

June 18, 1974

KINGMAN/PALMYRA/FANNING Pete Grabosky, WB600L, and Jack Wheeler, KH6CHC, arrived off Fanning late last Friday afternoon Fanning time, around 0300Z Saturday, and were on the air maritime mobile making the final approach to the island. It was hoped that VR3AG would be on the air for a couple of days before they headed north back to the Palmyra area. Everything has continued to develop well and the balance of the Kingman crew, K6AHV, WA9UCE and W6OAT, will be leaving this week and the time around June 27th is still the anticipated date for the KP6KR operation. The liaison spot is still 14250kc at 0415Z....sometimes a bit earlier, sometimes a

Those involved in the QRP test are reminded that this will not be intended to be a two-way QSO but rather just a listening test. Listen for the step attenuated experiment and and note the time/date and message being sent. These will go to W6WX, Box 717, Oakland, Calif. 94604. Relative signal strength reports will be important and even if the signal from the QRP rig is not heard, reports of non-receipt of the

signals will also be important.

Palmyra will be worked coming and going. As reported in previous bulletins, the crew will go all out to dry up any current Palmyra demand with their KP6PA operation. Check the liaison frequency for late developments. Pete has been coming through with strong signals and has been easily worked while maritime by the East Coast. The only big problem seems to be a number unable to believe previous reports and must go through the whole question and answer period on their own QSO.

COCOS KEELING VK6SW is reported to be either on the island at this time or will be there shortly for a two month stay. The station call-sign will be VK9YV.

NORFOLK VK9JA is presently active on Norfolk Island and has been showing on the Pacific DX Net. East Coast stations were finding the station at 14270kc/0630Z last week and he promised to be on the Pacific DX Net this Tuesday, June 18th. Good chance to find the station there on other days.

KURE Gene Lewis, KH6HDB, has secured his operation on Kure Island and has returned to the states. Gene passed through California last week enroute to his home in Texas where he signs K5LTH. During the year on Kure with the Coast Guard, Gene made 11053 QSOs. All of this total can be QSLed via WA3HUP. Gene's next assignment is to an island nudist camp off the coast of Germany. Now, that's just what the report says.....but it's only a nudist camp in summer. Seems that there is also a Coast Guard base on the island.

AGALEGA Jackie, 3B6CF, active since he got the sick rig fixed and should be getting a beam soon...more on this and QSLs in the back pages. Often found with WAFS running interference at 14218kc around 1100Z...and often on long-path.

CLIPPERTON One of the French nationals made an inquiry with the French Telecommunications Service on the possibility of a license for FOSC-Clipperton, seeking to get a license either via REF or the French Telecommunications Service.

Non! Non! Non!!! The official position is that a landing on the island is too dangerous and the French government does not want to be troubled in rescuing any capsized DXers. Unofficially there is feeling that there are other reasons why the French want no one there....either in connection with their South Pacific atomic tests...a couple of thousand miles away....or other similar reasons.

SUNSPOT LOUIE The changeable conditions in the sunspot activity as noted last week has continued. On June 7th there were four spots in groups of two each. By June 9th these had disappeared and no new ones could be found. But the following day on June 10th two spots erupted in a location they would have been on their third day had they rotated around the left limb. On the date of this observation a very small third spot appeared in this group, the top spot approximately 10,000 miles in diameter and the two lower spots about 5000 miles and 7000 miles respectively in diameter, the lower spot being the smaller one. WWV was forcasting No and N5 on these days and openings to the Pacific areas were good. The forecast for activity in July is for a 12 month moving average of 24. This can be compared with a predicted average for May of 26 and 25 for June. Updates on these predictions have shown them to be close to the forecasts, possibly even slightly better than originally hoped.

NEW ONE?? AGAIN??? Those who may think that everything has been pegged as far as new countries can gain new hope. It is possible that we may not have seen the end. In South Africa there have been continuing talks with the Prime Minister for South Africa, B J Vorster, and the Chief Minister of the Transkei area, K.D. Matanzima. The discussions are to agree on the procedures to be followed in the preparation of a constitution with a view to the Transkei becoming independent. The Transkei terrirory has exercised self-government for more than ten years and it is expected that action on independence will be soon forthcoming. If you want to locate the area in question, check around 31'20"S and 29'E....it is south of Lesotho and might also be indicated as Tembuland.

MARION ISLAND There are some new operators at the weather station on Marion Island and renewed activity from ZS2MI is espected to show before long.

HAITI WABRB, the leader of the West Palm Beach DX Irregulars, has been named to provide radio communication advice for the Santa Maria Foundation. Part of the aim of the group is to attempt to locate the remains of Columbus' vessel, the Santa Maria which went under a few years back. Gene may be setting up some HH-communications from the Cap Haitien area in the coming months.

