



CAMBODIA....(Cont'd)

In addition to the gear left by VE7IR, there are efforts under way to arrange for more gear through both JA and W/K channels. Late information is that an exciter and linear is either on the way or on hand and from Thailand a tower and beam has been obtained for the club station at the University.

It is expected that John, VE7IR, will be in Cambodia in the latter part of this month and will be there for three or four days. At this time it is expected that he will put the finishing touches on the proficiency of the Cambodian operators. Right now they are reported as mainly sticking to 40m SSB and in local ragchews in order to get some operating experience. XULVS is a graduate of Kansas U. from which he holds an engineering degree and he and many of the others are proficient in both English and French. There are also a number with good c.w. skills.

JALKSO reports that he was talking with VE7IR/XU and XULVS daily up to the end of September. YAESU MUSEN, the Japan DX Assn and the Yokohama DX Club are working together to send a transmitter with VFO to either XULAA or XULVS. Nobs, JALKSO, was working on taking over the QSL chores for both stations. Nobs also pointed out that because of political changes, there may be occasions when it may be more politic to refer to the country as the Khmer Republic.

JALKSO advised the WCDXB Saturday that he will be in Cambodia October 27th and will expect to operate XULAA through the CQ W Test. It is also expected that a number of amateurs will be traveling from Thailand into Cambodia and one group is expected to be active November 2-5th.

Undoubtedly there will be stations from Cambodia that you will be able to work from now on and possibly a number. Late word last week-end, however, indicated that XULAA would be the only one that the W/Ks could safely work. More might be acknowledged as okay to work and it might pay to listen to the W1AW OBS bulletins.

Who brought all this about? Lets give credit to John Van Lear of Vancouver in British Columbia. John not only went into Phnom Penh and spent his time wearing down the resistance but was willing to donate his own gear to keep Cambodia on the air. VE7IR was the head honcho on this one and deserves much credit....those others in on the operation also deserve a bit of appreciation.

As for now XULAA looks good. Undoubtedly there will be others. As old Bob would often say during those long nights on the Veldt: "Be Prepared"...and listen hard.

CLIPPERTON Son of a Gun, bet you figured we had shot everything with the Cambodian information. But there might even be more action coming up and things have warmed up a bit on the FO8-Clipperton area.

There are at least two active DXers who presently hold valid licenses for FO8-Clipperton; who have all the transportation problems nailed down; who should have no great difficulty with financing and who are ready to go if they can get permission to land. As of Saturday they were sitting and waiting for some developments and if they can get the permission.....off to the garden spot of the Eastern Pacific. Getting permission may be a tough one but they have the experience and willingness to work at it. The French apparently have cancelled the final phases of their atomic testing in Polynesia and the possible use of Clipperton as a relay point in communications may be ended or ending. With all the outcry against the French tests, they may not resume them in the near future.

What does it add up to.....HOPE! FO8C is cooking so it would be advisable to keep your big spoon (DX-type) handy.

ANNOBON/FERNANDO POO QSLs... After running into some slight delays, the QSLs for 3C1 and 3CØ were put on the plane headed for Helsinki last Friday afternoon and should be in Martins and the OH DX Group hands right now. They should be surfacing within a week for the faithful ones who have been impatiently waiting.

Late estimates on the wind-up of the finances on this trip, and it was expensive, indicate that Martin and Villi are out something just over \$2000.00, this being the amount still not covered by contributions. Annobon transportation ran over \$1900.00. Somehow this does not look like a profit making venture....hardly. Besides the \$1900.00 for transportation to Annobon, other costs ran the total bill over \$5000.00.

CALENDAR

CAMBODIA XU1AA on right now. More action expected around end of the month.  
 AVES A couple of weeks of action possible late October.  
 BOY SCOUTS Be Prepared!! World-Wide Jamboree on the Air...October 16-17th.  
 RSGB 7mc TEST C.W. only.....October 23-24th.....Phone portion November 6-7th.  
 CQ WW TEST Phone..October 30-31st. CW go-round November 27-28th.  
 SWEEPSTAKES Phone..November 13-14th. C.W. November 20-21st.  
 KURE W7UXP/KH6 from October 25th....November 1st.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

