WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

15-75

April 15, 1975

COCOS - TI9DX The plans for the Cocos operation had to be set back a week and it is now rather solid to open on April 19th and run until April 24th. The group will be signing TI9DX.

An update on the operators now shows that the crew will include Carlos Fonseca, TI2CF; Jose M Arias, TI2J; Salomon Weinstok, TI2WC and Rodrigo Madriz, TI2WD.

All QSLing will be handled by the Radio Club de Costa Rica, Box 2412, San Jose, Costa Rica.

The usual DX frequencies and the operations via OSCAR 6 and 7 will probably be c.w. only efforts.

There are additional reports that the license that the HB9ers had for Cocos was cancelled by the Minister in Charge of Communications Controls because of some alleged defects in its issuance. If all goes well and things do look rather solid at this point, TI9DX should be on this weekend.

EASTER ISLAND Wayne Warden, W9MR, passes the word that he expects to be on Easter Island by this Thursday, April 17th. Wayne says that he expects to open no later than April 18th.

QSLs for this CEØ-Easter Island effort will go to INDXA.

BICENTENNIAL CALL SIGNS The FCC last week announced that amateurs within the area of the FCCs jurisdiction would be permitted to use special callsign prefixes during calendar year 1976. Actually the authority runs just over a year, it starting at 0001 on January 1, 1976 and ending at 0500Z on January 1, 1977.

No prior approval from the FCC is needed for the use of the Bicentennial prefixes and their use is voluntary. There is no charge and all existing suffixes do remain unchanged.

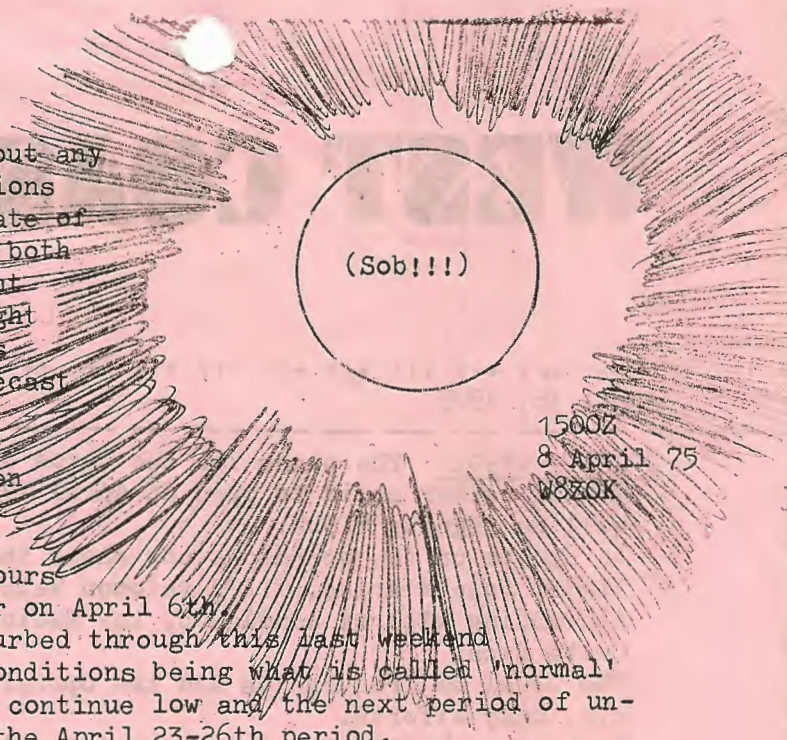
The ARRL has prepared a chart which will give a quick reference for checking out what call-sign might be coming from where. There is a large number of possible prefixes and you will find the chart inside this bulletin. This chart should be the answer to most questions. You might note that there is nothing shown for a number of familiar places such as KG4-Guatanamo Bay, KZ5-Canal Zone plus several others such as KA/KC6/KG6-Marianas and KX6-Marshalls.

