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FERNANDO de NORONHA PY7NS and PY7ARM will operate from Fernando de Noronha from August 10th to 16th. This will be an all-band operation signing PYØNS and PYØARM. Transmitting frequencies will be 14190kc/21240kc/28490kc with listening frequencies up about 30kc. On other bands the operating frequencies will be announced with any forty/eighty action dependent on conditions.

QSLs go to Box 1998, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Along with this effort, the Governor of Fernando de Noronha will issue a 'DIFFN' award starting August 10, 1974, this being a permanent award, and will go to amateurs or SWLs who have contacted or heard two stations from Fernando de Noronha, any band or mode. Sent photostat of log or QSLs to Bx 1998, c/o PY7NS/PY7ARM, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Also send along 10 IRCs.

SPRATLY VS5MC, Maurice Caplan, was scheduled to open briefly from Spratly this last Sunday, signing VS5MC/1S1. The operation was unheralded until last week and was a bit dependent on a number of things. One was that on arrival at Spratly that there would be no one else on the island who might not want any close company. Apparently Maurice was not going to be insistent.

Operating frequencies mentioned were 14050kc and 14220kc. Maurice favors c.w. and this might be the mode. Also mentioned was a possibility of signing 1S1C. All of this might be history by the time you get this bulletin...however, on the chance that it all might develop slightly later than planned, it all comes out and your way. If you missed it, it probably will make you feel a bit worse.

TOKELAUS WB6CZB, Jim Henderson, headed out to Samoa last week and whatever does develop on the plans for ZM7, Jim is definitely in the area and will operate from American and Western Samoa if nothing else. There is still the possibility that Jim will go towards Fw8-Wallis if the ZM7-matur does not jell.

However, there is a bit more to the picture and others are also looking in that direction. 5W1AR, Tom Hawkings (WA7TFD) is also looking towards ZM7 and he is looking to join with a few others in that direction. As for Wallis, K4KMA/KS6 is also thinking forward to a possible Fw8-Wallis operation but nothing has jelled on this one. There seems to be some good possibilities of either ZM7-Tokelaus or Fw8-Wallis being active in the next month or so and maybe both will be heard.

COCOS KEELING VK9YV continues to be active most days though the eastern shore reports some difficulty at times in hearing Bill. A QSL manager is being named to handle the cards and these can go to JA2KLT....Y. Maruyama, 204 Gonaka Shinozuka, Kozakai Hoi-gun, Aichi 441-01 JAPAN. VK9YV continues to show after 0700Z but with most of the W/K reports indicating that he is being heard around 1200-1300Z. He should be there and active until next month.

Mt. ATHOS Everyone keeping their fingers crossed with August 12th still a good date. There may be some more information closer to the date though the political situation would seem favorable. The forecast on solar activity says that some significant solar disturbances should happen in the August 19-21st period. This may be good... or it may be bad. Now that's a good double-ended approach that will ensure us of being right. However, sometimes during these disturbed periods there are some very good openings. As Lord Baden-Powell would often say: "Be Prepared!!".

this one being about 10,000 miles in diameter.

This spot has remained quite stable for the three days it has been visible. A couple day prior to this observation a second spot of approximately the same size was visible but it disappeared before reaching the right limb of the sun. This present spot erupted on this side of the sun on July 28th and will turn the corner and go to the back about August 2nd if it manages to survive that long.

Band conditions have been poor during the daylight hours of the last week but with some activity often found at night. WWY has been forecasting N5 during the middle of last week though some U and W, and 5s have been given

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These conditions may be caused by sporadic excess attenuation due to solar flare induced SWF on daylight paths. The forecast for last week had been for moderate to large attenuation on 30 to 40% of the days. A moderate Ionospheric Storm was in progress on July 25th. Things were expected to be quiet by last weekend with MUFs seasonal normal until Aug 1st and depressed from then through the weekend. Actually conditions are expected to be just slightly better than forecast in most directions until the middle of August.

The sunspot forecasts for the coming months call for a smoothed monthly sunspot number of 24 in August; 23 in September and 21 in October. These revised figures are generally about one less than previous forecasts. Projected into next year, by next June the smoothed number should be down to around 14...if the projections are true. Those who noted the need for their Sunspot Dance at the time of Kingman Reef should note that the new moon comes on August 17th.... When you see that thin crescent in the west at sunset you know its time to dance...dance and dance all night for Mt. Athose.

KUWAIT Chuck Allen, 9K2DX, is keeping weekly schedules at 14265kc/0230Z on Tuesdays.

9D2DX will be in Kuwait for two years as a computer programmer at the local hospital there in 'Safat'. Presently he is running a Kenwood TS-520 with a tri-bander beam and plans to add a linear before long.

