

# West Coast DK Bulletin

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SOUTH SANDWICH Not Yet! There have been some recurrent rumors about a possible South Sandwich operation springing forth unannounced but late word is that this will not be. The oceanographic survey vessel, Islas Orcadas is presently in the South Atlantic and will be in the vicinity of the South Sandwich group in the middle of January. This vessel mainly is manned by a Norwegian crew and though there is a radio operator aboard, he is not an amateur. There had been some speculation that this operator might get a license for the short stay the vessel will make at the South Sandwich group but some thinking developed that a possible half hundred contacts might make more problems than would be solved.

The oceanographic vessel is reported as touching the South Sandwich group to check and replenish emergency supplies which are on the island. It is reported that the Islas Orcadas will also visit Bouvet to check and replenish the supplies on that island.

We did not bring you this far to wind up by telling you nothing. There are some things moving on a possible South Sandwich operation sometime in the coming year and we will have details on this by the next issue if all goes well. By next year it is not meant to be January but more like December 1976 or a month or so later. This one looks extremely promising and more will be coming.

MACAO The CR9AK operators in the Northern California DX Foundation effort the first week in December report that they ran up about 4500 total QSOs of which they figure that about 250 were east coasters, about 200 Europeans and 2500 JAs. In retrospect they figure that they may have dried up some of the JA demand for CR9.

K6AHV and W6MAV visited Japan on the way home, visiting JARL in Tokyo and in Kyoto where they attended the Medical Doctors Ham Club meeting in Kyoto. Arrangements have been made for JA1KSO to handle all the JA-QSLs for this CR9AK operation the first week in December.

When it was noted that the east coast reported that the signals from CR9AK were weak, the operators were quick to note that they were weak coming back and that it was a bit difficult to dig signals out of the rumble and the roar of the QRM. Most of the east coast QSOs seem to have been made on c.w., mainly by K6AHV.

CORN ISLAND W5USM, Bill Smith, will be operating from Corn Island off the coast of Nicaragua in the Caribbean for about a week starting this week-end, December 19th. Bill says that he will operate mostly on 160meters and only on other bands if there is interest in c.w. The call-sign expected to be used is W5USM/YN4 though this will not be certain until he arrives in Managua and has the license in hand.

While this will not count for any new one, it will give a chance to work some 160mtrs plus the always existing chance that the contact will be good for some award. QSLs will go via either W4BRB or to W5USM Qth in McKinney, Texas.

SUNSPOT LOUIE With the cloud cover continuing over the Ohio country, and rain and snow and low temperatures prevailing, there has been scant opportunity to observe the sun right up to the date of the report. In the few glimpses of the sun during the previous week, no significant activity was noted. The last significant spot rotated to the back of the sun about December 9th.

Conditions have varied with some openings on twenty and even fifteen showing life at times.

The active region on the sun which was notable for its activity in the period November 14-26th died around that last date. This had peaked on the 17th and 18th of November. If this region had remained active it would have brought some good conditions this month but this did not materialize. Conditions heading into the New Year are not going to bring shouts of jubilation.

Good or bad, those days are going to come and you can struggle with Low Normal when the new one of Tuvalu shows up on January 1st signing VR8B. Looking into the dismal future, W4UMF says it will go this away:

December 24th	Low Normal	Dec 31st	Low Normal
25th	High Normal	Jan 1st	Low Normal
26th	Low-slipping to Below Normal	2nd	High Normal
27th	Below Normal	3rd	High Normal
28th	Below Normal	4th	High-slipping to Low
29th	Below Normal	5th	Low Normal
30th	Below Normal	6th	Low Normal

With the Low Normal predicted for the New Years, this will enable you to plan the weekend. On the first you can work those football games and parades and still have the better conditions over the weekend to tune in on VR8B.

With little progress on the scientific front, we wandered over to the Palos Verdes Country to see what was going on there in the land of the endless thump and bump. Though the beat of the bongo was hardly more than a minor rumble, the leader of the P.V. group was ready for the Bicentennial. "Be a Believer", he greeted us with. "Be a Believer and know that there are stranger things that are with us always that are yet to be explained. And a Believer will know. A Believer will know!!".

We were a bit lost at this point so we brought up the solar flux and geomagnetic ideas. All we got was a snort. "Look", the P.V. Leader said, "there are a lot of big guns back in the hills with their bongos and they worked a lot of DX before anyone ever thought of flux and stuff like that. Check your Honor Roll. There you will find the true believers. Did they need all that fluxy stuff? Not them! But they sure did beat the head off their bongos. And did the sunspot dance routine at every dawn. How do you explain that?". What could we say to something like that? "We believe", we said and split, but not before the P.V leader got in his last shot. "Bongo Power", he shouted. "Bongo Power will bring back the sunspots in '76".

