



West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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KINGMAN The operation of the KP6DB group has drawn a lot of praise. The large total number of QSOs made should be astronomical.

Though the schedule was made some weeks in advance, travel did run close to 5000 miles for some participants and there were always the variables of wind and weather on the ocean voyage on the sloop, the operation did stick close to their original schedule and secured last week as planned.

The middle and eastern states did well on this trip. Some of the western DXers found it a bit difficult to get through, at times saying that the band conditions were favoring the east. Inasmuch as the east was the area that fared poorly in the 1974 Kingman effort, this effort should have well compensated for the blanks the last time out.

Many have gone out of their way to praise the operation. QSL to K9ECE. Those who were on the effort were Norm Meyers, N9MM, Barry Fairfax, WB9KTA, Stewart Woodward, K4SMX and Glen Rattman, K5NA.

MARCUS The August plan for a Marcus operation has moved a good step forward with receipt from the U.S. Coast Guard of permission to operate from the island during the period of August 18th to 25th.

The HL/KA group will have to depend on military transportation to get to the island. At this point it is too early to ascertain what space might be available on the August 18th flight but arrangements have been made to monitor the flights in the period planned for the operation. If there is a hitch in transportation plans, there will be ample opportunity to advise those who may be watching for Marcus.

At the end of June, those in on the planning are HL9VA, Jim Gulvin; KA6KJ, Ken Johnson; and KA6SS....whose name we do not have at this time.

Plans call for SSB on 20/15/10meters mostly, there being a 1.5 megawatt Loran on the island which gives some problems on the lower frequencies. KA6KJ will bring a highly qualified c.w. operation into being and the c.w. types should find one of their own when Ken is on the air.

The group would like to work those needing Marcus first and especially when they try transceive operations to reach those who cannot split. The operation will go for a week and those with split capabilities are especially asked to hold off during the transceive periods.

QSL arrangements will be announced later. Gear includes FP-301D, FT-101E, SB220, SB 200 plus outboard VFOs. They are still working on their antenna inventory. More will be coming on this one in the weeks ahead.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Activity continues to rise though some of the active areas are short lived. If you check last week's bulletin you will note that we charted Nos. 830 and 833. This week we are charting Nos. 836 and 837.

No. 836 was at 20°N and 51°E on the date of this chart.
No. 837 was at 22°S and 56°E.

No. 834 showed on June 20th....possibly a day earlier over the weekend....had 1 small spot and was gone the day of this chart. No. 835 showed about the same time, it having one spot covering 10 millionths and was gone the following day, the date of this observation.

Nos. 836 and 837 showed about the same time but are of sterner stuff. Especially that No. 837.

If you scan the newspapers carefully, you can pick up a lot of odd information on the sunspot cycle. Recently there was an item on the rise in solar activity, this one saying that the peak would be in 1978. That would certainly be a fast rise after a long fall. The woods are filled with experts these days, often their comments slanted towards the CB market. Such as conditions will be difficult to bad in the next few years because of the rise in solar activity and skip conditions. As any QRP'er can tell you, when questioned on this subject all we can say is "More!".

But having our own expert on the things to come, we find N4XX down on the tennis court practicing diligently. Looking forward to the day when he can emerge triumphant in the neighborhood flight in the South Alexandria Masters competition, we find Ted leaping back and forth across the net in anticipation of his victory lap. And in between the hops and the landings, we get the good news of the conditions in the coming weeks and whether or not the shot is in or out of the baseline, Ted calls them as he sees them. And it will be—

