

# WEST COAST DX Bulletin

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FRED LAUN--LU5HFI DXers were shocked last Friday when there were radio reports that Fred Laun, LU5HFI, a U.S. Embassy branch public affairs official in Cordoba, Argentina, had been kidnapped by leftist guerillas from his home in Unquillo, a small town about 15 miles from Cordoba.

The kidnapping took place early in the morning there in Cordoba and it was believed that there had been a struggle and possible gunfire. It was reported that the kidnapping had been done by a group of eight armed men and one woman operating in two automobiles.

Late Friday there were radio reports that Fred Laun had been found wounded in a riverbed, in serious condition but still alive. Possibly by the time you receive this bulletin there will be further reports in the newspapers.

The news came as a shock to amateurs everywhere for LU5HFI had been one of the most active stations in Argentina after Fred got established, coming there from Saigon. A letter was received from Fred at the WCDXB last Thursday advising of some of the matters developing by some LU-amateurs and there were many phone calls from DXers all across the country who had been upset by the news.

MACAO CR9AK, Fern, is back in Macao and with bum traps in the Telrex tri-bander. An invitation has been extended for Chester from XV5AC to operate the station there in Ferns home when he is in the area but the antenna problem may hamper things. Chester is due to depart Saigon soon but is hoping for a CR9-Macao operation before departing the Orient. Something may develop in the coming weeks.....Hopefully.

JOHN LUNSFORD The 'Chester' of XV5AC will be leaving Saigon where he has been the Communications Officer at the U.S. Embassy though there is a bit of uncertainty about his next stop.

Last week Chester got a wire advising that the State Department wanted him to go to Accra in Ghana and this would necessitate him being in Dallas about May 20th to get some training at the Collins Radio School there.

However, Chester indicated that things were not completely firmed up as yet and the next station might be South America. However, should he go to Accra he would be anticipating some DXing trips to the nearby countries.

XV5AC will be going off the air soon as Chester starts to take the station apart for shipping. He was not jumping for joy about taking down the big Telrex 20meter beam, saying that that was a weeks work in itself.

Chester, whose home call is W4EVG, will be back in the States next month and probably will be surfacing from some DX spot later this year. But he is still hoping for that CR9-action....if things break right. A new station is expected to surface from Saigon soon and this one probably will be signing XV5AA.

CAMPBELL ISLAND ZL4NJ/A has been showing on the Pacific DX Net at 14265kc. The indications are that if you mention you need Campbell during a check-in to the Pacific DX Net, and ZL4NJ will slide a few kcs up or down to listen for you.

ZL4NJ/A and ZL3IT maintain a schedule on a daily basis...3765kc. One problem with this one is that we do not have the time.



SUNSPOT LOUIE A group of eight small sunspots showed around April 5th, these being in the small category and were about 7000 to 9000 miles in diameter. By April 9th they were well defined and appeared to be in the formative stages. The following day, April 10th they had developed further, several of the smaller spots merging into larger, and more definitely defined sunspots. This group was expected to be active for several days, having a definite effect on the bands and the propagation conditions. On the date of this observation, WWV was forecasting U-5 for this date. By April 10th the three larger spots had enlarged with the lower one at 25000 miles long and 15000 miles wide. The next two larger ones are about 15000 miles in diameter. Conditions did improve last week with signals opening into Asia and Europe. At times the signals were peculiar but no one was complaining too hard...only doing their Sunspot Dance a bit more frantically.

For those who fear the future has been phased out of existence after reading some of the recent magazine articles on sunspots, it might be noted that Industrial Research Magazine in their February 1974 gave more space to the predictions from the Kitt Peak National Observatory that there are definite signs of the new cycle, and that the new cycle which is expected to be starting soon is expected to peak around 1980. Previously we have reported this Kitt Peak prediction...Drs JW Harvey, B.A. Gillespie, W.C. Livingston and K Harvey say that it is coming.....and, Son of a Gun, these astronomers should know, that's what they are paid for. Trust in the good news, there is enough bad stuff around.

