

WEST COAST DX Bulletin

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SPRATLY Some more details are on hand on the effort of WA5VTU to activate Spratly.

Dave was on and off the island for two days trying to make a landing but with the winds there at Force 7 mixed with frequent rain showers, it was a bit too much. Generally January is likely to find the NW winds strong limiting possibilities of landing on the north side of the island where there is a reasonable anchorage. Dave said that the island is about a half mile long, relatively flat and with an elevation of about 8 feet. Judging from the bird population there, it was estimated that a good portion of that 8 feet might be guano.....sticky and otherwise. After giving up on Spratly, Dave sailed on to Thailand where there will be some work done on the boat and he will be back in the Pacific in a month or so. At this time there is no decision for another try at Spratly but he definitely will try for some other locations.

Pacifica Products headed by VS6DR in Hongkong and the INDXA have joined together to donate the equipment for the efforts. It is felt that WA5VTU will work hard to find a rare spot to use the equipment.

Spratly is usually considered as a group and there have been prior reports about some countries garrisoning some of the islands. There are some 96 coral atolls or reefs in the group 350 miles east of Saigon. The Japanese are reported to have built a submarine base on one of the islands back in WW II and one JA group are working with a fishing boat for a possible trip there to operate.

On the long range prospect, let's face it. A lot of people are looking at Spratly and are anxious to see it on the air. WA5VTU indicated by his efforts that an approach is possible. There is a good chance for Spratly operation before the snow flies in Udorn. Patience!!

KURE There is a new operator at KH6EDY on Kure and he plans to check into the Confusion Net at 21400kc/0000Z on a daily basis. Primarily this Net is looking to provide phone-patches from the Pacific Islands but contacts are possible when the main business is accomplished.

The helicopter that crashed at Kure just prior to the CQ WW DX Test apparently has also affected the output of QSLs from KH6BZF. Logs were last received back in September 1971 and nothing since. KH6BZF has a stack of cards to answer and he will as soon as he can get the logs.

Previously there was a twice-weekly helicopter flight from Midway to Kure but after the crash of the helicopter, there has been no regular service. The present amateur on the island will be rotated in a couple of months and unless there is another amateur assigned, Kure may be dormant for a bit.

KH6BZF has several thousand blank Kure-QSLs and will answer any card that is in the log. This eliminates the problem often encountered with a club station and an accumulation of QSLs.

WEST AFRICAN NET W8KGR who was to guide this effort, had to return to Florida for medical attention and this shot the plans. While in Florida during the holidays he came down with a kidney infection and was not exactly feeling the best. It would seem that the plans for the West African Net 21390/1930Z-daily are still good and as soon as Ed is well again, things will go as planned. If you are anxious, you might check the frequency to watch for possible action.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

The Watcher of the Lonely Night

AFRICA...SSB

EA8GZ	28601/1800/Ja	15m	9J2WR	21255/1910/Ja	15w	TU2DI	14215/2115/Ja	18w
EA9AQ	21310/1730/Ja	16e	9Q5EA	21280/1715/Ja	13w	VQ9NEW	14214/1915/Ja	14e
CR4BS	21305/1600/Ja	13w	FH8CG	21285/1710/Ja	14w	ZE2JE	14250/1555/Ja	13w
CR7FR	21288/1645/Ja	15w	CN8CG	14236/2045/Ja	11m	ZE5JJ	14250/1555/Ja	13w
CR7CH	21316/1910/Ja	14e	CN8DF	14222/2045/Ja	12m	ZE8JJ	14238/2205/Ja	12m
CR7TJ	21286/1845/Ja	14e	CR4BS	14214/2215/Ja	13w	ZD7BB	14224/2350/Ja	12e
3B8CV	21280/1725/Ja	15m	CR5SP	14196/2000/Ja	16w	ZD8UF	14239/2315/Ja	13e
3B8AW	21287/1715/Ja	18w	CR6HW	14203/2015/Ja	15w	ZD8US	14219/2100/Ja	15e
3D6AO	21298/1820/Ja	18e	CR7AV	14217/1935/Ja	14e	3D6AX	14204/2035/Ja	12m
5H3JR	21355/1950/Ja	10e	CR7SC	14250/2340/Ja	15e	5N2AAJ	14251/1920/Ja	14e
5U7AS	21365/1800/Ja	17w	EL2BA	14263/0035/Ja	17e	5N2ABG	14225/1545/Ja	10e
7P8AD	21293/1740/Ja	15m	EL2CB	14213/0030/Ja	17e	5V7GE	14207/2135/Ja	14e
9J2PM	21280/1820/Ja	14e	EL4A	14332/2100/Ja	21w	6W8AL	14214/2340/Ja	14e
9J2JN	21286/2020/Ja	15e	TJ1AW	14212/2335/Ja	16w	6W8DY	14207/1830/Ja	17m
9J2WR	21255/1910/Ja	15w				9U5BB	14245/1555/Ja	13w

