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PROPAGATION: May 31, Low Normal; Jun 1, Low Normal; Jun 2-4, High Normal; Jun 5, High/Low Normal; Jun 6-9, High Normal; Jun 10, High/Low Normal; Jun 11-13, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

## BY1PK

Kan Mizoguchi, JA1BK, a well-known DXer and former JARL director, visited China and BY1PK on May 11. He filed the following report, which will appear in greater detail in the May issue of the Japan DX Radio Club magazine. This viewpoint provides an interesting contrast to the ARRL/IARU report published in *TDXB* last week.

The BY1PK station ceased operation on April 18, after twenty days and some eighty hours of operation. Station Manager Tong, along with two other operators (one man and one woman) made 256 contacts, all CW, including 130 Japanese stations, thirty countries (real countries, not DXCC countries) and they worked all continents except Africa.

At this time, operators from a number of cities, including Chungking, Nanking, Shanghai, and Kwangchow, are being trained in Beijing by Tong. This training will take some time, after which the new amateurs will return to their home cities to begin operating, presumably using club stations already initiated by Tom Wong, VE7BC.

There will be no operation on SSB until early 1983, primarily because none of the first operators have much command of English, the language common among hams. The Chinese government has authorized operation on all amateur bands 3.5-28 MHz, including the new "WARC" bands at 10, 18, and 24 MHz.

JA1BK says he spent time explaining DXCC and other competitive activities to Tong and others at BY1PK, as well as letting them know about the tremendous demand around the world for contacts with China. Kan reports (contrary to the

IARU view last week) that the Chinese seem quite interested in such activities as contesting.

The equipment at BY1PK includes a Kenwood R-1000 receiver, a Yaesu FT107, a Chinese receiver "No. 7," a U.S.-made linear amplifier, and a Hy-Gain TH6DXX. As only straight keys have been available to the BY1PK operators, Kan left them a Japanese squeeze keyer and paddle by JA2JSF for them to use.

It is suggested that QSL cards go to Box 6106, Beijing, PR China. IRCs are good there. The operators there are aware that their callsign has been bootlegged, and they have been getting QSLs for some of those contacts. As a good will gesture, they are sending a picture postcard in reply, so that those disappointed at having worked pirates will at least get something from China.

While China is off the air for the time being, this was planned all along. The first twenty days of operation were to acclimate Tong and others at BY1PK so they would be prepared to train other prospective amateurs. Although no time frame for reappearance of BY stations has been announced, indications are that sometime after Tong's visit to the Yugoslav Foxhunt in July is likely.

## ALBANIA

It is no coincidence that renewed amateur radio operations from Albania are being rumored just as China is coming back on after a very long absence, Albania being China's closest ally. Reports from a num-

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ber of sources hint at upcoming ZA operations, possibly as early as late summer or early fall. This would put Albania back on the air about the same time that China makes its big splash. Already, contacts have been made in Tirana by EA2AJH, and several well-known European DXers are trying to push the door open a little more. One of them is EA8AK, fresh from the recent VK9ZR operations, and Fernando speculates that initial ZA operations would be highly restricted, possibly to just the exchange of callsigns and signal reports.

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FINAL STATISTICS from Mellish and Willis: VK9ZR Mellish (by VK2BJL, DJ9ZB, and EA8AK) made 16,824 contacts, 60 percent SSB and 40 percent CW. Fully half of all contacts were with the United States, one quarter each with Japan and Europe, and five percent the rest of the world.

VK9ZR/Willis was a slightly different story, there already being some activity from Willis on HF SSB...80 percent of the VK9ZR /Willis two-ways were on CW, with emphasis on the low bands. Bravo!

REPORT ON DON RIEBHOF, K7ZZ, in a recent issue was about 90% correct. Don leaves the States for Iraq almost immediately, but he did not do any language preparation (this time). It seems that Don, ever the diplomat, was never able to bust loose even a visitor's operating permit during the couple of years he spent in Czechoslovakia, and he probably did no operating even from club stations. His OK8 license was in the works when the U.S.S.R. invaded Afghanistan, at which time the Russians put out the word to their satellites to make things difficult for visiting Americans. Perhaps Don's luck will be better in Iraq. But...

WITH THE IRAQ/IRAN WAR now almost a year old, any YI radio seems less than likely. From Iran, however, Toshi, EP2TY, has been appearing more frequently once again. He shows up often on the Russian DX Net, which meets at 21250, 1400Z, Wednesdays and Fridays. The net also does 20 Meters, 14250/1600Z, same days.

