



West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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SOUTH SANDWICH The planned LU2XR short operation from the South Sandwich group is still on though the weather conditions have delayed the Argentine Ice Breaker SAN MARTIN on its re-supply schedule to the Argentine Antarctic bases.

As of last week, the best estimate was that the 12-hour operation would come some time in the period of February 3rd to February 6th. Information came through last week that the icebreaker had not reached General Belgrano Base in the Antarctic which would precede the South Sandwich visit. The callsign of the station on the SAN MARTIN is LU5ADR.

All else is as reported previously. There is a helicopter aboard the icebreaker and the operation will be brief. In Argentine LU8AJC will m.c. the operations and will be assisted stateside by LU1BAR, LU2DX and LU5HFI.

SPANISH SAHARA EA8CR, Fernando, did make the EA9-Spanish Sahara effort over the weekend of January 24/25th, opening the operation local time there at 8:00p.m. on Friday and closing down at 0200a.m. on Monday, operating for some 52 hours.

All bands were checked but there was nothing on ten, little on fifteen. The effort worked DXCC with 106 countries worked in the 1800 QSOs made. Some 100 or so W6s managed to get through and a goodly number of W7s. There were 18 contacts on 160meters.

Fernando asked that QSLs for this operation go to his home QTH rather than to any previous QSL Manager. His address is: Fernando-Juan Fernandez, La Rosa 33, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands.

This probably will be the last EA9-Spanish Sahara operation as it will be partitioned the end of February. Last week Algeria and Morocco were reporting troop engagements in their disputes over who will get what and with the last word being that the Algerian forces were advancing in new directions back towards Algeria.

WESTERN CAROLINES WA6AHF, Rubin, left last Saturday for Koror in the Western Carolines and will be there through most of February. An application for a KC6 call has been filed but Rubin was not sure whether it would come through in time. However, either he will have the KC6-call or will be signing WA6AHF/KC6.

Plans are to use all the bands that are open, eighty through ten though not too much hope is held for the higher frequencies. Each day he will be on the air at 0000Z, that being 0800a.m. there in Koror. He says to look for him around the usual DX spots, and keeping in mind that only a 50kc segment is available in the Western Carolines for forty meters.

This will be mostly a phone operation though Rubin says that he will make c.w. appointments if pressed hard. C.W. only by appointment and scheduled well in advance.

DR YAGI Dr. Hidetsugu Yagi passed away on January 19th in Japan. You should recognize the name as he invented the Yagi antenna and was the owner of the Yagi Antenna Inc. in Japan. He had also been President of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, held a post at the Osaka National University and the Musashi Institute of Technology. He had been a member of the House of Councilors in the Japanese Socialists Party and a winner of the Japanese Order for Cultural Merit.

SUNSPOT LOUIE This was another week with no significant sunspot activity to report. Even WWV seems to be changing things around a bit and you might check to see what they are. It does seem that you will have to go to twenty minutes after the hour for some information.

If you wonder how things might be, Red Eyed notes that most of the action has been on eighty and forty and that twenty has hardly seen any action at all.

You might check the March 1974 issue of CQ and you will note that W4UMF was predicting a smoothed sunspot number of 16.8 and 16.0 for May and June 1975. And that's exactly where things turned up. Ted is looking for a SSN of 15.2 for July 1975 and we are definitely headed for the bottom.

That period of activity around the 12th of January found the sunspot numbers getting over 20 on a daily basis and reached 40 on the 14th. These numbers are for all the sunspots while on the chart we are only showing the significant ones which are likely to influence band conditions. That January activity weakened just before crossing the west limb of the sun.

Now we have taken you this far, you will be glad to note that the mean sunspot number for December was 7.5, the lowest monthly sunspot number observed since 1964. This is pulling down the 12-month smoothed sunspot number and for June it was 16.0. Putting those months in order, it was 16.8 in May, 16.0 in June and a 15.2 predicted for July. If you are a real optimist you will be looking for some signs of solar activity in the new cycle any month now. Sunspots will rise again.....probably in 1976.

