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BOUVET There is some information on Bouvet though hope for any sustained amateur operation but be held for future possibilities.

Martin Laine, OH2BH, who is always looking for some new DX locales, particularly the rare types, writes from Helsinki:

Just spoke with the Norsk Polarinstitut in Oslo and found that the Norwegian group left December 22nd for South America where they will join a Norwegian ship to take them down into the Antarctic, they should be arriving there about January 15th. In End-Antartica they will be there for some two weeks and will be on at times as 3Y0CC. The operator is LA3CC. In late January they will be heading back home via BOUVET and Capetown.

If, only if, the weather permits, they will make a short stop-over at Bouvet to put there a buoy. That is a small radio-beacon and since the vessel is not equipped with a helicopter, they will not wait if the weather is bad and they will carry on to Capetown.

If the weather is great they will try to pop into 'most-wanted' Bouvet! But how about operating? They are primarily concerned about placing the beacon but they are also thinking of taking a little radio ashore with them. LA5DQ keeps a daily schedule with the expedition and it might be possible to alert by telephone should someone get through to Bouvet.

On some other developments, there was a visitor recently from South Africa who is involved in South African Antarctic operations. He came all the way to Helsinki to discuss Bouvet. In a Japanese shipyard a large ice-breaker is being constructed for South Africa and this will be completed this coming Fall, in September 1977. The ice-breaker will be equipped with two helicopters and will be used in supply service to the Antarctic bases like ZS2MI-Marion, ZD9GF-Gough, ZS1ANT, End-Antarctic, and to Bouvet where they will build the automatic weather station within the next few years.

So it appears that Bouvet may be coming up sooner or later and amateurs will be very much involved in the efforts. My visitor was a top man in the ZS-Polar organization.

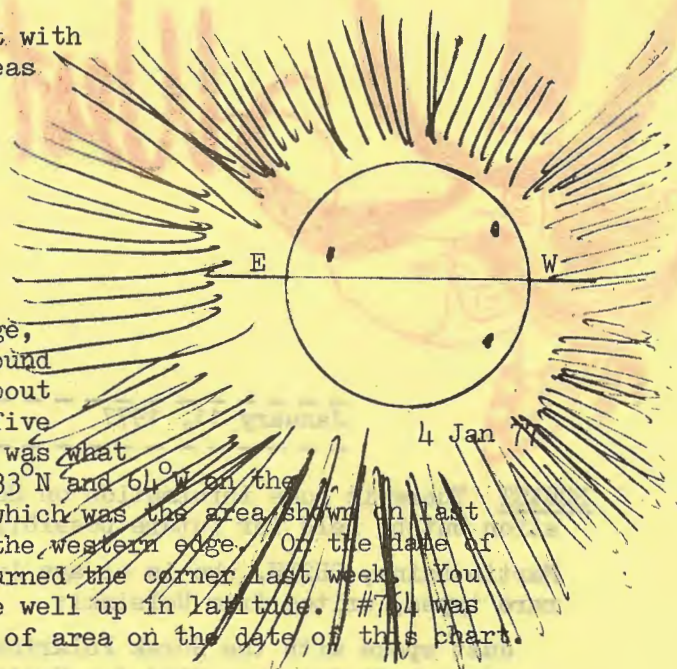
Best wishes for all for 1977 which will be another great red-eye dx-year...

Martin, OH2BH

There it is! Sooner or later you will hear all that missing DX. Everything comes to him who waits.....long enough. And do not be surprised if you find OH2BH at the other end when things open up.

SUNSPOT LOUIE The New Year started out aright with three active areas on the sun, two of the areas showing over the week-end of the New Year.

Taking a look at the beautiful scenery, from left to right, from east to west, they are: #765 which showed on January 3rd as it came around the corner from the east. On the day of this chart it was showing one spot which covered 10/millionths of the surface. This was at 6°N and 47°E. Over on the western edge, the upper area is #766, this also showing around January 3rd and it turned the western limb about January 5th. On January 4th it was showing five spots covering 120/millionths of area. This was what appeared to be an active area. This was at 33°N and 64°W on the date of this chart. The lower area is #764 which was the area shown on last weeks chart and which lasted all the way to the western edge. On the date of the chart it was at 19°S, 62°W and it also turned the corner last week. You might have noted that two of these areas were well up in latitude. #764 was showing one big spot covering 100/millionths of area on the date of this chart. It has been a fairly large spot all the way.



