

# West Coast DX

## Bulletin

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DJ/AFRICAN DX DJ6QT and DJ1QP showed up from Mali last Saturday, signing TZ2AB, went QRT from Mali at 0600Z on Tuesday, moved on to Upper Volta where they signed XT2AB and by Friday they were in Dahomey signing TYØACD plus a second call TY9. Their schedule calls for them to be in Madeira signing CT3 by this reading and they should be there until December 6th. A possible ZD3-Gambia operation was intended prior to the CT3 visit.

One of their early contacts Saturday was W6KG who spent two fruitless months in Mali in 1967 trying to arrange for a license. They advised Lloyd that theirs was the first licensed operation from Mali, their license being the first ever issued. Generally their signal was strong and their operation a fast, contest style. Many were confused by the strange prefix...some could not believe it at first. Others stuck to the proven principle of working everything first and asking questions later....this was a time it paid off.

MALI There is a report that TY7ATF, Andre, ex-5VZWT, was to arrive in Mali around November 11th and would be active for three weeks. As of the week-end last, no signs of this one materializing but...as Lord Baden-Powell said: "Be Prepared".

GAMBIA ZD3D will be on Tuesdays, 21410kc from 1800-2000Z for fast, contest-style QSOs. On Twenty, sometimes found around 14225kc from 2200Z....sometimes working off a list. QSL to VE2DCY.

TONGA VR5DK showed up recently from Tonga, checking into the PACDKNET on Nov 7th. On November 11th he became a Silent Key, succumbing to a heart attack that Wednesday morning. This was Gene Souigny, WA6DKW, of Sacramento, Calif. He was planning to operate in Tonga for about three weeks and was accompanied by his wife, Darlene, WN6FSC. Last Friday Darlene was planning to leave Tonga when transportation was available but this may not be for some weeks. It is possible that she will continue to put VR5DK on the air until she leaves. While a Post Office Box in Sacramento was given previously for QSL purposes, WB6GFJ of the W6-QSL Bureau has made arrangements to handle and forward QSL cards as Darlene will be changing residence on return to California. Certainly a rather sad ending to a trip that was started with such anticipation.

NEUTRAL ZONES 7Z3AB, Henry, advises that any definite plans for Neutral Zone operations in February or in the immediate future, have been shelved. The situation there--politically--is just not favorable for any outsider to go in. Henry does indicate that it is not a matter of licensing, he feels that he has these already in order, it is a matter of personal safety. Should the situation change, it is possible that some 8Z-Neutral Zones operations may come off with little advance announcement. 7Z3AB found around 14240-14250kc most mornings from 1400Z.

COCOS-KEELING AX9YR, Chris, on a daily schedule from 1000Z to 1600Z at 14250kc. QSL to VK6RU.

160 METERS W6JHV/7 will put Wyoming on the air during the CQ 160m test in January. A bit earlier in the ARRL 160M test on December 12/13th, KH6NR will be on the air with 3 receivers and 2 transmitters. KH6GLU and KH6HCM in on this one..and earnest beseeching that the mainland and others will listen for them...1985kc. Schedule solicited!!!

CALENDARTOKELAUS

Something this week..maybe. VE7HE and VE8RA looking for a week of action.

ÅLAND IS

OH2BH will operate from OHØ during CW portion of CQ Contest..Nov 28/29.

COCOS

TI8PE....possible TI9 activity in December.

DI/AFRICA

Should be on from CT3 until early December

ELI

Possible TZ-activity by....Andre, 5VZWT or Jacques, XT2AA. Reports agree on possibility....but two different operators named.

ÅLAND...NOT MARKET Last week we put OH2BH on Market Reef for the CW portion of the CQ Test. It should have been that Martin will be on Åland--OHØ for the test and he will not be on Market. Our programming tripped us up.

SPANISH MOROCCO/MELILLA

Presently active in the EA9s are EA9AA, EA9EA and EA9EJ. EA9AA and EA9EA are often active on twenty around 2300Z..also found on ten anywhere from 28525 to 28625kc from 1300Z. These two are in Melilla. EA9EJ is in Spanish Morocco. Look for him around 14260kc from 0500Z or on ten from 1600Z... maybe even earlier. An EA7 is supposed to have a daily schedule with EA9EG at 14200kc at 1800Z...it may pay to check there.

QSLs Son of a Gun. WA5UHR received logs from LZ4NG. No information, just logs. These originated at a LPO New York address. WA5UHR has received about 75 cards for LZ4NG and the logs showed around 150 contacts. No address given where to send the cards received. WA5UHR is keeping up his end....has had cards printed and is sending them out. Beyond that, he knows nothing.