BAHREIN A9XW presently active is W5WC from the Texas country and John mostly operates c.w. Look for him in the 14010-14035kc slot and from 0200Z or thereabouts. John is scouting about looking for some other spots for possible action and in that area is looking atA6X-Das Island and A7X. Beyond this he is looking for some possible future operations in the 9M6/9M8/VS5 sectors. QSLs for A9XW go to WA5ZNY. There have been some inquiries by others there on Bahrein on a possible A7X-effort, one hopeful even taking a Bahrein government official along for the inquiry. All he got was a solid rejection. Even the sole local QRPer in Qatar was hardly enthusiastic..

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DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE Everyone should write these days to the DX Advisory Committee and give them the benefit of your views. They are looking for opinions reasonably and clearly expressed and if you write now your opinions may: influence the report to be made to the ARRI Board of Directors at their meeting commencing July 17th. The following is a sample of the letter you may receive in reply should you write about the DXCC Phone Certificate.

Dear OM:

Thank you for writing and expressing your feelings on the proposed termination of the Phone DXCC program. We would like to point out some of the reasons which prompted the committee's recommendation to League Headquarters on this subject.

Although clearly stated in the DXCC Rules, it would appear that many DXers are unaware of the fact that there is no such thing as a CW DXCC. The Awards are for either mixed (all modes) or phone (any type of voice operation).

When the Phone award was instituted in 1947, DX was scarce on phone and signals were more difficult to copy than on CW. When originated, the Phone DXCC was partially an action to counter criticism leveled at the League that it was 'anti-phone'. The award did serve another purpose, however, in that there was, at that time, a real achievement associated with Phone DXCC. Under present day conditions, many feel that Phone DXing is easier than CW. Any difficulty now associated with Phone DXing is not scarcity or readability as before, but competition. The prestige associated with Phone has diminished in a world where so many operate with the legal power limit and the person with the loudest signal works the DX. Another aspect of Phone DXing operation that has developed, some feel it is perhaps the worst, is the 'list' or 'DX Net' type of operation. The acheivement formerly associated with Phone DXCC is no longer present.

While not of direct concern to the IX Advisory Committee in its recommendations but nevertheless a practical consideration is the workload at League Headquarters. The DXCC and the 5BDXCC Awards program is a major activity of the Communications Department. Two people work full time on DXCC and its associated activities. If the existing integrity of the DXCC Awards program is to be maintained, the actual checking of all cards must continue to be done by a person who is qualified by experience, experience that has been and can only be acquired through continuous contact with the actual confirmations which are submitted. This, in itself, is a limiting factor and the acceptance of 5BDXCC and the constantly increasing quantity of DXCC applications and endorsements have caused a tremendous increase in the Headquarters workload.

A third part of the problem which does, quite naturally, affect your feelings on the subject is your present status on the Phone listings. Whatever your Phone DXCC total is, and particularly if it is a high total, you will have worked hard in getting those contacts and QSLs. It might appear that what has been recommended would take something away from you and waste all that effort. However, as the recommentation was made, none of the DXCC credits which would affect the total number of your DXCC credits would be taken away and the only thing that would be done would be the discontinuance of the separate Phone listings and the processing of the separate DXCC for Phone. Recognition would continue to be made of your DXing accomplishments. But what is all to be more important is the long term effect, not the effect the termination of the DXCC Award would have on any single individual. If the pressure was taken off Phone DXing, would the activity on CW increase? Would the 'lists' and 'DX Nets' decrease? Would Amateur Radio in general and DXing in particular reap an improvement? A majority of the DX Advisory Committee says 'Yes' to those questions.

The DX Advisory Committee would be very interested in hearing from you again with any further comments you may have on the subject in light of the above..

SHORTLY NOTED Everytime we look at the seven-foot stack of Red Eyed Louie reports and get to thinking of all the information stacked there against the south wall of the shack, we often are reminded of the suave and unctuous cooking expert, who on being advised he will only be fed 'leftovers', is fulsome in his protestations that there is nothing he likes better than to dine on leftovers. Maybe you feel the same way about all that stuff but we have to realize that Shortly Noted is a lot of leftovers and often perhaps a bit of information in its own. This week we ended up with a full page to run in all the left-overs but if we don't knock off the long-winded introduction, most of the leftovers are going to be just that again...