Ted Cohen says that he did not get the bulletin last week.....and he is not alone.... but he figures that hope may still live and here is what the future looks like as we close in on the ARRL Phone go-round the first weekend in February. Ted says the next couple of weeks will be:

January 11th	High Normal	January 18th	Low Normal
12th	High Normal	19th	Low Normal
13th	High Normal	20th	Low Normal
14th	High Normal	21st	Low Normal
15th	Low Normal	22nd	Low Normal
16th	High Normal	23rd	Below Normal
17th	High Normal		

Keeping in mind that all things are relative, some things more so, it would seem that you should take advantage of things this week and rest up next week. But in between you might get some surprises. Take the DX as it comes....and K6EC says that what you got was because the solar flux and the geomagnetic field and the Ap Index all cooperated and those were the days that were:

	Solar Flux	A Index		Solar Flux	A Index
Dec 27th	78	5	January 1st	76	8
28th	77	6	2nd	79	4
29th	76	35			
30th	78	12			
31st	79	9			

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CLUB NOTES There are some new....or used....faces showing up as a result of recent club elections and you might find----

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SHORTLY NOTED We are holding on to a number of items because we continually run short of space. We thought that the January 4th issue would help clean up things but it did not. We probably will go to a clean-up edition of Notes in the next issue or so.

AJ3AA shut down the Bicentennial marathon with 35, 306 QSOs. That's about 3000 per month or 100 per day. It would indicate that he was busy.

XT2AA will move on to HK-land sometime in 1977. Activity out of XT probably will be a bit slow from now on, the XT2AA rig having been pulled off the line and shipped to Paris. XT2AE and XT2AL are not particularly active.

W1YRC is passing along much of his QSL chores to his neighbor, Michael Samarco, W1JFL. Mainly this will be for CT4AT activities...these including ZB2DM/C31ME/XU1DX. W1YRC may continue in name as QSL Manager for some of the others but will have assistance. In his job recruiting for RAYTHEON for Design Engineers for Communications, Computer, Air Traffic Control, Bob has found the available time is not sufficient to keep up with the work load of QSLs. However, if you are a Design Engineer in the fields indicated, he will make time to talk with you.

A couple of variations in callsigns showed the last week. The S79 in the Seychelles had been anticipated. The 'K' in the Italian calls is to mark their 50th Anniversary. If you want to figure how to QSL, drop the 'K', look up the remainder in the CB. Those ZRs should be South Africans...

ZK1BA will be on Manihiki sometime this Spring....possibly in April, but the plans will not be definite until sometime in March. The QSOs for his last effort are now going out. Down in the Grand Caymans, some talk on not issuing ZF-licenses to the W/Ks has been tabled for the moment. W8CNL and WB8LDN will be operating VP5CNL shortly. Ten through eighty....CW and SSB. W6PT got a SWL card out of Geyser Reef. Otto was looking for Bill Rindone and asked G2BY if he had heard Bill. Bill was hearing Otto but not the other way around. Now W6PT figures he has the only SWL card to come off Geyser Reef.

Remember that LA1SH/BY flurry of a year or so back. The ARRL turned down QSLs for that action, saying that they had heard that it was a maritime mobile operation. LA1SH insisting he was on dry ground.

G3FXB may go to GC-land again. The cards for GC4DAA are still awaited from the printers. Some activity from CR3-Portuguese Guinea may develop within a month or so. There is also some talk of inquiries being made to the French government on Clipperton but nothing promising much....yet.

SV0WZ advises to look for 4W9GR at 7001-7007kc most days from 1400Z. Also 14001-14010kc from 1500Z. OE5GML will be home in OE from YK-land from this week until May. TJ1BB in Yarounda is usually at 14215kc from 1600Z. SV0WZ at 3594kc and listening up around 3807kc most days from 0430Z. Also at 14220kc from 1500Z.

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FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET This week there have been calls...not to a higher mission but inquiries as to what happened to the bulletin.

The story is simple. We mailed early! Absolutely!!!