8X8AA again showing up....14029kc at 1840Z on November 8th. Seemed to be in the direction of Europe from Florida. A DL-station gave him a 569 report. Slim on Cray Island..."not far off the VE Coast". Suspected to be a young, USA-type. Has the U.S. idioms. Sure is persistent. Less chance of getting a QSL here than from LZ4NG...you betcha.

WB2WOU is not the QSL manager for 4Z4AQ/mm...the relationship has been severed and Herb only has QSL information for contacts prior to the /mm operations.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

HI3PC	7009kc	0840Z	Nov	9w	G3UML	3798kc	0640Z	Nov	7w
CO3BU	7010	0630		5w	OZ7FP	3507	0623		7w
F2IU	7011	0645		5w	HC2GG/1	3505	0439		7w
GC2FMV	7004	0657		5w	CE8AE	3813	0639		6w
JRLADA	7001	0940		6w	PJØDX	3521	0600		10w
6W8DY	7-92	0740		7w	UWØIN	3510	0730		5w
LZ1NJ	7006	0420		8w	6W8DY	3801	0735		11w
CR6AL	7013	0450		8w	JAØFPG	3505	1315		7w
EA8FF	7030	0730		3w					
YV7GN	7006	0445		5w					
PAØUU	7027	0400		5w					
3B8CR	7003	1429		5w					
EA4IS	7034	0450		9w					

SHORTLY NOTED Gil Crossley, W3YA, former ARRL Director from the Atlantic Division and ARRL Honorary Vice-President, passed away on November 5th. If you missed the reference to Maria Theresa in last week's bulletin, the Naval Oceanographic Office says that in 1959 it just was not there...period! W2BBK will operate PJ8AA in February and will aim for Anguilla for the ARRL DX Test. According to KØBHM, HS6ADE is now QRT. VP2AAC QSLs to U.S. Naval Facility, FPC N.Y. 09552 while OA3Y goes to SMØFO. Need QSL info for VP2KX, VP8LW and FS7RS. That VP2KX is the present license holder, not the one that went via K2OJD. ST2SA showing up on SSB...14244kc from 1400Z...LP. ZK1MA low on petrol....Will only operate on Wednesdays.. Tuesday nights stateside...for next 4-6 weeks until supply ship arrives. CE9AT says he is Antarctic Chilean station but is on South Shetlands. C21AA on Nauru showing on PACDXNET....so does CR5SP...eventually for Friday session. KH6GLU trip...previous Oceania 7mc score in Test effort. 300 ZK1MA QSLs mailed... 400 w

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN:

For some months now there has been mention in the bulletin of possible changes in the Postal Service due to the reorganization of that service. Along with these has been voiced the possibility of some changes in the WCDXB.

Back in 1968 when the bulletin was started, the policy then was not to accept any airmail subscriptions within the U.S. as 1st Class mail was giving the same service at a lower cost. This meant that the Saturday mailings generally were delivered on the East Coast the following Monday. Also, this policy of not accepting airmail subscriptions made the mailing preparations easier as there was only one class of mail to watch.

Unfortunately, the situation then existing has not continued and 1st Class mail now gets Wednesday or later delivery in parts of the East Coast. A test mailing of some 50 airmail copies a few months back showed that the general delivery date for these was Tuesday. However, there has been an increasing demand for airmail service by some subscribers on the Eastern Seaboard.

With Postal Reform there has been mentioned the possibility of increased postal rates. The enabling legislation for the reorganization limits any postage increase to 1/3 at any time. Thus the 1st Class rate is expected to go to 8¢ sometime next Spring. The increase must be first proposed and then will go into effect something like 90 days after being proposed with possibility of some actions during the interim to delay or block the increase. At this time there is strong opinion that there will be no such action.

There has been proposed in the past and this may come again, the idea of a two-level 1st Class mail. Possibly the 8¢ would be for routine mail such as statements while a priority class would be established at 10¢ for a faster service. This might replace airmail as a service, this being somewhat of an academic thing as mail for any distance now is transported by plane.

All of this affects the West Coast DX Bulletin. Originally, being cheap by nature, we tried to establish a cheap bulletin with rates at rock bottom. In 1968 the postage was 5¢ while paper cost \$1.60 per ream. Now postage is 6¢...and the increase was absorbed by the WCDXB...and paper costs \$2.20 per ream. It can be anticipated with little doubt that postage is going to 8¢ sometime after the first of the year. Presently the bulletin is spending \$170.00 per month in postage and this is expected to go up around \$215.00 per month sometime next Spring.

Thus the policy of the WCDXB must be changed. It is done reluctantly and with much foot dragging but it does not seem possible to avoid it and continue the bulletin anywhere near a break-even point which is the aim in putting out the bulletin.

