

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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ALBANIA Well, as Kipling said:

The light of the days that have been, the dark of the days that are
And ZA's hopes stinking and stale, like the butt of a dead cigar

Early in May with two previously successful operations headed for Albania, it did appear that it was just a question of how many times one would work a ZA station. However, it just did not go that way.

The OH-Group, working through a Swedish travel agent, ran into trouble immediately on arrival. Reports are that they were met by an armed reception committee, their gear confiscated and their hopes immobilized until their return. The gear was returned to time, some reports said that the dials were damaged but the rest of the rigs undamaged. So last week they were back in Finland considerably poorer after the considerable expense of the trip to Albania.

DL7FT was due to go to Albania on May 24th but Frank also ran into some problems which necessitated a second look at his plans. Initially some delay was reported as due to work emergencies and then later came a postponement until there was a chance to reappraise the situation and find out what the chances of success would be. At last week-end, DL7FT was still aiming for an Albania operation but the date a bit in the future while some rather delicate negotiations are cleared. Frank is still aiming for a Albanian effort this year but is looking for some favorable factors before testing the reception committee. In a wire to the WCDXB last Friday, DL7FT definitely stated that the ZA-operation had been postponed.

Both of these operations are facing financial problems and while everyone loves a winner, there sometimes are grumbles when things do not pan out. At this time it does appear that financially the OH-Group ran into considerable expense without any success to show for their efforts. DL7FT likewise has been thin financially and when the risks are considered, it might be time for a reappraisal of some support.

MALI IS/ANNOBON/EQUATORIAL GUINEA The problems with the ZA operation have caused some rescheduling of their other plans. As of the end of May all of these have been put off from two to four months, the plans being rather indefinite at this time. The ARRL has definitely indicated that an operation from Mali Island will be counted as a new country as would Annobon, this having been indicated some time in the past, actually some years ago and the reply has been that this would be considered when someone operated there. More information on the OH-plans should be available shortly.

WILLIS/MELLISH K2IXP, Larry, seems to be on schedule with this one. Last week Larry was operating VK4CGB and was in the Townsville area in northern Queensland. This operation should keep to their schedule of operating from Willis commencing this Saturday, June 5th and holding forth there until June 10th. Then on to Mellish and their hope to put a new country on the air. Listen for their SSB signals at 14195kc/21295/28595kc.....listening as announced. CW 25kc above bottom edge of band...maybe moving a few kcs in either direction to avoid QRM. VK9NP/W from Willis and from Mellish it will be VK9NP/M.....go get 'em!

AFRICA

5X5NA	21355	1915Z	May	25w
9J2RQ	14021	1910		21e
CN8CG	14210	2310		21e
TR8MR	14219	2310		17e
CN8DF	14265	0450		22e
CR3ND	14225	2200		23e
TN8BK	14203	2215		24m
ET3ZZ	14241	0410		23m
9G1WW	21260	1705		23m
6W8AL	21293	1740		23m
EA8GZ	21270	1750		23m
XT2AA	14246	0600		22w
TU2DB	14258	0630		22w
CN8AP	14256	0640		22w
ZE1GU	13232	0655		22v
CR6MX	14228	0655		22w
ET3USA	21360	2000		22w
ZD8RC	28548	2045		23w
9X5CC	21288	2015		26w
5Z4DB	14212	0015		21w
9J2PM	21279	1840		21w
ZD9BR	14206	1515		22w
ET3USA	14034	0345		27w
EA8AT	14066	0210		24w
ZD7SB	14208	2025		19w
ZD8RC	28547	2030		23w
5H3LV	21302	1425		22e
5Z4MQ	21375	1930		23e
5N2AAU	21286	1450		23m
5VZYH	14232	1905		25m
3B8CA	14229	1130		22m
ZD8JK	21033	2020		22m
5Z4LW	21028	2240		22m