QSLs can go to W6LV though if you are impatient you can send direct to Chuck Allen, Commercial Bank of Kuwait, S.A.K, Box 2861, Safat, Kuwait. Sometimes Chuck can also be found in the 14240kc area.

NEW AMSTERDAM FB8ZC was being worked last week on the longpath. Eastern shore stations were catching him in the 14215kc country about 1200Z. QSLs via F8US.

BANGLADESH PAØIWH continues to be worked from Bangladesh and often with the help of some Siberian stations. PAØIWH/Se was at 14223 at 0050Z in the middle of last week and sometimes UA9VB helps with the pile-up, sometimes UK9AAN is in there. This seems to be a favorite frequency for the PAØ/S2 or in this vicimity. Sometimes also good around 1200-1500Z. QSL to Bx 691, Dacca, Bangladesh.

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Ask K6AHV why he went to Kingman ... and hear him say: "Because it's there!!"

Bob K6AHV Joe K6CAZ

 ANDORRA A numbor stations will be heard from Andorra in the coming months...all the way up to the CQ WW DX Test in October.

This week there should be a handful of C31s such as C31CA/C31CG/C31DS/C31BL/C31CG/C31CH/C31HD etc. They intend to be found on most bands and most places.

Over the CQ Test weekend DA2QW is planning a multi-multi operation. This probably will overlap the CQ WW Weekend in both directions. DA2QW operated HBØ last week...

this being DA2 rather than DA1 as previously noted.

NEW FNGLAND BX MEETING The annual meeting in the Northeast sector will be on Oct 12th this year at the Newton, Mass. Holiday Inn. W1DAL is handling the reservations and you can often find him at 37 Easy Street, Sudbury, Mass. 01776. It might be a bit irrevelant but it would seem that any DXer on Easy Street must have it made. Fred Laun, LU5HFI, will attend the meeting and will be the main speaker. The group is trying to line up some more late DX-activity speakers and some more names may be announced.

New England DXCC members will receive automatically the reservation forms. All others should write to W1DAL.

DX1AAV Larry Eisler, who used to sign DX1AAV a few years back, is now living in Florida but still has a trunkful of DX1AAV QSLs. Larry advises that anyone who may want a DX1AAV QSL for his operations there in the Philippines can send a QSL with sase to him at 15545 SW 99th Ave, Miami, Fla 33157.'

PIRATES?? That ZD8AF who was doing well in the c.w. portion of the ARRL DX Test is reported to be a pirate.....Slim on Assension Island??

Then there was the BZ1A at 14040kc last week working many a Scandinavian station. Said he was on mainland China. Make a guess as to the validity of this one. Slim again:

There was a 5X5SL at 14219kc/0400Z on July 20th. Said to QSL to W2AIM. W2AIM says he knows nothing. Anyone with a bit of hope on this one?

CORSICA DK50S, Rudi, will be signing FØAVG/FC from August 19th to September 4th and is also looking for licenses for 3A-Monaco and IS-Sardinia in the coming months. Rudi is usually favoring the c.w. mode though he does break out elsewhere occasionally.

QSL..HC8PS John Spore, HC8PS has forwarded the logs for his 1971-1972 operation to K6EC who will gladly cut down the backlog for anyone needing a QSL for a contact with HC8PS....as long as they are in the log and send a sase or sae/IRC.

SHORTLY NOTED This may end up turning the corner to the next page but we are trying to clean up everything again....

SM2DWH who operated from Bangladesh/S2 recently is now in Thailand and apparently has the logs with him as SM2EKM is reported to have not received anything.lately. KA6DE, a chaplain over there in Japan, is looking for someone with a Heath SB-64O, (remote VFO) or HA-1 Keyer. Drop a note with the asking price if you have something. Some of the DX spots are a bit difficult to find and that should not surprise. The Kingman Reef turned out to be larger than had been reported...it is about 900 feet long, 15 wide and high tide and about 60 at low tide and is about six to eight feet hight..depending on the tides. When K6AHV was asked what he would want changed should he go again, he advised: "I'd rather go on the Queen Mary". Seems life was not the most confortable on the last craft he traveled that way on.

Aves...where YV8AL should be heard....is just over 1700 feet long, about 500 feet wide depending on the tide and wind and about 9 feet high. It is described as a 'rock-cored sand bar shaped like a north-south oriented footprint". Sesuvium portulacastrum is abundant on the island and forms a dense carpet while some patches of Portulaca oleracea is found on the morthern part of the island. These are usually called 'survival weed' and help stabilize the sand there. The Islands Resources Foundation out of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgins will be studying the green sea turtles

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which nest on Aves. Though they have been hunted intensely for some hundreds of years, the Aves area is still the largest remaining aggregation of green sea turtles. in the eastern Caribbean. Turtles tagged in previous years have been found through out the Lesser Antilles. The present trip will study the turtles as well as the biogeography of the island. Poaching of the green sea turtles and just about every extended stay at Aves in recent years has encountered poachers.

