



# West Coast **DX** Bulletin

March 1, 1977

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**COMORO** Jacky Billaud, F6BBJ, plans to open from D6-Comoro during the first week in March, operate through the ARRL Phone Test weekend and probably be active from D6 for about ten days.

Jacky says that he will operate both c.w. and SSB during his stop in the Comoros. As of a week ago he was not sure on the licensing but planned to visit with D6AA should he not get his own license. The operation at D6-Comoros is the first of several stops planned by F6BBJ in the Indian Ocean area. After Comoro it will be-

**MAYOTTE** This will be another ten day to two week stop and he may be using a familiar suffix there, the call possibly will be FH0BKZ. Jacky considers this as a very rare one, there being little activity there since there was a change in the administration in this former Comoro Island group. Some other operators be join with him while he is at FH0. From Mayotte, Jacky is aiming for-

**GEYSER REEF** The operation from Geysler will depend on the availability of transportation and he will be looking for a 48-hour non-stop operation from Geysler. The dates for any possible Geysler operation are uncertain and Jacky says that he will be advising on this while operation from Mayotte. Last week he was feeling that he could not nail down any exact dates or be firm on the possibility that the plans will jell. However, he is on the optimistic side on this one and will try to get things organized while in FH0-Mayotte. After Geysler, where he may sign F6BBJ/3B, it will be-

**GLORIOSO** For a few days of operation, mostly c.w. This will be at the end of his trip in the Indian Ocean area and he figures to be there for some days. He may be signing FR0BKZ/G at this top.

Frequencies to watch for Jacky on his various stops will be:

CW	3505kc	7005kc	14045kc	21045kc	28045kc
SSB	3765	7085	14100	21265	18515

His listening frequencies will be announced. During his trip he will be keeping daily schedules with F5II and F6ARC and often these will be in on the activity to help things out. All QSLs will go to F6BBJ's home QTH.

There is enough activity to please a lot of the deserving ones in the next month or so. The home QTH is: II, rue R. Champenier, 58000 Nevers, France.

**VATICAN** Martin, OH2BH, will visit Brother Ed at HV3SJ for the ARRL DX Phone Test this weekend, March 4/5th, and will be looking to work everyone in the second go-round of the Phone Test. Martin says to watch for him around or about 14250kc. He figures to have a good signal out of the quad at HV3SJ.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Only one area remained from all those shown on last week chart, #788 was holding on and probably will until it turns the corner at the eastern limb. This area was at 19°S and 22°W on the date of this chart and probably lasted up to this last weekend.

The Solar Flux which had thrust up into the giddy nineties, faded back to the seventies and the good times were still around the corner.

However, conditions are enough to keep the Deserving DXers hanging in there and things should gradually improve. The Boulder sunspot count (corrected) climbed up into the seventies on February 13th, reaching 75 on that date. We are still getting some activity from the old cycle, #785 on last week's chart was from the old cycle, it turning the western limb over the Washington Birthday holiday. New Cycle 21 activity, however, definitely is dominating the picture and it is a safe bet that it will be doing just that for a few years. In the next several weeks there should be sporadic days of moderate activity. Some big activity might develop should a magnetically complex region develop though no one seems to be predicting this. Unsettled until about next weekend, March 12th and then quiet or slightly unsettled from then onwards for a bit.

W4UMF takes the measured look into the future, says that it will be great for DXers.....one of these days but for now you can look for a bit of HN to mix with the BNs and LNs you have been looking at. Ted, who is also N4XX, says that in these days of Cycle 21 and Great Expectations, it will be something like this for the next couple of weeks.

March 1st	Below Normal	March 8th	Low Normal
2nd	Disturbed	9th	High Normal
3rd	Below Normal	10th	High..but with some periods of Low Normal.
4th	Disturbed	11th	High Normal
5th	Low Normal	12th	High Normal
6th	Below Normal	13th	High Normal
7th	Low Normal		

