

# West Coast DX Bulletin



January 9, 1979

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LACCADIVES This should be on within the week, the Bangalore Radio Club last week were rather definite in their plans. Look for VU4ARC on the frequencies listed lower on, the operation will be from Kavaratti Island in the Laccadive Group.

The report on the gear is that it includes a SB-104, a SB-101, a SB-200 and a FT-101. There was word last week that two of the group may be on the island as early as January 4th, the balance coming on January 12th. An up-date on the crew indicates that there will be nine operators, these being VU2TS, VU2RM, VU2GO, VU2WP, VU2RQ, VU2DX, VU2GX, VU2NRS and VU2SW. Most of these were listed last week.

The group should operate for about a week once they get on the air. The gear line-up might indicate transceive operations though outboard VFOs might be included but not mentioned.

You can start listening this weekend, and if the schedule is right, they could be on this weekend. At the middle of last week, it did appear that the Bangalore Radio Club would be the only operation coming in January, any other authorizations apparently waiting on developments or shelving their plans for the time being.

Later word indicates that possibly only two authorizations were issued by New Delhi for a Laccadive entry and amateur radio operation. There were other applications on hand, two possibly from European sources and one from a JA-group.

The frequencies to watch--

|      |         |         |          |          |          |
|------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| CW:  | 3895kHz | 7010kHz | 14050kHz | 21050kHz | 28050kHz |
| SSB: | 3895kHz | 7090kHz | 14250kHz | 21250kHz | 28600kHz |

If you wonder about that 3895kHz frequency, a check indicates that possibly the VUs have a small slot of frequencies up in that area and this may be it. A couple of checks on this tended to dissipate the initial doubt.

Anyhow, there it is and what can you do now. As the Hero of Mafeking, Lord Baden-Powell would often say: "Be Prepared!!"

BOUVET The 3Y-Bouvet activity often turned into a DX Dialogue.....everyone calling, nobody listening. And should you tend to believe this, just remember what did happen when the Bouvet station latched on to a blind caller, there was instant bedlam. And sometimes the station called by Bouvet never heard anything else. Many a molar was ground down.....

The supply ship taking the Norwegian group to Bouvet and then on to the Antarctic came a cropper a week or so back when a steel cable got wound around its propulsion screws and rudder. The ship drifted for some days in the sub-Antarctic Atlantic until a tug came out from Capetown to take it in tow. At 0200Z last Friday the tug got a line on the ship and started the long haul back to Capetown and a drydock.

Two operators were left on Bouvet, these being 3Y1VC and 3Y1DX. 3Y5DQ was aboard the vessel enroute to Capetown and it was indicated that he would not be landing again on Bouvet but probably going on to his planned work on Queen Maud Land in Antarctica.

The tow to Capetown should take about seven days, four days were scheduled for getting things untangled but the Bouvet operation should continue. It was indicated that there might be more c.w. work but after a flurry of activity early last week, things had tapered off and in the western reaches the station was not being heard.

3Y5DQ, Thorey, did advise ZS6RM that his contacts when not signing /mm were from Bouvet and were made with the ATLAS rig and the improvised antenna. The TH6DX antenna shipped to Capetown was too long a package to fit within the helicopter and could not be off-loaded. However, among the supplies off-loaded before the supply ship left the Bouvet area was the ICOM-701 and the linear. As of last Friday ZS6RM said that this gear had not been put on the air.

3Y1DX could be LA1DX which the call-book shows as Thorfinn Svendsen out of downtown Kragero in Norway. This is a presumption but the usual procedure is to assign calls for the off-shore Norwegian islands using the home-call suffix.

ZS6RM, Dick Matthews, has been maintaining almost daily contacts with the Bouvet operation and has helped to clear much of the speculation and questions on the operation. Most of the above represents late reports from Dick received last Friday.

Anyhow, some are working Bouvet, 14030kHz and 14300kHz the best areas for the hopeful. Some have even worked Bouvet two or three times. The multiplicity of Slims, and especially on c.w. makes many a bit apprehensive.....was it Slim....was it Thory....was it John? So back again for insurance..... Keep hoping.

SUNSPOT LOUIE There have been clouds covering the sun and observations from this area have been a bit difficult during the last week. Actually, a bit on the impossible side. So we zig back a bit, pick up the last data we have and run a chart to show what things were and why DX has thrived.

K7SE who has been skipping about in the Oceanic Territories signing K7SE/ZL1BSK/4 to the confusion of many, paused long enough to call attention to the recent updates on the expectations for Cycle 21.

A speaker from the National Oceanic and Atmosphere out of Boulder recently noted at a meeting of the American Geophysical union that the expectations are that Cycle 21 will reach its maximum sometime in 1980. These predictions are based on the current status of the cycle which began in June 1976 and the maximum smoothed number is expected to be up around one-fifty.

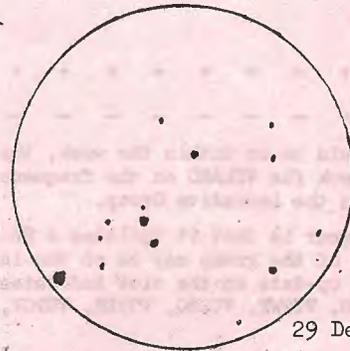
For comparison, the largest cycle, #19, peaked at a 202 number, the second largest peaked at 151. Cycle 21 has every promise of being right up there with the 'biggies'.