ASIA...SSB

JA1KSO	21294/2225/Ja	14e	HSØUDN	14226/1240/Ja	14e#	XW8DO	14205/1430/Ja	17m#
JY6ABS	21322/1520/Ja	18m	MP4BIN	14233/1250/Ja	14e	JY6ABS	14235/1410/Ja	19m
JY6AMS	21342/1520/Ja	18m	MP4TDM	14201/1530/Ja	19w#	YA3AG	14300/1310/Ja	14e#
TA7PU	21304/1600/Ja	15w	UKØFAA	14205/0015/Ja	16e	4JØBJ	14207/0155/Ja	16w
EP2TB	14217/1340/Ja	14e#	VU2UK	14212/1315/Ja	19m#	4W1AF	14265/1530/Fridays	
EQ2JA	14214/1530/Ja	15w	VU2BEZ	14213/1655/Ja	13w	4S7AB	14305/1305/Ja	14e#
EQ2YL	14215/1430/Ja	17m#	VU2IRA	14257/0215/Ja	18w	7Z3AB	14251/1340/Ja	19m#
HS3AGG	14304/1250/Ja	14e#	XW8AX	14230/1230/Ja	16e	9N1MM	14205/0155/Ja	16w

EUROPE...SSB

CT2AC	21291/1630/Ja	15m	GC3ATR	14227/1700/Ja	16w	UA1BX	14225/1650/Ja	15w
GB2SM	21274/1520/Ja	16w	OK1ATP	14229/1550/Ja	15w	UF6CR	14223/1400/Ja	19m
IC8CKF	21270/1405/Ja	15m	PAØKB	14217/1635/Ja	15w	UK5MAF	14245/1410/Ja	19m
HV3SJ	21356/1635/Ja	15m	LA8XN	14204/1630/Ja	15w	UR2AR	14215/1545/Ja	10w
9H3B	21289/1530/Ja	16w	WA1/TF	14230/1225/Ja	15e	U5ARTEK	14221/1650/Ja	15w

ELSEWHERE...SSB

HC8PS	21285/1900/Ja	19w	VR6TC	21361/2315/Tues		KV4AA	14267/1455/Ja	15m
KH6EDY	21400/0000/Daily		CX1JM	14206/0020/Ja	18w	PJ2MI	14196/1400/Ja	15m
OX3JW	21316/1605/Ja	11m	C21AA	14215/0620/Ja	12w	VP2AJI	14266/0125/Ja	18e
PJ8AA	21300/1935/Ja	20w	DU1FH	14207/2345/Ja	15e	VP2SG	14215/2300/Ja	17m
PZ1AK	21329/2140/Ja	18w	FG7TD	14212/2215/Ja	12m	VP9AT	14206/0015/Ja	18w
VP2AC	21290/1635/Ja	15m	FM7AA	14222/1250/Ja	10m	VR1AA	14206/1900/Ka	14m
VR1AB	21326/0125/Ja	17w	HC8PS	14266/0300/Ja	16w	VR1AB	14260/0350/Ja	17w
			4F5ERA	14213/1925/Ja	18m	W3/6Y5	14332/2100/Ja	21w

AFRICA...C.W.

