

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



May 18, 1976

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BILL RINDONE Bill caught something in Nepal and it was a bit more than the Asian Flu. With his temperature soaring up to around 105° and things starting to come unglued, Bill decided to return home while he was able and arrived back in the Portland area on May 8th. The illness would explain why he was not heard from 9N1MM during the last several days of his stay and why he never showed from A6X-United Emirates, as expected last week.

Bill has not given up on his plans and last week while getting some medical treatment to rid his system of the bugs, he was working on plans to pick up the thread of his trip in the Persian Gulf areas and head down into the African coast off the Indian Ocean.

As of last week the plans were still not settled and anything definite will depend on the state of his health and other problems. He did note that the piles of QSLs on hand when he reached home at Lake Oswego was a bit startling.

The possibility is good that Bill will resume his journey later this summer. As more information develops, all the Deserving DXers will be posted.

THE COLVINS Lloyd and Iris were active on several bands from YJ8-New Hebrides last week and will be there through May. After YJ8KG, it is reported that they plan to move on to FW8-Wallis and to be there for several weeks in June. On their operations from FKØKG, they write:

This is a report on the operation of FKØKG, a YASME DXpedition, to Noumea, New Caledonia.

The first QSO was with JA1AB on 30 March 1976 and the last QSO was with FG7AQ on 22 April 1976. Some 7500 QSOs were made and operations were on 28mc/21mc/14mc/7mc and 3.5mc. Both c.w. and SSB was operated on all bands, the activity being about evenly divided between the two modes.

On April 16th a WAC was worked on Forty c.w. in two hours and five minutes. The QSOs were with F9YZ at 0605Z, K6HMO at 0608Z, ZL2AMP at 0625Z, PY1ARS/4 at 0630Z, EA8BF at 0808Z and finally JA1ZBU at 0809Z.

We were amazed to discover Noumea to be the largest and most modern town we have visited in the Pacific Ocean area except for Honolulu. It is a 'little Paris' with many beautiful homes, apartment buildings, modern department stores and traffic jams.

The only problem with Noumea is that everyone speaks French. We know a little French but would have enjoyed the city more if our French was better.

The taking of radio gear in and out of New Caledonia was easy and our licenses to operate were rapidly obtained. All in all, it was a great place for a DXpedition. We had a good time and conditions, though erratic, were generally good.

SUNSPOT LOUIE One spot shown on this weeks chart. It made its appearance on May 6th and is approximately 12,000 miles in diameter. It is dark in color and has remained quite stable and appears to be fairly active. From all appearances, this one should survive until it rotates to the backside of the sun, this coming over the last weekend.

Propagation has been good at times with conditions good to many parts of the world.

There are a couple of events coming in the next couple of weeks, and the new one at Oki-no Tari Shima. While the Baja Nuevo operation will be on a N/S path for the W/Ks, the OKI-NO is another proposition. And peering into the future, controversial though it may turn out to be, W4UMF comes up with some forecasts that may daunt a few of the timid but never the hearts of oak in every true-blue Deserving DXer. Good conditions or bad, if there is a new one around, every DXer will be ready to join in the effort....

Here's the big picture as W4UMF sees it, Ted taking the calculated look before jetting out to Fresno where all the really Big DXers were last weekend. Ted says it will be:

May 19th	High Normal	May 26th	Low Normal
20th	Low Normal	27th	Low Normal
21st	Low Normal/High Normal	28th	Low Normal/High Normal
22nd	Low Normal	29th	Low Normal
23rd	Low Normal/High Normal	30th	Below Normal-Possibly Disturbed
24th	High Normal	Jun 1st	Below Normal
25th	Low Normal		

You might also brace for possible Short-Wave Fadeouts in the period from May 27th to May 29th.

The solar activity in the period April 28th to May 4th was associated with old Cycle 20. Some of the sunspot regions got rather active, flashing a few flares toward the end of the month which resulted in Disturbed conditions during the first two days in May. It takes 18 to 36 hours for the effects of a solar flare to reach the ionosphere here. All this is to keep you interested.

