

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

March 30, 1976

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St PAUL The information just before the start of the WPX weekend was that the operation aimed for last weekend might be cancelled.

There seems to have been a problem in convincing the Canadian Department of Transportation to include the names of K1RQE and K1RQF on the authorization. Without such inclusion there was concern that the ARRL DXCC Desk would not accept the operation for credit. Also reported as cancelling out were the VEs who had made plans for the WPX weekend.

There is another operation aimed for late May. If this one did not materialize in time for the WPX effort, it is almost a certainty that there will be other operations in the future. At this point, it would look as though your patience will be needed.

3A/DXpedition-Pacific Notes Bill Rindone has been finding 15 meters open to the U.S while operating from Tonga and he says that he will be spending a good deal of effort on that band when he finds conditions open.

Bill was due on Niue for the WPX weekend and will be there to this Tuesday, March 30th. He will push beyond that heading west and possibly will not be heard again until the middle of next week, something being possible in midweek, in the April 7th area. If this one jells he probably will be there for at least a week, possibly two.

After his operation at A35-Tonga, Bill was casting about for a small linear to help with the signals. Bill, WB7ABK, will be joined by Gus, W4BPD, in mid-month, Gus expected to pass through the Western Reaches in a week or so.

The Colvins apparently secured the operation at C21-Nauru last week. A check with the YASME Desk on Friday did not come up with any information and it does not appear that they have been heard since the ARRL CW effort over the March 20/21st weekend. It is also possible that by the time this reaches your hands that they will be on from a new spot in Oceania.

There was a note from Ed DeYoung, VK4LX, presently in northern Australia and possibly he may be heard from even further north. Ed advises that the possible operations in the Coral Sea, including Mellish, are still on the boards but there is no definite schedule as yet. Ed acknowledged that he has been in the P29 area in recent weeks and is out of touch with any recent developments. At this point there appears to be no definite dates at this time though some overall planning is still going forward. This includes the Hutt River Principality and this hinges on action from the ITU. At least the possible action has been delayed while waiting to hear.

SYRIA/IRAQ Some SP6-Poland amateurs will be in Syria and Iraq this spring and the indicators are that they may be opening up this weekend in the SP DX Test, this being a c.w. only effort.

Word from SP6RT indicates that they will be using all bands including both OSCAR systems. Gear will include FT-250s with homebrew linears. The group was looking for a beam and baluns for 40/80m dipoles to help with the signals. Beyond that, it may be a case of watchful listening as there was no definite indication as to where they might be this weekend. The indicators were contained in a letter which said: "...all formal procedures have been done". Another part said: "...SP6 Hams gang is going to visit Syria and Iraq this spring". As Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, would often say in similar situations: "Be Prepared!!".

SUNSPOT LOUIE It can be noted from the chart that two spots were visible when this observation was made. These spots have been with us for most of the past week, changing considerably in density and configuration during that period. The two spots shown on this chart have remained fairly constant though the accompanying disturbances have varied considerably.

At times it has been possible to note 'fused' areas where light activity was present between and below the two main spots. At the day of this observation there was still some light activity below the bottom spot.

The two main spots are approximately 11,000 miles in diameter and are quite dark in appearance, this indicating fairly high activity. They will be rotating to the back of the sun about March 24th. WWV has been giving some N-5 forecasts. Twenty meters has had some excellent openings the first part of last week though by the WPX weekend it was in the period of ionospheric disturbance that had been forecast.

Last week we had some information on the active periods early in March, this activity went until March 16th with four regions active at sometime during that period. One area of activity was at S35°, that being the kind we are looking for as that high in latitude indicates it was from the new Cycle 21. There was also an active region at S11° and the daily count got almost up to 50 on March 14th. Unfortunately, we have been having a lot of geomagnetic activity so it has not been all sunshine and spots but there is still hope that the sunspots will rise again someday.....soon!!

