



West Coast **DX** Bulletin

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EAST AFRICA San Hutson, K5YY, will again be heading for the East African area to bring a number of rare DX spots on the air. Planning for the trip is well along and the tentative departure time will be around the middle of August. The plans are so well firmed up that K5YY definitely says that it will be no later than August 20th.

The trip will include a stop in Southern Sudan for some concentrated STØ activity. He has been issued the license D68AF for some joint activity from the Comoros with Robin, D68AD. He already has a French license, F0ALZ and plans to use it to sign F0ALZ/FHØ from Mayotte. For Mauritius he has been issued the callsign 3B8YY. There in Mauritius San will visit Alex, 3B8DA, for two or three days.

If time and conditions permit, San is looking at a short but intensive operation from Rwanda and a visit with 9X5NH. There is also a possible stop to visit EA8CR, Fernando M. Fernandez Martin at Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Fernando has indicated that he might want to try some EA DXing from the rarer spots.

On the stop in the Comoros, San Will be looking to get a beam up which should improve the signals out of that country. The Southern Sudan operation will run at least a week and possibly longer, should supply this to those who have missed the previous operations. There continues to grow the expectation that STØ will be a new DXCC counter with the announcement on this one coming in a month or so.

San will be returning to the Co oros which he put on the air the day the island group took its independence from France a few years back, he signing D6A on that occasion. All told, the East African trip will take from thirty to thirty five days of hustling about the various countries and out into the Indian Ocean. A portion of the trip will be spent exploring the possible operations from other rare and semi-rare areas.

Some of the stops have been heard before but are still needed. This is being kept in mind as San realizes that many of the Deserving have not worked everything yet and he will be trying to add to the count for those around the two hundred or less counters for DXCC. There are a few over the 300 mark who will be looking for San at some of the stops.

There will be more coming on this trip. It is rather definite that within two or three weeks there will be a high level of needed DX being heard.

The Northern California DX Foundation, the non-profit organization looking to help bring the rare DX to the Deserving, is supporting K5YY in the up-coming African trip.

SOMALIA Unheralded, 601FG showed last Thursday from on twenty SSB and got immediate attention. The station was as 14204kc after 1300Z and said he was located in Mogadiscio. He gave his name as Paul and QSLs were to be sent to I2MQP, Pietro Mario Ambrosi, Via Stradella 13, 20129 Milano, Italy.

The initial operation was being help through a short list operation handled by VE3VWK/4X. The signal was good, the beam directions credible and the initial impression by those working the station was that it was legitimate.

There have been indications in recent months that the tight situation on operating licenses or operating permission in Somalia might be loosening. Several amateurs were pursuing possibilities of obtaining permission to operate, these including some close to the scene as well as some W/Ks. A JY9 has been reported as hoping for early permission to operate.

The station was coming in long-path to the Western Reaches last Thursday, July 20th. It was also worked by Zero-land stations, they also reporting a good signal. If this one holds up and there is reason to expect that it will, it will bolster the contention of many that 1978 is turning out to be a remarkable year for some of the difficult and rare DX to show.

AGALEGA Alex was finally able to get to Agalega and was active last week, working short path to the eastern shore and long path into the western reaches.

The operation was delayed because Alex had to make a quick trip to 3B9DA and operated there from July 10th to the 14th. His plans are to be on Agalega for about three weeks, this to some extent depending on transportation and the boat schedule.

Alex lost his vertical antenna in the rough seas making the landing on Rodriguez. He attained a reasonable good signal with a dipole he ran up.

Initially, the Agalega operation will be directed through WA4SSU and K5VWJ/2, this until some of the crunch tapers off and Alex is able to run solo. European stations might listen around 14105kc from 1500-1600Z for Alex and he may be able to handle both c.w. and SSB at that stop. Some of the problems on the Agalega may be power availability and there was some apprehension that it may only be available short periods. 0300-0400Z and 1300-1700Z were mentioned as periods of power but this has not been confirmed.

Listen! Alex will be there for some weeks yet. Look for Alex on twenty in the 14200-14225kc area.

