Mest Coast DX Bulletin

March 2, 1976

W6 Austral-Asia-Africa DXpedition About a month or so back there was mention of an apcoming major DXpedition which would be headed out to the Pacific this Spring and this is it.

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Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, will be departing the Portland area in mid-month and his first stop will be A35-Tonga where he will be for the ARRL CW Test on March 20/21st. Bill says that this stop will be primarily a shake-down to see how all the gear and the equipment holds up.

While all the full details have not been disclosed, Bill will swing through the South Pacific, up into Asia and then on to east Africa Most of his stops will be rare or semi-rare countries. Somewhere along the way he will announced plans for a 'new' country. He prefers not to give an advance itinerary at this time raue to the political touchniness in some areas and many of his operations will come with but short advance notice.

Between stops WB7ABK is looking for minimum travel time and his operations may come with a bit of rapidity at times. Mainly the operations will be on 20/40/80 meters and 15/10meters will only be checked when the conditions seem right. Both c.w. and SSB will be used.

Frequencies will be around 25kc inside the lower edge for c.w. operations, maybe a kc or two one way or the other. SSB will be along and beneath the edge of the phone bands. Bill says to look for him around 3800kc or between 3600kc and 3700 kc in the areas where there is a lower band limit. Look for him just below 7100Kc, just below 14200kc and 21300kc/28600kc should these bands come to life. Gear will include a TS520, a TA-33 beam plus dipoles.

It is possible that WA7ABK may do some joint-dxpedition work along the route of his travels but for the first six weeks or so he will be on a solo effort. His plans are aimed at rapid QSOing and during prime periods he hopes to get the QSO rate well over the 100 per-hour figure.

It is hoped that the next week or two will bring more details on this 3A/DX effort. There will be more South Pacific work before the end of the month. QSL information will be given sometime in the future.

MACAO CR9AK will be activated this weekend for the ARRL Phone Test by K6AHV, Bob Ferrero. Bob will be in the Hong Kong area on business this weekend and will put the station on the air with the aim of running up a big score.

K6AHV is a member of the Northern California DX Foundation Board of Directors and the effort is supported by the foundation in its continuing effort to reduce the need for CR9. This has included the December operation from CR9AK, the supplying of the beam to CR9AJ and this contest operation by K6AHV. This should tend to move CR9 out of the needed categories to some degree.

Listen for CR9AK this weekend. Based on his experience last December, Bob says that conditions should find openings to someplace in the world around the clock and he is aiming to find those openings this weekend.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Though observations were possible most days from the W8ZOK observation post, no significant activity could be detected. The single spot which appeared on February 14th was the last significant one.

Boulder has been giving out some radio quality reports in the N-5 and N-6 categories. These are the dismal days for sure!

But wait!! There is a bright spot amid all the gloom. Those three spots which appeared around February 10th were at 38° North latitude on the solar disc. It's what we have been looking for...spots in the high latitudes and from the new Cycle 21 which will be shortly with us...only may year or two to go. Or it will seem like that.

We dropped by the Palos Verdes corral to see how things were with the jump and thump crowd. It was always like a convention of sued shied salesmen and this time was no different.

"How'd the rain dance turn out?", we asked and we were jubliantly assured that "everything was under control. "And how about the sunspots, what are you doing there?" we asked and again we got the A-OK signal. "They are coming", the leader of the Palos Verdes Sundancers advised us. "The rain and the sunspots and everything is coming. We did a special interpretative jump, jangle, jiggle and jolt tarantella for the occasion, six-eight time all the way, of course! And soon you will see the results that the P.V Sundancers bring with their efforts. You will see. Soon!". We thought this over for a bit and finally asked: "But when? When will it happen?". The PVS leader shrugged at this one. "What do you expect? Yesterday?" was his rejoinder and we were lost again. For it did not come yesterday, we did not find it today and we have our doubts about the morrow.