Looking forward to the bright future, an era endowed with a multiplicity of political promises and a multitude of sunspots, W4UMF reports from the Banks of the Potomac and says that things are getting down and dirty.....downright dirty. And, peering into a murky future, Ted says it will be....foursquare all the way...something like this:

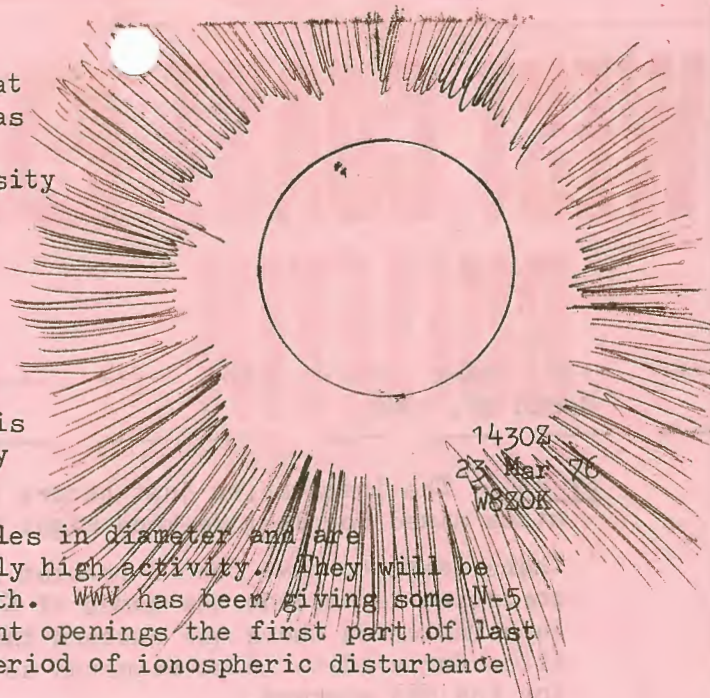
March 30th	Below Normal	April 6th	Disturbed
March 31st	Low Normal	7th	Below Normal
April 1st	Below Normal	8th	Below Normal
2nd	Below Normal	9th	Low Normal
3rd	Below Normal	10th	Below Normal
4th	Disturbed	11th	Low Normal
5th	Below Normal	12th	Low Normal

Keeping in mind that all things are relative and the forecasts are relative to the conditions generally. If you need more enlightenment, remember that Ted will be at the Saturday technical sessions at the Great International DX Meeting in Fresno on May 14/16th.

Up from the border area comes the chartmakers report from K6EC and Ev has some figures which are interesting on the basis of what was good and what we might have missed by figuring that everything was lost and the end was near. Ev gives the report as:

Solar Flux		A Index	Solar Flux		A Index
March 16th	70	16	March 20th	83	8
17th	73	16	21st	86	5
18th	77	15	22nd	92	3
19th	80	11	23rd	84	-

Undoubtedly tomorrow will be a brighter day. We cannot give any information on the Boulder report this week, all we got was an empty envelope, the mechanical stuffer apparently doubling out for a spring weekend.... Sure is a disappointment to get an empty envelope when big news was anticipated....



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OKE-NO-TORISHIMA Apparently there has been some restudy of the matter of new country status on this one but with little change projected in the future for the decision. The ARRL has put out a bit of further information on the matter and it is:

Re OKINO-TORI-SHIMA In order to straighten out some of the confusion that has surrounded the upcoming Okino-Tori Shima operation, let's recount some of the background.

In October 1975, JA1AN, President of JARL, wrote ARRL to explain that 1976 was the 50th Anniversary of the JARL and that they would like to mount a DXpedition to some 'new' country as part of their year-long celebration.

The Japanese felt it would be more appropriate if the new country were part of Japan. JA1AN suggested three possibilities but none of them met the published DXCC criteria strictly.

However, in order to assist the JAs in their 50th Anniversary celebration, and in order to recognize the ever-increasing role which JARL has assumed in WARC-79 preparation in the Far East, a majority of the headquarters Awards Committee agreed, in late November, to make a one-time exception to the criteria and give country status to Okino-Tori-Shima. JA1AN asked that he have the privilege of making the first announcement of this action to a meeting of JARL officials to be held on February 22nd, to which we agreed.

