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PROPAGATION: Jul 19, High Normal; Jul 20, Low/Below Normal; Jul 21, 22, Low Normal; Jul 23, High Normal; Jul 24, Low Normal; Jul 25, Below Normal; Jul 26, 28, 29, Low Normal; Jul 27, Below/Disturbed.

## TOP TEN NEWS

Several Australians have reported working BY1PK between 0600 and 0800 on 15 and 20 CW. The station does appear to be active again (by the three original, primary operators) but we've had no North American reports on them.

"VU7MA" was worked by a number of stations on July 4, the operator claiming to be a Japanese named Jab and saying QSL via JH3QFY. It is speculated that he was aboard a ship in the general area of the Laccadives. If so, he was probably fending off pirates.

A recent Indian visitor to Atlanta said he and his wife (also a ham) had applied for an Andaman Islands permit about a year ago, and they are hopeful of eventually operating from there.

Two different groups are still making overtures toward Albania and (still) talking about early Fall. That would be the tenth anniversary of the last operation (ZA2RPS) from Albania.

Last year we mentioned that the Columbian amateurs were hopeful of running an expedition to Malpelo in honor of a regional IARU meeting to be held there early next year. They are now looking at the latter half of 1983 which would also coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of their national organization, LCRA. This operation would be limited to LCRA members because the Columbian Navy (which provides transportation) requires insurance, and the LCRA can insure its own members only.

September is the most likely month for the operation, and proposed operators are already promising to pay special

attention to working W6/W7, many of whom missed out last time (in 1977) because "the rock" was between them and HKØTU.

Incidentally, when the LCRA held its annual general meeting last month, they registered their opposition to deletion of Bajo Nuevo and Serrana Bank from the DXCC list. They have expressed these sentiments to ARRL but it is clear that the two spots no longer meet the Countries Criteria and an exception would have to be made to keep them from being deleted.

Heard Island plans for Jan/March 1983 continue, spearheaded by the "VK6 DX Chasers Club" and the two major U.S. DX Foundations. We will carry a full report next issue; for now, your contributions to either IDXF or NCDXF will help to make Heard a reality next year.

## OTHER NEWS

Market Reef OJØMA is on tap Aug 2-12, with George Wagner, K5KG, and Finns OHØNA, OHØNC, and OHØRJ. They will work the WAE CW Contest Aug 7 and 8. and concentrate on SSB the rest of the time. QSL OHØNA.

Karl Renz, K4YT, finally got squared away and left for his assignment in Africa Jul 1, first appearing from TYA11 two weeks ago. TYA11's antennas came down July 15 and Bull leaves for the States on the 22nd. K4YT's next stops (depending on workload) are Nigeria, Camerouns TJ and CAR TL.

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HS1WR, Brig. Gen. Kamchai Chotikul, who died Jun 15, was a leading force in keeping amateur radio alive in Thailand. He will be long remembered for his efforts, which resulted in HS calls being on the bands when none of the countries around Thailand were having anything to do with amateur radio. Kam took over the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand in 1970, when of its twenty members only two were Thai citizens. He built the Society to where there are now two hundred members and 95% are Thai.

We had mentioned that VK9JW Mellish Reef cards from the 1972 operation had come from VK3JW, which was true, but, sorry to say, VK3JW died in 1976. It is not known if anyone is handling the QSLs these days.

ZC4BI is G3KGB and he will be active two years, with plans to have Low Band antennas up before fall. 9J2WS will move to Sierra Leone and 9L1WS in October, with 160-10 Meter activity planned.

9M8PW has a schedule with his QSL manager, G4DXC, Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri, 14266 at 0830Z. FR0FLO is rumored planning an FH8 Mayotte operation in September.

Anyone having information on KZ5TL (William Burgess 1976) or KZ5NN (Dean Bogness, 1979) please forward to TDXB. N7RO's DX QSL Service costs one dollar per dozen cards. More info from 2935 Plymouth Drive, Bellingham WA 98225.

If you worked three F08 stations between Jul 15 and 21, you qualify for a certificate in honor of their "The Fete" holiday, which coincides with France's Bastille Day. Send log info to F08HL, B.P. 5006, Pirae, Island of Tahiti, French Polynesia, South Pacific Ocean. Fee is twelve IRCs.

A35MW (DJ1WM) and A35WH (DJ9KH) are active until Jul 26, then they plan operations from ZK2, ZK1, ZM7, and FW0. QSL to each operator's home call.

Faroe Islands Jul 22-Aug 2 includes Swiss HB9CJX, HB9CGC, HB9BPU, and HB9AQW, all /OY. CW 25 KHz up and SSB at the usual spots. HB9AQW, incidentally, reports he got a QSL from the Aug '81 VU7AN operation, which does not count for DXCC.