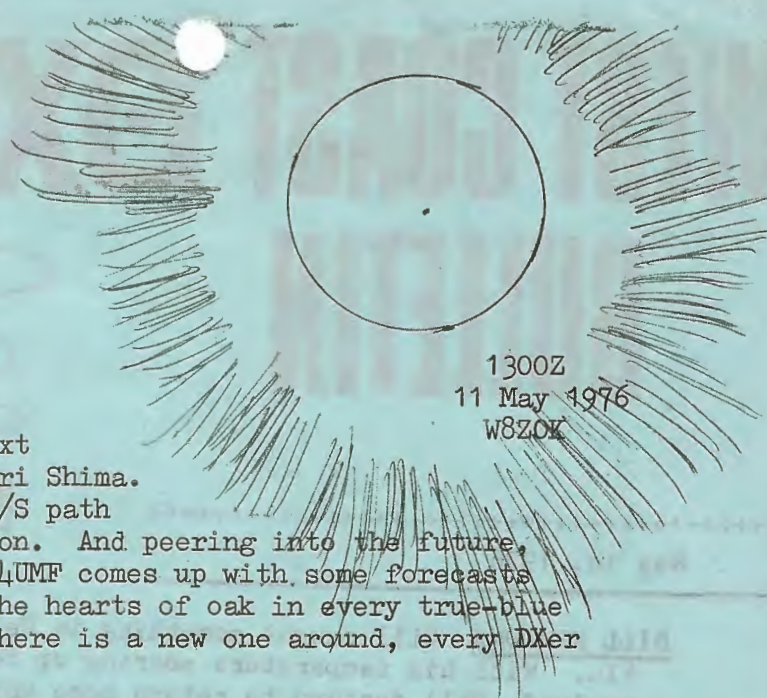
We had to hold things open until Friday noon but K6EC did come through... Ev caught the flux and index reports as:

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
May 4	71	20	May 8	69	11
5	70	10	9	69	5
6	70	12	10	69	5
7	69	8	11	71	-

THE LATE WORD ON BAJA NUEVO

Because the pages are not printed in sequence, you may find references to Baja Nuevo in other pages. However, this was the last page prepared and the late information is here.....

SM/ACD and SM/CNN plan to depart the Miami area about May 20th for San Andres. They figure four to six days at San Andres for preparations and about two days travel. They should open from Baja Nuevo for a four day operation about May 26th to 28th. There should be more detailed information available next week.



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IRAQ Etc To anyone who might listen, the bands were turgid with rumors last week as many a Deserving DXer tried to figure out where and what DL7FT might be doing.

Here at the WCDXB on Saturday, May 8th, just as we were heading for the Post Office with last week's bulletin, we got a wire from DL7FT. It went as follows:

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BERLIN FA1/TF 10 8 1916

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77 Coleman Drive
SAN RAFAEL CALIF (94 01)

SORRY YI LAST MINUTE POSTPONED

DL7FT

Though the word was passed along to many, there still was a residual suspicion that something might be going on and especially so after the German DX Net on Sunday announced that Frank was on his way.

Some even called his home by overseas phone. Frank was not there and the advice was that he was gone for two weeks. Also, the XYL was gone. So the watch went on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, many hoping that the morrow would bring DL7FT on the air from YI.....

One European DX Bulletin indicated some polite skepticism over the possibility of the SP6 operation from YI ever materializing. There was also hope that Frank might show around May 13th. At this point, you know what happened.

W3ACE who once did operate from YI with a legitimate license a decade or two back, is reported as heading for Iraq next month. Some months back he made a request for a YI-license but nothing came through. There was some interest in the possibility of DL7FT showing with a license after efforts on the ambassadorial level had not produced anything.

Conditions were good last week and had any YI operation showed, many would have been there to greet them.

USTICA ISLAND For those who seek the IOTA credits, Ustica Island will be put on the air late this month by Umberto Cambieri, I2CBM, and some friends. The IOTA Award (Islands on the Air) information can be obtained by sending a SAE with 4 IRCs to Geoff Watts, 62 Belmore Rd, Norwich, England NR7 OPU. Geoff, of the DX NEWS SHEET, will send you the 18 page list of the 12 Islands on the Air Awards.

Anyhow, getting back to Umberto, he will be at Ustica, 38°30' N and 12°30' E. along with his XYL and they will sign IE9CBM from May 27th to June 5th. Look for them at: 3780kc/7080kc/14190kc/14240kc/21290kc/28590kc..SSB. QSL to I2YDX, P.O. Box 4, 21100 Varese, Italy.