Since that February 22nd announcement, there has been a flurry of letters from Japanese DXers, although most of them seem to have been written by three individuals. Nevertheless, the tone of the letters and some of the statements made gave ARRL concern and we gave the matter reconsideration over the weekend of March 20th.

Discussions took place at the officer and director level of ARRL; at the staff level and also with a couple of prominent DXers who, we believed, would have some insight as to what was happening in Japan. Finally there was a lengthy telephone conversation with JA1AN in Tokyo, who has assured us that while he regrets the embarrassment which has resulted from the activities of a very small number of JA amateurs, the JARL Board of Directors and the general membership of JARL approve the new country status of Okino-Tori Shima and the reasons for which it was established.

Therefore, while regretting the unhappiness of those JA DXers and others who have been writing, we came to the conclusion that to cancel the country status of Okino-Tori Shima now would cause repercussions which might be more damaging in the long run.

The May issue of QST will carry the formal announcement of the new country of Okino-Tori Shima.

/s/ R E Baldwin W1RU (3.22.76)

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VR8B QSLs There is more information on the status of VR8B QSLs plus those for VR1Z, 3D2KG and C21NI.

On the VR8B QSLs, the advice from W6RGG is that they are being answered as fast as possible. The procedure in processing the cards is to first arrange them in the chronological order to match each day of operation. If QSLs for more than one contact are included in the envelope, the envelope is recycled to the later dates for the other QSLs, this being done after the first QSO is verified. When envelopes contain currency, these are processed first to avoid any accumulation of funds on hand and exposure to losses.

All QSOs that can be verified in the logs will be QSLed. If a direct QSL was sent to YASME, it will be answered direct. VR1Z QSLs are up to date. VR8B cards are currently being processed and will be handled as fast as possible. Cards for 3D2KG and C21NI probably will be held until all on hand are QSLed and then put into the mails in one big bunch.

W6RGG emphasized that donations are not required for a QSL. Depending on the availability of volunteer help, all the cards will be brought to a current status as soon as possible. Definitely, the VR8B QSLs will be cleared in plenty of time for the next Honor Roll listing. At this time the volunteers doing the work of handling the thousands of QSLs are WB6DOQ and his XYL Elizabeth, K6RM and WB6CUA.

TEN METER ACTIVITY DAY The weekend of April 11th will be the RSGB Ten Meter Activity Day and though the portents for the band conditions are not bright, it might be interesting to check the band during this period of concentrated activity to see what might be conjured up.

The activity starts at 0001 on April 11th and ends at 2359Z the same date. Your signal report and a three figure QSO number starting with 001 is the exchange. It is especially asked that amateurs give some attention to this year's effort as it might be possible to get some valuable information on conditions and propagation at the bottom of a sunspot cycle.

A list of stations worked (or heard) showing time in GMT, mode and QRG if possible is desired and even beacon signals if they are heard. Oscar reports are the only ones which are not being sought.

Send any reports to:

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'Hillcourt' 57 Green Lane
Harrogate, North Yorkshire
ENGLAND

Along and in the same area, the ARRL is thinking about the possibility of another propagation data-collection effort, something along the lines of the IGY Project in the 50s. Emphasis may be on amateur analysis, contrasted the collection of data which was the primary objective in the IGY Year. More will be heard but meanwhile test ten next weekend, April 11th.

SHORTLY NOTED This has been somewhat of a herky-jerky week and while that may appear at times to be a normal condition, we have not run everything on schedule. Maybe next week will find the sun warmer and the days brighter and things smoother.....

OH2BH was in Monaco for the WPX Test, signing 3A2DX. Martin may be in the area for a week or so and might also be found under F0KH....he says to look for him at 14220kc. DL7FT, Frank Turek, advises DK1AS/5A is licensed to operate from Libya, the only one at present and he is active from the Benghazi area. This is Heinz and he will be mostly found in the 14200-14210kc area from 0600 to 0800Z and from 1700 to 1800Z. He will be there for a couple of months yet and QSLs go direct to home QTH--DK1AS. DL8LP/5A--Wolfgang, was leaving Tripoli the end of March...again, QSL to home QTH.