SHORTLY NOTED W1YRC has received XV5AC logs for December 17, 1973. Bob is expecting more to come from Chester as he tears down XV5AC. Bob is handling both XU1AA and XU1DX QSLs. That JX2FL goes to the Norwegian Embassy, Reykjavik, Iceland. 9X5NA runs a frequency with W7LFA Sat/Sun..14285kc at 1900Z. Also meets WB6WKF at same frequency some week-days, at 1845Z. This is a missionary group and they are limited in operating time by some supply problems. VP8NP, Ian, will be replacing VP8MS on Argentine Island there in the Antarctic. 7P8AY QSLs all cleared up by K3TUP...he skeds 7P8AY Tuesdays..21410kc/1600Z. 7P8AY should hve beam up by now. The West Palm Beach Club will blast a number of signals out for the Florida QSO Party April 27/28th. W4BRB will be portable from Glades County in the Lake Okeechobee country..all bands..all modes. W4RTX will be portable in Monroe County; WB4PPW and WB4NZM from St. Lucie; K4VC and WB4OVH from Martin County. Work 5 WPalm Beach club members and they will force their Sailfish Certificate on you. ZF1AL QSLs are all in the mails...3800QSLs/285 multipliers. VP5CW said to have run up 3000 QSOs in the WPX. FY1RO, the 160mtr hope down that ways, will be back in Massachusetts late this month. ZF1BR will be headed for Grand Cayman later this year and W4KA will continue to handle QSLs. 9A0AA to Box 29, San Marino. KB6CSM to K0DSD.

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Bob K6AHV

Big Joe K6CAZ



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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Sunspot and Evening Star, And one clear call from me..

AFRICA...CW

CR6JO	21050/1750/Apr	5m	ZE8JJ	14034/1245/Apr	8e	9J2CL	21035/1450/Apr	9m
EA8CS	21041/1715/Apr	8m	ZS1RY	14032/1540/Apr	9e			
XT2AQ	14033/2240/Apr	2e	5Z4JX	14082/2010/Apr	5e			

ASIA....CW

CP9QN	14054/1955/Apr	5m	UL7VAG	14017/0230/Apr	7w	UL7SJ	14023/1615/Apr	6w
JY9FOC	14027/1530/Apr	4e	UL7EAH	14018/1520/Apr	7w	VU7GV	14029/1610/Apr	1e
UAØVG	14021/1320/Apr	6e	UL7EP	14044/1510/Apr	8w	9M2DW	14030/1500/Apr	5e
UJ8AC	14028/0225/Apr	8e	UL7PGB	14045/1515/Apr	8w	9M2CW	14032/1520/Apr	4w
UK9HAD	14031/0300/Apr	10m	UL7EAM	14035/0255/Apr	9w	9V1OK	14046/1525/Apr	8w
UK9LAA	14011/1450/Apr	6w	UL7PQ	14037/0325/Apr	9w			

EUROPE...CW

EA4CR	14030/1605/Apr	4w	IØZQ	14046/1600/Apr	9w	UD6DJT	14016/0350/Apr	9w
F9IQ	14029/1640/Apr	4w	ISØFPH	21072/1510/Apr	9m	UK6DAD	14033/1540/Apr	2e
G2BY	14030/1620/Apr	4w	PAØPOC	21074/1600/Apr	9m	UP20Y	14050/2025/Apr	5e
GB2SM	14026/1525/Apr	7w	TF3AW	14016/1825/Apr	6w	YU2CBM	14022/1625/Apr	9w
HB9AMZ	14011/1440/Apr	6w	UA4BP	14035/1815/Apr	9w	4U1ITU	14038/2100/Apr	5m
I2LI	14031/1545/Apr	9w	UC2LAM	14033/1235/Apr	2e	9H1NR	21051/1615/Apr	9m

