



WEST COAST **DX** BULLETIN

May 2, 1978

18-78

IRAQ The listening goes on. The station is on every day, Marty is in there trying to make things work but the low level of the signal makes things a bit difficult. This has not diminished one bit the interest of those needing a YI contact. They are waiting.

Last week there was talk of shifting the frequency from 14230kc to a lower one which might be less susceptible to interference and the talk was to move down around 14210kc. The operation was being reported in this area and this is the place to watch.

East Coast stations were having some success but not overwhelming. The signal was weak there. The stations in the Western Reaches were living on hope and even under best conditions, only a sparse handful had been able to make a complete QSO with YI1BGD. 10 watts into a dipole is reported as the handicap.

A stronger c.w. signal has been reported around 0100Z or slightly later in the 14030kc area.

Most DXers were displaying a measure of patience in waiting for this one. The strength was coming from the realization that a big hurdle had been topped in just getting a YI station on the air. Eventually there will be improvements in gear, antennas and signal strength and more of the Deserving will make it. But at this point things are not easy.

NIUE Baruch Sheinberg, 4Z4TT, will open from Niue this Friday, May 5th, and will be operating until May 19th.

This confirms the information on last week's bulletin and was in a letter received from Baruch last week. The change in transportation moved things up.

Look for him to be heard sometime after 0500Z on May 5th. The call is still not known but it is still a good bet to be ZK2TT.

Last year Baruch operated from VR8N-Tuvalu, VR1AP-Gilberts and A35-Tonga. QSLs go to Box 22572, Tel-Aviv, Israel. He does not want to be bothered with the problems of exchanging IRCs and asks that \$1.00 (u.s.) be included with QSL to cover the mailing costs and other expenses.

NEUTRAL ZONE This one continues to turn up and the persistence may add a bit of credibility to the possibility of this operation. The word is to watch for next month.....June.

The operation is reported as aiming for two weeks of operation. The operators will be JY3ZH, JY5HH, OE6EEG, 9K2BJ and DJ9ZB. The information came from OE6EEG in a QSO with W9LF.

There would seem to be good reason to expect that something is coming and the time is getting close. Who is going to argue that the Great Days of DXing are not with us now. Clipperton, Iraq and now the possibility of the Neutral Zone.

Then all we will need to fill out the year will be Bouvet, South Sandwich, China, Burma and maybe even Heard. At least these for starters.

Anyhow, Prepare! The Neutral Zone may be rolling in before long. Even now something is being heard. 8Z4A was on twenty c.w. on April 24th. Said his name was Mohamed, he was located near 'Abadan' and said to QSL via the bureau. Excellent signal...5/9/9 both ways. Was coming in the right direction at 0130Z and was being worked in the Western Reaches. Some with a nagging doubt that persists. Could this be Saudi Slim?

CHATHAM The ZL operation from Chatham Island will open with the CQ WW DX Test on October 27th and will run eleven days to November 7th. The ZLs are intending to work everyone...on all modes. The present planning includes operations on One-sixty to Two Meters, SSTV and OSCAR. There will also be operations in the Novice bands to develop some action there.

The South Jersey DX Association is working to help in the effort. The group will provide the QSLs and QSLing will be handled by N2CW. The callsign to be used will be ZL3CQ/C.

AUCKLAND/LORD HOWE First, the ZL4LR/A operation continues at or about 14305kc from 0500Z. There will be a bit of change during May, however, and most of the schedules will be on Saturdays and Sundays only.

On those days you will usually find ZL4LR/A meeting Bob Schenck, N200, at 0500Z and operating until close to 0630Z. There will then be a dinner break with Ray returning sometime around 0715Z or shortly later. The lists will be taken as warranted and as many run through as can be managed.

This operation is also seeking to bring the Lord Howe station, VK2AGT, up on frequency, as well as VK9NI on Norfolk Island and C21NI on Nauru. Dick, VK2AGT, on Lord Howe, has indicated that he soon expects to have a beam up and working and the signal should improve.

Check the action with the South Jersey DX Assn at the 14305kc. You may come up with a mixed bag of some difficult South Pacific DX.