9L1VW	21035/1610/Ja	15w	TY7ABM	14052/1430/Ja	17m	ZS4SD	14041/1935/Ja	17m
CR5AJ	14040/2155/Ja	12e	VQ9LW	14033/1800/Ja	13w	EA9AB	14001/1720/Ja	9w
CR7IZ	14034/2015/Ja	13w	ZE1CR	14015/2145/Ja	15w	3B8CJ	14022/2100/Ja	17e
EL2P	14024/0050/Ja	17w	ZE2KV	14016/2100/Ja	16w	5T5CJ	14017/1920/Ja	16e
FR7AL	14021/1720/Ja	16w	ZE8JJ	14033/1945/Ja	17m			
TV1ABE	14013/2130/Ja	14w	ZS3AQ	14065/2135/Ja	12e			

ASIA...C.W.

HZ3TYQ	14040/1405/Ja	14e	UL7PZ	14050/1225/Ja	14e
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CAMBODIA. Late words from the Southeast Asia Desk says that the picture at XU1AA is still unclear though local reports indicate that the hostilities might be easing up a mite. John Van Lear, VE7IR, should be in Phnom Penh area late this month and John is going to make a strong attempt to get the QSLs coming out. His plans this time do not call for any of his own operation.

A number of possibilities have been offered as the basis for the problems---one being that XU1AA was moving to its own room within the University--another one offered was that the University had not asked for the issuance of a license as yet. The quad and tower that was shipped by a military flight out of Bangkok and into Cambodia cannot be located and this was offered as another complication.

While a bit of impatience shows up from time to time on the XU1AA QSLs, there are those in the area who are fully aware of the need to clutch a true-blue XU1AA QSL in the hand of the deserving and they are working to eliminate the blocks.

INTRUDER WATCH Some of those showing up in the 80mtr band may be there legally as far as operating privileges are concerned but they should not be there 'idling' with reversals, RTTY blank or "RYRYRY". If you run into these they can be reported as 'unnecessary QRM'. One working in the Intruder Watch found up to 77 of such ones during a half-hour search on three different occasions in one week. Contrary to some published information, the 14.0--14.1 slot is not restricted to CW only under the ITU rules. There are some governments which authorize phone in these areas.

Mornings on the West Coast are showing some broadcast intruders including Peking at 3535kc; Pyongyang in North Korea at 3778kc and Radio Peking again at 3830kc plus three or four more frequencies. On 3775.5 Radio Oakland has been giving aeronautical radio though this should be checked for possible receiver spurious response. The right frequency for Oakland in the VLF band is 362kc. For some years there have been A1 stations sending a spaced circuit designator such as a K, V and F and this is but another type of idling. Some of these are coming out of Siberia and have been around for too long.

ARRL still looking for workers in the Intruder Watch. If you are interested, drop a line to the ARRL. Support your Local Intruder Watcher....

SHORTLY NOTED On QSLing, it is often premature to quit after one try. Strange things can happen to the mails as they travel half-way around the world on the short or long path. FR7ZL/T should be good to the St. Denis address though many keep asking for this one. VQ9B, VQ9B/F and VQ9B/D should be good to Bob Barry, Bx 191, Port Victoria, Mahe in the Seychelles.

Meanwhile anyone with some good information for PJ7VL, VP1BA, VR2DK who has left the Fijis and is believed to be around Jim-Jim in Northern Australia. CR4BS should be good to Box 101, Praia, Cape Verde Islands. Also, how does one QSL VR4EZ? Some planned DXpeditions hanging fire because of the report that reefs, uninhabited rocks and similar spots might be eliminated. For what it is worth, there are some who do not believe that there will be much modification of the present rules in this respect. The logic...? It would cause too many waves and the ARRL is essentially a bureaucratic organization. Bureaucrats do not like commotion. A well-seasoned bureaucrat with a third of a century of service behind him passed that one along. There was a ZDØC on January 12th at 14046kc...said to QSL to VS6SX. Beam direction was ESE from the East Coast.....anyone with a clue? 9J2PM says that "110" should be added to the book address of WA7ICK...he lives in a trailer park.

