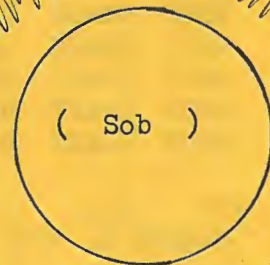


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EAST MALAYSIA John Van Lear, who has been signing a YB-call from Balikpapan on the east coast of Borneo, is now located at Tawau in Sabah, still on Borneo but now on the northwest coast off the South China Sea. John is now signing 9M6IR. Early last month John also got some documentation for reciprocal operation in the Philippines. This was more than verbal authorization and is considered to be a significant forward step in reciprocity for VEs in DU-land. At times John may be heard signing VE7IR/DU from the Manila vicinity.

SUNSPOT LOUIE With the 2800mhz flux figure stuck down around the 67 mark, and the K Index bouncing around '3', one gets to expect little.....and that what has been coming through. The only bright spot is that after we use up all the nothing, there may be something for the Patient DXer. So help clean up the nothing....get on the band and get your share.



27 Jul 76

The solar activity last noted was on July 16th and there was not much of that. We are now at the bottom of the cycle and in that flat period that WWV has been projecting from now until the turn of the year. In fact, when you get to W4UMF's forecast you will find that it is flat all the way up to August 16th...and maybe even beyond that. Low Normal all the way!!

How accurate are the forecasts? A recent review showed that in the period from June 1974 to June 1976 showed a correct figure of 63%. If you want to figure the close ones.....HN predicted and AN observed, or BN predicted but Disturbed noted.....you will find that the predictions come up over the 91% mark.

Undoubtedly the reports are going to get even better as more experience is gained and more relevant data is acquired. But the whole thing may not live long unless letters are written asking for the 14-minute-after-the-hour broadcasts. They say they are short of money! Incredible!! Write to your U.S. Senators, the local U.S. Congressman, President Ford or anyone whom you might have on your mailing list. Also, write to:

Dr Douglass Crombie, Director
ITS/OT
U.S. Department of Commerce
Boulder, Colo 80302

Even if you only get a form letter back, you should write. Then you can use the form letter as a basis of complaint to your Senator or Congressman on the insensitivity of governmental operations.

Looking into the dismal future, Ted looks hard but all it comes up with is hard times. And certainly things will get better, they could not get much worse!

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| August 3rd | Low Normal | August 10th | Low Normal |
| 4th | Below Normal | 11th | Low Normal |
| 5th | Low Normal | 12th | Low Normal |
| 6th | Low Normal | 13th | Low Normal |
| 7th | Low Normal | 14th | Low Normal |
| 8th | Low Normal | 15th | Low Normal |
| 9th | Low Normal | 16th | Low Normal |

And what was the Flux story? K6EC says it went:

| | Solar Flux/A Index | | | Solar/A Index | | | Solar/A Index | |
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| Jul 20th | 67 | 5 | Jul 22nd | 68 | 6 | Jul 24 | 67 | 5 |
| 21st | 67 | 2 | 23rd | 68 | 4 | 25 | 67 | 8 |

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Bob Ferrero K6AHV

3 August 1976

SHORTLY NOTED 5H3JR will be leaving Tanzania in August and things may be quiet until his return early next year. He is W3EHG from the Washington area.

The Northern California DX Foundation elected officers at the July Board meeting. W6MAV President; K6AHV-Vice-president, K6DC-Secretary and K6KQN-Treasurer. The Foundation will be supporting moonbounce efforts....K6YNB from Alaska in August and the Mt Airy VHF Club of the Philadelphia area for a moon-bounce effort from Colombia during the last week of July and the first week in August. On the matter of a possible VK9-Mellish Reef effort, this also to include Frederick and Willis, the Board voted not to support any effort due to the low demand for these areas.

More word continues to come through that W6HS is a good route for VR6TC QSLs. But remember the 'generator fund'. It is rumored that about 30% of the D6A QSLs were with W4s. It is also reported that shortly after K5QHS got home a lightning bolt wiped out his antenna and tower. Some say that the bolt seemed to come from 6-land.

