

LORD HOWE Barring any possible difficulties that may develop at the last minute, the Lord Howe operation by VK4AK should open up this Friday and run until November 12th. The operation will concentrate mainly on twenty meters as being the most productive but 80/40/15mtrs will also be used. There will be operations above 14275kc to take care of the General Class licensees and others who may be lurking there. Gear will include a YAESU FT200 and FL-DX 2000 with an outboard VFO for split frequency operations. Look for VK4AK/Lord Howe on both SSB and CW QSL to VK4AK, 10 Terrace Street, Paddington, Queensland 4064, Australia.

PHOENIX ISLANDS This phone-only operation should open Thursday for three days. The announced frequencies was transceive around 21400kc and in the 14275-14300kc area. This operation will be by W6NKF who will return stateside in late November and will order QSLs at that time. QSLs for VR1PC will go to WA6KQB, 5917 Cobblestone Court, El Sobrante, Calif. 94803.

The station will be active in the 0300-0400Z slot looking towards the mainland. A transceive operation, it may need some discipline.

DXPEDITIONS The VQ9=Farquhar group opened up last week, offering a lot of action prior to the CQ WW Test. It appears that there was little wind while enroute, they puttering along on the auxiliary engine. Then the twenty meter beam was blown down when they got into operations...or at least one was and the proximity of the stations gave some problems when attempts were made to work both CW and SSB on the same bands. Indicators are that they ran up a considerab total of QSOs. QSL information was to send cards to Box 193, Mahe, Seychelles Islands.

Sanford Hutson, K5QHS, finally got to Juan Fernandez by the middle of last week after having to sit in Santiago for a couple of days waiting for the weather to improve and some excess water to recede. K5QHS/CEØ2 was heard on the lower frequencies and also showed on the higher ones, working on ten meters also. San had to QRT before the CQ WW Test last weekend and was due back home last weekend. A M.D., he was scheduled for duty in the local hospital back home, the schedule calling for him to be home by Sunday.

QSLs for K5QHS/CEØZ go to Sanford Hutson, Box 218, Broken Bow, Okla. 74728. The trip did have some unexpected expenses and some extra IRCs or other support would be appreciated. Sase or Sae/IRC with QSL.

MONACO 3A2CP was getting into the East Coast the hard way last week, working shortpath.

Les says that in 11 years of operating that working into the states has been a tough one to crack. The terrain in Monaco is such that the shortpath to the States is right through the mountains and hardly conducive to loud signals and easy contacts. There have been some problems in the past with licensees driving across the border to get a better shot while still signing 322 and this has brought some restrictions on the issuance of licenses.

Recently Les indicate that he was waiting for the longpath to open and that he would be in the 14240kc/14250kc territory most days from about 1600Z onward looking for the W/Ks and especially the Elusives Sixes and Sevens. QSLs go to WA3HUP.

SHORTLY NOTED Band conditions improved during last week and it might be noted that in the dead days of mid-October, WB4SIJ held up a light of hope. Out of the blue-grass country he called attention to the 27 day cycle ... and, Son of a Gun, things did get brighter for the CQ WW Test.

The Zurich Observatory reports a mean sunspot number for August as 25.6 while the observers in the States report a mean of 25.6. It may be interesting to note that there were no sunspots recorded from August 12th to 17th and on August 31st there

was a high for the month of 82.

Ten meters was open from the Western Reaches to Africa during the contest, getting away a bit from the North/South Path. W6RQ gives a bit more information on the next page.

HBØNL was on in mid-October and one of Slim's friends came up with a new bit of torture ... recording a half-hour or so of the operation and then putting it back on the air. No matter how hard one tried, they could not get through. Notunless they

had had a QSO previously.

G5BFH is W1DAL a bit removed from the familiar skies. OX3YY QSLs to Rinn Hoffmann, 3961 Umanak, Greenland. Most of the announced contest efforts were being heard last weekend, some in there trying for a new one and contest points at the same time. The DK4/601-Somalia station has been reported intermittently in recent weeks, once last week he was supposed to show at 14235kc/1800Z. Some say he does not have any permission or license to operate ... but work him first, worry later. Also being reported as active on 15mtrs.

