

WEST COAST DX

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ALBANIA After the previously announced postponements, ZA2RPS showed up last Monday in an operation headed by DL7FT. The station was being worked on the East Coast and into the mid-West but up to Thursday it was a repeat of previous efforts with the signal not readable in the Western Reaches. According to reports, DL7FT along with three other amateurs went into Albania last week and spent the initial three days getting the operating permission straightened out. Apparently this was accomplished and the station put on the air. While there was a beam, there is a report is that the beam is sited behind a water tank and in not a good position for North America. Frank had to return to Germany early this last week after getting the operation going, leaving the three operators to continue the effort.

During the first days of effort, operations were up to about 0300-0330Z. Efforts were being made to have the operators extend their operation up to 0600Z in order to possibly catch some openings to the Western States. The operation is due to secure on Monday at 0700Z which will leave but a few days more to catch the elusive ZAs.

ZA2RPS was reported at:

14009kc	0120Z	June 7th	14009kc	0130Z	Jun 9th
14032	0108	8th	14195	0215	9th
14195	2330	7th			

One West Coast station reported hearing ZA2RPS briefly but not working them at 14008kc on June 10th but lost them when they were persuaded to switch to SSB. It would seem that if there is to be any success in working a ZA, it had better be this week-end.

MELLISH REEF Weather still a problem and as of Thursday the up-date on transportation gave a June 12th departure from Townsville and the Willis effort to open up on June 13th. Hang in there. This will definitely surface soon.

CHINA BY3NK was worked on the West Coast on June 7th.....14010kc at 0720Z. Said his handle was Chew and he was ex-BY1PK from Peking. He said to QSL to MPO 32, Canton and to avoid any reference to amateur radio or the use of call-letters on the outside of the envelope/ He said that he would QSL out of Hongkong in about five months.

BRUNEI VS5CB showing up regularly last week on twenty SSB. Was at 14217kc/1450Z on June 7th and at 14245kc/1245Z on the 9th. Name is Chris Berakas and QSLs c/o WWH ltd Officers Mess, Brunei. Chris is also a stamp collector.

IRCS UP IN PRICE Effective July 1, 1971 the price of an IRC will go to 22¢, this being one of several changes involving international mail rates. These have been published in the Federal Register and unless something intervenes, they will be the new rates come July.

In addition to the IRC change, Airmail will be 21¢ per half ounce for Europe, Asia Africa and the Middle East. Europe is presently 20¢ per half-ounce while most of Africa and all of Asia are in the 25¢ range. Outside the Western Hemisphere there would thus be the single airmail rate of 21¢ per half-ounce. Central and South America airmail rate will go to 17¢ per half ounce while Canada and Mexico will be the same as the U.S. domestic rate. There are other changes involving post-cards, arogrammes, air parcel post etc. Your local post office should have the full rate picture prior to July 1st.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE.....

AFRICA

CR6MX	14207kc	2230Z	Jun 30
9Q5RN	14003	0045	1e
5R8AB	21350	1640	4e
7P8AB	21317	1645	4e
5X5NA	21357	1910	5e
SU1IM	14040	1400	5e
FR7ZX	14209	1135	1e
9U5BS	14205	2145	2e
5H3LV	14209	1120	3e
ZD8CX	14227	2235	4e
TP8AD	14203	2305	2m
3B8CR	14170	1205	1m
9G1DY	14193	0620	8w
EL2BA	14210	2000	8w
CR3KD	14230	2250	7w
CR7CO	14206	0450	9w
FB8ZZ	14028	1130	2w
VQ9SM	14032	1530	3w
FR7AE	14201	0420	5w
ZD8CW	14025	0120	6w
6W8DY	14265	0730	8w
ZD9BR	14210	1640	5w
ET8DX	14202	0425	7w
CN8CG	14210	0550	9w
5N2AAZ	14237	1855	5w
TP8AC	14302	0440	7w
ET3ZZ	14212	0350	4m
7X2OM	14295	2000	5m
ST2SA	14295	2000	5m
FR7GI	14060	0445	1m