First, in a move of desperation, air mail subscriptions will be accepted within the U.S. This alone means an increase of 66% in postage over 1st class rates. Secondly, in the strong belief that there will be many actions taken to implement the Postal Reorganization Act within the next few months, it will also be necessary to raise the 1st class rate for subscriptions. This increase in postage is felt to be an almost certainty and the whole reorganization must, under law, be completed by next August.

So effective January 1, 1971, the subscriptions rates for the West Coast DX Bulletin will be as follows:

1st Class Mail	\$9.00
Air Mail--Within the U.S.	10.50
Air Mail--Central-South America	11.00
Air Mail--Europe--20¢ rate	12.50
Air Mail--Africa/Orient etc 25¢ rate	14.00

There are a few more factors involved, some of these being just the production of the bulletin. This is largely done by hand and the subscription list as it has grown has added to the work of getting out the bulletin. The present mailing list is just a hair under 500 copies each week and going up at the rate of 20-25 copies per month. The time involved in getting out an issue has gone from 2-3 hours to 16-18 hours. It is obvious that there must be some slight mechanization of routine tasks such as folding and stapling or the task will be too large for the available time. Presently the folding and stapling is in itself a four hour job.....sometimes running close to five hours with interruptions.

The quality of the reproduction is always a matter of concern and there are few issues in which the printing staff is completely satisfied. Addressing is still done by typing three weeks of labels at one time....again this is a five or six hour job. Growth has only indicated more strongly the inefficiency of our production operations and has brought forth from time to time despairing cries to not tell anyone about the bulletin. The more the cry went out the more new subscriptions came in so even that had to be abandoned. When it was suggested that the WCDXB advertise in the national magazines to build up the subscription we recoiled in horror. Already the weight of the subscription list was bearing heavily.....it would be folly to look for more.

We got them anyway....

So at this point it seems that we had better prepare for the long haul. It is no secret that the mortality rate in DX Bulletins is something fierce and especially if they go outside their club area. The WCDXB is presently in its 2nd year of publishing, having put out 132 consecutive weekly bulletins. These have been published on the premise that fresh information is needed; that the DXers are more interested in what will happen next week-end rather than what happened last month; that background information is interesting and that the world will not stop rotating should we miss a new one.

This is not an easy matter to discuss and perhaps of this the matter has been dragged out further than it might have justified. However, while long delayed it is felt that finally it had to be said....the cost of high living has caught up with the WCDXB...

Son of a Gun.....

73,

*Dugh Cass*  
WA6AUD

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUI

EUROPE

ISLIMN	21278kc	1840Z	Nov	7e
RF2PBF	28555	1300		6e
UD6CC	14246	1330		8e
ISLDRD	14058	1520		12w
UR5MAF	14244	1550		7w
UN1CB	14035	0210		6w
GC5ANX	21035	1730		10w
JW5NW	14069	0330		12w
ZB2L	14222	2145		11w
EA6FG	21305	1335		10m
EA6BG	14215	2205		10m
UD6JAD	14252 LP	1312		11kh

ASIA

7Z3AB	14244kc	1430Z	Nov	13w
JY1/B	21360	1750		7e
JY1	28591	1300		6e
OD5BA	28597	1220		8e
ZC4JW	21254	1500		9e
UJ8AJ	14204	0245		9e
VM8MAI	14084	1210		9e
UJ8JRS	14035	1210		10e
VU2NEW	14209	1220		10e
MP4BBA	14038	1510		12w
MP4BHH	14185	1710		8w
4S7NE	14038	1540		9w
4X4WN	14026	1500		12w
UK6DAD	14235	1545		7w
AP2AD	14210	1600		7w
9K2AJ	14215	1615		7w
JDLABO	14213	0300		13w
VU2IRA	14240	1510		10w
W6DLE/4X4	14228	1520		11w
XW8AX	14238	1545		12w
9M2CP	14214	0000		9m
UJ8AC	14204	0240		9m
HS2ACA	14213	1300		12m
9K2BF	14279	1320		11kh
UVØEX	14250	0125		9m
UI8CQ	14007	0325		5w
UJ8JRS	14035	1210		10e
UJ8AJ	14204	0245		9e