SUNSPOT LOUIE Area #1203 which was the scene of the flares earlier this month, was still showing a lot of action on the date of this chart. Though it had reduced its size, a watch was being kept on it and there had been some structural changes noted. There was also some indications of growth in the area southeast of Area #1203.

The flux has been zigging up and down but still keeping relatively high. Since July 10th it has been as high as 175, got as low as 154 and was close to 160 at last weekend. There were a great many flares on July 11th, more flares on the 13th and more of the same in between.

Things are not going back to the good days of low flux when the bands were dead, the flux down around 70 and not moving much in either direction. Things are going to be jumping for the next couple of years and you might as well get used to it. As any calloused DXer will tell you, when they are coming in you had better work them or else!

Some DXers are showing a willingness to suffer and one Santa Cruz type at ten this morning was saying he needed a nap as he had been up DXing since three a.m. One must learn to endure the long hours when the bands are open.

NLXX on the south bank of the Potomac has learned to endure. Sometimes the long look into the future sees a bright future, sometimes it is in shades of gray. But bright or gray, Ted is ready to point the way. And he says it will be, relatively speaking, something like the following in the weeks to come.

July 25th	High Normal
26th	Low/Below Normal
27th	Low Normal
28th	Above Normal
29th	Above Normal
30th	High/Low Normal
31st	Disturbed

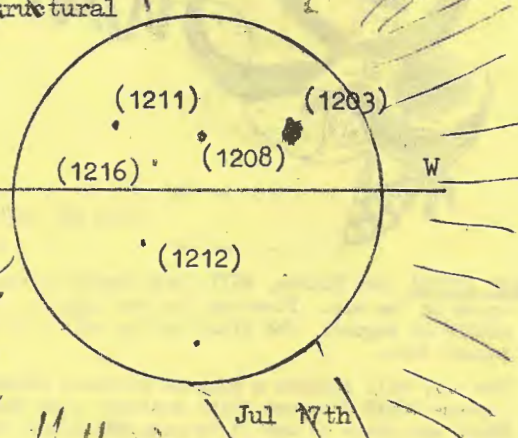
August 1st	Below Normal
2nd	High/Low Normal
3rd	High Normal
4th	High Normal

Two days when BN conditions may be expected, five days of HN, three LNs and two ANs. A balanced diet for the DXers. Next week we may be looking for more ANs....but remember that all of these are relative.

Meanwhile, K6EC listens for YI1 to come and what WWV has to say. And Ev says that the chartmakers can find their way into a brighter future if they will keep the charts up, their lines up and their rigs turned on. Ev says it was

Solar Flux Ap Index			Solar Flux Ap Index		
Jul 10th	153	10	Jul 14th	154	45
11th	164	7	15th	164	5
12th	175	3	16th	158	6
13th	160	11			

Watch the Ap figure. You'll will like it best when it is low.



No 1203	56 spots
N17° W27°	860 millionths
1208	17 spots
N15° W00°	40 millionths
1211	6 spots
N18° E31°	20 millionths
1212	11 spots
S23° E18°	60 millionths
1216	5 spots
N12° E16°	30 millionths

25 July 19

PETER ISLAND If you will look around 68°47'S and 90°35'W you will find an island with the name Peter Island. There in the Bellingshausen Sea, many DXers have waited for some aspiring radio amateur to land and operate. The location and the remoteness of the island has always brought the presumption that this would be an instant new one. Maybe you will be getting your chance to find out.

VK9XR/mm says that he may be on the island in the December/January period and will operate under the prefix 3YØ.

There will be more on this if the plans really get solid, at this time it looks real good as a possibility. Keep hoping. There will always be new countries for the Deserving. Maybe you remember—

OKINO TORISHIMA There is a report that two JA amateurs were on Okino-Torishima in May and July, stopping for a few days. The report says that there was some reluctance to operate, the uproar over the original 7J1RL operation still being fresh in some minds.

Apparently they may return again to the reef. Because of the non-criteria factors on the original operation, some would like to see another operation. This, first to work the reef, and, secondly, to see if it would be accepted.