We asked W7PHO a few weeks back if he had heard anything on that P29PNG operation and the reply was negative and it was noted that this projected operation had had the information on it passed along three times. A P29PN was active at the time of that schedule and some are leaning towards the feeling that this might have been the announced operation.

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REPORT FROM RED EYED LOUIE

And midnight strikes and hastens,
And I DX alone.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

G3ZYY 1827/0550/Mar 18e	KH6IJ 1998/1135/Mar 20m	PJ2VD 1826/0630/Mar 20m
GD4BEG 1826/0510/Mar 18e	KH6CNC 1997/1140/Mar 20m	VK2AHK 1806/1220/Mar 22m
GM3YCB 1810/0625/Mar 19m	KL7GKY 1804/1240/Mar 21m	VP2MOC 1827/0430/Mar 18m
HB9RM 1826/0600/Mar 18e	KP4EAJ 1826/0450/Mar 20m	W4EV/VP9 1805/0630/ 20m
HKØBKX 1823/0115/Mar 19m	KP4EKL 1803/0200/Mar 20m	VR1AA 1803/1115/Mar 23e
JA3ONB 1913/1220/Mar 20m	KV4FZ 1805/0110/Mar 20m	XE3EB 1815/0350/Mar 17e
JA7NI 1912/1235/Mar 20m	KV4FZ 1805/0110/Mar 20m	ZF1VD 1805/0130/Mar 20m
KH6CHC 1997/0550/Mar 17m	OK1ATP 1825/0500/Mar 18e	ZE7JX 1827/0340/Mar 18m
A2CJP 3778/0440/Mar 16w	JA1ELY 3795/1140/Mar 11m	VR1AA 3802/0040/Mar 24w
CT1FL 3788/0430/Mar 18e	JA1SGX 3798/1040/Mar 19e	VS6DO 3790/1350/Mar 23w
A35NN 3803/0915/Mar 19e	KG4FU 3794/1055/Mar 19e	VU2GDG 3798/2330/Mar 18e
CO2JA 3807/1430/Mar 21w	KS5CVS 3822/0400/Mar 19m	YBØABV 3807/1420/Mar 21w
DA2DS 3800/0600/Mar 22e	KV4FZ 3794/1045/Mar 19e	YV4TI 3819/0600/Mar 18m
D4CBS 3806/0720/Mar 17m	KV4IH 3803/0740/Mar 23w	YV4YS 3819/0600/Mar 18m
DU6BG 3801/1420/Mar 11w	KZ5JM 3806/0150/Mar 19m	ZK1CW 3807/1130/Mar 19e
EL7F 3802/0635/Mar 24w	LZ1KDP 3788/0430/Mar 18e	ZK1DX 3807/1420/Mar 21w
F6CNI 3503/2350/Mar 11m	ON4LJ 3778/0530/Mar 24w	ZL2BT 3788/0725/Mar 14e
G2PU 3798/2320/Mar 17e	VE1BFV 3800/0435/Mar 22w	ZL2AQF 3803/0455/Mar 17m
G4EWZ 3800/0640/Mar 22e	VP2SQ 3803/0215/Mar 19m	ZL3NR/C 3790/0630/Mr 14w
G4AMJ 3778/0530/Mar 24w	VP2LA 3802/0940/Mar 20e	ZB2DM 3802/0350/Mar 19m
GM4CKP 3789/2335/Mar 18e	VP2MEE 3802/0910/Mar 18w	5W1AU 3802/0635/Mar 24w
HKØBKX 3795/0555/Mar 14w	VP9G 3808/1100/Mar 23e	8P6GN 3802/0335/Mar 19m
A35AF 7004/1045/Mar 22w	OH6JW 7030/0505/Mar 23w	VK7OB 7029/0850/Mar 17e
C21NI 7008/1210/Mar 17w	OK2BJQ 7035/0205/Mar 23e	VP2MEE 7008/0410/Mar 18e
CM2VG 7003/0350/Mar 19e	PJ2MI 7081/1100/Mar 13e	VP1NVB 7235/1110/Mar 13e
CM2RF 7003/2250/Mar 10m	SP9FZH 7035/0110/Mar 23e	YBØABV 7010/1320/Mar 21e
CO5DM 7006/0425/Mar 19w	TA1ZB 7031/0115/Mar 22e	YN1SN 7086/1105/Mar 13e
CP5GK 7004/0430/Mar 19w	SP2AJO 7037/0130/Mar 23e	YO8BIG 7008/0245/Mar 22w
C6ABA 7009/0405/Mar 18e	UB5BAX 7037/0145/Mar 23e	YO9BGV 7021/0345/Mar 22w
EA2IA 7004/2350/Mar 11m	UK3AAO 7010/1415/Mar 22w	YU1QEE 7030/0100/Mar 23e
FK8KAA 7005/1240/Mar 18e	UO5OWB 7006/0225/Mar 22w	ZF1WE 7160/1105/Mar 13e
FR7BB 7005/1420/Mar 22w	UP2BCW 7004/0415/Mar 22w	ZL2UW 7003/0510/Mar 19w
HAØLJ 7008/0320/Mar 22w	UY5YK 7002/0355/Mar 22w	ZL3LN/C 7030/0740/Mar 17e
IT9TAI 7008/2245/Mar 10m	VK200/LH 7002/1245/Mr 19e	ZP5CF 7002/0405/Mar 17e
KC4AAC 7014/0410/Mar 17e	VK2FT/LH 7030/1030/Mr 14e	4X4HT 7007/0150/Mar 21e
KC4USB 7225/0910/Mar 14w	VK3IY 7090/1155/Mar 20m	8P6GQ 7015/2320/Mar 8e