EUROPE

UQ2AN	14095kc	0525Z	Jun 7w
SP8AJK	14202	0510	9m
UO5GS	14208	0400	5w
JW5NM	14209	0455	5w
UP2NP	14217	0310	6w
EA6BH	14025	0300	5w
LZ2KKZ	21289	1945	5w
YO9CN	21289	1830	7w
UQ2HO	14220	0455	7w
F8LX	14248	0445	9w
ON6CE	14203	0550	9w
GC3LFJ	14201	0045	2e
9H1BX	14332	0100	3e
9H1CG	14041	0040	8e
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VP2LAW	14020	1125	8w
FG7XF	14011	0100	8w
DP8AP	14033	0025	8e
8P6BU	14017	1110	7e
IK8BKK	14210	1125	7w
KS6CH	14265	1100	7w
HI8FED	14003	0000	1e
9M8FMF	21353	0200	5w
FM7WW	14242	1100	4e
C21DC	14242	1100	4e

ASIA

OD5GS	14045kc	0055Z	Jun 1a
UJ8AR	14014	0105	1e
IM1BK	14217	1050	4e
YB9AA	14235	1055	4e
9V10I	14233	1235	7e
AF2AD	14216	0050	2e
VS6BS	14190	1120	1m
9M2AA	14080	1235	1m
JT1AI	14192	1230	7m
VS5CB	14245	1235	7m
ZW8AX	14236	1450	7w
9V1QJ	14201	1315	9w
HS3AFB	14214	1410	9w
JY1	14204	0545	3e
OB5AO	21378	1620	7w
4X4HT	2126	1940	7w
UA9VH/JM1	14245	1115	8w
UK8AAA	14007	1515	3w
JD1YAA	14087	1500	7w
BY3NK	14010	0720	7w
7Z3AB	14295	2000	5m
9K2AM	14295	2000	5m
YK1AA	14295	2000	5m

ELSEWHERE

KX6DC	14050kc	0530Z	Jun 2m
KX6BU	14303	1140	6m
VK9LF	14249	1140	6m
VP2MO	14248	2215	6m
VP2EQ	21333	2105	6m
8R1J	21252	2130	6m
KC6WS	14295	0620	5m
VR4CG	14297	1110	3e
KV4AA	14290	1200	3w
ZK1CD	14295	0630	3w
KG6SI	14255	1145	5w
VP2EZ	21265	1800	7w
VP2AAK	14331	1930	7w
9M8SDP	14215	1430	3w
ZK1MA	14204	0430	5w
FK8AC	14240	0440	5w
KW6AA	14201	1400	7w
FO8AA	14201	0440	8w
KC6CT	14226	1335	8w
VK9LV	14205	1350	8w
FM7AI	14017	0330	8w
VR6TC	14235	0630	2w
KG4CS	14244	0235	3w
5W1AU	14203	0850	6w
YJ8JX	14195	0635	8w
9M8OEA	14175	1340	7m
DU1MT	14190	1035	1w
DU7RLC	14179	1030	2w
ZL4OL/A	14203	0040	9w
YJ8BG	14212	1140	2e
CR8AG	14212	1140	2e

CALENDAR

FRANZ JOSEF 4J1CR rumored to be opening soon....possibly within weeks.
 ANNOBON 3C0AN should develop during the coming week. Schedule called for
 departure June 12th.....opening within a day or two. Fernando
 Poo...3C0EG also in on the planning.

MELLISH REEF Willis and Mellish should show soon. Larry due to depart Townsville
 June 12th after delays. Open from Willis first.

TRINIDADE PY0ATG due June 14th

BAHAMAS W4BRB will operate from VP7 land over the week-end of June 19-20th....and
 the action will be on 6 and 2 meters.....mostly two.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK...40/80 still lives.....somewhere!!

