



West Coast DX Bulletin

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IRAQ The plans for Martin, OH2BH, to take the FT-560 donated by the Northern California DX Foundation into Baghdad has not worked out as hoped for and the tentative departure date of last Saturday has been cancelled.

Martin had hoped to take the gear and arrange for it to be set up and some guidance given to the Iraqi operators in its use. Even this did not work out and as of last Saturday, Martin was not going but was making arrangements to ship the gear.

The plan at the weekend was to ship the gear this Monday, July 10th, with full and detailed descriptions and instructions on setting up and operating. Especially looked for was instructions on how to operate split-frequency, how to tune the rig and how to check the antenna system to get some idea of the efficiency of the radiator system.

Martin, obviously disappointed that the plans did not jell, is attempting to arrange that the gear be hand carried to the QTH for YI4BGD, this to be done by personnel at the Finnish Embassy there in Baghdad. There has been notice of acceptance by the authorities of the FT-560 but assurances were desired that there would be no problems at customs. The gear shipped by the Japanese late last month was still impaled on custom regulations and there has been some reports that the gear was possibly confiscated.

The station continues to show on the air, Fridays being a good time to watch for the station and often with OB6EEG as the one directing the operations. Fridays from 2200Z is a regular operating time though this is not especially good for the middle and western states. This Monday, July 10th, the station was planning to show from 2200Z and to operate until at least 0400Z, intermittently checking to see if the bands were opening to the middle states and the western reaches.

You might keep a watch around 14210kc for this action, sometimes the action goes to 14310kc when problems develop on the lower frequency.

The YIs continue to try hard to supply the demand and some are getting through. Obviously if the FT-560 is put on line, things might improve tremendously. This rig was especially sought by the Northern California DX Foundation in an effort to find a self-contained unit with the maximum output without the use of a linear. The signal may show some dramatic changes when the FT-560 shows. Be there to hear it.

A lot of people are working on the matter and as of last week Martin, OH2BH, was most disappointed that his plans to go to Baghdad had not materialized. However, he is still seeking a number of ways to improve the signal out of Baghdad. Be patience, YI will come eventually.

COCOS-KEELING The islands have been sold. The Australian government has negotiated a price to take over the group. This came a week back but that is not what we wanted to talk about.

Jim Smith, P29JS, who signed VK9YS, wrote recently after his return to Konedobu in Papua-New Guinea. He writes:

Well, the Cocos-Keeling expedition is now history. Almost everything went according to plan and we opened only one and a half hours late.

Ann and I made some 9600 QSOs between us and this included some several hundred c.w. QSOs. In general, everything went very well. Several hours were spent getting the four-element to perform. It had been on site for years and was in fact tuned up on 13MHz. All connections were corroded 'open circuits'.

A small lizard 'blew-up' the SB-200 linear with about three days to go, the damage done quite out of proportion to the size of the reptile. I don't think it knew too much as it was hit by some 2kv.

Ann and I have decided to make some changes in QSL arrangements for various reasons. Please advertise that all QSLs should go to F6CYL or to P29JS. I would appreciate you mentioning this for several weeks running.

I have now received all my equipment back and am more or less back on the air from P29JS. The expedition was very good and everyone very helpful and considerate. Transport for Ann and I while in Cocos-Keeling was a 50cc Honda.

Cocos-Keeling is quite unique in many ways and we were both very fortunate to be allowed to share something of its beauty. QSLing will be one hundred percent in due course.

/s/ Jim P29JS

Note the change in QSL arrangements from that previously published. F6CYL is Ann Koloboff, P.O. Box 6, 78430 Louveciennes, France. P29JS is J.B Smith, P.O. Box 2053, Konedobu, Papua-New Guinea.

As of this last weekend, K4UTW had 10,000 printed QSLs on hand and 3000 incoming ones for the P29JS operation. Pending more clarification, he was holding tight and waiting for instructions.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Activity has eased off a bit but there is still a trend towards better things for DXers. The high flux which came in the last third of June has tapered off and last week was holding just above the 100 mark. Since the last chart of June 27th, things have cleared on the sun and there are but the three active areas with spots this week.

What does the future hold for the Deserving DXer? Some might head for their Tarot Cards, some for the tea leaves. Considering the track record, any right thinking DXer would seek the word from the Palos Verdes Sundancers, they being the ones who brought DX back from the bottom of Cycle 21! Practically all by themselves, too!

"What does the future hold?" we asked the leader of the Palos Verdes and it was hard to hear ourselves above the thump of the bongos. The leader smiled. "There will be more DX for everyone," he said. "Those who have will have more, those who need will have, those who cry in want shall be heard." He smiled most benignly upon us and we felt humble.

