

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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ALBANIA Well, the planning was good and everything went well for the OH-Group right up to the landing in Albania after the air trip from Stockholm. The only problem was that, according to reports filtering out, that they could not get permission to operate and the person who could give the go-ahead okay was apparently out of the country. As of the end of last week the OH-group was still there, trying to get some angle to get the permission but nothing working...as yet. Also reported was that the gear had been impounded.

As of early Saturday, it appeared that there would be some departures by the group from Albania. Should it appear possible that permission would be forthcoming, some would stay on to put ZA5Z on the air. OH2BH and OH5FE are scheduled for the Mali-1Z5A operation this Friday, May 28th and were expected to return to Finland this last week-end to prepare for that.

DL7FT, Frank, is due to open up in Albania on May 24th and his plans are to operate until June 7th. Frank will use the same call-sign ZA2RPS that was used a year ago. This one will include four operators and will concentrate on both CW and SSB as long as the bands are open.

Earlier this month DL7FT advised the WCDXB that if there were any last minute changes that he would advise. Up to Saturday, May 22nd, no word had been received and it must be presumed that this effort is a go. Watch for both operations.....

The frequencies for the ZA2RPS operation that should be watched by the W/Ks are:

CW 14005kc and 21005kc(+/- 2kc) and listening 14050kc and 21050kc up
SSB 14195kc or 14185kc (+/- 2 kc) and listening above 14250kc.
21245kc and listening from 21300kc up

Should ten meters open up, transceive will be used on that band and it will be 28030kc and 28620kc.

QSLs for this one will go direct to DL7FT.

MALI 1Z5A is due to open May 28th...this Friday...and run for 50 hours. This is an operation with a few problems but the OH-group figure that it will go. Because of the problems they will be able to run only 150watts into a vertical antenna. ARRL is reported to have given the nod to this one for a new country. Aim your beam at Helsinki....but do not spend too much time trying to locate it on the map. Even should you find it, it will not be spelled Mali. Just jump in and work them.

MELLISH REEF This one is jelling with the vessel for the trip due to leave Tasmania last Saturday enroute to pick up Larry, K2IXP, and the rest of the group. The opening operation from Willis is still scheduled for around June 6th and then onto Mellish Reef. Present planning on the gear includes four (4) transceivers, three (3) beams, two (2) verticals and possibly one (1) pencil. At this stage, the game plan aims for 25 000 QSOs.....the first 10 000 ought to come easily. On that one (1) pencil, if you believe that you will believe anything....they are going loaded with pencils. As Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, would often say to us during those long nights on the veldt: "Be Prepared".

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOULE

AFRICA

9Q5CT	21332kc	2040Z	May 16e
9X5CC	21307	2115	16e
3B8CA	14219	1120	15e
TR8MR	21279	2110	13m
CR7FM	14027	0420	19m
CN8CF	15044	0150	15w
5T5AD	14250	2115	9w
FR7ZL/E	14202	1335	18w
FR7ZL/E	14201	1250	19w
VQ9SM	14231	1550	13w
ET3USA	14225	2230	17w
TU2DB	14270	0640	17w
6W8DY	14204	0715	17w
9G1DY	15195	0530	13w
ST2SA	14265	0630	14w
EA8GZ	14265	0640	14w
EA8FF	14022	0150	16w
5Z4LW	14220	2055	14w
FL8HM	14204	0310	14m
ZE4JW	14212	1340	16w
FR7ZX	14201	1220	18m
ZD5M	14055	1445	15w

ASIA

9M2AA	14203kc	1110Z	May 12e
HS1ADX	14207	1025	112e
MP4BHH	14219	0005	13e
YB0AAN	14204	1440	14e
9V1QJ	14235	1450	14e
UI8IZ	14027	0500	18m
YB0BY	14251	1415	13w
YB0AAN	14205	1425	19w
4Z4BG	14225	0440	13w
VS9MB	21314	2000	14w
XW8CN	14209	1430	16w
XW8AX	14237	1445	14w
HX4ACM	14210	1430	14w
XW8BS	14229	1405	13w
YC3CX	14021	1400	16w
BV2A	14023	1425	14w
HM1BK	14231	1440	16w
9V1QP	14309	1420	16w
VS6DO	14207	1415	15w
VS6FE	14027	1403	14w
9V1OK	14050	1430	14w
HM0C	14221	1405	14w

