

Bulletin

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ALBANIA To fill in all the details on the OH/ZA effort, the following summary of information on the trip is given.

The OH-Group drove by car, some 700 miles, to Copenhagen and flew directly from there to Tirana. No answers had been received to their letters of inquiry for information and they went on the trip with a desire to see what might be possible. At the customs on their entry, they were passed through without any examination and they carried their rig to their hotel. They learned they would not be allowed to go on to Tirana and with their Albanian guides showing a proper positive attitude, they raised their antenna and started the action.....this last for about 9 hours.

The next morning the Albanian authorities were at the door, apologizing for not having noted the declaration of the radio gear on their entry but advising that the bringing of a radio into the country was prohibited by law and they would have to hold the gear until they left the country. Thus the operation was over by 0700Z on July 11th.

During the balance of the stay the OH-Group tried to get a special visa to visit Tirana and discuss the situation. Direct efforts did no good but after developing a good understanding with the Albanian guides, some special arrangements were finally made which allowed them to visit the Albanian capital. They went there the last day of their stay and had an hour meeting with the Vice-Director of the Ministry of Communications.

They learned that their letters of inquiry had been received but had not been answered because there was no provision for amateur radio in Albanian law, it being neither allowed or prohibited. The Vice-Director of Communications had a good attitude towards amateur radio and promised to do whatever possible to make it publicly known in Albania. He asked that more information be sent before any future trip and asked that the information be sent two months in advance so that arrangements could be made. The group left the Vice-Director with relations on an amicable plane.

The Albanians had apparently made arrangements prior to the visit, a monitoring station being set up about 200 yards from the hotel. The transmissions were recorded and checked and among the monitors were multi-lingual Albanians. The OH-Group kept all transmissions in English, commenting favorably on the Albanians and their treatment at frequent intervals. When they left the hotel they were followed.

On why the rig was impounded, there is a feeling is that the ZA-authorities wanted to examine it, or possibly did not wish to have to monitor their activity for the full week. It was returned in good condition. It is felt in retrospect that a decisive factor in the Albanian attitude will be what benefit the country might derive from amateur activity.

Looking ahead, the OH-Group will make plans for another effort in June 1971. The required documentation has been sent to the ARRL and full credit for DXCC purposes will be received. The group worked but 8 W6s and no W7s....some 600 W/Ks were worked. The OH-Group thanked the International DX Association for making the

HW32A available and modified for the ZA-Effort.

CALENDAR

DAHOMEY TY7ATF should be on now.
ALBANIA DL7FT aiming for September 22-25th.
YB3-- QSO Party...August 30th.
KURE W7UXP/KH6-Kure during CQ WW DX Contest.
KA2KS Looking for contacts during CQ WW Contest.....transmitting at 3539kc
St Peter&Paul November a possibility
San Felix November likewise
MANIHIKI etc One of these days.....polish the hope chest.
MACAU Reported that KLIMP will operate there....1st week in October.
TOKELAUS Late September-Early October possibility....by 5W1AR.

MANIHIKI Possibility that ZK1MA will be on phone by the end of this week. Previously he has been on 80m c.w. but recently had some trouble with the rig. Also being reported is that a c.w. rig will be sent later, this being the mode he prefers.

SUDAN Late information is that Sid-ST2SA has received only the assembly manual for the Heath HW-100 but does not expect the kit itself for some weeks yet, possibly in late September.
Sid confirms that he will be around 14300kc running c.w. to SSB and trying SP during the period 0300-0430Z. While Sid says 14300kc he is often found 10kcs or more lower.

VP-Net Try 7203kc at 1100Z...KV4FZ the head honcho.

GUS No recent activity by Gus. A week ago he was in 5R8-land indicating that he would be coming directly home. His back was injured in a fall on Geyser Reef, not considered serious but somewhat painful. Some conflicting reports later in the week with Glorioso mentioned as a possibility but nothing definite. On August 18th Gus was pretty definite on coming home.

MACAU A new station being reported, CR9LG, Manuel, who came on the air for the first time in mid-August. Was at 21240kc at 1830Z on August 16th...QSL to Bx 337 in Macau. Also reported is that KLIMP will be operating there in early October.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

KG6JAC	7002kc	1330Z	Aug	15w	CE/AE	3502kc	1305Z	Aug	9w
KR8EA	7006	1330		17w	JH1SOO	3518	1300		17w

How about that? Last week we could not squeeze the 40/80 reports in because of lack of space. This week we had to cut-off input on Friday in order to go to the Sierra Hamfest at Carson City on Saturday.

Note CE/AE on 80m...that is Father Dave K2BUI. On rather regularly. 4Z4HF is putting up 40/80 rhombics for October CQ Contest action.

SHORTLY NOTED On that Phone 5BDXCC we come up with HK3WO who holds No. 25...a bit ahead of W1WQC with No. 37. Either way you look at it, anyone who gets it on phone deserves credit. The HC9EB raft floating in the currents in the Pacific were finally found by the U.S. Coast Guard after asking for assistance via 14108kc. They were located at 153°30" West/7°18" south. This group may stop in the Tokelaus WAZ cards can be checked by W6WX or W6NJU or K5AAD for those in the Western Reaches looking for the award. The LAs are looking at an island..Peter One...which they say might qualify for a new country. However, you need an ice-breaker to get there. JDLABO on Marcus was coming through at 0800Z on August 21st...14256kc. Also has a schedule often at 14250kc from 1100Z. OH/ZA QSLs may be in the mails during the last week in August. VPLJF and VPLSJ should provide British Honduras activity...VPLJF will have quad up shortly while newly-licensed VPLSJ has a TA-36 tri-bander. WA6AHF looking for a possible Galapagos-HC8 action in the future. VS5RG was set to end the Brunei action at 1700Z on August 16th. QSL to VE 7BWG. Reg will be in the Orient for a long time but no definite plans. The ZM7CA heard a few weeks back is rather definitely a pirate. Weather was a problem with the KP6 operation, delaying departure for some days and causing the VR3 plans to be scrubbed. FO8DG in on Taiaro in the Tuamotus on a U.S. Public Health study of Elephantiasis. QSL to KH6BZF.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE...The Watcher of the Lonely Night..