On May 21, the Russian DX Net was wiped out by the Woodpecker.

K9AJ ASIA OPERATION IN PROGRESS; we got notice of this too late for last week's issue. Mike McGirr (a medical doctor) has been active as 4S7AJG and he'll be operating from Nepal as 9N1MM until about June 2. After that, Mike will activate a 8Q7 call from Maldives June 4-8.

Mike saw our note a couple of months ago about 4S7WP wanting a vertical for low band operation, and he took a Hustler vertical to leave there. Mike used the Hustler and an IC-730 while there. Sri Lanka pickings will be slimmer after Aug, as that's when 4S7MX is due to leave.

Catch K9AJ's operations on CW ONLY... from all three spots, and QSL like this:

9N1MM to N7EB

4S7AJG and 8Q7 \_\_\_\_\_ to K9AJ home adr.

Here's what the *TDXB* POLISH DESK had to say about Martial Law as it relates to SP amateur radio: licenses were indefinitely suspended and equipment was indeed confiscated and put in "obligatory Customs deposit" (i.e., stored in military warehouses) with no assurance that the rightful owners would ever see their gear again. Those with commercial rigs probably spent months' pay on them. The only thing left for Polish hams to do now is catch up on their QSLing.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN ARRL and FCC yet about the proposed 20-Meter U.S. Phone band expansion? Just a reminder that ARRL's idea was: 14.150-.175, Extra; .175-.225, Extra and Advanced; .225-.350, Extra, Advanced, and General. Here's what the editor of a European publication had to say on the subject:

*"Many people have their objections against this proposal; for instance, congestion of the 14.150-14.200 segment, which is in use for DX by the rest of the world. The Americans expect to overrun us with their number of stations and the kilowatts."*

\*\*\* EX5 callsigns by Ukrainians this month are in honor of the 500th anniversary of the city of Kiev.

\*\*\*4D9RG (DU9RG) and other 4D calls are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association.



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

A35PZ 14260 07E 20	DA1WA/	UJ8AG 14015 02E 16	4K1D 3514 02E 16
A92CE 21020 03C 24	HBØ 3502 02E 22	UM8IE 14007 01E 16	4S7WP 14028 10E 21
BV2B 14229 11E 19	DA1WA/	VK9ND 14332 11E 18	4S7MX 14029 11E 21
BV2B 14233 13C 19	HBØ 7000 02E 22	VK9ZH 14332 11E 18	4S7AJG 14023 11E 23
BV2B 14225 11E 26	HL9FR 14209 14E 19	VK9ZH 14220 07E 19	4S7AJG 21022 17E 23
W3WYP/	HL9FR 14215 14E 23	VK9ZH 14220 07E 20	4U1UN 21285 18E 22
DU2 14227 14E 21	HZ1AB 28015 15E 23	VQ9CW 14013 12C 19	5H3DM 21292 19C 19
4D9RG 14214 13E 21	JA2VUL/	VQ9XX 7004 01E 22	5N9GM 21308 21C 21
4D9RG 14206 15E 23	JD1 14023 11E 21	VS6HH 14202 12E 24	5T5RR 28505 16E 23
EP2TY 21294 23E 20	JD1BAX 14037 06W 22	VU2AX 14019 12C 19	5Z4CS 21033 21E 18
EP2TY 21250 14E 21	JD1BAX 14023 14E 22	YB5AES 14013 11E 21	5Z4BW 21301 20C 21
FB8WG 14011 12C 15	AH2L 14028 11E 20	YB5AEG 14023 14E 22	5Z4CZ 21297 20C 21
FB8WG 14202 12C 16	KC4AAA 14030 06E 18	YBØPG 14211 12E 25	5Z4CM 28550 14E 22
FB8WG 14204 12E 20	KC4USV 14290 07E 20	ZD9BV 28592 18C 19	6W8DY 14220 07E 20
FB8WG 14175 12E 22	KX6RA 14310 03C 20	ZD9YL 28591 18E 20	7Q7LW 21292 19C 19
FB8WG 14224 13E 22	KHØAC 14203 12C 19	ZD9YL 28590 17E 23	7Q7LW 28510 17E 20
FB8WG 21254 12E 23	OD5FB 14213 02E 19	ZF2BN 14006 00E 19	7X4BL 28608 19E 23
FB8WG 14022 13E 23	OY1KH 14025 09E 21	ZK1AF 21024 04E 23	9J2NO 28022 11E 22
FB8XV 21040 00C 22	TF3YH 21022 14E 22	ZK2VU 3505 06E 18	9J2NO 28013 12E 23
FC9VN 14022 05E 21	TN8AJ 28532 18E 20	ZK2VU 7005 06E 18	9U5WR 14032 21E 15
FKØAF 14015 12C 21	TU2IJ 28532 11E 22	ZK2VU 14025 09E 21	9V1TL 14030 11C 18
FM7DX 28542 15E 23	T32AF 14028 06E 18	ZL4PO/C 21021 01E 18	9V1UD 14015 14W 22
FO8IR 28014 00E 18	UA1PAM 14008 02E 22	3B8FG 14024 03C 18	
FO8GM 14015 03E 21	UH8DC 21026 17E 15	3B8CD 14026 03E 19	
FRØGGL 21028 14E 15	UI8ACP 14014 02E 22	3B8FG 14022 13C 21	

