

SABLE ISLAND The VX9A operation was loud and busy during the CQ WW Test and racked up a large number of QSOs. But when it came time to depart for St. Paul and VIØA, the weather took charge and as of last Friday the group was still on Sable. Island and still cranking out VX9A QSOs.
Transportation to and from the island is by air. The Air Halifax plane lands on the beach. Since early last week the weather has been bad with low ceilings, high winds and rain. Each day the group was hoping to get off the island, each morning found them setting up business at VX9A and cranking out some more QSOs.
The effort consisted of four VE-operators plus 960 pounds of gear. The gear and other supplies was packed in 19 boxes. Getting off the island may be a problem in itself as there are other demands for space on the Air Halifax flights and all the needs of the VX9A group may not be met.
As of last Wednesday, the group had made 8300 QSOs and this number has gone up sibice then. Mort, VE3MJ, reported that the group was packed and ready to leave each morning, then having to unpack and set up again when it was obvious that no Air Halifax flights could get in to Sable Island.
Initially their plans had been to return to Nova Scotia, drive to a small fishing village on the north side of Nova Scotia and go to St Paul Island via a fishing vessel. With the delays being encountered, the St. Paul operation was at the questionable stage last Friday and possibly will be scratched until there is a chance to re-schedule the whole operation.
On the question of country status, these two islands are administered by the CanadFiam Department of Transportion. Under the separate administration criteria in the DXCC rules, this would qualify them for DXCC counters. The Kingman Reef effort was under the same rules, according to the reports, Kingman being administered by the Defense Department and specifically the Navy, while the other Pacific Islands are usually administered by the Interior Department.
This question of administration will turn up in a number of other instances and you may find a raft of new counters turning up in the next few months. On the QSLing for the VX9A, there is a report that they will QSL $100 \%$ and may lump the whole batch into the various bureaus. The Canadian Postal Strike may drag on for a long time. In this instance, work 'em first, QSL later.
DRY TORTUGAS This may be a bit of hindsight but the word came too late for the last issue. The KT4MB operation on the Dry Tortugas which was to run through last Sunday, may also qualify as a new country on the basis of 'separate administration'. W4MB has taken this up with the ARRL DXCC Desk, noting a court decision of last March that stated...."...the boundary of the State of Florida lies between the Dry Tortugas Islands and Cape Romano". This would appear to mae these islands outside the fifty state area and Paragraph 1 of the DXCC Criteria. You can check this in the October 1972 QST on Page 131. Paragraph 1 may have this as a new one.. Hope!!

SUNSPOT LOUIE There were no significant spots on the last observation, skies at the W8ZOK observatory have been overcast at times. However, observations were made on the five days prior to this report and at no: time were there any significant spots present. The last spot disappeared to the back of the sun on October 20th.
Conditions over the CQ Test turned out to be surprisingly good. Europe was dominating most of the action but other areas were also being heard with good signsls. W4UMF notes that the geomagnetic activity that was expected during the early part of the CQ Test just did not appear. Conditions were considered by many to be better by far than last year. Ted figures the things will be good in the period 12 th to 18 th and adding that previous figures, we come up with something that looks like

| November | 4th |
| ---: | :--- |
| 5 Below Normal |  |
| 5th | Disturbed |
| 6 th | Below Normal |
| 7 th | Low Normal |
| 8th | High Normal |
| 9th | Low Normal |
| 10th | High Normal |
| 11th | High Normal/Low Normal |

November 12th High Normal
13th High Normal
14th High Normal
15th High Normal
16th High Normal
17th High Normal
18th High Normal

There's the Big Picture. Armed with all this information, you should come on big!! From down San Diego way, K6EC comes through with the flux and index record of the last week. It has been noted that the $K$ index are confusing to some as they are only 3 hour figures. Thus you will get the A but not the K. Things are confused enough already.
Nolar Flux
A Index
Solar Flux
A Index

| Oct 22nd | 76 | 7 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 23 rd | 75 | 5 |
| 24 th | 75 | 6 |
| 25 th | 74 | 6 |

Oct 26th 74
27th 73
28th 73
3
4
4

We missed a week when we lost W6TTS and W6VQD, Win Wagener up in the Sierra foothills, sends along some fillers:

> Solar Flux/A Index

Oct $1 \quad 76 \quad 6 \quad$ Oct
Solar Flux/A Index
2 ? ? 4
$\begin{array}{lll}3 & 78 & 7 \\ 4 & 76 & 6\end{array}$
Oct $5 \quad 76$
Oct 7 74/25

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Howard Hale W6SC

THIS WEFK If things may look a bit peculiar this week as you get into the bulletin, it is because a supply house failed to deliver the paper promised two weeks ago. We may resort to some peculiar ways of scrounging sufficient paper to complete the press runs. If you find some overpinted on that prepared headings for Page 1, you will know why we did it
MACAO CR9AJ has been worked in the states, W6KYA of Sacramento, cathing Horacio just ten minutes after the CQ Test ended and all the exhausted DXers apparently had shut down. John heard CR9AJ at 21252 kc being worked by the JAs in multitudes. A bit of calling and the CR9 came back. Horacio then did some QRZeding for statesidul stations but found no responses. A few minutes later he went off the air, saying that he would be back the next morning.
SOUTH GEORGIA VP8OQ was being worked by European stations at 21305 kc or October 25 th. The station reporting this said that he could not copy the Vp8 but the Europeans were doing quite well. The time was not mentioned. Listen from 1930Z to 2030Z......
SOUTH SHETLANDS CEPAT was being worked in the middle of last week, 14202kc at 0020Z on October 29th. The operator gave his handle as 'Rene' and said to QSL to CE2MZ, Box 1137, Val taraiso.
TEN METERS Many have reported this band as showing life and some ten meter reports do come in, often on the $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$ paths. It was not many months back that fifteen meter reports were scarce. That's not the situation now. KA6YI, Lynn Igou and KA6RI, Bob Igou, noted the following 10 meter DX worked during one day a few weeks back, fifty-watts being their allowed power there on Okinawa.

| A4XFW | UA6IDK | UD6DFV |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DK5AD | UA4CE | UD6BR |
| KG6JFT | UA6IKJ | UIFTA |
| KX6LQ | UA6BBL | UL7PBY |
| P29WG | UA4FAN | UL7NAJ |
| RA4LDD | UA6LIJ | YZ1NEO |
| UA6LBX | UB5VBY | 4Z4AO |
| UA6LBQ | UB5VAZ | $9 H 1 C$ |

During the CQ WW Test a week back, these two found 53 stations, 14 countries and 11 zones on ten meters. Ten Meter Lives!!!!!

AFRICANA NET This was scheduled to come alive last Saturday with the group making an effort to see if band conditions are reliable enough to warrant continued operation. Look for them at 21355 kc from ${ }^{\text {a }}$ wound 1830 Z on weekdays and around 1900 Z on weekends. Propagation will be the factor they are testing...
RHODES SVøWZ has the Henry $2 \mathbb{K}$ working and the results sound good from stateside. He was on during the contest and found a good bit of business above 14300 kc . His favorite area is 14305 kc . At times he runs into problems with a net which apparently also hangs out at 14305 kc and sometimes you may hear the net, sometimes you will be hearing Hans. According to our book Rhodes counts for Dodecanese though we say that a bit cautiously. The lines between the various islands has given us trouble in the past. However, some years back Don Hoff at SVøWU was good for Dodecanese and thus we are sure on this one.....almost.

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## FORTY METER LOUIE

CE3ANG 7002／0315／Oct 27 e C05CP 7010／0445／Oct 27w CO2KG 7008／0300／Oct 27e CX5BK 7022／0325／Oct 27e CX1BBL 7002／0140／Oct 28 e Dusec $7006 / 2150 /$ ct $24 e$
DJ9IE $7003 / 0640 /$ oct 21 m
DJ7MI 7002／0725／Oct 27m
DM4YUG 7004／2145／Oct 24e
EA3EF 7005／0140／Oct 24 m
FB8YC 7028／1100／Oct 24e
FG7AS 7020／0840／Oct 28m
G4AWT 7023／2045／Oct 25e
G4DNZ 7027／2100／Oct 25e
GM4ELV 7002／1740／Oct 27w
GM6RU 7007／0750／Oct 27m
GM3MZV 7004／0920／Oct 28m
HC1BI 7023／0315／Oct 27 e

