

West Coast DX Bulletin

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St PAUL ISLAND VE1BFV is making plans to be on St. Paul Island for the CQ WW WPX Test at the end of this month. The dates being mentioned are March 26th to March 29th and Dave is trying to get all the arrangements straightened out with the Canadian Department of Transportation. There should be more on this in the next week or so.

Another group of VEs are reported as planning a St Paul operation, this group to sign VY0B from May 28th to June 3rd. This one will be an all-band, all mode effort.

1976 AUSTRAL-ASIA-AFRICA DXPEDITION A few more details has surfaced on this one and the effort will find Bill Rindone, WA7ABK, and Gus Browning, W4BPD, joining forces somewhere in Asia next month for some rapid and intensive DXing.

Bill, WA7ABK, will be departing this weekend for the Pacific and will be heard from A35-Tonga for the ARRL CW Test Saturday week. After this operation over the weekend of March 20/21st, Bill will be heading further west for more operations. In a phone conversation last week, Bill advised that the latter part of the trip would be the most exciting portion and promises some spectacular operations from East Africa as well as Asia. Gus will not be joining the 1976 Austral-Asia-Africa Dxpediton(3A/DX) until sometime in April, following Bill across the Pacific to their rendezvous some where in Asia.

NEW COUNTRIES We are sitting around with the fidgets over some new ones which seem to be developing. There is a possibility that the announcement might be made in time to include in this bulletin but most likely not. At the last report one group was waiting for a few more documents before heading out for some fast operating.

Another one which seems to be developing is possibly Parece Vela. There have been operations from this one in the past and they have been disallowed for DXCC status. However, time and sands do work changes and it appears that this one may make it this time.

Last week there was mention that the ARRL was circularizing the members of the DXAC on a possible new country. Word out of JA-land seems to confirm that it is Parece Vela, a small group of islands located at 21°N and 136°E. Apparently it was intended that the new one would burst on us at the time of the 50th Anniversary of the JARL but word got out and everyone got into the act.

Late word from the JA-Desk is that at the February meeting of the JARL Board of Directors it was announced that the ARRL would credit Parece Vela as separate from Ogasawara Islands on the ARRL Country list.

While this may make many jump for joy at the prospects, some JA-DXers are apparently jumping for other reasons and demanding a full recounting of details. Inquiries to the Japanese government have not indicated any change in the agreements between the U.S. and Japan over the administration of this area. Also being noted are previous letters from the ARRL on the matter and especially one of October 1971 to JA1BK. One of the answers being given is that all the details will be in the April QST.

Some JAs are warming up to head for Parece Vela if they can get confirmation on the JARL/ARRL agreement. One way or another....there will be action in the far Pacific!!

SUNSPOT LOUIE Conditions have ~~not~~ changed and there are still with us the long periods when only an occasional spot will show. Though observations have been possible on most days, nothing of significance has been noted. Conditions continue to be miserable though WWV still gives quality forecasts of N-5 and N-5. Apparently what is around is good but there is not much of it.

WWV is looking for figures a bit high on the geomagnetic index through most of next week, a figure of 15 being on most days. Solar activity is expected to be low. Over the next several weeks, telecommunication in high latitudes is expected to be unsettled. A moderate ionospheric storm is predicted for the period March 26-29th, this one bound to make things jolly over the CQ WW WPX weekend.

Comet West did show as predicted and was quite visible before dawn last week, even with the naked eye.

If you came to the party late, you can still get reprints of the CQ Article that was in the January 1975 issue on solar flux and stuff like that and how to make your short-range DX predictions. You can also get the March 1975 CQ Article and to get either, send sase envelope, with 13¢ postage, marked 'JAN' for the January article and 'MAR' for the March article to W4UMF. Should you want both, send sase with 24¢ on the envelope and you do not have to mark anything. Send 13¢ without marking it and its 1:1 odds that you will get the article you did not want. Be Prepared!! Use your marking pencil.

