



West Coast **DX** Bulletin

April 5, 1977

14-77

GUINEA BISSAU Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, was heard initially during the WPX Test signing CR3AGD. He has been heard on twenty, both c.w. and SSB and last Friday evening....0100Z Saturday morning....he was on forty at 7006kc.

During the week he was found at or about 14025kc and 14195kc. Sometimes he strayed a bit from these frequencies. He was also saying that any eighty meter operation was unlikely and there would be no one-sixty efforts.

CR3AGD should be heard through this week. This is the former Portuguese Guinea area, now independent and known as Guinea Bissau. You might watch for it because there has been no recent operations there and it may be a new counter for DXCC.....replacing the old CR3. Either way, work Erik now and QSL to SM3CXS

F6BBJ-JACKY F6BBJ is reported to be due back in Paris on April 2nd or the last weekend. A check of reports did not indicate any FHØ operation though this may have come too late to report. The Geyser plans were reported as both off and on, a vessel being lined up at \$200.00 a day.

If the Geyser operation did come off it was aimed to be F6BBJ/Geyser. He had inquired of the ITU for a possible call, suggesting examples such as 1GR, 1A5A, 1A1A, etc. Apparently the answer was 'Non!' to all of these, so it will be F6BBJ.....perhaps.

Varying reports on F6BBJs plans have been received before and it would be best not to trust entirely in any of these but to listen. The sources involved are usually reliable and there may be plan changing. QSLs for any of his operations go to his home QTH. Glorioso does not seem possible at this time, the reports saying that transportation was not available.

TI9-COCOS TI9CF and TI9BY should be on the air by the time you get the bulletin. There has been no last minute word to add to the bulletin information of last issue. Only that the third generator is 1800watts.....as many probably suspected but a sticking typewriter key made it a bit bigger than needed.

PITCAIRN Jules Wenglare, W6Y0, was in Guayquil last week and planning a quick run to the Galapagos via plane while the YANKEE TRADER stayed at Guayquil. They should be headed for Easter Island before long and then from then on to Pitcairn, the expected arrival there being late this month.

Jules will work c.w. as much as needed to satisfy the demand for a VR6 cw contact. However, the late word is that he will go to SSB when the demand dries up a bit but does expect that most of his operating will be c.w.

QSL for his efforts to W6BVM. There are a number handling QSLs for different stops on the round-the-world trip but they will be sorted out at W6BVMs rather than having a large number of QSL routes.

SUNSPOT LOUIE The Ice Age has ended on the south bank of the Potomac, it was 80° there last week and everyone was across looking at the cherry blossoms.

And with things warmed up a bit, the long look into the months ahead by Dr. Waldmeir there in Zurich and Dr. Cohen there in Alexandria notes that the sunspot means were up in January and February and the next several months should find the angle getting a bit steeper.

The January mean was 15.7, there being no sunspots noted on Jan 7th to 10th and on the 20th and 25th.

The February mean was 22.6, only the 27th and 28th showing no sunspots. From Feb 8th to 19th the sunspot count never fell below twenty and was at 68 on the 13th and 61 on the 14th.

Looking ahead, Dr. Waldmeier predicted a SSN of 16/March; 17/April; 18/May/ 19/June; 21/July and 23/August. Considering that the doctor was looking for a SSN of 12 in February. Things are looking up....at least in the predictions....

There may be a few zigs and zags yet. In March the period from March 14th to 21st had only one day with sunspots when 11 were counted on the 15th. But even on that day a Cycle 20 sunspot showed! However, things are going to improve and when the next several months are behind you, you will be able to say you outlasted another minimum. There will be sunspots and DX and rain and warm weather again. The dust will settle in the Plains....people in Marin will start taking baths again and the good days will be with us again.

