

December 10, 1973
MELIILA After the bulletin was mailed last week, the word came that the EA9A operation would be delayed one day until Tuesday. Then after the turn of the week the word was that the plans were off until January 7th. Apparently IA 9 AA was leaving Mellila to go to Spain where his sister was ill.
Mellila is still on but still a couple of weeks off, All you need is patience.
MEUTISH. There have been some reports that the DX Advisory Committee has made a recommendation on the VK9JW matter and $m$ ybe sometime in the future you will find out what it might be.
There did appear to be some inclination to regard the matter as a 'moral' issue. Whe problem with this word is that it can be applied in a number of ways. One accepted definition is...".orelating to the princtiples of right and wrong in behavior". Another definition is .."..probable thourh not proved".
It might be noted that this VK9JW operation took place in 1972 and it will soon be 1974. Watch for the decision and if you have any thoughts, make them known。 of course if you approve, it might be helpful to also give your views. Rather than telling. it as it is, try telling it where it counts.
MADETRA CTRAZ, J I Ritzen, will travel from the Azores aown to the Madeira Islanids to operate CT3AS from January ist to January 15th. Up to this date his efforts to obtain his own CT3-call have not been successful and the plans at this time are to sign the CT3AS. However, tzis will change should the license come through. Hal will have Drake gear with an outboard VFO and will work everything from ten through 80 meters.
CTIAZ often found on the Africana Net and active most days,
SINT MARTIN WZJKN, Harold Robins, will be on the island there in the Caxibbean from January 23 rd all ready to sign PJ9HR and FめhYo/FST. G3BID will also be in on the action.
Gear will inciude a FT101 and they will try 160 meters at the opportune moments. The frequencies to watch are $21340 \mathrm{kc} / 14340 \mathrm{kc}$ and 3300 kc .
SY 5MA This station has advised the QSI Manager, W4KA, that he has shut dow operations because of the unstaba conditions in the country there. All the QSOs up to the time of the shutdow will be answered as WLKA is loaded with the blank QSL cards. Leo advises that he has no logs prior to October 25 th and if' anyone worked a 'SY5MA' prior to that date it most likely was SLIM warming up for the CQ Test. Bill, SY5MA, is returning to the states and this leaves even the QSI Manager without a valid QSO with the station. How's that for suffering? QSLs need sase or they will go via the bureaus.

KH4NCA This call was due to open up at OOCJZ last Sairrday and operate over the weekend to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Wrights Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk. QSLs go to KLCIA.
DES ROCHES Some of the VQ9 group which eperated from Farcuhar back in October are starting to talk about a possible July 1974 . operation from VQ9-Desroches.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Up to tine time of the observation made on December 11th, there had been no significant sunspot activity during the period from the start of the month. The last spots disappeared December 1st and nothing has shown since. Band conditions have been sporadic and most openings. have been brief. Night time DX on the higher frequencies has been a sometimes thing and the action has been on the lower bands. However on these the signals have been rather surprising at times. 75mtr traffic nets are being QRMed by stations severil. thousand miles away. If you cannot find them on twency, try forty and elightyis. You may be surprised.
The sunspot cycle still has some time to run but the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona reports that the first spots in the new cycle have been detected. The evidence was found last August when it was noted that a sunspot had appeared that had magnetic properties opposite to those in the cycle now winding down. These new cycle. also are usually found further removed from the axis of rotation.
The present solar cycle is expected to end sometime in 1975. It can be expected that when the new cycle starts that the activity will increase rather rapidly, much faster than the present decline. Maximum activity should be around 1950. So hold on.....DX will rise again.
Comet Kohoutek should increase in magnitude during the rest of December and shonld be at maximum brilliance around Deeember 28th. Until that date look for it in the morning sky before sunrise, after December 28 th look for it in the sunset skies. How bright it will be is still a matter of speculation, some say it may not be as bright as was previously forecast, others saying it may be almost as bright as the moon. Take a look and judge for yourself.
QSL UpDatewl JFL has the logs from A51PN onl from 12 Aug to 6 Sept...ilogs from April 73 up to November 5th have been shipped and should be on hand soon. If you have any outside these periods, drop a note with sase to W1JFL and he will try to help. 9G1GG goes to WA2MTQ and not to WA2DHF as proviously noted. Wh2MVO also handles ZBRCF and GG1GV. JXGGN to LALGN:- QSLe "for the" upeoming W9 effort on San Andres will go to the W9-QSL Etreau which WB9EBO manages. F6CLW goes to Jean I Jocteur Monrozier, 154 ave de Toulon, 13010 Marseille, France...that for those who asked. On those Willis Island QSLs...VK9ZB is now VK3MK...B P Bailey, 298 Mitcham Rd, Mitcham, Victoria 3132. VK3AH handles the QSLs for VK9ZC and he promises $100 \%$ QSLs for VK9ZC if you promise not to confuse this operation with VK9ZB.
SHORTLY NOTED VPOMH on the South Orkeys calling CQ Califormia last week at $14295 / 04252$ and not raising any of the elusive 6 s . ZD7s say that not only are they getting low on petrol but the water system is shut off from $10: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ 。 to 7:00 $2 . \mathrm{m}$. GG1AR looks for ten meter contacts from 1300Z...may go to TZ-Mali in the Spring....JG1prefix now
s being heard from Japan. WBLSIJ says that at times the Whs have trouble comering the elusive JAs. Danny Wél at W50SH $14215 \mathrm{kc} / 1400 \mathrm{Z}$ on Sunday schedule with KVLAA hrothrothrothrothrothrothrothrothrothro+hrothrothrothrothrothrothrothro+hrothrothrothroth HAM RADIO OUTLET 999 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, Calif. 94010 (415) 3425757 WHAT ARE YOUR DX PLANS FOR 1974? HAM RADIO OUTLET will help you... See Bob Ferrero, K6AHV, at HAM RADIO OUTLET for the best in Top Trades or Cash Prices on Amateur Gear.... HRO....a Full Service Amateur Outlet

