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PROPAGATION: Feb 1, Above Normal; Feb 2-4, High Normal; Feb 5, Above Normal; Feb 6,7, High Normal; Feb 8, High/Above Normal; Feb 9, 10, High Normal; Feb 11, High/Low Normal; Feb 12, Low Normal; Feb 13, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX, KH6BZF.

As you undoubtedly know, Carl and Martha Henson came on from Annobon Island last week, Carl (WB4ZNH) signing 3C0BC and Martha, WN4FVU, using the call 3C0AC. They first appeared Saturday, Jan 23, and operated through late Thursday, Jan 28. They will be home in the Atlanta area Sunday Jan 30, and we expect to have a full trip report shortly. QSL 3C0AC to N4NX and 3C0BC to K4PHE.

Ron Szama, LU2A (ex-LU2AFH) is now on from South Shetlands signing LU5ZI; says he will be there about one month, which would make the operation run through about the middle of February. His next stop is as yet undecided... ask him when you work him.

DL1VU has finally shown on the first leg of his Pacific operations, signing YJ8VU. He likes low-band CW. Next stop was tentatively scheduled to be the Fiji Islands, then Wallis. See Issue 121, page 2.

XE1J is now saying for sure that the "Mexico DX Club," of which he is a long-time member, will operate from Revilla Gigedo Feb 12-15, "on all bands." It is possible they might sign AF4J, which is a call which has been used on past operations.

KF10/CE0X QSL cards are expected to go into the mails around mid-February; ARRL has yet to make a decision on the acceptability of the operation for DXCC credit. Read will be back in the States (from Greece) in early February. He's talking about a possible joint venture with Jim Smith, P29JS, to Heard Island. No word from Smith on this.

If you worked I0ONU on 160 Meters in the CQ Worldwide 160 'Test last weekend, it was probably for real, and was the first 1.8 MHz operating from Italy ever. I0JX says special permission was granted for I0ONU (UNICEF station) to use the band that weekend only. QSL to I0JX.

"1A0KM" on 80 Meters in late November and early December was a pirate, according to station operations manager Mario Galavotti, I0MGM. He says the only activity of late was Nov 28, 40-10 Meters, Dec 15, 15 SSB, and Dec 20, SSB and CW on 40. New "extended" SSB activity is planned for late January and early February.

Tom Schreckengost, N4FJL, will operate from three Caribbean islands in conjunction with his work...St. Maarten PJ7 Feb 10-13, Antigua Through Feb 17, then J87BT, St Vincent, Feb 18-24. All modes including RTTY on 40-10 Meters.

ARRL's Board of Directors is expected to make a decision on just who will be the new Headquarters general manager actually before their March meeting, by mail. This may free up some of the meeting time for them to tackle the "list and net" issue, if they feel the urge. The proposal made to the DX Advisory Committee (Issue 125) specified the lower 50 KHz of 10, 15, and 20 Meters only.

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Karl Renz, K4YT, says his government trip to Africa (Issue 120, page 2) has been postponed until around the end of March. When he finally leaves the order of stops will be as published earlier.

And Dieter Loffler, DK9KD, confirms the earlier reports that the 3Y Bouvet operation they had hoped would come off this winter is postponed...they have "definite agreements for transport" for late 1982/early 1983. "No safe transport was available this year."

IDXF (International DX Foundation) is indeed looking into a possible Navassa operation this spring, but they will make no announcement until things are "concrete." They do say that the chances now look good, and mid-March is their target.

Steve Gregory, VK30T, confirms his upcoming operation from Cocos-Keeling, where he will sign VK9YT Feb 24 to Mar 10, from the home of Mike, VK9ZYX. He will be 40-10 Meters, both SSB and CW, appropriate frequencies and optimum times. Steve says mail pilferage in his part of E. Australia is a problem, and asks that no callsigns or other mention of amateur radio appear on your envelope. Send to Steve Gregory, PO BOX 622, Hamilton, Victoria, Australia 3300. After the Cocos operation, Steve will activate VK9XT Christmas Is, same bands and modes.

Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL, respectively, made 9,000 contacts with 144 countries as W6QL/8R1 Guyana through Jan 11. It took them three weeks after arriving to get operating permission and to have their radios released from Customs. They think they were the first aliens to obtain such permission, which came after a number of officials had laid hands on the documents. (The Colvins are now signing W6QL/PZ1 from Suriman).

DK20C still tries to bring YI1AS to his 28740 gathering on Fridays, which are Albert's only day off work. He may show as early as 1000Z this spring, but of late he has been scarce even on Fridays.

LETTERS

Jose M. Ahumada, LU2DX
IARU liaison
Radio Club Argentino:

Ref Issue 124, page 2, and the subject of various countries' claims to the South Sandwich Islands...

"The South Sandwich Islands do not belong to a certain country; they are claimed by several nations, including Argentina and the United Kingdom. From Argentina's point of view, they are part of the Austral Islands of the Argentine Republic. Nevertheless, I do believe this is a subject that cannot be solved by radio amateurs, but rather by our respective governments. It is my understanding that this subject is already under consideration by the U.K. and Argentina.

"In 1956, I, along with other Argentine amateurs, was issued the call LU2ZY, and this was the first operation by radio amateurs from the South Sandwich Islands. The Islands were immediately recognized by ARRL for a new DXCC country.

"In 1976, the Argentine Navy established a scientific base on Murrell Island, Thule Group, South Sandwich Islands. This permanent base is manned year 'round, and the official base callsign is LU3ZY. This station has been active recently.

"Ron Szama, LU2A, is at this time touring the islands in the Antarctic and has been issued callsign LU5ZY for use from the South Sandwich Islands. He expects to operate from them if weather permits.

"The calls LU2ZY, LU3ZY, and LU5ZY are duly-licensed stations by the Secretaria de Comunicaciones, which is the branch of the Argentine government that issues amateur radio licenses. I hope this clarifies misunderstandings in recent bulletins."

