

West Coast DX

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VE-DXpedition VE6AJT and VE6APV were scheduled to open from 5W1 this last Saturday and to be active there for a week. They still hope for VR1-British Phoenix after Western Samoa but transportation is the hang-up. Late word this week have them aiming for VR5-Tonga for the CQ DX-test with a two-three week operation on all bands. As intimated in previous bulletins, their schedules are not set and while they know where they intend to operate, any operations are dependent on transportation. No especial preference for frequencies has been noted and they have been reported from VR2-land all the way up to 14280kc. (WB6GFJ)

CHATHAM IS. The ZL1TU/C is still on the schedule for mid-October. WA6NFI arrived in Auckland during the last week and definite information should be available in the next edition.

VR3DY Ed DeYoung, KH6GLU/VR3DY has been notified by Bob White that they have received the necessary verification and VR3DY cards can now be submitted to the ARRL for DXCC credit.

NIDXA OA? Back in August notices were sent out around the country announcing a coming DXpedition to a island off the coast of Peru which would count for a new country. On August 28th a second letter on the club letter head was again sent out over the typewritten signature of W9BZW announcing a delay and that it would take place about September 6-7th.

Early checking indicated that no inquiry had been made to the ARRL Awards Committee on possible country status and the president of the OA-association was quoted as being bewildered and that Peru owned no off-shore islands. A report in a recent issue of the Long Island DX Assn labels the whole thing a publicity stunt to get interest in the W9DXCC dinner held September 14th..... that no trip had ever been planned and it was intended as a "...semi-local hoax or spoof and not meant to deceive DXers as a whole." To keep it 'local' announcements were mailed throughout the U.S. and were copied in overseas bulletins. In case you came in late, NIDXA stands for Northern Illinois DX-Association.

COOK ISLANDS Ed, KH6GLU, has sked with ZK1AA at 0430Z each Friday at 14270kc. Ed will be on the frequency from 0400Z and will take a small list to pass on to Stu. Also, the Pacific Inter-Island Net meets Mon/Wed/Fri and 0830Z at 14330kc, plus or minus a few and do not mind mainland checkins. A lot of fairly hard to find/and work calls can be found on the Net.

FERNANDO POO Going independent from Spain but will still maintain close Spanish ties. EA0AH has been labeled as the only legitimate station there but also reported has been HB9ET/EA0 who is there with the Red Cross relief operations. HB9ET/EA0 has been reported at 14004kc at 0645Z.

SAUDI/IRAQ NEUTRAL ZONE 8Z1AB has been reported active from this scarce place during the last week, being on 40 meters c.w. around 2100Z. QSL via W4MQR. And even if you groan at reports like this, it is sometimes helpful to know that some activity is going on. Forty has been opening to Europe and Africa in the evenings from the West Coast.

COTE SVZLN has a schedule with W5NOP Fridays 0400Z at 14210kc. Jim is also reported at 21288kc at 0900Z, 21028kc and 21045kc at 1800-2000Z and 14034kc at 2300Z. He hopes to operate from Rhodes, possibly for a week, during October and probably only 21 and 28mc.

TOGO Domestic conditions within the country has put all amateur stations off the air and they will probably be that way for some months. German QSL managers report being unable to obtain logs and direct QSLing not advised.

INDONESIA YDØAR recently licensed has been working U.S. Stations regularly in the mornings, coming in around 14215kc at about 1400Z. Handle is John. Many in there in the pile-ups but nothing yet to indicate that Indonesia stations can be worked by U.S. amateurs - legitimately. Still on the ITU banned list at last report.

LUXEMBOURG A recent addition to the line-up for the CQ DX contest late this month is the LX-operation by W8IMPZ and K1DWQ who plan to operate from October 24th thru October 28th, using all bands. They will sign /LX and QSLs should go to their individual home QTHs.

BOUGAINVILLE VK9RD who says he is on Bougainville but is signing VK9RD, has been working into the West Coast around 14210kc at 0530Z with a good signal. QSL via WA7BTW.

SHORT SHORTS: YA2HWI still calling daily around 14010 at 0300Z. AP5HQ calling unanswered CQs at 14001kc around 0300Z. 9H1AY at 21094kc at 1300Z. CO2HN on a.m. at 21297 around 1630Z. UD6BR at 14202 at 0257 and also UF6CA at the same time and place. YO2BB at 14225 up to 0400Z when he heads for work. YK1AA at 14195kc at 1300Z onward. VQ9DH at 14190kc at 1330Z...QSL via WA6AHF. Don Miller, W9WNV says he has a signed nomination petition putting him up for Central Division Director. FK8BM a new call from Bx 423, Noumea, 14207 at 1300Z. TNX: K4ZCP, W6ZC, WB6UJO, K6CWS, WA6UFW, K6YUS, WA6NFI, WB6GFJ, W9GFF, W6EJJ, K6CQF, K6HPZ, KH6GLU

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