

# WEST COAST

## DX Bulletin

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SPRATLY VS5MC did get close to the island a week ago but after doing a bit of reconnoitering in the area, decided that it might be best not to attempt a landing. It seems that someone was there already and there were some buildings and masts for antennas on the island. The vessel closed to about three miles from the island and they then decided that perhaps that was close enough. There are some indications that the 1S1A operation might very well be the last Spratly operation for some time....if ever. The Peoples Republic of China have been making some strong claims to islands in the China Sea and earlier this year took over the Hsi Sha Islands from South Viet Nam by force. There was speculation in some European papers (Der Spiegel/Jan 74) that China would be moving towards other groups including the Chung Sha Islands; the Tung Sha Atoll and the Nan Sha group. This latter group is 600 miles south of Hainan, 300 miles northwest of Brunei. Spratly in the past has been referred to as the 'Nanshiao' islands and it would seem that this is possibly the Nan Sha islands referred to in the above. Anyhow, there was no action from Spratly last week and good reason why.

FERNANDO DE NORONHA The Brazilian group showed from the South Atlantic island group on schedule but signing PQONS and PQARM, the special calls having been issued for this effort. Otherwise all is the same as reported last week and the operation should continue until this Friday.

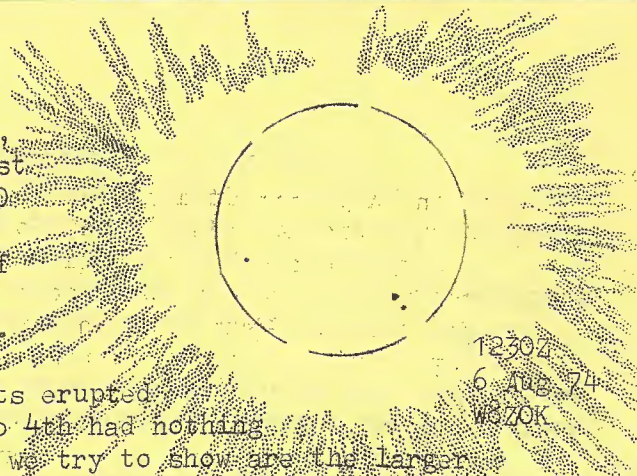
COCOS KEELING VK9YV continues to be active just about daily, starting around 0800Z in the 14223kc area. Generally he will be meeting with VK6WT on schedule at that time and frequency. Bill also passes along the information that he will be listening for the Western Reaches in the 1400-1600Z slot most days except Wednesdays. QSLs for this Cocos-Keeling operation go to JA2KLT.

PACIFIC ACTION Jim Henderson, WB6CZB, is presently in Western Samoa signing 5W1AL while trying to line up the plans for a possible Tokelaus operations next month. Jim has been on both c.w. and SSB and QSLs for this 5W1 action go to W5UBW. There may possibly be some word on the plans for ZM7 in the next week or so.

Mt ATHOS In spite of some diligent scouring, no late word on the Mt. Athos event has been forthcoming and there has been no further word from any of the principals in on the planning. The feeling is that it is still on though the political situation has not helped. Saturday we checked with several sources and drew a blank and no late word seems to be available. The last word was that the gear was cached in Athens and that tickets for the travel to that area had been purchased. Unfortunately the operation is scheduled for this coming weekend and there will be no chance to give any update. Here there is nothing known to indicate that the Mt. Athos effort will not come off. However, all we can advise is to watch around 14195kc this coming weekend. If they show with SV1GA/A, you should hear something.....for sure!!



SUNSPOT LOUIE This weeks chart shows two spots, the larger of which rotated into appearance last Monday, August 5th. It is approximately 15,000 miles in diameter. The smaller spot showed on the following day and is about half the size of the large sunspot, not too well defined at the time of observation and perhaps not too active. Up to the time these showed, there had been no visible sunspots since August 1st when two spots erupted and disappeared within two days. August 2nd to 4th had nothing showing. It might be kept in mind is that all we try to show are the larger spots which would have significant effect on radio propagation. There are always a number of smaller spots visible with high magnification though these may not cause noticeable improvement in the bands. Zurich will always have a higher count, these charts aim more at the significant spots that will have noticeable impact. A recurrent period of magnetic disturbance is expected over the coming weekend.



1230Z  
6 Aug 74  
W3ZOK

SHORTLY NOTED Our high-speed typing along with our speed-reading proof reading did not catch last week that PAØIWH/S2 goes to Box 681, Dacca and not 691 as it was listed. Full address is Wim Bolkensteyn, Box 681, Dacca, Bangladesh.

