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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Nov. 24, High/Low Normal; Nov. 25, High Normal; Nov. 26, 27, Above Normal; Nov. 28, High Normal; Nov. 29, Above Normal; Nov. 30, High Normal; Dec. 1, High Normal; Dec. 2,3,4, Low Normal. Tnx N4XX.

WARC REPORT: Week of Nov. 12-17. "The WARC '79 conference is entering its last two weeks, and the decisions reached by working groups the past eight weeks will be under review for approval or modification. The conference continues to work long hours in order to meet the scheduled ending date. Our reports during the next two weeks may be able to list in increasing detail the decisions that have tentatively been reached in Geneva this Fall."

FCC LAST WEEK released an order, dated Nov. 19, advising that special field examinations for radio operator licenses are being discontinued immediately. It will no longer be possible to take an exam at a hamfest, convention or club meeting after present commitments by the FCC have been met. This does not affect examinations given at regular quarterly examination points.

604LS showed Saturday, Nov. 17 and says he will be on 21275 at 1900 each day this week. Says QSL to ON4LS.

8Z4A completed operation about Nov. 19. They did make brief appearances on the "low bands" during the last few days. QSL to WA3HUP.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST AWARDS PROGRAM flyer is circulating; Your donation of \$35 (US) will sponsor a plaque in one of many categories. The rules for the 1980 contest will appear in December QST.

YASME FOUNDATION operators W6QL and W6KG closed down from J3ABV (VP2G) after logging 10,000 contacts on 10-160 Meters. They worked DXCC during the first week and then again during the CQ Phone Contest. Altogether they worked 152 different countries, the most ever for them during a 3-4 week stopover. They had to post a large but refundable cash bond in order to take their radios onto the island (expeditioners beware); Grenada recently underwent a peaceful revolution and change of government. The Colvins departed Nov. 9 for St. Vincent, where they are now operating as VP2SAX, and will stay through the CQ CW. QSLs to: YASME, PO BOX 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

6 METERS WENT WILD the afternoon of November 7; K3MWV reports working his first European two way (EI2W) followed by three Japanese stations. (cont'd)

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6 METERS...EI2W was heard as far west as California. On the third, KX6AO worked into call areas 6,7,8,9 and 0. KH6BZF worked VE6, VE7, KL7, the western continental US and "mucho JAs." During the period 29 Oct.-4 Nov. the sunspot number averaged 219; solar flux has been running over 300, the highest observed since 1959.

Further perspective on the recent 3C0AB Annobon operation comes from the following report by the Reuters news agency: The military court (of Equatorial Guinea) was told the story of Pagalu (formerly Annobon), a small island that voted against Macias (Eq. Guinea's dictator for 11 years) in the 1968 presidential election, just after the country gained independence from Spain. Pagalu's only link with the outside world was a freighter coming from the main island of Fernando Poo to unload basic goods and pick up its crops. In 11 years, the ship called only four or five times. In 1973, a French ship spotted smoke signals reporting an epidemic of cholera on the island. French authorities passed on the message to the Spanish Foreign Ministry, which alerted its embassy in Malabo (the capital). The diplomat who brought the urgent report to Macias says he glanced at it and put it away without a word...more than 300 people died in the epidemics. In 1976, the dictator ordered all healthy men on Pagalu to be sent to work in the main island's cocoa plantations. Today, there are only two dozen men of working age left on Pagalu; the remainder of the 2500 population are women, children and old people." Tnx W6SN and W6EL.

BRIEF NOTES...in Issue 12 On-the-air bulletins should have had the callsign W0RJU, not JRU...W0RJU is considering a bulletin on 40 Meters, also; if interested, drop him a note...Jim Smith, P29JS, is looking into possible operation from Heard (VK0), where some survey work is underway at this time...U0Y has been worked from the US east coast on 3508 at 1130; their plan was to leave the Zone 23 spot about this time...LU3ZY on S. Sandwich has been worked on 40 CW at 0100...An operation from Antigua (VP2A) during the CQ CW Contest will include WB8LDH, W8UVZ, N8CC and N8SW...TN8AJ is off the air now but expects to be back on Dec. 5...N4HX can be found on 20, 15 and 10 Meters SSB; QSL to ON5NT, Ghislain Penny, BOX 5, AALTER, BELGIUM. Do not use the street address for ON5NT which is in the Callbook...W2TDQ is still answering QSL requests from last August's operations from Greece, Crete and Dodecanese; their QSL is something else...Rumor is a certain W5 is looking into the possibility of a Bajo Nuevo operation...

