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PROPAGATION: Jan 4, 5, High Normal; Jan 6, 7, Above Normal; Jan 8, Low Normal; Jan 9, High Normal; Jan 10-12, Above Normal; Jan 13, High/Above Normal; Jan 14, High/Low Normal; Jan 15, 16, High Normal. TNX N4XX, KH6BZF.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The past three years have shown me that this week between two holidays is just about the slowest of the year for news. Next year I think I'll just skip it!*

In two weeks you will be able to phone TDXB toll-free! Just as soon as Ma Bell installs my "800" number I will be publishing the number for you to use. It will be good for all states except Alaska and Hawaii (sorry, Lee).

The information published here (and in other sheets) about a Caribbean operation by Jerry Prestel, KA9BSD, was a hoax. Jerry had nothing to do with it. Whoever did it has also been bootlegging the call ZF2FR and will probably also be faking 6Y5YY and V2ASD. Do us all a favor and don't work any of those calls.

Carl and Martha Henson, WB4ZNH and WN4FVU, are off on a four-week vacation starting January 7. Their first stop is scheduled to be Equatorial Guinea, and although they have no advance licensing their hopes are high. In addition, the Hensons have last-minute word of the possibility of an operation from a fairly rare spot, not necessarily in Africa. We will post you on any last-minute happenings next week.

That "ZD9BU/MM" does not count for anything. However, ZD7BW is now saying that ZD7HH will leave for Tristan da Cunha on February 10 or 11. This one has been talked about for so long that it is just liable to actually happen.

It is now being reported that YIIAS will not be on the air again for several months. Keep checking DK20C, 28740/1230Z.

Two different scientific expeditions to Heard are now being discussed...one by Americans and one by Australians. No mention of any real radio operators being included, so if any shortwave activity takes place it may resemble the aborted try of two years ago. Jan/Feb is the window for Heard visitations.

FB8WG Crozet reported by one correspondent last week, on 20 CW. No word from W7PHO or others on when the 20 Meter SSB schedules might be resumed. These were going about six weeks ago on 14225 between 1200 and 1600Z.

TDXB is sitting on about 150 requests for QSLs from KF10/CEØX. We will answer them when and if logs for the operation ever show up. Nothing has been heard from KF10 for several months now.

The Associated Press reported on Dec 30 that three people are stranded on Palmyra Island; the Coast Guard has refused to aid them because "it does not have vessels that can go down there." AP says that Palmyra has one resident, Ray Landrum, who is a caretaker for the owner. Landrum has been maintaining shortwave radio contact with the shipwrecked Canadians' relatives.

Corrections to QSL listing (Issue 122): V2ADX manager is W9SWM, and ZK1CG is Victor Rivera, Box 618, Rarotonga, Cook Island, South Pacific.

Our 2-Meter DX spot listings are now up to 22. We need a lot more to compile a useful list. Please let TDXB know your local "hot spot!"

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LETTERS

Gary Huff: "It grows quite boring to
K9AUB have you (TDXB) mix your pre-

judices (about lists and nets) throughout the pages with never an opposing viewpoint being allowed. I demand equal time.

"What is all bad about a list and net? Is it because a third party enters between an exchange? If so, you must surely also condemn 2 Meter repeaters. Oscar satellites must also be brought to task. (Why not condemn) pile-up DX operators who let the calling go on for many minutes, or the ones who 'listen 14200 to 14300'?

"Where is the sin of a net keeping a frequency clear so a fellow running an Argonaut can exchange reports with a DX station? Do you feel that the fellow running an Argonaut is to be denied the working of DX? Or how about a certain D68 who speaks no English and uses a list to help him overcome the language barrier? And what about the busy DX station who has only an hour or so a week to operate, and uses a list to sort out the pileup beforehand so he can work as many stations as possible?

