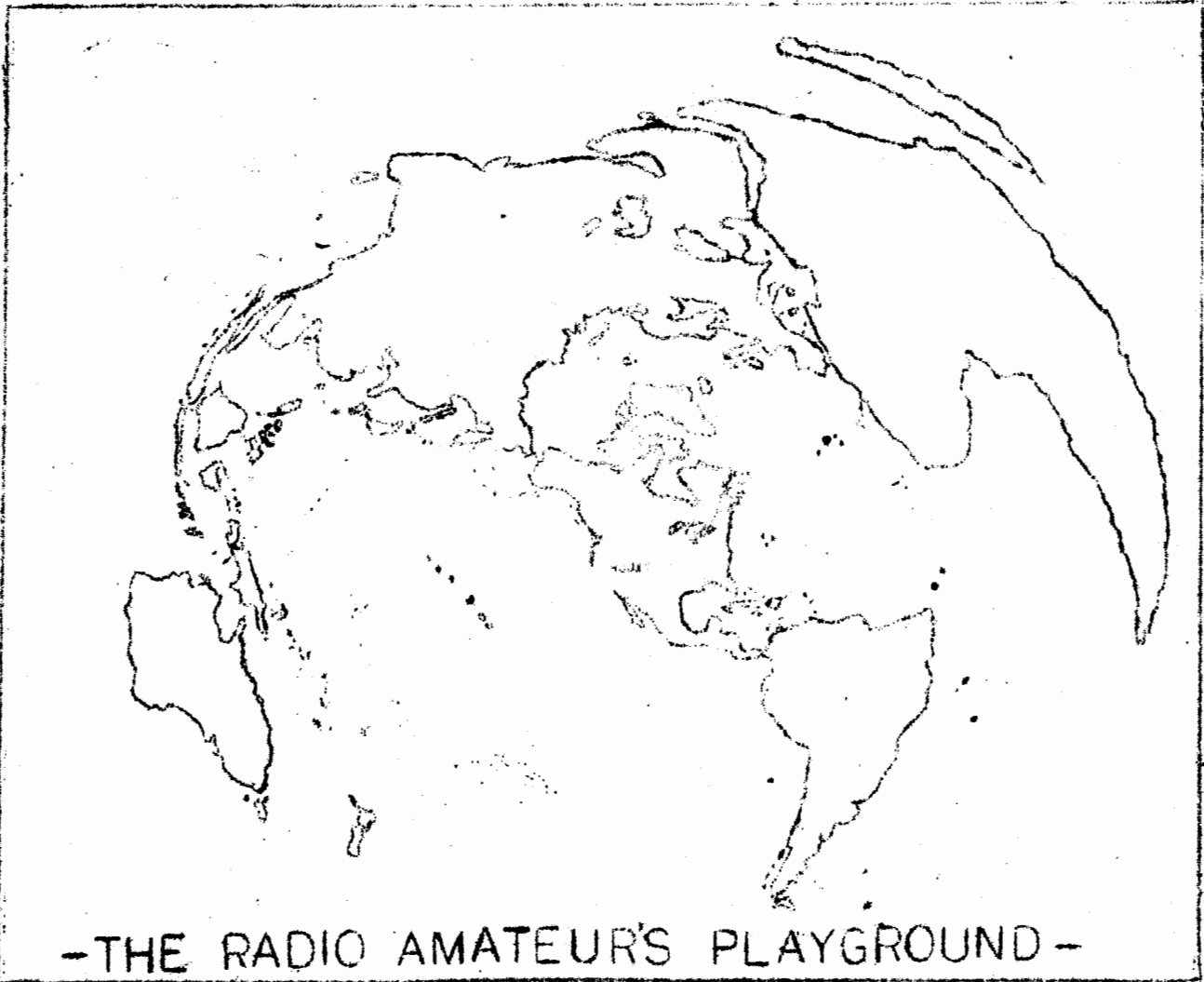


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Our April 14th dinner meeting, held in the JAVA ROOM of the Coit-Ramsey Hotel, Oakland, proved to be a very interesting one.