More on N4HX/TT8...Bull got on the air Nov. 2; will be active until sometime next month, when he returns to the States for several months. He's using a ground plane antenna but trying to get a beam up. There is limited electricity supplied so he is on the air mainly 1700-2000 plus Sundays and holidays 0900-1200. Most operation is on 10, 15 and 20 but Bull says he will be on 40 and 80 occasionally, especially during major contests.

HC8MM AND HC8EE will be on from the Galapagos Nov. 28-Dec. 5; MM on SSB and EE on CW usual frequencies, including 160 Meters. QSLs to Rick Dorsch, PO BOX 665, Cuenca, Ecuador, S.A., with 3 IRCs or a dollar.

YB0ACL is W4LCL, who couldn't get his gear out of Customs in time for the CQ Phone Contest; when it clears he'll be on with an HW101 and quad. Jack says all YB callsigns with 3-letter suffixes starting with "A" are "export licensees," YB being the top grade, YC intermediate and YD "novice." US manager is W4QO.

A group of Argentinians plan to operate from "Tierra del Fuego" Nov. 22 to 28, and are asking for DXCC status; it is an island off the LU coast in the direction of the Falkland Islands.

QSLs... 9Y4FRC to Miko Mosko, K3RL, 519 E. Station Ave., Coopersburg, PA 18036
ZF2AD to Ed Moody, N3ED, Box 396, RR 1, Furlong, PA 18925
N2RM/6Y5 and 9Y4W to H. Miller, Eastampton Gardens F-1, Jacksonville
Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060.
3C1AA via EA4MY, and 3C0AB to EA4LH. KH6GB/KH9 to KH6JUO.

BANDPASS: call/freq/UTC/East,Central,West/date

20 METERS: AP2AU/218/03E/12 A9XCE/033/23C/12 CN8BF/247/04C/11 EP2TY/230/
22E/15 FB8XY/201/14C/7 FK8DH/204/12E/12 JT1BF/208/12E/9 JT1BK/206/11E/9
JT1BM/020/13C/9 LU1ZA (S. Ork)/222/01E/7 M1C/213/01E/9 SU1IM/028/04C/13
N4HX/TT8/195/19C/10 VP8QG/202/03E/8 VQ9MR/030/13E/12 3B8DX/027/13C/12
3B9RS/200/03E/17 3V8AA/227/00C/11 4S7NE/032/12E/14 8P6FD/207/03E/17
15 METERS: A22BX/029/21E/10 HC8GI/356/20W/10 JT1AN/345/00E/16 KC6MJ/345/
01E/13 KH6GB/KH9/364/17C/9 P29JS/296/13C/10 W5JMM/SU/316/21E/11 TF3IRA/030/
23E/15 TN8AJ/330/20C/7 T4GN/355/19C/12 VS6CX/342/00E/9 ZB2EM/288/15E/17
ZD7AL/287/22C/16 5H3FW/280/20C/12 5Z4YV/250/23C/10 9J2WS/028/20C/12
10 METERS: A7XA/625/12C/17 A7XAH/585/14C/12 DF4NW/A7/050/13C/10 C31UN/560/
17C/11 WA1APX/DU/521/01C/9 D4CBC/575/15C/9 FR7BE/502/14C/10 HM1QD/538/
02C/9 HV3SJ/544/16C/17 JW2CF/020/15C/10 OY2A/511/16C/10 OY9J/005/15C/10
SV0AP(C)/684/12C/10 UI8IAN/578/12E/6 VP8PU(F)/575/22C/11 YJ8NGR/570/02C/9
ZK1BD/654/23W/11 4U1UN/027/22C/8

According to HR Report, SM0AGD/XW8 QSLs are being rejected as Eric has been
unable to get written confirmation of his verbal authority to operate from
the embassy there.

A CE group will open from Juan Fernandez January 8; more next week. Tnx W7OM.

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CALENDAR

Dodecanese	SV0AA/5, 20-27 Nov.
Reunion Is.	FR0MM 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 Nov.
Deadline	CQ Phone Contest logs must be postmarked by 1 Dec.
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 and group, starting 10 Dec.
Monaco	3A2CX, especially CW, starting 23 Dec.
Palmyra and Kingman	Scheduled to start 4 January 1980
Juan Fernandez	Scheduled to start 8 January 1980

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