



West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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MALPELO The Colombian Malpelo DXpedition will be at sea early this week, the departure from Buenaventura on the Pacific side set for 1300Z on Tuesday, March 8th. They should be in the area of Malpelo well before the time HKØTU is due to come on the air but allowances are being made to allow sufficient time for the landing on the island. This has always been difficult and last time out there were some injuries.

HKØTU is scheduled to come on the air at 0000Z on March 12th and to operate until 1200Z on March 15th. They expect to activate all bands from one-sixty to ten and advise to watch for them in the usual DX areas. They will be working both c.w. and SSB.

QSLs will go to:

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P.O. Box 584
Bogota, Colombia

They ask that no cash or checks be sent with QSL cards. If you want your card by airmail, include sufficient IRCs to cover airmail. HK3LT will be handling the QSL chores.

This is the first Malpelo effort in six years and again is a Colombian effort. Malpelo sticks up like a rocky tooth in the Pacific west of Panama, it is about 1.5 miles long, about a half-mile wide and the highest point rises about 800 feet. Sheer is the best description of the terrain.

Seeing that often we exhibit the quality of not knowing when we are well off, we will try to run a picture of Malpelo. Also, a close up picture showing how it rises sheer out of the Pacific and the luxurious camp that was set up in 1969.

This week.....HKØTU. As they apparently are allowing a bit of time for landing and setting up the camp, do not be surprised if they show early...or if they are delayed. Things have been known to get off schedule. That tall peak usually has blocked signals into the Western Reaches.



SUNSPOT LOUIE Son of a Gun!! Just when the vision of Brighter Days had been opened to the long suffering and Deserving DXers, the veil is dropped and the spots are gone.

Look what we have this week.....nothing! That last area, #788, turned the western limb about February 26th. Since then no active areas have been around to delight the DXer. Comoro, Transkei....all that good DX and no activity. Incredible!!

Even WWV has hit the skids with reports saying that the K Index was '1', the Ap Index was '1' and the 2800mc Flux down in the low seventies.

Why does this have to happen to we Deserving Ones. We who should only know the best of DXing?

While we ponder the bitter fate of the DXers and ponder the circumstances which have brought us to the position of being caught in the fell clutch of circumstance, we think of the brighter days ahead...and they will come...and urge that things might be helped by thinking positive. Like looking for twenty meters to be open all night long to Europe and Asia. Now that would help a bit.

And those days are coming. Just don't ask when! Ask what NL4XX says it will be and you can see that positively things will be better. Probably before the week is out.

Knowing that even these dreary days will pass, Ted looks into a future bright with the expectations of Cycle 21. And Ted says it will be, relatively speaking, something like:

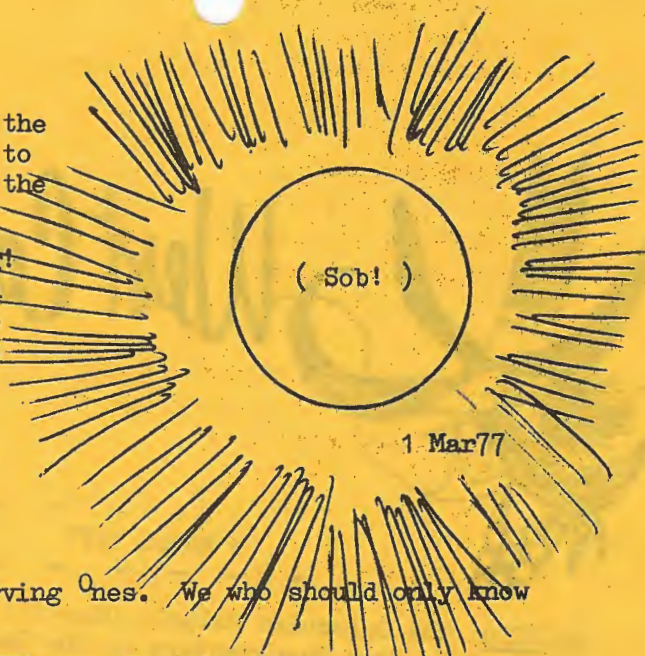
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| March 8th | Low Normal | March 15th | High Normal |
| 9th | High Normal | 16th | High...slipping to |
| 10th | High...but with | | Low |
| | periods of Low Normal | 17th | Low Normal |
| 11th | High Normal | 18th | High Normal |
| 12th | High Normal | 19th | High Normal |
| 13th | High Normal | 20th | High Normal |
| 14th | High Normal | | |

You might run into some disturbed conditions on March 16/17th with a chance of some SIDs. Note that these are scheduled for mid-week so the weekend DXer will not be bothered. Now there's real planning.