But we had to ask questions. "Like what?" we asked and we did not even get a frown. The P.V. Leader did a couple of soft-shoe routines, spun around as Gene Kelly would do three or four decades back, and spoke in warm tones. "There will be new countries that DXers never even dream of," he said. "Many of the rare ones will be active and even those which have not been heard for ages. Every DXer will have more countries and the voice of DX shall be heard through the lands. It will be great when those days come and they are near. They are near!"

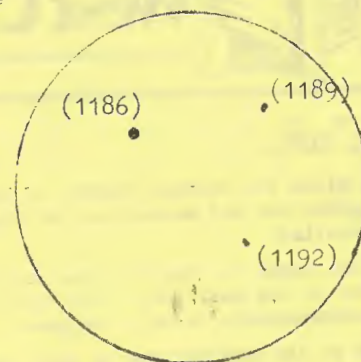
Son of a Gun! This was heading in the right direction we thought, if only they would muffle the everlasting boom of the bongos. And we asked again: "Like what?" we asked again and the P.V. Leader smiled. "Like Clipperton and Iraq which had not been heard for decades. Like Bouvet to come and many others. "But what?" we persisted. "Be specific." All we got was a smile. And that was it. And as we stumbled back out of the barrancas we had to ponder the words. Sure DX is always coming but just what did he mean? What we wanted was clear and unmistakable portents and all we got was platitudes. But perhaps he could be right. Maybe something was coming and we had better listen. We might miss something....some DXers have.

So we sought the word coming from the south bank of the Potomac and the word was loud and clear. In the weeks to come there would be some High Normal Days and some Low Normal Days. And in between more of the same. Basking in the explicit and lucid, we ran up the flag and got:

July 10th	High Normal	July 17th	High Normal
11th	Above Normal	18th	Below Normal
12th	High Normal	19th	High Normal
13th	High Normal	20th	High Normal
14th	High/Low Normal	21st	Low Normal
15th	High/Low Normal	22nd	Low Normal
16th	Low Normal		

Meanwhile, up from the south comes the word from the WWV Watcher and K6EC says that the hills and hollows on your charts should go something like.....

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux Ap Index		
June 26th	193	30	July 1st	138	5
27th	174	16	2nd	123	7
28th	168	12			
29th	162	15			
30th	151	30			



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SHORTLY NOTED Geoff Watts, who publishes the English DX NEWS SHEET is looking for some publications to fill out his extensive files. He needs:

1 copy WORLD RADIO April 1978
1 copy CQ Magazine January 1977
2 copies CQ Magazine October 1976

Geoff published the highly authoritative and respective DX bulletin until his health became not the best a few years back and he curtailed the mailings to the United Kingdom only. If anyone can supply the publications listed, you can either write to Geoff Watts, 62 Belmore Road, Norwich England NR7 0PU-- or get the word to us and we will pass it on.

3V8BZ is reported as showing around 14270kc from 0500Z on Fridays. On the Clipperton QSLs, HB9MX expected the cards from France about June 17th. It is evident that they were delayed. The latest expected date was June 30th and if they got to Kurt then, they will be in your hands shortly if not already. Hold on, Kurt has been ready to go with the mailings as soon as he got the cards from the printing plant in France. Tommy, ZD8TM, is back on St. Helena signing ZD7WT. This should give c.w. activity from St Helena for those who thirst for that mode.

VP2LFL will be heard from September 3rd to 8th and QSLs must go to the home QTH of WB8ZRV...Bob DeVore, 1202 North Congress, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. The operation will cover both the regular DX frequencies and on the band edges for the General Class.

The word on STORK should be out soon, maybe before the end of the month. The date for submission probably will be a couple of months in the future. On Desecheo/Water Islands, apparently there has been no action as of last week and any decision by the DXAC is yet to come.

Tom Gentry, W5RG, is probably going to be hospitalized most of July after an operation. Last week we got the call as "W5KG", this week we are a bit better in our high-speed typing. Tom had a kidney removed and is in Room 2132 of the Baylor Hospital, 3600 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75246.

W8AH and DJ9ZB were the first to apply for WORLD RADIO's second series of worked 100 Nations Award. A plaque goes to the first on each continent and this leaves South Americaa, Africa, Asia and Oceania waiting for takers.

James Noll, Box 16392, Irvine, Calif. 92713 is an IRC Collector. He would like to hear from anyone with excess IRCs...or perhaps even interesting in trading.