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE .... And all my days are trances, and all my nightly dreams
Are where the red eye glances, and where the long path beams.


| DK2DX | $14041 / 1625 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 1 w |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| EASAL | $14030 / 1645 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 m |
| EA5KR | $14033 / 1805 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 m |
| EI8S | $14033 / 0910 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 2 w |
| FC9WN | $14034 / 1555 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 10 w |
| HW8/FC | $14029 / 1640 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 m |
| FMTWD | $14045 / 2030 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 m |
| HW5IN | $14039 / 1440 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 w |

## ELSEWHRES...CW

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { CM2AF } & -21038 / 1500 / \mathrm{Dec} 9 \mathrm{e} \\ \text { EOBEB } & 14046 / 0220 / \mathrm{Dec} 10 \mathrm{w} \\ \text { HISLPN } & 14056 / 0330 / \mathrm{Dec} 10 \mathrm{w}\end{array}$
AFRICA...SSB

| CNBHD | $14295 / 1300 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 m |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CN8BO | $21370 / 1430 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 e |
| CR3AH | $14216 / 1750 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 6 e |
| CRLBS | $14214 / 2050 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 e |
| CR4BC | $14240 / 1310 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 m |
| CR6NO | $14206 / 2200 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 e |
| CR6IJ | $14207 / 1920 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 e |
| CR7GJ | $14206 / 2020 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 10 m |
| CR7DS | $14333 / 1925 / \mathrm{Dec} 10 \mathrm{e}$ |  |
| CR7CM | $21355 / 1900 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 6 e |
| EAEIF | $14988 / 1830 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 6 e |
| EL2DN | $21330 / 1745 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 e |
| ELI |  |  |
| EILD | $14217 / 0045 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 e |
| EL2DG | $21320 / 1730 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 e |

## ASIA。..SSB

A4XFF 14205/1340/Dec 9e
EP2DO 14212/1300/Dec 10e\#
EP2WB 14204/1305/Dec 10e\#
EP2MW 14225/1320/Dec 7e\#
HM1CM 14208/0105/Dec 7W
HM1DK 14212/0100/Dec 6w
HS3AIG 14210/1200/Dec 3e\#
HSLAGN 14320/1225/Dec 3e
JY9CA 1L209/1530/Dec 3w
MPLBIN 14245/1450/Dec 9 m
MP4BDP $14245 / 1450 / \mathrm{Dec}$ हW

ASIA...CW
ALXFD 14033/1555/Dec 6e
UK9FAC 14035/1625/Dec 6e VS6BL 14028/0030/Dec 6e VS6AW 14058/2345/Dec 2 m