Anyhow, here's the forecast for the coming weeks:

February 3rd	Low Normal	February 10th	High Normal
4th	High Normal	11th	High Normal
5th	High--slipping to Low	12th	High Normal
6th	Disturbed	13th	High Normal
7th	Disturbed	14th	Low Normal
8th	Low Normal	15th	High Normal
9th	Low Normal	16th	Low Normal

Up from the south at break of day, K6EC comes through with the figures for the last chart makers:

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Jan 20th	78	9	Jan 24th	72	15
21st	77	21	25th	71	10
22nd	74	17	26th	70	4
23rd	73	15	27th	70	-

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Bob Ferrero K6AHV

Howard Hale W6SC

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POSTAL ITEMS

A couple of weeks back we ran the new postage rates and our programmed thinking got us into a corner. We were taking the information right from the Postal Bulletin but got crossed up by assuming that the Postal Service new rates for Central and South American would follow the pattern of the previous rates. They do not! So rather than confuse things by trying to correct part, we will run the whole thing over again.

First Class	U.S., Canada and Mexico. 13¢ for the first ounce, 11¢ for each additional ounce through 13 ounces.
Post Cards	9¢ for surface cards, 14¢ for airmail
Printed Matter	13¢ for first two ounces, 24¢ for four ounces, 34¢ for six ounces, 45¢ for eight ounces.
AIRMAIL	To Mexico 17¢ ounce To Central America, Colombia, Venezuela and the Caribbean Islands, Bahamas, Bermuda, St Pierre & Miquelon, 25¢ per half-ounce for first two ounces, 21¢ per half-ounce above that. Other Countries: 31¢ per half ounce up through two ounces, 26¢ per additional half ounce.

We stumbled over the not reading the whole paragraph on airmail. South America except for Colombia and Venezuela is now 31¢ per half-ounce.

There is also some information on postcards which may help the DXer and especially those who mail the cards without enclosing them in an envelope. The dimensions for an international mail post card is:

Minimum 3½" x 5½"
Maximum 4¼" x 6"

The U.S. dimensions are:

Minimum 3" x 4½"
Maximum 4½" x 6"

You will note that the minimum dimensions for international mails are a full inch more in length than for U.S. These are derived from international treaties through the Universal Postal Union and not made up in Washington. Undersized postals may come back as often there is more attention given to these niceties in the international mails than on the domestic scene.

THAILAND Very little has been heard from the HS-stations for the last couple of years, the silence reportedly coming after the head of the secret police had a TVI problem and when he complained, the amateur suggested where he could store his TV. Actually there has been little TVI from amateurs in Bangkok either.....since then. Negotiations have continued to try to work out the problem and there is hope that it will be possible for the HS-stations to return before long. Once in awhile there is a report of an HS-station being on the air, this usually being an up-country station. Those close to the negotiations cringe everytime this happens as it is feared that it may crimp the whole negotiations. There is optimism, however, that the negotiations will prove successful before long. Some think it may help not to help break the ban that exists at this time....

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** world where a deserving DXer waits for the sunspots to return..
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SHORTLY NOTED With things apparently bouncing along the bottom, there still is more than enough DX news to keep things moving and we are a bit apprehensive about what will come when the sunspots return.....along with a lot of hungry DXers.

There is a continued shift to the second-class mailings when subscriptions are renewed and there seems to be little difference between the arrival time of 1st or the newspaper/second class mail. Some areas say that the bulletin is arriving a day later now but that is not because it is mailed later, it is still getting to the Post Office by late Saturday afternoon.

The January CQ is definitely out and we received a copy a week ago. There is another excellent article by Ted Cohen, W4UMF and George Jacobs, W3ASK, on the solar activity and what to expect in the transition years. CQ has the new format and the larger size does seem to give a better display....

FR7ZL is back on Reunion where you might find him to work once in awhile. He was at 14053kc at 1845Z about ten days back. The 7P8-operation by SMØACD and SM4CNN has been noted by many as an excellent run operation with the operators knowing how to control a pile-up. You might note that SMØACD call, it being Erik Sjolund, who travels most extensively and whom you are going to hear more and more from DX spots....some being some really rare ones.

PYØZZ was heard on twenty c.w. on January 23rd. Said he was at St P&P and to QSL via the PY-bureau. Those trying to check the direction with their beams figured that the station seemed to be west of where one would expect to find signals from St Peter and Paul. However, work them first and worry later.....but we are unconvinced on this one. There was also another unusual one...CR8EE who said he was in Dili. This one was not around too long...

