

SUNSPOT LOUIE These are the sad days and observations at the W8ZOK observatory were possible on the four days previous to this report. And no significant activity could be found on any of the days.

It has been three weeks since there was any real significant activity on the sun and the band conditions have reflected things. Few paths hold up for long, WWV has been handing out U-4 and U-5 forecasts and even the early morning and evening openings are often missing. The big guns are congregating on 80 and 40 and while SSB is getting a lot of action on seventy five, c.w. dominates the action on forty.



W4UMF in a note pointed out that the activity that does come is associated with the old cycle and there are few indicators of any action from the new cycle. With everything looking under the rocks for sunspots these days, we decided to check with one of the local experts on when Cycle 21 could be here. We got a quick answer. Quick, terse, brief, pithy, direct and a model of clarified declamation. "Cycle 20 will definitely end when Cycle 21 begins. You can count on that!". Son of a Gun!! We will, we will!!

Looking ahead a bit, Ted notes that he is thinking of changing the reports from the ones you have been looking at to: Exceptional -- Above Normal -- Normal -- Below Normal -- Disturbed. Sometimes the Low Normal and High Normal cause a question and the part often overlooked is that these are relative reports....relative to what is going on now....and possibly the new labels may not raise so many questions.

anyhow, take a peer into the future, hand to brow and the forked hazel branch in hand, Ted says it positively will be:

February 17th	Low Normal	February 24th	Low Normal
18th	Below Normal	25th	Low Normal
19th	Below Normal	26th	Low Normal
20th	Below Normal	27th	Below Normal
21st	Low Normal	28th	Below Normal
22nd	Low Normal	29th	Below Normal
23rd	Low Normal	March 1st	Low Normal

That's it! If you have strong feelings on the change of labels, speak up!!! And seeing that we have run ourselves out of space, we will cut this off right here.

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Bob Ferrero

K6AHV

Howard Hale W6SC

17 February 1976

K6EC The Chartmaker Seeing that we ran out of space on the previous page, here is where you get your chart material this week. Ev says it was so----

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Feb 3	71	14	Feb 7	70	16
4	70	9	8	71	17
5	70	7	9	70	22
6	69	9	10	70	-

WWV gives a 60% probability figure for that minor ionospheric storm that W4UMF braces for in the February 27-29th period. And if you really want to know what is good about all of this, most if not all of it is behind you. And, with chin up and shoulders back, you can look forward.....or is that really a good idea/

SINAI The U.S. Department of State has awarded E-Systems a \$16.5 million dollar contract to install, operate and maintain an electronic surveillance network in the Sinai, this being a base camp, three watch stations and four seismic-type sensor fields around the Mitia and Giddi passes. This is scheduled to be operational this weekend utilizing temporary quarters and the permanent station by July 1, 1976.

About 200 U.S Personnel will staff the monitoring facilities. And if you start hearing W and K stations with some unusual suffixes....Like /SU....be not a bit surprised. Jump in and work them and get full QSL information. H.B Zachry Co. of San Antonio is doing a large portion of the work. The annual budget for the maintenance of the monitoring lash-up will be about ten million. Israel and Egypt have the rights to conduct reconnaissance flights over the buffer zone on alternate days.

SOUTH PACIFIC We have some advance word on a JA effort for the South Pacific which will include operations from Nauru/Gilberts/Fiji/New Hebrides/Solomons and two weeks from Tuvalu in March. The effort will include JA2PJC/JA3KWJ and JA0CUV. Their itinerary calls for them to be at Nauru for one day on March 23rd; VR1-Gilberts for one day on March 24th; two weeks on Tuvalu-VR8 from March 25th; 3 days at 3D2-Fijis from April 8th, 4 days from YJ8-Hebrides from April 11th; 3 days from VR4-Solomons from April 14th; 3 days from Nauru from April 16th and they will be carried back to Japan, happy but thinner, on April 19th.

They are planning a lot of c.w. work but will give the CQ WW WPX Test a thorough going over with SSB during that Test. More on this later.

SHORTLY NOTED We are still looking for the loan of a TA-33 beam for an outbound DXpedition heading far out beyond the setting sun. If you want to help, send the word to the WCDXB and we will get it to the principal.

W5UFF will be headed for the Cayman Islands in late May and he is looking for the loan or lease of an Atlas 210X to use from the Caymans. Either an Atlas 210X or something similar.