The December 28th issue went into the mails on Friday, December 24th... the whole mailing except for a handful of first-class for California which went in the mails on the 25th

On the issue of January 4th, all the second-class and airmail went into the mails on December 31st, the first-class went into the mails on Saturday, January 1st. Thus we not only met the Saturday mailing schedule but also was early with the mailing for the majority of the bulletin.

Some areas had no problem. The bulletin mailed on December 31st second class was delivered in New York State on January 3rd, Monday. Other areas say they have not even seen the 24th issue.

There's the story.....if it eventually gets to you. Rather frustrating but that's what happened.

SAUDI ARABIA Terry Elass, WB9FUV, who used to be /W6, is now in Dhahran and warms up HZ1AB on occasion.

First, Terry wants it noted that the latest CB has erroneous information on HZ1AB, listing it with Pete Witcosky as a Silent Key, Pete being killed in a helicopter accident last summer. HZ1AB is still in existence and its mail address is:

HZ1AB
Hqtrs USMTMSA
Attn: J-6
APO New York 09616

Terry says that most of the activity at HZ1AB is being presently stimulated by himself and Joe White, WA4GFC. WB6IKI has recently arrived but has not been too active yet.

For the ARRL DX Test HZ1AB will be actived both modes, all sessions on as much of an around-the-clock operation that they can handle. However, it is noted that the weekends in Saudi Arabia correspond to our Thursdays and Fridays and there may be times when operation is not possible.

HZ1AB has a 5-element Telrex monobander on twenty up about 80 feet. The group is looking anxiously for a tri-bander to arrive before the contest so they can work ten and fifteen. They also have a dipole up for eighty. QSLs require either SASE or SAE/IRCS. Nothing else works at all. New cards are on order from the printers and all the demand should be accomodated shortly.