Those 5Y4-prefixes heard recently seem to have a connection with the Boy Scout Jamboree. A WI9BSA also surfaced here in the states. WWV was sending N-6 forecast last Saturday. WB4SIJ notes that on October 18th while WWV was sending U-5 the DLØIGI beacon at 28195kc was being heard as well as ZEs. In the previous week when N6 was being reported, nothing was being heard on ten meters.

What's the point? Don't believe anything!! Take nothing for granted!!!! Get in and listen. The contact counts just the same if WWV is signing W1 or N9. At times some have indicated that 'N' means 'Normal'. Others believe it means 'No Warning' and is used when no ionosphere disturbances are in progress or expected. You can get either interpretation by reading ARRL Handbook. A few years back it was one way, now it is used to indicate "Normal", whatever that might be.

W4UF reports some problems.....armadillos in the gardens plowing things up like some oversized armored moles. Dot says that at least a new dipole for forty brought some ruby-throated hummingbirds to brighten the scenery but that armadillo problem is something else. Just goes to show how a new antennaim roves the environment and contributes to the esthetic enhancement of the neighborhood.

WB4BUQ/8R1 can be QSLed via WA6MWG...sase etc. This service is from October 8th. TA1MB was heard on twenty CW last week calling CQ. The TAs have been a bit scarce recently. Something like the 5As and 9Q5s. A 9Q5BG shows up occasionally...this one apparently working for the local posts and telegraph lash-up there. 5A does show in reports once in awhile but mostly on c.w. And when one takes a real close look at it, it shows as a probable HA-station.

The Afrikaner Net at 21355kc from 1900Z bringing up a good bit of African and other

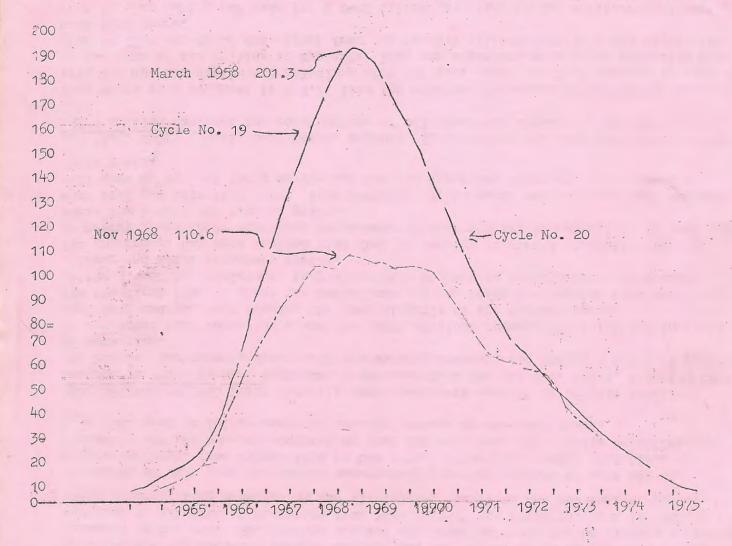
Mark your calendar for the VS-Activity day ... 24 hours of working all the VS6s from 1100Z on November 17th. All bands/all modes including SSTV. WB6ZUC was in Hong Kong recently to check the local scene on a tour of SEAsia. Joe is one of the local Marin QRPers, an XYL (Josephine) and a c.w. oper ar exclusively.

WOOL, Dick Brown, presently QRT on Formosa...involuntarily looking for any action which may develop in the Far Pacific. Any DXpedition, any Big Operation, Dick would like to know about the possibilities. Also, he is looking for some QSL manager chores to help along with his SWLing. His address is Major Richard Brown, NAMRU-2, Box 14, APO San Francisco. There have been some hopeful rumors out of Formosa but nothing solid. If something does develop, WOOL/BV2 undoubtedly will be right there. WELUV/KB6 is mostly found on 15/20 and very occasionally on 75mtrs. QSLs go to the CBA except the address is 424 N. E St in Lompoc. W6TSQ had a card for HV3NA returned as a forty meter phoney. ... Sam says it must be 'Vatican Slim". But what would you do when you work UR2EC? Believe them ... or be suspicious? Remember the Golden Rule that never tarnishes: "Work t first.... lorry later".