We have the good word from K6EC who watches WWV for signs of the good days, the good flux, the good Ap and the good K to come. And Ev says it was something like this in the last week.

| | Solar Flux | Ap Index | | Solar Flux | Ap Index |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Feb 21st | 80 | 5 | Feb 25th | 76 | 9 |
| 22nd | 79 | 5 | 26th | 74 | 7 |
| 23rd | 78 | 12 | 27th | 73 | 2 |
| 24th | 76 | 18 | | | |

In between listening to WWV, Ev caught VE1BFV on Sable Island on c.w. In case you missed it in Red Eyed.....14048kc/1810Z/Feb 27th.



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MORE MALPELO Here are a couple more photos on that HKOTU country. The upper shows how the island rises sheer out of the depths. No sandy beaches here.

Go down to the lower picture and you will see the landing beach. The swell and surge of the Pacific is a factor that has to be contended with and landing is always a difficult thing.

After you land, there still is not much to hang on to...

RFI This again is the last page to be typed though you may read early in the sequence. While printing other pages we learn that Senator Goldwater has moved on the RFI Legislation.

Last Wednesday, March 2nd, Senator Goldwater in the Senate introduced S-864 which is a parallel bill to the legislation he introduced in the last Congress.

Congressman Vanik of Ohio who initially introduced the RFI legislation in 1975 has indicated that within the next few weeks he will again introduce his measure.

Within the next issue or so it is hoped to have the information to what committee these measures have been referred. It is going to take a lot of grass roots effort, (letter writing) to get either house of Congress to move on these matters. You need not write a doctoral thesis on the matter to be effective, all you need show is that you feel there is a need for the legislation, that you are in favor of it and you would like your representative in Congress to help move it along. You might be surprised as to what some letter writing can do.

Anyhow, the new campaign is on. Work for your own interests.

1X2 CALLSIGNS There are some reports that the FCC is taking a second look at the issuance of 1X2 callsigns and especially the issuance or holding of multiple callsigns.

There are some who say that applications for 1X2 calls where it will be the sole call are getting fairly fast returns while those asking for a 1X2 as a second call are often waiting. There is a possibility that the FCC will release something on this before long and it may come that comment may be solicited on restricting an amateur to a single callsign....U.S. type that is.

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SHORTLY NOTED We are still doing all the work by ourselves, the other half of the staff being in Sacramento. Last week it appears that the bulletin went okay, WB5EIN had his in Mississippi (second-class) two days after it went in the mails. It was the February 22nd issue that got lost.

We were late....but it went into the mails at 1600 on Feb 21st. Many were a week in waiting for it. Looks like the local P.O mixed it in with the junk mail. We again brought the matter up....and hope it will not happen again...

Because of local problems here, our mailings have varied. When we mail on time and the Foreman is familiar with the mailing, everything goes smoothly. If we are late, or mail at other times or other days, trouble often comes.

Like a lot of other things around here right now, we are hoping that things will improve.

The Colvins left VP2A at the end of February. Where they are now you probably will learn by listening at the usual spots. VR3AH will be leaving by the middle of March, probably will be at KX6LA when he next sets up.

GE is working on an over-the-horizon radar....antenna a wire-fence type 2276 feet wide, 135 feet high. 21 transmitters rated at 100kw each, seven to be used at a time. They will work six bands.....5 to 30megahertz. Deja vu?

This will be in Maine. Will the BIG QRM be in Maine? or Poltava? There are some who will swear it is there in Los Angeles area right now!

K2VV/WA2EAH says to include him out as a QSL Manager for YB2VV. He knows nothing on this one.

We got it into some of the bulletins last week but not all. That SM0AGD/XZ2 being found on forty c.w. is definitely Rangoon Slim. SM0AGD has not been out of Stockholm during February, has not been to Rangoon and Erik says it is Slim. SM3CXS has a lot of QSLs and if you find out where Slim wants his mail, Joe will gladly ship them to him. Erik is still aiming for CR3-Guinea-Bissau. He was hoping for the first part of March but some things are yet to be settled.

QSLs for SM0AGD/S2 in Bangladesh a few months back are in the mails. TU2GI says that progres has been made on a 3rd party agreement with the Ivory Coast and the ;U.S. Agreement in Principle already reached.

6W8FP was in the Potomac country late in February. Chuck expects to be in Freetown in Sierra Leone in early April. K1FOK should be heard from Zambia over this last weekend. Pete got away okay. The amateur response to the FCC Notice of Inquiry on WARC-79 was a surprise. Some hundreds of letters were received. Shows what a bit of pen and ink and effort can do.

