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MAYOTTE F6BJJ was active last week with the call FHØBKZ. He should be heard through this week.

Jacky's schedule called for first the D6A-Comoros but this was not heard. Some have indicated that there would be no D6---others say that the FHØ operation would come first.

F6BJJ had indicated that some of his operations on this trip to the Indian Ocean islands would depend on how he found things on the scene. He does have other plans and it would pay to listen when the bands are open. He has aimed for a 48-hour operation from Geyser Reef if he could line up the necessary transportation. This might come with short notice.

Jacky was also planning activity from Glorioso. Keep listening. The frequencies were in 9-77. QSLs all go to his home QTH.

MALPELO The HKØTU Colombian group was off the rock last Friday and were on the air Friday evening. If all went as planned, they would be through with this latest HKØTU effort by the time this bulletin reaches you.

Friday they were reporting that the seas were a bit rough and they were laying off the island. The surge of the Pacific swell has always made the landings on Malpelo a touchy effort and this time apparently was no exception.

Again, QSL to:

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They have specifically asked that no cash or checks be sent. If you want to speed up a QSL, include additional IRCs.

TRANSKEI VE3FXT/S8 secured his operations from Transkei a week back and was due to follow that operation by showing from 7P8-Lesotho. After that stop he was aiming for a stop in 3D6-Swaziland and then a return home late this month.

A geologist, VE3FXT is Dr. George Collins and he was operating from a camper in Transkei. He was running close to the shoe string and it is suspected that any tokens of support will be welcomed. Further on you will note that he is expected to be able to make the Fresno DX Meeting the first weekend in April. It is also possible that he may do some lecturing while in the states.

The question of Transkei is still apparently being kicked around for DXCC credits. The DXAC was going to come up with a recommendation a month or so back but so far no indicators have been heard on this one this far west. The question of DXCC status was going to be considered on the basis of its government, and if not this, on the basis of separate administration.

has been a bit more activity but not enough to cause all the Deserving Ones to leap in wild exhilaration. Numbers 790 and 791 showed in the last week, 791 showed on March 4th with 2 spots and 10/millionths but did not last over the weekend.

No 790 turned the eastern limb about the third of the month, being a bit more then than it was on the day of this observation. Initially, the area was showing one spot that covered 70/millionths, it has slowed a bit since then

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#790 1 spot 20/millionths

Some may recall having read about the 'Maunder minimum' in articles on the sunspot cycles, this was the period in the late 17th and the 18th centuries when the spots all but vanished for a 70 year period. More study of the matter indicates that there has been at least a dozen other identifable periods such as the Manunder minimum, each lasting from fifty to two hundred years. Radio-carbon dating methods provided in tree-ring radiocarbon records a reading of solar activity all the way back to the Bronze Age.

There is the possibility that the present period, since the early 1700s, is an abnormal period and that the conditions during this period have applied but ten percent, or less, of the time in the longer run of history. It has also been noted that the periods of low solar activity correspond with periods of cold climates and that the high solar activity has coincided with warmer or benign climate. The studies have extended back to at least 3000 B.C.

If you are looking at the western sky at the end of this month you cannot help but note the evening star Venus. However, if you are up early you will also see it as the morning star. Up to the time of the Fresno International, Venus will be easier to see in the evening sky, after that it will be more prominent in the morning sky.....but for about a week it doubles as both the evening and morning star. Take a good look. It can be spectacular.

But rather than worrying about what might happen to the DXing if the sunspots disappear for 200 years, it is time to look down the long path into the next couple of weeks and NLXX, thawed and blooming on the banks of the Potomac, says it will be something like:

March 15th	High Normal	March	22nd	Low Normal
16th	Highslipping to Low		23rd	Low Normal
	Low Normal		24th	Low Normal
18th	High Normal	•	25th	High Normal
. 19th	High Normal		26th	High Normal
20th	High Normal		27th	Low Normal
21st	High Normal			

Generally, the High Normal conditions will come from quiet geomagnetic conditions. Last week Boulder was wedging the flux up into the 80s and the report from K6EC shows that the flux was moving up but not back to where it was a few weeks back.... Ev gives the report as:

172	1211121	Solar Flux	Ap Index		Solar Flux	Ap Index
Feb	28th	74	5	March 4th	78	3
Mar	1st	74	5	5th	79	2
	2nd	77	5	6th	79	5
	3rd	76	1.			

Listen at eighteen after the hour. Boulder will give you the current condition forecast first, then what the figures were for the proceeding day. Everything being relative as usual. Relative to what you wished it was.....

