

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



March 11, 1975

10-75

COCOS The TI9-Cocos operation is aimed at the last part of April, the hoped for date for the operation to open is April 22nd. Plans are for a week of operation and the license is good only until the end of April.

Operating frequencies will be:

CW	1802kc	3525kc	7025kc	14025kc	21025kc	28025kc
SSB		3795kc	7095kc	14195kc	21295kc	28595kc

At this time the plan is to sign HB9AQM/TI9. QSLs will go to Aldo Diener, Box 48, 8406 Winterthur, Switzerland.

BURMA Last Fall some JA-operators were in Burma and made the inquiries about possible operating privileges. JA1KSO of the JA-DX Assn writes:

A number of the members of the Japan DX Assn were in XZ land and had the opportunity to meet some important personages of the XZ including ministers in their Posts and Telegraphs and their Foreign Ministry. In the talk on the possibility of ham radio for the progress of radio communications and electronic development, it was explained how these fields had enhanced the development of the JA-electronics. The Ministers understood the necessity for amateur radio but the also pointed out the dangers such communications would bring for XZ-Burma. With the recent political situation, every thing concerning means of communication to foreign countries is prohibited in Burma. TV cameras, radio equipment and radio parts are 100% on the prohibited list. The Ministers did discuss future possibilities.....

Nobuyasu Itoh JA1KSO

Theres the picture.....unchanged.

SOUTH GEORGIA VP8OB is on South Georgia but has been having some problems with his antenna. On one hand he has a busy schedule, then high winds took the antenna system apart.

W3DJZ is apparently looking for Pete there on a regular schedule and is often at or about 14215kc from 2200Z and compiling a list. So far there has not been too much success due to the problems on South Georgia. When Pete at VP8OB gets things working, he will be advising VP8OA via RTTY what the progress might be. Winter is approaching down that way and last weekend the U.S. Icebreaker GLACIER, KC4USG, was stuck in the ice after losing a propellor and the possibility was that it might stay there all through the winter down in that area. The GLACIER was going to the aid of the Argentine Ice Breaker SAN MARTIN trapped in the ice in the Erebus and Terror Gulf of the Weddell Sea when it broke its propellor. Last weekend plans were under way to evacuate by helicopter most of the crew aboard the GLACIER.

EASTER ISLAND Father Dave Reddy, CE0AE, is back on Easter Island and found some of the mail still there that was sent to him when he was last on the island about three years back, Father Dave leaving Easter Island in April 1971 and returned February 1975. One of the problems is that CE0AE was also used by another station from 1967 to 1971. There are some problems with the logs for this operation. CE0AE often meets on the YL-SSB System at 14333kc...WA3HUP often making sked...

REPORTS FROM SUNSPOT LOUIE We still are in a period of no significant sunspots and three checks on the date of this report, some with ideal conditions, showed no significant spots to be found. Since February 14th none have been visible, this being a lapse of about three weeks. There was another period from Jan 20th to February 2nd with no activity and since the first of the year there has been no period when there has been more than two small spots.

Still, some good openings do come though often brief and not reliable.

Those watching the solar flux from WWV may be getting a similar picture. W1AM notes that the last peak was on February 11th when it reached a figure of 81...a sunspot equivalent of 11. Five days later on February 14th it was back to zero. Since then it has dragged along around a solar flux figure of 70 or 71.

There should have been another peak during the last week. In the last month, there was only day, February 9th, when the solar flux was over 80 and the magnetic intensity was below 10. By Ted Cohen's scale, this would rate a 'normal' rating and the rest of the days would qualify for the 'rotten' to 'dreadful' award.

However, things could get worse...maybe. There was a 70 year period from 1645 to 1715 when sunspots were unprecedentedly few and were present only on one hemisphere of the sun. During this 70 year period, auroras all but vanished even at high latitudes and the solar corona which is the silvery surround that appears during a total eclipse was absent during the eclipses of that period.

