

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



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March 25, 1975 12-75

FERNANDO POO Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, will open this Thursday from Fernando Poo and will try to follow the schedule listed below, signing 3C1AGD:

0000Z to 0600Z	3.7 or 7.-mc
0600 to 1200Z	14.- or 21.-mc
1200 to 1800Z	14.-, 21.- or 28.-mc
1800 to 2400Z	3.7, 7.-or 14.-mc

Erik will be using a FT-277, VFO..., HA-14 linear and will use a 14AVQ plus some inverted Veess. The frequencies will be used as follows:

SSB	3795kc	7085kc+/-	14195kc	21295kc	28595kc
CW	3505kc	7005kc	14025kc	21025kc	28035kc

This information comes from Joergen Svensson, SM3CXS, who will handle the QSLs for 3C1AGD. Joe notes that any support for this effort can be sent via him. Erik plans to operate across the CQ WPX Test and until next Thursday, April 3rd.

SPRATLY Maurice Caplan, VS5MC, was still holding on to his plans for the 1S5MC operation in mid-April though one of the principals, Don Riebhof, was in the midst of some worsening problems in phnom Penh.

A Chinese fishing vessel has been hired for the period April 14th to April 22nd to provide the logistic flotilla for the effort aimed at Amboyna Cay in the Spratlys. Maurice is planning to bring two KWM-2s while Don, XU1DX, is supposed to bring along a third. There is also a 312B-5 for split frequency operation. The 35 foot masts used for the 1S1A-Spratly effort in February 1973 are also to be taken.

NORFOLK ISLAND VK4AK, Gil Moody, will be leaving Queensland on April 9th and headed for Norfolk. He will be operating all the live bands but has suggested that the following frequencies be watched.

3695kc from around 0600Z, Gil on c.w.
7090kc SSB transmitting, listening 7200kc and above after 0600Z
14200kc SSB transmitting, listening 5 to 10 kc up
21300kc transceive...

Gil has been passing information along to Don Brickey, W7OK, his QSL Manager. There was no mention of any Ten Meter frequency and possibly because this may not be productive. The call to be signed will be VK4AK/NL. It might be noted that the VK upper limit for the 80meter band is 3.7mc and you will have to seek them down in their area. Gil expects to stay on Norfolk to fill most of the demand for VK9=Norfolk. W7OK's address is Box 95, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

FERNANDO DE NORONHA PY7YS is aiming for a mid-April trip to Fernando De, a one or two day operation. Tentatively it is planned to sign PYØYS though a special prefix may be assigned. April 15th is the area of the planning.

SUNSPOT LOUIE A rather peculiar situation occurred this last week. At the W8ZOK QTH, cloudy skies have prevailed though there were enough breaks in the clouds to verify that no sunspots were present. Last Monday, March 17th, the day prior to this report, two spots were present as indicated on the chart. They were in the position that they would have been on the 8th day after rotating from the back side to the front. An observation on March 15th revealed no spots and it was cloudy on the 16th and no observations could be made. It has to be concluded that these spots recently erupted.