SUNSPOT LOUIE

Somewhere along the way to the Great Days in Dxing, we are on the down part of Sunspot Cycle No. 20 and the accompanying chart may give you some idea just where we are at this time. Also shown is Cycle No. 19. Cycle No. 19 did record the highest sunspot activity for recorded times going back almost 300 years but the smoothed curve follows the classic average pattern, having a minimum to maximum period of 4.5 years and the downhill slide from Maximum-to-minimum period of 7 years. The low point of the current sunspot cycle should fall around the last quarter of 1975.

Anyhow, W8ZOK is down in the Florida Territory looking for some groupers in the Clear-water area and W6RQ, Al Lotze, steps up to loss a few thoughts around on sunspots.



Al gets very lucid and says:

- 1. A high frequency signal that goes more than a few miles gets there by being bounced or bent back to earth by one of the layers of the ionosphere
- 2. These ionosphere layers are 50=200 miles above the earth and are pretty much free electrons. When a lot of free electrons get close together, they are in a layer said to be densely ionized.
- 3. The more dense the ionization, the higher the radio frequency that can be bounced off the ionsphere layer...the layer works like a piece of screenwire. Depending on the size of the mesh, the longer wavelengths bounce off, the shorter ones go right ghrough and never come back. Wavelengths as short as

(more....that away--)

SUNSPOT LOUIE ..

50mhz are infrequently reflected by the ionosphere, 145 meters just always bore right on through.

- 4. The density and height of the ionosphere layers is determined by the amount of ultra-violet radiation from the sun.
- 5. The highest frequency that will be reflected by the ionosphere varies for all practical purposes directly with the current sunspot activity.

Connection between sunspots and radio propagation was discovered in the early 1930s by Dr. Edison Pettit at the Mt. Wilson observatory. They proved a direct relationship between the smoothed sunspot numbers and the intensity of ultraviolet energy radiated by the sun. Dr. Pettits studies were made in Cycle 16, he finding a steady increase in ultraviolet radiation from 1924 to 1928 and after the peak in 1928, he noted a paralleling decrease in the ultraviolet radiation and the sunspot number.

In August of this year the Zurich observatory reported sunspot of zero for six successive days, from August 12th to the 17th. After this dismal condition, on September 4th the sunspots counted on that day were over 200. Radio conditions at this time seem to follow more the monthly average or smoothed count.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL DEPT: Recently some newspapers carried an article datelined Rangoon in which Bernard Weinraub, a correspondent for the N.Y. Times, reported that the Burmese Government, faced with a crumbling economy, was ending a ten year policy of isolation.

It was noted that Burma had eased its aloof attitude towards its neighbors in South-East Asia and was even opening the door slightly to the Western world.

For the first time in years the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have been welcomed, and the assistance they offer will be used to rehabilitate the Burmese railway and water transport system.

The government has also invited bids from 50 foreign countries to explore for oil. In recent years there have been breakdowns in distribution of essentials in food and there has been a 50% rise in prices.

What does all this high level talk portend? Well, maybe one of these days someone will show up and put Burma on the air for the descriing DXers who have waited all these years.

And IRAQ, TOO!: Well, last month, anyhow. In September the Iraq government signed a \$117 million contract for construction of oil exporting facilities on the Persian Gulf.

This award of a contract to a U.S. firm for offshore terminals is noteworthy because Iraq has not had diplomatic relations with the U.S. since the last dispute in June 1967. At the time of the writing in September Iraq was embarking on a major expansion program to increase their oil export from two to five million barrels a day within the next five years.