IRCS There are several hundred IRCs on hand here which an overseas DXer wants to exchange for an antenna. If you are interested, the IRCs are available in multiples of ten for \$2.00. Send sase along with check and tell what you are thirsting for. That will figure out to 20¢ each....ten for \$2.00!!

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BAJA NUEVO There is no late word on this effort though indicators are that it is still on but some problems will have to be worked out.

SMOACD was in the New York City area the first part of last week and word is awaited from him. These are the waiting times and it sometimes appears that everything has been programmed for 'Maybe.....Tomorrow Maybe'

Hold tight.. cancel those vacation plans, keep the rig warm and spend the night hours tuning the bands. Something will come one of these days.

OKI-NO TORISHIMA This one seems to be heading down the chute towards action the end of next week. Along the way there has been a rumor that kept popping up that only the JARL operation the end of next week would ever be counted for DXCC purposes and that no future efforts would be creditable.

With all the other flak floating around, this one was hard to believe and it was checked out. ARRL DXCC Desk said that, as noted in May QST, credit would start with the JARL 50th Anniversary effort. On future operations, it was the understanding that these would be credited when such efforts are made.

This would seem to dispel the rumor. The brief periods of low tide operating would tend to make one feel that OKI-No Tori Shima is going to be a difficult one the first time around.

PALMYRA This island, which is privately owned, is reported as having been leased to a chemical company for a private venture, the lease being for 75 years. As noted, the company plans to block the channel into the anchorage and presumably will clear and resurface the runway. It looks as though there might be a lot of action at Palmyra or nothing at all.

EP1KS Ken Schible, a past president of the National Press Club, was supposed to be aboard that Iranian 747SP on its inaugural flight to Teheran last weekend. Ken had a TEMPO 1 transceiver with him and was siming for some twenty meter operations, ...c.w. at or about 14035kc to 14050kc...21035kc to 21050kc. For SSB look for Ken at 14198kc to 14203kc on a split operation or 21300kc.

ST. PAUL Another report came last week that VE3BBH and VE3DU would open from St Paul last Thursday, operate through the first part of the weekend and possibly all through this week. Details were sketchy and no special call would be issued.

QSLs for this one were to go to Box 292, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 2J2.

EGYPT VE1APY/SU, Eric, was coming through last Wednesday, 14212kc from 2300Z. Good signal and he said he would be there for some time. QSL to VE1APY CBA JA0BXU has been issued the call SU1JA. He will be in Suez City for a year..

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Bob Ferrero K6AHV
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SHORTLY NOTED Linear Systems (SBE) devotes about 95% of its manufacturing efforts to CB equipment. It's profits for the first six months of fiscal 1976 were up 325%. Wow!!

In the matter of awards, WA2AUB has come up with the WPX Centennial Certificate No. 17. Took a week to work the stations...a bit longer for QSLs. Hank will be signing WM2ITU ;during the ITU week.

W0BN has received CW DXCC Certificate No. 41. W6ID has received CW DXCC No. 62 and W9KB has gotten all his QSLs back for his CW DXCC but has not received the certificate yet. CW lives!!

The LUs have been heard so apparently what was the problem after the change in the government may have been worked out.

W1BB has mailed the May 1st edition of his 160mtr DX Bulletin. Stew puts it out four times a year and you can get it by sending him a sase and you will find it crammed with Top Band information. Anyone thinking of checking this band should bet a copy of the bulletin. As Sam would often say: "...the more you know, the more you work". Or was it: "...the more you know, the more you are worked". Son of a Gun!! Say it again, Sam....

9U5DR often on a sked with Europe at 14185kc at 1800Z on Mondays. 14205kc might be another spot worth watching. 5Z4AA is in Kenya on a three year contract to drive a Lear Jet for a survey company. He often finds himself in some rare spot but attempts to clear gear through customs are said to be not quite an easy thing.

9L3SL worked over 400 QSOs from Banana Island early this month on their 24 hour effort. They mounted an 18AVT with its base in salt water...leap-froging it up the sand as the tide came in. A planned Inverted VEE did not work out because they could not get the point high enough. QSLs go to Box 16, Freetown, Sierra Leone with sae/IRC and they will be going out this month. 9L1JM handling the cards, W4BAA not involved in this one.