There have been demonstrations on Bougainville against being part of the Papua/New Guinea administration and they say they want out.....free and independent. Some of the Lesser Antilles are also headed towards independence.

There was mention of FR7ZL a bit previous, Guy having been on Glorioso for a couple of months to supply some needed QSOs. FR7AI is reported as headed out for Glorioso in a couple of weeks, possibly before the end of the month and he will be on Glorioso for about a month. This one is a good operator and handles both c.w. and SSB. There is hope yet!!

CQ in addition to its regular WPX Award also is offering the USA-WPX 76 Award for working the Bicentennial prefixes. Now that many have accumulated a handful of the '76 prefixes, you might keep in mind you can get the CQ USA-WPX-76 Award without charge for working 200 of the special prefixes, at least 35 being different prefixes. You can read all the rules in the October '75 CQ magazine.

In the WPX/SSB Contest on March 27/28th, these special prefixes will count as double multipliers. How about that?

Rubin, WA6AHF, did not want it mentioned but the company for which he has worked for many years went out of business and things being slow, he accepted an invitation to head out to visit a friend in the Western Carolines. He may cut the visit short if an offer of employment comes through. If you work Rubin, it might help if some slight support was evidenced....

4U1ITU was on January 15th...the operator was WA1NRV and he said to QSL to his home QTH. K4KA notes that is only handles QSLs for the dates of November 25/26th...only!! If QSLs for any other date comes his way he sends them in bundles to 4U1ITU to figure out the operator.

3B8DA says that he will be going to 3B6-St Brandon sometime in March or April. The cards for his recent 3B9DA/Rodriguez operation are going out by call areas....W1, then W2 etc. Work them by call areas, QSL them by call areas!!

REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

To see a world in a grain of sand
And heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And seek DX by the hour.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

