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PROPAGATION: May 10-13, High Normal; May 14, Low Normal; May 15, High/Low Normal; May 16, High Normal; May 17-19, Low Normal; May 20, High Normal; May 21, High/Disturbed; May 22, Disturbed/Low Normal; May 23, Low/High Normal. TNX N4XX.

ARGENTINE HAMS are off the air, according to ARRL's WIAW Bulletin. The suspension came on April 29. Mail service has not been affected. WA2VUY reports (on a related topic) that LU3ZY QSL requests sent to LU2CN have often gone astray, some envelopes opened and money removed. He suggests holding off on sending any more cards down there until some different arrangements can be made.

JA1BRK and JA8CDT signed 3X3JA from Guinea (QSLs to JA1HGY) with a big signal on 80 Meters. W4LZZ has also been heard from Guinea again as 3X1Z, following his trip to the States and to Dayton. Jacques says he might try for Mali TZ licensing before returning to the U.S. this summer.

Don Riebhoff, K7ZZ, of XV5AC and XU1DX and CT4AT fame, is in Washington learning another language, and expects his next assignment to be IRAQ. He spent the last couple of years in Czechoslovakia and was allowed to operate from various club stations, but never managed a license for himself.

WILLIS Island operations follow the VK9ZR Mellish now in progress; although many stations have been active from Willis recently, much pent-up demand for CW contacts should keep Banyandah's team busy.

MARTTI LAINE, OH2BH, in addition to his efforts toward Albania, is said to be possibly joining several Finnish visitors to China in September. For the present, VE7BC has reported that only the Chinese themselves are allowed to operate the BY1PK station.

BILL HATCHER, KP4KK, made 30,000 contacts from the Philippines while stationed there with the Navy. He will next go to Portugal for a two-year stay, beginning in July, and should have a call shortly thereafter. In eleven months /DU2 Bill made 5-Band DXCC and worked thirty three countries on 160 Meters.

1A0KM SMOM still in great demand, especially on the U.S. West Coast. No activity is expected until Fall. Mario, I0MGM, has taken over the QSLing chores (again) and says about a hundred cards a day are getting mailed. Hang in there if you don't have yours yet.

SM0GMG expeditions to OH0 (Nov 81) and to CT3 (Mar/Apr 82) are being QSLed by SM0DJZ, who will have another batch printed by mid-May. Patience!

THE IRISH RADIO TRANSMITTERS SOCIETY will sponsor EJ0RTS from one of the ARAN ISLANDS May 21-23. These islands count for the "Islands on the Air" award. Look for them on 80-10, CW and SSB. The IRTS is at Box 462, Dublin 9, Rep. of Ireland.

ARRL's DX Advisory Committee is now talking about adding North Korea to the Countries List (along with several other hot topics). It does NOT seem that any stations are on from there now, and some activity might be necessary before the addition is made. North Korea would instantly become one of the rarest on the list when it makes it.

CONGRATS to EA8AK, who won a TDXB subscription at Dayton!

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TO YOUR RIGHT is the promised release from IDXF regarding Heard Island.

VK3AH, Ken McLachlan, writing in the May issue of Amateur Radio, an Australian journal, emphasizes that the entire venture is still only tentative until the financial picture becomes clearer. The initial groundwork was laid by a group calling itself the "VK6 DX Chasers Club," and the work has been going on for quite some time.

It would seem that those who have delayed contributing to either or both of the Foundations because DXpeditions have not been made to needed places might want to consider some support at this time.

PITTSBURGH PA DXers formed their own club at the end of March, and membership has grown from an initial fourteen to over forty. They have their own repeater (144.77/144.37) and they'll be moving it to a new site at 1300 feet to provide coverage into parts of Ohio and West Virginia. Secretary is Wayne Albert, KB3KV, 1508 Ligonier St, Latrobe PA 15650.

THAT ARTICLE ON NAVASSA mentioned last week appeared in the May 3 issue of Time Magazine, and it had a nice up-front (page 7) slot in the Magazine. Written in TIMESE by W2IJB, the two-page story was marred only by a couple of unfortunate quotes from expedition participants. Read for yourself and put yourself in the shoes of a non-ham.



