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PROPAGATION: Oct 2, High/Low Normal; Oct 3, High Normal; Oct 4,5, Above Normal; Oct 6, High Normal; Oct 7, High/Low Normal; Oct 8, 9, Low Normal; Oct 10, High Normal; Oct 11, High/Above Normal; Oct 12, 13, 14, Above Normal; Oct 15, Above/High Normal; Oct 16, High/Low Normal; Oct 17, High/Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

1AØKM TO COUNT JAN 1, 1982

The Awards Committee at ARRL Headquarters has approved DXCC country status for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and cards will be accepted starting January 1, 1982. Do not submit 1AØKM QSLs for credit until after that date.

The Awards Committee voted on a recommendation by the volunteer DX Advisory Committee made several months ago. Details appeared in TDXB Issue 67 (a brief note), Issue 79 (a letter from K3ZJ making the case for DXCC status) and Issue 101 (reporting the DXAC vote). Sources indicate that the vote within the Headquarters was very close on the issue. This will make the current (after Jan 1) Countries total 319 again; it had been at 318 since Okino Torishima was deleted last December.

CROZET

FB8WG is on the air from Crozet sooner than expected, perhaps since he has taken a Drake TR-4 instead of the originally planned Heathkit. At this time operator George, F2CL, does not have a remote vfo for his TR-4 (nor RIT, of course), and he is using the island's rhombic antenna, which is aimed at France. A Drake remote vfo is reportedly on the way to Crozet, along with a trap vertical.

FB8WG has thus far been reported only on a 21170 French net at around 1900Z. He does not like pileups and various do-gooders are already trying to line up "lists" for him. He will be on the island for probably about one year.

LU3ZY South Sandwich

On again last week for the first time in months was Carlos, LU2EEO, operating LU3ZY. He is reportedly scheduled to leave the island in November. Not a DXer, Carlos's operations have been almost exclusively "lists" on SSB; two years ago LU3ZY was active and very workable on 10 Meter CW. The station was not on 10 last season but many are hoping for some activity on 28 MHz CW this time. For now, best bet for looking is 14220 0000Z.

BURMA

Neither XZ5A nor XZ9A count (or are expected to count) for DXCC, but some are now reporting working two different XZ1 stations reportedly from Rangoon. No particulars.

SAN FELIX

Our best source (namely, the factory which loaned radios) indicates that the WB1GDQ/CEØ operations from Juan Fernandez and San Felix have again been postponed a month, until the end of October. If this is so, the Juan Fernandez stop might be scuttled. It would still pay to watch at this time but a better bet is wait a month.

NEW ENGLAND DXCC ANNUAL BANQUET

This event will be held Oct 10, with the free afternoon session at 2 pm and an evening banquet session at 6:30 pm (18 bucks per person). Banquet speaker is Dr Vince Thompson, K5VT. Show up at the Waltham, MA Holiday Inn, Totten Pond Road at Rte 128. No other info available.

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One of our Japanese friends has reported a number of JA stations worked a "JF1IST/VS9K" on Sept 2, who was active for about an hour and a half on 15 Meters. No other information available.

Another letter from Japan about that quick Andamans operation last month... VU2JPN, who was with the Japanese embassy in New Delhi, is expected to be stationed in Washington D.C. momentarily, and says he will be visiting Newington to let the DXCC folks see his operating permission for VU7 Andamans. He operated from a hotel there, alone. He used an FT-101 and a mobile whip antenna on the balcony. VU2WTR, another Japanese official in India, was not on the operation, but he is the QSL manager for VU7AN. There is no indication of just how many QSOs were made on the 2-day operation.

Last week it was mentioned that HS5ANI said Thai amateurs were only off the air temporarily last month while the government registered their equipment. But a note from HS1AMX (who is Swiss) says "amateur radio has been forbidden since Aug 18" with all operations being illegal. He held little hope in his Sep 22 letter for any quick remedy to the situation. Yet, HS stations are now active. ???

IV3OSH/5R8 was still active through Sep 29, which was said to be his "last day" there. This appears to have been legitimate, if documentation holds up for DXCC.

Those V3A stations are new call signs for Belize (formerly VP1); VP2A Antigua stations are expecting to be V2A soon.