If you are wondering what is ahead, WWV says it will be worse as the year goes on and the smoothed sun-spot number on the 12-month moving average will be 10 for March according to their predictions and will slide steadily downhill to an 8 SSN in the month of September. Don't let that by itself discourage you as when things turn up the SSN number may not follow for some months. But just trying to live through the next couple of weeks W4UMF says it should be:

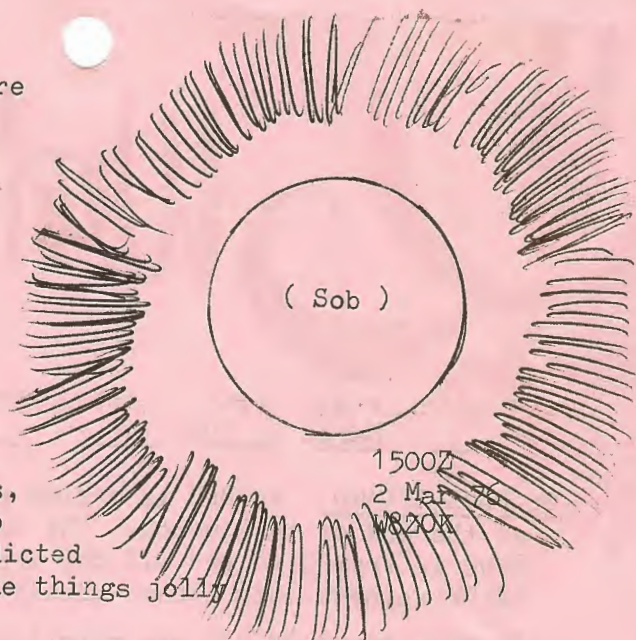
March 9th	Low Normal
10th	Low Normal
11th	Below Normal
12th	Low Normal
13th	Low Normal
14th	High Normal (But barely!!)
15th	Low Normal

March 16th	Low Normal
17th	Below Normal
18th	Below Normal
19th	Low Normal
20th	Low Normal
21st	High Normal/Low Normal
22nd	High Normal/Low Normal
	(both 20th and 21st are)
	(borderline...)

There it is. And don't let your small, shrill cries of jubilation disturb the neighbors. There will be some bad days ahead and there will be some worse days ahead....but in between you can look for more of the same. You will get it whether or not you are wanting it.

Up from the south at break of day comes the chart-makers report from SEC and Ev says that they went this away...

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Feb 24th	71	3	Feb 28th	70	14
25th	71	2	29th	69	23
26th	70	8	Mar 1st	69	18
27th	70	22	2nd	69	-



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ED DeYOUNG Ed is presently located in Cairns up on the northeastern Queensland coast of Australia and working for an international communications company and Ed says that the work may take him up into YB and P29 areas. He reports that he has written five letters to the ITU on the Hutt River Principality and has yet to receive a reply. Any plans for operations from that Western Australia area will be held in abeyance until some word is received.

On plans for some operations in the Coral Sea and possibly Mellish Reef, Ed says that this might be possible in two or three months but will depend on financing for the trip. He also notes that a KWM-2a was shipped into Bougainville recently but he does not know who the operator might be.

On QSLs for any of his recent operations, IØBNZ is the route, that being Bob Carignano in Rome. All the logs for his DX operations have been sent to IØBNZ.

THAILAND Word out of SEAsia is that the Radio Amature Society of Thailand (RAST) has taken a new view of which are largely unsanctioned operations by its members and has encouraged activity. This accounts for the HS-stations being heard a bit more frequently including the checking in to the SEANet at 14320kc/1200Z. However, this approach is not being followed by all the HS-operators and it is reported that many of the active HS-stations are european nationals working under contract there in Thailand.

Last weekend RAST held an outing in the mountains at Maao Yai and some operations were expected during the contest period....sanctioned or semi-sanctioned. HS5AKW was worked by a number of stations late in February on 14206kc from 1300Z. This one named Paul and QSLs to W9NGA.

The Thailand situation does not seem to be clearing but something is stirring and possibly the whole matter will be settled one of these days.

JA PACIFIC DXPEDITION This has been mentioned a couple of times in previous issues and we have late word from Tack, JAØCUV, one very active JA DXer. Tack writes:

This is our latest and confirmed schedule and the group will include JA2PJC, Hatsu; JA3KWJ, Kazu; and JAØCUV, Tack. We will be:

March 23rd	at	C21	No operation outbound
24th		VR1AK	1 day
25th		VR8D	13 days of operation across the CQ WW WPX Test
April 7th		VR1AK	5 days of operation by JA2PJC and JA3KWJ.
8th		3D2	3 days operation from Suva by JAØCUV/1-Tack.
11th		YJ8	3 days operation from Port Villa
14th		VR4CW	5 days operation from Honiara
19th		C21CW	1 day operation

Confirmation has been received from each of the authorities involved with assurances that licences would be issued on arrival. They will operate mostly c.w. except for the CQ WW WPX Test and they say to look for them at:

1803kc 3505kc 7005kc 14025kc 21025kc 28025kc

They will have Drake 4C and FT 101E equipment with a two-element quad and 18AVT plus dipoles. All QSLs to JAØCUV/1, Tack Kumagai, P.O. Box 22, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan.....

