

FRED LAUN The convalescence of LUSHFI continues good at the Gorgas Hospital in the Canal Zone and Fred passes along the following message:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their warm wishes, cards, letters and flowers that have arrived from all parts of the world. I am deeply grateful and will reply to all of you in person as soon as I am able.

> Fred Laun LUSHFI Room 12 Gorgas Hospital Balboa Heights, CANAL ZONE

More details continue to surface on the unfortunate events at Gordona there in the Argentine. It is reported that the Argentine amateurs reacted strongly to the news of the kidnapping and many say that they saved Fred's life. They went all out in arranging hospital care and handled many of the details and inquiries that came pouring into Cordona.

The Panama newspapers are reported as giving highly biased reports of the incident which finally brought some security measures and a restriction on visitors. Only a few of the local amateurs have been able to get in and visit Fred.

His stay in the hospital there is expected to continue for some weeks and this will be followed by a long period of convalescence in the States. Anyone wishing to drop a note to Fred can use the address given above.

CLIPPERTON The prospects for an FO8C-operation do not seem especially bright at this time. The main problem is, as always, license and landing permission. The group which had figured to have both have not been able to satisfy the group that was looked to for financial help that their documents do constitute valid permission to land. As of last week the group was asking for more definite documentation. Independent inquiries at French Consulates give little hope at this time. The standersponse to inquiries is 'Get Lost"...though the words may not be just those, the tone definitely is.

Some weeks back it was mentioned that Dick Reimer, W6OSU, was looking for permission and that he had already put to sea and headed south. In talking to Dick at Fresno, he indicated that he did head south from California in his private yacht while waiting for final word from French authorities...not only in the states but also in Tahiti. The final word was 'No!!' and W6OSU turned east to Acapulco, eventually returning to Southern California. Dick indicated that all his inquiries had run up against a solid wall of unchanging refusal.

LICENSE FEES ARRL Bulletin 477 passes along the following: A recent Supreme Court case concerning some of the fees FCC charges to its licensees has cast doubt over the whole procedure. Accordingly, and until further notice, the FCC fees remain at present levels insteading of advancing on May 1st as announced earlier. For amateurs, this means the basic application for new, renewed, modified and renewed or upgraded licenses continues at \$9.00, straight modifications at \$4.00, duplicates at \$6.00 and special callsigns under 97.51 remain at \$25.00.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Over the week-end of April 27/28th there had been no significant sunspots visible. But an observation on May 1st showed four spots visible, the upper two about 7000 miles in diameter and the lower two spots have come into view as the Sun rotates. It is felt that the top spot on the lower limb showed on April 30th and the lower one just in time to be observed on-May 1st. The top spot is about 15,000 miles and the lower one about 8000 miles in diameter. band conditions but not enough to get ecstatic over.

WWV was reporting U-5 at midday last Friday. Something has improved

Do not consider that listening is useless. K6UJS reports that during the last week he found the short-path open to Europe at 0940Z from the West Coast...and also open into the Far Pacific at the same time. That was 0245 in the morning local time?

ITU WEEK This will burst on you by the end of this week and it probably will be a case of working them first and worrying later whom you worked. The suffixes may be the same but there sure will be a lot of odd prefixes. Here are a few for your list:

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A couple of Armed Forces Day calls got mixed in...if you cannot recognize them, they are the ones without the ITU suffix... KF3GCM will be another Armed Forces call to be heard and we fear that the list of ITU calls is just starting. For a prefix-hunter, this may be the week of disaster. For sure this is but a partial list....

SHORTLY NOTED For some reason we seemed to have never stopped running in April and we are continuing right into May. Last week we mailed early so we could-get off to the Fresno International. This week we are again early so we can get out of state on a trip. Perhaps next week we may mail a week late as we are not due back until Friday which will put us behind schedule. However we will be on leave the following week and should catch up on everything ... including the queries we have not had time to respond to. Patience...we hope to catch everything one of these days.

A bit further on there is a report on the DXAC. A poll was taken at the DX Forum at Fresno and the results are significant. There were three variations and the votes came as follows on the three choices, those present being asked to vote only on one item:

1. No change in present DXCC set-up 38 in favor. 2. Eliminate the Phone DXCC and only have a Mixed DXCC. 22 votes in favor. 3. Establish a new CW DXCC..30 votes in favor.

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VK3JW...John Martin After being at the Fresno International DX Convention over the weekend of April 27/28th, John spent most of the next week battling a good case of influenza. John will be leaving California late this week, his schedule calling for him to be in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 8th. From there he will go on to Calgary on May 10....Toronto on June 1st and will next in Michigan for three weeks visiting friends there. Eventually he will end up at W2RBL in the New York area after visiting WA8PYL in Michigan.

If you might be watching for VK3JW, this should give you some idea of his itinerary.