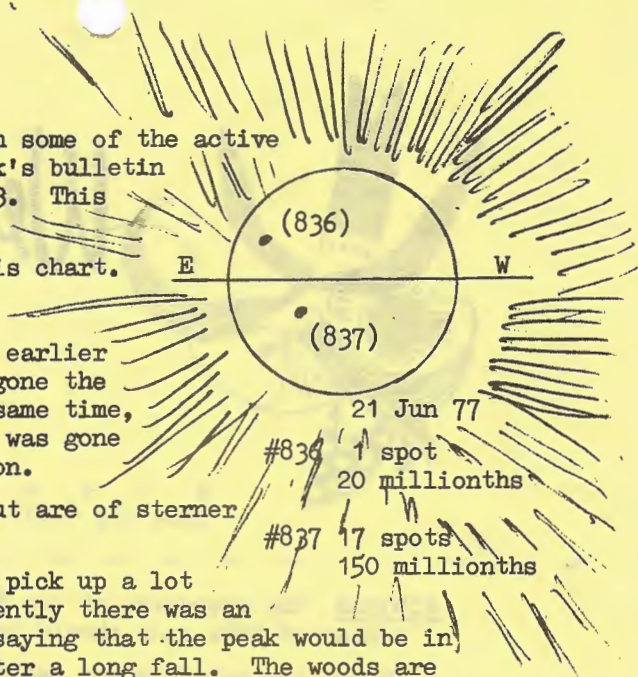
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| June 27th | High Normal | July 4th | High Normal |
| 28th | High...slipping to Low | 5th | High Normal! |
| 29th | Low Normal | 6th | High Normal!! |
| 30th | Above Normal....if all goes as anticipated | 7th | High Normal!!! |
| July 1st | Above Normal....if.... | 8th | High Normal!!!! |
| 2nd | High Normal | 9th | High Normal!!!!! |
| 3rd | High...slipping to Low | 10th | High Normal!!!!!! |

Son of a Gun! What does one say with a forecast for that July 4th week? Only thing to be said is: "More."

And with that, the messenger comes into sight from the south, bringing the word from the WWV watcher, K6EC. And Ev says that it will be—or it was!

| | Solar Flux | Ap Index | | Solar Flux | Ap Index |
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| Jun 13 | 82 | 5 | Jun 17 | 80 | 10 |
| 14 | 80 | 9 | 18 | 82 | 10 |
| 15 | 80 | 4 | 19 | 83 | 9 |
| 16 | 79 | 7 | | | |

There is the big picture. If you are still not believing that the Great Days for the Deserving DXers is at hand, you are going to have to change. Be a Believer! The sunspots are returning! They always have.....sooner or later.



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TOKELAUS There has been a report that the crew recently at F08JPM might show from ZM7-Tokelaus in mid-July. One report indicated a possibility of about July 8th.

Keep alert while more information is sought on this one.

X01 - X02 These will be permitted for use by the VO-amateurs during the month of August 1977.

JAMAICA THIRD-PARTY While often there is a presumption that any place in Region II is okay for third-party traffic, this is not so and such traffic from the U.S. to Jamaica became an authorized thing on June 12th.

6Y5LA, Lloyd Alberga, President of the 6Y5 Society, officially opened the 3rd party traffic at 1800Z on that date. Later that evening a bit of phone-patch traffic on seventy-five was evident.

JACK ANDERSON MEMORIAL CORNER The ARRL came out with a smashing plan for Field Day, this aimed at countering the publicity given by Jack Anderson in his April 4th column. The ARRL called for such an outgoing effort by amateurs that the whole world would stand amazed at the capabilities of the amateurs and would therefore and henceforth easily recognize that there was no substance to the Jack Anderson column.

Darn it!! We're serious. That was the plan!!

HAM RADIO REPORT, which has been consistently the best source of information and background on the Anderson foray, notes that the talk-show confrontation of a week or so back was a bit inconclusive. HR Report has been quick to identify the persons involved behind this action and the origins of some of the information in the April 4th column.

The Washing POST syndicates the Anderson columns.....they are the ones who sell it to over 700 other newspapers. In replying to one DX-type Sixer, the Executive Editor, Benjamin Bradlee said:

"You guys are extraordinarily active letter writers.

I hope you've been hitting the 700 other editors who ran that column, too. I've learned my lesson."

Sincerely,
/s/ Benjamin C Bradlee

If anything should prove the effectiveness of writing letters, this should be a convincer. The more you howl, the louder you scream, the more you are going to be heard. Recently we heard from a W1-c.w. type who noted that his last six new countries were on SSB. Ponder what happens when your voice is heard!

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NETHERLAND ANTILLES PJ9MM from Curacao will be activated from July 6th to July 14th by John Nelson, W1GNC, and W1XX, John Lindholm.

QSLs will go to W1GNC.

