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PHOENIX ISLANDS The VR1PC operation aimed for the turn of the month is reported to have been postponed until mid-November. Transporation the hang-up though as of last week it was still reported as on.

LORD HOWE ISLAND With the recent planning by VK4AK for a Lord Howe operation, it might again be noted that this out in the Tasman Sea does have scheduled commercial air service. Presently the route is the last run for the big flying boats that were the thing thirty or more years back. However, the use of the flying boats is coming to an end and they will be retired

at the end of April, some of the craft in use being over 30 years old but rigorously maintained. They are simply reaching the end of their operational life.

Ansett Flying Boat Services make the run from Sydney and it takes about three and a half hours for the 485 mile run northeast out of Sydney.

Band conditions were not especially good last weekend and it was not possible to confirm whether VK4AK had shown on schedule. If the action did develop, it will run through this week to November 12th.

<u>CAMBODIA</u> The plans for the XU1AA by the W6-Group, and Chester from XV5AC and possibly others, failed to materialize of schedule last week. Late word out of the area was that transportation and some visa problems may have contributed to the delay. As of the weekend the report was that one of the group in Saignon could not get clearance to enter Cambodia and the W6-group did not wish to go for the XU1AA operation without him.

The operation may be rescheduled after the SEA Convention which would make the next possibility sometime next week. Possibly definite word will be surfacing during the coming week.

MARCUS The JD1AJA/Marcus Island plans apparently was another one that did not jell as a station was signing JD1AJA/JA3. Indicators were that Masa was still in the Osaka area.

KA1BL showed during the contest to be worked by stations on the east coast. This one showed in the 21320/21360kc area from 2300Z on a couple of days. KA1DX is also supposed to be on Marcus but this one has not been reported for some time.

ASTOVE ISLAND VQ9HCS, Harry Stickley, is presently operating from Astove in the Cosmoledo Group in the Indian Ocean, 800 miles south of the Seychelles. The report is that this group is administered from Mahe in the Seychelles and is 260 miles southwest from Aldabra. Questions keep jumping up why this does not count for a new country and maybe someone may have the handle to that question.

Harry operated with the same call from Aldabra last year, securing towards the end. of February this year. He will on Astove for about two years, has two KW 2000s, is able to work split frequency, a linear, a 3-element beam and will be getting another 1.75kw generator next month.

Harry has been reported in the 21310kc territory from 1730Z.

SUNSPOT LOUIE W8ZOK is pursuing a grouper off Clearwater Beach and will not report in until later this month. WWV was reporting N-6 last Friday with things quiet. Lets face it....we have another year of declining until the cycle turns up again. It goes down slowly and up rather rapidly. Hold your breathe until things improve.

SHOCKER!! Having labored in the postal vineyard for better than a third of a century, it was not in line with our thinking when it was announced that postage rates would be increased 25% after a wage increase of 6%. There even seemed to be some lines of retreat left open should Congress step in. About two months back when orders were sent out to Post Offices to stock up on 10¢ and 2¢ stamps, we were not convinced. However, here it is November, the rates are supposed to increase in early January and we are stuck.

Back in 1968 when the WCDXB first surfac d, lst class was 5¢ per ounce. It went to 6¢ and then to 8¢. Now its heading for 10¢. When it went to 8¢ we had to raise to \$9.00 a year for lst class mailing, this time we will have to go rgain. Some months back a subscriber advised that he like the absence of complaining in the WCDXB...he sure cut us off from a lot of self-sympathy. Anyhow, rather than trying to explain that everything is going up, we will just tell you that the WCDXB will go up January lst...probably to \$10.50 for lst class mailing.

We don't like it...and we must wonder if it is worth it. But when we seek an alternative we find nothing. Everything is up except labor...that has always been free. We'll give exact figures next week. Until January 1st we will take any renewals on the present schedule. If the postage increase does not jell, we will adjust any subscriptions.

<u>SHORTLY NOTED</u> Late word on Saturday on the W6 group was that transportation was the problem and they were in Bangkok last weekend. They are going on down to Singapore for the SEANET Convention and hope to activate XU1AA after the convention. There have been some rumors of possible XU-Burna operations by European operators but this one seems to have been nostly speculation. A station signing SV1DB/A was on c.w. during the CQ Test. Very efficient operator but no QSL information. Good chance it was Slin in Thessalonika.

Next week we will have the wrap up on the FGØAFA/FS7 effort. For now, just keep the QSL address straight. Many commenting on the ten meter activity during the CQ Testit was good. 4W1BC and TR&DG were heard in the middle states. WB4SIJ reported working CR5/ZK2/TJ1/ET3....plus A51PN on twenty meters during the test. The ARKANSAS DX Meeting next month has changed to the Trade Winds H_otel in Ft. Smith. W5WZN handling the reservations. A2CCY will be there and K5QHS/CEØZ will have slides and film on the recent Juan Fernandez. KH6GLU is stirring a bit and thinking of a run to Wallis/FW8 sometime in the future. WA4WTG not handling QSLs for TJ1BF anymore but he still gets-a lot sent in his direction. G5BAU tills the 28mc field rather intensively and reports that during the CQ Test he worked A2/XV5/UK9/CR7/9J2/VU2/9M2/ 5B4/VP2M/VP2V/A4/TU2/JY9/4W1. This shoul reduce any residual doubt that 28mc lives. As of mid-morning Saturday no sign of Lord Howe on the Western Reaches.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE:

I cannot tell how the truth may be; I say the report as 'twas said to me.

AFRICA...SSB

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QSLs/CALLS Etc... That 4C9 on during the contest should be Mexico from the callsign allocations. The 9Z2 etc calls are from Trinidad. 9Z4GS will be on during the CW portion of the CQ WW Test. There is a WH6 listed, no special call, and we figure that everyone knows what that one might be.

