

OKINO-TORI SHIMA The JARL 50th Anniversary DXpedition departed Tokyo Bay at 0400Z on May 22nd and if all went well you should have heard the station over this last weekend.

The group was aboard a 500-ton cargo-passenger vessel, the KYO-SHO MARU No. 20. The effects of the typhoon which raked Guam earlier in the week did delay the vessel as it headed south and they were approximately 48 hours behind schedule as the time for the operation neared, they hoping to open on May 29th. Early last week they were being heard operating JA1YRL/mm from Futami Harbor on Chichi Jima while waiting for some of the storm effects to dissipate.

The operators in the Okino-Tori Shima operation included several well known DXers. The full roster of operators showed JA1BTH, JA1HQF, JA1HQG, JA1IIB, JA1NRH, JF1IST, IG1GPG, JG1GPP, JA2HNP and JA9AG.

The 7J1RL is the first instance of the Japanese Administration authorizing such a prefix. The 8J1-prefix has been used by Japanese Antarctic stations.

Back in Japan, the opposition by a good number of JA DXers to the creation of a new country by bending the criteria has continued and the FAR EAST DX-Ploiters, (FEDXP) last week was circulating a resolution that they had adopted in opposition to the Okino-Tori Shima matter. FEDXP said:

ARRL has recognized the Okinotorishima as a separate country from political considerations for the sake of JARL.

The reason given for recognition is that although it runs counter to the rules, ARRL grants it as an exceptional case in token of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of JARL, complying with the request of JARL for a new country. ARRL has apparently gone out of the rules because it was interested in the financial capacity of a big organization.

The president of JARL negotiated with ARRL for it as if it represents the entire members of JARL,

We, those who are interested in DXCC, need no country which was politically concocted against the rules.

FEDXP hereby declares it firm opposition to the establishment of the Okinotorishima as a separate country. Even if JARL should hold DX pedition there, we shall not recognize it as a country and shall never do QSO.

Under date of May 7, 1976 Far East DX-ploiters (FEDXP)

(JA1BK, JA1BN (Editor of Denpa Kagaku), JA1BWA, JA1CIB, JA1DZY, JA1FHK,) (JA1HYF, JA1IBX (Editor of FEDXP), JA1IFP, JA1MIN, JA2BY, JA2JW (Presid-) (ent of FEDXP, Chairman of JARL Contest Committee), JA2ADH, JA6AGZ (Editor) (of CQ-Ham Radio for DX), JA8ADQ SUNSPOT LOUIE Though there may be some great days in the future, we went through another week with no significant sunspot activity. Even with ideal observation conditions and diligent searching for even some minor activity, the search was in vain.

The last significant spot was noted on May 15th, it rotating to the back side of the sun on that day. Even with the lack of activity there have been some good openings with WWV coming up with a lot of '6's and a couple of '7's on the 24th and 25th.

(Sob)

1400Z 25 May 76 W8ZOK

With the recurrent 27 day cycle, some good conditions may be showing by the start of next week. During May there were seven active regions on the sun between May 6th and May 18th. On May 16th the sunspot activity brought the count close to 40. All of this was old Cycle 20 activity and though the faithful keep looking for that new, new Cycle 21 activity, not too much of it has been noted.

Whether you reach the Zurich predictions or the WWV, they are consistent is saying that we probably are at the flat bottom of the cycle. For those who may take hope from misery, here is what the experts look to see in the coming months:

	June	July	August	September	October	Novem'r	Decem'r
Zurich	5	5	4	4			. 12.14
Boulder	9	9	8	8	8	8	8

These are the 12-month average sunspot numbers. There are different systems for figuring these things, the result seems to be the same, however.

But even in the darkest day there may be a bright glean of sunshine and happy memories of days that were and will be again. From the banks of the Potomac, WhUMF says that there will be some good days ahead and they may come before the week is out. Brace yourself for mid-June. It may be a happy season for the Deserving DXers....