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RFI AND THE VANIK BILL There are a number of things going on which will affect this legislation and these are critical times for the fate of this needed legislation. The House Subcommittee on Communications is said to have received less than one thousand letters on this legislation and this is hardly considered to indicate any great need or urgency for this proposed law.

The Sub-committee on Communications was supposed to meet with FCC representatives this last week and it was expected that the Vanik RFI legislation, H.R 7052, would be a subject for discussion.

On that Senate measure introduced by Senator Barry Goldwater recently, S.3033, the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee is Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington while Senator John Pastore of Rhode Island is the Chairman of the Communications Subcommittee. Action is needed on this companion measure to the Vanik legislation and the following is the full listing of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Senate Commerce Committee

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The Senate Commerce Committee's sub-committee on Communications has Senator John Pastore of Rhode Island as the Chairman and Robert Griffin of Michigan is the ranking Republican on the sub-committee.

If you have been following the newspaper you might have noted that most of the members of Congress have a number of things on their minds these days. There is a critical time for any legislation and the time for this RFI legislation is close at hand. A large number of letters to the House Sub-committee on Communications might get this legislation moving. In addition, letters should be written to your local Congressman and U.S. Senators and especially so if they are listed above in the Senate Commerce Committee. To ensure a chance for this legislation, you should act now and encourage your neighboring amateurs to also write. In this instance there cannot be too many letters.

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All human wisdom is summed up in two words,
"Wait and Hope"

LOW BAND LOUIE

EA8CR 1826/0600/Feb 28e	GM3YCB 1829/0710/Feb 28e	PAØHIP 1829/0455/Feb 28e
EI9J 1828/0635/Feb 28e	HB9CM 1825/0535/Feb 28e	OK3KFF 1827/0420/Feb 28e
GD4BEG 1828/0640/Feb 28e	HKØBKX 1824/0725/Feb 28e	
CT2BS 3798/0655/Feb 27w	JA2AAQ 3798/1120/Feb 27e	VP2DW 3797/0500/Feb 29e
CT1MK 3796/0545/Feb 27w	JA1KXY 3800/0920/Feb 26e	VP2LL 3803/0100/Feb 26e
CX9BT 3507/0240/Feb 29w	JY3ZH 3799/0045/Feb 26e	VP2SAB 3809/0915/Feb 26e
D4CBC 3796/0825/Feb 26e	JY4NA 3797/0215/Feb 27e	VP2SG 3755/0030/Feb 28w
D4CBS 3795/0740/Feb 27w	JY5YJ 3792/0215/Feb 27e	VP2KF 38080/1045/Feb 27e
DM3GG 3783/0445/Feb 26e	KG4FU 3805/0630/Feb 29m	VP2KN 3803/0325/Feb 27w
DK9CW 3780/0500/Feb 26e	KL7EBK 3802/0855/Feb 24m	VP2MEV 3805/0400/Feb 27w
DK5AD 3775/0625/Feb 28e	LZ1KAA 3779/0400/Feb 25e	VS6DO 3805/1415/Feb 25w
EA8CR 3799/0720/Feb 29w	OE6MKG 3795/0545/Feb 28e	XJØNEH/6Y5 3811/0640 29m
EA9FF 3799/0045/Feb 25e	OE3NH 3780/0530/Feb 26e	YBØABV 3805/1415/Feb 25w
EI7BA 3798/0051/Feb 26e	OH1TY 3780/0440/Feb 24e	YU1BCD 3780/0510/Feb 26e
EI8E 3796/0045/Feb 26e	OH1XX 3795/0545/Feb 18e	YU2HA 3798/0010/Feb 28e
EP2SN 3794/0220/Feb 28e	OK1AWZ 3798/0240/Feb 28e	YU2YQ 3795/0550/Feb 28e
FGØGE 3905/1040/Feb 24m	ON4LJ 3770/0425/Feb 25m	YO3II 3780/0500/Feb 26e
F6AQX 3780/0520/Feb 26e	ON6DH 3770/0435/Feb 25m	ZL3LN/C 3807/1415/Feb 27w
FL8OM 3774/0025/Feb 29m	OK2SSS 3780/0515/Feb 26e	ZL3NR/C 3796/0740/Feb 28e
FP8DA 3794/0230/Feb 28e	OZ8BV 3798/0015/Feb 28e	ZL4AU/C 3805/0845/Feb 26e
HA6KVB 3795/0545/Feb 28e	SM7WE 3803/0100/Feb 26e	ZL1JC 3806/0845/Feb 26e
HB9BCG 3783/0450/Feb 26e	SP9CTW 3780/0510/Feb 26e	ZL2AWI 3807/0655/Feb 29m
HI8MOG 3803/0530/Feb 28e	TG4FU 3780/0445/Feb 29e	ZL2BT 3796/0635/Feb 27w
HI8RRD 3780/0530/Feb 26e	TG8KT 3799/0550/Feb 27m	ZK1CW 3783/0800/Feb 28e
HP1KC 3799/0550/Feb 27m	TG9JW 3807/0315/Feb 28w	6W8DY 3796/0720/Feb 27w
IØIJ 3780/0500/Feb 26e	TI2AD 3803/0515/Feb 25w	8P6GN 3809/0530/Feb 27m
JA1ELY 3798/1120/Feb 27e	UK5WAZ 3645/2330/Feb 26w	8P6GG 3798/0725/Feb 28e
	VE1BFV 3803/1045/Feb 27e	8P6CI 3796/0235/Feb 26e
C6ABA 7028/0410/Feb 25e	JA9CAH 7003/1255/Feb 26e	UR2RJ 7008/1440/Feb 29w
CO2VG 7010/0300/Feb 11e	JH1OTZ 7002/1245/Feb 26e	YBØABV 7010/1435/Mar 1w
CO8RC 7015/0240/Feb 28m	IU1ZA 7010/0430/Mar 1w	YV3AGT 7015/1135/Feb 28m
CO6LN 7025/1245/Feb 24e	UK1AAA 7003/1415/Feb 28w	ZL1BBU 7075/0740/Feb 28e
CO2OM 7004/0500/Feb 29e	UK2AGH 7028/1510/Feb 29m	ZS6RM 7006/0405/Feb 28e
CE7AG 7021/2300/Feb 28m	VP1BBL 7245/0100/Mar 1e	5W1AZ 7098/0800/Mar 2w
C21NI 7004/0550/Mar 3w	UT5AA 7002/1450/Feb 29w	9J2AB 7004/1505/Mar 1w
HI3PC 7015/1305/Feb 27e	VK2AR 7004/1235/Mar 1e	9M2AX 7003/1355/Mar 1w