If you should work YV8AL, you can remember that this is a group doing some real scientific work there in the Caribbean.

The score on the QSOs on that Northern Calif. DX Club/Northern Calif. DX Foundation trip to the Pacific totaled up something like: .Total QSOs .. 13,875 QSOs with VR3-Fanning handing out 1534; Palmyra KF . 4-6235 and Kingman-KP6KR 5535. The Kingman statistics show 1192 CW contacts and 4342 SSB. The group concentrated on SSB feeling that they could make more QSOs on SSB than on C.W. On the QSO rate, during one period they made 157 c.w. QSOs in 55 minutes. On SSB, there was one period when they made 170 QSOs in one hour. Generally the feeling is that the SSB was more productive overall. Strange as it may seem to some, they do report running dry on calls and having to call 'CQ' for several minutes trying to raise some action. The August meeting of the Northern California DX Club turned out over 130 deserving Diers etaux. Some have noted that some conventions have had less attendance. Karl Gamper who operated VP5KG during July was due to enter the hospital for some hip surgery in early August. This is VESRA who just about every quarter in recent years has found his way to some DX spot.

P29DV can be QSLed via his father, W8PD, with same. K89EAA was a special prefix for the annual meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Assn. This can be QSLed to WA9GUY. If you have missed any of these special calls, you might try to listen for KX8BCF which will be active during the Belmont County Fair September 4th to 8th. W8BQV, Ike Price, will be handling things and he says he will be operating inside the General Class area. The license is good from August 31st to September 8th. VKDDM on MacQuarrie still comes through....often on the Pacific DX Net...14260kc/0600Z. Also, VK2BKE on Lord Howe shows up in this area before the XX action starts and works all he can hear. Sometimes moves up sometimes moves down but is there with good regularity. Start listening from 05302. Signals sometimes not the strongest but a lot getting through.

9G1AR is still in the Washington, D.C. area while his son undergoes plastic surgery to his face which was needed after a bad accident.

Collins Radio seems to be getting back to the amateur area. W5WY, Joe Beler, has moved to Cedar Rapids to head Collins exhumed amateur activity. They were at the ARRL National in New York last month. Some new items expected to show to replace the KWM-2 and the S' Line. One report says that the price-tag may be around \$7000.00 so it would appear that they are aiming for the mass market. Aiming but perhaps missing.

Many indicators that both the FCC and the ARRI swinging to new courses. There have been much pressure for changes and a considerable amount is expected to show in the balance of the year. Many feeling that the situation is good and that changes will be made without ruptures and dissident groups forming. Some indicators that ARRL Board of Directors working hard to find the thinking and desires as well as the needs of the membership.

W6KTE:planning some South Pacific travels which include possible F08activity during the CQ WW Test plus some 3D2/VK/ZL etc action. Some unkind person mentioned that VS5MC was headed for Spratly to gather for recycling the beer cans Don Riebhof left. AP2AD is presently in the states and will be visiting K60JO this week. VK3JW, John Martin, is ending his tour in the states and will be home sometime in August. Some inside information is that ZA1 are Albania commmercial stations; ZA2 are amateurs and ZA3 are military stations. We cleaned up everything ... but its cut and run for the Post Office now. If we left out anything ... you may know why.

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DXCC et al There are a number of matters developing on DXCC and a good amount of these will come by the time the snow flies in Newington.

On the matter of New Guinea-Papua, the reports are that there will be some new DXCC listings at the time of the independence in that area and that will come late this year. The possibility is that New Guinea will be deleted and the count will be for only one country there.

There will be some vacancies on the DXAC at the end of this year and efforts will be made to solicit nominations from the major DX Clubs in the areas where the vacancies occur. Should there be no action by the DX Clubs, then selections will be made from the nominations on file at ARRL Headquarters.

With India taking over a dominant role in the affairs of Sikkim, inquiries are being made on the actual status of that country to determine whether it continues to exist as an independent entity or is now another state of India. If the latter seems to be the fact, it is possible that AC3 will be deleted.

Recently we talked with a DXer from beyond the distant horizon who visited the ARRL DXCC Desk within the last couple of months. This was to run a number of possibilities for new countries past the Desk and the indicators were that some new ones may pop up sometime in the future. At the ARRL National Convention there was discussion of the possibly of Waldis Bay in southern Africa being considered. There was no decision on this one and this is not the one referred to in the preceding sentence.

Bob White, W1CW, visited on the West Coast last week, making the Southern California and Northern California DX Club meets as well as the Northwest DX Convention in Portland over the weekend. Out in the Western Reaches there was a get al welcome for the DX word.