June	2nd	Low Normal	June 9th	High	Normal
	3rd	Low Normal	10th	High	Normal
	4th	Low Normal	11th	High	Normal
•	5th	Low Normal	12th	High	Normal
	6th	High Normal	13th	High	Normal
	7th	High Normal	14th	High	Normal
	8+h	High Normal			

Even WWV joins in on the game plan, noting that disturbed conditions were expected this last weekend but conditions should start improving on Monday with quiet conditions around June4th and will continue for several weeks.

With things in the future looking a bit brighter....and most everyone waiting for more of the Cycle 21 stuff, K6EV comes up with the charts of the days that were and Ev says they were like:

	Solar :	Flux A	Index	x			Solar Flux	A Index
May 17th	77		4		May	21st	71	10
18th	75		2			22nd	72	10
19th	75		8			23rd	71	11
20th	72		14			24th	70	_

There it is! As they say back in the canyons of the Palo Verde: "Don't stop the music, Muchachos! We will dance all night...."

BAJA NUEVO Everything is set for the Baja Nuevo effort this week, as of the last weekend, SMØAGD and HKØBKX were together on San Andres and waiting for K6AHV to arrive. You should hear them on Wednesday.....

The group will stop at Serrana Bank enroute and there may be a brief operation on Tuesday during the evening period there at Serrana. For those who may wonder when this may be, Serrana Bank is approximately 80°W and 14°N. Sunset could be around 2200-2300Z there if our calculations are close. Close to the equator you will not find the long days you encounter during the summer in the higher latitudes.

Anyhow, they expect to be on from Baja Nuevo onWednesday and will operate to the following Sunday, June 6th. The frequencies to be watched are:

CW: 3505kc 7005kc 7025kc 14025kc 21025kc SSB: 3795kc 7095kc 14195kc 21295kc 28595kc

The operation will also be on 160 meters but the frequency was not available as the group were finishing their plans. They should be located, however, with no difficulty when they start on the top band.

Travel will be on a forty-foot boat and they will have LORAN gear. Both Erik, SMØAGD and K6AHV have had previous experiences in trying to locate a low bank in an endless sea and it can be frustrating.

QSLs will be handled by SM3CXS. The effort is being supported by the Northern California DX Foundation. The planning and prospects for this one appear to be excellent and it is possible that they will get some advantage of the improving conditions late in the week.

During periods when the bands are open to Europe and to the Japan/Asia areas, they will concentrate on working those areas. The W/K path should be open during a good portion of their operating day. Tentatively, they were planning to look for the JAs and SEAsia during the 0300Z and later period, including a possible contact with 7J1RL.

- IRAQ No late rumors on this one. Something will show one of these days but if you are looking for something solid, it is not yet available. It is hoped to have some up-date in the SP6 operations in the coming week.
- JUAN FERNANDEZ for a couple of days in September. This would be after his visit to the states and the ARRL National Convention at Denver July 16-18th.
- KC7LBH This special call is being signed all month by WA70BH, Lee Graves, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. That came on June 25, 1876 when General Custer and the Sixth Cavalry rode over from the Rosebud to corner some Sioux and Cheyennes. QSL to WA70BH....17 South Chouteau, Hardin, Montana 59034.

EL-160mtrs As of a couple of months back, the ZLs can now operate 160mtrs in the 1803-1813kc segment. This should be better than the 1875kc area and ZL2BT has been working the W/Ks in this new section.

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matter with Dick Baldwin, W1RU, on one side and Kiyoshi Mizoguchi, JA1BK, on the other side. Some may have sat through the proceedings and came away with other impressions. After being there and listening to the taping of the meeting, this is ours.

During the DX Forum, questions on Okino-Tori Shima were put off, it being ruled that this matter would be discussed at 1700. At that time W1RU presented his case, saying that it was his decision, that he did it because the JARL wanted it, and that he did it for what he considered the best interests of amateur radio with WARC 1979 coming up.

