

WEST COAST DX

Bulletin

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ET3ZU/A Aldo showed on schedule, operated most valiantly and a large number of stations managed to get through to one or the other islands. But, Son of a Gun, it was a bit sticky at times.

I1IJ and I1ZV were in there trying to speed things up with lists. Other European stations did likewise. Much of the effort was often thwarted by ding-a-lings putting carriers on the weak signals. The East Coast did fairly well, some stations getting in insurance contacts. As one came west the successful stations declined in number and in 6-land relatively few stations worked Aldo. JAs report some success in working Aldo.

On the status of these contacts, Italian stations are reported to have talked direct to Bob White at the ARRL DXCC Desk and were assured that the Gabal Group (Zugar etc) would count for a new country. WIAW bulletins have also reported this.

Further information indicates that Ethiopia claims these islands but that Lloyds of London are interested in the maintenance of the navigation lights. Aldo is part of the maintenance force for the lights. Should you have not worked him on this trip, be prepared for the next time around. As Aldo said when he left Zubair last Thursday: "I shall return". QSL to I1IJ.

125A This operation from "Mali" Island is scheduled for 50 hours on the 28th of May and is an OH-effort. Those participating in what will be primarily a SSB effort will be OH2BH and OH5SE.

There are some transportation problems with this one and only a 150w transmitter along with a vertical antenna will be used. Weather may also be a factor. Do not stew about the exact location of the island, point your beam at Helsinki and you will be in the ball park. The OH-Group has indicated because of the difficulty of this operation that they will insist on "one contact per station". It is hoped to work the maximum number of stations and reports such as..."your signal is a bit stronger than it was an hour ago and you are doing a great job and just where is Mali and how do I QSL and when will the cards be in the mail and did you get my QSL for that ARRL Contest and, By Golly, I just put this rig on the air and how does it sound....", well, just save them. Donations are being solicited for this effort as well as the other projected ZA5A-Albania/3CØ-Equatorial Guinea and 3CØAN-Annobon operations. Support can be forwarded to either W6AOA or to OH2NB.

MELLISH REEF/WILLIS ISLAND Present plans call for Larry K2IXP to open from Willis on June 6 for five days of operation. The operation will then move on to Mellish Reef and operate there for five days starting June 15th. Apparently some of the problems have been worked out though some support (financial) is still very much needed and the whole operation is still not out of the woods in this area. INDXA is handling the fiscal affairs...Box 125, Simpsonville, Maryland 21150. These operations will operate both c.w. and SSB and will cover 40 through 10 meters. Mellish Reef will count for a new country and the length of the operation should ensure just about everyone getting a contact. Larry operated from Norfolk Island in March with a successful, high-QSO operation.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE....The Watcher of the Lonely Night

(e = east coast m = midwest w = western reaches, etc)

AFRICA

3B8CR	14213kc	1215Z	May 2e
9Q5CO	14206	2320	2e
FR7AE/T	14216	1140	1e
EA8CP	14008	0020	Apr 28e
TYLABE	21036	1820	30e
FR7ZX	14208	1210	28e
CR4BS	14219	2230	28e
9Q5CL	21312	1900	30e
5Z4JW	14115	2310	30e
5H3LV	14206	2020	May 2e
TU2DB	14211	2040	2e
TJ1AW	14205	2110	2e
EA9EJ	21310	1735	Apr 30e
ET3ZZ	14213	0300	May 1m
FR7ZL/E	14205	1225	Apr 29m
SU1UM	14034	1720	28w
FB8ZZ	15053	1425	May 2w
9Q5FH	14250	1430	2w
ZE5JU	14269	1445	2w
5X5NA	21356	1900	3w
9X5CC	21313	2010	3w
5H3JR	21353	2015	3w
FL8HM	14239	0320	Apr 28w
TU2CX	14045	2315	May 2w
VQ9SM	14233	1520	Apr 30w
TJ1AW	14205	2110	May 2e

