons and Tom Bailey, Conservative and Labour members respectively.

At the last city council meeting Bailey tried to raise the item under financial matters because – he claimed – failure to cane resulted in huge bills to the ratepayer through vandalism.

This move failed, but several hours later, despite the efforts of his comrades to hold him down, 'Thrasher' Bailey erupted. Gales of laughter greeted his histrionic fist waving as he described how the country was going to the dogs and he was one of the few patriots left.

# Police keep doctor out

POLICE refused to let a Liverpool doctor visit a patient who was detained at Cheapside police station and thought to be badly hurt, on June 25.

The doctor even showed a 'Help on Arrest' card which says anyone arrested is entitled to ask to see a solicitor, friend, or doctor.

The card was issued just over a

year ago by the Liverpool Community Relations Council with the support and agreement of the Chief Constable, Mr James Haughton.

Tony Ingram, a black American G.I., was arrested with his wife Carol after coming out of a club in the early hours of the morning.

Tony's wife thought he had hurt his arm – which he had recently

broken – during a scuffle with the police. The incident is alleged to have been started by a policeman calling Carol a 'black bitch'.

They were both taken to Essex Street police station, but Carol was later released on bail and Tony was transferred to Cheapside.

Late that same day, Carol went down to the station with a doctor,

but the sergeant on duty turned down the doctor's request to be allowed to examine the American.

A solicitor told the Free Press that while a man is in custody the police have the discretionary power to decide if a G.P. can visit him. "But to refuse is regarded as reprehensible behaviour."