On the other hand, a blast of ionized particles in September 1909 brought violent magnetic storm on the earth and an aurora was seen in Singapore, one degree north of the Equator. In May 1921 a similar storm produced an aurora visible from Samoa, 13 degrees north of the Equator. Radio, telegraph and telephone communications were profoundly disturbed.

The March 1975 issue of ASTRONOMY Magazine has some more information:

In addition to the 11 year sunspot cycle that astronomers have long known about but never really explained, a mysterious 179 year variation in the sun's temperament has been identified. Completing a new analysis of 214 years of sunspot records, two solar researchers conclude that the 179 year variation results from interaction between the 11 year cycle and a previously unknown shorter cycle of 9.8 years.

The two solar cycles set up a 'beat' frequency according to Theodore Cohen and Paul Lintz of Teledyne Geotech in Alexandria, Virginia. About every 179 years the cycles reach peak activity at the same time, making the sun more energetic than usual. Midway between the long period variation, solar activity falls to lower than normal as both stellar 'heartbeats' peak years apart from each other.

The new findings promises increased accuracy in solar activity prediction--with some very practical benefits. Since the sun's changing electromagnetic mood influences our weather patterns, long-range forecasting would grow to be more reliable. We may also better anticipate when global communications will be botched up by 'noisy' flares and sunspots.

For the next 40 years the researchers predict sunspot cycles will be calmer than those of previous decades. Coming in 1982, the next solar activity peak should offer only half the activity experienced during the last maximum in 1970. Things won't start picking up again until 2015 when will be back to the surging activity of the late 1950's. Hopefully by then we will be receiving global communications via laser or some other sunspot-immune medium.

Having no late word from the Palos Verdes Sun Dancers, we dropped down the road to the slopes of Tamalpais and put the question to W6TSQ. "Sam", we said, "what does all of this mean". Well, you know how Sam is. And Sam said: "When ten is out, eighty is in. And things have never been better!". We thought this over for a bit for, Son of a Gun!, all we could say was: "Say it again, Sam".

(Sob)

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INDONESIA--10 Meters YB0ABV (W00L), says that daily he listens for the Caribbean at 3790kc from 2315Z to 2345Z. Dick also reports that 10 meters is open about one day in three on the equator. He regularly calls 'CQ' at 28550kc from 1030Z with his beam on Europe and Africa. He would like stations to listen for him on these times.

During the last ARRL Phone Test, he was able to work into Australia and Africa from the QTH there in Jakarta, finding ten open for a number of DX contacts.

SHORTLY NOTED We note that Slim was heard a couple of weeks back signing BY9MAO.

This was on 3793kc. He was strong into Europe and created quite a commotion. There have been recurrent reports that some Argentine stations are looking for a possible South Sandwich operation when the summer returns down that way. This would be around January 1976. Some of the planning involves transportation on the Icebreaker San Martin, last week stuck in the ice in the Weddell Sea. This one often is heard with the call LU5ADU.

We got so involved with Sunspot Louie that we ran off the bottom of the page before we got the Boulder Report in. They look for unsettled conditions through this last weekend, disturbed until the middle of this week and slow improvement to a 'fair' condition by this weekend. Solar activity is expected to be low. A 'slight to moderate' ionospheric storm is expected in the period March 10-15th. The smoothed sunspot numbers show a flattening in the predicted numbers at the end of this year, running 14 in October/November, 13 in December and 12 in January and February of next year. You may not know the day or the hour but the end is near..... End of the sunspot decline, that is!

Word out of the SEAsia Desk says that amateur activity in Thailand is 'quiet' and with no legal activity at this time. ~~MS~~ stations have not been noted in the reports for some time now.

Some JA stations are showing just under the 3800kc area. The March issue of the Japanese CQ Magazine indicates that they have run out of 'JG' prefixes in the JA 1st Call area and are now issuing 'JI' calls, being up to JI1AJP. Look for JH0s to show before long.

