

WEST COAST

DX

Bulletin

July 18, 1972

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MELLISH REEF VK9JW opened up sometime around 1100Z on July 13th and has been in there most times since. Main action has been on 15 and 20 mtrs with efforts also being made to use both ten and forty/eighty when conditions are favorable. Initial efforts on ten meters around 2300Z were not successful.

Some problems were initially encountered with the outboard VFO and the push-to-talk system which necessitated transceive operation and a shift in frequency when conditions became intolerable. There has been considerable action around the 14300kc area with VK9JW looking above 14300kc for stations calling him and transmitting below the 14300kc mark.

The operation at last report was scheduled for seven days and probably will secure in the middle of this week. Signals have been good and a high QSO total should be easily attained.

QSLs go to John Martin, VK3JW, P.O. Box 239, Bairnsdale 3875, Victoria Australia. This is the only route. There is a need for some support and any indication of such will be appreciated.....and needed.

Transportation to Mellish was on a 65' air-sea rescue boat with a smaller 14' boat for shuttling to shore. The larger boat is standing off the island during the operation which should prove most successful, the group being loaded with adequate gear and antennas.

SIKKIM Recently there have been reports that possibly VU2IRA might be enroute to AC3 for action. Ginny is traveling but in the other direction, going to 5Z4-land. She was due to depart Delhi last Wednesday headed for Bombay and then on to Nairobi on Thursday. Ginny is traveling with a cast on her leg which would appear to be for an injury to her foot or ankle. Also her father here on the West Coast knows nothing about the AC3 report. Son of a Gun!!

However, JA3IXL the JA-Desk report that the locals there were working AC3PT last week. The station was calling 'CQ' at 1493kc at 1645Z on July 10th and was immediately worked by JA3IXL, JA3GZN and JA4BLY. AC3PT has been heard in Japan a number of times in recent weeks, on June 25th it was 14314kc/1900Z; on June 26th at 14280kc/1910; on June 28th at 14314kc/1610Z and on June 29th at 14320kc/1640Z.

KAMARAN ET3ZU and Co. apparently have gotten things lined up for Kamaran and the only problem seems to be the final permission to go to the island. Equipment..operators and transportation are all arranged and Aldo is aiming for a September date, this being the best time weather-wise for the effort.

For those who may have helped with the Red Sea ET3ZU/A efforts, it is not possible to run checks through the local banking system there in Ethiopia by Aldo himself and a number of others were helping with the conversion. At the present time K3BSY is back stateside and trying to clear up some of the bank drafts that have never cleared. If you books do not balance, you might drop John a note. He was one of the operators on the Red Sea trip...

RODRIGUEZ Jacky, 3B8CF, will be headed for Rodriguez at the end of this month and will be taking along a FT-DX 400 being sent to him by JE1CKA/JA0CUV of the Japanese "HAM LIFE" magazine. This will also be the route for QSLs, Tack having handled them when Jacky was on Chagos last year. Jacky's full name is Seewoosankar Mandary and he previously has signed VQ9SM, VQ8CF and VQ8CFB.

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GALAPAGOS HD8IG showed last week with an unusual prefix....will be there to the early part of this week. This is W3ABC and his plans for operating included 15/20/40mtrs.

NIUE Jim Henderson, WB6CZB/5W1AL/A35JH was stymied in his hopes to get to Minerva and settled for Niue. Last week he was signing ZK2DX and expected to be there until part of the present week.

QSLs for his operations go to WB5BHN.....which we have given a couple of times as WB5BHM incorrectly. Jim is a college student attending a college in New Mexico and paid out a good portion of his capital for air transportation out to the South Pacific hoping for Minerva. While he did not get all the way, he did come up with some good action.

SHORTLY NOTED The Arabian Knight Net is meeting at a changed time since July 1st. Look for them on Mondays 14290kc/1700Z; Thursdays at 21270kc/1400Z and Fridays at 14290kc from 0400Z. Venkat apparently hoping to return to Bhutan later this Fall and finish off some of the demand for A51. Anyone with information on the availability of TI9C QSLs....many still wanting. Some reports still cropping up on PY1DVG and Trinidad...some say this month, some say next month. Some say 160/80/40 mtrs. Timor was available with two stations earlier this month...CR8AI and CR8AK. Reports are that CR7IK is trying to bring CR8AK to the 14220kc country regularly around 1200Z and it does appear that this is jelling. QSL for CR8AK to CT1CY. A letter to a W5 from AP2AD says that all transmitting gear was confiscated last November and any AP2s presently being heard are possible Pakistani relatives of Slim on Cray Island.