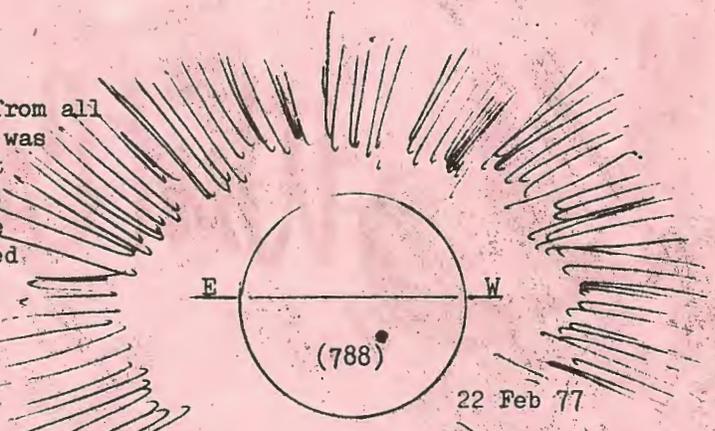
There it is. Check WWV at eighteen after the hour and look for the Rose Dawn of Cycle 21. Though you may have trouble copying WWV at times, remember it is the K Index they give first, this for current conditions....or right about now in real time.....then they give the Flux figure and the Ap Index for the previous day. Listen closely.....

One of these weekends we will run that chart again, that one from the Texan with the twin calls, twin towers and twin everything else. It will help you figure out on the chart just what WWV is telling you.

K6EC who always is listening to what WWV is telling, difficult thought it may be to copy at times, and Ev says that Boulder was handing out the following information for the chartmakers back a bit. And it went.....

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Feb 14th	87	9	Feb 18th	89	12
15th	87	7	19th	85	6
16th	88	7	20th	90	8
17th	93	9	21st	80	5

Keep listening. You will find that DXers always can use a bit of listening....



#788 2 spots 100/millionths

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KURE KM6EB is reported as aiming for a week of operation from Kure next month. The expected date for this one is the week of April 18-24th.

CONTESTER ROUND-UP This event in Houston on the first Saturday in April is starting to shape up: Out from far-off Newington will be Jim Cain, WA1STN, who will be there to discuss contest matters and the shape of things to come.

Also showing will be Bob Cox, K3EST, who will be there to present the views of CQ Magazine, Bob being on the editorial contributing staff of CQ.

W5ZSX is the one handling the information and other details for this meeting. This is Pete, once known as H5HAGN and also known for drifting a bit at 1S1A/Spratly a few years back.

This is just about four weeks off. If you are looking to hit the hub of contest activity and talk, plan to be in Houston on the first weekend in April.

LORD HOWE VK1AAU is reported as going to Lord Howe later this month, he planning to be there from March 23rd to March 31st. It is reported that he probably will be signing AX1AAU/VK9.

IWO JIMA The KA/HL Group headed for this island should be heard starting April 12th and they plan to operate for a week to April 19th. Those in on this trip will be KA6DB, KA6RI, KA6KJ and HL9VA. The call sign will be KA1IJ.

At this point they are definitely planning for twenty/fifteen and ten meter operation. Because of frequency allocations for that area, the operations on forty and eighty are a bit yet in the thinking stage and these may be split frequency operations if a decision is made. Anyhow, you can watch for them at:

CW 30 kc up from the low edge 14090kc 21030kc 28030kc  
Forty, if it goes, will be 7030kc

SSB 14260kc 24300kc 28580kc. On forty it may be in the 7030-7050kc area. At this point things are a bit undecided here.

A QSB Manager probably will be announced before the trip gets under way next month and it probably will be W7BUN who has volunteered to take on the task.

TROMELIN FR7TL/T on Tromelin continues to answer the calls for this one though at times it seems it should be more like "Patient Guy" rather than "Reliable Guy". He has been found most days in the 14100-14125kc area from 1700Z. He also planned to be at 14050kc from 1400Z for those who need a CW QSO. 6W8DY and WB8CTA also often at 14220kc from 1830 with a list effort.

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\*\* DX lands. Cycle 21 is at hand. Know when the Bag Parade passes your QTH!! \*\*  
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SOUTHERN SUDAN Confirmation has come via Frank Turek, DL7FT, that ST2RK/ST~~Ø~~ is definitely in the Autonomous Southern Provinces of Sudan and that Frank will handle his QSLs.

ST2RK has applied to the authorities in Juba for operating permission. When all the papers are in hand, they will be forwarded to the ARRL which still has the matter of Bill Rindone's ST2SA/ST~~Ø~~ operation of last summer before it for a decision.

DL7FT, who has been associated with several notable DX efforts in recent years, including Albania and Mt. Athos, says that it is expected that the callsign to be used after operating permission is obtained from Juba will be ST~~Ø~~RC.

ECUADOR A lot of operating in various HC--prefixes is planned for the next several weeks by Rick Dorsch, HC5EE, and some visiting W8s.