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

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LOW BAND LOUIE

DK2BTW 1823/0540/Dec 30m	HB9RM 1827/0555/Dec 30m	PY1RO/ø 1828/0330/Jn 2m
G3SZA 1810/0555/Dec 30m	HB9CM 1827/0620/Dec 30m	PYØZAE 1827/0540/Jan 3m
G3ZYY 1827/0645/Dec 27m	HKØBKX 1812/0120/Jan 3m	VP1MPW 1829/0610/Jan 2m
GD4BEG 1827/0510/Jan 2m	KJ6DL 1995/1000/Sat	ZE7JY 1825/1300/Often
G3XSC 1827/0700/Dec 27m	KL7GKY 1810/0700/Often	ZS4PB 1964/0300/Often
HB9AQA 1827/0530/Dec 30m	OK1ATE 1830/0615aDec 30m	
CT4AT 3792/0640/Jan 1e	KJ6DL 3502/0700/Jan 3w	UC2LAS 3646/0600/Dec 25e
EA4LH 3780/0635/Dec 28w	KL7FA 3510/0420/Dec 27w	UK2GAS 3646/0625/Dec 25e
EA4LH 3578/0730/Dec 28w	KP4ECH 3815/1100/Jan 2e	VP2AYL 3815/1100/Jan 2e
EA3JE 3790/0700/Jan 1e	KV4FZ 3802/0045/Dec 27e	VP2DAC 3791/0625/Dec 27e
EI2V 3784/0400/Dec 27e	KX6BU 3807/1200/Dec 25e	VP2KN 3813/0235/Dec 27e
EI8H 3795/0845/Dec 30w	LU1BR 3746/0605/Dec 29w	VP2EE 3802/0505/Jan 2m
F6ARC 3797/0105/Dec 30w	LU6AMU 3505/0210/Dec 29w	VP2LPB 3802/0600/Jan 2m
FM7WE 3800/1040/Dec 27m	LZ2KKZ 3799/0410/Dec 27e	VP8NI 3502/0310/Dec 29m
G3DCG 3797/0030/Dec 29w	OH2BM 3797/0535/Dec 27e	VR1AA 3800/0705/Dec 28w
G3TJW 3797/0650/Dec 25w	ON4LJ 3797/0640/Dec 25w	VR1AA 3509/0720/Dec 29w
GI3IVJ 3509/0120/Dec 26e	ON5FG 3503/0635/Dec 28w	VS6GG 3789/1530/Jan 3w
GI3IVJ 3785/0845/Jan 2w	OK2HAT 3791/0420/Dec 27e	VR3AH 3797/0600/Dec 31w
GW4BVN 3785/0825/Jan 2w	OZ1LO 3504/2230/Dec 24e	XE2FY 3807/1145/Jan 2e
HA7KLG 3778/0510/Dec 25e	PJ2MI 3808/1130/Dec 26e	ZD8TM 3519/2215/Dec 23e
HC2SL 3518/0500/Dec 31e	PJ8USW 3804/0400/Dec 27e	ZF1RD 3505/0810/Jan 2w
HI8LC 3801/0310/Dec 27e	SVØWTT 3502/2040/Dec 23e	ZK1BA 3805/1425/Dec 29w
HI8RRD 3791/0355/Dec 27e	SVØWZ 3590/0545/Jan 2e	ZL1BOQ 3797/1105/Jan 2e
HI3XWB 3797/1130/Dec 26e	SM2EJE 3790/1235/Jan 1e	ZL2BDP 3807/1230/Jan 1e
HB9KC 3503/0600/Dec 29w	SP3DOI 3798/0535/Dec 27e	YS1MAE 3788/0630/Dec 28m
HK4DF 3784/1115/Jan 2e	VE2AQS/TG9 3511/0140 29w	ZS5LB 3798/0330/Jan 2e
HKØDMA 3802/0315/Dec 28e	TI2BY 3790/0525/Dec 26w	6W8DY 3796/0800/Dec 28w
HKØBKX 3802/0410/Dec 28e	UAØLS 3518/1340/Dec 29w	8P6GN 3804/0305/Dec 27e
KH6HOZ 3807/1100/Jan 2e	UP2OU 3646/0635/Dec 27e	9K2DR 3793/0240/Dec 31e
CEØAE 7030/0520/Jan 2w	JT1BF 7004/1240/Jan 2m	UK7GAL 7030/1130/Dec 26e
CT1RP 7006/0225/Dec 27w	JTØICB 7008/0200/Jan 1w	UK2BBB 7030/2345/Dec 27e
CO5DM 7012/0330/Dec 31m	JW2CF 7003/1220/Jan 2m	UI8CQ 7002/0145/Dec 28e
CX5BW 7003/0320/Dec 29m	KV4AQ 7009/0340/Dec 31m	UK1PAA 7004/0020/Jan 2m
DU6RH 7002/1525/Dec 30w	LU8CB 7015/0310/Dec 29m	UK5XBA 7006/0030/Dec 26w
DU6CO 7003/1405/Dec 26w	LU2JV 7010/0300/Dec 29m	WA6EGL/VQ9 7005/0045 3w
DJ2BW 7006/0230/Dec 26w	LZ2WF 7008/0335/Dec 28m	VK9JD 7014/1140/Jan 3e
EA3EF 7018/0000/Dec 28e	OX3AB 7014/0240/Dec 24m	VK6GU 7003/2230/Dec 23e
EA1FD 7003/0135/Dec 27w	PY1RO/ø 7005/2250/Jn 1e	VP1MPW 7007/0935/Dec 30w
EA4KI 7046/0130/Jan 2m	PYØFOC 7006/0140/Jan 2e	VP2KF 7091/1140/Dec 26e
EA4DX 7044/0110/Jan 2m	PZ1AP 7003/0325/Dec 31m	VR3AH 7012/0600/Dec 26w
EA4ED 7038/0025/Dec 27m	OE6EFG 7045/2120/Dec 28m	VU2GN 7004/1300/Jan 1e
EA7QD 7029/0000/Dec 31m	RAEM 7042/1045/Dec 26e	VU2GW 7007/0115/Jan 2m
EA7TH 7013/0040/Dec 27w	SP5GBT 7040/2350/Dec 26m	YU3DQ 7042/2340/Dec 28m
EA7PL 7008/0040/Dec 26w	TG9C 7014/0320/Dec 28w	ZS4AK 7019/0330/Dec 31e
EL2ET 7005/0215/Dec 31e	TI2BY 7081/0305/Dec 26e	4W9GR 7003/1500/Dec 18w#
EL2EN 7002/0150/Dec 27w	UB5BFQ 7042/2230/Dec 28m	7XL4N 7025/2350/Jan 2m
FO8EX 7004/0225/Dec 27w	UK2TAG 7003/1420/Dec 27w	9G1JN 7009/0010/Dec 30w
HM1KE 7008/1500/Jan 1w	UAØSSN 7023/1110/Dec 31e	9K2DR 7006/0345/Jan 3e

