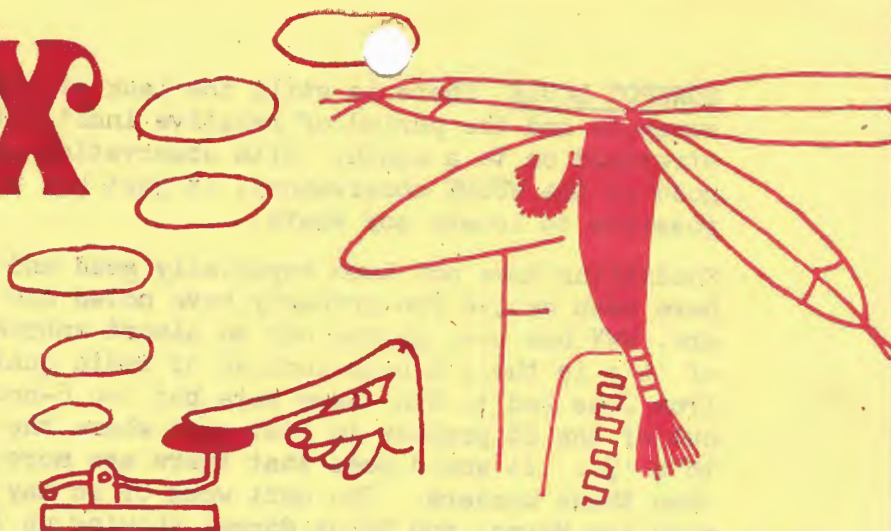


WEST COAST DX BULLETIN



June 15, 1976

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BILL RINDONE Bill will be definitely heading out in the next week or two. The tentative dates for departure are either June 19th or June 26th. So it will either be this Saturday or the following one.

The departure dates were depending on his getting some needed visas. He was getting things all lashed together last week, aiming for the Red Sea areas as his initial stops and then down the east coast of Africa.

More should be coming through on this for next weeks bulletin. However, keep the possibility of the June 19th date in mind and possibly keep an ear attuned for something in the following week.

RECAPING While one can often make some early appraisals of how an operation went or is going, it takes a couple of weeks to get any sort of a grip on what the overall results might be. Some form is starting to shape on two recent operations, Baja Nuevo and Oki-no Tori Shima.

On the Oki-no Tori Shima, while no final report has been received on the number of QSOs, there were areas where 7J1RL was a difficult one to hear and to work. The east coast of the U.S. was not fat in the number of QSOs and it does seem that some of the bigger names in DXing could not catch up with this one. Some have reported as never hearing the station with a strong signal and not being able to work it. It would seem that the percentage of success with 7J1RL was not especially high, a longer operation might have been a helpful factor for some as the pile-ups diminished in intensity in a longer effort.

Early reports from Europe indicate that no early success was found over the weekend when the station opened up. With little reported success up through Monday, there probably was not any great number worked though this is a presumption. This is not the period for long-haul DXing with any consistency and it is expected that 7J1RL left a lot calling even though the JARL did go to considerable effort to make this one a success.

Baja Nuevo in early reports may have been a more successful operation. At 1500Z on June 7th the party was southwest of Serrana Bank on the way to San Andres on the return trip. HK0AA on Baja Nuevo went QRT about 1700Z on Sunday, June 6th. Conditions favored their return journey, they had hampered the out-bound course and they were expected in San Andres on Tuesdays. Operation on Baja Nuevo started shortly after 2030Z on June 3rd, two rigs being in operation, with three generators. 7500QSOs were made on 6 bands. It was reported that many JAs were worked on twenty and forty, as well as a large number of Europeans. Several comments have been noted on the ability of the operators, SM0AGD, K6AHV and HK0BKX running up a good high hourly total of QSOs.

SUNSPOT LOUIE There is still the lack of significant sunspots and the period of relative inactivity has now stretched on to a month. With observation conditions good at the W8ZOK observatory, it just has not been possible to locate any spots.

