

# Red Eyed Louie's West Coast DX Bulletin

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Mt. ATHOS There were still a lot of amateurs looking for their first Mt. Athos contact when SY1MA secured last week-end. Conditions and the signal were not strong into the western reaches and reports indicate that most areas had difficulty in working the station and not all were successful.

Approximately 1500 contacts were made by SY1MA during the week-end operation. The initial operation started at a hotel in the main part of the town there but the noise of the generator was disturbing to the monks at prayer in the monastery.

On Saturday they removed to a small mountain some distance from the town where the station was set up inside a hastily improvised plastic tent. The weather was not favorable, being wet, cold and windy during the operation inside the sketchy tent. When they secured the operation, they had to go into the town and rent mules as no vehicle could get to the operating position, it having deteriorated from the rains. Putting the gear on the mules was the only way to get it back to town.

There were some rumors passed on during the operation, some apparently originating with SV-stations not part of the operation. SVØWJJ has assured his QSL Manager, W1HAA, that they do possess a valid license and all the necessary documents will be forwarded to the ARRL DXCC Desk for accreditation. The group was welcomed into this autonomous region in Thessalonika and the group has documentation from both the Mt. Athos authorities and from the bureaus in Athens.

The local TV station in Athens is working on a story on the trip and both SVØWII and SV1DB are thinking of another round of operation from Mt. Athos.

This would be in the spring of 1973 with a directional antenna and provision for split-frequency operation. It is felt that any operation there will have to be away from the town to avoid any interference with the religious rites and most likely in a tent. The winter weather is bitter and brings a number of problems. QSLs will be handled by William B deLage 238 Slater Street, Attleboro, Mass, 02703. Bill expects to have the logs shortly and expects that the QSLs will be going into the mails by mid-November.

OH2BH & Co..WEST AFRICA OH2BH, Martin, will open this week from Gambia signing ZD3X and will operate until October 30th through the CQ WW Test. Martin will be accompanied by OH2MM, Ville and OH2BCP, Jouko.

The plans were to open up on October 21st at ZD3X and operate until the following Sunday where they will be a multi/multi station in the CQ Test. The week after the test they will split to Mauretania where Martin will sign 5T5BH, to Mali where Ville will sign TZ2MM and to Senegal where Jouko will sign OH2BCP/6W8. These operations are scheduled to go to November 6th.

Frequencies: SSB 3795kc 7095kc 14195kc 21295kc 28595kc  
 C.W 3503kc 7003kc 14030kc 21030kc 28030kc

Equipment includes four FTdx570s with R4Bs. Antennas include HY-GAIN 103BA, 153BA, 203BA and dipoles. At Bathurst in Gambia they will be at the Hotel Fajara. All QSLs go to OH2NB, Armas Valste, Lansipellontie 12, Helsinki 39, 00390 Finland. The trip appears to be a costly one with transportation of personnel and gear running up the costs. The initial appraisal was that they would run in excess of \$3000.00 and any donations or support for the trip will be appreciated. These can be routed to OH2NB, the QSL Manager.



SHORTLY NOTED We are going to jump in early this week and clean up the notes. This week we went to 8 pages again with the prose walker talk you will find a bit further on. It is a significant bit of news and it should be interesting... frankly eight pages is more than we can easily handle....time being the big factor. Last week we started early and just made it. Saturday night in the middle of a storm we had to go into San Francisco and then off again Sunday for the Pacific Division Convention....a nine day week would help as we did manage to get in one World Series game last Thursday.... The unfortunate thing is that we are still not cleaned up after two 8-page editions....

XV5AC is putting in some strong signals with the new antennas...especially to the East Coast on the long path around 1100Z. UAØYA reported this week is in zone 23. Any of those UAØ with the first letter of the suffix a 'Y' are in Tana Tavu and are good for that WAZ....last week we had a number of them. Speaking of zones....if you are desperate for zone 34 and cannot catch SU1MA, SU1IM or SU1MI in Egypt or ST2SA in Sudan, you might watch for a 4Z4 or an Israeli station operating in the Sinai. There are indicators that such a card clearly indicating that its location was in the Sinai will be acceptable for zone 34.