AP2KS who has been plagued with heart problems during the last year reports that he continues to improve but he did have a major surgical operation and the recuperation period is expected to be long. However, he does expect to be back on the air one of these days.

That GB2SM is definitely not the QSL route for ZD9GF. They are bouncing them back with the notation that he is not with the GB2SM. Conditions may be bad to worse but W1WQC worked 3D2KG on ten meter SSB at 2340Z and it was already dark there in Miami where Ham is 14.

17 November 1976

SEANET CONVENTION The SEAnet convention certainly must take the lead as the most exotic DX gathering and it does seem that a few more of the Deserving W/K DXers head out that way every November. If you would like to take a long look ahead and really make the Grand Tour of the Orient, there is a Seanet Convention Tour being put together by a travel agency in San Francisco.

The tour will take you to Tokyo, Kyoto, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore and get you to Jakarta for the 1976 SEAnet Convention. After the convention the tour will go to Bali, Hong Kong and back to the states from Hong Kong.

The full particulars are a bit lengthy to list here. If you are thinking of those far away lands and SEAsia, drop a line to Russell Chinn, Golden Sun Tours and Travel, 736 Washington Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94108, and ask him about the SEAnet Tour. He will be glad to hear from you and will furnish all the details.

MORE SHORTLY NOTED Art Westneat, W1AM, recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the IEEE. Art was cited for 'outstanding leadership' of the IEEE Oceanography Coordinating Committee in the years 1973-1975 as well as his 'outstanding personal contributions to underwater acoustical engineering'. W1AM is also Chairman of the IEEE Council on Oceanic Engineering and a founder of the IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering. He also works a lot of DX. How about that?

We will take another run on that 4U1ITU QSLing....it's W4KA handling the QSLs for the October 26/27th operation. Those dates alone and it is not K4KA...its W4KA. We have a handful of those KA suffixes on the mailing list and it does seem that we cannot keep them sorted.....W4KA, Leo....and not K4KA.

The ARRL test period last week did not come up with very good conditions for the testers...and you did not have to be rare and beautiful to get a lot of attention. Many fairly common DX types were getting the full rush treatment. VE1ASJ plans for some Lesser Antilles 160meter operations was cancelled. Down near the San Diego area K6GLC, Jim McCook, has traded for a new call and is now W6YA. Jim, the happy, fun-loving DXer and always enjoying the Fresno gathering from his favorite position on the floor, surprised a lot of the scene watchers and recently got married. As one Southern California type said: "If that happens, who can doubt that the sunspots will return one of these days!"

K6TWT has relinquished the handling of the VU2ANI/VU7ANI QSLs for Fred Burn there in the Andamans. Ken says to send them direct now to Fred, P.O. Box, Chatham, Port Blair, Andaman Islands (via India). ZD7WT says he will be on St Helena for about three more weeks and then will be going home. The CR9AK QSLs went into the mails this week, the Petaluma Radio Club doing the QSL chores in jig time. Also, the VR8B and the VR1Z QSLs are reported out. Everyone is getting Glorioso cards and agreeing that Guy P de la Rhodiere, FR7ZL, is truly "Reliable Guy!". As many say: "Now that I've worked Guy, who needs FR7AM anymore?". Some have heard VR7EK on c.w. Some also say that it has the same fist as a DU1--. And all agree that it's the same rotten fist. Ah, Slim!! So good to work you again!!!

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** the great day. The Sunspots will rise again!!! Don't ask when...just dance! **

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SHORTLY NOTED

W6KNH will be back home about now after visits in SEAsia and Africa plus a few stops in South America on the way home. Clyde will be mailing many QSLs for some difficult ones that he picked up on his travels. The word is that any cards that got to his QTH last Fall before he departed on the trip will be in the mails this week.

W1BB in noting the good conditions on 160 meters points out that W8LRL made WAC in two hours. KV4FZ reports working 71 European stations on 1.8mhz on Jan 24/25th. All he needed was Africa to break his own WAC record....then EA8CR showed up the next day from EA9-Spanish Sahara. Herb now has his DXCC total on 160mtrs up to 106 with PAØHLP/LX and EA8CR/EA9 being the last two. Anyone interested in this band should get the late information from W1BB...a sase to Stew will bring you a copy of his 160meter bulletin.

In the 6th World Telecommunications Day last May, the total points made by U.S. stations was 40.9k. Over 70% of these points were made by KC2ITU operated by K6SE/2 who racked up 29.6K points alone. The seventh running of this contest will come again this May.