SUNSPOT LOUIE

Things were a bit unsettled last week and the flux was up almost out of sight. The last week has been marked by a number of flares, a major one coming on Friday at 1308Z. Area 1083 on the 23rd produced a number of flares, one sub-brilliant and three sub-normal flares. Areas 1086 and 1091 have also shown some flare activity. There have been periods in the last week when the geomagnetic field has been from minor to major storm levels. It has not been unusual to have a good band opening disappear within a matter of minutes.

But the DX is there, even with the minor interruptions. Last Thursday the Solar Flux was 170, the Ap Index 14. There is so much activity that it is getting a bit difficult to squeeze all the action in on the chart.

Science News in their April 22nd edition devoted the issue to solar energy and matters connected with the sun. If you find a copy, you may pick up a bit more information. Maybe even how to run the linear with solar panels.

Six meters jumps out of the shadows at times and openings from KH6 to VK are not uncommon. This summer Wayne Overbeck will be in Hawaii to give some serious runs at working the mainland on the VHF and UHF frequencies. He will be there for some weeks and we will have more information on this in the coming weeks. Wayne is looking at 144/220/1296MHz action.

Meanwhile, back on Cherry Blssom Lane, N4XX pushes the Tarot Cards aside, kicks the computer and says that things are sure jumping but maybe not high enough. Not when BNs and LNs start showing up in the reports. Ted says that you can look for.....

May 2nd	Low Normal
3rd	High Normal
4th	Above Normal
5th	Above Normal
6th	Above...but may drop to LN as a storm approaches

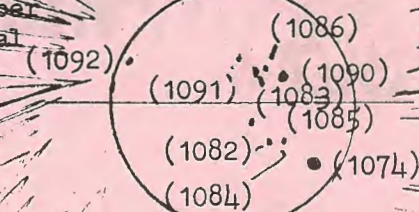
May 7th.	Below Normal..the storm...
8th	Below Normal
9th	Below Normal
10th	Below Normal
11th	Below Normal
12th	Low Normal
13th	High Normal.....!

Meanwhile, down south there, K6EC keeps listening to the time tick on WWV and Ev says that the whole thing can be neatly summed up with.....

	Solar Flux	Ap Index
Apr 17th	132	5
18th	133	12
19th	145	17
20th	139	15

	Solar Flux	Ap Index
Apr 21st	142	9
22nd	145	7
23rd	161	16

All of this is good but things are going to get better yet. Hang in there, get your name on every list and there will be DX everywhere!



25 Apr 78

No. 1074	1 spot
S14° W74°	230 millionths
S29° W29°	1082
N15° W26°	13 spots
S30° W35°	2 spots
S20° W08°	4 spots
N21° W30°	23 spots
N18° W57°	8 spots
N23° W07°	5 spots
N27° E83°	1 spot

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TR8AC2 This probably has caused some wonderment on the peculiar suffix. It is not what one might expect. W4BAA kicks in a bit of information on this one.

The report is that in Gabon the usual procedure is to issue calls with the amateur's initials. This is a personalized identifier but what happens when the name is Al Curley II. How do you work that one out?

Very simple....you just make it AC2.....such as TR8AC2. That keeps everything neat and simple and continues the personalized approach.

Usually there is a logical explanation to most everything. Most always.

NEW AMSTERDAM When the conditions make it feasible, a list operation is being run for FB8ZM most nights at 14225kc from about 0400Z. Look for W0AX and W4LZZ. The station is sometimes found in the same area later on, sometimes to 1300Z or later.

QSLs for FB8ZM are being handled by W4LZZ.

ZS2MI The present operator is just about at the end of his tour, he is due to depart the island this week. The action on this one may have to wait until another amateur is assigned to the weather duties, the new crew there apparently not inclined in that direction.

The DX roundtable which has been operating around 21320kc from 1700Z on Saturdays will continue, looking for more stations that may need help. This for action in either direction, the W/Ks looking for the rare one and the DX station looking for some of the elusive W/Ks. Such as the seldom heard W6s. GUL4EON on Guernsey and CT2SH have indicated that they will be found on the frequency. Sometimes the DX stations are looking for fillers for a WAS.