Aldo, ET3ZU, apparently has cancelled out on his Kamaran plans....and the border fighting continues between North Yemen and South Yemen. 4W1BC was at 14249kc with 7Z3AB last week....not especially strong signal into the western reaches. A DL-operator recently visited the French Ministry of Telecommunications on a Clipperton possibility and was promised a license for Clipperton if he can prove that he has 'reliable' transportation. Presently this DL-amateur is looking for a charter possibility for a run at FO8=Clipperton. Do not start planning your sick days yet....there are a few problems to work out....including some financing. As soon as things are definite the word will be out....

K1DRN is asking the ARRL to provide for '100', '200' and '300' lapel pins for those attaining those plateaus in DXCC. George Hart, W1NJM, says that he will respond if there is '...a spontaneous demand for such an additional award'. K1DRN asks any other amateurs feeling spontaneous to drop George a line....

Anyone with good QSL information on K1QAJ/KW6, 9V1QC, 5N2ABH...which we have tried before....or 5A1TK from 1969. Any help would be appreciated...on HB9YC/4W1, also. Now on those FR7AM QSLs...some may not believe it but a large number of responses indicate that QSLs do come out within a reasonable time. Many report getting a QSL in three to four weeks. Thom Chellier, B.P. 178, St. Denis, Reunion Island, Indian Ocean is the address that brings them. If you have tried and tried....try again. Many sending photostats of QSLs received..

WB4SPG is handling the QSLs for TY8ABB, TU2BB, TU2DQ and FL8DS....also JA3IG. Jim says that is enough to keep him busy. But over in Stavanger on the west coast of Norway they are building an artificial island to be towed out into the North Sea midway between Norway and England where it will be embedded to become a new geographical area but doubtful if it will be a new country. It will be an oil storage depot for the North Sea fields....

G5BAU is ex TJ1AW....now in England. VU25FBZ showed a week ago at 14029kc/1515Z... QSLs to K6TWT....the true-blue station in the Andamans...

ZL3LE is in the Princess Margaret Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand and is in very critical condition... TY3ABF showed last week around 14205kc from 2230Z and DL8OA ran the list operation. VR1PA/WB4KB6 are the same station and QSL to P.O. Box 82, APO San Francisco 96401. Same station but counts for two countries...if you work both calls. All cards for the K5AAD and WA5ZNY trip in the Caribbean have been put in the mails. The VA6NQ call was to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Calgary Radio Club. VP2SQ goes to Box 671, St. Vincent. 5W1AQ was in Western Samoa recently...naturally...but this is John Anthony who was in VS5 not too long back. Anyhow John tried to line up a boat to ZM7 but missed the boat by a few days and the next one not due out until December 3rd. John has been mentioned in the SPRATLY planning. Now to warm you up....The Environmental Protection Act of 1969 may not have given you much worry...but it did direct that all government agencies must report what they are doing to implement the act. FCC was jogged into action when the FTC was rudely advised that it applied to them...and everyone else and to get cracking. FCC studying whether towers cause visual pollution...son of a gun. ARRL asked extension on matter to October 30th....Bob B... W3PS in there arguing like mad. Bet you never even had an inkling that your pride and glory was threatened.....



REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE... The watcher of the Lonely NightAFRICA...C.W.

FB8ZA	14050/1455/oct 12w	ZS6SM	14048/0530/oct 14e	5T5DY	21014/1850/oct 15e
FR7AI	14053/0340/oct 19w	3B8AD	14039/1220/oct 15e	5Z4LW	21027/2045/oct 11w
ZS1CR	14010/2240/oct 13e	3B8DX	14042/1450/oct 14w	EL5CB	14032/2125/oct 12w