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VR6TC/W6IL Tuesdays, 21350/2300Z

VR6TC/DL8FL Sundays, 14140/0630Z

VR6TC/ZL net Mondays, 14180/0630Z

S21GM BANGLADESH QSLs have now been answered by IDXF. GM3OLK signed that call 24 Oct to 22 Nov, 1981, David using a transceiver and dipole on 15 and 20 CW only for 754 contacts. His past operations have included YA1OLK, 8Q7OLK, and others.

IDXF says KP2A/KP1 Navassa QSLs will begin going into the mails the first of June...33,552 contacts means a lot of log wading-through. IDXF also is supplying an antenna rotor for Alain, 5R8AL, who will be back in the Malagasy Rep. the middle of June.

DF8MP expected back in Burma sometime in June, supposedly with better equipment/antenna. He will be working 20 Meters SSB, no mention of CW. ARRL has NOT received any documentation yet to verify the legitimacy of the operation. QSL manager will be DL2KAO (according to W1AW).

Ian Tervet, EL2CA, has an interesting past: he has been K6MHQ, SVØAJ, TU4CA, and has also operated from KC6AR, XV5AC, XV5DA, XU1AA, and XU1DX. He works for the Voice of America in Monrovia.

JUNE ISSUE OF CQ Magazine has another of their exclusive interviews, this time with FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief (since 9/81) Jim McKinney. McKinney is not a radio amateur. McKinney feels that "At VHF and above, Morse code is certainly not required, and we need a license which recognizes that," and also "You don't have to know Morse code to some very useful things in amateur radio."



CALENDAR

Pacific ZK, FO8, 3D2 by K8VIR NOW  
 N. Cooks ZK1AF by SMØAGD NOW, I 139  
 S Cooks ZK1XG by DL1VU now to Jun 3  
 Sable VE1AWS/1 NOW, CW only, I 138  
 B.V.I. VP2VII, VIJ, VIK NOW to Jun 4

Nepal 9N1MM by K9AJ CW only Now to Jun 2  
 Turks VP5JEX by W4DR, N4CFL, Jun 2-9  
 Bahamas N5RM/C6A NOW to Jun 3  
 Tokelau ZM7 by SMØAGD, Jun, I 139

Maldives 8Q7 by K9AJ Jun 4-8  
 St Pierre FPØGZZ by K1TOL Jun 9-15  
 E Kiribati T32 by WBØBNR Jun 15-25; I 142  
 Contest All Asia Phone Jun 19/20  
 C Kiribati T31 by SMØAGD, July, I 139

Am Phoenix KH1 by SMØAGD, July, I 139  
 Convention YLISSB, Milwaukee, Jul 8-11;  
 KB9OC for details  
 St Paul Planning for July, I 142  
 Saipan N5RM/NHØ Jul 10/11

Contest IARU Radiosport Jul 10/11  
 Convention NW DX, Vancouver, Jul 31-Aug 1;  
 VE7WJ or VE7AZG for details  
 Convention ARRL National, Cedar Rapids,  
 Jul 23-25

E Carolines KC6 by AD1S, Aug 4-8  
 W Carolines (Belau) by AD1S Aug 8-11  
 Marianas KHØ by AD1S Aug 11-14  
 Marshalls KX6 by AD1S Aug 14-16  
 DEADLINE Aug 15: FCC Docket 82-83 (phone  
 band expansion) comments

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