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

AP2ZR 14220 13E 22	J73PD 14216 20E 26	UK7NAQ 28503 13E 20	W6YB/
AP2MQ 14212 13E 24	J88AY 14030 03C 21	UL7CAD 7006 12E 22	3D6 28533 15C 22
A22DC 21291 19E 21	AH2L 3503 12E 20	UM8MBA 14027 03W 20	W6YB/
A4XJO 7009 14C 20	AH2L 3503 12E 21	UM8NAL 14026 03W 23	3D6 21023 19C 22
A4XJO 28598 13E 23	AH2L 3503 12E 25	VK6HD 3501 12E 25	3D6BP 21355 20E 24
A71AD 14211 13E 21	KG6RT 3503 11E 22	VK9NS 3505 12E 20	3V8AA 28604 17E 20
A71AD 14206 22E 21	LU5ZI 14194 02E 21	VK0AN 14332 12E 21	4S7WP 14201 13E 20
A9XZ 28503 13E 20	(S. Shetlands)	(Macquarie)	4S7WP 14004 03E 21
CR9F 14044 04W 22	LU5ZI 3695 04E 25	VK0AN 14201 15W 23	4S7EA 14209 13E 22
CT3AB 14202 22E 23	M1V 28589 14E 20	VP2VHR 14009 23E 21	4S7WP 14002 12E 25
C53CL 28735 12E 20	OA4AWD 3503 04E 20	VP8ANT 14225 02C 21	4U1UN 21011 19E 23
C53SL 28740 13E 21	OH0XX 28506 14E 23	VP8ANT 28010 15C 23	4U1UN 28507 14C 24
C6ABA 3502 04E 21	N6MW/OX 14023 00E 25	VP8ANT 1827 03E 28	4Z4DX 3796 04E 25
EA6FD 3502 01E 21	OY9R 28521 14E 21	VP8AJM 21279 01E 23	5H3PA 28503 20E 20
EA9KN 28515 14E 22	P29JM 14332 12E 21	(S. Orkneys)	5H3BH 21291 19E 21
EA9IE 7095 00E 25	LA1RR/	VP8AJM 21265 00E 24	5N9GM 28531 22E 23
EL2AV 14064 00E 23	ST0 14206 23E 23	VQ9AR 14029 00E 21	5N2LED 14204 00E 24
EP2TY 21294 15E 26	SV1NN 7002 06E 22	VQ9JB 14266 21E 23	5W1DQ 28510 00C 24
FB8WG 14215 11E 24	S83H 21378 20E 24	VS6CX 28575 00C 22	5Z4CF 7003 21E 20
FC9UC 14025 13C 21	TF3JO 7004 11E 21	VS6DO 7082 11E 23	6W8DS 28735 13E 20
FC9UC 7005 02E 22	TI2PZ 3503 11E 22	VS6IC 21345 01E 25	6W8DS 28783 14E 22
FM7WS 7077 22E 22	TI2PZ 7004 12E 25	VS6EY 14025 12E 25	7P8BL 28770 12E 20
FY7BY 28539 21E 22	TU2IJ 28523 21E 22	VU2RX 28590 13E 21	8Q7BN 14214 13C 20
HK0BKX 3503 12E 20	UA1PAM 14033 04W 22	VU2DMS 14025 01E 26	8Q7AV 14214 13C 23
HK0BKX 21030 13C 22	(F.J.L.)	YJ8VU 3507 12E 21	9G1DJ 21275 20E 24
HK0EHM 28510 00C 24	UK2FAD 7010 00E 22	YJ8VU 7004 11E 21	9J2FC 14205 23C 20
HR1JSH 14200 13E 24	UA2FEW 3502 01E 22	YJ8VU 7004 12E 23	9J2BO 28028 14C 20
HV3SJ 28596 13E 24	UA0YAB 14006 02C 21	YK1AO 14021 14W 23	9J2BO 28028 13E 23
OD5MD/	(Zone 23)	YS9RVE 3800 06E 22	9L1DR 14210 23C 20
HZ 28610 17C 20	UA0YAD 14029 03E 22	ZB2EO 7003 22E 21	9M6MO 28510 00C 24
HZ1AB 28035 13E 22	UA0YAD 14014 03E 24	ZD7BW 14232 01W 20	9N1MM 14202 12E 25
IS0DTK 3797 05E 21	UF6CR 3504 00E 23	ZD7 BW 28537 21E 22	9Q5VT 21345 23E 20
JT1KAI 14024 02E 18	UF6CR 3640 03E 25	ZD8TC 3505 23E 23	9X5PP 21291 20E 21
JT1KAI 14030 02C 21	UG6GAE 28013 13E 23	ZK1CG 28574 01E 20	
JW6MY 14032 23E 20	RH8HCV 28607 13E 21	ZL2AFH/A 14332 12E 21	W1/W2/W3: please
SP2BHZ/	UH8HCN 28531 14E 21	(Campbell)	mail reports by Mon-
JW 21291 19E 21	UI8OAG 14044 03W 22	ZS5LB 3503 03C 21	day;
JY3ZH 28724 12E 21	UI8AEZ 7006 01E 23	3B8CF 3503 02E 20	
J28DM 14025 23E 20	UJ8AE 14031 03E 21	3B8DB 14020 03E 20	All others: please
J28DL 28583 14C 24	UJ8SAO 14030 03W 22	3B8CF 7005 02E 22	mail reports by Sun-
J3AE 3512 03C 21	UJ8AE 14044 03E 24	3B8AS 14025 04C 22	day.

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Jim Miller, HP1XRK, has finished his stint in Panama after several years of heavy operating. He was KZ5JM until the U.S. turned control of the Zone over to Panama, then continued with the HP1 Call. He returns to the U.S. Feb 8.

Not much happening on the crossband 10 MHz-to-14-MHz scene...K0DEQ says that the CW County Hunters Net has met on 14070 for at least ten years, and our suggestion of that frequency was probably not so hot. It would help them if crossbanders kept to, say 14065 or 060.