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

AFRICA CW

EA9EO	14030/1750/Dec	31m	ZE1DE	14041/2010/Jan	2m	6W8EX	14034/2340/Jan	2w
FB8XO	14028/0255/Dec	26m	ZD8DO	14022/2030/Dec	31e	9J2NL	14049/1850/Dec	28m
FR7AI/E	14031/1855/Dec	27e	ZS6J	14025/1855/Dec	27e	9L1CD	14011/2105/Dec	2m
FR7ZW	14013/1620/Jan	3w	5Z4NI	14018/2115/Jan	1e	ZE1CC	14035/1805/Jan	2e

AFRICA SSB

CT3AN	14224/1545/Jan	1w	TU2EF	14214/2330/Dec	26e	5T5CW	21413/1535/Jan	2e
D4CBS	21296/1800/Jan	2e	TR8MC	14205/2035/Dec	25m	5U7AG	21413/1605/Jan	2e
EA8HH	21280/1500/Jan	2e	VQ9R	14207/1720/Dec	26e	5Z4RT	14213/1835/Jan	2e
EA8CR	14205/1730/Dec	25m	WA6EGL/VQ9	14210/0355	27w	5Z4NH	14209/2005/Dec	30e
EL2CY	14211/2240/Jan	1e	ZD7SS	14256/2120/Dec	25e	5Z4RG	14333/1825/Dec	26e
EL2EU	21413/1600/Jan	2e	ZE1AA	21298/1505/Jan	2e	7P8AC	14209/2000/Dec	24m
FB8XO	14206/0235/Dec	26m	ZE1DE	14206/2115/Dec	25e	7P8AC	21315/1530/Dec	26e
S79L	14205/1730/Jan	1e	ZS3KC	14207/2010/Jan	1e	9J2JN	14229/1920/Dec	27e
S79OM	14244/1805/Jan	1e	ZR1WE	14222/0635/Jan	2m	9X5RK	14209/1835/Dec	26e
S79DF	14247/1930/Jan	1e	ZR2ANB	14237/1635/Jan	2m	9X5JM	14209/2040/Dec	26m
ST2SA	21296/1540/Dec	24e	3D6DE	14210/2100/Dec	30m			
TU2GI	21413/1440/Jan	2e	5N2NAS	14332/2005/Dec	31m			

ASIA CW

A9XBB	14026/1540/Dec	28w
HM2JN	14045/0245/Jan	3w
UA0KAD	14061/1800/Dec	28e
VU2JNA	14019/2115/Jan	1e
4Z4VW	14065/1425/Dec	28e
9D5A	14037/1450/Jan	1e

ASIA SSB

ALXVK	14213/1350/Jan	3e	VU2JNA	14228/1320/Dec	26e
AP5HQ	14236/1335/Jan	2e	VS6EK	14235/0000/Dec	28e
HZ1TA	14244/1350/Dec	26e	VU2ACD	14228/1320/Dec	26e
UK0AC	14235/0600/Dec	26e	4S7BW	14223/1240/Dec	26e
UV0EX	14225/0030/Dec	29w	4X4CW	14209/1430/Jan	1m#
VU2HI	14212/1324/Jan	2e	4X4FQ	14227/1415/Jan	3m#
VU2YY	14223/1240/Dec	26e	4Z4RV	14202/1445/Jan	1m
VU2BX	14203/1245/Dec	26e	5B4DI	14220/1425/Dec	27e