That N4V on for the Viking landing goes to NASA, Hampton, Va. 23665. C31KO to DB2PC while C31KM goes to DB9FQ. VR1AF to W7OK. EP2NC to K2YDX. TA1MB to DK3GL..or stateside WA1EUO. ALXFE to Box 981, Muscat. C31KA to DK9FE with VP2MFB to W2OFB. F0CIB/FC to HB9AAA. 3Z0KRT a Polish special-event station. P29AJ to WA7ILC. PA9NRR....on twenty SSB most days looking for California...goes to W6ZM. That JTY0AQ back home is UC20AQ. VP2VL QSLs to W0DX...and hope for the best. 4S7JK QSLs to DL7JK. ZK1BA to Box 269, Rarotonga, Cook Islands. VR4BT to G4CRY. NG2USA to W2-Bureau. NC0ARL to K0ATZ. 5K3LR to Box 584, Bogota. A6XR to G4CHP. VR3AH to K2BT. EP2LA to WB8DKQ. 4X4UF to WA4WTG. HB4FE said it was an army station in Zurich.

AP2KS will make a schedule if you will send the request along with a sase or sae and IRCs. Send it to: M Khalid Shakoor, 3411 D.Shami Hoka, I/S Lohari Gate, Lahore, West Pakistan. Khalid is now using a TS-510 and is available on ten thru eighty.

VR8A went QRT this last weekend. He will depart Funafuti on August 12th, visiting around the Pacific. His mail address now is: John Thompson, ZL2BJU, Box 722, Wellington, New Zealand.

Ron Miles, aka Q9M, is now KX6MK for a month or so. A 9K3TC was heard in July.... but questioning by European stations indicated that the station was at Jiddah in Saudi Arabia. The operator was reported to be Swiss and no explanation has come up for the unusual prefix.

Wing Commander W. D. Reid, G3SUQ and ex-VS9AWR, became a Silent Key in March. JA8AA was the first non W/K or VE to get the Bicentennial WAS, Dave Sumner, K1ZND, is now ARRL Assistant General Manager, Membership Operations. Tom McMullen, W1SL, is leaving QST to take over as Managing Editor for Ham Radio.

Bob White, W1CW, has been named to head the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau which will be established by January 1st. It is expected that he will relinquish the DXCC Desk.

We forgot to remind that those renewing in August should consider the second-class route. It works and is cheaper. And we ran short of space again....as usual.....

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Second-class entry and postage paid at San Rafael, California
Published every week by the Marin County DX Group Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD

Until September 1, 1976, \$10.00 per year by second-class mail...\$11.00 from Sept 1. \$14.50 per year by First-class mail to U.S./VE areas. \$17.00 per year for airmail to anyplace....Mexico or the far boundary of DX. Every DXer is a Deserving DXer! Every DXer deserves DX!! That is the way it was. That is the way it will be. And that is the way it should be!! Always.....

3 August 1976

OKINO TORI SHIMA AND THE ARRL BOARD MEETING The question of the Okino Tori Shima approval for the JARL 50th Anniversary and the actions of the ARRL Headquarters staff in bending the criteria to approve the 'new' country status for this mostly submerged reef have been with us all through the Spring of 1976. Bitterly opposed not only within the JARL but by amateurs and amateur groups in other countries as well as within the U.S., many were waiting to see what the ARRL Board of Directors would do with the problem at their July Board of Directors meeting at Denver. If you are to read the official minutes, you are going to be as much in the dark after finishing as when you started.

Using the now-familiar ploy of a 'Committee of the Whole' to screen their actions, the official minutes give the following information.

- 15) On motion of Mr Price VOTED at 10:25p.m., that the Board does now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss DX matters, and that the Headquarters staff, exclusive of the General Manager and the Communications Manager, be excused. The designated people departed from the meeting. The Committee rose at 11:35p.m. and reported to the Board.

That's it! All of it!!

If you search the official minutes, a bit further along you will find a minute which could be intriguing. This is Minute 40.

- 40) On motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Cotterell, unanimously voted that the Secretary is directed to prepare a comprehensive indexed list of standing instructions of the Board now in effect. The list shall be accompanied by his recommendation for additions, deletions or changes as appropriate.

The report from the Committee of the Whole is not included with the minutes. It is presumed that as a committee report it will be available to the membership. However, if you are going to write for it you will have to be specific as there were a lot of 'Committee of the Whole' actions.