ASIA

HM1BK	14202kc	1200Z	May 4e
4Z4AI	14220	0135	Apr 29e
9M2AA	14225	1100	28e
MP4BIM	21294	1410	29e
YB3AAY	14237	1145	30e
MP4BJE	14222	2335	30e
OD5EJ	14025	2320	May 1e
JY9WB	14250	1400	5m
YA1GJM	14203	0225	1m
UJ8AC	14202	0205	1m
9N1MM	14202	0150	1m
9V1QI	14238	1605	Apr 28w
HS1ABC	14244	1340	29w
VS9MB	14240	1730	30w
JY1	14249	1420	May 6w
VU2KV	14240	1525	Apr 29w
AP2AD	14215	1540	30w
TA6JB	14223	0430	May 3w
HS4ACN	14208	1520	3w
HM0C	14206	1400	4w
JT1AG	14034	1500	4w
JT1AN	14034	1500	4w
UM8FZ	14195	0230	1w
9M80EA	14235	1555	1w
9M2FX	14212	1515	4w
HM1FG	14194	1650	4w
UK8JAA	14060	1550	29w
UI8OK	14051	1845	4w
OD5LX	14025	0300	Apr 29w
9V1QA	14054	1540	May 1w
7Z3AB	14236	1400	3w
YA2KO	14244	1514	3w
9K2AL	14200	1645	3w
MP4BHH	14217	2330	3w
XW8DZ	14073	1430	4w
4X4VB	14244	0410	5w
CR8AG	14208	1150	5m
VS6DA	14241	1230	5m

ELSEWHERE

FM7WW	14235kc	0230Z	May 4m
VK9FH (N.Brit)	14240	1145	5m
KC6CT	14298	1220	5m
C21AA	14238	1150	2m
VP2LDD	14208	0200	2m
VP2LG	14204	0355	Apr 28m
KB6CT	14290	0910	May 1w
FK8AC	14238	0505	1w
9Y4PA	14214	0310	2w
VR2TC	14202	0430	2w
FG7TD	14231	0415	3w
YS1JSL	14224	0440	3w
KV4FZ	14240	0045	3w
KS6DH	14310	0510	1w
KW6AA	14270	0740	Apr 29w
5WLAN	14263	0820	30w
KG6SI	14221	1435	May 4w
HC8RS	21335	2025	3w
WA4/8R1	21302	2040	Apr 27w
8P6CB	14215	0300	28w
VK9GG	14223	1410	29w
FO8BV	14332	0300Z	Fridays
FO8BH	14255	1610	29w
VR2FX	14214	0410	May 2w
D1LRJ	14232	1445	1w
VR6TC	14230	0555	4w
KC6WS	14212	0450	2w
ZK2AF	14208	0400	5w
ZK1CD	14208	1140	Apr 29e

EUROPE

JW5NM	14206kc	0150Z	May 1w
OH2RI	14240	0600	5w
LZ2EE	14216	0525	1w
LX2CQ	14211	0540	1w
JW5NM	14332	2255	Apr 29m
UR2AR	14210	0500	May 3w
ZB2BL	14026	2310	3w
9H1BX	21295	2025	3w
LX1HD	14239	1920	Apr 30w
9H1M	14213	0250	May 1m
UF6CR	14207	2155	4m
OH0NJ	21350	1950	Apr 29e
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TI8PE	18560	2325	May 1e
FM7WI	14078	0030	28e
FP8CT	1421	2200	30e
VP9AT	1422	0200	30e

ARRL The League has been advised by the Internal Revenue Service of their findings in the long-standing dispute over taxes. Putting it bluntly, the IRS says that the ARRL owes them \$262,000.00 for back taxes, this being figured for \$128 000.00 and \$134 000.00 for 1969. The crux of the argument seems to be that the IRS figures sales of publications and membership dues as "unrelated business income".

There seems to be some feeling that the IRS is not exactly sure of themselves as they say in effect if they cannot collect the quarter of a million they are looking for \$75 000.00 in taxes for the two years in question. ARRL has turned the matter over to their tax attorneys and auditors.

In the up coming space conference, the League is somewhat nettled as they had expected to provide an 'industry' adviser from the amateur ranks to be included in the U.S delegation. The State Department is apparently continuing a policy of keeping U.S. participants to the minimum--this being in spite of complaints from industry and other government agencies that U.S. interests were not be adequately represented.

