SPRATLY Maurice Caplan, VS5MC, indicated during the recent CQ WW Test that the plans for a possible Barque Canada Reef operation there in the Spratlys is now aimed at late December. Not quite definite as yet.

Oil exploration in the South China Sea continues to show results with the Shell Oil Company announcing late in October that they had brought in a producing off-shore well 214 miles out from the Viet Nam coast. While radio amateurs are interested in the area solely for the testing of radio propagation conditions during a declining sunspot cycle, it seems that others may be interested in any of the real estate, above or below water, for other reasons.

- BANGLADESH The JA-Group of JA3KWJ, JA2PJC and JA2KLT will open from Dacca this coming Friday for a week of all-band operation. These will be signing S21A, S21KP and S21KK with c.w. generally just inside the lower band edge and SSB being found at the often used DX frequencies. Full information in last weeks bulletin. JAØCUV and JA1MCY will operate from Dacca on November 15th and 16th before moving on to the Maldives for the c.w. portion of the CQ Test at the end of November.
- CHAD Chester, W4EVG and ex-XV5AC etc, was in Mauritania signing 5T5AC recently and indicated that his TT8-Chad plans are about a month or so in the future. It looks like it may be sometime in January before Chester opens from Chad, possibly signing TT8AC.
- JUAN FERNANDEZ Last week WB4NCT, David Ausley, was signing '/CEØZ' from a U.S. naval vessel anchored off the island and drawing a lot of attention. On October 27th he was being found at 14302kc from 0300Z. He has been also found in the 21375kc area, sometimes a bit higher. He was using a vertical antenna and getting out a good signal to the states, often

working by call areas. There are no facilities for docking large vessels at the island and it was not clear whether he would be able to operate ashore for DXCC counters. Some report the operator had a thing about strong W4 signals. The home QTH for WB⁴NCT is Alabama.

TOKELAUS ZM7AH was available on several bands recently and Jim indicated that he will be out in the Forty/Eighty Country on Friday and Saturday evenings. The possibles are 7080kc or thereabouts from 0700Z and 3805kc from 0800Z. During the last days of October West Coast stations were working Jim on these frequencies and at these times.

The plans are to operate through November and secure around or shortly after December 5th. Jim was figuring last week whether the gasoline would last until he was ready to secure. He is using the partial phonetics...."ZM7 Alcoholic Ham". QSL to W5ZF in Albuquerque.

<u>CHATHAM</u> The YL-Chatham operation during the CQ Test has noted with some complimentary comments and they were still there last week signing their own calls after the conclusion of the DX Test. They were due to secure Tuesday and Wednesday and return to New Zealand. There may be something developing on the thinking about a Kermedec operation in January, this one being in the planning stage by the YL team of ZLIBKL, Marion, and ZLIALE, Aola. Indications were that they had wanted to see how the Chatham operation went.

SUNSPOT LOUIE There was but one spot visible when this observation was made last week, this spot appearing on October 25th. This was the first significant sunspot observed since October 17thand this one has changed little since its initial appearance.

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Conditions were a bit surprising during the CQ Test and there were some good openings into Asia and the Indian Ocean area. XU1DX was operating with a strong signal and drawing a lot of attention. Ten and fifteen both showed surprising openings. Some disturbances may start to show around the end of this week and these may continue until about mid-month. Check the bands for there is no more quicker way to check conditions. And when there is nothing else, try that Sun Dance routine. Organize your local dance group. Get together with the other

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SHORTLY NOTED Contests are a lot of fun and the CQ Test did produce a lot of activity. This week we are trying to shake things down to normal routine and get ready for the next big outing at the end of the month when the c.w. action warms the weekend. Those who have seen the slide show on the Kingman Reef effort may recall the slides of the strange couple with all the dogs aboard which went on the reef at the entrance there at Palmyra. This was the 'IOLA' and was rather unseaworthy when dragged off the rocks. Anyhow, last week the newspapers carrying the story of the mystery at Palmyra with the yacht SEAWITCH which departed Honolulu in July. The occupants of the yacht are missing and the SEAWITCH showed up back in Honolulu with a new name and new paint job, the strange occupants of the IOLA apparently aboard. Last week Jack Wheeler, KH6CHC/KP6AL, along with an FBI agent and others flew to Fanning and went on to Palmyra by boat to investigate the matter. Recent overflights at Palmyra had not shown any signs of activity on the island.

