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SUNSPOT LOUIE.....

The cloud cover in the Midwest has been rather continuous recently but a short break in the weather gave a chance for a quick observation and report. Only two small spots were visible on December 27th, their position indicating that they had been present for the last week or so. These spots are about 8000 miles in diameter and were due to turn the corner and disappear to the back of the sun this last week-end. No new spots were appearing at the time of the observation....conditions have been fair with openings into Africa apparently the best path.



1500z
27 dec 72
W8ZOK

UPPER VOLTA W1AM will be leaving for Upper Volta the last part of January and has applied for licenses so he can operate while there. He is expecting possibly XT2AH or XT2AM and will operate 40/80mtrs if things jell right. The plans are not solid at this time but the prospects are favorable. Look for him at 3799kc or 7020kc if things go right. More details will be available before he leaves.

NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW etc In many instances there was a curtailment of mail operations on the Christmas and New years holidays. We are still mailing on Saturday evenings but the results are not what they used to be.

In the past we could mail up to 9:00 p.m. and get the mail off in the major dispatch of the evening. Now we have to have it there by 6:00p.m. to ensure that it gets the evening dispatch. The three hours often means that we have to rush to cut the corners to make the time deadline.

Starting December 1st the mail going to Southern California was shifted to truck from airplane transportation. On paper the schedule says it will be delivered in Southern California on the second day but this is not proving to be dependable...quite the other way in fact.

The service is moving towards handling all mail to or from an area through one center with the objective of reducing costs. Recently we broached the problem to one of the higher level officials...the information we got went something like this: "The public is going to have to adjust its idea of the level of satisfactory service to that level which will be possible with these 'priority mail centers'. If it takes four or five days to handle the mail through these centers, this is what they are going to have to expect".

Many complaints are being made to the congressional level. Beating your local carrier or postmaster will not do much good. This is not the level where the decisions are being made.

QSLs KA2AA to K6RXZ...sase or sae/IRC. TY5ABK to W8CNL. MP4BIN to WB2FVO. A2CCY to K4CDZ. WA1RDH/VQ9 to BM/W4FWL, London WC1V, 6XX England. VK0WW to VK3FF.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE....

And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead.
That stretches upward toward the Great DX.....

AFRICA...CW

FL8DA 21050/2115/Dec 19kz
TL8LU 21024/1815/Dec 21w
ZS2LR 14027/0700/Dec 23w
5R8AG 14029/1725/Dec 21w

ASIA...CW

DM2/BY 14024/0130/Dec 18w
HM1AQ 14057/0135/Dec 27w
UH8CS 14011/1305/Dec 22e
UJ8AI 14044/1230/Dec 20e
UJ8JAS 14042/1220/Dec 20e

UK8MAA 14031/1240/Dec 22e
VK9XAC 14022/1645/Dec 23w
VU2OG 14017/1230/Dec 23e
XW8EV 14030/1700/Dec 22w
VS6AW 14038/0000/Dec 18w

EUROPE...CW

DA2TC 14035/1625/Dec 27w
GW3SYL 14031/1800/Dec 24w
GM3RV 14032/1655/Dec 24w
HA4KXG 14028/1640/Dec 25w
HV3SJ 14063/1610/Dec 20w
OH7AA 14025/1720/Dec 22w

SV1FD 14046/1230/Dec 23e
WA9/TF 21042/1645/Dec 25w
UB5AY 14030/1555/Dec 25w
UO5SA 14013/1805/Dec 25e
UR2NW 14067/1010/Dec 20kw

ELSEWHERE...CW

CO2BM 14035/1210/Dec 23e
FM7WO 14008/1210/Dec 23e
KG4FG 14045/1910/Dec 23e
KV4AB 14004/1700/Dec 22w
PJ2NR 14023/1650/Dec 23w
TI2MV 14016/1205/Dec 23e
VP2ST 14027/1300/Dec 25e