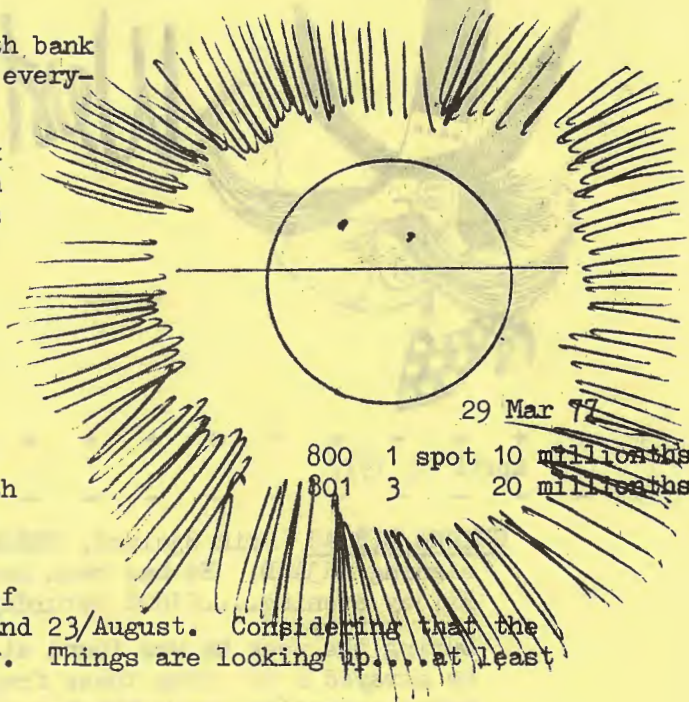
Why, there will be some good days before the month is out! Not because there is going to be a lot of the spotted stuff, but because the geomagnetic activity will be low. Peering into a warmer future, N4XX says that the good days of April are at hand and it will soon be:

April 5th	Disturbed	April 11th	High Normal
6th	Low Normal	12th	High Normal
7th	Low Normal	13th	High...sliding to Low
8th	Below Normal	14th	Low Normal
9th	Low Normal	15th	High Normal
10th	Low....going lower	16th	Low Normal
	to Below Normal	17th	High Normal

Going back a bit, those areas shown on the chart were #800 which first showed on March 26th and was at 23°N and 27°E on the date of the chart. #801 showed on March 27th and on the date of the chart was at 19°N and 18°W.

K6EC has been keeping the ear ready for the good news out of Boulder and while Ev would like to see a lot of activity and flux figures up in the eighties or nineties, it was hard to get them up to the mid-seventies. Ev says that the chart-makers should run them.....

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux Ap Index		
Mar 21st	73	3	Mar 25th	74	11
22nd	75	8	26th	75	13
23rd	75	11	27th	75	6
24th	75	10			



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SHORTLY NOTED This week there is no Red Eyed reports....in case you were looking for them. The time/work situation has been closing in and finally caught up with us this week. We realized that to compile REL would mean a Monday or Tuesday mailing of the bulletin and decided to drop it....for this issue so as to gain the time. It should be back next week.

The situation also kept us from the great Fresno International DX meeting over the weekend. Again, it was a choice of Fresno or the bulletin. We decided to stick with the bulletin.

W1AM is getting a good return on the 'Needed Country' lists though the response from the W3's has been light. Also light has been the W1s and the W8s. If you are sending your list in make sure it is in the mail by April 15th. There will be a cut-off and those who mail late will have to wait until next time out.

Art notes that up to this point that the total DXCC score averages is less than the last survey, this time being around the 270 total average while last time it was over 300. About 1/3 of the surveys to date are from two-letter calls, about 20% are from those on the DXCC Honor Roll.

Early indication is that the Okino-Tori Shima outing brought a new one to rival in rarity Clipperton/BY-China/Burma and a large number list this 'new' one as a continuing source of irritation. It may be swept under the rug with ".....it was done for the good of amateur radio" but there are a lot of DXers apparently unhappy yet over this one.

If things go right, there should be some 'needed' lists surfacing around the early part of May. Hang on and you will know how your 'needed ones' stack up with your neighbors. Suffer together!!

