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PROPAGATION: Mar 8, Low Normal; Mar 9, Below Normal; Mar 10, Low/Below Normal; Mar 11, Low Normal; Mar 12, Below Normal; Mar 13, Disturbed; Mar 14, Low/Below Normal; Mar 15, High/Low Normal; Mar 16, Below Normal; Mar 17, Low Normal; Mar 18, Low-Below Normal; Mar 19, High/Low Normal; Mar 20, 21, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

KP2A/KP1 has now been confirmed. Nine operators will meet in Kingston Jamaica Mar 15, then procede to Navassa and hope to be on the air the morning of Mar 16. They'll run four or five stations around the clock on 160-6 Meters. Departure is set for the morning of Mar 22 and the radio operation will probably close on Sunday evening, Mar 21. Operators include: N200, WA2MOE, K8CW, K000, K1MEM, KP2A, W2IJB, N6CW, and W0DX. QSL to the KP2A Callbook address.

ZK1CG/N, Victor Rivera, now on from Manihiki (N. Cooks), after some problems getting his generator and antenna off the boat which took him there. He began operations on Mar 3 using battery power, expects to be there until about Mar 15, and works SSB only. The first day of operation found him on the W7PHO 10 Meter gathering on 28575 at about 0100Z.

Yep, it is 5W1DC, and Karl will be active from there until about Mar 13, then on to Tokelau and ZM7VU. Says he will honor requests for contacts on any of the three new bands, too. CW only.

VK9YT (VK30T) and VK9YM (K1MM) will leave Cocos on Mar 10. They have worked mostly CW so far. Conditions the first few days of the operation at the end of Feb were terrible but picked up around Mar 1. They have been trying to work into the Eastern and Central states on 40 and 80, with not much success. Best bet for 40 is long path around 2300Z and on 80 a little later. On 20, they come in on the long path starting about 1100Z then switch to short path about 1230Z.

VK9NM/LH (Lord Howe) last week was by DJ5CQ and should have ended by now; even the German bulletins had no advance word about this. Rumor has him going to Norfolk Island before returning to Germany.

3V8DX was by at least two English amateurs, and three different QSL managers have so far been mentioned; we are confirming before sending you in the wrong direction for a card; stand by.

4Z4TT now saying he will not have a license for the Andaman Islands until he gets there (in India); date being mentioned is Mar 15 or 17.

VK3VU was scheduled to stop at Tonga Mar 26 to Apr 15, but may have to scrub the stop. Cyclone Isaac hit the island Mar 3 with winds of 170 mph, and news reports say 90 percent of the houses were leveled.

Andy, ZD9BV, is on the air from Tristan da Cunha, sort of. He did antenna testing on Feb 27 and 28, and became a legal station Mar 1. KC4CT is the Big Cheese list-maker, with help from a number of other stations. 21388 is the freq on 15 and 28620 on 10, anywhere from 1700 to 1900. Andy tries to show at 1930 on 21338.

ZD9BU put a beam together for Andy, but Andy didn't know which was the front and which was the back of the aerial. The first couple of days he was about four S-units weaker than ZD9BU/MM, using the same power to a vertical on his boat. Andy should be on for some time if he doesn't get discouraged in the beginning.

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CORRECTION to last week's list of vhf gathering frequencies: Gary/Hammond region of Northwestern Indiana is 145.50.

Budget reductions by the government will affect those WWV 18-minute-after-the-hour forecasts in 1983, which are fed to WWV by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The losses would include 24-hour/day alerts and forecasts, WWV broadcasts of the geophysical alerts, and the weekly "Preliminary Report and Forecasts of Solar Geophysical Data. You can comment to Donald J. Williams, Director, Space Environment Laboratory, NOAA, Boulder CO 80303.

Sweden's Sundsvall DX Group announces that one of its members, Eric Sjolund, SMØAGD, will be touring the U.S. for a few weeks in April, then will join the yacht "Marathon" in the Pacific. The Marathon is already afloat with SMØMAQ aboard and can sometimes be found on 14300 after 0400Z. Eric will make stops and hopes to operate from The North Cooks, Tokelau, Central Kiribati (T31), Baker (KH1), and West Kiribati (T30). This operation will be aided by the Northern California DX Foundation.