Some industry magazines report the FCC bending under the weight of CB applications. One report says that the Safety and Special Radio Services crew at Gettysburg has been expanded to sixty employees, most putting in a full day on CB applications. Forty sacks of applications arrived in one day recently. Even with some of the work contracted out, it is taking ten weeks or so to process a CB application. It is also estimated that there are one million CB operators who are unlicensed. The FCC has problems in administering the law, fiscal year 1975 seeing 1363 notices of liability being issued and 200 licenses were lifted for persistent offenses. Some 40 cease and desist orders were cranked out.

In cases that have been taken to court, the fines have averaged about \$150 and often it is felt that this is hardly worth the trouble of the Justice Department to make a court case to collect unpaid fines. And the FCC cannot revoke a license for failure to pay a fine though it has for operators having lied in denying culpability. The Vanik Bill is given attention as a possible remedy for CB interference to radio and TV but the 23 channels now available are expected to be supplemented by frequencies taken from the land mobiles. Now there's your update on the CB crisis!!

It is noted that not only the U.S. amateurs but also the foreign DX bulletins are making inquiries on whether QSLs were ever sighted for that HKØAA operation of last June. Anyone with some up-date on that crisis would like to be heard from.

We have a couple of addresses to note, these being F2QQ and A2CCY. The late word from the F2QQ Desk is that the correct address is.....Richard Gemehl, F2QQ, 51 rue de Saussure, 76017 Paris, France. This is the same as it has been for some time but the question does arise.

Bob Furzer is living in Canada yet and the address is a retread on what has been run before. It is: Bob Furzer, Apt 411, No. 20 Carabob Court, Agincourt, Toronto. However, he does not have his logs with him at the present time but he says to send the QSLs along as eventually he will answer them all.

K8CFU recently had that article in QST about the planning needed and preparations for any DX operation in a foreign clime. Part of the article which appears not to have made it was a check list for supplies and a listing of the voltage/frequency of electric power in a number of countries. Of the 35 countries listed, 24 had a voltage in the 200-240 range while 30 of the thirty-five had 50cps. Arch did not say so but he might part with a copy of the list if you send a sase.

W7OK says that he is filing requests for VP2KC and FK8BG QSLs until he gets his hands on the logs. Don suspects that VP2KC forwarded the logs by surface mail.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED

Ian Cable who once was heard with good signals out of Bahrein a few years back has been visiting in England after working in the Philippines for a couple of years. Indications are that he will be back in Bahrein with an A9-call in late April or May. He used to sign MP4BBW when the MP4s were being heard.

Tommy, ZD8TM, has returned to St. Helena as scheduled and has been worked under his ZD7WT call. Look for him around 14040kc from 2230Z most days. He says to QSL via W3KT. Sometimes this one moves to forty after 2300Z. That VC9UM was a special call for the Festival of Life and Learning at the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg. QSL for this one to VE4VV.

Some inquiries on the May Fresno International DX meeting are surfacing and if you are really eager, here is what you can do. Write to the Southern California DX Club at Box 73, Altadena, Calif. 91001 and they will mail full convention information to you when it is ready, this probably being in the middle of March or thereabouts. If you are really shrewd, like all the big gun DXers are, you will make your reservation at the Fresno Hilton right now as housing often is the tight area. Advise the hotel that it is for the DX convention and specify the nights you will be there.

That XJØNEH heard around the first of February was the Canadian Tribal Class destroyer, the HMCS Iroquis enroute to Cuba. QSL this one to the ship at 'FMO, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Another naval vessel heard about the same time was the South African Navy Ship 'Protea' which was the escort vessel for the yachts in the Capetown to Rio race. This one was signing ZS1CTR.

K5FVA, Louis Muhleisen, was named the Delta DX Association "DXer of the Year". This is the New Orleans based group which often is heard from in the Lesser Antilles during contest season. CN8DX is reported as planning some African activity but no definite word.

On that planning for San Felix, one of the principals says that they have run into a few problems and the prospects for activity this spring have pretty much evaporated. However, the long-range plans have not been abandoned and it is hoped that they will be able to solve all their problems and get things moving again some time later this year.

FB8ZG said recently that he was leaving the Amsterdam Island area on February 15th and he was not sure if there would be an amateur operator in the new crew coming to Amsterdam.

ex-CR6OZ is back in Portugal and if you are looking for a QSL from CR6OZ or XX6OZ you can send it to:

Jorge Fidalgo, Rua Marques de Pombal No. 4, Tomar, Portugal.