There were 25 present for the meeting and we were honored by the presence of visitors: W2ZXMM, Capt. Kurt Carlsen and dx'er W6BIP. Member Don Bennett W6RRG/VP7NX flew up for a few days from the Bahamas and we all enjoyed visiting with Don. Associate member W6am also stopped by to attend the meeting.

W6HMX was elected to full membership, which should boost the phone mens side of the ledger.

It was requested that members send W6RBQ get well cards, as Bill is very ill, no visitors please.

W6KEK & W6MVQ gave a progress report on the 2 meter project. Volunteers were called for to wire the I.F. strips and also for some metal work. W6LDD offered his services for the job. Others are also needed.

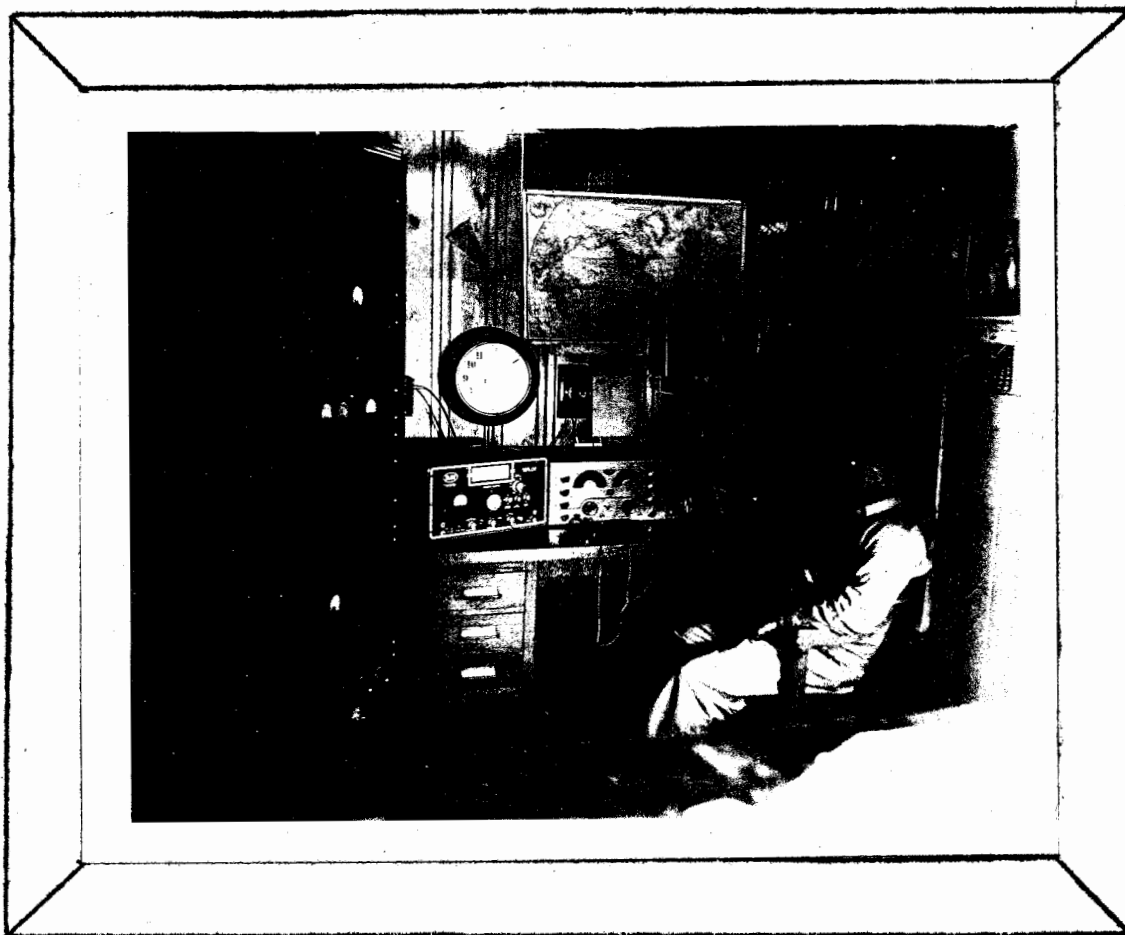
Capt. Kurt Carlsen described his M/M station aboard ship, which consists of two transmitters, one a KW job and a 2 element 15 meter beam for the antenna. Capt. Carlsen revealed that he also holds amateur calls in two other countries; OD5BG and K25HC, besides his regular W2ZXMM call. He said being aboard a ship has its advantages; if you can't hook a station then sail over to it! The Capt. wound up by stating that all the Italian amateur licenses were called in and all the amateurs must pass an examination before being permitted to operate again. This situation plus the heavy license fee will keep many of the 11 boys off of the air, according to Capt. Carlsen.