ASIA CW

AFRICA CW

UA9NW 14037/1455/Mar 18e	UL7TA 14004/1500/Mar 22w	D2ACK 14010/2150/Mar 16e
UA9FAJ 14030/1345/Mar 18e	UL7AAP 14039/1600/Mar 22w	ZD8TM 14040/2335/Mar 19e
UA9QAG 14098/1555/Mar 23w	UK9AAN 14055/1410/Mar 19e	9X5PT 14011/2000/Mar 16m
UF6FCO 14025/1610/Mar 17m	UWØIE 14030/0330/Mar 22w	
UH8DC 14004/1450/Mar 22w	VU2BK 14016/1445/Mar 17e	
<u>ELSEWHERE'S CW</u>		
CE4AA 14048/0130/Mar 15m	LU1ZA 14023/0110/Mar 15m	VP2MEE 14041/2010/Mar 17m
CO2OM 14023/0105/Mar 22w	LU6ACA 14022/0115/Mar 22w	VP2GFA 14032/1850/Mar 13e
CX2CS 14044/2320/Mar 18m	VO1BE 14008/1820/Mar 16e	VP2MB 14031/2135/Mar 19e
CX4LO 14004/0100/Mar 15m	VK3YT 14040/2145/Mar 14m	VP9GK 14012/2300/Mar 18m
FMØCGU 14077/2335/Mar 16m	VK6WT 14030/1150/Mar 22e	ZP5AO 14043/0140/Mar 19w

MORE RED EYED STUFF....