However, they are now worrying about the effects of radiation during periods of flares which could temporarily affect satellite and other forms of communication.....such as amateur radio. There is also a danger possible from radiation during flares to passengers on trans-polar flights where the planes are operating at high altitudes.

Some amateurs have even wondered if they should work on their towers during periods of high flare activity. Perhaps some should be cautious.

Anyhow, the portents are good, everyone is doing the Palos Verdes Blind Call Vertigo on Bouvet and a lot of stuff is coming down the pike to keep everyone interested all through Cycle 21. And there on the south bank of the Potomac, N4XX is mixing the flux and stuff together and what Ted brews, you get....

Jan 9th Above...slipping  
to Low Normal  
10th Low Normal  
11th Low Normal  
12th Low Normal  
13th High....going to Low Normal  
14th Below...disturbed  
15th Low.....going to Below Normal  
16th Low Normal  
17th High Normal  
18th High Normal  
19th High Normal



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|-----------|----------------|
| No. 1465  | 3 spots        |
| N13° W42° | 20 millionths  |
| No. 1471  | 3 spots        |
| M19° W54° | 40 millionths  |
| No. 1472  | 3 spots        |
| N21° E05° | 20 millionths  |
| No. 1474  | 20 spots       |
| N12° W01° | 80 millionths  |
| No. 1475  | 14 spots       |
| S29° E22° | 90 millionths  |
| No. 1476  | 12 spots       |
| S15° E26° | 150 millionths |
| No. 1478  | 3 spots        |
| S11° E26° | 20 millionths  |
| No. 1479  | 3 spots        |
| S18° E35° | 80 millionths  |
| No. 1480  | 9 spots        |
| S22° W67° | 40 millionths  |
| No. 1481  | 3 spots        |
| S18° E13° | 20 millionths  |
| No. 1482  | 4 spots        |
| S22° E40° | 40 millionths  |
| No. 1483  | 10 spots       |
| S33° E47° | 80 millionths  |
| No. 1484  | 2 spots        |
| S35° E73° | 310 millionths |

And there in the border country K6EC says that it is always High Normal when he tunes for those eighteen-after-the-hour reports from WWV. And Ev says that the big word for the chartmakers is.....

| Solar Flux Ap Index |     |    | Solar Flux Ap Index |     |    |
|---------------------|-----|----|---------------------|-----|----|
| Dec 25th            | 143 | 23 | Dec 29th            | 173 | 8  |
| 26th                | 149 | 9  | 30th                | 190 | 16 |
| 27th                | 170 | 12 | 31st                | 203 | 15 |
| 28th                | 174 | 11 |                     |     |    |

Note that the flux was up over the 200 mark at the end of 1978. Things are headed in the right direction for 1979.

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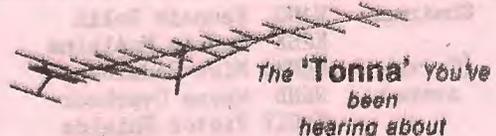
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DESECHEO There is nothing new out of Newington on this matter but something will come along one of these days. We do have a copy of the letter which was sent by KV4KV to the ARRL on the Desecheo question and we have reproduced it below. This confirms what has been reported previously but it gives you the wording from those concerned with the initial amateur operation from the island.

KV4KV QSLs continue to show and those receiving them are holding tight on them. The matter will eventually have to be resolved....yes or no....and the cards may have those sterling values that all DXers like.

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December 15, 1978

Mr. Don Search WJAZD  
ARRL  
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Dear Don,

It was a pleasure to meet you on the telephone.

Bob Denniston is carefully preparing a package for the DX Committee including legal opinions and depositions from local officials. However, I think I would like to give a preview so that the Committee will not make any rash decisions and await Bob's report.

Briefly, Mr. Furniss shows he knows not of what he speaks when he complains of "illegal broadcasts." Radio emission is under the control of the Federal Communications Commission and not the Fish and Wild Life Service. Further, no landing permit is needed because of the Open Beaches Act in general and more specifically, Federal Code 50 Part 26.27 clearly states "A permit is not required to enter, travel on, and exit from any national wildlife refuge on public waters....."

I have researched Desecheo in relation to Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico and its adjacent islands were ceded to the U.S. by Spain in the Treaty of Paris 1899. And Act of Congress, July 1900 (c.191, 31 Stat. 77, "Organic Act of 1900") placed all such islands under the government of Puerto Rico. However, the island is owned by the Federal Government and thus exempt from control by the local Government. For example: for years that military has been bombing this and other Puerto Rican Islands such to the dismay of the local people. If the Government of Puerto Rico had control of these lands, I'm sure the bombings would have stopped a long time ago. (This situation has been and is very much in the local press.)

In summary, Desecheo was given "country" status, W0DX and KV4KV are duly licensed and our visits to Desecheo were legal.

We intend to return to Desecheo again.

Please circulate the material to the Committee. Also, you may release the entire letter to the press as you did Mr. Furniss's letter.