VKØAC has strung a long wire antenna.....about 540' long....out over salt water for his 40meter work and everyone is hearing him on forty c.w. There were big pile-ups before when those with good antenna systems could hear him, now most everyone is hearing the improved signal. Has it quieted things? Listen a bit and find out. Tune to the up-roar. Look for him around 1130Z and around 7025-7030kc.

HH2EL may be back in Malta but the long-delayed echoes are still there. Was at 14012kc at 2045Z on March 29th. Said the name was Cliff and to QSL to YASME. This one does not have that nice ringing sound of the true-blue ones. There was an HH2MC at 3802kc on March 28th. This one sounded good in the Miami area....W2HCW was running a list for some hours. On March 23rd, 9H1EL who was HH2EL was back in Malta and on fifteen meters.

YS1MAE, Mario, runs but 70 watts on 160 meters but you can look for him on weekends....Friday through Sunday....from 0300-0400Z around 1818kc. On weekdays look for him at 0200Z. II4 FGM was the Marconi Memorial at Bologna.

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MORE SHORTLY NOTED W1JEX/WB4PHH was a Silent Key in December. This was Donald Menzel, Director Emeritus of the Harvard Observatory and known among astronomers for work he has done on the sun and gaseous nebulae.

The April issue of SKY AND TELESCOPE carries a lead article on Dr Menzel and some of the work he did. If you come across a copy you might find it interesting to note that the ranks of amateur radio does include many who are prominent and leaders in their own chosen fields of endeavor.

W1JEX built his first gear at the age of nine. He was issued W1JEX in 1933 and held the call the remainder of his life.

Some have asked about that number in front of 'Nevers' in F6BBJ's QTH. The last letter from Jacky had it 58000. The Call Book has it without the three zeros. MacQuarrie is on most every night around 7029kc after 0800Z. Not every night but often enough to keep you looking. 5W1AU was at the Fresno meeting last weekend. K3MBF/ZF1 goes to W4BAA. K3MEF is currently building a ten room hotel to be called 'The Cocoplum' and it will be available this Fall. We feel that '58000 Nevers' is correct.

VK4XA/VK2 was reported last week as headed for Lord Howe. Some VK types have noted that Lord Howe is VK2-area. VK2BKE is said to be a permanent resident on the island, being the Chief Medical officer but is more interested in things than DX and pile-ups.

WA5THM/KG6 will be receiving a KG6 call soon....QSL to 1727-B Polynesian Drive, APO San Francisco 96334. WA7HRE ran up some 366,500 points in the ARRL CW Test.

4Z4TT will be departing Honolulu this Thursday, April 7th, ATLAS transceiver under his arm, and he will be heading for some Pacific spots. He will go to VR1 for about a week, then to A35-Tonga for ten days and then to VR8-Tuvalu for a week to ten days. He will have a HY-Gain tribander under that other arm when he departs Honolulu.

Look for him around 14195kc....and there probably will be no c.w. as he says his fist is not good. Also look for him around 14320kc.

Running through that again.....

Depart Honolulu April 7th

VR1 Seven or 8 days....to about April 15th

A35 Ten days.....to about April 25th

VR8 Seven to ten days..to about May 3rd

He has no QSL manager at this time and his home QTH is: 36 Pinkas Street, Tel-Aviv, Israel. Name is Baruch.

QSL?