FERNANDO de NORONHA/ATOL das ROCAS/ST. PETER AND PAUL Jose F R Lins, PY7YS, advises that he will make three DXpeditions sometime during the summer months and most likely in the June and July period. He plans operations from all three of the three spots listed above.

Jose reports that on Fernando de Noronha he probably will be signing PUØYS, at the Atol das Rochas it looks to be PRØYS and from St. Peter and Paul it possibly will be PSØYS. At this point these calls are tenative and more should be coming on the calls as the trips near.

The Fernando de Noronha effort will run a week, covering all bands and all available modes including some 160mtr efforts. The other two spots probably will only be two-day operations. A FT-101B, VFO and Eudgert 400-14 will be the gear. The antenna a 14AVT/WB plus inverted Vees. QSLs will be handled by PY7YS himself.

Jose notes that he made the December 1974 effort on Trinidade and QSLs for this PYØYS operation go to him. He is also the QSL source for CR8AG and CR8AL presently active from Timor.



SUNSPOT LOUIE Another week has passed without any significant sunspot activity. Two observations at the W8ZOK observatory were made on the date of this chart, both under ideal conditions and both failed to reveal any sunspots. At this point there has been a period of approximately eight weeks without any sunspot activity. On this date, WWV handed out some '3's in their forecast of radio quality and the index had been slipping for a couple of days, sliding from '6' on April 6th to a '5' on the 7th and then some '4's and '3' on the 8th. The drop on April 8th was the start of a geomagnetic disturbance, this one showing up about 48 hours later than expected. It had been looked for on April 6th. Boulder also expected conditions to be disturbed through this last weekend and then some improvement up to the 14th, conditions being what is called 'normal' by the 15th. Solar activity is expected to continue low and the next period of unsettled radio conditions being expected in the April 23-26th period.
On the 12 month moving average Zurich sunspot number, they look for a 22 average in April and then 20 average in May. It may be interesting to look at the turn of the year where the projected sunspot numbers go something like this:

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
15	14	14	13	12	12

All of this might be indicators that something might be touching bottom. There are some indicators that things have slid off a bit faster than expected and the bottom of the cycle may be close at hand. Rejoice!!!
When things do change and the cycle turns up, it does move a bit faster than it did in declining and conditions should be showing improvements before long after the turn. All of this is aimed at keeping your flux up. Things could be worse.....but hardly!!

Updating W4UMFs DX Racing Form, things should be a bit like --

April 14th	Low Normal	April 22nd	Low Normal
15th	Low Normal	23rd	Below Normal
16th	Low Normal	24th	Disturbed
17th	Low Normal	25th	Below Normal
18th	High Normal	26th	Below Normal
19th	Low Normal	27th	Low Normal
20th	Low Normal	28th	Low Normal
21st	Low Normal	29th	Low Normal

Things may surprise and go to a High Normal on April 28th...but don't count on it.

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1976 BICENTENNIAL CALL SIGN PREFIX EXCHANGE

15 April 75

EXISTING CALL SIGN PREFIXES	BICENTENNIAL CALL SIGN PREFIXES											
Call sign prefixes within contiguous U.S.	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL
WA	X											
WB		X										
W			X									
K				X								
WD					X							
WR						X						
WN											X	
Call sign prefixes outside contiguous U.S.												
KB6 (Baker, Canton, Enderbury, Howland)							AG2					
KC4AA-ZZ (Navassa)												AL4
KG6A-H (Guam)							AG6					
KH6 (Hawaii								AH6				
KJ6 (Johnston)										AJ7		
KL7 (Alaska)												AL7
KM6 (Midway)								AH7				
KP4 (Puerto Rico)										AJ4		
KP6 (Palmyra, Jarvis)									AIØ			
KS4 (Serrana, Roncador)								AH4				
KS6 (Samoa)								AH3				
KV4 (Virgin Islands										AJ3		
KW6 (Wake)							AG7					
Special Novice call sign prefixes outside contiguous U.S.												
WB6 (Baker, etc.)							AG3					
WG6 (Guam)							AG5					
WH6 (Hawaii)								AH1				
WJ6 (Johnston)										AJ1		
WL7 (Alaska)												AL1
WM6 (Midway)								AH2				
WP4 (Puerto Rico)										AJ8		
WS6 (Samoa)								AH5				
WV4 (Virgin Islands)										AJ2		
WW6 (Wake)							AG1					