AFRICA CW

5N2FAX 14005/2015/Feb 26m
9J2BO 21024/1440/Feb 29w

ASIA CW

HM1IJ 14025/0120/Feb 22w
JA5GSG 14037/0000/Feb 26w
JA8LK 14037/2350/Feb 26w
UAØRA 14025/0140/Feb 22w

UA9NW 14076/1310/Feb 24e
UAØBAC 14045/1515/Feb 26m
UG6GAA 14018/1410/Feb 26m

ELSEWHERE'S CW

A35AF 21070/2235/Feb 28w	FY7YE 14045/1505/Feb 29w	XQ3AL 14033/0000/Feb 28e
C21NI 14050/0035/Mar 3w	PJ3SF 14034/2330/Feb 26m	5W1AZ 14031/2000/Mar 2w
CX4LO 14025/0130/Feb 22w	PZ1BF 14034/2210/Mar 2w	
FP8JP 14046/1830/Feb 19w	VP2KK 14038/2225/Mar 2w	

MORE RED EYED LOUIE.

EUROPE CW

DJØDM 14010/1400/Feb 29m
 DJ1MU 14010/1335/Feb 29w
 DK9HP 14035/1820/Feb 26w
 F9IQ 14030/1850/Feb 24w
 G3KKP 14035/1830/Feb 26w
 G3ZGZ 14010/1505/Feb 29m
 HA7KPC 14010/1355/Feb 29m
 HB9AHA 14035/1740/Feb 26w
 HB9AQA 14035/1840/Feb 24w
 ISØWMU 14022/1325/Feb 26w
 ISØAEW 14010/1320/Feb 29m
 I2FO 14035/1600/Feb 25w
 I2QW 14033/1810/Feb 24w
 LA7SI 14031/1630/Feb 25w