ELSEWHERE...CW

CM2VG	14059/1820/Apr	5m	HKØBKK	14050/2205/Apr	3e	VA4IP	14075/0215/Apr	12w
CM2UG	14016/2020/Apr	5e	HKØBKK	21028/1900/Apr	9m	VK4OM	14021/1330/Apr	6e
CO2BM	14073/1210/Apr	3e	KEØCSM	14056/1735/Apr	5m	VP2ST	14024/2020/Apr	5e
CO2BB	14038/1915/Apr	5m	KS6RPI	14035/2340/Apr	8m	VP5WW	14031/1620/Apr	1e
CO6AH	21043/1920/Apr	3m	KZ5BH	14014/1225/Apr	2e	VP9HO	14045/1945/Apr	5m
CO8HJ	14043/1910/Apr	3m	LU6HGJ	14007/2355/Apr	8m	XQ2AL	14014/2330/Apr	3w
DU1AFS	14018/1455/Apr	9e	KP4DJ	14045/0000/Apr	9m	YV5TT	14042/2355/Apr	8m
FG7AM	14035/2030/Apr	6e	OA4XK	14055/1250/Apr	11w	ZL4NH	14015/1210/Apr	2e
FG7TG	14054/1200/Apr	2e	PJ2NR	14047/2350/Apr	3e	ZP4EC	14090/0130/Apr	8w
FGØBAR	21058/1800/Apr	9m	TI2BEV	14030/1830/Apr	3m	ZP3CA	14024/2340/Apr	3w
HP1XYZ	14055/2350/Apr	3w	TI2WD	14023/1215/Apr	3e	OX3MD	14009/1610/Apr	6w

AFRICA...SSB

CR3AH	14280/2000/Apr	5e	VE6/SU	14236/1725/Apr	3e	5U7AZ	14205/2240/Apr	7e
CR4BC	21305/1920/Apr	6m	VQ9D	14217/2055/Apr	6e	5U7AZ	21296/1725/Apr	3e
CR4BS	14207/2005/Apr	5e	VQ9R	14232/1640/Apr	4e	6W8DY	21355/1845/Apr	8w
CR4BS	21355/1820/Apr	8e	VQ9RK	14243/1830/Apr	5e	9G1HI	14214/2225/Apr	5e
CR6MX	14218/2355/Apr	7e	VQ9D	21291/1620/Apr	2e	9G1GG	14332/2330/Apr	7
CR6OR	21355/1820/Apr	8e	XT2AR	14216/2305/Apr	9w	9X5NA	14230/1950/Apr	6e
EA8HS	14202/0010/Apr	9m	XT2AA	14237/1900/Apr	6e	9X5VA	21350/1800/Apr	9e
EL4D	21355/1825/Apr	8e	ZD7ES	14218/2115/Apr	3e			
EL7F	21355/1825/Apr	8e	ZS6QH	14204/1230/Apr	8w			
ST2SA	14332/2000/Occasn'y		5N2ESH	14212/2100/Apr	6e			

ASIA...SSB

AP2AD	14202/0200/Apr	12w
EP6CC	14202/2200/Apr	2e
HS4AKF	14207/1415/Apr	6w
JD1ACH	21295/0030/Apr	8w
VU2DK	14237/1550/Apr	6w
XW8GP	14300/1440/Apr	7m
XV5AC	14223/1550/Apr	9w
4Z4LF	14225/2120/Apr	3e
8Q6AC	14199/2000/Apr	1e

EUROPE...SSB

CT2BG	21355/1830/Apr	8e
EA6BG	14210/2115/Apr	3e
GI3MVN	14207/1755/Apr	8w
JX2FL	14219/1305/Apr	8e
ZB2BL	14202/1930/Apr	7e
4U1ITU	14205/1540/Apr	4e
4U1ITU	21302/1810/Apr	9m



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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