- Minute 7) Committee of the Whole to discuss staff matters.
Minute 15) Committee of the Whole to discuss DX matters.
Minute 17) Committee of the Whole to discuss Docket 20777
Minute 43) Committee of the Whole to consider report of a committee appointed to prepare draft of League's position on FCC Docket 20777

If one tries to analyze what took place, there seems to be indicators that more time was spent in trying to determine if the actions were procedurally correct rather than were the actions in themselves correct. The feeling is that the headquarters people were able to cite authority and precedents for the actions taken and this is perhaps the basis for Minute 40. It appears that the Board wants to know just what actions, decision-making authority and policy decisions it has delegated to the headquarters staff on a open-ended basis.

As far as the question of Okino Tori Shima itself, the bending of the criteria to take care of another International Society, the twisted logic whereby an operation from the rocks at one time counts for Ogasawara but at another time for a 'new' country has not been clarified. Certainly the plight of many concerned DXers is summed up in the quotation: "I call.....but no one hears.....no one answers".

3August 76

REPORT FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I traveled among unknown men,
In lands beyond the sea.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

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| KV4FZ 1803/0945/Jul 25w | JE3MI 3504/1315/Jul 21w | VP2LL 3815/0320/Jul 26e |
| ZL3GQ 1805/0935/Jul 25w | UA0FA 3504/1310/Jul 21w | VS6DO 3807/1255/Jul 27w |
| | UA0ZBI 3515/1055/Jul 26w | ZL1NG 3518/1100/Jul 26w |
| | VK3AM 3504/1310/Jul 21w | |
| CM3HB 7005/0630/Jul 22w | LU5DON 7005/1115/Jul 26w | ZF1SB 7008/1105/Jul 26w |
| HM2JN 7001/1315/Jul 23w | OH2BBR 7001/2310/Jul 23e | ZL4AC 7006/1120/Jul 26w |
| HM2EY 7001/1315/Jul 23w | OK2BMF 7006/2305/Jul 23e | 5R8AL 7007/1645/Jul 18ep |
| KC4AAC 7009/0925/Jul 21e | VK3MR 7008/0635/Jul 22w | |
| KP4CQC 7010/1105/Jul 26w | VR3AH 7005/0320/Jul 18m | |

AFRICA CW

EA9EO 14045/2335/Jul 20e
ZS5DE 14037/0715/Jul 21e#
9J2BO 14049/1430/Jul 16ja

AFRICA SSB

CT3AB 14277/0055/Jul 22m
EA8NK 14208/0030/Jul 21m
EA9EO 14220/2010/Jul 20e

5H3JR 14282/1920/Jul 18e
6W8FP 21280/1625/Jul 23w

ASIA CW

EP2OD 14020/2315/Jul 21m
EP2VW 14027/1515/Jul 23w
EP2EA 14033/1605/Jul 21w
HM1IJ 14029/1430/Jul 20w
JT1AQ 14038/1420/Jul 22w
JT0OAQ 14032/0155/Jul 23e
JH1KSB/JD1 14044/0715 18w
VS6BB 14049/1230/Jul 23e
UA9IG 14021/2320/Jul 20w

UA0ABZ 14034/1235/Jul 20w
UA0PY 14028/1605/Jul 23w
UD6JK 14048/2015/Jul 21w
UK6DIA 14032/1610/Jul 20ep
UD6BZ 14030/0645/Jul 23ep
UD6DI 14025/1125/Jul 23ep
UH8HBN 14025/0140/Jul 19e
UH8HBM 14035/1025/Jul 22e
UH8HAS 14029/2120/Jul 17e

UJ8AE 14030/0135/Jul 19e
UJ8JCE 14030/0235/Jul 19e
UK0KAA 14045/1300/Jul 23e
UL7QH 14036/1345/Jul 23w
UL7PA 14025/0230/Jul 19e
UV9AX 14031/0040/Jul 23w
4S7JK 14036/1500/Jul 20w
4XL4FU 14009/0030/Often