LG5LG 14002/1500/Mar 1m
 LA6NI 14037/1555/Mar 23w
 LZ1KHB 14010/1350/Feb 29m
 OK2PAH 14037/1720/Feb 23w
 OK3JW 14040/1340/Feb 29m
 OK1US 14035/1725/Feb 26w
 OZ1BAA 14030/1550/Feb 26w
 OZ3LF 14035/1800/Feb 26w
 OZ7AN 14035/1720/Feb 26w
 PAØEP 14035/1735/Feb 26w
 PAØSNG 14035/1735/Feb 25w
 SP1ALK 14010/1345/Feb 29m
 SP8GUV 14035/1605/Feb 24w
 SP7BEW 14032/1705/Feb 25w

SM6AUM 14032/1630/Feb 26m
 UB5VAA 14020/1435/Feb 25e
 UB5MV 14035/1705/Feb 25w
 UB5LAY 14023/1440/Feb 23m
 UC2TA 14038/1425/Feb 23m
 UK3TBF 14033/1520/Feb 26m
 UK5MBP 14035/1600/Feb 24w
 UV3CQ 14008/1450/Feb 23m
 UC5OAL 14028/1445/Feb 26m
 UR2QA 14024/1520/Feb 26m
 UW4NP 14038/1715/Feb 24w
 UY5OQ 14010/1350/Feb 29m
 YU2CRS 14038/1720/Feb 24w

AFRICA SSB

D2AZB 14220/2105/Feb 25m
 D2ALB 14205/2105/Feb 24w
 EL2A 14208/2340/Feb 27e
 EL2U 14244/2350/Feb 27e
 EA9FE 14204/1600/Feb 29m
 ST2SA 14203/1430/Feb 24m
 ST2SA 28598/1600/Mar 2m
 ZD7FT 14209/2105/Feb 28m
 ZD7SD 14215/2230/Feb 25w
 Z64PD 14208/1830/Feb 29w
 ZS6P 14207/1325/Mar 1e

TR8JCV 14207/2215/Feb 28m
 TU2CJ 14214/2220/Feb 29e
 TU2ES 14214/2225/Feb 26m
 TU2FH 14265/1835/Feb 29e
 TU2FK 14204/2200/Feb 29e
 TU2FX 14202/2225/Feb 25w
 TU2GI 14236/2220/Mar 1e
 TU2GM 14215/2040/Feb 29e
 TJ1AF 14333/1910/Mar 1e
 TN8AC 14218/2300/Feb 24m
 5T5ZR 14220/2040/Feb 29e

5N2NAS 14237/2025/Feb 29e
 5Z4LW 14202/1845/Feb 23w
 5Z4TV 14216/2200/Feb 28m
 6W8FP 14240/2035/Feb 29e
 9G1PX 21300/1600/Feb 28m
 9F1TW 14204/2115/Feb 24w
 9J1JC 14212/2200/Feb 29e
 9L1BH 14315/1830/Feb 25m
 9X5RK 14205/2040/Mar 1e
 ZS4PB 21298/1500/Feb 27e

ASIA SSB

A4XFX 14210/1450/Feb 24m#
 BV2B 14226/2330/Feb 28w
 CR9AJ 14225/2300/Often
 HL9WI 14225/2300/Feb 24w
 HL9TO 14236/0150/Feb 22w
 HM1DK 14211/2330/Feb 28w

HS5AKW 14226/2355/Feb 28w
 JY9EM 14204/2225/Feb 26m
 UA9WS 14207/1315/Feb 24m
 UAØFCK 14208/0010/Often
 UK9ABA 14252/1345/Feb 29e
 UK9AAN 14210/1445/Feb 15m

VS6DO 14208/2320/Feb 26m
 4Z4MQ 14203/1450/Feb 26m

EUROPE SSB

CT1FL 14208/1650/Feb 24w
 EI2BY 14226/1525/Feb 25e
 GC2RS 14202/1905/Feb 25w
 GC4BSI 14203/1920/Feb 23w
 GI3GXP 14202/1605/Feb 24w
 GM3AYR 14202/1845/Feb 25w
 GW4BCM 14217/2020/Feb 24e

JW5NM 14211/1940/Feb 25m
 LX1TL 14206/1325/Feb 24m
 M1D 14212/1425/Mar 1m
 OH3AG 14202/1820/Feb 25w
 ON6DX 14216/1635/Feb 25w
 ON6FN 14205/1905/Feb 23w
 OY1A 14225/1415/Feb 25m

OZ7BB 14208/1540/Feb 25w
 OZ9XD 14208/1525/Feb 24w
 TF3AP 14202/1745/Feb 24w
 SVØWZ 14221/1515/Feb 29m
 UB5WI 14234/1320/Feb 28e
 UK2BBB 14216/1415/Feb 24w
 UR2QA 14205/1402/Feb 28m