All this comes from The ARRL. It was felt that this would be the easier way to reproduce and give the information rather than trying to explain the special prefixes in words. Amateurs will be permitted to use these special call sign prefixes during calendar year 1976 as part of the Bicentennial observance. All this is completely voluntary and requires only the exchange of the existing prefixes for the specified prefix.
Complete details will be in the May QST. The use of these prefixes will not be permitted until January 1, 1976 and caution has been called for in not using them prematurely.

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NEW COUNTRIES Something may be developing out in the Pacific and some new countries may leap up to warm the patient DXers, patiently waiting out the decline of the sunspot cycle.
It appears that last January 1st there was a split of the administration of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, this action by the British Insular Affairs office. Ellice is considered as detached from the Gilberts and their prefix is to be VR8. Two amateurs are said to be in the Ellice Group at Funafuti but they are not expected to be heard on the air in the immediate future. VR1AA is reported to be the issuing authority for licenses for VR8-Ellice Islands.
The other area which should shape up to be a new country is the Northern Line Islands, to the north and a bit to the west of Tahiti. These islands are also supposed to be on their own and will be signing VR7. No clues to any resident amateurs in these islands could be found.
There are also some recurrent inquiries about Jarvis and its administration. It may be a possibility.

SHORTLY NOTED There is word via the Vatican to W6KNH that Father Moran at 9N1MM may be back on the air shortly....if not already. No details but Clyde got the good word from friends there in Rome. 3C1AGD (SMØAGD) will be in the Miami area in a few weeks. After the twenty-hour effort at Fernando Poo, Erik may take a look at some Caribbean areas where the operations can go for a couple of days. Maybe some on the needed lists.
UR2AR who has been hardly heard at all since his return from Franz Josef and UK1ZFI a few years back, says that he decided to rebuild everything....shack, gear, antenna. A week or so back Enn was waiting for some good weather to finish the overhaul on the quad. UR2AR has been reported a couple times in recent weeks by Red Eyed Louie.
That HS3MJ may be okay after all. The station is in there consistently, says the name is Greg George and QSL to Box 963, 7th RRFS, APO San Francisco. While on that APO San Francisco, it should be noted that the correct APO for KM6EA is 96614 and not 06614 as our high-speed and erratic typing put it last week.
HR6SWA will be leaving Swan Island right after the end of this month and the replacement, an operator named 'Jeep' will take over then. QSLs for Jeep will go to W3LLL. VK9RH on Norfolk has been showing and some of the eastern shore stations have managed to work him. That KS6SFA was a special call to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of something there in Samoa. QSL to Dept of Education, Box 1618, Pago Pago and 2 IRCs will bring you a special certificate to mark the QSO.
Some of the people presently at Palmyra went over to Kingman a week or so back to check the scenery. To their surprise the platform on the high spot which was the operating site for the KP6KR effort last July was still in place. Some had thought that heavy storms would find waves sweeping clear over the area but apparently not.
Martin, OH2BH, was in JY-land during the CQ WPX effort though no reports of anyone working him surfaced. Karl Gamper, VE8RA, was also in Jordan during the WPX and was signing JY8RA. Some Europeans who were listening say they did not hear the Tunisian operation which was planned. 8P6FW is reported as finishing plans for an DXpedition to Palm Island....but even W5ALA acknowledges he has no idea where Palm Island might be.
There was a report that Wim/PAØIWH had been kidnapped by some guerillas. There has been no confirmation on this from any other source.
Jim McCook, K6GLC, who hangs out a shingle as a 'painless' type dentist when he's not taking a couple of years off for scuba diving, has decided to reopen the business down in the San Diego area. UAØFGM, Walt, is also relocating back to Moscow around the 1st of May and he will be signing UV3GM there.
The Northwest DX Convention will be the 2nd and 3rd of August at the Doubletree Inn just south of Seattle. Make your vacation plans now.
WA7OBH is now handling the QSLs for VE8RCS, this being the Polar Amateur Radio Club at Alert in the Northwest Territory.

