

January 15, 1974. 3-74.

BHUTAN Clyde, W6KNH, and Venkat, VU2KV, have not as yet been able to make the A55KV effort but the prospects are still not closed out.

With the goal of making the attempt by January 9th not being possible, Clyde has gone visiting, working down to Ceylon to visit Paddy and will possibly visit some other friends in the area around the India-SouthEast Asia area. Venkat is returning to his work to preserve some of his leave.

The two are looking to the period around January 23rd for a possible A55KV effort. If all: the problems have been solved by then, Clyde will return to Calcutta to

join with Venkat and on to Bhutan and A55KV.

Venkat a week ago indicated that more information was being sent in a letter but as of Friday it had not arrived. There is good possibilities that more information will develop in the coming week and this will be in time for any possible effort after January 23rd. Meanwhile, as the Hero of Mafeking would often say: "Be Prepared!".

CLIPPERTON The Republic of France has given approval for an expedition aimed at 'medical and metereologial studies in the eastern Pacific — Clipperton Island' for the Fall of 1974. The permit has been issued to the Universities of Freiburg in Germany and the University of Zurich in Switzerland.

A Swiss/German scientific tem is planni; to make the studies and references have been received from R. Couban, the 'Chef du Territorire Polynesie Française', (No. 7842/CAB), also C Hollmann, Noumea (No. 2276/AGL).

Four members of the scientific team are licensed amateurs, there being one HB9 and three DLs in the crew.

The purpose of the trip to the eastern Pacific and Clipperton is officially for scientific studies. There are still a number of matters to be worked out which include financing and transportation. However, more information on this scientific group and their Clipperton plans will be developing in the coming months.

CHAGOS Another station is headed out that way, WB2VUO will arrive there sometime in the week. He will sign his own call /VQ9 and plans to work 10/15/20mtrs. A station which previously has been on Chagos, WB6VGI/VQ9 has returned to the states and any QSLs for this Chagos operation can be sent to: Larry Minnis, 1826B Annapolis Road, Ft. Meade, Maryland 20755.

SPRATLY Apparently the continued erratic to poor propagation conditions have brought some more consideration of the proposed Spratly Island effort which was due in February and the latest word is that there will be no Spratly effort by the group in 1974.

Part of the hope of the effort was to make Spratly available to the East Coast. In recent months XU1AA in the same area has been on regularly but some parts of the country still have difficulty in cornering this one.

Don Riebhof has been at Phom Penh on temporary duty for some months and it is possible that this may stretch into an extended stay there. In addition to the period around 1300-1400Z, XU1AA is sometimes found in the 14224kc area around 0045Z.

SUNSPOT LOUIE

Observations a week ago showed no significant sunspots and up to that time in 1974, the observations on the four days that cloud cover allowed it showed nothing.

WWV has been broadcasting a variety of reports during this period...N5, N6 and N7. There have been some brief openings but nothing really consistent.

For those trying to spot Kohoutek, it is ust about an impossibility without some strong binoculars or such. It just did not develop the way it was supposed to. Just wait for Halleys in 1985...a proven performer!!

UPDATES W5RG, Tom Gentry, has returned home from Baylor Hospital and the doctor says he has to rest for several weeks. Not ven allowing him to listen at this time. Tom recently passed the 50 year mark as a amateur, reaching this last month. He has had the same call all the way.

8 Jan

1430Z

KV/AA, Dick Spenceley, is home after being discharged from the hospital on Dec 28th. Dick was hospitalized on December 8th and pronounced out of danger the following day on December 9th. However, after his first trip to a hospital in 68 years, he says that he has had enough of that type of visits.

Anyone looking for Dick can find him: 7195kc from 1110Z to 1125Z. 14289kc from 1130Z to 1200Z beaming southwest and then beaming to the states from 1200Z to 1230Z. At 2200Z he goes c.w. at 14081kc. Dick wishes to convey his thanks for those who remembered him with 'get well'cards during his stay at the hospital.

SHORTLY NOTED EA9AA showed last week but was due to secure by Saturday. Signals to the West Coast were not especially strong but many did manage to get through. CR9AK has not returned to Monaco as yet and no one has the word when Fern might show up. VS6AW who has been aiming for a CRO bit of action before leaving his post in Hong Kong is anxiously waiting. Doug is due to depart that post on February 17th and he is hoping that CR9AK returns prior to that date.

During the last couple of weeks we have had XUSEC, 5U4GB and 5Y4GT showing on c.w. One of these days we may be surprised but we are sure that all of these are Ślim in his many disguises.

K2BT is handling the QSLs for KX6LA. Jim Rafferty who handles the VP2LI QSLs notes that Bob McClements has returned to GM-land and anyone wanting VP2LI should direct their hopes to Jim, 555 West Middlefield, Apt H-103, Mt. View, Ca. 94043. JH3HPX is handling the QSLs for VK9RY and AX9RY. JH3HPX QTH in latest CBs. The Electronics Museum at Foothill Collage near San Jose is looking for old files

The Electronics Museum at Foothill Coll ge near San Jose is looking for old files of QST. Anyone who might help can drop a line to the foregoing WA9UCE/6.

3D6AX is thinking of some 3B9 action... he is needing the loan of a suitable transceiver. There are weekly flights to Rodriguez and transportation would not be the problem. CR3AH usually has a Monday schedule with K8LJD at 14210kc/2100Z; Sam Yates, KA2AI, will be returning to the San Diego area in mid-year to sign W6PYT.