George was a consistent contest operator from Angola.

VK6RU, Jim Rumble, is the QSL manager for VK9XI and VK9XW. Jim reports these stations are on every Monday from 1300Z to 1500Z in the 14225kc to 14235kc area. Another area which is seldom reported but with more activity than the reports might show is Thailand. Reports from the area indicate that HS1WR, HS1BG and one more often check into the SEAnet plus another european businessman with a three-letter suffix. We will have more calls for the HS-active list in coming issues.

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LOW BAND LOUIE

C9MCN	7007/0420/	Feb	7w	LZ1KPM	7003/1505/	Feb	9w	YB1KW	7002/1450/	Feb	7w
C06JH	7013/0210/	Feb	7m	PY1ZAE	7005/0445/	Feb	6m	YU1EXY	7005/1455/	Feb	9w
CX6CW	7003/0430/	Feb	8w	TU2DF	7038/0040/	Feb	1m	YBØABV	7005/1455/	Feb	9w
EA1GH	7030/0050/	Feb	7m	VK3AE	7023/1205/	Feb	6m	ZL3LN/C	7006/1445/	Feb	6w
EA1NW	7013/0055/	Feb	6w	VK6RS	7003/1200/	Feb	5e	ZD7WT	7022/0410/	Feb	11w
EL2X	7026/0120/	Feb	4w	VK3ARB	7002/1605/	Feb	9w	ZS6DW	7088/0430/	Feb	6m
FY7AS	7037/0030/	Feb	1m	VP9HO	7028/0330/	Feb	6m	4JØBAM	7026/1410/	Feb	6w
IT9TAI	7003/0125/	Feb	9w	VP9GG	7002/0020/	Feb	7w	7Q7FD	7006/0420/	Feb	7w
ISØXKF	7004/0120/	Feb	9w	VR1AA	7026/0715/	Feb	8w	9J2WR	7003/0205/	Feb	6e
KJ6CW	7292/0440/	Feb	3w	VS5PM	7008/1130/	Feb	4e	9V1SR	7004/1620/	Feb	9w
A2CJP	3780/0420/	Feb	5w	OK3BMH	3514/0430/	Feb	5m	VP5GT	3780/0220/	Feb	2e
C6ABC	3813/0100/	Feb	3e	OK3TDC	3514/0420/	Feb	5e	VS6DO	3796/1520/	Feb	10w
CT1QN	3780/0645/	Feb	4w	ON4LJ	3801/0440/	Feb	5e	VU2GDG	3807/1405/	Feb	3w
CT1FL	3786/0625/	Feb	4w	P29AB	3802/0430/	Feb	4e	YN1HN	3805/0305/	Feb	4w
CT1UA	3807/2300/	Feb	4e	PJ2CW	3700/2325/	Feb	4e	YN4WT	3802/0305/	Feb	4w
CT3AR	3778/0610/	Feb	5w	SP3DOI	3780/0540/	Feb	5w	YN1FVN	3802/0620/	Feb	11w
CP7CW	3815/1055/	Jan	31e	TG8XR	3800/0350/	Feb	5e	YO3TW	3795/0535/	Feb	1e
EI8H	3795/0045/	Feb	2e	VP1PTL	3805/0330/	Feb	4w	YU2HA	3788/0555/	Feb	5w
EL2T	3780/2300/	Feb	1e	VP2AR	3813/0030/	Feb	3m	ZK1DX	3795/0545/	Feb	1e
F6BKI	3785/0625/	Feb	5w	VP2DM	3819/0350/	Feb	5e	ZF1JC	3791/0510/	Feb	10w
FG7AN	3796/0610/	Feb	6w	VP2DQ	3807/0200/	Feb	5e	ZL3LN/C	3808/1425/	Feb	11w
GU	3787/0615/	Feb	5w	VP2EQ	3807/0200/	Feb	5e	ZS6DW	3778/0335/	Always	
ISØXKF	3513/0425/	Feb	5e	VP2EEF	3812/2330/	Feb	4e	5W1AU	3795/0805/	Feb	5e
I3MAU	3800/2250/	Feb	4e	VP2GAG	3810/1025/	Feb	3e	6Y5YL	3763/0345/	Feb	4w
IØKFG	3789/0630/	Feb	4w	VP2KN	3807/0200/	Feb	5e	6Y5GB	3800/0230/	Feb	2w
KC6AQ	3807/1410/	Feb	3w	VP2LL	3815/0445/	Feb	6w	8P6GG	3810/1020/	Feb	3e
KG4DS	3815/0100/	Feb	9m	VP2LBR	3799/0030/	Feb	1e	8P6GN	3796/0540/	Feb	6w
MM6EA	3806/0100/	Feb	9m	VP2SQ	3807/0200/	Feb	5e	9J2BO	3795/0500/	Jan	28e
LZ2KWR	3524/0415/	Feb	5m	VP5RN	3802/0220/	Feb;	3e	9M2PV	3796/1510/	Feb	10w

