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PROPAGATION: Apr 30, Below Normal; May 1-3, Low Normal; May 4, High/Above Normal; May 5, High Normal; May 6, Above Normal/Below Normal; May 7,8, Below Normal; May 9, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

MELLISH REEF (ref. Issue 131) still "on" to start about May 7 for five days, by Harry, VK2BJL, Frank, DJ9ZB, and Fernando, EA8AK. They will travel to the Reef aboard the yacht Banyandah with skipper Jack Binder, KB7NW. Look for VK9ZR on 14195, 21295, 28595, and on CW 25 KHz up from the band bottoms.

Mellish Reef is a small submerged coral reef about 650 nautical miles from the East Australia coast. VK9ZR will be at Herald's Beacon, a sand island atop the Reef and about 150 by 50 meters in size. The sand bar is two meters high!

KINGMAN/PALMYRA 1981 is the cover story of the latest issue of 73 Magazine, written by Jack Binder himself. It's worth the price of the magazine and gives some idea of the type of operation that Mellish will be. ARRL's DXCC accepts QSLs from the Kingman part of the operation, ADØS/KH5K, but does NOT yet accept Palmyra ADØS/KH5 cards. The owner of Palmyra has not been signing any landing permission documents for some time, as a result of litigation still going related to the ill-fated DXpedition there by K6LPL and others in 1980. That was the operation in which Jan Gould, WA6YQW, was seriously injured when the plane crashed while attempting to land on Palmyra.

BURMA is on again, in the form of German DF8MP/XZ. Several attempts were made to contact him by DK9KE on 21250 at 1630Z on Apr 22 and 23, without success. Neither the legal status of this supposed operation nor the duration is known. (rumored until May 15, again later).

EA2AJH/ZA ALBANIA two weeks ago worked eight stations on 80 Meter CW in about 15 minutes on the band. It is hoped

that this operation was an ice-breaker, and 'AJH will try the same thing again briefly sometime this month. Several Spanish hams still aim for a full-bore operation, and they are looking at August. Martti Laine, OH2BH, and some friends are also working on Albanian contacts, and they hope to provide a complete station to Tirana University this summer.

TRINDADE operation scheduled last week by PY1RR and PY1DOQ was scrapped because their military transportation to the island was cancelled. It was assumed that the Falkland Islands situation had something to do with that. The Brazilians are talking about making Trindade a military outpost and no longer allowing normal people on the island, which would put Trindade in the same fix as San Felix.

MORE GUINEA on tap by JA1BRK and JA8CDT of the "Far East DX Ploitiers," May 3-9. This operation is in honor of the group's 20th anniversary, and will feature five-band activity with ICOM rigs, amplifiers, and a tribander. QSL via JA1HGY.

HEARD ISLAND was the major topic at California's DX Convention Apr 17, with VK5QX announcing that the Wireless Institute of Australia intends a two-week Heard extravaganza either Jan or Feb of 1983. They will accompany a mountaineering group to the island. As this operation will be under the auspices of Australia's national radio society, chances appear excellent.

Also at Visalia, American phone band expansion was a hot topic, both the FCC and ARRL proposals being supported by

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various factions. No concensus was evident. As hinted in these pages recently, possible future deletions of Bajo Nuevo or Serrana Bank and the Saudi/Iraqi Neutral Zone (8Z4) had their moments. K5VT and SMØAGD made presentations on their travels. VE7BC phoned in from China and mentioned that those working BY1PK might like to send their QSLs to him rather than to Beijing. Finally, someone observed that the mixed DXCC Honor Roll now has 1200 calls on it, and perhaps making the Honor Roll the "Top Five" instead of the top ten might make things more realistic. This proposal did not receive much support.

The International DX Foundation (IDXF) reportedly has pledged \$10,000 to the Heard Island expedition mentioned above. Also on the list of major potential funders is the Northern Cal DX Foundation. The cost of the trip is reportedly about \$30,000, although it is not yet known if this would mean for a group or maybe just one ham. If the latter, that ham would be along to provide communications back home for the mountaineers, with ham radio thrown in as a sidelight. Next issue we will be publishing a more detailed statement from IDXF.

