

West Coast DX Bulletin



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SOUTHERN SUDAN Another operation from the autonomous provinces of Southern Sudan should be opening this week, the callsign could be ST2JJ/STØ.

This effort will find James Johnson, W4JBZ, of the West Palm Beach, Florida, area in Juba for four to six weeks to install some micro-wave gear. Included in the equipment shipped to Juba was an amateur transceiver. Departure was scheduled for last Thursday and you might find some activity most any time now.

The indications were that he would be trying periods beginning at 0430Z and running to 0700Z and from 2000Z to work into the states. It is probable that the whole operation will be SSB only. The antenna was a question and it is possible that an attempt will be made to construct a wire beam to improve the signals.

The previous operation from the Southern Sudan by Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, when he signed ST2SA/STØ last summer is still under consideration by the DXAC. No indicators have been noted when a decision might be made on this one.

These southern provinces in the Sudan are Equatoria and Bahr plus one other whose title we just cannot locate just now. Largely Christian, the rest of Sudan to the north being mostly Moslem, these were in rebellion for over a decade until they were granted autonomous status in 1972. While it does appear that the DXAC and others may be having some second thoughts about the application of DXCC criteria Rule 1, the autonomous status of Sudan and the formal recognition of the self-government by the Sudanese government would seem to indicate that Southern Sudan has an excellent chance of being accepted as a new country.

In this operation, the indication is that this will be mainly twenty meters and SSB. A check with the Florida area gives some indication that W4JBZ has mostly been associated with repeaters. A DX pile-up may initially give him some second thoughts. Patience and persistence may be necessary.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, is reported as headed for the CR3 area later this month, possibly into February and the ARRL DX Test.

Full details are not on hand at this time but it is rather definite that he will be operating in the area later this month. More will be on this. Last time out Erik was in Bangladesh....the time before that at Serrano Bank and Baja Nuevo.

SON OF A GUN!! All our systems failed this week and we were left holding a blank sunspot. It is doubtful if there was much activity, WWV on many days saying that things were quiet. But next week we should be back on track again.

Since Christmas there have been three active areas on the sun up to January 4th, one of these areas produced 23 spots all by itself. But even this effort did not get the solar flux up above 79.

None of the previous cycles have bottomed out above a SSN of 11. This old Cycle 20 is still hanging in there and the bottom is within reach. Something is bound to happen one of these days and all the Deserving DXers will get what they deserve. Surely!!

Looking for hope on the dismal ice-bound banks of the Potomac, WHUMF peers into the coming weeks seeking that which may not be but should have been. And for the next couple of weeks, Ted says it will be something like:

January 18th	Low Normal	January 25th	Disturbed
19th	Low Normal	26th	Low Normal
20th	Low Normal	27th	High Normal
21st	Low Normal	28th	Low Normal
22nd	Low Normal	29th	High Normal
23rd	Below Normal	30th	Low Normal
24th	High..slipping to Below Normal		

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We dropped down by the Palos Verdes Corral to see what the Sundancers were doing. "Just marking time," the Palos Verdes Sundancers leader said, "just marking time." We had hoped for more and back up in barrancas we could hear the dry rattle of the tenor bongos. But then the air was shattered by the thundering boom of a bass bongo, we clinging to a tree while the very earth shook beneath us. "What's that?", we shakily asked as things settled. "It felt like 6.5 on the Richter". The P.V leader smiled. "That's BIG DX", he said, "and we were just doing a bit of testing. BIG DX will soon be here and all we Palos Verdes Sundancers will be out there to bring the new Cycle 21 routines to the Deserving DXers everywhere. BIG DX will boom the DX into everyone. DX for all!" And the P.V leader did a couple of fancy steps, clapped his hands three times and the skies reeled again as Bass Bongo back in the barrancas boomed. "Have to warn LAX everytime we get ready to test," the P.V leader said. "Gives them a chance to run in a couple of sonic booms unnoticed by the EPA people. We work together on these things".