Communications Technology of Greenville NH, publishers of Ham Radio magazine, have given up their newsletter, HR Report, which they founded. The general interest, bi-weekly sheet, will continue, under the same name, edited by Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, of Westlink fame. The new address is 11119 Allegheny St, Sun Valley, CA 91352. It remains to be seen just how well they will do, being 3,000 miles from the FCC in Washington, not to mention the same distance from ARRL Headquarters and the other three major amateur radio publishing houses.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

YJ8VU DL1VU on now...next stops
 Fiji, Wallis
 Crozet FB8WG on now; Issue 126
 Sudan G3DYY/ST2 expected soon; I 126
 Macao CR9BH now to Feb 5; I 125
 Cayman ZF2 by W2LZX, CW, Feb 9-16
 Angola OK3TAB/D2 still expected; to Apr 1
 Tuvalu T2 by PA0GMM Jan 28-Feb 3
 W Kiribati T30 by PA0GMM Feb 5-10
 Africa K4YT trip postponed; I 127
 E Carolines KC6VY by KC5EA Feb 8-15
 KC6DZ by N5RM Feb 13-15

K1RM, K0DEQ, N1ACH, VP2MM, HP1XRK,
 LU2DX, W1VV, YASME, VK3OT, K4YT,
 W1NG, DK9KD, SM0DJZ, N6RJ, I0MGM,
 WA2PHA, WL7L, K5PQK, W4DFU, KC0S,
 WB4HOK, VE7DX, W1NW, W3ODJ, KB8KW,
 K2UFM, W0BW, KA3R, W2HAZ, W0JRN,
 W1XX, AK9Z, KA0E, WD5AAM, K2OLG,
 W1DQH, WB8ZRL, W8UVZ, XE1NI, WA2SON,
 W4VQ, K6IR, WB9YXY, K1ZX, K1CMI,
 N4JFL, W7YF, VS6JR, WA7WOU, W2LZX.

PROPAGATION (Thanks KH6BZF)

DATE	FLUX (1980)	FLUX (1981)	ALPHA (1981)	K (1981)
12/28	244	189	14	4
12/29	225	190	30	5
12/30	217	192	24	4
12/31	206	189	20	3
	(1981)	(1982)	(1982)	(1982)
1/1	196	186	9	3
1/2	188	183	9	3
1/3	179	182	16	4
1/4	173	176	8	3
1/5	167	171	6	1
1/6	165	173	10	2
1/7	174	178	10	3
1/8	175	162	7	2
1/9	173	170	4	1
1/10	170	151	2	2
1/11	166	141	4	1
1/12	162	137	3	0
1/13	164	132	5	2
1/14	159	135	5	1
1/15	155	141	12	3
1/16	158	152	15	3
1/17	160	158	12	3

E Kiribati T32 by PA0GMM Feb 11-16
 Antigua V2AMK by K9 group Feb 14-24
 St Kitts K4FW/VP2K Feb 14-27
 Anguilla VP2E Feb 19-Mar 5 by K8ND,
 WA8CZS group; Issue 126
 Revilla Gig Feb 12-15; Issue 127
 Competition ARRL DX CW Feb 20/21
 N. Cooks by ZK1CG Feb 22-Mar 15; I 126
 Montserrat By K9MK Feb 24-28
 Cocos/K VK9OT Feb 24-Mar 10; Issue 127
 Virgin Is K5NA/KP2 Mar 1-14

 Grenada J3 by W8UVZ, WB8LDH Mar 1-10
 Tristan ZD9BV starts about Mar 1; I 125
 N Yemen G3DYY hopes for Mar or Apr; I 126
 Xmas Is VK9XT Mar 10-17
 B.V.I. VP2VHV by K9BJ Mar 18-25
 Convention Visalia, CA Apr 16-18

LAST CALL LAST CALL

We want to get the listing of vhf DX alert frequencies published soon, especially before the hamfest season starts in a couple of months. If you haven't reported what your area uses, please do so by calling the toll-free number on page 1 of this issue. In addition to the list we gave on page two of Issue 124, we now have listings for:

Miami	San Fran
Dallas	Cleveland
North Jersey	No Ala DX Club
Salt Lake City	Vancouver B.C.
Potomac Valley	Kansas City
Fort Wayne	
Madison Wis	