Hans Dankerl who was SV0WZ in Rhodes is now WB3RJRL and living in Marlboro, Maryland. He expects to go out to the Philippines in the future. Majid at YI1BGD says to send the QSLs to P.O. Box 5864, Baghdad. This is closer and easier to reach and the old address for QSLing should be discarded.

A51PN checked into the SEANET on July 1st. Also showed the following day, July 2nd. This net meets at 14320kc at 1200Z.

A lot say they have the PY0ZAE QSL....and an awful lot say they are still waiting. W2FP says if you are a wise one, put no call signs or exotic stamps on the envelope. Send it to: Harold H Harris, Rua das Laranjeiras 102/504, 200 00 Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. Send in plain brown envelope...or a plain white one...and Walt says it will work. Warranted!!

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DX-Ten Years Back

July 11, 1968 Ten years ago today, the West Coast DX Bulletin published a special edition, the only one we ever rushed into print. The story was out on the Don Miller and ARRL controversy. The rumbles and

reverberations from that incident are still being heard. Perhaps DX has never been quite the same.

The ARRL had turned thumbs down on some of Don Miller's operations and he filed a civil law suit against the league. There were many who leaped to the defense of Miller, their faith was enduring and the ARRL was attacked for hasty action. The roars of indignation were loud in the land and even some of the cherished new countries were threatened.

If you did not live through those great days of turmoil, it is hard to understand what was going on. Don Miller had traveled the world, bringing new countries to the deserving DXers. He was a marvel at promoting his trips and solicited funds in advance to help with the quest for new and exciting DX. If you were on the Honor Roll and failed to contribute, it was often difficult for Don to hear your call. In fact sometimes, it was down right impossible. On his next outing if you were on the golden list, he could hear you very well. There were many who vehemently complained to the ARRL that Don was being vindictive and would not hear them when they used their own callsign but heard them very well when they used someone else in the family's call. It was very strange.

It wasn't the run of the mill DXer who was confused. One national amateur journal in the first six months of 1968 ran a series of articles by Don Miller telling of his travels. In some cases where there was doubt on the validity of his operation, he showed QSLs "mailed direct from the operating site." This included his Thailand operations, HS then being on the banned list, his Heard Island operation which showed the scenery there and Big Ben looming high and covered with ice in the background. He also had QSLs mailed direct from Rangoon for his Burmese operation. On the cover of the magazine mentioned above, one issue had a picture of Don standing on Maria Theresa Reef. As he told it, his operation took place with the water washing half-way up the legs of his operating position.

If you don't remember Maria Theresa, it was south of Tahiti. Years later it was finally determined that the ocean is some thousands of feet deep at the point where Maria Theresa was supposed to be. Until NASA got its satellites covering the earth, there were a number of doubtful islands listed on many maps, these stemming from reports made by sailing ships in other years, some going back almost a hundred years.

Anyhow, as Don toured the world, the tremors of doubt started to develop. Did he? Or didn't he? Finally the ARRL blew the whistle and said that they would not allow of Don's operations. About that time Don was headed for Navassa. They disallowed it because he did not have Coast Guard permission to land. He went from Navassa to Baja Nuevo and Serrana Bank. Then, as usual, he dropped out of sight for some weeks, surfacing on St Peter and Paul Rocks. There he signed PYØXA.

Perhaps St Peter and Paul has been regarded by many as the stumbling block for Don but the effort might have collapsed eventually, if not for St Peter and Paul, for other reasons. Some close to Don have said he got more and more careless and sometimes would not even get on the announced site for operating even though it could have been easily done.

When he sued the ARRL, the matter eventually would have to go to trial. The lawyers were feeling that the taking of sworn depositions in the case would be the key. They were right. When it got to the sworn testimony, one of the participants admitted that he and Don were off the coast of Venezuela some 1800 miles from St Peter and Paul at the time of the purported PYØXA operation.

The passport which might have verified Millers contentions was lost. When his automobile was stolen sometimes in 1967, other records, receipts and vouchers were reported lost. Don, quoting the ARRL report, "could remember few, if any, specific details of his trips during 1966 and 1967 to Chagos (VQ9AA/C), Laccadive Islands (VU2WNV), Blenheim Reef (IB9WNV) and

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Heard Island (VK2AKY/VKØ).

Don Miller testified for three days in making his deposition. His testimony was not completed and was suspended while other depositions could be taken. Indications of a desire for a settlement were showing and after discussions, an agreement was signed to end the lawsuit.

Essentially the matter ended there but the effects have never ended. The ARRL did institute a policy of requiring more definite proof of an operation in some exotic spot and the assurances that the DXer was there would no longer suffice. The veracity of Don Miller's statements on his operations was tarnished and especially with the admission that the St Peter and Paul Rocks had been a hoax. Some of the operations were immediately disallowed, others, such as Maria Theresa, took some years to get erased.