Son of a Gun! We were beginning to resonate a bit ourselves for someone was getting ready with a big signal for those great days to come. So we checked the action of the last couple of weeks with K6EC, and Ev says that for what it was worth, it was something like:

Solar Flux/A Index			Solar Flux/A Index		
Jan 3rd	79	3	Jan 7th	74	6
4th	78	7	8th	72	5
5th	77	12	9th	71	5
6th	74	10			

And there it all is! Watch for that BIG DX. That Palos Verdes Bunch are working on their own secret DX weapon. You might even be getting the signal on your seismograph! For, as Sam would often say, "Listen!!".

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THE COLVINS The Colvins opened up from Sint Maarten, PJ8KG, last week and the indications are that they will be there to the end of the month. They are working down the Lesser Antilles chain and though they have made a lot of QSOs since they were in the British Virgins, they have not moved any great distance south east.

In Anguilla where they signed VP2EEQ, they made 8000 QSOs, operating ten through eighty with a lot of emphasis on the low end of the band. The 8000+ QSOs included some 123 countries.

In Anguilla they found no town there in the normal sense, things being scattered about, and there was no central electric power system. Most who have a need for electricity have their own generators, this being the source for the Colvins. A few days prior to their departure from Anguilla, their generator gave up the fight and this automatically cut out their operating. The Colvins found the people on Anguilla friendly, a radio amateur license was easily obtained and it cost \$25.00.

The Colvins managed to run up over 70,000 QSOs in 1976, starting with their new country operation from Tuvalu where they signed VR8B and ending at Anguilla with VP2EEQ. KV4AA, a former president of the YASME Foundation did his bicentennial bit from AJ3AA and made over 35,000 QSOs in 1976.

HAITI HH2EL is being signed by 9H1EL, G. Morris, and he has been heard on forty c.w. He will be there until this Friday, January 21st. QSLs for this can go to K6KII, Cliff Moore, Box 1338, Arcadia, Calif. 91006.

ANTARCTIC LU2AFH, Reinaldo J Szama, and a WCDXB reader, recently passed along some information on the current status of things to WA6DNM in the wilds of the Mendocino Country coastline. Ron told Scotty Williams that:

VP8MS has departed South Georgia and the daily schedule with that station is ended.

LU2AFH shipped some 2000 meters of wire to South Georgia so that those presently there can put up an antenna atop a 200 meter high hill. The antenna will be 3000 meters from the shack and they will try some open transmission line to feed the antenna and possibly keep the losses down. The wire may be delivered next month.

LU1ZA logs only from 28 August 1976 are on hand at LU2AFHs....nothing prior to that date. QSLs for earlier dates cannot be accommodated and are being returned to the senders

LU2ZA logs are on hand with Ron and complete. There is a possibility of another operator being licensed as LU3ZA. If you thirst for a LU-Z QSL and Ron is the dispenser, you should address it to:

Reinaldo J Szama LU2AFH
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WARC AND THE DESERVING DXer! A couple of months when there was an announcement of the proposed 'new' frequencies for the amateurs, there were shrill cries of jubilation. Reality has quieted the cheers and a bit of caution is starting to be heard on some channels.

Recently we got close to someone who is close to the picture. He was not smiling ear to ear. In fact he was hardly smiling at all.

First of all, the broadcast interests are pounding hard for more frequencies. On a 10khz channel spacing, the present high-frequency assignments will support about 5000 channel-hours of broadcasting per day. This may seem at first sight to be a lot.....but they are running now some 22,000 channel-hours daily of broadcast.

The crowding is horrendous in some area, Europe for example. In some instances there are as many as four (4) short-wave broadcast stations on the same frequency at the same time. Some have estimated that least 50% of the Voice of America broadcasts are running into interference problems.

The broadcasters are not waiting to see what happens, already they are mounting a strong move. And moving into areas of the radio spectrum where they do not belong. And they are aiming for more frequencies including some currently assigned to the Fixed and Amateur Services.