ASIA SSB

AL4XFZ 14212/1620/Jul 21e
A6XR 14249/2040/Jul 23m
AP2KS 14215/1200/Sun Sked
BV2B 14212/1155/Jul 22e
EP2NC 14222/0315/Jul 22e
HM1BO 14201/1425/Jul 26m
HS1BG 14217/1515/Jul 17m
JY9BB 14222/0055/Jul 22m
KA6YL 14214/1510/Jul 23m
KA6RI 14205/1140/Jul 22e

R9NO 14186/1220/Jul 18ja
UF6VAA 14206/0330/Jul 19m
UK9CAE 14222/1240/Jul 23e
UM8FM 14211/0150/Jul 19m
VS6GG 14226/1425/Jul 20m
VS6EG 14207/1225/Jul 23e
VS6BL 14225/1240/Jul 22m
VS6BB 14203/1245/Jul 22m
VU2KV 14211/1515/Jul 17w
VU2HI 14235/0255/Jul 22e

YB7ABZ 14208/1135/Jul 21m
OE5GML/YK 14255/1845 17py
4XL4BL 14238/0355/Jul 20w
4XL4TW 14214/1950/Jul 23e
9K2DQ 14219/2300/Jul 19m
9K2CW 14219/2305/Jul 19m
9M2GV 14320/1215/Sea Net
9N1MM 14210/1520/Jul 17w

ELSEWHERE'S CW

EP2OD 14025/0455/Jul 23ep
EP2LA 14022/0520/Jul 23ep
FG7AS 14008/0200/Jul 24w
FG7AT 14015/1510/Jul 17w
FK8CJ 14038/0330/Jul 18e
FO8ET 14007/0345/Jul 20e
FW8CO 14058/0925/Jul 26m
HI8XPT 14047/1650/Jul 17e
HK0BKK 21052/1620/Jul 21w

HR1AT 14015/1655/Jul 25w
KC6DK 14097/0815/Jul 21e
KC6CG 14097/0845/Jul 21e
KL7ILB 14097/0920/Jul 21e
KX6FX 14034/0700/Jul 22w
KX6BU 14025/0655/Jul 23w
OX300 14021/1245/Jul 22w
OX3RA 14024/2345/Jul 19w
P29AJ 14050/0850/Jul 21e

P29EJ 14026/0515/Jul 22w
P29OS 14036/0650/Jul 23w
P29JS 14035/0750/Jul 27w
NLV 14055/2100/Jul 21e
VE8NI 14012/2310/Jul 22w
VP2MFB 14038/1320/Jul 21w
VP2VL 14025/0030/Jul 24w
VR2MO 14065/0510/Jul 20w
VR3AH 14020/1035/Jul 21e

MORE RED EYED STUFFELSEWHERE'S SSB

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| AH3FF | 14284/0725/Jul | 21e | KX6MA | 14205/0315/Jul | 15e | XJ3BZ | 14198/1150/Jul | 21kv |
| C21NI | 14281/0155/Jul | 22m | KV4IF | 21310/2135/Jul | 23w | YB8ACK | 14213/1240/Jul | 20e |
| DU1EN | 14225.1130/Jul | 23m | P29BN | 14224/1245/Jul | 18m | YB2FO | 21275/0635/Jul | 25w |
| DU1XKE | 14220/0600/Jul | 22m | P29CC | 14266/0755/Jul | 18m | YJ8CS | 14270/0710/Jul | 25w |
| FK8CN | 14201/0450/Jul | 23m | P29DM | 21390/0245/Jul | 23w | ZK1BA | 14263/0430/Jul | 17e |
| FP0BB | 14215/2340/Jul | 18e | P29UC | 21370/0225/Jul | 23w | ZK1CV | 14254/0345/Jul | 17e |
| FO8BW | 14231/0440/Jul | 17e | TI2RT | 14196/1225/Jul | 15ka | ZK1DA | 21320/0035/Jul | 19w |
| HC2YL | 21360/2135/Jul | 20w | VK6CH | 14219/1245/Jul | 26w | ZK2AR | 14212/0400/Jul | 27w |
| HC0HM | 21280/1850/Jul | 25w | VP2LL | 14220/1215/Jul | 22e | ZP5JN | 21300/2345/Jul | 24w |
| HI8XKC | 28602/1655/Jul | 21e | VP2KJ | 14204/1245/Jul | 25e | 3D2AJ | 21300/2315/Jul | 17w |
| KC6QM | 14313/0745/Jul | 21e | VR1AF | 14254/0515/Jul | 17e | 3D2ER | 14215/0450/Jul | 17e |
| KC6DK | 14222/1140/Jul | 21kv | VR3AN | 14203/0340/Jul | 27w | 8P6AJ | 21276/1955/Jul | 24w |
| KC6CG | 14227/0925/Jul | 21e | VR3AH | 14202/0430/Jul | 23m | | | |
| KP4ECH | 14235/1230/Jul | 19ka | VR8A | 14263/0540/Jul | 23w | | | |
| KX6BU | 21245/0700/Jul | 24w | VR8A | 21273/0015/Jul | 23w | | | |
| KX6BU | 14210/0320/Jul | 22m | VR4BT | 14203/0720/Jul | 21e | | | |

