

CHRISTMAS



WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

December 19, 1978

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BOUVET The Bouvet crew departed Norway last week on a chartered plane, they should have embarked on the vessel at Capetown this last weekend and you should start listening this weekend. Definitely some activity should be noted next week though the initial action may not be as sustained as many might wish.

Listen for 3Y1VC by John Snuggeryd who previously activated Bouvet for a short run and who will be on Bouvet for some weeks. Also to be heard will be 3Y5DQ, Thore Wisnes, who will only be there a short time before heading further south to Queen Maud land.

Look for the activity at:

CW:	14030kHz	21030kHz	28020kHz
SSB:	14300kHz	21300kHz	28600kHz

The stations may shift due to QRM on the designated frequencies but should be found around these areas. Around 1600Z most days they will be working back to the homeland, Norway. Each station in the past has indicated it will handle its own QSLing.....3Y1VC going to LA1VC and 3Y5DQ to LA5DQ.

The beam shipped by the Northern California DX Foundation has arrived and will be going to Bouvet with the group. Signals should be good. The pile-ups likewise!

BAGHDAD The amateur station at the Baghdad Scientific Center, YI1BGD has been showing frequently and actually is being reported most days around 14225kHz, maybe a bit lower at times, and from after 1400Z.

There is a report that efforts have been going on to up-grade the station, one saying that a quad had been put up. Some time back they were asking for a copy of Bill Orr's antenna book. Also, it was reported in the last week that they have a new rig on the line but were having difficulties in operating it, being a bit unfamiliar with the gear.

One report definitely said that the rig was the FT-560 shipped some months back by the Northern California DX Foundation. Another report mentioned the FT-401 which was a rig shipped by the JAs. Either way things might improve very rapidly as it has often been the case that the Baghdad station could hear the Deserving but they could not hear Baghdad.

Majid continues to be sought and there are many still looking for the station. The reported improvements should be noticed and things start falling into place.

SP9ZD reports that SP6RT is currently in Iraq but has not been able to get a license. SP6RT was hoping for the best and took his gear with him into Baghdad but currently it is on deposit at the custom house there.

SPRATLY The well-developed plans for a Spratly operation in the first part of next year have nailed down a vessel, figuring to use the same one that was used in the recent Mellish effort. Harry Mead, VK2BJL, has announced that Chuck Rademacher, ZL1ADI, will be one of the team but expects that probably the rest of the operators will be new faces.

ZL1ADI may be familiar to some of the stateside types, he previously held the calls W8EMN and KJWEK. Some of the Detroit amateurs may recall him at W8EMN. Bob Schenck, N200, will be handling some of the stateside work for the Spratly trip and will be providing details on the progress in the coming months. This one looks good for late Spring.

SOMALIA Giampaolo Forti, I2FGP/601FG, kept in practice during the recent CQ CW Test, he running up 1130 contacts on forty meters. He says that conditions were not the best, he only managed 40 W6s, 17 W7s and 50 W5s.

The return to Somalia has no set date as yet but will come sometime next year. His work in Somalia will necessitate a lot of travel by jeep and many places he will visit having hardly anything you could call a road. He is looking for a small and rugged rig, very strong mechanically, for the return trip and he says that his schedule will seldom find him more than two days at the same stop. Giampaolo on the last outing used dipoles and while he acknowledges a rare call sign has a natural db gain, he hopes to locate something a bit more efficient the next trip.

There will be ample warning on this one and 601FG will be heard sometime next year.

SUNSPOT LOUIE The flux hit a provisional figure of 217 on December 12th and we hear that it got up into the 230s later in the week. Actually, the good days were December 10th and 11th when the flux was over 200 and the Ap Index was low, but you will get all of these when K6EC comes in with his reliable reports a bit further down the page.

W6RQ comes in with another of his carefully drawn charts of the sun-spots, KH6BZF comes in with all the related data on flux, area and good things like that and DXers everywhere should look back as 1978 nears an end and remember that this was a great year for DXing, possibly one of the notable ones. Not only did the band conditions improve but also came Clipperton, Iraq, Somalia and Bouvet ready to show before the end of the year. To this you add South Sandwich and you have what DXers deserve.....only the best.

But don't stop now, 1979 will soon be on us and there will be even more DX. And what sort of a year was it? A year like all years, full of those events that alter and illuminate DXing. And you were there?

Somehow it seems those words have a faint familiar ring. Who was it who said them? Sam? Albert? Old Bob?