FGØAFA/FS7 QSIs to John Irwin, 578 Morris Ave. No. A-6, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208. Many got the K6SE info but apparently missed his present QTH. ZD3Z goes to OH2NB. ZF1GW/VP7 to WB4NXR. PJ9GIW to K4BAI. 4W1BC to G3SUW. KA1BL to KØSVW. VP2MYA to W5MYA. VP2VAN to K2FJ. TY1UW to ET3ZU. VP2MDX to W4PRO.

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CALENDAR

LORD HOWE	VK4AK/Lord Howe should be on this week
PHOENIX ISLANDS	VR1PC in mid-November
LAOS	The W6 Group and some Friends scheduled for Laos this week
SEANET	At the Marco Polo Hotel in Singapore November 9/11th Annual Meeting
OK DX Test	November 10/11thboth CW and Phone
VS6-ACTIVITY	All the VS6s you needNovember 17/18thall bands/all modes.
CQ WW TEST	CW go-round. November 24/25th.
ARKANSAS DX MEE	F Ft. Smith, Ark-December 8th. The meeting moved to TRADE WINDS HOTEL.

JUAN FERNANDEZ K60HS made 1500 QSOs from CEØZ plus another 600 from CE3 while waiting for transportation. San worked all bands except 80mts because of some problems with" limitations in the rigs. He reports the band edge for Chile is 3750kc and he would have been able to work up a kc or so. Thas and no more

QSLs should go into the mails in mid-November. The trip did run up a bit of a bill, around \$1900.00 at the last count and a special effort is being made to get an early mailing on those where there was some support. San was only able to stay two days on the island, weather being a bit of a problem. Before being able to get to CEØZ, he was stuck for six days in Santiago. About 150 contacts were made on 40mtrs from CEØZ.

After a bit of a rest, K5QHS will be heading for some place in the Caribbean area for a bit more operating. Places he has been considering include VP2D/VP2A and VP2K. If you should have any special interests in the Carib country, drop him a line. All the mail goes to Sanford Hutson, Box 218, Broken Bow, Okla. 74728.

Somewhere back in the wistful years while we wait for an FO8C-Clipperton CLIPPERTON operation to surface, there has been some review of the overall situation and some of the past history of the island.

At one time the island was claimed by both France and Mexico. Mexico at one time had a small colony on the island, this group being forgotten when some other problems developed about a half century ago. Anyhow the dispute between Mexico and France over the island was adjudicated by a special tribunal and the King of Italy awarded the island to France. the second

However, i night be that things are not exactly quiet on the matter of title to the island. In the past there has been indicators that France did not wish to have any Mexican Vessels transporting any possible parties to the island. Now there is another word that Mexico is still not satisfied with the decision made about sixty years back and has been putting some diplomatic pressure on France in the matter. France, it is reported, does not wish to draw any attention to the island and wants everyone, including any daring amateurs, to keep clear. There is more to the question than a superfical, approach would indicate but someday maybe not soon, but someday, Clipperton will rise

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ARRL ARRL financial position was good through the third quarter of 1972, things being roughly comparable to last year. Actually, with some heavy 'one-time' expenses, such at the \$8000.00 advanced to AMSAT, the CB matter before the FCC and the fight over enroachment into the 220mc band, things may be a bit better.

A competition for a design for QSL cards for the 200th anniversary of the USA brought a winner, the design including a replica of the emblem of the Bi-Centennial Commission. When the ARRL inquired about approval for the use of the design, it was like there was a burglar in the house after the family jewels. It may be some months yet... The FCC thinking of some special prefixes for the 1976 celebration. Possible use of the AA-AL segment of prefixes....or an incorporation of "76" into the call, this latter being considered a bit too lengthy. If you have some scintillating ideas, send them to Prose Walker.

The plenipotentiary conference of the ITU just completed its work in Torremolinos, Spain, and has set 1979 rather firmly as the year for the World Administrative Radio Conference on general matters. As Lord Baden-Powell would say: "Be Prepared!!".

- TNX to W1AM, WA2BCK, W2FPM, W2OVC, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4EH, W4HU, W4GTS, W4KA, WB4SIJ, WB4PTU, W4TUC, W4UF, W5AK, WA5EMH, K5FKD, K5QHS W5UBW, W6APW, K6AQV, WA6BJS, W6DIN, W6FOZ, K6JB, W6KPC, W6OL, W6PT, W6TSQ, W6TTS, 16WR, K7NHG, W7YR, W8BQV, K8RWL, W8IBX, W9DDL, WA9JDT, WØJRN, KL7HSA, KH6GLU, KV4AM, G5BAU, FGØAFA/FS7, JA3RTU.
- WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, thirsting after knowledge. "This sunspot business", he said. "Explain it more to me". Knowing that there is always an advantage in talking to an expert, we hauled him to a local tower of knowledge and tossed this one the question. This worthy pursed his lips, gazed at the distant horizon and then procleaimed: "I lean more towards the corona structure theory", he declaimed. As Ludendorff long ago explained, $e = d_1/d_2 - 1$. Where d_1 and d_2 are the average equatorial and polar diameters of the isophote, you measure not only the polar and equatorial axes but at angles of 22% to each side, the three determinations for each axis then being averaged. As the solar cycle moves from maximum to minimum, the value of 'e' becomes larger". The QRPer thought all this over for a bi⁺. "You mean the corona becomes flatter?", he asked and the enlightened one was aesthetic. "Exactly", he exclaimed and looked to us for approbation. Son of a Gun, what could we say? We hadn't gotten beyond d_. But for \$9.00 a year you may get a bit further down the garden path of DX...\$10.50 brings it airmail...and we may stick with sunspots.

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