CORSICA HB9TL, Jack Laib, will be on Corsica for another round of signing F0CH/FC from July 16th to August 3rd. Jack will operate both c.w. and SSB.

CW should be easy to find him.....19kc up from the bottom edge. On SSB he says to look for him at—

3778kc 7091kc 14193kc or 14275kc 21275kc 28493kc

QSLs will go to his home QTH....JC Laib, HB9TL. Einfangstr 39, CH-8580 Amriswil, Switzerland. Sase or Sae/IRC needed.

AVES There is no late word on this one and the season is approaching when the wary stay clear of low lying reefs or long voyages in the Caribbean. Unless something develops soon, the planning probably will be aimed at something next year.

Hurricanes can come at most any month of the year though they are expected in the July to September period. However, they can come earlier and some may recall when Agnes came through back in 1975. Those who rely on "June—Too Soon" found that while it rhymes, it is not necessarily accurate.

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2 May 1978

SHORTLY NOTED This week we had to clean up the batch of assorted notes that we had in stacks. That's why you are getting a lot of short notes but very little Red Eyed Louie.

Often someone will mention the various size type we use. The 'big' type and small type. Actually we use all the same size, what comes off the Royal typewriter. But to cram more in, we start with oversized sheets and reduce on the camera when making the printing plates. Usually the reduction is down to the area of 75%-80% of the original size. In the foreign issue where two pages are run on one sheet to beat the postage rates, we sometimes have to go down to 65%. However, no matter what comes out, the typing going in is all the same size.

The Navassa effort of later this year is shaping up well as the planning progresses. Current operators on the roster for the trip are WØRJU....WØZH...NØTG...WØRSL....K2KA....W2PAU and W6OIG.

The last action from Navassa was four years back and since the CW DXCC has been established, there has been no c.w. operation. This group will concentrate on filling that need. They will also be making an especial effort to work into Europe and JA. The terrain around the usual operating area on Navassa imposes a hill on the path to JA and the SEAsia areas.

Seven days from November 26th to December 4th. This is another operation in which the Northern California DX Foundation is lending assistance in the form of some financial aid.

With the mention that 4U1UN may get another look, there was some asking for QSL information. Try....United Nations Staff Recreation Council
Amateur Radio Club
United Nations, Box 20
New York, N.Y. 10017

That's right off the QSL card. The card supplied by whom??? The Northern California DX Foundation. Son of-Gun!

3A2HB is often on 14240kHz from 2000Z on Tuesdays. This is Louis who has some difficulty with the English language....and prefers a list operation. QSLs go to Louis Alessio, Monte-Carlo, Monaco. His QSL card is 4½ x 6½"...so send a large envelope..sase or sae/irc.

HZ1AB logs from September 1977 to March 1978 have been sent and K8PYD, Leo Fry, in Columbus, Ohio should have them about now. Leo has a mountain of QSLs waiting for the logs and he has been digging.

KX6MP, often around 14030kc from 1130Z, is still aching for Rhode Island, Vermont and Delaware to complete a WAS. Bill would like to find life in those states. This one QSLs via KX6BU.

