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PROPAGATION: Aug 16, Low Normal; Aug 17, High/Above Normal; Aug 18, High Normal; Aug 19, Low Normal; Aug 20, Below Normal; Aug 21, Disturbed; Aug 22, Below Normal; Aug 23, Low Normal; Aug 24, Below normal; Aug 25, Low/Below Normal; Aug 26, Below Normal; Aug 27, Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

### TOP TEN NEWS

Rumors of an Albanian operation the first week of August brought out bootleggers ZA1AA, ZA2V, and probably more. EA8AK, who is working to promote an operation by a Spanish group, says that the work continues but they have no idea when things might open up. Frank Turek, DL7FT, has also been trying for a license for sometime, along with an Austrian friend, but they have hit a dead end, also. Mattti Laine, OH2BH, is expecting two visitors from Tirana to be "trained" in Finland in late October, possibly to get their feet wet during the CQ WW Phone Contest. The success of this last endeavor would, of course, be contingent on the Albanians not deciding to remain in Finland!

Doug Blakeselee, N1RM, has been listening to BY1PK, Peking (Beijing) the past few months from posts in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Tokyo. Using a homemade 20 Meter receiver and dipole Doug has observed BY1PK calling "CQ" for as much as an hour with no replies. He says that stations get through by making a standard 2X2 call, and those who tailend or sign less than full callsigns are apparently ignored for "bad manners." N1RM did state that often BY1PK was the loudest signal he was hearing from his various Far East listening spots, and that the style of operating and code proficiency vary widely according to who is operating. Doug's final observation was that one Coast of the U.S. demonstrated much more skill in their operating than the other Coast; we shall

leave that to your imagination!

A well-known Californian and successful expeditioner is talking about Laccadives Is in November, but has made nothing public as yet. This same person had received verbal permission for a San Felix operation some time ago and is still interested, but the October 1981 KF10 situation may have scuttled that for the time being.

The 1983 Heard Island operation's big problem is shaping up to be m-o-n-e-y (ref Issue 151). While departure is still five months away, it is assumed that funds will have to be salted away well in advance of January for the rest of the plans to fall into place. Obviously, the expedition will have a radio operator of some kind, but it is up to us to see that the operator is 1) a licensed ham, 2) a competent, interested operator, and 3) well-equipped.

Finally, over the years perhaps no one person has put as many of the Top Ten DXCC countries on the air as Gus Browning, W4BPD. Someone wrote recently asking just where Gus was these days (a year ago he was advertising preparations for a worldwide boat trip). Gus made it to the Bahamas last November and was met by an expedition group there for the CQ WW CW Contest. Gus said it was a shake-down cruise before he set sail for parts unknown, but that's the last anybody's heard.

Dr. Vince Thompson, K5VT, is said to be in Burma now doing more medical training. He undoubtedly will operate if written permission is obtainable but probably not.

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A71AD 21292 18E 6	FO8BI 14025 07E 11	VS5HG 14206 13E 4	KA3BUJ/
CEØZAD 14220 02E 5	FRØHIF 14212 11E 1	V3TV 21345 00E 2	8R1 7002 09E 4
C21NI 14210 13E 4	FR7BP 14024 13E 4	YBØER 7006 13W 3	9J2BO 14024 13E 2
C53EK 21276 21E 5	FRØFLO 14210 13E 5	YB2BLI 14215 13E 4	9J2JN 14228 06E 8
SMØMLL/	FR7BX 14023 13E 5	YB3DC 14206 13E 4	9M6VW 14206 14E 4
C9 21022 18E 8	HL9FR 14030 14W 1	JA1DNG/	9V1TL 21025 17E 5
SMØMLL/	HS1AMM 14161 15W 4	YI 21246 17E 6	9V1TL 14028 11E 10
C9 21010 17E 10	JW5VAA 14019 23E 10	OE1EHB/	9X5KE 21357 19E 5
NØZO/	J6LCV 21345 00E 2	YK 21265 21E 4	9Y5ØLL 21345 00E 2
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EA8YA 14034 00E 3	OHØXX 14012 04E 11	3B8CD 14026 03E 10	nesday. Phone
EA9CE 14045 02E 5	OX9OA 14022 12E 5	3D2ER 14207 06E 1	
EA9IE 14222 02E 5	P29JW 14202 13E 4	4S7EA 14209 12E 1	203-871-7699
EA9IE 14211 04E 8	TU2JD 14209 23E 2	4S7WP 14033 12E 1	
EA9IB 14204 02E 9	T3ØCB 7005 12W 10	4U1UN 21288 21E 6	with reports un-
EL9A 14250 17E 2	T32AB 21290 20E 1	KB5PX/	til Wed. morning.
FC9UC 14204 22E 2	UD6DKW 14037 02E 5	5N4 14025 23E 5	
FK8EJ 14020 06W 3	VK9NS 3502 11E 4	5W1DQ 28597 23E 1	Free one-year sub-
FK8EJ 7006 10E 7	VK9NS 14211 06E 8	5Z4CV 21275 20E 6	to best contri-
			butor each month.

