

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



July 8, 1975

26-75

BURMA As the end of last week neared, there apparently had been no change in the plans of 9V1RR to seek to operate from XZ-Burma and Robin expected to be in up-country Burma by July 8th.

Robin M G Maule, 9V1RR, will be in Burma to make a communications engineering survey for the Rangoon government. He will be making a survey for a h.f. communication system and his work will cover both a survey and the laying out of a possible communication system. The survey will cover 800 kilometers and during his stay in Burma Robin will be constantly on the move.

He has a license to operate communications gear and there is no restrictions on any amateur operations. However, he is interested on the possibilities of radio communication on h.f. circuits and this is the reason he will be insistent on accurate signal reports.

Last week the plans were for a ten day stay in Burma. In a QSO with a West Coast Station, Robin indicated that it may be difficult to complete the whole survey and he may have to make a return visit in the future. However he is looking for some indication of h.f. communication possibilities and his FT-101 plus the dipole will help him get what he needs.

Last week he mentioned to W6PTS that his operating period will be locked in to the 1200-1500Z period as he does have work and there is a need for some rest. Look for Robin starting this Tuesday.....14200kc or thereabouts. Be ready to assist him in compiling the necessary scientific information on propagations.....accurate signal reports a necessity.

Mt ATHOS As the holiday weekend approached, it was not definite that the single remaining document had been obtained. However, this was not the document which would give permission to enter the Mt. Athos area, this was already in hand. The principals in the SV1GA & Co. effort were poised to head for Athens on July 19th with the group to be at Mt. Athos on July 20th if all the planning jells.

The forecast for the period starting July 18th looks good and conditions are expected to turn upwards then. The geomagnetic field should start settling down late on July 17th and the solar flux should raise right into the low seventies by the end of the operation. On the next page you will find that the projection does look good. Twenty probably will be the main band for the haul into the states with 14195kc the hunting ground. It might also be expected that when the DX window opens into the call areas beyond the Mississippi, there may be concentration on these areas as long as propagation conditions hold up. However, it is possible that the operation will find conditions good enough to dry up a lot of the demand for Mt. Athos. It is still possible to check propagation conditions into Europe by listening for OH2BH at 14220kc at 0500Z most days. Martin is keeping a fairly regular schedule at that time and place with K6SSJ.

SAN MARINO W4BAA notes that M1D is rather regular in his habits and usually found either at 14240kc or 14300kc from 0930Z. Also, Dewitt says that M1C is often found on forty or eighty after 2100Z.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Some sunspot activity finally showed and this spot erupted sometime between the observations made by W8ZOK on Jun 27th and the observation on June 28th. The left chart shows its position when it was first noted and it is a spot with a fairly large diameter, about 15,000 miles across..... From its dark color it can be presumed to be fairly active.

While the sun is hopefully watched for more signs of activity, the effect of the solar activity on the bands is noticeable and the strength of signals has improved. If things hold up, this spot should have affected things through the Fourth of July.

1300Z

28 Jun 75

1240Z

1 Jul 75

W8ZOK

The scientific liasion with the Palos Verde Sundancers checked with the hongo beater who shrugged off things. "We were just testing", he said. "Wait until we get close to that Mt. Athos date. That's when we will really jump and jiggle. Conditions have to be good then because the XYL of the leader of the Sundancers also needs Mt. Athos and we cannot risk losing one in a fight over who gets the rig. There'll be some true-blue Palos Verdes Sunspots for Mt. Athos. Count on it!!".

From the Banks of the Potomac comes the up-date for the Mt. Athos planning period and it does look good. Here's how W4UMF, Ted the Fearless, figures things to be:

July 8th	High-Normal (Borderline)	July 15th	Low Normal
9th	Below Normal	16th	Low Normal
10th	Disturbed	17th	Low Normal
11th	Below Normal	18th	High Normal
12th	Low Normal	19th	Low Normal
13th	Low Normal	20th	High Normal
14th	Below Normal	21st	High Normal
		22nd	High Normal

That July 22nd may even get up to what would be considered High Normal for this point in the cycle. You might also take a look at the expected Solar Flux and Ap Index:

Solar Flux			Ap Index		
July 17th	69	11	July 20th	68	6
18th	70	6	21st	71	3
19th	67	8	22nd	74	2

There it is! An end to worrying about conditions. DXers have always been noted for leading the way. And as it has been in the past, the DXers are again being noted for their flux....