YV8AL showed from Aves last week...using battery power. UA9VB reported as in QSO with FR7ZU/J and with 3B8DO also in there for the conversation. UA9VD is also said to be planning to bring JT1AT up at 14192kc/0100Z regularly.

The Pacific DX Net which meets most days at 14265kc/0600Z, closed its roster to any more Associate members effective August 6th. Seems that there were problems with an ever-lengthening membership and roll-call list and they decided to cool things off a bit. A lot of short-lived calls have been showing up...the "R" prefix from Russia on August 4th...the UP3ØKA on August 1st. The CY-prefixes from Quebec Province. W4EH had a tornado touch down less than a hundred yards from this QTH. George says that's close enough. Harry Dannals, W2TUK, has been nominated as a Fellow in the Radio Club of America.

The Virginia Century Club along with the Virginia Beach Radio Club will operate a special call at the 1st Annual Neptune Festival and will commence using WX4NEP on September 25th. The call should be heard until October 7th... CW will be 30kc up from band edge...SSB at 3830/7230/14280/21280/21380 and 28580kcs. QSLs to W4LRN. Speaking of tornadoes, TOWTEC makes an automatic tower control system that will lower your tower automatically if wind velocity reaches a pre-set level. W2EV will send information if you drop him a note.

We have a call for QSL info on XW8FN, VP2DM and W1NXZ. Also a call for PY6AM. Over 125 showed for dinner at the NorthWest DX gathering last week with AP2AD and YB7AAU there. And there is still chance to make the W9-DXCC meeting (W9KNI) which will be September 21st in Itasca, or the North East DX Gathering at Newton, Mass on October 12th and W1DAL will supply information if needed.

CR8AC was heard on the western reaches last week...weak signal at 14220kc/0730Z. VS5MC is reported as planning to depart Brunei for England at the end of this month while Don Riebhof (HS3DR/XU1DX etc) should arrive there about August 28th.

WA7FAB is available for DX QSL Manager chores. While WA9PZU is the QSL Manager for CT2BN who is listed in a few spots with Red Eyed. On those logs for XU1AA which were reported lost...that would be the summer period of 1973....WØHBH reports that he worked XU1AA during the lost period and recently received a XU1AA QSL via HB9OP. Live in hope.

That KS9EAA at the Experimental Aviation Assn Meeting has produced a number of variants for QSOs. We have had WA9GUY/WA9GJU and WA9JGU. We suspect that one is right but cannot tell you just which one.

This week is the first non-hecktic one we have had for over a month. Last month to cap everything the mimeograph came unstuck during the run. If strong language would have helped, we would have been home free. This week we have more time...even to the point of acknowledging some notes. However, the news level down this week. Maybe next week will improve this a bit. Prepare for the better days ahead...



REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOULE

When earth's foundations flee,  
Nor sky nor land nor sea at all is found,  
Content you, let them burn: It is not your concern;  
CQ DX, CQ DX....

AFRICA...CW

CR6AY 14052/1140/Aug 1e  
EL2FT 14027/1145/Aug 2e  
VQ9K 14014/2140/Aug 4e

ASIA...CW

A9XW 14017/1730/Aug 3e  
JF1/JD1 14005/1415/Aug 2e  
KA6RK 14035/1620/Aug 2w  
R0B 14037/1345/Aug 4e  
R0C 14042/1335/Aug 4e  
UA9ABV 14018/0240/Aug 2w  
UA9IF 14036/0215/Aug 5w

UA9OU 14007/1915/Jul 30e  
UA9URS 14016/0520/Aug 1w  
UA0KAR 14019/0200/Aug 1e  
UI8IR 14006/2200/Aug 4e  
UL7LAR 14080/0205/Jul 30m  
UL7GAM 14039/0245/Aug 1e  
VU2AWL 14018/1835/Aug 6w

EUROPE...CW

DL8IG 14061/2115/Jul 31w  
DJ0XT 14040/0535/Aug 2w  
DM3BE 14040/0505/Aug 2w  
F8IW 14046/0535/Aug 1w  
CT2BN 14036/0330/Aug 6e  
GC4CHY 14007/1710/Aug 3e  
GC5DDX 14013/2015/Jul 30e  
GD4AM 14024/2330/Aug 1m  
GI4ZCO 14053/1625/Aug 1m  
HA1KSZ 14040/0520/Aug 2w  
HV1R 14027/2320/Aug 1w  
LA7SP 14046/0545/Aug 1w  
LA0BB 14075/2025/Jul 30e