DESECHEO The DXAC was balloting on the Desecheo/Water Island question for DXCC status in mid-July and the poll should be completed and the results forwarded to ARRL by the first part of August.

How will the whole thing go? Some are feeling that the results may be a rerun of the last time out, an recommendation for Desecheo, a recommendation against Water Island. The DXAC has gathered information on the matter during the last several months, listening to arguments or reviewing statements made for or against.

The indications are that the DXAC may go on the interpretation of the DXCC criteria established by past decisions. The last time out the DXAC recommended for Desecheo but was told to try again. The Awards Committee will listen to the recommendation but is not bound to adopt it.

There seems to be a developing feeling among the DXAC members on the application of the 'distinct and separate administration' criteria. There have been some who say some applications have brought 'cheap' countries into DXCC, these because an island or something was under a different governmental agency. In retrospect, some of the bending of the criteria at ARRL headquarters has not helped to keep things unquestioned.

OGASAWARA-JD1 REPORT Nobs, JA1KSO, was back home and rested last week and even running a list for the 601. Nobs sent along some comment on the recent JD1 effort at the end of June.

The operators on the trip were JA1SXH, JF1KKV, JF1BUI, JG1CHO, JA1KSO, JI1HXR, JJ1KKZ and JK1ELW. The total QSOs was around 20,000 and they operated one-sixty to 2 meters. Some 4000 European stations were worked, 4000 W/K types and four JAs on two meters. 3500 QSOs were made on six meters.

Some of the statistics are interesting. One European station worked JD1YAK on twenty meters ten times. A W1 worked JD1YAE seven times. At least 700 stations have been counted in an audit, these stations working the JD1 more than twice on the same band. In other words, three or more QSOs on the same band.

The JA indicated some exasperation as these redundant QSOs. The next time out they may be looking for a cure. The log information is being fed into a computer and a colored QSL has been ordered.

The group is not asking for support and there is no need to send IRCs or green stamps. Should any of these show in the mails, they are going to balance things by sending colored photos in return.

The two meter contacts from Ogasawara to Japan were the first ever contacts between these two points.

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WHERE DID ALL THE JAs GO? Not very far. Actually, apparently just not far enough to get into the Call Book.

We asked Naoki Akiyama, JH1VRQ, who handles the foreign section for the JARL and Nao came up with the figures that show that maybe there are as many JAs as you suspected, and perhaps even a few more.

As of April 1, 1978, there are 603,200 lower class amateur radio operator licenses in Japan. In Japan the licenses are issued for life and the presumption is that most everyone has the lower class license, but not necessarily. Thus the actual figure could be a bit more than the 603,200 figure.

As of April 1, 1978, there were 364,091 amateur radio station licenses in Japan. Station licenses must be renewed every five years, few JAs have plural licenses and this figure is expected to be accurate.

JARL has 89,266 members, many JA license holders stick to local rag-chewing on six and two meters, or even lose interest before the station license expires. However, many regard those in the JARL as the more dedicated amateurs and large numbers of the JA DXers are found there.

Whatever the impact, there are a lot more JAs around than you might suspect from the call-book figures. Why the low figure in the CB is not explained but along the way we may come up with more than speculation. Anyhowl don't get disturbed over the figures. There are at least all the JAs on the air that you always suspected....maybe even a few more.

HS-THAILAND Remember back in April there was the flap over Thailand being on the banned list. The FCC issued a warning on April 5th and most everyone was aware of the ban except the Thais themselves. Now it seems that it was all a mistake. Those sounding the bugle call of warning in some instances had not read everything from the FCC.

Fred Laun, now signing his own HS call from Thailand asked Francis K Williams, Chief of the FCC Treaty Branch who noted that the April 5th FCC release did specifically did mention that Laos, Viet Nam and Thailand were on the banned list. However, they caught the error and revised the release striking out the final paragraph which mentioned these three countries, the revised edition having no mention of them whatsoever.

It would seem that a lot noted the original FCC release, few noted the deletion of the final paragraph in the revision. Some may want to verify this for themselves and it is the "Revision" FCC REMINDS AMATEURS ON INTERNATIONAL THIRD PARTY COMMUNICATIONS.