On March 1st WB8ODF and WB8OHT are expected to arrive in Quito and they will be signing /HC1 for March 1st and 2nd. On March 4th the group will open from Cuenca where they will sign /HC5 until the ARRL DX Test starts.

During the DX Test on March 5/6th, they will be signing HC5EE/HD5EE or HD~~Ø~~EE in an around-the-clock operation covering all bands from one-sixty through ten. They are rather certain that they can get the HD5EE call for the contest period.

On March 7th it will be Guayaquil and HC2. On the 8th it will be to Playas with HC2 or possibly HC9 as the prefix. On the 9th the group will return to Quito. Between March 9th and 21st they will activate /HC6 and HC7 but the dates are not firmed. They will be in the ARRL CW DX Test on March 19/20th but will not know until later from what zone they may operate. Look for them then...or other times...at-

CW 1810kc/3530kc/7030kc/14030kc/21030kc/28030kc

SSB 1.8 DX window 3798kc/7163kc/14205kc/21300kc/28600kc

The times they operate will vary depending on factors they cannot control. The frequencies generally will be close to the above.

There is one intriguing stop on the trip and this may be around March 7th when they may stray from the road to Guayaquil and head for an area on the Peruvian/Ecuadorean border in HC3-land, a place called Aguas Verdes. This is a trading center on the border and there is free inter-change for the natives on either side of the border. Sources in Peru have indicated that it is not considered Peruvian territory. Some in that part of Ecuador say that it is 10 miles from the Pan-Am Highway and definitely is not part of Ecuador. The area is at 80° 20'W and 3° 30'S and on the bank of the Zarumilla River. The group will be seeking more information when in Quito to pick up the licenses and may activate...either to see if the kindly souls at the DXCC Desk may look at it as a possible new one for the deserving....or just to do some operating from a remote and exotic locale. QSLs for any WB8ODF combination go to the home QTH for this one. For HC5EE and WB8ABN plus any variations, go to WA8TDY with the usual sase in both instances. WB8OHT etc also go to WA8TDY.

Rick, HC5EE, did plan to activate HD4EE over the Christmas period from Atacames but a lightning strike on the 40m antenna made some modifications to the TS-520 that made any operating a bit difficulty. Even Marconi might have had problems. So Rick spent the period fishing in the Pacific, taking apart the Humboldt Current with 82 fish totalling 372 pounds in six days on the beach.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

To the Threshold of Waking Light,  
To Larksong and the Live Gray Dawn.  
So night by night, my DX has gone.....

LOW BAND LOU

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, date, and time. Includes stations like FO8EX, G3AC, HG5EE, KG6JH, etc.

AFRICA CW

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, date, and time. Includes stations like A2CSD, A2CED, CN8CF, D2AAI, etc.

AFRICA SSB

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, date, and time. Includes stations like C5DAB, CT3AF, EA8KZ, etc.

EUROPE CW

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EUROPE SSB

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, date, and time. Includes stations like DM2GO, DM2DUK, DA2MJ, etc.

ASIA CW

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, date, and time. Includes stations like AP2TN, EP2VW, HL9TS, etc.

ASIA SSB

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, date, and time. Includes stations like AP5HQ, CR9AJ, HS5AKW, etc.

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AND A BIT MORE RED EYED STUFF

ELSEWHERE'S CW

C6ABA 14002/2140/feb 14w	KF2ONO 14042/1845/feb 13m	VP1HE 14030/2240/feb 13m	VS5MC 14031/0000/feb 18e
FO8EX 14006/1635/feb 17w	KGLJS 14045/1545/feb 17e	VP2DD 21030/1850/feb 16w	VS5MC 21022/2330/feb 18w
FK8CL 14011/1045/feb 16e	KPL6AJ 28027/2030/feb 15w	VP8PL 14020/2305/feb 14m	YJ8CS 14037/0445/feb 20kh
PY7YE 14050/1820/feb 21w	KZ5FR 21030/2230/feb 26w	VP8AI 14012/0005/feb 18w	ZL3IS 21019/2005/feb 16e
HI3PC 21038/1900/feb 18e	PJ3SF 14050/1805/feb 16w	VP9GK 14063/1325/feb 16e	5W1AF 14005/2320/feb 16w
KGLGM 14007/1830/feb 12oz	VK2QL 14027/2100/feb 13m	W1HUY/VP9 14080/1405 20w	8P6FX 14035/2140/feb 17w
XE1JM 28149/2020/feb 15w	XE2OM 28033/2125/feb 15w	VP9HT 21025/1755/feb 15w	8P7HB 14018/2235/feb 15w

