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CAMPBELL ISLAND There is a nightly list operation for ZLLLIR/A which has run a lot of the Deserving through the logs. Usually the action starts with Bob Schenck, N200, taking a list about 0430Z and Ray coming on frequency about 0500Z and usually sticking around for about an hour.

As noted previously, the Southeast DX Club is supplying the QSLs and NLNX, Bill Bar, is the address to send them to. Sase needed, for DX Stations two IRCs.

The frequency is high in the bands, 14305kc but the QRM is often less. The operation lasts until Ray there on Campbell gets the dinner call. Sometimes later on the station is found on the Pacific DX Net or P29JS's gathering.

ZLLLR/A has been active on c.w. and mostly on eighty meters on an intermittent basis. However, a c.w. night is being planned and if this effort goes well, there will be a regular schedule of c.w. action from Campbell. The station also has a new fifteen meter antenna and says he will try the Africana Net to see how it works.

MALDIVES SM5MX previously had indicated that he would be in the Maldives about now and would be operating. There may be a hitch to these plans...but then again, Maybe not.

Last week S79MC was passing the word that there had been a heavy break-out of cholera in the Maldives and there was some question as to whether anyone might be allowed in...or out...of the affected areas.

Don't give up. Rolf may show and everything you might need in the way of a c.w contact will be there. He was also looking for a bit of SSB along the way and the planned frequencies were in the April 4th bulletin.

FAROES/ICELAND Durint July and August a group out of Scotland will be visiting both Iceland and the Faroes to test propagation conditions. The tests will include the usual high frequency bands plus two meters and 70cm.

The group believe it possible to work the east coast on two and especially during period of the Aquarids meteor showers on July 28th and 29th. They are looking for schedules with east coast station, especially those with the bigger antenna arrays.

If you write, it will help if you would identify your location, the best or suitable times and the mode....SSB or c.w. If you like c.w., you should give the fastest speed available. These letters should go to Alistair Simpson, GM8NCM, 58 Cheviot Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife KY2 6BB, Scotland.

The group will also work through OSCAR. They expect to be operational from OY-Faroes from July 18th to 20th and from Iceland from July 22nd to August 5th. Look for them.....

c.w. 1836 3512 7012 14012 21012 28012kHz

SSB. 1912 3736 7072 14236 21272 28536kHz

Also on the trip will be GM3YOR, GM3OLK and GLDXC as well as GM8NCM.

There were a lot of active areas on this observation and there were four more active areas spots that are not on the chart. But last Wednesday there was a violent solar flare and the effects of that should have reached the earth about Friday If you 1066) think the bands were flat early in the week, you probably revised your index a bit when the full effect came on. (1062)(1068 Disturbance of the earth's geomagnetic field was expected and maybe even a chance to see the aurora in southern latitudes where April 78 normally is not noted very often NZ19 1057 No 1057 is a large active area and this may 31 spots have been the source of the large flare. O millionth NOAA had noted on the 7th that this one had 1059 the capabilities of energetic activity. N230 W39 You may find more activity later this week 10/60 as there is some anticipation of more solar 10 millionths activity at the storm level. The Lyrids' meteor showers should peak about the 22nd. 1062 16 spots E31 70 millionths The mean sunspot number for March is expected to be around 52. The flux is 9 spots headed up and the 90 day mean to April 6th 50 millionths is 133. 1061 3 spots KH6IJ on six meters worked fifty JAs on 80 millionths March 3rd. The 50.1mHz beacon KH6EQI is 1065 7 spots being reported being heard nightly by P29HV. N180 E56 60 millionths . What the heck! These are times when one 2 spots 1066 does not know whether to jump high or low. 10 millionths Whether it is two steps forward and one step back. Tune the bands and work what is there. 1 spot And what is not there today will most likely 10 millionths be there tomorrow. DX is good .... but every 7 spots one of the Deserving wants it to be better! 10 million ths Back in Tidewater Virginia, NAXX stirs about in the Spring sunshine and happily greets the crocus blooming everywhere. And as he rushes from flower to another, Ted pauses to note that in the weeks ahead it will be, a tively speaking, something like-April 18th High...but LN April 24th Low Normal at times 25th Low Normal 19th High...but-26th High/Low Normal 20th Above Normal 27th High Normal 21st Above....sut sliding 28th Above Normal to Below Normal 29th Above Normal

And up from the South comes the word from K6EC who not only is the SWL for WWV but also works a lot of DX. Ev says that, in these trouble times, the flux and stuff was....and mostly higher.