As was suspected at the time, someone slipped and there has been no change in the status of amateur communications with the HS-Thailand stations.

St PETER AND PAUL ROCKS PY1RO was off on schedule, departing Brasil about July 17th and heading northeast towards the rocks. He was expected to be active over this last weekend.

QSLs for this one can go to George Hitz, W1DA, 37 Easy Street, Sudbury, Mass 01776. Not only can you get your PYØ-QSL but you will have a chance to communicate with a DXer who is on Easy Street. All DXers are Deserving, some more so! Sase or Sae/IRC needed.

SOUTH SANDWICH European stations were hearing LU3ZY in early April though no W/K has been noted reporting this one. The activity is reported to only have lasted a few hours and came at 14130kc about 2100Z

Some inquiries made by European stations to DXers in the South Atlantic area have indicated that there was a South Sandwich activity, this coming while a vessel was stopping at the island.

The prospects for prolonged activity from the South Sandwich group appears to be a bit dismal at this time. However, with the attention being given to any island because of the claims made to the off-shore areas under the 200-mile clause in the Law of the Sea, one of these days South Sandwich will come to the deserving. Just don't ask "When!".

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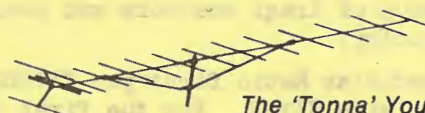
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IRAQ Doug Joyce, VE3MV, was a recent visitor in Yugoslavia and visited most of the YUs involved in the helping YI1BDG get on the air. In the July LONG SKIP of the Canadian DX Association he reports on his visit and what he did learn on the Iraqi situation. We reprint the information from LONG SKIP.

Originally two girls and thirteen boys were sent by the Iraq government to Yugoslavia as guests of the Yugoslav Government to study in the hobby fields of Amateur Radio, Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft and Scuba Diving. Half of the group have backgrounds in electronics and the other half in physics. After several weeks of study in Yugoslavia, the group along with Svetislav Matic, YU1NZV, returned to Baghdad in early April.

It was April 14th before Matic finally succeeded in getting a station on the air, the slowness due to the problems of getting an antenna up. The group took an ATLAS 210 back to Baghdad with them, this a gift of the Radio Society of Serbia to the students from Iraq. There is now one club station in Baghdad, YI1BDG, and next year it is planned to have additional stations. These to be at Basrah, near the Red Sea, Sulemania and Mosul, the latter an university town. Eventually the group intends to become a member society of the IARU in Region I.

Due to postal problems, YU1NZV probably will continued to be involved in QSL activities for the group for some time but later, they hope as IARU members to handle their own QSLs.

While Svetislav Matic was in Baghdad, he spent mornings lecturing to military officials who will control the hobby in Iran. He gave in-depth courses on the values of amateur radio and the educational benefits. The afternoons were spent with students instructing them in Morse code, radio theory and related subjects. The schedule left only two and a half hours during the limited operating period when they could operate. In April the allowed operating times were from 0800 to 2000 local time, this on twenty meters with 100 watts. On May 1st they received permission to operate 24 hours a day and during July they received permission to operate five bands, 24 hours a day with 100 watts.

Matic put it very strongly that because of the military involvement in and their control of amateur radio, that outside interference is not welcomed. They will work at their own pace and theirs only.

Amateur Radio is operational in Iraq and it should not be pushed from the outside. It is asked that no gear be sent to Iraq unless specifically asked for. There will be no DX-peditions or private stations, only club stations. Equipment sent on the premise that it is needed or can be used could lead to embarrassment for the fledging group of Iraqi amateurs and possibly harm the future of amateur radio in that country.

Svetislav Matic first put YI1BDG on the air on April 14th and the first contact was with HZ1AB. For the first few hours everyone thought the station was a pirate and not the real thing. Matic is hoping to return to Baghdad in November and hopes to take some of the operators from YU1BCD, the well-know YU-Contest Club, with him for the CQ WW DX Test. The hope is to convince the military that it would be good for the hobby to operate multi-multi with high power in the CQ Test.