VP2GAL	3807/0245/0c	3e	JR1EEG	7028/1155/0c	2m	ZE1DX	7005/0410/0c	4w
ZL5AX	3808/1108/0c	3e	PY1FH	7021/0530/0c	1w	CM8RC	7058/0320/0c	6w
DJ6RG	3804/1340/0c	1w	CM2FV	7010/0350/0c	1w	K2UME/TI2	7011/0345/0c	5w
KG6SI	3815/1328/0c	3w	PZ1AH	7005/0340/0c	4w	HK6CKW	7010/0400/0c	1w
HS3AFB	3815/1345/0c	3w	CR7CI	7002/0350/0c	5w	ZD8CS	7105/2300/	
PJ2MI	3805/1240/0c	1w	DI8MM	7031/0417/	30m	HV3SJ	7013/0340/0c	2m
VR1AA	3803/1240/0c	2w	8P6AH	7205/1120/0c	1m	FO8BJ	7024/0700/	25m
DU1FH	3807/1310/0c	2w	VR1AA	7082/1105/0c	2m	LZ1KWW	7013/0610/0c	3m
KS6DH	3808/1345/0c	2w	VP2DAJ	7204/0155/0c	6m	KP4CL	7204/0155/0c	6m
ZS6DW	3796/0400/0c	2w	VP9GE	7204/0155/0c	6m	VK2AUD	7065/0705/0c	6m
HI8LC	3807/0920/0c	3w	VK2ARV	7065/0715/0c	6m	PZ1AV	7037/0750/0c	6m
ZS1MH	3798/0415/0c	4w	PY7AWE	7042/0805/0c	6m	XU1AA	7040/1300/0c	7m
OX4CT	3805/0845/0c	6w						

PREFIXES--QSLs ETC ET3ZU/A QSLs due to go in the mails around October 20th...they have yet to be received from the printer. Aldo showing up on twenty, at times a bit remissive over lost opportunities to work the elusive 6s and 7s the last time out. 4W1AF QSLs should be coming out this week. XX6FL QSLs to CR6LA. This was a special prefix for the Industrial Fair at Luanda. The OM's are OK stations....Czechoslovakia that is. For some past inquiries.....MP4TCE goes to BRS-26222/QSL Manager of the ISWL. FR7ZL/T goes to home QTH in the CB but the Reunion Bureau will also produce. JA3XPO goes to the JARL...or you can also try JA3GZN for a sure thing. DU9FB should always be good to Fernando's CB address. Anyone with some QSL information for a couple of older ones...VS9AWR and VP2SU? VS9AWR goes back about five years. 9J2LL goes to Leo, Bx 1373, Kitwe, Zambia.

BRITISH PHOENIX VR1AB showed up right around the 1st of the month as expected. Has been reported regularly around the upper portion of twenty meters....14285kc area. VRLAC license has also been issued to WB6IKI who has been operating /KB6....this one handle is John while VRLAB is also WB9IAO/KB6 and this one is Art. The present plans are for them to be there for a year and both have their own gear. QSL for VRLAB to K3RLY.

SHORTLY NOTED Another 6 page issue. Son of a Gun, that what comes from an education system that insists on every DXer learning how to read. Last week's issue was a bit of a disaster. Weariness made or help make a number of errors. On AC5TY it is the IRCs that his brother-in-law will clear the tracks on and not the QSLs. The 4W1AF was abbreviated into 4W1...and we wondered how many confused Klaus with the other 4W1s that are running around these days. Anyhow, it proved again that any ambitious DXer must maintain his training habits. VS5CB should be getting parts for the big-bore transmitter, some parts having given up the ghost around the end of July. 5 watts QRP has been the big signal since then. W5LZW plans to operate from EA9 for a couple of days in November. 4W1AF will be in Yemen for two or three years. Klaus Puer, P.O. Box 41, Sana, Yemen Arab Republic is his mail address but QSLs go to DL9ZB AC5TY says no a.m. signal even though many stations in the Far East did report such. However, SSB rig seems to be on hand though reports say signal weaker than c.w. signal. VU2DK working with AC5TY on list operation at 14150kc. Wild QRMing....and not W/Ks, finally ended the operation.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOULE.....

"Oh, Lonely night, last forever.

You have made me learn to live and love, and work DX"

(Just in case you forgot how he got Red-Eyed)

AFRICA.....C.W.