Don Bennett, as VP7NX, made 900 contacts the first weekend and a total of 1350 contacts during the recent DX Contest.

Don said that the HI situation is rather odd. He did get on as HI6RG for a short spell, but the local Gendarmes kind of interfered, HI!

But he predicts lots of activity from ZD8 & ZD9 land, once they get started down there. It takes a long time to get a call letter assigned, but once they come through there should be many stations on as there are about fifty amateurs down there! (73 & DX W6GFB)

1932 W6GPB 1955



Actually this is a sequel to the Jan.-Feb. 1952 issue of THE DX'ER, in which W6GPB was the featured station, however, as was mentioned in that article a KW final was under construction. This final is now in operation and is housed in a 7 ft., Par Metal rack, featuring P.P.4-250a, all band plug in coils, modulated by P.P.8IOs, class B, the screen voltage is supplied by a separate power supply with a Variac for cutting voltage when tuning. The high voltage supply also has a "Screw" in the 220 volt primary for cutting voltage. Right next to the final is a B & W 5100, which is used as a driver/transmitter. When used as a driver, a variable resistor in the screen lead cuts the drive to the proper amount. Immediately above the 5100 is the Ant. junction box, where all the CO-AX antenna feeders terminate and a switch selects the desired antenna. The RF ammeter and CO-AX antenna relay are also contained in this metal box. The rest of the station is as before, NC-183, BC-22I freq. meter, Mims antenna rotator and indicator.

Certificates that have been accumulated at W6GPB are as follows: WAA # 76 1952 31st W & 3rd W6, WAC, WACO, WACE-W#59, WAP 1953 #52-15th W, WAJAD, WFJS, WAS, WBE, BERTA, WFE, CAA, TPA, WW1, OTC, DUF 1-2-3-4 #568, 344, 204 & 109, Resp., DXCC 204, WAZ 39 and in 1936 two PINK SLIPS, one from Grand Island & one from Hingham! (The same offense, both barrels).

(Editors note: This writeup has been held as an ACE in the hole in case a feature article didn't materialize. We had to put something in this page! Next month we will have a real famous DX'er for our feature page).

T H E D X ' E R

FROM THE EDITORS MAILBAG

February 22nd. 1955

NCDXC:

Please find enclosed the second shipment of QSL cards. I am very happy to report that my QSLing is now right up to date. (Thank God).

Undoubtedly there will be complaints from some who have claimed a QSO from me. It would be appreciated if any such persons could be advised that when I am visiting your country about Xmas of this year, that I will bring my logs, and a plentiful supply of cards. If it can be proved that such a QSO did eventuate, and though an error here the card was not sent, I will be only too happy to oblige.

As I will be leaving the Island about the end of November, I think it a good idea to advise the boys, through the agency of your excellent magazines over there, that after May of this year that all QSL cards should be sent to my home QTH-79 Bealiba Rd., South Caulfield, S.E.8. Victoria, Australia. This will obviate the necessity of needless re-addressing by impatient staff here at the Island.