ELSEWHERE SSB

CE3AZ 21315/1800/Feb 26m
 CO8QS 14202/0010/Feb 27m
 C21NI 14201/2315/Mar 2m
 DU1XKE 14226/2345/Mar 1w
 FK8AB 14227/0505/Feb 29m
 HCØHM 21300/2150/Feb 29e
 HP1ED 14227/0505/Feb 29m
 KG6JEO 14230/2340/Feb 25m
 KP4AW 21280/1635/Feb 28m
 KV4AD 21320/1750/Feb 26m

LU4ES 14249/0020/Mar 1m
 LU5EJS 21377/2145/Feb 28m
 P29EM 14312/0645/Feb 26m
 P29DJ 14225/0035/Feb 26w
 PJ8KI 14210/2200/Feb 29e
 PZ1AR 14211/0105/Feb 28m
 VE1BFV 14201/1510/Mar 1e
 VK2WC 14205/2220/Feb 25w#
 VK6CF 14209/2330/Feb 26m
 VP1BH 14201/1235/Feb 24e

VP1WLS 14224/1010/Feb 28e
 VP2LCW 21361/2110/Feb 29e
 VP2MES 14203/2235/Feb 26m
 VP8NK 14201/0045/Feb 26m
 VR6TC 14240/1800/Feb 26m
 YBØABV 14225/2310/Feb 24w
 YB8ACK 14205/1515/Feb 23w
 5W1AU 14212/1845/Feb 25m
 8P6HE 14201/2045/Feb 19w
 8R1CB 14208/2030/Feb 24m

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THE COLVINS Lloyd and Iris opened up from Nauru late in February and have been signing C21NI on most bands. They were reported on both c.w and SSB on twenty and forty and undoubtedly are also being found on and about seventy-five and eighty. This is another stop on their Pacific trip and QSLs go to YASME, Box 2025, Castro Valley, California. 94546.

VR8B QSLs are going out though some are apparently still looking for them. W6RGG is reported as saying that QSLing is almost current with that operation.

WALLIS F6AOJ was supposed to come on from Wallis-FW8 after the first of March but no reports on this have surfaced. There is the possibility that J. Francois would stop in New Caledonia to do a bit of FK8 work before showing from Wallis. Francois has been signing FB8YD from the Antarctic and is leisurely making his way back to France. He was aiming to be at Wallis for about ten days. QSL information was not definite so if you work him you might watch for this.

WESTERN SAMOA Pete Grabosky, WB6OOL, has been in Western Samoa for the last month or so and recently has been signing 5W1AZ. Most nights you can find Pete on forty, generally being right around 7098kc and listening as announced. QSLs for this operation go to WA6AHF.

SPITSBERGEN Some articles in newspapers indicate that the Russians are attempting to establish control over this archipelago north of the Arctic Circle, doing it in what on the surface would appear to be perfectly legitimate. This may come because of the territory's unique international position. Political control went to Norway under a 1920 treaty signed by most major nations. While Norway got political control, there was a special clause giving the signatories the right to exploit mineral resources on equal terms with the Norwegians. The only ones to take advantage of this proviso have been the Russians and the feeling is that they are now using this clause to seize de facto control of the islands.

For many years Russian claimed political rights in the islands but these demands were ignored by Norway. Since 1973, however, Russian has settled more than 3000 miners and 'administrators' on the islands on a more-or-less permanent basis. Any one leaving is quickly replaced. They have constructed a year-round airport and two months ago the first group of Russian women arrived, this taken as an indicator that the Russians are determined to put their colony on a regular footing.

Already four times as many Russians as Norwegians are on the islands.

KERMEDEC ZL1GP is reported as signing ZL1GP/K from Rauol Island and that this island is under separate administration than the rest of the group. Application for possible new country status is expected on this one. ZL1GP/K has been reported around 14215kc from 0930Z.

GIBRALTAR/DON RIEBHOFF Don will be on from Gibraltar for the second go-round of the ARRL CW Test on March 20/21st. He is trying to insure against any operating problems by adding a beam and securing an operating position on the west side of the rock near the top and on the west side. W1YRC will again handle the QSLing.

Don did operate from Andorra for the first c.w. ARRL weekend where he signed C31ME. He found the winter months were not the best time and there was much snow in the mountains. The planned operating site picked up a meter of snow in 48 hours and though efforts were made to get to the position, they decided that the problems that would be encountered made caution a better route and they retreated to Les Escaldas, 5400 feet lower in elevation and conditions were not good. Don reports he worked a lot of Europeans but few stateside.