AFRICA...SSB

A2CCY 14197/2010/Dec 21e
A2CJP 14207/2015/Dec 19e
A2CCY 21310/1520/Dec 26m
A2CAY 21300/1820/Dec 22m
A2CEW 21326/1710/Dec 18e
CR4BS 21320/2035/Dec 13e
CR6CA 21308/1810/Dec 19w
CR6AD 14207/2205/Dec 19w
CR6GA 14230/0205/Dec 22e
CR6HX 21313/2055/Dec 19e
CR6AC 14201/2025/Dec 22e
CR7GJ 14212/2150/Dec 18w
CR7IZ 21268/1735/Dec 22w
CR7DS 14332/2015/Dec 17e
CR7VM 21299/1900/Dec 22e
CR3RY 21274/1900/Dec 15w
EL2DT 14212/1750/Dec 25e
EL4B 14221/2330/Dec 22e
EL2CT 21280/1800/Dec 17w

EL2AK 21290/1705/Dec 22m
EL9C 21340/1740/Dec 24m
ET3USB 14201/2250/Dec 22m
ET3JH 14250/1540/Dec 24w
FB8ZZ 14213/1600/Dec 16w
ST2SA 14247/1525/Dec 20w#
TJ1AX 14253/1510/Dec 16w
TJ1BB 21327/1740/Dec 22w
TU2DF 14208/2250/Dec 18w
TU2DR 14202/2345/Dec 17e
TY3ABF 21327/1730/Dec 19e
TY5ABK 21325/1700/often
VQ9HCS 21350/1755/Dec 21e
VQ9R 14205/1415/Dec 24m
WA1/VQ9 21305/1850/Dec 23m
XT2AA 14260/2200/Dec 21e
XT2AA 21325/1730/Dec 17e
XT2AG 14215/2200/Dec 22m
ZD3M 21339/1930/Dec 25e

ZD7BB 14207/0050/Dec 17w
ZD8RW 14232/2335/Dec 22m
ZD8KD 14198/2105/Dec 24e
ZK8KO 14197/2045/Dec 23m
ZE1DP 14199/1950/Dec 25e
ZS3AK 21274/1450/Dec 24m
ZS3JJ 21301/1940/Dec 19m
ZS3E 21296/1925/Dec 27w
3B8AW 14215/1445/Dec 25m#
5X5NK 14220/1600/Dec 25m
5VZYH 14214/1850/Dec 24e
5H3JL 21283/1845/Dec 19e
6W8AL 21353/1945/Dec 22m
7P8AC 14228/2030/Dec 22e
9J2MK 21317/1745/Dec 23w
9J2XZ 28509/1550/Dec 24m
9X5NA 21354/1835/Dec 23m
9G1HO 21416/1605/Dec 24e
9G1HE 14220/2150/Dec 22m

ASIA...SSB

EP2YL 14243/1510/Dec 19w
EP2SP 14252/1420/Dec 24m#
HL9VG 14218/0210/Dec 23w
HS1AGQ 21375/0030/Dec 17w
HS4AGZ 14213/1310/Dec 20w
JT0AE 14237/0205/Dec 23w
JY9VO 14280/1540/Dec 22w#
MP4BIN 14218/1430/Dec 26e
MP4BLE 14245/1410/Dec 22e

MP4TDM 14218/1425/Dec 22m#
MP4TEE 14251/1430/Dec 26e
OD5FB 14205/1340/Dec 23e
UK9EH 1422 /2115/Dec 15w
VU2UK 14211/1345/Dec 26e
VU25DK 14218/1355/Dec 26e
XV5AC 14197/0000/Dec 19w#
YK1AA 14273/1400/Dec 19m
ZC4HC 14221/1430/Dec 25m#

4X4NX 14213/1500/Dec 24m#
4X4JU 14205/1455/Dec 19w
4Z4LI 14251/1530/Dec 15w
4W1AF 14270/1530/Friday
4W1AF 14290/1530/sundays
7Z3AB 14243/1500/often
9K2AU 14208/1330/Dec 18e
9K2CA 14260/1505/Dec 17w
9K2AH 14216/1405/Dec 25m