William Porter in Jidda is being heard from 7Z1AB. He being the U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. W4KA has dropped his QSL manager duties for FC2CD. Bill is returning the cards on hand, no logs were ever received from FC2CD.

TI2WX after five years in TI-land will be back stateside soon, possibly to 6-land. K6ILM will be heard as N6ITU during the ITU week. W3ASK was operating 4U1ITU on May 9th. The St Paul operation mentioned elsewhere did open and apparently will run through this week. They were signing XJ3ZZ/1. There was also another one around signing VE7SV/8 who said that his locale would count for a new one just like Sable and St. Paul. Work everything....you will then miss nothing.

A well-know South American source says that four Frenchmen have a Clipperton license, do not need any financial help and will not show until after July. There has been a query on FR7AM/Glorioso again. Does this one QSL? Some have gotten a QSL for the operations a couple of years back but most did not. This would appear to be an insensitive type... Those XJ calls out of Canada may start showing as XKs by the end of the month. One New Mexico type was advised by the Denver FCC office to file a complaint with the Department of Justice (FBI) on the CB language....or even amateur bands. Then the U.S. Attorney would be in on the action and would be the one to prosecute..... That 50MBK was a special call out of Rome.

On the possibility of Mayotte in the Comoros being a separate country....it refused to go independent, nothing will be decided on this until the dust settles. There are also reports that some new ones may come along about October due to a re-examination of the criteria. There is also a report that some VUs are looking to a possible Laccadive operation later this year. Some have wondered about the 'JJ' prefix. It's another Japanese call....JJ1ABC being one of the WCDXB readers. NA6ITU was being used by W6UFJ, John Schroeder, for the ITU week. N8MI heard recently goes to K8IDE. This was another week with more than we could fit in.....

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JA-PACIFIC DXPEDITION From late in March through most of April, a JA group of DXers operated from many areas in the Pacific including a two-week stay in Tuvalu. From Tack Kumagai, JA0CUV, we get the following report on the operations. Tack writes:

I returned from the Pacific DXpedition on April 26th. The following is some of the results and activities of our operations at various stations in the Pacific.

VR1AK-Gilbert Islands We operated here on March 24th and from April 8th to the 11th. From here we made 3100 QSOs which included 24 top band contacts.

VR8D-Tuvalu We operated from Vaiaku-Langi Hotel from March 26th to April 7th. This is the only hotel in Tuvalu. We used a FT-101E along with a FL-2500 and R4C with quad. However, we had terrific interference with the bar in the hotel and to Radio Tuvalu. We had to enter the WPX contest without the linear so we were not able to top 5W1AZ. In the WPX test we made 2700 QSOs, this including the first ever QSOs with VR8 by VK2AHK, JA2GQO, VR1AA, ZL1MQ, KH6CHC and W8LRL. Our total QSOs from Tuvalu was over 8000 and this included 48 top band QSOs.

3D2-Fiji Islands There was no operation here as our equipment got a bit astray in transit.

YJ8CW-New Hebrides In early March the National Party was arrested by the Fiji government police. They had used two FT-101Es for their communications. Since this incident, the government has prohibited the importation of any transmitting apparatus. So, even though I had a license, I was not allowed to operate with my own equipment. But Robby, YJ8AN, lent me his equipment and dipole antennas. I operated two days as YJ8CW on forty and fifteen and only worked 1030 QSOs.

VR4CW Solomon Islands We had accomodation problems at Honiara. I changed hotel and started operating April 15th using a 14AVQ. I made 3000 QSOs in three days. On the morning of April 18th I packed all my rigs and antenna and went to the airport. There I found that the flight to Nauru had already left. I had missed the flight and had to stay another week there on Honiara. There is one VR4 licensee who is Japanese and he offered the use of his station. I moved to his house on April 23rd, put up 8Q/160 duo-bander inverted Vee and made some first ever VR4 QSOs on the top band. These were with JA7NI, VK2AHK, VR1AA, ZL1MQ and W5USH. In eight days of operation I made 5300 QSOs.

I have ordered QSL cards from the printers and I should receive them by the end of May.

On other matters, VR8A will be closing down on Tuvalu this October and John will be returning to ZL-land. There will be no amateur there after he leaves.