1 $\downarrow$ WLF 7025／0615／Oct 28W 12XXG 7026／0130／0ct 24m KP4EBV 7010／0305／Oct 27e LU5ERV 7014／0310／Oct $27 e$ LXIXJ 7006／0250／Oct 26e N8GMI $7236 / 2010 /$ ct 24 m OH6．JW 7022／0620／Oct 21 m OK1AEH 7007／2150／Oct 24e PJ8YFQ 7005／0215／Oct 28w PY2GVS 7015／0320／Oct 26e PY7SR 7022／0315／Oct 27e SP4HKB 7003／2115／Oct 25e UA6PAT 7004／2115／Oct 25 e UABZC 7005／2150／Oct 24e UAめLL 7020／1530／Oct 22w UB5MCU 7009／0115／Oct 21e UC2ICJ 7006／0255／Oct 26e UC20C 7030／0040／Oct 28w

VK2AVA 7093／1130／Oct 24e VK5FM 7002／2025／Oct 26w VK3CG 7027／0750／Oct 27m VP2A 7026／0825／Oct 24m VK3XI 7093／1130／Oct 24e VP5WW 7020／0150／Oct 28w XJJDUG 7001／2200／Oct 24e YZ4EGR 7022／2045／oct 25 e YZ3DMN 7002／2200／Oct 24e ZB2BL 7093／0520／Oct 25e ZD8AA 7027／0300／Oct 28w ZF1GE 7031／0340／Oct 27e 3D2AJ 7009／0900／Oct 27m 5L2FY 7002／2115／Oct 25e 7X4MD 7005／2335／Oct 24w 9J2AB 7019／0130／Oct 28e

EIGHTY METER LOUIE

C02JA 3798／0600／Oct 23m 13MAU 3787／0350／0ct 21e PA GMW 3795／0615／Oct 24w PJ8YFQ 3787／0535／Oct 23m T12CF 379\＃／1040／Oct 29w

VR4DX 3806／1300／0ct 23w
VS6DO 3808／1420／Oct 17w
VS6FB 3795／1425／Oct 20w
YS1MAE 3780／0155／Oct 22e
YZ2HA 3998／0530／0ct 23e

ZLIBKD 3810／1430／0゙ct゙27w ZL3NR／C 3786／0645／0t 24w 8P6GG 3790／0140／Oct 22e 9Y4SF 3799／0400／Oct $23 e$
ONE-SIXTY LOUIE

EA8CR 1828／0445／Oct 25e HB $\varnothing$ NL 1827／0535／Oct 19e HP1XJB 1806／0240／Oct 18e

PAфHIP 1827／0050／Oct 20e VS6D0 1807／1345／Oct 23w VP2KJ 1804／2340／Oct $23 e$

VX9A 1830／0500／Oct 25 e W4EV／VP9 1815／0610 25e W1AA 1813／0105／0ct 16e
［e＝eastern states $m=$ middle states $w=$ western reaches $k h=$ hawaii． ［ka＝okinawa all times in gmt \＃＝long path ？？＝Slim．．．．of Cray Island！！］

IRAQ Hold on and do not give up yet．There is still the good possibility of something surfacing in YI－IRAQ sometime around the middle of the month and onward．
This is not just a case of walking in，throwing up the gear and calling：＂ CQ the World．Iraq calling！！＂．There are a lot of problems and a multitude of hurdles．But this one is still a rather good possibility though no one wants to even mention it out loud．Just be patient and listen in that direction though the next week or ten days may be a bit early yet． On the W7KW，he was all set to go last week，there is not much further than that and this is not the one to which reference is made in the first portion．

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Week in，week out，from morn till night， You can hear his bellows blow．．．．

