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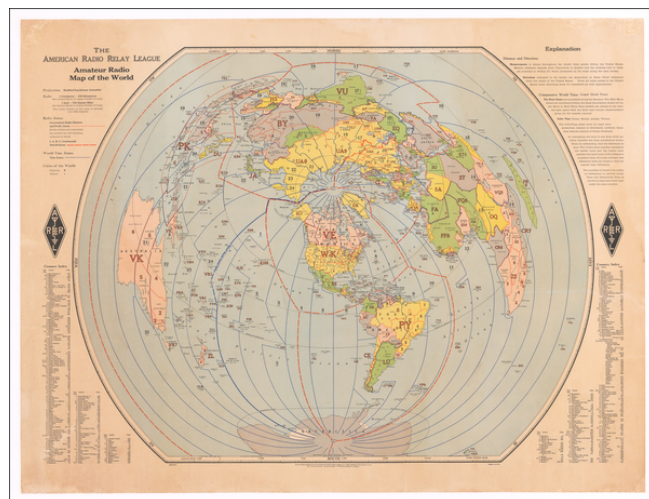
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## The American Radio Relay League Amateur Radio Map of the World

**Stock#:** 59571  
**Map Maker:** Rand McNally & Company  
**Date:** 1960  
**Place:** West Hartford, CT  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 36.3 x 28 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Finely executed map of the world, centered on the polar areas on a modified equidistant Azimuthal projection.

Shows capital cities and major cities of the world, government radio districts and prefix areas, I.A.R.U. continental sub-divisions, I.T.U. regions and world time zones. Includes Country index and explanation.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the largest membership association of amateur radio enthusiasts in the USA. ARRL is a non-profit organization, and was co-founded on April 6, 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim and Clarence D. Tuska of Hartford, Connecticut.

The 1920s saw tremendous technical growth in radio. Pushed both by wartime demands and by the growing commercialization of radio, equipment rapidly improved. In 1923 a two-way contact between Connecticut and France bridged the Atlantic Ocean for the first time.

With government uncertainty as to how to allocate both commercial and amateur frequencies, the ARRL kept discipline in amateur ranks so that spectrum was not unnecessarily occupied. They worked with Washington and the result was that amateurs received the orderly series of harmonic frequency bands.

Other activities during this time included transcontinental relays to quickly move messages across the United States, communications assistance in several emergencies, and encouragement for an amateur radio operator on an Arctic expedition of Donald B. MacMillan—perhaps the first beginnings of DXpeditions. The League also began to act in an advisory capacity for the American delegations at



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international radio conferences. In 1925 the International Amateur Radio Union was formed.

A controversial idea was originated in 1961 when the League encouraged "incentive licensing", which sought reversion to the principle that higher levels of license privileges should require higher levels of demonstrated knowledge and CW skill but took away some amateur privileges until licensees requalified at higher levels; "incentives" are still in effect and only holders of the highest class of license (Amateur Extra) maintain all amateur privileges. By 1964 the positive influence of the ARRL was so evident that the United States issued a commemorative postage stamp on its 50th anniversary.

**Detailed Condition:**

Laid on archival poster linen.