Or was it Ted? When Ted speaks, DXers listen!! And Ted, peering into the solstice and seeing nothing but DX in the pot, says to look for—

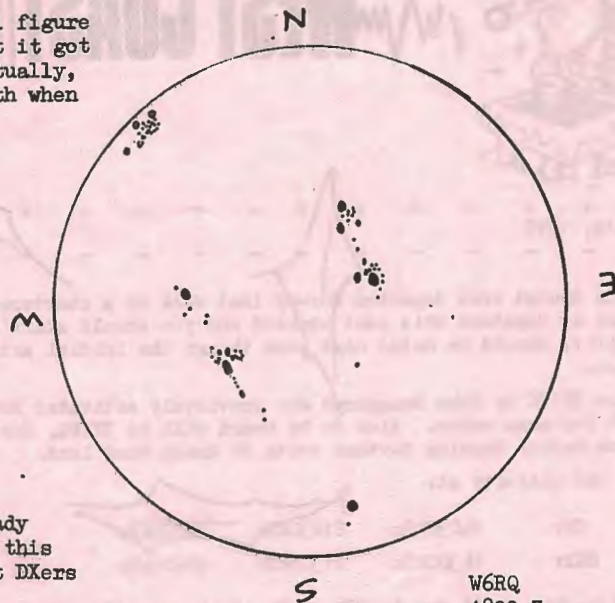
Dec 19th	Low Normal	Dec 25th	Above N.
20th	High Normal	26th	Above N.
21st	High—dropping to LN	27th	Above N.
22nd	Below-going Disturbed	28th	High N.
23rd	Low to Below Normal	29th	High N.
24th	High-going to Low Normal		

Look at that Christmas Week! Something for every DXer!

And Ev says that what has gone before is only a shadow of what's to come. Run up an addition on your chart! Here is the flux.....and the flux is up!!

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux Ap		
Dec 4th	169	8	Dec 8th	195	2
5th	174	6	9th	206!	3
6th	169	4	10th	211!!	1
7th	186	2			

Note the flux over 200.....first time in 1978....but it made it. Onward and upwards!!



W6RQ
1800 Z
13 Dec 78

No. 1432	1 spot
S20° W84°	20 millionths
1433	3 spots
N17° W49°	110 millionths
1442	13 spots
S23° W36°	250 millionths
1444	26 spots
S16° E25°	800 millionths
1446	36 spots
N21° E20°	900 millionths
1447	20 spots
S17° W38°	460 millionths
1448	16 spots
S13° E31°	80 millionths
1449	6 spots
N26° E47°	30 millionths
1452	6 spots
S18° E12°	20 millionths

KH6BZF
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HEARD ISLAND There have been some whisperings recently that Heard would burst on the scene, one story being that it would show during the CQ CW Test. The problems of getting to this sub-Antarctic Island are such that it would normally be expected that any activity would be heralded well in advance.

To find out what goes, Ken Jewell, VK3AKK, who does the DX coverage for the magazine AMATEUR RADIO ACTION in Australia, was asked for information.

Ken says that as far as he knows, there is nothing moving on any immediate Heard activity nor has he heard of anything imminent. Heard is visited only occasionally by Australian government vessels, these usually only when the vessel is passing through the area enroute to or from other Antarctic travels and a stop is mostly made to check that Big Ben is still there.

There are inquiries being made by Australian amateurs trying to arrange for transportation on one of the vessels making a stop there. Heard was once a weather station outpost but there has been no crew there for some years. At this time there has been nothing from the inquiries and any expectation is that nothing may come for two years or more.

Heard was on back in 1968 when Bill Rohrer on the USCG SOUTHWIND stopped for a couple days. Then in late 1969 and into 1970, Hugh Milburn, WAGEAM, was on the island with a crew for about six months signing VKØHM. This group was there in connection with some tracking activity for NASA...or something like that.

There it is. Heard is still there but you are not likely to hear it for a little bit yet. The good thing is that the Australians are interested in figuring a way to put it on the air and something will come eventually.

ALBANIA This is another not heard for years, Martin, OH2BH, and his crew putting OH2BH/ZA on the air back in the summer of 1970 for two days and DL7FT following with ZA2RPS in 1971. Since then things have been quiet.

SM3VE in a QSO with W3KH recently said that he and his brother-in-law SM4CNN have applied for a ZA-license for two weeks covering the end of June and the first of July 1979. They have asked for ZA5A and plan to work everything up to 436mHz and all modes....OSCAR, RTTY, SSB and CW. They have the plans and all they need is approval and the license.