Last Sunday's (Sep 27) "Chasing DX" on Radio Moscow (15540, 1300Z) wasn't as hammy as the week before, but not bad. Maybe we should send them TDXB. They were only about 30 dB over S9 in CT, but were coming in both long and short path simultaneously. It's a well-known fact that enough power enables one to create one's own ionosphere. Just ask...(oh, never mind).

TDXB note: we expect to announce next week a new arrangement for providing QSL information in the Bulletin. It will be much more comprehensive than info we have been able to publish thus far. Stand by.

CORRECTIONS TO QSL LIST IN ISSUE 108: All SV0AA QSLs, portable operations or otherwise, go to N200. W4MAT/SV goes to W4MAT c/b address.

Latest issue of CQ magazine has a very interesting "DXer's Aptitude Quiz" by Larry Brockman, N6AR. Your radio store has copies. October 73 Magazine has a number of DX-related articles, including a 6-page interview with K10X on his antenna farm, WB8BTH's story of a VP5 operation, a AK0Q propagation article, and even Dave Mann, K2AGZ, whose column normally does not touch on DXing, spends considerable words on the Burma DXCC question. Finally, there's a nice interview with Iris and Lloyd Colvin (W6QL and W6KG).

Turkish hams are advising they have hopes of being legal again next year, for the first time in decades. Presently, authorities look the other way and the hams who are on maintain very low profiles.

Kirsti, VK9NL, and hubby Jim Smith, VK9NS, made 6,000 contacts during their 5WIDG/DK operations early in Sep. Kirsti worked 1500 CW contacts with a straight key!

Another week or so of equinox conditions remain for those who watch sunset and sunrise times...try 20 Meters around sunset from the East Coast to Asia, pointing your aerial 90-120 degrees to work 9V1, etc.

JW7XB says he and a few others will be on from Jan Mayen for the CQ Phone contest the last weekend of this month, signing JX8A. JX5NM will be along and will work CW the day before and after the 'test.

KP4BZ and friends intended B.V.I. operation for the 'CQ Phone, but in order to avoid the N6CW effort they have switched to Montserrat for that weekend. It will be a multi-single effort. And XE2AQ will lead a Radio Club of Nuevo Leon group in a multi-single setup, signing 4A2Q.

Yaesu's new FT-1 transceiver, pictured in Oct QST, will be priced around \$3,000. Signal One will unveil a new CX-12 shortly, featuring an Ulrich Rhode receiver front end and a price reduction from the CX-11 which it supercedes! Collins has moved their KWM-380 service facilities from El Paso to Cedar Rapids, and the radios will be made in Salt Lake City.

BANDPASS

AP2MQ 14224 02C 20
A22ZM 21290 19W 18
A22ZM 21290 18C 22
A71AD 14224 16W 18
A71AD 21280 17C 21
A71AD 21310 21W 21
A71AD 14206 01C 22
A71AD 21290 21E 23

A71AD 21300 20E 27
A9XDO 28542 14E 18
A9XDD 14202 03E 20
A9XDO 14235 10C 21
A9XDO 28530 20C 23
CN8EA 28548 18C 21
CN8CD 21276 19E 23
C2INT 14203 11C 20
C2INI 7086 10E 21
C2INI 14032 10E 21

C3100 28027 18C 23
C31SJ 21265 19E 23
KC4QG/DU2 14210 10C 21
DU9RG 14206 12E 23
D4CBC 28560 19W 18
D4CBC 28580 20C 23
EA9GZ 21354 19E 27
EP2TY 28570 12E 24
FC9UC 14008 23E 21
FK8DM 14051 08C 22

FKØRR 14202 05E 23
FK8DV 14222 10E 26
FO8GT 14218 10E 20
FO8HL 14212 10E 25
FO8DF 7013 10E 25
FO8HL 14225 09E 27
FO8GW 14225 10E 28
FY7YE 14045 12E 25
YU7PEF/HBØ 7002 02C 21
YU7QCC/HBØ 28020 17C 22

DL1GK/HBØ 21025 12C 23
HC8GI 21346 00C 20
HFØPOL 14017 23E 20
HKØFBF 28575 00E 29
HL1HV 14006 11E 22
HS1AMS 14215 10E 19
HZ1AB 28550 17W 18
HZ1HZ 28565 20E 23
HZ1AB 14212 00E 25
HZ1AB 28530 11E 25