Iraq is also asking for bids for a \$400 million pipeline to the Mediterranean port of Dortyol.

Keep hoping Everything will come to him who waits Eventually!!

SWEDEN/40mtrs SM6DHU, often noted in the 40/80 columns, will be around 7093kc daily from about 0500Z and listening in the 7229 territory until about 0630Z. Matt says he will be on SSB and will be looking for W/K 40mtr contacts.

W6GSV A couple of weeks back there was information in the bulletin pointing out the belief that W6GSV had become a silent key back in April. This week there was some definite confirmation out of Los Angeles when the County Clerk there supplied the name of the lawyer handling the estate.

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE	The pang of all the Contes	ts gone, and DX yet to be				
CN8EF 14076/2055/Oct 21w CR4BS 14080/0910/Oct 22e CR7IZ 14067/1815/Oct 20m EA8GA 21037/1935/Oct 24e FR7AI 21027/1415/Oct 23m	TJ1EZ 21030/1314/0ct 22e TU2ED 14027/2100/0ct 23e TU2DW 21039/2000/0ct 22e TU2EB 21051/2200/0ct 22e ZD8Z 21027/1340/0ct 23m	ZE8JJ 14029/2020/0ct 22e 3B8CJ 14022/1825/0ct 16e 3B8DX 21039/1440/0ct 23m 6W8EX 14065/0925/0ct 22e 7Q7NB 21039/1440/0ct 23e				
ASIACW						
JT1KAA 14041/0150/Oct 18e OD5LX 14041/1740/Oct 14w	VS6AW 14027/2320/0ct 18e VU2DX 14025/1430/0ct 19e	XW8BP 14007/1400/Oct 20m				
EUROPECW						
DF1SV 21067/1220/Oct 23e GC2FZC 21035/1435/Oct 23m GM3CFS 14035/1710/Oct 19w HA1ØØKFU14042/1400/Oct 17e HA1KVK 14034/1815/Oct 16w HA5DA 14055/1400/Oct 17e HA7PQ 14030/1845/Oct 18w DL1/HBØ 14026/1150/Oct 20e HBØNL 14027/1935/Oct 17e HAØKLE 14034/1805/Oct 16w	LG5LG 14033/2050/0ct 18w LZ1KDP 14027/1815/0ct 20e 0E1PNW 14034/1800/0ct 16w 0K5VSZ 21063/1645/0ct 18m 0H2NQ 14050/1510/0ct 22w 0H6MM 14035/2010/0ct 19w 0N4PS 14035/2030/0ct 19w 0N5AX 14034/1710/0ct 16w 0N8HF 21020/1820/0ct 24w PAØWVK 14054/1615/0ct 16w	SK5AA 14010/1645/0ct 24w SP4ACG 14061/1520/0ct 23w SP8CUU 14032/1520/0ct 15w SV1GA 14041/1740/0ct 14w SV1IL 21040/1220/0ct 23e UB5NU 14032/1530/0ct 23w YU2CEJ 14026/1830/0ct 17w YU1BKL 14040/1810/0ct 17w				
ASIACW						