WA5ZNY and K6AAD should be into their Caribbean swing by now....this week should see them in VP2V-British Virgins. 5H1LV, Garth, showed from Zanzibar last week, operated 36 hours and secured at 1500Z on July 10th. With little advance announcement on this one, many were inquiring as to just what 5H1LV was...QSL to K3RLY/ VA1SUN was a special prefix used at Sydney, Nova Scotia during the recent eclipse. 9K2AM was reported a week ago SSTV at 14230kc/2045Z.

Pete Smith, K4FOK, is on his way to Formosa with hopes for operating there. If the permission is granted, WB4SPG, Jim Simon, will handle the QSLing. W1YRC has the design for the XV5AC QSLs all worked out but cards are yet to be received from the printers. Logs for operations up to almost the middle of July have been received. XV5AC has gone well past the 5000 mark in QSOs to date. VK9JW after a bit over two days of operating had passed the 3000 QSO mark.

LU1ZA was on forty from the South Orkneys last week-end....7015kc/0600Z+. Alex, 3B8DA, on Mauritius, needs some PL-259 coax connectors and would appreciate anyone with some service spares to ship them...plainly marked "GIFT..NO COMMERCIAL VALUE. USED ITEM". Sandy, VK2BCV (ex-VK9GC) will be going to Norfolk in September for two months. 7X7G QSLs to Box 2, Algiers....VA8RA to VE8RA. C29=prefix will surface from time to time on special occasions from Nauru. C21TL was using it early this month. XU1AA was on last week and probably will show up from time to time on week-ends. The hopes for AVES-YVØ this summer are squashed. The amateur due to accompany a scientific survey in the area was replaced on the crew...still hoping but slowly fading. CR7IK says FB8ZZ speaks only French and because of this stays away from the American bands. It would seem that Darleen will not be the first HC-YL. There have been a number going back many years...Judy and Magdelana Cordovez are remembered by many Old Timers.

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C31FO	21296/1550/Jul	9e	IØIJ	14208/0500/Jul	12w	PAØALO	14277/0620/Jul	9w
EA6BH	14232/0700/Jul	9w	IT2AN	21353/1930/Jul	7w??	PAØFDJ	14213/9499/Jul	10m
EA7DJ	21330/1830/Jul	11w	JW8IL	21270/0215/Jul	6e	SP6PWR	14235/0645/Jul	9w
CT2BG	21253/2000/Jul	10m	LX1SF	21267/2040/Jul	6e	SPØZZ	14236/2210/Jul	6e
GB3MEX	21320/1630/Jul	9e	LX1BJ	14280/0540/Jul	10w	SVØWJJ	21288/2325/Jul	7m
GC2TR	21296/2020/Jul	10m	LX1RB	14236/2000/Jul	10w	UA1CK	14203/0435/Jul	10w
GC3YJI	21315/1720/Jul	7m	LZ2EE	14268/0420/Jul	7w	UD6BR	21290/0300/Jul	6e
GI3BBV	21345/1730/Jul	6w	LZ2SA	14255/0135/Jul	12m	UW1AR	14210/0425/Jul	10m
GW3YPH	21315/1850/Jul	6e	OH2BH	14222/0530/Jul	6w	UK5MAF	21307/1645/Jul	6w
HBØXMA	14195/9730/Jul	8kv	OK1AVU	14175/0455/Jul	7w	YØ2BM	14213/0340/Jul	9e
HA2RB	21275/2100/Jul	9e	OH2BC	14208/0410/Jul	12w	YU2RHG	21280/2200/Jul	6e
IT9SPW	21304/0000/Jul	8e	OK1DA	14239/0530/Jul	13w	3AØGC	21340/1415/Jul	9m
IT9PNZ	21358/1525/Jul	9w	OY9LV	14202/2150/Jul	9e	4U1ITU	21330/2040/Jul	9e
IØIJ	14208/0500/Jul	12w	OZ8BZ	21296/1710/Jul	6e	9H1LV	14195/1200/Jul	10e