EUROPE CW

EA2OP	14018/1650/Jan	1w	HA6KVD	14039/1635/Dec	31w	ON6GU	14010/1720/Dec	31w
EI5C	14007/1525/Dec	28w	HB9APG	14010/1700/Dec	31w	OY2P	14034/2100/Jan	1e
EI6CE	14006/1700/Dec	27w	IK2FGP	14029/1645/Jan	2w	OZ3FU	14004/1455/Dec	28w
GI3OLJ	14003/1510/Dec	28w	JW9WT	14049/1840/Jan	1e	TF3WS	14048/1805/Dec	31w
GI3JEX	14013/1515/Dec	28w	LA8F	14015/1415/Jan	2e	UK2GAY	14034/1300/Jan	3w
GW3DPD	14039/1635/Dec	31w	OH9NQ	14009/1825/Dec	31w	YU1MW	14050/1650/Jan	3w
HA3GJ	14018/1530/Dec	28w	OK2BKR	14031/1315/Dec	31w	9H1CH	21026/1400/Jan	1e

EUROPE SSB

CT1GG	14210/1400/Dec	30e	HB9AZO	14252/1625/Dec	30e	HV3SJ	21320/1550/Dec	25e
CT4AT	14205/1845/Dec	31e	HB9KX	14230/1605/Jan	2w	OE6MBG	14201/1550/Dec	31w
EA3JE	14209/1620/Dec	26e	IK1GEA	14225/1335/Jan	1e	ON5YK	14251/1635/Dec	30e
EA6BG	14252/2010/Jan	2e	I8LWL	14220/1435/Dec	30e	ON8FC	14207/1610/Dec	31w
GM3MBP	14203/1550/Jan	2m	JW7FD	14201/1715/Jan	2m	SV1AE	14225/1430/Jan	2e
GW4BLE	14217/1515/Jan	2m	LA4ZC	14205/2040/Jan	2m	UA1OBY	14213/2050/Jan	2m

ELSEWHERE CW

CM2BH	14044/2215/Dec	29w	HI8MOG	14015/1820/Jan	1w	PY0ZAE	21028/2100/Jan	1m
CO2BB	21030/2000/Dec	27w	KG6JFO	14047/0315/Dec	28w	PY0FOC	14024/2245/Jan	2e
CX7BBB	14010/0055/Dec	31w	W8NMK/KG6	21031/0410	3w	JA1PIG/PZ	14024/1810	2e
FG7XA	14047/1855/Dec	31e	WA5THM/KG6	14050/2355	26w	PZ1AP	14017/2255/Dec	27w
FO8ET	14020/1745/Dec	29w	LU7OAK	21031/2120/Dec	27w	VK6HD	14050/2345/Dec	26m
FY7BB	14031/1420/Jan	2m	LU7DNT	14007/0120/Jan	2w	VR1AA	21027/2200/Jan	1m
FY7YE	14032/2050/Dec	28w	PY1RO/ø	14024/1920/Often		ZK2AU	14017/2200/Jan	1e

ELSEWHERE SSB

CE3FY	21338/2045/Dec	27w	LU1ZA	14220/2300/Dec	25e	YS1EMW	14210/0315/Jan	2m
HC1KH	21356/2050/Dec	26e	W3ASK/OA4	14244/2320	29e	YS1BW	14332/2150/Jan	2w
HP1LO	21289/2010/Jan	2m	PY1RO/ø	14219/2000/Often		ZK1BA	14235/0920/Jan	1m
HR1HC	14202/1510/Jan	2w	PJ9BB	21326/1830/Jan	1m	8P6HA	14202/1500/Jan	2e
KC6CG	14225/2330/Dec	24m	PJ9JBE	14214/2120/Jan	1m	8P6AE	14219/1255/Jan	1m
KX6BS	14293/0355/Jan	2m	VK0AC	14230/0600/Often		9Y4RH	21277/1845/Jan	1m
KX6BU	14225/2325/Dec	24m	VK0TB	14235/1540/Jan	2w	9Y4VV	14233/1505/Jan	2w

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DX SURVEY AND OPINION POLL

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PREPARED BY
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Call sign _____

Part I

Directions: Please check or complete the appropriate response(s) that best describes your specific situation to questions 1 through 33. Check only one response unless otherwise requested.

1. Your age? _____ years old.

2. _____ 1. Female
_____ 2. Male

3. Number of years as a licensed amateur?

I have been a licensed amateur for _____ years.

4. Location where you live?

- _____ 1. Africa
_____ 2. Asia
_____ 3. Australia/New Zealand
_____ 4. Europe
_____ 5. North America
_____ 6. South America
_____ 7. Oceania

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5. Are you an A.R.R.L. member?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

6. How many years have you been actively working DX?

I have been actively working DX for _____ years.