AFRICA SSB

A2CBW	14212/2000/	Feb	3e	FR7ZW	14237/1625/	Feb	5m	5V7WT	14219/2150/	Feb	4m
C9MGK	14213/1850/	Feb	2m	VE1XU/SU	14141/1710		4m	5Z4RG	14218/1955/	Feb	3e
D4CBS	14212/1945/	Feb	6e	TU2EF	14225/2150/	Feb	4m	6W8FP	14225/2150/	Feb	4m
EL2FS	14203/2130/	Feb	2w	ZD7SD	14216/1850/	Feb	2m	9J2TJ	14220/1940/	Feb	6e
EL2A	14225/2200/	Feb	4m	ZS4PB	21298/1740/	Feb	3w	9J2GJ	14235/1915/	Feb	6w
FR7ZN	14221/2040/	Feb	5w	ZS6DN	14220/2020/	Feb	4w	9G1JC	14210/2140/	Feb	2w

ASIA SSB

CR9AJ	14225/2330/	Often	
UK9AAN	14209/1250/	Feb	3e
UAØFCK	14226/2325/	Feb	6e
4X4DX	14185/1700/	Feb	4w
9M2MH	14225/2355/	Feb	2w
9V1SH	14225/0000/	Feb	3w

EUROPE SSB

CT1SX	21291/1705/	Feb	6w	ISØMBE	14214/1625/	Feb	4m
CT2AK	14206/1550/	Feb	3m	LX1KN	14206/1425/	Feb	4m
DJØND	14210/1600/	Feb	4w	OH3ZAH	14205/1450/	Feb	5m
EA6BG	14223/1335/	Feb	5e	OZ5JT	14204/1615/	Feb	3w
GD4AM	14220/1325/	Feb	4m	YU4EBL	14212/1605/	Feb	4w

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ELSEWHERE'S SSB

C6ADT 14212/2000/Feb 9w	TI4QFH 14286/1355/Feb 3e	VP8ON 14210/0100/Feb 4w
CX6AM 14208/2340/Feb 2w	VP2MWH 14226/2020/Feb 4w	ZL3LN/C 14178/1050/Fb 2ja
HKØBKX 14205/2325/Feb 3m	VP2SV 14210/2145/Feb 2w	8R1N 14280/2020/Feb 4m
HP1XMU 14212/2340/Feb 4m	VP2DH 14226/1240/Feb 6e	8R1X 14215/0000/Feb 5m
KV4FC 14210/2145/Feb 4m	VP8NY 14220/0025/Feb 5m	OY4LK 14302/1240/Feb 3e

AFRICA CW

D2ACK 14009/2150/Feb 6m	TU2GA 14052/1840/Feb 1m
EA9FF 14014/1320/Feb 6e	ZD7WT 14038/2120/Often
FI8FT 14067/1940/Feb 1e	ZS2A 14031/2020/Feb 6e
TU2FI 14044/2120/Feb 6w	5Z4PP 14039/1940/Feb 10w

ASIA CW

VS6BL 14027/2345/Feb 4w
YI2B 14050/1355/Feb 4w
4JØBAM 14029/0010/Feb 6w

EUROPE CW

DJ6RX 14002/1740/Feb 9w	HB9AHA 14026/1710/Feb 10w
DK5VB 14005/1310/Feb 6w	ISØXKF 14025/1200/Feb 5e
DL10V 14020/1755/Feb 4w	I2CEX 14061/1630/Feb 4w
EA6DD 14008/1715/Feb 4w	I3PNC 14051/1620/Feb 8w
EA7XQ 14062/2245/Feb 6w	I3OBO 14031/1905/Feb 3m
GM3AWW 14012/1720/Feb 6w	LA4ZC 14027/1620/Feb 6m
HA9KOV 14020/1340/Feb 7m	LA8CJ 14017/1950/Feb 4w