In the Advisory Committees, K5IM and W7YTJ have completed their service on the DX Advisory Committee while K4PJ and K8MR have completed their tour on the Contest Advisory Committee.

There are other committees....the Emergency Communications Advisory Committees, the VHF

ARRL ADVISORY COMMITTEES The DX Advisory Committees have had their annual shuffling and here is the line-up on the more important ones for 1979.

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Repeater Advisory Committee, UHF/UHF Advisory Committee,

SHORTLY NOTED Don't think that Box 88 is dead, it's only been sleeping. A week or so back John Attaway, K4LIF, who handles the CQ's DX Corral, got a bundle from Moscow. Six pounds of cards, applications and assorted other items. QSL cards were for ninety-three WPX applications, 27 for CQ's DX Country Award and 17 for WAZ. In the past it has been noted that outgoing applications through Box 88 from UA-stations would take from six to ten months to reach this country.

And while working the CQ Desk, it might be noted that January 1st the fee for the WAZ Certificate went to \$2.00. It has been \$1.00 since the mid-Sixties but things have changed since then....mostly upwards.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I sing the hymn of the conquered, who  
fell in the Battle of Bouvet--  
The hymn of the wounded, the beaten,  
who died overwhelmed in the fray.

TEN METER LOUIE

|                           |                           |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| GD1AM 28035/1530/Dec 30m  | J28AY 28038/1435/Dec 29m  | UB5CAO 28042/1415/Dec 29e | YV1AM 28013/1740/Dec 29w  |
| GJ3EML 28034/1620/Dec 29w | W8NMK/KG6 28028/2155 27m  | UP2BAO 28031/1405/Dec 29m | 9J2BO 29003/1525/Dec 28w  |
| GJ5CIA 28027/1440/Dec 29m | KL7JER 28038/2140/Dec 27m | UR2RSI 28005/1345/Dec 29w | 9M1CH 28018/1635/Dec 30w  |
| HB0EFN 28010/1350/Dec 29m | LA1XV 28050/1500/Dec 30m  | Y08FR 28049/1505/Dec 30w  |                           |
| CT1GD 28590/1830/Jan 1m   | EA7ANJ 28602/1645/Dec 25w | JL1FFX 28618/0000/Dec 26m | TF3CW 28520/1535/Dec 28e  |
| CT3AF 28554/1630/Dec 25e  | FR7BE 28505/1435/Dec 25e  | K06MJ 28626/2125/Dec 25m  | VP8PE 28673/2050/Dec 30m  |
| ET2AW 28542/1715/Dec 30w  | GI3IVJ 28505/1530/Dec 28e | KA1MI 28524/2240/Dec 27w  | ZD7BW 28514/1750/Dec 29e  |
| WA2WYR/CX 28673/2050 30e  | GU3EON 28551/1640/Dec 28e | KX6BU 28540/1925/Dec 26e  | 5N2NAS 28523/1420/Dec 21e |
| ET6S 28590/1725/Jan 1m    | IS0MFP 28584/1620/Dec 25m | PY8AX 28628/1830/Dec 25m  | 5W1BZ 28586/0010/Dec 26m  |

LOW Banded LOUIE

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| CT1UE 3795/0650/Dec 29w  | HS1ABD 3516/1145/Often   | PJ2FR 3803/0315/Dec 27e  | YN1Z 3501/0340/Dec 29,   |
| GJ3MBS 3503/0245/Dec 29e | HK0BKX 3506/0320/Dec 26m | TI2PZ 3502/0300/Dec 24m  | YU1EXY 3504/0305/Dec 29m |
| GJ5CIA 3502/2155/Dec 28e | KA1NC 3793/1255/Dec 27e  | ZB2EO 3527/0100/Dec 29e  | VE3BWK/4U 3766/0210 27e  |
| HB9PF 3526/0650/Dec 26w  | KL7JCL 3784/1230/Dec 27e | ZF2AD 3502/0205/Dec 26m  |                          |
| HK4BKR 3793/0445/Dec 30w | KL7JEF 3784/1240/Dec 27e | VO1NO 3803/0245/Dec 22e  |                          |
| CE3BED 7020/0335/Dec 24m | I2CUV 7032/0115/Dec 25m  | OH2UQ 7015/2255/Dec 27m  | VK5SZ 7005/1155/Dec 28m  |
| CT2QN 7016/0230/Dec 24m  | IL4MO 7034/0050/Dec 25m  | PY3CGJ 7006/0250/Dec 26m | VP2VDU 7010/0455/Dec 23m |
| CX5BK 7005/0345/Dec 24m  | JH1GRG 7006/2215/Dec 27e | S8FXT 7008/0315/Dec 28e  | VU2GW 7004/1225/Dec 25e  |
| FR7BE 7005/0315/Dec 25m  | KG6JLH 7004/1215/Dec 27m | SM2CBS 7002/2235/Dec 27m | XE2RV 7028/0010/Dec 24m  |
| GJ3MBS 7002/0020/Dec 30w | KL7AF 7040/0140/Dec 25m  | UA6AKK 7005/2300/Dec 27m | ZE3JO 7014/0330/Dec 24m  |
| HI3JEL 7083/0305/Dec 28e | KV4AA 7030/1035/Dec 22e  | UK8EAA 7003/0130/Dec 28e | ZS1RC 7007/0320/Dec 27m  |
| HS1ABD 7003/2105/Dec 26e | OE6MKG 7010/0500/Dec 23m | UL7CAD 7005/1140/Dec 25e | 7P8BH 7006/0300/Often    |
| VE3BWK/4U 7006/0225 24m  | AA4V/6Y5 7004/2215 26e   | YV1NX 7006/0215/Dec 24m  |                          |