Anyhow, to get out of the hills and work on our own routine, here comes the hold-up on the Solar Flux and A Index for the last week. Neither K6EC's report nor the WWV report made it through the season's jam and we will have to double up next week. Or we will be a week behind next week as the holidays are juggling things about a bit. Patience!

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SHORTLY NOTED Word came from Lloyd Colvin last week that the call-sign for the Tuvalu operation will be VR8B rather than the VR8C as previously planned. The Colvins were reported as holding both call-signs but apparently a change was decided after their arrival on the island there at Funafuti. Last week they were signing VR1Z on a number of bands while they wait for January 1st. This is a YASME Foundation effort and the first of extended activity.

If you are wondering about the possible YI-Iraq operation, so are we. We checked with the one who is close to the picture and all we got was a groan. "I spent over \$45.00 last week in telephone calls to Europe trying to get a lead on the plans and came up with nothing". At this point it would seem to be a safe assumption that the plans did not jell. They may yet revive but definitely there is no late or encouraging information.

The Arkansas DX Association Net is one of the places where you may pick up late information on DX. This group meets on Mondays and Friday at 0100Z at 3815kc. Listen for what is current.

There is also the Southern California DX Club bulletin on twenty meters each Thursday. This one comes on at 0300Z at 14265kc. The Arkansas DX Assn had an excellent meeting at Ft Smith early in December with a sharp increase in the number registered and an excellent presentation by the speakers. Mort Wolfson, VE3MJ, giving a fine presentation on the recent St. Paul/Sable Island efforts. K9OTB spoke on his St Pierre trips of recent years.

SMØAGD did get on the air from Turkey signing SMØAGD/TA but it does not seem that any stateside stations worked him. One 75meter report was that Europeans were heard working Erik and there are indicators that he was on other bands.

Some may remember all the way back to the Kingman effort and the subsequent development wherein some people showed up in Honolulu with a yacht that had been at Palmyra at the same time but the owners of the yacht had disappeared. The case is still in the courts and Jim Rafferty, WA9UCE, was summoned to Honolulu earlier this month to give testimony. Jim took a large number of photos on the Kingman/Palmyra effort and his photos were being used in the case.

Those who figured that Spratly went out the window earlier this year when the political climate changed there in the South China Sea area may have yet a bit of hope. Seems like Hanoi is trying to lure U.S. oil companies back to doing exploration and development work in the area. In Singapore Hanoi has a representative who has been doing some discussing with the oil companies, Shell and Cities Services being mentioned. There are a couple of other factors, one being the attitude of the U.S. State Department towards the U.S. companies and Mainland China stating that the South China Sea islands are 'sacred territory'. Anyhow, don't give up hope yet. Maybe one of these days you will work a BY-Spratly. Maybe.

Elsewhere, last week there was a revolution in Mozambique and Indonesia moved on to make Timor part of the sacred homeland. Angola still torn apart and there was various troubles elsewhere.

EA8CR/EA9 was due to come on this last week-end on a last-chance expedition to Rio de Oro. Fernando was aiming to concentrate mainly on 80/40/160mtrs for a 24 hour period across the weekend and may have used either EA9FG or EA9CR as call-signs.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED

That Montserrat effort in the CQ WW Phone Test saw VP2M coming up with a score that in the multi-single ran 5348/11769.122,371 and 5,801.1<sup>51</sup> pts. The operators were Dale Green, VE7SV, Brent Ewing, VE7BD, Dan Eskenazi, K7JCA, Homer Spence, W7EXM and Doc Hollatz, VP2MF (VE3FHO). The calls used were:

VP2M..used only during the 1975 CQ Test; VP2MSV/ZF1DG (VE7SV); VP2MBP, ZF1CC (VE7BD); VP2MJCA (K7JCA); and VP2MEX, ZF1RF (W7EXM). All QSLs with sase to VE7BXG.

PY7YS is looking for St Peter and Paul and Atol das Rocas in February. Originally there had been some talk about a possible December operation but transportation plus the health of his XYL who was in a serious auto accident earlier this year made some changes in plans necessary. Last July Jose operated PU0YS from Fernando de Noronha.