A35FX 14064/0530/0ct 23m AX3AXX 14028/0615/0ct 23m CE1DR 14055/0110/0ct 21w FM7WU 14049/2245/0ct 17e F08DR 14016/0700/0ct 23m FK8BV 14021/0900/0ct 23e	FY7AI 14039/2315/0ct 18e HC2SB 21051/1815/0ct 20m OX3MP 14031/1820/0ct 18w TG9EP 14046/0115/0ct 21w VK3ADY 14035/0620/0ct 18m VK7CW 14013/0540/0ct 23m	VK7RY 14029/0630/0ct 18m VP8JE 14023/2210/0ct 22e XQ2AD 14053/0130/0ct 21w ZL1NW 14020/0630/0ct 18m ZL1AFZ 14048/0645/0ct 23m 4K1A 14028/0615/0ct 23m				
AFRICASSB						
A2CAY 21354/1600/0ct 20e A2CCY 21261/1820/0ct 20e A2CEW 21290/1715/0ct 24e CN8HD 21355/1915/0ct 20m CN8BO 28530/1550/0ct 21e CR3RM 14194/2205/0ct 21w CR4BS 21294/1615/0ct 22e CR4BS 28545/1705/0ct 20m CR5AJ 21310/1900/0ct 24e CR6VE 21299/1650/0ct 22e CR6CA 14224/2315/0ct 10m CR7AF 14219/2040/0ct 20e CR7RM 21355/1815/0ct 19e CR7GJ 14206/1345/0ct 17e EA8BD 21261/1910/0ct 21e EA8IH 14292/1140/0ct 17e EA8IS 21295/1700/0ct 23e EA8JJ 21354/1835/0ct 22e	EL2DG 28545/1610/Oct 21e EL5D 14208/2240/Oct 13m EL8C 14226/2330/Oct 20e ET3JH 14320/1235/Oct 21m ET3USC 21352/1610/Oct 19e TR8AF 21293/1635/Oct 24e TR8SS 21325/2015/Oct 15w TU2DR 14206/2330/Oct 16e TU2EF 21355/2050/Oct 21m VQ9DC 14234/ 125/Oct 18e VQ9MC 21310/ 745/Oct 24e VQ9MC 21310/ 745/Oct 24e VQ9MC 21310/1745/Oct 24e VQ9MC 21310/1745/Oct 24e VQ9MC 21310/1745/Oct 24e VQ9MC 21310/1745/Oct 24e TX6FL 14212/2135/Oct 20e XX6FL 14212/2135/Oct 20e XX6FL 14212/2135/Oct 20e ZD3M 28555/1630/Oct 21e ZD7JD 14214/1835/Oct 24e ZD8AB 21355/1800/Oct 17e ZD8AB 21355/1800/Oct 19e	3D6AM 21326/1640/0ct 22e 3B6CF 21260/1630/0ct 23e 5Z4NH 21354/1830/0ct 22e 5H3AP 21355/1850/0ct 22e 5N2AAE 21304/1710/0ct 20m 5U7AZ 21314/1930/0ct 17e 5U7BA 21297/1955/0ct 18e 5U7DA 21324/1945/0ct 22e 5V7GE 14228/2330/0ct 14e 5Y4XNS 21353/1600/0ct 21e 6W8DG 14233/0145/0ct 20w 6W8DY 21354/1805/0ct 20e 7X2BK 14217/1200/0ct 13e 9G1AR 14210/1050/0ct 22e 9G1GG 21351/1615/0ct 21e 9J2FD 28556/1700/0ct 20m 9J2WR 21334/1900/0ct 24e 9X5VA 21310/1745/0ct 20e 9U5CR 21355/1745/0ct 13kv				
EL7F 21297/1845/Oot 18e	ZS1RK 14209/1345/Oct 13m	XT2AA 14214/2240/Oct 19e				