MARION ISLAND ZS2MI was being heard in the Northwest on June 18th....signals not especially strong but very readable at 1520Z. The station was working a lot of JAs at 7080kc.

The operator indicated that he was using a rhombic to get the signal out. The reports have been consistent that there would be an active operator from Marion and activity reports are increasing.

EGYPT There have been a number of those/SU or /4U stations heard which help corner an SU-contact but the activity of the locals has not been notable. However, SU1IM, Ibrahim, has advised the Northern California DX Foundation that he has the SWAN 500 about ready to go...and both SU1IM and his daughter, SU1MI, were noted in the reports a week or so back.....SSB.

The DX Foundation arranged for the loan of the gear to bring a bit more SSB activity out of Egypt. Ibrahim says that he has run into a problem with unstable line voltage but expects to get this worked out. He reported back in mid-June that he was awaiting a needed authorization to operate the gear and apparently this is in hand. He also noted that he would be retiring the venerable Hammarlund Super-Pro and that the SWAN would have him on SSB for the first time.

SU1MI, usually about the only other local heard out of Cairo, is his daughter, Doctor Moona. A couple of months back in reporting that the gear was on the way, we said that it was the Northern California DX Club that was arranging for the loan. Son of a Gun! All we heard was screams that the item had no foundation in it! Eventually we figured out through the moans that we had slighted the Northern California DX Foundation. Note how we went out of our way this time to get the record straight. They are doing great things at that DX Foundation... See! we got it right this time.....

COCOS-KEELING Australia is making claim to the Cocos-Keeling group which has been ruled by a single family for almost a century. Australian Minister for Administrative Services was expected to arrive in the group recently to announce the laws which will end the 91-year reign of the Clunies-Ross family.

The Australian minister was quoted as saying that the rules and new laws would be carried out whether the present ruler, John Clunies-Ross agreed or not.

AP5HQ A bit more input has come on the QSLing for this one and some have reported that they have received QSLs.

First, Clem Martineau, W4WV (ex-W4LRN), advises that he is no longer the QSL manager for this one, all the logs that were sent were cleaned up and a card sent whether or not it was wanted.

The general information seems to indicate that QSLs should go direct. It is a club station at a military training center and 'Fida' is often the operator.

Those thirsting for a AP5HQ should try the direct route.....

AP5HQ c/o Commandant
Signal Training Center
Kohat, West Pakistan.

IRCs may be a chancey thing. They may not last all the way. However, if you need it and have not been successful, invest a couple of more attempts. The indicators are that QSLs do come through. It is also notable that the station is not listed in the latest CallBook though it has been active for over 10 years.

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NAURU C21EF has been showing just above the band-edge on twenty....such as 14203kc...after 0500Z. Says his home call is DU6ESF and to QSL to P.O.Box 267, Republic of Nauru.

ALBANIA SLIM ZA1AB at 2300Z on June 14th.....14038kc. Slim still lives and will be heard again. Often on c.w....often with a rare one, work them first and worry later. There may be instances, but they will be mighty few, when a real rare one arrives unannounced. But don't let that stop you from jumping in and working them. We still remember one of the locals refusing to call C31 when it first showed....."no such call," he kept insisting.

BANGLADESH The reports are that there are two operators at S21AB though both are on SSB. Look for one to settle around 14150kc or slightly lower from 1300Z while a couple hours earlier, around 1100Z, you might find the station at 14198kc.

JA sources say that logs for earlier contacts....up to mid-May...have been received by JA0ZG/1 and that the others are expected. There are also a number of other JAs reported as being in Bangladesh and it may pay to listen as the activity is definite.

ARRL MEMBERSHIP The figures for May show that the totals are now well over 150K, being 154 873 total. This breaks down to:

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| 120 854 full members |
| 30 073 associate members |
| 3 946 subscribers |
| 154 873 total |

The membership in the various divisions is also reaching some impressive figures and the rank and membership runs.....