Below Normal

Disturbed

22nd 23rd

|     |      | Solar Flux | Ap Index |         |     | ux Ap Index |
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| Apr | 3rdx | 135        | 17       | Apr 7th | 147 | 41          |
| 400 | 4th  | 146        | 20       | 8th     | 148 | 14          |
|     | 5th  | 148        | 16       | 9th     | 156 | 6           |
|     | 6th  | 149        | 8        |         |     |             |

IRAQ Again....no late information but our confidence is still unshaken. All the signs are that YI1BGD will be heard. Mostly right now you are hearing rumors....on the east coast it is that the station was worked by some Pacific Island stations....in the Western Reaches it is that some W1s and W2s...and maybe some W8s have been working the station.

When it comes you will know. It's coming.....just don't ask "When?".

TUVALU There is another resident active and this one should be there for a good bit signing VR80.

The station was reported by K8RD, apparently just a day or two after opening up. The operation is at the meteorological station there at Funafuti and should be there a year or two. W6YFR was finding the station on the 10th.

The statimn has been showing around 14205kc...plus or minus a couple either way, and sometime after 0900Z. The indicators are that he got his license about April 6th. Mail goes to the operator, c/o the Meteorological Station, Funafuti. Tuvalu. Central Pacific.

IRAN EP2VW, Doug Woolley, who has held the 14025kc franchise there in downtown Tehran for the last year or so, it was 21025kc sometimes...will be leaving the area shortly and probably next show in EL-Liberia. 14025kc? Naturally!

Doug will be back in the states for a bit, EP2IA will also be here and they will do some touring the eastern slope admiring the antenna arrays that most everyone knows that every east-coast station has, and plan to attend the FOC dinner in Connecticut.

Doug will be leaving last part of May.

COCOS-KEELING There is no late information from P29JS but everything appears to be headed downhill on this one. The last day in May or the first one in June you should be hearing VK9YS.

The Northern California has offered 5 0.00 to help with the expenses. The Foundation is also offering to print QSL cards for the effort.

NIUE The approximate date for LZLTT to show from Niue has been marked at or about May 2Lth. He intends to operate there for a couple of weeks and possibly from some other Pacific Areas.

CHATHAM ZL operators are looking ahead a couple of months and are planning on a bit of an effort from Chatham Island this Fall and across the CQ WW DX Test. Actually, they are planning a long operation, the current planning calling for an operation to run from October 27th to November 27th.

They are also planning to go loaded for DX. Current planning includes two through one-sixty plus SCTV and OSCAR.

More will be coming on this....

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SHORTLY NOTED If you have not sent off your QSL for the Clipperton effort, you might want to avail yourself of the WorldRadio assistance. QSLs for the Clipperton operation can be sent to Worldradio as a central point and these handled there.

In order that you can understand the arrangement, the following is being reproduced right out of the March issue of Worldradio.

> Worldradio will serve as a central point of reception and distribution of the Clipperton QSL cards for the United States and Canada only. All W/VE cards for the Clipperton operation should be addressed to the Clipperton DX Club in care of Worldradio, 2120 28th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818, which is also correct in the Callbook as the Worldradio Staff Club station under the call WB6QHL. (The Callbook address mail is put into the Worldradio post office box.)

It is tentatively planned that, because logs for four stations using the same call sign may be too confusing for the normal individual hunt-and-check procedure for QSL managers, QSL cards will be filled out for all contacts in the logs, filed in alphabetical order and more easily found by call sign. Requests for QSL cards will be grouped by the day they come in, and the first received will be the first to go out. After the bulk of the requests have been answered, the remainder of the QSL cards will be sent to the bureau.

Don Wallace W6AM, will be holding his annual open house at the QTH on top of the Palos Verdes country. The date is Sunday, June 18th and the dancing starts at 1:00p.m.

Mark the calendar for this one. Right on top with a shot to the Pacific and other places. See what helps to work DX.