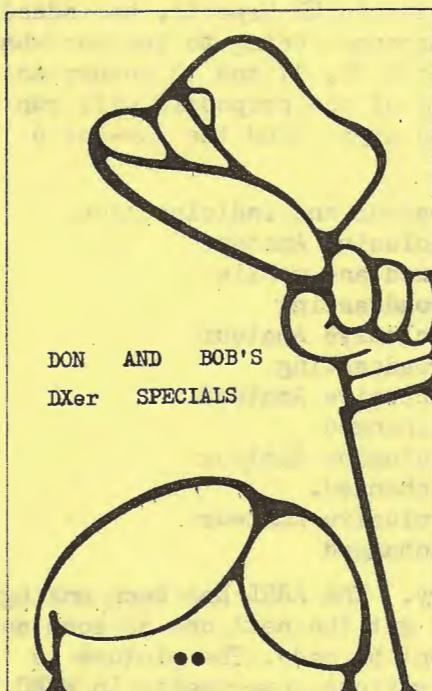
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MORE SHORT NOTES The Canadian government, as noted in HR Reports, has added their contribution to the WARC picture, the VE approach being to include what they believe is needed for Canada. They would add 30, 17 and 13 meters as new amateur bands, they would cut 40/80. As some of the proposals will run right across what U.S. want as amateur bands, you might find the lay-out a bit interesting.

160meters	1800-2000kc	Amateur and radiolocation
80meters	3500-3800	Exclusive Amateur
	3800-3900	Fixed and mobile
	3900-4000	Broadcasting
40meters	6900-7100	Exclusive Amateur
	7100-7300	Broadcasting
30meters	10100-10400	Exclusive Amateur
20meters	14000-14350	Unchanged
17meters	18300-18650	Exclusive Amateur
15meters	21000-21450	Unchanged.
13meters	24000-24500	Exclusive Amateur
10meters	28000-29700	Unchanged

The FCC is working on its Fifth Notice of Inquiry. The ARRL has been making these FCC Notices available and all DXers should get the next one as soon as it is available. It should be studied and comment be made. The picture is starting to shape on what will be sought by the various governments in WARC 79 and the voice of the amateur, as presented in his writing, can make a significant impact. This is the Year of the Literate Amateur!!

Those who have tried G3YNC for a QSL for JA6FC probably know by now that their effort was in vain. But you might try G6ZO....J M Kirk, 2 Old Lodge Way, Stanmore, Middlesex, England. You might do better. If you worked JA6GDQ/S2, write to JA6CUV, Box 22, Mitaka, Tokyo, 181 JAPAN.

OHØ should be on until April 11th by some DKs...DK5SN and SK6XR. Another DK group will be in HBØ-Liechtenstein until the 11th. The OHØ operation will be SSB only....the HBØ will be most c.w. 25kc up.

The 4W9s are quiet....government order. The problem in the Grand Cayman with the issuance of ZF-calls to visiting amateurs apparently has been resolved. The problem developed when some used the call for other purposes including some ZF1/W back in the states. Anyhow, it appears that henceforth visiting amateurs will issued ZF2 prefixes...starting with ZF2AA and following in order. Request for special suffixes will not be honored. Licenses will be good for one year and will cost twenty GrandCayman dollars.

K90TB was operating from March 19th to 23rd at the shack of VP2KN. This was over the ARRL CW Test and QSLs go to W7OK.

Apparently VP2Ks are being only issued to non-residents but the local radio club is looking at some possible changes to suggest. VP2KR is the local club station with a small Kenwood transceiver plus some older gear. They would appreciate old copies of QST/CQ/73/Ham Radio etc or any old instructional manuals or unneeded gear. This can be sent to the CBA of VP2KN and it will be appreciated. The interest in amateur radio is there, the facilities, gear and publications are lacking.

Several have asked for the QSL route for VP8AI. It is in the QSL information that K5DB has put together for the third time around. John says he will take no chances with our blistering high-speed typing.....he typed it himself this time to keep the error rate down. This one is guaranteed....though there are a few modifications of the previous ones slipped in at the bottom of the second page.

QSL Information By K5DB



QSLs!