Amateurs are literate!
It's just hard to get them to admit it.

CT1DF goes to R.F.Graca,
Nr 7-6 ESQ., Lisboa,
Portugal.

We even squeezed into this corner but missed by a mile of cleaning up. Brace yourself. We may try another clean-up edition but K5DB says he has a lot of QSL info to go....

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MORE RED EYED LOUIE

The Watcher of the Lonely Night....

EUROPE SSB

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| CT2BB 14203/2140/Feb 25m | IK0SSW 14333/2010/Feb 22e | SV1TSL 21315/1555/Feb 26m |
| DK1YG 14232/1610/Feb 28m | LA9DP 14218/1740/Feb 28m | SV0WZ 14217/1525/Feb 26w |
| EA3AQ 14199/1615/Feb 27w | LX1BJ 14333/1950/Feb 24e | UB5WE 14208/1545/Feb 28m |
| EI7CR 21295/1750/Feb 23m | LX1FS 14202/1630/Feb 27m | UA3XCA 14209/1420/Feb 27e |
| GI1CN 14207/1710/Feb 26e | LX1TL 21352/1540/Feb 23m | UK2WAO 14210/1255/Feb 21m |
| GI4AHP 14218/1710/Feb 26e | M1D 21300/1505/Feb 26e | UK2FAD 14216/1250/Feb 22e |
| GM3TOK 21330/1555/Feb 28m | ON4UN 14210/1710/Feb 26e | UK2GKW 14203/1730/Feb 28m |
| HB9AZO 14205/1710/Feb 26e | OY5J 14234/1450/Feb 21m | YU2HDE 14208/1745/Feb 26m |
| HB9JW 14218/1710/Feb 26e | OZ7QL 14197/1610/Feb 27w | ZB2BL 21304/1800/Feb 20e |
| W5ONL/HB0 14207/1345 26m | SP3DGT 14238/1445/Feb 27e | 4U1ITU 14218/1425/Feb 22m |

ELSEWHERE'S CW

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| CO2OM 14012/2300/Feb 27m | HI8MOG 14044/2225/Feb 25w | VP2SZ 14032/2245/Feb 25e |
| FG7XJ 14025/2125/Feb 25e | KL7MF 21026/1725/Feb 25w | VP8AI 14033/0040/Fe 25w |
| FM7WO 14050/1950/Feb 22m | LU3EX 14014/2345/Feb 21w | VP9HT 14024/1350/Feb 22e |
| FM7BA 14028/1240/Feb 26e | LU9CV 14022/0020/Feb 22w | VR3AH 14013/0020/Feb 26w |
| FO8EX 21025/1955/Feb 26w | PJ2JT 14033/0005/Feb 27w | VS5MC 14013/0020/Feb 26w |
| FP8JP 14033/1855/Feb 25e | PY1ZAE 14009/2340/Feb 27w | YV5OI 14083/1650/Feb 26m |
| FY7AS 14019/0000/Feb 22w | VE1BFV 14048/1810/Feb 27w | |
| HK3HJ 14011/2310/Feb 27m | VK5FM 14027/2340/Feb 25w | |

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

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| AX4ADC 14202/0420/Mar 1w | KG6RL 21330/2235/Feb 25m | VP8HA 28552/1850/Feb 23m |
| CK3UOT 14206/1810/Feb 27w | KJ6DL 21305/1500/Feb 22m | WA1HBP/VP9 14210/2000 23w |
| C6ACU 21401/2030/Feb 27m | KX6BU 21392/2045/Feb 27m | YV6YY 21311/1640/Feb 27m |
| CE3KW 21287/2055/Feb 27m | LU1ZA 14225/0200/Feb 22e | YB0PG 14220/1400/Feb 22e |
| WB5SGZ/DU2 14209/0330 23w | LU1ZA 21280/2030/Feb 20e | YB7AAU 14225/2310/Often |
| DU1NRS 14220/1240/Feb 21e | LU8PM 21380/1815/Feb 25m | YS1GMV 28587/2005/Feb 23m |
| FG0GE 14239/1245/Feb 28m | PJ9BB 21296/1820/Feb 23m | ZL2NY 21290/1855/Feb 23e |
| FO8DP 14227/0225/Feb 23w | PY8JO 14333/2015/Feb 26m | ZF2AA 14333/2000/Feb 24e |
| HC2GW 21386/1815/Feb 25e | PZ9AB 21278/2025/Feb 27m | ZK1DA 21286/0015/Feb 21e |
| HC7RU 21293/2050/Feb 27m | PZ5AA 21327/1800/Feb 25m | ZP5YD 14207/0055/Feb 26m |
| HK0BMO 14225/2250/Feb 27w | VK9ZM 14265/0645/Feb 24w | 3D2AZ 14265/0640/Feb 24w |
| HR6SWA 21387/1810/Feb 25e | VP1RS 21319/1450/Feb 26e | 8P6FU 28563/1830/Feb 23m |
| KC4USD 14221/0130/Feb 20m | VP2AZB 28607/1840/Feb 23m | 8R1VC 28608/2150/Feb 20w |
| KC4AAD 14329/0110/Feb 25m | VP2AZB 21278/2150/Feb 20w | 9Y4SL 21225/1755/Feb 28m |
| KG6JIJ 21330/2240/Feb 25m | VP8ML 28610/1900/Feb 26m | PJ2AAX 14218/0015/Feb 28w |
| KG6JIF 14215/1515/Feb 24m | VP8HA 21293/1810/Feb 23m | |