7. What is the highest country total you currently hold?

My highest country total is _____ countries.

8. Are you a member of a DX club?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

9. Do you subscribe to a DX bulletin?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

10. Other than your native language, how many languages can you communicate in?

I can communicate in _____ languages other than my native tongue.

11. What is your primary interest in DXing? Check only one.

- _____ 1. New country chasing
_____ 2. International friendship
_____ 3. Thrill of pileup cracking
_____ 4. Thrill of long haul QSOs

12. Do you hold 5 Band DXCC?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

13. Are you presently pursuing 5 Band DXCC?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

14. What percentage of your operating time do you use the following modes?
This total must equal 100%.

Percent

_____ SSB
_____ RTTY
_____ CW
_____ Slow Scan
_____ Satellite
_____ Other

15. Do you own any 2 meter equipment?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

16. Do you use the maximum power that you license authorities?

_____ 1. Yes
_____ 2. No

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17. Identify the types of antennas that you utilize when working DX. Check all of those that are appropriate.

☐ Yagi
☐ Quad
☐ Phased array
☐ Ground-plane
☐ Dipole or inverted-V
☐ Vee beam or rhombic
☐ Other

18. Is your employment electronically oriented?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

19. Do you hold the highest grade license issued in your country?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

20. Do you regularly enter DX contests to win?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

21. Do you QSL to all cards received?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

22. Do you make provisions for reply postage when you QSL new countries?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

23. Is any major piece of your equipment homebrew (linear, receiver, exciter)?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

24. How high is your highest high frequency antenna?

The highest antenna is _____ meters/feet above the ground.

25. Which DXCC award(s) do you hold? Check all that apply.

☐ 1. DXCC Phone
☐ 2. DXCC CW
☐ 3. DXCC Mixed

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26. How many countries other than your own have you operated from during your amateur career?

I have operated from _____ different countries.

27. Are you on the DXCC Honor Roll?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

28. Are you working towards the DXCC Honor Roll?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

29. Have you ever been on a DXpedition?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

30. Do you utilize propagation data from various sources to assist you in working DX?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

31. Do you utilize a type of DX alerting system with your fellow DXers?

☐ 1. Yes
☐ 2. No

32. I am also interested in the following aspects of amateur radio. Check all appropriate responses.

☐ 1. Traffic Handling
☐ 2. VHF
☐ 3. Rag Chewing
☐ 4. Construction
☐ 5. Other

33. How many new countries have you worked in the last year?

I have worked _____ countries in the last year.

Part II

Directions: Below are 24 statements. Each statement has 5 possible responses. Circle the number that indicates your opinion regarding the extent you agree or disagree with each statement. Use the following code.

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CALENDAR

FERNANDO DE NORONHA
TRINIDADE
IRAN
SAUDI ARABIA
CONTESTERS ROUND-UP

PYs there to mid month. Most bands.
PYØZAE still active though demand has tapered....
EP2VW and VS6GA with sustained daily effort from Jan 12th
HZ1AB by WA4GFC and WB9FUV in both parts of ARRL DX Test
April 2nd.....Houston, Texas. Annual gathering. Write
to W5ZSX for details...or phone WA5LES

FRENCH CW TEST
ARRL DX PHONE
ARRL DX CW
FRENCH PHONE TEST

January 29/30th
February 5/6th
February 19/20th
February 26/27th

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX MEET April....at the Hilton. See your travel agent!!

COUNTRY CRITERIA On Page 76 of the November QST there was a short report on the DXAC. Among the recommendations accepted by the Communications Manager was the deletion of CR8-Timor, and the decision not to add the Finnish/Swedish Sovereignty Islands, the Pribilofs and the Israeli-occupied territories in the Jordan, Syria or Sinai areas.

Also noted was: "No further additions should be granted to the ARRL Countries List under Rule One (1) of the Countries List Criteria unless such additions are made by reason of government until such time as the DXAC can conduct a survey to find out the DXers feeling on the matter."

Rule One (1) says: "....An area, by reason of government of a distinctly separate administration constitutes a separate country".

Some may have noted this in QST. Others may not have. However, it does seem that a moratorium has been placed on operations such as Sable or St Paul Islands. Or Kingman or Kure Reefs.