FR7AI	21039/1625/0c	3e	CR7FM	14076/1640/0c	4w	ZS2CW	14030/1455/0c	5w
VQ9B	21015/1635/0c	1e	FB8ZZ	14028/1540/0c	4w	TU2BK	14008/1840/0c	1e
CR5AJ	14039/2240/0c	1e	ZE5JJ	14019/1545/0c	1w	3B8DA	14044/1325/0c	3m
CR6CA	14090/0010/0c	5e	ZD9BR	14043/1630/0c	4w			
CR7BN	14061/1320/0c	3m	ZS1DZ	14020/1500/0c	1w#			

ASIA.....C.W.

UAØFBA	21022/0010/0c	5w	UH8CJ	1403 /1455/0c	6w	VU2BY	14056/1630/0c	4w
UAØZL	14059/0435/0c	3w	ZC4CB	14006/1745/0c	6w	VU2IN	14021/1450/0c	5w
UM8AP	14031/1545/0c	6w	VS6FK	14030/1530/0c	1w	XU1AA	14008/1400/0c	2m

EUROPE.....C.W.

CT2AZ	21061/2225/0c	3w	9H1ER	21062/1440/0c	2e	UB5UAL	14008/1745/0c	6w
OMØSV	21056/1450/0c	3m	OMØBH	14015/1810/0c	6w	UN1BR	14036/1605/0c	6w
<del>ZB2CE</del>	<del>21066/1450/0c</del>	<del>2e</del>	OMØBM	14013/1805/0c	6w	UR2QA	14036/1435/0c	1w
9H1AF	21062/1310/0c	2m	OZ8WH	14008/1800/0c	6w			

ELSEWHERE.S.C.W.

KP4DKX	21060/1635/0c	3w	HI7JM	14023/1315/0c	4w	VP7CQ	14051/1340/0c	5w
CM6HT	14025/1315/0c	4w	HR1KS	14054/0155/0c	6w	YBØAU	14040/1625/0c	4w
FK8KAA	14040/0900/0c	5w	KX6EB	14050/0435/0c	3w	YBØAUY	14038/1600/0c	5w
FM7WF	14046/2200/0c	2m	PZ1AH	14023/0400/0c	3w	ZL2BCW	14044/0500/0c	2m
FM7WU	14029/0110/0c	2w	TG4SR	14015/0140/0c	6w	ZL2AFS	14055/0450/0c	3m
FY7YI	14035/1120/0c	4e	VA2UN	14010/1635/0c	6w	ZL3PO/C	14026/0500/0c	4w

AFRICA.....SSB

CR4BS	28558/1550/0c	5w	VQ9MC	21293/1740/0c	1m	9Q5AD	21304/1830/0c	5w
CR7LE	28550/1700/0c	2m	TR8MR	21292/1835/0c	1e	9Q5GE	21383/1815/0c	6w
Z2CAQ	21276/1845/0c	7w	XX6FL	21349/1815/0c	5w	3B8CR	21286/1820/0c	4w
A2CAB	21310/1725/0c	1e	ZS3PT	21299/1720/0c	1e	CR4BS	14210/2210/0c	4e
CR3ND	21286/1925/0c	3e	5R8AP	21302/1800/0c	5w	CR7FM	14210/1910/0c	1e
FH8CG	21280/1655/0c	1w	5U7AS	21258/1830/0c	1w	FB8ZZ	14207/1220/0c	5m
ET3DS	21264/1915/0c	1e	9GLWW	21319/0155/0c	3w	ST2SA	14248/1330/0c	1m#
TY1ABE	21298/1510/0c	2e	9J2BR	21300/1705/0c	1w	5H3LV	14220/1325/0c	1m#

ASIA.....SSB

4W1AF	21290/1645/0c	1e	MP4BJG	14248/1400/0c	1m#	4JØBJ	14215/0345/0c	2m
9K2BQ	21295/1300/0c	4e	VS6DO	14205/1245/0c	5m	7Z2AB	14248/1330/0c	1m#
JT1AG	14208/0155/0c	3m	VU2HLU	1425/1255/0c	2e	9K2AM	14248/1420/0c	1m#
JY9EAC	14229/1450/0c	5w	YK1AA	1423/1440/0c	1m#	9N1MM	14209/0110/0c	5m