LZ2KWR 14065/0520/Aug 1w  
OK1FF 14040/0515/Aug 2w  
R1A 14032/1715/Aug 4e  
R1D 14009/1830/Aug 4w  
SQ9KRT 14015/0545/Aug 1w  
SQ1TC 14015/1915/Jul 30e  
TF3AW 14019/2315/Jul 31w  
UB5QBG 14020/2015/Jul 30e  
UB5MAZ 14027/2040/Jul 31w  
UK5QBE 14003/0500/Aug 2w  
UN1BR 14035/1530/Jul 31w  
UO5OBN 14018/2220/Aug 4w  
UFOL-22 14005/0220/Aug 4w

UP30KA 14022/1820/Aug 1w  
UR1FQ 14026/1825/Jul 31w  
UW3CH 14033/0510/Jul 31w  
UW6OE 14015/2020/Jul 30e  
UY5ZH 14001/1905/Jul 30e  
YU1VR 14012/1915/Jul 30e  
YU1ICD 14014/1115/Aug 6w  
YU4EBL 14046/0540/Aug 1w  
YU3BO 14034/2330/Aug 1m  
YO4KCZ 14030/1715/Aug 4e  
YO7DL 14021/1115/Jul 31w

ELSEWHERE...CW

CM2AF 14031/0225/Aug 3w  
CP2CN 14002/2200/Aug 2e  
CY2AXI 14015/1520/Aug 4w  
CT2WT 14027/1710/Aug 2w  
CY2AGP 14037/1500/Aug 1w  
DU1DCC 14023/1415/Aug 4e  
FK8BV 14009/0600/Aug 4e  
FY7AL 14063/2005/Aug 4e

KC6SX 14047/0455/Aug 7w  
WB9/KG6 14050/1115/Aug 6w  
KS9EAA 14050/2310/Aug 4w  
LU9DIZ 14018/0015/Aug 1e  
OA6DX 14029/0145/Aug 5e  
OX300 14030/2300/Aug 1e  
PY7AWE 14068/1210/Jul 31e  
VK4JU 14054/0430/Aug 2w

VP2LAW 14072/1330/Aug 4e  
VP2VBU 14031/0035/Aug 5e  
DK7/VP7 14002/2200/Aug 2e  
VP8HOE 14031/0015/Aug 1e  
ZL2AI 14030/0340/Aug 2m  
5W1AL 14026/0335/Aug 7w  
8R1J 14028/1205/Aug 1e

AFRICA...SSB

A2COY 14217/1055/Aug 3e  
CN8CG 14202/2225/Jul 31e  
CN8EO 14208/2040/Aug 4e  
CR4BS 14221/2100/Jul 27m  
CR6OR 14224/2245/Aug 3e  
CR6VP 14206/2255/Jul 31e  
CR7CZ 14189/1410/Jul 29ka  
CR7PK 14215/0440/Aug 2m  
CT3AF 14227/0110/Aug 3e  
CT3AB 14203/2140/Aug 3e  
EA8HS 14204/0125/Aug 5e  
EA8AU 14204/0120/Aug 5e  
EA8HS 14203/0050/Aug 5w

EA8JJ 14215/1940/Aug 3w  
ET3USE 14203/2135/Aug 3e  
FL8BH 14203/2135/Aug 3e  
FB8ZD 14224/1030/Aug 3w  
FR7AY 14215/1230/Jul 30ka  
FR0BCS 14189/1420/Jul 29ka  
EL2PN 14258/1725/Aug 1w  
TJ1BF 14214/2105/Jul 30e  
TJ1EZ 14290/0800/Aug 2e  
TR8SS 21312/1835/Aug 4e  
TU2EF 14206/2015/Aug 2e  
VQ9D 14203/1915/Aug 2m  
VQ9R 14218/1155/Aug 2e

VQ9R 21294/1840/Aug 4e  
ZE4JW 14204/1310/Aug 3e  
ZD7SD 14218/2120/Aug 3w  
ZS3AW 21354/1545/Aug 4e  
ZS5MI 14201/0115/Aug 1e  
3B8AH 14212/1620/Jul 31e  
5T5GS 14216/0520/Aug 4e  
5U7AG 14203/0155/Aug 5e  
5Z4OQ 14245/2055/Aug 4e  
WB9/6W8 21322/1835/Aug 4e  
WA4/6W8 14220/2020/Aug 1w  
9J2AR 21348/1545/Aug 4m  
9G1AR 14215/2100/Jul 31e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ka = japan etc )  
(all times in gmt/utc # = long path ???? = It looks like Slim on Cray Island again)