If you want a hint at what they are eyeing, think of the 3900-4000kc area. Also, in Region II, the 7100-7300kc area. You might also give some thought to the FCC proposal in their Notice of Inquiry to shift amateurs down to 20700kc and if your present equipment can move that way without problems.

Those who argue that no one listens to SW broadcasts may be avoiding the possibility that there are political factors involved and often this out-weighs any other consideration.

It would in an inopportune time for anyone to feel relaxed and especially DXers. A trusting faith that the FCC will take care of your needs may find you with more needs than they are ready to acknowledge, let alone satisfy. The ARRL is working on the problem at arms length, the action being in Washington while they are up in the backwaters of Newington. They do keep in touch but the number of people working directly on amateur interests are not a thundering herd.

Most may have heard of the American Rifle Association who have managed to keep their interests protected in spite of what often is an unfavorable press. The NRA maintains nine full-time people in Washington as lobbyists plus additional part-time lobbyists as needed. And the NRA engaged in lobbying with the Congress even though it meant the loss of non-profit status.

Take a good look at things. You may be getting into an area of do-it-yourself. The ARRL does have a good extract of the FCC's Third Notice of Inquiry, No. 20271. If you have not done it already, break out with 24¢ and get it. The letter that accompanies it points out some areas that you can work on with your comments. A strong showing by the amateurs themselves could be significant. You are still amateurs going up against professionals and the work must be borne by the many DXers who have a long range interest in what may come out of Geneva and WARC 79.

Give the matter some thought. You can make a significant contribution.....

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SHORTLY NOTED On that DXAC Survey, we figured that running it in two parts would enable all the DXers to get the full six pages of the survey and especially the more important Part II.

The planning was superb. We reduced four pages and got them down to two pages. Unfortunately, many got the January 11th issue while still looking for the January 4th issue and all the planning came apart.

About two weeks after mailing the January 4th issue should be showing up. That what has been the track record with the December 28th issue. Just about anytime we have had problems with the delivery of the bulletin it came on a mailing on a three-day holiday weekend.

In this area on December 25th and January 1st the Postal Service just shut down. No street collections, no receipt and no dispatch of mails. It also appears that the second-class 'newspaper' mailing did not get the priority treatment it was supposed to get.

These decisions on suspension of service on holidays are not local ones. They usually come from a higher level intent on 'economy', the balancing of the Postal Service budget and a 'business-like' operation. If you want to complain, it does little good to beat your letter carrier or bend the ear of the local postmaster. Your best bet is to complain to your Congressman or U.S. Senator. They are the only ones who will be able to help.

Weekend mailings at times can be nothing but grief. We may move back to a Friday mailing later this Spring. We are working...and thinking...of possible remedies and the problem was not with the second-class alone this time.

Anyhow, if you are still clutching the DXAC survey sheets and wonder where to send them, dispatch them to:

Robert W Wood KØHUD
1012 East Main Street
Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

EP2VW says he is hearing between 1100Z and 1300Z a multitude from Europe, JA, KH6 plus the W1-W4 areas. In Teheran this is their late afternoon and the last two hours of sunlight. Doug will often be found at 7006kc looking for the action. He might be on a short tour with GLDIE this week but wants the Deserving to watch for him.

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ANAHEIM? Soon!!

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED On the CQ WW Test of last Fall, some of the preliminary scores may be interesting:

