



West Coast DX Bulletin

November 5, 1978

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IRAQ YU1NZV is advising that the plans are for a group of YU operators to be in Baghdad the last weekend of this month for the CQ WW CW Test.

Mata will be one of the group and the plans are pretty well firmed up. They will be taking antennas, equipment and assorted hardware in an effort to up-grade the signal out of YU1BZD and possibly to effect some lasting improvements in the station.

During the visit to Baghdad, some efforts will be made to check the situation on the FT-50' shipped some months back via OH2BH by the Northern California DX Foundation and which has been stuck just a few blocks short of the operating position.

This one looks a bit definite and the contest will raise a couple of notches if the YU-plans all jell

SOMALIA The I2FQP 60-Somalia return is apparently not yet on a firm date though the latest indicators are that it will be in January and possibly for a full month.

CW will comprise a good part of the operation this time, a new piece of gear should make operating a bit more consistent and reliable and there will be sufficient advance notice of Giampaolo's departure from Italy so that all the Deserving can be waiting and ready.

January is looking like the possibility now. All you need is wait.....

CHATHAM ZL3HL/C has been on since the DX Test, most of the interest in this one being the QSL address for N2CW. It is-----

Gary Medford N2CW
207 West Fifth Street
Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008

N200 and K2TJ are helping with the QSLs. We got all this information from N200 and a week or so back indicated that they could go that way. Actually, they can but N2CW is the direct route. However, all are working together and everything ends up at the same place.

ZLs can still QSL via ZL1ADI. Chuck is interested in the DX scene and is thinking of a couple of DX affrays in the Pacific area.

OMAN A4A is being heard from Halala and was being worked on the east coast on ten meter c.w. right at the end of October. Says to QSL via G3AAN....and this one not listed in the last Call Book or the supplements. ALXFW has been reported within recent weeks as working SSB around 14130kHz after 2130Z and ALXFY in the DX Net at 21280kHz from 1830Z. That A4A looks as though it might be Slim....again.

SUDAN WA2TFC has been operating ST2SA on ten meter SSB, this on October 26th. QSLs for that day's operation should go to Dick Knox, Rt 5, Box 439-B, Flemington, New Jersey 08822. Sase etc. Note that this is only for that one day, October 26th.

Dr. Sid left Khartoum on the contest weekend, he will be gone for a month or so and will be making his annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

9M8HG Horace Gray, 9M8HG, there at Kuching in East Malaysia is 81 years old. Often the only action in East Malaysia, Horace will not be heard for a bit, he entering a hospital for some surgery. If not already, it will be soon....

PETER ISLAND Willy de Roos stopped in Chile for a bit and made a quick trip home to Belgium. There is a license and authorization issued by the Norwegian for activity on Peter Island after January 1, 1979. If you have run across anyone signing 3Y0BZ before now....or even before January 1st of next year, you can figure who it might be.

It is possible that the Chilean Navy may lend some assistance to Willy, VK9XR, for the landing on Peter Island. Don't hesitate when you hear this one, rush to the sound of the QRM for Peter Island has not been heard in a long time....never as far as we know. The prospects for DXCC status continues to be good. However, don't let that slow you....work 'em first, worry later. Most DXers do.....

SUNSPOT LOUIE The opening on Ten Meters is being regarded as expected and DX is everywhere. Bands are open to most parts of the world daily and if you just stand out in the open a bit, some exotic DX is sure to fall on you.

N4XX there on the south bank of the Potomac says that the conditions are going to continue. The ANs and HN's are going to multiply, the LN's and BN's are going to be scarce and every DXer is looking forward to the season when there is no excuse needed to not work in the gardens. Every DXer will be at play in the fields of Longpath.