EUROPE CW

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| C31JX | 14045/1940/Jul | 21w | HB4FE | 14051/1715/Jul | 20ep | R3FL | 14044/1510/Jul | 20w |
| CT1QL | 14015/1955/Jul | 26w | IT9MNG | 14026/0540/Jul | 21w | SP7HT | 14042/0450/Jul | 21w |
| DA2TR | 14028/0610/Jul | 22w | IT9HFB | 14042/0015/Jul | 20m | SV1DO | 14034/2310/Jul | 22m |
| DM2PCK | 14027/2330/Jul | 18m | IZ9RAN | 14022/1945/Jul | 23e | TF3SB | 14003/0055/Jul | 22m |
| DM2CWM | 14027/0510/Jul | 22w | JW1SO | 14030/1205/Jul | 22e | UA1NA | 21035/0600/Jul | 24ep |
| DM3XMD | 21025/0635/Jul | 24ep | LZ2AW | 14021/0425/Jul | 20w | UB5MCS | 14027/0335/Jul | 22w |
| EA1AB | 14029/2245/Jul | 23w | OH4A | 14029/2350/Jul | 21m | UB5MDL | 14020/1345/Jul | 21w |
| EA6CJ | 14024/2125/Jul | 26w | OK1AEH | 21025/0610/Jul | 24ep | UK2GAT | 14015/2220/Jul | 19e |
| EA7TH | 14023/0020/Jul | 20w | OK1FF | 14028/0520/Jul | 22w | UK2RAH | 14040/1515/Jul | 23w |
| EI9J | 14021/1945/Jul | 18m | OK2BKR | 14039/0400/Jul | 21w | UK2PAP | 14030/0520/Jul | 24w |
| GD4AM | 14027/1930/Jul | 21m | ON5DD | 14006/0700/Jul | 23w | UP2BAE | 14022/1320/Jul | 18m |
| GM3MZV | 14025/1200/Jul | 18m | ON4PV | 14028/0525/Jul | 22w | UP2NK | 14007/1725/Jul | 18e |
| GM3ITN | 14003/2315/Jul | 19w | ON6DX | 14041/2245/Jul | 20w | UP2SA | 14036/1405/Jul | 23w |
| GI3IVJ | 14032/1600/Jul | 21w | OZ1ATK | 14019/1500/Jul | 23w | UR2ZN | 14028/0600/Jul | 22w |
| HA3KNA | 14028/1440/Jul | 23w | OZ1AC | 14039/0430/Jul | 21w | UQ2AN | 14039/1755/Jul | 23e |
| HA8KCP | 14020/1935/Jul | 21w | OZ2E | 14003/0515/Jul | 22w | UY5LX | 14039/0410/Jul | 21w |
| HA0KHU | 21025/0610/Jul | 24ep | PA0KZ | 14045/0520/Jul | 23w | ZB2NJ | 14024/1000/Jul | 22e |
| HB9ATA | 14012/0230/Jul | 22w | R1AR | 14042/1440/Jul | 26w | 9H1EL | 14030/1900/Jul | 18m |

