their own frequencies by killing de-facto the smaller stations which were the spirit of the so called *free radio* scene that broke the Italian State monopoly in the 70's. Today, only a few small stations survive, especially in rural areas, and recent proposals to rule once again the market by the Italian Government seem to favor the largest network vs. the smallest, but nevertheless, important smaller stations.

As for radio, the 1990 Broadcasting Act identifies two types of license: *commercial* and *non-commercial* or *community radio* (very similar to the US concept of *public radio*), both licenses were granted on a local or national coverage basis. All applications for a license had to be filled by October 20, 1990. After that date, the law states that no new station can be built, nor other application accepted and, more importantly, no technical parameter of every station (e.g. antenna, frequency, transmitter power, etc.) can be changed. Only just recently (April 1998) a provision has been added by decree to slightly modify the technical characteristics of a transmitter, if, for example, another transmitter belonging to the same station is shut down in the same area.

In the Milano city area alone, commercial radio stations are outnumbering non-commercial/community operations by more than a factor of 30. NEXUS-IBA got a formal license to operate IRRS-Globe Radio Milano on FM 88.85 MHz as a local community broadcaster in 1995, and an authorization to operate an international Shortwave station also from Milano, Italy.

Our History

Milano is a very cosmopolitan city in Northern Italy. Its weekly specialized exhibitions at the local Fair attract many foreign visitors every year. Here live quite a large number of English speaking foreign residents (20,000+) as well as many Italians who speak this language fluently. All that together with the interest of several international broadcasting organizations, consular representatives in Milan, newspapers, listeners and friends helped us to create and maintain IRRS-Globe Radio Milan since 1979. IRRS-Globe Radio Milan is a unique and the first English speaking station in Italy.

Back in 1979, the fact that most of the Italian radio listeners in large towns do not listen at all to international Shortwave, or Long Wave broadcasts, gave us the idea of starting a local English speaking FM station in Milano. No DBS (radio or TV) satellites were yet available, and newspaper and magazines were almost all international media available in town at the time. The station started with very simple equipment, a lot of enthusiasm, and with just only a few Watts all the Milano city area was covered.

Globe radio milan
Italian radio relay service

Today IRRS-Globe Radio Milan exists to provide NEXUS-IBA members and broadcasters a facility in what the National Geographic magazine defined as *"Both a factory and a showcase for Italian products, a hub for the comings and goings of trade in Italy and much of western Europe, but also a city of fine food and subtle elegance and cultural wealth"*. In the early beginnings when IRRS-Globe Radio Milan experienced little or no interference from other stations, there were listeners who tuned into our broadcasts from as far as 30-50 km away. Now, even with professional equipment and higher power, the heavy competition from commercial stations have undoubtedly reduced the station's coverage to just about one third of the entire city area. A situation very common to other small stations in Milano, which did not improve when licenses were assigned in 1990.

Since its beginning, IRRS-Globe Radio Milan has been airing the best selection of English programming available on Shortwave. Over the years, programs from the BBC World Service, BBC English by Radio, Deutsche Welle, Radio Nederland, Radio Sweden, Swiss Radio International, HCJB, VOA, Radio Beijing, Family Radio, Radio Earth, UNESCO and United Nations Radio, as well as many other individuals and broadcasting organizations has been aired to our (your) listeners in Milano, often preceding what is now being offered as VOA Europe or BBC World Service via satellite in many other European towns.

NEXUS-IBA is neither governmentally, nor privately funded. Although provisions exist in the NEXUS' charter to accept financial donations from other bodies and institutions, all current operations are entirely financed by our members broadcasters. Moreover no advertising is currently on air on any NEXUS-IBA station. All NEXUS-IBA personnel are professionals who have a full time job elsewhere, and devote most of their spare time coordinating NEXUS-IBA activities as volunteers. The heavy use of state-of-the-art computer automation, digital broadcasting, and, only recently, the availability of satellite feeds, together with our hard work, has made it all possible until now.
Needless to say that all this could not be accomplished, nor continue, without your interest and support. To support our activities please visit our support page.