## AFRICA

C9MIZ 14040／1730／0ct 28 w c9miz 21054／1530／0ct $23 e$ C9MEY 21019／2005／0ct 25m EA8LK 21028／1925／0ct $27 e$ FL8PE 14050／1850／0ct 22e
ZS6UE 21050／1845／0ct $27 e$
ASIA $\qquad$
EP2EA 14039／1455／0ct $23 e$ HM1IJ 14027／0045／0ct 28w JABAQN／JDi 14041／0015 28w JHIVOE 21029／2150／Oct $23 e$ JT1AO 14015／0020／Oct 23e JT1BC 14022／2350／0ct 25e OD5LX 14039／1750／0ct 25w UAфQAA．14007／1435／0ct 21w UA $\varnothing$ QBR 14027／2330／0ct 23 m UAØKAP 14030／0000／Oct 21m UAØJBi 14039／0255／0ct 28w
EUROPE CW
DJ30B 14018／1700／Oct 20w DM2CYG 14036／1710／Oct 21w EA1BC 14011／1925／0ct 28w EA5CS 21031／1715／gct 27e EA6AA 14017／1750／Oct 21w EA7LL 14013／2155／0ct 25 w EATTL 21034／1745／0ct 24 m EI2BA：14024／1230／Oct 24 m El5V 14015／2020／Oct 27w F8RU 14007／2105／Oct $21 w$ FC9VN 14040／1750／Oct 21m G3SMI 14006／1825／0ct $22 e$ G3EYD 14025／2040／Oct 22e G30TH 14013／1855／oct $23 e$ GD4AM 21025／1700／Often GD3AM 14027／1950／Oct 23m GM3UA 14025／1805／0ct 24w HA1KSA 21040／1500／Oct 27w HA1KSA 14045／1750／Oct 27w HA5KFL 14039／1715／0ct 29w
ELSEWHERES
CW
CEDZM 14050／1445／Oct $27 e$ FG7AT 14030／2200／0ct 27e FG7AT 21050／1845／0ct 28w FP8BR 14025／1315／0ct $23 e$ OX5BW 14032／2145／Oct 22e PJ3SE 14005／2040／0ct $23 e$

ZD8AA 14040／2210／0ct $22 e$ ZD8AA 21031／1515／Often 3B8DO 14050／1655／0ct 23w 7Q7JO 14032／2140／Oct 26w 7X2AA 14027／1640／Oct 27m 9J2CJ 21050／8045／Oct 25 m

UAфKAH 14029／2240／Oct 26w UAфBAR 14033／1620／0ct 28w UAめBLD 14015／1535／Oct 22w UD6DFY 14028／2030／Oct 25m UF6FCO 14045／1430／Often UG6GAF 14021／1805／Oct 24 m UH8BU 14026／1510／Oct 24 m UH8YAB 14076／1655／0ct 24 m UIBIZ 14005／1255／0ct 23 m UIBIAl＊14062／1340／Oct 24 m UI8IF 14017／1625／Oct 24 m

HATPQ 14011／1805／Oct 24w HB9AOD 14042／1845／Oct 29w I申ZQ 21036／1630／Oct 27w IC8CQF 14045／2125／0ct 21e JX2HK 14040／2100／Often
JW4FG 14042／1915／Oct 29w JW5NM 14034／1620／Oct 21e LB6U 14050／1905／0ct 27m LB6M 14059／1515／Oct 27e LZ1XL 14047／1905／0ct 25w LZ2US 14037／1855／0ct 26 w DA1DS／LX 14010／1620 26m M1C 14026／1725／0ct 27w MTC 21020／1540／Oct 24e 0H6WY 14008／1435／0ct 24w OH3HS 14045／1600／Oct 27w ОНФРA 14034／1440／0ct 25w OK3KFF 14045／1655／Oct 27w OKTAMI 14029／1245／Oct $22 e$ OZ1SC 14008／1435／Oct 24w

9J1TCL 21042／1900／Oct 24m 9J2WS 21050／1810／0ct 27 e 9X5PT 21027／1825／0ct 25m

UJ8AC 14023／1655／Oct 24m UK7JAA 14040／0305／0ct 29w UM8NNN 14036／1335／0ct $23 e$ UW申IG 14041／2310／Oct 21 m VU2MQF 14039／1250／0ct $23 e$ ZC4RH 14046／1840／Oct 28w 4X4FU 14034／2245／oct 25 w 4S7NE 14030／1700／0ct 26m 9M2CW 14042／1400／Oct 26m

