

MINERVA Things are rather well developed for the Minerva Reef effort slated for the end of May, actually May 31st to June 4th. Present plans are for a VK7 to join with one or two stateside operators to make the effort with a number of rigs on hand. These will include two KWM-2As, two 30L-1s plus extra VFOs, beams, verticals dipoles etc. Beyond this there will be other rigs in on the effort. It does appear that this has been run past the ARRL DXCC Desk and it has been indicated that there will be no problems for DXCC credit. This one is rather definitely on at this time and more information should be developing as we get into May. May 23rd is the time for the crew to head out for the South Pacific according to the present schedule.

CHINA EP3AM/BY was reported in the bulletin last week, being on twenty c.w. A station working c.w. to SSB showed on the Pandora Net early last week and worked a large number, signing his hame Armin.

Well, it was fun but it was not EP3AM. The real, true-blue and genuine article was home in Washington, D.C. when all this was going on and knew nothing at all about the action. This would appear to be another effort by that cat out in the Pacific Area who shows up with the exotic calls....stirs up a lot of excitement with a phoney call. Generally on c.w. and enjoying the action.

On other possibilities, JH1HWN, the QSL Manager for BV2AA, reports that Nong will be visiting in China-BY-land-the latter part of April and hoped to sign BV2AA/BY from the Cwancyo Trade Fair. This license would not be official ... and as of last week-end there had been no indication that Nong would have any success in getting on the air.

There still is an outside possibility of an operation from BY-land though this one would possibly be more of a test operation to see what the potential might be. If this one should work, BY might start showing up on the bands though this again might be somewhat unofficial and rather brief in operations. The message is thus.... Keep Hoping!!

While working on the BVs/BYs etc, it might be noted that BV2AA QSLs to JH1HWN and BV2AB goes to K4ASI. BV2AB, Bob, is not being heard at these times because the local government there in Taiwan put him off the air.

KAMARAN Indicators are that Aldo, ET3ZU, is rather definite for action in the VS9Karea in the middle of May. Details are sketchy so far but more should surface before the actual action.

NEW HEBRIDES YJCRV should be action on all bands from May 12th through May 16th on This will be by VK9LV, Louis, who also is G5RV. all bands.

NORFOLK VK5XK/VK9-Norfolk continues to be heard with his low power signal. Last week Arch was at 14045kc at 0520Z. He has also been heard frequently at 14023kc. Another station signing VK9NI was also being heard last week ... 14264kc at 0745Z on April 18th. THE RED EYED LOUIE REPORT

AFRICA: ..C.W.

| CR7IZ 9L1GC 9U5RB CR5AJ CR7CN ET3USE | 21051/1950/Ap 17w 21029/1830/Ap 15m 21011/1810/Ap 19w 14048/2050/Ap 18e 14031/1400/Ap 20w 14037/0335/Ap 17e | EL 9A FB8ZZ FB8ZA ZD9GA ZD8DLG ZS1A | 14033/0150/Ap 20w 14101/1530/Ap 18w 14048/1515/Ap 17w 14054/1630/Ap 18w 14004/0020/Ap 17ve 14048/1535/Ap 19w | ZS3AW 3D6AN 5T5CJ 7Q7AC 9L1GC | 14043/0605/Ap 16m 14029/1250/Ap 16e 14048/2050/Ap 18e 14020/1500/Ap 15w 14026/0825/Ap 16m |
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| ASIA AXAHT HSAAGS JT1AN JT2AF OD5LX | C.W. 21025/1850/Ap 13w 14050/1620/Ap 18w 14028/1250/Ap 16e 14033/1530/Ap 14w 14025/0300/Often | UA ØPY UHSAE UISAG UL7LAW UWØLN | 14016/1210/Ap 13e 14008/2340/Ap 11e 14020/0510/Ap 18w 14017/1610/Ap 17w 14002/1255/Ap 14e | VU2AX VU2WU 4X4WN 9M2CW 9V10K | 14028/1625/Ap 17w 14027/1540/Ap 17w 14017/0450/Ap 13w 14C34/1450/Ap 18w 14C42/1555/Ap 15w |
| EUROPE. | .C.W. | | | | |
| EA1HT GC2ZIP HAØLC LX1CF SVØWOO | 21065/1930/Ap 17w 21024/2030/Ap 16w 21046/1440/Ap 16w 21022/2040/Ap 16w 21019/1900/Ap 13w 21057/1555/Ap 17w 21057/1755/Ap 17w 21045/1555/Ap 16w 21010/1510/Ap 16w 21032/2100/Ap 17w | EA 4IS GW3IEM GW5TW HA 5DA HA ØKLU LZIKRB THØNF OX3DL UA 2EC UB50E | 1405 / 0500 / Ap 15m 14080 / 0610 / Ap 17w 14061 / 0605 / Ap 18w 14031 / 0430 / Ap 17w 14016 / 0430 / Ap 17w 14051 / 0510 / Ap 12m 14022 / 0545 / Ap 16w 14030 / 2110 / Ap 16w 14049 / 0430 / Ap 20w 14016 / 0505 / Ap 15w | UD6AM UF6CR UK5WAZ UK2TAD UO50AY UP5ØA UR2ZN Y07OL 9H1BX | 14C10/0340/Ap 16w 14C36/0300/Ap 14w 14C15/0430/Ap 15w 14C15/0445/Ap 15w 14C10/0420/Ap 17w 14C30/1115/Ap 14e 14C34/1430/Ap 12m 14C15/0445/Ap 15w 14C39/0300/Ap 16w |
| | RESC.W. | VD CALLO | 1100 /1000/4- 10- | III/OT II | 11001/1200/441100 |
| TG9CD VP5RF CE3ED DU1IGM FM7AA HP1MN | 28029/2000/Ap 12w 21008/1805/Ap 19w 14015/0250/Ap 17ve 14041/1530/Ap 17w 14054/1215/Ap 14e 14029/0450/Ap 20w | KRCYAQ KS4BH KS6DY PZ1AV TG9NJ VK5/VK9 | 1402 /1220/Ap 17e 1402 //2305/Ap 13e 14046/1210/Ap 18e 14024/0330/Ap 20w 14009/0140/A 20w 140° 5/0455/Ap 14w | VK9LV VK9MH VK9BS VP2GLE VP7CQ VP8LR | 14001/1200/Ap 19e 14048/0610/Ap 13w 14070/0805/Ap 16m 14007/0055/Ap 12e 14038/0145/Ap 20w 14035/0120/Ap 18w |