EUROPE CW

DL6ZZ 14040/1510/Mar 17e
 DJ6NJ/HBØ 14026/1550 18w
 DJ8JY/HBØ 14027/1545/ 19w
 F2CA 14002/1540/Mar 17e
 F6DXW 14022/1820/Mar 16e
 F6EHR 14030/2005/Mar 19m
 EA1FD 14044/2045/Mar 19m
 EA2CR 14030/2015/Mar 19m
 EA4CR 14044/2035/Mar 19m
 EA6DD 14033/1645/Mar 15m

G2AOB 14002/1530/Mar 17e
 I2NJ 14030/2020/Mar 19m
 LZ1XL 14098/1520/Mar 23w
 OY3H 14049/1455/Mar 24w
 SP5AFL 14095/1515/Mar 24w
 UA2AG 14016/1455/Mar 17e
 UB5LI 14035/1600/Mar 22w
 UK2BBB 14037/1310/Mar 18e
 UK2PAF 14025/1325/Mar 22e
 UK2GKW 14048/1500/Mar 18e

UK5JAZ 14031/1445/Mar 18e
 UK5IAZ 14052/1500/Mar 18e
 UK6AAA 14098/1550/Mar 23w
 UP2BAO 14030/1630/Mar 15m
 UQ2OC 14034/1600/Mar 18w
 YU3EYZ 14058/1345/Mar 18e
 9H1CH 21027/1650/Mar 22e

AFRICA SSB

C5AM 14227/2325/Mar 22m
 C5AF 14206/1810/Mar 16e
 CN8AL 14210/2025/Mar 19e
 CN8HD 21297/1700/Mar 21m
 D2AFW 14208/2105/Mar 15m
 D4CBS 14210/2005/Mar 16w
 EA8LO 14201/2010/Mar 16e
 EA8LD 14202/1845/Mar 18m
 EA9FC 21304/1715/Mar 21m
 EL2A 21295/1800/Mar 20e
 FL8KP 14209/2055/Mar 10m
 TR8JCV 14202/2230/Mar 17m

TU2EP 14213/2235/Mar 13m
 VQ9DF 21302/1800/Mar 21m
 VQ9MC 21299/1735/Mar 22e
 ZD7SD 14219/2020/Mar 10w
 ZD7SS 14222/2010/Mar 16e
 ZE1ED 14216/1950/Mar 16e
 ZS4PB 21292/1630/Mar 20e
 ZS5PG 14220/1355/Mar 23m
 5N2PPP 14214/2015/Mar 17e
 5V7WT 14219/2020/Mar 19w
 6W8FP 14205/1945/Mar 18w
 6W8FP 21339/1540/Mar 21m

6W8CH 14217/1925/Mar 16w
 9G1JC 14222/2100/Mar 17e
 9G1GK 14209/2230/Mar 16w
 9G1JW 14225/2050/Mar 15w
 9G1HZ 14216/1950/Mar 16e
 9J2KM 21300/1810/Mar 15m
 9J2JC 21260/1605/Mar 19m
 9J2WR 21348/1845/Mar 22e
 9L1BH 14204/2045/Mar 13e
 9Q5DM 21295/1735/Mar 22m
 9X5RK 21307/2015/Mar 22w
 5N2NAS 14218/1615/Mar 20m

ASIA SSB

HM1DK 14206/0010/Mar 18m
 HS5AKW 14225/1340/Mar 23m
 JY9CR 21291/1615/Mar 20e
 UA9UF 14203/1245/Mar 23m
 UAØPJ 14226/0125/Mar 21m
 UAØSAF 14205/0140/Mar 21m
 UK9CAE 14217/1315/Mar 17e
 UK9AAN 14204/1350/Mar 19e
 UK9YAC 14243/1415/Mar 20m

UK9ABA 14238/1445/Mar 20m
 UK9HAF 14230/1320/Mar 22m
 UKØCBE 14223/0110/Mar 22w
 UKØAAB 14213/1335/Mar 22e
 UKØSAJ 14221/0430/Mar 20m
 UL7FAE 14213/0300/Mar 22w
 UL7GAZ 14213/0230/Mar 22w
 UVØEX 14215/0140/Mar 22w
 UW9WR 14208/1500/Mar 23m

VS6DR 14220/1300/Mar 22m
 VS6DO 14230/1240/Mar 22m
 VU2GDG 14224/1600/Mar 20m
 9M2MH 14225/0025/Mar 22e
 9M2PV 14202/1500/Mar 16w
 9N1MM 14202/0105/Mar 23m
 9V1OI 14249/1520/Mar 20w