KZ5PW, Pete Witcosky, (WA6OIR), departed the Canal Zone around the first of March headed for a new job in the Saudi Arabia area. Several have confirmed that they get a fast QSL from F2QQ using the Paris address that was in the bulletin a few weeks back. Almost 'instant' QSLing. VP2DM goes to WA1ABV while HH2V goes to Box 428, Port-au-Prince. That PA7CE is a special prefix for the 700th anniversary of the City of Amsterdam. XT2AP goes to P.B 112, Bobo-Dioulasso, Upper Volta. KG4DS to WB8LUI and 8P6EZ to W1RED. P29UC can go direct or to WA7ILC. UK1PAA still shows up on occasion from Franz Josef land. Was at 7025kc from 0330Z on March 4th. LU1ZA seems to be crystal-controlled at 14297kc...QSLs to LU2AFH who is often there to help. A2CCY goes to Box 298, Francistown but he will be leaving there shortly.

Apparently DXPO which was a success last Fall will not be staged this year because of the national ARRL convention in Washington. W6VAP will be signing FO0VAP for a month starting April 15th down in French Polynesia. ZF1AU goes to WA4BTC and ZS2JL to 59 Kennington Road, Nahoon, South Africa. Some have asked on FC8TT. The feeling is that this is Georges Bochelberger, res du Golf d'Ajaccio, 20 Porticcio, Corsica. Seems pretty solid.. OE6HZG goes to W2VMH. 5H3JR to W2SNM

Rusty, W3HHV, is handling the QSLs for 9J2SJ. They have a schedule on Sundays14235kc at 1900Z. Drop by if you need a 9J2 or a 9J2 QSL Manager....prime! This was not a really active week for DXing but persistence and a move to lower frequencies is keeping many in the action. If things get slow, give some attention to the coming ARRL Board Meeting in May. This will be a period of some important decisions. Support Your Local Director. Tell him how you figure the Deserving DXers must be saved.

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TALES FROM THE CARIBBEAN Some weeks back we gave a report about W1WQC, Ham Robinson, and Ben Tomlinson, WA5QYR, hopping down the chain of the Lesser Antilles in Ben's single-engined Cessna. We continue.....

Hospitality is the word for hams. On St. Lucia we were house guests of VP2LPB, Prim Bledman. And during the day we operated at the shack of Bruce Dellimore, VP2LL. Most of our meals were courtesy of Maureen, the wife of Bruce and VP2LM herself. And what a wonderful tour of the island Bruce and his family gave us. Magnificent!

While in St. Lucia we had some good ten meter openings to the states and did manage 400 or 500 QSOs in all from VP2L-St Lucia. Ben was doing most of the operating.

We did try loading the 75 meter inverted Vee on 160 meters but evidently we were not putting out enough signal to do any good. We called and called VE1ASJ, W4EX and W1BB to no avail. The last afternoon we started putting up a 160meter dipole, this mostly by the efforts of John, VP2LAW. A typical tropical rainshower put an end to this so there were no 160meter QSOs from St.Lucia.

Leaving St Lucia for Dominica, Ben worked VP2LL on two meters using his walkie-talkie inside the cabin of the Cessna 180--no external antenna and we had good signals until we descended through 5500' a couple miles south of Dominica.

Again, this stop at St. Lucia was a special pleasure to me as Bruce, VP2LL, and I first QSOed in 1958 and it was the first time we had met in person. At Dominica we had the pleasure of a visit with VP2DAJ (whom I had met on my first visit to Dominica in 1972), his XYL, and the very active VP2DM, Peter Mallalieu. Peter had us to dinner at an absolutely beautiful QTH that Peter, VP2DM, and his wife has. Ben was so impressed that he said: "This must be the most beautiful place on earth!"

Through our superior planning, I left the microphone on St. Lucia so the phone operation from VP2DE was courtesy of VP2DM. We did fill quite a few pages in the log on twenty meter c.w. and on forty c.w. Only KP4AN was worked on 160meters, this using a 40meter dipole.