From the item it would seem that the ARRL DXAC may conduct polls should it be considered necessary on future proposals. You might keep watch for more signs in the future on this as it may portend a reduction of the DXCC countries and a change in the application of the DXCC criteria, in fact the latter seems to be already with us to judge from this item.

The balance of the DXAC Survey is in this bulletin, the four pages of the survey being shrunk down to fit. If the final paragraph leaves you feeling you have been left in mid-air, you got it last week also as the lead paragraph on Part II of the DXAC Survey.

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ARRL Dr Ted Cohen, W4UMF, who was largely instrumental for the progress in the Radio Frequency Interference Task Force, has stepped down as secretary of the group. Morton Blender, W4LPZ, has taken over as the new secretary, W4LPZ being the Press Secretary for Congressman Beard of Rhode Island.

Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, Vice-president of the ARRL, and Bruce Johnson are in Geneva as IARU observers at a Satellite Broadcasting Conference. IARU will have a reception for the delegates to the meeting. Other U.S. amateurs there in Geneva are K3KWJ and W4ABA from the U.S. State Department, W3KYI from the FCC and W4ZC from NASA.

All fee collection has been suspended by the FCC pending some needed clarifications. The prospects that they will be reimposed in the near future is somewhat remote.

TNX To W1AM, WA1IJC, W1DA, W1JFL, W1MV, W1OT, W1YRC, W2AG, W2FP, K2TQC, W3US, W4AAV, W4BAA, WA4KMO, W4HU, W4KA, K4KZP, WB4OXD, W4PJG, K4SMX, WB4TPU, W4TYE, W4UF, W4UMF, K4YFQ, W4YN, W4ZR, K5DB, WA5LES, WA5OCN, K5OVC, W5PBZ, W5USM, W5UW, K6AC, WA6BDU, K6CBL, K6DT, K6EC, K6JG, N6MM, W6OKK, W6PT, W6RQ, W6SWM, WA6YLA, W6TCQ, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, WB6WHM, W7BCT, W7LR, K8IP, W9DH, W9KNI, K9OTB, W9TKV, W0SFU, KH6BZF, KV4FZ, SV0WZ, WB9FUV/HZ, EP2VW, HP1AC, OH2BH.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. There are still problems of this age that defy either solution or explanation. And one of the local QRPers came up the hill last week to again ask the question. "Tell me," this QRPer says, "I worked Papua and New Guinea some years back. Now I have 199 countries on the DXCC list and a couple of months back worked this P29JS in Papua New Guinea. Now someone tells me that Papua and New Guinea are deleted countries but that if I send in the P29JS QSL I will get credit for another country. Is that right?" All right-thinking DXers will know that this is right but the QRPer was not ready to accept. "Sure I know that there was a change in administration," he said, "but the station has not moved. Am I supposed to be working real estate or labels? Now I understand that they are going to handle this matter of administration differently in the future than it has been done in the past. And what was in the past may not be in the future. Right!!". Son of a Gun! We were running ahead of an avalanche here and not gaining an inch. It was time to change directions. "Look", we said. "Did you ever read Hemingway's 'To Have And To Have Not'." "Sure did" the QRPer said. "And I also saw the movie. And there was little relationship between the story and the movie. What has that got to do with DXCC and P29s?". We were finally able to smile again. "Look at it this way," we said. "In DXCC you may have and have not. And what you may think is, is not. And sometimes it is hard to separate what was and what is, between what we think we know and what is. Many of these things are simply state of minds. Certainly you understand all of that?". The QRPer sat there with his head down for some minutes, finally raising it to say. "Look! I don't understand anything" and away he went down the hill. And it is always sad to note that the clear logic and always shining clarity of the DXCC criteria is sometimes hard for the uninitiated to understand. But many will realize that the Mysteries of the Ages is a difficult task to understand and one must understand that everything is not so and tomorrow it will be different....maybe. And a full year of tomorrow's DX Maybes will come your way by second-class mail for \$11.00. \$14.50 will fly it erratically by first-class mail to the U.S. VE areas. \$17.00 roars it down the tarmac to Mexico and all the far DX lands....which may not be DX by the time the bulletin arrives.

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