LB6N 14035/1735/Feb 3m
ON4FL 14003/1805/Feb 9w
ON5IU 14042/1750/Feb 6w
ON5SSY 14048/1750/Feb 3m
SK2BI 14042/1800/Feb 3m
YU1AFY 14018/1655/Feb 4w
YU1AFL 14048/1610/Feb 6w

ELSEWHERE'S CW

FG7AH 14039/1710/Feb 3m	OA6VL 14005/1620/Feb 4w
FG7XA 14031/2335/Feb 6w	PJ8AA 14026/1310/Feb 3e
FY7AS 14043/1800/Feb 1m	PY3COR 14024/0025/Feb 5w
HI3PC 14003/2220/Feb 7w	VC9UM 14034/2025/Feb 6e
HI8EVA 14048/1745/Feb 3w	VP2ST 14027/2020/Feb 3e
LU5DZJ 14052/1440/Feb 4e	VP2MB 14025/0005/Feb 5e

VP2MC 14046/2220/Feb 10w
VP5BR 14039/2145/Feb 3m
VR1AA 14025/0020/Feb 7w
YN1AA 14010/1520/Feb 10w
ZF1TW 14037/1650/Feb 3w

ONE-SIXTY-

G3SZA 1828/0600/Feb 8m	EA8CR 1805/0540/Feb 7m
GM3VCB 1825/0605/Feb 5e	HK4EB 1809/0530/Feb 7m
GM3YCB 1811/0530/Feb 7m	KP4AST 1813/0435/Feb 7m
HC1XG 1804/0445/Feb 7m	PJ8CO 1812/0300/Feb 8m
K4ERO/HC1 1812/0140 8m	TI2CF 1827/0255/Feb 7m

VP9HT 1809/0300/Feb 7m
W4EV/VP9 1809/0430/ 7m
WØNAR/6Y5 1812/0210 7m
9H1AV 1827/0545/Feb 8m

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ja = japan etc)
 (all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim....often QSOed, never QSLs!!)

A ROUND OF QSL INFO -- Three-quarter time all the way

A2CGD to SM3CXS	VP2KC to W7OK	5N2FAX to W1WTE	VP2GAG Radio Club
HD5EE WA8TDY	VC9UM VE4VV	5Z4RG WB9MFC	Grenada, St. George,
ISØXKF DL1RK	VP8QL WB4ASV	5Z4PG S+ WB9MFC	Grenada, BWI
JA8IEV/JD1 JA8JL	VK9XI VK6RU	WØNAR/6Y5 WØNAR	XJØNEH HMCS IROQUIS
LU2A LU2AFH	VK9XW VK6RU	WØNAR/6Y5 WØNAR	FMO, Halifax, N.S
PJ8CO W1YE	VP5BR K4GWK	7P8AG SM3CXS	3D2KG to YASME
PJ8HR W2JKN	YS1MAE W2KF	7P8AH SM3CXS	
PYØPO PY7PO	ZD7WT W3KT or ZD8TM	9L1BH SM3CXS	9K2DR Robert Roberts
PYØBXC PY7BXC	ZF1CM WØZTC	9Y4TR WA5CFS	Box 1427, Kuwait
FK8BG W7OK	ZF1WW W3KT	VU2ANI/	
VE2AQS/TI VE2KQ	ZF1JH WA6VNR	VU7ANI Direct	
VP2DM WA9EED	ZK2AP WØJRN	VE7-QSL Bureau. Howard Martin, VE7AFY	
VP2SV K3GYD	ZS6BNF SM4ANV	45-9960 Wilson Road, Ruskin, B.C VØM IRO	

CALENDAR

SOUTH SANDWICH	No word....keep the candle in the window
SOUTH GEORGIA	VP8MS in a week or so
WESTERN CAROLINES	KC6AQ operated by WA6AHF to about the end of Feb...
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	VR3AH should be heard shortly....long stay
FUVALU	JA DX Group making plans for 2 weeks across WPX Test
NAURU	Colvins still aiming for C21 operation....
ABU AIL	FL80M for a week around Easter
UPPER VOITA	5T5CJ in March for ARRL CW Test
TURKS/CAICOS	North Florida DX signing VP5 for CQ WPX Test/March
DAYTON HAMVENTION	April 23-25th..... Prepare!!
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEET	May 14-16th at the Hilton. Make your schedule
ARRL DX TEST	This week-end!! Feb 21/22nd. Work one for George....
	Phone go-round Mar 6/7th....