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| 1. Atlantic Division | 12 859 members | 9. Roanoke | 7040 members |
| 2. Great Lakes | 11 876 | 10. Pacific | 6614 |
| 3. Central | 10 573 | 11. Midwest | 6354 |
| 4. Southwestern | 9 856 | 12. Nor'west | 5603 |
| 5. Southeastern | 9 529 | 13. Delta | 5103 |
| 6. Hudson | 8 868 | 14. Canada | 4993 |
| 7. New England | 8 028 | 15. Rocky Mtn | 3141 |
| 8. West Gulf | 7 711 | 16. Dakota | 2676 |

SUNSPOT FIGURES A bit back we failed to note that the sunspot mean for May was 18.3.....that was Boulder's figure. Zurich had it at 18.4. This will make the 12-month running sunspot number at 12.5 and that the cycle on the 12-month smoothed chart is showing an upward trend. Definitely Cycle 21 is here.

The FCCs San Francisco Office has changed its schedule. Examinations for Amateur Extra/General/Advanced are: Extras Wednesday/830a.m. General and Advanced Code Test..Wednesday/10a.m. Technician Code/Wednesday 1:00p.

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TRANSKEI Something may be surfacing on this before long. If you check the November 1976 QST you will note on Page 76 under DXAC Notes that there would be no further additions under Rule 1 of the criteria until the DXAC could make a survey of sentiment among the DXers.

You will recall that this was done on a sampling basis some months back, a copy of the survey was run in two sections in the bulletin here. It is understood that the compilation of the survey results has been completed and the report and analysis is being typed up. It is possible that something definite will be on S8-Transkei and STX-Autonomous Southern Sudan before long.

The feeling is that any right-thinking DXer would be in favor.....look how how they rose up when 7J1RL was announced.

Meanwhile, here is a bit of comment out of the newspapers on Transkei. As in other matters, your rationalization can be in favor of things you want and against things you oppose. The news extract may give some more insight to your rationalizations.

Let's recognize Transkei

WASHINGTON — Slowly but surely the tiny Republic of Transkei, virtually leperized since its creation last October, is picking up adherents.

This nation of 2 million at the southern tip of Africa has been subjected to a global boycott because it received its independence as a spinoff of South Africa's policy of separate development. The official U.N. posture toward Transkei is that its independence is a sham, and that the black majority government of Prime Minister Kaiser Matanzima is in fact controlled by Afrikaners in Pretoria.

From the outset, this U.N. stance has seemed a little suspect, since the world body has gladly seated puppet states controlled outright by the Soviet Union. It has also welcomed to its ranks a host of minustates in Africa and elsewhere that compare unfavorably to Transkei in terms of population, geographical size and economic viability. An article by Lorna Hahn of the Association on Third World Affairs has made the point succinctly.

Writing in *The New Leader*, Miss Hahn observes that the U.N.'s charges against Transkei "hardly constitute a case against Transkei's qualification

for either independence or acceptance by the United Nations. While it is indeed small, it is larger than Belgium, Israel, Lebanon and 25 other U.N. members; has more inhabitants than do 31 U.N. members; has a higher per capita income (\$210) than 17 of its neighbors; and has a literacy rate of 22 per cent, above that of 19 African countries."

One of the criticisms lodged against Transkei is that Chief Matanzima has cracked down on his opposition, which he has. Yet as Miss Hahn points out, at least in Transkei there is a functioning opposition party, which is not the case in most of the newly created African states. Comparisons on this score, as on most others, put Transkei's new regime in a more favorable light than most of its African critics.

This subject is addressed by Freedom House, the chiefly liberal group that monitors the progress of political and civil freedoms around the world. In a recent survey, Freedom House found more by way of civil liberties in Transkei than in Angola, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde Islands, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Republic, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea,

Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zaire—to name a few.

While criticizing Matanzima's crackdown on the opposition party, Freedom House comes up with a generally favorable outlook for Transkei. "Chief Matanzima is not a South African puppet," says this agency, "and, with the exigencies of the emergency past, Transkei's freedom may soon advance. We do not accept the argument that Transkei should not be regarded as an independent state—indeed it appears to be more independent than many other satellites (e.g., East Germany or Mongolia)."