K5YY's operations from J8 and J6 netted seven thousand contacts, with concentration on CW and working DX. His total for nine DXpeditions since 1970 is now 73,000. San spoke to radio clubs on both St Lucia and St Vincent, with about fifteen locals showing for each meeting.

Get ready for the Pacific Operations coming next month by George Adkins, AD1S, and his wife Vicki, N5DLM. Check Calendar for pertinent dates. They have requested permission to operate 10 MHz CW from E. Carolines (KC6WS) and from the Marshalls (KX6OS). Since these are now independent republics and not bound by the U.S. Senate's failure to ratify the 1979 WARC treaty they may have a chance.

News of the resignation of W8IMZ as CQ WPX Contest Manager was untrue, as the Contest Calendar editorial in the next issue of CQ will show. Bernie is joined now by N8BJQ in handling the two weekends of the WPX, a contest which has grown considerably the past few years.

One recent RUMOR which didn't produce anything was that a group of Vietnamese would activate a 3W8 callsign this month (where do they dream these things up?). Another story has Dale Hoppe, K6UA, bound for Bangladesh and trying for an S2 CW ticket. One story which is true is that the contest station of W7KW (including a 3.5 MHz rotary) is coming down and will be transported to a certain location in the Houston area.

N5FG is working on a listing of "last legitimate operations" from the most-needed DXCC spots, and we are trying to help out. We'll have complete rundown on the project next issue.

Speaking of projects, the Great K1TN 2-Meter incursion has now resulted in 20 states, after a recent E Skip opening during which we got Minn, Wis, and Iowa. We have sampled three modes of propagation (E, tropo, Aurora) and are hoping to try the meteor shower early next month before giving up the borrowed gear. We did not hear VE1SPI on 2, but a bunch of the locals did work St Paul on 6 Meters.

Now look at the bottom of the next page for the Really Bad News...



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

A35WM 14201 09C 1	FK8CP 14264 08E 10	UM8PAC 21022 12E 5	5Z4CX 14021 03E 3
A35WM 14234 10C 3	FO8GM 21030 02E 5	VK9NS 14332 10C 6	5Z4CX 21308 21C 5
A35WH 7003 10C 4	FO8DP 14205 06C 12	VK9ZA 14222 14E 4	DK2GZ/
A35WH 14226 08C 8	FR7AE 14219 11C 7	VK9ZA 14214 12E 9	5Z4 21025 22E 5
A35WH 14231 07E 10	HC8GI 21346 00C 1	VK9ZA 14208 10W 9	5Z4CX 14203 19E 8
A4XJO 21025 20E 3	HK0BKX 14018 12E 9	VK9ZA 14206 12E 10	6W8HL 21310 12C 4
A4XIU 21260 13E 4	HK0BKX 7006 11E 13	VK0AN 7067 10E 9	6W8AR 14208 07E 11
A4XIJ 21315 21C 4	HL9AZ 21290 01C 5	VQ9XX 14025 15E 6	7P8CG 21010 15E 3
A4XGY 21314 18E 4	HL9AZ 21290 03E 5	VQ9CI 14208 11C 6	7X4BL 21342 22E 4
A4XJO 14002 03E 10	H44SH 14220 12C 4	XZ9A 14225 14W 6	7X2LS 14216 02E 7
BV2B 14228 14W 9	H44SH 14262 06E 10	YB3DC 14211 12C 4	7X4BL 21296 23C 8
BY1PK 14047 16E 5	H44ES 14006 08E 10	YC0VM 21018 15E 4	8Q7AZ 14211 11C 6
CE0AE 28560 22E 4	JY1BM 14043 15W 4	YB8AEG 14207 12C 9	9H1EL 21312 23C 5
CN8BK 14040 22E 5	JW7FD 14205 12C 4	YI1BGD 14236 04C 5	9G1RP 21259 13E 5
CN2AQ 7003 02E 7	JW5OD 14036 03E 4	YJ8RG 7188 09C 6	9J2NO 21026 22E 6
CR9T 14027 11E 8	JW6MY 14028 07W 5	YJ8JH 14208 07E 11	9M2BH 14031 15W 4
C21BS 14256 11C 5	JW7FD 21305 15C 5	ZC4BI 21020 20E 3	9M2TS 21025 02E 4
C21AM 14220 11C 7	AH2G 14027 12E 4	ZD9BV 21297 18C 3	9M8PW 14332 10C 1
C31TI 14015 10E 8	AH2G 14029 11E 9	ZD9YL 14230 11C 4	9Q5VT 21263 20C 5
C31JX 14222 23E 8	AH2AP 14215 10E 10	ZK2BB 21026 07W 5	9V1TL 21024 16E 3
C31HD 14005 01E 9	AH3AC 14206 07E 10	ZL3PA/C 14220 06E 10	9V1UD 14236 14C 4
C53CC 21279 18E 5	WD8QGQ/	ZS3TL 21015 18E 3	9V1TL 14030 11C 6
N0Z0/	KH7 14332 07E 10	3B8CF 7008 02E 2	9X5SL 21353 19C 5
DU2 14012 14C 5	KH0AC 14218 10C 1	3B8FG 14018 11E 3	9X5WP 14333 05E 6
D44BC 14209 05C 5	KH0AC 14202 11C 3	3B8FS 14199 11E 10	9X5PP 21292 19C 6
D44BC 21282 14C 5	M1C 21028 21E 3	3D6BS 14221 14C 4	9X5WP 14294 19E 8
EA8AHB 21296 22E 9	OD5BP 21283 19C 5	3D2DX 14027 06C 12	
EA9KS 21316 19C 3	P29MM 14216 13E 9	3X1Z 21288 18E 3	Mail reports to
EL2DM 21312 13E 3	S79WHW 21352 18W 3	4S7EA 14214 12C 1	reach Vernon by
EL2P 21027 15E 4	S79MC 21264 18E 5	4S7AE 14210 11C 7	Tuesday. Phone
EL2AU 21331 21C 4	TA2KS 14235 03C 6	4U1UN 14027 15E 3	reports by Wed
EL2AV 21291 15C 5	TA2KS 14245 02E 8	5B4AY 21030 22W 2	morning.
EP2TY 21291 17W 5	TL8DC 21353 19C 5	5B4LY 21037 21E 4	
EP2TY 21292 19C 5	TR80IT 21276 21C 5	5B4JE 21299 21C 4	Best contributor
EP2TY 21291 18W 8	TR8FSC 21307 00E 11	5B4LY 14025 03E 8	of information
EP2TY 14243 02E 9	T30AT 7005 05W 3	5H3DM 21292 19C 5	each month wins a
FC9UC 10105 06E 10	UA2FCD 21017 13E 4	5H3BH 21292 19E 6	<u>free subscription.</u>
FK0AF 14030 14W 6	UI80AA 21029 12E 5	5N9GM 21296 21C 4	
FK8DJ 14315 10C 7	UI80AA 21034 01E 6	5W1DQ 21346 00C 1	
FK0AF 14029 12E 9	UM8MBA 21024 17E 3	5W1DQ 14211 07E 10	