W6TTS comes across with the historical data and Gene says that in recent days, the solar flux and indices were something along this line:

Solar Flux /A Index			Solar Flux/A Index		
June 24th	74	2	June 28th	78	3
25th	76	3	29	77	16
26th	77	6	30	76	21
27th	79	5			

With the Suffering DXers waiting for the cycle to stop bumbling along at the bottom and to find the strength to turn upwards, all of this will keep the hope burning....surely Tomorrow Will be a Brighter Day!!

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ERIK SJOLUND/3C1AGD Some months back Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, was in Africa and headed for Fernando Poo for what he hoped would be a good bit of operating. It ended up with but twenty hours of operation allowed and Erik writes about his trip:

I think most already have the information about my activity on Fernando Poo and there is not much more to mention about it.

By the way, the island is no longer 'Fernando Poo'. It is now called Isla de Macias Nguema Biyogo, being named after the country's president. The capital was called 'Santa Isabel' and it now known as Pagalu. Don't ask me why they changed the names and don't ask me why they cut my operating time to twenty hours.

I was very disappointed at this because after my first visit on the island, I thought everything was all line up. But I didn't have the final paper and they changed their minds....

Or I should say that 'he' changed his mind because oneman has to make all decisions in this country. This one is right under the President. Most of my time was spent walking between different offices because the telephone system is seldom working and nobody knew where this man was. There are no taxis or private automobiles on the island.

I am still trying to get a new license and perhaps I will go there again the next time I pass through the area....but, there is little hope if any at all. Presently the political situation in that part of West Africa is a bit unstable.

I worked 750 QSOs from 3C1AGD. The QSL cards have been somewhat delayed, SM3BW, who is going to print them for me, has been very busy in his printing office. But I think they will be ready to go by the end of June and all the cards received will be answered by then. Joe, SM3CXS, is really doing a wonderful QSL-job for me, my problem is to get a supply of QSL cards to him in time.

When I came back from Africa I was quite exhausted after all the struggles. The plans were that I would combine a mission for my company the next time out with an effort to go to Bajo Nuevo with Ham, W1WQC/4. I have had no indications from my connections in Bogota up to now that the license problems have been solved. This means that I would have to go there myself and start negotiations and the result might be doubtful. As I felt that I needed a rest from all the problems involved in a DXpedition, I have decided to let the mission wait until a later occasion.

From September onwards I will be going on missions again for my company and so I will try to make efforts to activate some of the countries on the top 50 list of needed ones, or why not some brand new ones.

Most of my luggage was lost during one of the flights in Africa but fortunately not the ones with radio gear since I always carry the gear as hand luggage. Also the linear! I use the Sommerkamp FT-277 transceiver, (same as the YAESU FT-101). For the linear I have a Swedish made power supply with toroid (ring-core) transformers. The total weight is about 30 kilos...so it takes some training to carry it to the aircraft without drawing too much attention!!

In July I will be spending four weeks at a University in Spain to study the Spanish language. It might be useful in the future. Please give my thanks to the DXers for their contributions that they have sent to help me and for their QSL cards....