Conditions have not been especially good and if you have been active you probably have noted how things are. WWV has been giving out an almost unbroken string of '6's in their 6-hour indices of radio quality, actually from June 2nd to 8th there were but two 6-hour periods out of the 28 periods in that week where the quality slipped to a '5'. It would seem that there are more important things than these numbers. The next week or so may not be much improvement with Low Normal and Below Normal showing up like they intend to settle down and stay for awhile....like in-laws visiting on their vacation. Scarcely welcomed but one must tolerate.....

(Sob)

1215Z
8 Jun 76
W8ZOK

Cycle 21 is making itself scarce and there still is no sign of these high-latitude spots that all the Deserving DXers are looking for. Though the first signs of Cycle 21 were noted some year or two back, they are slow in making much of an appearance.

We are now into the flat bottom of the cycle, WWV predicting a SSN of less than 10 to the end of the year. One must grit their teeth and smile for certainly these are the dog days for Deserving DXers.

From the south bank of the Potomac, W4UMF takes a second long look into the future, it was hard to believe the first one, and Ted says that it may not be a time for joy and jubilation as we move across the summer solstice and approach the Glorious Fourth of July. Ted says that with lady-finger firecrackers being ruled as the safe way to enjoy future celebrations, the conditions are pip-squeak to match.....

June 15th	Low Normal	June 22nd	Low Normal
16th	Low Normal	23rd	Low Normal
17th	Low Normal	24th	Below Normal
18th	Low Normal	25th	Below Normal
19th	Low Normal	26th	Below Normal
20th	Low Normal	27th	Low Normal
21st	Low Normal	28th	Low Normal

That may be bad and WWV comes along to say: "There are no obvious periods within the next 27 days when radio conditions should be worse than fair to good". This would seem to tie in with W4UMF's squint into the murky future for Ted again says: "There will be some good days ahead and some bad days ahead. And in between there will be more of the same..."

All this cheer and relatively speaking is sometime a difficult thing to cope with so we turn to K6EC and Ev the Chartmakers Friend has all the flux and indices which will help you figure that someday things may be better but it will not be before the Fourth of July.....or even the start of the Tricentennial..... Ev says it was:

Solar Flux	A Index	Solar Flux	A Index
May 31st 66	9	Jun 4th 66	20
Jun 1st 67	6	5th 66	18
2nd 67	6	6th 67	9
3rd 66	7	7th 67	-

The political parties will be having their conventions in the next couple of months. You might watch and see which one promises to do something that the country vitally needs.....Bring Back Sunspots!!!

June 1976

1976 ARGENTINE DX CONTEST This is a two-stage contest, the CW weekend coming over the July 4th weekend, the phone portion coming on August 7th and 8th.

The object is to work as many LUs as possible, signal report and QSO number being given starting with 001. 3 points are given for QSOs in 3.5 and 7mc....1 point for 14/21/28mhz. LU4AA is worth ten points.

Multipliers are given for each Argentine province, this in each band. LU provinces are indicated by the letter following the call. Such as:

LU-A/B/C	Federal Capital	LU-P	San Juan
D/E	Buenos Aires	Q	San Luis
F	Santa Fe	R	Catamarca
GA/GO	Chaco	S	La Rioja
GP/GZ	Formosa	T	Jujuy
H	Cordoba	U	La Pampa
I	Misiones	V	Rio Negro
J	Entre Rios	W	Chubut
K	Tucuman	XA/XO	Santa Cruz
L	Corrientes	XP/XZ	Tierra del Fuego
M	Mendoza	Y	Neuquen
N	Santiago del Estero	Z	Antarctica
O	Salta		

Log sheets showing callsign/mode/band/date and time (GMT) serial number sent, serial number received, province or country and QSO points go to:

Radio Club Argentino
Subcomision de Concursos
Box 97, 1000 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Plaques, certificates and medals will be awarded to high scorers in each category. With the n/s path fairly dependable, this may give you some action in the coming weeks.