YOUR NEWSSTAND is the next place to stop, for the May issue of Time magazine; it should contain an article on the recent Navassa expedition (by IDXF) written by senior Time writer Ed Magnuson, W2IJB, a member of the Navassa team. We say "should contain" because last word was that the article was scheduled for that issue.

DAYTON HAMVENTION's greatest attraction this year was people: a new record over 20,000 crazed hams ogling gear, kibitzing at forums, and swapping tales at the hospitality suites. Big gear news was Kenwood's TS930S, and Dentron's appearing to be re-entering the markets in a big way. Dentron has been in financial trouble for some time. They showed a line of new and revised amplifiers at Dayton.

As we predicted, the newest member of CQ's DX Hall of Fame will be Franz Langer, DJ9ZB, but the presentation was not made at Dayton. K4IIF will conduct the ceremonies in Germany just before Franz departs for the Mellish Reef operation.

SMØAGD was another honored guest at Dayton this year, his presentation along with that of K5VT being mentioned as "the best." Some time ago we mentioned Erik plans some Pacific island operating this year, and here is the schedule: May, ZK1 N. Cooks; June, ZM7 Tokalau; July, T31 Central Kiribati; July, KH1 American Phoenix.

Erik will be one of a four-man crew aboard the Marathon AQ, a 50-foot yacht, for a tour planned to last two years. Later in 1982 stops will be made at East Kiribati, Tuvalu, Wallis, Tonga, New Zealand, and Australia (for refitting). In 1983 the group is looking at Willis, Melish Reef, Solomons, Nauru, the Carolines, and Spratly (!). After that, the Indian Ocean. Look for Erik's IC-730, TR-7, and Dentron amp on the usual frequencies and QSL all to SM3CXS, using separate envelopes for all operations. This trip is being aided by the NCal DXF and by Erik's home Sundsvall DX Group.

FORTY COUNTRIES are now allowed on the new 10 MHz band. FCC will probably ratify the 1979 WARC agreement, then send it along to Congress, around June of this year.

SPEAKING OF FCC, we know many of you have changed your callsign since subscribing; some day when our addressing system becomes modernized we will change all those calls on your mailing plate/label. It seems that now the only way to protect your call sign from being changed when you renew your license is to have an Extra class call. Isn't it interesting that FCC says the callsign standardization is to allow them to better police the bands, yet they don't have enough manpower to do the very policing they talk about? TDXB wonders how much more monitoring FCC could do with the money they would save by not making useless callsign changes.

A CANADIAN publication says that the unannounced VE1AI/Sable operation two weeks ago had "Poor condx to JA/Europe." Poor conditions from VE1 to Europe?

8J6JCI is a special events station in Miyazaki Prefecture celebrating an international conference there, May 1-22. QSL to JARL bureau.

AP2ZA 14210 11E 18
A22GM 21285 23C 21
C53DZ 7003 06C 18
NØZO/
DU2 14003 13C 22
EP2TY 28542 16C 16
FB8WG 28593 13C 18
FB8WG 28600 13C 24
F5RV/
FC 21290 16C 22
FG7AM 3505 05W 23
FK8EG 21024 14C 18
FR7ZG 14210 11E 18
FR7BP 14020 13C 19

HL9AZ 21280 11C 24
HV2VO 14332 20E 21
J28DM 21273 22C 18
J28CI 14207 19C 19
AH2L 14035 12C 23
AH2L 14210 13E 24
TN8AJ 14198 00C 16
T3ØDB 28605 01E 17
T32AB 21292 03C 25
UK2FAH 3507 04C 22
UD6DKW 14006 02C 24
VK9YB 14020 14C 17
VKØAN 28700 00E 19
VS6CF 21006 12E 20

XT2AW 28037 17E 18
KA3V/
ZB2 21032 14E 25
ZC4YC 14004 04W 23
ZD9BV 28591 18E 24
ZL2BT 3798 05C 21
ZL4OY/A 21300 03C 25
3B8CF 28033 17E 18
3B8FG 14025 13E 21
4K1D 7002 04W 23
4S7WP 14026 11E 19
4S7EA 14209 13C 20
4S7WP 14006 21E 20
5H3TM 28041 17E 18