In the EYE BANK matter, the FCC on April 28th issued a Notice of Inquiry. In its release the FCC states it is "...An inquiry to determine the extent to which non-amateur organizations should be permitted to operate amateur radio stations".

This is FCC Report #231 and they call for comments to be filed by July 1, 1971.

The ARRL also noted recently that the American Red Cross has concluded a "cooperative understanding" with REACT, the CB group. The agreement in part says: "The effectiveness and dedication of local REACT teams working cooperatively with the Red Cross and amateur radio operators has been demonstrated repeatedly during the past decade throughout the United States...."

The ARRL also recently released some other figures showing the percentage of licenses....showing figures for the FCC and for ARRL members:

	FCC	ARRL		FCC	ARRL
EXTRA	4.15%	10.72%	CONDITIONAL	11.95%	6.60%
ADVANCE	20.62	29.65	Technician	19.92	10.72
GENERAL	34.56	29.39	Novice	8.78	12.92

A survey was also made of the various subjects in QST which are rated most highest by those responding to the inquiry. In the March issue the ratings were:

Interested in Subject	Read It All	Favorable Opinion
Hints & Kinks	It Seems to Us	Hints & Kinks
It Seems to Us	Hints & Kinks	Tech Correspondence
Technical Correspondence	How to Boil a Frog	It Seems to Us
Correspondence	League Lines	Correspondence
Recent Equipment	Technical Correspondence	League Lines
Technical Topics	Technical Topics	Technical Topics
Strays	50/25 years ago	Strays
League Lines	Correspondence	FM Pipsqueak
Happenings of the Month	Strays	One Tube 10w Rig
Receiving FM	Happenings	Recent Equipment

This inquiry was sent to various members....how they were selected is not indicated ...and there were returns from 390 members. Guess what was the situation for DX. As the ARRL put it, 'blackballed' were Station Activities with 75 goobers and DXCC Honor Roll with 52. The Honor Roll was tied with Contests, it also having 52 negative indicators while "HOW's DX" got 33. The report indicates that 19 of the Hqtrs staff were queried and they agreeded on 70% in the top ten by interest. And as they say, "At the other end of the scale, the correlation is even more exact". Son of a Gun!!

11 May 1971

9N1MM--Father Moran Most QSOs with the best known amateur station in Nepal are a bit on the brief side. However, Terry Jones, son of W9WKU, recently was in Katmandu and visited Fr. Moran at the school there. His letter home, which is reprinted below, may be of interest to those who have worked Father Moran.

Well, I've just returned from Father Moran's and I must tell you all about it. I rented a motorcycle as his place is 9 miles out of town. It was quite a difficult ride out there. I've never driven a cycle over rough roads and I had to pick my way over chuck holes and large stones. It was a beautiful drive. The green of the rice paddies is a green you never see at home. Bare breasted women doing their wash in the streams. The road chocked with people, cows and buffalo. The school itself is set at the very end of the valley--large green hills rise on all sides. There are 300 boys there. I talked with them and they seem to like it very much.

After a short wait, Father Moran arrived accompanied by two other Americans and a British chap. He did not show any recognition of your call sign or your letter but did remember you had helped him talk to his brothers in the past. Since it was about 1:00p.m. Nepal time, the path to the USA was closed. But you wouldn't believe the European contacts he had. Within a space of twenty minutes he worked Russia, Japan, Germany, Italy, England, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Jerusalem. He carried on a conversation with us while he was making his contacts. They all talked too long, telling him about their rigs, etc. He did try to keep the transmissions short, there were so many waiting. He started out with a Russian and when he finished there were so many calling he could not hear anyone. So with a mischevious grin on his face, he would shout: "Everyone up 5KC". That usually spread them out enough so that he could pick up someone. Often he just tuned away from the group. Once he picked up a lone Swede calling CQ. The guy was obviously a new ham and quite amazed. Couldn't figure out quite what Father Moran's QTH was.

Father Moran showed us his two favorite cards...one from Ulan Bator, Outer Mongolia and one from Jordan. King Huessein's card is an understatement--very simple--lists his equipment and gives his QTH as 'near Amman'. He fills in the back of the cards himself.