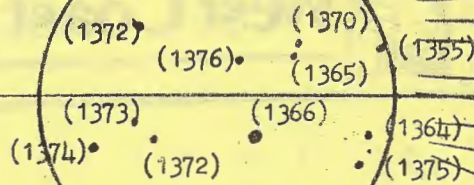
But what does the future hold for the Deserving? Only the best....most days. Fighting down a labor-management problem with the off-spring leaf gatherers who are asking for a 12% increase in compensation, and carefully noting to the leaf-gatherers working the side-yards and righteously so, that the increase would exceed the White House's anti-inflation guidelines, Ted peers into the murky Fall dawns and says that the days ahead, relatively speaking, look something like—

Nov 7th Above Normal	Nov 13th Above/High
8th Above Normal	14th High/Low
9th Above Normal	15th Low/High
10th Above Normal	16th Above Normal
11th Above Normal	17th High Normal
12th Above Normal	18th Above Normal

A major storm may develop about the 13th. It might be a good idea to check Six Meters on the 11th and 12th for some good openings.

Down in the border country, K6EC keeps the ear on WWV and says that when he stuck his head out the window and shouted "The flux is up!!!", half the teen-agers in the neighborhood grabbed their surf-boards and headed for the beach. "Not Surf! Flux!" Ev shouted after them but they were gone. When things are up, who cares what!

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux Ap		
Oct 23	164	6	Oct 27	153	18
24	159	5	28	154	14
25	158	6	29	152	12
26	143	13			



31 Oct 78

No. 1355	2 spots
N26° W86°	30 millionths
1364	3 spots
S18° W70°	70 millionths
1365	8 spots
N17° W30°	70 millionths
1366	13 spots
S17° W11°	230 millionths
1370	9 spots
N21° W34°	50 millionths
1371	4 spots
S13° W22°	80 millionths
1372	1 spot
N30° E27°	20 millionths
1373	9 spots
S10° E32°	30 millionths
1374	5 spots
S20° E55°	90 millionths
1375	5 spots
S29° W67°	20 millionths
1376	2 spots
N16° W07°	10 millionths

And what does all of this mean.....read on!

	VERY LOW	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY	K * A	* SOLAR FLUX=	* SOLAR FLUX=	* SOLAR FLUX=
	RANGE * RANGE	* 70-90	* 90-110	* 110-140
QUIET	* 0-2 * 0-7	* HIGH NORMAL	* HIGH NORMAL	* ABOVE NORMAL
UNSETTLED	* 2-3 * 7-15	* LOW NORMAL	* LOW NORMAL	* HIGH NORMAL
ACTIVE	* 3-4 * 15-30	* BELOW NORMAL	* LOW/BELOW	* LOW NORMAL
MINOR STORM	* 4-5 * 30-50	* DISTURBED	* BELOW NORMAL	* BELOW NORMAL
MAJOR STORM	* 5++ * 50-+++	* DISTURBED	* DISTURBED	* DISTURBED

FOR EXAMPLE, A SOLAR FLUX OF 138 AND AN ALPHA-INDEX OF 09 SHOULD RESULT IN HIGH NORMAL CONDITIONS. A FORECAST OF HIGH SOLAR ACTIVITY AND A MINOR STORM GEOMAGNETIC FIELD WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN BELOW NORMAL CONDITIONS.

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HZ1AB This station is located at the U.S. Military Training Mission at Dhahran. No amateurs have been in the contingent for over a year and all the operating of HZ1AB is done by visiting amateurs or the amateurs working in the Dhahran area for the oil companies. Among those often visiting from the oil companies are Terry Ellass, WB8FUV, and Al Chisholm, W5UJF.

Bill Gary, K8CSG, recently visited the station while there on business and found about 250 incoming QSLs waiting answers. Mostly from U.S. amateurs and addressed to the call-book listing, a good portion had been opened and while the QSL card was still there, little else was.

Bill says that the best way to QSL for HZ1AB is to send it to Leo Fry, K8PYD, 5740 North Meadows, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Copies of the HZ1AB logs are sent to Leo who cleans up the outstanding demand in quick order.