PY7YS probably will try 160 meters from the two stops in February as he did from Fernando de N. last July. There is some activity going on to get HC8-Galapagos on 160mtrs. Some projections aimed at a 1976 Fall operation have been run up the flagpole and some reaction from the top-band people is being solicited. Anyone who might be interested in having a 160mtr operation from the Galapagos might drop a line to Gene Sykes, W4BRB. Some possible interest in such an operation has been shown by K4ERO/HC1 plus some others.

Congress adjourned last week for a long holiday and most Congressmen will be around the home hustings until late in January. This is your chance to drop in on your friendly, local Congressman, not because he will be running for re-election next November but rather to discuss the RFI Bill, H.R. 7052 introduced by Congressman Vanik. You'll be pleasantly surprised to see how happy he will be to see you in person....and more so if you brief yourself on the RFI legislation before you talk with him.

The hoped for 30-Equatorial Guinea ran into some visa problems and a week or so back it looked rather definite that OM2MM would not be able to make the effort and EASCR was an outside possibility. Seems that the local expeditor there in Equatorial Guinea split from the scene with no indication when he might be back to straighten things out. This may surface again in the coming months, however.

ZB2DQ was activated by Scott Redd, K0DQI, who was on from Tunisia with 3V0DQ in the CQ Test. This one QSLs to W2GHK. The appearance of the 3V-stations during the CQ Test caused a bit of surprise in parts of Europe after two German and one Finnish effort to get on the air from that one. Initially there was a bit of skepticism but this soon dissipated.

We have all the call-area DXCC-Needed lists about ready to go but still have to clear up one point. This should be cleared by next week. On the original list back in the November 18th issue 3V8 was incorrectly identified...Tunisia is the right one as every quick-syed DXer instantly recognized. We started off this issue like the original hot rock and then ran into mechanical difficulties. One of these days we will get out an issue we will be completely satisfied with. But not this week. After several hours of work, and disassembling the press, we got things running right but some of the evidence of the problems still shows in places. Tomorrow will be a brighter day!!

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Let us go then, you and I,  
And the evening is spread out against the sky....

AFRICA CW

A2CBW	21036/1700/Dec	9m	WA2BIH/TU	14039/1930	9m	6W8EX	21039/1725/Dec	7e
A2CBW	14077/1700/Dec	12m	5Z4PP	14042/1910/Dec	11m	9J2AB	14019/1850/Dec	15w
C9MIZ	14027/1640/Dec	12w	6W8FM	21070/1905/Dec	10m			
FB8ZF	14055/1845/Dec	11m	6W8EX	14040/1750/Dec	7kp			

ASIA CW

A9XV	14013/1215/Dec	8kp	UD6DIA	14020/1230/Dec	8kp
EP2SN	14039/1350/Dec	12e#	UF6FAT	14010/1325/Dec	13m
HZ1AB	14040/1545/Dec	9m	VU2LO	14030/1400/Dec	12e#

EUROPE CW

DF3GR	14010/1845/Dec	15w	ISØMWE	14012/1315/Dec	10m	SV1GR	14050/1450/Dec	13m
EA6DD	14006/1545/Dec	13w	LA2B	14048/1430/Dec	12m	UB5LI	14040/1410/Dec	10m
EI3R	14010/1345/Dec	8kp	OH8TI	14032/1615/Dec	9m	UK2GAX	14047/1440/Dec	11m
GI3OLJ	14006/1205/Dec	8kp	OHØPA	14017/1400/Dec	13m	UR2RJ	14034/1305/Dec	14e
ISØAEW	14005/1305/Dec	8kp	SM5KX	14044/1350/Dec	12m			

ELSEWHERE CW

A35AF	14042/0510/Dec	15m	HI8JLV	14021/0100/Dec	15m	VR1AA	14039/0520/Dec	15m
FG7XA	14005/1325/Dec	9e	VK3EK	14005/2320/Dec	12w#	ZF1AG	14018/1310/Dec	14e
FP8JP	14032/1310/Dec	10e	VP1BJ	14027/1920/Dec	12m	6Y5AO	14058/2010/Dec	9m
FY7YE	14023/0055/Dec	8kp	VP2MB	14039/0520/Dec	15m			