Svetislav Matic, YU1NZV, has a full set of the logs and is processing about 60 cards a day. His address is: Svetislav Matic, YU1NZV, Dimitrija Tucovica 164, 11050 Belgrad, Yugoslavia

There are still a lot of the Deserving looking for YI1BDG but the prospects are good. The report in the Canadian LONG SKIP should bring hope.

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KERMEDEC ZL2ALU/K was being heard last week on twenty SSB. He gave his name as John and said that he would be there through mid-August.

The station was at 14209kc at 0500Z and was being worked by stations in the Western Reaches. This is VR8A and a good many years back was previously on Kermedec.

HONG KONG Some concentrated Hong Kong activity is being planned for September when Alan Adler, WB6JPZ, and Stuart Sokolin, W6MJE, aim for two weeks of operation under the call VS6HK.

Previously, this team has operated from Montserrat signing VP2MJE a year or so back. They plan to open the operation on September 10th and run to September 24th. They will be operating from about the highest point in Hong Kong and approximately 1800 feet above sea level. They will use a Cushcraft four-element beam plus dipoles and will cover eighty through ten meters. Most of the concentrated activity will be on ten and fifteen when conditions allow. However, there will be adequate action on the other frequencies.

QSLs will again be handled by W6EL, S.C.Shallon, Box 2055, Culver City, Calif. 90230. Sase or Sae/IRC will be needed. If you have any particular need or interest in Hong Kong QSOs, you might contact either of the operators prior to their departure. VS6HK from September 10th to 24th.

ST LUCIA Bob Hardy, K2IGW, will be in St Lucia for the CQ WW October Test, Bob being there from October 18th to November 1st. He will be signing VP2LBH and will work one-sixty through ten meters during the contest weekend.

There will be a good bit of activity before and after the contest. QSLs and inquiries on schedules can be sent to K2IGW at 341 Tracey Lane, Grand Island, New York 14072.

MIDWAY QSLs Sometimes it takes a bit to backing and filling but here is the full information on KM6BI QSLs from 1 Jan 73 to 1 Aug 78.

With no amateurs among the incoming personnel on the island, the chief operator decided to take all the logs with him when he departed to ensure that they would be in custody and preserved. He's going home to Ohio and QSLs for that period should go to W8TIX, John Daugherty, 1019 Larence Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

There may be some variations but this seems to be the route that will be most reliable for QSLs in the period noted.

SL1FRO This one from Faro Island, Gotland should be heard this weekend and will be on until August 10th. QSL to SM5AHK.

ALAND ISLANDS The next several weeks should be ones when several stations are heard while visiting in the Aland Islands. Lynn and Bob Igou, who once a year back were signing KA6, will be signing DA1GR/OHØ and DA1GR/OHØ. Look for them about the 10th of August. QSLs will go to them direct at....

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A FEW NOTES 4X4AS on twenty cw last April is..or was...Slim. The holder of that call does not possess even a key. The 4X3Ø-prefix will be heard until October 1st. 4X4CJ has been using it to sign 4X3ØCJ.

J28AG QSLs to Radio Club, Ilat du Heron, Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti. FH8CY go to Box 50, Island of Mayotte, Comoro Islands.....with 3 IRCs.

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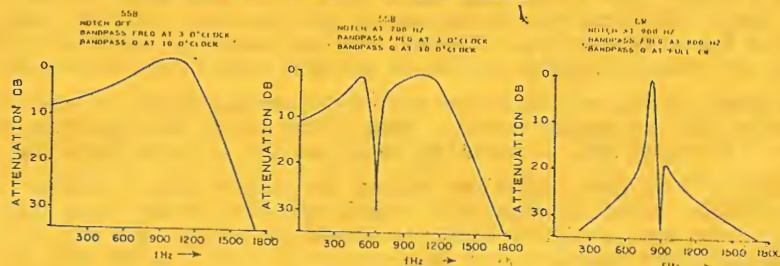
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ALAND ISLANDS This will be opening next week, sometimes after August 1st, give or take a day or so. There will be more information given out on the operation and participants as things roll but for now the dates are rather firm. Look for OJOMA to come up next week.