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[e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches hs = thailand etc [all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Son of a Gun!! It's Slim on Cray Island!!!]

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3529/0415/Jan

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3785/1600/Jan 6w

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3512/0450/Jan

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3796/0725/Jan. 5e

G3KFT

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GW4ACO

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CALENDAR

BHUTAN
CLIPPERTON
CHAD
BRITISH PHOENIX
ARRL DX TEST
CQ 160mtr TEST
BARBADOS
CAICOS
GRAND CAYMAN

W6KNH and VU2KV still hopeful. Scientific group headed for there this Fal...

TT8AC possible next week by 9G1AR
W6LUV due there to operate for next two months. KB6 and VK1FD
1st Phone...February 2/3rd lst 3.W...February 16/17th...

January 25/27th...
W1RED signing 8P6EZ from Jan 16-31st...all bands, all the time.
W4BRB signing VP5GS in the 165mtr test end of next week.
W9ABA signing ZF1BR late February for two weeks...

MELLISH There has been no new information on this one and its acceptance for DXCC credit but something might develop during the coming week. The ARRL Board of Directors will be in session this week and the series is very possible that a decision will be at that time. It might be possible to go some information on the matter by listening to the WIAW bulletins though this may be something that will be run by the board to see if anyone takes a shot at it and then the decision will be made by staff in line with their authority.

It might be recalled that the VK9JW was already posted for acceptance on November 1st back in 1972 when the WIA a few days prior to that date wrote the ARRL and asked that credit be postponed because of some allegations made.

The ARRL, and others, then tried for a year to get the WIA to clarify and substantiate their position. Apparently this has never been possible and the WIA after raising the question, would not pursue it further nor would they clear the cloud of . doubt they had created.

The ARRL, should they take the position of accepting VK9JW QSLs, will expose itself to possible future criticism should later information ever develop that would in any way indicate that the VK9JW criticisms were based on fact. While this is not expected and the intent here is to review the ARRL position, it must be acknowledged that in this instance the ARRL finds itself trying to handle a situation which it did not create. In trying to be equitable and just in evaluating the VK9JW, the ARRL must put itself in a position where its credibility and the integrity of the DXCC may at a later date be endangered.

From all the information that has come this way, it does seem that the VK9JW was a valid operation and that the whole matter was largely due to a clash of personalities both on the DXpedition and within the WIA. It is anticipated that the VK9JW will be accepted for DXCC purposes. In the exhilaration that may come with this credit, it should not be overlooked that the ARRL to some degree is sticking its neck out and that the problem certainly should have been handled by the WIA which raised the matter in the first place.

NEW OFFICERS Down in the So Calif. DX Club, the new hands at the helm for the coming year will be: Prex Larry Weaver, WoJPH; Vice-prex John Alexander, K6SVL; Secretary Roger Trapp, K6SSN; Treasurer John Cashen W6KNC and Director Geo Torricelli W6OK.

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The CHINA DESK A couple of weeks back the air was turgid with rumors about a bunch of licenses being issued to some communications engineers engaged in installing micro-wave systems on the Peoples Republic of China railways. It did not ring just right and we cautiously noted the story. Meanwhile we had the China Desk check the story and the early premise appears to be correct.... There are no China licenses issued to any outsiders.

Back about the time of President Nixons visit to Peking, some RCA engineers installed some satellite communication gear. They made some inquiries about possible licenses. Nothing doing. Others who are in the country there on one matter or another...either official representatives of various governments or businessmen ...have been making hopeful inquries. Some rate their chances at less than 1 in 100 but are keeping up the hope.

the hope.

Some there say that a BY operation is something that is coming...like old age. But when, that's another question. No one out at the China Desk will hazard a guess but

it is not that last one reported. That is for sure.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1QV, W1RED, W1RML, K2BT, W2FPM, W2OVC, W3CDL, K3ZOL, W4BRB, W4EH, W4FPW, W4GTS, W4KA, W4NJF, WB4TPU, W4TC, W4UF, K5FKD, WA6BJS, K6HTM, WA6MWG, K6OZL, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6TWT, K6UFT, W7YR, W8BQV, W8OA, K8RWL, W8ZOK, WA9UCE/6, K9WEH, W9YRA, W9ZTD, WB/GOB, WØJRN, WØNDX, DL2AA/W1, KA2AI, KV4AA, VS6AW.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and cast his beady-eyed smile at us. We should have been wary. "You know", the QRPer started in, "recently we have been having all these problems in Amateur Radio. The Repeater Docket. The 220mc Grab. The wrangling with the FCC. The Phone DXCC Certificate. You know what I mean, don't you?" We knew and we nodded sagely. "Well", the QRPer went on, "I have come up with a solution. A solution not only for these problems but for any that might arise in the future. The QRPer stopped talking and stood there with that anticipatory smile gleaming at us. Finally we had to get him going again by saying "Well?". That QRP smile grew wider and brighter. "My Solution", he declaimed, "is the Great Panacea. The Great Panacea! And the Great Panacea will solve all these and other problems. Everything .. You know, we thought this over for a bit and finally had to ask. "How will it work?". The QRP smile slid dem to a frown. "Look", the QRPer said. "I deal in concepts. Big concepts. And the Great Panacea is the dawn of the Big Concept in Amateur Radio. I figured out the concept, let someone else work out the details". Son of a Gun, what could we say? Sometimes we think these great thinkers are away beyond us. Other times we wonder just where they are. While we seek the answer to the riddle of the ages, \$10.50 will bring you the WCDXB by 1st Class mail...\$12.00 flys it!!

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