"Or could it just boil down to the fact that you have invested thousands of dollars on a Kilowatt and a 6-element beam at 100 feet (70 feet-Ed) and it just kills you to hear some poor slob with 100 watts and a dipole get to work a DX station ahead of you? Should we pass a rule that ham radio should be relegated to "rule of the jungle" and only the most powerful stations with the most gigantic antennas be allowed to work DX?

"The fact is, my friend, that you are simply prejudiced against lists and nets, and yours is not the sole opinion on the subject. There are no laws about how DX is to be worked, and if you prefer to work it one way, why are you so against another fellow enjoying his hobby his way on a net? Your method of DXing (pileup breaking) inspires its own breed of corruption in the form of super-power or that particularly foul

practice known as 'call loudest, call longest and call last.' Why don't you just devote yourself to reporting the DX in an unprejudiced, unbiased manner, and leave out the editorial material, which I really don't care to read anyway. I am paying for DX news, not your personal opinions."

The editor You gosh-dang liberals! As
replies: both my friends know, I per-

sonally am very conservative, and I suppose it slops over into TDXB. Honestly, Gary, I am weary of dealing with lists and nets in these pages, but the fact is that they are the most devious thing that has happened to DXing and ham radio in some time.

Many of us feel that any third-party assisted contact does not constitute a legitimate contact for awards purposes. Your comparisons to repeaters and Oscar satellites are ridiculous. It should be noted that repeater and Oscar QSOs do not count in contests. And the fact that some lids take up 100 KHz with their pileups and others are slow in pile-up situations no more justifies lists than, say, the fact that many people are too lazy and/or too stupid to fasten their car seatbelts justifies mandatory airbags.

You bet it would gripe me to have to wait in line behind a bunch of Argonauts and dipoles to work one of the sixteen DXCC countries I still need. Nobody gave me my license, nobody gave me a dime to build a station with, and no Elmer held my hand while I learned how to operate.

Mostly, amateur radio is pretty boring; what's fun about talking to a perfect stranger with whom you probably have nothing in common except a radio license? I do it for the sport, and I do contests and DX chasing exclusively. When you take the sport out of DXing you have destroyed it. International goodwill? Nonsense. What does saying "5-9, please QSL" do for goodwill?

Now let's drop it.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central/East Coast report)/Date