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REPORT FROM RED EYED LOUIE .....A whisper and then a silence.....

FORTY METER LOUIE

CO5DM	7007/0030/Apr	9w	HKØBKX	7002/0520/Apr	4e	UO5OWB	7015/0350/Apr	4e
CP5GK	7010/0445/Apr	4e	HM1IJ	7026/1350/Apr	2e	UK1AAG	7014/0430/Apr	4w
DM2CYG	7033/2330/Apr	6e	JD1AJZ	7011/1335/Apr	1w	UR2TAX	7005/0320/Apr	3w
DM3YBF	7016/0340/Apr	4e	KS6SF	7031/0630/Apr	10w	VK1F	7005/0445/Apr	7w
EA8IQ	7001/0045/Apr	2e	KS6SFA	7032/0555/Apr	9w	VK2AJ	7005/1400/Apr	2w
EA8FJ	7030/0405/Apr	1w	LZ2AW	7009/0350/Apr	1w	VP2KX	7004/0550/Apr	4e
EA9EO	7005/2330/Apr	1e	LZ1YY	7033/2350/Apr	6e	VP2SAI	7010/0240/Apr	2w
FB8YC	7011/1135/Apr	2m	OA4AHO	7015/0440/Apr	3w	VP5CW	7028/0325/Apr	1e
FG7AN	7012/2320/Apr	8m	PZ1AH	7009/0450/Apr	1w	ZE1JV	7002/0340/Apr	4e
FYØBHI	7012/0225/Apr	9m	PZ1AW	7002/0050/Apr	1w	ZE2JS	7014/0430/Apr	3w
GB3RN	7005/0505/Apr	4e	OE5KE	7009/0430/Apr	4e	ZL2JA	7004/0440/Apr	1w
GC2LU	7005/0610/Apr	3e	OH1KA	7009/0420/Apr	4w	ZS6ABO	7010/0445/Apr	4e
GC2FMV	7006/0400/Apr	4e	SP1ALK	7033/0010/Apr	7e	ZS1A	7005/0530/Apr	10w
HA1XR	7033/2320/Apr	6e	SP2AX	7038/0230/Mar	31m	4X4CJ	7007/0345/Apr	3w
HBØAFI	7093/0415/Apr	5e	SP8GQU	7022/0030/Apr	4m	5L2FT	7002/0025/Apr	3m
HB9AYO	7033/2255/Apr	6e	TF3IRA	7004/0225/Apr	2w			