ASIA...CW

BV2A	14023/1425/oct 13e	UA9HL	14070/1130/oct 16e	UM8DZ	14049/1840/oct 9e
HS4AFX	14075/1440/oct 12e	UA0JO	14043/1205/oct 13e	UM8MAC	14016/1415/oct 11e
GS4AGN	14027/1430/oct 15e	UA0YA	14026/0110/oct 15e	XV5AC	14049/0840/oct 14kh
JF1EBC	21050/0200/oct 15w	UK8MAA	14028/1110/oct 12e	YA1TCA	14025/1620/oct 10e
OD5AP	14042/1430/oct 18w	UK9LAE	14075/1235/oct 15e		
HM0B	14031/0410/oct 12w	UL7GAJ	14044/0210/oct 17w		

EUROPE...C.W.

GB2SM	21010/1540/oct 15w	FC2CC	14014/1850/oct 16e	UA6IWW	14001/1450/oct 16w
GC2LU	14010/1250/oct 15e	OH7AA	21034/1610/oct 12w	UF6FAO	14005/0000/oct 12m
GC2ONE	14042/1115/oct 14e	ON5DD	21040/1510/oct 12w	UK2GAV	21060/1440/oct 12e
HB0NL	14032/1900/oct 16e	OY1R	14025/1830/oct 9e	UK6TAC	14024/1445/oct 12w
HA0KHS	14037/1145/oct 11e	SV0WTT	21031/1540/oct 12w	U5ARTEK	21020/0900/oct 16kh
LZ1KBD	21032/1810/oct 14e	SP6FER	14056/1450/oct 12w	YU3EM	21080/1720/oct 16e

ELSEWHERE...C.W.

G2TL	14034/0500/oct 15e	VK2BBQ/LH	14045/0600/octen	YN1AA	14030/1115/oct 14e
FY7AI	14025/0000/oct 14e	VK2BBQ/LH	21043/0115/oct15w	3D2EK	14042/0730/oct 12e
SM2/CE0	14025/0145/oct 17w	VP2VAM	14051/1245/oct 14e	4M5A	14052/1425/oct 14e
SM2/CE0	21002/1530/oct 15w	VR4AA	14053/0515/oct 15w	5W1AQ	14028/0430/oct 15e

AFRICA...SSB

A2CAY	21300/1815/oct 10m	TL8LI	14218/2300/oct 17w	3D6AM	21302/1920/oct 11e
A2CAB	21354/1935/oct 10e	TR8AF	21262/1650/oct 16m	3D6AO	21354/1835/oct 17m
CN8CG	21308/1910/oct 14e	TR8DG	21270/2015/oct 13m	5N2ABG	28637/1520/oct 15e
CN8HD	21354/2030/oct 10e	TU2DF	21254/1235/oct 14m	5U7AX	21335/1945/oct 13m
CR4BS	21353/1900/oct 14w	TY3ABF	14204/2250/oct 16e	5VZYH	21300/2025/oct 14e
CR6CA	14227/0230/oct 18w	VQ9MC	21382/1635/oct 14w	5Z4MG	21290/1740/oct 14e
CR6LX	21354/2030/oct 11e	K5/VQ9	28524/1700/oct 7e	5Z4LW	21353/2130/oct 12e
CR6PC	21263/2115/oct 10e	XT2AE	14214/2245/oct 15e	5Z4DV	21278/1750/oct 14m
CR7AC	21302/1815/oct 17w	XT2AF	14215/2300/oct 15e	6W8AL	21354/1935/oct 13w
CT3AR	21354/1940/oct 10e	XX6FL	21351/2110/oct 10e	7P8AC	21352/1735/oct 14w
EA8GZ	14270/1125/oct 15w	ZD7BB	21312/1740/oct 14e	7X2BX	14332/1910/oct 13e
EA9EJ	21302/1730/oct 11w	ZD8RW	21352/2110/oct 13e	9G1HE	14206/2300/oct 15e
FI3DS	14204/1350/oct 10e	ZD8PM	14239/0225/oct 12w	9G1HF	21270/1815/oct 13w
FI3JH	14235/1430/oct 15w	ZD3M	14210/2240/oct 15w	9L1VW	14213/2340/oct 15e
FB8XX	14216/1455/oct 17w	ZE7JC	21354/1935/oct 10e	9J2DT	14225/1246/oct 14e
FR7ZW	14216/1550/oct 17w	ZS1A	14232/1530/oct 11w	9X5VA	21354/1825/oct 13w
ST2SA	21354/1945/oct 17m	ZS2MI	14206/1710/oct 13m		
ST2SA	14227/0315/oct 18w	ZS2MI	21280/0950/oct 8kh		