On the reverse side of this page there is a reproduction of the text of the letter sent out by the DX Advisory Committee to those writing on the question of elimination of the PHONE DXCC award. The EXAC has asked for your opinion on this and a few other matters. While many can expound at length on these topics, many seem to have a broken hand when it comes to sending advice to the DXAC. Up in the northwest corner, the Western Washington DX Club polled its members on the DX questionaire:

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There is one segment of DX opinion. Make yours known.

SM2EKM runs a sked with SM2DWH/S2 most days at 14225kc/1400Z. There was a report going about that ZL4NJ/K was on Kermedec but this has been denied by several Pacific sources. On those Europa/Juan de Nova operations, we got the calls as FR7ZD/ and FR7ZU/ in onearea and FR7ZQ and FR7ZU from another direction. We have used both ... guaranteeing half right...but the operations are rather definite. KLAUA who used to handle the W9 QSL bureau when he was W9DZO, is starting to look at DX again from his present QTH in Largo, Fla. There was a YK5CDL at 14055/2100Z right at the start of the month.... said to QSL to OK3QQ. Did not sound just right. Also 9Q5s still continue to show up though most if not all probably are not authorized operations. SMOKV was visiting in the Washington area last week and AP2AD was due to arrive in Boston this last Monday, June 17th, for a visit here in the states. Fred Laun is presently working in the U.S. Information Agency office in Washington and makes the scene every day. Those who have talked with him recently say that he looks real good. CNOBK is back Morocco but spends most of his time down in the 14100kc area to svoid QRM. Tried 14205kc recently and ended un buried under a South American phone patch. W6DPK of the San Francisco area became a Silent Key in early June. On QSLs, ex-DU1PB says that he never received any cards from the DU-Bureau and anyone who hungers for a DUIPB QSL can try the inside route to W9OWZ. Possibly good also for any late cards for HS3ACP and HS3LJ. Those needing HS4AGZ or DJØEN can corner Gary Goll (K5LGL) at 1151 College Parkway, Lewisville, Tex 75067. That WY6FDA active last weekend can go to WA6WME.

On the 9Q5 topic, there are supposed to be two bootleggers, both using the same pseudonym of 'Frenchy' operating with with 9Q5 calls...mostly 9Q5TA. These are not with the U.S. Embassy...definitely..and QSL efforts will probably be in vain.

UA FGM trying to work all the California Counties and needs Colusa and Alpine. Look for Walt at 14200/0500Z on weekends. FPCDH now active...often at 14245kc...K90TB will keep the station active in August. PY3BXW worked 525 stations on May 18th as PE3ITU and this one QSLs to the Golden Gate QSL Bureau..sase etc. As a final wrap-up on those ITU calls, the lists we ran a few weeks back had KYCITU going to W6SH...this was a typing error and it should go to WCSH. Also KX6ITU goes to WB6AGP and not WB6AGF. And with that we'll zoom off to The CLINKER NET..21310kc/1900Z where often CNC/9X5/CT1/TJ1 and WA6MWG can be found.

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	DU2EL	14146/1245/Jun		KX6GS	14203/1115/Jun 6e	VO1CU	14205/1400/Jun 6w	
	FM7HN	14224/0145/Jun		KX6DE		VS 5MC	14215/1515/Jun 7w	
	FOSEE	14216/0815/Jun	12e			WY6FDA	14219/0230/Jun 15m	
	FOSDX	14220/0330/Jun	4m	KX6CU	14277/0815/Jun 12e			
	FPSDH	14242/0150/Jun		P29FV	14207/1215/Jun 6e	YBOABK	14217/1230/Jun 9e	
	HCSGI	14207/0050/Jun		P29FH	14218/1205/Jun 7e	YJODE	14325/0720/Jun 9e	
				P29UC	14241/0625/Jun 7e	ZK1DX	21310/1730/Jun 7e	
	HH2WF	14261/0430/Jun		TI2GI	21340/1955/Jun 6e	ZL4NJ/A	14333/0350/Jun 1e	
	HISLC	21304/2340/Jun		,	LH 14265/0600/Ju 7e	3D2AN	14228/1305/Jun 9e	
	HKØBKX	21300/1840/Jun	6w	VK9JA	14270/0650/Jun 11e	3D2GK	21357/2340/Jun 7	
	HP1XMM	21353/2330/Jun		VK9XI	14204/1510/Jun 5w	9MSVLC	14190/1210/Jun 7m	
			-	122/124	1404/ 1710/ Val	,		

CALENDAR

FANNING WB6COL opened from Fanning last Saturday signing VR3AG

KP6KR by the Northern California DX Club group about June 27th

PALMYRA This weekend by the group enroute to Kingman Reef....
Mt. ATHOS Probably early July signing SV1GA/A.. Keep hoping!!

CCCOS KEELING VK9YV reported and active for the next; two months.