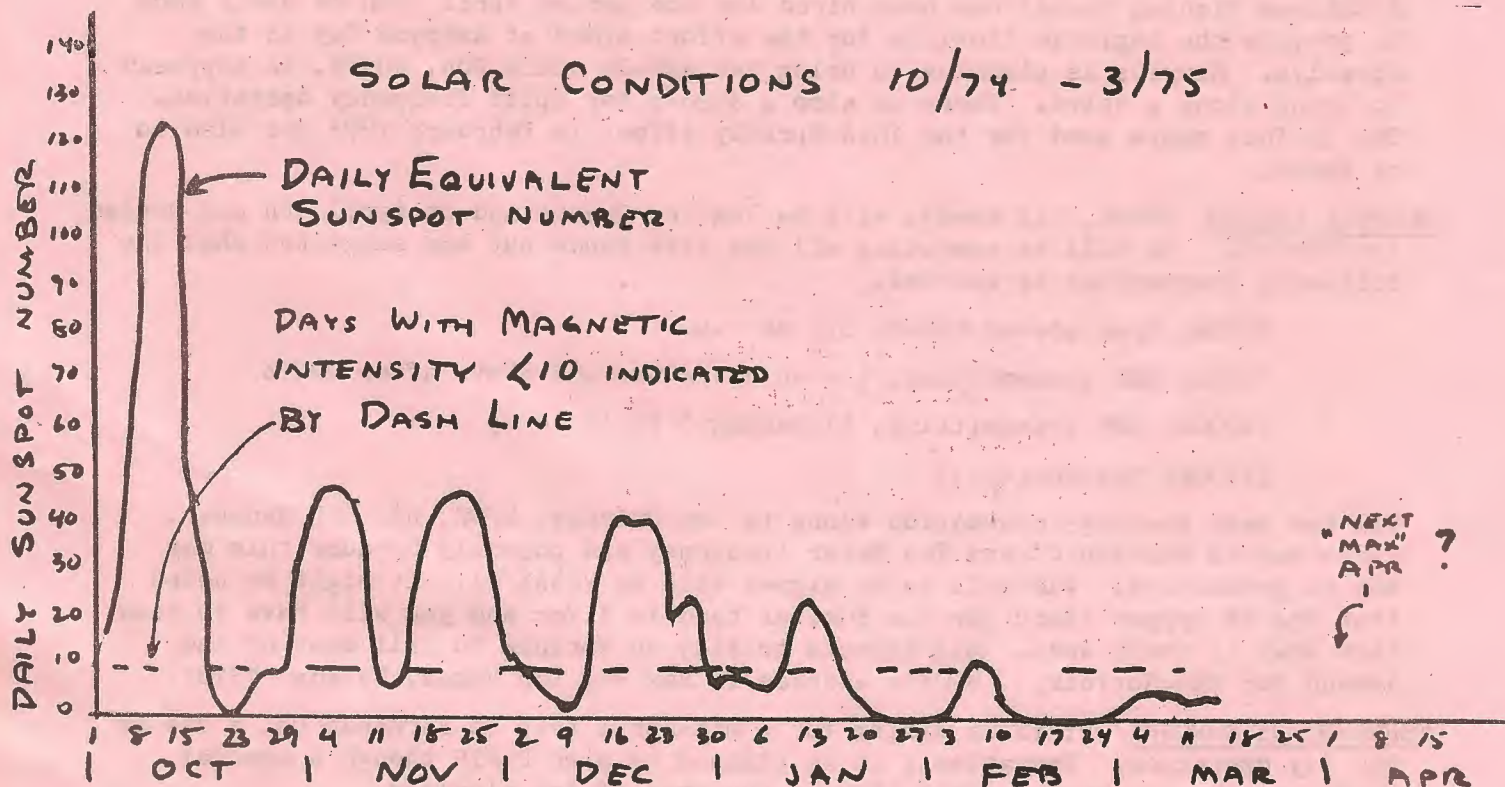
They should have been visible for about two days more before turning to the backside of the sun but on the day of this report three observations were made and the spots could not be found, no trace of them remaining. It would therefore seem that they erupted and lived for only two days. From Boulder the report is that conditions are expected to be unsettled until about the 25th of March, this coming from a recurrent increase in geomagnetic activity. Solar activity is expected to be low and MUFs near seasonal normals, possibly being depressed over this last weekend and up to Tuesday. Radio conditions are expected to continue quiet to unsettled until about April 6th and the five days after that are likely to be disturbed.

Solar flares have a low probability but a moderate ionospheric storm is expected in the period from April 6th to 10th.

High latitude radio quality the first of this week is expected to be '5s' and '6s'. Many are finding the K index and the solar flux numbers a far better indicator than the radio quality numbers. The article by Ted Cohen in the March 'CQ' should be read by every DXer who is looking for methods to quickly determine band conditions. Be sure and read it.

Back towards the rising sun in the vast reaches of Rhode Island, W1AM has been keeping watch on the conditions and Art sends along the following chart. It may be of some interest to note how things are going. "Sunspots will return", most everyone says, but it may be a couple of months yet.

SOLAR CONDITIONS 10/74 - 3/75



25 March 1975

ARRL RESTRUCTURING SURVEY The ARRL Survey was received here in the Western Reaches on March 17th. With some 48 questions, it might be noted that some are a bit on the curious side.

While it is termed a survey to give the membership a way of expressing an opinion that can be related to the views of other members, some of the questions would appear to be either testing the breadth of knowledge a member might have or to gently nudge him towards some desired conclusions.