AFRICA CW

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| EA8AT 14006/1250/Dec 30w | SU1ER 14007/1500/Dec 30w  | 5Z4PD 14027/2135/Dec 26e | 7X4MD 14020/1735/Dec 25e |
| EA8NU 14019/0005/Dec 28e | SULGB 14017/1320/Dec 30w? | 5Z4QT 14037/1530/Dec 28w | 9J2ES 21031/1750/Dec 26e |
| EL2EV 14028/0020/Dec 30e | ZS1XR 14041/2335/Dec 29w  | 5T5BZ 14009/0035/Dec 30w | 9X5QM 14025/1525/Dec 27w |
| J28AG 14032/1420/Dec 28m | 3D6AX 14023/1630/Dec 27w# | 7X4AN 14016/0020/Dec 26e | 9J2DI 21006/1940/Dec 25m |

ASIA CW

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALXHI 14029/1535/Dec 27w  | HZ4QT 14029/2220/Dec 28m  | UJ8AG 14027/0315/Dec 29w  |
| EP2DZ 21003/1340/Dec 25m  | JA7JT/JD1 14022/0430 29w  | VU2GE 14031/1225/Dec 29e  |
| EP2BQ 14026/1240/Dec 29e  | LA7CM/OD5 21010/1415 25e  | VU2LB 14020/1250/Dec 25e# |
| HM1DH 14028/2340/Dec 28e  | UI8GAJ 21007/1305/Dec 26e | VU2RQ 14027/0315/Dec 29w  |
| HS1ABD 14032/0120/Dec 30w | UI8TAA 14007/1330/Dec 27m | 9M2FK 14026/0130/Dec 28m# |
| HZ4PD 14026/2205/Dec 26e  | UK8AAK 14028/1150/Dec 27e |                           |

AFRICA SSB

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| C5ABD 14119/0025/Dec 28m  | S8FXT 21260/2000/Dec 27e | XT2AT 21350/1750/Dec 28m  | 5Z4NH 14225/1535/Dec 28m  |
| C5ABK 14239/2325/Dec 28e  | WB5AJE/SU 14225/1835 29e | ZD7SD 14210/2045/Dec 29e  | 5Z4RT 14214/1445/Dec 28m  |
| CN8AK 14225/1550/Jan 1w#  | ST2SA 14210/1520/Dec 31w | ZD7JW 21355/2035/Dec 27e  | 9G1FF 14215/0245/Dec 27m  |
| D68AD 21282/1815/Dec 21e  | ST0RK 14250/1545/Dec 29m | ZE6JL 21355/2005/Dec 29m  | 9G1LG 21319/2200/Dec 30w  |
| DL4CBS 14214/0740/Dec 30w | TU2IF 14244/2135/Dec 29e | ZS3AG 21309/2020/Dec 27w  | 9J2JN 14238/0345/Dec 26e  |
| FH8CL 14240/1525/Dec 30w# | F6DXE/TU 14225/2305/ 27w | ZS3KC 14234/2015/Dec 29e  | 9L1SL/C 14251/0100/De 25w |
| FR7BE 14201/1500/Dec 30w  | TT8HV 14237/1500/Dec 25w | ZS6RM 14332/2045/Dec 27e  | 9X5FP 14151/1525/Dec 31w# |
| TU2DJ 14203/0120/Dec 28w  | XT2AV 14202/1605/Jan 1w  | WB5WIC/3D6 14255/0140 26e |                           |

ASIA SSB

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| AP2ZR 14203/1250/Dec 27e# | JY9VK 14225/1500/Jan 1w#   | YI1BGD 14225/1615/Dec 29w | 5B4HD 14210/0100/Dec 28w |
| AP2UR 14203/1250/Dec 29e  | JY9DK 14236/1535/Dec 30w   | YI1BGD 14235/1545/Dec 31w | 9K2EW 14193/1500/Dec 26e |
| A6XB 14225/1505/Dec 30m   | JY9OD 14226/1455/Dec 26w#  | YK1AA 14225/1510/Dec 25w# | 9K2BE 14212/1320/Dec 27m |
| EP2NC 14205/1510/Dec 27w# | UK6GAA 14272/1545/Dec 27w# | LS7JD 14219/1300/Dec 30e  | 9V1OI 14243/1555/Dec 30w |
| EP2LI 14226/1450/Jan 1w#  | VU2UGI 14232/1300/Dec 25e  | VE3BWK/4U 14220/1520 30w# | 9V1TF 14202/0025/Dec 29m |
| EP2VH 14268/1500/Dec 26w# | VU2ARC 14209/1225/Dec 29e  | LXLJU 14210/1450/Dec 28m  | 9N1MM 14224/0120/Dec 28e |
| HL9TJ 14225/2310/Dec 28m  | VS6AK 14203/1215/Dec 29e   | LZ4RV 14208/1415/Dec 27m  |                          |
| HS1WR 14214/1440/Jan 2w#  | YI1BGD 14224/1510/Dec 24w# | 5B4DI 14205/2310/Dec 29e  |                          |
| HZ1MJ 14250/1600/Dec 26w  | YI1BGD 14213/1350/Dec 26e  | DL7SU/5B4 14252/1530, 26w |                          |
| JY3ZH 14212/1330/Dec 27m  | YI1BGD 14304/1600/Dec 27w  | 9K2DJ 14250/0455/Dec 31e  |                          |

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Across the margent of the world I called,  
And troubled the gold gateways of the stars,  
Smiting for DX on their clanged bars.....