The cards on hand at HZ1AB during the October visit of K8CSG were brought back and delivered to K8PYD. If you are expecting and nothing has shown by the end of next month, you might try another one aimed at Leo there in Columbus....and with the usual Sase. If Leo has the logs, you'll have your HZ1AB QSL.

SHORTLY NOTED The turn-around on YI1BGD QSLs is running four to five weeks. They do come through fairly regularly and once you send it off, all you need is patience.

Wayne Warden, W9GW, found that licensing for reciprocals was not completely in order though the final flourishes should be added to the documents where needed by the end of the year. Anyone heading out might check with the ARRL before going.

K5OVC notes that the LU-Z calls are assigned:

LU-ZA	LU-ZG	LU-ZM	South Orkneys
LU-ZY			South Sandwich
LU-ZC	LU-ZI	LU-ZO	South Shetlands
LU-SZ	LU-ZT		
LU-Z/others			Antarctica

Jim Henderson who spent three months in the Tokelaus about three of four years back signing ZM7AH wants to clean out the logs and seal them permanently. Jim is issuing a last call for ZM7AH QSLs.....respond now or forever hold your QSL!

Jim currently is at Reno, Nevada, where he attended the University of Nevada's Mining School. The current address is:

Jim Henderson WB7UJR
13490 Mt. Hood
Reno, Nevada 89506

Sase or Sae/IRC needed. Jim says to move by December 31st!

The Mellish Reef effort made some 16,000 QSOs with VK9ZR but was plagued with generator problems. Most of the time they could only manage a limited output. Another one in the group says that while he was not exactly sea-sick, he did manage some tremendous regurgitation efforts. This one lost ten pounds on the trip. A temporary QSL will be sent out to the Honor Roll types who may need the counter for a December presentation. For sure, a long voyage in a small boat and being sea-sick would make even Mellish look like a garden spot. Just so long as it stands still!

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED On the serial numbering on the front page, the '43-78' in this issue for example, we are not going to get to '52-78' this year. It won't be because an issue was not turned out every week, it was the numbering and a fading memory. We find that we had two issue 37-78 and two 33-78. Once in awhile we even lost track of the date....such as in this issue.

9J2JN is often on a list operation....almost nightly.....at 14238kHz from 0330Z of a few minutes later. WB2JUQ and WB2IZN are the ones involved, WB2JUQ apparently the list-taker, WB2IZN the QSL route.

J28AZ goes to Box 336, Naples and via I8JN. ZA1BY failed to return as promised a couple weeks back and has not been heard from since. ZA3KH was heard on October 24th just above 14200kHz. This one got trampled in the calling for STØRK who was listening above fourteen two hundred.

K4OD is back home doing a bit of resting and DXing and similar joys. In the last several years Carl has signed OALDX ('68-'71), HP1XOD ('70-'71), PY1ZAL (71-'73), EP2OD ('75-'77), 9D5B ('76-'77). Carl still has plenty of cards for these and for the special calls he used.....KY4ITU and EQ2ITU....and will fill all valid orders if sase sent with QSL to:

Carl Bethel K4OD
P.O Box 135
Front Royal, Virginia 22630

Cards for the HZ1BS/8Z4 are coming through from DJ9ZB. The face of the card is a blown-up section of the map showing the Neutral Zone. We have an inquiry for I6700. So far we've seen nothing on this special call. ZB2DV on recently goes to his home call of G4EMR. TFØDF heard on ten c.w. in mid-October goes to K4SAK.

The St. Barthelemy operation with a variety of calls go to F6CTK. It might again be noted that UAØYAE on fifteen c.w. at times is in Zone 23, being in Tana Tuva. Watch those UAØs with a 'Y' as the first letter in the suffix. A clue to Zone 23 which some tend to believe they can only find with a JT1 station. W5JW was 18 days at KX6 and made 1800+ QSOs, over a third being Europeans and managed to work DXCC with an even hundred countries but missed Delaware for WAS. Jack was only able to fit in about two hours operating time a day but will go back again next month for about another three week run. He reports that KX6LR and KX6MP are currently active and KX6BU, the club station, is often activated. This one, KX6BU, has two complete KW stations, two 75' towers, two six-element Telrex beams.....and a good grounding system.