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ASIA...SSB

HL9KN	14210/1405/Aug	5w	UA9AZ	14211/0225/Jul	31e	4S7KW	14207/1300/Jul	30ka
KA2SP	14217/1330/Aug	1w	UA0NI	14211/1340/Jul	31m	4X4BL	14235/1900/Aug	4e
KA6DE	14210/1150/Aug	4e	UK9CAE	14237/1430/Aug	5e	4X4NJ	14210/2330/Jul	31e
JY9GR	14227/1105/Aug	3e	UK9AAN	14222/0210/Jul	31e	4X4UR	14203/2345/Jul	31m
R9A	14217/1335/Aug	4e	UA9VB	14192/2355/Aug	1m	4Z4GV	14277/2315/Jul	30e
R9B	14202/1525/Aug	4e	UL7LA	14203/0215/Jul	31e	9M2AT	14215/1640/Aug	6w
R9D	14202/1345/Aug	4e	VS6DO	14224/1405/Aug	4e	9M2DN	14202/1620/Jul	31e
PA0/S2	14224/0025/Jul	31e	VS6DD	14211/1445/Aug	6w	9M2PV	14204/1425/Aug	5w
U0CR	14199/1330/Aug	3e	VU2DK	14207/1650/Jul	30ka	9V1RV	14222/1550/Aug	2e
UA9CAN	14215/0435/Aug	2m	VU2GDG	14207/0215/Jul	31e			
UA9AZ	14211/0225/Jul	31e						
UA9AZ	14211/0225/Jul	31e						

EUROPE...SSB

C31HD	14240/0015/Aug	6m	IS0RUA	14207/2145/Aug	3e	UK1ZAA	14239/1050/Jul	31e
CT2BG	14209/1400/Aug	5e	K2/OE	14210/1845/Aug	3m	UK3AAO	14205/0430/Jul	30m
CT2BL	14207/1900/Aug	6m	ON6BM	14225/2255/Jul	31e	UK5MAZ	14215/0430/Aug	2m
EA6BG	14210/2215/Aug	2e	OY3H	14204/1405/Aug	5e	UW3RR	14215/0430/Aug	2m
EA6BZ	14228/2210/Aug	2m	R2C	14210/1345/Aug	4e	UW4NA	14215/0425/Aug	2m
F0CH/FC	14240/1925/Aug	4e	R6D	14210/2015/Aug	3e	UP30KA	14192/1100/Aug	1e
GB3RN	14220/0030/Aug	6e	SV0WV	14214/0500/Aug	1w	YO3AC	14222/0450/Aug	1w
GC4CHY	14225/2210/Jul	31m	SV0WGG	14219/2145/Aug	6e	3A2GX	14194/0000/Aug	6m
GW3ARS	14201/1455/Aug	2e	SM6AE	14205/0700/Aug	7w	9H1AQ	14260/2235/Aug	3e
IT9MTH	14202/2125/Jul	31e	UC2XW	14210/1855/Jul	31e	9H4B	14205/2350/Jul	30w