EUROPE

YU1SJ	14212kc	0150Z	May 14e
9HLBL	14214	0210	14e
LX1FW	13214	2155	16e
NZ5DQ	14222	2330	11e
YO3RG	14223	0010	11e
JW5NM	14211	0620	16e
ZK1CD	14160	0645	15e
3A0FN	14212	2205	17m
9M1R	21042	1530	18m
UR2AR	14210	0500	14w
9HLBL, ..	14214	0250	14w
JW8IL	14225	1535	14w
CT2AA	14193	0520	17w
JW8IL	14020	1615	19w
UP2WM	14235	0350	14w
HB0AFM	14202	2025	18m
CR8AI	14208	1715	21w
YJ8BG	14248	0650	20w
VR2FT	14253	0550	14w
VP2LG	14212	0250	18w
VP1RB	14264	0300	18w
FG7XL	14203	0315	18w
KKS6DU	14257	0520	19w
6Y5SR	14025	0155	19w
FY7AF	14292	1330	18w
KG4EQ	21355	1705	16w
FM7WU	14020	0250	16w
DU9JL	14202	1405	15w
ZF1WF	14202	1405	15w
VK9LS	14250	1400	16w
FP9BQ	14039	0	13w
PY0AD	14214	0040	19m

ELSEWHERE

9M8FMF	21335kc	0045Z	Thursdays
C21AA	14034	0400	May 15w
C21DC	14228	0600	13w
VP2ME	14249	1125	12e
8R1Q	21264	2105	16e
FM7AA	21289	2105	16e
VR4CG	14211	1115	14e
KG6SW	14251	1455	14e
WL/6Y5A	14202	2215	14e
HK0BKX	18595	1830	15e
9Y4VT	18571	1840	15e
ZP5TT	18607	1850	15e
8P6AJ	18595	1900	15e
FG7XL	18534	1745	16e
WAL/KS4	14226	1705	16m
YJ8JM	14057	0705	18m
ZK2AF	14264	0700	14w
DU6RG	14246	1330	14w
VK9LF	14249	1320	16w
KG6SI	14202	1330	16w
VR5LT	14217	0605	17w
FY7AF	14205	0145	18w
ZL40L/A	14204	0535	17w
VK9CR (TNG)	14246	1410	13w
VK9LV (P.T)	14245	1450	13w
VP2AAA	14019	2100	16w
VP2MM	14229	0225	18w
5W1AR	14213	0855	13w
5W1AM	14213	0855	13w
5W1AU	14213	0855	13w
FG7XF	14027	0330	19m
VK0TM	14219	0845	14kh

CALENDAR

ALBANIA The OH/ZA5Z group hanging in there hoping for operating permission. DL7FT due to open May 24th for two weeks of operation.....Pray!!

MALI IS. OH2BH & C15SE for 50 hours starting May 28th...New Country!!

MONACO DL4WJ/3AØ May 28th--30th.

WILLIS VK9NP/W warming up around June 6th for a few days.

MELLISH REEF VK9NP/M warming everything up a few days after the Willis Operation.

FERNANDO POO 3CØEG from June 14th by OH-Group

ANNOBON 3CØAN for 72 hours in Mid-June by OH Group...monitor the 3CØEG operation for last minute prospects.

ZANZIBAR 5HLV possible in July....Garth has problems with questions asked over the air.

MANIHIKI ZK1AJ should be opening up this week.

POSSIBLES AND AVAILABLE

TIMOR CR8AI showing up around 14210kc from 1500Z.

JORDAN 9K2AL going...may sign JY9AL. Has permission to operate

CYPRUS VQ9SM skeds his QSL Manager JAØCUV/1 daily.....14232kc/1515Z. Tack will help with contact if you give him a call.

PORT GUINEA CR3ND checking into the PACDXNET....14265kc...Says he will return often.

GABON TR8MR at 14218kc from 2300Z several times a week....no list.

CHAD TT8AD at 14290kc/0400Z with W4SPX most nights.

DAHOMEY 5VZWT going to TY-land in July

GRAND BAHAMAS W4BRE/VP7 June 19th and 20th.....6&2 Meters only. Write for skeds & info.

BOUVET Norwegians still thinking of this and Peter I island

TRINIDADE PYØATG from June 14th....PYØRE there already.

RODRIGUEZ VR5DK, Darlene, figures to operate from 3B9 in July...if plans jell.