HW6AUU 1L020/1925/Dec 5e
IT9RAN 14026/1630/Dec 2W
OH3NE $14043 / 1840 / \mathrm{Dec} 3 \mathrm{w}$
OH3IR 14043/1755/Dec 5w
OHFTP $14033 / 1855 / \mathrm{Dec} 2 \mathrm{w}$
ONLBB $14063,1240 / \mathrm{Dec} 6 \mathrm{e}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { OK1NC } & 14025 / 1620 / \mathrm{Dec} & 2 \mathrm{w} \\ \text { SLI2AD } & 14035 / 2345 / \mathrm{Dec} & 4 \mathrm{e}\end{array}$
SLIAD $14035 / 2345 /$ Dec $4 e$

KGGAAY 14040/2315/Dec $4 e$ LU5BB 14043/0115/Dec 12w TT2WX 14035/1235/Dec 6e

SM3BYJ 14038/1700/Dec 1w SMøFY 14041/1610/Dec 1w UA1ZAV 14041/2255/Dec 5 e UA1ZE 14030/1815/Dec 5 m UALWAR 14045/1215/Dec Te\# UKLIAD 14017/1220/Dec be\# UKLPAA 14091/1220/Dec 6e\# UD6DJT 14043/1245/Dec 9e

TI2EV 14034/2035/Dec Be VP2LAW 14068/2140/Dec 5 m XQ3AL $14010 / 1245 / \mathrm{Dec} 6 e$

| ET | 14245/1425/Dec | 9m\# | ZS2MI | ov |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ET3USC | 14245/1450/Dec | 9m\# | ZSLAB | 21250/1600/Dec 10 m |
| FR7AK | 14287/1430/Dec | 2hs | ZS2EV | 14204/1910/Dec 5e |
| TU2EE | 21326/1640/Dec | 8 m | 3B6AX | 21264/1515. Dec 8 m |
| TU2D0 | 14202/2035/Dec | 6w | 5H3FQ | 21347/1755/Dec 10e |
| TU2DF | 14211/2305/Dec | 7 W | 535L0 | 14333/1925/Dec 10e |
| TR8VE | 14195/1445/Dec | 3hs | 5U7AZ | 21316/1740/Dee 7e |
| TJ1BF | 14280/1600/Dec | 1w | 5U7AZ | 14216/1740/Dec |
| VQ9D | 14210/1840/Dec | 12e | 5V7GE | 14319/2120/Dec |
| VQ9M | 14202/1455/Dec | 10w\# | 5Y $4 \times 1 \mathrm{P}$ | 14216/1830/Dec |
| VQ9HCS | 212m8/1655/Dec | 7 e | 6W¢̧ ${ }^{\text {dY }}$ | 21355/1810/Dec |
| 2D7SD | 14217/2020/Dec | 12 e | 9G1GG | 14333/2215/Dec - 4e |
| 2D7SS | 14209/2120/DEC | 5 e | 9GIAR | -21307/1740/Dec 10e |
| ZE4.JW | 21325/1435/Dec | 9 m | 9U5CR | 14219/1930/Dec |
| OD5FB | 14270/1400/Dec | 2hs | XV5AC | 14210/1215/Dec 12e |
| UA 9UF | 14225/1145/Dec | 7 e | XW8FN | 14201/1230/Dec 10e |
| UA ¢NTS | 14218/2305/Dec | 2 m | XW8AF | 14205/1200/Dec 9e |
| UKgUnO | 14202/1120/Dec | 7 e | $4 J \not \subset B J$ | 14240/0010/Dec 3m |
| VU2GDG | 14243/1350/Dec | 10 w | $4 \times 2 \mathrm{MJJ}$ | 14205/1500/Dec 9m |
| VU2IFI | 14202/1430/Dec | 9 m | $4 \times 4 \pi 0$ | 14227/1520/Dec |
| VU2UV | 14217/1300/Dec | 7 C | 4X4MI | 14210/1515/Dec 8w |
| VU2AIK | 14212/1300/Dec | 2 e | 5BLBJ | 14245/1440/Dec |
| vU2BX | 14212/1325/Dec | 100 | 9K2DC | 14205/1405/Dec 2m |
| VU2UK | 14212/1310/DCC | 10 e | 9K2AU | $14248 / 1440 / \mathrm{Dec} 8 \mathrm{~m}$ |