73 de Erik/SMØAGD

10 June 75
Huddinge, Sweden

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SHORTLY NOTED Dave Siddall is ending his around-the-world journey and in June was headed for the Boston area. He was in Bangkok early in June and attended a dinner in honor of HS1AHZ, Jack Payton, who is back in Washington after a three year tour in Thailand. HS1WR was the host for the dinner. Dave expects to be down in the Washington area later this year. From India he worked everything for WAS...except North Dakota and Delaware and they stopped some years back the practice of a 48-state WAS. K2GBC is looking for a QTH for KG6JDB. The QTH in the 74 Call Book bounced the card back....the 75 Call Book says they'd like to find out also. G4ECD/W5 is also ex-A2CCY and now located in Arkansas...and Arkansas seems to be the goal of a lot of people these days. W20VC is getting things ready to fire up from around Pearcy. However, the Secretary of the Arkansas DX Assn lives in Texas. How about that? Some VE-calls are showing up with exotic additions such as /SU or /5B4. Listen closely, that VE station might be some DX. W4NJF hails the attention given at the last ARRL Directors meeting to opening the twenty meter phone band below 14200kc. He notes that many things have changed since the American phone bands were established thirty or forty years back and that there are narrow SSB signals predominating where wide-band AM signals used to cause problems. W4NJF suggests that letters be written to the FCC and to your ARRL Director on this matter. 5T5GS on twenty on June 31st (?) produced a bit of biting, elbowing and finger-in-your-eye DXing. Just like the good old days! Some can hardly wait until good conditions return.....it will be 'Rollerball' all the way and every day.... HL9TO QSLs to WB6GYS. VS9MB to G3KDB. K6LAE found conditions good on twenty SSB on June 28th (High Normal) and found WAC within thirty minutes. One of the Watchers of the Lonely Night noted that conditions were pretty good on June 27th when a 'Low Normal' was predicted. Guess we got tangled in our 31-day June Calendar. That solar activity did not get started until late in the day. The Post Office is moving towards some of the implementing of the plan to eliminate airmail as a separate service for letter mail. Some changes are starting early in July and you may notice some changes. Where mail was being trucked for some distance ...like between San Francisco and Los Angeles....the plans are to put it back on planes again. You may notice some earlier arrivals of the bulletin. And we would just as soon not have airmail renewals but they still come through but not as they once would. Alex, 3P8DA, had some problems with a cyclone there in Mauritius and his QTH was flooded. His rig was wiped up in the flooding and the storm brought winds that went as high as 174mph. Alex works for the Weather Bureau there in Mauritius and this might be a matter of planning by objective. If they want weather, they'll get it!! Alex often makes trips to the out-lying islands such as Rodriguez and is hoping to acquire gear to make 3D9 a possibility again in the future. He goes a couple of times a year. We have received a few inquiries on the Northern California DX Foundation. As of this point we have nothing on any planned activities. W6MAV is presently heading the Foundation. What this oblique reference means is write him....not us. Washington is having some SEAsia refugees passing around the dinner circuit and recently noted were XU1DX who will soon head for CT1...XV5AA/XV5AB/XV5AC, XW8FN and XW8GO. XV5AA will be headed for Camp Pendleton to work with the refugees, XV5AC will stay at state for a couple of years and XW8FN is looking for an assignment. K6UA has headed for the Banks of the Potomac....talking contest all the way.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

A voice is ever at thy side,
Speaking in tones of might,
Like the prophetic voice, that cried
To John in Patmos, "CQ DX".....

AFRICA CW

3B8D0 14025/0415/Jun 29e
5T5GG 14039/1945/Jun 26m
9X5PT 14025/0150/Jun 27m

ASIA CW

HM1IP 14040/1320/Jun 25m
JG7BBL 14031/1200/Jun 25e
JT1AM 14011/1630/Jun 28w
JT1AS 14022/1625/Jun 24w
JY6DKM/YI 14014/1905 27e
KA2RT 14028/1240/Jun 25e
UA9CAL 14030/0120/Jun 25m
UA9CCI 14025/1235/Jun 25e
UD6BZ 14069/2015/Jun 24w
UF6AE 14021/0240/Jun 29e
UL6DL 14046/0300/Jun 25m
UH8YAA 14016/0240/Jun 28m
UH8DL 14021/0125/Jun 26m
UH8BZ 14024/0200/Jun 28e
U18ACZ 14008/0125/Jun 26m
U18FAJ 14045/1905/Jun 27m

UH8AC 14048/0205/Jun 28m
UK9AAN 14022/0505/Jul 1w
UK0BAE 14030/1625/Jun 28w
UK0IAK 14016/0440/Jul 1w
VS6BL 14029/1200/Jun 25e
VU2PCN 14061/1610/Jun 24w
XW8HK 14028/1340/Jun 27m