Take a look at a few:

- #10 Knowledge of code is not a basic international requirement for all amateur licenses.
- #14 FCC requires a knowledge of code for all present U.S. amateur licenses.
- #19 Under international radio regulations, the FCC cannot create a class of amateur license with no requirements of technical knowhow.
- #26 Other countries have issued no-code licenses.
- #35 Under international radio regulations, the FCC cannot do away with the code requirement for six-meter operation.

If you have not received a survey form by April 1st, a duplicate will be sent you by ARRL but your letter of request will have to be postmarked April 1st or later. The survey were mailed within the states at non-profit 3rd Class rate...1.6¢ cost for the postage on each one. These went into the mails at Hartford on March 7th and were noted at many points in the Western Reaches last week.

There may be some reason to feel that the questionnaire may be a bit too complex for many amateurs to field and what started out as a simple questionnaire was 'improved and up-graded'. It would seem that the answer to some of the questions would not be readily available to many amateurs nor of any great importance that they know. Whether some countries do or do not require code might be considered as really not revelant. On the other hand, it might be a subtle exhibition of the cleverness and breath of knowledge of the one who drew up the survey.

Or, the 'gauging of the depth of your views'. All the viewpoints of the members are valued, some more so.

EASTER ISLAND Wayne Warden, W9MR, passes along the word that he expect his CEX operation from Easter Island will run about a week, giving most everyone who needs this one a chance to work him if the solar flux and the magnetic intensity do a bit of cooperating.

The date for the opening is April 17th and the emphasis will be on c.w. operation. Look for Wayne 25kc inside the lower band edge and listening 5kc or so up. There will be an emphasis on 40/20/15mtr operation.

QSLs go to INDXA, Box 125, Simpsonville, Maryland. 21150.

Wayne has previous made DX trips to these islands off the Chilean coast in the Pacific and the total of QSOs has always been big. Watch for Wayne in mid-month.

TI9-COCOS The HB9-effort for Cocos may try some 160mtr operation and some of the top-banders in the Florida area were arranging to supply an antenna for the operation.

The plans for the effort are moving forward and the participants should be moving through the states enroute to Costa Rica early in April.

There was a report that TI2PZ might open in the last part of March with a Cocos operation but there has been no confirmation on this. No reports either.

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SHORTLY NOTED

This week we will again note that the feeling still persists that there is more DX news available every week than the indolent staff at the WCDXB has time or space to print. One of these days we will figure out a solution. Some of those looking for Marion Island might look down in the foreign band as Gerry is often found between 14150kc and 14185kc after 1500Z. ZS2MI that is... Those thirsting for a CR9 probably may have to wait a bit longer. There have been some political upheavals back in the home country and everyone is a bit tense. It might be noted that this has been a recurrent problem there and one of the old standbys from Macao, CR9AH, John Alvares, left in a bit of a hurry after some 'student' demonstrations there in the colony. Anyhow, the late word is that it would be best not to be watching for any thing in the immediate future. Another who has tried to find out what is on Clipperton that should keep a good and deserving DXer off the island passes along the opinion that any hope for a FO8C-Clipperton operation is more ephemeral than empirical. Some have figured they had the key in hand and sometimes it was a big key but it did not turn the locks on the Quai d'Orsay. At one time there was a hope that it might be possible to line up an operation by a French national. Late word is that even this is out.

One hopeful asked that maybe Howard Hughes might take his big barge out and lift the whole thing right out of the area. A bit of study indicated that this was not practical. Anyhow, the situation seems to be right now that while you may hear some hot hopes, do not start planning your vacation to get you in on the action. It does not seem to be coming....even by DC7.

Lennie Mendel, W20VC, who has struggled more than anyone should with the neighborhood groups, is pulling out of the New York area and headed for the open spaces of Arkansas. Lennie is moving to a new QTH just outside of Hot Springs. This time he settled on 5 acres of land so that no neighbors will be looking over the back fence.

Those 5L2 prefixes heard a week back were to commemorate the 1st anniversary of President J J Roberts taking office. 5L2JJR was one of the special calls. This was being signed by EL4d. Also in West Africa, both 9Q5BG and 9Q5ZT were heard last week. 9Q5BG said to QSL to REF...9Q5ZT said via the bureau. Approach any 9Q5 with your eagerness tempered by caution. There has been little authorized operation out of Zaire for some time. Work them first and worry later but it is possible that you may catch a clinker.