PAøPSK 14037／1820／0ct 26 w TA2AE 14008／1130／Oct $22 e$ TF 3AX 14047／1945／0ct 28w TF3IRA 14041／2230／Oct 23e UA2ABC 14026／1615／0ct R7w UB5TIM 14030／1650／Oct 24w
UC2ABT 14037／1420／0ct 24 m
UK2GAC 14021／1625／Oct 27w UK5QBE 14038／1645／Oct 24w UKGYAE 14073／1640／Oct 24m UP2BAO 14017／1720／Oct 20e UQ2PQ 14025／1420／Oct $27 e$ UR1QA 14021／1710／0ct 23w UT5IB 14005／1620／Oct 27w YZ1EXY 14020／1650／0ct 27w YZ10FT 14029／1740／Oct 27w YZ2BOP 14032／1655／0ct 27w YZ2CRS 14012／1550／0ct 22w ZB1BE $14043 / 2040 /$ ct 27 m UK5FAX 14037／1410／Oct 24 m

[^0]AFRICA SSB

A2CAB 21303／1910／Oct 24m ZDEAA CN8BF 21292／1335／Oct 23w ZD9GE EA9E0 14215／0830／Oct 20ka EA9EX 14197／1910／Oct 29w FB8ZG 14216／1340／Oct 27e FR7BE 14203／1220／Oct 21e FRTAI／J 14203／1220／Ot 21e FR7ZV 14203／1215／Oct 21e TR8SS 21277／1955／Oct 24e TU2GA 14333／2055／Oct 27w VaMC 21298／1820／Oct $24 m$

ZD9FG
ZE4JH
ZS3KV
ZS 3AG
ZS4PG
3B8DR
3B9DA
5L2A
5L2FM

21284／1735／0ct 22m 14238／1625／0ct 22ka 14238／1640／0ct 22ka 21319／1915／0ct 24m 21256／1800／Oct 24w 21275／2010／0ct 21m 21292／1805／0ct 24w 14210／0500／0ct 28m 14225／0015／0ct 22w 14238／1920／0ct 20e 21309／1735／0ct 22e

5L2FT 28600／1810／Oct 24e
5T5BJ 21330／1805／Oct 26w 5Z4JK 21300／2010／0ct 27w $7 \times 2$ AB ，14333／1720／0ct 27w 7X2HM 14222／1450／Oct 23 e 7Q粦ME 21348／1720／Oct 23e 7P8AC 21262／1555／0ct 22w 9G2SO 21282／1905／Oct 22e 9Q5DM 21279／1810／oct $23 m$

ASIA SSB
A4XFW 21～55／1400／Oct $24 e$ AP2A）$\quad 7+242 / 1420 /$ Oct $21 e$ CR9AJ 21259／0010／Oct 27w ATHME 14226／0005／Oct $21 e$ HL9T：21275／0105／Oct 24W HM1HP 14208／2335／Oct 22w

EUROPE SSB
CT1RM 14333／1815／Oct 28W
CT1BY 14333／2125／Oct 22W
CT2AK 21303／1920／Oct 28W
DJdCE 14221／1800／Oct 24W
DJ3JA 14208／1805／Oct 24W
DK7RR 14209／1815／Oct 22kh
EA3JE 14213／1655／oct 27w
EASAX 14333／1915／Oct 21e
EA6DE 14253／1230／oct 23 m
EA6CE 28589／1550／Oct 24e
EEATEM 14202／1600／Oct 28m
Ef4AN 14243／2000／Oct 23 m
El9AR 14240／1730／Oct 28m
El9CB 14236／1550／Oct 28m
F6ALF 14203／1205／Oct $22 e$
F6CYL 14333／1820／Oct 21 w
FC9UC 14202／1230／Oct $23 e$
G3CDN 14225／1220／Oct 20 m
G4GI 14195／1910／Oct 24w
GC5TU 21275／0910／0ct 21ka
GC2LU 14219／0810／oct 27ka
GD5GZ 21340／1615／oct 22w
ELSEWHERES SSB

CE9AT 14202／0020／Oct 29 m FP8AH 14333／2100／Oct 28w FY $\varnothing$ BHI 14169／2210／Oct 21ka HC5LM 21342／2050／0ct $23 e$ HR6CWL 14333／1830／Oct 28w KS6FD 21382／2120／Oct 23 m KS6FF 21359／0005／Oct 25m
0X300 14215／0110／Oct 21e

HM1HT 14280／2330／oct 22 e JA1KSO 14333／2225／Oct 27W JY9CR 21301／1455／Oct 24W JY9CS 21335／1530／Oct 27m OD5HQ 21279／1540／Oct 23e UK9AAN 14211／1425／Oct 21 m