You will see that I have the cards in small envelopes, the front covers of which are clearly marked for easier distribution to QSL managers. I have done this so you can just write the address of the manager who deals with the particular state and put it in the post. In this way, you may note, that I have saved your organisation the purchase of envelopes.

With very best of 73-Ray, VR3A

From: ITITAI,  
NCDXC:

Now is the time to tell about a thing that shames and rouses the indignation of all ITI hams: that is the non-recognizance of Sicily as a separate new country in the ARRL DXCC list. You know certainly the situation about it better than I. I transcribe you an expressive period of a letter sent to me by KV4AA, I have made considerable efforts in this direction, these efforts have been blocked by our ARRL every time, I can not see why they persist in this stubborn refusal, as the facts should certainly entitle Sicily to a separate status. The main objection to the negative decision of ARRL is the following: why are G+GW-GM separate countries while they are on the same territory, the Great Britian Isle, and under the same government, and why not Sicily?

Sicily is a separate island, under own government, the biggest island on the Mediterranean sea, by comparing with other ones such as EA6-FC-IS-SV5-ZBI-ZC4-all separate countries in the ARRL DXCC list.

Such a refusal means to have two ways of dealing, and the worse one is applied to Sicily. This is not a stubborn refusal, but this is a clear violation of the elementary rules of equity and, especially, corrections. We don't ask for alms. We desire only respect for our precise right and the due acknowledgement of the objective situation of fact, ARRL denied we have any rights, ARRL does not see the light with open eyes. ARRL ignores our petitions and lets us stew in our own gravy. They don't answer clearly. To say no is not an explanation. Now we ask, does ARRL act correctly? No they don't they wish our answer: Well here it is: As ARRL, An official agent that represents all W amateurs, has decided to ignore us, we ITI are obliged, are constrained, on the other hand hand to ignore ARRL and we deeply regret, all W hams, that is: to no longer QSO and to send QSL with and to Ws.

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ITITAI Cont.:

We ITI cherish and feel and we will continue to feel deep an loyal friendship and sympathy towards the individual American amateurs and our decision grieves above all ourselves, this doesn't mean to give Tit for Tat as we don't give any fault to individual Ws, that, they only, will feel, perhaps the effects of our situation. This is a decision that ARRL has expressly desired and will soon be final as we are sure ARRL will continue to let us stew in our own gravy. This communication is official and for the record and on behalf of the most active ITs with Ws, such as ITI-AGA-BXX-TAI-APE-APE-TCZ-TDT-CTH-MFD-ZTD-ZWS-ZGY, and many others who are sometimes active with Ws. ITIAGA has worked more than 500 Ws; ITIBXX more than 1000, myself more than 600, till now, in 39 states, on 3 bands, and I have reciprocated all W QSL that I've received, on the contrary I am still waiting for W QSLs in return. These figures are reported so that our pleasure for QSOs with Ws is evident. We are always QRV for any call from USA. Now this pleasure is denied us by ARRL and certainly not through our fault. Only ARRL can change our imminent final decision by not persisting in their incomprehensible and offensive refusal and by communicating soon their right decision. We will print on our QSL to ham stations all over the world the phrase "This ITI QSL is not worth a button for DXCC on account of ARRL USA., ask them why"--in hopes ARRL will get many indignant letters from Ws.

W6T1

Dear Horace:

April 10th. 1955

Don't know if you noticed it or not, but in the last bunch of cards was one addressed to "LEE DE FOREST". I forwarded it to him, and it turned out to be the one and only Dr. Lee DeForest, from whom I have received several very fine communications. However I noted in the paper the other day that he was in the St. Joseph's Hospital in Santa Monica with just a fighting chance to recover.

Jim Moore.

Dear W6BYB:

Tokyo, Japan.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am 26 years old man. I have taken part in the World War II since I joined the Japanese Navy as a radio operator in April 1942. The first sea battle in which I took part was off Midway in June 1942, and we lost the war.