ELSEWHERE . . . SSB

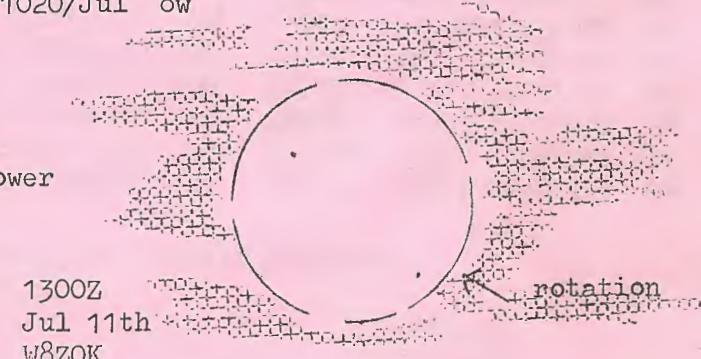
A35FX	14203/0700/Jul	11e	KX6AA	14246/1120/Jul	7e	VP2/FS7	14203/0440/Jul	4m
CR8AI	14203/1115/Jul	7e	KX6UR	14203/1110/Jul	8e	VP2ME	14230/0340/Jul	12m
CR8AK	14227/1225/Jul	9e	OX5BA	14250/0440/Jul	13w	VR1AA	14205/0615/Jul	9w
DU1BOB	14255/1315/Jul	7e	OX5AT	14240/0520/Jul	11e	YJ8XX	14209/0740/Jul	6m
DU9FB	14208/1420/Jul	8w	PJ2MI	14214/1120/Jul	9e	YJ8BD	14206/0530/Jul	12w
FK8BQ	14213/0810/Jul	6m	PZ1AP	14206/1125/Jul	19e	YB3AAY	14270/1145/Jul	10m
FO8BW	21351/0350/Jul	10m	VA1SUN	14204/2015/Jul	10m	YBØAAV	14202/1340/Jul	12w
FO8DF	14226/1020/Jul	7e	VK6RU	14214/1150/Jul	9m	YBØZZ	14205/1335/Jul	12w
HD8IG	14206/1500/Jul	13w	VK9JV	14267/1040/Jul	9m	YS1JFE	14200/0145/Jul	6w
HC8PS	21415/2140/Jul	11w	VK9NJ	14212/1120/Jul	9m	ZK1AJ	14205/0630/Jul	11w
HR1KS	21290/0335/Jul	6w	VK9MM	14214/1255/Jul	10e	ZK2DX	14196/0615/Jul	11w
HR1KAS	14187/1440/Jul	6w	VK9RY	21292/0525/Jul	7kv	5W1AU	14242/0405/Jul	11w
KG6ARH	14219/1020/Jul	10e	VK9XX	14250/1430/Jul	9w	8R1W	14196/1025/Jul	10e
KG6JBØ	14210/1120/Jul	10e	VK9FH	14249/1225/Jul	6kv	9M8WUW	14225/1435/Jul	12w
KJ6CW	14276/0425/Jul	10m	VK9NI	14194/0705/Jul	8kv	NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION		
KS6CC	14214/0540/Jul	11w	VK9DM	14233/0710/Jul	8kv	August 8-9th		
KS6EN	14280/1115/Jul	10e	VK9DX	14215/1125/Jul	9kv	DOUBLE TREE INN U.S. 5 and 405 intersection..10 miles south of Seattle W7YTN for info		
KX6CV	14204/1045/Jul	9w	VK9DJ	14222/1110/Jul	9kv	VR1AA	7090/0645/Jul	13w
KX6BU	14205/1105/Jul	10e	VP1BH	21272/0240/Jul	7m	YV7GX	7215/0150/Jul	5e