I am sorry that I cannot remember what kind of equipment Father Moran had. Some transmitter that I did not know very well with a 1000 W.linear very much like your small one. He has a 6-element Hy-Gain Beam at 5000 feet. He mentioned that because all his European contacts go over Russia he has to keep on good terms with them.

I left him a message to give you if he worked any W9s. I did not really feel I could ask him to contact you just for me. Especially since it meant getting up at 6:00a.m. (for him). Besides, it cost me \$6.00 to rent the bike

Terry Jones

ITALIAN PREFIXES Last week there was a brief mention of the new Italian prefixes. These started last month and the Italian stations can use the first digit in the Italian version of the Zip Code in their prefix. The only problem being with the area in Northern Italy whose delivery unit begins with '1'. In the Piedmont area they can use IP1. Also some of the islands can use special prefixes with Sardinia becoming ISØ and Sicily IT9. There are also other island prefixes running from 1A5 to 1MØ. During the week-ends in May you may run across 1BØKDB operating on the band edge on twenty SSB. QSL for this one to Box 143, Palermo, Sicily. If a second operator develops, some CW on the band edge there.

CALENDAR

ALBANIA OH-Group for 7 days from May 15th....around the clock operation
DL7FT & Co. for ten days or more from May 24th...two rigs/24 hours.

BERMUDA TEST Phone portion -- May 15/16th

FERNANDO POO 3CØEG for two weeks...more or less...from June 14th by OH-Group

ANNONBOON 3CØAN for three days in third week in June

BRAZIL TEST World Telecommunications Day Test...24 hours on c.w. SSB May 24th

WILLIS K2IXP from June 6th for five days

MELLISH REEF K2IXP & Co from June 15th for five days.....New One!!

ZANZIBAR 5H3LV, Garth, again looking for an operation there...

GRAND CAYMAN ZF1WF May 14-17...mostly 15m, some 10m, 20m as last resort.

ROCKALL Interest in Rockall....like Clipperton and a few others...continues to thrive even though any hopes for an early operation are more wistful than factual. The amateurs in OY-Faroes have from time to time given the rock a look over but they are quick to acknowledge that the problems would be formidable and any success would be largely dependent on the weather and sea conditions.

In 1955 the Royal Navy lowered some men onto Rockall from a helicopter to claim the rock in the name of the Queen. At that time a brass plaque was cemented to the top of the rock. It is reported that fishermen from the Faroes have made a landing on the rock from a fishing boat and reported that footing a bit slippery because of the thousand of birds claiming the rock as home. While the rock is rather steep a crevice on one side gives a difficult but not too difficult access to the top. This landing by fishermen was prior to WW-II....over 30 yrs ago. The RAF Radio Club gave Rockall a prolonged study two years ago but finally gave it up as too expensive an undertaking. Some Northern Europe stations have continued to study a possible approach by sea but here again the costs are the big problem to overcome, after that the actual landing would be the big problem. Rockall is possible...should there be sufficient financing....but any immediate probability is questionable.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

UK2GIT	7010kc	0028Z	May 2e	KP4AN	3804kc	0930Z	Apr 30w	PZ1CU	3804kc	0956Z	Apr 30w
YU1AFQ	7008	0035	2e	KZ5MU	3804	1000	30w	PJ2CW	3804	1005	30w
LZ2KML	7027	0055	2e	ZL4JF/A	3804	1025	30w	LU8AJG	3803	1015	May 1w
UW3RX	7028	0103	2e	YN1BN	3804	0600	May 2w	ZM7AG	3802	0825	2w
3B8CR	7002	0225	2m	FG7XT	3805	0925	2w	KC6JC	3804	1000	5w
LZ2EE	7005	0300	2m	OD5BA	3795	2300	Apr 29kp	K6/KG6	3810	0940	Apr 29kp
KV4FZ	7204	1040	1w	KG4CS	3805	1000	29kp				

That kp in the reports stands for KP4-land...we felt some one would be sure to ask. ZL4JF/A is on Campbell Island and is around rather frequently. W6TSQ who could not get through to ZM7AG on twenty found him a bit easier at the 75m frequency. Jim is said to be there rather frequently looking for ZLs. WWVH a good indicator for east coast/Caribbean stations for Pacific DX. LU7AAC will listen around 3800kc/0900Z for a while to see what business is around. Some possibility of VP2D activity.