Although he got an official letter stating that amateur radio is not permitted in Mozambique, WA4SKE, Bob Black, will make one last try for a C9 license by telephone when he is in Zimbabwe next month. He is not optimistic.

Our earlier report that amateurs in Ghana have been ordered to turn in their transmitters has been confirmed. An American working for a commercial firm in Accra was arrested early in January for taping military communications during the coup Dec 29, and it is believed he is a ham.

The W5YI Report (a general interest newsletter out of Dallas) has an interesting story on the controversial Dick Bash license courses in their latest issue. Editor Fred Maia (W5YI) attended recent seminars for General and Advanced class tests conducted by Bash in Dallas. These intensive eight-hour classes now cost \$150 each, and success is guaranteed; if you flunk the exam you can continue taking the courses free until you pass. Maia reports that none of the

students in the classes he sat in on failed to make the grade when FCC came to town. Fred also noted the students weren't exactly your tobacco-chewing, semi-literate CB types. Most of them were college graduates, 40 percent were women, and all professed to just not have the time to study on their own.

An FCC insider says don't expect U.S. amateurs to have 10 MHz privileges for up to two years from now. They have been pressured by "certain unnamed groups" and refuse to cave in and give us what probably half the world already has. By the way, that FCC NPRM regarding giving General class amateurs (and above) 14150-14200 is # 82-83, and tentative deadline for comments is July 1.

Weisbaden Amateur Radio Club announces its annual expedition to Leichtenstein for May 21-30. They will sign DA1WA/HBØ again this year, QSL manager is DJØLC, and they will be working all bands 160-10 Meters, including the three WARC bands. RTTY, too.

AC3PT died late in January; he was the king of Sikkim and an active amateur for many years, until 1973, when India intervened in a domestic Sikkim situation and the King was placed under house arrest. He subsequently fled to the United States.

Kenwood's new TS-930 is expected to be unveiled around the time of Dayton Hamvention (end of April). It will sell for \$2000 and features quadruple conversion receiver, all solid state (250 watts out) full CW QSK, dual digital vfos with eight memories, and built-in audio cw filters. This new radio is aimed directly at the Yaesu FT-1 (still not de-bugged) and indirectly at the Collins KWM-380.

Late word on 3V8DX: try G3SVK for CW contacts and G4JDT for SSB QSOs. Some in need of QSL help are K1DP (C9MFJ '75); WA2SON (VS9AAI '61); WA5TOS (OD5MZ '81, VE6CKS/SU '79, and OD5NC '78); K6GNX (P29PS and ZP5XJA); WA4SAC (5Z4CA).

Open House Net (VK6YL, 14332 at 1030 Z) still good for VK9ZH Willis and VKØAN Macquarie most days. VKØAN especially regular there on Tuesdays.