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

C21FS 14206/2125/feb 16e	HC1KG 21364/2245/feb 19m	VK9ZM 14207/2225/feb 18e	VR3AK 14206/0105/feb 17m
CE8AE 14220/1415/feb 18w	KC6CG 14225/2330/often	VK9AC 14235/0045/feb 18e	VS5MC 14225/2330/often
DU1REX 14225/2350/feb 20w	KCLAAA 14213/1305/feb 17e	VK9TB 14230/1600/feb 16e	YB7AAU 14225/2330/often
DU1EH 14220/2325/feb 21w	KCLAAD 14339/0415/feb 18m	VK3AH 14197/2050/feb 13m	YS1MAE 14198/1450/feb 20e
WAGYOU/DU2 14225/0015 22w	KG6JHI 14225/2315/feb 17e	VP1NEW 14206/2125/feb 18e	ZK1BA 14295/0615/feb 16e
WBSLBJ/DU6 14225/0015 22w	KG6JHC 14204/0125/feb 21m	VP1MW 21307/1935/feb 17e	ZL1KG 14215/0420/feb 16e
FO8EY 14247/0250/feb 18e	KG6RL 21265/0045/feb 14m	WA1VAC/VP9A 14309/2030 18e	5W1AT 14225/1955/feb 19e
FO8DP 14238/0250/feb 18e	KJ6DL 14205/0200/feb 20w	VP8PL 14214/0020/feb 17m	5W1AU 21282/1930/feb 20e
PY7AN 14211/2150/feb 14m	LU1ZA 14225/0025/feb 20w	VP8HV 14222/0045/feb 18e	
HK1CAW 14318/1205/feb 16e	PJ3BE 21309/1935/feb 20e	VP9LF 14333/1950/feb 20e	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii or = denmark i = italy, etc)  
(all times in gmt # = long path ! = well 'hat's a punnier ??? = Slim, good for a quo but not a qu!)

AND MORE SHORTLY NOTED FCC has changed things again on how to measure Novice Power. Now the measurement must be all power into the final tube (exclusive of heater power). Thus a screen-grid final must not only include the plate input power but also the screen-grid input power.

ARRL notes that the Chief of the Personal Radio Division (this used to be the Amateur and Citizen's Division) has laid down some ground rules for FCC appearances at some amateur meetings. If you are involved in planning a convention or hamfest the ARRL will be glad to supply you with the FCC criteria. The ARRL had a slight curl in their hair after noting a final sentence in the FCC release which says, ".....and we do wish to establish some mechanism whereby the views and recommendations of concerned amateurs would be presented to us."

C4A- seems to be the new prefix for Cyprus. C4AFW has been heard at 3790kc around 2230Z working SSB.

The Marconi Memorial Station is usually active on Saturdays and Sundays..... usually from 1600Z to 1800Z on twenty and fifteen and both CW and SSB. Look for I14FGM. QSL to I4BFY or to P.O. Box 3113, Bologna, Italy. HB9MX notes that TJ1AF has shown in February in the 14106-14110kc area after 1700Z and says he will be more active in the future. D6AA is also being found in that area....14100kc to 14112kc from 1500Z but usually is only working his French friends.

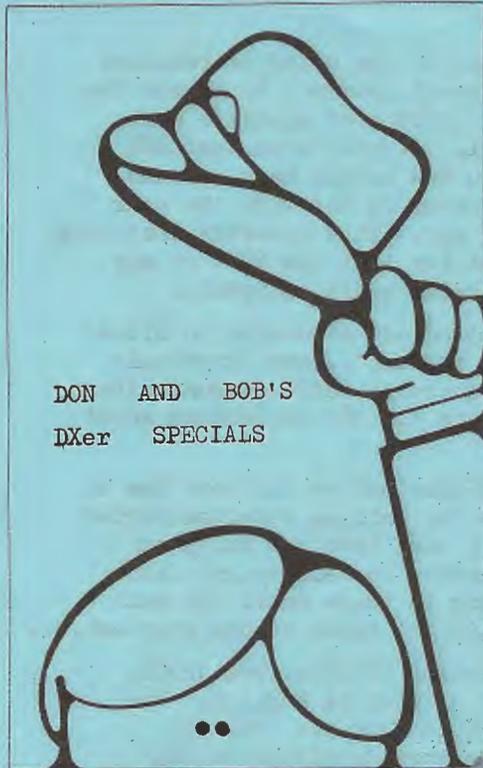
Darleen, HC2YL, and Joe, HC2OM, will be departing Guayquil this week and plan to move to the Hot Springs, Arkansas area. Hans, SV0WZ, says that he will be leaving Rhodes in June....heading for Washington about the middle of that month. CT4AT is also due to return to the banks of the Potomac in July. That is Don Riebhoff.