All Bands: W1ZM 1 885 050
W7JST 1 678 586

1.8mhz KV4FZ 37 584
K1PBW 7 280

3.8mhz EA8CR 200 850
I3MAU 90 783
W7KW 81 136
W1CF 69 608

7.0mhz CX4CR 363 110
VR3AH 308 750
AA6EPQ 74 100
W9ZRX 49 980

14mhz FY7AK 1 415 329
PY4OD 1 308 560
WB0LLR 269 010
WA1RHA 253 640

21mhz CW3BR 1 094 767
YV2AMM 806 200
K4YYL 303 170
AA4OSM 227 360

28mhz CE6EZ 349 246
OX3BH 257 130
WB5OAS 37 422
AB5HIH 22 952

Multi-Single: VP2G 5 901 780
WA8ZDF 1 966 390

Multi-Multi: VP5M 10 550 786
W7RM 5 118 175
W3AU 4 500 000
DK0KX 3 324 991

That may give you some idea of the trends in the contest. CQ has made some new appointments for their contest activity, two co-directors being named. These are Robert Cox, K3EST, and Larry Brockman, WA6EPQ. The two were specifically named to run the CQ World-Wide DX Contest, Frank Anzalone, W1WY, continues as the Chariman of the Contest

Walt who used to sign UA4FCM is still being found around 3648kc...signing UK3ABO. Actually, his call now is UV3GM and he may have been at a club station. That 7G1FT continues to be heard. Last week he was working 3X1CT, passing along DX information and some quick remarks. Sound real as all get out. 5T5CJ/9L1JM and ZF1RD go to W4BAA for QSL purposes. Down in the Grand Caymans they will not issue ZF-callsigns to any but citizens of the British Commonwealth from now on. Seems like some W types got ZF1-calls and then used them /W back in the states. Not exactly legal and highly irritating. You can still operate but it will be your own call /ZF1. Yugoslavia started off 1977 by giving permission for 1.8 operation. Some similar activity is expected from France and possibly Italy and Denmark in the coming months. W4BRB (W400) worked PY0ZAE on 160 for his 100th country. That means, when the QSL comes in, that Gene has qualified for 6BDXCC!!

Joe, I7DPO, advises that QSLs for their IL7WTI effort of last July on Tremiti Islands are going out. If you need one write to I7VCA, Enzo Chiarello, Box 1, 70100, Bari, Italy. That IL7WTI is a big card....folded down. The islands are also known at the Diomedes, that Greek hero reportedly dying there when returning from Troy.

The Common Market DX 1977 Contest is to start April 2nd from 0600Z April 2nd..to 2400Z for c.w...and from 0600Z to 2400Z on April 3rd for phone. Certificates will be awarded and full information can be obtained from Michel Le Bon, ON4GO, Chee de Wavre, 1349 B-1160, Brussels, Belgium.

The Barbados is continuing the 8P7 prefix to the end of March. Send proof of contact with two 8P6s (or 7s) to Box 814-E, Bridgetown, Barbados, BWI and the ARSB will send you a fine certificate....but remember to include U.S. \$1.00 SM0AJU notes that WB9EWH/VQ9 has been naming WA4FVT as the QSL route.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

We've seen so many winters come
And watched so many old years go
And heard so much DX at dawn
We never really got to know.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