HEARD ISLAND This one keeps popping up, VKØRZ recently being on the air and saying he was on the island. The given QSL manager WB6WNE says he knows nothing of this one.

VK3AKK, Ken Jewell, who does the DX Scene for the new Australian amateur magazine, AMATEUR RADIO ACTION, passes along the information that there has been, as far as he can determine, no Australian operators on the island for about twelve years. Originally a weather station was established on Heard but the weather information was found to be of little value to Australia and the station was abandoned. Bill Rohrer stopped briefly with a U.S. Coast Guard vessel for a day or two back around 1968 and the longest run was that of Hugh Milburn, WA6EAM, who signed VKØHM for about six months back in 1970. If you missed the last two you missed Heard Island. Some caught VK2ABY/HKØ but this was disallowed by the ARRL.

The Australian PT&T advises VK3AKK that presently there are no license issued for any Heard Island operation nor are there any applications on hand. The regulations there require an Australian license to operate from any VK-territory and no /VK operations are allowed.

SHORTLY NOTED Charlie on Norfolk Island, VK9NI, seems to feel that the demand for Norfolk is falling off and he wonders if he is going to have to start calling 'CQ'. He will be gone from Norfolk in October and November but will return in mid-December to the familiar scenes. He has been getting some 40/80 requests and one-sixty and is contemplating working on some antenna improvements.

VK and US stamps are not valid on Norfolk. Two IRCs will the QSL will work wonders, however. The QSLs still are over the hundred-a-week mark and without IRCs or Norfolk postage, they are going back via the bureaus.

The AMATEUR RADIO ACTION mentioned above is into its third or fourth issue by this time. It is running just under a hundred pages, 8x10½ format, and edited by Jim Pollock VK2WX. Initially trained as a geologist, he has signed EP2WX, G4CGO, as well as mobile in DL/OE/F/HB9/LX/PA/ON/EL areas. After a post-graduate course in business administration, he has added the publishing business to his interests.

The magazine goes for \$12.00 (Australia) for surface mail overseas.... We won't mention the airmail rate. Should you be interested, write to: AMATEUR RADIO ACTION, Box 628E, Melbourne 3001, Australia.

While we are in the Pacific area, VK9ZM on Willis has his station about ready to go. He says he is often in the novice fifteen meter band, usually just below 21200kc on weekends. He is running a FT-200 with a beam and dipoles.

VK3AKK is looking for New Mexico, Idaho, Oklahoma and North Dakota on forty meters to fill out his hand. Ken is available....enthusiastically....for schedules on forty with these states and is around 7003kc or 7112 for c.w action most nights from 0900Z to about 1000Z listening for the elusive W/Ks.

WA2NAT has shipped a 204BA to the South Shetlands station CE9AT. The antenna will be gotten out to the station someday or another, it now being winter in that clime and even an air-drop is considered a possibility. Look for CE9AT around 21300kc from 2100Z, this often a list operation. The coming months, September through November should be the optimum months for working this one.

We have a report that VS6DR, Phil Wight, will be married there in Hong Kong on October 28th. In the SEAsia areas, YB7AAA and HS-stations are on most mornings. YB7AAA, John, may be moving on from the oil fields on Borneo before long. Chester, who once signed an awful lot of XV5-QSLs and Fred Laun are both waiting for towers to arrive and the HS activity should jump noticeably. Chester's call is HS1AIV.

Father Moran, 9N1MM, will be in the states for several weeks, he arriving in Los Angeles on August 19th. Clipperton QSLs are coming through. Many of the locals are reporting them and probably more are still looking. A colored QSL, it shows the beach and the tattered operating tent they used.

On the VK9YS/VK9YL QSLs, K4UTE has shipped the printed QSLs to F6CYL. Also shipped were the incoming QSLs sent to K4UTE. Actually, about 9000 blanks were sent to Ann, less than a thousand being sent to Jim, P29JS. Anyhow, if you sent a card to K4UTE you should not worry. All will be handled one way or another and the cards should start coming through in a couple of weeks. As of right now the whole shipment is there in downtown Louveciennes.