DXCC The Ryukyu Islands will be deleted from the DXCC List effective with the end of the day on May 14th and effective May 15th they will count only as Japan. Any contact made prior to May 15th will receive DXCC credit.

The special pin which will be available to members of the DXCC Honor Roll will be explained in the May QST

Schedule ET3JH will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 14235kc trying the short-path at 0330Z. Also on Tuesdays he will try the long-path at 1500Z at 14205kc. On Tuesdays and Sundays he will be on 15mtrs at 1830Z and 1930Z at 21335.

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AFRICA...SSB
 ZDOTS
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                              VQ9R
                                                           EACDS
                                                                   21273/1700/Ap 15m
 5X5NK
         28590/1530/Ap 16m
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 6WCBJ
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                              3D6AP
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                                                                   14201/1545/Ap 11w
 A2CAY
         21310/1915/Ap 15e
                                      21325/2040/Ap 13e
                              5ZLLW
                                                                   14204/0330/Ap 11e
                                                           FLSHM
 CR3ND
         21253/1950/Ap 17e
                              WA2/5T5 21357/2000/Ap 19w
                                                                   14234/1125/Ap 18e
                                                           FR7ZV
 CR3CY
         21327/1425/Ap 11m
                                     21283/1720/Ap 16w
                              5N2AAU
                                                           ST2SA
                                                                   14206/1340/Ap 18w
         21262/1540/Ap 18hl
 CR7VM
                              5X5NA
                                      21351/1540/Ap 17w
                                                           TU2DO
                                                                   14277/0700/Ap 17w
         21279/2245/Ap 15e
 ET3GK
                              7Q7BC
                                      21325/1820/Ap 17e
                                                                   14233/0500/Ap 13w
                                                           TU2DB
 ET3USD
         21290/1410/Ap 10hl
                                                                   14214/2330/Ap 16w
                                      21329/2205/Ap 15w
                              905GR
                                                           ZD3E
         2131ø/1920/Ap 17e
 EL2CR
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                                      21287/2045/Ap 16w
                                                           ZD3D
                                                                   14211/2324/Ap 16e
 FLOHN
         21317/1855/Ap 15w
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                                                                   14220/2100/Ap 13w
 FLOMM
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                                      14207/0625/Ap 16w
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 ST2SA
         21203/2125/Ap 9m
                              ET3JH
                                      14206/1525/Ap 18w
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                                                                   14218/2300/Ap 17w
 VQCMC
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                                      14236/0310/Ap 14w
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         21300/1600/Ap 14e
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                              HS LAGN
                                      14224/1540/Ap 17w
 HS1ABE
                                      14223/0555/Ap 19w
14203/1300/Ap 12kl
 HS1AFP
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                              HMCC
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         21310/1555/Ap 14e
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                                      14227/1550/Ap 18hl
                                                           9M2WM
                                                                   14232/1655/Ap 15w
 4S7PB
         21327/1710/Ap 17w
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                              UL7YR
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 9M2DQ
         21320/1545/Ap 10e
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                              UMSFM
                                      14217/0240/Ap 11e
                                                           9K2CI
 9V1QQ
         21316/1615/Ap 10e
                              VS6EG
                                      14210/1700/Ap 15w
                                                           9V1NR
                                                                   14201/1545.Ap 18w
 EP2YL
         14245/1450/Ap 14W
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 HS2AGD
         14222/1710/Ap 13w
                              VU2KV
                                                           HL9UX
                                                                   14209/0445/Ap 17w
                                      14225/1500/Ap 19w
 EUROPE...SSB
         21310/1915/Ap 17e
 DA1JJ
                              SVØWU
                                      21367/1900/Ap 17e
                                                                   14276/0540/Ap 13w
                                                           M1B
 EA 6BH
         21290/2015/Ap 15w
                                                                   14197/0425/Ap 14w
                              SK4DM
                                      21310/1530/Ap 13w