Most of the promised action showed during the CQ Test with some strange calls thrown in....like 9J1ØSS to celebrate the 10th anniversary of independence for Zambia and was used only for the week. TU2DO is out of the hospital and will be resting at home for the next month or so. John may retire in the next month or two. 3A2GX, Alex, may be in Saudi Arabia for a couple of months but is not sure if he will operate. He is also thinking of another 3A2-action around Christmas time. This goes to I1ALX. M1C which has been showing on c.w. says to QSL to I4EAT. WA2YJN is QSL Manager for ZK1CL from 1 September 74. W2AIM repeats that he is OSL manager for no one...and especially anyone in the Rhode Island area signing 5A8. A SWL in Libya reinforces the information that no amateur operation is allowed at this time there and has not since 1967. ZD8MF is with a NASA tracking station there on Ascension. VP2EY and VP2EEA QSL to W3HNK. 9J1ØWR to 9J-bureau. VP5CW to W4ORT. 5A8LT is Slim Again!!

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TOKELAUS ZM7AH & Co presently active. Southern California group two weeks last part of November WALLIS JA group to open this Friday for a week. More JAs on Nov 15th BANGLADESH W6KNC scheduled to open from ZK1AA this Tuesday COOKS VS5MC indicates it may be late December SPRATLY I1ALX planning 3A2GX again during the Christmas period. MONACO Chester hoping for possible January TT8 operation ... CHAD JUAN FERNANDEZ WA4NCT/CEØZ on vessel in the anchorage there. RITY DX TEST Alexander Volta Test....December 7/8th ARKANSAS DX MEET December 7th Hot Springs, Arkansas. W5QKR for details

ERIM: SMØAGD Last March Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, operated from Serrana Bank and was aiming for Baja Nuevo on the same trip but things did not jell. This was his HKØAB operation. Since that effort plus some others further sourth, Erik has been employed back home in Sweden at a variety of assignments which has taken him to several DX spots. Last week Erik wrote on some more plans....

After my HKØ-effort in March I have not been very active..just an ordinary SMØ. I have been moving about so much in the last several years that I have really had little chance for my own DXCC.

I am now looking forward to the possibility of showing from some rare spot. In my present post with the Swedish Foreign Ministry, I have traveled abroad and there are some possibilities. I have just returned home after four weeks in the Middle East....without amateur radio. However, just as a routine I did leave my application for a license in Iraq..... But I have had no answer as yet.

My next mission may take me to West and Central Africa. I will depart Sweden about November 15th and I will be taking my rig with me. When I have finished my duties in various area, I will go for some hamming. I am going to try to get operating permission in 3C-Guinea and TL8-Central African Republic. I would like to see about a possible 3CØ-Annobon operation but that is a difficult transportation problem. If I have to charter the means of getting to a rare spot, there will be a financial problem.

SM3CXS probably will do my QSLs on this trip as he did when I was at CEØ,VP8 and HKØ.

I will be advising as to my operating plans....

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ARRL The launch date of the OSCAR 7 has been delayed. There was a bulletin out of W1AW a week or so back saying that it has been held up until October 31st or later. The launch may be delayed even more and last week there were some indicators that it might not be launched until about November 12. However, keep alert as the Hero of Mafeking would often advise....

A study of shipping out the monthly copy of QST by lst class indicated that it would cost \$12.00 a year extra. Air freight to Hawaii or other distant points might add as much as \$7.20 a year extra. While on that subject, the Marin QRPers got their QST on October 30th. The November issue...naturally.

ARRL has asked for an extension on the RACES Docket #19723. And the FCC has extended until November 4th the date for filing on Docket 19658, on the matter of fees.

Ballots are out for the election of directors in half of the ARRL Divisions.... Directors or Vice-Directors that is. If there is an election in yours this year, make sure that you ballot gets returned.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W2FFM, K2GBC, W2OVC, K3ZOL, W4EH, W4HU, W4UF, W5AK, K5DEC, K5FVA, WB5CEW, K5FKD, W5OSJ, WA6CPP, K6DG, WA6FIT, W6GC, WA6KZI, WB6LTJ, W6MI, W6PT, W6TSQ, W6TTS, WA7FKV, K7NHG, W7PFZ, W8OA, W8ZOK, K9UIY, WAØTAS, KV4AM, HP1JC, W6MTJ, SMØAGD, VE8RA.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our local QRPers came by last week, troubled and anxious. "It's that I figure I'm over the hill", this QRPer explained. "I'm around the bend for sure. I am sore and troubled and these wounds of mine...these spiritual wounds....are grievous burdens. I suspect that I have had it". We nodded in sympathy for we know those dark watches of the night when a DXer must wrestle with his fears...that he will miss one. "And just what is the problem?", we asked. "Have you turned fifty? Or something like that?". The QRPer jumped to his feet and glared at us. "I thought that you!..you of all people would understand", he exclaimed. "That you would know what it is to work your 300th country and there is little left for you. You!!..", he said and away he went. We did not call after him for we know the wounds of the spirit and that dreaded 300th country sticker has felled more than one noble DXer. For one must watch...and \$10.50 will bring you a full year of DX Warning Signals...\$12.00 flights the alerts at you by airmail. Beware the 300th Sticker!! Worse than Normans Woe!!

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