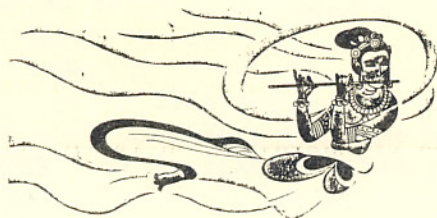
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5N9FDR 28505 00C 24
5NØHAS 21015 22C 24
5V7RE 28588 13E 17
5V7HL 28605 14C 24
5W1DQ 14205 13E 24
6W8AH 28505 00C 24
7X2KRC 21302 13E 19
9L1EX 28659 13C 19
9M2CL 21029 23E 19
9N1MM 14208 01C 21
9U5WR 28562 12C 24

MUCH GNASHING OF TEETH was heard at Visalia Sat, Apr 17, when it was announced to the 500 DXers attending the convention that BY1PK was on the air at that very moment! The operating schedule is still somewhat erratic but is surely all CW on 15 and 20 only. Honor Roll member JA3GM says they seem to favor Mon-Fri, 01-02Z and 06-07Z. So far, Ben has identified operators Guo, Tel, Tong, Liu, Yan, and Huang. One other one we have noted is Jiao, a woman.

The ARRL W3 QSL Bureau reported last week that a BY1PK card had been received there, for K3FN (A TDXB subscriber, naturally!).

SWEDEN is now on 160 Meters (as of Apr 1). They are allowed 1830-1845 with 10 watts, on a trial basis, and no contest operating. Our reporter there says no chance of them having the three new hf bands because of still-present commercial activity. The Swedes are waiting to see how their Danish and Norwegian neighbors make out on the new bands before opening them up to SM.

MAY CQ Magazine has a K4IIF article on DXCC countries list criteria and associated matters, including a chart of all 319 DXCC countries with population, type of government, etc. It is certainly worth the price of the issue. Oh, yeah, TDXB has an ad in that issue, too, buried back on page 122.



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29	3	1982	10-18	21 MHz	CW
RST	TX	RX	ANT	WX	
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PROPAGATION
(Thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux (1981)	Flux (1982)	Alpha (1982)	K (1982)
4/4	220	151	19	3
4/5	226	160	17	3
4/6	235	165	16	3
4/7	242	163	7	1
4/8	269	165	9	2
4/9	273	170	7	2
4/10	276	176	32	5
4/11	271	186	34	4
4/12	251	178	14	2
4/13	257	170	12	2
4/14	258	157	9	3
4/15	257	151	9	3
4/16	248	147	11	4
4/17	241	147	17	3
4/18	227	146	12	4
4/19	215	144	12	4

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BURMA DF8MP/XZ until May 15; I 139
GUINEA 3X by JA1BRK, JA8CDT, May 3-9; I 139
N COOKS ZK1 by SM0AGD, May, I 139
MELLISH VK9ZR May 7-12; I 139
SABLE VE1AWS/1 starts May 11; I 138

W CAROLINES Aug 8-11; I 138
MARIANAS Aug 11-14; I 138
MARSHALLS KX6 Aug 14-16
CONTEST All Asia CW Aug 28/29
HEARD IS. Jan/Feb, 1983; I 139

CONTRIBUTORS:

LEICHTEN STEIN, DA1WA/HB0 May 21-30; I 132
CONTEST CQ WPX CW May 29/30
TOKELAU ZM7 by SM0AGD, June, I 139
CONTEST All Asia Phone Jun 19/20
C KIRIBATI T31 by SM0AGD, July, I 139
AM PHOENIX KH1 by SM0AGD, July, I 139
E CAROLINES KC6 Aug 4-8; I 139

***TL8GA, a brand new ham, on 15 SSB; he's a Belgian priest and plans to be in Africa many years.

JH1VRQ, OH2BH, DA2ZH, K1CC, JA1DFQ, K2UFM, W6BYH, W7YF, N200, W1WY, SM3EVR, WB2CHO, JK1OPL, WD5AAM, W2HAZ, XE1NI, HP1AC, K6IR, W1MLG, W1DQH, W8UVZ, VE2CU, K2OLG, KM9J, N4ZG, KP4EQF, WB8ZRL, W1VV, KA3R, W4VQ, WA2PHA, N4HH, W0BA, W8PR, K0NN, WA4SAC, NF4A, KC0D, K2FL, N6BEB, KD7H, WB6FCR, K2JLA, N5FG, K8EM, W6TI, W6VZZ, KD5DD, K3KNH, N4NO, K4WHN, W8BKP, W1VY, N3KR, K4ISV, KB2T, K4ID, K8CV, K4KUZ, K9EL, W1WEF.