EUROPE.....SSB

CT1JJ	21290/1530/0c	5w	ISØAWP	21283/1940/0c	1m	OE7UD	14206/1500/0c	6w
EA6BJ	21283/1635/0c	3e	MLB	21278/1625/0c	1e	OMØBFO	14211/1450/0c	1e
EA7DJ	21357/1535/0c	4w	OMØNN	21340/1610/0c	4e	OMØRZ	14109/1230/0c	4w
GD3GMH	21290/1515/0c	4e	EI3OQR	1420/1610/0c	2w	UQ2HO	14233/1615/0c	2w

ELSEWHERE.S.SSB

CX2CN	28562/2340/0c	3w	KX6EB	21317/0015/0c	3w	VP1BJ	14275/1355/0c	1m
HK3GR	28562/2335/0c	3w	KG6ALY	21297/2030/0c	2w	VP7DL	14260/1600/0c	6w
KS6DU	28568/2300/0c	3m	KR8IU	21305/0015/0c	3w	VR1AA	14257/0235/0c	3w
KS6DY	28555/2135/0c	2m	VK9GN	21305/2045/0c	2w	VR2CM	14228/0900/0c	5w
LU2DEK	28562/0000/0c	4w	VR1AA	21311/2305/0c	2w	VR2EQ	14215/0315/0c	8w
VK9GN	28581/2125/0c	2m	VR1AB	21283/0520/0c	3w	VR4BS	14202/1250/0c	1e
ZL1AGO	28535/0035/0c	3m	FY7AF	14217/0220/0c	2w	VK9CH	14223/1520/0c	2w
9Y4CR	28566/2150/0c	3m	FO8BY	14268/0230/0c	3e	VK9HL	14283/0240/0c	3w
KM6DX	21387/2100/0c	2w	KC6RS	14278/0900/0c	5w	VK7GK	14295/0230/0c	3w
KS6DH	21308/2130/0c	2w	KS6DY	14231/0510/0c	3e	VØBL	14303/0225/0c	3w
KX6DC	21280/0150/0c	3w	KG6SW	14208/1446/0c	1w			

THE SPRATLYS

The Nationalist Chinese call them the Nansha (South Sand) islands.

Most other nations in the world know them as the Spratly Islands, but a Filipino businessman, Mr. Tomas Cloma, who claimed to have discovered them for the Philippines in 1956, called them "Freedomland".

There are altogether 96 coral atolls, almost all of them uninhabited. Located in the heart of the South China Sea, 850 miles south of Kao-hsiung, 350 miles southwest of Manila and 350 miles east of Saigon, the Spratlies are once again under the lime-light of international politics as Taiwan, the Philippines and South Vietnam are claiming sovereignty over them.

The issue has become more complicated as China and the Netherlands are ready to join in the contest for the island complex, near which lie rich under sea oil reserves.

Taiwan, now caught in a similar dispute with Japan over the Senkaku (Tiao Yu Tai) Islands to the north, has built up an all but indestructible advantage over any other contender in the decade and a half since Mr. Cloma claimed to have discovered his "Freedomland". That advantage is its military presence on some 10 largest islands of the Spratlies.

The dispute made a newspaper headline last week with a Philippine Congressman, Mr. Ramon Mitra, claiming that he was fired on while making a trip to the area. In Manila President Marcos said at the weekend that Taiwan troops had illegally occupied Itu Aba Island of the Spratly group and that this threatened Philippine security. Mr. Marcos said his Government had asked Taiwan to withdraw its troops from the island. Films released at a press conference in Manila showed Filipino soldiers at military installations at three other islands in what Mr. Marcos called "adequate steps" to protect the Philippines.

Mr. Marcos said World War II allies gained a 'defacto trusteeship' over the islands and no nation should occupy and arm them without a permission from the allies.

Mr. Cloma said the area is regarded as Philippine territory by virtue of a resolution by the Philippine Congress and charged that Taiwan's occupation of the island was illegal.

Taiwan Government officials have kept mum on the charges but Major General Li Chang-hao, spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence, said the garrison on the Spratlies "have not fired at any aircraft or ship" in the last couple of weeks.

A Foreign Ministry official, who refused to be identified, said Taiwan's sovereignty over the Spratlies is "self-evident".