EIGHTY METERS

CN8HD	3768/0435/Apr	2e	GI6VU	3799/0110/Apr	7e	VR4BS	3794/0750/Apr	7e
C6AEM	3786/0455/Apr	2e	GC3XBN	3798/0130/Mar	31e	VP5CW	3525/0205/Apr	1e
CE8AA	3797/1145/Apr	6w	GC4BUE	3798/0135/Mar	31e	VS6DO	3795/1315/Apr	2w
CT1MK	3767/0640/Apr	2e	JA1KXY	3801/1015/Apr	6e	YN1WB	3795/0445/Apr	5e
DLØVT	3799/0110/Apr	7e	JA1EOD	3801/1355/Apr	2w	4X4NJ	3796/0310/Apr	5e
DU1GF	3795/1400/Apr	2w	KM6EA	3805/1135/Apr	5e	8R1J	3506/0330/Apr	1m
EA8CR	3794/0730/Apr	6e	TG8KT	3802/0725/Apr	5w	8R1AG	3802/0930/Apr	6e
F6BKW	3767/0600/Apr	2e	UAØFGM	3620/1300/Apr	8w	9M2DW	3795/1410/Apr	3w
FM7WE	3795/1025/Apr	4w	VP2AA	3789/0440/Apr	5e	9J2WR	3505/0445/Mar	31m
FP8DH	3778/0615/Apr	5e	VP2SG	3797/1030/Apr	4w			
G3FJW	3786/0435/Apr	2e	VR4DX	3806/0910/Apr	6e			

AFRICA CW

CN2AQ	14062/1800/Apr	6e	ZL1CO	14048/0440/Apr	2w	5Z4LW	14026/2015/Apr	2m
FB8YC	14020/0145/Apr	6m	5Z4PQ	14047/1900/Apr	1e	9J2BO	21040/1455/Apr	1e
ZE8JJ	14036/2020/Apr	1e	5Z4OM	14009/1835/Apr	1e			

ASIA CW

HSØHS	14215/0340/Apr	6yb	UAØBBI	14068/1230/Apr	2e	UK8MAA	14064/1440/Apr	5w
JT1AU	14031/1225/Apr	5e	UF6FAY	14067/1530/Apr	2e	UW9DA	14043/1245/Apr	2e
JTØAE	14015/0015/Apr	2m	UI8AAF	14009/1720/Apr	2e	4S7NE	14005/1755/Apr	2e
JY9CR	21007/1610/Apr	4e	UL7PBE	14007/0305/Apr	5m	4X4CJ	14025/1615/Apr	5e
KA2AD	14030/2250/Apr	4m	UL7OFD	14009/1730/Apr	2e	9M2FK	14027/1635/Apr	2e
UAØAU	14040/0110/Apr	5w	UL7EAM	14024/0335/Apr	5m			
UAØWAB	14032/0110/Apr	3w	UL7CAR	14010/1330/Apr	8e			
UAØSDD	14027/0140/Apr	2w	UL7OF	14019/1940/Apr	3w			

ELSEWHERES CW

AP1RIL	14039/1445/Apr	1?	LU1SH	14071/0300/Apr	7w	VP2GLE	14039/2015/Apr	5m
CE8AA	21048/1735/Apr	6m	P29PN	28585/1020/Apr	4yb	VP2VL	14025/2350/Apr	4e
FO8EH	14025/0200/Apr	1m	VK2EO	14033/2115/Apr	6m	YB7AAU	14022/1445/Apr	5e
FP8BR	14029/0040/Apr	4w	VK2QJ	14043/0400/Apr	7m	ZP5PG	14006/0105/Apr	6m
HKØBKX	14041/1310/Apr	8e	VK3BNF	14024/1255/Apr	1m	ZP8BE	14032/0200/Apr	4w
KX6XX	14011/1355/Apr	1e	VK2QL	14025/0440/Apr	2w	8P6BU	14027/2100/Apr	6m
KX6BB	14029/0225/Apr	6m	VK3MR	14035/0025/Apr	5w#	8P6FX	14076/2350/Apr	6m