Albania has never been easy and even the operations seven or eight years back were touch and go and eventually across the border and out of the country. Keep hoping....there are those working to bring ZA back on the air again.....

REDONDA The DXAC is taking a hard look at that the !....distinctively separate administration' portion of Rule 1 of the Country Criteria. This brought a number of new countries such as St Paul Island and Kingman Island and Desecheo. 7J1RL on Okino Torishima really cannot be blamed on Rule 1, that came from Rule 5 that the end justifies the means....or is it the means justifies the end.

Anyhow, Antigua will go independent in 1979. And when Antigua goes independent, it will have to assume responsibility for the genuine Kingdom of Redonda, this island being about twenty-five miles west of Antigua. One and a half mile long, a half mile wide, it rises almost sheer out of the sea to 1000'. It is uninhabited.

One of the Deserving, this one named Shiel and who claimed to be descended from the ancient kings of Ireland annexed the island on behalf of his son back in 1865. The Bishop of Antigua crowned the son King Philip the First of Redonda. Shortly after that, Britain annexed Redonda and made it a dependency of Antigua. The annexation in no way invalidated the sovereignty of King Philip and The Royal Gazette published in Bermuda says that they have tacitly admitted the validity of the claim.

King Juan the Second of Redonda is expected to land on the island in early 1979. And if this all sounds far-fetched, it is not. Antigua and Britain are concerned about this. And all Deserving DXers are also concerned. Definitely this one looks as though it meets every criteria.....and it is apparently a recognized kingdom in itself.

King Juan the Second is also Jon Wynne-Tyson. He lives in Sussex but there are those urging that he sail for Redonda and lay claim to his kingdom.

DESECHEO As of last week no documentation for the WØDX-KV4KV had come through to Newington and things were pretty much as previously noted. Going nowhere.

Except for one thing. Actually, no cards for the Desecheo operation have been received at Newington we have been advised. W1NGC has his work ready to go but will not release the WØDX-Desecheo cards until there is a decision. Last week it had not come.

A week back it was indicated here that the ARRL was considering returning the QSLs. It is W1GNC who is doing the thinking, not the ARRL, no cards having been received for Desecheo credit by the ARRL. The word is that no Desecheo operation, this or any other possibility, will be credited until there is full and adequate documentation and especially on the question of landing permission on the wildlife refuge.

Next week we will run the letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service on this matter. We ran out of space this week.

SLIM Last week was a busy one for Slim, apparently he was working hard to clean up things so he could have a quiet holiday.

In the middle of the week 3YØBZ on Peter Island was coming through just above the twenty meter phone band edge. Said he was checking out his antennas. Beam direction from the Illinois country was NE or close to the polar route and the flutter was noticeable. W9LQ heard him calling 'CQ'. He did not have to call 'CQ' long and soon was doing a brisk business.

3CØAN was also on, bring delight to those who might need Annobon. Said to QSL to WB6DOK. From the eastern shore this one was noted to shift from short to long path on twenty c.w. around 0100Z.

Then there was the perennial European Slim signing M1H....QSL to EI8H. Twenty c.w. on December 10th. This one keeps tripping himself up by using EI8H as the QSL Manager and EI8H says he is the QSL Manager for no one....and especially Slim!!

Next week there probably will be more. Maybe even VRØM will return.

SOME SHORT NOTES BV2B should be showing on the W7PHO Saturday Family Hour....2300Z at 14225kHz. You may find this a list operation taken Thursday evening... actually about 0000Z Friday. BV2B/BV2A has reported the station being installed atop the China Radio Assn Building and he cannot operate after midnight local time there in Taiwan. He says conditions to the states are usually the best at 1200-1400Z and he is active many days....but on an irregular schedule.

That 'EU' prefix being used by some Russians is out of Byelorussia (White Russia) and is in place of the usual 'UC' prefix. It is reported they will use it during December....to find the true-blue just drop the 'EU' and replace it with 'UC' and you have the real thing that you QSL via Box 88. All that should make things relative simple....right!!

On that ZD7BW item last week, we quit too quickly. ZD7BW says that with improved boat service, QSLs can be sent direct to St. Helena, or via G3FEU. We were okay until then....but on WA1UVX we failed to note that it is ZS6N that he is handling the cards for, not ZD7BW. From November 1st...ZS6N can go to WA1UVX....sase, naturally. WA1UVX does not have logs for the period prior to November 1st.