JD1AEV 28574 01C 23
JH2OHX/JD1 14043 12E 23
JT1BN 14036 00E 24
JX7FD 21355 22W 18

JX5VAA 14235 00E 26
JY5US 14220 05C 20
JY9RC 21287 21E 23
J28AZ 14240 04C 21
J28BB 14200 01C 24
J3AH 21355 17E 19
J3AJ 28550 17C 19
KG6RN 21318 02C 20
KH3AB 21355 17E 19
KH3AB 28010 00E 20

KH3AB 28574 23E 26
KX6RA 14310 04E 20
M1C 14030 23C 19
OD5RZ 21290 18C 21
OD5LX 7010 05W 29
P29GA 14210 12E 24
S79MC 28595 19E 19
TA1MB 14012 22E 20
TA1MB 14025 01C 21
TF3YH 14027 23C 20

TF3GCN 21035 23C 23
TJ1CK 21270 22E 21
TL8RC 28026 21E 21
TL8RC 21284 18E 27
TR8DX 21330 23C 19
TU2IN 28595 10E 24
TU2JO 28514 13E 25
T32AF 21025 03E 24
T32AS 21025 00C 25
T32BG 14030 12E 26

T32AF 21025 01E 26
T3ØBF 14200 11E 26
T3ØBG 14203 10E 27
T3ØBF 14202 10E 28
UK1PGO 28025 13E 18
UA1PAM 14023 02E 26
UK1PGO 28570 12E 24
UF6FFJ 28520 13E 24
UI8IZ 14008 01C 24
UJ8AE 14018 02C 22

VK9ZG 14205 13E 19
VK9ZG 7078 11E 21
VK9YC 28575 12E 24
VK9NL 14037 11C 24
VP8AJL 14220 10E 19
(S. Orkneys)
VP8AEG 14030 03C 22
(Antarctica)
VP8DM 14008 00E 26
(Falklands)

VP8AJL 21295 00E 26
VQ9AB 21029 12E 24
VQ9AB 14212 10E 26
VQ9DL 14212 12E 27

VQ9AA 14222 10E 28
VS6DO 7002 10E 21
VU2TF 21356 11E 22
VU2KMK 14030 12E 24
VU2BX 14220 11E 26
V3AWS 14201 09E 21
YB9ADE 3504 12E 20
YB9ADE 3506 11C 21
YBØPG 14202 11E 27
YJ8BG 14215 09E 27

OE5JTL/YK 21292 20E 22
OE5JTL/YK 21290 22E 23
ZD8NED 28514 21C 20
ZD8RH 28010 23E 25
ZE2ZL 28540 17C 19
ZE1CK 28572 19E 19
ZE1GB 21290 20E 27
ZK1CG 14220 11C 23
ZK1CG 14204 09E 27
ZK2BGD 21033 02E 20

ZS3TL 14225 15C 20
3B8FE 14232 02C 21
3B8CD 14030 03C 22
3B8CF 14215 03W 23
3B8AE/9 14210 11C 20
3B8AE/9 14205 02C 21
3D2ER 14260 11E 25
4S7AR 14032 10E 23
4S7RS 14208 11E 26
4U1ITU 28005 12E 20

4U1ITU 21290 18E 26
4U1UN 14220 22C 21
4U1UN 28540 11E 27
5H3TC 14203 15C 20
5H3JR 21383 19E 23
5N7WRA 7002 06W 29
IV3ISH/5R8 28521 14E 23
5V7HL 21300 22C 19
5W1DN 28540 00C 24
5Z4CL 28540 18W 21

5Z4YV 28501 20E 25
7P8BY 28530 10E 27
7Q7LW 21275
9G1RD 21300 13C 21
9J2TJ 21270 20E 27
9J2KO 28020 18E 29
9K2DR 28750 13C 20
9N1MM 21275 01C 22
9Q5L 21022 00E 27
9U5WR 7005 23C 21

9U5WR 21034 00E 22
9V1UY 14010 23E 20
9V1UQ 14220 10E 21
9X5WP 21360 19E 27

ANSWER: W3 BOSTON LONDON IN FLORIDA

W1/2/3: Please mail reports by Saturday. All others: Please mail reports by Friday. Thanks!