                                                           SP1AGE
                                      21263/2015/Ap 17e
                                                                   14222/0340/Ap 16e
 EI6S
         21327/1840/Ap 17w
                              SVØWJJ
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 GC3BID/A21355/1940/Ap 17e
                                      21290/1835/Ap 15e
                              UP 50A
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 GC3CGK 21310/1905/Ap 17e
                                      21298/1700/Ap 11e
                                                                   14230/0510/Ap 11w
                              UK2FAA
                                                           UC2WE
 HA 6NN
         21374/1705/Ap 15e
                                      21274/1900/Ap15w
                                                                   14214/0430/Ap 22w
                              YU3DO
                                                           UD5FT
                                      21266/1700/Ap 13w
14213/2345/Ap 15e
                                                                   14207/0300/Often
 HBØLL
         21316/1630/Ap 11e
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 IS1MUA
         21320/1645/Ap 10e
                              IØIJ
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 JW7FD
         21295/2330/Often
                              LZ2EE
                                      14213/0435/Ap 20w
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 LX1PA
         21315/1800/Ap 15e
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                                      14211/0515/Ap 13w
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Many other top lines in a large inventory of both new and used equipment

WRITE PHONE ...

ELSEWHERES..SSB

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14206/135/Ap 15e
14270/330/Ap 15m
        28550/2115/Ap 14w
                                                                    14251/0740/Ap 18w
                                                           VK9FH:
FG7XT
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        20595/1525/Ap 11e
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FM7AA
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VP2SN
        28590/1810/Ap 14e
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                                      14218/1435/Ap 16m
VPCME
        28510/1700/Ap 16e
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                                                                   14203/0500/Ap 15w
                                      14224/0205/Ap 18m
VQ9/VP2 20540/1500/Ap 11e
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                                                           VP2LI
                                                                    14213/0045/Ap 14e
                                                                    14200/1225/Ap 18m
        28505/0045/Ap 16e
                                      14231/0430/Ap 18W
                                                           VP2KF
VR4BS
                             FKEAA
                                                                   14223/2340/Ap 17e
ZP9AI
        20606/1705/Ap 16w
                             KB6CU
                                      14296/0700/Ap 15w
                                                           VPSME
        21257/0110/Ap 12e
                                      14262/0900/Ap 15w
                                                                    14296/0730/Ap 18w
KS4BH
                             KC6JC
                                                           VR1AA
                                     14274/0200/Ap 10m
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                             KG4FO
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                                      14330/1320/Ap 18m
                                                                    14238/0450/Ap 18w
        21327/1550/Ap 10e
                             KG6SL
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                                                           VR4AB
VK9XK
                                     14289/1330/Ap 16m
                                                           WA4/HKØ 14345/1230/Ap 18m
VR4BS
        21303/0010/Ap 16e
                             KG6SH
                                                                   14205/2230/Ap 12w
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        21300/1745/Ap 16e
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        21302/0155/Ap 16e
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                                                                   14233/0430/Ap 22w
                                      14279/0100/Ap 21w
        21382/2300/Ap 14e
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ZF1WE
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                                                                    14278/0500/Ap 18w
YBØBY
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        21295/1735/Ap 23kv
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                                                                   14209/2335/Ap 13w
        14240/1055/Ap 15e
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                                      14217/1540/Ap 13w
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A35FX
                                      14335/1420/Ap 16m
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        14209.1240/Ap 18e
C21TL
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DU1MAT 14202/1700/Ap 13e
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                                      14215/1215/Ap 17m
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[e = eastern areas m = middle states w = western reaches hl' = horea kv = virgin] [islands etc... ap = April....times in G.T...# = longpath