A2CED to K4EBY
A4XGQ G3UKP
A6XB K1DRN
A9XB G3WWW
AH3FR W6KLI

C5AR G3LQP
C5AU G3LQP
C5AZ OH2NB
C6AEY WB9HAK
C21ME WA5OCN
C31JY DL6VW
C31KF F2NY
CE9AV CE2MZ
CT2BS WA4CAD
CT4IZ WA5UPZ
CT9AT OH2BH

D2AFW CR6FW
DK0GD/ST DL9IL
DU6BG WA7RFH

EL2X W3HNK
EL8N SM4CWY
EP2SN WA3BZA

F0BSD/FC ON6WT
F0CQK/FC OE1NPW
F0CQZ/FC DK5DC
F0HI/FC G3KFT

FB8ZI F8US
FC9JC DL7FT
FK0TX F2TX
FM7WE K4CFB
FO0RS W6MAR/K6NA
FP8HL K9OTB
FP0LP W3LPL
FW8CO F6AXY
FY0AYO W2JKN

HB0AZD OH2TW
HC1XG/HC8 WA6PDE
HL9VA WA2JFK
HR4BBA I3CYG

IB0JN to I8JN
IB0ODP I10DP
IE9CEM I2YDX
IH9HLO IT9KZW
II0ITU I0ZV
IS0TCT/IM0 IS0PEM
IT9SKO/IG9 IT9PUG
JA8UI/PZ JA8AHA
JW1SO LA1SO
JW5DQ LA5DQ
JY7YJ JY5YJ
JY9CS K50EA

KC6KO WA2EOQ
KG6JBX KH6IDL
KG6JHB K3CET

LU1ZA LU2AFH
LU2ZA LU2AFH

OE6DK/YK OE5REB
OH0PA OH1PA
OH0XZ OH3XZ
ON7VT ON6CK
OX3AX OZ5DX
OX3CM OZ6HS
OX3VO OZ9DP
OX3YY OZ7YY
OX4KP W1TW
OY3H W3HNK

P29CD ZL2FA
P29DV W8PD
PA0SPD W4JWU
PJ8UQ W1UQ
PJ0A VERONA

S79FC to ON4CH
ST2RK DL7FT
TG0AA VE2KQ
TR8MG REF
TU2GA W9KXA

VC9UM VE4VV
VE2AQs/TG9 VE2KQ
VE2ZN/SU VE2YM

VK9ZM VK4ABW
VK0RH VK5WV
VP1EK DL1JW
VP1KS DL1KS

VP2DE F6BBJ
VP2DH W8HM

VP2GEB GC2CNC
VP2LGN WB9IWN

VP2MDB K0VVO
VP2MEE F6BBJ

VP2SZ WB80BA
VP5SF WB4SHB

VP8HZ G3ITN
VP8PL G3LIK

VQ9RB G3LQP
VS5DB JA2KLT

VU2ACD WB7ACD
VU2LQA DK6TU

YB0PG WA2DWE
YN8KMA WA5WCT

ZB2BD G3TTG
ZB2BM W1JFL

ZB2FX G3RFX
ZB2YL G2VGW

ZD7HH K2PAY

ZD9F ZS5SH
ZD8RW to G8EXU
ZD8W WA4TLB
ZF1DB K0VVO
ZF1RD W4BAA
ZF1SP W4HET
ZS3KC WA1MAV
ZK1DP FO8DP
ZK2AT INDXA
ZS3LK DK3GI