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Grozet FB8WG on NOW; this issue
 Willis VK9ZC until Dec.
 Lord Howe VK2AGT 20/40 SSB NOW @ 1000Z
 Comoros D68AM, KØVVV list TU/TH, 21285 @ 1900
 Banquet New England DXCC Oct 10; this issue

Bahamas KC2CS/C6A Oct 12-20
 Juan Fern postponed again; this issue
 San Felix Also postponed; end of Oct. This issue
 Laccadives VU7 rumored Oct...Issue 105
 Convention Houston, Oct 3-5; Issue 103

Convention ARRL Central Div Oct 3-4; Issue 107
 Bermuda W3OGY/VP9 Oct 5-12
 St Pierre FPØ by W8AH and friends Oct 10-18; I 107
 Bangladesh S2 by JA8MWU Oct 13-18; Issue 108
 B.V.I. VP2VDH by N6CW Oct 24-25

Luxembourg DA1WA/LX Oct 24/25; Issue 102
 Montserrat Oct 24/25 by KP4BZ and friends I 110
 Contest CQ WW Phone Oct 24/25; Issue 110

W5ODD, W2HAZ, W1DQH, K1RM, KE1F,
 WA2PHA, K6IR, KP4EQF, W8UVZ,
 WB4TCH, WD5AAM, K7WQD, N7MC,
 KØDEQ, W8GZX, W1VV, N8BKB, WØYBV,
 WA7OBH, KA3R, K8MPF, K9PQG, AA4A,
 WØBW, KA1KD, N3BB, W4VQ, VE1BNN,
 KC2CS, JAØCUV, W1GNC, W1WY, XE2AQ,
 KA1DOS, WB8BTH, SVØAA, K2UFM,
 JA1EF, AA2Z, W2LZX, W1WDD, W1PCD,
 W1WEF, KH6BZF, N4NW, K4YT, WØYDB,
 K1CC, K5AAD, F5QQ.

Thank you!

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TDXB Sticker Bank desperately
 needs some transparent "270"
 stickers to fill seven requests on
 file. Help!

BOOK REVIEW

One of the locals reports having a
 "run" of Europeans broken into by Cocos
 Island, VK9NYG, the other morning. 28600
 at 1300Z. Frank is often there and he
 prefers calling you. Comes in over the
 North Pole. Bob Polhamus, KB9UV, who
 was WA9WWT in a former life and manages
 QSLs for VK9YA and VK9YB, says the is-
 land will be crowded with hams this fall
 and winter. Bob says Australia is get-
 ting Cocos ready for use as a "quarantine
 station" (whatever that means) and that
 a 100W tribander will be added to VK9NYG's
 station (which is the one visitors use).

ELCFO leaves shortly for a one year
 stay on Chatham Island.

ZL3AFH/Auckland Is. is still off the
 air (two months now) with sour final
 amplifier transistors. He used to be
 fairly regular on 14320 at 1000Z.

New Twin City DX Association (St.
 Paul and Minneapolis MN) officers are
 K1QZ, KRØC, and WØYDB. 1, 2, and 3.

Operators at W6VIO a few weeks ago
 made over 11K contacts on seven bands,
 from the Jet Propulsion Labs during the
 Saturn flyby of Voyager II.

This issue has been entirely too tame
 and we wouldn't want to spoil our repu-
 tation. The latest issue of Worldradio re-
 viewed a book called "The Complete Idiot's
 Guide to DX" by Stuart Gregg, NF4Z (pub-
 lished by Bash Educational Services, Inc.).
 Bash also publishes the controversial "Final
 Exam" series.

Feeling bad that we didn't get a com-
 plimentary copy, we rushed out and plunked
 down thirteen dollars for a copy. It would
 be a rip-off at thirteen cents. The "book"
 is only 130 pages long, sadly outdated in
 its material, poorly edited, and more. It
 would be a great exercise for your kids...
 have them play "Find the Grammatical
 Errors" with this thing and they will be
 occupied for hours, maybe days.

TDXB will give this thing to the first
 person to send a dollar for postage. We
 will deduct it from our taxes as a com-
 plete loss.

Can you name someone who has a callsign
 with a four-letter suffix? Answer p. 3.

Maybe they meant you would be a
 complete idiot to buy the book!