ELSEWHERE...SSB

A35FX	14233/0530/Aug	3e	KG6SW	14224/1345/Aug	5e	VK9YV	14206/1540/Aug	4w
CP1DN	14315/1535/Aug	4e	KM6DL	21306/2220/Aug	3e	VP7BL	14240/0150/Aug	3w
CP6HI	14252/2315/Jul	30e	K4/KS6	14225/1155/Aug	2e	VP8NO	14227/1340/Aug	3m
C21CT	14108/0245/Jul	30ka	KV4CM	14219/1340/Aug	1w	VP9HM	14212/1640/Aug	2e
DU1JMG	14220/1225/Aug	2e	KX6BU	14240/1300/Aug	2e	VP9HL	14204/1400/Aug	2w
CR8AC	14220/0730/Aug	7w	OX3OG	14207/0115/Aug	6e	VR1AC	14250/0625/Aug	4e
CY2UN	14219/1405/Aug	2w	PJ2CR	14207/1410/Aug	4e	VR4BS	14217/0455/Aug	5w
CY2JO	14216/0300/Aug	1e	PJ2MI	14210/1125/Aug	5e	VR6TC	14222/0550/Jul	31e
FG7TD	14208/2055/Jul	30e	PJ8AK	14224/2125/Aug	3m	VS5MC	14208/1410/Aug	6w
FG7AO	14228/1935/Jul	30e	P29MM	14224/0720/Aug	1w	WF8HOF	14279/0310/Aug	1w
FO8BO	14205/0000/Jul	31w	P29UC	14237/0510/Aug	6w	YB0ABB	14227/1310/Aug	2e
FO8DD	14205/0240/Aug	2e	VA6WDX	14210/0010/Aug	1m	YB9ABH	14240/1430/Often	
FO8EE	14204/0500/Aug	5e	VE8YT	14230/2125/Aug	3w	YN1RV	14280/1425/Jul	30w
FO8D7	14245/0545/Aug	8w	VK2BKE/LH	14272/0605 Oft		YS1JWD	14211/0145/Aug	6e
FO8BD	14204/0300/Aug	2w	VK3ADR	14224/0640/Aug	1w	YJ8BL	14320/1250/Aug	5e
FK8AC	14260/0525/Jul	31w	VK3NF	14224/0700/Aug	1w	YV8AL	14210/1120/Aug	3e
FP0YY	14215/1920/Aug	4e	VK5JE	14209/1225/Aug	2w	ZF1JA	14203/1230/Aug	2e
FP0XX	14214/1440/Jul	30e	VK6UF	14218/1200/Aug	4e	3D2ER	14201/0600/Aug	4e
FY0BHK	14219/0350/Aug	5e	VK8CW	14203/0820/Aug	7w	3D2AJ	14209/1145/Aug	1e
HI8XAW	14230/0435/Aug	4m	VK9XI	14245/1430/Aug	7w	5W1AR	14283/0530/Aug	1e
HC1BJ	21350/1815/Jul	30e	VK9XX	14225/1100/Jul	27ka	5W1AL	14244/0505/Aug	3e
HK0BKK	14201/1510/Jul	31e	VK9XK	14242/1415/Aug	5w	9Y4VT	14208/0145/Aug	4m
WA4/HK0	14238/1330/Aug	3m	VP1TKW	14232/2355/Aug	2w	9M8VLC	14236/1425/Aug	6w
HR6SWA	14214/1840/Jul	30e	VP2KF	14206/1150/Aug	4e	3D2FC	14245/0340/Aug	4w
KC6CI	14213/1340/Aug	1e	VP2LE	14208/0430/Aug	4e			
KC6SX	14218/0600/Aug	6w	VP2LA	14206/0435/Aug	5m			
KG6ALV	14202/1445/Jul	29m	VP2DM	14205/0055/Aug	5e			

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CALENDAR

MT ATHOS August 18th or thereabouts....if things jell. No late word  
 FERNANDO DE NOR. Presently active...until August 16th  
 DESROCHES Two weeks by VQ9s...from September 3rd  
 AVES YV8AL presently active.....should be there until late August  
 ANDORRA Several stations active....will be heard during August.  
 CORSICA FØAVG/FC by DK5OS starting this weekend for two weeks.  
 NAURU Big John Coming Back.....C21DX by JA1OCA starting August 31st  
 ALL ASIA TEST August 24/25th  
 NEPAL VE2CK will be there in September...hopes to sign 9N1CK  
 W9-DXCC MEET September 21st....Holiday Inn at Itasca, Ill. W9KNI for details  
 NEW ENGLAND MEET October 12th.....Newton, Mass. W1DAL for all the information..  
 POSSIBLES ZM7-Tokelaus and FW8-Wallis....September