W6AM has been an amateur since 1912. His Visitor Days are always something to remember. Don was an operator on the GEORGE WASHINGTON which took President Wilson to the Versailles conference. As we often are known to point out, Don Wallace and we went to Europe on the same ship! How about figuring that one out.



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HY-GAIN A lot have asked whether HY-Gain is alive...or what is the situation. While this may not necessarily be he exact picutre, it is what we have been able to find out.

Apparently the banks have stepped in. Last week it was reported that an inventory was currently being conducted and it would be a couple of weeks before some indicators might surface.

One distributor said he sent in an order recently and it was accepted. It was also indicated that there would be a slight delay in delivery. The business has been going through the ringer and it is possible that there will be a thorough overhaul of the operations if it comes back on line.

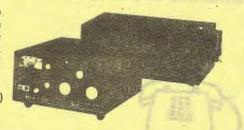
Some are optimistic on the possibility of Hy-Gain reopening. Or maybe they are hopeful. It is pointed out that they did display a new line of antennas at Las Vegas in January and there does seem to be the market for the product.

It may be that the bankruptcy courts are moving and the decision whether to wash out, the whole business or to reopen will come in a couple of weeks. If you have written a letter or made inquiry, or anything like that, keep in mind that the office staff is practically non-existent. You may have a problem in getting an answer.

A35NW K8MN, ex-WBLKTR, is handling the QSLs for Nick Wallingford in Nekualofa, Tonga. Nick will be there for about another six months before returning to ZL-land. This is a fresh Tonga license but Nick was a WN back about 15 years. K8MN....5075 Shepherd Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223. Sase or Sae/Irc needed.

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If you have a chance to get a look at the Clipperton operators currently in the U.S., it might prove interesting. One thing is their youth. F5II is still young himself but he is the oldster in the group. F6BBJ, Jacky, hardly seems but beyond the teenage level. To get a good look at some of these well-known DX types is always a surprise and a pleasure.

From the Northern California DX Meeting a week or so back, they were reported as headed on a tour taking them to Reno, Las Vegas and then to Visalia. F6ARC and F9IE visited Disneyland and headed for France. Elsewhere, there are still lots of praise for the operation and everyone seems to be joining in the chorus. It was a good one.

The effects of this solar flare will pass. Some DXers are reporting finding it difficult to sleep these days ... . band conditions are keeping them up all night. They are good.

We are are hoping that someone will say that VE3FXT/H5 cards are coming. No word has ever come on the problem at the post office box. Can anyone help on this.

VR3AH should be back on Christmas Island about the first of June. On this tour, the QSLs will go to Greg Haines, WBLPRU, 3403 Winthrop Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. Anything up to June 11st 1978 or earlier should go to K2BT....who looks for the Sase or Sae/IRC. VP5EE goes to WALKMO, Steve Chamberlain, an extra class license holder at fifteen! VP2SQ is reported as trying some slow c.w. to offer St. Vincent to the Deserving.

Mellish Reef, object of some VK planning, is reported to be 50'wide, 150' long and 4.5' at highest point above sealevel...as WALLOUF reports. The pictures of Clipperton are surprising....not as desolate as you might think.

On the expansion of the 40 meter band for the ZLs, you might note that the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters there in Christchurch were instrumental in pushing for and getting this change. Strong organization work.



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And cannot work again.....

