

BHUTAN Elsewhere in this issue is a letter from Venkat, VÜZKV, on the situation on his and WóKNHs plans for the A55KV effort. All the plans are aimed at this Wednesdayg in the hopes that the transportation problems might be straightened out. Clyde has moved on to Colombo, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok in the last couple of weeks to visit his friends in those areas. If the transportation problems seem to have straightened out by mid-week, Clyde will return to Calcutta to meet again with Venkat. You can read the full details on an inside page.

CLIPPERTON Really no new developments on this one but a lot of hope. In any plans for FOSC-Clipperton, and most other DXpeditions, the main problems are usually transportation, financing and licenses/landing permission. During the last week there have been indicators that at least two of these three problems with regard to Clipperton will present no great problem and it is hoped that the third one will have a proper conclusion before long.

This one does seem to have some possibilities this time. As Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking would often say: "Be Prepared!!".

MELLISH We will have to admit that we got our head down and neck bowed and charged full tilt ahead, and overlooking the fact that Official Bulletin #461 from the ARRL was right on the desk. Anyhow, we will give it to you right now...

Newington, Ct. January 3, 1974
To ALL RADIO AMATEURS

Attention DXers. The questions which were raised concerning the DXpedition operation from Mellish Reef by VK9JW and VK4FJ/Mellish have been investigated and reviewed by the ARRL Awards Committee and the DX Advisory Committee. The conclusion reached is that DXCC credits will be given for both operations. Confirmations will be accepted starting April 1, 1974. Further details March QST.

Sixteen months after credit originally was to be given for VK9JW, it would seem that it will finally make it and the long period of recriminations will come to an end.

CHAD Late word was that 9G1AR would be in Ft. Lamy towards the end of the month and the cryptic word would indicate this coming week-end. Indicators are that any uperation will be a Friday-Monday effort. Harry is reported to be taking a KWM 2 and a 312BS....plus a small beam. Some say that operations most likely will be on 10/15mtrs...others say that permission is only for two days. Check 9G1AR's reports and you will have some idea where the TTS-Chad operation might lurk.

EGYPT VE3AII/SU whom we have had some bare reports on in recent weeks has been heard with increasing frequency. Says he will be in the area for about three months and starts operation around 1200Z several days of the week. W/Ks finding him around and just under 14200kc. Often found working VEs down in the 14170kc/14180kc country. QSLs to VE1AL.

SUN SPOT LOUIE....

Conditions have not been the best for any observations in recent weeks due to the almost constant cloud cover but the clouds did clear enough for this observation and, Son of a Gun, there were four spots present. The top three range up around 15 000 miles in diameter while the one at the bottom which was just making its appearance at the time of the observation, is about 8000 miles in diameter.

The top spot should have appeared about January 10th with the others following with

one or two days intervals.

WWW has been forecasting N5 and N6 for several days prior to this observation and band conditions have been sporadic. Openings on the higher frequencies have been brief while the lower frequencies are generally more reliable. These sunspots should produce some band activity for several days from the period of the observation. The Zurich smoothed sunspot number for October has been reported as '33". During the big days of the CQ WW Test, October 27/28th, the sunspot number was 63 on Oct 27th and 66 on Oct 28th...a day later it was even better at 70 sunspots noted. The predictions for the coming months are: February/26..March/25 and April/24. Hold on, there's a bottom to everything.

SOME SHORT NOTES Sometimes we feel live a bride looking for universaries and we will have to admit that we have turned another one.

This issue marks the 300th consecutive weekly issue of the West Coast DX Bulletin.

Divide that by 52 and you will get an idea of the weers...

You will note that this week we again cat ambitious. Maybe we should not have. On Friday evening, usually a period of work in getting the bulletin out, we were in San Francisco for a seven hour meeting of the Northern California DX Foundation: The meeting went well except for one who carted dinner ath escargots, went on to sweetbreads and finished up with either ice cream or chees take. We could not bear to look. In between he was calling for the strolling violinist to play obscure airs like the waltz from Der Rosandavellier. Low do you tike that Anyhow, we finally got home at 2:00a. It and have struggled through this happy day.