The Colvins arrived at Vila the end of April and will be using YJ8DE-Reece's equipment. They will be there for one month. In VR4-Solomons, there are three residential amateurs who are VR4AA/VR4AB and VR4DX. Wes, VR4DX has been in the United Kingdom on his vacation and will be Tokyo for one week from June 13th on his way back to Honiara. Jim, VR4AA, will be going home to the United Kingdom until October, Wes will be forwarding his QSLs.

VR1AK, VR8D, YJ8CW and VR4CW plus VR1AA, 7X2SX, 3D6AF (except for W/Ks) and KX6MJ QSLs are either my operations or I am the QSL Manager. They go to

Tack Kumagai, JA0CUV/1
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73s, /s/ Tack JA0CUV/1

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I knew a man who used to say,
Not once but twenty times a day,
CQ DX, CQ DX.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

G3ZYY 1829/0405/May 6e		
PY1RO 18-3/0320/May 3e		
CT1FL 3797/0530/May 2e	LU2FFD 3736/0840/May 2e	ZL2BT 3802/0735/May 9e
CX9BT 3505/0916/May 9m	OK2SSS 3798/0305/May 9e	ZL1BIL 3808/0855/May 2e
EI8BS 3502/0310/May 9m	PY2FXH 3802/0555/May 2e	ZL4KF 3806/1030/May 5e
FG7AK 3802/0325/May 8e	TU2FH 3792/0500/May 9m	ZK1CV 3807/1300/May 5w
HA7LR 3798/0245/May 9e	VK2AMO 3504/1240/May 6m	ZD8TM 3527/0135/May 2e
HI8MFP 3802/0325/May 8e	VP2KN 3811/0310/May 3m	ZS6DW 3778/0400/Always
JA6BSM 3502/1220/May 7w	VP2DM 3802/0325/May 8e	9J2JN 3778/0405/May 2e
KC4AAC 3808/0330/May 2e	YV5BUK 3802/0325/May 8e	
KJ6DL 3790/1005/May 9w	YJ8KG 3806/1040/May 8w	
G2QT 7012/0100/May 8m	PY5CFX 7019/0845/May 10m	K4BR/VP9 7006/0100/May 8m
EI8BS 7002/0050/May 8m	PY7AZQ 7029/0905/May 11m	YB0ABV 7003/1415/May 9w
HB9ZE 7007/0110/May 8m	VK2AMO 7004/1330/May 4w	YJ8KG 7008/0720/May 11w
HK0BKX 7010/1125/May 7e	VK5FH 7021/1850/May 7m	YU3DBC 7021/2320/May 7e
IOAVC 7024/0340/May 1m	VK5LI 7006/1255/May 3w	9V1RD 7005/1400/May 6w
JJ1EZW 7027/0750/May 112	VK7CM 7002/1250/May 2w	CT1SP 7006/1400/May 8w
KL7FA 7013/0310/May 6e	VP9HP 7004/0100/May 8m	
KX6BU 7010/0950/May 10m	VP5SF 7030/0850/May 11m	

AFRICA SSB

EA8LI 14212/2140/May 5e	TR8BJ 14227/2335/May 7m	5Z4HZ 14196/2245/May 7e
EA8JP 14275/2025/May 8e	TU2EF 14176/0340/May 7m	5Z4NH 14211/1930/May 7e
EA8LD 14204/1935/May ; 7e	ZD7PT 14203/2020/May 7m	6W8FP 21415/1535/May 9e
EA8NS 21301/1710/May 1e	5U7AG 14330/2230/May 7e	9Q5DM 21314/1830/May 4e
LU2DZ/SU 14214/2200 6m	5Z4AA 14212/2215/May 4e	9X5PT 14207/2155/May 9e
TJ1BG 14213/0000/May 9m	5Z4LW 14201/2330/May 4e	9X5RK 14256/2020/May 8e