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches ep = iran etc)
 (all times in gmt # = long path * = that's right...cw ??? = Slim...in Rangoon)

SOME HOT SHORT NOTES

That W1-QSL Bureau in the February 22nd issue should be Springfield, Mass instead of Springfield, Maine. Sure not going right when you try to straighten one thing out and get someing else mixed up.

Some have asked why we usually use a different abbreviation for the various states, or even spell out the full name, rather than using the two letter 'official' abbreviation. To the best of our knowledge, those two letter abbreviations came a number of years back when the Postal Service was figuring for a optical-scanner for sorting mail....a machine which would read the address. One of the requirements was that any line in the address be no longer than 24 letters. To compress addresses...and there were some like Twenty-nine Palms, California, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, or Washington Court House, Ohio.....which were a bit of a problem, they came up with the shortened state abbreviations.

But you still have questions....is MI Mississippi or Michigan. MS Massachusetts or Missouri? Seeing there are enough questions on the Mysteries of the ages, we have gone for the longer abbreviations or the full spelling.....

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

They told me, DX Sunspots, they told me you were dead,
They brought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed.
I wept as I remembered how often you and I
Had tired the moon with talking and sent him down the sky.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

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| KL7GKY 1827/0530/Feb 26m | ZCLIO 1827/0335/Feb 26m | | |
| VS6DO 1823/1400/Feb 22w | ZE7JX 1827/0335/Feb 26m | | |
| YV4TI 1815/0505/Feb 27m | | | |
| CN8HD 3762/0615/Feb 27m | HI10QRV 3798/0330/Feb 26e | TG9KW 3780/0355/Feb 26e | Y08KAE 3502/0325/Feb 26e |
| CT1SL 3790/0645/Feb 26e | HK0BKX 3754/0204/Feb 24m | UK9CAE 3645/0230/Feb 20e | ZF1MA 3808/0400/Feb 26e |
| EI8H 3794/0815/Feb 22w | KG4FU 3802/0120/Feb 18m | UW9SG 3645/0200/Feb 28w | ZL2BT 3798/0650/Feb 28e |
| F6CTT 3788/0415/Feb 26e | KJ6DL 3799/0800/Feb 23e | UK8LAG 3645/0145/Feb 20e | ZS6WV 3502/0420/Feb 28e |
| F6KJI 3503/0720/Mar 1m | KJ6BZ 3807/1155/Feb 18m | UM8MAA 3645/0210/Feb 20e | VS6DO 3803/1350/Mar 1w |
| F8RV 3798/0650/Feb 28e | KL7HKS 3805/0425/Feb 22e | VP2NV 3501/0500/Feb 25e | 6Y5DA 3804/0245/Feb 23e |
| FM7EX 3795/0630/Feb 22w | ON4UN 3787/0605/Feb 22e | VP1RS 3799/0620/Feb 22e | 8R1J 3504/0200/Feb 28w |
| FO8EX 3778/0700/Feb 22e | OX3ZM 3524/0710/Mar 1m | VP2DM 3799/0250/Feb 23e | 9J2WR 3513/0505/Feb 26e |
| G6TC 3503/0730/Mar 1m | PJ3AR 3802/0120/Feb 18m | YB2SV 3790/1450/Feb 27w | |
| HC8GI 3808/0255/Feb 26e | SP7KDJ 3799/0455/Feb 26e | YN2ZBC/9 3796/0740 25m | |
| ALXVK 7009/1435/Feb 22w | OK3KFF 7005/0240/Feb 28w | VP8AI 7006/0205/Feb 25w | SM0AGD/XZ2 7002/1500 28w |
| CT3AR 7083/0730/Feb 26m | OZ1AA 7079/0515/Feb 26e | VU2LE 7008/0120/Feb 26w | ZS4PB 7094/0525/Feb 26m |
| CN8HD 7093/0710/Feb 27e | JA1PIG/PZ 7006/0050 28w | VR3AH 7010/1100/Feb 26e | ZS6RM 7031/0435/Feb 25e |
| FK8KAA 7029/1150/Feb 28e | VE3FXT/S8 7100/0450 26m | VS6AF 7002/1155/Feb 24e# | ZS6KD 7100/0450/Feb 28m |
| FO8EX 7009/0445/Feb 25e | UP2BCG 7017/2020/Feb 27ep | VR4DX 7095/0635/Feb 26m | ZL2ACP 7081/0645/Feb 26e |
| FY7AN 7035/0840/Feb 25m | UK5IBB 7008/1125/Feb 22w | XE2WI 7084/0635/Feb 26e | LX4UH 7022/0005/Feb 26e |
| HM5KY 7031/1415/Feb 22w | UM8MBJ 7017/2020/Feb 27ep | YO3AC 7025/2125/Feb 27ep | 5T5KJ 7085/0630/Feb 26m |
| KCLUSV 7194/0850/Feb 24e | UB5BAX 7023/0000/Feb 26e | YU3EU 7010/0000/Feb 22w | 9D5B 7009/0225/Feb 24e |
| WA5THM/KG6 7023/1420 26w | VK9RH 7008/1130/Feb 28e | YU2CEM 7072/0650/Feb 26e | |
| LU1ZA 7005/0050/Feb 22m | VK2BKH 7082/0835/Feb 24e | YU1BCD 7028/0000/Feb 25e | |
| LZ1NE 7025/2120/Feb 28ep | VP2KJ 7026/0420/Feb 24e | XE1ABE 7019/1445/Feb 24e | |