(e=east coast, m=midwest, w=western reaches, etc)

EUROPE

4N2KP	14050kc	2315Z	Aug	13e
U23TG	14041	0245		14e
4N2KP	14209	0100		13w
C31BC	21015	1720		6w
K3ESW/ZB1	21075	0220		15w
IS2HMA	21048	1700		19w

AFRICA

FB8XX	14035kc	1100Z	Aug	12e
3B7DA	14022	1100		13e
CX7BF	21275	0045		16e
5H3KA	21308	1900		11w
CR4BS	21342	2025		19w
3B8CZ	14202	1155		14w
EA9AI	14267	0650		14w
ZD9BQ	14195	1420		15w
FB8XX	14220	0730		16w
9J2AB	14225	1440		16w
CR7IZ	21245	1935		16w
K3ESW/ET3	14220	0135		7w
3B8CV	14205	1355		13w
XT2AA	14218	2250		13w
ZD8CS	21029	1930		13w
5Z4DW	21031	1830		14w
CT3AW	21356	1910		12m
3V8AL	21317	1700		15m
7X2BD	14205	1415		16m
TJ1AW	14218	2300		14m
3B8FC	14205	1200		14m

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ZK1AG	21281	0330	15hp
FO8DG	14230	0400	18kh
FB8YY	14008	1135	14m
VR6TC	14234	0550	14m
HH9DL	14214	0305	14m
HH9DL	14218	0320	12m

ASIA

4Z4HF	14225kc	2100Z	Aug	14e
4X4IK	14225	0335		15e
4S7EC	14022	1050		12e
HS5ABD	14045	1040		14e
MP4TDA	21351	1805		6m
MP4TCJ	14222	0200		15m
VU2BEO	14203	1540		13w
MP4BHL	21252	1610		13w
YB1AAK	14289	1310		11w
9V1NR	21278	1730		16w
MP4BHH	14205	1310		13w
UAØYT	14068	1350		3w(Z.23)
UI8IZ	21020	0315		13w
JDLABH	21043	0450		12w
BV1US	14060	1525		7w
HB9YC/4W1	21049	2045		15m
9N1MM	14206	0120		12m
7Z3AB	14235	0445		13m

ELSEWHERE

VP2GLE	14019kc	0120Z	Aug	12e
FMØXF	14054	1045		12e
VR2ER	14072	1105		12e
VR2FO	14044	1135		15e
VP2MM	21334	1800		15e
VFLJF	21380	0000		16e
FP8AP	14072	1130		16e
VP2AZ	14003	0020		18e
YJ8WP	14205	0840		17m
HI8XEW	14332	0140		11w
5W1AJ	14263	0720		14w
PJ3JHH	21303	1640		15w
PYØAD	14218	0020		17w
FO8AA	21978	0230		16w
KW6AA	14237	1430		15w
CO8CP	14240	0625		16w
8P6BU	21020	1950		16w
CO2FA	14208	0245		17w
9Y4US	14228	0600		19w
VK9XI	14222	1300		13w
6Y5EI	14297	0400		16w
VP2AA	14218	0210		17m
KC6JC	14266	1135		11m

SAN FELIX AND JUAN FERNANDEZ It is rather definite that CE3ZN-Joaquin, has solid plans for CE0X-San Felix and CE0Z-Juan Fernandez this coming November. Joaquin has invited Gus to participate in the two efforts and indications are that Gus has accepted.

This dual effort will involve considerable travel as San Felix is rather well to the north, being in the Pacific west of the Chile-Peru boundary. Juan Fernandez is well to the south with Valparaiso the possible take-off point. The plans call for possibly four days operation from San Felix and up to six days from Juan Fernandez.

Joaquin irritated at those who send QSLs for CE9AT but failing to enclose s.a.e. Send stamps or IRCs for sure but that self-addressed envelope is a must.

GOOD The late word from the ARRL DXCC Desk is that TI8PE/TI9, TI9CF and KP6AL are good for DXCC Credit. 1N2A-Marcos is not.

TOKELAUS The INDXA last week were arranging for the shipping of a beam to Western Samoa for a possible ZM7-Tokelaus operation in the near future. And speaking of ZM7s...apparently there was some activity there a few months back with 5WLAR saying that he has sent out a total of 8 (eight) QSLs for the action by Jack, the ZM7-operator.

Trevor, 5WLAR, is presently on leave and while his present tour in West Samoa is scheduled to end in October, he may stay until early 1972 to see some jobs through to completion.

73, WA6AUP

TNX to WB2WOU, W4HU, K4IIF, W5ALA, WA5UHR, W6AM, W6NJI, WB6IXC, K6KA, K6MG, W6TSQ, K6TVL, WB6UDC, K6VOQ, W6VUW, WB6ZUC, K8RML, WA8WAA, WA9VOL, KH6BZF, OH2BH, HPLJC

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our QRPers got a bit worked up over W4BWs article on phone sub-bands in the September QST. "Son of a Gun", grunted the QRPper, "on 20 meters we have already given up 100kc of the band. Maybe to really be "The Champion of the Amateur", we should expand the foreign phone band to all but the top 10kcs on any band and jam the noble W/Ks in there. It would really show our concern". "Man!! That is madness", the QRPper was told. "Is it?", he retorted. Son of a Gun, this has us confused. \$7.00 for a confused year of rhetoric.



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