Each Caribbean island is a different climate and topography unto itself. St. Lucia made its place in my memory book by its flowers. Flowers everywhere. Poinsettias by the thousands--great trees in the forest covered with brilliant orange flowers--dozens and dozens of colors and types of flowers. Dominica had less flowers but the most lush green vegetation imaginable, all the way from the rain forest at 4600 feet at the mountain tops, down to the beaches. Rainfall varies from 400 inches a year in the mountains to 75 inches at the shore. And the Dominica airport is real cute....enough to make a bush pilot work hard.

The flight home was totally uneventful with another stop at VP5-Caicos for two nights. Beautiful from jet altitudes, these waters and islands are fantastic in their grandeur from light plane altitudes.

This was my 25th and 26th flight through the Bermuda Triangle (or Devil's Triangle), and I am still trying to figure out where the fiction writers were who make a living scaring wives about this area. Obviously they were not here.

The flying down the Antilles is simple with good preparations, the rates are reasonable and the hospitality remarkable. The scenery, the climate, the fishing and the swimming are beyond description.....

Total QSOs by Ben and myself at all stops were over 2500.

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE....

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CO2FC 14028/1535/Feb 27w	KX6LJ 14032/2315/Feb 27w	VS5PM 14041/0000/Mar 2w
CX5CB 14028/0100/Mar 6w	KX6MV 14027/0355/Mar 5w	XP1AA 14041/1815/Feb 26w
FG7XC 14028/2130/Feb 27w	TI2DL 14033/1805/Feb 27w	YN9JMP 14044/2140/Mar 1m
HK3CJT 14026/0055/Mar 6w	VP2LAW 14032/2230/Feb 26w	YS1CHE 21052/1830/Mar 1m
HKØBKX 14027/0035/Feb 25w	VP2ST 14020/2100/Feb 25w	YS1GW 14028/2250/Mar 3m
HR1KS 14035/1700/Feb 22w	VP2D/K2FJ 14028/1300/ 28m	ZF1AU 14030/2015/Mar 4m
KG6JEU 14043/0015/Mar 3w	VP8OA 14031/2340/Mar 2m	ZL1CO 14021/1310/Feb 28w
8P6DW 21031/2025/Mar 2w	8P6DW 14011/1355/Mar 1m	
8P6AY 14039/2240/Mar 1w	9Y4DS 14047/1620/Feb 22m	

AFRICA SSB

A2CCY 14205/1930/Feb 26w	TR8BJ 14216/2110/Mar 3w	5T5GS 21355/1800/Feb 28e
CR4BC 14202/1315/Feb 26e	VQ9GP 14212/1955/Feb 28e	5Z4JE 28540/0955/Mar 1yb
CR6AL 14212/2110/Feb 28e	VP9MC 14203/1820/Mar 3e	7P8AY 14216/1835/Mar 3e
CR6OR 21355/1805/Feb 28e	XT2AP 14215/2305/Feb 27e	6W8FP 14202/2245/Feb 25w
CR6OR 14215/2105/Feb 25w	ZE6JL 14333/1830/Feb 27w	9G1JC 14226/2140/Feb 27e
CR6MX 14207/1900/Feb 27w	ZS1OU 14232/1540/Feb 25w	9G1AR 14207/2100/Feb 26w
EL2AS 14313/2200/Feb 27e	ZS6AEW 21295/1655/Feb 25w	9G1AK 14211/0005/Feb 23kh
EL2FD 21360/1650/Feb 26e	5H3JR 14239/1900/Mar 2e	9X5PT 14205/2145/Feb 26e
EL7B 14207/1900/Feb 28e	5U7AG 14333/2125/Mar 3w	

ASIA SSB

HZ1TA 14250/1430/Feb 26e	UK7GAL 14221/1255/Mar 3e
UF6DZ 14201/1315/Mar 3e	UK7LAH 14231/1300/Mar 3e
UAØCS 14212/0150/Feb 28w	UK9AAN 14212/1355/Feb 27e
UA9FAJ 14223/1255/Feb 27e	

