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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Nov. 10, Above Normal; Nov. 11, High/Above Normal; Nov. 12, High Normal; Nov. 13, 14, 15, Above Normal; Nov. 16, High/Above Normal; Nov. 17, High Normal; Nov. 18, High/Low Normal. Tnx N4XX.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Last week's issue, dated October 31, should have been labeled Issue 11, not Issue 10. This week's issue of The DX Bulletin is abbreviated because we are printing it ourselves, for the first time. It seemed prudent to allow some slack time for things like not knowing how to run the press.

WARC REPORT: Week of Oct. 29-Nov. 3. "Most of the WARC activity this week, insofar as amateur radio is concerned, was in the H.F. Present allocations have strong support and relatively little opposition. There was some discussion of the proposed new bands at 10, 18 and 24 MHz, and they received strong support by such countries as New Zealand, Norway, Australia, Yugoslavia, Jordan, Syria and the USA. Most opposition to additional amateur spectrum comes from countries who wish no reduction of their fixed service allocations. The week of Nov. 5-10 has six full days, plus several night sessions, as the conference struggles to meet the scheduled Nov. 30 conclusion."

8Z4 NEUTRAL ZONE: All indications are that this operation will GO starting Nov. 10. JY1 is apparently involved along with at least one well-known European DXer. The bands are rampant with rumors about this one and we just pass them along.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX COMPETITION FORMAT IS CHANGED FOR 1980, despite internal Headquarters staff opposition and a mixed Contest Advisory Committee vote. The changes, finalized last week, will make the ARRL DX Competition virtually a carbon copy of the CQ Worldwide Contest, except that the point system will offer some incentive for non-US/VE to work US/VE. Fifty plaques will be awarded, for which sponsors are solicited (\$40-\$50 each).

The primary CAC objection was not to the changes themselves but to the rapid implementation of them. Two Headquarters staff members of the ARRL Awards Committee and one alternate member have resigned from the Committee; their objections were to the format changes themselves. ARRL General Manager Baldwin and Assistant General Manager Sumner (an Awards Committee member) are both at the WARC in Geneva, Switzerland.

Complete details will appear in January QST. Competition dates are unchanged (third weekend of Feb. and first weekend of Mar.).
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A special advisory notice is being sent to all IARU societies. CAC members are W1NG (Chairman), K2SX, W3HQT, K4PQL, W5MYA, N6NB, K7GM, K8MR, K9UIY, KØMM and VE7TT.

THE CARIBE DX ASSOCIATION "regrets to inform you that our plans for a DXpedition to some rare location which would have taken place in August, 1980, has to be scrapped. This very unfortunate situation came about by the untimely arrival of Hurricane "David." Our overhaul and repair facility is located in South Florida and at the time of "David's" march northward, its path brought it very near the area where our PBY seaplane was located. It was undergoing some repairs and modifications at that time and could not be moved to a safer place. Even though all the essential preparations were made, the PBY was extensively damaged along with two other planes.

*After spending a great deal of time evaluating the situation, CDXA has determined that it would be impossible to make our planned time window. Therefore, in the best interest of all parties involved, we have decided to cancel our DXpedition.

"CDXA is very sorry at this time and would like to convey our thanks to all the individuals who took an interest in our plans by writing to me. Special thanks to those persons who have been accepted to take part in our adventure. May all of you consider CDXA when, in the near distant future, we will again be in a situation to put together another DXpedition to some far away place."

Respectfully yours, /signed/ Alex M. Kasevich, W1CDC, President, CDXA

UØY is on 3645 at 1215Z daily, listening up for US callers.

VP5MRX in the CQ Phone Contest made 3100 QSOs single Op; QSL to Jim Stahl, K8MR, 3592 Atherstone Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44121.

WA6HXM worked VE1 on 6 Meters 10/27, then VP9 and on 10/31 worked 28 JA stations; Peter reports that W6XJ has worked VK and ZL on 6 recently.

UC2AAK, UT5BN and others are on 1852-53 at 0400, listening 1849 or same freq.

*On-The-Air Bulletins: W6TI, 0200Z Monday on 14002; WØJRU, 1200Z, Monday, 14002. WØJRU transmits information from the W6TI bulletin plus more.

The National Contest Journal needs a new manager if it is to continue; contact Pete Grillo, N6CJ, c/o NCJ, Box 3762, Glendale, CA 91201, by 11/15.

No Bandpass this issue; most received was one-time Contest contacts anyway; expanded Bandpass next issue.

Please alert your local DX club's officers to contact The DX Bulletin regarding "swapping" bulletins. We are not interested in "general interest" club bulletins unless they are predominately DX-oriented. And please continue sending reports here. Thanks. -Ed. And thanks to this issue's contributors: W1NG, K5YY, W1CDC, K8MR, WA6HXM, WØJRU, N6CJ, and the many who sent Bandpass. More next week.