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FOR SALE HENRY 3K-A Linear. Used only three months... full year factory warranty.  
Will take 30L1 as part of deal. Richard Igaz, W6HRB 10855 Dryden Avenue,  
Cupertino, Calif. 95014

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MADISON ELECTRONICS 1508 McKinney Ave. Houston, Tex 77002 (713) 224 2668

FOR SALE: TRIEX TOWER Model HZN471...with base \$695.00  
Motor control unit ..... (110v/220v) 100.00

USED GUARANTEED..... SHIPPED COLLECT.....

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## MORE RED EYED STUFF.....

## ASIA...SSB

AP2BS	14223/1450/oct	18w	VU24ZVA	14234/0250/oct	19w	UI8LL	14204/0230/oct	19w
CR9AK	14198/1415/oct	12e	XW8BS	14210/0020/oct	15e	UV9OV	14210/0340/oct	14w
EP2SW	14241/1415/oct	18w	XW8EW	14205/1450/oct	12e	YA1AH	14237/1500/oct	17w
HL9WS	21330/0020/oct	15m	XV5AC	14202/1445/oct	17e	YA1OS	14226/0400/oct	13w
JY9VO	14278/2100/oct	13e	UA9CO	14205/1330/oct	12e	4S7SW	14220/1700/oct	12m
MP4BBW	14216/0315/oct	15w	UH8BI	14216/0400/oct	18w	4W1BC	14248/1430/oct	14w
MP4BIN	14207/0310/oct	18w	UL7CH	14216/0300/oct	14m	4Z4IB	21355/1625/oct	12w
OD5FU	14281/1935/oct	14m	UL7FM	14212/1345/oct	12e	4Z4LF	21357/1635/oct	17w
VS6BS	14202/1305/oct	13e	UL7NW	14213/0310/oct	12w	7Z3AB	14249/1410/oct	15e
VU25UK	14215/1200/oct	15e	UL7PAC	14213/0250/oct	18w	9N1MM	14228/0050/oct	15e

## EUROPE...SSB

CT1QN	21299/1805/oct	15w	IS1BYR	21280/1615/oct	16e	UK2BBK	14226/1430/oct	17w
CT2BH	21354/1905/oct	11w	LX1B	14332/1920/oct	16e	YO3RN	21333/1440/oct	17w
CT2AC	21297/1530/oct	14m	M1B	21375/1710/oct	14e	YU2RHG	28550/1425/oct	17e
GD5DZ	21361/1650/oct	17w	OH0NJ	14212/1515/oct	17w	9H1K	21366/1550/oct	14e
GM3MTH	21380/1530/oct	16e	OH4ST	21305/1555/oct	16e	9H1CE	21374/1415/oct	15m
HB0AIC	14224/1935/oct	11e	OK2BKR	21283/1445/oct	17w	9H5C	21354/1830/oct	13w
HB0AIC	21300/1320/oct	16e	SP3DOI	21335/1635/oct	10e	9H5D	21292/1630/oct	14e
HA5KF	21289/1610/oct	17w	SV0WU	21317/1635/oct	17w			
I6SEF	28585/1420/oct	17e	SV0WU	14207/0335/oct	18w			
IC8TRA	21355/1540/oct	16e	UD6HB	14192/0350/oct	18w			