A Norwegian amateur is part of a medical team in Bangda Lesh and working into the Scandanavian countries. That 4F5ERA on twenty SSB last week QSLs to WA8MAA....and HL8AJC goes to Bx 951 Santo Domingo. K6EC has not received the QSL cards for HC8PS but expects them soon. Logs will be passed over the air. HC8PS does not like demanding breakers...in fact he dislikes them. FH8CG is often found on a list operation by WA3RGW at 21285/1700Z with Fridays a good day to watch. Also needed is a QSL address for ZC4AK as they are being bounced back from WA2CMV marked "Refused". 3D6AO can be QSLed via KP4DKY. Maybe we missed it but the FEARL NEWS says that the FCC says that under Part 89 all new systems must be SSB after September 1972 and all existing systems must convert by September 1977. Amateurs are licensed under Part 97 but it does indicate the thinking. K7TWT is the QSL manager for EL2CZ.

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CALENDAR

CQ 160mtr Test January 29-30th
 ARRL DX TEST First phone go....February 5-6th
 First c.w. go.....February 19-20th
 FRENCH TEST C.W. portion...January 29-30th
 Phone February 26-27th
 WALLIS/NEW CALEDONIA VE8RA works everyone!!!!
 FW8=Wallis March 14-22nd
 FK8=New Caledonia March 22-27th...possibly to April 3rd
 MELLISH VK3JW plans for ten days of operation in late March.
 KURE KH6EDY operating again.
 FORMOSA BV2AB (TU1AZ) reported as on the air.

MORE RED-EYED STUFF....

EUROPE...C.W.

HA3MJ	21010/1305/Ja 15e	CP1AP	14039/0130/Ja 17e	ON6CJ	14054/1630/Ja 15w
ON4UO	21041/1620/Ja 14w	IT9RAN	14042/1815/Ja 11e	UV3EE	14017/1230/Ja 15e
YU3BH	21010/1310/Ja 15e	JX5CI	14055/2045/Ja 11e	3A0CL	14021/1800/Ja 16e
9H1CH	21055/1600/Ja 18w	OY7R	14007/1250/Ja 15e	9H1CH	14070/1800/Ja 11e

ELSEWHERE...C.W.

HI8AJC	21045/1630/Ja 19w	HR1RTS	14027/0110/Ja 16w	VR5FX	14035/0350/Ja 16w
FM7ALF	14047/1950/Ja 17m	KG4BR	21057/1600/Ja 14w	VP2AJI	14040/1540/Ja 18w
FF8CW	14006/2340/Ja 13w	LU9FAN	14040/0110/Ja 13e	VK5QB	14018/2055/Ja 17e
HC0HM	14016/2110/Ja 16e	OX5AS	14008/2200/Ja 17e	VO2AF	14021/1800/Ja 16w
		OX3ZO	14010/2100/Ja 16w	ZL3PO/C	14030/0410/Ja 12w

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CO6AH	7001/1205/Ja 14e	HI7JM	7006/1200/Ja 15e	TI2PZ	7031/0650/Ja 12m
CO6JH	7001/1205/Ja 14e	HI3JEI	7007/2250/Ja 14e	UK0LAA	7026/1415/Ja 12w
CO2JO	7030/0520/Ja 20w	HI8LC	7005/0305/Ja 14w	UT5PC	7023/1435/Ja 12w
CM2BB	7011/0550/Ja 19w	HK7XI	7015/1200/Ja 13e	UR1AA	7027/0530/Ja 20w
CO2AA	7027/1300/Ja 12e	HK1QQ	7026/0400/Ja 13m	VK2BQQ	7001/1550/Ja 15w
DU6AH	7007/1500/Ja 13w	KX6IY	7018/1200/Ja 12e	VK6SA	7002/1200/Ja 13e
EA9EO	7005/0115/Ja 19e	KG6ALV	7010/1230/Ja 14e	VK9LV	7008/1230/Ja 12e
EA5FO	7014/0650/Ja 12m	W6/KS4	7001/0530/Ja 16w	VP1AV	7027/0555/Ja 20w
FB8XX	7002/0115/Ja 19e	IT1AGA	7007/0635/Ja 12m	VP2LY	7022/0530/Ja 13w
FM7AJ	7002/0555/Ja 16w	LU1AZO	7003/0540/Ja 16w	YU3DDJ	7035/0630/Ja 12m
FY7AF	7213/0305/Ja 12m	OK1AMI	7007/2250/Ja 14e	ZL1SV	7007/1215/Ja 11e
HA4YQ	7000/2250/Ja 13e	PA0PSK	7016/2300/Ja 14e	ZE1DX	7026/0405/Ja 14m
HA4YX	7040/0620/Ja 12m	PY2FIQ	7008/0310/Ja 14w	5R8BD	7010/0155/Ja 19e
HA5KFPZ	7007/0615/Ja 12m	PZ1CU	7213/0305/Ja 12m	8P6AJ	7212/0200/Ja 12m
HC3ML	7205/0645/Ja 12m	SP8EDQ	7006/2300/Ja 13e	9Y4DS	7025/1215/Ja 15e
HC2HM	7005/2305/Ja 13e	TG4SR	7003/0440/Ja 20w	9Y4T	7212/0235/Ja 12m