Since then, the Navy compelled us to take part in the extremely dangerous sea battle, for the purpose of cloaking the real fact that we lost the war.

We took an active part in the several sea battles in the North Pacific severely cold or the South Pacific where many horrible sharks are swimming. If you were veteran, during that time, I might have been you unconsciously, I think.

Then, I was obliged to leave ship by repetition of sinking of our ships. In April 1945, I was obliged to enter a landing party with a view to protect Japan proper.

Everyday, we were trained to throw ourselves with a bomb in hand under the tanks landing in the face of our lines. It is not too much to say that the Military Authorities think nothing of man's life.

During all that time, I happened to hear the unfamiliar broadcast in Japanese, when on board.

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It was "Voice of America" from San Francisco. It had been forbidden for us in warship to hear not only the foreign but also the broadcast of Japan. If we heard it secretly, we have to suffer fist-law and punishment. But I often heard it at midnight, when superiors were away. I always aspired for the free and happy life in America.

Soon I entered a landing party and greeted the historical day which tells us the end of the war.

Since then, seven years passed as a dream. Now, we allied peace treaty with your country.

My heart burns with the desire to become better acquainted with the young man of your country.

For this reason, I have written to you, cherishing the hope that we could exchange letter from time to time, containing cultural data which will surely prove to be to our mutual interest.

Sincerely hoping that you will be generous enough to accept my suggestion, I look forward to your early reply. 73 JA-----

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From CE3DZ via W6BIL

Santiago, April 16 1955

Dear Geo:

Yes, CE3AD mailed all cards about three weeks ago, via bureaus, so I hope you will get yours very soon. If for some reason you can't get it, please let me know within reasonable term and I would try to get another one.

Please QSP information about CE3AD's cards to North and South Calif. DX Clubs and ask them for a few lines in bulletins. I guess it will help in avoiding pile of letters to me. However, if cards are not received within April, I would be glad to help the gang in getting duplicates.

No much DX lately. Too busy and poor conditions. Many thanks,

73 & DX-CE3DZ

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From KV4AA via W6LW  
NCDXC:

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April 21, 55

(Dick) Has a letter from (YJIDL) Port Vila New Hebrides, who is ex-VK2DE & ex ZC3AB; name is David E. Laing--he will be there 6 years and expects to be active on CW. (He has been heard on 7mc., but no qso).

KV4AA will very likely have a piece in his column "DX & Overseas News" in CQ mag., about a Britisher, Danny Weil, who owns a 40 foot Yacht, the YASME and is working his way around the world. He came from Gambia to Antigua in just 22 days, using sails only and used the call G7DW/MM.

This chap is now sold on the idea of a 2 year DX trip to such rare places as; VRI BR Phoenix, Nauru, ZM7, VR5, VR6, CRIO, VU5, VQ9, VQ7, Comorrows, ZD7, ZD8.

Funds will be needed for adequate radio gear for this contemplated DX-pedition, see Dick for further details about this plan.

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Editor DX'ER: My phone score was for "Single operator" and not Multiple as reported ~~as reported~~ in the DX'ER, W6IDY (Sorry Dom ob, Ed.)

The CW score was multiple operator, with W6UZX & W6IDY.

DX'ER NEWS ITEMS

From W2KMZ:

In reply to your card on JZOKF. He had left New Guinea last September and, except for a Christmas card from Holland, I have not heard from since. I have sent a few letters to him but received no reply. The log I have only covers up to June 24th and the remainder of his log I was supposed to get when he left New Guinea.

I am writing another letter to him at present and if I receive his log I will certainly OSL all Stations. 73 & DX, W2KMZ (Tnx om for the info).

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Jim Ruys, W6UZX, reported that PK4DA has been missing for a long time, as of April 14th, and no trace can be found of him. Needless to say, we are all concerned for his safety and won't breathe easy until he is safely home.