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

| HI2AMG | 7000/1205/Ap 15e | UP5ØD | 7002/0230/Ap 13e | EACGZ | 3796/0630/Ap 19w |
|--------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| UK2LAB | 7004/0140/Ap 13e | VPCME | 7225/0950/Ap 17w | KG6SL | 3804/1220/Ap 14w |
| UK2AHK | 7015/1130/Ap 16e | VR4BS | 7225/0930/Ap 16e | VPCFL . | 3807/1030/Ap 18w |
| VP2LAW | 7022/0215/Ap 13e | YJEGH . | 7225/1030/Ap 15w | VR4BS | 3805/1030/Ap 16w |
| VP2SN | 7014/0140/Ap 13e | | | YB3AAY. | 3807/1320/Ap 15w |

ZP9AI often around 3900kc/0600Z..hears many stateside stations but cannot get through the QSOs. Mike looking for W/K contacts

SHORTLY NOTED W50LG, Bob Stark, of Grap ine, Texas became a silent key early in April. Bob, a long time friend of VR6 had kept over 500 schedules with Tom. That GC3BID/A that was on a week ago was on Sark. ZA1ZA on early in April is rather definitely a pirate. If you want a direct qsl from HS1AFP, send it to the HS Bureau, [Box 2003] with sase and 11¢ U.S. stamp. Cards are picked up weekly and returned via APO...also possible to QSL via WB2. K. TJ1AW, Charles, is QRT and back in the states. His replacement there in Cameroun is also an amateur and the activity should continue. Charlie, ex-TJ1AW will be reassigned and has been offered a possible XZ-Burma assignment.

K5AAD and WA5ZNY expect to be active in the Caribbean this summer with possible action from VP2V/VP5/FS7/FG7/FM7... K5AAD made a swing through a number of the VP2s in 1966. For those who thirst for an EA9EJ QSL, W6AOI reports receiving one last week. Keep hoping. QSLs for the FLGs should not ruse "French Somaliland" in the address but rather "TFAI"...which stands for something like French Territories in Africa... according to our specialist in broken languages.

Some stations operating high in the 15 meter band are actually getting their sidebands outside the amateur frequencies by not allowing at least 3kc margin. The problem is one of possible interference with a broadcast station that is just above the band

If you want to be prepared....pick up your telephone and get the phone number for the Watch Officer for the FCC office in Washington. Then when the usual deliberate QRM surfaces on the Franz Josef and Navassa operations, you will be just what Lord Baden-Powell advised...."Be Prepared". W2BP was the operator at VP2MAD. HB XUD scheduled for 2nd half of July by ONLOW. CRCAK was at 1421Ckc from 1430Z on April 22nd.

CALENDAR

FRANZ JOSEF

This coming week!! Late indicators were that the UA1ZFI operation

would be on schedule. Listen hard!

CRETE

SVØWEE due to open up on all bands on April 28th for three days.

MINERVA

May 20th if all goes well..... Hope!!

NAVASSA

KC4DX from May 12th ...

UQ.5Ø

Latvia this Wednesday in the Russian Round-Robin. UM50-Kirghiz

WEST AFRICA

WB2AQC due in Senegal last Saturday..WA2BAV/6WØ and WB2AQC/6WØ the

calls. Departing April 26th. Sierra Leone to Saturday

NORFOLK VK5XK on regularly on QRP twenty c.w. VK9NI reported twenty SSB.

This week-end, April 29-30th

PACC TEST BRASILIA TEST USSR DX Test

This week-end, April 29-30th May 6-7th

NEW HEBRIDES

YJCRV May 12th-16th

TROMELIN FR7AI due there May 20th

POSSIBLES [These a bit more solid than just rumors] Nothing new but do not abandon hope. The island is still above water.

Something will show one of these days. Much studying going on....

CHINA

AVES

Something may develop in the next several weeks. In spite of the phonies, do not abandon hope.

A bit of operating possible before the hurricane season

SHORTLY NOTED We have been running out of space so we will start high up the page on this week's effort to clean up the odd bits.