FCC...THIRD HAND That's the way we got it so we will pass it along that way. At the SAROC meeting in Las Vegas earlier this month, Prose Walker was the speaker. The story as relayed said that:

The Repeater Docket before the FCC will be accepted...there will be some expansions of the phone bands when the FCC rules on that one though how much not clear; the Conditional Class license may be on the way out; there may be an increasing emphasis on the checking of logs prior to renewal and possible spot checks of c.w. speed; there is consideration to the reissuance of all call-signs with new combination of prefixes to designate the class license.

These are what came to the surface....possibly more details will pop up soon.....

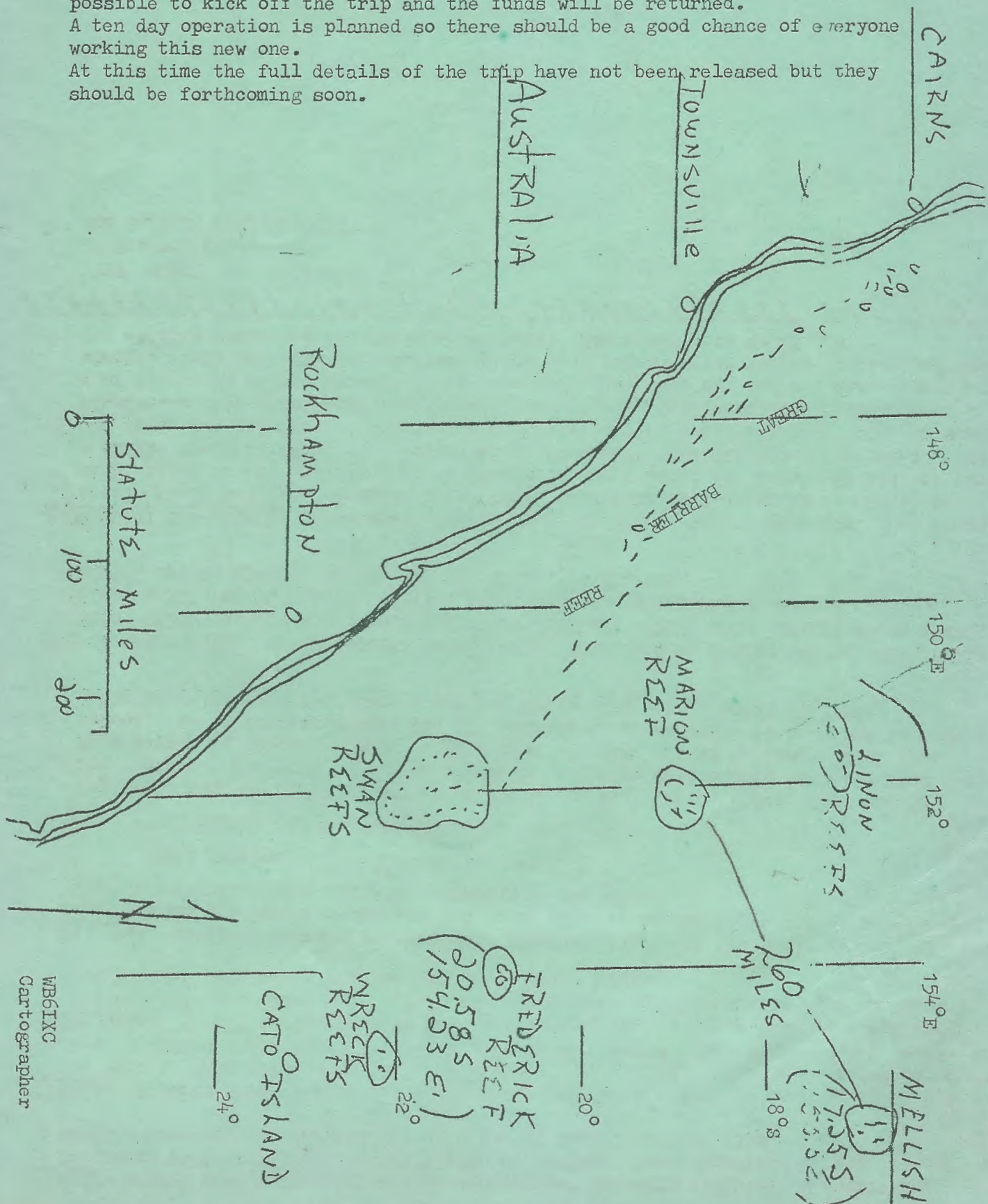
MELLISH REEF VK3JW is aimed for the Mellish Reef area at the end of March and the sketch below should give you some idea of the relation between some of the reefs and islands being mentioned.