EUROPE CW

DK0SA 14018/1730/Jun 27w
DM3BTO 14026/2330/Jun 27m
EA2IA 14027/2315/Jun 26m
FC9UC 14002/2145/Jun 27m
HA3HH 14020/0445/Jul 1w
I7USP 14028/2320/Jun 26m
IS0BXL 14021/1910/Jun 29e
JW5NM 14026/0430/Jul 1w
LX1JT 14029/1430/Jun 26m
LZ1XL 14060/0325/Jun 28m
LZ2AW 14051/0420/Jun 28m
LZ2KWR 14030/0320/Jun 28m
ON4BA/LX 14035/0115 28m
OH2AW 14006/1810/Jun 26e
OH1JX 14005/0420/Jun 25w
OH9RJ 14011/0335/Jun 29e
OH0PA 14031/0315/Jun 28e
OK1FF 14029/0445/Jun 25w
ON4PV 14020/0440/Jun 25w
PA0FVL 14016/0440/Jun 25w
SM7ACB 14022/0500/Jul 1w
SP5PSL 14023/1720/Jun 27w
TF3AW 14032/1905/Jun 24m
UB5FAB 14062/0440/Jun 27e

UB5ICP 14046/0345/Jun 28e
UA1QBM 14043/0345/Jun 25m
UC20AF 14034/0435/Jun 28e
UK2PAR 14036/1715/Jun 27w
UK2GAN 14042/0450/Jun 28e
UK5MAZ 14043/0335/Jun 28m
UK5LGB 14024/1720/Jun 27w
U05PK 14029/0515/Jun 28e
UR2TAB 14003/0125/Jun 29e
Y04VV 14032/0330/Jun 28e
9H4C 14007/2020/Jun 27m

ELSEWHERE'S CW

FG7AM 14016/1225/Jun 27e
F08EH 14061/0500/Jun 25w
FK8BV 14061/0600/Jun 28m
HC2IK 21024/1905/Jun 29e
HC8FN 14028/0600/Jun 27m
HH0BKX 14021/1605/Jun 27m
KS6FF 14039/0310/Jun 25e
KV4AA 14082/2220/Jun 29e
OX3AX 14026/0435/Jun 25e
OX5BW 14016/1810/Jun 27e
VK7RH 14010/0515/Jun 25w
VK0AE 14016/1140/Jun 27m
VP2KK 14018/1945/Jun 26m
VS5MC 14010/1735/Jul 1w

YB3DC 14033/1330/Jun 28e
ZF1JE 14036/1225/Jun 25e
3D2ER 14027/0615/Jun 28e
8P6DW 21014/1905/Jun 29e

AFRICA SSB

CN8BS 14206/0025/Jun 26m
CR4BS 14212/2235/Jun 25e
EA8LO 14267/0420/Jun 28e
FR7AG 14212/0420/Jun 28e
LU2DZ/SU 14212/2330 30e
VE3HEY/SU 14220/0310 28e
VQ9BP 14272/0320/Jun 28e
ZS5DE 14213/1335/Jun 29e

5L2FH 14224/2210/Jun 24w
5T5GS 14212/0100/Jun 30e
7X2BK 14333/2310/Jun 26w

FORTY/EIGHTY

DA1EK 3788/0300/Jun 21e
DJ5VP 3793/0315/Jun 24e
CT1GD 3782/0430/Jun 24e
G3LDI 3793/0225/Jun 21e
G4CVU 3790/0250/Jun 21e
G4CMP 3788/0255/Jun 21e
G3BAN 3793/0445/Jun 24e
G3XJZ 3782/0345/Jun 23e
HP1AH 3793/0455/Jun 24e
VP2SPI 3798/0245/Jun 21e
VP2LGH 3793/0440/Jun 24e
VS6D0 3797/1230/Jun 29w
YZ1AOP 3787/0210/Jun 21e
ZS6DW 3778/0325/Jun 21e
ZL2BT 3807/1030/Jun 21e
ZL1BIL 3807/1030/Jun 23e