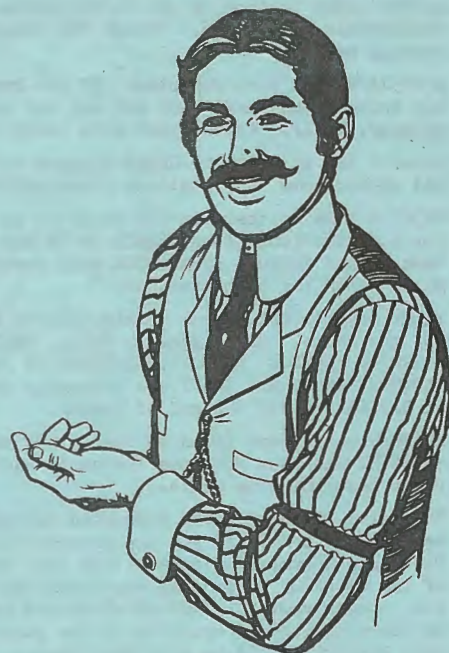
From all of which it should be apparent that the reasons alleged by the United Nations for opposing Transkei have little to do with the actual reasons. The real motivation is somewhat simpler: Transkei is essentially proWestern and anti-Communist, while the United Nations has become increasingly anti-Western and pro-Communist. Also, Transkei achieved its independence without the bloody revolution and upheaval so dear to Marxist hearts.

SHORT NOTES IN THE LONG SEASON Last week we ended up with a lot of odd bits of information but not enough space. This week we had some other hurdles. So we cut out Red Eyed Louie and ran everything we could find in an attempt to clean up the odd information.

We also have the skin on our fingers almost completely healed. But early last week in the healing a deep crack developed in the tip of the index and we could not type for three days. We were in trouble. By Friday things were on down-hill pull and we should be back on track next week. Looking at the increased reports coming in.....and we welcome every one of them...we also are going to have to cull the reports a bit more. We have been trying to concentrate on the semi-rare to very rare and drop the not-rare-at-all. If nothing else does, this should indicate that Cycle 21 is well on its way.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED If you are in the West Virginia area, don't forget the ARRL Convention at Jackson Mill this weekend. The ARRL is working up a letter in Spanish to acquaint reciprocals in the U.S. on some of the more important U.S. regulations and the U.S. sub-bands. Also included as part of the letter is the April 1976 IARU Region II recommendation that phone-patches be handled either above 14300kc or in the lower portion of the 14100-14200kc segment. It is understood that the letter will go to all reciprocals in the U.S. Though the report said 'Spanish', it may also be in other languages to meet varying needs.

A VP5JA/W6 has been reported. If you hear this one it is the real true-blue West Coast Slim. VP5JA was issued some years back and has not been used since 1972. At that time it was issued to John Attaway, K4IIF. Proves that Slim reads CQ!

Some of the activity by CR9AJ appears to have been Torres son Minel. In one QSO he mentioned that he had worked some 1400 stations since getting on the air some weeks back.

NN3SI at the Smithsonian has received an extension from the FCC to operate to 1981. If you are searching for a JW-station, often W4KTR or YS1MAE are in there running a list for Rag at JW7FD or Jon at JW9WT. Look around 14220kc from 0000Z most weeknights. Rag was due to leave Svalbard in late June. QSLs can go to LA5NM for both stations.

7XLMD says to QSL direct to him...or to him via the bureaus. QSL managers which have been reported are not the route. 3D2DM goes to W4UL. VR4DN goes to Box 81, Honiara. VR4DH goes to Box 654, Guadalcanal. 3D2RM to WB5MXO. ZF1RD/ZF2AD/K3MBF/ZF goes to W4BAA...all of those the same operator. 9U5CA goes to WA2QNW. KA6YL and KA6RI are presently in the States and will next be heard from when they are settled in Berlin towards the end of summer.

KM6FC who has been found on twenty SSB usually is on from 0600Z to 1100Z and around 14325kc. QSLs go to K5YMY who does not have the cards back from the printer as yet. As soon as they arrive, Russ will fling them into the mails.

The Delta DX Association discussed the question of a new start on DXCC and there was strong sentiment against the idea. If you are interested, it might be well to drop the DXAC a note giving your feelings. There are a number of other items that the DXAC may be discussing soon and one of them may be the question of the CW DXCC. Some have expressed the opinion that one can get a DXCC/CW without working one bit of c.w. Check your July QST which should be in your hands before the snow flies and you will find something in there asking for opinions on the subject. Some have already leaped to their feet to expound the idea that DXCC/CW should be c.w. both ways.....