DXCC DESK Dave Newkirk will be ending his duties at the DXCC Desk at the end of March and the situation there for the future is unclear.

While there are intensive efforts being made to catch up with the backlog by using part-time and overtime help, it will take a bit of work to get things back to a current status. The search for a replacement may take a bit of doing inasmuch as know-how and experience is a critical need in the handling of the DX Business.

There has been no indication that Bob White, W1CW, may be considered for a return to the position....or if he would accept. There have been some irreverently proposing that the DXCC Desk be transferred out of the Communications Department....to something like Membership Services. This would eliminate the possible future shock which theoretically could occur if George Hart retires and Ellen White takes over the Communications Department. Transferring the DXCC out would conform to the desired good management practices which hoisted Bob White out in the first place.

Well, it was an idea....

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL Reservation forms for the annual Big DX gathering are going out....K6SSJ says, and the program is shaping up.

Among the many DXers coming to the Fresno DX Meeting on April 2/3 will be Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, who will tell of his travels in the Pacific, Asia, and Africa last summer. Bill will tell of the operation from Juba in the autonomous section of Sudan and how it was to call 'CQ' from Geyser Reef and get scant response.

Dr. George Collins has also indicated that he will be there. This is VE3FXT who was operating from a camper in S8-Transkei until last week. He was due to move on to 7P8 and 3D6 before heading back to the home area. He is a geologist doing some work in the SE area of Africa.

Lloyd and Iris Colvin will secure their VP2MAQ operation from Montserrat and will head for Fresno to give a full report on what they and YASME are doing and what their future plans will be. They will be there, as always, for the big DX gathering and then will go on to the Dayton HAMVENTION.

A good size contingent of JAs are aiming to be on hand for all the festivities, these including JA1ELY/JE1FFW/JI1HXR and JA1ETQ...and maybe even more.

Make your reservations direct with the Hilton in Fresno. The advice is that they will accept collect calls for reservations made to 209-485 9000. Ask for Millie Miller and tell her you are a Deserving DXer.

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MORE SHORT NOTES The Southeast DX Club ran a poll of their membership on on the needed ones. The following is the head of the list, notable for the listing of most of the usual 'desperately needed' ones, also that such lists tend to reflect the geographical areas. Anyhow, here is what it is like from the Atlanta area:

	1.	Iraq	.11.	Albania	21.	Andamans
2	2.	China-BY	12.	Spratly	22.	Qatar
	3.	Clipperton	13.	Okino Torishima	23	Central African-TL
1	+•	Khmer-Cambodia	14	Kamaran	24	Chad
	5.	Bouvet	15	Bhutan	25	ZS2-Prince Ed and Marion
6	5.	Heard	16	Laccadives	26	Auckland/Campbell
	7.	Saudi/Iraq Neutral	17	Bangladesh	27	Malpelo
	3	Burma	18	Cocos-Keeling	28	Aldabra
	9.	D6-Comoroes	19	Annobon	29	Willis
10).	South Sandwich	20	Geyser	30	Mellis

The spread from the top to the bottom of the above was 79 members needed Iraq....66 needed Mellish. KLKZP ran all this through a computer and came up with ten pages of needed ones. Maybe you would like to know the bottom of the list.....FP8/6W8/KS6/VP2L. 22 members needing those.

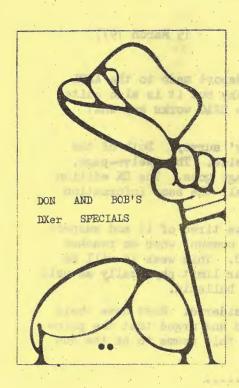
On F6BBJs frequencies, our high speed typing threw in '18515' for the ten meter frequency and a few have noted that they have not been able to find him there. Try 28515kc and things might fall into place.

If you are looking for a QSL route for 9M2GV, you might try via K6LAE. FW8CO will be on Wallis until July, sometimes found in the twenty c.w. band after 0300Z. Look around or just below 14025kc. PAØLOU has been active as YB3AB. Ten meters did show some good life during the phone DX test. Check it during the WPX test in another week. Some have copied the QSL route for VP2KJ as via WB2TSL...other times it sounds like WB2BLZ. The former seems to be the correct QSL route. That AX4-prefix is being used by the Australians during the visit of Elizabeth II. 3Y1VC still being found after the brief Bouvet stop saying that they made 28 contacts, mostly Norwegian and South American. We have one of the Deserving still trying after seven years to get a QSL for 5A4TE back in August 1969. Anyone with a right bearing on this one?