BOUVET The Norwegian survey ship was at Bouvet on February 24th, stopping long enough for a party to land on the island. Last Saturday the ship was beyond Bouvet and on its way to Capetown: At 1530Z it was at 50°S and 7°E.

The operator aboard the ship, Audum, who was operating LA3CC/mm, said that an ATLAS rig was taken ashore along with some storage batteries for power. There was no shelter at all and operating was difficult under best available conditions. 3Y1VC was put out on c.w., 3Y3CC on SSB. They operated for about two hours on the 24th, from about 1500Z to 1700Z. Audum figured that only about 50 QSOs were made, possibly a bit more. He was operating on c.w. and did not work any W/K/VEs. He did not know if 3Y3CC had worked any.

The operation came to an end when the storage batteries ran down. From Capetown some of the crew would fly home, the vessel is due there in South Africa on March 3rd. There is a good possibility that there will be a Norwegian group in the vicinity of Bouvet in 1978 and there is a possibility of another operation. Audum on his return home will then go on to JW-land.

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SHORTLY NOTED We have still not decided whether we are being overwhelmed by a great volume of DX information....or a great tendency to overdo the loquaciousness routine. But we are carrying a bit over again to next week and this includes some sidelights on RFI. If you think that RFI will become law because it is so logical, you had better back off and try again. Some industry sources say the problem is not with the gear being manufactured, it is at the transmitter end. This industry institute is aghast, absolutely aghast!! at the possibility that the FCC or any other agency might try to tell them how to design audio equipment.

Down in Texas State Legislator Hudson has introduced a measure to allow for a collection of \$100.00 damages from any person "...who knowingly or intentionally causes interference with commercial radio communications ...or any television communication...." That's H.B 383 introduced about January 10th.

We are also spending a lot of time away from home and on the road due to illness in the family. This may explain why the mailing date has varied in recent weeks. The Feb 22nd issue actually went into the mails on February 21st....Monday. This issue looks rather certain to get into the mails on Sunday, February 27th. Just hang in there until the mail man comes....he will eventually. We will also get ahead of our problems....

OZ6XT says that AP2TN is frequently active around 21058kc from 1200Z. JA0CUV/1 is turning out a weekly DX newsheet written in English. You can get a sample copy if you send a sae/1 IRC to Tack at: Box 22, Mitaka, Tokyo, 181 JAPAN. Subscription rates vary depending on what part of the world but are for North America.....13 copies for 1350yen 26 copies for 2550 yen and 52 copies for 4800yen. A U.S. dollar is worth 295-300 yen. Last week it..the yen...was being quoted in the financial pages at .0035¢. Anyhow, if you want to tune in on the JA DX scene, Tack is ready to fit you with your copy of his DX bulletin.

The ARRL has pledged \$50,000.00 in reimbursements for developmental and construction costs for AMSAT's efforts to launch their AMSAT-OSCAR-D satellite. ARRL is also arranging for Clarke Greene and Ed Kalin to be detailed, at AMSAT expense, to working to get the A-O-D effort to realization with the launch date presently aimed at mid-October.

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CALENDAR

MALPELO	HK/TU for three days from March 12th
COMORO	F6BBJ opening from D6-land this week...about two week stay
GUINEA-BISSAU	SM/AGD expects to be there some time this month
SOUTHERN SUDAN	ST2RK rather definitely in Juba. Watch for this one....
ZAMBIA	KL/FOK there for two weeks from this Wednesday..March 2nd
TRANSKEI	S8AAA active. Work those S8s...they may be pure DXCC someday.
IWO JIMA	KA/HL group looking for lots of action from April 12th
LORK HOWE	VK6AAU signing AX6AAU/VK9 for a week from March 23rd
KURE	KM6EB reported as aiming for a week...April 18th to 24th
ECUADOR	HC5EE and friends with a lot of HC-prefixes during March.
MAURITIUS-3B8	KL/FOK there for a week from March 16th
MacQUARRIE	VK/AC active.....forty and twenty
KERMADEC	ZLs reported as going there soon. ZL1BUL for CQ WPX Test--October.
SOUTH ORKNEYS	VP8FL new one active....
WILLIS	VK9ZM active
HAITI	HH2EL should be heard.....but no reports yet.
MANIHIKI	ZK1BA for about 48 hours about April 12th
NAURU	C21FS active...should be heard until mid-month.
ARRL DX PHONE TEST	Second go-round this weekend.....March 5/6th
ARRL DX CW TEST	Also the second go.....March 19/20th.
CQ WW DX WPX TEST	Getting close.....March 26/27th
CONTESTER ROUNDUP	Getting Big! April 2nd in downtown houston. W5ZSX for info
FRESNO INTERNATIONAL	The BIG DX MEETING of the Year....every year. April 2nd at the Fresno Hilton. Join the other Big Guns there.
MAYOTTE	F6BBJ later this month...will have an augmented crew..FH/BKZ
GEYSER REEF	Probably next month sometime if things jell...by F6BBJ