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PRESS RELEASE

Editors: Please reproduce the following in its entirety to eliminate confusion. Thanks.

HEARD ISLAND - HALF WAY!

Manahawkin, New Jersey, April 27, 1982

Dr. Dan Handelsman, N2DT, of the International DX Foundation, announced at the DX Forum in Dayton on April 24, 1982, that a three-month amateur radio expedition to Heard Island would be launched January through March 1982 if the world DX community wants to hear Heard.

This effort is being organized by VK6XI and N2DT with the sponsorship of the Wireless Institute of Australia, the Northern California DX Foundation and the International DX Foundation. WIA will supply four complete stations and \$7,000. NCDXF will donate \$5,000, and the IDXF will donate at least \$10,000 for a total of \$22,000 out of estimated expenses of \$30,000.

The expedition will be primarily a mountaineering effort with the crew consisting of 6 mountaineers who will bear most of the expense of the trip and 2 amateurs--one from Australia and one from the U.S.A. This should cover the demand for Heard because the mountaineers need six weeks to scale the over 3,000 meter high ice covered volcano on the island, and as there is little diversion on this desolate island, there will be nothing for the two amateurs to do for 42 days but talk to the world. There will be no list operations and selective calling will be avoided if possible. Amplifiers and beam antennas will assure control of the pile-ups. The operators will be chosen by the sponsors for their operating skill, technical (repair) ability and physical stamina. All bands 160 through 10 meters will be covered. SSB and CW will receive equal time and the General and Novice segments will be worked.

The IDXF is putting up the largest amount of cash for this effort and invites the other DX associations of the world to make their contributions or pledges directly to the WIA. The IDXF is an on-going membership organization with over 1,000 active members and sponsors many expeditions such as the 1982 Navassa effort (33,500 QSO's) and the 1981 Descheo operation (43,000 QSO's) as well as training and equipment donations to third world nations such as 3X, 4S7, 8Q7, CR9, EL, J7, etc. Thus, the IDXF is not soliciting donations for Heard but rather is asking the DX community to show its support by responding to a membership drive. Suggested donations are \$25 for a one year sustaining membership or \$500 for a life membership, but any amount will help. Donations are deductible for U.S. income tax purposes even if you do not itemize deductions. Mail your donation to the:

International DX Foundation
Box 117
Manahawkin, New Jersey 08050

Please include call, name, address. If more information is needed, send S.A.S.E. to above address.

If the response from the DX community is affirmative, the IDXF will close the remaining gap. If not, the IDXF funds will be used to carry on other ongoing plans.

The IDXF was established with a large donation by KP2A in 1978 to promote international goodwill and understanding. KP2A, John Ackley, President of Transidyne General Corporation in Ann Arbor, Michigan (a public stock company), is founder and President of IDXF. N2CW, Gary Medford, ATT, is Treasurer and Vice President. KB2XS, Rudy Lehnert, President of NASSAU DEL, Inc., is Vice President Operations.

W0DX (VP2VI), Bob Dennison, formerly President of the American Radio Relay League, is Vice President, DX Committee. N200, Bob Schenck, New Jersey Bell, is Vice President, Public Relations. Stu Green, WA2MOE, Attorney, American Home Products Corporation, is the IDXF's General Counsel. The Board of Directors is KP2A plus W2EE, Mort Rogoff, President, Navigation Sciences, Inc., and WB2IEI, Rick VanVecten, President of TDA, Inc.

Dr. Dan Handelsman, M.D., is Heard Island project manager on behalf of IDXF. The IDXF will provide a QSL manager and print the expected 40,000+ QSL's.

See TIME magazine for May 3, 1982, Page 7, "American Scene, In the Caribbean: Hams and Goats," by Ed Magnuson, W2IJB, Senior Writer, TIME and IDXF member for the story of the 1982 Navassa operation.

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THIS ISSUE mailed Wed, May 5.