Look for ZS6ANE at Walvis Bay for one day on November 20th. Says he will be on between 1400Z and 2000Z using a synthesized rig that operates only in 1-kc increments. Listen for him using the callsign ZS6ANE/ZS3WB.

The North Florida DX Club will be in Haiti for the CQ WW CW Test the last weekend of this month. They will be operating Multi-Single signing HH2DX. They are promising to wipe clean all the demand for HH2.....until the next time. QSLs will go to George Werner, 1045 Le Brun Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32205. Sase, etc.

4N2EC goes to YU1JAS. VP1RY to W4SME. 9K2FX has been showing on the YL-SSB System after 1700Z. This one QSLs to W4KA. JW7FD is regularly found on the Afrikaner Net. 5N2NAS is now signing 5N5NAS. Being found at times on ten meters after 1700Z.... has been in the 28509kHz area. UVØBB says she is the first YL operation in UVØ... SV1IT is thinking of a possible Mt. Athos effort next summer....nothing solid yet. Check 21375kHz....KA1MI on Marcus plans to be active on Mon/Wed/Fridays for the next nine months. Time not indicated but figure their evening time for openers. FR7AI/T is currently being heard on twenty c.w. from Tromelin.....1430Z at 14035kHz.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED The Colvins expected to operate KGLKG through this week and to be heading for Jamaica next week. Their 6Y5-operation will run through the CQ WW CW Test on November 25/26th, QSL to the YASME Foundation. They were definitely active in the last CQ WW Phone go-round. WB7CLU and W7ISX are in Montserrat this week and will be in Barbados next week....Nov 15/18th. Their operating schedule was shown for their VP2M effort and will be the same at their other stops.

The Navassa DXpedition is looking for ways to lighten their load. The OSCAR package was cut out because of shipping costs and the feeling that the other factors involved in the effort would carry more weight. They will be on their way... two weeks from this Thursday, leaving St. Louis on Thanksgiving evening. They expect to be off Navassa at sunrise on Saturday, November 25th. Actually, if everything goes just right and it seldom does, they do not expect to be on the air before 1800Z on the 25th. There will be a lot asking on two-meters as to what happened to the Navassa effort. Actually, they may initially show on SSB during the CW test, this on fifteen and twenty meters, but will switch to c.w. as soon as they get things half-ways organized.

NØTG/KP1 will be the callsign for the Navassa operation, QSLs will be handled by NØTG, Randy Rowe, 3237 Connecticut Drive, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

The Annual International Island DX Contest will come on December 2nd and 3rd. You will need a copy of the Island DX Special Listing and you can get it from the Whidbey Island DX Club at 2665 North 1250 E., Oak Harbor, Washington 98277. Send Sase or Sae/3IRCa and they will rush you the listing. The Whidbey Island group have been canvassing among the DX Clubs all around the world for participation in this test and they expect a good participation.

That high-speed, fast-talking Russian station in the CQ Test a week back was RF6F in Voroshilovgrad in Georgia. He was saying Zone 21 and a good many were trying to get this one straightened out during the test. Not especially hard to work in the Western Reaches, there was definitely a language barrier.

W1BB never gives up. Stew has another of his 160 Meter DX Bulletins in the mails. If you want one, send a sase envelope and you will get the word. Stew says that he is not trying to issue a 'Hot Dope' DX sheet but only to stimulate interest and pass information on One-Sixty.

On the One-Sixty DXCC, twelve have been issued. #1 went to W1BB...naturally. #2 to W1HT, #3 to W8LRL and K4LFEZ....two #3s were issued, no #4. #5 went to K1PEW, #6 to W4BRB, #7 to W2QD, #8 to W2DEO, #9 to W4QGW, #10 to W4YWX, #11 to K4CIA and #12 to W9NFC. The first One-Sixty DXCC was issued in November 1976, the last in July 1978. The eastern area has pretty much of a monopoly on these certificates, W9NFC being the westernmost recipient of the award and he is pretty much alone. This may not be the best times for One-Sixty but they never give up on that band and the figuring is always that things will get better....if only the power companies would replace those aluminum wires with copper.....