The mailing of the survey by the ARRL on the FCC restructuring proposal continues to turn up a few puzzling matters. While it was noted as a most important proposal and the July Board of Directors meeting was moved up to May because of the survey, they used the cheapest possible method of distributing the survey. The postage bill at the non-profit bulk rate could hardly have been \$1500.00. They probably paid more for the paper involved in the survey and the 'professional' help involved must have had some considerable man-hour costs. That postage rate covers a class of mail which thirty-five years ago was familiarly known as 'junk mail' inside the walls of the Post Offices but PR frowns on the use of this term any longer. On top of all of this, though it appears that they had problems in getting the survey into the mails, there was no hesitation on the day of mailing to getting off a cheap-shot at the Postal Service by noting in a official communication, "....only those requests for duplicates dated after the end of March will be honored, as it may take the USPS this long (or longer) to deliver the original mailings to some parts of this country".

The penny post card may be gone but some are still pinching... Something close to 100,000 surveys distributed for \$1500.00 seems that a sense of value or urgency was not the most noticeable thing.

W4BRB/C6A made 2000 QSOs in the second go-round of the ARRL SSB Test. That effort of K6SE as VP2EEB back in January ran up 1852 QSOs from Anguilla. They had some rig problems with no output on ten or fifteen. Low output made hearing VP2EEB a bit of a problem. VK/ZL was good on eighty and John was hoping for a possible return during the Easter period.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Break, break, break, on thy cold sunspots, DX
And I would that my tongue would utter, the CQs
that arise in me.....

Forty Meter Louie

CE2GL	a7009/0610/Mar	8e	KP4EBR	7035/2350/Mar	10w	VP2VL	7006/0610/Mar	8e
CM2RF	7007/0440/Mar	17w	KS6FF	7030/0800/Mar	16m	VP2ST	7017/0415/Mar	9e
CJ3DTR	7006/0105/Mar	13w	OA40	7035/0820/Mar	16e	VP2LL	7173/0115/Mar	17e
CT2BN	7030/2245/Mar	16e	OK30FF	7035/0000/Mar	17e	VP2LAW	7032/0030/Mar	15e
C31IU	7020/0315/Mar	16m	LU2EF	7003/0430/Mar	13w	ZB2CJ	7005/2350/Mar	10e
EA8LK	7002/2225/Mar	10e	SV1DO	7005/0535/Mar	8e	ZB2CS	7005/2330/Mar	10e
FB8YC	7030/0730/Mar	13w	TI2PZ	7008/0450/Mar	17w	ZF1MA	7200/0245/Mar	15w
FP8AP	7027/2145/Mar	16e	TI2BEV	7011/0410/Mar	13e	ZF1LM	7028/2240/Mar	16e
HA0KLE	7035/2315/Mar	16e	TU2EF	7005/2205/Mar	10e	ZS1NG	7006/0505/Mar	17w
HB0AAL	7001/2335/Mar	14e	UB5ZAT	7026/0010/Mar	17m	ZS2JL	7032/0445/Mar	9e
HI3PC	7027/0010/Mar	17m	VK5LI	7004/1225/Mar	14m	ZS4PB	7150/0550/Mar	18e
HK0BKX	7010/0045/Mar	11e	VK2EO	7030/2220/Mar	16e#	ZS6FY	7010/0415/Mar	18w
JD1ABZ	7004/1630/Mar	14w	VK3MR	7003/2210/Mar	10e	7X4AN	7007/2215/Mar	10e
KC4AF	7005/0445/Mar	13w	VP2KX	7002/0030/Mar	12e	4Z4GG	7035/0000/Mar	17e
KI6AA	7165/0330/Mar	12w	VP2GFA	7021/0300/Mar	8e	9H1DV	7009/0540/Mar	8e