3A0GS W2HSB
3A0GY WB2EZG
3D2AJ W6SC
3D6BD JA3CMD
3Y1VC LA Bureau
3Y3CC LA Bureau

4J4A UK1FAA
4J6A UW3HV

5B4BK OE2SJJ
5B4CO SM0CHB
5B4DI WA4APD

5B4DJ VE3FXV
5B4TD OH1TD

5N2FAX W1WTE
5T5CJ W4BAA

5Z4AC WA8MCH
5Z4NG DJ3NG

5Z4RT DJ3NG
5X5NK DL1YW

6W8A WA3NCP

7SL7DM SL7DM
7X0BI Y08AHL

805ED K4EBY
8P6GT W2PEO

8P7GN WB8BTU

9G1GE G3USE
9M2FK YU4HA

9N1MM W2KV
9Q5DM WB5OAV

9Q5ZZ DJ6RB
9V1SQ VE3FGA

9X5SM ON4ER
9X5SP DL80A
9X5VF ON4LM

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C21PS	Box 21, Republic of Nauru, Central Pacific
EA9FF	P.O. Box 421, Spanish Ceuta, North Africa
EA9FJ	Box 344, Spanish Melilla, No Africa
FL8JC	P.O. Box 1205, Djibouti, T.F.A.I, Africa
FL8KW	P.O. Box 573, Djibouti, T.F.A.I, Africa
FW8CO	Michel Pierron, c/o Hififo Airport, Wallis Island
HP3XWB	P.O. Box 2692, Balboa, Canal Zone
I7VCA	Enzo Chiarello, Box 1, 70100 Bari, ITALY
IA5AT	Antonio La Porte, Via Spallanzani #6, I-20062, Monza, Italy
JE1TWG/S21	Embassy of Japan, Box 458, Dacca, Bangladesh
JX6LF	A Munthe, Jan Mayan, c/o Embassy of Norway, Reykjavik, Iceland
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OH2BAD	Mike Heikinheimo, Lokkalantie 16 A 19, 00330 Helsinki 33, Finland
OX3LM	Box K-3930, Groennedal, Greenland
P29MO	P.O. Box 204, Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea
S8AAA	c/o Post Office Staff, Umtata, Transkei
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W2KV	E M Blaszyzyk, 539 Fairhill Dr. Churchill, Penna 18966
WT4AAK	Rt 1, Box 409, Monroe, Georgia 30655
YB8ACK	Frank Olano, C/O PT INCO, Sorobako, Sulawesi, Indonesia
YJ8RD	R Delaveuve, Box 567, Vila, New Hebrides
5B4ES	P.O. Box 4047, Nicosia, Cyprus
5T5JD	Box 237, Nouakchott, Mauritania
6W8GA	P.O. Box 3024, Dakar, Republic of Senegal
805ME	H Ernest, P.O. Box 188, Maun, Botswana
9G1JL	P.O. Box 6017, Accra, Republic of Ghana
9G1KL	Box 1332, Kumasi, Republic of Ghana
9K2DT	Box 13220, Kuwait
9K3TC	A Schmidt, Turgaustr 6, D-41, Oberhausen, West Germany
9M8HG	Box 2242, Kuching, Borneo

Retreads

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A9XBD	Delete 'Saudi Arabia'
VK0AC	to VK3ZQK
VR3AR	WA7GQA
VS5MC	DK5JA
ZK1DA	WA5OCN

Supplement No. 2

FO0GC	to WA6AHF
VR3AX	Delete
VR6TC	W6HS

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CALENDAR

TI9-COCOS
GUINEA BISSAU
MANIHIKI
IWO JIMA
KURE
ARUBA
LORD HOWE
PITCAIRN
VATICAN
St BRANDON
POLISH TEST
BERMUDA TEST
DAYTON HAMVENTION
PACIFIC

TI2CF and TI2BY there this week....
Erik will be there to the weekend...listen for CR3AGD
ZK1BA next week....maybe 24 hours...maybe 48....
KA group there starting April 5th...big effort
KM6EB aiming for operation from April 18th
W5CH from PJØ for a week from April 27th
Two groups were supposed to be there...listen
W6YO/VR6 late this month. Much c.w. stuff
DL group from now through the Easter weekend.
3B8DA reported as headed for there next weekend-Apr 15th
April 16/17th....phone activity
April 16/17th....some rule changes for this year
Follow the crowds....downtown Dayton April 29th..May 1st
4Z4TT heading this week for VR1/A35 and VR8..week each place.

IRAN Notes from the Tehran Downtown DX Club indicate that the period for the use of the 9D-prefix has passed and it will not be heard again for awhile.