Yet, in retrospect, Don Miller was a superb operator and could crank out QSOs at an astounding rate, logging with one hand and operating with the other. Because of the secrecy attending his plannings, there was always anticipation and a wild rush to get on the air when the word was that Miller was out.

Some believed in his integrity right up to the settlement with the ARRL. Many who had shown unshakeable faith were then bitter in their denouncements.

It was a strange period in DXing and there are still those who are extremely bitter about the whole episode. There also these who still have DXCC counters from some of Miller's operations but brush those aside to complain about the suspect or rejected ones. Such a situation probably will never come again with the policy of the ARRL to require some proof of presence and operating permission in the country claimed.

Son of a Gun! You had to be there to appreciate it. And even some of those there are not in agreement with what went on and what the right decision should have been. DX will be a long time forgetting Don Miller. Ten years ago this week the curtain did come down.....

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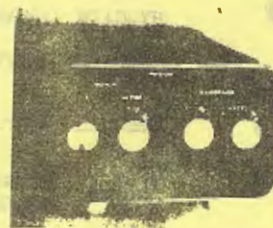
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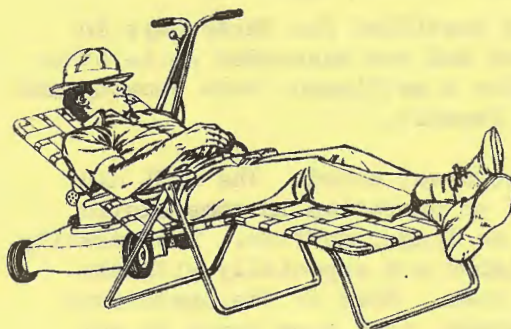
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Go search the world and search the sea,
Then come home and DX with me.
There's no such gold and no such pearl
As a bright and beautiful QSL.....

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Ready to hibernate.....

JD1YAK 7093/1005/Jun 30m
P29FW 7080/1100/Jun 30w
VK1PG 7007/1245/Jun 26w
VK9NI 7080/1025/Jun 30m
ZL2BT 7223/0625/Jun 24m

AFRICA CW

EA8MO 14015/2045/Jun 30w	FR7BW 14021/1130/Jun 22m#	ZD7WT 21025/1845/Jun 28w	3B8CD 14023/1210/Jun 18m#
EA8BF 14013/0545/Jun 24w	J28AZ 14021/0400/Jun 28e	ZE1FS 14010/1325/Jul 1m#	3V8P 14011/0450/Jul 3w???
EL2ET 14031/0635/Jun 27w	J28AP 14021/0400/Jun 28e	ZS2AG 14050/1200/Jun 27w#	5Z4CP 21077/2215/Jun 24e
FB8ZM 14041/0830/Jun 27w	ZD7WT 14040/0700/Jul 1m	ZS5A 14029/1510/Jun 26w#	7X2CW 14030/0410/Jun 23m

AFRICA SSE

CN8AK 21355/1845/Jun 24e	S79RD 14215/2015/Jun 28m	ZD9GG 14225/1415/Jun 25w	5Z4TV 14214/2030/Jun 25e
FB8ZM 14226/1145/Jul 3w	S79MC 14216/1220/Jun 30w	ZS4PB 21291/1655/Jun 24e	5Z4NH 21355/1740/Jul 1m
FR8OM 14217/0500/Jun 30m	TR8GDC 14220/0745/Jun 30e	ZS5PG 14220/1055/Jun 25e	5T5ZR 14220/0730/Jun 30e
FR8CY 14225/0345/Jun 30m	ZE6JW 14205/1415/Jun 27m	ZS6AIS 21355/0650/Jun 25w	7P8BC 14204/1320/Jun 25m
FR7BE 14203/1310/Jun 30m	ZE2JL 21355/1730/Jul 1m	3B8DA 14220/0325/Jun 25m	7X2MD 14220/0730/Jun 22m
FR7BJ 14225/1255/Jun 27m	ZE1AN 14204/1300/Jun 27	3V8BZ 14265/0630/Jun 27m	9G1JU 21355/1730/Jun 25e
H5AA 14210/1225/Jul 3m	ZE4JS 21354/1835/Jun 29w	WA6QFO/3D6 14230/1255 29m	9G1MB 21353/1900/Jun 28w
TR8RG 14202/2220/Jun 28w	ZS10U 21295/0720/Jun 25w	5R8CR 14202/1615/Jun 25w	9U5LD 14202/1745/Jun 25w
TR8VW 14202/1650/Jun 25w	ZS4MG 14218/1350/Jun 27m	5H3FW 21355/1845/Jun 24e	