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands, etc) (all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim on Cray Island again!! Son of a Gun!!!)

ASIA	SSB				
A4XFD HM1BK HS4AGN	21316/1440/0ct 17e 14207/0000/0ct 18e 14321/1245/0ct 20m	JY9BB MP4BIN VU2MX	14202/2035/0ct 20e 21280/1450/0ct 17e 14205/1405/0ct 21m	XV5AC ZC4ASG	14341/1410/0ct 17e 21265/1535/0ct 21e
EUROPE.	SSB 4				
CT2CNE CT2BG DF2GX EA3JE EA6BG EA6BW EA6BJ EA6JJ FC2CI	21354/1805/0ct 20e 21355/1905/0ct 21e 14233/1110/0ct 23e 14212/1915/0ct 18e 21296/1330/0ct 22e 21288/1330/0ct 22e 21346/1705/0ct 24e 21355/1910/0ct 21e 21326/1650/0ct 23e	GB2ANT GC2EML GD2HCX HBØAIC GD5GZ ISØRUA LZ2KUQ OE1ZGA OE9JKI	14211/1440/Oct 21m 14204/1950/Oct 24e 21336/4920/Oct 24e 14209/1230/Oct 18e 21313/1640/Oct 24e 14232/1220/Oct 17e 14240/1145/Oct 22e 21296/2145/Oct 22e 21282/1910/Oct 18e	M1D SV1BK SVØWMM UF6GAF YO2FP YU4XZ 3A2CP 9H3BSJ	21278/1450/Oct 23e 14222/2010/Oct 18kv 21318/1530/Oct 13e 21350/1330/Oct 19m 14201/1810/Oct 20w 21318/1335/Oct 22e 14320/1135/Often 21360/1550/Oct 20e
ELSEWHE	ERESSSB				Σ.
FG7TD FM7AA FG7XT FP8DH HC8GI HKØBKX HKØBKX K6/HKØ W6/KB6 KC4USP KM6DF KS6EQ	14220/2100/Oct 29e 14235/1220/Oct 19e 28675/1935/Oct 24w 21305/1550/Oct 24e 21272/1630/Oct 21w 14203/2020/Oct 19e 21355/1900/Oct 24e 14203/1220/Oct 20m 14245/0535/Oct 22w 21279/1840/Oct 17e 21373/2215/Oct 13e 14268/1015/Oct 22e	PJ2CA PJ2RR PJ9BB PZ1DR TG9VS TI2WX VK6US VK9ZC VP2GBL VP2KF VP2MQV VP5LD	21316/1610/Oct 21e 21265/1640/Oct 22e 21350/1340/Cot 22e 21273/1940/Oct 21e 21300/2330/Oct 23w 28590/0000/Oct 15w 14216/1425/Oct 21w 14203/1400/Oct 20e 21292/1930/Oct 11e 14202/1155/Oct 19e 21267/1550/Oct 22e 21353/1645/Oct 22e	WI9BSA YJ8BL ZK1CU ZP5RR ZP5KO YS1FEA VR6TC 5W1AN 6Y5ED 8R1Q 8R1X	14299/1715/Oct 20m 14204/1315/Oct 22o 14265/0430/Oct 19w 14262/0050/Oct 19kv 21301/2150/Oct 22e 21224/1500/Oct 20e 21355/2245/Oct 17w 14202/2055/Oct 17w 14202/225/Oct 15w 14215/2215/Oct 22e
LU1EMT	14211/2340/Oct 17e	VP8HA	14215/0200/0c* 19e	1 1 1-	11.11
FORTY/E	IGHTY DESK		Mr.	4	West Control
AX2BQQ CR7IZ CT2JAM EL2DO FG7XJ FG7TG FO8BV GW3MPB HBØNL CT2AK DU1EJ DK4UM F6CNI	7001/1420/0ct 23w 7008/0355/0ct 18e 7016/0210/0ct 20e 7026/0405/0ct 17w 7009/0230/0ct 23e 7008/1005/0ct 20e 7014/0430/0ct 24e 7006/0720/0ct 21e 7001/0400/0ct 17e 3779/0420/0ct 17e 3779/0420/0ct 17e 3794/1400/0ct 21w 3503/0650/0ct 21e	HI70MR KX6LA KZ5JM PJ2VD TI2MV TU2EF UB5UAR UA1ZAN UB5MOS I6BQI KG6SW LZ1GU UAØFGM	7010/0215/0ct 20w 7009/1450/0ct 13w 7163/0420/0ct 23w 7028/0230/0ct 20w 7033/1140/0ct 16e 7008/0020/0ct 20e 7000/1500/0ct 19w 7009/1500/0ct 23w 7003/0430/0ct 15w 3502/0110/0ct 15kv 3807/1330/0ct 20w 3502/0000/0ct 14kv 3618/1540/Weekends	UK4LAD UT5AA VK7GK VP2MDX VP2ST VP2MAH XV5AC ZS5LB 8P6BU XW8FB YU3EU ZD3Z ZL1BGH	7013/1330/0ct 23w 7006/1500/0ct 21w 7023/1145/0ct 16e 7007/0000/0ct 24e 7005/0145/0ct 21e 7023/0150/0ct 21e 7023/0150/0ct 21w 7027/0430/0ct 17w 7032/1120/0ct 18e 3784/1345/0ct 17w 3501/0240/0ct 22e 3797/0540/0ct 24w 3796/1045/0ct 17e
GI3WFA GI3OQR G3GQS HS4AGN	3798/0130/0ct 14kv 3781/0710/0ct 14e 3503/0700/0ct 21e 3784/1410/0ct 21w	UK2GKW VP2ST XV5AC YU3AVW	3510/0040/0ct 14kv 3512/0230/0ct 21e 3784/1330/0ften 3503/0110/0ct 15kv	ZL2BT ZS5LB 8P6AA	3797/0730/0ct 14e 3795/0330/0ct 22e 3511/0300/0ct 21e