EIGHTY METER LOUIE

CT1MK	3772/0710/Mar	16e	JY3ZH	3802/0405/Mar	17e	VS6DO	3806/1345/Mar	17w
C08BO	3801/0305/Mar	16m	KG4DS	3805/0540/Mar	5e	YN1AZ	3804/0305/Mar	6m
EA8JP	3792/2350/Mar	11e	KP4AN	3796/2310/Mar	13yb	YN1WD	3779/0530/Mar	18e
EA8CR	3791/2325/Mar	12yb	KL7HIY	3809/0445/Mar	14e	ZC4AK	3799/0145/Mar	10e
FC6CXT	3789/0330/Mar	11e	W7MF/KL7	3789/0330/	6m	ZF1WE	3807/1050/Mar	18w
F6CRZ	3802/0240/Mar	17e	OA40	3528/0806/Mar	16e	ZS1MH	3789/0400/Mar	11e
FP8DH	3806/0230/Mar	18e	OD5IO	3767/0400/Mar	17e	ZS6DW	3777/0325/Mar	19e
HH2VC	3892/0550/Mar	18e	PA0EG	3791/0350/Mar	18e	4S7PB	3791/2330/Mar	11yb
HH2WF	3789/0330/Mar	11e	TI2BEV	3532/0540/Mar	16e	4X4QG	3787/0400/Mar	6m
HC2TV	3791/2330/Mar	10yb	UA0FGM	3620/1030/Mar	17w	5T5CJ	3518/0700/Mar	16w
HI8LMG	3802/0330/Mar	18e	VP2DM	3790/0320/Mar	18e	5X5NK	3789/0420/Mar	11e
HI8XRG	3791/0300/Mar	19e	VP9HM	3792/0455/Mar	18e	9G1AK	3806/0540/Mar	16e
4U1ITU	3781/0340/Mar	9e	5Z4LW	3793/0000/Mar	12e	9M2DW	3806/1400/Mar	17w
6Y5DA	3794/0340/Mar	6m	8P6FU	3806/0225/Mar	18e			

AFRICA CW

CR7JK	14028/1900/Mar	14e	ZS1XR	14043/1850/Mar	13e	9G1GE	14017/2330/Mar	8e
ZE1EZ	14053/2010/Mar	14e	5Z4LW	14013/2135/Mar	13e	9Q5ZT	14011/2330/Mar	15e
ZE8JJ	14057/1945/Mar	12e	9G1AK	14028/2045/Mar	16e			

ASIA CW

JA1UQP	14030/0220/Mar	18w	UI8CK	21030/1255/Mar	12yb	4S7SU	14003/1610/Mar	14e
JT1KAA	14039/0410/Mar	10w	UA0FCA	14026/0250/Mar	18e	9V1SH	14008/0015/Mar	9w
KA6CT	14030/0410/Mar	18w	ZC4RH	14028/1810/Mar	14e			

EUROPE CW

C31IR	14013/1740/Mar	14e	OE5AHL	14034/2030/Mar	9w	UC2AG	21050/1010/Mar	11yb
EA6AU	21049/1640/Mar	9e	OH2AW	14042/1430/Mar	8w	UC2LE	14005/1530/Mar	13e
F6BRZ	14035/1745/Mar	9w	OH9UK	14018/2215/Mar	9w	UQ2GCO	14025/1820/Mar	17e
FC8TT	14025/1930/Mar	14e	OK30MIN	14006/1610/M	9w	UK6QAD	21050/1020/Mar	11yb
GC2LU	14020/1815/Mar	17e	OK30KAS	14006/1600	9w	UW4FZ	14035/1845/Mar	9w
HA8KZB	14002/1820/Mar	17e	OK30BOB	14006/1825	17e	UZ3ER	14007/1535/Mar	13e
I5CZE	14012/1820/Mar	17e	ON5ZJ	14024/1820/Mar	17e	9H1DV	14020/1816/Mar	17e
JW4EJ	14028/0030/Mar	9e	OZ3ZR	14035/2020/Mar	9w			
LA4ZC	14007/2205/Mar	9w	SV0WX	14023/1920/Mar	15m			

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MORE RED EYED STUFF

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CP1EU	14020/0210/Mar	15m	OA2CD	14023/0225/Mar	18w	8P6BU	14026/2215/Mar	16w
KX6FF	21040/2230/Mar	16e	VP2KX	14015/2250/Mar	9w	8R1VC	14023/1520/Mar	16m
KX6MV	14020/0445/Mar	10w	VP2ST	14023/0305/Mar	10w			