AFRICA CW

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| D2AAI 14025/0745/Feb 27ep | ST2SA 14023/1950/Feb 25w | 9J2BO 14024/1910/Feb 28w | 9G1JY 14006/2255/Feb 27m |
| EA8LZ 14310/1705/Feb 26e* | ZS3B 14020/2025/Feb 27e | 9J2WR 14023/1955/Feb 25w | |
| EL2EU 14024/0020/Feb 26w | 5T5CJ 14011/2200/Feb 21w | 9L1CD 14010/2215/Feb 21e | |

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| A2CED 21252/1810/Feb 20e | FL8FF 21286/1810/Feb 20e | TJ1BB 21274/1715/Feb 27e | 5Z4LW 21305/1450/Feb 20m |
| A2CED 21275/1840/Feb 23e | FR7ZL/T 14219/1820/Feb 28m | TU2FV 14219/2115/Feb 26m | 5T5JD 21288/1930/Feb 20m |
| CN8HD 21305/1535/Feb 21m | FR7ZL/T 21294/1400/Feb 26e | TU2FO 14210/2210/Feb 26m | 5X5NK 21295/1410/Feb 20m |
| CT3AR 21297/1940/Feb 23m | S8AAA 21307/1835/Feb 22e | TU2GI 14316/1600/Feb 27e | 6W8LF 14218/0110/Feb 19m |
| CT3HK 14208/2130/Feb 26m | VE3FXT/S8 14202/1900 27e | XT2AF 14209/2145/Feb 25m | 5V7AL 14227/2255/Feb 25m |
| CN8MB 21280/1815/Feb 23e | VE3FXT/S8 21305/1700 2e | XT2AS 14209/2145/Feb 25e | 7P8BC 21315/1450/Feb 26e |
| D4CRS 14202/2210/Feb 26m | S79R 21300/1815/Feb 20e | ZD8RR 14277/2100/Feb 21m | 7X4MD 14204/1945/Feb 22e |
| EA9CB 21304/2040/Feb 27m | TR8JCV 21316/1925/Feb 23m | ZS3BL 21260/1740/Feb 26e | 7X2BK 14333/2010/Feb 22e |
| EA9FF 21268/1800/Feb 21e | TR8LE 14241/2150/Feb 26m | ZS4PB 14204/1955/Feb 26m | 7P8BZ 21275/1530/Feb 26m |
| EL2AF 14240/2240/Feb 24m | TR8JCV 14206/2200/Feb 27e | 5Z4QQ 14205/2125/Feb 26m | 9G1KB 14210/2210/Feb 27e |
| 5N2WBF 21341/1750/Feb 28m | 5N2WAS 21310/1600/Feb 23e | 5Z4LW 14270/2040/Feb 24m | 9G1MK 21307/1715/Feb 23m |