W1RU also noted that the matter had been presented to the Awards Committee and that a majority favored the proposal. "....the fellow who disagreed is still working there", W1RU commented on this portion of the action. The matter was apparently not discussed or mentioned to the Board of Directors during the January meeting and W1RU noted that this was because that it was=felt that the motion of Director Haller, Minute 94, did apply to future considerations of country status of an area and not to determinations already made. It was also noted that some Directors might not align with this reasoning and that some more discussions might ensue at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Noting that he had five minutes to present his case, W1RU was forthright and open in his presentation. He said that he did it because he felt that it was the right thing to do. When the story broke, JA1AN was in the middle of a re-election campaign and indicated that he was opposed to having the Okino-Tori Shima matter withdrawn. JA1AN was reelected in the April JARL election. W1RU said that any fault to be found in the decision would have to be his.

JA1BK made a presentation hampered by the time limitation and to some extent dependent on a slide presentation of documents in the case. One would have had to be a master in speed-reading to absorb all of the documents but much of it was both interesting and revealing....what one could read.

The JA case was projected on the basis of the integrity of DXCC and the moral issue of a new country being bought by the JARL contributions to the IARU and their support for WARC in 1979. Whether they were on the rostrum or in private conversations, the JAs at the meeting were adament in their opposition to the Okino-Tori Shima decision. Nothing could deter them in their strong feeling that the decision was wrong. Lists of DX Clubs in Japan and the position of many prominent JA DXers were given. Overall, their presentation was constantly hampered by the short time available and the complexity of the whole matter.

Presently the DXAC is considering a proposal that Okino-Tori Shima would cease to be a DXCC country at the end of the present year. This might be an indicator of the pressures and variety of opinions in the matter.

The Okino-Tori Shima matter was put off to 1700Z. At 1730Z the two-hour no-holds barred cocktail hour was scheduled to start. After the presentation by W1RU and JA1BK, there was a period of questions and the meeting adjourned at 1730Z. Some hard questions and comments had been heard, some disagreement with the decision had been voiced, some extraneous suggestions tossed up for appraisal but when the hour came, most everyone headed for the open bar.

It does seem, no matter what happens, that the echoes of Okino-Tori Shima may sound through the corridors of DX and the ARRL for a long time to come. Though there was no evident decision in the matter at Fresno, it was just as evident that many have reservations on the whole thing.

W1RU's forthright approach helped him considerably. He did what he thought was right and many admired him for it. Many also were in agreement with the JA's.

Before we get too far down the road, it should be noted that we did tape the W1RU/JA1BK discussions on the Okino-Tori Shima question when they met at the Fresno International DX Meeting. While we have listened to the tape a number of times, there is still something new each time we hear it. It also has comment by a number of DXers including VU2KV, WA7LRU, W6MUR and several others. W6NJU was the chairman for the DX Forum. Presently the tape is in the southeastern area but we have asked that some copies be made. We will lend them if we can get the additional copies. While it was not any effort that will be noted as scintillating in its recording, the message does come through well. VU2KV is particularly clear in his comments.....he was sitting alongside us.

With all the questions on the Okino-Tori Shima matter, there is still some feeling that the whole thing is a matter of unfortunate timing. But with all the opposition and feeling on the matter, the JARL has moved to handle the details with some very good activities.

On the matter of information, they have been outstanding. Naoki Akiyama, JH1VRQ, from the Foreign Affairs Section of the JARL, has consistently been timely and complete with information on the effort. The JARL did gather a good group of operators to make the trip and it was not a minor financial transaction to charter a 500-ton vessel for a couple of weeks. In everything to this time JARL seems to be determined that this will be a successful operation.

By this time you should know what some of the outcome or their plans were. Under any conditions the Okino-Tori Shima area can be hazardous. With the effects of the typhoon to be faced and dangerous shoal areas to be traversed, the effort is not an easy one and one not with its moments of caution.

The new ARRL Repeater Directory is going to be available by mid-June. Over 2000 repeaters listed. Send an at least 6x9" envelope...46¢ postage for first-class return....24¢ for third-class. Early submission of envelopes will ensure that you will be the first in your neighborhood with the new directory.

