March 4, 1969

- HEARD ISLAND VKOWR activity headed by W7LSY firming up for mid-March. Announced frequencies are c.w. 14080kc, listening around but not on their frequency. SSB 14125kc listening 14,200kc and up. Originally their equipment was announced to be a Heath SB301 and SB401. Trouble developed with one piece of gear which did not respond satisfactorily to treatment and VE2AVA sent a Swan 350 for the effort. QSLs will to to KCLUSF, USCG Cutter SOUTHWIND, FPO New York 09501. They still expect to arrive at Heard around March 11-12th and hope to operate for a week.
- GUS BROWNING Gus operated in Senegal to the end of last week, signing 6W/WLBPD and on all bands from 80 thru 10. Gus planned to arrive in Gambia on Monday, March 3rd but was not sure of obtaining a license there. If nothing develops in Gambia Gus planned to move onto 5V-Togo where he has good hopes of getting a license. From Togo he would fly to Mauritius and team up with Steve Gibbs, VQ8CC, for their joint efforts there. QSLs for Gus go to WLECI and all contributions are welcomed exceedingly.
- MALPELO HKOTU opened up around 0600Z Sunday and secured at 1200Z Wednesday. The effort had problems in getting ashore losing some equipment and with some injuries HK3RO reported as suffering a brain concussion from a landing to personnel. accident and minor injuries to at least one other. Conditions to the West Coast not especially good though many stations worked HKØTU on both e.w. and SSB. Last heard on the west Coast around 0900Z Wednesday when the band went out after being rather good all evening though the emphasis was on working Europe at QSLs go to HK3RQ or to the HK-Bureau. that time.
- CANADIAN VE-DXpedition Don Hilmer, VE6AJT, will return to Canada for a short visit and will work for a month or so to repair the financial image. When conditions are right he will swing down the coast to California, visiting DX groups as he goes and then take off on the next effort, presumably efforts for ZM7-Tokelaus and ZK1-Manihiki.

Don may be joined by Dan Eskenazi, K7JCA, of Seattle for the next effort and Paul Bates, WA7FDF, also of Seattle, may join in the effort. Additional equipment may be taken on the next effort for multi-band, multi-op operations.

- 5L-LIBERIA Special call to honor the 25th anniversary of President Tubman in office as head of state in Liberia. Heard has been 5L2BA, Ben, operating on the edge of twenty meter phone last Wednesday. QTH is Monrovia.
- FUNNY FARM During the last three months some strange calls have shown up, usually coming in on a 900 heading from California and with the operator displaying a British accent. These include BAUP in December, BS1BUL allegedly in Mojuwu, Biafra, also in December and 807BB in February. With these coming from the same direction and apparently with the same voice, it would seem fair to assume that someone is having a continuing joke. Work them if you hear them because you never know what might be under that strange call...but do it with the idea of not being completely naive.

SVØBB reported at 3505kc is also suspect seeing that there is no 80 meter oper-

ation authorized in Greece.

- QSLs-PYØBLR Hope must spring eternally...and the latest information on the cards for the PYØ-Trinidade operation of last April is that the cards have been sent to some bureaus and are being received via that route.
- PACIFIC DX NET VK2BRJ/9-Norfolk, was coaxed up from the c.w. part of the band to work SSB on the Net this last week. Itinerant check-ins are welcomed if the instructions of the N/C are observed. 14240kc at 0700Z Fridays...maybe a few kcs either side. VK2BRJ/9 was there at 0830Z.
- MORE QSL Information On the operations of the VE-DXpedition VE6AO has separate desks set up to handle the QSLs for each effort. If you put more than one card in an envelope it complicates matters...this coming when more than one of the operations is massed in a single envelope. George says that single envelopes for a single operation will speed your QSL. He also emphasizes that the QSLs for FW8DY do not go to him but to Ed DeYoung...as noted before.

MORE FUNNY FARM It may not be humorous if you are looking for a card but the following have been admitted inside the gates:

5V8RQ 7mc operation. 'Mgr' wA3KFS says it is a phoney.

CO2BB (Suspect) Working 21mc on beam heading of 270° from Florida and did not understand Spanish. The real CO2BB, Bruno, is primarily a c.w. operator but this one does not seem to add up.

XR2A/mm Said he was near Navarino Island. Name Jaoa. While the prefix XR is assigned to Chile, this one was coming in on a 30° heading from the east coast...(Suspect)

SCØA Said he was in Warsaw, Poland. Said his name was Mike. Beam heading the same as the XR2A/mm. SC-prefix assigned to Sweden. Sending pattern and tone very similar. Both c.w. efforts.

OUTER MONGOLIA A relay from JAICWZ indicates that JTIKAA is frequently heard on the low end of the 7mc band. 1100Z would appear the time to watch though no reports of having been heard here in the states.

FREQUENCIES. Gus! Schedule when operating in a DX spot

C.W	80m	02002	3520kc	SSB	02302	3795kc
	40	0100	7020		0130	7073kc
	20	2200	14020		2230	14195
	15	1600	21020		1630	21395
	10	1700	29020		1730	28495

This is a guide and there probably will be some variations.