SOME CRAMPED NOTES BV2B was recently visiting his daughter in the New York area. Will be home in Taiwan this month. Says there is a lot of interest there in amateur radio. Wayne Warden, W9MR, was signing /DU last week. HK/BKX skeds W9UCW every other night....check the odd-numbered days....at the bottom of the one-sixty band...about 0030Z. 9L1CD leaves Sierra Leone in mid-March...says to send any QSLs to home call..SM5CD. ET3PG says there are no licenses in Somalia at this time and no amateur activity permitted.

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ANAHEIM? Soon!!

ARRL On February 15th the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking aimed at the banning of any amplifiers covering the 24-35mhz range. Comments on this proposed rule will be accepted until April 25, 1977 and reply comments until May 5th.

ARRL will send you a copy of this proposed notice if you will send a sase with 24¢ postage. Mark the envelope "Amplifier Docket." You will get a copy as soon as the FCC makes it available...and it should be ready by the time you read this. Note that they aim at 'any' amplifier.....ANY! That means your future one for working ten meters. The FCC hopes to curb the illegal activity in the CB band by curtailing amplifiers for amateurs. Also expected soon is a Report and Order, to be effective in 30 days, that will establish spurious and harmonic output limits for amateur amplifiers. TNX to W1BB, W1DA, W1MV, W1SD, K1TZQ, W2AG, W2FP, W4AUL, W4BV, W4LEDD, W4HU, W4JTI, W4KA, W4MAV, W4QDP, K4SMX, W4UF, W4UMF, K6LAE, W6PN, WB6RSE, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, K6VY, W7BCT, WA7HRE, K4YFQ, WA4ZYU, ADXA, WB5EIN, W5LUJ, K5OVC, K6AC, WA6DNM, K6EC, WB6IXC, K6JG, WA7OBH, K8IP, W8JXM, W8OA, W9DH, K9KEV, K9UIY, W0SFU, WA0TAS, KH6BZF, KH6CZ, HC5EE, OZ6XT, DL7FT, JA0CUV/1, HL9VA, F6BBJ, W4UG, W6SP, IK4ZSQ, HB9MX, OH2BH, PA0WRR.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPer had been visiting down state and last week he came up the hill with some startling news. "I had to come with something that might be upsetting," the QRPer apologized, "but while downstate last week I visited the DXers there and guess what they told me." Sen of a Gun!! With an opening line like that there was no time to be guessing. "Tell us," we demanded. "Tell us right now!" And the QRPer did, hanging his head, shoulders braced back as bearers of bad news often do. "These DXers down that way tell me that there is a CBer there who subscribes to the West Coast DX Bulletin," the QRPer said. "And he makes no secret of it at all. None at all." This definitely was a surprising thing to hear for the question certainly must be asked as to what use a CBer might have for a DX bulletin. "It's a status symbol," the QRPer explained. "He really cuts a big hog with those other CBers. Why, they all wild with envy because he says he is one of the anointed ones. A reader of THE DX bulletin." We decided that we would have to think this matter over for a bit for there are strange things abroad in the land and twice last week the waxing moon had a ring about it. But there yet may be hope for those wailing "Ten-four, Good Buddy" in the outer darkness. And perhaps one of these days there will be a brave one who will stand and say simply: "The CBer who reads a DX bulletin cannot be all bad." And as we wait for the new dawn \$11.00 will bring you the DX word by second-class mail for a full year. \$14.50 flips it at you by first-class mail in the U.S./VE areas. \$17.00 will fly it at .85 Mach to Mexico and all the far DX lands, lands where many of those waiting have yet to hear the good word about Cycle 21.

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