The SEANET 1976 convention is tentatively set for the NEW HORIZON Hotel in Jakarta. This over the weekend of Novembe 12-14th. Apparently as a PR gesture, some ARRL officials have been noted at meetings displaying their CB licenses newly acquired. Some unreconstructed types finding it a bit hard to take. Undoubtedly the ARRL is getting some spin-off from the CB madness with ARRL membership escalating to new record highs and the sales of publications going up, up, up. A lot of supply houses also noting the same thing.

Lawrence LeKashman, W2IOP, W2AB, etc., will be leaving Lafayette Radio at the end of the month..he has been executive Vice-president at the electronics firm. He also held the call W9IOP. We ended up short of time again this week...

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PREPARE!! Cycle 21 will arrive one of these days. Be Prepared when it comes
Bob Ferrero K6AHV
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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Like to an hermit poor in place obscure, I mean to spend my days of endless doubt, To wail such woes as time cannot recure, Where none but DX shall ever find me out....

LOW BAND LOUIE

CTLAT 7008/0225/May 21m
CP8CIS 3802/0505/May 20e ZF1GC 3807/1030/May 16e KV4FZ 3816/0135/May 21m 9J2JN 3778/0400/May 14e
AFRICA CW
EA8BF 14031/0200/May 17e 5Z4KW 14010/1825/May 20e 3B8DC 14051/1045/May 17e# 3X2M 14061/1935/May 20e?
AFRICA SSB
C5AR 14300/2105/May 20e VE1APY/SU 14140/1900 22m 5Z4NH 21305/1855/May 17w EA8MO 21295/1540/May 17w TU2FV 21300/1920/May 25w 5Z4LW 14277/1840/May 20e EA8LI 21304/0010/May 18w ZS1TS 21290/1555/May 17w 9G1JX 14240/1950/May 23m EA8KX 21298/2315/May 17w ZS5PG 14237/1115/May 20e 9Q5DM 21316/1800/May 16e EA9FF 14226/2300/May 22e ZS5KI 21294/0630/May 17w 9Q5ZZ 21298/1355/May 19m DK5EC/ET3 21280/2220/ 16e 5U7AG 14243/0535/May 19w 9X5RK 14237/1950/May 19w
ASIA SSB
A6XR 14196/1415/May 16e UK7PAL 14237/0240/May 18m 4ZLRM 14192/0445/May 17w BV2B 14219/1235/May 19e UK8BAJ 14220/1940/May 23e 5B4CO 14285/2030/May 16m CR9AJ 14222/1150/May 17m UK9AAN 14245/0135/May 19e 5B4ES 14289/1645/May 20e EP2TW 14217/0355/May 18w UL7QH 13208/0130/May 19m 5B4AV 14264/2015/May 20e HL9TO 14240/1250/May 22e UL7OE 14238/0240/May 18e 5B4BK 14202/0535/May 18w HL9TX 14202/1320/May 19m UL7EAJ 14239/0325/May 18e 5B4BK 14202/0535/May 18w HM1EU 14225/2310/May 18w UL7FAE 14210/0240/May 19e 9K2BF 14223/2100/May 20e HS1BG 14225/1530/May 26w VS6GG 14222/1310/May 19w 9M2MW 14205/1455/May 20e HZ1TA 14282/1500/May 20e VS6BL 14203/1230/May 19e 9M2LN 14220/1410/May 20e HZ1TA 14282/1500/May 20e VS6BL 14203/1230/May 18e 9M2KT 14259/1540/May 20e OD5DA 14289/2030/May 18e VS6DO 14236/1140/May 18e 9M2KT 14259/1540/May 20e OD5DA 14289/2030/May 17e VS6DL 14207/0700/May 18e 9M2KT 14259/1540/May 20e OD5DA 14228/2220/May 17e VS6DL 14207/0700/May 19kh 9M2DY 14280/1325/May 18m JY9EK 14219/2345/May 21kh UU2GDG 14233/0220/May 18m 9V1SH 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m VU2ACD 14218/0130/May 22w 9V1NR 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m VU2KV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m VU2KV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m UZKV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m UZKV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m UZKV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14222/1245/May 24e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m UZKV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14212/ 505/May 16e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m UZKV 14211/1500/May 22w 9V1NR 14212/ 505/May 16e UG6SG 14235/2000/May 19m UZKV 14211/1500/May 18w (e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii etc)