Frederick Reef has been posted as not eligible for country status as it is not the required 225 miles from Australian territory.

This trip will be expensive because of the necessity of boat charter. There are some actively working to help defray the costs and here in the states WB6IXC is one route for any funds. It is planned to hold the funds intact should it not be possible to kick off the trip and the funds will be returned.

A ten day operation is planned so there should be a good chance of everyone working this new one.

At this time the full details of the trip have not been released but they should be forthcoming soon.



WB6IXC
Cartographer

4U1ITU WA4PXP will operate from this Geneva spot February 3,5,6th. Transmitting frequency will be 1833kc....will listen at 1805kc. Lets face it. If you are not working 160mtrs, you are passing up a lot of DX....the hard kind.

FORMOSA Reports from JA-land say that KR6MM along with a KR8 are looking for a way to operate from Formosa in the near future. Bob Kogley, ex-TJ1AZ is reported to have obtained a license...BV2AB. 14200-14140kc around 1200Z might be the time....

NORTH KOREA HL7KBE on 75mtrs last week say that he was at Pyong Yang in North Korea and he would not QSL. Was at 3508kc/1500Z on January 16th coming into the West Coast. One must admit that he was frank about things.

KENYA QSLs 5Z4KL at Nairobi reports some complications with the Radio Society of East Africa QSL Bureau's address and Andre says it is causing a bit of problem. For the record....here are the addresses of the RSEA

Mail Address Bx 45681, Nairobi

QSL Bureau Address Bx 30077, Nairobi.

Any cards sent to Bx 30035 end up at the Kenya High School where Andre was an instructor in the past but he is now with the Kenya Polytechnic School. Thus the High School is trucking loads of QSLs over to Andre who is no longer with that school. It is requested that the QSL address as given above be used and that it would be helpful if the address for the Kenya High School could be lost.

TNX to W4BRB, W4EH, K4FCT, W4GTS, W4HU, W4HXY, W4KA, W4OPM, K4ZCP, W4UC, W4UF, W5ALA, W5UBW, W6APW, K6AQV, K6EC, K6EXO, WDX6GXV, WB6IXC, W6KYA, W6OL, K6PHE, K6QF, W6TSQ, K6UJS, K6UFT, K6WR, WA6WXP, WB6YLG, W6YO, WB6ZUC, W7PFZ, W8BQV, WA8PWZ, W8ZOK, WB9BPG, W0SUU, W0YDB, KH6BZF, HS5ADB, VS6DR, 5Z4KL.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our local QRPers has been licensed since 1912. Recently he decided to see where he might stand in the accumulation of prefixes. What would you know? He did not have a single K6-QSL. "Say, what do you think of that?", the Old Timer was asked. The Old Timer did not have to think even a moment. "Always did say that those 6s were elusive....this should convince anyone. Why here in California one seldom hears a W or K6 on the higher frequencies". Son of a Gun, what can one say when experience speaks. Only that QRM is relative to the need you have for the DX station and that our sliding rates are available on request. The short path to DX QRM

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