QSL INFO WB80FG, Dick Ackerman out of Birmingham, Michigan, operated from three South Pacific spots a couple of months back and you might be looking for the QSL route. We also had to look for the list as along the way it got misplaced. Anyhow, late or not, here it is.

In New Zealand, WB80FG was issued the reciprocal call, ZL2AWK, and operated from Napier at ZL2WC's station. Dick also operated in the Solomons with the call of VR4DA, this being from March 29th to April 3rd. In the Solomons he operated from the station of VR4DX and in Nauru, he operated the club station, C21NI, from April 4th to April 6th. If you worked any of these stations during these periods, QSL to WB80FG.

Dick also passed along the information that VR4DX asks for patience as he left for the United Kingdom on a ten week leave in mid-April and will have the cards printed while there. He will QSL on return to VR4, possibly late June or July.

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Believe!! DX Lives!!! Somewhere.....

16 June 1976

SHORTLY NOTED Last year we ran that 'needed-country' poll which W1AM and some helpers in the Southern New England DX Assn broke down into several different lists. It is planned to take another poll later this Fall. If you cannot wait....or are a bit late to the scene, W1AM will supply a set of the lists for \$1.00.....which will then go to the No Calif. DX Foundation. This is the poll which was in the WCDXB but there have been recurrent queries for it.

VK2FT/LH was there on a broadcast station construction job. He was due to leave on or about June 10th. QSLs for this one go to K1TZQ. VR3AH has been showing with a booming signal from Christmas Island....this one QSLs to K2BT. KB6CU was due to close down the American Phoenix operation on June 14th and will be heading for another assignment in the Pacific....vis KS6.

There are still a few ITU calls to account for. N4ITU goes to W4LVM. NI6ITU to WB6QBJ. VK2AR will be visiting in VU and 4S7 in the next several weeks, possibly also 9N1. Possibly you will find him on forty c.w. from these spots.

That YI2AD on the last week of May was heard by a number of east coast stations but little else is known. Odds are that it was Slim. That station signing W4PUZ/XZ2 is rather definitely Slim.

TF3ST/4U, Stefan, is at Ismara with the UN forces there. Often found in the 14265-14275kc area from 1900Z. IE9CBM heard a week or so back goes to I2YDX. KJ6DL has a QSL Manager or two.....he has WB5HVY for stateside and JA10CA back in Japan.

If you are looking for registration information on the DXPO 76 effort in late September, WA3NGS is handling this detail. DK5JA indicated recently that VS5MC would be active again starting last week. This seems to be Maurice Caplan, back in Brunei after trying the air in a few other areas.

If you might be interested in Esperanto, and apparently some are, there is a group meeting on Mondays at 1800Z at 14266kc or thereabouts. The report is that the International Radio Assn, a forerunner of the IARU, had Esperanto as its official language. Also, it is said that in the early years of amateur radio the ARRL favored Esperanto. Maybe you will learn more on the above net.

VP8MS indicates he will be listening for the W/Ks at 3795kc from 0100Z....this one is on South Georgia. Note that elsewhere there is the summer schedule for the Arkansas DX Assn....they are on at 0200Z until October 1st.

YN8KMA will be heard on all bands from this week through the end of August. This is an effort by the 'Alamos DX Amigos', a volunteer group of medics and students, who regularly visit Central and South America each summer to aid in medical care in remote areas.

The first two weeks will have WB5CFI of the Texas DX Society trying to keep the YN8-prefix heard on eighty thru ten....SSB only. QSLs for this go to WA5WCT.

W5UFF operated ZF1BT the last week in May, a broken solder connection taking out the first day of his planned operation. Bruce found conditions not the best and this true on twenty c.w. He found some activity during periods when the bands opened but he also found plenty of opportunity to relax with the bands folded.