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Horace, W6Ti, is going to be the chairman of the DX meeting at the ARRL Fresno Convention, May 20-21st. DX meeting will be 2pm Sat. May 20th.

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From Jim Moore via W6Ti:

VPSAA is now in Derby, England and is assigned the call G3JCO. Jim hopes to have his full QRA soon.

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From W6AM via W6Ti:

Don is going to show his slides of Amateur Radio stations at the Oregon Amateur Radio Association Convention at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland on May 7th and 8th. If any of the NCDXC members have 35 MM colored slides of their stations please forward to W6AM.

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W6RRG/VP7NX is leaving for Dallas, Texas in a few days and will remain there for some time.

In the DX contest Don ran up a score 148,665 in the phone portion and 241,164 in the CW section, both as single operator.

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HK/A1-W6BYB had 1000 QSL cards printed up for HK/A1 and W6MX is shipping the cards down to San Andres.

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Regards Radio Club of Argentina's C.A. award: The cards only count after Nov. 20th. 1945 QSOs. The instructions are confusing in our literature.

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The boys drooled over a new B & W Kilowatt Pi-net final tank which is a real honey and also the new Collins 75-A4 receiver, which were so graciously brought to the meeting by Elmer Electronics, W6TT & W6DUB.

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W6DZZ was one of the lucky ones to hook MP4QAL and also MP4JO, who is an ex-W6 undercover in MP4 land.

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NEW QTHs

- Lu5ABL-Meguel Lejneff, Ingeniero Civil, Billinghamst 1237, Buenos, Aires.
- KL7BJV-Alfred Apodruk, Box 63, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska.
- VS2EM- Box 600, Penang, North Malaya. Tnx to W6DZZ.
- MP4QAL-Firgus Welshe, Decca Navigator Co., Ltd., Shell Survey, Dohah, Qatar.
- G3EKO-Kenneth E. Wade, "Acre Yard", Cricket Lane, Lichfield. (Above-Tnx W6DZZ)
- CM6FA-Francisco J. Fernandez Amador, Box 38, Foments, L.V.
- PY8NN-Box 96, San Luis, Maranhao.
- MP4JO-Via W2PC1.
- VQ4AQ- Via W4PDZ.
- W6HNX-Seth F. Hodson, 206 Benson ave., Vallejo.
- W6MUF-Eric Ledin, 107 Inez Place, Mill Valley.
- KF3AB-M/Sgt. Cyril L. Hull, 804TH OPNS SQ., Box A-5, Hunter AFB, Savannah, Georgia. (Tnx WGDXC Bulletin )
- MP4QAM-N.J. Clarke % Hillyard, Dubai, Trucial Oman. " "

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FOR SALE

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One VIKING RANGER, factory wired, 3 months old.  
Two brand new 4-125A .  
One new 4-400A.

See W6RRG/VP7NX

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One Collins 75A2 receiver and one Collins 310-B transmitter/exciter.  
Contact W6OYP.

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Brand new and in boxes 5 RCA plate transformers, tapped 100 to 125 volt primary, 1860 volts each side at 1 amp. \$15.00

By W6ZUI.

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SIX POWERFUL NEW "HIGH VOLTAGE" ENGINES, S.F. Chronical. \*\*\*\*\*

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WANTED BY W6GPB; 803 and 80I tubes. For a surplus 160 meter trans.

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RED HOT SPECIAL !!

on a  
THE GREAT DX'ER, W6BYB, AND HIS XYL, VADIS, ARE LEAVING CARIBBEAN CRUISE, WHICH WILL TAKE THEM AS FAR AS BELEM, BRAZIL.

THE ITINERARY CALLS FOR LEAVING THE OAKLAND AIRPORT AT 11 P.M. MAY 15th VIA P.A.A. STOPPING AT ALL THE WEST INDIES ISLANDS WHERE JOHN PLANS ON DOING SOME OPERATING FROM SUCH PLACES AS: BOTH VP2s, HH, FG7XB, FM, ALL 3 GUIANAS.