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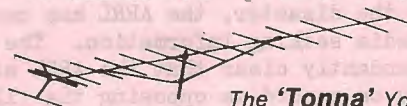
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GUYANA The ARRL was not exactly enthusiastic about the operations from the Peoples Temple and some violations, or apparent violations, had been called to their attention.

Back in the summer of 1977 the traffic from the People's Temple in Guyana to San Francisco indicated that amateur radio was one of their main means of communications. Acting on complaints, the ARRL wrote to WB6MID/8R3, the reply received said their work was so important that there should be no worry about detractors who were part of a conspiracy against the temple.

Violations of Articles 41 and 97 of the rules were discussed with the FCC and assurance was given that the FCC was aware of things and was handling things in their own way. Subsequent to the Guyana disaster it was learned that one U.S. amateur was fined heavily and a considerable number of notices of violations were mailed by the Commission to various U.S. licensed offenders.

In 1978 the communications became more and more encrypted until over 80% of the communications to and from Jonestown were heavily encrypted—from the traffic itself to schedules and frequencies. Most U.S. amateurs who worked WB6MID/8R3 received the elaborate QSL card with propaganda on the Temple's work. Some did not receive QSLs and often the Jonestown operators were soliciting financial contributions, running phone patches and asking for supplies to be sent them. It appears a good many well-meaning amateurs complied with these requests.

The ARRL representative who pursued the matter with the FCC received about a hundred letters admonishing him and the ARRL to cease and desist, that the use of amateur radio by the Temple was essential to their operations and that it's use was justified by this fact. Some of the letters contained threats that if there was not a stop to the objections to the Temple's operations, the ARRL representative could be stopped. These letters went to the FBI.

Gerald Zuckerman is the FCC official handling the case. He has made efforts to convince the press that amateur radio cannot be held responsible for the actions of some misguided individuals. The FCC also noted that it issued citations to individuals involved in the Temple's work for violating FCC Regulations 97.114, 97.117, 97.121, 98.87a, 97.61 and 97.123. These range from third party traffic violations to out-of-the-band operations.

Since the disaster, the ARRL has received approximately seventy phone calls from the media seeking information. The ARRL has replied to these inquiries, making it abundantly clear that the ARRL since the very beginning of Jonestown has been firmly on record as opposing the illegal use of Amateur Radio for their communications.

NAVASSA RECAP The operators for the recent successful Navassa operation have returned home and started looking through their logs. The total QSOs was over 22,000, twenty being the biggest producer but ten and fifteen also showing large totals. The QSO count went:

6 Meters	Ø CW	1 SSB	1 total	40mtrs	1518 CW	634 SSB	2152 Total
10	1431	3577	5008	80	554	1531	2085
15	1833	3460	5293	160	189	9	198
20	2861	4672	7533	OSCAR			33

The group managed 902 JA QSOs, Navassa always being a difficult one for the JAs. CW accounted for 37.6% of the QSOs; SSB for 62.4%. During the six day operation they ran up a large total of European contacts.

Randy, NØTG, reports the U.S. amateurs cooperative always in following instructions during the pile-ups. This was appreciated. The group found the island 'unbelievably' rough with a well-organized welcoming committee of mosquitoes looking for fresh blood. They also reported a thriving rat population on the island. The voyage from Jamaica to the island was a bit on the rough side, the return was smooth.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

DXCC.....

Learning, trying, staring out
From my novice window I first
Observed those elusive, sacred scrolls

Embarking on my own journey for them,
I packed all the prescribed equipment,
Knowing this to be the right path...
At least it seemed the way to me.

Rising early, my children on my lap,
Into the DX fray I slowly tread,
Night in, night out, the dial windows
Light the way into the far-away worlds.

Getting and spending, worldwide mail
Arrives at my door, finally, and
The Scroll is attained.
The beautiful symmetry of 'DX Is'
Becomes more apparent than ever!

The Great Adventure continues,
Into the night and beyond,
However, the Mystery of it increases.....