CALENDAR

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ITU WEEK Mt. ATHOS LORD HOWE KINGMAN/PALMYRA JORDAN USSR CW CORSICA

May 11th to 19th. A plethora of prefixes.... Something should be announced soon. Late May Karl Gamper from VK4-Lord Howe sometime this summer. Still activities armed at some action this summer. JY9AA by WA3HUP until May 10th...check YL-SSB on 14333kc May 11/12th... FCØBAU there for rest of the month...from 0700Z most days. VK2SG there in May with TV crew for coronation. ... may be active.

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL The Fresno International DX Meeting on the last week in April found 256 DXers registered for the big annual meeting of the DXers. A large number of overseas DXers showed up this year, these including G2PU, KS6DY, YB5AAQ, F3KW, KV4HW, JA3USA, ZL1WE and VK3JW.

Many held on until the last minute waiting for a repeat on the Brandy/Birthday Cake caper of last year but this year it was straight performance. The food was good and the weather excellent. It was the 2 jth Anniversary of this DX meeting with W6AOA as General Chairman and Master of Ceremonies. VK3JW was the main speaker and devoted considerable time in explaining the Mellish Reef-VK9JW matter.

DAYTON HAMVENTION Also on the last weekend in April, the Bayton Hamvention this year drew more than 9000 attendance with motels and hotels for thirty miles around sold out to accomodate the influx of amateurs. The attendance this year can be compared to the 1973 attendance which was 6400.

1700 attended the Grand Banquet on Saturday at which Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, was the main speaker. Stu Meyers, W2GHK/4 was the honcho for the DX activity. The Ham Flea Market covered an estimated seven acres with the stuff displayed for sale. Darleen was also there to provide some more DX emphasis.

DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE At the DX Forum at Fresno, there was some review of the activity by the ARRL DX Advisory Committee and the following is an excerpt of the most pertinent information.

The DXAC is presently studying the DXCC Country criteria and may be making some recommendations in this area soon. The DXAC will make monthly progress reports, releasing these to the various DX bulletins. The DXAC also adopted a procedural matter that matters referred to the DXAC will be put to a vote by the end of the fourth month. Consideration may be given to recommending that Zanzibar be deleted. Rule #9 is again being studied with a view to getting some equity in the application of the rule. It was reported that correspondence on Phone DXCC matter had the majority of letters disinterested, the next group to get rid of the Phone DXCC and the smallest number in favor of retaining the Phone DXCC. A question was raised on this as to whether it was possible that most of the correspondence came from non-DXers.

ARRL Noel Eaton, VE3CU, has now received a sufficient number of votes from members of the IARU to confirm him as the President of the union.

The maritime WARC opened in Geneva in April and G2BVN present at the start as an observer. Later VE3CU will be in Geneva to present a refurbished 4U1ITU to the ITU and to monitor the maritime WARC.

Senate Bill 2457 would amend sections of the Communications act to permit direct licensing of aliens in various activities under the jurisdiction of the Safety and Special Radio Ervices. Ercalcast and common carrier would be excluded.

PRA will be a new ARRL acronym for Public Relations Assistant. The holder of such appointments within a Division will be eligible to participate in CD parties!! At the next ARRL Board meeting the New York Counties of Saratoga, Warren and Washington may be moved from the Atlantic Division to the Hudson Division.

Canada and Honduras: now have reciprocity of licensing.

TNX to WIAM, W1DAL, K2BT, W2CNQ, W2FPM, W2OVC, WB2YQH, K3TUP, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4EH, W4HU, W4HXY, W4KA, K4KQ, W4UF, K4ZCP, W54K, K51KD, W5UFF, WA6BJS, K6EC, WA6KZI, WA6MQG, W6OL, W6PT, K6SE/2, WD6ITU, W6TTS, W6TSQ, K6UFT, K6UJS, K6WR, WB6ZUC, W7OK, W7YR, W7TTN, W8BQV, W88EUN, W8OA, W8ZOK, W/JIN, KA6DE,

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, filled with the righteous. "Lock", he said, "recently I attempted to have two QSOs on eighty with great difficulties due to the bad operating habits of certain stations taking part in a contest. All they were interested in was getting as many contacts as possible and with disregard for anyone else". We thought this one over for a bit for we were sure we had heard this bell tinkle before. "What were you trying to work?", we asked, figuring that possibly some attention would cool the fires of indignation. "Heck", the QRPer spoke vehemently, "I was trying to work XU1DX in Phnom Penh. All I wanted was to ask Don if he had received my special QSL. But all those contesters were in there all the time so I couldn't get through. Why doesn't the ARRL do something about these contests and move them to a part of the band where they will not interfere with anyone wanting to make a QSO? Why don't they?". Son of a Gun! What could we say? There may be two sides to every story but we are getting walled-eyed from trying to stand at a corner and look both ways. \$70.50 will bring the DX news for a full year and help get things back into focus..: \$12.00 zigs it in by airmail. Maybe in a contest the top 5kc should be reserved ... for QSOs.

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