ASIA CW

A9XBC 21030/2010/Jul 2w	JT1AO 14034/1630/Jul 1w	VU2TS 14027/1305/Jun 24m	4Z4TA 14007/1945/Jun 27e
A9XCE 21033/0320/Jul 1w	UA4RA 14022/1425/Jun 26e	VU2KV 14056/1430/Jul 3w	9V1OK 14051/1350/Jul 3w
HM2JN 14012/1410/Jul 30w	UD6CE 21043/2040/Jul 2w	VU2TT 14023/1305/Jun 25w	9V1TB 14051/0530/Jun 25w
HM2KH 14027/1240/Jun 29m	UD6DKW 21033/0345/Jul 1w	VU2ANL 14031/1445/Jun 24w	9V1TL 14009/1400/Jun 25w
HM1DH 14053/1635/Jun 28w	UF6FN 14063/0300/Jun 26m	VS6CK 14002/1555/Jun 29w	
HM4MZ 14007/1520/Jun 26w	UK7PAU 14026/1555/Jun 29w	LX4GD 14032/0130/Jun 27e	
JD1YAH 14025/1115/Jun 27e	UL7MAR 21043/2015/Jul 2w	LX3CD 14002/1940/Jun 27e	

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BV2B 14216/1300/Jun 29m	HZ1AB 14232/0100/Jun 24e	UW0MF 14225/1430/Jun 24m	OE2SJI/YK 21319/2045 25e
HL9TG 14225/1415/Jun 27w	JD1YAK 14203/1045/Jun 28e	UW0NE 14211/1205/Jun 28m	YI1BDG 14310/2345/Jun 20m
HS1AIV 14241/1255/Jul 1m	JD1YAH 14225/1150/Jun 27e	VU2AZZ 14201/1230/Jun 28m	5B4HF 14220/0730/Jun 27kh
HS1AIC 14225/0000/Jun 29m	JY3AE 14213/1310/Jun 26m	OE5CA/YK 21348/2115/ 29m	9M2CR 14266/1300/Jul 3m
HS1WR 14202/1625/Jul 1m	UA0CCR 14203/1240/Jul 2m	9V1TE 14224/1450/Jun 28m	9V1OK 14208/1335/Jun 27m

EUROPE CW

DM2DUD 14010/0515/Jul 1w	HB0BFN 14018/2000/Jun 27e	UA1ZCD 14020/0100/Jul 1m	UP2BAO 14023/0500/Jun 30w
DT2BUB 21049/1600/Jun 29e	IS0IKR 14025/0440/Jul 1m	UA3IBX 14035/0320/Jul 1m	UP2PCE 14028/0440/Jun 29m
EA2OP 21029/0000/Jul 3w	IS0NZA 21002/2010/Jun 29m	UA6BZ 14028/0230/Jul 1m	UP2GN 14034/0500/Jun 27m
EA5HM 21016/1525/Jul 1w	LA6DV 14023/0125/Jul 1m	UB5IAM 21030/0350/Jul 1w	UP2BEL 14005/0345/Jun 26m
EA6CL 14006/1935/Jun 27e	LZ2AW 14030/0220/Jun 29m	UC2BT 14001/0320/Jul 27m	UQ2AN 14003/0335/Jun 26m
EA7YV 21037/0000/Jun 29e	OH8PF 14006/0705/Jun 25m	UK1ZAI 14015/0530/Jul 27m	UW3UD 14033/0140/Jun 26m
BI9J 14027/2030/Jun 29e	OK1JVX 14012/0110/Jul 1m	UK2GAC 21030/2150/Jul 1w	YO7APA 14029/0130/Jun 26m
FOCVF/FC 14012/0635 25e	OK2KR 14014/0415/Jul 1m	UK1NAA 14030/1400/Jul 22e	YU1BCD 14024/0430/Jul 27m
GU3HFN 14025/2040/Jun 30m	OY3NA 14027/0150/Jun 25e	UK6AAJ 14015/1415/Jul 29e	YU9CBR 14027/1600/Jul 29e
HA5KA 14035/0315/Jul 1m	SV0WTT 21025/2140/Jul 2w	UK6AJA 21036/0315/Jul 1w	4U1ITU 14035/0155/Jul 27e
HA5LZ 14025/0430/Jul 1m	UA2FAL 14030/0420/Jun 29m	UO5OAK 14017/0210/Jul 25e	

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Have little care that life is brief,
And less that art is long.
Success is in the listening,
And DX is in the song.....