## ELSEWHERE...SSB

CE9EJ	21303/1835/oct	15w	WA4/HK0	14288/2200/oct	13e	VK9FJ	21335/1740/oct	18w
DU1KJT	14246/1430/oct	17w	HR1KAS	21295/1830/oct	15w	VP2DH	14201/0010/oct	16e
FO8DR	21346/2320/oct	13m	WB4/KB6	14279/1110/oct	15m	VP2LI	14203/0140/oct	11e
FG0/FS7	14245/0230/oct	21w	WB4/KB6	21355/2350/oct	15e	VP2SQ	21281/2100/oct	18e
FP8DH	21273/1630/oct	14e	OX5AA	14216/0225/oct	18w	VP5AB	14332/1630/oct	21m
FP8CT	21300/1830/oct	13e	PJ9TED	14260/1205/oct	11e	VP7NR	14271/2220/oct	17e
FY0BE	14215/0045/oct	13e	PZ1CC	14191/0205/oct	14w	VP8FL	14218/2215/oct	15kv
HH2JT	14300/0300/oct	12e??	PZ5CW	21325/2240/oct	14m	VR1PA	21305/2345/oct	15e
HK0BKX	14206/1450/oct	13e	TG9HT	21350/1915/oct	14e	ZF1WE	21378/2215/oct	13e

## TEN METER THRIVES.....

A2CAY	28523/1655/oct	16m	G3HCU	28555/1450/oct	17e	PJ9CB	28570/1905/oct	17e
A35FX	28027/0000/oct	15w	GW5YI	28556/1410/oct	15e	K5/VQ9	28524/1700/oct	7e
CE3AQW	28575/1635/oct	17e	HP1KC	28580/1630/oct	14e	VQ9MC	28600/1740/oct	15e
CN8CG	28085/1715/oct	16e	HC2YL	28612/1835/oct	11e	YU2RHG	28550/1425/oct	17e
CN8HD	28615/1845/oct	10e	HC1XX	28608/1850/oct	11e	ZE7JC	28570/1805/oct	17e
CR7WL	28560/1820/oct	15e	HK3AVK	28032/2245/oct	15w	4X4HF	28555/1520/oct	15e
CR7FR	28555/1630/oct	16m	I6SEF	28585/1420/oct	17e	5N5ABG	28637/1520/oct	15e
CR6LL	28545/1855/oct	10e	KG6JAR	28612/0055/oct	14w	6Y5GB	28600/1700/oct	16m
CT2AK	28576/1855/oct	10e	KC6SK	28030/2235/oct	14w	9G1YA	28621/1730/oct	15e
CR3NS	28598/1855/oct	10m	LU7AA	28680/1415/oct	15e	9J2WR	28573/1835/oct	10m
DJ8RR	28590/1450/oct	17e	LA8VP	28545/1445/oct	10e	9J2RC	28612/1840/oct	11e
EL8BB	28554/1415/oct	15e	LA7GS	28596/1450/oct	10e	9M2DQ	28565/0030/oct	14w
EA7GS	28596/1450/oct	10e	LZ1CW	28596/1445/oct	10e	ZS3JJ	28592/1755/oct	17m
EA3NI	28593/1720/oct	15e	MP4TDM	28565/1510/oct	10e	ZD8RW	28585/1605/oct	15m
EL9A	28550/1640/oct	16m	OA4CRO	28580/1940/oct	17e	7Q7LA	28515/1550/oct	16m
FP8CT	28550/1750/oct	17w	OE5KPL	28615/1535/oct	10e	YB0ABB	28028/2315/oct	14m

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii kv = virgin is)  
 (# = longpath all times in gmt ??? = it looks like Istanbul glim is out again )

HH2JT may be okay...but HH9DL has been the single licensee in Haiti since HH9GR shut down over five years ago. Be cautious. TA5YSF showed at 14043/1930Z last week...good operator....said he was in Istanbul. Also in the same direction Z41AB was at 14012kc/1830Z on October 12th, the day before the TA5YSF showed....this one definitely was Tirana glim....has picture of King Zog on his QSL card. work them first....worrery later....