9D5B who also signed EP20D has returned to the states and you might catch him as W4OD. All the c.w operators in Tehran got together to bid Carl farewell with 9D5A as the host. Carl made over 18,000 contacts from Tehran.

EP2VW, Doug Woolley, will be on leave in England in August and is looking for a G5-call. He will be mobiling through the English countryside, checking the height of the beams along the way.

There were fifty attending the last meeting of the local club there in Tehran and it is promised that with a bit upward movement in the sunspot mean and a bit more of the flux that EPs will be heard in plenty. Some are even planning to put up bigger beams for the good days ahead.

FCC/RFI Back in 1973 RFI complaints to the FCC were doing a monthly bounce that would put the annual figure around 40-50 thousand a year. Now it is over 100K a year..that was last year and by the end of F/Y 1978 it is expected to be over 200K complaints a year. Congressional Inquiries are following somewhat the same pattern, going from less than 500 annually in F/Y 1973 to an expected 30K in F/Y 1978.

There is an RFI problem and eventually some solution will have to be found. In this instance the Goldwater Bill, S-864 is legislation and support for this must come from the constitutents. Some have said that no RFI legislation will be enacted until there is concerted consumer action. This is the time for some to take pen in hand and address their comments to their congressman or U.S. Senators. Only when there is broad support will the legislation start to move. Remember what happened last time out.....nothing!

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ANAHEIM? Soon!!

ARRL The League has filed comments in connection with RM-2830, the petition of the National Association of Broadcasters to amend the rules to permit broadcast stations to re-broadcast amateur transmissions consisting of emergency information, road or weather reports or information vital to the public safety and convenience.

The League is against the idea. Send a sase with 24¢ and you can get all their arguments. You might also send 24¢ to get the ARRL comments on the 3rd Notice...

The FCC has cancelled its program of mailing Novice exams in bulk. Says that the program was not satisfactory, many were not returned and some were requested just to have them on hand in case someone asked.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Spring is here, the hills are green and the sap is running. And Slim is with us more than ever. One of the local QRPers climbed the hill last week, there was joy in his voice and happiness in his face. "Got a few more Slims to report," he said. "They are sure coming thick these days....and mostly on the c.w. bands." This was a matter of interest to every true-blue DXer and we urged the QRPer onward. "Well," the QRPer continued, "that VR0CX was Slim. That FW8... was Slim. Joe says definitely that SM0AGD/XZ was Slim because Erik was not in Burma. And there was 6W2UQ, 7Q2SN, 5H1JZ and last week that 8Q0A was not ringing just right. Some nights ago I heard this 8R1VC with a big signal. Gave W9BNH as his QSL manager and I gave Virgil a call. Virgil says that it is Slim and if I listen on twenty c.w. long enough I may also work him at VP2VC, HR1VC or 9R1VC. But all of the signals come from the home QTH in four-land." The QRPer had to pause for breath and we marveled at the coolness with which he worked all those rare ones. "And remember that CR1AK/D6 that was on a couple of weeks back. Ran him down in the San Fernando Valley where he is alive and well and running the rig with all the knobs turned clockwise. Says it helps his signal." This certainly was a strange lash-up but the QRPer was obviously enjoying it. "It's fun to work them," the QRPer said, "but it's more fun to figure out who it is and drop in with his given name. I know that they are doing it because of a need to feel they are clever, maybe a bit more cleverer than those calling. But as much as they want to feel clever, they do not want to be notoriously so. So I am in there to help them handle the pile-ups. And those pile-ups often fade about as fast as Slim does when called by name." Son of a Gun! What does one say when one encounters a DXer with such an esoteric avocation? Only that DX is a many faceted thing and those that look hard for Slim will hear him calling. And those who look for the latest word on Slim can get the underground reports for a full year in the U.S. by second-class mail for \$14.00. For first-class service to the U.S. and VE areas it will roar your way for \$18.00 a year while \$20.00 sends it down the moonpath to Mexico and all the far DX-lands all the way by airmail.....

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