JA0CUV has noted that the only 1.8mhz contact he made from VR4 was with W5USM. Minera might count for something yet. Kephart Communications in Alexandria, Va., is offering Minerva coins.....\$75.00 each. 10 grains of 24k gold on 24 grams of pure silver. The brochure notes that the government of the Republic of Minerva is in exile after it was forcibly invaded by the Kingdom of Tonga. The possibility is mentioned that Minerva may reclaim its territory....yet.

SV0WTT indicates that the SVs can operate 80mtrs...3.5mhz to 3.6...A1/A3/A3J. Jim McCook, W6YA, will have open house for DXers on July 24th down there at Solano Beach. Rosie EP2YL/JY7YL/JY9YL will be there. We will have more on this....

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Oh, Lonely Night, Last Forever!
You have made me learn to live and love--
And work DX.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

G3SZA 1829/0355/Jun	6e	HK0AA/S 1823/0420/Jn	6e		
GDLBEG 1827/0130/Jun	6e	PA0HIP 1827/0320/Jun	6m		
HB9RM 1827/0310/Jun	6e	KV4FZ 1801/0325/Jun	6m		
C31JW 3794/0405/Jun	8e	VS6DO 3807/1230/Jun	8w	ZP5AO 3800/0540/Jun	4m
KH6IJ 3797/1030/Jun	4e	ZL1BOQ 3807/1050/Jun	3e	ZP5YW 3797/0935/Jun	6e
KJ6DL 3804/1100/Jun	6e	ZL3NR/C 3800/0930/Jn	7w	8P6CN 3806/0850/Jun	8w
LU4AGE 3740/0920/Jun	7w	ZL3FM/VR1 3801/0930	7w	9K2GJ 3797/0130/Jun	5m
CT4AT 7085/0325/Jun	6m	KJ6DL 7184/0730/Jun	4m	VK2FT/LH 7027/0950	3e
CO6OH 7004/0115/Jun	3m	KJ6DL 7003/1040/Jun	5e	VR1AA 7002/0730/Jun	1w
DJ7MI 7004/0310/Jun	1m	KL7FA 7032/0400/Jun	5m	VR3AH 7024/0635/Jun	7e
F6ARC 7007/0015/Jun	6m	KM6BI 7231/0730/Jun	5e	YN1AWS 7236/0735/Jun	5e
FK8CJ 7016/0730/Jun	3m	KX6BU 7009/0740/Jun	1m	ZF1FL 7005/0525/Jun	5w
FM7AZ 7005/0120/Jun	3m	OX1XJ 7029/0235/Jun	5m	ZF1SP 7025/0615/Jun	4m
HC2SL 7016/0115/Jun	3m	VE8RA 7026/0835/Jun	4m	9Y4DS 7001/0115/Jun	2e

AFRICA CW

FL8JC 14042/2210/Jun 6e

AFRICA SSB

CT3AB 14213/0110/Jun	6e	ZE6CP 14239/0505/Jun	2m
EA9AI 14217/2200/Jun	6e	ZD7SD 14208/1900/Jun	2m
EL2DT 14234/2125/Jun	6e	ZS1TS 21294/1550/Jun	2m
EL2I 14212/1225/Jun	2e	5U7AG 14291/2340/Jun	2e
EL2U 21314/1820/Jun	2e	5X5NK 14283/1900/Jun	2m
FH8CJ 14202/1330/Jun	6m	9J2JC 21266/1600/Jun	2m

ASIA CW

EP2EA 14042/0255/Jun	2w	UA0OP 14030/0305/Jun	3m	4Z4RS 14026/0355/Jun	1w
HM1IJ 14020/0240/Jun	3w	UA0IBM 14018/0530/Jun	2w	VU2BK 14047/0140/Jun	1e
JI1WRM 14033/1135/Jun	6e	UJ8AE 14028/0100/Jun	2e	4S7DA 14028/0115/Jun	2m
JT0OAQ 14029/0115/Jun	1e	UK0IAK 14030/0500/Jun	3w	9K2DR 14011/1020/Jun	3e
UA9OH 14024/0145/Jun	3m	UW0IG 14028/0410/Jun	7w	9V1RS 14033/0720/Jun	3w
UA9HAV 14007/0045/Jun	2m	VS6AF 14028/1200/Jun	2m	9V1SH 14027/1150/Jun	2m