EUROPE CW

|                           |                           |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| CT2OQ 14026/2120/Dec 26w  | GJ5CIA 14028/1315/Dec 30w | TF3DC 14008/1705/Dec 28w  | UR2AWA 14030/1250/Dec 30m |
| CT2CB 14030/2015/Dec 28e  | GM3SJO 14003/1304/Dec 30w | UK1TAB 21037/1425/Dec 28e | UY5MV 21020/1455/Dec 28e  |
| EA6DD 14003/1645/Dec 27w  | GU5CIA 21029/1810/Dec 26m | UK1APA 21045/1415/Dec 28e |                           |
| EU2BA 14031/0205/Dec 28w# | OH2BDA 21036/1425/Dec 28e | UK2PCR 14025/0025/Dec 29e |                           |
| EU2WAF 14025/0000/Dec 29w | SP6EXU 21020/1450/Dec 28e | UO50GV 21011/1550/Dec 28e |                           |
| EU2DU 14025/1425/Dec 29w  | SY3F 14045/1150/Dec 28e?? | UP2BAO 14032/0010/Dec 29e |                           |

EUROPE SSB

|                           |                           |                            |                            |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CT2SH 21280/1830/Dec 27w  | LX1TL 14242/0820/Dec 30w  | ON5YR 14263/1550/Dec 31w#  | ZB2DW 21296/1730/Dec 25e   |
| EU2ABC 14227/0745/Dec 30w | LX1SI 14246/1545/Dec 27w# | OZ4M 14225/1520/Jan 2w#    | 3A2HB 14240/1300/Dec 26e   |
| HB7ALJ 14034/0105/Jan 1w# | LZ2SC 14216/1500/Jan 1w#  | UC2AFA 14202/1400/Dec 27m  | F9UW/3A 14210/1525/Dec 2w# |
| HB9ALX 14210/1530/Jan 1w# | OE2REL 14228/1540/Jan 1w# | UK6LAZ 14224/1410/Dec 27m# | 9H4M 14202/1530/Dec 28w    |
| IT9YRE 14209/1455/Dec 29w | OK1AMI 14214/1540/Jan 2w# | UK5MAF 14208/1415/Dec 28m  | 9H4L 14227/1610/Dec w6w#   |
| LA6JG 21308/1445/Dec 28e  | ON4UN 14222/1825/Dec 25w  | UW6DO 14203/1500/Dec 30w#  |                            |

ELSEWHERE CW

|                            |                           |                           |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| CO2FY 14028/0220/Dec 31w   | K0AX/DU2 14020/2320/ 25e# | OX3MD 21013/1715/Dec 29w  | VP2VDU 14013/0255/Dec 29e |
| CO5DM 14022/0150/Dec 26e   | HI8LC 14040/0245/Dec 31e  | TG9ML 14028/1435/Dec 30w  | YB1KW 14032/2330/Dec 25e# |
| FP0EA 14034/0105/Dec 27e   | HI8MOG 21017/1925/Dec 29w | TG9AC 14027/1645/Dec 28w  | ZF2AD 14007/1300/Dec 30w  |
| FP0ED 14028/0220/Dec 31w   | J3AAG 14029/0150/Dec 29e  | VE8RCS 14005/0015/Dec 29e | 5W1BZ 14008/0435/Dec 28w  |
| FY7YE 14050/1245/Dec 29w   | KG4CC 14022/0140/Dec 29w  | VP8AI 14030/0245/Dec 28e  | 9Y4VU 14019/0000/Dec 30w  |
| HD5EE/4 21027/1835/Dec 26e | KV4AA 14030/1745/Dec 28w  | VP2SZ 14028/1250/Dec 28e  |                           |

ELSEWHERE SSB

|                           |                           |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| A35RB 14256/1540/Dec 26w  | HK0QA 14222/1515/Dec 25w  | P29JS 14221/2220/Dec 26e# | VP8QV 14203/0130/Dec 26m |
| FK8CR 21354/1945/Dec 26m  | HK0BKX 14194/1500/Jan 1w  | PZ2AC 14210/0120/Dec 27m  | VP8CU 14204/0225/Dec 28w |
| FP8DX 14225/2225/Dec 26e  | HR1HC 21310/2120/Dec 30w  | VK7AE 14216/1545/Dec 27m  | VR3AR 14203/0100/Dec 26e |
| FY7AE 21355/2035/Dec 27e  | J3AO 21300/2030/Dec 29e   | VK9XW 14205/0000/Dec 26e  | VR6TC 21353/1715/Dec 29w |
| WA7UWE/C6A 14225/1645 28m | KC4AAC 14314/0335/Dec 27m | VP2MH 14240/1305/Dec 26e  | 5W1AX 14254/0435/Dec 23w |
| HD5EA 14228/1245/Dec 29e  | OX3BA 14211/0135/Dec 28m  | VP2AK 21322/1925/Dec 26m  | 6Y5RL 21355/2035/Dec 27e |
| HC8GI 14205/0515/Dec 30m  | PY2BU 14229/0405/Dec 27e  | VP2LGL 14250/1250/Dec 29w | 8P6JH 14245/0025/Dec 29e |