9M2IR, John Van Lear, passed through the area Sunday enroute back to Malaysia after a stop at the Dayton Convention and Texas points. A couple of the locals greeted him at SFO between UAL and PAA...they did not know what John's appearance was so they just grabbed the biggest passenger coming off the inbound plane. Got him the first time. Sam Yates, KA2AI, became ill in India while on his trip and returned home a bit early but is feeling fine now. Sam has been on the air discussing his trip. Maybe not as strong as usual as he lost his antennas just before taking off on his trip. Sam was not able to get into the Himalayan countries he was hoping for.

Incidently on those countries, many travelers are not familiar that an "innerline permit" must be obtained from the Indian government if you wish to enter Sikk m or Bhutan. Amateurs often have trouble getting these permits and especially when you mention "radio". Also, carrying radio gear across custom borders often results in the gear

being impounded.

But do not be of faint hope ... Thai International Airlines now has an all-expense tour package to Sikkim-AC3 from Bangkok and the package runs about \$400.00. The Thai Airline makes all arrangements including the interline permits. It may be possible to include Bhutan and it also might be within the realm of possibility to arrange permission to use the amateur gear already within these countries rather than looking

to take your own. Some days last week the bands were not especially good. Some amateurs with proper scanning gear have been counting the sun spots to check conditions. One of these is a reader of the WCDXB and reported that the excellent conditions in early April were marked by a good number of visible sunspots. Our problem right now is that we remember the information but cannot locate the note. This is not an unusual problem and we have had to dig through the boxes of waste in the shack looking for checks we threw away inadvertently. If the sunspot reporter catches this, we would like to hear more ... In the next month or so the Post Office may announce that airmail should be delivered by the second day after mailing anywhere in the states and 1st class mail should be delivered by the third day. If your delivery of the WCDXB runs outside these limits, please return your address portion of the bulletin with the date of receipt clearly indicated...a clear postmark of mailing is also essential. We will supply fresh address pages to cover any mutiliation (sob) of your WCDXB. Also, the Post Office is pushing philately ... if your local Post Office does not have the needed commemoratives, complain Generally this comes easily.

PANDORA BOX NET The plans for a mainland edition of the Pandora Box Net has been implemented with an up-frequency operation to handle the business there. The present plans call for the mainland station to check in with the regular net at 0430Z and at 0500Z to move to the 14287kc area and take care of matters there. To some extent this will involve trying to line up needed WAS contacts for DX Stations...Wyoming, Vermont, North Dakota, etc. With DX stations going first, the mainland operation will go by districts to work the DX stations...going east to west for Pacific DX and west to east for Europe/Africa stations.

Those stations functioning as N/Cs are K6UJS, K6TWT, WB6BGQ and WA6CXK, all in the Vallejo metropolitan area. Initially a number of check-ins responded to the new operating plan and by this time they should be a bit further down the road. Check 14287kc at 0500Z for the action.

RHODES The plans for SVØWJJ to make the Rhodes trip did not materialize, some sources saying that his XYL became ill and had to go to Germany for treatment. Whatever the cause, the plans are still on for a try some time in the near future, possibly with a minimum of notice and over a week-end. In the meanwhile, SVØWU continues to show on 15mtrs from 1900Z....sometimes just above 21300kc...sometimes up around 21350kc.

TNX to W1AM, W1MQK, K2BT, WA2DHS, W2FXA, WB2YQH, K2LGJ, W3RX, W4BA, W4EH, K4FRY, W4GTS, W4HU, W4TUC, W4UF, K4ZCP, W5ALA, W5HCG, W5UBW, WA5ZNY, W6AOI, W6APW, K6AQV, W6BJI, K6BTT, K6EC, W6EJ, WA6FYC, WB6GFJ, WA6JVD, K6KA, W6KYA, K6LAE, W6TCQ, K6MHD, W6OKK, K6SX, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6TXR, K6UFT, WB6WHM, K6WR, W6YUS, K6ZDL, WB6ZUC, WCSRK, W7YTN, K7ZHS, W9DDL, WA9VOL, W9WKU, WØJRN, KH6BB, KV4AM, VE7AAM, WB6RIU/HL9, JH1HWN.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers, a c.w. type, showed up recently with one of the programmed keyers, and simply bursting with pride over the new item. "See how it works", he said as he ran it through a fast demonstration of dits and dahs at 40wpm, "I can set it to just keep dropping my callsign in continually. What do you think of that?". Son of a Gun, what could we say? For years Nature has been trying to perfect the present device which works along the same line. This thing keeps sending its call during a pile-up when the DX station is transmitting....when the DX Station is standing by for a report from another station...and often when the DX Station has gone QRT and disappeared completely. Some refer to these as "Programmed DX notes..\$10.50 by airmail...

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