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FREQUENCY FOR AMATEUR RADIO O/B MIR:

In the beginning of Febr. 1989 (see MIRNEWS.069 of 5 Febr.) the crew was told to communicate with their amateur equipment with the 'shack' on a space exhibition in Geneva. They then used the frequ. 144.550 mc. Recently some English radioamateurs heard USMIR (Krikalyov) on that frequency.

COMMOTION ABOUT GLAVKOSMOS DECISIONS:

Not only in the Soviet press, but also in the radiotraffic between MIR and the trackingships (A.S.K. and K.V.K.) bitter reactions could be heard on the plans to let a Japanese journalist visit MIR in 1992. Volkov and Krikalyov do not trust the ability of Soviet negociators to secure profits for the spaceprogram in the future, in fact they expect considerable losses. (They fear -as you use to say- 'Dutch bargains'). They are opposed against the flight of a Japanese journalist before any Soviet journalist has had such an opportunity. Via a TV-channel they saw a Soviet paper with a photograph of Gagarin, Tereshkova and Jahn and a comment on that decision. Volkov mentioned the promise of the Soviet Minister for Chemical Industry to use funds from his budget to enable a Soviet journalist to make a spaceflight to MIR first.

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