ASIA CW

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JT1AO 14033/0100/Mar 2m | UF6FAV 14052/2050/Feb 23e | UL7LBF 14025/0715/Feb 27ep | UK0FAA 14006/0120/Feb 26m |
| JT1AS 14020/0100/Feb 18m | UI8CQ 14038/1415/Feb 22e | UL7FBC 14025/0445/Feb 26ep | UW9WZ 14030/1350/Feb 22e |
| OD5LX 14025/1400/Feb 23e | UL7CT 14025/0745/Feb 26ep | UK7AAE 14007/1410/Feb 22e | VU2EK 14065/1500/Feb 22e |
| UA9DAD 14017/0050/Feb 28m | UL7PHK 14005/1300/Feb 22e | UK7FAA 14022/1300/Feb 24e | 9D5A 14028/1350/Feb 22e |

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| ALXGZ 14205/1830/Feb 22m | TA2EK 14205/2150/Feb 21m | UW0LI 14219/0120/Feb 19m | 9M2FH 14208/1635/Feb 26w |
| HL9TJ 14224/2300/Often | UK0CBE 14207/1920/Feb 22m | VS6GG 14240/0045/Feb 23m | 9M2DW 14213/1640/Feb 26w |
| HM1KF 14205/0040/Feb 26e | UK7LAH 14220/1325/Feb 23e | VU2YY 14202/1355/Feb 22e | 9M2CP 14213/1710/Feb 26w |
| HS5AKW 14231/1300/Feb 25e | UK9MAA 14206/1310/Feb 24e# | VU2BX 14213/1315/Feb 20e# | 9M2LF 14207/1210/Feb 22e |
| JY5RBA 21309/1500/Feb 22m | UK7LAB 14227/1245/Feb 20e# | VU2DK 14210/1415/Feb 20e# | 9V1OI 14240/1420/Feb 25w |
| OD5EP 21387/1415/Feb 27m | UK9OBI 14206/1340/Feb 22e | LZ4TT 14210/2005/Feb 23m | 9V1NR 14208/1630/Feb 26w |
| UA0PJ 14208/0050/Feb 20m | UK9OAZ 14230/1410/Feb 22e | LX4SK 14237/1920/Feb 22m | |
| UF6VAG 14230/1335/Feb 24e | UK8BAJ 14210/1430/Feb 27w | LZ4MV 14228/2000/Feb 21e | |

EUROPE CW

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| DM3VAA 14031/1505/Feb 7w | CT3BVN 14079/2030/Feb 27m | JW1SO 14033/1625/Feb 24w | UA1ZWW 14030/2045/Feb 25m |
| DM2ZZN 14009/1920/Feb 28 | CT3A 14028/2035/Feb 24w | LALZC 14028/2340/Feb 25w | UR2QD 14025/0610/Feb 25ep |
| DF1IE 14030/2030/Feb 28m | BI7CR 14008/1600/Feb 28w | LA9EF 14007/2300/Feb 27m | UK2RAX 14016/1245/Feb 25e |
| EA1JO 21035/1810/Feb 23m | CT3J 14025/1600/Feb 28w | LZ1XX 21025/0800/Feb 27ep | UK2GCB 14022/1325/Feb 26e |
| EA5EV 21025/0730/Feb 27ep | TA7KLG 14026/1715/Feb 27w | OB2TI 21025/2020/Feb 27ep | UK6AAU 14023/1450/Feb 24e |
| EA6BD 14037/1945/Feb 27e | HA8GY 21025/0800/Feb 27ep | OK1DWA 14005/2030/Feb 25m | UA1ZBL 14006/2250/Feb 27m |
| FC9VN 14023/2000/Feb 25w | HP0BCY 14020/1850/Feb 22m | PA3AAA 14072/1520/Feb 28w | TF3AX 14007/1210/Feb 27w |
| GD3FXN 14027/2000/Feb 25w | IK6SF 14062/1545/Feb 27w | SM6JM 14049/1711/Feb 26e | Y02BGP 14031/2210/Feb 23m |
| GD4LX 14025/2040/Feb 2e | IK1JJE 14044/1330/Feb 27m | SM6CDB 14081/1445/Feb 26m | Y07NA 14047/2220/Feb 23m |
| GW3 14025/1545/Feb 2e | IS0ARI 14016/1620/Feb 27w | SP6PAV 14050/1815/Feb 22w | 3A6 14047/1615/Feb 27w |

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CQ TEST SCORES With the Big WPX Test due the last weekend of this month, it might be time to run through some of the scores in the last CQ Test. These are not the whole listings, just the top scores....