EUROPE...SSB

EA5AX 14210/1615/Dec 15w
EA7EM 14217/1600/Dec 19w
EA7ID 21325/1420/Dec 25e
EA6BJ 21325/1630/Dec 18e
GI3OQR 21324/1355/Dec 23e
HB9HK 21348/1420/Dec 24e

HV3SJ 21305/1650/Dec 22m
I0DRJ 14215/1610/Dec 15w
LX1DV 21278/1310/Dec 19e
LX1DJ 14332/1940/Dec 20e
OE3ALL 14203/1625/Dec 25w
SM0XT 21328/1400/Dec 23e

SP3DOI 213 /1400/Dec 23e
YO2BB 14201/1445/Dec 20e
YO2BM 14232/1500/Dec 20m
9H4G 14208/1440/Dec 22m#

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kz = panama kx = virgin is)
(all times in GMT # = long path ???? = son of a gun, it's slim on Gray Island!!!)

MORE RED EYED LOUIE STUFF....

ELSEWHERE'S...SSB

A35FX	14234/0800/Dec	16w	KX6IQ	21327/0100/Dec	23w	VP2LI	21266/2000/Dec	22m
CE3AN	28598/2020/Dec	22e	KX6DC	21323/2200/Dec	24m	VP2GBL	21298/1755/Dec	21w
CX5BC	28578/2030/Dec	23e	KB6CU	14300/0630/Dec	16w	VP2LI	14210/2310/Dec	18w
FP8DH	21300/1605/Dec	20e	LU1FMT	28585/2010/Dec	17e	VR6TC	14225/0620/Wednesday	
HC8TN	28590/1650/Dec	24e	PJ9TED	14218/1305/Dec	13w	VP8FL	14222/2330/Dec	20e
HC8GI	14208/1430/Dec	24e	PZ1DA	14227/2305/Dec	21e	VR1PA	21327/1900/Dec	25m
HI8LC	21326/1710/Dec	19e	PZ2AB	14201/1945/Dec	23m	YS8WPE	14256/1630/Dec	19e
W6/HK3	28565/2035/Dec	23e	PY3BXW	28595/2115/Dec	19e	ZF1LM	21291/1745/Dec	18m
HR1KS	14220/2335/Dec	26m	TI6CBA	21275/1655/Dec	23m	ZK2BD	14254/0450/Dec	30w
KH6HQF	28600/2015/Dec	21e	VK9FV	14264/0700/Dec	22w	ZL3QN	28576/2030/Dec	22e
KL7CK	28578/2135/Dec	19e	VK2/VK9	14264/0645/Dec	22w	ZM2ACP	28587/2010/Dec	21e
KS6EQ	21317/1815/Dec	26m	VK8CW	14212/2315/Dec	20e	4K1C	14202/2350/Dec	19w
KC4USN	21295/2005/Dec	21m	VK9GN	21367/2150/Dec	24m	8R1U	14183/2315/Dec	17w
KC4USZ	14314/0700/Dec	19w	VK8WW	14212 1530/Dec	25e	8R1N	21291/1500/Dec	22e
KV4AA	14210/2200/Dec	17w	VP2ME	14230/1425/Dec	22w	WB4/8R1	14313/1230/Dec	26e