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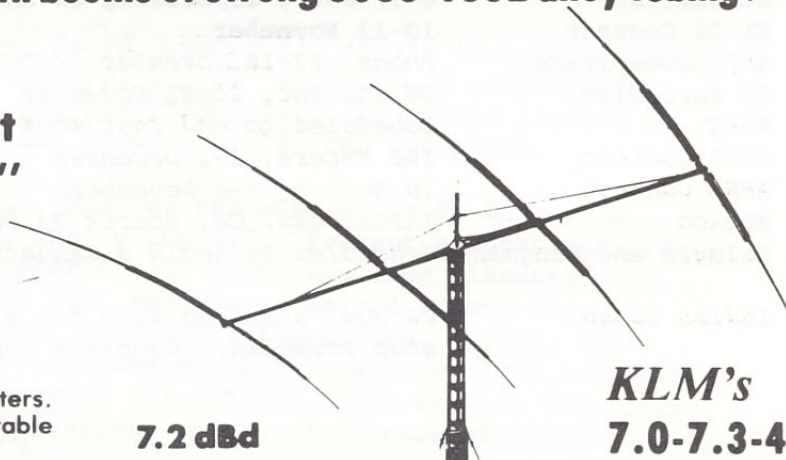
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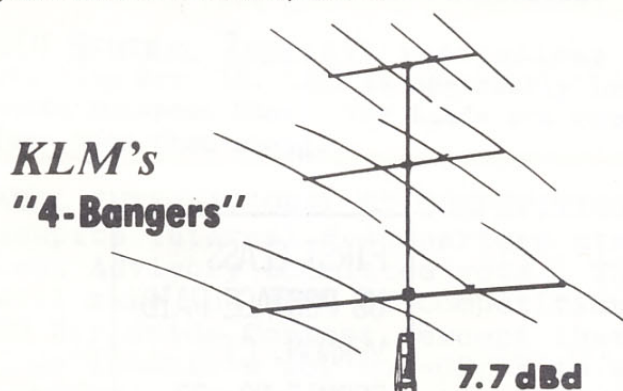
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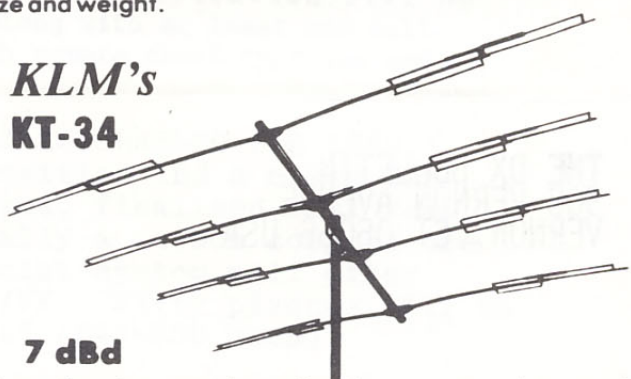


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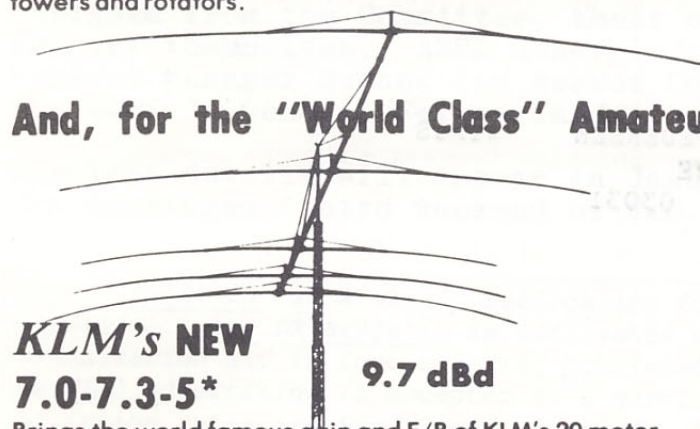
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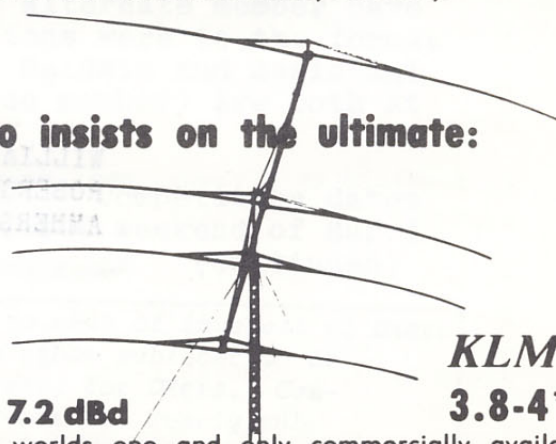
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CALENDAR

Neutral Zone	824A, 10-20 Nov., usual frequencies
Wake Island	By KH6GB, "early Nov."
Crete	SV0AA/9, 12-19 Nov.
Dodecanese	SV0AA/5, 20-27 Nov.
Montserrat	4-17 Nov., especially CW and 160
OK DX Contest	10-11 November
ARRL Sweepstakes	Phone, 17-18 November
CQ Worldwide	CW Contest, 24-25 November
WARC	Scheduled to end last week of November
ARRL Contest	160 Meters, 1-2 December
ARRL Contest	10 Meters, 8-9 December
Monaco	3A2CX, esp. CW, starts 23 December
Palmyra and Kingman	Scheduled to begin 4 January 1980
Indian Ocean	24 Nov. starting date for N2KK, K5CO, N5AU; first stop Tromelin. Complete rundown next week.

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