AFRICA SSB

A2CAB	21355/1830/Dec	8e	TR8SS	14209/1925/Dec	12e	5N2NAS	21293/1800/Dec	15w
C9MJO	14201/0410/Dec	12e	TR8SS	21360/1725/Dec	6e	5N2NAS	14220/1725/Dec	11e
C9MC <sup>S</sup>	21300/1805/Dec	8e	TR8CM	14205/2210/Dec	10w	5N2ESH	14209/2355/Dec	12e
CR4BS	14210/2155/Dec	10m	TU2DP	14215/1240/Dec	8kp	5L2T	21316/2000/Dec	8e
CT3AF	21290/1435/Dec	11m	TU2EF	14205/2110/Dec	13m	5U7AG	14248/2135/Dec	10m
D2ASW	21318/1830/Dec	10e	TU2FH	21300/1500/Dec	12e	5Z4OE	21313/1800/Dec	7kp
EA8MPO	14210/1615/Dec	11m	TJ1BF	21309/1740/Dec	10e	6W8FP	14219/2240/Dec	10m
EA9FG	14210/1615/Dec	11w	VQ9R	14210/1815/Dec	9e	7P8AQ	21299/2205/Dec	14m
EA9FF	14205/1545/Dec	11m	VQ9MC	14204/1835/Dec	7e	9G1JX	21309/2005/Dec	8e
EA9FE	14211/1720/Dec	11w	VQ9HCS	14241/1620/Dec	11w	9J2WS	21304/1530/Dec	9e
DK5EC/ETC	21314/1405	8e	ZD7SS	14205/2145/Dec	11e	9J2AB	14204/1920/Dec	12e
ET3PG	21305/1500/Dec	12m	ZD8CI	21354/1725/Dec	6e	9J2AB	21300/1715/Dec	13m
FR7ZL/G	21300/1500/Dec	11m	ZD8LM	14211/1930/Dec	12e	9J2WR	21355/1800/Dec	8e
FR7BE	21263/1525/Dec	13m	ZD8LS	14216/2040/Dec	12e	9L1SL	14205/2150/Dec	12e
FR7ZW	14218/1720/Dec	12m	ZE1AV	21278/1445/Dec	10m	9Q5SW	14214/2020/Dec	8e
ST2SA	14236/1640/Dec	12w	ZE8JN	21299/1910/Dec	11w	9X5SM	21301/1630/Dec	10e

ASIA SSB

A4XVI	14215/1415/Dec	12e#	JY9CR	14221/1335/Dec	12e#	VU2YY	14216/1330/Dec	15e
A9XBD	14200/2330/Dec	11e	JY9CS	14221/1335/Dec	12e#	VU2DX	21308/0010/Dec	12w
BV2B	14219/0055/Dec	7w	UAØFCK	14225/2300/Dec	10w	4Z4MQ	14228/1350/Dec	14e
EP2FR	14203/1305/Dec	12e#	UD6CC	14246/1245/Dec	14e	4Z4KB	14206/1620/Dec	12m
EP2TW	14201/1314/Dec	14e	VU2AID	14209/1315/Dec	11e#	WA6CBP/4X4	14206/1600	12m
EP2DB	14215/1330/Dec	12e#	VU2JYA	14212/1325/Dec	11e#	4X4WH	14204/1545/Dec	11m
HL9WI	14216/0110/Dec	7w	VU2DK	14203/1430/Dec	11m#	9K2DX	14231/1640/Dec	12w
HS1WR	14203/1730/Dec	9w	VU2AIK	14206/1255/Dec	14e#			

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AND MORE CHRISTMAS LOUIE

EUROPE SSB

CT1WW	21280/1630/Dec	12m
CT1RM	14210/1710/Dec	12w
CT1ZM	14213/1700/Dec	12w
CT2BL	21277/1630/Dec	12m
DF2QA	14209/1225/Dec	8e
DJ7YE	14250/2355/Dec	14w
EA5AX	14210/1535/Dec	10m
EA6AA	14210/1550/Dec	9m
FC9UC	14202/1545/Dec	15w
EI6S	14205/1615/Dec	11m
GW3NNF	14210/1625/Dec	15w

GC4BSL	21253/1610/Dec	10m
GI4AOD	14205/1630/Dec	14m
GI4ELQ	14202/1545/Dec	8m
I2ZLJ	14219/1540/Dec	8m
I8YRK	14211/1540/Dec	8m
ISØFCE	14221/1540/Dec	7m
IT9FTN	14202/1550/Dec	8m
IT9SEZ	14231/1550/Dec	11m
IT9RGJ	14231/1550/Dec	11m
LX1TL	14244/1310/Dec	9e
M1D	21276/1500/Dec	11m