ASIA SSB

HL9WI 14225/1210/May 9e	UM8FZ 14205/0120/May 9m	5B4TD 14315/1545/May 8e
HS1BG 14205/1410/May 9e	VU2ACD 14211/1535/May 9w	9M2AT 14215/1445/May 9m
HS1ALB 14211/1500/May 9m	VU7ANI 14215/1555/May 9w	9M2GV 14280/1440/May 7w
JY9CR 14234/0410/May 10w	VS6BO 14222/1220/May 9w	9M2CW 14222/1530/May 9w
KA6RI 14221/1140/May 10e	OE6DK/YK 14243/1425 8e	9N1MM 14211/0035/May 10e
UJ8FAJ 14205/1930/May 9e	4XL4BL 14275/2225/May 4e	9V1NR 14205/1500/May 7m
UK9MAA 14219/0350/May 10e	4XL4JU 14219/2200/May 7e	9V1SH 14202/1335/May 9w
UK9SAN 14200/0200/May 9m	4Z4DZ 14300/2215/May 7e	
UL7TA 14201/0155/May 9m	5B4CA 14253/1440/May 8e	

ASIA CW

JT1KAA 14037/0230/May 10e	UI8ADF 14050/0055/May 10e	UV9AX 14022/0345/May 11w
UA9HM 14035/0245/May 10e	UI8ACZ 14053/1700/May 9w	UW0FM 14034/1155/May 6e
UA9AAB 14047/0345/May 10e	UI8AG 14038/0240/May 10m	UW0AJB 14008/0340/May 10e
UA0FCK 14033/1150/May 8e	UJ8AC 14036/0050/May 10e	VU2BK 14063/1510/May 10w
UA0DAA 14027/1140/May 9e	UK9HAC 14049/0220/May 10m	4XL4FU 14025/2145/May 5e
UA0BB1 14052/1250/May 9e	UK9OAD 14016/0340/May 10e	4Z4RS 14030/0045/May 2m
UF6FDL 14054/0255/May 10m	UL7TAK 14036/0205/May 10e	9V1SR 14047/1555/May 10w
UH8BAU 14038/0220/May 10m	UL7PA 14028/0225/May 10m	
UH8BZ 14046/0325/May 10m	UM8NNN 14023/0120/May 10m	

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

EUROPE SSB

CT2BS	14216/0500/May	12m	ISØLYN	14233/2135/May	9e	TA1MB	14212/2130/May	9e
CT2IR	14203/1150/May	8e	LX1BR	14253/1445/May	8e	UK5MAF	14239/0540/May	11w
EI2CA	14209/1600/May ; 4m		LZ2KKZ	14216/2105/May	10m	YO3AC	14202/2145/May	10w
EA6BG	14242/2220/May	8e	OH2BM	14208/1730/May	9kh	YU4EJC	21207/2105/May	10m*
FC9UC	14205/1200/May	6e	OJØMA	14223/1415/May	10e	YU2RJU	14221/2200/May	10w
F6A0I/FC	14201/1510/May	8e	OY8KH	14230/2145/May	9e	4L5F	14210/1905/May	9e
G5AFA	14315/1510/May	9e	PAØHNC	14211/1525/May	8m	4U1ITU	14231/2100/May	9e
GC5ZC	14235/2315/May	11e	SP6FUN	14218/1440/May	8m	5ØMBK	14205/2120/May	10m
GD5BZ	14305/2230/May	8e	SVØWX	14222/2100/May	8e	9H1BC	14267/2110/May	7e
IØMBX	14205/2115/May	10w	SVØWZ	14220/2040/May	8e	9H1EL	14202/2140/May	5e
ISØPJP	14240/2245/May	1m	SV1IW	14314/2240/May	1e	9H4K	14218/2015/May	8e

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

AH3FR	14333/0215/May; 8m		OA3D	21357/0110/May	9m	VS6DB	14217/1240/May	7e
CP1DN	14315/1510/May	9e	P29PN	14206/1445/May	6m	XJ2JQ	14211/1705/May	7m
CP1FW	14315/1515/May	9e	P29DV	14245/1210/May	6m	XJ8DC	14220/2210/May	4e
DU6BG	14213/1350/May	9e	P29WB	14265/0630/May	7w	XL2ACW	14220/1855/May	8m
FO8DP	14220/0320/May	6e	VK2FM	14209/0330/May	7m	YBØPG	14202/1215/May	9e
FY7YE	14210/1215/May	4m	VK3WQ	14219/0300/May	7m	1N1KG	28605/0020/May	9m
HI8EL	14204/1700/May	5m	VK4TT	21305/2220/May	7m	YJ8KG	14197/0330/Often	
HP1XDC	14315.1520/May	9e	VK9XI	14205/1500/May	7m	ZF1MA	14204/1340/May	7e
HK3DKX	14220/0030/May	7m	VP2DH	14226/0035/May	6w	ZK1DA	14193/0325/May	7m
KM6EA	14305/2130/May	10m	VP2DAN	14221/1135/May	10e	ZL2BAO	21292/2225/May	7m
KX6BU	14248/0250/May	6e	VP5MD	14220/1400/May	10w	ZL2KO	21338/0115/May	9w
LU7WH	14227/1500/May	11w	VP8ML	14206/0350/May	2e	3D2RM	14215/0455/May	7w
OA2AS	14220/0100/May	7m	VR8A	14265/0630/May	11w	6Y5DA	14224/0330/May	6m