WARC 79 is less than a year off and should a tendency be to think the concern is only over amateur frequencies, note that BROADCASTING Magazine is hinting that the preparations for WARC as not going as well as the commercial broadcasters would wish. Everyone is looking to protect what they have and add just a bit more.

Some of the Deserving in the Western Reaches needing a monitor for the two-meter repeater are trying the Radio Shack weather monitor. Apparently it can be retuned down to the repeater frequencies. It is also a bit cheaper than buying another rig.

8J1JCI was on from the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Centennial Exhibition. Chester in Bangkok is currently operating with a 'Vee' beam and has not put up the big arrays as yet. Chester has not been feeling up to par lately and wants to build his strength back up before tackling the big antenna works project.

DX-Ten Years Back

November 5, 1968 PY7AKW and friends were ready to head for St Peter & Paul Rocks. 9X5MF/EAØ was on from Fernando Poo. FR7ZL was heading for Tromelin in mid-November and VK4EV was closing down on Willis about the same time. ZS2MI was on a couple of times a week from Marion Island and VK9AW from Coocos-Keeling.

CE9AT was heard during the CQ Test looking for action but getting few takers. VR1P closed down the end of October from British Phoenix and even then they were trying to get QSLs for a Trinidad operation. Then it was the effort by PYØBLR. A hoped-for Kure effort did not show.... HV3SJ was even then running schedules with W6KNH. There had been a rumor that LA2PH would be on from Bouvet during the CQ Test....he wasn't.

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SHORTLY NOTED Last week we included the sheet for the 1978 poll on the 'Needed Countries'. We forgot to include Desecheo at the end. That may be a reminder if you have not sent your poll in yet. An effort will be made to get some idea what the overseas DXers may need and over 500 of the sheets were sent to DXers outside the U.S. The feeling is that what overseas amateurs may need will have some surprises.

The North Jersey DX Assn polled their members recently to find what they need. Their 'needed list' included in order....

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|--------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1. Okino-Torishima | 8. Kamaran | 15. Mellish |
| Saudi-Iraq Neutral | Bhutan | Crozet |
| South Sandwich | Khmer | Glorioso |
| Spratly | San Felix | Mt Athos |
| Bouvet | Heard | Central African Empire |
| China | Laccadive | Andaman/Nicobar |
| Burma | Mayotte | Annobon |

This was a September poll. Already there probably has been some changes and more to come. Some of those on the list are being objects of early activity and not only Bouvet. There is more DX coming for the Deserving, and, as the Hero of Mafeking would often say: "Be Prepared!!".

The plans of the West Palm Beach group to jump into the CQ Phone Test from VP5 ran into a lot of problems and finally was cancelled. Don Riebhof was headed for Czechoslovakia a week or so back. The word on the Whites leaving Newington is that it was straight resignations and no 'retirements' was involved. They probably will head south for the winter in the Florida area while thinking of their next move.

P29HS was due to be on through this week. This is Lewis H Strauss, AH6I and ex-WA3SEH. He is on some work on the islands of Ninigo and Hermit on the north side of Papua/New Guinea. SV1JH often noted in Red Eyed Louie section is on Rhodes....and QSLs via DJ9ZB. The length of the stay is not certain. He does work on meter SSB after 1300Z.

EI8H is Pat and he is in Eire. But someone keeps using his call indicating operations in GU/GD/HV/HB and 5A....possibly others. Pat is getting bushels of QSLs for these Slim operations but he cannot do much about them and would appreciate not getting any more QSLs for EI8H/xx. He also figures he has the borrower of his call just about identified and may drop in when on vacation.