EUROPE SSB

CT1CR 14205/2240/Feb 26w	GI3JIM 14212/1450/Feb 27e	UK2PAO 14212/1530/Mar 3e
DJ5IH 14202/1820/Feb 28w	GM3ZXL 14223/1700/Feb 28w	UK2GAZ 14213/1640/Feb 28w
DK4BW 14204/1650/Feb 25w	GW3NNF 14209/1805/Feb 28w	UK3ABO 14228/1515/Feb 28w
DA2GL 14207/1800/Feb 28w	I8FCB 14333/1800/Mar 4w	UK3ABB 14240/1240/Mar 3e
EA4JL 14210/2005/Feb 27w	IØDLP 14202/1815/Feb 28w	UQ2GW 14222/1600/Feb 28w
EA5AX 14333/1940/Feb 28w	ISØNZA 14212/1700/Feb 27w	UW3FW 14227/1245/Feb 28e
F8ZF 14242/1520/Feb 26w	IVØSSW 14236/1535/Feb 28w	UV3CE 14231/1245/Mar 3e
F6BKW 14201/1240/Feb 27e	OE3UP 14210/1820/Mar 4w	YU2CDS 14207/1500/Feb 27w
FC6CXT 14225/1230/Feb 27e	OK3ØSKR 14218/1515/Feb 28w	YU3EM 14205/1500/Feb 27w
G5BEF 14218/1440/Feb 27e	OK3ØCFH 14223/1545/Mr 3e	ZB2CS 14279/2120/Feb 28e
G3LEZ 14333/1755/Mar 4w	SM6DAQ 14333/1750/Mar 4e	
G3LLL 14205/1450/Feb 27w	UA1TBN 14229/1520/Mar 3e	

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CE9AT 14210/0245/Feb 26w	VK6SM 28590/0955/Mar 2yb	XV5AA 14220/1535/Feb 24w
FY7AN 21304/1755/Feb 28e	VK6QL 28590/0930/Mar 2yb	XV5AC 14220/1600/Feb 25w
KM6BI 14210/2020/Feb 22kh	VK6CF 14203/2330/Feb 25w	YBØPG 14202/1525/Feb 25w
LU1ZA 14297/0255/Feb 23w	VP2DAJ 14208/2105/Feb 25w	ZF1WE 14267/1235/Feb 27e
P29UC 14222/2040/Feb 27w	VP8OA 14216/2355/Feb 27e	5W1AU 14247/1755/Feb 25w
VE8RCS 14203/1315/Feb 27e	VR6TC 14226/1515/Feb 26w	8P6FU 14190/2120/Feb 26w
VK3EK 14209/2245/Feb 26w#	VS5MC 14220/1540/Feb 24w	9M8VLC 14220/1535/Feb 26w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii)
 (yb = indonesia etc all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim--ex-8X8A on Cray)
 (Island...due to be heard with an exotic prefix one of these days soon....)

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Then I was cast from my DX; two fiends of darkness led
my way;

FORTY METER LOUIE

They waked me early, watched me late, my dread by night,
my plague by day....

A2CCY 7095/0440/Feb 25w	KP4BCL 7174/0315/Feb 26w	VK4UF 7012/1235/Mar 5m
C05DM 7000/0315/Feb 24w	LU6DKX 7004/0455/Feb 26w	VK6RS 7026/1230/Mar 5m
C05EG 7011/0140/Feb 25m	PY8AKL 7017/2300/Feb 23m	VP2LAW 7004/1030/Feb 21e
C07GD 7022/0850/Mar 1m	UK1PAA 7025/0330/Mar 4w	VP2SAH 7025/1600/Feb 21e
HC1CW 7027/0310/Feb 24w	UK9AAN 7032/0255/Feb 27w	ZE1JV 7024/0415/Feb 26w
HKØBKX 7009/1230/Mar 5m	VK3FC 7031/1240/Mar 5m	5H3JL 7045/1730/Feb 28yb
JF1UVJ 7022/1240/Mar 4m	VK3AJY 7028/1225/Mar 3m	6F8J 7235/0240/Mar 1m