IRAQ There is word that W7KW has a letter from a governmental agency in Iraq that gives him permission to operate....however, as yet he does not have a license.

There was a YL2B heard at 14050kc at 1355Z on February 4th. This one said to QSL via the YL-Bureau, his name was Rachid and that he was in Baghdad. Slim?

It might be but there were a few variations from the usual Slim style. This one was not a good operator, was sending very slowly and was not exactly scintillating. This one was not. The stations he was heard to work were mostly close to his area. It probably is too much to hope for but there is still the feeling that Iraq will show one of these days. And it could very well be a stumbling operator such as this. Some Slims are excellent operators, knowledgeable in pile-ups and are very evident close to the DX scene by their choice of QSL Managers or use of calls. And if you want to know what to do when you hear that rare one....just work 'em first, worry later.

DAYTON HAMVENTION This will be held in Dayton this year....again. Ted Suarez, K8BSC, will be the General Chairman and Frank Schwab, W8OK, the Assistant Chairman. This is their 25th HAMVENTION and the advance flyer for the silver anniversary gathering is going out. You can get it by writing to: Dayton Hamvention, Box 44, Dayton, Ohio, 45401.

The action starts at high noon on Friday and will run into late Sunday. The big Hamvention banquet will be on Saturday. Get the full word from Box 44....

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ARRL The FCC has taken two more deregulatory steps, one being permission to operate repeaters in the 29.5--29.7mhz area without the special proof of need that was previously required. Only those signals of those classes of amateurs licensed to operate in the ten meter band may be retransmitted by such a repeater. The second change redefines a club and simplifies procedures for groups meeting the new definition when they apply for a club station license.

At the January Board meeting, David Houghton retired as ARRL Treasurer and with 54 years of service for the ARRL. A ways back when John Huntoon, W1RW, stepped down as General Manager, he retained the position of ARRL Secretary. With the retirement of Houghton, John Huntoon, W1RW, was elected Treasurer, declining the nomination for Secretary. Dick Baldwin, W1RU, was then elected Secretary to the ARRL as well as General Manager. This makes things lined up as they were a few years back, the General Manager also being the ARRL secretary...

TNX to W1DAL, W1JAA, W1WQC/4, W2FPM, WA3DMX, W3HHV, WA4EYR, W4KA, W4NJF, W4UMF, W5AK, K5DEC, K5OVC, W5UFF, W5USM, WDX6GFV, K6EC, W6GC, W6ID, WB6IXC, W6PT, K6SSJ, W6TCQ, W6TSQ, K6TWT, K6VY, WB6ZUC, WA7OBH, W7UR, WA7UVO, W7YR, W8BQV, K8IKB, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9BG, K9KEV, W9LQ, W9MR, K9OTB, WA9UCE/6, K9UIY, W9YRA, W0JRN, KH6BZF, A35AF, YB0ABV, JA1KSO, JA1TNV.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our more strung-out QRPers came up the hill last week, his voice ringing across the ridges, joy in his smile and happiness everywhere. A couple of us were just sitting around and we braced for the worst. "I did it", the QRPer was yelling, "I did it, I did it! This time I got one for sure and it has to be a real block-buster for sure". We calmed him down to get the story out of him. "This morning, on the dawn path, I worked this AC8BT/AJ4. There was this big pileup of JAs fighting to work the station and I knew that it must be a real rare one. So I jumped in and worked him.....got a five-eight-nine out of him, too. I don't know where it might be but with Sikkim gone I'm wondering if it might be one of those other Himalayan kingdoms, something around Tibet. It might even be China. What do you think?". Son of a Gun, what could one say to something like this on a warm day, the sky blue and the flowering trees all in early bloom. We finally said: "We'll have to research this one and try to get a line on things" and the QRPer was off, jiggling his way down the hill. The two of us sat in silence for a bit and finally the other spoke. "Why didn't you tell him. That AC8BT/AJ4 is Al Hix from Charleston down in Puerto Rico to warm up a bit". We were long in answering for there are enough of the dark days and this for now was a happy one for the QRPer. And at the end all we could say was: "Take from no man his dream". And there are yet those happy days in DXing and there will be more to come. And all the DX dreams comes your way each week....\$10.00 by second-class mail---\$14.50 by first-class to US/VE and \$17.00 flies it to anyplace in the world.

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