FCC Report No. 2170 PRIVATE RADIO ACTION July 2, 1982

STAFF INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE RULEMAKING ON IMPLE-  
MENTING NO-CODE AMATEUR OPERATOR CLASS

The Commission has instructed its staff to prepare a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking looking towards implementing a no-code Amateur operator class. Two options are to be pursued: eliminating the slow-speed telegraphy test requirement of the existing Technician operator class and creating a new operator class patterned after the Canadian Digital Radio Operator class.

Every Amateur radio operator license issued by the Commission requires the applicant to have some level of proficiency in Morse code. For many amateur radio operators, the Morse code stands as the absolute cornerstone of the service.

International Telecommunication Union Radio Regulations preclude the Commission from dispensing with Amateur radio operator telegraphy requirements for operation below 144 MHz. At the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference, the U.S. position of completely deleting the Amateur radiotelegraphy requirement was soundly defeated, but the Commission was successful in lowering the option frequency from 144 to 30 MHz.

According to the FCC's Private Radio Bureau, there is no justification in the operating requirements to continue the telegraphy barrier above 30 MHz. However, because below 30 MHz telegraphy probably will continue to be a major communication mode for the foreseeable future, the Bureau had recommended that a no-code operator license for general operation below 30 MHz not be considered.

Action by the Commission July 1, 1982. Commissioners Fowler (Chairman), Quello, Washburn, Fogarty, Jones, Dawson, and Rivera.

For additional information contact John Johnston, 202-632-4964 or 632-7197.

## LETTERS

To the editor:

While your article on W9WNV's beef with Sears (Issue 151) was technically balanced, I think you tended to comment on his position. My major problem with the way you handled the item was that you vastly underplayed Don Miller's former fame! W9WNV was/is the greatest DXpeditioner ever, in terms of his consistent and superb operating and in terms of his coming on from place after place, year after year.

Even if he didn't go to some places or didn't have licenses or had problems with Newington, he was the greatest operator ever and the pile-ups were great fun. He is the only guy who could work three stations at once on CW, coming back to three calls, giving three reports, and signing "KKK."

Please be appropriately kind and reverent to the Don Miller memory!

-- Alan Higbie, AL7H.

Alan: theoretically, this editor is neutral on the subject, since he was inactive during the "Don Miller era."

### CALENDAR

Mozambique SMØMLL/C9 on NOW; Issue 154  
 Camerouns By K4YT still hoping; anytime  
 Crozet FB8WG mostly weekends; I 152  
 SMØAGD C21NI again Aug 16/17  
 3D2DX again Aug 18/19  
 FW8 Wallis after Aug 19; I 154

Fijis 3D2TI by VE3CVX Aug 15-31  
 Iraq JA1DNG, JA2SKN on NOW; I 153  
 Kure NOW to Aug 22 (unconfirmed) KH6JEB  
 Burma K5VT there NOW; I 154  
 Sardinia DJ2AA+DK9CG NOW to Aug 20 /ISØ

Tromelin RUMORED end of Aug FR7CG/T  
 4U1VIC Coming soon...Issue 154; new DXCC?  
 Marshalls KX6OS by AD1S ends Aug 16  
 E Malaysia 9M6 by VK9NS/NL Aug 15-Sep 6  
 Leichtenstein DL7NS/HBØ Aug 18-Sep 10

Corsica FCØFRV (DJ2AA) + FCØFRZ (DK9CG)  
 Aug 20-Sep 9  
 Eq Guinea 3C1JA by TR8OIT Aug 25-30; I 152  
 Contest All Asia CW Aug 28/29  
 Mozambique OH2MM/C9 end of Aug; I 152

W9DXCC Convention Chicago Sep 11  
 Mayotte FHØFLO by FRØFLO Sep 1-10  
 Chad TT by TL8GE rumored end of Sep  
 Convention Houston Oct 2/3; I 153  
 DXPO '82, Maryland, Oct 16/17; I 153

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 N4NO, AB8K, K4BAI, NN4R, KØCVD, W1FZ,  
 KA3R, KA1KD, KA1BU, W1VV, W7YF, W7PFZ,  
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