EUROPE SSB

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| C31KO | 14261/1900/Jul | 18e | LX1JO | 14244/0700/Jul | 22w | SP9AI | 14205/0430/Jul | 22w |
| C31KM | 14261/1910/Jul | 18e | LX1KN | 14278/0715/Jul | 21w | SP3DOI | 14232/0645/Jul | 22w |
| C31KA | 14202/0300/Jul | 22e | LA4ZH | 14220/2345/Jul | 21m | TA1MB | 14304/2200/Jul | 22e |
| CT1WS | 14205/2105/Jul | 20m | M1D | 14219/0545/Jul | 23w | UO5OOK | 14223/0445/Jul | 22w |
| CT2BU | 14208/0125/Jul | 26w | OE1ER | 14213/0840/Jul | 22kh | UP2PAC | 14248/0530/Jul | 23w |
| DM2AYJ | 14208/2110/Jul | 21m | OE2VEL | 14210/0630/Jul | 22w | UR2FQ | 14228/1245/Jul | 23w |
| DJ0ND | 14213/0815/Jul | 22w | OH1VR | 14210/0445/Jul | 23w | UR2AR | 14222/0530/Jul | 22w |
| EI7CW | 14208/0010/Jul | 19m | OH2BH | 14219/0500/Jul | 22w | UP2SA | 14211/0535/Jul | 23w |
| F0CFB/FC | 14206/2045/ | 21e | OH3YI | 14205/0500/Jul | 23w | UY500 | 14208/0230/Jul | 23w |
| FC9UC | 14205/1300/Jul | 23m | OH0PA | 14202/0050/Jul | 22w | YU2HDE | 14235/0550/Jul | 20w |
| EA7PW | 14260/0100/Jul | 22w | OK1FAR | 14227/0440/Jul | 22w | 3Z0KRT | 14208/0300/Jul | 22e |
| GI5UR | 14204/2325/Jul | 26m | ON4KH | 14204/2225/Jul | 22m | 9H1EL | 14228/1525/Jul | 22e |
| GM3ITN | 14267/2300/Jul | 19w | OZ9OU | 14219/2345/Jul | 21m | | | |
| GW4BLE | 28575/2135/Jul | 22e | PA9WRR | 14240/0630/Jul | 22w | | | |
| HA5HO | 14222/0740/Jul | 21w | SK2AJ | 14219/2300/Jul | 26m | | | |
| IL7WTI | 14268/0310/Jul | 22e | SV1EX | 14285/1825/Jul | 22e | | | |

ARRL BOARD MEETING Even though they did speak sometimes of DX, the ARRL Board meeting at Denver, Colorado, on July 14th to 16th did act on a good many other things. Briefly, here is what some of the activity was:

The Board voted the establishment of an out-going QSL Bureau by January 1, 1977. Director Gmelin of the Pacific Division sought to expand the motion to include incoming-QSLs in place of the present volunteer call-areas QSL Bureaus. This got no second. In a roll-call vote, those favoring the Outgoing-QSL Bureau were Albright, Cotterell, Egbert, Gmelin, Grauer, Griggs, Hesler, Price, Sullivan and Thurston. Opposed to it were Directors Anderson, Arnold, Haller, McConaghy, Wicker and Zak.

An annual award will be made to the QST author whose article is judged to have the highest degree of technical excellence.

An 'Technical Advisor' appointment was approved. Out of pocket expenses but not attorney fees will be reimbursed on a trial basis until the next meeting of the Board in lawsuits or similar actions involving zoning ordinances or building codes. Reimbursement will be made where the case involves (1) a significant miscarriage of justice, or harassment. (2) A potential legal precedent, and/or (3) a severe case of financial hardship on the member. The maximum amount to be expended or pledged will not exceed \$5000.00. The board voted for additional privileges for the Novice Class.....50watts input on 145.0-145.5mhz and 222-225mhz using A1/A3 and F3.

Field Day Rules will be changed to encourage public display of the operations rather than having them hidden in remote locations. This to develop public awareness of amateur radio. An ad hoc committee will be appointed to study the need for a national frequency coordination system for repeaters, this committee to report at the 1977 meeting.

