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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Nov. 17, High Normal; Nov. 18, High/Low Normal; Nov. 19, High Normal; Nov. 20, High/Low Normal; Nov. 21, Low Normal; Nov. 22, High Normal; Nov. 23, Above Normal; Nov. 24, High/Low Normal. Tnx N4XX.

WARC REPORT: Week of Nov. 5-10. "In the H.F., the working groups continue their efforts to produce a comprehensive table of allocations to submit to Committee Five, this week or next. There have not yet been any unpleasant surprises for amateurs. In the UHF, 420-450 MHz came in for considerable change worldwide, and especially in Regions 2 and 3. In the US, however, the band will continue to be available for amateurs, 420-450 MHz, with amateur satellite at 435-438. In Canada, the band will be 430-450 MHz. All of this is subject to final Conference approval, of course. Meetings are now scheduled from 9 am until 11 pm each day, six days a week, in an effort to complete their (sic) work on time."

SAUDI ARABIA - IRAQ NEUTRAL ZONE IS ON THE AIR, now through about Nov. 20, signing 8Z4A on 14025, 21025, 28025, and 14195, 21295 and 28595. No indication of any activity on other bands. QSL to WA3HUP.

FCC DOCKET 21418 (Oct. 26, 1979) culminates an investigation into Amateur licensing improprieties begun two years ago. The Commission ordered enforcement actions against persons who obtained licenses or upgraded without passing the exams, and also "directed the staff to order call sign changes for Commission employees who obtained their call signs in a manner inconsistent with the Commission's Rules." The long-standing past FCC practice of favoring certain amateurs, including some 40 FCC employees, has been stopped and the staff is directed to order call sign changes for "past or present FCC employees whose current call signs were not assigned in accordance with Commission Rules."

CONGRATULATIONS to the new management of CQ Magazine, who have put out their first issue: December, 1979. Included are several articles of interest to DXers.

ARRL ELECTIONS in the Great Lakes and Canadian Divisions are being re-run and those who received second ballots must have them in to the League by Dec. 14. VE3HC was disqualified due to business conflict-of-interest and a "resume" problem on the Great Lakes ballots caused the re-run there.

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BRIEF NOTES: Further to last week's announcement of changes in format of the ARRL International DX Contest (no longer competition). The rules will appear in December QST, and we should have said that one regular member of the ARRL Awards Committee and two alternates resigned, not the other way around.

Dates and times are standard; entry categories include single-operator, multi-single and multi-multi, plus a QRP category for 10 watts input or less. DX stations earn three points for working the 48 states plus VE; DX stations earn two points for working all others, including KH6 and KL7. The exchange is same as before: signal report plus power for DX and state/province for US/VE.

In addition to the three additional QSO-penalty for duplicate contacts left in the log, now the ARRL administrators will exact a three-QSO penalty for miscopied callsigns.

K1MM AFRICAN EXPEDITION SCHEDULE: Nov. 15-19, ZS (maybe A22); Nov. 19-22, 3B8; Nov. 22-27, FR7 (FRØMM), including CQ WW CW Contest; Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 5R8 (still hoping for license, will not know until arrival). Frequencies to watch: 3509/29, 7009/29, 14009/29, 21009/29, 28009/29 on CW. On SSB: 3794, 7094, 14194, 21294, 28594. QSL all to Bill Poellnitz, K1MM, 44 Sunset Drive, Framingham, MA 01701.

VS6DO DURING CQ PHONE CONTEST was an operation by K1MM, also. 2,000 contacts in about twenty hours operation. All QSLs for VS6DO to K4CIA.

HIGH PULSERATE INTERFERENCE "heard here between 14220 and 14225 0138Z Nov. 6 and on 7200 0100Z Nov. 7: FCC Watch Officer in Washington, D.C., says this is testing of a new over-the-horizon radar conducted by the US Air Force. Our version of the "Woodpecker." Claims they couldn't use other frequencies without interfering with other international services. Testing expected to continue for about a month." Thanks K6DZT.