CARIBBEAN K5QHS tilling the low requencies from June 28th...FM7/VP2D/FG7.

NAURU JA10CA signing A35DX in August TROMELIN FR7ZL/T cleaning up the demand.....

CRETE SVØW available....

EUROPA/JUAN DE N. FR7ZD/J due to open last week from Juan de Nova..FR7ZQ/Europa Jun 20th

FORTY METER DESK

CO2KP 7047/1125/Jun 4e LU3DGX 7213/0640/Jun 10e VP1AJ 7280/0030/Jun 12e CT1MK 7081/0520/Jun 9e VK2AHK 7009/1055/Jun 6e ZL3GG 7014/1040/Jun 6e

HH2WF 7007/0055/Jun Sm VK7GK 7182/1030/Jun 9e

TONGAREVA ZK1DX will be going to Tongareva later this month to make a survey for the installation of an aeronautical beacon. Win plans to take his gear with him on this trip and also when he goes back again for the installation sometime in the future. QSLs for this one will go to Box 269, Raratonga, Cook Islands. This counts for Manihiki....as those who worked ZK1TA a year back will recall. ZK1CD, Barry, has apparently left the Cook Islands.

DES ROCHES The rumored VQ9-effort for Des Roches will be in September and not in late June or early July as previously reported. The plans are still on according to word relayed last week. Possibly more will develop in the coming months on this one.

AGALEGA JA¢CUV/1 last week received a shipment of logs from 3B6CF and these cover the period from 22 April 1973 to May 26th 1974. At this point Tack has logs covering the period from 19 March 1973 to 26 May 74 and is presently digging like mad to clean up the demand for QSLs. Tack figures that by the end of June he will have been able to clean up all the outstanding 3B6CF QSLs and some of the cards are already starting to go into the mails.

Jacky, 3B6CF, will be on Agalega until the end of 1974 and will be active on all bands including c.w. on the 80 thru 10 territyory. VQ9R has sent him a TH3jr beam to bolster the signal. Jackie is using a FT DX 400 with dipole at present.

C4A-C4Z ITU has assigned this bracket of calls to Cyprus.

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HC2YL Darleen is back in Guayquil after she and Joe Magen, HC2OM, traveled cross-country in the states in April to visit, among other things, the Daytona Hamvention, the Southeast DX Club and the Arkansas DX Blub. Darleen reports that there has been a large number of new HC2-calls issued and that at times twenty is impossible and she is looking for contacts most times on fifteen.

Darleen is looking forward to the possibility of operating through OSCAR and would like to hear from anyone with some advice and information on how to get active in

that route.

Orders for Darleens recently published book, "Globetrotting via Amateur Radio", have some in from Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Puerto Rico, England, Panama and other spots. This can still be obtained from Mrs. John Waldner, 4129 East White Avenue, Fresno, Calif. 93702 for \$5.50 postpaid. Both Darleen and Joe are aiming to make the 1975 Fresno International DX Meeting next April.

TNX to W1AM, W2FPM, K2GBC, W2OVC, W3CDL, W3HHV, K3ZOL, W4BAA, K4AUA, W4BAA, W4BRB, K4FCT, W4EH, W4HU, W4HXY, W4KA, WB4SIJ, WB4TPU, W5AK, W5ALA, WA5LES, K5LGL, W5OSJ, WA5ZNY, K6AQV, WA6BJS, WDX6GXV, K6IAE, WA6MWG, W6OL, W6PT, K6SSJ, W6TTS, K6UFT, K6WR, K7NHG, W3BQV, WBSEUN, K8RWL, W8ZOK, WØJRN, WØIYP, JAØCUV, HC2YL, KP4EAJ.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week and sat and talked for a bit. "You know", this QRPer said. "A bunch of us were sitting around this morning and we got to talking about things...like taxes and inflation, Watergate and sunspots and old age, the frequency conference and Prose Walker....we talked about these things and everything seems to be bad and headed for worse. Everything is bad. What do you think of these times? They sure made us feel bad". We thought this over for a bit for certainly it always seems like yesterday was sunnier and tommorow will be the end. "What did you fellows decide?", we asked, hoping that more talk might help him forget his troubles. The QRPer shrugged. "Oh, we all decided to pick up a bag-full of hot bagels and drive down to Ham Radio and look at the new gear. Sure made us feel better for sure". Son of a Gun!! What could we say to something like that? Why worry about things you cannot change when you can hit the Geary Street Bagel Shop for a big of the big ones. \$10.50 brings you a full year of the big DX worries by 1st Class mail....\$12.00 flings it in by Ted Klassens finest airmail service...

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