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

A22GM 28800 13C 2	FRØGGL 14027 05E 25	UA2FBR 14028 02E 27	ZD9BV 28613 18C 2
A71AA 14213 14C 1	FR7BP 14033 13C 1	UF6FCZ 21013 11E 26	ZK1CG 14213 11C 2
A71AA 14213 12C 2	FR7ZN 14213 12C 2	UG6AG 14028 02E 27	3B8CF 14025 03C 29
CEØZAD 21342 02W 1	HD8GI 21343 01C 27	UH8HBI 14025 20E 25	3X3JA 3790 04C 3
NØZO/	HKØFBF 21343 00C 27	VK6ZX/	4S7MX 14202 12C 2
DU2 14025 12C 1	HS5AID 14225 16C 1	LH 14205 13C 1	4U1UN 14212 12E 28
KA3V/	JWØP 14212 02C 2	VK9NS 14020 12C 2	5T5ZR 7016 07C 2
EA9 21027 19E 30	AH2L 7006 11E 26	VQ9JB 21310 19E 30	5Z4CS 21028 15E 25
FKØAF 14020 05E 25	KHØAC 14225 11E 30	V2AN 28630 17E 29	8Q7BN 14202 11C 2
FK8DP 14015 12E 30	KX6OR 14213 12E 1	K5BDX/	9V1BV 7005 10C 30
FMØGA 7002 04W 30	S79WHW 21343 00C 27	ZB2 21343 00C 27	

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MAY QST contains the complete text of FCC proposal 82-83, concerning 'phone band expansion for U.S. amateurs (page 51) and a League editorial on page 9.

League members wishing to express their opinions on the matter should write to the Plans and Programs Committee, c/o ARRL Headquarters.

Two points in the editorial bear repeating...the "foreign phone bands" have outlived their usefulness because split frequency work on phone is (unfortunately) no longer widespread. The League feels (and TDXB agrees) that it is time for this "private preserve" for non-U.S. stations to be scaled down.

The second critical point is that in most countries phone and CW band segments are merely "gentlemen's agreements," and the possibility always exists that some overseas amateurs, seeing their private phone band invaded by U.S. stations, might simply move their SSB operating down below 14.100 MHz.

We do not need another phone vs CW brouhaha!

FCC's "Plain Language Rules" proposal was scuttled by an outpouring of letters from hams. We think the League's proposal makes much more sense than Docket 82-83 and should be supported.

THIS WEEK marks five months that our ham friends in Poland have been off the air. We miss them. Now Argentina has silenced their radio amateurs, and on the Falklands even SWL receivers were confiscated. In China, it has taken twenty years to get a ham station on again, and everyone is saying "go slow." Everytime the Russians take over a country, good-bye radio. Why do you suppose S. Yemen is not allowing amateur radio? And what about Angola, Ethiopia, Viet Nam, Campuchea, etc?

Amateur Radio is a weathervane...there are plenty of USSR stations on, and Cubans, too.

It is scary that Argentina's military rulers acted so swiftly to put LUs off the air.

Somebody should tell them that hams never, never talk about anything meaningful on the air. And hamming keeps us off the streets, too!

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| 5N8OZ

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CALENDAR

BURMA	DF8MP/XZ until May 15; Issue 139	Cent. Kiribati	T31 by SMØAGD July, I 139
Pacific	ZK, F08, 3D2 by K8VIR, May/Jun	Am Phoenix	KH1 by SMØAGD, July, I 139
N Cooks	ZK1 by SMØAGD, May, I 139	Convention	YLISB, Milwaukee, Jul 8-11, KB9OC for details
Mellish	VK9ZR until May 12; I 131, 139	E Carolines	KC6 by AD1S Aug 4-8
Sable	VE1AWS/a starts May 11; I 138		
RUMOR	Peter/Paul Rocks PYØRA May 14-21 (LIDXB)	W Carolines	(Belau) by AD1S Aug 8-11
Leichten	DA1WA/HBØ May 21-30; I 132	Marianas	KHØ by AD1S Aug 11-14
Contest	CQ WPX CW May 29/30	Marshalls	KX6 by AD1S Aug 14-16
Willis	VK9ZR May 15-20; I 140	Contest	All Asia CW Aug 28/29
		Heard IS!	Jan/Feb 1983; I 139, 140
Tokelau	ZM by SMØAGD, June, I 139		
Contest	All Asia Phone Jun 19/20		

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