G16V 14226／2000／Ort 21e GW3Niw 14333／1945／Oct 21w GW4BVN 14220／1550／Oct 21w GM3BCL 14333／2125／Oct 21 w DJ1BP／HB $14266 / 1905$ 26W HV3SJ 14223／1550／Oct 24e GW3AX 14197／1945／Oct 27w IT9JKY 14212／0030／Oct 27W IT90ZT 21302／1405／0ct 27m IS $\varnothing$ XXD 14207／2210／Oct 21e 1SめPJP 14201／1505／Oct 22e IVめJBL 14208／2120／0ct 24w IV ${ }^{\text {IJ J 14206／2000／Oct 22m }}$ IIZYM 14209／1825／gct 22kh LA8PF 14333／2055／Oct 28 LX1TL 14208／1915／Oct 29 W LX1BA 14230／1950／Oct 27 m OEIMTA 14333／1910／Oct 28w OE9DJI 14192／1905／Oct 24w OE6MBG 14203／1705／Oct 24w OH8SW 14222／1800／Oct 28w OK1AMB 21331／1515／Oct 22e

VS6FB 14226／2310／Oct 23 m 4X4JS 21294／1520／Oct 22e VS9MPH 14221／0825／Oct 19ka 4X4FK 21295／1600／Oct 24 m 9K2DO 14227／2030／0ct 27m HS5AKW 14260／1305／0ct 24m

ON4QJ 14213／1755／Oct 24w ON4DY 14205／1800／Oct 22kh ONøITU 21260／1540／Oct 22w OZ2QL 14333／1630／oct 28w PAфSNG 14333／1630／Oct．28w PAøVO 14333／1710／Oct 28w PE2EVO 14253／1230／Oct 24 m SVIIG 21320／1440／Oct 27m SV1FT 14241／1815／0ct 28w SV1BR 14320／1830／0ct 27m SV1DH 14209／1650／Oct 27w SVめWKK 14245／1720／Oct 28m SV $\varnothing$ WZ 14302／1735／Oct 24m SM6EQS 14225／1245／Oct $22 e$ SP6PZB 14209／1750／Oct 22m UB50D 14255／1735／Oct 24e UC2BF 14222／1250／Oct 23m UK2BAS 14201／1725／Oct 24e UK5MAA 14202／1300／Oct $22 e$ UK5QAV 14204／1240／Oct 22e UN1CC $/ 14205 / 1330 /$ oct 24 m YZ3TD 14206／1425／Oct 28w

P29AJ 21317／2130／Octen PZ5AA 14202／2150／Oct 21e VK9XI 14182／1420／Oct 22ka VP2LAW 28585／1745／oct 22e VP2AYL 14333／1845／Oct 28w VP2KJ 14333／2000／Oct 28w VS5WM 14224／1255／Oct 23m VP8NN 14202／1255／Oct 28ka

YS1MAE 14333／1750／Oct $21 e$ ZF1WW 21301／2055／0ct $23 e$ ZF1TD 14176／2245／0et 27 w XJIUNB 14234／1515／0ct 28w ZL3WC 14214／0325／Oct 24w 5WIAU 21296／0030／0ct 25m 9Y4NP 28602／1820／0ct 24e

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ZK2AP should open this week....there all month
FRTZL and FR7BE said to be going soon.... Patience
The VE's may be late with VYøA... listen!
CR9AJ getting into the Western Reaches on fifteen..... Listen!! 3C2DX during the CQ WW CW Test.....November 29/30th, Before also.. VR8B and VR8C to open January lst. A YASME Foundation effort. KT4MB was to be on last week....work them if you hear them....