(Sob)

1400Z 24 Feb 7

w8ZOK,

But when W4UMF speaks, we have no doubts at all for some of that estoeric stuff we do not understand at all. But we will go four-square for Ted and he looks at the coming contest week-end and says that things will be below normal. And in the week ahead it will be more Below Normal....sometimes just Low Normal and in between it probably will be more of the same. Something like:

March 2nd	Low Normal	March 9th	Low Normal
3rd	Low Normal	10th	Low Normal
4th	Low Normal	11th	Below Normal
5th	Low Normal	12th	Low Normal
6th	Below Normal	13th	Low Normal
7th	Below Normal	14th	High Normal (But just barely!!)
8th	Below Normal	15th	Low Normal

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PREPARE: K6AHV is out-bound to the Far Pacific. Be ready when he calls!!

SOLAR FLUX AND STUFF Last week we got our necks bowed and with head down we raced up and down the pages, flinging the typing mistakes here and there and we completely forgot to leave space for K6EC's flux and index report. This week we make up for our oversight.... You get everything in one big bunch!!!!

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Feb 10th	70	17	Feb 18th	71	9
11th	70	10	19th	72	14
12th	70	12	20th	72	16
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There's the whole report for this week. One of these days you will look back and say: "That was the bottom of that cycle. I knew it then but no one would listen to this expert". Meanwhile, smile and grit your teeth. The bottom is near!!

QSL MANAGERS DIRECTORY Gary Stillwell, W6NJU, of DX Publications, advises that the 1975 edition of the QSL Managers Director is now sold out. Gary says that he will advise as plans progress for a 1977 edition of the Directory.

ITU WEEK It's coming in May but it may be more of a bite this year. The report is that it will cost \$29.00 for the special identifier this year, this being \$25.00 for the special call-sign and \$4.00 for the station license. John Small at the FCCs Washington office is said to be the man to talk to...

RFI LEGISLATION A major development came in the legislative battle to get some RFI legislation moving came last week when Senator Barry Goldwater introduced a Senate RFI measure, Senate Bill S-3033.

This was a significant development in the critical RFI effort and interested amateurs should write their own senators and ask for support for this measure, pointing out that its aims are parallel to HR-7052 introduced in the last session of Congress on the House side.

It is reported that the bill will be referred to Senator Pastore of Rhode Island and his Senate Commerce Committee. Indicators are that Senator Pastore is predisposed favorably towards the aims of this legislation and the chances for some RFI legislation during this session of Congress has been measurably improved.

We will have more information on this in the next week or so, and hopefully the sub-committee of the Senate Commerce Committee to which the bill may be referred. As the summer months approach many of the legislators will be anxious to get off to the conventions and the campaigns. Now is the time to write and ask support for these measures...

But be sure and write to your U.S. Senators. Refer to the fact that Congressman Vanik has H.R 7052 going in the House. Some hore significant developes are expected in the coming weeks but this is the time to show support for these measures. Even though you may have written previously it will help to reaffirm your interest....

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The job will involve travel to all countries in which the United States has Embassies and 75% of the time will be spent overseas, there being two to four days spent at each stop. The work will be servicing RTTY Model 28's and Collins 51S1 receivers.

If you are interested, contact Mr. Graves, (202) 632-5114 for more particulars.

There!! If we cannot line up that DX for you, maybe we can ship you out to where it is handy

11404D AND IRIS AND YASME Word came from the Colvins in Fiji last week that they were shutting down the 3D2KG operation and would be leaving shortly. Another report said that their vessel would be leaving on February28th and that their next stop might find them signing C21 from Nauru.

From the Fijis they report making some 7500 QSOs in 113 countries....and they hope that they will corner enough cards to make a DXCC from this operation. The QSOs were about evenly balanced between SSB and CW, the first contact from 3D2KG being with WA8JUN on January 28th and the last one was with UA10BY on February 23rd.