HI8MMA	7007kc	2330Z	Je	1e	KG6RS	3806	0927	6w	KG6JBD	3807kc	0930Z	Je	6w
KC6RS	7070	1000		6w	KG6SI	3804kc	1000Z	Je	5w	KV4FZ	3806	0935	6w
KG6SI	7070	1015		6w									
ZP5CF	7205	0300		3w									
WA4/8R1	7205	0220		6w									

Sam Canter, W6TSQ, retired from the working class at the end of May and says he has
 nothing to look forward to but all-night DXing. Son of a Gun. Sam also thinking about
 traveling. GD3UMW, Alex, was active from the Isle of Man the first week in June..said
 to QSL via R3GB. FY7YD being heard on the low end of 75meters and 9GLBY has been
 showing up from 2300Z on the lower stretch of 75m along with ZD9BM and ZS1MH. Some
 reports that a JW1 also has been on frequency. PJ7JC has moved to Curacao from Sint
 Maarten leaving no one there for 80/75 action at this time. ZM7AG has been cornered
 by some on 75m....takes a strong wrist and a rugged VFO to catch Jim. Some even looking
 at water-cooled VFO bearings....

AMSTERDAM FB8ZZ has been worked during recent weeks, coming through to the West Coast
 on June 3rd....24028kc/1130Z. Has been somewhat regular in showing up around this
 time....usually about twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays. If pile-ups get too
 difficult, will disappear. Look for him in the 14030-14040kc range. QSL to F8US.

SHORTLY NOTED This has been a trying week with the ZA2RPS rumors starting last Monday
 but little definite information.....even checking via telephone with local Big Guns
 produced nothing. When information finally jelled this issue was put out in a hurry
 trying to bring the information to subscribers while it might do some good....even
 going to the airmail route again.

That VK0HM action some months back by the French operator will not be accepted for
 DXCC according to the FLORIDA DX REPORT. Seems that there was no authorization
 and France and Australia have no reciprocal agreement. Last valid activity of
 VK0HM was April 1970. The HK-Contest is the week-end of June 18-19th...Be Prepared!!
 Departure of the OH-Group for Central Africa is set for Saturday, June 19th with
 all the necessary documents apparently finally in hand. W4SYL is looking for a
 Monaco-3A2 operation early in July. The check-in for the Arabian Net operation
 goes via CT2AA or CT1BH on Thursdays, 14295kc at 1900Z....this list is then run
 through on Saturdays. W6KNH was operating from 5WLAI last week...got word that
 another grandchild had arrived. The expectations of 3B9DA for Rodriguez operations
 in May apparently did not materialize due to expected arrival of equipment not
 materializing.

JALKSO doing some discussing of Spratly and some other islands with the hope of
 some activation. Nob expects that the QSLs for JDLABX will be mailed by the end
 of June. VK3JF/VK9 is showing from Norfolk Island...has been at 14201kc/0250Z.
 Yellow paper was used last week when an expected shipment did not arrive...some
 like it, some do not.

ABU AIL AND JABEL AT TAIR The operation by ET3ZU/A in the Red Sea will be accepted for DXCC credit starting August 1, 1971, the ARRL saying that these islands meet the criteria of distinctive separate administration.

On possible future operations from these islands, it does appear that Aldo, ET3ZU/A may have no plans for any early return, reports out of Italy saying that Aldo will not go this summer because of the intense heat on the islands during the summer months. It has been indicated that his next trip to service the islands will be next Spring.

However, there are reports of planned operations from these islands in late August by G3TXF and F5QQ and possibly others. Some reports say that ET3ZU may accompany this trip...other reports say he will not. Anyway you look at it, there is a possibility of something developing in a couple of months. Still no reports of any overwhelming avalanche of ET3ZU/A QSLs.

MONACO 3A0FN to be on the week-end of June 12-13th. Will definitely be active from 2000 to at least 2400Z. Watch 14280-14300kc. QSL to Hugh Vandegrift, DL4VA, MAF Com DSO, APO New York 09052.

TNX to WA2BED, K2LGJ, W4BRB, W4HU, K4KQ, W4OPM, WB4PUD, W4UF, W4TUC, W5ALA, WA5GFS, W5UBW, K6AQV, W6BJI, K6EC, K6GAK, W6HVN, W6ID, K6LAE, K6LEB, K6MHD, W6MTJ, W6ONZ, W6TSQ, WB6UDC, W6VQD, WB6WHM, K6ZIF, W8ODV, K8RWL, W9WCU, W0JRN, KP4AN, HPLJC,

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