BI9J 1828/0755/Jan 7m	HKØBKX 1803/0610/Jan 5m	PY1RO/Ø 1830/0515/Jn 8m
EL4ØR 1802/0625/Jan 8m	KH6CHC 1997/1130/Jan 8w	PYØZAE 1828/0400/Jan 10e
G3ZTY 1825/0800/Jan 4e	KJ6DL 1995/1145/Jan 8w	LU1DZ 1811/0225/Jan 8kv
G3WYI 1825/0750/Jan 4e	KL7GKY 1825/0430/Jan 5m	VR3AH 1805/1005/Jan 8w
G3SZA 1811/0700/Jan 7m	KP4EAJ 1810/0225/Jan 8m	ZL2BT 1805/1430/Jan 7w
GD4ERG 1825/0640/Jan 7m	PT2GVV/9 1803/0530 8m	
GI3JEX 1828/0635/Jan 8m	PAØHIP 1811/0720/Jan 7m	
HB9RM 1827/0720/Jan 8m	PY1MAG 1811/0215/Jan 8m	
A2CBW 3790/0415/Jan 5e	KG6JIH 3789/1425/Jan 10w	VP2LCT 3797/1020/Jan 8e
A6XP 3795/2120/Jan 1e	KJ6DL 3800/0635/Jan 7w	VR3AH 3801/1005/Jan 8e
DU1REX 3795/1400/Jan 10w	KM6EA 3807/0615/Jan 8w	VS6DO 3790/1450/Jan 8w
DM3EA 3513/0645/Jan 10w	ON4UN 3799/0630/Jan 7w	XE1BJ 3800/0345/Jan 43
DJ6RX 3518/0710/Jan 2w	PJ2FR 3793/1130/Jan 8e	XP1AA 3790/0650/Jan 10w
F3NB 3523/0640/Jan 10w	PY2BZD 3778/0335/Jan 4e	ZK1BA 3800/0655/Jan 9w
FG7AH 3516/0150/Jan 6w	SM7WE 3784/1035/Jan 8e	ZL4LR/A 3527/1000/Jn 7m
FO8EK 3780/0700/Jan 9w	SM5BLA 3788/0725/Jan 5e	ZP5AO 3800/0315/Jan 4e
G3KNO 3514/0740/Jan 4w	SVØWZ 3594/0500/Jan 8e	ZS5RM 3799/0320/Jan 4e
HB9KC 3502/0540/Jan 4w	VK4SI 3504/1500/Jan 10w	ZS5LB 3798/0340/Jan 4e
HC2SL 3519/0520/Jan 4w	VP2EEQ 3802/0430/Jan 2m	ZS6KN 3799/0220/Jan 4e
HM2HN 3504/1330/Jan 10w	VP2LL 3808/1045/Jan 8e	
HR3JJ 3797/0250/Jan 3e	VP2SN 3808/1040/Jan 8e	
A9XBB 7011/0125/Jan 11e	J11CFB 7006/1035/Jan 5e	VP1MPW 7006/0610/Jan 10e
CO5FP 7055/0305/Jan 5m	JW9WT 7020/0200/Jan 7w	VS5MC 7004/2230/Often
DJ6RX 7005/1455/Jan 8w	LZ1LD 7030/2130/Jan 6e	YO5KAU 7008/0225/Jan 7e
DL6GB 7010/0035/Jan 9w	LZ1KSN 7009/0215/Jan 10w	YO3BEJ 7010/0300/Jan 7w
DM6PAI 7004/0800/Jan 3w	ON5DD 7004/0810/Jan 3w	YU3SE 7027/0145/Jan 7e
EA3JJ 7011/0005/Jan 8w	PJ8KG 7004/0025/Jan 10w	YU4EFR 7010/2010/Jan 5e
EL2ET 7026/0215/Jan 6e	PY1RO/Ø 7006/0820/Jn 10w	YU2CAO 7006/0500/Jan 7e
EL2EU 7005/0855/Jan 4w	SP9EIJ 7028/0155/Jan 7e	ZS1ER 7006/0335/Jan 8e
FB8XO 7002/1730/Jan 8w	SMØAJU 7001/0850/Jan 3w	ZS2EM 7036/0415/Jan 7e
F6BGM 7010/0025/Jan 9w	UA9NN 7003/0210/Jan 6w	ZS5A 7009/0355/Jan 8w
FG7AS 7007/0215/Jan 10w	UA4HBW 7004/0920/Jan 3w	ZF1HE 7007/0555/Jay 10e
FOØPJM 7006/1030/Jan 5e	UAØBBN 7014/1200/Jan 8e	5T5CJ 7005/0830/Jan 8w
FO8EK 7004/0230/Jan 10w	UK1ADK 7001/0100/Jan 6w	5Z4LW 7003/0030/Jan 8e
FR7LR 7010/0340/Jan 2m	UK6LAZ 7003/2105/Jan 7e	7G1FT 7007/0555/Jan 10e
HA5HS 7008/2125/Jan 6e	UY5NY 7003/2110/Jan 7e	8P7GO 7006/0415/Jan 6e
HA5KGR 7012/0130/Jan 5w	UK9AAN 7004/1300/Jan 7e	7XL4N 7008/0310/Jan 3m
HM1JL 7003/1740/Jan 8w	UP2BAO 7018/0015/Jan 6e	9J2WR 7003/0455/Jan 8e
IK2XXG 7002/2310/Jan 3e	UL7PBE 7023/0240/Jan 6w	9M8HG 7004/1400/Jan 10w
IK9ATZ 7030/0020/Jan 2w	VU2LE 7006/1250/Jan 9e#	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands)
(ep = iran, etc. all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim! again.....)