LU/160mtrs LU5HFI now has his 1kw 160meter rig on hand and is working to get the big signal on the air.

OLYMPIA DIPLOM The DARC Olympia Diplom 72 is still available to those amateurs for working 50 or more stations that were in the 72 Olympics at Munich. CCR with 6 IRCs to Box 252, 895 Kaufbeuren, West Germany, this for contacts made in 1.72. Seeing that we worked ourselves into a coner, we will list the countries bit further on...

CALENDAR

XU1AA about mid-week by W6-Group and friends. CAMBODIA

VK4AK/Lord Howe due this Friday.... LORD HOWE

VR1PC from this Thursday ... PHOENIX ISLANDS

The W6-group should be moving onto Bangkok this week-end LAOS

Annual Convention... November 9/11th at the Marco Polo in Singapore. SEANET December 8th...at the Hilton in Ft. Smith. K5QHS/CED will be there. ARKANSAS DX MEET

RSGB 7mc Test Phone....November 3/4th.... CW/Phone November 10/11th. OK DX TEST

CW go-round. November 24/25th. Rest and prepare! CQ WW TEST

OLYMPIA DIPLOM/EUROPA DIPLOM

Back a few pages we came to the end of the sheet before we could give all the information on the Olympia Diplom offered by DX-MB. We managed to get a few things right and a few wrong and some copies of the bulletin indicate that the contacts were to be made in 1872. If anyone has something like that, we'd like to hear about it. We were just starting about then.

Anyhow, for the Olympia Diplom you need contacts in 1972 and the fifty can be one cach of these: AP-BY-CE-CN8-CP-CO-CT-CX-DL/DJ/DK-DM=DU-EA-EI-EL-EP-ET-FY-G-HA-HB-HBØ-HC-HH=HI=HK=HL-HP-HR-HS-HZ-I-JA-JT-JY-KP4-LA-LU-LX-LZ-OA-OE-OD-OH-OK-ON-OZ-PA-PJ-PY-PZ=SM-SP-ST-SU-SV-TA-TF-TG-TI-TJ-TL-TN-TR-TT-TY-TZ-UA-VE-VK=VP1-VP7=VP9-VS6-VU-W=XE-XU=XZ-YA-YI=YK=YN=Y0-YS-YU-YV-ZA-ZP-3A-3V-3W-4S-4X-5A-5H-5R-5U-5V-5X-5Z-6W-6Y-7X-8P-9A-9G-9H-9J-9L-9M-9N-9Q-9Y-9Y. Send GCR with 6IRCs or 1 U.S. dollar

The EUROPA DIPLOM needs submission of QSLs, also to DARC Europa Diplom, Box 262, 895 Kaufbeuren, West Germany. Points are given for working countries and you need 100 points...each year the value of your QSO gets a bit less and by the sixth year they receive no credit. 8 IRCs and you will be listed in the Europa Diplom Honor Roll in DARCs "CQ - DL".