CF2UN	14218/2125/Apr	8w	KG4BS	14230/2100/Apr	7e	VK7CL	14237/1305/Apr	3e
CE1LN	14208/0115/Apr	5m	KV4AD	28565/1830/Apr	6w	VP1MPW	14201/0025/Apr	7e
FG7XL	21365/2100/Tues		LU5HFI	14219/1250/Apr	2e	VP2LBH	14210/1945/Apr	7e
FK8BB	21286/2230/Apr	7m	LU5DJB	14206/0100/Apr	4w	VP2EEA	14180/1835/Apr	5m
FY7AQ	14205/0000/Apr	5e	PJ2RR	14212/2235/Apr	5e	VP8FL	14223/0000/Apr	4e
FY7AN	28580/1835/Apr	7m	PJ2RR	21355/1825/Apr	8e	VP9GE	14332/0140/Apr	9w
HC8GI	14203/0110/Apr	8w	PJ8DX	14214/2250/Apr	9e	YN1FWN	28580/1810/Apr	6m
HI8XAA	28590/1850/Apr	6m	TG8KT	14125/1825/Apr	5m	YS1BJL	28540/2130/Apr	6m
HR1ERP	21336/1800/Apr	7e	TG9SO	28575/2115/Apr	6m	ZF1WE	14210/0110/Apr	6w
KG4FX	28575/1815/Apr	6w	VK3ACE	14218/1230/Apr	3e	6Y5LA	14266/1225/Apr	2e
KS2RPI	14202/2245/Apr	7e	VK5VX	14219/1330/Apr	9w	7P8AY	21410/1600/Apr	6e
KS6EZ	14289/0400/Apr	3e	VK6MK	14213/1350/Apr	3e	9Y5SI	21299/1605/Apr	2e

FORTY/EIGHTY DESK

CM2VG	7007/0400/Apr	2e	OA4AHA	7008/0530/Apr	3w	VP2SG	7160/1120/Apr	6e
CM2RF	7009/0340/Apr	8e	PA0JMH	7006/0455/Apr	8w	VP5WW	7023/0400/Apr	2e
CO7SG	7025/0345/Apr	2e	PZ1CQ	7004/0330/Apr	8e	YN1FWN	7185/0420/Apr	7m
DL6GB	7006/0500/Apr	8w	SM3EAG	7004/0610/Apr	8w	ZL1BMU	7044/1000/Apr	6e
FG7AM	7042/1005/Apr	6e	TG9SI	7210/0400/Apr	6e	ZL4NH	7020/1120/Apr	7e
HB9AHA	7005/0335/Apr	8e	UC2LB	7003/0410/Apr	8w	ZL2BT	7091/1050/Apr	7e
HI3XPA	7160/1100/Apr	6e	UK2FAH	7003/0425/Apr	8w	ZF1WE	7160/1100/Apr	6e
HK3CTJ	7013/0450/Apr	2w	VK2WC	7086/1050/Apr	7e	ZP5AL	7002/0515/Apr	2w
HK5BY	7013/1120/Apr	4e	VK3FC	7009/1205/Apr	2e	ZS6MP	7027/0445/Apr	2w
HP1EE	7070/1140/Apr	4e	VK4BB	7145/1100/Apr	7e	5Z40Y/A	7004/0050/Apr	7e
I5IZ	7005/0440/Apr	8w	VP1AJ	7280/0230/Apr	12w	5Z4LW	7002/2245/Apr	1e
KL7AI	7015/0345/Apr	8e	VP1MPW	7006/0510/Apr	7w	8P6BU	7029/1125/Apr	4e
KZ5JM	7180/0250/Apr	7m	VP2LBH	7006/0500/Apr	7m			
LU6JAX	7005/1010/Apr	6e	VP2EEA	7008/1120/Apr	5e			
OH6YU	7005/0520/Apr	8w	VP2LAW	7010/1015/Apr	6e			
ON6NQ	7005/0515/Apr	8w	VP2GIN	7160/1100/Apr	6e			
OK1APV	7003/0415/Apr	8w	VP2GRN	7160/1120/Apr	6e			
CR3WB	3785/0610/Apr	7w	KG4FQ	3810/0525/Apr	6w	VP9AD	3804/0525/Apr	6w
CR4BS	3785/0050/Apr	3e	KG4FV	3802/0405/Apr	6w	VR1PD	3807/0840/Apr	8w
DU1XKE	3796/1410/Apr	7w	KH6AQ	3807/1355/Apr	5w	ZE6JL	3777/0400/Apr	7e
FP0BG	3785/0050/Apr	3e	KS2RPI	3792/0645/Apr	7w	ZS6DW	3778/0340/Always	
G2PU	3794/0425/Apr	8e	PA0EG	3785/0510/Apr	8w	ZK2BD	3795/1240/Apr	7w
HC8GI	3797/0400/Apr	7e	PJ9JR	3826/0400/Apr	3e	6W8DY	3790/0630/Apr	8w
HH2WF	3785/0510/Apr	8w	VP1PR	3805/0350/Apr	8w	9M8SDA	3795/1400/Apr	6w
HP1DV	3808/0410/Apr	5w	VP2AYL	3815/0125/Apr	7e			
JD1AJD	3565/1400/Apr	4w	WP7DF	3798/0120/Apr	7e			