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CT1FL 14209/1500/Mar 18e
 CT1BG 14207/2105/Mar 19e
 DL3XO 14222/1405/Mar 19m
 DLØWU 14210/1530/Mar 21w
 EA3AAO 21336/1700/Mar 20e
 EA3ADW 14205/2045/Mar 22w
 EA4JF 14249/2015/Mar 19e
 EA4ON 21273/1550/Mar 21m
 EA5TA 14240/1345/Mar 19e
 EA6DL 21336/1710/Mar 21m
 EA6BG 14256/2100/Mar 21m
 EA7WC 14216/1950/Mar 16e
 EI5A 14239/1410/Mar 19e
 EI4AN 14238/1410/Mar 19e
 EI7CS 14226/1340/Mar 19e
 EI9V 14333/1745/Mar 21w
 G2PU 14212/1335/Mar 19e

GI4AOD 14202/1600/Mar 21w
 GW4NZ 14249/1430/Mar 19e
 HB9UE 21301/1630/Mar 21m
 HB9ALX 14226/1405/Mar 20e
 HB9JB 21316/1640/Mar 20e
 IØMBX 14207/2010/Mar 19e
 I4LEC 21304/1615/Mar 21m
 IØZV 21296/1655/Mar 20e
 JW5NM 14215/0135/Mar 22w
 OE4MZ 21302/1640/Mar 20e
 OE2PJL 21269/1545/Mar 21m
 OH6JW 14210/1610/Mar 21w
 OH8TI 14220/1410/Mar 22m
 OH2BO 14232/2030/Mar 22e
 OJØMA 14222/1610/Mar 22e
 OZ5KF 14210/2100/Mar 22w
 OZ6WB 14217/1955/Mar 22w

LA1DM 14333/1700/Mar 25e
 LA7CO 14203/1800/Mar 20w
 PI2MTF 14221/1405/Mar 19e
 PI1ARS 14227/1350/Mar 16m
 SV1IW 21352/1520/Mar 20m
 SV1AE 21290/1650/Mar 20e
 SVØWEE 14216/1700/Mar 19e
 TF3SV 14206/1740/Mar 22w
 UK3ABB 14218/1730/Mar 20w
 UK3SAB 14222/1230/Mar 23w
 UK2BBB 14237/1435/Mar 19e
 UK2RAH 14227/1340/Mar 18m
 YU2QZ 14203/1550/Mar 19m
 YU3NN 21255/1630/Mar 21m
 9H1EW 21311/1745/Mar 21m
 9H1ED 21359/1600/Mar 20m

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CALENDAR

OKI NO TORSHIMA

TUVALU

TURTLE ISLAND

THAILAND

EUROPA

GALAPAGOS

DAYTON HAMVENTION

NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION

NZART GOLDEN JUBILEE

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Still on the rails....look for June or July..

JA group currently signing VR8D

9L3SL about April 10th. New but non-country...

RAST with HSØHS April 10/11th

FR7ZL to arrive on the island in May

K4ERO and HC1XG from April 25th

April 23/25th. It's less than a month

Aug 7/8th in Vancouver, B.C. Plan your vacation...

Auckland..June 4/7th. ZL1BKL for details...

September 25/26th in the Washington, D.C. area.

THE BIG DX MEETING. May 14/16th at the Fresno Hilton

CONVENTIONS Etc.... The Northwest DX meeting will be hosted by the British Columbia DX Club at the Hotel Georgia in downtown Vancouver. Advance registration information can be obtained from VE7BVH, 7110--232 St, Langley, British Columbia.