SHORTLY NOTED In case you did not notice it, the WCDXB is a mite easier to read. It took a new electric typewriter to turn the trick....nothing too good for the WCDXB readers.....even a \$400.00 electric typewriter.

DL7FT still looking hard for some support for his ZA-operation late this month. Frank is determined that this one for sure will take ZA off everyone's needed list. The rare DX stations sure attract the weirdies....some thought they might all be out marching but there were enough inane ones left on frequency during the ET3ZU/A operation. K6KQN would wish it known that his QSL chores for 3V8AB are for August 1968 only!. 9V1QA who is W6BPO at home, is with Pan American in Saigon...commutes to Singapore on week-ends. W6JFM has left for Taha via freighter again...will be in F08-land for three months...14240-60/21340 the frequencies. QSL to W6 CBA. K4CDZ has taken over 7Q7AA QSL duties from W2CTN. Wayne also being the QSL manager for ZF1WF efforts later this month. VR5DK went QRT May 2nd or so. 9V1QA hopes to sign XV5QA in June. F9MS supplying FR7ZU/G QSLs for sure. VR1L QSLs may be delayed while W6NJU in the hospital for repairs to a ruptured disc in his back. XW8AX still looking for a Cambodian effort but the Fall most likely time now. TW3T showed from Bird Rocks..61 W/48 N...

SPRATLY Some persistent rumors on Spratly, but nothing shaping up for sure....yet. There was a report a week ago that DX9MHI/1S would open up on May 4th for 24 hours of operation. This one did not develop....a typhoon reported in the South China Sea about that time may have had some bearing on developments. There is also a report that DU1FH and DU1DB may open up from Spratly any time signing DX1GI/A. This one is planned for five days of operation and will try to handle all comers with 500watts of power. Frequencies mentioned for this one ar 7080kc/14125kc/14280kc/21290kc and 29000kc. No firm dates are known as yet on this one so be alert.

UGANDA 5X5AN has been showing up...reportedly the first day of his operations being May 3rd when he was at 21356kc from 1900Z. The QSL information was to go via the 5X5 Bureau. On the same day he was also at 14220kc at 0300Z...14221/0330 on the 4th.

TIMOR After a long period when no Timor activity was reported, CR8AG showed up on May 5th at 14208kc from 1130Z. Signal was good but the pile-up was monumental. Was coming through to the Midwest by the short-path....handle is Adriano.

73, WA6AUD

TNX to K2LGJ, W3ATO, W4BA, K4CDZ, W4HU, W4OPM, WB4PUD, W4TUC, W4UF, W5ALA, W5LZZ, K5ZJK, K6AQV, W6BJI, K6BTT, WA6CVU, K6EC, WA6FYC, K6GAK, W6GVM, W6HVN, W6JHV, W6ID, K6LAE, K6KQN, K6LEB, K6MHD, W6NJU, K6OZL, W6TSQ, K6TXR, WB6UDC, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6WR, W7YTN, WA6WXP, WB6YLG, K8RWL, WØJRN, WØYDB, KH6BZF, KP4AN, DL7FT, OH2BH, W6AOA, JAØCUV/1, OY7ML.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. There was a bit of a problem recently over at the QTH of the QRP'er with the Skunk in Residence. Seems like one of Ma Bell's Finest came around to replace a fuse with a new, improved model. The fuse panel was back in where the Skunk in Residence had staked out his own bachelor pad so Ma Bell's Finest...just like they tell in the training films..got out his ladder and climbed up to replace the fuse. The Skunk in Residence, roused from his siesta by the noise, picked this time to check on what the noise was about. Seeing a head rising over the edge of his pad, the Skunk in Residence leaned forward and planted a wet kiss on the forehead of Ma Bell's Finest. Son of a Gun! You would think he'd never been kissed before. This one let out a shriek and bailed out, he and the ladder ending up in a mixed bag on the floor. Sure did hurt the sensitive feelings of the Skunk in Residence. \$9.00 for a full year of instructions on How to Kiss a Skunk....\$10.50 by Airmail. Be Prepared for the finer things in life.

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