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DM5EL 14226/0515/Jun 24w	LX1LFN 14228/0410/Jun 26e	SV1AE 21291/2105/Jul 2w	UK5MAF 21325/0400/Jul 2m
FC9UC 14203/0600/Jun 28w	M1B 14212/0415/Jun 26e	TA1ZB 14272/0600/Jun 23m	YU9DX 14226/0545/Jun 30m
GW3BIQ 21290/1755/Jun 26w	OK1AYN 14198/0415/Jun 26e	TF3SV 14221/1805/Jun 28m	9H1ES 21353/1900/Jun 28m
HA5KEM 21305/1830/Jun 27w	OK1JSV 14223/0530/Jun 30m	UC20AV 14204/0320/Jun 28w	9H1EU 21288/2126/Jul 2w
DK2SX/HB0 14218/0115 24e	SP8GKU 14228/0320/Jun 26e	UK2GKW 14210/0400/Jul 1w	
IT9WGZ 21309/2250/Jun 27w	SV1KT 14222/0410/Jun 26e	UK1CAC 14225/0120/Jun 26m	
JX1LC 21282/1835/Jul 2m	SV1BR 14241/0350/Jun 24w	UK6LEZ 14204/0145/Jul 1w	

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C21TA 14028/1315/Jun 24m	HI8XDF 14006/0245/Jul 2w	TG9ML 14028/1315/Jun 28w	YS1WPE 14005/1310/Jul 2m
CG2AN 14012/0510/Jul 2w	KG6JAR 14051/1240/Jun 24e	VK1FT 14046/1100/Jun 29e	ZL4LR/A 14012/0435/Jun 25e
DU6RH 14017/1500/Jun 24w	LU7OAK 14012/0140/Jul 1m	VK8OM 14026/1250/Jul 2m	5W1AX 14021/0830/Jun 30m
FB8YG 14008/1105/Jun 28w	J3AJ 14015/1330/Jun 28w	VK8CG 14072/1155/Jun 25e	8R1J 21026/0235/Jun 27m
FG7AS 14025/1255/Jul 2m	OX5AF 14036/0700/Jun 29w	VK8RZ 14025/0630/Jun 25e??	8R1S 14024/2055/Jun 29e
FO8FA 14006/1750/Jun 24w	P29BL 14023/1145/Jun 27w	VP2DD 21031/0250/Jun 24w	8P6GO 14002/0445/Jul 3w
FY7BF 21022/2005/Jun 28w	P29AB 21258/1300/Jul 2m	VS5AM 14010/1430/Jun 28w	9M8HG 14020/1155/Jun 27w
FY7BF 14014/0000/Jun 29e	PJ3SF 14023/1220/Jun 26w	YB7AAU 14035/1445/Jul 3w	9YLJU 14020/1230/Jul 2m
HC2SL 14022/1235/Jun 26w	PJ7VL 14008/0640/Jun 27w	YN1Z 14002/0130/Jul 1w	

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

AH6D 21315/0440/Jun 29w	J3AH 21299/2100/Jun 25e	P29BN 14261/1120/Jun 27e	VS5XU 14280/1235/Jun 29m
C24IB 14219/0830/Jun 30m	KC6BS 14273/1220/Jul 2m	P29JS 14220/1120/Jun 27e	YB3KA 14208/1410/Jun 28m
C24KM 14213/0610/Jun 30w	KC6MM 14250/1125/Jun 27e	PJ2FR 14210/0050/Jun 26w	YN4ZAK 21305/2300/Jun 25e
CE0AE 21277/1940/Jun 26w	KC4AAC 21277/1925/Jun 26w	PZ2AC 14206/0050/Jun 30m	YJ8YD 14220/0725/Jun 30e
FB8YF 14204/1235/Jun 28m	KB9AA 14226/1315/Jun 28w	VK6DY 14225/1425/Jun 28w	ZF1HJ 14192/2250/Jun 26e
FG7TD 14203/0215/Jun 29w	KGLFW 21355/0325/Jun 29m	VK6NS 21301/0725/Jun 25w	ZF2BN 21300/2315/Jun 25e
FK8DY 14226/1230/Jun 29m	KG6JEE 14313/1130/Jun 26e	VK9ZM 14268/1305/Jun 26e	ZK1DR 14217/0420/Jul 1m
FO0PJM 14206/1245/Jun 28m	KG6JFP 14241/1205/Jun 27m	VK9NI 14230/0825/Jul 1m	ZP5AO 21354/1820/Jun 30w
FO0PHM 21280/0225/Jun 26m	KS6GV 14239/1210/Jun 27m	VK7RX 21325/2445/Jun 26e	5W1BN 14212/1430/Jun 29e
FP3DX 14245/0205/Jun 26e	KX6BU 14278/1040/Jun 25e	VP2LDZ 14203/2140/Jun 26w	6Y5AH 14332/2155/Jul 1m
HH2SD 21355/1845/Jun 29w	P29BB 14204/1210/Jun 28m	VP2MX 21355/1730/Jun 25w	5W1BN 21305/1655/Jun 29w
HH2SD 14105/1240/Jun 24m	P29FW 14285/0930/Jul 1m	VP8NE 14207/0200/Jun 28w	WB6MID/8R3 21355/2200 2m
HH2MC 14205/0340/Jun 29w	P29RA 14203/1240/Jun 28m	VR1AF 14261/0620/Jun 30m	9YLNP 21354/1820/Jun 29w
HI8XDJ 14256/0350/Jun 29w	P29MM 14250/1235/Jun 28m	VR3AH 14223/0915/Jul 1m	
HP1MU 14207/0320/Jun 27e	P29CC 14265/1205/Jun 24e	VR3AK 14220/0735/Jun 30e	