ZL1BOM 3807/1100/Jun 30e
9J2WR 3780/0330/Jun 22e
9M2FK 3795/1140/Jun 28w
DM2AYK 7090/0015/Jun 30e
F8WQ 7097/0000/Jun 29e
ON6BC 7085/0130/Jun 28e
OZ5KF 7090/0100/Jun 28e

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

ASIA SSB

A6XB	14242/0300/Jun 25m	UF6VAA	14242/0300/Jun 25m	VU2BG	14242/0150/Jun 23m
EP2SN	14233/1820/Jun 27e	UK7LAH	14233/1245/Jun 25e	VU2GDG	14201/0200/Jun 27e
HL9TO	14227/1200/Often	UK9CAE	14228/1250/Jun 25e	VS9MB	14224/1435/Jun 27w
HL9KZ	14215/1245/Jun 28e	UK9AAN	14244/0310/Jun 27e	VS6DO	14215/2020/Jun 28e
HL9WC	14219/1335/Jun 27e	UK9ABA	14226/1230/Jun 27e	OE5CA/YK	14175/2020/ 28e
HM1HJ	14203/1240/Jun 25e	UK9OAD	14203/0120/Jun 25e	4X4BL	14241/0335/Jun 26e
HM1AQ	14217/1315/Jun 29e	UK9ADT	14205/0115/Jun 25m	4Z4NY	14318/2115/Jun 25e
JY8RS	14212/0120/Jun 25m	UKØFAJ	14236/1235/Jun 27e	4S7PB	14251/1535/Jun 28w
OD5HD	14246/0455/Jun 27e	UL7PGE	14233/0250/Jun 25m	VE2EBQ/5B4	14135/2300 27m
OD5IO	14276/2230/Jun 25e	UL7LEZ	14225/1620/Jun 27w	VE2EDO/5B4	14207/2315 27e
OD5JW	14229/2300/Jun 23e	UL7YR	14215/0140/Jun 25m	9M2AT	14220/1420/Jun 26w
UD6CC	14228/0335/Jun 28m	UWØBX	14242/2305/Jun 24m	9K2DQ	14219/2045/Jun 27e

EUROPE SSB

CT1OY	14215/2010/Jun 29w	OHØNJ	14240/0410/Jun 27e	UK3RAT	14211/2210/Jun 28m
CT2AK	14220/0030/Jun 26m	OJ2AM	14198/0635/Jun 28w	UK3ABO	14223/0325/Jun 26e
DM2DGO	14251/2320/Jun 22m	OJØMA	14202/0300/Jun 28e	UO5OAK	14231/0405/Jun 27e
DJ4PX	14201/0140/Jun 28e	ON5DO	14243/0500/Jun 28e	UP2OU	14215/0340/Jun 27e
F2TX/FC	14301/2150/Jun 25e	ON8XA	14333/2225/Jun 27w	UR2AR	14215/0410/Jun 27e
G4DAF	14200/0135/Jun 25m	PA9WRR	14215/2300/Jun 22m	UV3DN	14211/0410/Jun 27m
GD4DPK	14201/0300/Jun 26e	SP8ARY	14201/0255/Jun 26e	UV3FO	14210/0330/Jun 27e
GW4BNJ	14286/0625/Jun 27e	SP3CZB	14242/2310/Jun 24m	UW3NG	14201/0240/Jun 25m
HA9KPU	14204/2205/Jun 24w	SV1BV	14333/2200/Jun 27w	YO7ABM	14205/0400/Jun 27e
I8KLW	14202/2125/Jun 24w	SV1DH	14212/0520/Jun 29e	YZ1US	14216/0440/Jun 27e
IMØCBM	14226/0105/Jun 28m	SVØWZ	14306/2130/Often	YZ1EXY	14277/2110/Jun 25e
JW5NM	14205/0400/Jun 28e	TA1MB	14213/0350/Jun 28e	YZØSRJ	14208/0410/Jun 28w
LA7DB	14333/2010/Jun 27w	TF3BT	14210/0230/Jun 29e	9H1BW	14227/0540/Jun 30e
M1D	14239/0930/Jun 23e	OE6PSG/TF	14228/1145/ 29e	9H4B	14252/0045/Jun 30e
OE3UP	14274/0635/Jun 27e	UA6NH	14208/0410/Jun 27m	9H3U	14251/0500/Jun 28e
OH2BH	14220/0500/Often	UK5AAA	14246/0455/Jun 27e		
OH3YI	14287/0510/Jun 27e	UK2BBB	14214/0530/Jun 27e		