4 October 1973

PROSE WALKER W4BW Prose Walker, W4BW, of the FCC, was the guest speaker at the wind-up banquet for the ARRL Pacific Division Convention held at San Mateo over the October 14-15th week-end. In his speech Walker stated he was speaking as one amateur to others and said that the coming years will provide an unequalled opportunity for amateurs to obtain additional frequency allocations in the 3 to 30mc area of the spectrum.

"An ITU Frequency Conference is expected to be called in the next decade", Walker said, "and to gain our objectives the concurrence of other ITU members must be sought and obtained prior to the conference".

Walker pointed out that by 1980 the amateur population of the world was expected to be in the 600-800,000 totals and this will bring further crowding of the amateur bands. There also would be appraisal of the role of amateurs and their need for spectrum space when such an ITU conference is called.

Walker stated that the period before the next ITU conference would offer a golden opportunity to all radio amateurs to prepare their position and to work on plans to provide additional bands. Walker noted that the meeting was possible in this decade and if it were not called, there probably would be pre-empting of frequencies by services needing spectrum space moving in to use them.

Many of the present users of the high-frequencies bands are changing to cable or to satellites, often seeking frequencies in the gigahertz range. These include international fixed public service, maritime and aeronautical users. With some of the high-frequency spectrum being vacated, the question would arise, Walker stated, as to who would be the new occupiers.

"These could either be new users or continued use by some countries", Walker pointed out, "and those who prepare their case for use of the new spectrum will most likely be those who will get additional allocations".

Walker stated that in making preparations, professional help would be needed and such advance work might not be easy for the amateurs. In proposals for sharing bands with other services, amateurs usually encountered adverse results.

Walker put forth the following points in urging a start on preparation by amateurs for an ITU conference which may come in the future years, stating that in putting these forth he was speaking as an amateur and not a member of the FCC staff.

Walker proposed that an amateur satellite be pushed, one with a near synchronous orbit with a launch target by 1976. Such an amateur satellite can be used to demonstrate the use of amateur radio in many countries where communication facilities are not limited. It was noted that at the last space frequency conference that there had been some surprises and it was France and some Scandinavian countries which did evidence some unfriendliness to the amateur allocations.

W4BW also proposed that a high-frequency allocation program for the future be prepared, this to be based on an anticipated world amateur population of 600-800,000 and Walker urged the amateurs to "think BIG". He specifically called for amateurs to work to get the entire 160meter band returned to amateur use. He called for efforts to make the 3.5 to 4.0mc band amateur world-wide. He pointed out that it could be beneficial to work with non-amateur users close to the 7mc band and the objective should be to unpollute the band and expand it to 7.5kc and move any other h.f. use out of forty meters, moving them to the 6mc or 9mc area.

Walker proposed that amateurs work for a new amateur band in the 10.5-11.0mc area and to work for a full expansion of twenty meters to 14.5mc....at a minimum amateurs should get back the 50kc taken off the top of the band for fixed services and this band should end any sharing arrangements anywhere in the world and be amateur in every region.

He also proposed another new amateur band in the 17.5 to 20.0mc area, possibly either in 17.5mc to 18.0mc or from 18.0mc to 18.5mc. He called for thought to be given to the expansion of fifteen meters to 21.5mc and a new band in the 23.5mc to 24.0mc area.

(more....that away--- )



PROSE WALKER..(cont'd)

In the ten meter band there was no great change envisioned except the return of the top 300kc which was lost some years back...or possibly an expansion to make the band run from 28.0 to 30.0mc

walker explained that with these band allocations that amateurs could do what the fixed service users have done when coping with the MUF.....simply move up or down in the bands as necessary to find the one which will allow the desired communications.

Walker further urged that immediate steps be taken to organize a professional team to analyze, investigate and devise new uses for amateur frequencies. This group would prepare professional position papers which may soon be needed. Their work should be thorough and unhurried and they should be ready with facts and figures when the time comes. Walker urged that attention be given to this need while there was still time and any such actions did need a professional approach. On the matter of time, he urged that thinking be aimed at a preparation period of six, eight or ten years as might be needed and that the group would devote full time to its work as needed.