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| U.S. Single Operator | W3LPL | 1 538 784 | DX Single Operator | 9Y4VT | 3 438 644 |
| All Band | W1ZM | 1 298 388 | All Band | EA2IA | 1 444 560 |
| U.S. Single Band | | | DX Single Band | | |
| 1.8 | K1PBW | 22 626 | 1.8 | KV4FZ | 43 400 |
| | W5USM | 3 420 | | PA0HIP | 14 105 |
| | K4YFQ | 3 344 | | OK1ATP | 9 792 |
| 3.5 | W1MX | 108 288 | 3.5 | VR3AH | 178 560 |
| | W7KW | 30 561 | | OH1XX | 120 365 |
| 7.0 | W5WZQ | 322 383 | 7.0 | VK6HD | 261 250 |
| | WB5DTX | 284 900 | | JA2INO | 128 140 |
| 14. | WB9LHI | 281 559 | 14. | PY4OD | 1 168 344 |
| | W8KFL | 275 209 | | DJ6RX | 420 512 |
| | K8HLR | 267 150 | | FC9UC | 415 740 |
| 21. | W4WSF | 113 634 | 21. | VR1AA | 252 408 |
| | WA8KCX | 80 122 | | CX2AQ | 172 126 |
| 28. | WB4OSN | 5 964 | 28. | VK4XA | 28 082 |
| | K5EWJ | 4 520 | | YV4CB | 19 272 |
| U.S. Multi-Single | WA8ZDF | 1 631 784 | DX Multi-Single | 9Y4A | 3 767 676 |
| | W2YD | 1 487 250 | | PJ9MM | 3 736 427 |
| U.S. Multi-Multi | W3WJD | 4 173 687 | DX Multi-Multi | VE3DU | 1 339 158 |
| | W2PV | 3 250 152 | | DK5VD | 1 190 449 |
| | W3FRY | 2 836 080 | | JA3YKC | 1 048 285 |

BOUVET Cliffs overhanging the operating spot on Bouvet did not help with getting out a signal and the reports still say that less than one hundred contacts were made. One report says about twenty Europeans were worked. The two hours on Bouvet with the ATLAS rig and a car battery was not the big operation that the Norwegians were hoping for.

There has been another report that no 'W/Ks' were worked. We have one W6 who is really having a time trying to figure things out.

On Thursday, February 24th, at 1609Z, 14027kc he hears a DX station. He hears Bouvet mentioned. QSL via the LA Bureau. Then the station signs 3Y1CV to a JA station. He calls 3Y1CV and gets a contest type QSO. The W6 wanders off to look elsewhere on the band.

Did he or didn't he? We will have to report this one further. But would you want to go through that waiting? Of course you would!

DXCC DESK There is a backlog....Newington admits it. And they are trying hard to clean it up. Some quarters says that it amounts to about a 14 week backlog. Weekend work parties have been working overtime trying to cut the back-log down. As they are well aware of the situation, inquiries on over-due cards at this time will only add to the problem rather than helping. A bit of patience right now is needed.

There has been a report, which we cannot verify, that Dave Newkirk is thinking of returning to college to continue his studies and has submitted a letter so advising. Also, members of the DXAC and CAC have been queried on possible qualified people to take over. There may be more on this in the coming weeks.

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CALENDAR

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| MALPELO | Starts this weekend. HK/TU!! Prepare.... |
| COMORO | F6BBJ planning two week effort....about right now |
| GUINEA-BISSAU | Erik not in Rangoon. Aiming for former CR3 this month |
| MAURITIUS | KL4FOK planning to open next Wednesday... March 16th to 22nd |
| TRANSKEI | VE3FXT/S8 active along with S8AAA.... |
| LORD HOWE | AX6AAH/VK9 about March 23rd |
| KURE | KM6EB looking for a week in April. About April 18th |
| PITCAIRN | W6YO on c.w. late next month.....W6YO/VR6 |
| ECUADOR | HC5EE and friends with a multitude of HC prefixes during March |
| KERMADEC | ZLs looking....ZL1BKL planning effort soon. This one moving |
| MANIHIKI | ZK1BA from April 12th for 48 hours |
| MAYOTTE | F6BBJ looking for FHØ action after his Comoro stop |
| ARRL DX CW TEST | Final go. March 19/20th |
| CQ WW WPX TEST | March 26/27th.....listen for where the action is!! |
| POLISH CW TEST | April 2/3rd...the 'SP' Test |
| COMMON MARKET DX | April 2/3rd...work the nine common market countries |
| BERMUDA TEST | April 16/17th....some changes this year |
| POLISH PHONE TEST | April 16/17th |
| GRAND BAHAMA-C6 | March 17-22...across the ARRL CW Test. K8MFO/W9VNE/K8VQP |
| CONTESTERS ROUNDUP | Houston April 1/2nd...Ramada Inn at Hobby Airport. W5ZSX for info |
| FRESNO INTERNATIONAL | At the Fresno Hilton..April 2/3rd. The Mecca for all the
Big Gun DXers....W5RG/JA1KSO/W6TSQ!! Be there for the
Big DX Gathering of the year!!! The only one in 1977! |