ELSEWHERE SSB

G21NI	14333/0310/Jun 27w	KZ5SS	28609/2155/Jun 29e	VP2DH	14208/1225/Jun 30e
GE3YY	28584/1735/Jun 22e	KZ5FD	21377/2050/Jun 29w	VP9HM	28571/1740/Jun 22e
CO2KO	14230/1400/Jun 27e	KX6BQ	14327/0650/Jun 27e	VR4DX	14221/0545/Jun 30e
DU1NRS	14247/1325/Jun 27w	P29GD	14202/1240/Jun 28e	XO3NBC	14227/2340/Jun 28m
DU1REX	14241/1235/Jun 27e	P29EM	14232/0530/Jun 30e	YBØABP	14213/1425/Jun 26m
DU2EL	14241/1240/Jun 27e	OX300	14201/0400/Jun 27e	YBØABV	14206/1300/Jul 1w
DU6BG	14220/1250/Often	P29FV	14333/0312/Jun 28w	YBØPG	14281/1205/Jun 29e
FG7AS	28572/1715/Jun 29e	PJ2RR	14333/1630/Jun 27w	YV1AQE	21341/1925/Jun 29w
FP8DH	14212/0230/Jun 28e	VK2LX	14225/0440/Jun 30e	ZL1UC	14226/0405/Jun 30e
FG7XT	14230/1905/Jun 25m	VK2CX	14260/0440/Jun 30e	ZL3GG	14210/0420/Jun 27m
FG7AR/FS7	14218/0020/ 26m	VK5MAG	14190/0405/Jun 27m	5W1AS	14204/0240/Jun 23m
FY7AQ	14212/1315/Jun 28e	VK7CR	14249/0350/Jun 30e	5W1AU	14203/0435/Jun 30e
HK3DES	28550/2250/Jun 29e	VE8AAA	14252/0220/Jun 25m	6D1APE	14202/0230/Jun 29e
HP1CU	28545/2210/Jun 29e	VP2SV	14205/2220/Jun 29e	9M8HG	14315/1420/Jun 25m
KG4GG	14268/1245/Jun 30w	VP2LAW	28605/2250/Jun 29e	9M8VLC	14225/1245/Jun 28e
KM6EA	14228/0600/Jun 27m	VP2AYL	14333/0315/Jun 28w		
KS6CC	14222/0255/Jun 23m	VP2AR	14333/0315/Jun 28w		

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western states kv = virginislands etc)
 (all times in gmt # = long path Ø = sstv ??? = Slim....last heard in thessalonika)

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CALENDAR

BURMA 9V1RR in XZ-land this week. Listen from Tuesday....
MT ATHOS July 20th the target area.. Prepare!!
FERNANDO de NORONHA PUØYS and PVØAKL this week...to July 13th
CANTON/PHOENIX KH6GKD signing VR1PE and KH6GKD/KB6 through APOLLO/SOYUZ mission
TONGA KS6FF should be heard from there.....through this week
ST MARTIN/ANGUILLA PJ8AA by W2BBK...plus VP2ES....from August 6th
RODRIGUEZ 3B9DL possible during July....if transportation jells
SOUTH PACIFIC Ed DeYoung planning some activity late August etc....
NEPAL W9CTY will be there in September
GUERNSEY GC8HT looking for W/Ks etc July 11th...14243kc/1400Z
ARRL NATIONAL Reston, Virginia, September 12-14th. See your travel agent!!
EUROPEAN TEST CW portion...August 9/10th. Phone....Sept 13/14th
ALL ASIA TEST CW.....August 23/24th
CQ WORLD-WIDE TEST Phone.....October 25/26th. Prepare!! The Hour Nears!!!!!!