ZD8AI AND ZD9GH will have a one-time sked with K1VSK on Thursday, Nov. 22, at 0130Z on 14220 for those interested; Stateside and otherwise. Since the ZD9GH mail service has some problems, K1VSK will handle the QSLs for this particular operation.

1s1DX EXPEDITION special photographs of Amboy Cay (the same one which has been raffled off at conventions) are available from Bob Schenck, N200, 212 Oak Leaf Drive, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. \$3 for 3.5X5", \$10 for 8X10". Proceeds will go to the expedition fund set up by the South Jersey DX Ass'n., which will be closed out next spring. The group is still about 10K dollars in red.

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BRIEF NOTES... *N4HX/TT8 reported on 14208 at 1500...new DX Association of Connecticut officers are Pres. K1WJ, Sec. W1NG and V.P. AB1U...9Y4FRC QSLs to K3RL...Ed Redington, W4ZM, passed away last week at age 80...Vatican operation continues with HV2VO on 10-15-20 SSB only, using a dipole; Father Edmund is temporarily in Argentina but expected back at the Vatican early Dec... The Colvins of YASME now operating from St. Vincent with a J6___ call... KP4Q recently worked KH6 on 6 Meters; goal now to work Japan...LU6TEA is ex-CR6IK, manager W8CNL...5R8AL is back home in France and won't be back to Malagasy until January...We are still trying to clarify the callsign from the recent Corsica operation: FCØFHK or FHN or what?...*

FCC EXTRA CLASS LATEST CALLSIGNS ISSUED: KAØC, AI1K, KC2A, AJ3P, KR4T, KE5C, KG6E, AJ7T, KA8U, AJ9K; Guam AH2F; Hawaii KH6Y; Amer. Samoa AH8A; Alaska NL7C; V.I. KP2B; P.R. KP4X. For advanced class, all continental call areas are on KA or KB callsigns. For Generals, all are "N."

DIEGO GARCIA OPERATORS *will be using their new club callsign VQ9CI in the CQ WW CW Contest; a major effort from the Bahamas will be signing C6ACY in both the CQ WW CW and ARRL 10 Meter Contest; K1XA and K1TO still don't know what the callsign will be for their major multi-single operation from St. Vincent... Those VQ2 callsigns were just for the recent independence weekend. Most of the locals would prefer keeping their VP2S calls rather than J8. 'XA and 'TO will have the suffix "SA" regardless of the prefix. PVRC'ers will mass on Curacao again for a multi-multi operation with PJ2CC the callsign.*

CALENDAR

Neutral Zone	8Z4A on NOW through 21 Nov., 14195, 21295, 28595
Crete	SVØAA/9, 12-19 Nov.
S/A or Botswana	ZS or A22 by K1MM, 15-19 Nov.
Mauritius	3B8 by K1MM, 19-22 Nov.
ARRL Sweepstakes	Phone, 17-18 Nov.
Dodecanese	SVØAA/5, 20-27 Nov.
Reunion Is.	FRØMM by K1MM, 22-27 Nov.
Reunion Is.	By N2KK, K5CO and N5AU, starting 24 Nov.
CQ Worldwide	CW Contest, 24-25 Nov.
WARC	Conference scheduled to end last week of November
Deadline	CQ Phone Contest logs must be postmarked by 1 December
Tromelin	FR/T by N2KK and group, starting 1 Dec.
Malagasy	Possible 5R8 by K1MM, 27 Nov. - 2 Dec.
ARRL Contest	160 Meters, 1-2 Dec.
ARRL Contest	10 Meters, 8-9 Dec.
Mayotte	FH8 by N2KK group, starting 10 Dec.
Monaco	3A2CX, especially CW, starting 23 Dec.
Palmyra and Kingman	Scheduled to start 4 January 1980

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