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

AP2ZA 14221 13C 27	WBØMKR/	VK9NM/LH 28014 02E 28	
A22GM 21285 00E 25	KH3 14231 10E 25	VK9NM/LH 7010 12W 28	
A9XBE 28728 13E 27	W4JVN/	VK2RJ/LH 21026 05W 1	ZD8TC 7004 01E 24
A92CE 14009 03W 4	KP2 14203 02W 3	VK9NM/LH 28507 02C 4	ZD8TC 3508 23E 25
BV2B 14217 12E 3	AC3Q/	VK9NM/LH 28507 02C 4	ZD8MJH 14251 00C 3
CN8EJ 14225 01E 25	KX6 21345 00C 23	VK9YT 7005 11E 24	ZK1CG/N 28575 01W 4
CR9BK 28031 01E 28	AC3Q/	VK9YM 14020 12E 24	ZL4OY/A 14203 08E 23
CR9BK 14025 17E 28	KX6 21292 21E 25	VK9YM 14203 13C 25	ZL4OY/A 14208 08E 24
C31SD 3798 06E 27	AC3Q/	VK9YM 14020 13E 26	ZL3PA/C 14220 07E 24
DU9RG 14211 12E 3	KX6 14014 13E 26	VK9YM 14020 11E 26	(Chatham)
EA6GV 14204 20C 27	KX6OR 7091 12C 27	VK9YM 21019 02C 27	ZS3NH 21284 21E 28
EA8AHT 28518 13E 23	AC3Q/	VK9YT 7004 13W 28	ZS6BCZ 3504 04E 1
EA8BF 21048 11E 27	KX6 21028 02E 28	VK9YM 28019 12E 28	3B8FG 14018 03C 24
EA9KQ 7002 01E 24	KX6QX 14220 13E 28	VK9YT 14024 12E 3	3V8DX 3502 01E 25
EL2P 21370 00E 24	AC3Q/	VK9YM 14020 11E 4	3V8DX 21022 13E 27
EL2AO 14207 04C 28	KX6 14029 21E 2	VKØAN 14210 07E 23	3V8DX 21300 21E 27
EL2P 14022 00E 29	LX2BQ 14026 11E 27	(Macquarie)	3V8DX 3790 05E 27
FKØAF 7002 12E 27	OD5FB 14210 04E 28	VKØAN 14191 09C 27	3X1Z 21029 13E 25
FK8DD 21020 03E 28	W2BBK/	VP2VFFV 14208 11E 3	3X1Z 21020 18E 2
FM7CD 3781 06E 27	PJ7 3530 04E 29	VP2VFFV 3511 01E 24	4K1H 14024 07W 28
FO8FO 3793 06E 28	DF3NZ/	VP8LP 21349 23E 23	(Antarctica)
FO8GM 28016 22E 28	ST2 14233 00E 24	(Falklands)	4S7WP 14004 12E 24
FR7BX 7002 02E 22	SVØCG 21029 12E 27	VP8AOH 14274 01E 3	4S7MX 14029 12E 27
FR7BX 14021 14E 28	SVØCG 28009 13C 27	(S. Orkneys)	4S7EC 14009 12E 1
FYØFOL 14010 21E 27	SV1DO 3504 02E 28	VP8HAM 14274 01E 3	4Z4OL 7005 02E 25
GD3KHE 3792 07E 28	TI2PZ 3507 03E 1	(S. Orkneys)	5B4JK 14008 04E 1
HBØLL 3792 06E 28	TI2PZ 7006 11E 3	VP8ANT 21010 01E 1	5R8AL 21327 20E 26
HKØBKX 14031 04E 29	T32AB 21012 02E 28	(Antarctica)	5T5AY 28504 16E 27
HKØBKX 14032 04W 2	UA1PAM 14021 01E 27	VQ9CW 14012 00E 22	5V7HL 21288 22E 2
HS1ALF 21024 02E 28	UA1PAM 7012 12W 27	VR6TC 14177 10E 25	5W1DQ 14204 11C 25
HS5AID 14032 12E 1	UD6DJH 7005 03W 2	VU2WTR 14021 12E 24	5W1DC 3503 11E 27
HV3SJ 28594 14E 27	UD6DFY 21044 16W 27	VU2WTR 21008 05W 1	5W1DC 7007 11C 27
HZ1AB 14220 13C 27	UF6CR 14210 23W 3	VU2UGI 14202 12E 3	5W1DQ 14211 04C 27
HZ1AB 14217 13C 28	UF6FFF 14004 05W 4	VU2NP 14208 11E 3	5W1DC 14001 06W 28
ISØOMH 7005 02E 1	UH8BZ 14023 21E 27	VU2AU 14208 11E 3	5W1DC 14001 08E 28
JD1BAX 14021 13E 27	UH8DCG 21013 16W 27	N9PI/	5W1DC 7002 12W 28
JD1BAX 14023 15W 27	UI8LBA 14042 02E 27	V2A 7023 07W 22	5W1DC 28024 22E 28
JY3ZH 14223 13C 28	UJ8AG 14015 13E 23	V2EAA 14014 12E 23	5W1DC 14001 05W 4
J28CI 14012 21E 25	UJ8AG 14014 12E 24	V2AO 21370 00E 24	5Z4CS 14031 00C 27
J3ABA 21022 21E 25	UJ8AQ 14014 04E 28	N6YK/	5Z4CX 21054 20E 27
J3AVT 14198 12E 3	UL7CAD 7005 13W 24	V2A 21022 11E 27	7Q7LW 21292 19C 23
KM2N/	UK7YAD 7004 12E 25	K8NOQ/	7X5AB 3798 06E 27
J6L 14029 22C 23	UL7TBH 14024 12E 27	V2A 7028 04W 4	9K2EW 14206 13C 27
J73PB 21370 00E 24	UM8MCY 28007 14E 27	XE1FR 3506 04E 28	9L1EX 21345 23E 27
J88AH 7005 10E 24	UM8MCT 14010 03E 28	XT2AW 3503 23E 27	9L1EX 21345 01E 28
AH2L 3506 12C 27	UM8MBA 14033 02E 1	XT2AW 28020 15E 27	9M2GD 14212 13E 28
AH2L 7003 12E 28	VK6HD 7002 22E 28	YBØPG 14201 13C 24	9M8PW 28516 00C 23
KC4USV 21269 04E 28	VK9NL 7018 11C 26	YB5AES 14018 11E 24	9N1MM 14238 20C 27