ASIA SSB

A6XR 14302/1925/Jun	1e	UA8FM 14201/0140/Jun	1e	VS6GG 14210/1300/Jun	2e
AP2AD 14207/0155/Jun	1e	UH8BT 14205/0200/Jun	1w	VU2KW 14211/1500/Jun	5w
BV2B 14217/1225/Jun	2e	UL7YR 14214/0150/Jun	1m	VU7GV 14208/1540/Jun	1w
HL9DX 14227/1210/Jun	2e	UM8FM 14201/0200/Jun	1w	4X4JU 14214/2300/Jun	4e
HZ1AB 14204/0045/Jun	7e	VS6DO 14225/1210/Jun	2e		

EUROPE SSB

CT1AM 14229/1050/Jun	7e	GM3BQM 14205/2120/Jun	7e	TA1MB 14215/2200/Jun	6e
CT1EE 14212/0055/Jun	3w	HB0BFH 14295/2325/Jun	6e	UA6APH 14211/2115/Jun	7e
CT2BS 14237/2200/Jun	6e	IE9BCM 14234/0000/Jun	6e	UB5UAB 14207/2125/Jun	7e
EA4LH 14265/0620/Jun	1e	IS0LYN 14228/2140/Jun	7e	UK5MAS 14214/2120/Jun	7e
EI2CA 14297/2215/Jun	7e	IT9DYT 14245/2330/Jun	5e	UK6LAZ 14211/2120/Jun	7e
FG2CH 14219/0030/Jun	5e	JW2CF 14206/0050/Jun	7e	UK6NT 14208/2116/Jun	7e
GCLDSB 14203/0030/Jun	5e	LZ2KKZ 14256/0450/Jun	1e	YO8AHL 14213/2205/Jun	7e
GD3KGC 14229/2215/Jun	7e	M1B 14217/0535/Jun	3w	YR3AK 14180/0715/Jun	1e
GD3RFK 14212/2035/Jun	1e	OH0NI 14255/0520/Jun	2w		
GM3GNE 14332/0000/Jun	3e	ON4PL 14206/1050/Jun	7e		
GW4AYJ 14214/2305/Jun	5e	SV0WZ 14220/2015/Often			

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

EUROPE CW

HA7MG	14032/0440/Jun	3w	TF3JB	14028/2305/Jun	6w	U05PK	14019/2245/Jun	2e
IS0WMU	14025/2340/Jun	4w	UA6LAH	14029/0500/Jun	3w	UT5PK	14029/0500/Jun	3w
LZ1YL	14024/0450/Jun	1w	UA2DP	14010/2040/Jun	2m	UW3UX	14030/0450/Jun	4w
OK2BKR	14008/0445/Jun	2w	UK2BBB	14028/1235/Jun	2e	UY5FF	14029/0515/Jun	3w
OK3EA	14020/0500/Jun	1w	UK3TBF	14018/1230/Jun	1m	I0WRR	14010/1305/Jun	6e

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CX4CR	21039/1930/Jun	1e	OALABO	14027/0410/Jun	1w	ZF1JL	21032/1910/Jun	3e
FK8CD	14070/0525/Jun	7m	PJ2JS	14033/0715/Jun	3w	3D2ER	14034/0435/Jun	1e
FK8CJ	14070/0525/Jun	7m	PJ2VD	14041/2125/Jun	4e	5W1AB	14025/0700/Jun	2m
FO8AZ	14037/0325/Jun	4e	PJ7VL	14030/1700/Jun	6m	8P6BU	14039/2045/Jun	2m
HC2SL	14026/0405/Jun	1w	VP9GG	14008/1300/Jun	6e	9M6MB	14009/1110/Jun	3e
KX6MJ	14030/0440/Jun	1e	VR3AH	14023/0715/Jun	7e	9M8HB	14041/1240/Jun	6m
OX3AX	14026/0100/Jun	2e	ZF1SP	14034/1220/Jun	2e	9M8HG	14040/1230/Jun	2e