ZUQAR ET3ZU planning another Red Sea effort in August.....a two to four day effort being planned for around August 24th. Possible that an U.S. amateur will accompany him and that the gear will be up-graded. Transportation part of the problem with daily cost of around \$300.00+ to have the vessel hang around. Some help at QSL time will be appreciated. ET3ZU/A QSLs being printed and will show picture of the lighthouse.

SHORTLY NOTED: Frankly, we are having a few problems. One is that either we are getting too windy or four pages are not enough to cover all the DX news. Six pages is a long haul, however, and results in a mailing around 10:00p.m. We have to start on Fridays and especially with ol' RED EYEE....mail early and often!!

9X5AA, Leo, going QRT from Rwanda in mid-July for a return to the states. 9X5WJ, Jim, will be there for a few more months at the Embassy. EP2CC presently active with an INDXA rig may wipe out the entire Middle East (DX-wise). He gets around to some of the more exotic prefixes. AP2KS still being reported as looking at XU-Cambodia for a short operation. W1DPL showed up with the first reciprocal license to a U.S. national from 6Y5-Jamaica. VP2LG, Greg, will help with licenses for St. Lucia. W5PAQ making some inquiries to see if anyone interested in XF4 activity this Fall at contest time. Geoff Watts of the DX NEWS looking for issues No. 194, 196 and 197 of Gus' DXer. Lost out in the British Postal Strike and would wish to obtain missing copies. FR7ZL/E on Europa (Juan de Nova) QSLs to Guy P. de la Rhodiere, Lotissement Tanapin, Le Brule, St. Denis, Reunion Island. WA8VRB is QSL Mgr for all HR2GK QSOs. WLYRC is handling the action for VK9KS, 9M8FMF, 9M8FME, CT2BD, EP2TB and 601GB. Bob has sent out 4000+ QSLs for 9X5AA in last three years.

As of last Friday, W6KNH, Clyde, had cleaned up all the VU9KV QSLs on hand except for a few which cannot be reconciled with the logs....1839 QSLs mailed to date and any more will have to wait until W6KNH returns from a swing around the South Pacific. VU9KV still needing 6-land QSLs for the California Award. Next week we hope to clear up the sources of some of those strange calls heard in the ITU and Armed Forces Day action. OHØMA is an Aaland Island Novice...xtal controlled at 21105 and 21085kc. 4N2HV QSLs for Solta Island showing up as well as a large volume of FR7ZU/Gs. WALARE/KS4 going QRT in July....been on since August 1970. WWV changes July 1st.

ZANZIBAR A letter from Garth, 5H3LV, updates the status on possible Zanzibar action in the near future.

Presently Garth is waiting on the INDXA HW-101 to replace the HW-100 which got waterlogged on the last effort. The HW-100 was overhauled when Garth was on leave at the home QTH in Canada but on return to Tanzania the climate there caused the rapid deterioration of the rig to the point where it is no longer serviceable. Any operations by 5H3LV presently being heard are from the QTH of 5H3ML who will depart Tanzania in June.

Garth reports that there is growing problems there in Tanzania and questions on the possible Zanzibar operation may prove personally embarrassing to him and especially so with a monitor sitting in a van down the street from his QTH and monitoring the transmissions. Questions regarding the country, the geography, activity from 5H1 or 5X5, or any such related matters can prove to be a most ticklish and sensitive item to answer. Garth is trying very hard to watch what he says and if the plans for the 5H1-Zanzibar operation develop he will pass along the information. Should Garth get on the air from Zanzibar, he will give nothing but reports and he will give no information as to his location. He would appreciate that no unnecessary questions be asked and especially ones which may jeopardize his own operations.

His present address is: Garth Hamilton, Oysterbay Box 23169, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

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TNX to W1YRC, W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGG, K3RLY, W4BRB, W4HU, W4TUC, W4UF, W5ALA, W5LZZ, W5PAQ, K6AQV, W6BJI, WA6BVI, K6EC, WA6FYC, K6GAK, WB6GFJ, WA6GLD, K6HTM, W6HVN, W6ID, W6KNH, K6LAE, K6LEB, WA6LLY, K6MHD, WA6MWG, K6OZL, K6SDR, W6TSQ, K6TXR, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6WR, W7PFZ, W7YTN, W8ODV, K8RWL, W9DDL, WØJRN, WØYDB, KH6BZF, HP1JC, JAØCUV/1, 5H3LV.

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