| CT2AF | 14206/1350/Dec |
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| C T2BG | 14219/1155/Dec |
| C T2BJ | 21402/1445/Dec |
| CT1UE | 21326/1705/Dec |
| DKSEZ | 14211/1500/Dec |
| EA 5AX | 14210/1535/Dec |
| EA 7DJ | 14210/1540/Dec |
| EA 4 UU | 14204/1320/Dec |


| IA6BG | $14262 / 1430 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 2 hs |
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| GI2GI | $14198 / 1535 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $9 \mathrm{w} \#$ |
| GW3NWZ | $14333 / 1735 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 e |
| HW2SI | $14201 / 1520 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $8 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{F}$ |
| ISDWE | $14213 / 1520 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 1 w |
| LA1KI | $14215 / 1445 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 e |
| IM1RF | $14200 / 1500 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 8 w |
| OK1A TE | $14221 / 1235 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 e |


| SV1AE | $14255 / 1435 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 2 hs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SV1BR | $14202 / 1500 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $\delta \mathrm{w}$ |
| SP6AAT | $14202 / 1500 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $\delta \mathrm{W}$ |
| UC2WE | $14201 / 1350 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | Bm |
| UK6GAD | $14207 / 1400 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 e |
| UW6NC | $14201 / 1245 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | Em |
| YU2CE | $14222 / 1405 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 10 w |
| 3A2CR | $14176 / 1425 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $2 h s$ | ELSEWIERES...SSB


| C21KM | $14320 / 1225 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 3 e |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CX2AX | $14203 / 1230 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 e |
| DU1CM | $14271 / 0030 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 m |
| DU1JMG | $14209 / 0205 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 10 m |
| FG7TD | $14204 / 2000 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 8 ce |
| FY7AJ | $14208 / 1135 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 e |
| FY7AQ | $14207 / 2200 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 m |
| HC $3 G I$ | $14320 / 1230 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 m |
| HF2WF | $21360 / 2035 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 8 e |
| HP1QC | $21314 / 1930 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 e |
| HPLCK | $14240 / 1310 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 m |
| KCLAAD | $14228 / 1200 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 e |
| KG6JBE | $14333 / 2245 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 e |
| KS6EZ | $14285 / 0200 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 11 w |
| KVLAB | $21221 / 1515 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $7 e$ |
| KWGGO | $14211 / 2315 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 8 m |


| IU5HFI | $14225 / 0050 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 e |
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| PJ1CX | $21320 / 1540 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 9 m |
| PJIDA | $14234 / 1300 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 2 e |
| PJ1MI | $14202 / 1225 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 3 e |
| PJ1HR | $14202 / 1230 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | Be |
| PJ1CW | $14234 / 2120 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 e |
| PI2JB | $14220 / 0505 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 5 e |
| PZ1AK | $142,4 / 1940 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 e |
| VK3PH | $14216 / 1120 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 8 e |
| VK6RU | $14220 / 2245 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $11 \mathrm{w} /$ |
| VK6IK | $14211 / 2250 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | $7 \mathrm{w} /$ |
| VK9BG | $14320 / 1224 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 3 e |
| VK9XI | $14320 / 1225 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 3 e |
| VP2VAP | $14214 / 1130 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 12 e |
| VP2SV | $14210 / 1150 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 4 e |
| VP2ME | $14231 / 1545 / \mathrm{Dec}$ | 7 e |


| WW | $14333 / 2115 / \mathrm{Dec}$ |  |
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| 2LGH | 21309/2200/Dec | 3W |
| VP5IG | 14217/1950/Dec | 3 e |
| VPSML | 14203/1455/Dec | 8 m |
| VP8MH | 14295/0425/Dec | 5 e |
| VR6TC | 14225/1530/Dec | 5 |
| WJ5SKY | 21339/1800/Dec | 6 e |
| YBøABE | 142-5/1305/Dec | 3 e |
| YS10 | 14320/1245/Dec | e |
| TG7BD | 21339/1715/Dec | W |
| TG9EP | 14333/1725/Dec | Se |
| ZK1DX | 14251/0150/Dec | 10w |
| 2P30w | 21354/1735/Dec | 30 |
| 3D2FC | 14177/0815/DEC | 50 |
| 3-110 | 21355/1815/Dec |  |
| 9 Y 4 HJ | 14319/2120/Dec | 7 C |