SHORTLY NOTED 905HI, 905CR and 905DS are regularly on 21310 at 17302 with W2LGU as MC....who often corrals other Africans to come on this frequency. 723AB and YBØAR often work a sked on 14270 from 1500Z...sometimes splitting frequencies to 14195kc. Reports that a concerted effort will be made to get an SSB transmitter to UA1-Franz Josef Land sometime this Spring. On MacQuarrie Island, the only information found on the VKØIA QSLs is that they can go to VK7KJ. VKØIA will be there through this month as will VKØKJ. VKØ MI will be there through 1969. VKØKJ QSLs go to KLHJE (W/K VE only) On March 1st during the ARRL phone test the bands apparently went dead around 2139Z and then slowly revived around 2159Z, building up in strength. WWV was giving an N-6 forecast during this time. The only Marin QRP to get the HKØTU was W6PTS....who is also featured in all the magazines this month...page 70 of February CQ and the cover of Gus Brownings DX Magazine last week. However, many other apparently did not make it in 5-6-7 land but WABRB made it on 6 bands 160 thru 10. 9NIMM is on the South East Asis Net reather regularly. If you have a DXing friend who is sufficing from news malnutrition when comes to DX information...sen is name and he'll get a copy of the bulletin. .. our local OEO project. We can't stand quiet bands.

THE FORTY AND EIGHTY DESK

EUROPE					ASIA			
UQ2DKA	7023kc	05542	Feb	21w	JA1VTT	3503kc	1200Z	Feb 23e
UA3FT	7019	0415		22W				
OK1WC	7010	0420		22w				
HA8UD	7011	0440		22w	Elsewher			
HALKYB	7006	0447		22w	6YØA	7099kc	0630Z	Mar lw
YU3DKS	7026	0455		22w	CE6ZN	7 095	0700	1w
G3JXE	7021	0550		22w	HC1TH	7090	0700	1w
WY5XH	7022	0555		22w	VQ8CC	3505	1130	Feb 26w
UF 6HU	7010	0130		2lje	FO8BO	7040	0525	18w
UF6CR	7010	0130		24€	TAZE	3527	03002	Regularly

Not a big list this week but note the European possibilities on February 22nd.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WATCH AND WARD SOCIETY

EUROPE	and ASIA				
9H1AV	28008kc	1500Z	Feb 2	3	
JX10M	14332	2120		8	YL SSB System .
UT5KND	28051	1500	2	4	
YO2BM	28048	1635	2	2	
9H1BL	28071	1520	2	5	A1. Via G3VPS
ZC4BX	21003	1320		2	
LZ1KSZ	14042	0510	2	3	
HV3SJ	28604	1630		2	Via WB2ETI
TAZEM	14006	2230		2	Via WØDAK
VS5PH	14010	1020		0	
ин6во	14210	0400		2	Eugene
AP5CP	14050	1630		6	Calling CQ Stateside
YAZHWI	14030	0300	2	3	Via W9FLJ
UH8CS	14070	0330		3	
UL7KBA	14038	0510		3	
VS6WR	14050	1445		6	
YALAR	14202LP	1320		3	
9K2PF	21284	1230		5	
UJ8KAA	14019	1200		6	
00 01021	1401/				
AFRICA					
TRBAJ	21255kc	2015Z	Feb 2	3	
VQ9GA	28503	2000		3	Working a schedule
9L1KZ	28506	0000		4	
5N2ABI	14190	0630		6	Gus/Malpelo and Nikki all at once.
FR7ZD	14196	0320		7	337,
5Z4KO	14205	1600		2	Fredto CBA
9X5AA	21335	1830		6	LeoVia W1YRC
ZD5X	21298	20 15		6	Victo CBA
5A4TY	21277	1755		2	Via W2DU
FB8XX	14060	1600		3	Via F2MO
A2CAQ	14210	1510		6	Ed
7Q7WW	28592	1750		2	
7Q7AM	21032	1800		2	
FR7ZG	14205	1520		1	Guy
TRIZU	1420)	1)20			

- Ed DeYoung/FW8DY Ed now back in Kaunakakai reports that the FW8DY trip was a success with over 2000 QSOs in just over five days of operations. Picture QSL cards are being procured and will be mailed within the month...documents sent to the ARRL Awards Committee for approval of the operation. QSL to Bx 762, Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii 96748.
- VE-DXpedition Again Additional information indicates that Don Hilmer & Co. are eyeing ZKI-Manihiki and ZM7-Tokelaus as noted previously but are also looking at ZK2-Niue and FO8M-Maria Theresa. Finances is still the major hang-up.
- HEARD-AGAIN Indications are that the USCG SOUTHWIND trip to Heard may have something to do with the establishment of a tracking station on the island. Should this develop there undoubtedly is a possibility of continued activity from that location. Also reported that there will only be 20meter operation in March effort.
- AMSTERDAM/St.PAUL FB877 is in a roundtable almost every morning with other French speaking stations on the low end of the 20 meter 'foreign' phone band...usually between 14120-14132kc starting around 1600% for an hour or so. Gilbert is the handle and he gives his QSL manager as F8US....and this corrects previous information. Has also been found around 14240kc around 1700%.
- TUNISIA 3V8AC, Bob, coming through on 28561kc at 18202 last week. Says he will be on regularly from 17-1800Z transmitting on 14175kc and listening 14260-270kc.
- LAOS/ 40880 OPERATION XW8AX, Bill Mitchell, will be on forty and eighty this coming Wednesday and/or Thursday from 1400Z. Frequency for forty has not been decided on but the eighty meter effort will be at 3798kc, listening up.

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