D4CBS	3802/0600/Jan	24w	QZ5KF	3795/0800/Jan	26w	VR4DX	3799/0745/Jan	24w
EA8BW	3802/0130/Jan	20m	PA0CFW	3501/0200/Jan	20e	VR4EK	3503/0530/Jan	24m
EA8CR/EA9	3790/0635	24w	PJ3ER	3799/0500/Jan	25e	VU2GDG	3790/1505/Jan	21w
FP8DX	3796/0145/Jan	24e	PJ8AA	3530/0550/Jan	24m	YB0ABV	3505/1150/Jan	24e
W4ERO/HC1	3790/1130	20e	PJ8AA	3801/0400/Jan	24e	YB3AP	3790/1450/Jan	26w
HH2V	3802/0400/Jan	29e	ST2SA	3799/0455/Jan	18e	YN8ODM	3802/0505/Jan	25e
HI8MOG	3810/0400/Jan	24e	SM5BLA	3787/1500/Jan	24w	YV5DFI	3801/0400/Jan	24e
HI8XRG	3810/0655/Jan	17w	UW0LT	3503/1400/Jan	28w	ZD7WT	3504/0400/Jan	28e
HI8HDS	3806/0615/Jan	24m	VP2GJI	3525/0545/Jan	28w	ZL3NR/C	3798/0645/Jan	17m
HR1MM	3810/0300/Jan	19w	VP2DM	3812/0200/Jan	24e	4X4NJ	3788/1530/Jan	23w
I3MAU	3790/0610/Jan	24m	VP2KN	3818/0030/Jan	24e	WB9AJF/6Y5	3806/0400	24e
JA8LEV/JD1	3802/1415	28w	VP2GAG	3802/0200/Jan	20e	6Y5HJ	3818/0130/Jan	24e
JT0OAQ	3503/1430/Jan	27w	VP2SQ	3803/0200/Jan	20e	6Y5BF	3802/2345/Jan	24e
KG4DS	3793/1130/Jan	20m	WB8JEY/VP2S	3802/0040	19e	6Y5BF	3504/0410/Jan	20e
KH6BZF	3810/0600/Jan	24m	VP2SQ	3805/0100/Jan	26e	9M2PV	3790/1450/Jan	26w
KZ5JM	3795/0700/Jan	17w	VP2SV	3810/0210/Jan	19m	9V1SH	3790/1435/Jan	24w
CO5RCC	7006/0230/Jan	28w	PY7AUC	7001/0220/Jan	28w	WA2BIH/TU	7003/2320	25e
CR8EE	7003/1110/Jan	25e	SU2CL	7004/0345/Jan	22m	YU4EBL	7003/1515/Jan	24w
CX3AL	7006/0240/Jan	28w	VE2AQS/TG	7005/0830	18m	ZK1DA	7028/0935/Jan	25e
DU1MN	7005/1030/Jan	21e	UK9AAN	7025/1225/Jan	24e	ZL3LN/C	7006/1300/Jan	26e
EA8CR/EA9	7094/0850	24e	UB5MFI	7008/2330/Jan	18e	ZD7WT	7004/0410/Jan	24w
FG7AM	7004/0500/Jan	20e	UK2FAS	7005/1440/Jan	24w	ZL2MM	7025/0915/Jan	23e
FG7XA	7005/2350/Jan	22e	UK3AAB	7007/1450/Jan	23w	ZS5AP	7016/1450/Jan	25w
FK8AT	7004/1120/Jan	25e	UK4HBB	7008/1445/Jan	24w	ZS6DN	7095/0100/Jan	18e
FM7TV	7025/0040/Jan	22m	UK5MAF	7007/1425/Jan	25w	YU2HCD	7024/2355/Jan	22e
F6DGS	7017/2140/Jan	25e	UR2TAX	7002/1440/Jan	25w	3D2ER	7018/1145/Jan	22e
HI3PC	7035/1010/Jan	21e	VK2GW	7027/1040/Jan	22e	4S7WP	7006/0340/Jan	22m
I8RHG	7006/2125/Jan	25e	VP2MU	7017/0040/Jan	18e	6Y5BF	7005/0220/Jan	22m
JR1HAO	7029/0945/Jan	21e	VP8NN	7006/0630/Jan	20m	7P8AG	7009/2315/Jan	23e
KZ5EK	7019/0240/Jan	28w	VR4EK	7028/1140/Jan	21e	8P6GQ	7016/0100/Jan	20e
LU9FAZ	7002/0245/Jan	28w	VR1AA	7093/0515/Jan	25e	9G1LZ	7010/0150/Jan	24e
LZ1KHB	7003/1455/Jan	24w	VU2DX	7003/0100/Jan	24w	9J2WR	7020/0520/Jan	25m
LZ2KAF	7018/1500/Jan	25w	YB0ABV	7003/1130/Jan	24e	9K2DR	7004/2200/Jan	25e
			YB1BW	7028/1050/Jan	24e			
EA8CR/EA9	1829/0055	26e	JA7AO	1911/1510/Jan	23w	ZE2KV	1825/0345/Jan	24e
EA8CR	1828/0510/Jan	23e	KG4FU	1815/0150/Jan	22m			
HK0BKX	1826/0130/Jan	24m	KZ5BC	1815/0150/Jan	25m			

AFRICA SSB

C9MJO	14206/2040/Jan	26e
D4CBS	14218/2030/Jan	22e
EL2T	14240/2025/Jan	22e
EL2U	14250/1915/Jan	22e
EA8CR/EA9	14192/1255	24e
ZS3TP	14224/2035/Jan	23e
ZS3HT	21270/1640/Jan	25w

ZS6AK	14201/2010/Jan	22e
3B8DA	14204/1905/Jan	24e
7P9AG	14201/2000/Jan	22e
9G1JX	14212/1835/Jan	19e
9J2LL	14215/2015/Jan	22e
9X5RK	14214/2040/Jan	25e

EUROPE SSB

CT2BB	14206/1925/Jan	22e
DJ8RR	14202/1430/Jan	26w
EA3QW	14208/1450/Jan	22e
EA3JE	14202/1640/Jan	24w
OE5CA	14224/1430/Jan	19e
TF3AX	14202/2105/Jan	22m
UK2BBB	14205/1430/Jan	23e
3A0FY	14201/1440/Jan	13e#

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

These are the dismal days.....