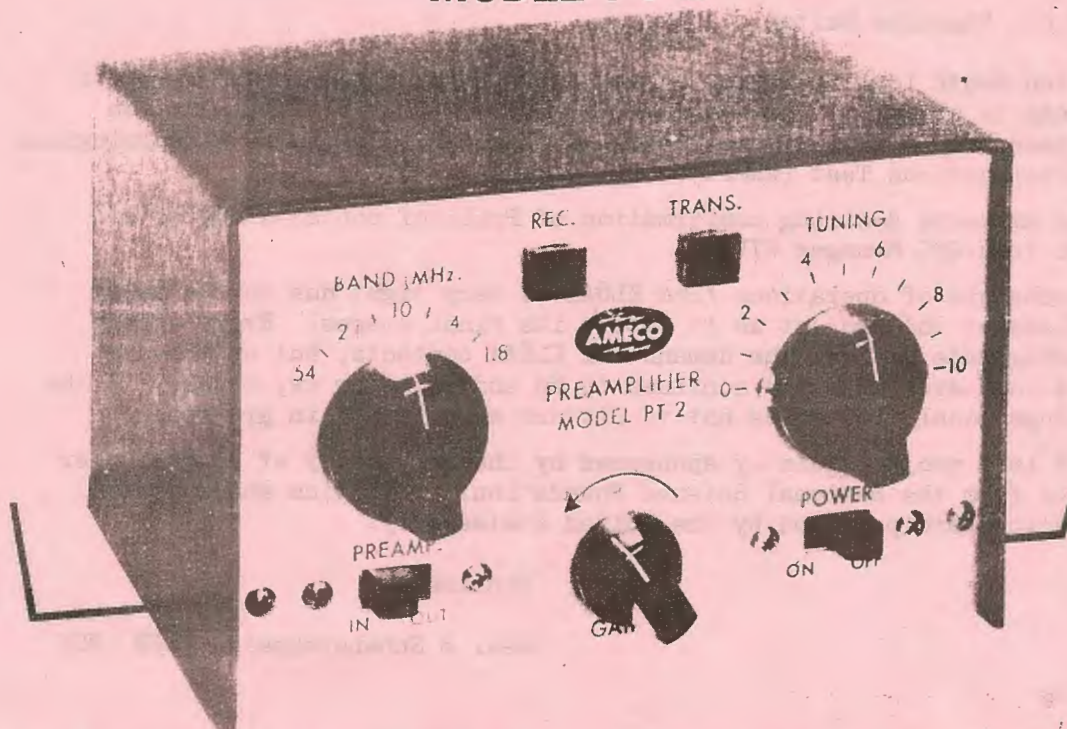
Maurice Caplan, VS5MC, is reported as having shut down things in Brunei and headed back to the UK again. There have been reports in recent months that his XYL was ill and in a Hong Kong hospital. He has not been heard recently. VS5DX was at 14236kc at 1640Z a week or so back and passed the information.

ZA1UPA was reported as due last weekend. We keep picking up bits of information on TR8....TR8GDC is Gail Curley, TR8AC2s XYL. TR8NWL is also being heard.

In Swaziland, 3D6BL has a change in his QSL route. Cards now go direct and WØSUS is not handling them at this time. Send yours to: Joe Ely, 3D6BL, Box 1472, Mbane, Swaziland. Joe says the information in the latest callbook is not accurate. He needs 3 IRCs to handle the QSLs. Often on the air on Sundays, Joe says to watch for him from 1330Z to 1515Z at 14220kc or a handful either way. Long path frequently the best way to catch the signals.

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KL8AA This station has been heard intermittently over the past several months. Often a matter of speculation on the prefix, it has been most often found in the c.w. bands. Last week a letter came through.....

17 April 1978
U.S. Naval Facility
Pribilof Islands

Dear Ham Magazine Editor.

The ten month long operation of amateur station KL8AA in the Pribilof Islands is slated to cease operations by 1 July 1978. This station has been manned by personnel assigned to support the Artic Meteorological and Propagations Test (ARMPT).

Those amateurs desiring confirmation of Pribilof contacts may obtain cards from QSL Manager W7VY.

The schedule of operations from KL8AA is very tight due to the heavy workload at the project as it enters its final stages. Every effort is being made to meet the demand for KL8AA contacts, but on-the-air operations are presently confined to 80 and 40 meter cw, usually in the evenings local time so as not to disturb experiments in progress.

ARMPT is a project jointly sponsored by the University of Alaska under grants from the National Science Foundation. Logistics and support operations are provided by The United States Navy.

Sincerely,

Geo. B Schebershmeir, LCDR USN

GBS/ac

Previously there had been some information to QSL via the W6 QSL Bureau. This may add some new information to those who worked KL8AA.

Or does it?

This came in a letter postmarked at Seattle, Washington on April 25th. The return address was:

ARMPT
FPO Seattle
Wash 98407

To start with, Zip Code 98407 is a Tacoma, Washington Zip Code. It is the Zip Code for the Proctor Station of the Tacoma Post Office. But how about the QSL Manager W7VY. That looks like it might be something.