The 3rd All-India Amateur Radio Convention will be held in Madras during the first week in May. Several hundred VUs/VU7s and SEAsia amateurs are expected. VU2DX can supply more information. A souvenir program has advertising space available...\$25.00 for a full page--\$14.00 for a half-page and \$8.00 for a quarter Write Combitor ARC, Box 3733, Combitor, India 641 018 for more details

SOME ELSEWHERE'S RED EYED STUFF/SSB

CE3AOX 21270/2310/Mar 20m	OX3AF 14215/2000/Mar 21m	YBØACG 14234/1235/Mar 21e
CP5KY 14227/0050/Mar 19w	P29DV 21320/2110/Mar 21e	YBØACV 14202/1340/Mar 21m
CX3BR 14214/2340/Mar 18w	PZ5AA 14200/2020/Mar 16e	YV2AMM 21321/2305/Mar 20m
DU1MAT 14202/1530/Mar 21m	TI2DT 14226/0040/Mar 20w	ZF1MA 14207/2300/Mar 20m
DU1REX 14205/1535/Mar 21m	VE1BFV 14202/2230/Mar 17m	ZF1SM 14205/1745/Mar 19w
W8LKW/C6A 14208/2005/ 20w	VK2LX 14210/0425/Mar 23m	ZK1DA 14223/0430/Mar 18m
W8CKP/C6A 14222/2300 20m	VK6CT 14213/2320/Mar 18w	ZL1BCT 14206/0300/Mar 11e
FO8DO 14209/0440/Mar 18m	VO1LJ 14218/2255/Mar 20m	ZP9AH 14214/2220/Mar 19e
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ARRL The FCC is amending its rules to make telegraph examinations more a test of the understanding of a message over a five minute period rather than a letter-by-letter copy for a single minute. Section 97.29C is being amended. Initially, only a few of the FCC offices will be testing with the new procedure, the rest will continue with the traditional style testing.. Also being deleted is the references to the drawing of diagrams in 97.29(d).

In February the ARRL picked up 2944 new members, there was a gain of 3038 new members in January. At the end of February the ARRL membership stood at 123,005 and the QST print order for the April issue is 140,000 copies. This phenomenal growth in the amateur ranks has been noted at many retail outlets for amateur gear and is attributed to a spin-off from the CB activity. Many CBers moving to the amateur level when they become dissatisfied on 11 meters, many often bringing a high level of potential. TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1RED, W1SD, W1WQC/1, W2FPM, W3CDL, W3HHV, W4BRB, W4EDD, K4HLJ, W4HU, W4KA, W4UMF, W5AK, W5OSJ, K5OVC, W5LTY, W5PAQ, W5USM, W6APW, K6EC, W6GC, WB6IXC, K6LAE, W6MAV, W6PT, W6TSQ, WB6ZUC, W7BCT, WA7OBH, WA7UVO, W8BQV, W8OA, W8ZOK, WB9LHI, K9OTB, K9UIY, K9WEH, W9YRA, BRS-25429, JA1KSO, DL7FT, OH2BH, VK4LX

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came out of the brush last week and we talked of a number of things, all important, such as band conditions. "You know something", the QRPper said, "with the high frequencies flat I thought I'd try forty and eighty. But I put up dipoles but nothing seems to work. Nothing at all". We thought this over for a bit for with technical matters we are always ready with an unqualified opinion. "Tell us about it", we urged and the QRPper continued. "When I was thinking of putting up the dipoles, one of the neighbors offered me some fine wire. It was sort of strange as this fellow had complained a couple of times that I was bothering his radio. But he's in the marine supply business and he gave me this coil of real, tough stuff. Heck, he even came around to help me put it up. It's real tight and flat and strong and looks good. But I don't seem to be able to do much with those lower frequencies". We thought this over for a bit for often we hear of one in trouble. "What sort of wire did you say you used?", we asked and the QRPper was off again. "It was a special nickel-bronze alloy, guaranteed to last for years. Real fine stuff by its looks". Son of a Gun, what could we say to something like this for we have heard of other amateurs in other places having similar problems. Sometimes it may be difficult to understand all the Mysteries of the Ages but one sure thing is to examine gifts from one-time irate neighbors. Meanwhile all the DX you missed will be carefully chronicled for a full year for \$10.00 by second-class mail to the U.S and VE areas. \$14.50 moves it for a full year by first-class mail. \$17.00 is for the jet-set in Mexico and all those far DX lands back of beyond.....

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