ASIA SSB

CR9AJ 14224/2345/Jan 19m
UKØCBE 14245/2345/Jan 21e
VS6DR 14225/0010/Jan 20e
VU2DK 14205/1420/Jan 26w

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

FM7AQ 14205/2330/Jan 17w
FM7WE 14204/2030/Jan 25e
KC6AQ 14218/2310/Jan 19m
KC4USG 14335/0520/Jan 21e
KG6SW 14224/2340/Jan 19m
P29AB 14189/2045/Jan 25e
PJ3RO 14212/2045/Jan 25e

VP2DH 14224/1345/Jan 23e
VP9CP 14202/2350/Jan 19e
ZK1DX 21273/1745/Jan 25m
6Y5PO 21317/1820/Jan 24e
8R1W 14218/2035/Jan 19e
8R1X 14201/2225/Jan 22e

AFRICA CW

D2ACK 14030/2025/Jan 23e
EA9EU 14025/2020/Jan 11e
FL8RD 14048/1750/Jan 22e
FR7ZL 14053/1850/Jan 25e
TU2GA 14039/1850/Jan 23e
VE1XU/SU 14026/1715/ 23e
ZD7WT 14040/2235/Jan 23w

ZE1DP 14223/1930/Jan 23e
ZE1BF 14004/2025/Jan 25e
5T5CJ 14033/1930/Jan 25e
5Z4PQ 14030/1920/Jan 20m
7P8AG 14026/2100/Jan 22e
7P8AH 14025/2050/Jan 23e
9J2CL 14028/2130/Jan 24e

ASIA CW

BV2A 14024/2320/Jan 24m
CR9AJ 14040/2340/Jan 23e
UK9AAN 14027/1735/Jan 20e
UWØLI 14034/0135/Jan 22e
4S7WP 14029/1810/Jan 23e
4S7NG 14040/1450/Jan 21e

EUROPE CW

EA6DD 14011/1500/Jan 24e
JW3FU 14033/1820/Jan 20e
JX2HK 14023/1955/Jan 25e
OK3FF 14050/1540/Jan 21e
4T1LFU 14051/1505/Jan 17e

ELSEWHERE'S CW

FG7XA 14021/1745/Jan 21e
W7JRK/KG6 14027/0050 27w
KZ5EB 14052/2320/Jan 24e
PJ8AA 14030/1405/Jan 23e
PYØZZ 14030/2150/Jan 23??

VE3AQS/TG 14038/2335 24e
PJ9AA 14030/1905/Jan 23e
VP2LAW 14070/2230/Jan 23m
6Y5BF 14030/1550/Jan 24w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kp = puerto rico, etc)
(# = long path all times in gmt ?? = Looks like Slim.....again??)

MORE SHORTLY NOTED VR4DX says that his supply of QSL cards were cleaned out and an order from a printer proved to be a problem when he could not corner the printer. He does expect to resume QSLing shortly, however.

FM7AQ QSLs to K4KQB. ZL3LN/Chatham says to QSL via the ZL bureau. ZK2AO will be leaving Niue shortly and he wants his home address publicized for QSL purposes. Kevin will be leaving this month. QSL to:

Kevin B McNearnie, ZK2AO
c/o A H Smith
Mangawhata RD. 7
Palmerston North, New Zealand

ZE8JG is presently in the Antarctic and his tour ends at the end of this month. Tino says he would like to take a look at Bouvet on the trip home, even with the advice that this is a dangerous place for a landing. That WB9AJF/6Y5 said to QSL via the W9 QSL Bureau.

Congress is back in session and the Vanik legislation, H.R 7052, on RFI will have to make it this time or it is dead. The Subcommittee on Communications has received a lot of mail on the measure but more is needed.

Several law firms which represent electronic manufacturers before the FCC were present at a recent meeting of the IEEE EMC Chapter in Washington. The featured speaker at the meeting was Brendan Harrington of Congressman Vanik's office. It was felt by many that the lawyers were there to test the wind....and if anyone thinks HR 7052 will be passed without a fight....they are in a dazed condition. Encourage more letters on HR 7052. They are needed to get the legislation moving.