The European Country list comprises: C31-CT1-CT2-DL.DM-EA-EA6-EA8-EI=F-FC-G-GC Guern-GC Fers-GD-GI=GM-GM Shet-GW-HA-HB9=HBØ-HV-I-IS-IT-JW Bear-JW-JX-LA-LX LZ-M1-OE-OH-OHØ-OJØ-OK-ON-OY-OZ-PA-SM-SP-SV-SV Crete-SV Rhod:s-TA1-TF- UA 1/2/4/6 UA2-UB5-UC-UO5-UN1-UP2-UQ2-UA Franz Josef-YO-YU-ZA-3A-4U1-9H1.

KURE QSLs A year ago there was a KH6EDY/Kure operations and many have thirsted for a QSL for that operation. During the contest last week-end KH6BZF passed along the information that all the QSTs that were able to be matched with the log have been answered and are either in the mails or on the way to the torturous routes through the bureaus. However, there were possibly up to thirty pages of the logs for this operation missing and where a card could not be matched with a lot entry, the QSLs were returned as not being in the log. QSLs for K5LTH and KH6HDB from the current activity on Kure go to WA3HUP.

MADISON ELECTRONIC SUPPLY 1508 McKinney Ave., Houston, Texas 77002 (713) 224 2668

Nights/Weekends (713) 497 5683

USED GEAR

COLLINS 75A4 (clean) \$345.00 75S1 \$295.00 312B4 \$200.00 75A2 \$150.00

DRAKE R4B rcvr \$350.00 T4XB Transmitter \$375.00

KENWOOD R599 Receiver \$300.00 T599 xmtr \$350.00 Write for New-Demo Prices...

HEATH SB300/filters \$250.00 RME 4350 \$125.00 HALLICRAFTERS HT-37 \$150.00

New SWAN Demo SS-100 \$699.00 less 15%...A.C. \$89.00 less 15%

SOUTH SHETLANDS Some word relayed from the South American Desk is that getting a license for VP8=South Sandwich would present no problem to anyone who might have the idea of going that way for a bit of relaxed hamming. The main problem is transportation and the only way to travel there would be when a military trip is projected. The kicker here is that it seems like none are planned or projected for the known future.

Charter your own boat and dine at the Captains table? This would be no problem and probably could be handled for around \$15,000.00 or so. It seems like there has been no activity in the South Sandwich group for about 18 years and any action there would draw a bit of attention.

INTRUDER WATCH The ARRL Intruder Watch in August came up with 3400 reports on intruders in the amateur bands. Over in England G3PSM has incorporated Region I intruder watch reports in a monthly summary and is now including those from North and South America and Australia. You might give some attention to how this cooperative effort between different countries has proved so beneficial in cleaning up the bands. Should you be interested in participating, always remember that more are needed

TNX to W1AM, WA1PID, WA2BCK, K2BT, W2FPM, W2OVC, W4BAA, W4EH, K4FRY, W4GTS, W4KA, W84SIJ, W4TUC, W4UF, W5AK, W5UBW, WA5ZUH, W6APW, K6AQV, W6KYA, K6LAE, W6MI, WA6MWG, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6WR, K7NHG, W7QNI, W8IBX, W8OA, WØØRN, KV4AM/,

WEST COAST N BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers dropped by last week and talked of a number of things, mostly his troubles. "Last week I blew the traps on the tribander. So I fixed those and then this week I burn out the insulators between the driven element and the boom". The QRPer shook his head. "Why does it always have to happen to me. Me who deserves better". We were silent in the presence of such tragedy and finally we tried to change the subject. "Say", we said brightly, "Didn't We hear that you picked up a new linear". The QRPer raised his head. "Sure did", he said. "Got one of those linears that they advertise on the back of QST. Of course we are very careful to tune it so that it is always legal. Always careful but why do such things happen to me who really deserves better? Tell me!". We thought this over for a bit for what could we say? All of us are righteous...some more so, as Albert used to say. \$9.00 for a full year of DX guidance to the righteous and deserving, \$10.50 brings in zipping in by airmail

WEST COAST DX BULLETIÑ 77 Coleman San Rafael, Calif. 94901

FIRST CLASS
FIRST CLASS