AFRICA CW

EA8HT	14066/2335/May	9e	5Z4LW	14065/2205/May	5e
ZD8TM	14043/2200/Often		9Q5QR	14019/2245/May	4m

EUROPE CW

CT2BS	14226/1155/May	5e	UA6LEZ	14037/0425/May	9w	TA1ZB	14027/2245/May	1e
EA4CR	14024/2300/May	10w	UA6LAH	14032/0400/May	10w	UP2PAP	14022/2150/May	8m
EA6DD	14065/1830/May	10w	UB5ICS	14012/1950/May	8m	UR1QD	14027/1230/May	9e
GI3JEX	14027/1755/May	11m	UA2AG	14052/1200/May	8e	UW3EH	14029/0450/May	10w
IT9ZGY	14057/2350/May	9w	UK3AAK	14018/1310/May	8m	3AØGY	14003/2010/May	9e
TF3JB	14001/0145/May	10m	UK2GKW	14048/1405/May	9e	4L5F	14023/1110/May	9e

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AJ3AA	14028/1130/May	10e	KC6DK	14111/0735/May	11m	VP5SF	14053/1400/May	9e
CEØAE	14041/1630/May	11m	KL7AI	14038/0440/May	10m	VR1AA	14015/2145/May	8w
CP1HW	14009/1845/May	4e	KX6MJ	14034/0430/May	9w	YB7AAU	14032/1715/May	9e
FG7XJ	14026/2120/May	5e	N8MI	14029/2140/May	8w	YJ8KG	14054/0500/May	7w
FG7AS	14022/0135/May	9w	PJ2HMA	14098/1850/May	6e	ZJ1JH	14015/1220/May	6e
FG7XA	14023/1140/May	9e	VE7AGZ	21180/2055/May	10m*	ZP5NW	14050/1325/May	11m
FK8CJ	14055/0710/May	11m	VK2EK	14037/0355/May	5w	5W1AB	14025/0130/May	3w
FM7WH	14040/2050/May	4e	VP1JKM	21182/2100/May	10m*	8P6BU	14036/1124/May	5e
HC5EE	21143/2050/May	10m*	VP2GLE	14019/1130/May	4e			

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc.)
(all times in gmt # = long path * = listening for novices ?? = Slim!!!)

CALENDAR

BILL RINDONE	Presently at home but will be heading out again.....
BAJA NUEVO	No late word....apparently still on, however... HKØAA
SERRANA BANK	LCRA reported aiming for operation from June 17th....HKØAA!!
ABU AIL	Apparently still on....for someday when things are right.
LORD HOWE	VK2FT was still in VK-land recently...but says he will be there..soon
NEW HEBRIDES	The Colvins signing YJ8KG for most of the month of May
WALLIS	Colvins expected from FWØ next month
EUROPA	FR7ZL should be heard there any day now....
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	VR3AH departed KX6 a week back. Should be heard most any day...
St MARTIN	Wayne Warden signing FGØGD from May 26th for a couple of days...
GRAND CAYMAN	ZF1BT from May 25th by W5UFF
ANDORRA	C31JA should be had for a run from May 27th to 29th
MELLISH/WILLIS	VKs reported as planning possible operations late July...
LIECHTENSTEIN	HBØXAA from May 26th by Wiesbaden Radio Club
OKI-NO TORI SHIMA	On the ebb tide from May 28th for three days....
IRAQ	Quiet!!! Many are planned, few are heard.....
USSR TEST	This weekend. CW or SSB...a world-wide effort
NZART GOLDEN JUBILEE	June 4-7th in Auckland. ZK1BKL for details
YL ISSB Convention	June 24-27th in Long Island City. WØUUE for details
NORTHWEST DX MEET	Aug 7/8th in Vancouver, British Columbia.
DXPO 76	September 25th.....Washington, D.C.

