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PROPAGATION: Aug 23, Low Normal; Aug 24, Below Normal; Aug 25, Low/Below Normal; Aug 26, Below Normal; Aug 27, Disturbed; Aug 28-30, Low Normal; Aug 31, High Normal; Sep 1, High Normal; Sep 2, High/Low Normal; Sep 3, Disturbed; Sep 4, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

TOP TEN NEWS

"BY1PK" was reported twice last week, on 40 Meters (West Coast) and on 15 Meters (East Coast), both CW. Pictures of the BY1PK antenna system do show a cage aerial for 40. As for the station on 15, the operator said he "would be in New York City" soon and he was even given the telephone number of an amateur to contact in the Big Apple. Considering that the rules for operation at BY1PK allow only the exchange of basic QSO information, this chattiness seems highly suspicious.

Fernando, EA8AK, was in Albania Aug 7 and 8, to further scope out operating possibilities. He is frustrated because various bootleggers signing ZA callsigns have been giving him as QSL manager.

Rumors that ARRL's DXCC Desk is now accepting certain XZ QSL cards are entirely false. Vince Thompson, K5VT, just returned from a visit to Burma, where he met with the "Number two man" and was told that amateur radio is strictly verboten. This came as no surprise to Vince, who didn't even bother to take a radio in with him.

OTHER NEWS

Perhaps the worst-kept secret of the year is an upcoming operation from PYØ Peter/Paul Rocks. As the group does not want undue advance publicity we'll just say they claim to have landing and operating permission, arrangements have been made, and the operation is supposed to come off "in the next month." We do expect to have official word before they depart.

Eric, SMØAGD, finished up at T3ØCB on Aug 16, and left for Fanafuti, Tuvalu. He expects to be there 1-2 weeks, then sail to Nauru. Eric flew from the Fijis to W. Kiribati, and on board he spotted someone wearing a T-shirt with "T3ØBY" on the back. They struck up a conversation and Eric ended up staying at T3ØBY's house and did his hamming from there. T3ØBY is a new ham and appears to have contracted a severe case of DX Fever.

Jim and Kirsti Smith are now operating from E. Malaysia, as 9M6NS and 9M6NL. Kirsti said their antennas leave a lot to be desired but they are doing the best they can, and they'll be there until Sep 15.

3C1JA Equatorial Guinea operation by Alain, TR80IT, has been pushed back to the week beginning Sep 7. All other information published in Issue 152 still applies.

JA1DNG/YI is appearing from Baghdad on Fridays, working mostly JA stations on 21260 at 1430Z. He sometimes moves to 20 Meters after the 15 Meter schedule.

ARRL's DXCC Desk has three different pieces of paper disallowing amateur radio operation in Mozambique, including some from Bob Black, WA4SKE, who made a personal appeal for operating permission recently. There appears little chance that the current SMØMLL/C9 (who is fifteen years old) or the upcoming OH2MM/C9 operations will be counted for DXCC.

A couple other Newington items while we are in the vicinity...that 4U1VIC at the Vienna International Centre won't be in the running for DXCC status; the rules for country status have changed since 4U1ITU

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and 4U1UN joined the list. A project for someone, sometime, would be to compare the current rules for DXCC countries to the present list and see how many of the entities don't meet the criteria. By the way, the deletions of Bajo Nuevo, Serrana Bank, and the Saudi Arabia/Iraq Neutral Zone are expected to become official in the next couple of weeks.

Page two of last week's issue mentioned a Central American who's apparently involved in a QSL-for-a-dollar scam. It is now necessary to identify the party in question...it is TI9VVR (TI2VVR) and Newington is putting TI9VVR QSLs "on hold," that is, they will not count for DXCC credit until the matter is resolved.

Two minutes at the recent ARRL Board meeting at the National Convention pertain to DX matters...one is the possibility of instituting a "QRP" DXCC award, which would be non-endorsable (100 countries and that's it).

Another topic the Board wanted considered was putting information on the League's outgoing QSL service on most or all of the DXCC forms and Countries Lists which are mailed from Newington. This seems like a small matter until one considers that the League's outgoing service is in direct competition with other QSL services which were in the market first. What this amounts to is that your tax dollars support a non-profit organization which gets postal-cost breaks enabling them to compete unfairly with commercial enterprises.