Operations were on ten through eighty and some fantastic openings into Europe were found. These often came in the 0630-0830Z period...this being a long-path opening and frequently followed by short-path from 0900Z to 1100Z. They made about 1000 QSOs in the ARRL Phone opener and a like amount in the CW effort. They worked a WAC in 28 minutes on February 20th on twenty SSB. They worked TU2GA at 0742Z; IØIJ at 0719Z; ZP5LX at 0726Z; JA7SGV at 0729Z; AH3FF at 0737Z and W7TX at 0740Z. The Kenwood Twins worked well as well as the Heathkit 230 amplifier. At the end of the 3D2KG operation, this YASME effort has racked up over 20,000 QSOs from VR1Z, VR8B and 3D2KG.

SHORTLY NOTED The Northern California DX Foundation met this last Friday evening and, as usual, we are a bit late on Saturday with the work on the bulletin. It does seem that not all of it will make Saturdays mail but all will get out on Sunday what does not go Saturday. Don't beat the mailman....

We are also sending out the March renewal notices for subscriptions. We are picking up a lot of 2nd class subscriptions....we think that there should be more. Those already on that route are reporting equal service at a lower cost. Because of the printed format and the at least weekly mailing, the bulletin qualifies for newspaper treatment. And there is a big difference between newspaper treatment and publication handling for items published less frequently than once a week...

QST is being mailed by the new printer in Kentucky. Here in the Western Reaches the March issue was received on February 23rd. So there may be earlier delivery with the new arrangements. We also got a February CQ last Monday, February 23rd. The new format does seem to be an improvement.

The FCC has evaluated the experimental examination program in selected areas where the Civil Service Commission conducted radio operation examinations and it will continue.

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CM5GV	7031/0425/Feb	-	PJ8CO	7006/0400/Feb	17w		7083/0750/Feb	
CT1FL	7079/0040/Feb			7022/0615/Feb		ZL2ARO	7084/0755/Feb	
CX3AL	7028/0340/Feb		PJØUSA	7010/0310/Feb	23e	Z1311/(C 7008/1155/Fb	18e
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FGØGE	3905/1040/Feb		ON4UN	3786/0640/Feb		YN7MHW	3803/0400/Feb	
FP8DX	3796/0010/Feb		ON4LJ.	3799/0440/Feb		ZK1CW	3808/1200/Feb	210
G3MWZ	3779/0310/Feb		ON4NA	3790/0655/Feb			3777/0705/Feb	200
G4AMT	3781/0540/Feb		ON5DO	3790/0700/Feb		ZL1 BKD	3809/1150/Feb	2/10
G30ZU	3786/0700/Feb		ON8IW	3790/0750/Feb		ZL3NR/C	3810/0810/Feb	100
G5WP	3780/0720/Feb		PJ8CO	3804/0805/Feb		ZL4AII/C	3510/0630/Fb	19e
HOPEV	3772/0700/Feb		PJØUSA	3800/0345/Feb		5T5ZR	3782/0640/Feb	2hr
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CALENDAR

CR9AK by K6AHV in the ARRL Phone Test this weekend MACAO

VETBFV presently active on several bands SABLE ISLAND

CT4AT expected to be active in the ARRL Phone test this weekend MONACO F6AOJ should open this week for a fortnight of operations.... WALLIS WB7ABK there for the ARRL CW Test...first stop on 3A/DX effort.... TONGA

JA-Contingent there from mid-March across the CQ WPX Test....

TUVALU SOUTH GEORGIA VP8MS should be heard about this time....

FL80M reported as headed that way for a week around Easter ABU AIL

5T5CJ around March 20th for the ARRL CW Test.... UPPER VOLTA April 23/25th.... The annual big ham crush!!!! DAYTON HAMVENTION

ORANGE/SAN DIEGO MEET 7th Annual meeting of South Coast DXers...March 12th....

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL May 14-16th at the FRESNO HILTON. Prepare for the Big DX One!!

CHATHAM ISLAND Three stations active recently..... TURTLE ISLAND 9L3SL expected about April 10th....

EUROPA FR7ZQ presently active....there for two months.

NAURU Colvins expect to put the YASME effort on the air from C21 shortly...