(all times in gmt # = longpath ?? = slim...the last of the big c.w. operators)

ACTA	CILI						
ASIA	CW					at at the formation	
CR9AJ	14036/1115/May 22	e UH8BZ	14043/0325/May			14044/0035/May	
EP2AK	14060/1030/May 20	e UH8DU	14008/0200/May		UL7FA	14024/0010/May	
EP2EA	14025/0250/May 21		14046/0200/May		UL7TAK	14037/0100/May	
HM1IJ	14027/1030/May 19	e UI8LK	14007/0135/May		UL7BAF	14044/0130/May	
JT1KAA	14025/0430/May 23	w UI8AP	14032/0045/May		UL7PQ	14049/0030/May	
UAØAAK	14014/0305/May 18	e UI8ADF	14054/0300/May		UL7NAF	14029/0200/May	
UAØFCK	14044/0630/May 24	e UI8ADU	14048/0240/May		UL7GAA	14026/0210/May	
UD6DFF	14027/0235/May 18:	m UI8GAJ	14037/0130/May		UM8NNN	14043/0125/May	
UD6DKK	14048/0450/May 19	m UI8AG	14045/0220/May		UM8MAD	14031/0005/May	
UF6FAG	14003/0310/May 18:	m UI8LK	14055/0225/May		UV9BA	14018/0135/May	
UF6DZ	14085/0355/May 22	w UJ8JBR	14014/0150/May		VU2BK	14028/0100/May	
UG6AD	14002/0330/May 18	m UJ8AE	14027/0140/May		VU2LO	14039/0140/May	
UG6GAP	14028/0415/May 19		14028/0150/May		VS6BL	14024/1235/May	
TAH8HU	14019/0205/May 18	m UK8NAA	14050/0300/May		VS6EY	14020/1300/May	
UH8DC	14003/0145/May 17		14020/0230/May		VS6FE	14020/1345/May	
UH8HAB	14023/0140/May 17		14009/0410/May	18e	LXLFU	14054/2335/May	
UH8DAB	14021/0140/May 17		14030/0330/May	17m	5B4C0	14034/2045/May	
UH8DL	14036/0130/May 17	e UL7CT	14031/0125/May	17m	9M2FK	14037/1540/May	
UH8CS	14040/0145/May 17	e UL7PA	14044/1450/May	19w	9V1RD	14041/1530/May	16m
UH8HBR	14024/0225/May 18		14030/0155/May	19e			
EUROPE	CW	1.5					0.00
CT1UM	14043/2320/May 20	w OK2AG	14043/0430/May		UK2WAF	14017/1825/May	
CTLAT	14040/1930/May 19	e OZ3FU	14085/0400/May		UO50WN	14024/0430/May	
DA1OR	14010/0510/May 15	w PAOUGB	14047/0505/May		UP2NK	14057/0910/May	
DM2CMF	14026/0455/May 17	w SV1IQ	14025/2215/May		UP2BA0	14010/0545/May	
EA6DF	14030/2235/May 17	e SVØWTT	14061/1945/May		UP20M	14031/0425/May	
GMLBS	14001/2010/May 17	w TA1ZP	14028/2230/May	17w	UP2MB	, , , ,	19e
ISØWMU	14072/0440/May 22	w TA1ZB		17e	UQ2GDQ	14025/0700/May	19m
JW5NM	14025/0340/May 20	w TF3JB			UQ2GDN	14018/1240/May	
LXØRL	14031/2340/May 15	e UA1ABD	14022/2310/May		UQ2GW	14015/1805/May	18w
LZ1KPW	14001/2055/May 17	w UC20AF		18w	UQ20C		18w
LZ1KSN	14008/1430/May 21	w UC20Q		19e	UR2CU		17m
LZ2KGB	14050/0430/May 25	w UK2GKW		22e	UR2TAX	14047/0730/May	
OK1AEH	14042/0540/May 21	w UK2BAS	14040/1150/May	22€	YO3RF	14050/0450/May	25w
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CTASX	21300/2350/May 19	w LX1TX	14200/2240/May		SV1IW	21290/1850/May	
CT2BD	14260/2140/May 20	e LX1kN	14269/1500/May		SVØWZ	14220/2200/May	
CT2AK	14206/1515/May 15	e LX1J0	14267/0540/May		UA3SAQ		
DJINY	14219/0710/May 19	kh LZ2HA	14220/2210/May			14211/1215/May	
EA3CR	14207/1825/May 15	m LZ2KKZ	14220/1935/Nay			14216/1240/May	
EA3URE	14213/1950/May 21	w OE3UP	14225/1550/May		UK2BAS	14224/1715/May	15m
EA6AA	14212/0000/May 15	m OH7UE	14207/0310/May		UK5IAZ	21290/1935/May	18w
EA6BG	14216/1840/May 17	e OHØAC				14209/0145/May	
EI2CA	14333/2340/May 24	w OHØNI	14236/1430/May		UK5WAA	14209/1245/May	23e
FC2CH	14245/2050/May 20	e OHØNJ	14253/0605/May		The committee of the co	al dol /im to be	4.07
GI3YDH	14218/1820/May 20	w OK2RZ	14263/0545/May		UP2BA	14224/1750/May	
GWLBVN	14205/0025/May 22	w OK2BKR	14222/0450/May		ZD2DN	14265/2110/May	
GWLBNJ	14207/1825/May 15	m ON4IZ	14224/2050/May		UR2RJ	14212/0540/Nay	
IT9DYT	14244/2330/May 16	m OZ5KF	14203/2300/May		UR2QD	14208/0805/May	
ISØCSX	14235/2320/May 16	m OZ7HM	14226/2020/May		HU8ITU	14269/2050/May	16e
JW2CF	14210/1950/May 18	w SP3DOI	14224/2050/May		9H1EW	14224/2240/May	
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TRANSKEI This 'homeland' for Xhosa-speaking Africans will come into being as an independent state on October 26th. In the planning and development stages for some years, this may be the first of eight other 'homelands' that may come into being should the hopes for Transkei flower into an independent nation in what is now part of South Africa.