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches all times in gmt # = long path)  
 (?? = Slim.....often on c.w. In the middle of every big pile-up....)

# DX-Ten Years Back

January 7, 1969 ZL1DS and ZL1AFZ were being heard from Chatham Island. W4WS and W6BPO were aiming for a February operation from Norfolk. CE3ZN was trying to get things untangled for a San Felix effort. 5BDXCC was in its first week of existence and everything was DX....absolutely!

K6TXR was receiving congratulations from the whole Pacific Slope after working YK1AA. Slim had been heard in December from 'ZAP', 200 miles north of Spratly and signing IZ9AY. CR8AI was on from Timor and VS5TJ was Slim again. CR9AK on from Macao. KW8AX was visiting in the states and VQ8CC was aiming for an early St Brandon/Rodriguez operation. Some of the Deserving even then were waiting patiently for PY0-cards. Then it was PY0SP and PY0DX, this being a previous November trip to St Peter and Paul Rocks. The cards came through in quick order. The USCG SOUTHWIND was headed for a March stop at Heard Island. There was even then a persistent inside rumor that Clipperton would show in mid-January. XZ-Burma was still in the quiet period, from which it never recovered, and rumors of BY-operations could be found. XZ2AB was to show in mid-January.....proving even then that all you had to do was mention a country being not on the air and Slim would immediately rush to correct things. Good Ol' Slim!!

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SERRANA BANK The group has run into some transportation problems and the schedule will have to be slipped back some weeks and now looks like a February possibility.

The plans had been based on using a PBY amphibian plane based in San Andres to fly the group out to Serrana Bank. Last week the pilot for the company owning the plane split the scene, all this raising a few problems.

A new pilot is being hired by the company but until things straighten out and are back to normal, the operation is marking time. A new plan will be prepared, this based in part on the availability of the crew and their absence from their normal work. Right now they are hoping for February, it may be as late as March but they are firm in aiming for a Serrana Bank operation as soon as they can reorganize things.

HEARD ISLAND Some of the VK/ZL DX Types have been looking over the possibility of a Heard Island revival and there are indications that things may be moving for something this year.

One of those active has advised his stateside contact that permission has been granted to land on the island, that transportation will be available and a callsign....VKØHI has been issued.

Firm details are not yet available but there was mention that it would be during the summer season there at Heard. As that is right now the premise could be that it may come rather quickly, or it may come a year from now.

There is hope. The VK/ZLs are industriously working to get this one back on the air, it has not been heard since VKØHM was there in 1970.

SOUTH SANDWICH There are indications that activity from South Sandwich will pick up again in mid-January, some changes in the Argentina base on Thule coming about then.

LU3ZY should be heard both on c.w. and SSB.....Isidoro being the new operator on c.w., Annibal being the new operator on SSB. The advice was to start listening for them starting about January 15th and especially in the 14205kHz area, this in evening hours.

LU2AFH has been noting that the activity from the South Sandwich group would come again and the DXers in Argentina who were instrumental in getting activity from the islands are working to keep it going. If you need LU3ZY, start listening next week.

SOUTH SHETLANDS There are a couple of new Argentine operators being heard from the South Shetlands, these being on two different islands in the group.

LU1ZS is on Media Luna (Half-Moon) Island in the South Shetlands, this one being at 62°S. The operator there is Danael. On Deception Island is LU1ZC, George, this one being at 59°. Both should be active but the usual operating frequencies are not yet noted.

JUAN DE NOVA FR7ZL is presently on Juan de Nova, his tour there scheduled to start on January 1st. Guy should be there for two months and the amateur activity will be on twenty meters only. FR7BE says that Guy is active and 14101kHz the frequency that you should check.

BARBADOS W1RED will scoot out of frozen Boston next week and head for his favorite thawing-out spot, the Barbados. He will be on the air for a couple of weeks starting January 22nd and he hopes to be again issued his old call of 8P6EZ.

Look for him around 14280kHz from 1200Z most days.....when he goes to c.w. he usually is found around 14038kHz. Patrick works all bands except One-Sixty and would be happy to have any of the Deserving drop in on him. QSLs go to his home QTH, Patrick Gleason, W1RED, 189 Prospect Avenue, Northampton, Mass 01060.

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SHORTLY NOTED Some weeks back we noted that OJØBW and OH5BW were probably Slim. Those sent via the Finnish Radio League are being bounced back with the official word.