We probably will make it to the Post office in time with but a part of the mailing, and hopefully the airmail and out-of-state copies will go in the mail Saturday and the California copies no later than Sundry. If we omitted any answers to inquiries

with your copy, you might understand my.
We are more and more convinced that there is more to news every week than we have time and space to accompanies. We have been edging over towards a possible change and this may burst out upon you later this year. It is anticipated that possibly everyone may find it a bit more of verything.

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However, lets face it. We do get a measure of enjoyment out of the bulletin and certainly we have met a lot of fine DXers...and DXers have always been the best of the breed. The only thing we have not been able to conjure up are more sunspots but we are working on it and we figure by 1975 we will have perfected things and you will see the sunspots start increasing.

All the help over the years has been approciated. We figure that if we have made it this far we should be good for a few more....anniversaries, that is.

WUZKV..Venkat There have been many hopefully waiting for Venkat, VUZKV and Clyde, W6KNH, to find a solution to their transportation problems which delayed their Bhutan plans over the first of the year. Still hoping, Venkat writes from Calutta..

... the only airline here is government owned and they have been on a lock-out since November 24th. One would have thought that this would have been resolved but, unfortunately, with the fuel shortage there does not appear to be any keenness to resolve it. To keep things going the Government called in all their executive pilots and has been operating a skeleton service schedule between the major towns. As a matter of fact, it was a major problem for us to get back to Calcutta from Delhi where I had gone to meet Clyde. He, of course, had also his share of problems in getting to Delhi from Katmandu and here. It is fortunate he traveled when he did as after that time the flights from Katmandu have become erratice for want of fuel there. It was quite a job to get Clyde across to Madras on January 4th. The only alternative to air travel is to go by train but these services have also been dislocated. For one, the railwaymen thought that this was the best time to stage their part of the game. The clippings enclosed with this letter will show you how things are in this respect. In ordinary circumstances I would not have allowed these things to deter me and would have just taken off with the car though it would be a major thing for Clyde to rough it out on the road for sixteen hours!! The petrol problem is bad here where we are at a major point for fuel importation and distribution. In a remote place where it would be first necessary to move petrol stocks by road or rail, it did not seem that it would be worthwhile to take chances on the availability of petrol. These are the things that forced us to hold back. It did not seem right for Clyde, who is on a world-wide trip, to waste his time waiting for these problems to be resolved. So he decided to continue on his trip to Madras and to come back here about January 9th and we could then go north. We have changed this now. Instead of me being on vacation from my work until January 16th, I have gone back to work and plan to take ten days off from January 24th. Clyde is planning to continue on to Colombo, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and to get to Bangkok by January 23rd. If by then thens have been resolved, he will come back here from Bangkok and we will make it north to Bhutan. So for the present we are not planning on any date before the 23/24th of January. We need the transportation problems to be eased and for Clyde to be able to make it back to Calcutta. With so many flights cancelled, and even those in the international section, let us keep our fingers crossed and hope for the end of the month.

If there are any developments that should come, I am sure that either the boys on the west or east coast will get the word in a hurry. We usually have good propagation to the east coast between 1230-1400Z long path and to the west coast 0030-0130Z shortpath and then from 0130-0245Z on the longpath....

All the best wishes to the DXers for the Year 1974

Venkat ...

Galcutta 700027 9 January 1974

SHORT ENDS For the CQ WW CW Test only which covers the dates back in November, you might try W6ISQ for a QSL for the XU1AA action. Jack was there late in November and has the logs. Other than these, QSLs should go via W1YRC.