On the up-coming Comoro operation by San Hutson, he will be working c.w. San notes that on the original effort that he was prohibited from using c.w. and actually was using a borrowed station, his own gear being back in Djibouti. The borrowed station did not possess even a key. He will be making up for the lack of D68 c.w. activity this next time out. Inasmuch as this effort will be in cooperation with Robin, D68AD, he is looking for a high QSO total. He acknowledges that some of this previous efforts have been exhausting as he attempted extended operations single-handed. Keep listening and we will have more on this up-coming effort.

This issue has been a problem with the question of a postal strike hanging fire. We zigged and zagged and finally tried working on the issue with emphasis on the non-dated material. You can see the results.

25 July 1978

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ROMANIAN TEST
CQ WW DX PHONE TEST
CQ WW DX CW TEST

First week in August. Lots of operators....lots of action. OJØMA!
San Hutson, K5YY, heading for STØ-FHØ-D68....mid-August
Alex should be there for another week or so....3B6DA.
ID9ON from August 3rd for a couple weeks.
VP1s everywhere starting this weekend....July 28th to 31st
Changed.....now in mid-September
VP2EEK by KPLKK from September 1st
CEØXX from October 25th across the CQ WW October Test
DA1GF/DA1GR/OHØ from about August 10th
Still there....still needed by many. Hope still lives.
601FG showing at 14204kc around 1400Z. Appears to be rockbound.
GM group there from now to August 5th
PAs/EAs/Is should be active from now and into September
October....across the CQ WW October Test
Big Guns from Zero-Land there to work everything across the CW CW
November Test. Everything set to go.....
DKs reported as there for a month....until mid-August
VP2LBH by K2IGW across the CW WW October Test....from Oct 18th
VS6HK by W6MJE and WB6JPZ for two weeks from September 10th
Las reported as working on an end of the year visit.
Next weekend...downtown Portland at the Sheraton...August 5/6th
26th Annual Gathering...September 9th at Arlington Heights. K9KM
has all the information and is taking reservations.
September 16/17th. Downtown Tysons Corners. K1FT for info
Next weekend....August 5/6th...downtown Houston. K5RC for info.
Next weekend....July 29/30th.
Next weekend....July 29/31st
August 5/6th
October 28/29th
November 25/26th

There are still some spots in the JA Tour headed by K6SSJ and Roy Ozawa this Fall. Bob says they can still accomodate some more wanting to see what JA and JA DX looks like. It is still possible to get on the tour. Write or call Bob Thompson, K6SSJ

Those new FCC calls can cause some consternation. The KB6AE reported some weeks back turned out to be a Palos Verdes type. Nothing like Baker/Howland as anticipated. Aboard the SS LaSalle, WD6AWU is expecting an A9X-Barhain call for operations when he arrives there about this time...late July. 9NCY heard recently appears to have been Katmandhu Slim. The license holder of that call says he has been inactive for years. K8FF took his PYØZAE to Brasil for personal mailing in Rio in February 1977. He is still waiting.

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MELLISH REEF Transportation changes and the vessel not being available at the expected time, have slid the coming VK9-Mellish Reef trip until mid-September.

The schedule now calls for departure from Australia on September 16th and the activity to come three or four days later. You can adjust your vacation schedule for this one.

SOME FINAL NOTES Robin, D68AD is ex-MP4MAW, MP3BFH, VP5RF and VP5TI. The OY activity by the GM group showed last week as expected. SW1BN QSLs to KH6JEB. This is KH6LW in Samoa teaching music during the summer recess. He has been showing on most bands, eighty through ten. Sase is needed.

The current and correct address for George Collins, VE3FXT is..... Box 431, Cambridge, Ontario. This for those looking for his H5 and S8 cards. George is planning to go again in November for some activity in the far lands. FB8ZN is running but fifty watts but the signal is good. Even though frequently advertised, the station is reported at times calling 'CQ'. PY0MAG on Fernando de N. goes to PY1MAG. On a couple of weeks back.