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POSSIBLES...

August 10-16th with PYØNS and PYØARM
VS5MC was due there this last weekend...
No late word but all indicators are for August 18th...
Two weeks from Sept 3rd by the VQ9 Big Guns...
YV8AL should be on until late August.
This weekend...August 10/11th.
This weekend...both phone and c.w.
Sept 21st...Holiday Inn at Itasca, Ill.
Oct 12th...Newton, Mass. W1DAL for Reservations.
9N1CK possible in September
All band..all modes this week....Until August 11th.
DK5OS signing FØAVG/FC for two weeks from August 19th.
C21DX by JA1OCA late August....about August 30th.
CW...August 24/25th.
ZM7-Tokelaus and FW8-Wallis in September. Prepare!!

TNX to W1AM, WA1NRF, K2BT, WB2EXK, W2FPM, K2GBC, W2OVC, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4EH, W4HOS, W4HU, W5AK, W5NQN, W5OSJ, WA6BJS, K6CAZ, WA6FIT, W6GZJ/1, W6GC, W6GVM, W6OL, W6PT, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6WR, WB6ZUC, W7KSA, W6BQV, WB8EUN, W8IBX, WB9JOV, W9ZTD, WØJRN, KH6BZF, KP4EAJ.

If you might wonder how that bit above ended up here, we worked ourselves into a corner on the back page. We would have felt badly had there not been given credit to those who watch the lonely nights. And if you think we prepare the bulletin starting with Page 1...back up again. In this instance we cut the last page before this one...but Red Eyed Louie leads all the rest. Sometime we suspect it may show at the seams....

NAURU Isao Numa, JA10CA, ran into some problems lining up transportation and the C21DX operation due about this time is now set for later this month.

Air Nauru changed its schedules between Kagoshima and Nauru, the change in schedules effective August 1st. Isao could not line up a ticket from Tokyo to Kagoshima. Then it developed that the Meneg Hotel, the only one on Nauru, was booked solid until mid-August. Isao was also concerned how the operation might survive within a rather small hotel crowded with paying guests.

At this time the operation is rather firm to open up about August 30th and run until September 4th with Isao on a solo effort. Look for him at 14195kc. On Nauru there appear to be some five stations currently licensed....C21DC/C21NP/

C21CT/VK2ZO/C21 and C21NI the local club station. C21JL/C21KM/C21NW appear to be /mm stations while C21AA and C21DR have returned to VK-land. The calls C21DX and C21CW have been assigned to JA-DXpedition stations. There is still time to write JA1OCA for a schedule.

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ARRL Those wondering about the dues raise might note that the ARRL while taking in more during the 2nd quarter ended up with a net loss of close to \$50,000.00. A year ago there was about a \$15,000.00 profit. Inflation has bothered the ARRL, like it has a few others, and there have been some sizeable jumps in publication expenses of QST and the various handbooks, for postage and for salaries paid the staff. Sales of some publications are slowing...the Handbook for instance. The soaring costs of paper is bothering not only QST but just about any printed publication. In the last month there have been more increases in this area.

The FCC is expected to liberalize CB regulations....allowing antennas up to 60 feet, adding a bit more spectrum to allow for 70 channels. This will take the frequencies up to 27.570mhz. There will also be an emphasis on SSB with double-sideband to be

phased out in five years.

Also being considered is a prohibition or the manufacture or sale of single-band amplifiers in the 20-40mhz operating area. This would not affect multi-band linears. On the amateur side, there was some talk at the ARRL National Convention of a possible reduction in license fees and more action to free the 160mtr band from Loran. On the recent Board Meeting, there really has not been any real indicators why they ran to the third day for their deliberations. Some indicators are that there were some on-going discussions on the responsiveness of the ARRL to the needs and desires of the membership. While it may be said that this was always in the forefront, there have been instances in recent years where the members were going one way while the hierarchy headed elsewhere. This along with 1979 apparently will get increased attention

While COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, filled with woe and miseries. "It's these experts on the Sunspot Cycles", he "explained. 'All I read is that the end is near and that radio will disappear from the ken of man for the next quarter century. What do you think about that?". Son of a Gun!! In the face of such disaster we were speechless. Absolutely: So we hauled the QRPer over to the Old Timer who listened for a bit.

After awhile, the Old Timer spoke. "You will live through it", he advised. "Often things are not as bad as you anticipated. But then again, they were not as good as you would like to remember". And we thought of those other cycles and the portents and the cries that the end was near...but we survivied. And we jumped to our feet, slapped the QRPer on the back and shouted in his ear. "DX lives. DX will rise again". And the QRPer looked at us and shook his head. "But when?", he asked. "When?".

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