[ $e=$ eastern shores $m=$ middle states $w=$ western reaches $h s=$ thailand etc $]$ [\# = longpath all times in gmt ??? = Slim who has not been around lately ]

| $\frac{F O R T Y}{C N B E F}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| CRLBS | 3799/2325/Dec 10e |
| T1UE | 3790/0630/Dec 11w |
| T2HA | 3790/0555/Dec 3m |
| C T2BG | 3798/0 |
| DK4TP | 3789/0500/Dec 3m |
| T2AND | /2250/Dec |
| J6BA | 15 |
| DU1EJ | 1 |
| DU7RLC | 3793/1520/Dec 7w |
| BK | 3510/2120/Dec |
| FPCDH | 3781/0350/Dec |
| FG7TG | 3501/2230/Dec |
| F6AEM | $3789 / 0710 / \mathrm{Dec} 12 \mathrm{w}$ |
| G3TJW | 3799/0630/Dec 12w |
| G2PJ |  |
| GTw3AX | $3709 / 0750 /$ |
| CM60B | 7 |
| CMEUM | 7021/0330/Dec |
| CX5CB | 7010/0500/Dec |
| ETJA | 7030/2140/Dec |
| FPGC | 7005/2120/\#ov |
| KクU | 7010/1100/Dec |
| HKøbKX | 7002/0200/Dec 10w |
| HISLPN | 7025/1240/Dec |
| HP1EE | 7019/1230/Dec |

HG5A 3510/2150/Dec 8e HK $\varnothing$ BKX 3796/0350/Dec 10w HW2MO 3786/0555/Dec 3m HW9YZ 3787/0630/Dec 7e IIMOL 3501/2220/Dec 6e I1RB $375 \% / 0625 / \mathrm{Dec} 7 \mathrm{e}$ JY3ZH 3788/0500/Dec 10e IZ1KSP 3503/0220/Dec qe M1C 3796/0600/Dec 12e MP4BIN 3797/0615.Dec Be OH1XX 3793/0510/Dec 7e ONLTJN $3799 / 0625 / \mathrm{Dec} 12 \mathrm{~W}$ 0X3JW 3781/0450/Dec 3w PJ1DA 3802/0145/Dec 11e PY1LW 3513/0020/Dec Be KG6SW 3今06/1450/Dec 9w SP3DOI 377\%/0530/Dec 5e
HIBHAM 700:/0130/Dec 10w HK5BIR 7009/0525/Dec 12W HR1KS 7030/0235/Dec 2m IBAOH 7027/0555/Dec 5m KP 4DJE 7032/0300/Dec 12w KV4FY 7027/0225/Dec 10w KVLAV 7180/0245/Dec 10e KV4IG 7032/1310/Dec be

| SB | ec |
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| SM6GZ | 3789/0600/Dec 7m |
| TI2AD | 3795/0600/Dec 3m |
| TI2WD | 3502/0120/Dec 3e |
| TU2DO | 3779/0630/Dec 6w |
| UA3VBN | 3512/2250/Dec |
| VP2II | 3796/2245/Dec |
| VP9GR | 3782/0120/Dec 9m |
| VS6GM | 3795/1500/Dec 7w |
| XV5AC | 3784/1445/Dec |
| YU3CDS | 3788/0520/Dec |
| YULEEST | 3787/0610/Dec |
| YS1FQM | 3789/0350/Dec |
| YV5BP | 3795/0315/Dec |
| ZS6DW | 3777/0320/Dec 10w |
| 2E6J | c 10e |
| 9M2CJ | 3785/1420/De |
| OA2NCD | 7013/2325/Dec |
| PYay | 7030/0040/Dec 10w |
| VP2KX | 7017/0105/Dec |
| UK¢ZAD | 7028/1215/Dec |
| ZMLINH | 7010/1220/Dec |
| 4L¢K | 7209/0425/Dec 9w |
| 575DM | 7019/0500/Dec 15w |
| 9Y4TU | 7002/0020/Dec 10w |