AFRICA

CR7LJ	14244kc	1615Z	Nov	10kh
7Q7BC	14214	1540		10kh
VQ9W	14319	1230		11kh
ZE8JB	14223	1250		11kh
9G1FV	21284	2100		7kh
ST2SA	14244	1430		13w
VQ9SM	14232	1740		5m
FL8BG	14060	0430		10m
CN8CG	14034	2155		7m
FL8BH	21035	2000		7m
CN8CS	14205	2255		9m
CT3AS	28527	1730		8m
ZD5X	28555	1810		9m
5R8AP	28543	1530		6m
EA9EJ	28577	1715		12w
EA9EJ	14264	0550		10w
TU2AZ	14206	0020		12w
5N2ABG	28598	1610		11w
TR8JM	28586	1600		12w
ZS3CJ	28514	1830		11w
CR5SP	14265	0645		11w
9J2PV	14204	1600		11w
7Q7BC	14214	1500		10w
FB8XX	14217	1545		8w
SULIM	14031	2200		7w
5VZJS	21266	1640		8w
VQ9TF	14075	1540		6w
3B8CR	14210	1600		8w
CN8MJ	14204	2235		8w
EA8GK	28558	1730		9w
7Q7AA	14029	1500		11w
6W8GE	21028	1735		11w
6W8AL	21290	2125		9w
9J2PM	21278	1930		11w
9E3USA	21255	1720		9w
ST2SA	14019	2110		8e
9Q5QR	28552	1255		8e
5Z4NQ	21364	2010		7e
FR7ZD	14198	0250		9e
EA8FF	21333	1920		8e
FR7ZW	21261	1835		8e

ELSEWHERE

VP2KN	21364	1710		7e
FY7AE	14201	0200		5e
FY7YD	14226	0200		7w
FY7YR	28552	1950		10w
FK8AC	14211	0255		9e
TG9ND	14208	0300		9e
VP7DL	14205	1230		9e
VP1BH	14199	0245		10e
HKØBKX	14027	1135		10e
FP8CT	21275	2		
PY9FJ	14220	2255		
ZM4OL/A	14240	0500		13w
VR2EQ	14251	0520		7w
HC8FN	14241	0350		7w
HC8GS	14216	2340		6w
C02BB	21035	2240		8w
VP2AAC	21406	1655		7w
C02GR	14028	2040		10w
8R1U	14204	2200		6w
VP2KX	1409	2210		8w
VP8LK	14211	0250		9e
VK9BA	14055	0515		11w
KV4AD	28571	1620		11w
CE9AT	14048	0345		10w
HKØBKX	28525	1645		11w
VP2GLE	14020	0050		9w
PYØAD	14209	0210		8w
YJ8JM	14056	0745		7m

40 METERS The November QST carried some remarks about 40 meters on Page 79 under Happenings of the Month. The article had especial significance to some who received Advisory Notices from FCC Monitoring Stations for working cross-frequency in the 40meter band with stations in ITU Region I or III. The ARRL did take this matter up with the FCC and has announced that no more such Advisory Notices will be issued.

Along with this is a report that the Australian Government is considering the possibility of releasing the 7100-7300kc segment, now assigned to broadcasting, to amateur use.

Further investigation on the part of one determined amateur brought some clarification of the status of the Pacific Islands, the FCC advising that KG6, KB6, KW6 and KS6 have no 40meter phone privileges. KC6 is apparently not under the administrative control of the FCC and does have phone privileges but is in ITU Region III and thus would be possibly working phone below 7100kc. It would also appear that KB6-General Class licensees would have no 75meter phone privileges.

FCC DOCKET With a number of proposals before the FCC to expand phone privileges, some action in the near future on these appears possible. Ev Henry, W3BG, at the Roanoke Division Convention a few weeks back stated that there would be no action on the Repeater Docket until the various phone band expansions petitions were disposed of. W3BG is Chief of the Amateur and CB Division at the FCC. It is felt by some sources that there may be action on the phone petitions before the end of the year.

INX goes to WB2WOU, K3RLY, W4HU, W4OPM, W4UF, W5ALA, W6AAO, W6BJI, K6EC, K6KA, K6LHO, WB6IXC, K6MHD, K6PIH, W6NJU, K6QZ, W6TSQ, K6UFT, WB6UJO, W6VUW, WB6WHM, WB6ZUC, K6AQV, W6HLD, W6ONZ, W7PFZ, W6JHV/7, W8BQV, K8RWL, W8SRK, K6YPU, K8TVO, W9UM, W0JRN, K0WXX, W0YDB, KH6GLU, KH6BZF, OH2BH, WB6GFJ, W5ALA.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our CRPers got all worked up recently...again, and called for a limit on SSB and for promotion of a.m. He worked up a frothy argument, pounding home the fact that SWLs usually cannot copy SSB and the possibility of new blood in Amateur Radio from SWLs is being thwarted. Son of a Gun, he worked up a temperance calling for the return to good, old principles of the Amateur Fraternity, tried and true. When it was pointed out that most SWLs likewise cannot copy c.w. as well as SSB, the poor CRPer was paralyzed. \$7.00 for a dumfounded year...until Jan 1.

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