KC6SK will be finishing is tour out in the Western Carolines later this year and is thinking of possibly crising in a small boat to some good DX Spots. 7B3A showed last week...said he was on Bishop Rock south of San Biego. Even said to QSL via W6KNH. A new book out might be interesting...its 'Pitaairn..Children of Mutiny' and it is authored by Ian M Ball. Tells quite a bit about the island and about VR6TC himself. Good play for amateur radio. Not only did we run out of time this week but we also were very short on space... Son of a Gun...some will have to carry over to next week.

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

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XU1AA Don Reibhof has been in Phnom Penh for several weeks and it seems like he has possibilities of being their for several more. All is not gravy and Don writes:

... The fuel and power shortages in the U.S. are like a mere myth compared to those we face in a country immensed in war and whose meagre fuel stocks are subject always to destruction by a well-placed artillery round.

We are without power as much as we are with power. Work hours are occasional and often irregular in the Khmer Republic. For this reason XU1AA cannot be scheduled by band or mode. We will be on when I can find the time and there is adequate power. A fair amount of time will be split between CW and SSB and it is hoped to have 160mtrs on at some future date. However, precious fuel stocks for the auxiliary generator will not be used to run high power amplifiers and I am a bit reluctant to provide a D.F. target during periods when the city is being shelled. I will improve antennas when time permits and hopefully we will be able to communicate on lower power some day soon...

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE....

Drink today, and drown all sorrow; You shall perhaps DX tomorrow.....