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

CT1VX	14010/2200/Apr	2m	LX2HH	14062/2000/Apr	3m	UK2PBR	14020/1630/Apr	4e
DM2EA	14025/1830/Apr	7m	LZ2KWR	14038/1925/Apr	4w	UK4FAN	14043/1250/Apr	2e
DJ2KS	14004/1310/Apr	5w	OH1AJ	14033/1710/Apr	3w	UK4HAA	14034/1530/Apr	2w
DK8CR	14030/2005/Apr	2w	OH3XJ	14039/2250/Apr	3w	UK6LAZ	14028/1920/Apr	1w
E2XAS	14067/1710/Apr	3w	OHØJN	14005/1030/Often		UP2BAO	14039/1520/Apr	3w
FC2RC	14006/1935/Apr	2m	ON5FG	14026/2040/Apr	6m	UP2CY	14027/1630/Apr	2m
FC8TT	14007/1915/Apr	2m	OZ1VY	14030/1640/Apr	4w	UQ2HO	14033/1715/Apr	3w
G3SAX	14030/1630/Apr	4w	SVØVK	14013/1720/Apr	7m	UQ2IC	14044/1520/Apr	5w
GC2LU	14006/1635/Apr	6w	SM4DN	14036/1430/Apr	3w	UR2RHA	14027/1700/Apr	2w
I1YRL	14044/1510/Apr	4w	UA6LK	14038/1455/Apr	5w	YO3YZ	14068/1630/Apr	2m
JX2HK	14034/1520/Apr	8w	UC2WAN	14032/1430/Apr	5w	9H1DV	14019/1905/Apr	3w
LA3M	14037/2320/Apr	3w	UK2WWW	14038/2320/Apr	7w			

AFRICA SSB

C5AM	14242/2200/Apr	6e	3B8BJ	28560/1125/Apr	5yb	6W8DY	14210/1740/Apr	5yb
CR6MX	14213/2125/Apr	3e	5L2FJ	14210/1855/Apr	1e	6W8FP	21415/1520/Apr	6e
CR7GR	28550/1120/Apr	5yb	5L2FT	14333/2325/Apr	4w	9G1JC	14217/2215/Apr	6e
TU2EP	14206/2225/Apr	8w	5L5C/7	14333/2330/Apr	4w	9J2BO	21270/1500/Apr	1e
VQ9R	14320/1230/Apr	4e	5Z4NH	14221/1910/Apr	1e			
WA6HNQ/VQ9	14278/1940	5e	6W8FP	14204/2110/Apr	3e			

ASIA SSB

BV2B	14218/0035/Apr	5w	UF6DZ	14214/1745/Apr	5e	XV5AB	14225/2345/Apr	4w
HL9VE	14206/0325/Apr	3e	UF6FZ	14201/1755/Apr	4m	XU1DX	14225/2315/Apr	3w
HL9TG	14225/0135/Apr	6yb	UK7GAL	14210/0155/Apr	5e	4S7PB	14202/1805/Apr	1m
HM1FT	14233/0020/Apr	3e	UK7LAH	14215/0320/Apr	5w	5B4AC	14263/1835/Apr	5e
HM2EA	14220/1030/Apr	5yb	UK9OAZ	14244/0400/Apr	5e	OE2SWL/5B4	14207/1900	5e
HS3MJ	14225/2310/Apr	2e	UK9CAE	14219/1355/Apr	8e	9M2DQ	14225/2340/Apr	4e
HZ1TA	14250/1545/Apr	5e	UL7YR	14207/0230/Apr	5m	9M2BU	14212/1715/Apr	4w
JF1XIB	14212/0325/Apr	5w	UL7NW	14214/0255/Apr	5w	9K2DJ	14210/1640/Apr	5e
UA9VH/JT1	14211/0005	5e	UL7YP	14207/0305/Apr	5w	9V1SI	14210/1605/Apr	6w
KA6SR	14214/1350/Apr	5e	VS6DO	14233/1355/Apr	1e			
OD5FB	14226/1900/Apr	4e	XW8FA	14227/0025/Apr	5e			
OD5IO	14210/1650/Apr	1m	XW8FN	14214/0035/Apr	6e			
UA9DT	14205/0315/Apr	5w	XV5AA	14225/2315/Apr	3w			