ZD9GG is often on a Sunday list with WA7ZTL. About 1424.5kHz from 1445Z. 8J3ITU goes to JH3DFB. Asahi News Paper recently took some aerial photos of Okino-Torishima. The outlines of the barrier reef are quite distinct and the foundation for the never-built weather station can be seen in the center. Only two rocks are visible at high tide. The operation of 7J1RL from the reef was a bit of engineering with the operating position and generators sitting on scaffolding mounted on the old foundations. One of the rocks visible at high tide is nine feet high, the other five feet high. It is difficult to imagine any other way this one could be put on the air except by the way the JAs managed. Low tide may give some time on solid ground but it is not exactly the usual conception of an island.

FR7AI may operate in the near future from either Juan de Nova or Europa....these are both in the same group and as far as DXCC is concerned, they count for Juan de Nova. Guy, FR7ZL, is supposed to be on Glorioso....some say early in November, some say mid-November. Rather definitely that Guy will be heard.

In this area, FR7BE asks not to send green stamps....often they do not get through. IRCs are usually okay, the green stuff sometimes fails to make the circuit. Apparently there is some candling of the letters going on. One way to protect green stamps, if you want to send them and take the chance, is to wrap them in carbon paper. This seems to work most times.

LU2CN is a club station as some may have noted who consulted their call-book for QSL route for LU3ZY on South Sandwich. The address is: SARA, Malabia 3029, 1425 CF, Buenos Aires. This is just about the address in the bulletin a couple of weeks back. There is a change in one word. Cards are not expected to start coming out until late December. Maybe not even until January.

A week or so back San Hutson was still waiting for the QSL cards for his East African effort. If you are waiting, San is also waiting. PY3BXW, PY3GGP/1 and TG5NW all go to the Golden Gate QSL Bureau, 71 Surrey Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94131. The morning gathering on the WPHO Family Net is gathering a lot of DX. Check 1422.5kHz after 1500Z and maybe even a bit earlier.

Grupo Argentino de CW in Buenos Aires is one of the groups that has been working hard on the current South Sandwich operation. Thule Island is located at 27°16'W and 59°25'S. This is the same island on which the 1955 Argentine operation was located. Some c.w. has been reported and Roberto is the c.w. operator....most everyone knows by now that Guillermo is the Side-band operator. The Grupo Argentino gives credit to Jose Ahumada, LU8CW, Pat Morton LU1BAR and Bill Gibbons, K2TQC. All of these are currently in the states, the LUs in the Maryland area and LU8CW was with the original activation of South Sandwich back in 1955. Jose says it was not exactly an excursion trip and the volcanic activity in the group was a constant reminder of the hazards.

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CALENDAR

NAVASSA	NØTG/KP1 from Saturday, November 25th
SERRANA BANK	January 18th to 21st
SOMALIA	Probably in January.....a month or so run
SAO THOME	DLØBS still at home rig.....maybe in January
IRAQ	YUs planning for CQ WW CW Test.....November 25/26th
JAMAICA	The Colvins moving to 6Y5 next week...thru CW Test.
PETER ISLAND	Looks like January sometime.....
BOUVET	Norwegians sailing this month..., 3Y1VC
DESECHEO	KP4s saying that Deschecho shall be heard again! Soon....
MONTERRAT	VP2MBD to November 14th
BARBADOS	W7LSX and WB7CLU from November 15th
GLORIOSO	FR7ZL going this month
JUAN DE NOVA	FR7AI scheduled to go there soon
BEATA ISLAND	HI8-group going January 25-28th
BANGLADESH	Possible brief appearance by SMØAGD
SOUTH SUDAN	DL7AV there with high-speed c.w. for the CQ WW DX Test
CZECH TEST	This weekend....November 12th
SPANISH PHONE TEST	December 2nd/3rd
ARRL 160 METER TEST	December 1st to 3rd
INDIAN DX TEST	December 2nd and 3rd....1200Z to 1200Z. CW...7/14MHz only
CQ WW CW DX TEST	Soon! November 25/26th.