Andorra is a about an 18 hour drive from his CT4AT location and he plans more C31ME activity when the weather improves. There is also a possibility for a 3V8 operation sometime in the future. In previous bulletins we tried to put him in Monaco but that was an error.....one that comes from too much late night air it would seem.

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SHORTLY NOTED We were late in mailing last weeks issue, actually we got about one third of the list into the mails on Saturday and the rest went in on Sunday. The reason we bring up this history is to surreptitiously note that we are trying to edge our deadline back towards mid-week a bit. This edition we cut off on Thursday and figure to mail with no difficulty. Previously we would try to hold everything open through Friday and then print and collate and mail the bulletin in one big final rush. Most times it worked but sometimes it did not and it did involve some rather long days....fourteen to sixteen hours. If there was any loss of time we were dead.

So we decided to live a bit and to get a bit more time into the operations. We are still holding to the Thursday deadline but we are going to try to stretch it by waiting until Friday just in case something shows at the last minute. We can still get some such items in but Red Eyed Louie is a Thursday item.

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Central California had a bit of a confrontation recently when Stump Jumper, Wild Weed and Bulldozer almost replayed the O.K Corral routine in a parking lot. Some hot words over the channels led to a rush to the Field of Honor where Wild Weed showed with a jack handle. Stump Jumper showed up with a shotgun and Bulldozer was there to see how things went. Stump Jumper pointed a loaded shotgun at some of the spectators and was arrested for exhibiting a deadly weapon. Wild Weed was held for disturbing the peace. Bulldozer was held briefly and released. All are CBers.

Bulldozer said that the trouble started because someone was using his handle and he thought the culprit was Wild Weed. How Stump Jumper got involved is not clear.

But, as Will has said: ...Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'T'was mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands.
'But he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him, 'And makes me poor indeed'.

There are three stations currently active from Chatham, ZL3NR/ZL3LN/ZL4AU and all three often found on 75meters. There also a whole raft of new TU-calls and TU2GI is WA2BIH at the U.S. Embassy there. He had been signing WA2BIH/TU.

K6AHV who was on from CR9AK last weekend will be in Rangoon during his business trip and Bob said that he would make inquiries about you know what. He was not too optimistic but he was going to ask anyhow.

On the club scene, the Alamo Amigos in San Antonio have elected Gene Jank, W5EJT, as President for the coming term. Bill Parry, K5TSR, is the Vice-prex and John Shean, W5LPO, is the Secretary. Bruce Woodard, W5OSJ, is Activity Manager and seer on DX propagation. Where did the club hold their February meeting....at Danny Weil's shack there in San Antonio.

The Arkansas DX Assn also has a roster of new officers with Richard Roderick, WA5VDH, as President; Jack McNutt, K9OTB as Vice-president and Paul Wynne, WA5YMW as the club treasurer. Look for the ADXA DX Information Net Mondays and Fridays....0100Z at 3815khz.

Harvey Hetland, WA6KZI, who has been publishing the Southern California DX Club Bulletin, is taking on a new assignment as an instructor at a college and says that there may be some initial conflicts on his time during the first semester. The Southern California DX Club has made former long-time ARRL Director Howard Shepard, W6UF, a honorary member.

On the up-coming Fresno Internation DX Meeting in May, we have picked up the calls of a couple of DXers coming, these including JA1BK, JA1KSO, JH1ECG and possibly a few more will be making the trip. On that Fresno meeting the brochures should be out in a week or so and ready for distribution to the Deserving DXers. If you are coming from out of state, the liquid-suspension Fresno Bus operated by the Northern California DX Club is the way to go. A non-stop Happy Hour (Morning) all the way from San Francisco to Fresno. K6QX is handling the reservations this year and W6TSQ, like Bernard Baruch, says he will occupy this favored upholstered bench. There's your chance to travel with one of Marin's finest.....saying: "Sing it again, Sam!!" everytime he pauses...for breathe or other things.. "Sing it again, Sam!!"