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14208/2330/Jan 7e

14255/0010/Jan 10m

21280/1550/Jan 13m

14229/0510/Jan 13m

8P6CC

9MSJP

9M8SDA

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KC4USX

MORE RED EYED STUFF

14210/1600/Jan

14204/1440/Jan

21320/1610/Jan 10m

21273/0125/Jan 14w

14332/1950/Jan 11w

14249/0655/Jan 13m

14204/1815/Jan 13e

KP4DBR

KP4FS

KV4AD

KW6HE

KX6LB

KX6BU

OX3LP

EUROPE...SSB 14210/2130/Jan 4e HV3SJ 14227/1815/Jan 7e 21295/1410/Jan 14m CT1BH SV1HA 21300/1735/Jan 9w IMEH 14227 1610/Jan 12w 14223/1330/Jan 14m CT1UE UA 1FL CT2AK 14201/1240/Jan 7e IØAMU 14207 1600/Jan 13m UK2GKW 14235/2125/Jan 9m CT2BG 21355/1800/Jan 16w 14203 1610/Jan 10e ISØTDW 14225/1410/Jan 11e UK3QAA 14216/1520/Jan 12m DL5DD 14220/1610/Jan 10w# 14206/1325/Jan IT9ZDA UK6LAZ 14206/1820/Jan 12w DM3Q0 LA 6RL 14332/2240/Jan 13m 14207/1420/Jan 11e UR2AR EA 5AX 14209/1545/Jan 4m 14210/2230/Jan 8w LA7FD 14203/1200/Jan UW3FW EA 6BG 14214/1320/Jan 11m 14202, 1545/Jan 13m OE3PHA SP9VU 14202/1550/Jan 10w# 21415/1535/Jan 13e G5RP 14240/1555/Jan 12w OH2BH 14204/1405/Jan 9e YO2BN 21415/1520/Jan 6e G5A FA 14215/1440/Jan OK1FV 8m# 14215/1530/Jan 10w YU1BCD 14225/1610/Jan GW3AX 14220/1640/Jan 14w OK3YCE 14223/1455/Jan YU4EBL 14214/1220/Jan 9e HA 9KOB OZ4RJ 14210/1615/Jan 9w 14215/1630/Jan 13w 3A2CP HB9AHA 14216/1520/Jan 12w 14223/1550/Jan 12w OZ8KR 14215/1600/Jan 13w 3A ØYH 14206/1630/Jan 12e HB9SL PAØNAP 14212/1625/Jan 14w 14225/1500/Jan 9H4G ELSEWHERES....SSB 14338/0355/Jan 9m VPSMH 14203/1800/Jan 13e OX3EA CX4CR 14202/2355/Jan 7m 14211/2330/Jan 3e VP9HI PJ2CW 21300/1505/Jan 12e 14208/2320/Jan 13e DU1CM VR6TC 21351/0005/Tues 14204/1905/Jan 13w PJSAK 14208/2300/weekends DU1REX VR6TC 14223/0600/Wed 14266/0610/Jan 14226/2255/Jan P29FV LW DU1JMG 14222/1745/Jan 13w XP1AA 14320/1240/Jan 10e 14204/2120/Jan 6e 21355/2130/Jan 10w P29FV . FG7XL 21285/2100/Jan 14m YS1AOA 21415 1520/Jan 13e 21350/2145/Jan 12w TG9SK FG7TG 21275/1925/Jan 12w ZF1AP TI2BVF 14210/2200/Jani 8m FM7AQ ZF1AP 14211/1820/Jan 13e# 14205/1615/Jan 9m VA4SH 14205/1750/Jan 11w FG7TD 14214/0000/Jan 14e# 21295/2030/Jan 9e ZP9AK 1,4206/0105/Jan 11w VK5MF 14218/2225/Jan 13e# HC3SB ZL3UY 14210/1515/Jan 10m 14223/2310/Jan 10w VK6KK HCSGI 14225/0000/Often XU1AA VK6MK 14209/2220/Jan 10m# HH2WF 21415/1610/Jan 13e 14248/0850/Jan 12w 3D2GK 14204/2320/Jan 13e# 14246/1825/Jan VK6LK HISCNJ 7e 14274/0555/Jan 13w 5W1AN 21294/2330/Jan 14214/2215/Jan 14e HKØBKX VP1JWW 7m 21369/1700/Jan 12e 6Y5ED 14215/2230/Jan 13e 14332/2100/Jan 13w KH6HDB VP1PW 14225/0000/Jan 16w SP6AE VP2GGG 14212/2120/Jan 12e KJ6BZ 14210/0105/Jan

[e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands etc] [all times in gmt/cut ??? = Looks like Slim on Bishop Rock # = longpath

VP2GRN

VP2GJI

VP2MOP

VP2MS

VP7BC

VP7BA

VPSML

21306/1810/Jan 10e

21355 750/Jan 14w

14207, 400/Jan 13e

14212, 1520/Jan 3e

14210/1610/Jan 4w 14266/0640/Jan

14227/0040/Jan 11w

GRAND BAHAMAS The West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Club are aiming for some concerted activities over the four week-ends of the upcoming ARRL Test periods. The club is planning to establish a semi-permanent station at the Jack Tar Hotel on Grand Bahama and mann it with operators for both phone and c.w. weekends. The club plans to use different calls for each effort and they will run something like: ZF1GS/VP7, 9Y4/VP7, ZF1CW/VP7, and ZF1CW/VP7. The club is working on enlisting all the membership in participating in a gigantic effort to run up a big total in the contests. Anyone who may be interested in how the club is planning for this effort can drop a line to Gene Sykes, WABRB. Last year the West Palm Beach group ran up some big scores in the test periods and are out to improve their techniques in the coming ones

CALENDAR

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

VU2KV and W6KNH at A55KV around January 23rd if it jells...

Possible this Fall.....do your rain dance!!

9G1AR going to Ft. Lamy for a couple of days...indefinite..

W6LUV signing VR1PD for a couple of months...also KB6

VE3AII/SU there for a couple of months in the Sinai etc...

1st Phone uproar February 2/3rd....lst C.W. go-round Feb 16/17th

This week-end...jump in.

W4BRB jumping in from Caicos for the 160mtr test...VP5GS..

W1RED signing &P6EZ right along this time....all bands.