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

AH3FF	14286/0800/Jun	7e	KB6CU	14321/0730/Jun	7e	VP1PTL	14232/1450/Jun	5w
DU1REX	14222/1245/Jun	2e	KG6SW	14228/1240/Jun	2e	VR1AC	14321/0730/Jun	7e
FK8CN	14205/0330/Jun	6w	KJ6CF	14302/0255/Jun	1e	VR1AF	14265/0615/Jun	4w
FO8DO	14205/0400/Jun	4m	KJ6DL	14207/0245/Jun	2e	VR3AK	14176/0645/Jun	often
FO0RS	14206/0320/Jun	4m	KS6CC	14210/0540/Jun	3m	ZL3FM/VR1	14312/1000	6e
HI3RPC	14251/1315/Jun	2e	KX6BU	14213/1345/Jun	6e	TD76UN	14189/1350/Jun	6w
HC2WF	14193/1345/Jun	6w	OX1UR	14201/1115/Jun	6e	YJ8AN	14312/0545/Jun	5w
HK0COP	14201/0000/Jun	1e	OX3PN	14220/1220/Jun	7e	YN5SJE	21352/0040/Jun	2e
HI3RPC	14251/1315/Jun	2e	PJ2MI	14202/1145/Jun	7e	ZP5HJ	21324/1940/Jun	3e
HR3HSK	21205/1825/Jun	2e	P29BN	14225/1240/Jun	6w	9M8HB	14240/1220/Jun	6w

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches all times in gmt)
 (# = long path ??? = Slim....last heard operating /W4/XZ from Rangoon!!)

CONTEST STUFF Tod Olson, W0IYP, who published the National Contest Journal, has announced that he is ceasing publication for a number of factors, personal time and desire being cited. He has offered to help anyone who might wish to pick up the reins of the NCJ and continue publication.

Out in the Western Reaches W6RTT is attempting to form some organization of contesters and has distributed a questionnaire on the matter to many of the contest types. If you did not get one, drop a sase to Pete Grillo, 2018 South 8th Ave., Arcadia, Ca. 91006. A meeting being held on Thurs.. 14290/0100Z-7225/0300Z.....

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PREPARE!! Sunspots will rise again!! Like the swallows at Capistrano, Cycle 21 will return with the good days.....soon!!

Bob Ferrero K6AHV

BILL RINDONE Ready to go again. Departure either June 19th or 26th.....
BRITISH PHOENIX ZL3FM/VR1 being found on several bands.
BRUNEI VS5MC reported as again active from last week.
SOUTH GEORGIA VP8MS on 75meters often from 0100Z.....
YN8KMA Last two weeks in June.....Alamos DX Amigos on medical mission.
TURKEY TA1MB daily from 2000Z at 14210kc-14220kc area.....
YL SSB MEETING June 24/27th....Long Island City. WØUUE for details.
NORTHWEST DX MEET August 7/8th at Vancouver, British Columbia.
DXPO 76 Ramada Inn, Tysons Corner near McLean, Va. Sep 25/26th
SEANET CONVENTION Nov 12-14th in Jakarta. Probably at the Hotel Horison...

NETS ARKANSAS DX NET: From June 18th will meet on its summer schedule.
 0200Z at 3815kc Mondays and Fridays

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB Bulletin of the Air. 0200Z Thursdays
 14265kc

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB W6TI DX Bulletins. 14002kc...Sundays
 at 1800Z or Mondays at 0200Z.

YASME/THE COLVINS Lloyd and Iris should be home this week but from the New
 Hebrides they sent an up-date on their activities and the action to date.