SVØWZ will secure in mid-June and Rhodes probably will be scarce from then on. Hans says to listen for him at 14305kc at 1500Z most days when he talks...in German..with his QSL Manager OE3NH. From 1530Z look for him at 1420kc looking for the anointed in the W/K/N/VE areas. From 0500Z you should look for Hans at 3592kc...give or take...and he generally listens at 3780kc and 3807kc. This is usually about a thirty minute session.

Other activity in that area includes 5BhAP who is often on SSB on weekends at 7080kc from 0600Z. Handle is Toto. EL80 is usually at 14270kc from 1520Z most days. Also, the word indicates that SVØWB and SVØD/mm might be Slim. There may be a scarcity of the Rhodes stations in the future, one thing being that reciprocity does not seem to be in sight.

The VL-SSB System will hold their convention in Salt Lake City this year. From June 23rd to June 26th. VS5WM is a W/K type working at the airport there in Brunei. Handle is Bill. Also heard is VS5MS...this is Moody. Around 14243kc at 1530Z.



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SHORTLY NOTED Next week we plan to run the DXAC Report made to the ARRL Directors meeting in January. It is quite lengthy but it is also quite informative. It will help to understand how the DXAC works and what were some of the agenda items they discussed.

We also are going to run another 'Needed Country' survey. Both of the foregoing items may run the bulletin a bit oversize. The twelve-page, six sheet issue is the limit as far as the postage goes. The DX edition may only run to three sheets...six pages...but all the same information is there in a somewhat dehydrated scale.

We are not going to belabor the subject...we have tired of it and suspect, that others may have, too. You will recall the comment when we reached 1600 in mailing. Last week the mailing was 1750. This week it will be more. There is no doubt that we have reached our limit physically as well as equipment-wise in the ability to publish the bulletin.

Several ideas to rein things down have been considered. Most have their drawbacks. But there were several who discussed and urged that the price be raised as a means to slow or stop growth and this seems to be the one which will get us into the least bickering.

Effective April 1st we will be trying just that.....

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ARRL continues to grow....up 4100 net in January. The total as of the ; end of January stook at 148 062. Full members in the League amount to 115 281. Newington says that all of this costs more money and with the increasing cost of serving each member, and the accelerated growth in membership, the raising of the dues effective April 1st was 'most timely'.

In the same ballpark, the FCC figures for amateurs as of the end of January pegs the figure at 293 655 total. That Docket 21135 mentions the issuance of non-sequential 2x2 calls to Extras. If you have a second call it might be well to look quickly at this proposal as it does seem that it may be an endangered species.

There are tremors that the VR7 by the HB9 may be showing during March. No really late information but the possibility seems to have life.

The plans by VR3AH for some travels in the Pacific seem to have hit a stone wall....transportation figuring in on things. Doug may be showing up from KL7 before long though his plans are a bit indefinite right now. He has found the log sheets for September 6th...but from then to Sept 22nd seem to have gone forever. If you had a Sept 6th QSO with VR3AH, K2BT may be able to help....



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KZ5SX	21322/1845/Mar	2m	VR3AR	14202/1930/Mar	Lim	ī		
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(all times in gmt # = long path ???? = Slim....in Rangoon with SMØ-XZ last month)

SHORT NOTES VR3AH will be trying, or was, ten meters between 2100-2200Z. Look for him both in the c.w. and SSB areas. FCC has cited some in the Florida area for side-bands below the edges of the sub-bands. One got attention when he was operating at 3:00a.m. The Night Watch.....

VENTOTENE ISLAND I2CBM well be signing IBOCBM during the WPX Test from Ventotene; Island, you will find it at 41 N and 13 E. For the IOTA Award this figures out to be EU-45. Look for them at 3780kc/7980kc/14180kc/21280kc/28580kc. They will watch the 14220kc/14240kc areas for the U.S. This operation should help both the Island Hunters and the WPX type. QSL to: I2YDX, P.O.Box 4, 21100 Varese, Actually, the operation will run from March 25th, Friday, to the following Monday, March 28th ...