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VE1BFV from March 26th through CQ WW WPX Test
CT4AT for the second part of the ARRL CW Test March 20th
VR8D by JA-Group for two weeks from March 25th
WA7ABK there for the ARRL CW Test...1st stop by 3A/DX effort
VP8MS arrived there on March 1st....listen!!
5T5CJ there for the ARRL CW Test March 20th...
F6AOJ should be there anytime for the two week or so effort...
FL8OM reported as aiming for one week around Easter.
9L3SL about April 10th
C21NI present being activated by the Colvins and YASME.
PY1RO signing PY0RO in CQ WW SSB Test October 30th....will
operate October 23rd to November 5th
LU1ZA presently active.
DJ0IP/HB0 there for the ARRL CW Test...to about March 28th
HB9ANA there for ARRL CW Test
K4ERO and HC1XG from HC8 for two weeks in May..heavy on 160mtrs
April 23-25th...next month. Prepare!!
The Big DX Meeting at the Hilton...May 14-16th. Meet all the
other Big Gun DXers there!!!

SOME FINAL NOTES Some of the group on that PJ8CO effort also activated FG7AR/FS7
in the period between the first phone and c.w. tests. QSLs for PJ8CO to W1YE.
That TN8AC which showed in February has been regarded with interest...said to
QSL to W9GDV.

W5ITY is looking for an DX Engineering Speech Processor to go with a Collins 32S-3.
If you have a used one kicking around, drop him a line. One of the Embassy staff
there in 9U5-Burundi is attempting to convince the local authorities of the value of
amateur radio. He has the gear and the beam up and ready to go but no license....and
meanwhile the gear is impounded but not too far away. There is also the information
out of Africa that there is an amateur at the U.S. Embassy in Conakry in 3X-Guinea
but inquiries have indicated no operating...no licenses and no 3Xs on the air. W7KW
is again reported as waiting for a letter (of credit) to arrive from Baghdad before
leaving again for Iraq. He still has hopes for operating. Carlos, TI2CAP, is looking
for a like DXpedition spot and would like any advice. Those who look for mint stamps
for QSLing have noted that W2SAX is no longer in that business. However, you might
try W2AZX who runs the DX Stamp Service.

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ARRL The comment deadline in Docket 20686, this being the FCC proposal to delete the requirement for advance notice of portable operation and for portable/mobile identification, has been extended from February 27th to April 30th. The time for the reply comment has been moved from March 8th to May 7th. You should let your ARRL Director know your views on this one. Check the April QST for further information on this matter.

MONACO An effort from 3A-Monaco is aimed for the March 17-21st period. Apparently this will be a SSB only operation though it will run across the ARRL CW Test second go-round. Twenty is indicated as the main band though ten, fifteen and one-sixty may be tried. The antenna will be a dipole. The mountains which block most of the path to the U.S. may be a problem, this often being the problem before and causing more than one operation to try to stretch the border a bit to get a better shot.

QSLs for this effort, whatever the callsign will be, will go to WB8PTP.

TNX to W1BB, WA1NRF/1, W1WQC/4, K2BT, W2FPM, WB2LOF, W4AAV, W4HU, W4KA, W4UMF, W4WRY, W5LTY, WB5NLC, K5OVC, WA6CPP, K6EC, W6FF, W6GC, WB6IXC, W6KZL, W6MAR, W6PT, K6WM, W6TSQ, K6VY, K7ABV, W7BCT, K7NHG, W7YR, W8BQV, W8ZOK, W9MR, K9OTB, W9BG, K9YXA, WA9UEK, W0SFU, CT4AT, JA1KSO, VK4LX,

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came up the hill last week and we sat and talked of a number of things. "You know something", the QRPer said, "I have this new neighbor and he watches birds. Says he has what they call a "Lifetime" of over four hundred. That means he has identified over four hundred species of birds. What do you think of that?". We had to think this one over for a bit and finally ventured our opinion. "Sort of sounds like DXing, doesn't it?", and the QRPer smiled in agreement. "I once thought that maybe this fellow was a bit eccentric", the QRPer went on, "but I don't anymore. For I have found that there are many things for which others might raise a question of values but which bring pride and joy and a bit of self-esteem to some. And I have decided that it is not what we might think of something but how others regard it that will establish it's value with them". After hearing all of this we were silent for a bit. Finally we asked: "How did you come to figure all of this out?", and the QRPer smiled. "Oh, I just read the ARRL DXCC Country List", and we both smiled at this and said we not a further word on the subject. For as old Will James would often say: "A thing is important if anyone thinks it important". And a full year of the important DX News will come your way by second-class mail for \$10.00. \$14.50 glides it in by first-class mail to the U.S. and VE.....\$17.00 flies it by airmail to Mexico and all those DX lands far beyond the morning star and down the far curve of the world.....

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