From their start at VR1Z in the Ellice Islands last December, they have racked
 up 42,500 QSOs, the count being as follows:

VR1Z-Ellice	4000 QSOs	116 countries	FKØKG-New Caledonia	7500QSOs	111 Countries
VR8B-Tuvalu	8000	83	YJ8KG-New Hebrides	8000	114
3D2KG-Fiji	7500	113			
C21NI-Nauru	7500	116			

The QSOs were about evenly divided between CW and SSB. You might note that they
 made DXCC at all stops except for VR8B-Tuvalu, the one place where you would
 probably have been sure that they would have made it easily.

The Colvins are looking forward to heading out again after a month or two stay
 in the states. Should anyone have any ideas about a spot that might be qualified
 for a new country, they would like to hear about it. They would like to line up
 another new one, something that they did with their VR8B-Tuvalu operation, but
 will settle for some other rare ones if they have to. Whatever does develop, they
 do look to more DX travel later this year.

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FCC An extension of time in Docket 20777 has been granted, this being the bandwidth docket and the new deadline for filing comments is August 4th. You will recall that this FCC proposal would eliminate all mode restrictions within the amateur bands and replace them with maximum bandwidths that may be used regardless of the form of emission used. Reply comments will be due on September 3rd.

QSL There are a couple for whose address there have been several requests. 9Q5QR goes to: Tony Jeuken, P.O. Box 10061-Airport, Kinshasa 24, Zaire Republic. JY9CS goes to: American Embassy, APO New York 09892. He will be moving on to Qatar in the future months.

TNX to W1DAL, W1GZI, WA1IJC, WA1NRF, K1TZQ, W2CNQ, W2FPM, K2GBC, WA3DMH, K3ZOL, W4BAA, K4CFB, W4GTS, WA4HHG, W4HU, W4KA, K4QMQ, K4SGL, WB4SIJ, W4TYE, W4UF, W4UMF, W4WRY, K4ZCD, W4ZR, W5AK, WA5AUZ, WA5LES, W5LUJ, W5LZZ, K5OVC, W5UFF, W5USM, WB6BKN, K6EC, W6GC, W6ISQ, WB6IXC, K6KA, W6KYA, K6LAE, W6MI, W6TSQ, K6UFT, K6VY, W6YA, WB6ZUC, K7ABV, W7AYO, WA7OBH, W7YTN, K8CFU, W8OA, W8ZOK, K9KEV, WB9LHI, W9MR, WA9UCE/6, K9UIY, W0SFU, WA0VDX, K0VVO, EP2AW, YJ8KG.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Last week was hardly started before QRPers were streaming up the hill, waving the bulletin. "What this about a "Great Country Fission Breeder?", they demanded. "Where did you dig up that one?" "Son of a Gun!! We were in a bind on this one for there are many wondrous things in the world these days, and some defy comprehension or understanding. So we met this one head-on, frank as a politician in the primaries. "It's a headquarters project", we explained. "Apparently something out of IBM. For input they feed DXCC Country Criteria into it. Then, when there is a need or someone wants a favor, they push the DXCC Criteria to a critical mass, fission starts and a new one pops out of the machine. A brand-new country! It's something new in services for the Deserving DXers. It seems they may have bought it with the fees they now charge for DXCC certificates or endorsements. Understand?" If they understood they were not convinced. "What makes it run?", they demanded and we were ready for that question. "Well", we explained, "you know how they are energy conscious back there and they thought of solar power. But they found it ran best on moon power. During the initial run-ups, they found that it will function best around the time of the full moon. Apparently lots of vibrations are available then". You know something? They were still not convinced. They then asked who manufactured the Great DXCC Country Fission Breeder. "Look", we said in some exasperation, "if you do not want to take what we say, why don't you phone headquarters. Ask about the IBM 3742 machine they installed. See what they say!!". And that was it. For there are many unbelievers in the DX world but \$10.00 will bring a full year of the true DX word by second-class mail to the U.S and VE Areas....\$14.50 flips it into the same area by first-class mail. \$17.00 flings it to Mexico and all the DX countries throughout the whole world where there are always believers....that the Sunspots will rise again!! Someday....

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