DX CALL	QSL TO	F08IK	F6GXB	KP4KK/DU2	WA3HUP	VP2MKD	N0DH(82CB)	ZF2FQ	AB8Y
AH2L	W4PKM	GU5DSD	WA4WPO	K2GBH/KP2	K2GBH	VP2VFT	K11JU	ZF2FR	KJ8G
A4XIU	G4GIR	GW8JU	F6CGS	K5NA/KP2	W4JVN	VP2VFT	K11JU	ZL4OY/A	ZL1BQD
A4XJO	WB3JRU	HC1EA	HC1HC	KBCW/6Y5	K8AV	VP8WA	WA4JQS	ZS3HL	KALJP/KE1A
A6XJC	PE0MGM	HC8SL	HC2SL	OA4AWD	VE2AQS	VQ9JB	WD5BHP	3B8DB	K5BDX
A92DD	K7DVK	HH2CL	F6AXY	OD5RZ	VE5QY	VS5AM	JM1FHL	3D2WR	JH7OHF
A92NH	KA4S	HL9AZ	AD8R	OH0XX	OH2BBM	VS6CF	NOT:W5QK	3V8AA	IS0LYN
CN8AT	OE3NH	HL9FR	WB9RGA	OY5NS	W3HNC	V2AN	KALJP/KE1A	4K1A	UA3AEL
CN8CY	GW3IEQ	HS5AID	AG6D	SM0GMG/CT3	SM0DJZ	V3MS	W0CP	4K1D	UAIAPM
CO2HQ	KB7SB	H21AB	K8PYD	TI2EW	KALJP/KE1A	WB0MKR/KH3	KB2RV	4N1NB	YU1FJK
CT2DP	W4PKM	H21TC	OE3YLK	TL8MX	F6FFR	WB3KBZ/VP9	KG8U	4S7MX	SM3CXS
CX5RV	G5RV	I4BFY/IS0	I4BFY	TU2HJ	W3HNC	W6QL/PJ2	YASME	4Z4AB	K3STM
C31UN	EA3AOC	JW5OD	LA6ZW	TYA11	ON5NT	XK5XK	VE5DX	5N0KUY	J11IMI
C5ACJ	NOT:KG8U	JX5VAA	LA7JO	T30AF	NOT:JA7SGV	YB0ACL	WA4RRB	5V7RE	DJ5RT
C6ANU	VE1ZL	J28DL	F6ESH	T32AB	N7YL	YB3MD	JH8RTP	5W1DV	VK3VU(82CB)
DF3NZ/ST2	DARC	J3AVT	W8UVZ	UA1PAM	UK3SAB	YB5AES	W4BBP	5Z4JR	OH2BAH
DL2VK/ST3	DF9FM	J5HTL	SM3CXS	VK0AN	VK9NS	YJ8NKO	JH7OHF	6D5ZZA	XE1ZZA
EE5FMC	EC5AR	J6LCT	KALJP/KE1A	VK9NYG	VK6NE	ZB2EO	K3MNF	6W8AR	WB4LFM
FC9VN	F9VN	J6LHY	KALJP/KE1A	VK9XM	K1MM	ZB2HE/A	G4AFS	6W8DS	WA4VDE
FK8CR	F6EWK	J6LKG	KALJP/KE1A	VK9XT	VK3OT	ZD8JGN	W9CN	7Z2AP	I8YCP
FK8DV	F6EWK	J6LKG	KALJP/KE1A	VP2EGP	WA1GSO	ZD8TC	N2CW	8P6AE	KALJP/KE1A
F08HI	WB6GFJ	J88AQ	W2MIG	VP2ES	K8CV	ZD9BV	W4FRU		
F08HL	WB6GFJ	KP2A/KP1	WB2MSH	VP2MGQ	N4MO	ZF2CK	WB9QPN		

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