PITCAIRN W6YO, Jules Wenglar, is on the YANKEE TRADER which is working through the Caribbean and will be in the Pacific soon. The vessel plans to stop at the Galapagos, Easter Island and Pitcairn. Jules has permission to operate from Pitcairn though it will not be possible to get a VR6-callsign.

Because Pitcairn has been usually available on SSB, and most DXers catch VR6TC sooner or later, W6YO/VR6 will concentrate on c.w. while on the island. Jules will be working to help the Deserving CW DXer!! Probably around the third week in April. Listen for Jules from other stops and we probably will have more and later information on this one. The YANKEE TRADER is a three-masted schooner on an around-the-world cruise. W6YO is reported to have mounted a quad on the mainmast. You read it right!!

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ARRL Vic Clark, W4KFC, is visiting in Central and South America on IARU business and to discuss WARC-79 with various national bodies. Bruce Johnson, WA6IDN, has been making a similar effort in Europe and the Middle East, visiting England, Switzerland, Turkey, France, Greece, Israel and Portugal.

One of the novice examinations has an unanswerable question in it. It has a schematic of a battery and two resistors in parallel. They give the value of one resistor but not the current. They want you to figure out the value of the other resistor. We had one taking the novice exam here last week. When he came to that problem it said that it could not be solved with the information given. Very smart, these new Novices, the FCC says now that it cannot be solved and will not be counted in the exam.

TNX to W1DA, W1MV, W1WY, W2FP, K2VV, W4AAV, WB4EDD, W4HU, W4KA, WB4OXD, K4PI, W4TYE, W4UF, W4WRY, N4XX, W4ZR, W5AK, K5BZU, K5DB, WB5HVV, K5OVC, ADXA, W5RBO, W5USM, K6DT, K6EC, W6GVL, W6ID, WB6IXC, W6JD, K6JG, K6LAE, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, K6VY, W8JXM, W9DH, WA9FFZ, K9PKQ, K9KEV, WA9WKA, W0DP, W0SFU, WA0TAS, I2CBM, KH6BZF, SM3CXS, SM0AGD, ZL1BKL, EP2VW.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers goes to about every meeting for miles around. Last week he was up the hill to report. "It was a meeting of this council of radio clubs," he explained, "and they got to discussing how to be effective where legislation is involved. Like that \$100 damage bill for any radio interference that is being proposed down in Texas." This certainly was topical and it got all our attention. "What did they decide?" we asked and the QRPer started to wave his hands. "They really came up with a doozie of an idea," he said, "but some argued that some of the groups were non-profit and that the IRS does not look favorably on non-profit groups trying to influence legislation. Not at all." We could understand all of this for we had heard of this matter before. "What did they decide?" we asked and the QRPer got to beaming. "Well," he said, his enthusiasm obviously growing, "they finally decided to use a gimmick. They decided to get some footballs, label them with titles like 'RFI Legislation' or '\$100 Texas Interference' and things like that. Then at club meetings they will toss these gimmicks into the air and yell 'Catch!!'. The thinking is that someone is bound to reach up and grab the problem as it goes by. Pretty neat, Yes? Can't you see how it will work....everyone out catching and all the problems being solved and no one need worry about their non-profit status because someone else will be carrying the ball. Really brilliant, isn't it?" You know something, we first thought that he might be kidding. He wasn't! And then we thought of other legislative years when many would point to the problem and the need but few would move. "It looks like a winner for sure," we said for certainly no one could lose with such a plan. Maybe not win, but definitely not lose. Everyone could and would support the effort for needed legislation by enthusiastically standing up and shouting "Catch!" And should all of this sound a bit ridiculous, just think of other years and other legislation.....and how many times you may have heard someone shouting "Catch!!" and found yourself with the problem in your hands.....and you were stuck. \$11.00 will bring you a full year of confusing enigmas and how when the DX comes by you can yell "Catch" and you will be out in front when everyone else is standing back. \$14.50 roars it out of the night and across the day by first-class to the U.S.-VE areas. \$17.00 trundles it far down the new dawn to Mexico and all the DX lands where everyone is pitching DX and you will be a winner. The Catcher in the DX!!

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