PY0P0 and PY0BXC on c.w. to the end of the week
 WA6AHF there through most of February
 PJ8CO through the week-end.
 LU2XR in mid-week for brief spurt.....if all goes well
 VP8MS there late this month
 LU1ZA presently active
 P29PNG on all band operation February 13/14th
 VR3AH to be active when gear arrives....long stay
 VK9X and VK9Y plans should be announced shortly....
 FL8OM and friends for a week around Easter....
 North Florida DX Group there for CQ Test late March
 WB6OOL heading out for a visit....
 May 14/16th at the Fresno Hilton... See your travel agent!
 Phone Feb 7/8th....CW 21/22nd...first go-rounds

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SINT MAARTEN
SOUTH SANDWICH
South GEORGIA
SOUTH ORKNEYS
PAPUA/NEW GUINEA
CHRISTMAS ISLAND
CHRISTMAS/COCOS
ABU AIL
TURKS/CAICOS
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CHRISTMAS ISLAND/COCOS-KEELING One of the DXers in the Western Reaches has his plans pretty well formed for a long trip which will include operations from a number of rare spots in Oceania, Southeast Asia and Africa. The initial plans are for an operation from VK9X-Christmas Island, this to be followed by a visit to VK9Y-Cocos-Keeling.

Presently he is looking for a TA-33 Jr Beam. He would like to hear from anyone who may be willing to help. This one was on a couple of major efforts almost a decade back and will be readily recognized when he is ready to announce. Meanwhile, if anyone wants to inquire about helping with the antenna need, drop a line to the bulletin here and we will get it to the traveler. After Cocos some of the African plans do include TI8.

SPRATLY Mainland China conducted expanded naval exercises in the area last Fall, then did order rescue vessels away from a shipwreck and conducted rescue operations itself. Hanoi says that the Army is ready to go to the sea islands to maintain the security of the fatherland. Taiwan is sending a convoy to resupply its garrison on Itu Aba in the Spratly group. The Philippines have reportedly built an airfield on one of the Spratlys and keeps a garrison there. Years ago no one paid any attention to the islands about 400 miles east of Saigon. Then a geological survey in the 1960s suggested the area might be extraordinarily rich in oil. Suddenly everyone wants to visit the DX spot...

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ARRL One of the matters adopted at the last Directors Meeting in January was a motion, reported in the official minutes, as:

On motion of Mr. Haller, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, Voted that the DX Advisory Committee be consulted when the country status of any area is to be determined.

Note that this is only consultation and should there not be agreement with what the DXAC might think about a subject, there is apparently nothing binding. There is also the possibility of the DXAC being tossed the sticky ones by the Awards Committee. This may be interesting to watch.....

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1JAA, K1TZQ, W1VAH, WA1SSH, W1WQC/4, W2FPM, WA3DMH, W4BAA, W4BRB, WA4HPF, WB4IUX, WB4QNP, W4KA, W4UF, W4UMF, WB5OXC/3, W5RG, WA6AHF, K6EC, W6EJJ, K6LAE, W6MTJ, W6OKK, W6PQZ, W6PT, W6TCQ, W6TSQ, WB6UOM, K6VY, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7AYO, WA7OBH, W7YR, W8ZOK, W9BG, WB9BUV, W9KNI, K9OTB, WØJRN, KH6BZF, LU2DX, YBØABV, MADXA.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, his brow furrowed and his spirit wilted. "DX is sure scarce these days", the QRPper said, "and what little DX that does show has everyone in there screaming and clawing whether they need it or not. Why do they do that and what chance do we Fourth-Level DXers have in these rough times?". Son of a Gun, what could one say to a question like that? So we hauled him down county to one of the more energetic brawlers and put the question to that one. The response was a snort. Then we got another snort. "What you must do", this snorty one explained, "is that you must scheme to trip those on the level above you and quickly elbow aside those below you. You must out maneuver the stronger, you must trample the weak. But most of all you get in there and work them....work everything and anything and all the time". The QRPper thought this over for a bit and then started in again. "But why, Sam?", he asked. "why does one seek to do something like that? Why can't we all be nice to each other?". And all we got out of that was: "If he has to ask a question like that, he will never recognize the answer". For DXers are an endangered species with the failure of the sunspot crop and a DXer must be triumphant or posterity may forget one. And while you figure out how to survive in these days on the back curve of the cycle, \$14.50 will bring you a full year of DX survival tips by 1st Class mail. \$10.00 brings it with the newspapers by 2nd Class mail....\$17.00 will fly it to Mexico and all those DX lands below the wind and beyond the dawn. Be the local Kung-Fu DXer!!

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