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CE1JX	7215/0245/Jul	5e	KC4USN	7236/0810/Often		ZL1AGO	3802/1005/Jul	8w
CM3LN	7035/0115/Jul	11e	LU5AIJ	7224/0720/Jul	9e	ZP3AO	3508/0150/Jul	9e
CX2CL	7215/0250/Jul	5e	KJ6BZ	7259/0900/Jul	12w	ZP5AQ	3508/0150/Jul	9e
FPØAA	7014/0200/Jul	10e	OA4US	7215/0650/Jul	9e	5W1AU	3803/0050/Jul	10e
HD8IG	7210/0600/Jul	13w	VP2SAF	7215/0250/Jul	5e	VR1AA	7090/0705/Jul	13w
CP1DN	3803/0205/Jul	9e	PZ1GU	3803/0205/Jul	9e	YV7GX	7215/0150/Jul	5e
CP1EU	3805/0045/Jul	10e	PY3APH	3803/0215/Jul	8e	ZS1MH	7093/0200/Jul	5e
HH9DL	3802/0120/Jul	9e	VP1EZ	3804/0500/Jul	14w	ZS6ARS	7002/0140/Jul	10e
KX6IO	3805/1250/Jul	5w	ZK1AA	3860/0830/Jul	13w	8P6AU	3803/0050/Jul	10e
LU8AJG	3803/0145/Jul	8e	YJ9BD	3513/1020/Jul	8w	ZS1MH	7093/0200/Jul	5e

SUNSPOT LOUIE.....

No new spots had appeared in the two days prior to this observation, the upper spot spot disappeared about July 9th and the lower one about the 13th. Sunspot activity is low.



1300Z
Jul 11th
W8ZOK

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

AFRICA...C.W.

			<u>ASIA...C.W.</u>					
CR5AJ	14043/2035/Jul	9e	HS1AFI	14004/1445/Jul	13w	UJ8AE	14021/0140/Jul	6e
FL8MM	21056/2155/Jul	11w	MP4BHM	21029/0305/Jul	7m	UK7EAE	14017/1705/Jul	11w
EL2DI	21027/1745/Jul	8m	JT1AA	14015/1320/Jul	11w	UWØIZ	14021/1130/Jul	9e
ZS1A	14027/1515/Jul	10w	JT1AM	14080/1520/Jul	10w	XV5AC	21052/1900/Jul	9w
5X5NK	21041/1510/Jul	9e	OD5LX	21027/0205/Jul	7m	XU1AA	14052/1540/Jul	13w
5Z4KL	14010/2100/Jul	11w	UI8DA	21025/0220/Jul	7m	XW8EV	21035/1445/Jul	9m
			UI8IY	21031/0300/Jul	9m	9V1OK	14041/1500/Jul	10w

EUROPE...C.W.

C31FK	14029/2010/Jul	9e	GM3MCH	21039/1730/Jul	9w	UC2LB	14006/0250/Jul	13w
DA1AE	14002/0600/Jul	13w	HB9APJ	21054/0605/Jul	9w	UO5PK	21036/1355/Jul	7e
EA3XH	21037/2335/Jul	6m	LZ1KDP	21030/1930/Jul	10w	UP2BZ	14007/0605/Jul	13w
GD4AM	21032/2045/Jul	9e	ON6DX	21044/2350/Jul	6m	UQ2IF	14018/0330/Jul	10w
SV2WTT	14051/1930/Jul	12w	SVØWTT	21041/0345/Jul	7m	YO7DL	14055/0450/Jul	9w

ELSEWHERE'S...C.W.

A35FX	14036/0630/Jul	13w	HD8IG	21033/0240/Jul	12w	VP2VAA	14030/0230/Jul	13w
C21TL	14032/0635/Jul	8w	KG4ER	21048/0130/Jul	6w	VP2GLE	14022/0110/Jul	6w
CO2FC	14059/1400/Jul	8m	KS4BH	14021/0440/Jul	12w	VP7CQ	14048/1050/Jul	6w
CX4CO	14018/0245/Jul	11w	LU3AU	28024/1820/Jul	8e	WD4USA	14070/2000/Jul	11w
DU1OR	14040/1050/Jul	6w	OX3QI	14035/1815/Jul	11w	ZM2AFZ	14055/0345/Jul	6m
FY7AI	14043/2035/Jul	9e	VP2SU	14025/1140/Jul	7e	8P6BU	28033/2100/Jul	9w
HD8IG	14036/1330/Jul	12w	VP2AAA	28024/1825/Jul	8e	9Y4VU	21300/1220/Jul	7e