ON6DX	14205/1540/Dec	9m
PAØADC	14206/1600/Dec	12m
SVØWKK	14209/1900/Dec	11e
UY5UW	14206/1440/Dec	10e
UO5DN	14225/0010/Dec	13w
YU3TDX	14215/1600/Dec	8e
ZB2DQ	21296/1425/Dec	11e
3A2CX	14215/1605/Dec	6w#
3AØFY	14211/1350/Dec	9e
4U1ITU	14214/1250/Dec	12e
9H4G	14213/1535/Dec	5w#

ELSEWHERE SSB

C6ABK	28625/2125/Dec	6w
CP1DN	14315/1530/Dec	7e
CP1DN	21415/1925/Dec	7e
CP6EK	21415/2055/Dec	12e
CX2AX	14203/2350/Dec	12m
CW6XX	14155/2105/Dec	13m
K8GJM/HI8	21314/1925	4e
HKØBKX	14219/1345/Dec	9e
KC4AAC	14265/2355/Dec	10e
KC6CG	14225/2325/Dec	15w
KG6SW	14225/2310/Dec	12w

KV4CI	21302/1635/Dec	12w
OX3PN	14203/1700/Dec	14w
PZ1DR	14218/2140/Dec	11e
VK2LX	14206/2040/Dec	7e
VK6CS	14205/2310/Dec	11w#
VK8CW	14205/2115/Dec	13m
VE7ADJ	21186/2215/Dec	5m*
VP2EE	21355/1830/Dec	8e
VP2DH	14206/2240/Dec	9e
VP2DM	14210/1300/Dec	9e
VP2SV	14205/1235/Dec	11e

VP8ML	14237/0230/Dec	11e
VP8OL	14204/0025/Dec	12e
VR1Z	21300/2245/Dec	6w
ZK2AO	21306/1930/Dec	13m
ZP5CD	14215/0000/Dec	8w
ZP5YW	14202/0350/Dec	11m
ZP5JB	14236/0225/Dec	11e
YC2CR	21305/2330/Dec	11w
9M8HB	14207/0040/Dec	7w
9Y4LK	14237/1300/Dec	14e
9Y4RH	21295/1620/Dec	10w

FORTY/EIGHT METER LOUIE

C5AJ	7013/0105/Dec	5w
C6ANR	7016/0230/Dec	13w
CE8AA	7003/0350/Dec	12w
CM2RF	7013/0455/Dec	9w
CX5BK	7011/0110/Dec	9w
CX9BT	7003/0125/Dec	12w
DL6OB	7001/0025/Dec	8w
EA2IA	7004/0105/Dec	14w
F6ARC	7006/0015/Dec	14w
FG7XA	7002/0315/Dec	13w
FM7AV	7019/0005/Dec	10w
FR7ZL/G	7006/0400/Dec	9e
G4DIX	7001/0030/Dec	13w
HA5KFZ	7017/0150/Dec	11w
HI8DAF	7006/0405/Dec	12w
HM4HF	7010/1430/Dec	13w
IVØGKU	7013/0315/Dec	11w
JX2NK	7003/2120/Dec	12w
JD1AIG	7003/1555/Dec	13w

JA8IEV/JT1	7003/1555	13w
KP4EEJ	7038/0315/Dec	11w
KL7FA	7007/0235/Dec	11w
LZ1KDP	7020/0150/Dec	11w
OA4AHA	7006/0240/Dec	10w
OK3KFF	7006/0235/Dec	11w
PJ2JN	7004/0245/Dec	13w
PJ9EE	7003/0230/Dec	7w
SM6FYJ	7002/0045/Dec	8w
SP2AVE	7033/0735/Dec	14w
TI2MV	7012/0140/Dec	10w
VE2AQZ/TG9	7017/0345	11w
UAØLU	7018/0240/Dec	12w
UAØBBN	7021/0015/Dec	10w
UB5JEA	7017/0130/Dec	11w
UB5BAZ	7003/0015/Dec	7w
UKØKAN	7003/1900/Dec	12w
UK5IES	7006/2300/Dec	13w
UJ8AE	7006/0135/Dec	10w

UL7JG	7028/0205/Dec	9w
UL7JAA	7012/0200/Dec	9w
UL7WH	7004/0240/Dec	13w
UK5MAF	7025/0040/Dec	12w
UR2TAX	7007/1435/Dec	13w
UW1YY	7003/0015/Dec	7w
VK3XU	7008/0745/Dec	13w
VK7AZ	7085/1215/Dec	5
VP2MIR	7014/0210/Dec	5
VP2LAW	7018/2355/Dec	10w
VP9HO	7014/2350/Dec	10w
XJ1MX	7005/2355/Dec	10w
YC7HB	7002/1600/Dec	12w
YO4SI	7022/2120/Dec	11w
ZF1AG	7031/0300/Dec	12w
3D2RF	7089/1300/Dec	6e
8P6GO	7006/0255/Dec	9w
9G1JX	7015/0100/Dec	13w
9M2AX	7003/1630/Dec	8w