WA2OVG
Hank Goldman

LOW BAND LOUIE

HI8JAG 1810/0610/Dec 9w					
CN8AD 3510/0720/Dec 10w	EP2IA 3504/0330/Dec 8e	OK1DOK 3515/0650/Dec 10w	VK3FH 3512/1135/Dec 7e		
CT1MK 3787/0655/Dec 6w	EU2OQ 3518/0420/Dec 6e	OZ1LO 3512/0700/Dec 10w	VP2SK 3796/0610/Dec 8w		
DL1BU 3522/0605/Dec 5w	F3NB 3512/0625/Dec 10w	SP2AOB 3502/0255/Dec 6e	VS5AA 3505/1430/Dec 9e		
DM3SIC 3514/0715/Dec 10w	HI8MFP 3777/0550/Dec 1m	SP8YA 3506/0610/Dec 10e	YZ4Z 3507/0340/Dec 6e		
EA8AZ 3796/0520/Dec 4m	HL9TG 3505/1530/Dec 5w	UK5QBO 3506/0400/Dec 6e	ZF2AG 3504/0310/Dec 6e		
EI9CB 3796/0825/Dec 10w	LU8AHW 3505/0800/Dec 10w	UA1DZ 3507/0145/Dec 9e	VE3BWK/4U 4789/1500 10e		
CM2VG 7013/1300/Dec 4w	FV4HY/FG 7014/0100 10m	PY7BTX 7026/0020/Dec 3m	UP2BAE 7003/0735/Dec 7m		
CO2KM 7196/0905/Dec 3e	HA9PV 7008/0315/Dec 10m	SM5BFR 7005/0715/Dec 7e	UT5JD 7027/0230/Dec 9m		
CP7GM 7010/0110/Dec 7m	HA0KLE 7005/0130/Dec 10m	SP9AAJ 7001/0155/Dec 8e	VU2GW 7005/0910/Dec 8e		
CT1FL 7092/0825/Dec 9w	IL4MO 7006/0725/Dec 7e	UA2FDH 7012/2330/Dec 6e	YN1Z 7004/0330/Dec 5e		
CT2QN 7084/0745/Dec 9w	LOJX 7010/0600/Dec 8w	UA0KBS 7021/1025/Dec 7e	YO3JJ 7001/2125/Dec 6e		
CT4HW 7003/0015/Dec 3m	KG6RT 7001/1040/Dec 8e	UA0AG 7012/0130/Dec 8e	YB7AAU 7005/1215/Dec 8e		
CO2HT 7013/1300/Dec 4w	LA2EG 7004/1000/Dec 8e	UA0ZCN 7014/1315/Dec 5m	YU4EBL 7001/2130/Dec 6e		
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EA2EF 7002/0045/Dec 10m	ON6UN 7002/0015/Dec 4e	UK9YAR 7014/0215/Dec 8e	7P8EH 7005/1605/Dec 6w		
EU2ABC 7015/2240/Dec 6e	OK2PA 7010/0740/Dec 9m	UL7CAD 7002/0210/Dec 9m	4Z4XE 7010/0130/Dec 10m		

AFRICA SSB

A2CDK 21285/2025/Dec 6w	J28AI 14213/2205/Dec 7m	TR8AC 21309/2110/Dec 5w	7Z2AP 14205/1615/Dec 10w
CN8CX 14218/2235/Dec 8m	J28AZ 14221/0430/Dec 7m	ZD7BW 21355/2010/Dec 9w	9J2BO 21355/1920/Dec 10m
CN8NK 14212/2225/Dec 8m	S79WHW 14225/0240/Dec 10w	ZS3MV 14202/2050/Dec 4m	9J2JN 14237/0345/Dec 10e
CN8CC 21355.1905/Dec 7e	S79MC 21311/1910/Dec 7e	3D6AC 21355/1825/Dec 8w	
C5ABK 14228/0325/Dec 9e	VE3BGU/SU 14220/2050 4m	3D6DK 14220/1715/Dec 9w	
EA8JJ 14202/2000/Dec 6m	ST0RK 14225/1505/Dec 5w#	5T5ZR 21355/1900/Dec 7e	

AFRICA CW

J28AG 14013/2125/Dec 7w	3D6AC 21052/1920/Dec 6e	7X4MD 21018/1855/Dec 5w
ST2SA 14009/1900/Dec 10w	3B8DA 14044/0300/Dec 11w	9X5DM 14038/1930/Dec 5e
ST2SA 21023/1905/Dec 5w	3C0AN 14003/0115/Dec 6e??	9X5AB 14025/2040/Dec 5w
WA7JRL/SU 14035/1750 10w	5T5PG 21015/1415/Dec 7e	EA8NU 14029/2220/Dec 7e