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kv = virgin islands etc)  
 (all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Albanian Zlim..signing ZA1AG last week )

HANK AARON The Atlanta Radio Club has made arrangements to have a special call on the air, this being WH4DOC, as a salute to Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves, during the period April 8th to 18th. This was to span the period when a new Home Run record was to be expected and Aaron came through in the first home game.

The station operates from the Atlanta Stadium during the Braves baseball games. They plan a coverage from 80 through 10 meters plus SSTV. The advice was to look for WH8DOC at the lower edge of the General Class bands.

QSLs go to Box 11555, Atlanta, Georgia 11555. Gear includes Drake/Collins/Regency and Swan and the Atlanta Radio Club was planning to put six stations on the air during each game.



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## CALENDAR

Mt. ATHOS	Possible....late in May. Developments looking good.
CHINA	W1GEY this weekend....if things broke right.
IRAQ	Some looking....some hopeful... Maybe late this Fall...
BERMUDA TEST	This weekend....April 20/21st...Phone action
PACC DX TEST	April 27/28th
HELVETIA 22	April 27/28th
JERSEY ACTIVITY	GC2-stations on May 4/5th
DAYTONA	HAMVENTION....April 26th to 28th....Dayton Hara Arena
FRESNO DX MEET	The Big Fresno International DX Meeting...at the Hilton 27/28th

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEETING K6CQF who is handling the liquid suspension omnibus headed for Fresno with the Northern Calif. DXers aboard loaded, passes along the following information on the bus status at mid-April.

Three continents represented..Europe, Asia and North America. At least six of the U.S. call zones involved...a transplanted GW and an ex-HA....

Representing the ARRL will be VE3CJ...ARRL Vice-president, a Division Director, a Vice-Director, SC,s, Contest Committee and DX Committee members...and assorted QSTr.contributing editors, COs, AAs etc.

The date for the bit of madness DX meeting is less than two weeks off. Get your reservation at the Fresno Hilton.....guaranteed the maddest DX meeting of the year.

VP8RA..Karl Gamper Karl has been out of the Yukon since early March but this trip found him in the hospital for surgery rather than off somewhere DXing. Karl has had surgery four times since last summer and he says that this certainly has put a crimp in his DXing trips.

As of last week Karl was headed back to the Pacific Western Airline Weather Station there in the Yellowknife country. He was not feeling especially bouncy as he got ready for another tour as he probably will be back in the hospital for more surgery in July.

Possibly November may find Karl off...but not this Spring.

SOUTH SHETLANDS etc Nothing surfaced on this one last week though there was a goodly number willing to work LU1ZC should the station have shown. Nothing has been received which would give any light on this one and at this point it must be a case of unrequited hope.

VP8MS has passed along the information that there is a new operator on South Georgia who will be there for the better part of a year. At this point he is waiting for the authorities in the Falklands to issue him an amateur license.

Something may develop down that way one of these days. For those who thirst for a South Sandwich signal, there have been some LUs studying this possibility and something may develop during their next summer season. It is now Fall in the southern hemisphere and certainly nothing is expected this year.

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Max W5GJ

Don K5AAD

Mary W5MBB

Dave WA5ZNY



In other ARRL matters, the Khmer Republic has informed the U.S. of its permission for XU1DX to operate and the FCC has concurred.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1YRC, W2FPM, K2GBC, K2KGB, W2OVC, W3HHV, K3TUP, W4BRB, W4EH,  
W4GTS, W4HU, W4KA, WB4KZG, WB5CEW, K5FKD, WA5LES, W5RG, W5OSJ, K6CQF, K6DG, WB6JWY,  
W6KYA, WA6KZI, W6MI, W6OL, W6PT, K6PZ, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6WR, WB6ZUC, W7YTN, WB8EUN,  
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