

West Coast DX

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St. PETER & PAUL PY7AKW, Bart, reports that there will be another expedition to the rocks between November 10th and 20th and most likely right around the 15th. Bart says that they will make up for the previous trip and will operate a full 72 hours at least. Calls will be PYØSP for SSB and PYØDX for c.w. Frequencies will be outside the American bands and will include 1.8 thru 21mc. Three stations will be taken, vertical and dipole antennas. QSL to PY7AOA for PYØSP and to PY7ACQ for PYØDX...4 IRCs required for W-land now from Brazil. (PY7AKW)

REVILLAGIGEDO XE1PJL/444 opened up on Thursday the 17th operating both 15 and 20. On 15 it was around 21300kc and on 20 it was 14105/14225kc. QSL to XE1J. The plans of XE2YP for this spot did not materialize due to personal problems.

BRITISH PHOENIX VR1P still going and probably will be there for a couple of more weeks. Running low on some supplies but must wait for transportation to get them off the island. The initial pile-ups have dwindled to the point where they are sending out CQs occasionally. No late word on their future plans. QSL to VE6AO.

MALDIVE ISLANDS While VS9MB is the station frequently worked, a new prefix 8QA has been authorized by the Indian government and the calls 8QAWA (ex-4S7WA) and 8QAYL (ex-4S7YL) have been issued. The QTH of these stations is on Male, some 700 miles north of the QTH of VS9MB on Gan. The callbook shows the 4S7s as being on Ceylon so these are apparently new calls and not changes of existing calls. Information did come via VS9MB.

EAST PAKISTAN WA1JDF/AP2 is maritime mobiling and near the Canal Zone at this time. Question of validity of operations will have to wait his arrival home and the necessary documentation. Initial operation was apparently from land but to protect his equipment it is reported that he had to move back aboard ship. So hold your breath on this one.

ABROLHOS PY1CK reports that he will operate from the Abrolhos Islands October 24th to November 4th signing PYØCK. Islands are about 17° south latitude and close to the Brazilian coast. Country status.....doubtful.

COMORO FH8CD, Andre, has shown up two Thursdays running right around 14200kc at 1445-1530Z. On the 17th his signal was not as strong as on the 10th. QSL either direct or via bureau. Also reported on 28442 at 1600Z.

BOUVET Possibility of operation during CW Contest by LA2PH. No details but the information was relayed from DL9OH.

HAITI Several reports of HH9DL in c.w. operations. Reported at 14045kc at 1200Z and 21045kc at 1600Z. QSL via HH bureau.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA CR3KD, Parda, operating SSB at 14210kc at 2142Z. QSL to W2CTN. Being worked on the West Coast....says he is the only active station there.

QO WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST

The phone portion opens this week-end right at 0001 on October 26th...at least that is what the rules say....and runs to a merry conclusion at 2400Z on October 27th. Every moment fraught with suspense and drams and QRM. But isn't that what we are fighting for?

There will be plenty of good stuff on and the following is a list of some of the special operations already announced.

ALBROHOS	PYØCK by PY1CK....opening on October 24th
ANDORRA	Operation by DJ5NJ during the contest.
ASCENSION	ZD8Z after a big score for godd old NCDXC.QSL to W6CUF.
BAHAMAS	VP7NA operated by K4ILF and K4SHB. QSL to K9GZK.
BRITISH PHOENIX	VR1P should still be active.
CHATHAM ISLAND	ZL1TU/C may open but no late or definite word. Watch.
GRAND CAYMAN	ZF1EP opening the 24th. QSL to Bx 1647, Ft Myers, Fla.
LENINGRAD	U1A special call during contest.
LUXEMBOURG	W8IMZ and K1DWQ/LX during contest. QSL to home QTHs.
St. M'RTIN	FG7TI/FS7 by PJ2MI. QSL via VE3EUU
SINT MAARTEN	PJØMM by W9TZD. New prefix. QSL via W2GHK.

SHORTLY NOTED FK8BI, Vince, 14203kc at 0700Z. 5T5AD, Alban, frequently at 14250kc from 0700Z onward. 5U7AN will be leaving the Ivory Coast around 1st of December... being worked around 21275kc at 2100Z. OY2H at 14060kc at 1430Z...QSL direct. BV2A is being worked at 14028kc from 1200Z onward....look for him in the c.w. portion of the contest. ARRL has started the action to set up Advisory Committees...VHF Repeaters and Contests first ones. Nothing yet on DX Advisory...See November QST for details. FS7RT, Reg, fairly regular on ten just above 28500kc...QSL direct. FR7ZL/T again active from Tromelin...reported on West Coast this past week as transmitting 14180kc at 1400Z....listening above 14200kc for all good Ws.

73,
WA6AUD

TNX: W4PJG, W4OPM, WB6UJO, W6MEM, W6HVN, W6ZC, K6HPZ, PY7AKW, XE2YP, K6TXR, W6PTS.

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