ASIA CW

AP2TN 14027/0505/Dec 7e	UG6AG 14001/0255/Dec 8m	UL7LEW 14009/0435/Dec 7e	4S7WP 14013/0115/Dec 3m
EP2IA 21026/1430/Dec 7e	UG6GAE 14030/1510/Dec 5w	UK7NAR 14031/1145/Dec 7e	4S7DA 14018/0130/Dec 4m
HS1ALW 14016/0055/Dec 7e	UF6FCR 14015/1515/Dec 7w	UK7PAZ 14031/1200/Dec 7e	9M2FR 14037/0020/Dec 8m
LA7CM/OD5 14043/1940 10m	UI8ADN 14009/0310/Dec 7m	UK8IAA 14031/1140/Dec 7e	9V1RS 14025/0010/Dec 4m
TA2HIA 14035/1610/Dec 3w	UK7YAG 14030/0425/Dec 7e	4S7PT 14007/0200/Dec 10w	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc. all times in gmt)
(# = long path ??? = Slim....often heard from a rare one, often on c.w.....always the phoney)

19 December 1978

MORE RED EYED LOUIE

Come in the evening,
Or come in the morning,
Come when you're looked for,
Or come without warning.....

ASIA SSB

AP2KS 14215/0215/Dec 17e	EP2LI 14230/1450/Dec 10w#	UJ8JCC 14232/0245/Dec 9w	LS7JD 14213/0130/Dec 7m
AP2SM 14208/0330/Dec 7w	EP2FB 14209/1445/Dec 10w#	UM8MBW 14221/0325/Dec 7m	5B4DI 14229/1500/Dec 8w#
AP2TN 14204/1310/Dec 8m	HS1WR 14213/0025/Dec 7e	UL7LA 14207/0405/Dec 7m	5B4HA 14254/1625/Dec 8w#
ALXFE 14225/1610/Dec 6w#	HS1ATV 14215/0235/Dec 10e	YI1BDG 14221/1400/Dec 6m	9K2DH 14215/1520/Dec 8w#
A9XBR 14209/1340/Dec 9m	HZ1JB 14209/2130/Dec 7e	YI1BDG 14224/1450/Dec 8m	9K2EW 14218/1350/Dec 3m
A7XAH 14225/1625/Dec 11w#	JY3ZH 14218/1350/Dec 9m	YI1BDG 14225/1540/Dec 10w	9N1MM 14216/0135/Dec 7m
BV2B 14225/0025/Dec 10w	JY9DI 14225/1530/Dec 11w#	LS7DA 14203/0110/Dec 11w	
EP2NC 14202/0430/Dec 7m	OD5MX 14208/1430/Dec 92	LS7EA 14247/2350/Dec 7w	

EUROPE CW

C31MU 14029/1230/Dec 5m	FC6CYL 14020/1550/Dec 9w	LZ1RU 14038/1700/Dec 6m	9A1A 14002/1540/Dec 8w
CT2CB 14036/2115/Dec 10m	FC9VN 14013/2240/Dec 14m	OY9J 14006/2345/Dec 3m	9H1ED 14018/2345/Dec 6m
EU2IAJ 14044/1550/Dec 6m	G3RCA/GD 21038/1530 8w?	TF3US 14006/0115/Dec 11w	
EU2ABT 14023/0435/Dec 7e	GJ3EML 21006/1730/Dec 10w	UQ2RQ 14028/1705/Dec 6m	
EM2ABC 14015/0055/Dec 5e	IS0ZFL 14017/2235/Dec 4m	U05OWN 14029/1605/Dec 8w#	
ET8DH 14025/1650/Dec 8w	M1H 14024/1645/Dec 10w?	Y08CF 14016/1520/Dec 8w#	

EUROPE SSB

EA2IA 21355/1825/Dec 5w	JX9WT 14269/0005/Dec 5w	OY5J 14212/0000/Dec 6e	9H4M 14205/2005/Dec 6m
EA3JE 14210/1735/Dec 10w	OH2CW 14205/1745/Dec 6m	SV1AE 14253/1455/Dec 8w#	
HA5KKK 14224/1655/Dec 7m	OH3SR 14215/1615/Dec 7e	SV1FT 14210/1610/Dec 8w#	
JX4GN 14270/0015/Dec 5w	OH0NA 14211/1315/Dec 7e	U02CW 14203/0415/Dec 5w	

ELSEWHERE'S CW

DU6AL 14027/0000/Dec 8m	FP0EA 14039/2025/Dec 10m	VP8PM 14024/0130/Dec 5e
FG7AM 14018/0510/Dec 10e	HK0BKX 14019/0240/Dec 8e	VP8FL 14066/0230/Dec 7e
FO4HY/FG 14027/0515 10e	KH6JFI/KH7 14029/0225 8e	ZF2AG 21011/1330/Dec 6e
FM7WO 14026/0310/Dec 8e	VP2DD 21002/1855/Dec 5w	ZF2CI 14032/2140/Dec 10m