MORE RED EYED STUFFAFRICA CW

FR7AI/E 14037/1755/Jan 8e
 3B8DC 14049/1820/Jan 9w
 5Z4NI 14021/1840/Jan 5m
 7X4AN 14026/1250/Jan 6e
 9J2NL 14054/2040/Jan 9e

AFRICA SSB

EL2EU 21416/1600/Jan 9e
~~FB0WA~~ 14205/1825/Jan 10e
 FL8NR 21299/1500/Jan 3e
 SU1MA 14206/1440/Jan 4e
 TU2DF 14212/2240/Jan 6m
 S79D 14205/1820/Jan 10e
 S79P 14195/1830/Jan 11e
 ZE2JW 14237/1855/Jan 4e
 ZE1FB 21318/1640/Jan 9e
 ZS6CR 21356/1705/Jan 9e
 ZS7SD 14214/2010/Jan 5e
 5T5CW 21416/1525/Jan 9e
 5N2WBF 14220/1700/Jan 3e
 5U7AG 14210/1830/Jan 4e
 5V7WT 14202/1830/Jan 4e
 7P8BC 21306/1515/Jan 8e
 7X2EMP 14210/1900/Jan 3e
 7X2FL 14205/1900/Jan 3e

ASIA CW

BV2A 14025/0000/Jan 9m
 JT1KAA 14034/0505/Jan 3ep
 UH8HBR 14027/1305/Jan 9e
 9D5B 14025/1330/Jan 3ep
 9D5A 14028/1455/Jan 9e
 9K2DR 14001/1320/Jan 9e

ASIA SSB

ALXVK 14214/1410/Jan 3e
 AP5HQ 14221/1335/Jan 7e
 EP2GL 14310/1810/Jan 2ep
 HM0S 14226/0045/Jan 1w
 HZ1TA 14246/1530/Jan 8w#
 JY5HH 14205/1505/Jan 8m#
 4X4CW 14211/1555/Jan 8w#
 4X4FQ 14210/1540/Jan 9w#

EUROPE CW

DM2EA 14027/1520/Jan 3w
 EA4CR 14042/1705/Jan 10w
 EA6DEA 14025/1725/Jan 3w
 EI6CE 14010/1500/Jan 6m
 GM4CMO 14032/1615/Jan 3w
 HA1SB 14025/0720/Jan 3ep
 IK1QJC 14045/1335/Jan 5e

IK2FGP 14029/1635/Jan 4w
 JW1SO 14025/1325/Jan 9e
 JW9WT 14030/1810/Jan 7m
 HA3GJ 14010/1530/Jan 2e
 LZ1YY 14025/0730/Jan 3ep
 LZ2EV 14025/0730/Jan 3ep
 UC2LAO 14041/1340/Jan 5e
 UA1JJ 14021/0210/Jan 5w
 UK2BBB 14023/1325/Jan 7e
 UR2RCU 14024/1315/Jan 8e
 UR2JW 14015/1325/Jan 10e
 YO3AC 14025/1350/Jan 3ep
 YOeRF 14025/1340/Jan 3ep
 ZB2CU 14011/1735/Jan 3e

EUROPE SSB

CT1SK 21318/1535/Jan 9e
 EA6BG 14224/1410/Jan 9e
 EI8H 21311/1520/Jan 9e
 FC9UC 14203/1340/Jan 8e
 GW3AX 14203/1530/Jan 10m
 GW4BVN 14203/1510/Jan 10m
 GW4ESL 14202/1700/Jan 6e