Indian amateurs are using special prefixes to commemorate the "Asiad Games" now being held in New Delhi; one call heard here was VU9KMK. Another was VU7JNA, who we trust was not operating from one of the rare islands. For your information, the latest issue of Britain's magazine *The Economist* says that Pakistan is not sending any women to the Asiad Games. This is because there's a resurgence of very fundamentalist Islamic thought in Pakistan. Among other features of this brand of Islam is the payment of blood money to the families of murder victims...the price of a dead woman is one-half the price of a dead man.

FR7CG/Tromelin we have been rumoring to come on in August appeared on the 17th; he isn't saying how long the stay will be but it will probably be a week or less.

It wasn't KH6JEB on Kure but rather KH6LW/KH7, and he appeared on the 15th for about a one-week stay. KH6JEB is the QSL manager for the operation. AH3AC is due on Kure for a very short stay, says he will work 20/15/10 on Aug 24, put up some antennas, and get on 40/80 on the 25th.

Here's the program for the W9DXCC coming Sept 11: Tower Ordinances and Cable RFI (W9WU); the K2GL contest station film; "History of DXCC" (W1YL); African Expedition (K5VT); Nepal/Maldives/Sri Lanka expedition (K9AJ). More will probably be added. Advance registration \$19 by Sep 4 includes the banquet, and banquet registration only is \$14. Send to Howie Huntington, K9KM, 65 S. Burr Oak, Lake Zurich IL 60047. Convention is at the Holiday Inn in Glen Ellyn IL.

Following is the text of a letter sent August 3 by U.S. Senators Barry Goldwater (K7UGA) and Harrison Schmitt, to FCC Chairman Mark Fowler and to the six FCC commissioners:

"Dear Mark:

"On March 3, 1981, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) filed a petition with the Commission, urging adoption of rules necessary to allow amateur radio operators access to the 10 MHz band. The Commission denied that petition on March 12, 1982, on the basis that it had no authority to act until ratification of the Final Acts of the World Administrative Radio Conference. The ARRL filed an application for review of that decision on April 4, 1982. No action has been taken on that application.

"There is a very real possibility that the Final Acts will not be ratified by the Senate before Congress adjourns this year. Therefore, in order to provide amateur radio operators access to a frequency assignment that is in use for such purpose in over 40 countries, we strongly urge you to take immediate action, pursuant to Section 115 of the present regulations of the International Telecommunications Union, to provide interim operating authority for use of the 10 MHz band."