THE TRIP WILL TAKE 50 DAYS, FLYING P.A.A. ALL THE WAY, WINDING UP IN DETROIT, MICH., PICKING UP A NEW CAR AND DRIVING BACK HOME! (HOWS THAT FOR A TRIP? A DX MANS DREAM, ED.)

JOHN WILL ATTEND THE MAY 12th MEETING, SO ALL CAN ARRANGE SKEDS AND GET FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING A NEW ONE.

WHILE MAKING ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED TRIP, JOHN FOUND TIME TO KNOCK OVER SUCH STUFF AS: ZB2A, VQ4KF, FA3GZ, ALL ON TWENTY FON:

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W6MHB ANNOUNCED THAT THE T19MHB OSL CARDS WOULD BE MAILED OUT VERY SHORTLY. (THAT WAS AT THE APRIL 14th MEETING).

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ARRL BULLETIN #492, APRIL 21st, 1955:

EFFECTIVE APRIL 14th 1955 FCC AMENDED SECTION 12.46b OF THE AMATEUR REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE THE RADIOTELEGRAPH THIRD CLASS COMMERCIAL PERMIT WITH THE SECOND AND FIRST CLASS LICENSES TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT FOR ANY CLASS OF OPERATOR LICENSE, EXCEPT FOR EXTRA CLASS, TO BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR THE CODE EXAMINATION.



**DX STANDINGS OF NCQXC MEMBERS--BOTH PHONE AND CW**

<b>CALL--CW &amp; PHONE(W)--CONFIRMED--PHONE(W)--CONFIRMED--</b>	<b>DXCC</b>	<b>WAZ</b>				
W6AM	253	253	203	202	x/p	x
W6ATO	173	164	56	50	x	x
K6AQP	68				x	
W6BAX	232	215			x	x
W6BUY	165	147			x	x
W6BYB	174	159	70	45	x	39
W6CEM	166	150			x	x
W6CIS	193	162			x	x
W6CTL	186	170			x	x
W6CZO	168	151			*	39
W6DUB	142	140			x	x
W6DYP	233	178			x	x
W6DZZ	244	240			x	x
W6EJA	125	112			x	38
W6FOZ	140	110			x	35
W6GIZ	180	151			*	40
W6GPB	204	196	/39	36	x	39
W6GT1	190	175			x	38
W6HMX						
W6IDY			142	110		
W6IKQ			155	148	x/p	36
W6IPH	124	110			x	35
W6ITH			115	115	x/p	36
W6JK	177	167			x	x
W6KEK	169	139			x	40
W6KEV	195	172			x	x
W6LW	214	197			x	x
W6LDD	204	187	75	40	x	x
W6LMZ	176	146			x	39
W6MEK	251	246			x	x
W6MHB	217	206			x	x
W6MUF	152	131			x	40
W6MVQ	240	226			x	x
W6MX	248	244			x	x
W6NIG	167	152	135	134	x/p	38
W6NZ	157	145			x	x
W6OMC	203	199			x	x
W6PB	223	216			x	x
W9FJY/6PMD	141	141			x	38
W6PWR/7	157	136	152	132	x/p	37
W6PYH	205	181	88	76	*	39
W6QDE	154	137			x	39
W6RBQ	213	199			x	x
W6RCC	139	115			x	40
W6RRG	156	142	91	88	x	39
W6SR	210	187			x	x
W6TI	228	223			x	x
W6TT	240	236	143	140	x/p	x
W6TXL	172	156	52	39	x	38
W6UPV			76	76		31
W6UYX	158	140	140	130	x/p	37
W6UZX	194	180	129	121	x/p	x
W6VE	234	225			x	x
W6WB	224	210	90	50	x	x
W6WP	109	102				
W6ZCY	213	199			x	x
W6ZUI	201	190			x	x
W7HXG	217	198	134	101	x	40

\* Have cards for DXCC, but haven't sent them in.