N6BB who has herded things around on the Pacific DX Net for some years is off the air....said he was needing a rest and was heading over the hills and far away.... On that operation from Ischia Island some weeks...or months..back, the correct callsign used was DL7HU/IC8 and that should be the direction to QSL.

Frank Frost, recently ET3FF and ex-ET3AH, had his license cancelled by the Ethiopian authorities and this appears to leave no licensed stations in that country at this time. Frank was expecting to move to Djibouti during June and with independence coming to the former French territory of Issas and Afars this Monday, June 27th, the feeling was that this might not be the time nor the climate to be looking for an amateur license. You might also look for a new prefix to replace the FL8.

N7MW, who was once known as WA7HRE, says that the new shipment of QSLs for ZK1BA should be in his hands shortly and he is pushing them out.

The W9=...ing this year will be at the Holiday Inn in Itasca, Illinois. This is just north of Chicago. W9LZA has all the details. Just ask him.

The Asia Convention has been slid back a week, according to reports, to put the annual gathering of the Asia DXers in Bangkok during a local holiday celebration there. Now the schedule calls for all the exotic DXer types to be there on November 19/20th. Stick around and you can enjoy Thanksgiving in Bangkok.

XF3B said he was on 'Cancun' Island in the Caribbean and to QSL to Box 7-1222, Mexico City. This would have to be off Yucatan as that is the only portion of Mexico that touches the Caribbean. 3D2DM is working on that eighty meter sloper. He is relocating to another island and plans all-band operations when he is settled.

P29JS has left for a vacation in the United Kingdom but will be back in August. He has a new TS-820 and if you worked him, QSLs go to Box 2053, Konedobu, PNG. ARRL Board of Directors will be meeting on July 21st. If you have any ideas, you might bend the ear of your local Director. You might check QST....the July or August issues of last year....to see what divisions will be electing this year. This will really encourage you to give him your ideas. They need them. Even ARRL headquarters says: "...this democratic process is effective only to the extent that the membership participates." Prove again that all DXers are erudite, some more so.

DX 10 years back

28 June 1967

Don Miller was preparing to depart July 1st for Africa and his Rodriguez effort. EA9EJ, Justo, was on from Rio de Oro. ZL2AI was expecting to be in the Kermadecs until about

December. ZK2AU was on from Niue. The Colvins had not been heard recently but were somewhere in West Africa. HA6DI/7 was on from Pokol Island and DL7FT was ready to open up EA6AR on the 11th of the coming month. Forecast on conditions was....."....status quo over the next few weeks with night time conditions falling off." This was way back in those days before the attention turned to the Solar Flux and the Ap and K indices. Things were sure tough a way back then.....

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CALENDAR

MARCUS Mid-August. Plans firming up for HL/KA group
 U60s They will be back next Thursday/Friday...July 7/8th
 BAHAMAS W1DRN/C6A...twenty SSB July 2nd to 8th
 KERMEDEC Still the October possibility
 TOKELAUS Possible action next week...maybe around July 8th
 CURACAO PJ9MM by W1GNX and W1XX...July 6th to 14th
 VENEZUELA TEST This weekend....July 2/3rd
 WEST VIRGINIA MEET This weekend....Jackson Mill....W8AH tells DXing
 IARU RADIO SPORT July 9/10th
 SEANET TEST July 9/10th.....CW
 ROANOKE MEET-ARRL July 9/10th.....Norfolk
 COLOMBIAN TEST July 16/17th
 SEANET CONVENTION November 19/20th in Bangkok. HS1WR the genial host!

AND A FEW FINAL NOTES Father Dave at CE0AE has the 160meter rig fixed.
 A Chilean Navy radio technician ran down the trouble. Look for Father Dave at or around 1827kc at 0500Z. Listens down around 1805kc. 8R1W will be in the states in August. He will be stopping at Rochester, New York; Chicago, Ill.; and Escondido, Calif. He will attend a seminar in Escondido. 8R1W, Rudolph King, is a former Inspector of Police there in 8R1-land and is now in the electronics field in Georgetown. He is also a model airplan enthusiast.