W7VY is Gene Erckenbrack of Seattle. He knows absolutely nothing about any KL8AA and he is not the QSL Manager. Gene says that once before someone gave his call as the QSL route for a Tibet operation. He cannot supply KL8AA QSLs and, frankly, does not intend to even try to acknowledge them.

Son of a Gun! What are you thinking at this point? Do you believe? You can if you insist but this is Bering Sea Slim for sure. Note the acronym. Clever, yes? But then again, Slim always is.

Incidentally, all Seattle APO and FPO numbers are 987s. It pays to know your Zip Codes!

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SHORTLY NOTED Those reading The Book of Lists will note on Page 106 some information on Palmyra. A privately owned island administered as a trust territory, the 1200 acres are available for roughly \$14 million. The landing strip is supposed to be long enough to land medium-size jets.....like 727s.

Kermadec QSLs started to show a week or so back. Many reporting receiving them. M1P QSLs to Box 25, San Marino. LA5NM who was also JW5NM is also the QSL Manager for JW4FG/JW5IJ/JW5NM/JW7FD/JW8KT/JW8LU/JW9WT/JW9UV/JX9WT and LA1H. M. Bjerrang, P.O.Box 210, 9401 Harstad, Norway. WA4YVG/VQ9 will be there on Chagos for a year. This one can be QSLed to William R Woodle, K4GLA, 102 Schoolfield Drive, Danville, Virginia 24541. Sase or Sae/IRC needed. Otherwise...back via the bureaus.

The SouthEastern DX Club is handling QSLs for ZL4LR/A on Campbell Island and for ZS2MI on Marion Island. ZL4LR/A is being handled by N4NX while WA4SSU does the work on the ZS2MI cards.

Revising previous information on ZL4LR/A, the only way these QSLs are being handled is via N4NX. Ray, ZL4LR/A, will not have any QSLs and if previously they have been sent to his home QTH at ZL3FE, you are going to have to try again....and via N4NX. Over 1000 QSLs have been processed in April for ZL4LR/A and more are expected. The ZL4LR/A QSLs were going out the last part of the month. Look for this operation most evenings at or about 14305mHz from 0500Z. N200 and ZL1ADI often running things.

VR3AH QSLing by K2BT has been pretty well cleaned up. There are some who worked this station but who have not received QSLs. It appears that they will not. The logs for the ARRL DX Test in 1977 were lost while in transit and apparently at some point out in the Pacific. Anyhow, the word on these is that there is no possible way of verifying any QSOs and this was the only copy. This for the ARRL DX Test period.

Doug will be back on Christmas Island next month with a good supply of log books and his usual intention of never missing a contest. WB4PRU will handle the QSLs and already has 5000 QSLs printed. 3C1X was worked by many on eighty meters. The only problem is that the true-blue 3C1X was not on eighty. Son of a Gun! Whom might it have been? D68AD QSLs are nothing fancy....but they should work. The present ones are typed on a piece of paper. Robin is ex-MP4MAW, VP5RF, VP5TI. Presently he is using a vertical.

The Solomons will start using the H44 prefix come independence in July. The South Eastern DX Club is offering a certificate for working ten (10) members of the SEDX Club. If they use the club QSL, you will know you workthem. Send list of QSOs with full information along with 5 IRCs to Matt Blender, W4MGX, 2541 Lakebrook Court, Doraville, Georgia 30360. M1J in San Marino was Downtown Slim. Cards to Box 15 have been returned from San Marino....."Sconosciuto Inconnu!!" A bit higher we ran the QSL information for M1P. Frankly, we wonder but you have to try.

TR8AC2 is Chief of Communications at the U.S. Embassy there in Libreville. Logs are coming to WB4RZN weekly. Sase or Sae/IRC needed.

WB4RRK is the QSL Manager for 8P6GN, 8P6JB and 8P6JC. He also has a small handful of IRCs that he will reluctantly part with for 30¢ each....postal money order or cash. John says he may be able to help with needed Caribbean islands....drop him a line. John Shelton, 105 Elizabeth Ave., Paris, Tenn 38242. N6HR says that he still has a potful of blank QSLs for his ZD8HR operation of last Fall. All you have to do is ask. VE1ASJ is handling the QSLs for the FP0LK operation. Some 2000 QSOs were made on this brief outing.....80 countries. FP0BG on the same operation go to VE1AIH.