The Transkei area is on the Indian Ocean side of the Republic of South Africa, between Port Elizabeth and Durban and east of the Drakensberg Mountains. Some opposition to the Transkei 'homeland' has developed in recent months, some referring to Transkei as "...a bastard child of South Africa's separatist policies". However, the plans apparently are going ahead and there will be an application made for admittance to the United Nations after Transkei goes independent in October.

You might watch the newspapers later this summer. This has all the earmarks of a 'new one' and that would be the third one this year. Tuvalu, Okinotorishima and now Transkei. There is possibility of even one or two more coming....

SOUPY GROVES Soupy Groves, W5NW, one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the ARRL and a long time Vice-president, is presently in New Zealand to represent the ARRL at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the NZART.

The actual Golden Jubilee celebration will be June 4th to 7th. W5NW was being heard last week when he visited ZL2LQ and operated the station there.

LINE ISLANDS VR6AK was heard from Washington Island in the Line Island Group on May 23rd. He was at 14245kc from 0745Z. Said to QSL to KH6AHZ.

IRAN EP2EA, Elizabeth, is on c.w. looking for VE7-contacts. She was at 14052kc from 0300Z on May 17th.

CALENDAR

Okino-Tori Shima SERRANA BANK BAJA NUEVO BILL RINDONE YL-SSB Convention NORTHWEST DX MEETING DXPO 76 SEANET 76 Convention Due to open over the last weekend...through this week SMØAGD and K6AHV on briefly Tuesday....June 1st SMØAGD and K6AHV from Wednesday, Jun 2nd, to Sunday Planning to being in the A6X/A4X area late this month June 24-27th...Long Island City. WØUUE for details Aug 7/8th in Vancouver, British Columbia September 26th....Washington,D.C/Jakarta....November 12-14th tentatively. See your travel agent

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N1ITU to W1GNC N3ITU to W3DOS N2ITU to WA2EAH NQLITU to WBLFDT NE1ITU ARRL MULITU KLZA NVLITU W2GHK NZ1ITU K1HRV NSLITU WBLFLW WULITU KLFYQ.