AFRICA SSB

A2CCY	14250/1330/Mar	13ka	VE2SUD/SU	14240/1400	14e	5L9A	21319/1810/Mar	17e
A2CCY	21355/1405/Mar	13e	VQ9M	14207/2035/Mar	14e	5L2FJ	14222/1410/Mar	16e
CN8BX	14210/1850/Mar	9m	VQ9BP	21355/1700/Mar	14e	5L2JJR	14207/0205/Mar	15e
CR6PN	14204/2040/Mar	11w	VQ9GP	21344/1800/Mar	14e	9G1GD	14205/2240/Mar	11w
CR6LF	14201/1800/Mar	17e	VQ9GP	14250/1330/Mar	13ka	9G1JD	14218/1950/Mar	15e
CR4BS	14212/2140/Mar	14e	ZD7SD	21310/1910/Mar	14e	9G1JC	14210/2220/Mar	13e
EA9AQ	14199/1940/Mar	12e	ZD7SD	14217/2105/Mar	10e	9L1JM	21311/1810/Mar	17e
EL2FT	14213/2135/Mar	12e	5Z4PP	21355/1355/Mar	13e	9Q5BG	14223/2315/Mar	17e
EL2FC	14337/2205/Mar	11w	5T5GS	21320/1820/Mar	14e	9X5PT	14257/2120/Mar	14e
FL8HM	14255/1900/Mar	8e	6W8FP	21355/1735/Mar	15e			
TU2EF	14210/2335/Mar	14e	ZS6HR	14195/1305/Mar	13w			

ASIA SSB

AP2AG	14185/1230/Mar	13w	KA8OB	14220/0015/Mar	14e	UAØCAH	14205/0235/Mar	10w
BV2B	14225/0050/Mar	9e	OD5FB	14204/2000/Mar	14e	UKØIAA	14220/0255/Mar	10w
HL9UF	14209/0310/Mar	12w	OD5HF	21275/1515/Mar	8e	UKØLAB	14203/2310/Mar	12w
HS4AFD	14195/1305/Mar	13w	UAØCBA	14315/0105/Mar	9e	UF6DZ	14209/1240/Mar	8m
JT1AN	14315/0105/Mar	9e	UA9VB	14207/1250/Mar	8m	XV5AA	14250/1520/Mar	13yb
KA6GN	14225/2335/Mar	13e	UA9EJ	14319/1345/Mar	9m	XV5DA	14225/2345/Mar	13e

EUROPE SSB

CT1MT	14236/2040/Mar	18e	RA6AEH	28600/0835/Mar	13ka	UK4WAC	14217/1255/Mar	18m
HBØALL	14229/1505/Mar	17e	SV1AR	14297/1805/Mar	17e	UR2MO	14282/1350/Mar	9m
IVØSSW	14234/2000/Mar	18e	SV1BR	14190/1255/Mar	13ka			
I6DVG	14274/2040/Mar	18m	SVØWGG	14260/1440/Mar	17e			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CE9AT	14210/0335/Mar	5e	KC6JW	14222/0530/Mar	11w	VS5MC	14225/0020/Mar	17w
CE3AQX	28590/1925/Mar	16e	KJ6BZ	14345/0220/Mar	18e	YBØABK	14225/2345/Mar	13e
CM2AF	21272/1445/Mar	15e	KV4CM	14219/2100/Mar	11w	YBØABD	14227/1305/Mar	5m
DU3BS	14225/2345/Mar	13e	LU1AJI	28552/1710/Mar	15e	YN1AA	28602/1750/Mar	14e
FO8DP	14211/0300/Mar	11w	LU6BAO	14223/0000/Mar	13w	ZF1MA	14204/2305/Mar	12w
FY6AQ	14214/2255/Mar	11w	LU7MAY	28602/2310/Mar	17w	ZK1AA	14240/1745/Mar	11w
FYØBHI	14202/1450/Mar	19e	PY2PE	14218/2350/Mar	16w	3D2AE	14229/0300/Mar	11w
HKØBKX	14217/0010/Mar	11e	PY5OE	14204/2255/Mar	11w	5W1AU	14240/1745/Mar	11w
HP1CU	28615/1835/Mar	14e	PZ1AR	21293/1640/Mar	15e	8P6FV	28550/1915/Mar	16e
HP1LV	14246/2355/Mar	12w	VP2LBR	14300/1825/Mar	17e	8R1X	14207/2040/Mar	16w
KB6CU	21395/0045/Mar	10m	VR1AC	21395/0055/Mar	10e	9Y4NP	28551/1920/Mar	16e

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches yb = indonesia)
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 (country last week....)