A4XJL 14260 03W 25	KC4USV 21325 01E 26	VS6CT 14330 10E 24	5B4JE 14223 14W 24
A71AD 14214 14W 24	KC4AAA 14230 06E 27	V2AV 3801 06E 23	5B4JE 14201 15W 26
A9XDD 28744 13E 24	M1C 28027 17C 27	XT2BG 7060 07E 23	5B4AC 3799 05C 28
A9XDO 28610 14E 24	SV1JG 3504 06E 24	XT2BJ 28570 13E 26	5H3TM 28521 18E 22
A9XDD 28515 12E 26	KA2MZS/	YBØPG 14208 12E 24	5H3TM 28518 19E 26
CE3DTE/	SV9 28574 15E 22	ZD7BW 21292 20C 23	5H3BH 21263 22E 26
CE9 14203 03E 24	TL8RC 21274 20E 22	ZD7BW 21355 18E 24	4X4VE/
(S. Shetlands)	TL8RC 3799 22E 23	ZD8TC 21338 21E 24	5N8 7001 01E 28
CN8CO 14201 00E 23	G4JOA/	ZD8TC 14024 02E 25	5T5AY 14201 22E 22
CN8CO 21374 19C 27	TR8 21327 21E 26	ZL4OY/A 14211 11E 23	5T5RR 14261 21E 24
CT2DV 3511 00E 26	TU2JQ 7046 07E 23	(Campbell)	5V4GM 14264 21E 24
W3WYP/	TZØPP 21303 17E 22	ZS5LP 3509 21E 27	5W1DQ 14202 11C 22
DU2 21345 00E 26	T3ØAT 14010 20E 25	Z21BG 21277 22C 27	5Z4CS 14019 23E 23
EA6GB 3796 01E 26	T3ØAT 14011 06E 27	1AØKM 3515 03C 21	6W8DY 3780 08E 23
EA9JV 21312 17E 24	UA1PAM 14012 00C 28	3A2EE 3799 06E 25	6W8JU 21287 22W 25
EL2FY 3503 22E 23	UA2FEW 7035 07E 23	PAØWRS/	7P8CG 21015 21E 22
EP2TY 3799 22E 23	UO5OFL 3501 22E 27	3A 3504 04E 26	7Q7LW 28509 18C 21
FB8WG 14013 05E 27	UI8IAJ 14027 01W 23	PAØLVB/	7Q7LW 21274 20E 22
HC8GI 21355 18E 24	UI8MF 14216 03W 26	3A 7003 03E 26	7Q7LW 28505 18W 23
HKØBKX 3502 04E 23	UJ8XCW 14033 04W 26	3B8AS 14005 02C 22	7Q7LW 28512 18E 30
HL9FR 21036 00E 21	UM8MFD 3502 04E 28	3B8CF 3791 02E 25	7X2HM 3700 22E 23
HL1IJ 21027 00E 23	VKØAN 14333 11E 22	3B8CF 7004 02C 28	7X2AN 28535 17E 24
HV3SJ 28623 15E 25	VK9XW 14332 11E 22	W6YB/	9G1JD 28769 12E 23
HV3SJ 21297 16W 25	VK9ZH 14330 10E 24	3D6 21295 21E 26	9G1RI 21318 21E 26
HZ1KE 3501 03E 25	VP8QE 14013 02E 21	3D6BP 21374 19C 27	9K2AL 14205 14E 22
JT1KAI 14037 01E 23	VP8QG 14014 02C 22	3V8AA 28605 13E 21	9K2EW 28642 13E 26
JY3ZH 14222 13E 24	VP8PO 14212 01W 23	3V8AA 28605 16E 25	9L1DR 14201 22E 22
JY9RC 14205 14W 24	VP8PO 14213 02E 23	4S7ND 14210 02W 22	9M2MW 14237 11E 24
JY1 28608 15W 24	VP8ANT 14198 23E 26	4S7EA 14205 12E 23	9N1MM 14212 00E 21
J28DL 28610 12E 26	VU2AU 14207 11E 23	4S7WP 14012 00C 28	9Q5FL 28638 18C 24
J88AQ 14203 03C 23	VQ9AB 14202 12C 23	VE3NFR/	9Q5VT 21338 21E 24
AHØA 28592 23E 23	VQ9AB 7004 14C 26	4U 28535 12E 26	9U5WR 14220 22E 21
			9U5WR 21033 21E 27

W1/W2/W3: please mail reports by Monday

All others: please mail reports by Sunday TDXB: 203-871-6251

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Karl Renz, K4YT, is just back from Africa, a trip which ended in thieves ripping off almost all his belongings on Mauritius. Karl did visit Alex, 3B8DA, who will be stationed on Rodriguez 3B9 starting about June 1982. Karl gave him some tools, parts, and his MFJ keyer. Alex has applied for an FRØ Reunion callsign and hopes to be able to activate Tromelin and Juan de Nova this coming summer. Alex has also applied for a 5R8 callsign and has a good shot at it, relations between Mauritius and Malagasy being fairly cordial.

The latest issue of 73 magazine has a letter from a group calling itself "DX-peditions International," and they are soliciting funds. No names or callsigns are given but the address is that of a TDXB subscriber! This is the first we have heard or seen of this organization.

W1YL's latest "How's DX" columns in QST have been a running commentary on DXing in the 1950's and 60's, and are outstanding.