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CO2AP	7013/1120/Jul	30e	FPØYY	7080/0250/Aug	5e	VE8CK	7001/1145/Jul	31m
CO5DM	7008/0220/Aug	3m	G3US	7003/0415/Aug	6w	VP8NN	7001/0400/Aug	3w
CM8RD	7033/1150/Jul	31m	HC2HW	7279/0300/Aug	2e	VR1AA	7003/1225/Jul	30e
CT2BN	7003/0140/Aug	5m	HC2HM	7009/0220/Aug	3m	UKØZAB	7012/1040/Aug	1e
CP3GN	7008/0150/Aug	5m	HK4EX	7016/0210/Aug	5m	UR2TAX	7007/0400/Aug	5w
CX4LO	7008/0200/Aug	5m	KC4AAC	7255/0615/Aug	4e	ZL1AWW	7039/1010/Jul	31e
C21ZO	7011/1045/Aug	3e	KG6JAR	7016/1025/Jul	31e	ZL2AFH	7010/1100/Aug	5m
DL7RK	7026/0150/Jul	31m	KC6SX	7001/1055/Aug	5m	ZL1PF	7003/1110/Aug	5m
UP2/CO2	7015/0205/Aug	5m	OA2NCD	7010/0155/Aug	3m	YU2CES	7005/0155/Jul	31m
EA6CB	7003/0420/Aug	5w	PT2GOK	7010/1055/Aug	5m	3D2AJ	7003/1050/Jul	30e
EA8BF	7009/0150/Aug	5m	SM6CLI	7016/1025/Jul	31e			
EP2BQ	7009/0150/Aug	5m	TG4SR	7002/0155/Aug	3m			
FG7AO	7016/1140/Jul	31m	VK2BFJ	7004/1120/Aug	5m			
FG7AM	7005/0155/Aug	3m	VK3FH	7007/1150/Jul	30m			
FK8BV	7010/1020/Jul	31e	VK3BRC	7015/1125/Jul	30e			
EA8CR	3807/0430/Aug	6w	VX1KE	3502/0215/Aug	5m	ZS6DW	3776/0415/Often	
VP2LA	3780/0410/Aug	1w	UAØFYL	3620/1230/Aug	6w			

UAØFYL being found on 80 is the XYL of UAØFGM. Walt will not be able to keep any schedules until after Labor Day so his XYL is filling in for him.

NAURU JA1OCA has everything lined up for his C21DX-Nauru activity due August 31st. He will operate from August 31st on his arrival there until September 8th...using most bands. He is taking a movie camera...says he's working on a DX Documentary.. "Big John Coming Back. Yesterday Once More". Be prepared!!!!

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MAURITANIA 5T5GS, George Smith from Anaheim in Southern California, has been showing on twenty, his first day on air being Sunday, August 4th. The initial pile-ups startled him but after a bit he was managing well. He will be there in 5T5-land for about three years. Look for him around 14215kc/0500Z. QSL to W6KTE.

THE LONG LOOK There is an island off Antarctica which will qualify for a new country should anyone managed to get there with the gear and a good antenna. Most maps will show it as Peter I Island and you should find it on most maps.

Before leaping to your feet and packing your bags, it is another one of those islands difficult to reach and visited only on rare occasions. It has been reported that a Norwegian Scientific study group has stopped there. Some have tried to get some idea of the costs of making a trip there.....\$25K has been mentioned as a ball park figure and that might go higher.

From time to time you may hear references to a mysterious island..most likely this is it.

TNX to W1AM, WA1NRF, W2CNQ, WB2EXK, W2FPM, K2GBC, W2OVC, K3ZOL, W4AAV, W4BAA, K4CFB, W4EH, W4EXY, W4HU, W4ID, W4NJF, WB4SIJ, WB4TPU, W4UF, W5AK, WA5AUZ, K5FKD, W5OSJ, K6AQV, WA6BJS, WA6FIT, W6GC, W6HRE, K6HTM, WB6IXC, W6KYA, W6MI, WA6MWG, W6OL, W6TSQ, W6TTS, WB6UJO, WB6UOM, K6WR, WB6ZUC, WA7FAB, K7NHG, WB8EUN, W8IBX, K8RWL, W8ZOK, W9DDL, W9KNI, WA9JDT, WB9LHI, W9YRA, WØHBH, WØJRN, KA6DE, JA1OCA.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and we talked of the last club meeting. "Did you get a chance to talk with Bob White?", we asked and the QRPer grunted. "No, I did not", he declared, "and I am not going to talk with him. Not after he deleted Italian Somaliland and did me out of a country". You know, we had to think this over for a bit because as we remembered it the last time Italian Somaliland was on this QRPer had an antenna that made it tough for him to get out of his own backyard. "How do you figure that?", we asked, seeking enlightenment and we got some....quick. The QRPer dragged out a country list and a QSL card. "There's Italian Somaliland..I5", he said, pointing at the DXCC list. "See it right there. Right?" And here's my QSL card....an I5...Right? That proves that Bob White did me out of a country". We examined the QSL card and sought to calm the QRPer. "Heck", we said. "this I5 is for an Italian station at Viareggio. That's just down the coast from Genoa". The QRPer snatched back the QSL. "I guess I should have known it", he said. "You are always alibiing for the ARRL!". Son of a Gun...what could we say to the cruelest cut of all? Only that \$10.50 will bring you all the cuts of an unkind DX world for a full year....\$12.00 rings it in by airmail. But meanwhile, how can we make people believe that all these things really happen....??



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