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POLISH CW TEST

FKØBKZ should be heard through this week KLFOK due there this Wednesday, March 16th for a week AX6AAU/VK9 due next week.....March 23rd KM6EB looking for some mid-April action. April 18th CW operation by W6YO/VR6 in mid-April HC5EE and friends working up a multitude of HC-prefixes The Colvins with VP2MAQ to the end of March ZK1BA for 48 hours about April 12th Erik should be showing watch for this former CR3... This weekend....March 19/20th. Second-go-round

TEXAS DX Society with 6-band effort in CW TEST....PY1ZCF and look for them on one-sixty

CQ WW WPX DX TEST It's getting close. March 26/27th....Prepare!! The SP TEST. April 2/3

COMMON MARKET DX BERMUDA TEST POLISH PHONE GRAND BAHAMAS CONTESTERS

Also April 2/3....work the nine Common Market Countries April 16/17th. Check the rule changes for this year. April 16/17th

C6A--- March 17-22nd by K8VQP/W9VNE/K8MFO Big Texas Roundup. Ramada Inn, Hobby Airport in Houston.
April 1/2nd W5ZSX for info and road map.....

The Big DX Meeting that no Big DXer misses. At the FRESNO INTERNATIONAL Fresno Hilton....April 2/3rd. K6SSJ for information...

VENTOTENE ISLAND IWO JIMA

WPX and IOTA.....March 25/28th by I2CBM & Co. KA group from April 12th for about a week.

There has been nothing noted on that HII2EL which was due some weeks back from Haiti. W3HNK has removed.....Joe Arcure, W3HNK, Box 73, Edgemont, Penna 19028. JA1PIG/PZ says to seek him/..by mail...to either the JARL or Box 1237, Paramaribo. Remember, HKØBKX meets with W9UCW on the even numbered

There are a couple of major DXcursions in the making and something will be showing on these, hopefully, before long. The QSL Manager for 9N1MM, Ed Blaszczyk, W2KV/W3KVQ, goes to 539 Fairhill Drive, Churchville, Penna 18966. This is Ed's 16th year as QSL Manager for Father Moran. DJ5DA comes through with fast QSLs for TR8BJ.....just about turn-around service.

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ANAHEIM? Soon!!

ARRL The FCC has imposed a moratorium on special event station licenses and new secondary licenses for amateurs. If you applied for a 1x2 license before March 2nd you are still eligible. However, effective April 1st, those applying for a new secondary license will not be able to have the 1x2 assigned to such but must modify existing primary or secondary calls.

While this moratorium applies only to new secondary station and special event station license applications, it does seem that the FCC is moving towards the one-license goal and Docket 21135 released recently calls for just this and others will expire at the end of their present term. Calls will be issued in a sequential basis except for the Extra Class and comments on this docket are due June 2nd. You will be getting more information on this but this is the essential information. There are changes coming.

TNX to W1AB, W1DA, W1JR, W1MV, K2BT, W2NC, W2FP, W3CDL, WLBRB, WLHU, WLKA, WLQDP, KLSMX, WLTYE, WLUF, NLXX, W5AK, K5OVC, WA5YMW, K5FVA, K6EC, WB6IXC, W6JD, K6LAE, W6SP, W6PT, W6RGQ, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, W6VD, K6VY, K6XT, W6ZH, WLZR, W6ZS, K7ABV, W7LR, W7YTN, K8CFU, K8IP, W8JXM, W9BG, W9DH, WA9FFZ, K9AJ. WA9SLD. K9UIY, WØMHK, WØPRY, WØSFU, SVØWZ, EP2VW, KH6BZF, KOV-0751.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. A frontal system passed through last week to stall in the Great Basin and the north winds on the back of the low left the visibility dazzling. One of the QRPers came by and we sat in a sheltered spot and looked down the bay to Mt. Hamilton, fifty miles away. This was a sensitive QRPer and among other things he said: "I've been doing some research on those Red Eyed Louie rhymes. I seem to have difficulty in identifying the sources. Where does Red Eyed get them?" Son of a Gun!! These questions are asked and this was an easy one to answer. "Why", we said, "you will find them in the 'Oxford Book of DX Verse' Usually found on every DXers book shelf along with the ARRL Handbook, CQ's Amateur Atlas and Thompkins "DX Brings Danger". The QRPer thought for a moment. "You know something," he said, "I recognize all of those except that 'DX Brings Danger'. Where can I obtain a copy of that?" We were happy to help this QRPer onto the higher levels of enlightenment but had to advise him that we could only show him our library copy, it having been pledged as a prize for the Fresno International DX Meeting. And while some may long for a copy of this out-of-print treasure on DXing, \$11.00 will bring you a full year by second-class of the DX early warning signs. \$14.50 flies it by first-class mail to the U.S. VE areas while \$17.00 will roar it out of the night and across the day to Mexico end all the DX lands by airmail. But things may be different next month....

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