KV4AA, however, is for real and his final QSO total for 1978 was somewhere over 48K. WA6TLA worked him on December 28th and he was well over the 47K total. 5U7AG, often on twenty SSB around 14210kHz after 2130Z, will be leaving Niger in March but will take the station apart in mid-February. VK9XW on Christmas Island has been found on a list operation around 14230kHz after 2330Z. The station was there on 20th of December.

The EA8CR operation in the CQ CW Test ran up something like 17million net points in a multi-multi effort. The totals ran....

|         |          |              |         |
|---------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 160mtrs | 123 QSOs | 31 countries | 9 Zones |
| 80      | 567      | 55           | 14      |
| 40      | 1039     | 64           | 19      |
| 20      | 2930     | 111          | 36      |
| 15      | 2694     | 109          | 34      |
| 10      | 2418     | 93           | 31      |
|         | 9771     | 463          | 143     |

This figures out to 17,800,000 points. Those involved in the effort were EA8CR/EA2OP/EA7ALG/EA7TL/EA9EO/OH2BAD/OH2MM/OH3XZ/OH5DX as operators and OH3XZ and OH8QD as the station/antenna team.

QSLs? EA8CR operated in a solo effort in the SSB test, in the CW team signed EAØCR. The contest activity by EA8CR in the phone test (Oct 28/29th, and by EAØCR in the CW Test (Nov 25/26) all go to to Miika Heikinheimo, OH2BAD, Lokkalantie 16 A 19, SF-00330, Helsinki 33, Finland. Mikka says that the QSLing for the 1977 EA8CR effort have all been cleared.

The Potomac Valley Radio Club's PJ9JR effort in CQ DX Test ran up 29,668,500 points, they having

|         |         |              |         |
|---------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 160mtrs | 37 QSOs | 14 countries | 5 zones |
| 80      | 758     | 68           | 17      |
| 40      | 1226    | 84           | 23      |
| 20      | 3918    | 135          | 35      |
| 15      | 4075    | 125          | 35      |
| 10      | 4616    | 111          | 32      |
|         | 14,630  | 537          | 147     |

QSLs should be available this month. N4MM will be at the Tropical Hamboree on Jan 26/27th and if you want to get your incoming cards from the W4/K4/N4 sector of the four-land QSL bureau, drop him a note and check the QSL Bureau booth at the meeting.

On the KZØDX QSLs, Jim Miller, KZ5JM, is shipping the logs and QSL cards to K7SFN who will start the processing chore.

K7SFN is Frank Dziurda, 225 West Coyote Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701. If your callbook is prior to 1979, you will have trouble unless you use the above address.

VE3FXT advises K2UEM that his H5FXT license has been renewed and he will show about next Monday from Bophuthatswana. He has the tower up and looks for a good signal on 160 to 10 meters. QSLs go to VE3DPB, B C Dekat, P.O Bx 137, Lynden LOR 1T0, Ontario, Canada.

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Saturday  
January 6, 1979

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CALENDAR

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| BOUVET                 | Now Active....you'll have to work to catch them   |
| LACCADIVES             | The Bangalore Radio Club and VU4ARC in mid-month  |
| SERRANA BANK           | Almost here....January 18th to 21st   |
| HEARD ISLAND           | ZLs saying they have authorization and transportation...this year.                      |
| JUAN DE NOVA           | FR7ZL there for two months....thru February. Twenty meters only                         |
| BARBADOS               | W1RED for two weeks from January 22nd. Looking to sign 8P6EZ...                         |
| SOUTH GEORGIA          | VP8PL sometimes at 14025kHz after 0100Z....but not every day                            |
| SOUTH SHETLANDS        | Two new stations active.....LU12C and LU12S.  |
| SOUTH SANDWICH         | LUs say action to pick up in mid-January. New operators                                 |
| ABU AIL                | Jacky reported as planning for mid-March  |
| SOMALIA                | I2FGP going in a matter of weeks....maybe several                                       |
| BEATA ISLAND           | HI's with special prefix.....HI1RCD and January 25th                                    |
| SPRATLY                | Possible VK/ZL effort this year....before the monsoon                                   |
| MONTSERRAT             | W0SH and K0XD for a week from February 13th   |
| AVES                   | Plans going for something this Spring.....around April/May                              |
| PITCAIRN               | VR6BJ in late April for a brief run.  |
| ANDAMANS               | Something might be developing. P29JS says he looking.....                               |
| 4Z4TT                  | Baruch should announce soon. He had been aiming for Wallis....                          |
| PETER ISLAND           | Maybe February. Willy enrouté.....  |
| BOPHUTHATSWANA         | George, H5FXT on all bands from January 21st  |
| FLANDERS DX MEETING    | Downtown Gent.....February 10th. The ON-DX group wants you there!!                      |
| WINTERFEST XII         | Downtown Norfolk, Virginia....K4JNM for the roadmaps                                    |
| MARCONI ARI CW TEST    | This weekend....January 13/14th   |
| CQ WW ONE-SIXTY TEST   | January 26/28th   |
| MARCONI ARI PHONE TEST | January 27/28th   |
| FRENCH CW TEST         | January 27/28th   |
| FRENCH PHONE TEST      | February 24/25th  |
| ARRL DX PHONE TEST     | March 3/4th....only chance to get in the ARRL Phone Test in 1979                        |
| ARRL DX CW TEST        | March 17/18th..only chance to get in the ARRL CW Test in 1979                           |
| CQ WW WPX-PHONE        | March 24/25th   |
| CQ WW WPX-CW           | May 26/27th   |
| FRESNO INTERNATIONAL   | The BIG DX MEETING!! Always. At the Hilton in downtown Fresno<br>....April 7th and 8th. |

On that Flanders DX Meeting, it is at Gent. We got some flak from some that it was being misspelled. First of all, that is how the Flanders DX Club spells it. Rand McNally spells it that way....and!!!!....if you look up Ghent in the the index, they refer you to 'Gent' If it is good enough for Rand-McNally, it is good enough for us. It is at 51.03N and 3.43E.