VR4DH on Guadalcanal is usually on the Pacific DX Net on Tuesdays and Fridays.....GMT time. Has a very good signal into the western reaches. July PLAYBOY magazine has an article on owning your own island. Quite the thing these days. It also tells how Minerva Reef was taken over. A recent note from W6YO on the YANKEE TRADER in the Hebrides said that Jules talked with some in the area and they said the Korean trawler is still perched high on the reef. A good operating spot if Tonga should relinquish its claim to the spot.

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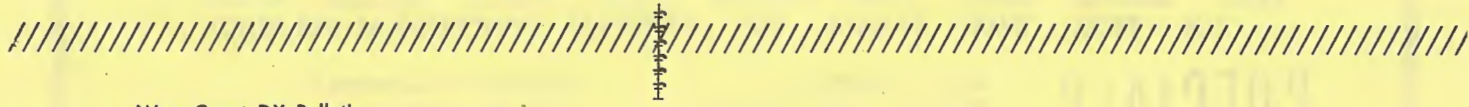
TANZANIA 5H3KS has been heard a week back.....21331kc at 1820Z. Said name was Carl. This believed to be DK5EC who previously was /ET3. Looks like he may have gotten his 5H3 license. Recently he has been heard signing DK5EC/mm.

5H3JR has been heard at 14282kc around 2000Z. QSLs go to W2SNM. Exceptionally fast return....some report card received five days after contact. That's QSLing!

TNX to W1AM, W1DA, W1GNC, W1MV, W1NG, W2AG, W2AO, W2FP, W2GHV, W4BAA, W4LEDD, W4HU, W4JTI, W4KA, N4PB, W4SIJ, N4SX, W4TYE, N4UF, W4UF, W4WV, N4XX, W4ZR, W5AK, K5HWO, K5NW, W5JW, K5OVC, K5RO, ADXA, K5TSQ, K5WS, W5XJ, K5YMY, N6BB, WA6BJS, K6EC, WA6FIT, W6IA, W6JD, K6JG, WA6KCX, W6KPC, K6LAE, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, K6VY, K7ABV, W7IL, WA7OBH, W7PHO, WA7UVO, W7YU, K8IA, K8IP, W8JXM, K8NA, WB8ZRV, W9DH, W9EQP, W9LOF, W9SS, WA9UEK, K9UIY, K0BJ, W0CAW, WA0FBQ, WA0KDI, W0NOU, W0SFU, KA6YL, KH6BZFFff_f EP2VW, HL9VA, SM3CX5, VS5MC, SU1IM.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. The week-end was charged with DXing as the Kingman crew rattled off QSOs at an astonishing rate. We knew that some of the locals would soon be around to discuss the exciting days and eventually one of the Local QRPers was coming up the hill. We gave him our big anticipatory QRPer beady-eyed smile for if there is one thing QRPers like more than anticipation is the joy in telling how one worked the rare DX through the pile-ups. But this QRPer was not coming in jubilation. "We heard you calling," we said, "but we did not stick around. Guess you really nailed that one down. Yes?" The QRPer hardly smiled at all. "You know something," he said, using his usual original opener, "Remember how I've always said that one should not hog the frequencies. Just make one solid contact and then stand by to let the others in. Remember?" Sure we remembered. We had heard it expounded about every time there was a pile-up. "Well," the QRPer continued. "I got on for the Kingman effort, checked the action around fourteen oh two five and heard the station rattling off QSOs. So I dropped my call in a couple of times....Zingo!....I had worked him. Just sent my call, nothing else and I was home free. So I shut down the rig and went off to play some tennis. Sure thought I had everything under control." This had been sounding like another routine triumph and we had our words of congratulation all ready. But the QRPer wasn't needing them....yet. "I did not get on the air until late Wednesday," he continued and this local asked the QSL route for C31NN, saying that he had heard me work them over the weekend. Then I find that the Kingman crew and the Andorra group were just about on the same frequency. And I worked the C31!". Son of a Gun!! What does one say in a situation like this. Only that someday Kingman will come again, and maybe even Andorra. And during the long wait you can get all the frequencies....like 14025kc....for all the DX stations in a weekly bit of DX confusion....

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