| TEN METERSHARDLY!  |  |  |   |
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| CT1VY 28515/1630/Apr 8e<br>F6CYV 28516/1740/Apr 8e<br>FC2CH 28540/1435/Apr 8m<br>GD3AM 28558/1745/Apr 8e   | GW3REM 28555/1545/Apr 8m<br>VK7NOW 28520/0100/Apr 8e<br>WD9FCC/VQ9 28593/2020 2e<br>YU1AEK 28571/1625/Apr 8e   | YU1GMN 28548/1620/Apr 8e<br>ZD8RG 28530/1740/Apr 8e<br>LXLBT 28617/1630/Apr 2e<br>LXLKM 28585/1445/Apr 8m  | 5H3JR 28593/2015/Apr 2e   |
| AFRICA CW  |  |  |   |
| FR7BN 14025/1525/Apr 6w<br>FR7BT 14030/1455/Apr 19w<br>J28AG 14003/2130/Apr 6e<br>S8AAA 14013/1530/Apr 5w  | SU1IM       14002/0430/Apr       2m         ZE8JJ       21040/1905/Apr       6e         ZE8JW       14036/1940/Apr       6e         ZD8TM       14016/2135/0ft       .   | 6W8AAD 14008/2130/Apr 3e<br>9J2WS 14038/0530/Apr 1m  |   |
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| A2CBW 14235/1530/Apr 8w<br>C5AEK 14211/0200/Apr 5e<br>CN8AK 21355/2010/Apr 1w<br>CN8CW 21416/1535/Apr 2e<br>CT3AF 21283/2030/Apr 6e<br>D4CBS 21355/1950/Apr 8m   | EL2SM 14225/0230/Apr 6m<br>FB8ZM 14223/0350/Apr 8m<br>FR7BE 14203/0330/Apr 4m<br>FR7AE 14227/0345/Apr 3e<br>S79MC 21301/1920/Apr 7m<br>TR8AC2 14270/2100/Apr 6m*   | WA3WAQ/TJ9 14316/1525 2e WD9FCC/VQ9 14213/2300 2m 5H3FW 21272/2025/Apr 6e 5H3KS 14219/1435/Apr 10w# 5N2AIF 14208/0020/Apr 7e 0E8WLK/5N2 14227/0030 7w  | 7P8BC 21272/2025/Apr 6e<br>7XLMD 21290/1505/Apr 6e<br>9G1JN 14198/1630/Apr 6w   |
| ASIA CW  |  |  |   |
| EP2FN 14014/0255/Apr 7e EP2IA 14027/0300/Often EP2SA 14029/0130/Apr 8m EP2BQ 14013/1300/Apr 7m HM2JN 14027/1505/Apr 4e JT1KAA 14056/1520/Apr 9w UAØWQ 14043/1345/Apr 5e UAØBA 14020/1235/Apr 1m UAØBL 21029/0100/Apr 8e UD6BO 14017/0350/Apr 8m UK6DKW 14024/0310/Apr 8m UD6BO 21010/0330/Apr 9w UD6DLJ 14059/0335/Apr 7e UF6CX 14057/0425/Apr 9m UF60AA 14030/2330/Apr 9m | UF6FAG 14001/2325/Apr 6e UG6AB 14001/0230/Apr 10m UH8CS 21048/1515/Apr 9m UH8HBR 14029/02M5/Apr 8w UH8BC 14018/1910/Apr 5e UH8DC 14018/1910/Apr 10m U18GAJ 14007/0220/Apr 10m U18ACI 14054/0215/Apr 9m U18ACI 21051/1400/Apr 9m U18LAG 21040/1420/Apr 9m U18LAG 14028/0000/Apr 9w U18ACC 14031/0000/Apr 7e U18ADN 14014/1500/Apr 4w T18IDR 14045/0130/Apr 7e | UJ8AC 14033/0120/Apr 7e UJ8BQ 14032/0115/Apr 7e UJ8JAS 14035/0050/Apr 7e UJ8AE 14006/0130/Apr 10m UJ8JAS 14030/0155/Apr 9m UK7JAA 14063/0010/Apr 9m UK7JAA 14063/0125/Apr 7e UL7GA 14063/0125/Apr 7e UL7AAB 14080/0345/Apr 8w UL7MAM 14001/0330/Apr 8m UL7JG 21038/1445/Apr 9m UL7JG 21038/1445/Apr 9m UL7JAW 14050/0045/Apr 9m UL7JAW 14028/0150/Apr 9m UL7VAI 14049/0100/Apr 1m UL7ULHM 140444/0250/Apr 9m   | UL7EAS 14057/0410/Apr 9m<br>UM8MAR 14049/0105/Apr 1m<br>UM8MAO 21015/0325/Apr 9w<br>UM8NNN 14027/0245/Apr 6m<br>VU2BK 14029/0155/Apr 4e<br>VU2BX 14033/0055/Apr 7e<br>0E5CA/YK 14016/1855 4e<br>ZC4IO 14028/2050/Apr 4e<br>4X4HQ 14021/1830/Apr 4e<br>5B4PW 14045/0045/Apr 7m |
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9M6MU 14205/1515/Apr 4w
9M8HG 14225/1545/Often 21298/1705/Apr 8e VP2SQ KØADY/DU2 14315/0825 W7UUO/DU2 14205/1415/ 14210/0015/Apr 14235/0635/Apr 14190/2120/Apr 4e 9e# KGLIW 9m VP2KT 14202/0200/0ften KX6BU 6е VP5EE 14204/0200/Apr 14315/0830/Apr 14215/0615/Apr 6w FP8HL 14214/1315/Apr 6m FM7WE 14214/0200/Apr 5e VR4DG J3AH 4e P29CC 9w VRLBF 14194/0630/Apr : 6w 8e YBØWQ. 14201/2010/Apr 3m 14220/0745/Apr HR1RC 14332/0145/Apr 1w P29JS LOW BAND LOUIE HFØPOL 7004/0605/Apr 7035/1335/Apr DM2DEO 7005/0450/Apr 7w HM5DZ DK8MO 7019/0500/Apr 2m KM6BI 7037/0615/Apr 8w SMØCCE 7002/0440/Apr 7w 7008/0440/Apr 7003/0430/Apr EP2TA OE8KR 8m VP1KS 7017/0435/Apr 7w 7002/0230/Apr 11w YU2FVW 7022/0140/Apr GDLBEG 7002/0630/Apr : 5e ON5GK 7w 3m 7005/0500/Apr GM3JDR 7003/0645/Apr 5e ONSNT