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CALENDAR

FERNANDO POO	3C1AGD opening March 27th.... Prepare!!
SPRATLY	1S5MC by Maurice and friends from April 14th...
EASTER ISLAND	Wayne Warden, W9MR, aiming for Easter in mid-April
COCOS	TI9 effort by HB9AQM & Co. from April 22nd
TUNISIA	DL7RT and friends over the WPX Test from 3V8
GB3RN	Special station aboard HMS BELFAST...March 28-Apr 6th
LX1-RTTY	March 26th and for a couple of days...RTTY-pedition.
NORFOLK ISLAND	VK4AK there from April 9th signing /NI 80 through 15....
SOUTH SHEPLANDS	CE9AT says too busy to operate until next month
SOUTH GEORGIA	VP8OB on the island now.... Few reports though
SOUTH ORKNEYS	LU1ZA sometimes cornered there on weekends
CHAD	Chester and friends going...date not certain. Be Alert!!
KERMEDEC	ZL-XYLs have the permission but plans not solid yet...
GLORIOSO	Hoarau Yoland, the dependable QSLer, there in July!!!!
WAB TEST	CW h.f. TEST .. April 6th
DAYTON HAMVENTION	April 25/27th
FRESNO DX MEETING	April 19/20th....at the Fresno HILTON
CQ WPX TEST	This weekend.....Be ready.
SP TEST	April 5/6th
H-22 TEST	April 12/13th
GUERNSEY	GC8HT will be working 80mtrs April 7-11th...
FERNANDO de NORONHA	PY0YS possible for a couple of days around April 15th
BERMUDA TEST	April 19/20th

INDIA Dave Siddall, VU2ABC, passes along a bit of information on the current scene there. For one thing Dave says that his list of needed states for WAS has been cut from 12 down to six and all he needs now is Maine/Rhode Island/Delaware/New Mexico/Idaho and North Dakota.

Dave notes that Gopal, VU2GDG, has special permission to operate in the 3785 to 3800kc segment, this on an ad hoc basis. Presently it is strictly on a 'frequency available' basis and at the Ministry of Telecommunications discretion. He may be in that area for the CQ WPX Test...the normal ceiling is 3695kc. VU2ABC is planning to work in the 3689kc segment.

VU2ABC will be trying to work everything in the CQ WPX Test, Dave planning a big effort. After the test he will be QRT until April 12th, returning to Bombay to operate until mid-May when he will be heading back to the states. He says to start looking him around 14200kc ==0130 to 0230Z in mid-April.

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Max W5GJ Don K5AAD Mary W5MBB Dave WA5ZNY John W5AB

SILENT KEY Rolf Carlsen, WA6IDF, became a silent key on March 18th. Rolf was a member of the Northern California DX Club and had been hospitalized recently for surgery for a long time ailment. He passed away following the surgery after having had deteriorating health for some years.

XT2AA Plans for W1AM to run a bunch through on a schedule are awaiting the arrival of son Jack back in Upper Volta. W1AM says any deserving and needy QRP'er should send a sase to be alerted when the XT2-plan jells. When Jack does make it back to Upper Volta, he will take along a teletype interface to get the RTTY gear at XT2AA on the air. W1AM not solid on any dates yet though he was hoping for something before the end of March on his plans for the XT2AA schedule.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Some of the local QRP'ers came in out of the rain last week and the talk was of a number of things. Like one QRP'er said: "Everytime I turn on the TV set it is bad news. When I read the newspapers, it is all bad news. Everything seems bad. Isn't there anything anymore to make one happy?". We were thinking this over for a bit for it is a rough go these days with the bad news coming in between the evening marathon of crime and punishment. But another QRP'er spoke up. "I think there is good news", he said. "The price of grains has been dropping on the Chicago Commodity Market. And while No. 2 hard was \$3.76 a bushel a week ago, which is well above the \$1.68 it was in 1967, it is well down from the \$5.28 a bushel it was a year ago. That's wheat I'm talking about". You know something, the rest of us looked at each other for a bit for this was getting us. Finally someone asked: "How is that good news?", and the QRP'er smiled. "Why, I thought you understood. This will bring down the price of feed for the juncos and the nut-hatches and the band-tailed pigeons and the mourning doves and the titmouses that are always coming around to feed. You can see how that is good news, can't you". Son of a Gun, we were going to say something about the first spots in the new cycle being sighted last Fall at #37 as our share of good news but we had lost again. Meanwhile the WCDXB struggles through the bad news and roars out of the west every week..... Good News like DX is a relative thing....sometimes more so!

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