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CM2AM	7007/0020/Dec	20kv	KZ5BB	7007/1040/Dec	15kv	VP2SU	7010/0010/Dec	10kv
GO6IN	7023/2340/Dec	17kv	LA1H	7016/1240/Dec	25e	VP2DAJ	7195/1130/Dec	15kv
CR7CI	7003/0400/Dec	22w	LZ2KAF	7019/0210/Dec	20kv	VP2SDH	7195/1100/Dec	17kv
EL3R	7004/0930/Dec	19kv	PJ2CE	7182/1150/Dec	20e	VP2GAI	7195/1100/Dec	17kv
EA3NJ	7001/0005/Dec	16kv	PV2VD	7009/0015/Dec	20kv	VK2SA	7017/1100/Dec	18kv
EL2DG	7031/0245/Dec	16w	PZ1AV	7007/0010/Dec	20kv	VE8BT	7008/0935/Dec	19kv
F8CS	7025/0000/Dec	19kv	PY2NE	7010/0000/Dec	19kv	YW4NS	7003/1245/Dec	25e
GW3OA	7003/0012/Dec	15kv	TI2PZ	7004 1225/Dec	19e	YV5EED	7011/0525/Dec	20w
HP1JI	7182/1150/Dec	23e	TG9CD	7005 0020/Dec	15w	YN1AA	7018/1105/Dec	18kv
HI2PC	7039/0830/Dec	16w	UK4FAE	7003/1310/Dec	23e	ZE2JS	7011/0420/Dec	20w
JA1CWZ	7004/1255/Dec	19e	UK5FH	7011/1250/Dec	24e	6Y5ED	7002/1315/Dec	23e
KP4AST	7158/0250/Dec	21w	VP2MW	7203/1150/Dec	20e	9Y4T	7182/1145/Dec	23e
KV4FC	7182/1145/Dec	23e	VP2ME	7195/1120/Dec	17kv	9Y4TR	7028/4050/Dec	17kv
DU2EL	3800/1450/Dec	23w	ON4UN	3792/0630/Dec	22w	VR1AA	3790/0700/Dec	23w
DU1JMG	3799/1555/Dec	21w	PZ1AC	3803/0725/Dec	19w	ZK2BD	3790/0700/Dec	23w
G3TJW	3788/0750/Dec	18w	SM5BLA	3797/0650/Dec	22w	ZL2BHX	3793/1420/Dec	23w
OZ5KF	3799/1500/Dec	21w	SM5SB	3788/0740/Dec	18w			

SHORTLY NOTED Many still seeking FR7AM/G QSLs. The station does QSL but that does not stop the ache for those who do not get one. One advice is to sent a QSL the 1st of every month with one (1) IRC. sooner or later you will score and the investment will be kept to a minimum.

Also cropping up is the query as to what Europa is good for. It is good for Juan de Nova. No one ever works Juan it seems...the story being that the fellow who owns the island does not want any visitors...but many work Europa. There is another island in the group...something like Basse de Terres and should anyone ever operate from there the question will again arise. All count for Juan de Nova.

W2BT lost everything in a sleet storm...the tower taking out the dipoles on the way down. He says he not exactly a silent key but you cannot work him much beyond the sound of his voice right now. "Aldabra Alone" is a Sierra Club book and give a lot of interesting information on the area there. Written by Tony Beamish and available at your local bookstore....or try W6AAO if you cannot locate it elsewhere. The response to the Oscar VI orbit information was good and we will try to include it from time to time in the future. W6AM reported listening one day and finding most of the W/VE districts available and no special gear needed to work through the satellite. This might be an introduction to something that will develop some big potential in the coming years. 7Z3AB will be in 6-land late this month, working all the locals by short-path rather than the usual morning longpath. The KC4AAB/LU1ZC south shetlands had not made much commotion to the time this bulletin went in the mail....though it apparently was still on. W3SJ has been on cw....often there are visitors there and check the operators name. If it is not 'Ed' it probably is a visiting fireman....

CALENDAR

AVES YVØAA from this coming Tuesday for three or four days..due to open on all bands on January 9th
 CQ 160mtr test January 27-28th
 FRESNO INTERNATIONAL April 7-8th....at the new Fresno Hilton

POSSIBLES

Palmyra...some talk going on aiming for operations in the coming months if plans jell
spratly...still a good chance in the coming months. May come any time.
Bhutan ...looks rather dim except for those stations already there.