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches da = germany etc. all times in gmt (# = long path \* = that's what he is signing ??? = Slim!! Often with a pile-up on c.w. P9ZK in Kor (recently. Slim....often QSOed, seldom QSLed!

GUERNSEY Many will remember the GUHDAA operation from last Fall when a handful of Gs out of Sussex and some other areas put the station on the air for a good contest total just under three meg....

Al Slater, G3FXB, who was pushing the group, advises that the QTH there on Guernsey may be updated. The other of the facilities had indicated some interest in putting up a TH6....or equivalent...on a sixty-foot crans-up tower for use by visiting DX types who need transient accommodations while visiting Guernsey. Everything would be ready to go when you hook inyour operating gear.

The question is just how much interest there might be in such an arrangement. Many visit the Channel Islands on vacation...or for contests...and G3FXB feels that there may be many a wandering DXer who would find such a facility attractive. The QTH hs clear shot over water to the states....this with low noise level.

G3FXB would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in such a lash-up, the owner of the property is leaning but needs some encouragement. If you might be heading for Guernsey one of these days and you like this idea of an available TH6...write to:

Al Slater G3FXB

"Wychwood"
Park Lane, Maplehurst,
Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6LL
ENGLAND

He is hoping for some evidence of interest to swing the idea.

KX6BU

P29MM

3817/0720/Apr 5w 3698/1115/Apr 10w

JERSEY While browsing around the Channel Islands, it might be noted that GJ3DVC is often found on Sundays about 1100Z around 11280kc. Apparently in a schedule, this might be an area to watch if the bands are open.

DJ1VB is reported as opening from Jersey the end of next week for a week of operating. He should show about April 29th or over that weekend.

#### CALENDAR

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W6F0J's JA TOUR SEASIA CONVENTION BERMUDA TEST

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P29JS there the end of next month for two weeks.

SM5MX should be heard about now..but epidemic reported.

N200 running list most days

ZK2TT by 4Z4TT....now a May possibility April operation apparently scratched

Scottish effort in July and August..all bands to 2mtrs

ZLs looking for CQ WW October effort Reported as now aimed for end of April.

VR80 new hand at weather station.

Doug, VR3AH, back June 1st to wear out another QSL mgr

VK2BJU aiming for late August.

VK-version. VK9XW April 22nd to 26th..1300-1600Z In Washington suburbs....June 4th. WB4HAV for info.... September 16/17th....Tyson's Corners. K3AO for info...

DON WALLACE'S OPEN HOUSE Sunday, June 18th. Come and dance your blues away

Roy Ozawa, W6FOJ, visiting all the JA DX Clubs...Nov 3-18th

Singapore....November 10-12th This weekend....they want action!