ASIA

OD5LX	14026kc	0230	25e
9V10X	21330	1705	22e
ZC4EJ	21025	1335	23e
JT2KAA	14024	1430	23m
MP4BIX	21300	1450	22m
VU2HLU	21318	1715	22m
4X4OS	14234	0520	21w
JT1AN	14043	1445	22w
VS9MP	14034	2250	20w
XW8AX	14234	1600	23w
HS1ACH	14219	1610	25w
JE1CKA	14038	1325	26w
HS3AFB	14036	1655	24w
9V1QU	14019	1445	23w
9V1QF	14081	1505	20w
HM1BE	14209	1350	20w
HM0C	14246	1355	20w
VU2KV	14184	1530	23w
9M2LP	14206	1630	20w
9M2EK	14238	1445	21w
VS6DO	14203	1430	24w
UA0NM	14204	1445	25w
VU2HLV	21313	1895	22w
MP4BBN	14210	0255	27w
MP4BIX	21297	1505	22e
HL7GQV	14038	1110	21e
9V1OX	21330	1715	22m
EP2BQ	21310	1625	22m
EP2BBB	14216	0100	33m
9V1OI	14235	1210	25m
YB3AAU	14210	1230	26m
UK6DAU	14065	2145	18e
UA9VH/JT1	14211	1400	21w

EUROPE

UF6CR	14246	2330Z	May	25m
HA9KOB	14225	0110		26m
GI4ACX	14212	0050		25m
YO2BB	14207	0500		21m
GW3DJZ	21050	2200		22w
JW5NM	14206	0510		24w
YO6AW	14005	0505		27w
OH0NI	14223	0510		27w
UR2AR	14205	0455		25w
HB0AFM	21045	2000		23w
3A0FN	14206	2030		19w
IZ1KAA	14202	0250		21w
WA1/ks4	14332	0330		29w
VP2EZ	21289	1835		24w
9M8OEA	14238	1405		27w
ZK1CD	14184	0430		26w
PJ2CU	14258	0245		27w
YN1MHL	13334	0255		27w
KX6BQ	14216	0555		23w
FG7XF	14023	0250		25w
FK8KAA	14055	0700		25w

ELSEWHERE

5W1AR	14241kc	0400Z	May	25m
G21AA	14196	1205		25m
VP2DAJ	14264	2335		25m
VP2ME	14285	2340		25m
KC6WS	14201	1210		26m
DU3ZAE	14205	1215		26m
VP2LAW	14027	0240		21m
CR8AG	14250	1220		22m
YJ8BG	14243	0555		20m
ZK2AF	14213	0605		20m
VR5LT	14201	0550		24m
ZM7AG	14236	0620		25m
VR4CG	14263	0600		18m
ZLAOL/A	14041	0400		27w
CR8AI	14208	1400		21w
VP2AAA	14025	0415		27w
KW6HA	14205	0530		27w
KS6CY	14234	0530		27w
VR2DK	14207	0530		27w
VR2CC	14236	0455		25w
FO8BJ	14045	0635		26w

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CALENDAR

WILLIS ISLAND VK9NP/W opening up around June 5th for five days or so of action.
 MELLISH REEF VK9NP/M should open up sometime after a week from Saturday..this will count for new country.
 ZANZIBAR 5H3LV hoping for some activity these coming months
 TRINIDADE PYØATG: due to open June 14th.
 RODRIGUEZ Darlene, VR5DK, planning one month operation from June 20th.

RODRIGUEZ Darlene, WA6FSC/VR5DK/ZL1ATC etc, plans to leave Auckland by air on June 8th enroute to the Indian Ocean for some possible 3C9-action. Darlene will visit in Melbourne and Perth and expects to arrive in Port Lewis, Mauritius, on June 10th. Travel to Rodriguez will be by sea and plans are to leave Port Lewis around June 16th and arrive on Rodriguez on about June 20th. Darlene plans to be on the island for about a month and will operate from the old wireless station, the same spot that Gus used when he was there.

KURE KH6EDY showed up again on May 17th, the station being operated by John, who is attached to the USCG Loran Station on the island. He said that he was having some rig problems but would try to keep the station on the air. John was at 7295kc at 0830Z on May 17th.

NORTH TEXAS DX ASSN Big Charter Day Banquet in Richardson, Texas this Saturday, June 5th. W4VPD guest speaker with slides of Malpelo/Cocos/Navassa/Swan. W5KYD to details.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CP5CY	7205kc	0955Z	My 22w	KP4AN	3894kc	0935Z	My 19w	KC6JC	3804kc	0940Z	My 19w
LU8AJG	7205	0938	22w	VP7DL	3804	0940	19w	VK6HD	3697	1000	19w
K6/KG6	7204	0947	23w	KV4FZ	3804	1005	19w	K6/KG6	3805	1100	23w
KG4EQ	7206	0200	25w	WA4/8R1	3805	0945	24w	PJ2CW	3805	0952	24w
KH6EDY	7295	0835	17kh	VP2AL	3805	1010	24w				

Western Hemisphere Net....7205kc...Wednesdays, 0200Z. KP4CL as Net Control.