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SHORTLY NOTED The suit by N6QQ against the City of Cerritos on the antenna height ordinance was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court. This is the highest level in the courts that such a case was ever taken.

In talks in London, the U.S. is reported as promising to back the claim of Namibia...when it is independent....for the South African port of Walvis Bay. South Africa probably will have a different perspective on the matter.

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society bulletin devotes space to noting the recent word by Dick Baldwin on the use of the ten meter band and the talk among CB types that this is the logical area for expansion of the CB spectrum. The whole....and sharp point....is that ten meters had better get more utilization or there might be loss by default.

WLQDS continues to look for c.w. activity on the high border of ten meters. Otto getting ready to move to Chesapeake's east shore but he still is looking for ten meter c.w. at the top edge of the band. Up just under 29700khz!

HyGain apparently will continue in business, the operation being taken over by Telex. It may take a month or so to get things back and running smoothly but the name will be with us.

HAM RADIO REPORTS says that there is a lucrative business being done in the Middle East by JA manufacturers selling gear for use in the 144-148MHz band. Protests have run into some reluctance to give up this business. It is being sold for military and not amateur use. If you are quick, J W. Fleurdelys, W0BIG (ex-VQ9EF) has about 500 IRCs to go at 30¢ each in blocks of thirty. He asks for postal or bank money order along with sase. J.W. Fleurdelys, Rt 4, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301.

LS7EA continues to run the pattern of showing Sunday through Thursday around 14215kc from about 2330Z to 0030Z. The rig is shut down when he has to leave for work, his day in Sri Lanka is starting then.

QRMing by some unwilling to follow procedures has caused LS7EA to shut down prematurely on occasion. Friday and Saturdays the sessions run a bit longer and usually last as long as the band does.

Fifteen meters has not been especially productive but efforts are being made to improve that operation. The usual procedure is to take a list and when Ernest does not show, the list is discarded and the following session a new one is taken. This usually starts about 2315Z. 4S7EA will only acknowledge the station passed by the m.c. Over 500 stations have been worked in the last month, WB9OQU, N9RB and K9QXY doing the m.c. chores.

8R1R is a new call.....Malcolm with the U.S. Department of State there in Georgetown. You can QSL by sending it: 8R1R-Malcolm, Department of State-Georgetown Washington, D.C. 20520.

Many continue to find Gary Yarus' QSL list a source of QSL information. The size has grown that 35¢ postage now needed. You might also want to check QSL Bible published by JH1EWN. A joint effort of JA DXers, this comes for \$5.00 sent to Hiromichi Katsurashima, 5-2236-33 Iriya, Zama-city, Kanagawa pref. Japan.

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CALENDAR

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NIUE	4Z4TT there this weekend.....May 5th to 19th
CHATHAM	ZLs there October 27th to November 7th
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	TJ2P.....Saturdays at 2100Z? 14225kc or thereabouts
MONACO	3A2HB.....Tuesdays from 2000Z. 14240kc.
ICELAND	TP6M in July
ICELAND/FAROE	July/August....GMS on all bands....to 144mHz
PACIFIC VHF TEST	N6NB will be trying mainland contacts on 144mhz & Up..this summer
COCOS-KEELING	P29JS operating VK9YS for two weeks from end of May
MELLISH	August a possibility
ST PAUL	May 18th to 22nd.....VEs signing /VYø
NAVASSA	November 26th to December 4th
DESCHEO	About three weeks from now....it's coming. New One!
BOPHUTHATSWANA	ZSs opening May 3rd....until this coming weekend.
GIBRALTAR	Two day operation set for next Wednesday....May 10th
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	VR3AH returns!! June 1st.
AVES	If not soon, probably not to next Spring. Hurricane season nearing.....
USSR TEST	Next weekend.....May 13-14th
MANASSAS HAMFEST	June 4th.....WB4AHV for info....
W6AM's OPEN HOUSE	On the Palo Verdes peaks.....Sunday, June 18th
DXPO	Tyson's Corners...near Washington. Sept 15/16th
SEANET CONVENTION	Singapore.....Nov 10.12th

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The reminder also warned the U.S. amateurs that transmission or delivery of 3rd party international traffic is prohibited unless there exists an agreement made under Section 2 of Article 41 of the ITU regulations.