(e = east coast m = middle states w = western reaches kp = puerto rico etc )  
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VR1Z with Lloyd and Iris on most bands most days January 1st! Start the new one with a new one.. VR83 FR7ZL/G will be there through mid-January. W4GSM opened last week-end..there to the New Year... Patience!! It may be a year off...but possible! W5USM/YN4 for one week from December 29th..160m ~~possibly~~!! K5QHS aiming for April 1976 PJ8QM to the end of the month Scheduled for February....PY7YS making the plan January 3, 1976.... Nothing but DX on ten through 80 May 1976....Prepare for the Big Rendezvous!! ZK2AO on weekends. Will be there through January December 28th...all bands

EIGHTY METER LOUIE

CE8AA	3502/0245/Dec 12w	HI8MIC	3798/0650/Dec 14w	VP2VBG	3801/0440/Dec 10e
CT1FL	3799/0535/Dec 10e	I6FLD	3777/0655/Dec 16w	VP2VBK	3782/0340/Dec 12w
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DU6EJ	3790/1540/Dec 9w	JY3ZH	3800/0440/Dec 13e	YN1FWN	3805/0525/Dec 10e
EA1FD	3787/0515/Dec 16w	KH6CF	3511/1610/Dec 12w	ZF1GC	3792/0325/Dec 9e
EA6AA	3796/0355/Dec 7e	LX1JO	3797/0415/Dec 7e	ZS6DW	3778/0330/Dec 9w
EL18H	3795/0900/Dec 13w	LU6AGW	3503/0245/Dec 11w	6W8FP	3799/0645/Dec 13w
EL2AK	3799/0715/Dec 9w	OZ1LO	3510/0755/Dec 13m	9V1SH	3805/1540/Dec 10w
F6BWJ	3796/0525/Dec 10e	SMØAGD/TA	3506/2030/ 18e	9Y4SF	3787/0345/Dec 9e
F3NB	3526/0540/Dec 16w	UWØNE	3503/1545/Dec 10w	9Y4NP	3816/0450/Dec 10e
FG7AM	3512/0220/Dec 5w	VK4DX	3789/1420/Dec 13w	9Y4NB	3527/0630/Dec 14w
GD3KGC	3795/0055/Dec 7e	VP1BJ	3799/0545/Dec 10w		
GM6RV	3503/0805/Dec 13m	VP1BU	3801/0425/Dec 10e		
HC8GI	3805/0410/Dec 5w	VP2DM	3800/0345/Dec 9w	W1AA	1813/0130/Dec 11e

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There had been some inquiries on the need for 13¢ stamps on your envelope at the QSL Bureau but last week a judge acting in a lawsuit brought by a mailers association ruled that the Postal Service could not increase rates either on December 28th or the first week in January when some services' rates were to go up. Apparently, the whole rate-making procedure will have to start over with the Postal Service requesting the increase from the Postal Rate Commission and then having to wait 90 days to put a temporary increase into effect while the Rate Commission works on its decision. At this time it would seem that late March might be the earliest time that any increase might be effected.

Tnx to W1AM, W1JAA, WA1NRF, W1VV, W1WQC/4, W2FPM, W2OVC/5, W3CDL, WA3DMH, K3LWM, W4BAA, W4HU, W4KA, WB4TPU, W4UMF, W5AK, K5YMY, WN5OLA, W5UFF, W5USM, W6AXH, W6DAB, WA6ETN, W6GC, K6HTM, WB6LTJ, W6OKK, W6ONZ, W6TSQ, W7BCT, W7YTN, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9BG, K9KEV, W9KNI, W9MQK, KP4EAJ, OH2BH, PA9WRR, VE7BD.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Most of the local QRPerers were together last week, buffeted by the rush of the season but still able to show for the Thursday luncheon. "You know something", one QRPer said after listing his problems of the day, "I am sure glad that Christmas only comes once a year!". And there was some mumbled agreements with this astuteness until the Old Timer spoke up. "And how would you feel if it did not come at all?". There was silence at this for all knew that this was the special season and each, in our own way, do treasure it. Christmas time is the happy season and it is hoped that good fortune and the simple pleasures will come to all the Deserving Dxers with the season. These are the good times.....enjoy them.

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