W1/W2/W3: please mail reports by Monday
 All others: please mail reports by Sunday

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CALENDAR

Crozet FB8WG still there; Issue 129
W Samoa 5W1DC (DL1VU) until Mar 12
N Cooks ZK1CG/N until Mar 17; I 132
Cocos VK9YM/YT until Mar 10; I 129,
130, 132

Virgin Is K5NA/KP2 group until Mar 14
Tristan ZD9BV on now; Issue 132
Grenada J3AVT until Mar 10
W Samoa 5W1DV and 5W1DW until Mar 9
Anguilla WB2THN group until Mar 11;
I 129

Norfolk Possible action by DJ5CQ fol-
lowing VK9NM/LH (I 132)
Christmas VK9XT/XM Mar 10-17; I 129,
132
Niue ZK2 by VK3VU, VK3DET Mar 10-24
4U1ITU Mar 15-20; see below
Tokelaus ZM7VU by DL1VU Mar 13-Apr 17
Maldives 8Q7AH by HB9TL Mar 14-25; I 129
Andamans 4Z4TT rumored mid-March; I 132
Sable VE1AI/1 "mid-March"

"BY1PK" worked Mar 3 on both CW and SSB
15 Meters with correct beam heading. QSL
to VE7BC but don't hold your breath.

HB9AQW and HB9CJX will activate the
ITU Geneva station Mar 15-20: 3799, 7099,
14279, 21279, and 28579 + 25 KHz up on
CW. QSLs to HB9CJX.

All VP2MM QSLs to AB1U.

Navassa KP2A/KP1 Mar 16-22; Issue 132
B.V.I. VP2VHV by K9BJ Mar 18-25
Convention Roanoke Div Mar 20/21; I 130
Tonga A35RF by VK3VU (Issue 132)
Contest CQ WPX SSB Mar 27/28, full 48-
hour period

N Yemen G3DYY/4W rumored for Mar/Apr;
Issue 126
Barbados 8P6EU/8P6FJ (W1FB, W1CKK) Apr
2-16
Hong Kong Activity Days Apr 3/4

Fiji By VK3VU Apr 16-21
Convention Visalia CA (Fresno) Apr 16-18
Hamvention Dayton Apr 23-25
Reunion New FRØDGP rumored starts Apr
Pacific By SMØAGD Apr/May; I 132

Mellish Reef Early May; Issue 131
Leichten. DA1WA/HBØ May 21-30; I 132
Contest CQ WPX CW May 29/30

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W5YI Report, W3ODJ, WD5AAM, XE1NI, K6IR,
WA2PHA, W8UVZ, KAØE, W2HAZ, N8BKB, KE1F,
KA3R, W1VV, W1SD, KA1KD, W7YF, WB8ZRL,
KA1DOS, WØBW, N5FG, W1JTI, K2UFM, KD7H,
K4YXJ, WA2KBZ, W4FRU, K4BAI, WB9YXY,
K7WF, WB7NFK, KU4J, W7AQB, KA3DDT, N6BEB,
N4NO, WA4SAC, KV4AA, N3CQM, KA3CHS, WØLHS,
W6HXW, W7LHO, WD8JLM, N4XY, WA5JVQ.

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