From ARRL Director's Letter, 7/9:

"FCC TO PROPOSE CODELESS AMATEUR LICENSE."

"As reported via WIAW, on July 1 the FCC instructed its staff to draft a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking dealing with a codeless Amateur Radio license. The NPRM, which is not expected to be released until the fall, will propose to remove the code requirement from the present Technician Class license for operation above 50 MHz. The present Technician

Class license, requiring code and permitting access to the Novice bands, would also remain. The NPRM will also explore the possibility of a codeless digital license similar to that already offered in Canada... The ARRL Board is, of course, on record as opposing the issuance by FCC of any amateur license with no requirement for a knowledge of the Morse code."

Editor's note: don't make comments to FCC or ARRL until the actual NPRM is released. Both CQ and 73 Magazines have already come out in favor of a codeless license.



# CALENDAR

Macao CR9AK by VS6CT until Jul 24  
 Faroes HB9 group until Aug 2; Issue 150  
 K4YT In Africa now at TJ, TL, 5N  
 Kenya 5Z4CZ by W4MGN Jul 20/21  
 Leichtenst. By DF4GV and DJ8BD until Jul 25

Comoros D68AM by W4MGN Jul 22-26  
 SMØAGD Trying for A35/FW8; KH1 cancelled  
 Convention ARRL Nat'l Cedar Rapids Jul 23-25  
 E Carolines KC6SX by JA8OW Aug 1-7  
 Mayotte FH8CL by W4MGN Jul 27-30

Reunion FRØ by W4MGN Jul 31-Aug 2  
 Mauritius W4MGN/3B8 Aug 3-7  
 Market Reef OJØMA Aug 2-12; Issue 150  
 E Carolines KC6 by AD1S, N5DLM, Aug 4-8; I 150  
 Seychelles S79ARB by W4MGN Aug 8-11

Contest WAE CW Aug 7/8  
 W Carolines (Belau) by AD1S, N5DLM, Aug 8-11  
 Kenya 5Z4CZ by W4MGN Aug 12-14  
 Marianas KHØ by AD1S, N5DLM, Aug 11-14  
 Marshalls KX6OS by AD1S, N5DLM, Aug 14-16

E Malaysia 9M8 by VK9NL/NS, Aug 15-Sep 6  
 Deadline Aug 15 for comments to FCC on  
 Docket 82-83 (phone band expansion)  
 E Guinea RUMORED Aug 20-27  
 Contest All Asia CW Aug 28/29

PLEASE NOTE: The one-man TDXB  
 has not taken a vacation (or  
 missed an issue) for 150 weeks.  
 We are going to take a week off  
 in the near future, and it will  
 not be announced in advance.  
 You will know when an issue does  
 not show up.

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