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HP1PK 28590/1940/Jul 2m	LM3M 28584/2100/Jul 2m
KV4GD 28605/1925/Jul 2m	5W1BN 28550/0035/Jun 28m
VK2CX 28583/0245/Jun 30e	6Y5MP 28596/2140/Jul 2m
VK7NOW 28562/0200/Jun 25w	
HC4JL 28016/1745/Jun 29e	
SM6FKF 28028/1705/Jun 29e	
VK2AOF 28029/0145/Jun 30e	
VK3FH 28040/0120/Jun 30e	
VKLXA 28031/0200/Jun 30e	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii, etc. all times in gmt)
(# = long path ??? = Slim! always a good c.w. operator....always a poor QSLer... terribly Slim!!)



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Keep listening. YI1BDG active but expected developments are not.....
Should be there now
WD6CZR QRPing to mid-July. C.W only.....
KP4KK going there September 1st
9G1AZ by N6SA to about July 18th. Should be on now....
VP2L-by WB9ZRV from Sept 3rd for a week
Looking good for CE4XX from October 25th to 30th across the CQ WW Phone Test
DJ6SI signing c.w. for a month from July 15th
Prepare!! PY1RO and Company next weekend....July 21st to 23rd.
VP1s in large encommy packages....July 28th to 31st
Definitely something moving for late this year. LAs making plans
VK9ZR from August 27th for a week or so. Getting near.
HB9TL signing F0CH/FC from this weekend, July 16th. There for a month
PAs opening this week for a month run. EA3s from August 1st to 15th.
Italians for a long run from August 1st.
TF6M special prefix next week...July 20th to 23rd
ZLs packing to put Chatham on the air across CQ WW DX Test....last week in October
W4-group ready to go to put Navass on the air for the CW portion CQ Test in November.
GM-group there next week, July 18th to 21st. Looking for VHF/UHF action
N6NB looking for VHF/UHF records....Hawaii to the mainland. Be ready....anytime!
DK8AG and DK7AH for about a month from July 22nd
Downtown Portland at the Sheraton. Aug 5/6th. W7KSA for information.
Downtown Tyson's Corners....all four of them. Near Washington...Sept 16/17th. K4FT for info
Downtown Houston...August 5/6th. K5RC for roadmap and details
November....visiting Japan and JA DX clubs. K6SSJ for full details
July 22/23rd
July 29/30th
July 29th to August 31st.
August 5/6th
October 28/29th
November 25/26th

SOME SHORT NOTES The raft 'Apelila' will be departing Walvis Bay in a week or so and crossing the South Atlantic by ocean current, hoping to land in the Montevideo area. Departure is set for July 20th. A week back it was being towed up the South African coast to the take-off area.

This is a scientific effort and they expect to arrive at South America in late September. They will be active enroute and will be signing ZS5PD/mm. They say to listen for them between 14200kc and 14250kc and they will be looking for QSOs. Rob was the operator aboard while enroute to Walvis Bay. QSL to ZS5PD's CBA.

Jimmy Pershouse, 9M2DQ, is reported as a Silent Key in late June. WA6BJS says he received no recent logs for 9M2DQ and is unable to supply any QSLs. Though some efforts are still going on the Neutral Zone, some are pessimistic that the difficulties can be overcome at this time. WA6CPP has a bucketful of Israeli stamps, #3.00 and #0.10 and is open to some swapping if anyone is interested. VR1AF has not been too active recently due to strike conditions and the necessity of putting everyone on the line to keep things going.