EIGHTY METERS

A2CCY 3777/0430/Feb 25w	KG4FO 3799/0555/Mar 5w	YB7AAU 3808/1455/Feb 22w
A2CJP 3777/0355/Mar 5w	LZ2KAF 3790/0510/Feb 28e	YV5AMP 3807/0625/Feb 28w
CT1BY 3795/0450/Feb 28w	OE6MKG 3776/0445/Feb 25m	XS3E 3785/0500/Mar 4w
CT1QP 3789/0300/Feb 26w	PJ3DO 3806/0415/Feb 28e	ZS5LB 3795/0400/Mar 3w
CT2AK 3789/0300/Feb 26w	PJ8KI 3798/0320/Feb 26m	4X4NJ 3790/1620/Feb 28yb
EL2F 3791/0700/Mar 3w	UAØFGM 3620/1400/Mar 4w	9G1AK 3790/0545/Feb 23w
F2EY 3770/0500/Feb 28e	VP1TL 3807/0430/Feb 28e	9G1DY 3800/0600/Feb 28w
HH2V 3800/0505/Feb 25m	VP2EEE 3790/2320/Mar 3yb	9M2DW 3806/1440/Feb 24w
HR2FP 3806/0530/Mar 4w	VP1DO 3805/0445/Feb 28w	9M2LN 3803/1445/Feb 25e
IVØAMU 3792/0555/Mar 5w	VP2DM 3798/0300/Feb 26m	
JA9JX 3797/1410/Mar 4w	VS6DO 3808/1320/Mar 4w	

AFRICA CW

CN2AQ 14062/1605/Mar 4w
CR7JK 14032/2120/Mar 2w
EL2FD 14041/2300/Feb 28w
EA8BN 14018/2030/Feb 27w
ZD8TM 14015/2130/Feb 28w
9J2BU 14062/2105/Feb 23w
9G1AK 14078/2250/Mar 5w

ASIA CW

HL9TG 14032/0055/Feb 20w
JA7SSY 14034/0150/Mar 3m
JR1JFO 14038/0130/Mar 3m
UV9OC 14032/1700/Feb 22w
UVØJL 14030/0120/Feb 22w
4Z4PI 14079/1640/Mar 4w

EUROPE CW

CT1UM 14071/1645/Feb 24w	OE6HZG 14023/1750/Feb 25e	SK4AO 14021/1305/Feb 28m
DJ3BH 14012/1650/Feb 24w	OE3VMW 14007/1840/Mar 2m	UA1ZV 14029/0200/Feb 22m
DK7FZA 14036/1725/Feb 28w	OH4TC 14039/1950/Mar 3w	UA4BP 14036/1520/Mar 4w
EA2CR 14035/2010/Feb 24m	OH4SG 14039/1940/Mar 3w	UA2FBM 14035/1750/Mar 2w
EA6AU 14037/2000/Mar 2m	OK3ØKFF 14013/1645/Fb 25e	UB5WA 14023/1635/Feb 27e
F8REF 14030/1650/Feb 27w	OK3ØTA 14043/1635/Mar 3w	UK1ZAB 14017/1840/Feb 24m
F8MC 14033/1735/Feb 27w	OK3ØJRW 14030/1515/Mr 5m	UK2BBB 14032/1430/Mar 3m
FC8TT 14022/1825/Feb 25e	ON4SY 14043/1850/Feb 25w	UK5VAP 14019/1350/Mar 1e
GB3RNR 14016/1810/Feb 25e	ON4GK 14024/1530/Feb 24m	UK6LAZ 14007/1605/Mar 3w
GD3TNS 14002/1840/Mar 2m	ON6HV 14037/1850/Mar 3m	UK5SAA 14022/1320/Feb 27m
GD4AM 14020/1715/Feb 25e	OX5BW 14027/2350/Feb 27w	U050BE 14011/1405/Feb 28e
GM6RV 14039/1650/Mar 3w	OZ1VY 14010/1910/Mar 1m	WP2PCI 14039/1555/Feb 21w
GWØZUJ 14004/1855/Feb 26w	OZ5R 14024/1550/Feb 24m	UQ2OC 14028/1525/Feb 27w
HA3KGR 14021/1310/Feb 28m	OZ8AN 14041/1620/Feb 24w	UQ2PQ 14024/1540/Feb 24m
HAØKLL 14038/1700/Feb 27w	PA7CE 14076/1510/Mar 3m	UQ2IC 14041/1605/Mar 2w
HAØKHS 14016/1810/Feb 25e	PAØFMB 14038/1840/Mar 3w	UR2RDP 14022/1510/Feb 27m
LX1CF 14011/1410/Mar 1e	SQ9KRT 14020/1735/Feb 27e	YU1EXY 14022/1450/Feb 27m
LX1JT 14041/1450/Feb 28w	SP7ID 14034/1635/Feb 26w	Y03AC 14041/1545/Feb 23w
LZ1KSN 14017/1655/Feb 25e	SP7EWL 14022/1320/Feb 27m	YU1ACN 14035/1720/Feb 27w
LZ2KAF 14021/1450/Feb 24m	SK2GJ 14038/1940/Feb 22w	