In the matter of spending \$800,000.00 to expand the present headquarters building, this motion brought an attempt by Director Cotterell to amend the motion to call for a study to be made to relocate ARRL Headquarters to within a few hundred miles of the geographical center of the continental United States. The motion started off by saying that the present headquarters in the "...extreme Northeastern part of the United States removes it from the mainstream of Canadian and American Amateur Radio life....." and said a better location might be found if studies were made. Directors Cotterell, Gmelin, Grauer and Griggs voted for this heresy. Opposed to moving ARRL headquarters were Directors Albright, Anderson, Arnold, Egbert, Haller, Hesler, McConaghy, Price, Sullivan, Thurston, Wicker and Zak.

After knocking down the amendment, the original motion to spend \$800,000.00 for 15,000 more square feet of space at ARRL headquarters was passed with only Director Griggs voting in opposition.

The 1975 Technical Merit Award will be presented to Dr Theodore J Cohen, W4UMF, of Alexandria, Virginia, in recognition of his vigorous and persistent effort in articulating and publicizing the technical realities of the growing Radio Frequency Interference problem in his role as Secretary of the ARRL RFI Task Group.

The membership committee will study procedures for the recognition of long and meritorious service to the League by establishing an 'ARRL Hall of Fame'. Along the same lines Director Zak introduced a motion, which was adopted to have the General Manager..."...prominently display, at the entrance of Headquarters, the names of the past and present Directors in each Division and the years served."

A study was ordered of ARRL funding requirements for the years 1978 and 1979, a recommendation to be made within 120 days "...regarding any steps required to meet these funding requirements."

A motion to convert the present W1AW building to an ARRL Historical Museum was made, W1AW to be moved to a more central location. All the directors voted in favor of this except Directors Anderson and McConaghy. (more.....)

3 August 1976

MORE BOARD MEETING NOTES

The General Counsel was directed to write some definitive guidelines on the matter of conflict of interests for the League's Directors, Vice-Directors and Officers. The FCC may be petitioned to extend General Class operating privileges down to 3825khz, the Plans and Programs Committee being ordered to make a study. The General Manager will explore with the FCC, formally and informally, the resolution of desired rule changes for multiplexed audio and control signals for remotely controlled stations, the lifting of any restrictions on multiplexing, the end of the tape logging for repeaters under automatic control and the extension of 16F3 from 52.5mhz to 52.0mhz, higher dc input for six meter repeaters and compliance to be the burden of the user rather than the trustee. Also, the board voted to move W1AW's 160mtr frequency to 1820khz for one-sixty, effective September 1st.

A motion picture film suitable for use by IARU societies was approved for study by the General Manager. The proposal was that the film could have narrative in languages suitable for use in foreign countries. There will be a consideration to designate 52.97, 62.99, 53.01 and 53.03 as six meter simplex frequencies.

Minute 38 provides that ARRL members shall be exempted from all fees presently being charged in the awards program. This primarily will benefit the DXers who were singled out for the fee charge a couple of years back while other awards of traffic, emergency or other activities were exempt. This was done by charging for those applied for directly but exempting those coming via a third party.

More action to ensure their rightful place in posterity was taken when it was voted that photographs and resumes be prepared for officers and staff members having contact with the membership or general public. An ARRL lapel pin for QSL Bureau Managers and personnel will be studied. A monthly radio propagation column will be established in QST. A study will be made of the feasibility of offering group insurance to clubs and repeater groups to cover liability needs.

The action of the Board in 1971 to endorse phone band expansion was noted and a motion was adopted to have the General Manager to study sub-band allocations by mode and license class since that original motion was adopted. The study will include occupancy, needs and location. The General Manager will propose a revised structure for sub-bands at the January 1977 meeting.

Data will be sought on transmitting heights versus interference to home entertainment equipment. A motion to have a study of payment for QST articles was defeated. A study will be made on the establishment of 5BDXCC and 5BWAS pins....like the DXCC pins. A one-time DXCC certificate for working 100 countries on RTTY will be available, no additional endorsements beyond the original submission will be available.

The 1975 QST article technical excellence award went to Wes Hayward, W7ZOI, for the June 1975 article: "Defining and measuring Receiver Dynamic Range". A motion to hold the Board Meetings only in the vicinity of Hartford, Connecticut, unless physically impossible to do so, was tabled. A motion to ask the FCC to allow relicensing of a former amateur by paying the regular fee and submitting the expired license was tabled. The motion was then taken from the table and referred for study.