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CO2RV 14206/1635/Dec 7m	HW7G 14211/0245/Dec 11w	LU3ZY 14220/0235/Dec 7e	VP8QG 14217/0220/Dec 7e
DU9FB 14222/1545/Dec 9w	J3AAG 14201/0230/Dec 11w	OK3AK 14239/0435/Dec 7m	XE1AE 14222/1515/Dec 7m
FK8CR 21355/1905/Dec 7e	KX6BU 21302/1925/Dec 6w	VK9XW 14263/1505/Dec 4m	ZP5GM 14221/0145/Dec 7m
FW8AC 14230/0700/Dec 5e	KX6BQ 21355/1910/Dec 5w	VP1HK 21355/2030/Dec 6w	8R1AG 14216/1140/Dec 8e
VE1DI/V02 21355/2010 9w	VK7AE 14222/1515/Dec 7m	VP2KS 14286/1255/Dec 8e	9Y4PH 14214/1425/Dec 9w

TEN METERS

EU2ABT 28022/1450/Dec 7e	HG0DG 28005/1505/Dec 7e	VR0M 28003/2235/Dec 9m?	5T5CJ 28072/1725/Dec 9w
G3DIQ 28013/1625/Dec 6w	J28AY 28035/1420/Dec 3m	SP9CDA 28018/1445/Dec 7e	
GUSGIA 28061/1715/Dec 9w	LZ2KML 28011/1500/Dec 6e	ZE3JO 28024/1645/Dec 8w	
FO4HY/FG 28027/1715/ 7e	OH3HY 28018/1455/Dec 7e	4U1ITU 28060/1655/Dec 9w	
GW4DWN 28538/1515/Dec 10e	OD5AQ 28627/4335/Dec 7e	VK8CH 28577/0045/Dec 7w	SM2ALH/4U 28585/1415 3e
KH2AD 28510/0030/Dec 5w	P29NYL 28570/0015/Dec 5w	VP2DAY 28558/2210/Dec 5w	7X2BK 28540/1540/Dec 6e
WA1IOG/KH2 28615/0000 6e	TF3YH 28579/1635/Dec 3e	VP9HZ 28530/1625/Dec 7e	9H1FN 28578/1525/Dec 5w
KC6MM 28550/0200/Dec 9w	UH8BBJ 28609/1410/Dec 7e	VY1AU 28770/0045/Dec 6m	9H4G 28608/1550/Dec 6e
LA5DQ 28551/1405/Dec 3m	VK1NBE 28585/2315/Dec 7w	UQ2OET 28596/1420/Dec 3e	

DX-Ten Years Back

from downtown Kabul. Clipperton was being rumored....the rumor was to be heard regularly for the next ten years. Revillagigedo was coming up in mid-December...444J and 444IX. CE0AE was on most days. FW8-Wallis was due in February. 7G1CG was active from the Republic of Guinea. Pacific DX Net was aiming for its first session on January 3, 1969. FR7ZL was due to be heard from Tromelin late in December. CR8AI was being heard on fifteen SSB. 9U5DP, Father Paul, was on from Burundi. K6TKR was asking that all rag-chewers step aside when YK1AA shows on Friday so he can get through. Even then PY0-QSLs were hard to come by and many were thirsting for PY0BLR for a Trinidad operation. VS5TL, Slim, was on twenty SSB. This was a real 'Slim'....not the other kind of 'true-blue' Slim. It was not long before 'Slim' would not be given as a handle in the DX bands. 8X8A....remember?

Dec 17, 1968 It was legal to work the YB-stations, the ITU ban being lifted. MP4TCE was on from Trucian Oman..VE6AJT/KB6 was on from American Phoenix. Chatham was expected to be activated by a crew of ZLs in January. FB8XX was on from Kerguelen. VK0IA was being heard from MacQuarrie and YA1DAN was on regularly

CALENDAR

Crew on the way. Start listening.....from this weekend
Sometime next year....in the first half.
VR6BJ late April for short operation
AA4V/6Y5 from next Tuesday for a couple days
ZF2CI by the Colvins in another YASME effort
A month to go! Frequencies next issue.....maybe.
Giampaolo going but no date yet set. Next year 601FG...again.
February....maybe.
New operator.....not quiet so easy to work...but possible
HI8s there in January.....new and special prefix.
YI1BGD with new rig. On most days.....
Baruch heading out again Itinerary to be released soon.
Downtown Gent.....February 10th. ON-DXers looking for visitors
Downtown Norfolk (Virginia) Join the foodfest! K4JNM for info
January 13/14th
January 26/28th. Jump in quick! They may give the band away!!
January 27/28th
January 27/28th
February 24/25th
March 3/4th
March 17/18th
MARCH 24/25th
PING ♣ May 1979.....downtown Fresno at the Hilton. Prepare!!!