CALENDAR

SPRATLY	Maurice and Friends from April 14th with 1StMC
COCOS	HB9AQM/TI9 from April 22nd for a week or so
TUNISIA	DL7RT and Friends during the Easter period..from March 24th
SOUTH SHETLANDS	CE9AT showing a couple of times a week on twenty SSB
SOUTH ORKNEYS	LU1ZA on weekends....sometimes on other days. Twenty SSB.
SOUTH GEORGIA	VP8OB there but with antenna problems
CHAD	Chester and friends sometime this Spring
KERMEDEC	Nothing new on these plans
GLORIOSO	FR7AI/Glorioso due in July....QSLs and everything!
WAB	HF Phone portion....this weekend. CW HF April 6th
DAYTON HAMVENTION	April 25/27th
ARRL CW TEST	This Week-end!! March 15/16th!! Prepare!!!
CQ WPX TEST	March 29/30th
WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY	Annual PY-TEST May 17th
SP TEST	April 5/6th
H-22 TEST	April 12/13th
BERMUDA TEST	April 19/20th

It might be noted that the WORED ALL STATES WEEK Contest starts the same day as the CQ WPX Test. This one sponsored by the Radio Society of Greater Brooklyn offers a prize to the one working the All-States item in the shortest period of time.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES The Contest Advisory Committee has subdivided to assign each member of the CAC a specific sphere to watch. These are:

W1BGD	VHF Contests	W6PAA	CD (Communications Dept) Parties
WA2BLV	Novice Roundup	K8RHL	DX Contest (ARRL Type)
W3BQV	Field Day	W9LT	Ten Meter Test
K4BAI	Sweepstakes	WA0CVS	1976 200th Anniversary Test
W5RUB	Guidelines/QSO Parties	VE7CC	160mtr Test

Over in the DX Territory, a sub-committee is studying Rule 9 of the DXCC Rules. There have been recurrent protests that the size of certain call areas creates an inequity. Presently DXCC contacts must be from the same call area or when moving from one call area or country to another, the contacts must be within a 150 mile radius from the initial location. Thus a W7 has an advantage over a W1 if both have to remove their QTH. Some suggested changes are:

Delete country or mileage limits. Anything within a continent would count.
Drop any mileage limit and credit as along as moves are within the same country
Change the mileage limit...1000-1500-2000 miles etc---to make it equitable.

If you have any ideas, write to the ARRL DX Advisory Committee. Send your comments on any matter before any Advisory Committee to ARRL Headquarters. They will reproduce and distribute to the Advisory Committee members

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