RETREAD ARRL has issued a correction on the number six spot in the CW/DXCC effort.

Originally the call K4FYQ was listed as winner of certificate No. 6. This has been corrected and it was K4YFQ--Austin Regal of Orlando Florida. While completing medical training, K4FYQ has operated in the Kansas City, Mo. area and around Norfolk, Virginia. He has also served in the past as QSL manager for a number of DX stations.

The corrected line-up now runs: No. 1 W3KT; No. 2 W1DAL; No. 3 K6GA; No. 4 W9KNI; No. 5 W6PT; No. 6 K4YFQ and No. 7 K1AGB.

NEW ENGLAND DX MEETING This will be held at the Holiday Inn at Waltham, Mass. on Saturday, October 4th. This will be DX meeting with the annual evening banquet. Tony Berg, W1VAH, will be the Chairman this year. More details will be coming....

RHODES Hans Dankerl, WB4IRD, continues to supply SVØWZ from Rhodes in the Dodecanese and usually above 14300kc. The action in this area is a hark-back to the days when Hans worked the bands as a novice and he wants to make Rhodes available to the lower classes of licenses. The station has also been reported down around 14215kc but the main action may be around 14305kc from after 2000Z. QSL Manager OE3NH wishes two IRCs plus sae. This QSL Manager is also a stamp collector. If you are in no hurry you might also try QSLing to Hans at: American Embassy, RRS, APO New York 09253.

VP5B QSLs WB4EYX says that he has encountered printing delays in getting the VP5B QSLs and they will not go into the mails until late August or early September. Bill asks for patience.....they will come some day.....when the summer is over.

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ARRL Canadian Division Vice Director Howard Cowling, VE1SH, has resigned his position and Ron Hesler, VE1SH, has been appointed to fill the balance of the term of office which runs through 1975.

The ARRL National Convention which will be held at Reston, Virginia, from Sept 12th to 14th, will have the DX action handled by the National Capitol DX Association and already a number of well know DXers are on the agenda. This will include LU1ZC, Al Hernandez; F5QQ/ET3AU, Ron Delcourt; VKØWR/Heard, Bill Rohrer; G3UBR/G4BTY, Chris Perham and VS5MC, Maurice Caplan. Bob Peterson, K4HLJ, who spent a year in the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking will report on being a BY-SWL. Lynn Lamb, W3BWZ, will be there to report on the DXAC and Dr. Allan Schneider will give a talk on ionospheric disturbances. DX action at the Forum will run almost non-stop from 1000Z to 1530Z Potomac Valley Time. Write for details to Registration Chairman, Bx 682, McLean.Va22101.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came up the hill last week, the crusading fires burning brightly. "I was at this meeting down state last week", he explained, "and they have this big program for 1979. That's the Big Year, you know. And they are talking up this plan where amateurs will arrange for communications with people in other countries and when we from the U.S. get to the conference all these people in other countries will know us and love us and will not vote against us. How about that? All those that were going to vote against us will vote for us!". We thought this over for a bit for thins were not quite clear. "And how will this be done?", we asked and we braced ourself for we got the usual QRPper beam. "Why, we will set up this program of phone patches and all the citizens in those countries can talk to people in this country and everyone will get acquainted. The DXers will play a big part in the program as they have the gear and the antennas and the know-how. A lot of amateurs do not but the DXers do. Get the picture?". We were getting something at this point. "How about the third-party restrictions?", we asked and we got another QRPper beam. "Oh, we'll just get those countries to realize that they have to lift those restrictions so we can run these phone patches. It has all been figured out. Everything!". We were still struggling but we tried one last question. "What about the friendships that the DXers have been acquiring and enjoying all these years with people in other countries. Don't these matter? Aren't DXers already far down the pike to the objectives of this plan?". The QRPper thought for a bit. "You know something", he finally said, "No one said anything about that. All we talked about was 1979 and the Big Plan and phone patches and things like that and how amateurs will bring love and peace and the fellowship of man everywhere". While we figure this one out, \$13.00 will bring you a full year of true-blue International Relations with DXers....\$15.00 will flight it overseas by airmail... Love? Big Plan??

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