CQ WW CW DX TEST

November 25/26th

IRAQ	Six to seven YUs going for the CW Test
CANARY ISLANDS	OH2BAD and Friends....from EA8
NAVASSA	NØTG/KP1 plans to show in mid-flight
SOUTH SUDAN	DL7AV there from November 22nd
ST LUCIA	WP2LL by N5UR
SAN ANDRES IS.	HKØCOP by Frankford Radio Club in massive effort
ZW2YP	PY2YP's special in the CQ WW DX Test
KENYA	5Z4QT contesting again in the c.w. go-round
JAMAICA	The Colvins at 6Y5 for the CW happening
LU1UN	The new country planning more contest action
GUERNSEY	GU5CIA looking for a big score with a big signal

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The agreement with Haiti for reciprocal privileges apparently is back on track and is expected to be signed shortly. Beyond that, there are reports that a reciprocal agreement covering the U.S and Spanish amateurs may be in the developing stages.

On those YU-special calls being heard recently, Vic Clark, the big IARU honcho, passes along some information on them.

Members of the Savex Radioamatera Jugoslavijska (SRJ) took part in the International Conference on Technical Activities in the Developing Countries, October 20-24th, at Kupari, near Dubrovnik. Several exhibits outlined the benefits amateur radio offers a country seeking to train electronics operators and technicians. SRJ members demonstrated two and six meter bands signing 4N0D, 4O79WARC and YU1ARU. Delegates from twenty countries, most in Africa and Asia showed interest in amateur radio and the amateur radio demonstrations and exhibits.

The special calls will be used through December 10th. QSLs for 4N0D go to YU2CQ; for 4O79WARC they go to YU2DX and for YU1ARU to the SRJ QSL Bureau.

And when Vic Clark stands, most DXers look up to him. You have to.....

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers staggered up the hill last week, somewhat torn, tattered and bruised from the CQ Phone Test. First we got the groans, and we were properly sympathetic. Then we got the questions. "Tell me something," the QRPer says, "just why are DXers different from anything or anyone else? Why will a DXer stay up all night to work DX in a contest, most of the countries being ones they have worked before. Just what makes a DXer tick?" We had heard all these queries before and immediately hauled the QRPer up the hill to the Old Timer who of late has been showing a resurgence of pith and moment. Again we heard the QRPer make his preparatory groans, then ask his questions. The Old Timer was not long in answering. "In any activity there will always be a top echelon," the Old Timer lectured, "and in Amateur Radio it is the DXers. The long years have shown that DXers are smarter, more technically proficient, more innovative, more open-minded, more evocative, more understanding, richer, taller and they are the ones with most of the tall towers and big linears. But beyond all these, DXers see and hear and understand very easily things that other amateurs have difficulty in comprehending. DXers are the different ones, they always will be!" Everytime we hear the Old Timer speak it is to us like the words are engraved on tablets of stone. When the Old Timer speaks, you are a Believer! But later when we asked the QRPer if he had gotten his answer, he shook his head just a bit. "I know that all those things the Old Timer talked about are true," the QRPer said, "and I know that DXers are different. That other amateurs are not as smart nor as handsome or intelligent as DXers. But why are we different?" Here we had been sure that the QRPer would be understanding and he was still asking questions. "Well!" we said briskly, "tell us why you chase DX?" Why are you a DXer?" The QRPer beamed in that glowing smile of the true-blue DXer. "Because there is nothing else like it," he said. "DX never grows old, it never fails to attract and it is always new, every single day. That's why." Son of a Gun!! Things are well on the way to improving when QRPers start to answer their own queries. For there is nothing like DX and DXers and only a true-blue DXer can understand that. And if you are looking for an understanding on subscription rates, you'll have to write and ask. For as some of the Eternal Enigmas are, the rates are a moveable feast, adjusted from month to month to get the lists of subscribers in balance. Nothing that has gone before is valid. Ask!

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