GM3POK 21391/1520/Jan 9e
 HB9KX 14247/1600/Jan 8w#
 IK2PJA 14205/1410/Jan 6e
 I0PNM 21384/1505/Jan 9e
 LA1NG 14225/2150/Jan 8m
 OE1PEW 14210/1445/Jan 6e
 OE1SKL 14210/1325/Jan 3m
 ON4FJ 14208/1600/Jan 8w#
 ON6HR 21323/1500/Jan 9e
 PA0EHF 14232/1600/Jan 9w#
 SV0WZ 14217/1525/Jan 9w#
 UA3XCA 14208/1430/Jan 6e
 UK2GAD 14201/1255/Jan 5e
 3A2CX 14218/1600/Jan 8w#

ELSEWHERE CW

F08EX 14022/1640/Jan 6w
 F08DR 14030/0120/Jan 6w
 FY7AN 14026/2050/Jan 9e
 W8NMK/KG6 14029/0135 5w
 PJ2VD 14013/1255/Jan 10e
 PJ7VL 21043/1725/Jan 9w

PJ9KG 21260/1715/Jan 9e
 PJ8KG 14047/1835/Jan 8e
 PY1RO/0 14047/1835/Jan 8e
 PY0ZAE 14019/2120/Jan 3w
 VK0AC 14032/0445/Jan 9w
 VR3AH 14002/2045/Jan 9e
 LK1D 14026/2305/Jan 8m
 8P6DW 14025/1930/Jan 4w
 8R1J 14005/1920/Jan 5m

ELSEWHERE SSB

HC5KA 21416/1550/Jan 9e
 HP1XDC 14316/1520/Jan 9e
 HP9WU 21303/1530/Jan 9e
 KC4AAA 14320/0505/Jan 10e
 KC4AAC 14327/0135/Jan 11e
 KC6CG 14225/0025/Jan 9e
 KG6RT 14240/2350/Jan 9m
 KZ5ZK 21355/1730/Jan 9e

KX6BU 14279/0120/Jan 9m
 PJ8KG 21260/1715/Jan 9e
 VF3GCO 14208/1830/Jan 9e
 VP2MW 21316/1730/Jan 4e
 VP2LL 21368/1930/Jan 2m
 VP2GRN 21395/1930/Jan 7m
 VP5BS 14222/2125/Jan 9e
 VP8BC 14210/0030/Jan 9w
 VP8ML 14215/0100/Jan 7e
 XP1AA 14225/2145/Jan 8m
 YB7ACJ 14225/0020/Jan 1w
 5W1AT 14290/0200/Jan 10e
 8P6GN 14207/1410/Jan 3w
 8P6HV 21321/1500/Jan 9e
 9Y4OK 21280/1730/Jan 9e

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CONTESTERS ROUND-UP

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEET

W4JBZ there this week...may sign ST2JJ/STØ

HH2EL by 9H1EL to Jan 21st

The Colvins signing PJ8KG until the end of the month.

W9MR in 5W1 early February. Will try for ZK7

Erik, SMØAGD, due there late January

Next weekend.....Jan 29/30th

February 5/6th. Prepare!!

February 19/20th

February 26/27th

April 2nd in Houston, Texas: 1st Annual. Write W5ZSX

April 2nd at the Hilton. Join the Big Guns there!

ARRL DX TEST We are starting to pick up some vagrant indicators of action in the first go-round of the ARRL Phone Test and you might try listening for some of the following. Any planned activity will have to be reported speedily if the good word is to get to the eager DXers.

Saudi Arabia

Seychelles

HZ1AB in full-bore effort by WA4GFC and WB9FUV

S79D and S79P planning activity for coming tests

INDXA Bud Kellam, K3RLY, passes along the plans of Wayne Warden, W9MR, who will be in the Pacific starting the first week in February.