NA6ITU to W6UFJ N8MI to K8IDE N9ITU to K9GSC NE6ITU WA6PDE NK8ITU W8RSW NV6ITU WA6TAX WV8ITU W8BT N6ITU K6ILM

STRANGE ONES WAPUZ/XZ2 was getting a lot of attention last week though most of it was other than W/Ks. This one was at 14020kc from around 2300Z. One east coast station working this one said that the beam direction was right, the flutter was there and everything else. Many Europe and Asia stations worked this one. W4PUZ not listed in the latest Call Book. It was not listed in a 1969 call book either. In 1950 it was listed as a Reginald Craig in Brewton, Alabama. Also heard recently was a 3X2M at 14061kc/1935Z on May 20th. Work 'em first, worry later!!

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ARRL ARRL has filed a position with the FCC for an extension of time in Docket 20777. The docket, which would remove all mode restrictions from the amateur rules and replace them with allowable bandwidths, is felt to be a far-reaching proposal with some possible effects which might be an adverse effect on a substantial number of amateurs. The league is asking that the date for comments be extended to June 23rd.

Up to last week there had been no action on Docket 20282 though there had been some rumors that something had been issued. The Handbook is selling well, an additional 20,000 copies were ordered earlier this year and another 15,000 had to be ordered recently. July QST will have information on the affiliated club/FCC training program. The new film for CBers, "MOVING UP TO AMATEUR RADIO", will have its official preview at the Denver ARRL Convention.

TNX to W1AM, W1DAL, W1BB, W1GZI, WA1IJC, K1TZQ, K2BT, W2FPM, W1WQC/L, K2GBC, K3ZOL, WLBAA, WALEYR, WLGTS, WLKA, WLKN, WLKNW, KLQMQ, WBLSIJ, WLTYE, KLYFQ, WLUMF, WLUF, WA5AUZ, WB5OAH, K5OVC, K5TSQ, WA5ZWC, WA6CXK, K6EC, W6GC, WB6IXC, K6LAE, WA6MWG, K6UFT, WB6UJO, K6VY, WB6ZUC, W7BCT, WA7HRE, WA7OBH, WA7UVO, W8BQV, W8OA, W8ZOK, K7ABV, W7AYO, W9DDL, K9KEV, W9KNI, WB9LHI, K9OTB, K9UIY, K9WEH, W9YRA, WØBA, WØSFU, KH6BZFfff, PA9WRR, YBØABV, JH2VRQ, M6MAV.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. A couple of the local QRPers came by last week and, as usual, were deep in a discussion of the Mysteries of the Ages. "We can't agree", said one QRPer. "I say that a real true-blue DXer Big Gun is a master of DX Technique....he says that nothing beats three or four kilowatts into stacked yagis at over a bullred feet. What do you think?". Son of a Gun!! We were not to be caught in this one so we hauled them over to the Old Timer who listened to them sharpen the points of their arguments. "What do you think", they asked after they had made some obscure points and the Old Timer shrugged. "How about rationalism?", he asked and the QRPers drew their brows together, questioning. "Big Gun DXers are an uneasy peer group to themselves", the Old Timer continued, "and it is often evident that non-rationality of DX totals are the fundamental criteria rather than reason and experience". Later we asked the ORPers what they thought of the matter and all one would way was: "I'm thinking". And while one ponders the pursuit of the Inevitable Truths and finds it may only be an illusion that we have seen before, \$10.00 brings you a full year of DX de-ja vu by second-class (newspaper treatment) in the U.S and VE Areas. \$14.50 flips it at you by first-class to the U.S and VE while \$17.00 flies it to Mexico and all those DX lands down the curve of the horizon and beyond the time before morning....

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