W9ABA signing ZF1BR late February

West Palm Beach Radio Club signing multiplicity of prefix variations in ever segment of the ARRL DX TEST

Special Call...Feb 8/9/10th. Opening of Electronics Museum...

KK6WSL

JACQUES BONET For years we pondered the record time for WAC and wondered if it might ever be accomplished faster than the six minutes of W6KG. Son of a Gun, out of Udny there off the North Sea comes word of a two minute WAC.

Andre Saunders, who used to sign 5Z4KL an now signs GM3VLB, writes:

It was on a WAC net in late 1967 and Jerry Plemmons (who is now WA6PKN) who at that time was 5Z4KN, in just under two minutes. I was about to think I could never find the details again but I went through my old logs and I have found it.

ON September 23, 1967, the stations in olved in this WAC were DK1AW for Europe; 4S7PB for Asia; 9U5BB for Africa; VE3K for North America; CE3ZN for South America and ZL1KG for Oceania. W5JAW was also on frequency. Some of the calls of Big DXers will be recognized in this list. My log reads:

DK1AW 1408Z Europe
CE3ZN 1408 South America
4S7PB 1408 Asia
9U5BB 1409 Africa
VE3KT 1409 North America
HC5MP 1410 (just to keep limber)
ZL1KG 1410 Oceania
W5JAW 1411

Unfortunately DK1AW was a newcomer to amateur radio and could not understand what was going on. He QSYed and none of the others made it because of the lack of an European Station. Made WAC on 160mtrs just before leaving Africa. 73 Andre

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION Over the last year we have mentioned the Northern California DX Foundation a number of times, mostly of its intent and its organization. The Foundation does seem to have conquered all the legal, corporate and IRS matters and is definitely headed down the slope towards some interesting DX developments in the coming years.

After a bit over a year in getting organized, the Northern California DX Foundation, which is listed as a non-profit educational and scientific foundation by the IRS, has a current net worth in excess of \$150,000.00. This is off the accounting firms list of value as of December 31st and should you have wondered about that figure, it is

one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

There are a number of fields in which the Foundation will be active and most of these will definitely have some tie—in with science and education. It is quite possible that science and education will find the foundation working in some rather exotic DX Qths. More information will be surfacing on this in the future, meanwhile it may be helpful to learn a bit more about this unique organization. It may influence the DX picture quite a bit in coming years.

TNX to W1AM, W2FPM, W2MIG, W2OVC, W3AG, W3BWZ, K3RLY, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4GTS, WB4SIJ, W4UF, WA3UFY, W4EH, W4HU, W4HXY, W4KA, WB4TPU, W5AK, WA5EMH, K5FKD, K5QHS, WA5ZUH, K6AQV, WA6BJS, W6HRE, W6KYA, K6LAE, WA6MWG, W6ONZ, K6OZL, W6RFF, WB6RIU, K6SE/2, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6UFT, K6VNX, K6WR, K6ZDL, WB6ZUC, K7NHG, W7YR, W8BQV, W8IBX, W8OA, W8ZOK, WA9JDT, WA9UCE/6, W9ZTD, WØUUE, KC6SK, WA4KJR/KP4, GM3VLB, G3RFG, HS4AGN.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and stopped to talk for a bit. "You know", the QRPer said, "I've been down at Unction Junction on 75 meters and I cannot understand how those inhabitants there can do it day after day. If they are not telling each other of their own innate cleverness, the are tied up in a round-robin of mutual back-scratching. Tell me, how can they stand it?". Son of a Gun, there seem to be few simple questions left in the world these days so we skipped this one over to the Old Timer. He jumped right in. "Even better than telling the world how clever you are is to hear someone else tell of your cleverness. And it has always been thus". You know, we thought this over for a bit. We can understand how all DXers are clever, but rag chewers on seventy-five seem to be something else. While we seek the DX Rosetta Stone and the answer to the riddle of the ages, \$10.50 will bring you the weekly clues by 1st class mail....\$12.00 flies it in....

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