NEW COUNTRIES ?? There are a few who would settle for some of the older ones such as Clipperton, Iraq, Bouvet or South Sandwich. But before you work those old ones you may be up against a few more recent mintings.

Bill Rindone on the 3A/DX effort says that the new one he is aiming for is just about a sure thing but he will not release any details until the event is upon us. There is another effort going forward which may produce some activity before the end of this month and this one is not a long-haul effort.

A week or so back we mentioned the JARL possibility of a 'new one' in the Japan area. You might check the March QST and see the photo of the president of the JARL group on his visit to ARRL headquarters. Last week ARRL was circularizing the DX Advisory Committee on a possible new country.

In the Comoro Group a number of the islands voted for independence but one was a bit stuffy and flatly refused...an close to unanimous vote...to have anything to do with independence and said it would stick with Mother France.

Patience!! If you cannot work the old ones, prepare for the new ones!! They are sure to come to reward the Deserving DXers. DX will rise again ... with the sunspots!!

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Mary W5MBB Dave WASZNY Don K5AAD Max W5GJ SABLE ISLAND VE1BFV, Dec, has been reported on a number of bands, the last week bringing reports of the station being worked on 160, 75. In other years Dave has been heard from other government staions such as VE8ML at Alert Bay and VE8MC at Mould Bay in the Northwest Territory.

VE1BFV should be available to the persistent DXers as his tour of duty on Sable is for a one-year period. QSLs for VE1BFV go to W3HNK.

There has been a report that a VX9C was heard at 3505kc at 0430Z on January 31st. The indicators are that this might be Sable Slim, over from Cray Island/8X8A on a short visit.

ADVANCE NOTICE Larry Amodeo, W2AX, passes along the information that the "Order of Boiled Owls of N.Y." is aiming to head for Trinidad/9Y4 for the CQ CW Test this next November. Larry would like to hear from anyone with similar plans so that there might be an avoidance of conflicts in planning. In 1974 this group was at CT3WA.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1SD, K1TZQ, W2AX, K2BT, W2FPM, WA3DMH, W3HHV, W4BAA, W4HU, W4KA, K4SGL, W4UMF, W4UF, W4WRY, W5LPO, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5USM, WA5WEY, K6AQV, K6EC, K6GA, W6GC, W6IRD, WB6LIC, K6KII, W6NJU, WA6PDE, W6RTN, K6SE/2, W6TCQ, W6TSQ, WB6UDC, W6KNH, K7ABV, W7ADS, W7AYO, W7AYO, W7BCT, W7KSA, W7PHO, W7UR, W8BQV, W8OA, W8ZOK, W9DDL, W9SZR/3, K9UIY, K9YXA, WØSFU, KØCMF/4, WØJRN, FR7ZL, HS1ALC, JA1TNY, JA8KB, KA6YL VE1ASJ, YBØABV, 3D2KG.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of our more recent QRPers came by last week and he had a question. "Why are the older DXers always sitting around and talking about the good old days?", he asked. "Were things really all that good and were they really the Big Caus that they say they were?". We have often been troubled by this question ourselves so we hauled the QRPer over to the Old Timer who listened to the question. "A man must preserve his self-esteem", the Old Timer said, "any some may tend to rewrite the remembrance of other days and ner years. The years that are gone will always be the golden years. It comes to most everyone" Son of a Gun, you would have thought that the QRPer had all the answers he needed but he persisted. "But did all those things really happen? Are all the things they say true?". And the QRPer waited for his answer until the Old Timer spoke again. "It may not be but they believe. And what does it really matter?". And we had to leave it there for nostalgia is the warmth of the old ones and the years will bring to everyone eventually the recollection of the good days that were, and a thought of some things that might have been but never were. Always somewhere there will be someone whistling "Roses are Blooming in Picardy" And always next year will be the Big DX Year and the dreams of DX will come your way for a full year by second class mail for \$10.00....by first-class mail to the U.S. and VE it is \$14.50.... \$17.00 flings it by airmail to Mexico and all the DX Spots throughout the world..

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