Wayne, who in the past has shown from a number of spots including the CEØs, will be in Apia, Western Samoa/5W1 on February 3rd. He will try to arrange to get to ZM7-Tokelau for a two week stay. However, until he gets on to the scene there at Apia the planning will not be definite.

If ZM7 does not work out, Wayne will head for Niue for a week, then on to Lord Howe for a week and onward to Manila.

Wayne will be found 25kc up from the lower edge for the c.w. operations and will work split on SSB, the main action probably being around 14195kc and listening up as indicated.

QSLs for all the efforts will be handled by INDXA, Box 125, Simpsonville, Maryland. 21150. Actually, the word on any ZM7 effort may not be firmed until about February 7th. Keeping a watch around 2330Z might turn up some late information.

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ARRL In connection with WARC 79 and the FCC's Notice of Inquiry, the Advisory Committee for Amateur Radio will be meeting in Washington next Tuesday, Jan 25th. They will be working on a response to the FCC's Third Notice of Inquiry on this WARC matter.

Docket 21033 released by the FCC late in December would eliminate repeater sub-bands, eliminate separate licenses, reduce the logging requirements among other things. Comment on this one is due April 1, 1977.

There is still some confusion as to what happens when you remit funds to the FCC with license applications, the need for cash presently being suspended due to some court decisions. Some indications are that personal checks will be run through the shredder but you will be advised. Others that cash, money orders or certified checks will be remitted back via government check. Just don't send.....
TNX to W1AM, W1DA, W1WY, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, WA3DMH, W4BAA, W4BRB, W4HU, W4KA, K4LRO, WB4OXD, W4QDP, W4TYE, W4UL, W4UF, W4UMF, W4ZR, K5DB, W5OSJ, WB5OXC, K5TSQ, W5USM, W5UW, K5YMY, WB6BPZ, K6EC, WB6IXC, W6JD, K6LAE, W6PN, W6PT, W6PT, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, WB7ABK, W7LR, W7YTN, W7QK, W8GT, K8IP, W9BZW, W9DH, K9OTB, K9UIY, W0SFU, WA0TAS, KH6BZF, KV4FZ, EP2VW, I7DPO, ON4GO, 8P7AW, SM0AJU, SV0WZ.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers was up the hill last week, and with the weather closed-in and not being able to even see San Quentin Point down the bay, we sat where it was warm and discussed important things....like DX. "Tell me", the QRPer said, "why is that once you have earned something important like five-band DXCC that those who do not have it are always around trying to down grade it. This idea that some have about opening up the whole country as areas from which contacts can be counted can only work to cheapen the award. Why are they always working to cheapen these awards?" We too had thought about this but in this instance we were still a Seeker After the Truth. However, this QRPer was not finished. "And why are they still carrying all those deleted countries as credit for DXCC? Why some of those countries have been deleted over over a quarter century. There are a whole list where there has been no activity from ten to twenty years. Why continue to give credit when there is no activity and no possibility that those who need them can have a chance to work them? Why don't they wise up?" We were beginning to get some ideas of our own so we slipped in our own self-starting question. "What do you think of them issuing two-letter callsigns to novices?" we asked and the fulminator was hot. "Why that's absolutely ridiculous!" he shouted. "That proves my point. All they are interested in is longevity and we young fellows around sixty don't even have a chance. They make those DXCC rules for old men!" Son of a Gun, what could we say but that all things are relative to whose ox is in the gore. And we thought of Albert and his often spoken admonition: "All things are relative, some more so." And even though 1927 is an FCC watershed, someone has to be blamed and things look differently when you have than they do when you have not. And \$11.00 will bring a full year of wistful hopes to the DX Have-nots by second-class mail. \$14.50 brings the word by first-class mail to the U.S/VE areas while \$17.00 flings it down the back curve of the night, east beyond the last quarter in the dawn sky, to all of Mexico and the DX areas..... Learn when you are a protector of what you have or a claimant for what you have not.....

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