The coming activity seems to be at a rather low point. Nothing really showing up to light the hopes for the coming days after the Aves effort by the venezulean radio club. There are a number of matters being investigated including some spots which may qualify for a new country status but these are being run through the DXCC list for a preliminary reading before launching. something will develop before long....and meanwhile the 40/80 country offers some interesting possibilities.....

CHINA Nothing on any possible china-BY action since about December 20th. While waiting for the dust to clear, it might be noted that some JAs skeptical about JA1MWI/BY. One JA-amateur said that the last time he had heard from JA1MWI he had more or less retired from amateur activity.

JA1ZZ reported as not knowing just who JA1MWI is, he getting his information through other JA amateurs. Also, a JA reports talking with a China contact on a commercial circuit who said the mainland-BY station somewhat surprised to hear about any amateur operation.

To add some optimism to the picture, some say the beam heading was not right. On the DM-station on until the middle of December, some say they know this cat and and confirm his address as given in the last bulletin, also noting that it can be sent via the DM-Bureau. All reports say both the DM and the JA were at a trade fair in Canton.

There will be more information surfacing on this one....meanwhile work them first and worry later. There will always be time for that. some reports have said that this one is good...some are skeptical. No one has nailed him definitely as yet....

4K1C This one has popped up a couple of times in recent weeks. It is reported as being at Vostok Base in the Antarctica. 4JA to 4LZ are prefixes assigned to USSR.

MANIHIKI QSLs Clyde, W6KNH, though a lot of detective work and cooperation from many amateurs has been able to verify all the ZK1MA logs and has cleaned up the QSLs. This took a couple of months and much correspondence but all demands should be satisfied....

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ARRL Dale strieter, W4DQS, director of the southeastern division of the ARRL resigned his position as of the end of 1972. Larry Price, W4DQD, has been moved up from the position of vice-director to director in that division. The FCC has proposed to raise fees a bit more and they are suggesting that amateur licenses be charged \$10.00 for new and renewal applications; from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for modifications without renewal. No changes are being proposed in the novice area.

The ARRL Board will be meeting on January 18, 1973 in Newington. If you have any ideas you would like to get before your director, you should move now.

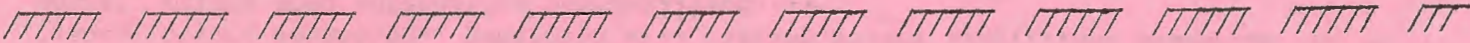
SUPER-TECH some have vigorously questioned how a technician can get 347 countries on the DXCC rolls as listed in the DXCC standings in the december QST. It is still a bit difficult. The list had a typographical error and the correct listing should have been W6GVM, Emil Malek in sacramento and not W6EVM. son of a gun. If it made you feel bad, think of how Emil felt.

73,

WA6AUD

TNX to W1AM, DL2AA/W1, K2BT, W2OVC, W4EH, W4HU, W4KA, W4TUC, W4UF, W4WEL/1, WA5EMH, W5UBW, W5OSJ, WA5WEY, W6AM, K6AQV, K6EC, W6FET, K6KA, K6LAE, W6MI, W6OL, W6RIU, K6RXZ, W6TTS, K6UJS, K6WM, K6WR, W6UDC, W6ZUC, W7QNI, W8OA, K8RWL, W8ZOK, W9DDL, KV4AM, KZ5PW, JA1KSO.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN published every week by the Marin county DX Group. some of the local QRPers were recently discussing the holidays and one of those romantic young ones put in his bit. "you know", he said, "it was our first christmas and we dined by candle light. Had a lovely piece of corned beef for dinner". One of the local QRP establishment could hardly contain himself. "corned beef and candle light. I don't believe it!! you just don't eat corned beef by candle light. Absolutely!!". son of a gun. These momentous matters will divide any group and finally the question was put to the old timer. He hardly thought at all about the matter. All he said was: "why not?". go after thinking it over a bit, why not take the simple pleasures like DX and candlelight as they come. \$9.00 for a full year of insight to some of the more vexing problems of life....\$10.50 brings it airmail.



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