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ARRL The Wireless Institute of Australia is having the 150th Year Western Australian Celebration Contest. The object is to contact VK6 stations and the contest runs through 1979. For counters, the station can only be worked once per band per mode per day. Look for all the details in March QST.

Bev Cavender, W4ZD, Southeastern Vice-Director, found the press of business commitments too much and has resigned his position. Frank Butler, W4RE, has been appointed to complete the term of office.

FCC had 353,162 amateur licenses in their great computer at the end of November. Novice....61K....Techs ....68K....General 118K....Advanced 82K and Extra 22K. There was only a small gain of 325 during November, the gain for the year through November is 26,404.

A FCC Administrative Law Judge has revoked the licenses of John Sheller, W8MZ and Joh Galucci, WB8AKU and WB8CPL, for bribing the FCC employee for preferential license callsigns. The FCC Review Board has scheduled oral arguments in the case for later in January.

K8TMK has filed a petition asking amendment of Part 97 of the rules so that contacts of less than one minute will not require an amateur station to identify the station with which it has established contact. This is RM-3281.

TNX to K1AA, W1DA, W1GL, W1GNC, W1MV, W1VV, WA1WTP, W1XS, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, W2GHV, W2HAZ, W2NC, K2OF, N200, WA2SON, K2UO, W3BTX, W3CDL, WB4EDD, N4MM, W4HU, K4IIF, W4KA, W4LCL, AA4T, W4UF, N4WX, N4XX, W4ZR, K5AQ, W5AQ, W5CPI, K5DB, K5DUT, W5IMJ, W5JW, K5LIL, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5VVD, W5YH, K6AXC, N6EM, W6JD, K6KA, W6KPC, K6LAE, N6LK, W6MUS, N6OB, N6OC, W6PYV, WA6TLA, K6UFT, W6TSQ, W6VQD, WB6VTE, K6WR, K7ABV, N7MW, K7SE, K7SFN, N7UT, K8CSG/5, WB8EUN, K8FU, K8IA, W8JXM, K8RD, W8UVZ, K9DID, WD9DEE, W9SC, W9SS, W9TC, W9TKV, K9XJ, W0BW, W0PT, N0RF, KH6BZF.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers was up the hill last week, this one coming with the inevitable question. "I read somewhere," the QRPer tells us, "that older persons tend to smile and laugh less than do the younger ones. Why is that?" Our initial reaction was to ask why the QRPer had to come all the way up through the woods to ask questions like that but, turning down Saint Saens Opus 31, we quieted. "Maybe it is because they've worked all the DX around," we suggested and the QRPer shook his head. "That can't be it," he declared, "there is always DX around and there always will be new DX. Even you have said that." We had to scratch our old grey head on that one for he did have us there. "Maybe it is because they've heard all the jokes," we brightly suggested and again the QRPer was not buying. "Joy is an inward thing," the QRPer carefully noted, "and if you feel it, you will express it." It was obvious that we were getting no place with this QRPer and we figured we had better stop and do some thinking. We thought of the last time we had been out to the Marin Old Gaffers luncheon and heard the joyful litany of ailments and impairments. And that traffic net bulletin that faithfully reported every month the list of those going to the hospital, those coming from the hospital and those who were not quite making it. "But what is Joy?" we asked the QRPer and he shook his head. "I asked first," he was quick to point out and we had to admit he was right on that point. And perhaps it was a case of his being more right than we might want to acknowledge. For we had been noting more than one of the matured DX types whose smile turned down at the corners rather than up. But we had to tell the QRPer something. "Perhaps joy and laughter is something that needs practice," we ventured. "Like running and jumping and things like that. Maybe we get out of practice." We were speaking from experience here for we well recalled the New Years Day effort to leap in the air and click our heels as we would once do. The QRPer was ready to agree to this. "You're probably right," he said, "but I got to wondering when a lot of the younger club members were referring to the 'Di-Gel Generation'. Maybe you have, too." Son of a Gun, no matter what we thought we could not acquiesce to allowing such a blot on the image of some of the worthiest of the Deserving. But we thought that maybe we'd better check our smile first. We suspect, perhaps, that we are again groping our way into one of the Eternal Enigmas and after thinking it over a bit, we decided to forget it. Just bring a lot of new DX and we will smile! Always!! And if you want to know how to get your Di-Gel Smile going again, drop a line and we will tell you our Di-Gel rates. They move..... For, as one has noted, "If I don't work Bouvet, what is there to smile about?"

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