AFRICA...SSB

CN8BB	14200/0545/Jul	6w	SU1AZ	21363/1935/Jul	6e	5R8BD	14191/1255/Jul	6w
CN8HD	21350/2010/Jul	5w	TR8DG	21257/2005/Jul	7w	5R8CO	14201/1225/Jul	8w#
CR3RY	21330/1910/Jul	7e	TR8AF	21280/0000/Jul	8#	5H1LV	21296/1830/Jul	9e
CR4BS	14216/2310/Jul	7e	TU2DO	21430/2055/Jul	12w	5U7AS	21351/1900/Jul	6e
CR6MQ	21300/2025/Jul	7e	TU2DO	14246/0645/Jul	11e	5Z4KL	14195/0515/Jul	14w
CR6GA	14192/0545/Jul	7w	VQ9JR	21310/1305/Jul	6m	3B8CI	14203/0440/Jul	12m
CR7IK	14241/1120/Jul	10e	VQ9MC	14217/1105/Jul	8w	5Z4LW	21355/1829/Jul	8e
CR7IC	14193/1210/Jul	8kv	VQ9R	21354/1920/Jul	11w	7X7G	21290/2035/Jul	7e
CR7LE	14244/1300/Jul	9w	ZD8KO	21355/1830/Jul	6e	7X7Y	14268/0615/Jul	6w
EA9AT	14218/0550/Jul	11w	ZD3D	14205/2205/Jul	9e	7P8AC	14204/1345/Jul	10w
ET3ZU	14217/2150/Jul	9e	ZE1CW	14214/0500/Jul	6w	7Q7AF	21262/1725/Jul	10m
FB8ZZ	14214/0940/Jul	9w	ZS2MI	14194/1330/Jul	9w	9G1WW	21352/1730/Jul	8e
FL8MM	21376/2235/Jul	5m	ZS3HX	14205/1500/Jul	10w	9J2ED	21263/1720/Jul	8kv
FR7AI	21297/2100/Jul	9e	3B8AW	14188/1200/Jul	10m	9J2DT	14220/1105/Jul	8e
FR7AN	14201/1100/Jul	9w	3B8BG	14228/1130/Jul	9e	9X5VA	21355/1840/Jul	8e

ASIA...SSB

EP2TC	21294/1400/Jul	7e	UAØSB	21289/0210/Jul	7kv	4S7AB	14199/1130/Jul	7kv
HL9DO	14249/1200/Jul	9e	UK9ABA	21292/1530/Jul	9m	4S7PB	14202/0000/Jul	6m
HL9TW	14210/1530/Jul	11w	VU2KV	14203/1455/Jul	11w	9K2BQ	21296/1710/Jul	6e
HS2AGV	14196/1640/Jul	12w	VU2HLU	21310/1250/Jul	6m	9K2CI	14271/0500/Jul	8w
HSØUDN	14208/1350/Jul	8m	VU2AAA	21310/0235/Jul	9m	9K2AM	14261/2000/Jul	9e
HZ1SH	14271/0400/Jul	8e	VS6DO	14206/1145/Jul	9m	9K2CA	14216/0345/Jul	6e
JY4IA	21302/0130/Jul	7e	XV5AC	14206/1350/Jul	11w	9M2DW	14211/1520/Jul	6w
JTØAE	21272/0225/Jul	7m	XW8DO	14244/1400/Jul	11w	9M2ON	14215/1330/Jul	11w
KA1MI	14273/0330/Jul	9ka	YA1GNT	21319/0235/Jul	6m	9V1QQ	21296/1720/Jul	6e
MP4TDM	21285/0320/Jul	7m	YA1OS	21317/1800/Jul	11w			
MP4BBW	14210/0235/Jul	6e	4X4NX	21331/2040/Jul	9e			

(e = eastern area m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands)
 (ka = japan etc. time in GMT # = long path ??? It's Slim on Cray Island again!!)

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CALENDAR

MELLISH REEF
NIUE
VIET NAM
CORSICA
ANDORRA

On right now....until mid-week. VK9JW with big signals...
ZK2DX by WB6CZB until 1st part of this week....
XV5AC on frequently....
FØAFV and FØAHY signing /FC late July
DJs and PAØs offering many stations now to end of month.