W3CDL and W6MLZ were together aboard the USS Rochester over fifty years back. We old timers have to stick together. It may be difficult to believe but Don Wallace, W6AM, and the printer here went to Europe on the same vessel.....the GEORGE WASHINGTON! How about that!! Anyone with inside information on how to get a QSL for KG400. W4UF needs that one for eighty meters. TZ6ET was at 14015kc at 1420Z on July 15th. Said to QSL to DL7SS and was taking a handful at a time, working the bunch contest style.

9M2DQ is reported a Silent Key. Also, ZB8JJ in late May. K9UIY has been handling the QSLs and is waiting for some information on the logs. Vic is now at 1258 1/2 So. Galena Ave., Freeport, Ill 61032.

TNX to W1AB, W1JR, W1MV, W1VW, W2AG, W2FP, W2HAZ, K2IGW, W2NC, WA2SON, W3CDL, W1DA, N3ED, W4LEDD, W4BRB, W4FOT, W4HU, W4KA, W4LCL, N4NW, W4OUF, W4OUT, N4XX, W4UF, W4YN, W4VN, W4ZR, W5ALA, W5DA, K5DB, W5DD, K5DUT, K5GOE/6, K5GZ, K5IH, W5HPV, W5IMJ, K5KX, K5OVC, N5TP, K5VNJ/2, W5YH, W5UW, WD6AWU, WA6BJS, K6EC, WA6CFP, WA6DNM, K6DT, N6EM, WA6FIT, W6JD, N6JM, WB6JPZ, W6MJE, W6KPC, K6LAE, W6MI, N6OB, K6RV, W6RJ, W6PYV, W6PT, W6RQ, WA6TLA, W6TSQ, K6UFT, WB6UJO, W6VD, WB6VTE, K6WR, K6XP, WA6YQW, WB6ZUC, W7BYK, WA7OBH, K8CFU, W8JXM, K8FF, K8RD, W8UVZ, WB8ZJY, W9GW, K9MM, W9SS, K9UIY, K9UKM, WB9ZBE, K0BJ, W0EW, W0JRN, W0PT, W0RT, KH6BZF, KH6GI, KH6DL, DA1GR, JA1KSO, VK3AKK.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. It should have been a time for shouting and tumult. It was not. The weather here was wonderful last week and a number of QRPers were up the hill to loll under the oaks and keep an eye on the bay. They were in a resting period. When talk turned to the YI there was only a low level of interest. Then the 601 showed and drew but mild attention. The only topic that was mildly exciting was Edward Newman and the NBC visit. While the rest of the citizens in Marin were roaring in indignation, the QRPers were relaxed. Something was not working right and they were hardly out defending the home front. All it was was drowsy time under the oaks. As one QRPer said: "What's better than a nap on a summer afternoon?" We thought about it and it finally came that these are the long days of summer, the full moon is silvering the bay at night and it is the time to rest and drowse and let the rest of the world run the frenetic marathons. In Marin the QRPers were resting. Finally we had to discuss the problem with W6TSQ. Sam usually knows everything. "Here we have them all around the place sleeping in the sun," we said, "and Edward Newman hardly over his visit with the kinks. What would he say if he saw these DX types sleeping in the summer sun?" We should have known that Sam would have the answer. "Remember," Sam says, "they titled that thing 'I Want It Now', didn't they?" We had to admit that he had it right. "Well," Sam said as he rolled to a more comfortable position, "you are going to have to understand that we Marin DXers got it yesterday." Son of a Gun!! What could we say? Undoubtedly there are some who will be inclined to argue, few will claim that there are better ways than to spend a warm summer day drowsing in a shady spot and watching the clouds go by. A DXer must relax and rest for the long haul. The DX that you missed this week probably will come by again in a couple of years. Watch the clouds by day and the moon by night and DX always comes again....almost. And to keep your energy output to a minimum, some obscure and subtle hints of the Great Days of DXing to come will slam out of the western reaches each week. \$15.00 for second-class (newspaper) treatment in the U.S. For first-class mail, to the XE/VE areas, it will come for \$19.00 a year. \$20.00...for now raps the word down the pike to all the far DX lands. Meanwhile, rest! You will need your strength in the great days ahead.

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