EUROPE SSB

CT1AV	14332/1815/Apr	7w	LZ2LQ	14208/1430/Apr	1m	SV1DE	14215/1910/Apr	5e
DJ8RI	14218/1610/Apr	5e	OE3KPC	14187/2000/Apr	3e	SVØWKK	14263/1930/Apr	6e
EI6S	14208/2015/Apr	2w	OE2PZL	14218/1620/Apr	5e	SM2CEW	14220/1335/Apr	4e
G2ACK	14217/1710/Apr	5e	OH2HN	14230/1310/Apr	4e	UK5MAF	14215/1545/Apr	2m
GI3JIM	14216/1845/Apr	2w	OH7AA	14223/0005/Apr	5w	UO5OAK	14214/1410/Apr	2e
GW3AX	14207/1730/Apr	2w	ON6VN	14216/1825/Apr	6w	UR2AR	14204/1555/Apr	5e
CT1MT	14206/2125/Apr	3e	ON4FB	14183/2000/Apr	3e	UV3CE	14231/1330/Apr	4e
HB9AHA	14252/1735/Apr	2w	ON8WW	14202/1730/Apr	3e	UY5OB	14203/1905/Apr	2m
HA3ØKOB	14212/1540/Ap	3m	OK3ØKAG	14211/1625/Apr	3m			
IVØSSW	14245/2110/Apr	4w	OK6SFS	14241/1530/Apr	4e			

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches yb = indonesia etc)
(all times in gmt # = long path ?? = Slim....active at AP1RIL this month)

CALENDAR

EASTER ISLAND	W9MR expecting to be on CEØ-Easter Island April 17th
COCOS	Set back one week...due to open April 19th with TI9DX
FERNANDO DE NORONHA	This summer...June or July by PY7YS
GLORIOSO	FR7AI...late May or early June
PALMYRA	KH6EVM/KP6 presently there
BERMUDA TEST	This weekend....April 19/20th
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL	The Big DX Meeting.....April 19/20th at the Fresno Hilton
DAYTON HAMVENTION	April 25/27th.....Next weekend

ELSEWHERES SSB

DU1REX	14217/1225/Apr	2e	KH6EVM/KP6	14293/0300	7e	VK8CE	14203/1240/Apr	5m
DU1DCC	14231/1400/Apr	5e	KM6EA	14203/0345/Apr	2w	VK9RH	14204/0830/Apr	6e
DU1LM	14214/1400/Apr	5e	KS6SFA	14295/0825/Apr	6e	VP2DH	14212/2035/Apr	7w
DU9FB	14238/0600/Apr	6w	KS6FD	14234/1310/Apr	4m	VR4DX	14210/1100/Apr	5yb
FG7AN	14206/2220/Apr	7w	KV4AD	14216/2030/Apr	7w	VS5MC	14225/1455/Apr	1e
FGØGE	14219/2130/Apr	3e	KX6BU	14268/0310/Apr	7e	YB9ABH	14214/1225/Apr	5e
FP8CV	14208/1800/Apr	3m	P29RAL	14208/0930/Apr	6e	YBØABK	14225/2330/Apr	4w
FY7YR	14196/2150/Apr	2e	TI2AD	14265/2330/Apr	8e	YBØABH/1	14213/1325/	5e
HC1BL	14255/2355/Apr	8e	VE8MA	14210/2345/Apr	4e	YBØABO	14221/1425/Apr	7e
HKØBKX	14204/0030/Apr	8w	VK2BHF	14208/1240/Apr	3m	ZL1KK	21287/1855/Apr	7e
KB6CU	14320/0845/Apr	6e	VK5ZU	14216/1300/Apr	3m	ZL1IBI	21268/0045/Apr	6w
KC6VE	14224/0025/Apr	5e	VK6CF	14210/2330/Apr	6e#	3D2AJ	14290/0835/Apr	6e
KC6QM	14232/0100/Apr	5e	VK8CW	14203/1230/Apr	5m	9Y4VV	14332/1755/Apr	7w