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Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 13:29:13 -0700
From: Chuck0 <chuck@tao.ca> **Save Address** **Block Sender**
To: microradio@tao.ca
Subject: MRN: Fuck the FCC
Reply-To: microradio@tao.ca

I am concerned that those in the movement have lately become to focussed on what the FCC thinks about our activities. I don't mind the efforts by some people to try and reform the system, but that is inadequate for my needs. I think we should stop playing ball on the FCC's court and make them play on ours.

I think we should work on helping more people start their own stations and keeping ours on the air. This is something we are good at and this cooperation is the strong aspect of our movement.

Some of us are going to be working on a campaign to highlight the criminal terrorist nature of the FCC. Not only have they "stolen" our airwaves and given them to a bunch of rich white men, they have also stolen our equipment, often in the middle of the night in death squad-style raids. This is not the hallmark of people we can dialog with.

I plan to compile a list of FCC enfrocement personnel, including their home addresses, and will post this information on the web.

We need to conduct more technical classes with people on how to set up their own stations.

It's time to play hardball with the FCC.

Hi FCC scum!

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Date: Sun, 19 Jul 1998 15:17:10 -0700 (PDT)
From: Stephen Dunifer <frbspd@crl.com> **Save Address Block Sender**
To: microradio@tao.ca
Subject: Re: MRN: Fuck the FCC
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I agree totally. We must see that this entire proposed rulemaking process by the FCC is nothing more than damage control mixed with a basic divide and conquer strategy, separate those "good" folks who want to go along with the FCC from the "bad" folks who want to truly liberate the airwaves. Our movement deserves an immense amount of credit. By hundreds of stations going on the air, the FCC has been forced into damage control mode because they are facing an out of control situation that they do not have the resources to cope with. And gee, if folks begin questioning and defying the authority of the FCC they might start transfering this behavior to other aspects of thei live as well.

This is the time to raise the level of engagement, not reduce it. Yes, we can comment on the proposals and be very clear about what is acceptable and what is not, realizing full well that they will never agree to what we propose. Our position has already won in the court of public opinion. Therefore, we need to up the ante by putting more stations on the air and defending them when necessary.

Lets borrow two tactics from Earth First! and the Central America Ant-intervention movement -creative monkeywrenching and a pledge of resistance. Every micropower station should consider having as many people as possible sign a pledge of resistance stating that they will risk arrest by non-violently placing their body between the radio station and any agency coming to seize the equipment and shut it down. And, ala Earth First! the transmitter could be locked in a steel and concrete construct weighing about 500 or more pounds. This construct would have embedded lock-down points so folks could be chained to it. By delaying the removal of both equipment and people, this gives time for activating the pledge of

resistance network which would surround the station. Perhaps an ongoing vigil of folks changing shifts every few hours would be an effective first
line of response as well.

How is the FCC going to look when they have to arrest hundreds of people defending Free Speech ? Not very well. If they have to face this possibility every time they want to shut a station down, it will make life very difficult for them. At the same time, legal actions need to be
brought against their capacity to seize equipment. A legal brief is being prepared that will target this authority. When that is done, it needs to filed as a suit against the FCC in every Federal Court district. This will tie up their legal resources in a most major way.

In addition, increase the pressure on the broadcast associations, exposing them for the enemies of Free Speech that they are.

BE REALISTIC, DEMAND AND CREAT THE IMPOSSIBLE - A LIBERATED BROADCAST SPECTRUM

Stephen Dunifer

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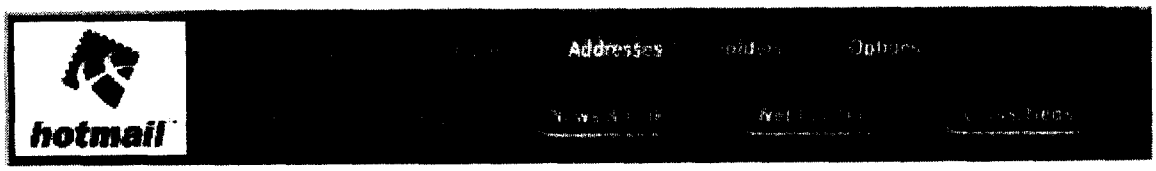

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