POSSIBLES For those who live in ever enduring hope for the rare ones, here is what may be heard in the coming months if the plans and yearnings are fulfilled....

BURMA 9M2IR and others trying to get some action out of XZ-land. Their track record for past accomplishments is superb. PREPARE!
KAMARAN VS9K looking good for September.
CLIPPERTON Still work going on for FØ8C with November the target date. There are difficulties but there have been these in the past on other efforts that finally did jell and action developed.
SOUTH SANDWICH Reports of possible operations by VP8s later this year.
IRAQ Some JYs working on this one for possible action by early Fall. The key to the whole matter essentially political.
GUINEA Some trying to get permission to cross into 3X-Guinea from neighboring countries and operate.
SPRATLY Coming!! August or September looking good
FORMOSA A K4 enroute to Taiwan and hopes to operate an authorized BV-station

ANDORRA There is considerable activity developing from this one with a party of some 12 DJs (DJ9ES, DL2PU, DL6SZ etc) there until the middle of this week signing cw and ssb like mad. QSL to DLØLJ for this one...C31CD, C31FE, C31FH.
C31FN will be signed until July 20th by PAØAJG, PAØHEG, PAØPMP with c.w. 5kc above band edge and SSB at or about 3785kc, 7085kc, 14200kc, 21300kc, 28550kc and these QSL to PAØPMP.

F9IE made a trip to C31 in June but conditions were not the best and Bernard could only make about 750 QSOs. To exemplify the conditions, Bernard said he could only work one (1) W6, that being W6TSQ, true-blue watcher of the lonely night.

C31FK operated in late June-early July. These QSL to G3ZOQ.

QSLs On the KC4DX QSLs, they were promised by the printer by July 15th but this was changed to a delivery date of August 4th. They will be cleared up and in the mails within a week after delivery in Atlanta.

The St. Peter & Paul QSLs should be in the mails towards the end of July. V35JA logs should have just arrived at K3RLY and QSLs should surface in a week or two. IØIJ is handling QSLs for 7X7MD who was signing 7X7Y during July to celebrate Algerian Independence in 1962. 5H1LV also QSLs to K3RLY.

K6IC says that as far as he is concerned FPØBS is Slim on Cray Island and strictly a phoney. He suspects that 'Slim' checks the bands and nominates anyone with a good signal.

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PITCAIRN VR6TC, Tom Christensen, is presently in New Zealand for medical attention to a leg that was injured some time ago. Some of the transmissions in recent months have indicated that Tom was having some physical problems, at times he stating that he was transmitting from a supine position.

The leg apparently was broken in an accident, the departure on July 5th was to enter a hospital in Auckland to have corrective surgery performed. It is not expected that he will return to Pitcairn for some months and VR6TC will probably be off the air until his return.

ROCKALL This rock, 280 miles off the Scottish Coast in the Atlantic, was recently the object of attention by the Royal Navy. A helicopter deposited a crew on the rock to construct a platform and install a navigational beacon. AP wirephotos were in many papers and indicated the problems facing anyone looking at the rock for a Field Day site....wild waves and almost vertical sides.

MARCUS There presently is an active station on Marcus, K1.MI, being there on Minami Torishima. The operator got his license July 7th, was at 14273/0330Z on July 9th and QSLs via U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station-Marcus Island. FPO Seattle 93782.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every single agonizing week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week-end, a mite upset. His DX idols were in shards. "They were taking a list for this DX station", he explained, the words indicating his troubled spirit, "And there was Mr. Big Gun...he right at about the top of the Honor Roll....and in there yelling to get on the list. What goes?". Son of a Gun, what can one say in these troubled times. Does one fret over how rocky the DX trail is or does one keep the eye on the goal? Or to quote the words of that eminent DXer, the Old Timer: "Breathes there a man with soul so dead. Who never to himself has said: 'I wonder where they are taking the list' ". They are all good but some's better. \$9.00 for a full year of unequivocal stating of DX facts...\$10.50 brings the DX platform by airmail. Get on our list and LIVE!!!!!!

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