He called for an extraordinary effort with amateurs in other countries who might be influential in IARU affairs. These must be recognized and that efforts to influence other IARU members should not be haphazard. Walker pointed out that a dozen countries with the same program prepared for an ITU meeting would be formidable. Amateurs will need support, support of other countries will have to be sought prior to the next ITU conference. The need now was to get contacts in other countries which would open the doors to people in influential positions in other governments and consideration should be given that the professional group should be included in our group of representatives at the next frequency meeting. Walker said the need was, and would continue to be, for people who would bring professional skills to the problem and that funding should be adequate. Walker emphasized that the time to begin work for more high frequency bands is now.

A rhetorical question of "What is the Alternative?" was posed. Walker pointed out that if the number of wide-band emissions continue, something must be done and this would include thought given to: 1. reduction of power. 2. reduction of occupied bandwidth. 3. Reduce or eliminate wide-band emissions, possibly through license restrictions. Walker said that it may be necessary to encourage c.w. usage and it may become the primary mode. There does not appear to be any possible technological breakthrough, such as GSB, which would meet the problem but he felt that there were talents among the amateurs which would be equal to any tasks which may arise.

At the last space conference, there was no representative there for amateurs. The U.S. went to the conference with strong opposition expected but the results were not adverse. In conclusion, Walker urged the amateurs present to work for the objectives and to support the efforts to bring about their realization..

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possibly the full and unabridged text will show in QST. It might be noted that in connection with this, Harry Dannels, W2TUK, president of the ARRL was present and on the platform with prose walker and also there was Bob Booth, W3PS. At one of the Board of Directors meetings a year or so back the better part of a hundred thousand dollars was set aside for the protection of the amateur frequencies at future ITU conferences. It does appear that the ARRL has its sights on the above objectives and this was the kick-off in a program to develop support for additional amateur needs at the next ITU frequency conference.

As Lord Baden-powell, the Hero of Mafeking would often say: "BE PREPARED".



October 1972

# CALENDAR

SERRANA BANK  
MALI  
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VS6-Activity Day

KS4KZ from October 20th...  
TZ2MM by ville, OH2MM... November 1st to 6th  
5T5BH by OH2BH, Martin.. November 1st to 6th  
OH2/6W8 by Jouko, OH2BCP.... November 1st to 6th...  
possible operation from 5U7-land Oct 27.. November 8th..  
Action prior to the CQ WW Test from KH6EDY.  
VQ9A due October 23rd....  
24-Hour VS6 Activity....commencing 1200Z 4 November...

## CQ WW TEST

BE PREPARED!!!! It comes this week-end. 48 hours commencing at 0000Z on Saturday, October 28th for the phone-go-round. C-W. follows a month later on November 25-26th. some of the active stations will be ZD3X at Gambia, KH6EDY at Kure, possibly XU1IR from Cam'dia....KS4KZ from Serrana Bank...ZF1EP from Grand Cayman, FG0/F 7 from St. Martin, VP5AB from Grand Cayman, XV5AC from Saigon....John Attaway, K4IIF, from either HB0 or 4U1.. KA1DX is due to be active from Marcus and KS6DH will be multi/multi from Samoa. ST2SA will be in from Sudan. There is a report that XV5AC has a 40mtr quad ready to fly.....Be PREPARED.

## VS6-ACTIVITY DAY

VS6BS promises that the November 5th effort will be an all-band, all day effort and many VS6s will be out working for a trophy to be awarded. This is also a chance to catch the necessary six VS6s for the FIRECRACKER AWARD. Look for them after 1200Z on November 4th....

SUNSPOT LOUIE.... Last Tuesday when W8ZOK made his observation there was but one sunspot visible.. this being one of medium size...approximately 15000 miles in diameter.

During the prior five days there had been no sunspots visible and the bands had responded....they were bad to worse, erratic and undependable.