"We made it crystal-clear 15 years ago", he added. In May and September 1956, the Foreign Ministry issued a series of statements proving Taiwan's sovereignty over the islands with a combined area of only 1 1/2 square miles.

China's claim dates back to the Han Dynasty (206 B.C. to 220 A.D.). Cheng Ho, sent by the imperial ruler of the Ming Dynasty, visited the islands on his way to the Indian Ocean and Africa in 1405-1433 and claimed them again for China.

The Manchu Dynasty (1644-1911) sent an envoy, Li Chun, to the Spratlies on a survey mission. He reported there were "peopl. from Hainan who settled down there". China's claim to the islands was first challenged by Japan in 1917 when a Japanese chemical started mining guano phosphate. The Japanese mining continued until 1929 and one year later a French warship visited the islands. In 1933 France announced occupation of the Spratlies.

The Taiwan Government in Nanking protested against the occupation by Japan and France of the islands but it was the Imperial Japanese Navy that drove the French away from the Spratlies in 1939.

During the Second World War, the Japanese pressed the Spratlies, which they called the Shinnan Gunto (New South Islands) under the administrative control of Tokio (Kaohsiung) prefecture on Taiwan and built a submarine base on Spratly Island. Ita Aba Island was also garrisoned. Taiwan took over at the conclusion of WW II and has kept a military presence on the islands since 1956. The least hopeful contender is South Viet Nam. The Saigon Government sent a Marine contingent to the Spratlies in August 1956 but soon withdrew it and quietly dropped its territorial claims which it said dates back to 1934.

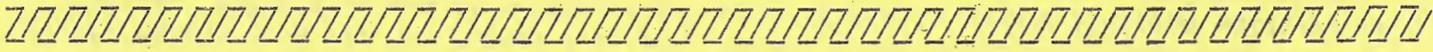
The current dispute is more over possible economic gains. A recent estimate shows rich undersea oil reserves in the area comparable to the continental shelf off the Senkakus.

DX AND THE QRMERS Just in case you might have missed it, check Page 86 of the October QST....delivered in San Rafael on October 2nd. A reply to W7TE on the problems attendant to the 301/300 operations of last July is printed.....the letter coming from A. Prose Walker, Chief of the Amateur and Citizens Division at the FCC. If all the hopes for the XU1AA develop later this month, you may find a rerun of some of the anonymous activities that plagued DXpeditions in the past. Read the letter and try to determine if, beyond the usual irritation, that there is not an inherent danger to your own operations. Some may think that this is peculiarly a W/K problem.....it is not. The early operations of XU1AA drew what has been described as 'unbelievably rude behaviour by some European stations'. Maybe you should give it some thought....and have the telephone number of the FCC Watch Officer handy.

St. MARTIN W9IGW and W2BBK will open up November 4th signing FG7GD/FS7. Their plans are to operate through November 6th. Frequencies will be 30kc inside the band for c.w. operations.....and the same rule-of-thumb for SSB.....14230kc for a clearly defined example. Even we QRPers get the picture some times. A bit of 40/80 action is also planned.

TNX to W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGJ, W4HU, W4OPM, W4TUC, W5ALA, W5LZZ, W5UBW, WA5ZNY, W6APW, K6AQV, K6EC, W6CLM, K6KA, K6LOM, W6KHS, W6LQC, W6MI, K6QF, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VQD, K6WR, W6YUS, W7FSE, W7TE, WA8PWZ, W8SRK, W9DDL, W0JRN, W0MYK, W0YDB, K9PQG, W9SZR/XV, K7CBZ/3W8, JA1KSO, WB6UJO.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers dashed up the lane recently, waving a page from the local newspaper. "Say", he said, "I just noted that the U.S. is turning Okinawa back to the Japanese. When that happens there may be a shortage of KR6s on the air" The Old Timer thought a bit, studied a cloud going by and finally commented. "Well, when that happens there probably will be a big surplus of phone patch gear laying around". The QRPer smiled weakly....his 'I wish I knew what you meant' smile. Son of a Gun, there are esoteric meanings to most every thing these days. Get your weekly guide to the esoterical DX....\$9.00 by 1st Class Mail.....\$10.50 brings it by esoteric AirMail



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