April 29/30 May 13-14th

JAPAN TOUR One of the California DXers will be leading a trip to Japan in November, this being sponsored by the Northern California DX Club and with Roy Ogawa, W6F0J leading the charge.

The group will visit Tokyo/Kamakura/Hakone/Atami/Nagoya/Kyoto/Shodo Island/ Okayama and Osaka. W6FOJ is fluent in Japanese....naturally....and he will ensure a good DX outing. If you are interested, information can be obtained from Roy at Box 896, Los Gatos, Calif. 95030.

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ARRL Newington notes that ARMED FORCES DAY communication tests will come this year on May 20th, just about a month from now. The activity period will be from 1300Z on May 20th to 0245Z on May 21st.

The Secretary of Defense competition will start at 0300Z on May 21st, on c.w. at 25wpm. RTTY will follow at 0335Z at 60wpm. WAR will conduct these tests at 4030kHz/6997.5kHz/and 14405kHz/ AIR will conduct the tests at 73 Fakiz and 15937.55Hz. NPG will send c.w. on 4005kHz/6989kHz and 14375kHz and RTTY at 4010kHz, it is at 13922.5kHz. Copy, exactly as received, should be sent to the address transmitted by the visitor for the on-the-air instructions preceding the test run.

Military stations will be making cross-band contacts. Look for ....

WAR 4 1 5 (c.w) 4020 (LSB) 4030 (R11Y) 6997.5 (c.w) 14405 (c.w) 20994 (USB)

14356 (SSTF) 14375 (c.w.) 14389 (USB) 20983 (c.w.) 20998.5 (USB) 49.995(a.m.) 143.995 (a.m.) 220.0 (a.m.) 148.4 (USB & c.w.) 148.95 (f.m and RTTY)

NMH 7301 (с.w) 14470 (SSB) 20954 (с.w.)

NAV 7370 (LSB) 14443 (SSTV)

AIR 7305 (LSB) 7315 (c.w.) 13997.5 (c.w.)

Split frequency operation....watch to make sure your transmissions are within the amateur bands.

TNX to W1GDQ, W1MV, W1VV, W1WY, N3ED, W3YX, K2BT, W2NC, N200, K2TQC, WBLFOT, WLHU, WLKA, WALKMO, WLLCL, WALOUF, WBLFIS, W3RX, WLUF, NLXX, WLZR, W5IMJ, W5JW, W5FL, W5VDD, K5VNJ/2, K50VC, W5XJ, AA6CC, WA6IDN WA6DMI, W6JD, K6EC, W6NUS, NGHI, W6OKK, K6LAE, W6RQ, W6TSQ, W6RIN, W6YFH, K6UFT, W6VBI, W7LR, WV8EUN, K8IP, W8JXM, K8MN, W8VHY, W9BG, W9GW, K8RD, W9SS, NØTG, KH6EZF, DA1GF, EP2VW, JA2KLIT.

were up the hill last week and we sat and talked of the good things in life...like more DX. But one QRPer had a question. "This 'Old Timer' stuff," he asks, "Just what does one have to do to qualify as an'Old Timer'? What's the criteria?" We had had questions like this before because while many do realize that what Albert said was true, that all things are relative, they often figure it to be relative to something else and not to them. Like getting middle-aged and things like that. For most will know that everyone but themselves is mortal. So we had to repeat what the Old Timer had told us one time a long ways back. "You can begin to think that you are old," the Old Timer had said, "when you start remembering the mistakes you made in other years....and wishing that there had not been so many of them." At this point we thought we had come up with a rather good explanation but the other QRPer was not relating. There he sat with his beady-eyed smile. "I know what you mean," he said, "and you are right. But I guess I shall never grow old. I just cannot recall ever making a mistake." Son of a Gun!! Here we had been graping for profundity and we come up with a QRPer with a shorted memory-bank. For like those ready to throw the first stone but do not meet the qualifications, those with no mistakes in the record book are going to be mighty scare. But DX is always with us and a full year of unmistakeable DX rumors and alarms will come your way in the U.S. by second-class mail for \$16.00 \$18.00 with rattle it out of the dawn by first-class mail to the VE/W/XE areas. \$20.00 flies it east to tomorrow, west to yesterday and south to forever.....forever DX that is.

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