COMING.....Columbia Contest...1971 July 17-18th.
 CALI PANAMERICAN Games June 18-20th

SHORTLY NOTED ARRL will make QST available by 1st Class Mail....\$12.00 additional per year in addition to the usual membership cost. W1BFA has petitioned the FCC to move the 'grandfather' date for the Extra Class license from April 1917 to January 1940. George Jacobs, W3ASK, and Stu Myer, W2GHK, have petitioned the FCC to establish a VHF Radiotelephone license in the Amateur Service....aimed at the 221-224 Mhz band ...no code test, minimum technical qualifications. 100 watts/5 year license renewable 9X5AA is the U.S. Ambassador there in Rwanda...often at 21280kc from 1930Z Sundays. 9X5WJ at 21290kc Sundays at the same time. VR1L may go to YJ8-land for a few weeks in June. CT1IW is planning CR3-action in September while EA9AQ is usually found at 28600kc at 1730Z Sundays. The new Italian prefixes are causing a lot of commotion... plus a bit of head scratching to figure out what goes. 9V1QA was home for a quick visit in mid-May. Jack trying to get some gear in VS6-land but no success as yet. Still looking for some possible XV5-action. W6JHV in the California Coast Range looking for a rotator.... ZK2AF reported as not receiving any mail for some months. MP4BHH was in Sacramento recently....passed up the Governors Mansion to visit W6ONZ. Possibly will be on from EP-Iran soon. ZC4CB is willing to make schedules for anyone in the Western Reaches...or elsewhere. Will also start making arrangements for 40/80 skeds next winter. Address is Box 216, Famagusta, Cyprus. WB2EPI will QSL HV3SJ QSOs from the ARRL 1971 test when he gets his hands on the logs. W7VRO is aiming for another West Indies effort in September....along with W7EKM. Dick already has calls assigned for VP2LAM, 8P6DM and FMØIX. WA7BAY also in on the trip. Those FM-licenses do not come easy. ZM7AG has been showing up on the Pacific DX Net...as well as other places. TN8BK disappeared when the QRM got intolerable on May 20th. W8ZOK refused to worry over the ZAs...went to the Gulf of Mexico fishing ...did better than those staying home. The only way to go....carefree and sunburnt!!

CLIPPERTON In this season of broken hopes, one must not forget the eternal hope for a FO8C=Clipperton operation. With the multitude of rumors and cross rumors which we had in recent months, some effort was made to get some definite information. Our Quaid' Orsay Desk may come up with some final words shortly. Hold your breathe!!

PREFIXES

Some of the unusual calls heard during May were:

KD4ITU		QSLs to W3ZA
WU3SNA	U.S. Naval Academy	QSLs to W3ADO
WM8ICH		
3F1JC		HPLJC with special prefix for ITU activity
4U3ITU		
5T3ITU		
9L9ITU		
9Q5ITU		QSLs to 9Q5EP

Also heard.....with some skepticism was WZ6SNI and ZA1AA. For the ARRL National Convention at Disneyland in September, the special call....WD6WD has been issued and will be used during the convention...September 1st thru 4th.

TNX to W2FXA, WB2YQH, W4HU, W4OPM, W4TUC, W4UF, W5ALA, W5KYD, W5UBW, W6AM, K6AQV, W6BJI, W6CLM, K6EC, W6EIF, W6HRE, W6FZJ, K6HTM, W6ID, W6JHV, K6LAE, WA6LLY, K6MHD, WA6MWG, W6ONZ, W6TSQ, K6TVL, WB6UDC, WB6UJO, K6UFT, K6WR, WB6ZUC, W7TE, W7VRO, W8ODV, K8RWL, W8ZOK, W9DDL, WØJRN, WØYDB, KH6HIF, WØDAD/KH6, KH6BZF, DL7FT.

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