## CALENDAR

MELLIIA
BA JA NUEVO
BHUTAN
SAN ANDRES
MADEIRA
MAYBES
SINT MAARTEN
KH4NCA
WORLD DX TEST
HUNGGARIAN TEST

Postponed until January
Next week for five days from December 24th A55KV around January 1st by W6KNH and VU2KV
Wguc w and WgYYG from December 29th
CTRAZ for two weeks in January at CT3-land
Phoenix Islands in January.....Spratly in February..
W2JKN signing PJGHR in late January.:.also FDAYO/FS7
Dec 15-17th. 70th Anniversary of Wilbur and Orvilles flight.。 Starts January 1st. A full year of effort. Brazilian DX Club. December 22/23rd

PREFIXES There will be some changes in callsigns with some new assignments by the ITU。 These include:

| Papua (VK. ) | Will be P2A |
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| New Guinea (VK9) | Will be P2Z |
| Singapore (9V1) | will be S6A to S6Z |

We are not sure of the effective date but it probably will be soon. Those VK9s went independent a few weeks back.

POSTAGE As of this week-end there still was no definite word on whether postage rates will go up on January 5th. We are still holding our breath on increasing the rates for the bulletin and should we go right down to the wire and then find out that the postage rates are not going up, there will be an adjustment on any subscriptions paid at the new rates.
The Pastal Service is hell-bent on avoiding any problems in this years Christmas mails. Any area where the mails are not current gets immediate high level attention and the teletype down at the office clatters out the situation all across the country and identifying those areas where even the slightest problem may exist. Theres no longer. any refuge in anonymity.
There also seems to be some changes developing outside the Post Office on whether the Postal Service, or any governmental agency, should ever be a profit making organization. Service...yes. Efficiency...yes. Profits.....well, in an inflationary cycle and with costs going up, the constant increase in. postage may in the end be contrary. to the idea of supplying a service.
One thing for sure, the Postal Service is not in the same condition it was a year ago. It has come a long ways back but there is little relaxation.
IRAQ A French firm has signed a 133 million dollar contract to build the first steel making complex at Khor Al-Zubair. France has an agreement with Iraq to supply technical assistance in return for oil at a low price. These may not affect DXing directly but often a rare one has been opened up by DXers following the work. in business deals.

ARRI President Harry Dannals, W2TUK, has announced some appointments to the various Gdvisory committees, some moribund, some not, and rather than list, the whole roster of changes, we will only concentrate on the DX Advisory Commitee. Certainly this. should be the most important one
New members on the DX Advisory Committee are Dr. J R Sheller of Groveport, Ohio. If you are looking for the call in the Call Book, it is in capital letters and easy to find. The other new appointee is John Ravenscroft, VE2NW, of Dorval, Guebec. The change involves adding one additional member to the DX Advisory Committee so that it now totals eleven and WSBF, J.O. Baumgardner, has completed his service on the Advisory Committee. The committee now has W1BIH, WA2EQG; W3BWZ, KLIKR, W5AO, W6RGG, WTIFA, WAOZDF, W9NN, WDELA and VE2NV. W1QV continues as ARRI Board Liasion to the DX Commititee.
The FCC has released a Notice of Inquiry, Docket No. 198dO, to ex pand the facilities available for emergency medical communications. Most of the frequencies concerned are in the $150-450 \mathrm{Mhz}$ area.
WIAW will not transmit code practice or lalletins on ten or fifteen meters during late hours after January 1st due to lack of long-distance 'propagation. The Board of Directors will meet. at Newington on January 17th. If you have any ideas nh how to run the corporation, get them to your director right now.

TNX to W1AM, W1JFL, K2BT, W2FPM, WAQMVQ, W2OVC, K3TUP, W2PN, WLBAA, WLEH, K4EKJ, W4GIS, W4 HU, WLKA, WBLSIJ, W4TUC, WLUF, W5AK, WA $5 E M H, ~ W 5 U B W, ~ K 6 A Q V, ~ K 6 K A, ~ T E L A E, ~ W A ~ G M W G, ~$ K6SE 2 , W6 TSQ, W6TTS, K6UFT, WB6UOM, W6VBI, K6WR, WB6ZUC, WA $7 \mathrm{KEF}, \mathrm{K} 7 \mathrm{NHG}$, W7KSG, W7YR, WBBQV, WEOA, WEZOK, WB9EBO, K9OTB, WA ${ }^{2} E T C$, HSLAGN

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