BILL RINDONE We did things differently this week. Wanting to get off to Fresno on Saturday, we started early and did the front page first. Then we get more information on Bill Rindone's plans...

It is pretty definite that Bill will return to his DXpedition as soon as his health and finances permit. Tentatively, this has been set at thirty to forty-five days in the future. He will head for ALX and A6X to pick up where his trip was interrupted and then swing down into Africa.

Previously he has planned for an operation which should count for a new one. While home he has cautiously checked on this one and everything appears solid. He will provide full documentation after his operation in this spot. Aside from being in the Africa area, nothing further has been learned on this one. Finances has become a problem with the necessity for him to come home because of illness. A check with those handling his QSL cards indicate that little support is forthcoming even though many noted that the operation constituted a 'new one' for them. Often, except for the 13¢ stamp for the return of the QSL, there is nothing. The Northern Calif. DX Foundation has contributed \$1000.00 but at this point the DXpedition is about \$3000 in the hole and total costs will probably run over \$7000. If you are so inclined, some assistance will get him back on the trip and the 'new one' in the Africa area....

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ARRL The ARRL is a bit concerned over Docket 20777, sometimes known as the 'exotic modes' docket. The same concern has been voiced by a number of amateurs who have studied the proposal.

The ARRL notes that under the proposal, there would be no bar to unmodulated carriers, (AØ emission) on frequencies below 51mhz. Also, an A-2 modulated c.w. could be used in the h.f bands so long as the bandwidth does not exceed 350 cycles. A possibility is a contester introducing a bit of modulation to make his signal stand out. FAX would join slow-scan on 80mtrs and higher-frequency bands. Also, these modes, along with RTTY would be permitted in the 25khz fragments on 160mtrs. Wideband fm, including voice, FAX and SSTV would be permitted on all 'phone' bands above 28.5. The exotics might also appear through repeaters. Comments are due June 23rd..take a look!!

Tnx to W1BB, W1DAL, W1GZI, WA1IJC, W1WQC/4, W2GBH, W2FPM, WB2LOF, W3KA, K3ZOL, W4BAA, W4HU, W4ID, W4KA, W4KNW, W4UF, W4UMF, W5AK, WA5AUZ, K5CM, WN5OLA, K5OVC, W5OSJ, K6KA, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6OSU, W6PT, W6TSQ, W6UFJ, WB6UJO, K6VY, K6UFT, WB6LXC, WB6ZUC, W7AYO, WA7OBH, W8BQV, W8ZOK, W9BG, W9KEV, W9KNI, WB9LHI, W9MR, W9RXC, WA9UCE.6, K9UIY, K9UTN, WØSFU, W9YRA, KH6BZFfff, FKØKG, JAØCUV/1, YBØABV, I2CBM,

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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 and the signals were up. "Look", he said, getting right down to things important, like DX, "with that P29 changes I lose two and gain one. In a couple of months the Seychelles go independent and there goes three or four more? Tell me something! Am I gaining or losing? And how will I ever gain my rightful place on the Honor Roll with all the deletions. The way things are going, they probably will delete countries before they are even credited, won't they?". Son of a Gun, this was a fresh QRPper and what could one say to something like that? "You think that maybe they might?", we said cautiously and the QRPper snorted. "I sure do. And I guess it has not happened yet because they have not thought about it. But they will. They sure will!!". We were silent for a bit and then we pulled QST for September 1960 off the shelf. From Page 91 of that issue we read: "Wrangel Island. This deletion is made in view of the fact Wrangel Island meets none of the published criteria for separate status. Since no one ever received credit for Wrangel Island, its deletion will affect no one's total. This deletion is effective immediately". The QRPper was stunned. "Incredible", was all he could say. "Incredible!". But there it was in black and white. For there are a lot of rocks in the path of a DXer headed for the Honor Roll and \$10.00 will bring a full year of weekly DX charts by second-class mail. \$14.50 flaps it in by first-class mail in the U.S and VE areas. \$17.00 will fly it to Mexico and to all the DX areas, to all the rocks and reefs and tidal pools where DX lives. There are tides in the life of every DXer and to learn them is to learn the Inevitable Truths!

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