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WARC AND RELATED ITEMS A week or so back there was mention here of another possible threat to 220MHz. The 'HR' REPORT identifies the threat as coming from the maritime interests and this was welded in at a closed FCC meeting early in December.

The maritime interests convinced the WARC designers to include 216-225MHz as a maritime mobile band and amateur use in the 220-225MHz area will be a secondary allocation. Some have considered that this would only affect coastal waters but it will encompass all navigable waters which would include the Great Lakes and the major river systems.

This, along with the One-Sixty WARC proposal were sprung at the last minute, the sop being that the U.S. plans to push for proposed new bands and possibly expand some of the current bands. In view of the track record on WARC so far, some are a bit reluctant to put too much credence in vague promises.

There is being raised the question of illegality in these FCC proposals, the matter simply being that there was never a chance for the public to express an opinion and the FCC did not solicit public comment. This is required by the Administrative Procedures Act and some have already branded the FCC actions illegal.

If the shoe is pinching you, it is time to bellow. Write your Congressman or U.S. Senator and question whether the FCC has followed procedures. It appears that it has not

TNX to W1AM, W1KSZ, W1MV, WA1WTP, W1VV, WA2AIV, W2FP, W2HAZ, W2KF, W2NC, N200, WA2OVG, WA2SON, N3ED, W3LEDD, W4HU, W4KA, W4LCL, WA4LPZ, N4OW, W4UF, N4WW, N4WX, W4ZR, K5AQ, W5CPI, K5DB, W5DD, K5OVC, K5VNJ/2, K5VT/3, W5YA, WA6BJS, K6ARE, K6EC, W6JD, W6KPC, K6KA, K6LAE, W6MI, W6MUS, N6OB, N6OZ, W6PYV, W6SJC, W6TPC, W6VD, W6VQD, WA6TOO, W6TSQ, AE6U, K6UFT, K6YK, K6WR, WB6ZUC, W7BCG, W7PFZ, N7UT, WA7UVO, W8DCH, K8IA, K8IP, W8MAW, K8RD, WB9LFD, K9RA, W9SC, WB9SLV, W9TC, NØTG, W9TKV, W9SS, K9XJ, KØBJ, WØBW, KØKES, WAØKDI, NØRF, KH6BZF, I2FGP, SP9ZD, XE1XR.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. This is always the season to renew the old acquaintances and everyone knows that every DXer knows just about every other DXer. But one of the local QRPers was up the hill last week and, it being warm, we sat and watched the still energetic honey bees try for a smooth landing at the hive, they often tumbling head over heels because of the heavy wing loadings. "Why is it?" the QRPer asked, "that you can keep in contact with those friends of other years, actually mostly at Christmas time, but when you do meet them face to face you find that these comrades of other years are mostly strangers. What happens?" We had heard these questions before and ourselves have often thought of how the old friends from Villacoublay there on the edge of Paris have turned to almost total strangers. "DXers or otherwise?" we asked and the QRPer shrugged. "Otherwise I guess," he said. "Why should it matter who they are?" It does make a difference and we recalled how in other years we had asked the same question of the Old Timer. He was not long in answering. "Stephen Vincent Benet once said," the Old Timer told us, "There are many worlds. And a man, in his time, may live in one or many." And that was all he said. It was later that we realized that many have the memories of the other years and may cling to them but the world changes. And those that once were close friends may now be almost total strangers, the threads of friendship stretched thin by the years. But we thought of DX and DXers and it came to us that DXers are never strangers. Their world is everywhere and always. And we tried to explain all of this to the QRPer. "DXers are never strangers," the QRPer repeated and we were glad to see the smile of the good season return. "I like that," the QRPer said, "and I will remember it. Actually I think I knew it all the time but I will be sure to remember it well in future. DXers are never strangers". And this is the good season for DXers have friends everywhere. From all the staff at the WCDXB, both of them, the best of season greetings to all the readers, none of whom has ever been a stranger but always a DXer. And always a Deserving DXer! The best kind.....

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