SHORTLY NOTED Earlier we noted we had problems with our paper supply, we got a bit further and found we had less than we had figured and had to cut the bulletin off to fit the paper supplies
On that VX9A QSLing, we found out notes and they do confirm that the intention is to QSL every contact and that they would bundle them up for QSL bureaus. The mail strike in Canada is a factor though there is the possibility of the cards being taken ewoss the border and entered in the U.S. mails. Every DXer should face the fact that nothing has delivered more QSLs to them than the U.S. Post Office. That's one of the Inevitable Truths!!
One Congressional Staff Assistant has advised us that he feels there is little chance for the Vanik Bill, HR-7052, in the current session of Congress and unless there is committee action in the next couple of weeks the measure may go down as a good idea but with little support.
It appears that the measure may not automatically be carried into the second session of the present congress, this second session convening in January. There will have to be some action taken to keep it alive.
It is not too late to write your Congressman on this measure though if you dally much longer, it will be too late. The measure will stay alive if a number of Congressman make a request for it.
Some have expressed the doubt that the ARRI will get very deeply involved in this matter, and while they may approve heartily the concept, they will not jump in to push the legislation. There may be some jeopardy to their non-profit status with the IRS if they get into the political aroma too far and the Sierra Club a few years back found themselves in that pickle barrel and eventually did lose their non profit status. It does appear that if the Vanik Bill is ever to become law, there will have to be a grass-roots efforts from the amaterurs themselves. This may mean you and do not be surprised if you hear more about this in the coming weeks.
JA1IYJ is looking for Rhode Island/West Virginia/North Dakota and Wyoming on 80/75ratrs to fill out a 5BWAS. He will be at 3501 kc from1030Z to 1130 Z daily from Dec 20-Jan 10 th $\% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \%$

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THE FINAL NOTES AP2AD he shipped some logs to his QSL M ger, K1KNQ, and more will be coming soon. KV4IJ in the CQ Test goe to K6SDR...this covers the period of October 25 th and 26th. Térry says it was more fun than being a W6 in the Contest. But W6CLM reports working a VE whewdsta, the VE exclaiming: "Fhanks...thanks. After thirteen years I finally managed to work a W6\%. The VE rushed a QSL to confirm. There is always great happiness twally when one manages to catch one of the Elusive Sixes. In Maryland the Gaithersburg Hamfest late in October pulled in over 4000 amateurs the report says. TI9FAG apparently have not been submitted for DXCC credit, recent word being that none have flashed across their skies...and there will be no decision on the cards until one does pop up John Van Lear and XYL will be headed for the states after the SEAsia Convention. John will be in Hawaii on November 10th--Los Angeles 11 th to 16 th...on to San Anitonio--

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, K1JTJ, WA1NRF, K1TZQ, W1WQC/4, W3CDI, WA3DMH, W4BAA, W4BRB* K4EZL, W4KA, WB4SIJ, W4UF, W4UMF, K5FVA, W50SJ, WB6BKN, K6EC, W6CLM, W6GC, W4KN, K6HTM, W6KYA, WA6MWG, WA6PDE, K6SDR, W6TSQ, K6VY, K7ABV, W7BCT, WA7COQ, K7NHG, WA7OBH, W7 WE, W80A, W8ZOK, K9KEV, W9KNI, K9OTB, K9UIY, W9YRA, WøJRN, WAø'TAS, KA6RI, KA6YI, KH6BZF,

WEST COAST DX BULIETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Last week We came acrozs one of the local QRPers and we just had to ask how he had done in the CQ DX Test. Maybe we should have talked of other things. For it was not joy that crossed the face of the QRPer and we had to listen to his story. "I figured that in this contest I would aim for new countries", he explained, "and I latched on to one that I needed early in the test. But I called and called and called. And I never did work him, I never worked him at all". The QRPer paused under the weight of the emotions that raged within but finally he pulled himself together and was able to continue. "I never did work this fellow I was calling. I never got him to come back to my call. Chased him fo thet whole weekend but things just did not work out". We were properly sympathetic for we also have known the lonely nights of frustrated DXing. "Who were wouk calling?", we asked and that was another mistake. The QRPer shrugged. "UP2KHZ was the station I needed", he mumbled. He kept giving his call and I kept caling him all weekend but I never did work that Lithuanian. The first UP2 I've heard in years. The first in years". You know something, we thought this over for a bit but what could one say in a situation like this. Only that often the chase is long and the quarry elusive. And sometimes one will chase one thing while thinkirg it is something else. And ${ }^{\text {misishing to take from no man his dream, we said }}$ nothing at all. But $\$ 13.00$ will bring you the tangled trails of DX for a full year, $\$ 15.00$ roars it beyord the moning star to those lands where the DX waits for a call. And give not your ssmpathy to the chaser of the elusive UP2s, he was not the first to hear the call.... ${ }^{0}$ nce there was a UFøOL on Franz Josef.......

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