The International Affairs Committee will respond to the IARU proposal that a new operating award, separate from WAS, be established to promote interest in the IARU itself.

Money requests from the ARRL Foundation to the Executive Committee will be referred back to the Board for approval. The meeting adjourned at 1:03pm. on July 16th after having been in session as the Board of Directors for 18 hours and 59 minutes. As a Committee of the Whole, 5 hours and 26 minutes were spend in that activity. The Board authorized the expenditure of \$805,000.

September QST will have the minutes of the meeting. However, committee reports are not usually published.

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SHORT NOTES

JACUV says that the cards for VR1AK/VRLCW/VR8D and YJ8CW QSLs will be going out to those who sent sase 1500 DX cards and 2500 JAs have been received. Those sent via the bureau probably will not be received by Tack for some months yet.

W5SJS who was that FG/CRZ/FS7 early in July reports that the Guadeloupe operations had 125 QSOs while St Martin had over 700. QSLs have been ordered and will go out shortly. SASE appreciated. WA6DNM managed to acquire CW-DXCC#94 out of an apartment with a 4BTW trapped vertical or some invisible long-wires. K9UIY has gained his CW-DXCC #87 with 150watts. W0EW got #88 on June 16th. Bob just waited for them to call him!!

There is a bit of excitement in Hawaii over the reports that a Japanese corporation is negotiating to buy Palmyra Island. Palmyra was specifically excluded from the State of Hawaii when that was made a state. It is a 1300 acre island with a runway left from when it was a way-station on the Australian run for Pan American. Hawaii itself is thinking of buying the island...it will take around \$11,000,000.00. The Japanese firm has not been identified nor what use they intend for the island is known. VE1APY/SU skeds 9V1SQ daily 14140kc/1400Z. KA6RI still waiting for QSLs ordered from the printer last Spring.

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While checking with the Russian Desk it might be noted that those 'R' prefixes recently noted....R1AR, R3FL, R9NO.....are special ones to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of amateur radio in the USSR. Usually only found on ten meters, these have been noted on twenty c.w. and SSB in recent weeks.

That JTØOAQ, Gregory, can be QSLed to UY5LK. UY5LK's QTH is in the Foreign Call book.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1GZI, K1TZQ, W2FPM, W3CDL, WA3DMH, W3YEA, K3ZOL, W4BAA, K4DJC, WB4SIJ, W4UF, W4UMF, K5CM, W5LUJ, W5AK, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5SJS, K5TSQ, WA6DNM, K6EC, K6HTM, K6KA, K6LAE, W6OBH, WB6IXC, W6KPC, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, K6VY, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7AYO, W7BCT, WA7HRE, W7UR, WA7UVO, WB9LHI, W9QWM, ADXA, K9OTB, K9UIY, WØBW, WØJRN, KØNL, WØSFU, KH6BZF, KA6RI, KA6YL, KV4AM, EP2VW, G3VLB, HP1JC, JH1VRQ, JA1TNV, JAØCUV, PY7APS, YS1MAE.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and we sat in the sun to watch the bees work hard to make a living. The well-aged QRPer was a bit restless and we thought we knew the answer. "Been reading 'Silent Keys' in QST again?" we asked and the QRPer nodded. After a bit he spoke. "This DXing has always been an unusual thing to me", he said. "A DXer makes an acquaintance that may be thousands of miles away, in another country, and with the odds that most will never meet face-to-face. Yet there exists a bond and that feeling of loss when they are no longer with us. Why is that?". In turn, we held our own silence for the feeling has often come to us also. Finally the QRPer spoke again. "I have long felt that DXers offer what is closer to true friendship than any other activity. We meet another DXer on the air, we give nothing and expect nothing. Only friendship. That and nothing more". We both were silent for a long time after this for most DXers do know the feeling and the friendships. The true Internationalists of Amateur Radio are the DXers and their bonds of friendship are far flung. Come! Join with the DXers who want naught but friendship and a new country or two once inawhile. You will make your own friendships but the word on the new countries will come your way for a full year by second-class mail for \$10.00 (\$11.00 from September 1, 1976). \$14.50 and a trust in providence will bring it to you by first-class mail. \$17.00 slaps it at you by wide-bodied jet to Mexico and all the DX lands down the far curve of the world.....

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