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ARRL The FCC has denied the ARRLs petition for the reconsideration of the 10-meter amplifier ban. In addition to the ARRLs filing, several equipment manufacturers and some individuals also filed asking for reconsideration.

The Safety and Special Services Bureau of the FCC joined with the Chief Engineer's office in opposing the ban. The FCC's Field Service Section was in favor and found the ban to be very effective. Among the commissioners there was but one dissenting vote.

This is another instance of treating the effect rather than the cause. If you feel so inclined, you might write a letter of complaint to your local congressman or U.S. senator. Unless something happens you may be seeing more such solutions to vexing problems.

On the Washington activity, Bob Booth, the ARRL General Counsel, and Dick Baldwin, W1RU, have been registered as lobbyists. In the recent meeting on WARC preparations, the indications are that the ARRL will be working mostly on sub-committees covering International 'Broadcasting and other h.f. allocations' and 'Domestic broadcasting and mobile'. Of the thirty nine named to the WARC Advisory Committee, twenty four were from the Washington area. If anything, this should indicate the importance Washington in anything involving communications. George Jacobs, W3ASK, and Merle Glunt are some of the recognizable amateur representatives.

TNX to K1RH, W2AG, W2HAZ, W2NC, K3ND, W4BRB, W4HU, N4XX, W4QDP, W4HEDD, W4KA, W4RIS, W4KA, W4UF, K5DB, K5DUT, W5FL, W5IMJ, K5OVC, K5TSQ, K5VNJ/2, W5VVD/6, W5YH, W6BJS, W6GCP, K6EC, W6JD, N6JM, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6PT, W6PYV, W6SN, W6TLA, W6TSQ, W6VTE, K6WR, W6VD, K7ABV, W7BCT, W7LR, N7XX, W7OBH, W7QNI, W8UVZ, W9DH, K9GM, W9SS, K0BJ, W0PT, W0BW, W0ZH, KH6CF, KH6BZF, JH1VRQ, UB5LCV, VE 229JS, OH2BH.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. Last week one of the local QRPers came trudging up the hill. It was a beautiful day, the mountains seventy miles to the south showing clear on the horizon and we sat and watched the big tankers, like the Chevron ARIZONA, and the Chevron COLORADO, plow up the bay to the refineries. "You know something," the QRPer said, "I often wonder how many JA stations there are. I guess you have heard how the stations in the Western Reaches run up big contest scores by working the multitude of JAs when everything else goes out. Just what would you say is the total number of JA stations?" We smiled at this simple question for it certainly was not a difficult one to answer. But we should have been cautious. "Oh," we said grandly, "how about four or five hundred thousand. Certainly more than all the VE/XE/W/Ks put together. Maybe even a couple hundred thousand more." The bright gleam in the QRPers eye should have warned us. "Tell me," the QRPer said, moving in close to ensure that we did not get off the hook and a small smile of triumph starting to turn up the corners of his mouth, "Tell me why it is that if there are so many JAs that the foreign callbook is not especially thick. With just the JAs alone, according to your estimates, it should be twice as thick as the U.S. call book. Right?" Son of a Gun! He had us for sure and we started to squirm. We hurriedly got the DX Call Book and....would you believe it?....the JA listings run but from Page 292 to Page 346.....only fifty-four pages. A quick flip of pages to the census of radio licenses showed but twenty thousand JAs and JDs. Incredible!! Where did all the JAs go? We put the question to the QRPer but got only that Mona Lisa enigmatic smile. "Do you know for sure?" we demanded and the smile grew wider and even more enigmatic. He leaned close, his voice tinkling with suppressed hilarity. "There are some of the Mysteries of the Ages that only the most worthy of the initiates understand," he said and roared with laughter. "And there are things which one must believe though you do not understand." The QRPer was on his feet and heading down the hill. "Be a Believer!" he called over his shoulder, hardly even attempting to hide his peals of laughter, "Be a Believer!". That did it for us! There are a lot of strange things encountered in DXing but what ever happened to all the JAs? There will be more on this and we will sift things out, hoping that the QRPer does not come by again to disturb our bucolic bliss. Watch for the word. And reluctantly we will acknowledge that the bulletin will come your way in the U.S. by second-class mail for \$15.00 a year. First class mail to the VE/XE/US areas and it is \$19.00 per year. \$20.00...for now...flings it to the far corners of the earth by airmail...to all the DX lands. Maybe that's where the JAs went....

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