Boris Stepanov, assistant editor of the USSR Radio magazine, is now receiving TDXB, courtesy of a donation by W3FU.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Crozet FB8WG back on now, reduced sked
 Iraq YI1AS off until further notice
 Maldives 8Q7 by DK3QJ Jan 1-18
 Bangladesh S2 by JA8MWU Jan 2-9
 Macao CR9BH rumored by OH2BH in Jan

Eq Guinea Hensons leave for 3C1 and ???
 Jan 7; Issue 123
 Angola OK3TAB/D2 Jan 3 - Apr 1
 Benin TY by K4YT Jan 11-17
 Marshall Is KX6ZX by PA0GMM Jan 14-18

Nigeria 5N by K4YT Jan 18 - Feb 1
 New Hebrides YJ8 by PA0GMM Jan 20-23
 Nauru C21NI by PA0GMM Jan 25-26
 Tuvalu T2 by PA0GMM Jan 28 - Feb 3
 Gabon TR8 by K4YT Feb 2-8

W. Kiribati T30 by PA0GMM Feb 5-10
 Congo TN by K4YT Feb 9-15
 E Kiribati T32 by PA0GMM Feb 11-16
 C.A.R. TL by K4YT Feb 16 - Mar 2
 Zaire 9Q5 by K4YT Mar 3-17

Tristan ZD9 rumored Feb 10/Mar by ZD7HH
 Kenya 5Z4 by K4YT Mar 18 - Apr 1
 Seychelles S79 by K4YT Apr 2-8
 Ethiopia ET3 by K4YT Apr 9-17

ZK1CG, AB8K, WB0OQV, KA1BU, WD5AAM,
 K1KTB, KE1K, KA1RE, KA1LY, WD4RAF, N8BKB,
 K6IR, KA1DOS, W0BW, K2OLG, KB8KW, WING,
 W1VV, AK9Z, W8UVZ, K1ZX, WA7OBH, KA3R,
 N5BBO, W1DQH, KA0E, KP4EQF, WB8ZRL, W6ITH,
 N1AKX, KC8BF, WA6CPP, K4YT, AA4DR, W0YBV,
 KA3CHS, AD8J, WB4ZNH, KA9BSD, K9AUB,
 W3FU

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MORE LETTERS!!!

Pete Pollock: "Since I believe you make
 N1BAX an honest effort to pub-

lish what DXers want, I will give you my
 honest reasons for letting my TDXB sub-
 scription expire.

"During the last year you
 have devoted increased space to list opera-
 tions in spite of your claim to dislike
 them. Now you say it is not hypocritical
 to disdain lists yet use them for the
 tough ones. That is exactly what hypo-
 crisy is-bend your morals to suit the
 needs of the moment.

"Second reason is that I am
 a very little pistol in the world of DX
 and TDXB is obviously aimed at folks with
 a lot more 'poke.' When a KW and TH6DXX is
 the norm a lot of us (little) guys just
 aren't in the ballgame.

"Thanks for listening . Keep
 up the good work for those 5-Band DXCC-
 at-all-cost types. They need your help.
 But then again, its different strokes for
 different folks."

*If I tried to please everybody with the
 material in TDXB, it would be so boring
 nobody would read it and writing it would
 drive me crazy (admittedly a short trip).
 Would you expect a PHD to teach grammar
 school?*

Try QRZ DX...they are more your speed.

MORE LETTERS!

Reg Tibbetts: "Re your Collins KWM-380,
 W6ITH it is not a matter of

'affording' it. It will cost the user
 far less per day, week, month, or year to
 own a KWM-380 than anything else on the
 market. History for the past forty years
 has shown Collins equipment to depre-
 ciate less than any similar apparatus.
 An example is the KWM-2, first produced
 25 years ago at \$800. Today, good used
 ones still bring \$600.

"Most of those who knock
 Collins have never used it and only are
 trying to justify what they bought. It is
 hard to speak up for Collins as you are
 likely to get the reply 'You rich bastards
 can afford it, but I can't.' My reply is
 that no one can afford to not buy Collins."

*Sounds just like what I told the loan
 officer at the bank. - Ed.*