SIKKIM Those thirsting for an AC3 probably will have to wait until next January when a multitude of them will blossom to mark the Bicentennial. But those who look for one from Sikkim, the prospects are dimming.
Last week the Sikkim legislature acted to abolish the monarchy, voting this and to seek full statehood with India. The Associated Press reported that this was with the support of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. A referendum on the two proposals, the abolishing of the monarchy and statehood with India, will be the subject of a referendum set for this last Monday.
China and Nepal may not be exactly happy about this development, there being criticism previously from these countries over India's partial take over last year. Sikkims Chief Minister predicted that the referendum vote would go overwhelmingly against the king. A week back the Indian Army disarmed the Sikkim palace guards in a pitched battle that left at least one dead.

IRCS Ron Stockton, WB6LTJ, who operated from Wallis and New Caledonia last Fall has a bucket of IRCS he would like to liquidate at 20¢ each....batches of 15 and sase with order. Ron says all the QSLs for that effort have been answered. If you need IRCs...its Ron Stockton, 1134 19th St. Hermosa Beach,Calif. 90254
Ron along with Don Bostrom, K6YFZ, will be at the Fresno DX meeting this weekend

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ARRL Apparently some thought is going to be given to returning the Directors to one meeting a year as Director Harry McConaghy of the Atlantic Division has advised the ARRL that he will make such a motion at the May meeting.
The first meeting of the WARC-79 Working Group for the Amateur Radio Services will be held at the FCC offices in Washington on May 8th. Dick Baldwin, W1RU, and D.G Sumner, K1ZND, will attend for the League.
Some of the Board of Directors committees will be holding meetings at Dayton during the time of the Dayton Hamvention, April 25-27th. This will include the Membership Committe plus (1) a special ad hoc committee to review alternatives and recommend procedures for consideration of Docket 20282 at the May Board meeting, and in addition (2) in the interedts of long-range planning, a special ad hoc committee to study ways and means of including the proposed Communicators in the mainstream of amateur radio and League membership.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1DK, W1WQC/4, W2FPM, K2GBC, W4BAA, W3HHV, K3LWM, W4HU, W4KA, W4UMF, W4UF, K4YFQ, W5ALA, WA5AUZ, K5KEZ, K5FKD, WA5OCN, W6APW, W6EJ, W6GC, K6HTM, WDX6GXV, W6KNH, W6KYA, W6PT, W6TTS, W6TSQ, WB6ZUC, W7BCT, K7NHG, WA7OBH, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9MR, K9UIY, K9UTN, W9YRA, W9ZTD, WØJS, JA1OCA, JA1TNV, YB7AAA, YBØABV, PA9WRR, JH3TKM, KH6BZF, VS5MC.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, this one not one of the regulars, and we sat and talked about a number of important things....always DX. "You know something", this QRPer says, "it took me nine years to get my first 100 countries. Other guys seem to do it much quicker than than. But I tried everything. Stacked Yagis... full-bore linears...good QTH. Everything. I could work them but I could not get the QSLs. Those stations I worked just would not QSL. What do you figure was the reason it took me so long?", he asked and at this point we were a bit stumpted ourselves. Certainly this not seem representative of the noble DXer breed. "You did send sase?", we asked and the QRPer nodded. "SASE...fancy colored QSL...full information on my rig and QTH and always the 24 hour clock with Pacific Standard Time. Always! And still those cards did not come". Son of a Gun, we were getting a few vibrations. "Ever think of using ZULU time?", we asked and the QRPer shrugged. "That may be okay for Zed Ess Sixes", he said, "but I couldn't see how it would do me much good". We were silent for a bit for we were getting the story but was not up to the telling. "Why don't you try the West Coast DX Bulletin?", we asked. "They tell you a lot of things there.....$13.00 brings it by 1st Class for a full year.... $15.00 takes it any place overseas". There was another QRPer shrugg: "Who needs it?", he asked and at that point we were asking that question ourselves.

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