There has been some concern expressed during recent months on the misuse of 3rd party traffic and the use of auto-patch traffic through repeaters. You may be hearing more on this in the future, the smoke signals going up may indicate that someone is building a fire.

The FCC recently released some 'Plain English' rules for CB. Many in reading the release came to the conclusion that CB and Amateur communications were okay. The FCC has released another release to clarify the 'plain English' rules and emphasizing that such communications are prohibited.

TXN to K1AA, N1AC, W2FP, W2NC, N200, W4BAA, WB4EDD, W4HU, W4KA, WA4QMQ, W4LCL, K4LSP, N4NX, K4GLA, WB4QNV, WB4RIS, N4WX, N4XX, W5JW, W5AQ, W5EL, K5TSQ, W5RBO, W5VVD/6, K5VNI/2, WA6DNM, K6EC, W6JD, N6JM, N6NA, N6OB, W6OL, W6TSQ, K6UFT, W6VD, WB6YDT, K7ABV, W7IL, K7SFN, W8JXM, K8PYD, K8RD, W8UVZ, N9JL, W9LF, W9SS, K0BJ, W0UQC, N0TG, KH6BZFF, H4LTT, HB9TL,

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came jogging up the hill last week. With the YI crisis we thought he would be a bundle of impatience. He was calm. "Why should I sweat?" he said nonchalantly, "that one's in the bag. I haven't worked it yet but it is a sure thing. Like shooting fish in a rain barrel." We were impressed and had to hear more. "I am on a list," the QRPer said. "All I have to do is to show up around 0500Z each evening and when YI1BGD is coming through, I will be run through." We had heard a lot recently about list operations and we wanted to know more how this one would work. "Well," the QRPer continued happily, "you know that Marty Laine is aware of how hard it is for the western amateurs to get through at times. Like those operations at Mt Athos and the Red Sea." We were nodding our head in encouragement for we remembered well those disasters. "Well," the QRPer continued, "I am number seventeen on this list and when my turn comes....ZOWIE!!...it will be five and nine all the way." This was sounding good but we needed more details. The QRPer acknowledged that they had been exceptionally clever in setting up things. "First we got someone whose call Marty would recognize. This was not hard as everyone said that Marty would recognize their call. We then made up the list, cutting it off between fifty and sixty calls. Then we took the list to the List Master." We had to hold our hand up at this point, we needed an explanation. "The List Master?" the QRPer said, "Well he's the one who makes up the list of the lists. Naturally we need to be orderly. After all besides our Northern California DX List, there are a few other lists. Such as the Southern California List, the San Diego List, the Santa Ana List, the San Fernando List, the Palos Verdes List, the Bakersfield List, the Fresno List, the Death Valley List, the Sacramento List, the Chico List, the Reno List, the Carson City List, the Eugene List, the Portland List, the Yakima List, the Boise List, the Tacoma List, the Bellevue List, the Seattle List, the LaConner List, the Lovelock List, the Salt Lake List, the Kaneohe List and the Kaunakakai List. I think I got most of them. You can see how we got things organized, can't you?" At this point we were nodding our head jerkily. We were getting the big picture but losing some details. "And who is this List Master?" we asked and the QRPer shrugged. "That's high echelon planning," he said. "Regular G1 stuff. I heard that he is a real, true-blue DX friend of Marty's. Some call him 'Big Frank'. But I don't know who he is. Actually, I am not worried about that. What I am waiting for is that YI1BGD to call me off the list and it will be five and nine all the way. Five and nine. I can already see that YI1BGD card on the wall. With that five and nine report. All the way." Son of a Gun, we figured that maybe we had better bail out at this point. Someone said that they were taking a Marin QRPer list on two meters and we'd better get in early. While we chase the elusive, \$14.00 brings the list of lists by second-class mail in the U.S. for a full year. \$18.00 for 1st-class mail to W/K/XE areas. \$20.00 to all the DX areas....

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