K6SE/2 at Newark state college forwards on a note on the major flares that came in the August 2n to 7th period. SCIENCE NEWS LETTER noted that the sun is now in what is supposed to be the low portion of its 11 year cycle but there were 4 major flares in that August period. These were among the most major ever recorded and generally they do come at the peak of the cycle. The August 7th flare ran the x-ray sensors at the space Environmental Center off scale at X5 and the very large centimeter-wave radio bursts that accompanied the bursts were indicators that this was an extraordinary event. The magnetic storms usually reach the Earth 45 hours after a flare and are caused by protons accelerated by a flare. These flares increased the proton count 800 times over background level.

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TH6DXK 6 el. Tribander	139.00	TA-36	148.00
402BA 40mtr 2 elements	135.00	CL-33 3 el, 20/15/10 mtrs	124.00
DB-24B 20/40 mtrs	159.00	S-402 2 el. 40 mtrs	143.00
CDE HAM-M Rotator	99.00	MCQ3B Quad	91.00
TR-44 Rotator	59.95	TRIEX TOWERS. Write for quote. FOB ship'g pt.	
USED..Guaranteed Gear 75A4	345.00	ROHN TOWER PACKAGE - 15% off dealer prices...	
Clean 30L1	395.00	In stock with accessories....write needs..	

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Attention DXers. The October QST carried a DXCC Note announcing the addition to the ARRL Countries List of Mellish Reef. Acceptance date for DXCC submissions for Mellish Reef was announced as November 1, 1972. Most unfortunately, serious questions have been raised concerning the operations that have taken place from Mellish Reef and until such time as the validity of the points in question have been ascertained, no DXCC credits for Mellish Reef have been or will be made. Therefore please do not submit any Mellish Reef confirmations for DXCC credits until an announcement does appear in QST. Because of the delay in granting DXCC credits for Mellish Reef, the bottom number for the December submissions for DXCC Honor Roll will be 311 deleted and submissions for that total will be accepted...

Note that the bulletin does say "...the operations that have taken place from Mellish Reef". The problem does seem possible to be about some phase of the operation itself and not whether they were actually there. There previously have been some reports of dissension within the group and that the completion of the operation found some outright confrontations. Anyhow, hold onto your VK9JW...something will clear the air on this one before too long....we hope.

TNX to W1AM, WA1LKX, DL2AA/W1, W1YRC, WA2DHS, K6SE/2, K1DRN, WA2BCK, K2BT, W2FXA, WB2YQH, WB2PGM, W2PDB, WA3HRV, WA1HAA, W4BA, W4EH, K4FCT, K4FRY, W4HU, W4KA, WB4MND, WB4EPG, W4TUC, W4UF, K4ZCP, W5ALA, WA5EHH, WA5LES, W5UBW, WA5ZNY, WA5ZUH, W6AAO, W6APW, K6AQV, W6BJI, W6CYV, K6EC, W6FZJ, WDX6GXV, WA6JVD, W6KYA, WA6LLY, W6LQC, WA6MWG, W6OL, W6TSQ, W6TTS, WB6UDC, WB6UJO, K6UFT, W7VRO, K6WR, K6ZDL, W7PFZ, W7YQI, K7ZHS, K8TVO, W8OA, K8RWL, W8ZOK, WA9VIZ, W9DRL, W9DDL, W9ZTD, W0BWJ, W0DAD/KH6, W0YDB, KA2AI, KV4AM, OH2BH, VS6BS. HP1JC.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and we talked of a number of things. The talk drifted to homes and mortgages and the QRPer said: "you know, our house is almost paid for and I sure do wish that we had a bigger balance still due on the mortgage". We did sit and think this over for a bit and finally asked the inevitable: "why?". "Well", the QRPer explained, "we have this insurance that will pay off the mortgage should anything happen to me. And if there was a bigger balance, we could collect more money if I were to pass on". You know, we thought this over for awhile....and then we thought about it for a week. Son of a gun, this QRPer knows something that has eluded many if not all of us. He has figured a way to take it with him. \$9.00 for a full year of DX information that will take you where the action is...\$10.50 brings it airmail. Maybe you will learn a bit more than just DXing....

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