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

A4XCB 14218 02C 13	HZ1AB 14209 00E 12	S79MC 21297 18E 14	ZS3AG 21335 20C 12
A4XHZ 14211 01C 13	H44BS 14291 09C 11	TR8DX 3799 00E 8	Z22JK 14201 13E 13
A4XCB 21261 21E 15	ISØYTN 14213 23E 9	T3ØCB 7004 10E 8	3B8FG 14021 03C 10
A71AD 14208 20E 9	ISØOMH 14006 23E 11	T3ØBY 14225 12C 11	3B8SJ 14216 13E 13
A71AD 14202 01E 12	JW5VAA 14052 03W 16	UH8HBR 21015 04C 17	3D2DB 14270 05W 17
A71AD 14203 00E 13	JY9RC 14214 14E 11	UI8LBO 14063 02E 12	4S7EA 14204 12C 9
CN8CO 14219 03E 9	J28DP 14011 03C 9	UM8NAP 14012 02E 12	4U1UN 14209 22E 12
K4LQ/	J6LAH 28534 19W 14	VE1AWS/	5H3LE 14019 16E 13
C6A 7010 00E 12	J88AY 14029 02C 13	Sable 14027 22E 9	5H3DM 28508 20E 16
DU1REX 14211 12C 17	KC4AAA 14026 07W 14	VE1AWS/	5V7HL 21299 18E 11
EA8XM 14204 02E 13	KG6JJH 14044 11E 10	Sable 14027 12E 13	5Z4CZ 21277 18C 13
EA8YV 14222 00E 13	KG6RT 7003 10E 9	VK9NA 14202 11E 9	6W8CC 7009 00E 8
EA9IB 14204 02C 9	KX6EA 14310 03C 10	VK9ND 14220 13E 9	7X2LS 14203 00E 13
EA9IB 14215 23E 11	KX6OB 14022 09E 14	VK9YB 14226 11E 9	9M2EE 14200 11E 12
EL2AV 14051 22E 9	KX6OB 14225 14W 15	VQ9CI 14202 11C 9	9M6VW 14211 13E 13
FB8WG 14332 12E 8	AH3AC 21309 02W 15	VQ9GD 14005 12C 13	9M8NL 21026 18C 17
FB8WG 14332 13E 10	KH6LW/	VS5HG 14206 13E 9	9N1MM 14235 01C 13
FB8WG 14010 13E 12	KH7 14211 12C 17	VS5HG 14212 13E 11	9V1TL 14028 11E 10
FB8WG 14331 13C 12	KH6LW/	VU2UGI 14201 13E 9	9V1NR 14253 10E 13
FB8WG 14210 11E 14	KH7 14226 11E 18	W4UY/	9V1UZ 14200 12C 4
FG7AX 14201 02E 13	AD1S/	V2A 7056 02E 10	9V1VP 14203 14W 15
FK8KAA 14018 10E 12	KHØ 14024 13E 13	V2AU 14225 02C 10	
FK8EK 14239 12E 15	ON4MK/	XT2AW 14023 22E 9	Please mail reports
FK8EJ 21016 03W 15	LX 14206 00C 13	XT2AW 14200 23E 9	to reach Vernon by
FO8EW 21017 02W 15	MIC 21026 19W 8	YB3DC 14206 13E 9	Wednesday; phone
FRØFLO 14216 13E 10	PJ9EE 1805 03E 9	YBØAV 14216 13E 10	reports to
FRØFLO 21290 18C 12	P29CH 14225 13E 10	YJ8RG 28515 00E 16	203-871-7699
FRØFLO 14208 13C 12	P29GO 14202 13C 11	ZD7AL 21292 20E 13	
HL9FR 14232 12C 10	P29JF 14332 12E 13	ZD9BV 21336 18C 11	until Wed. morning.
HS1AMH 21310 18E 14	WA7QAR/	ZK1CG 14208 10C 11	
	SV9 14026 01E 12	ZP5MJO 14211 00E 10	

PROPAGATION (Thanks KH6BZF)

FLUX (1980)	FLUX (1981)	DATE	FLUX (1982)	ALPHA (1982)	K (1982)
191	255	7/26	99	22	4
183	254	7/27	95	17	3
164	217	7/28	94	21	4
151	207	7/29	95	17	4
139	204	7/30	109	23	4
133	192	7/31	111	30	3
128	176	8/1	120	12	3
128	174	8/2	144	26	5
129	153	8/3	151	26	4
127	181	8/4	163	16	4
129	174	8/5	176	17	4
146	170	8/6	196	17	3
139	168	8/7	214	70	6
142	174	8/8	214	10	3

Westlink Report took an informal poll of its readers' attitudes toward the FCC's proposed "no-code license" recently, and twenty percent said "yes," 80 percent "no." Not a single respondent was "undecided." Polls conducted by the ARRL in recent years (of their membership) have had similar results. Thus, the League is duty-bound to oppose a code-free license.

The following QSLs are slated for mailing late this month: VP2E (K8ND), VP2EV (K8ND), VP2EAA (WØRLX), and VP2EDX (WA8CZS). W6TC asks for your help in getting 5A5KK ('73), XW8HK ('75), and JX2HK ('76). FB8WG cards are just now coming through for contacts in May.

Please don't forget to register your contest expedition plans with TDXB, and keep us in mind for photos (starting October).

CALENDAR

Mozambique SM0MLL/C9 on NOW; I 154, 155
 Crozet FB8WG mostly weekends; I 152
 China 15 CW @ 07-09Z; many phonies
 SM0AGD Now at T2 Tuvalu; C21NI next;
 I 155

Fijis 3D2TI by VE3CVX Now to Aug 31
 Iraq JA1DNG, JA2SKN active; I 152,
 153, 155

Tromelin FR7CG/T now active, length of
 stay unknown

E Malaysia 9M6NL/NS until Sep 6; I 155
 Leichtenstain DL7NS/HB0 NOW to Sep 10
 Corsica FC0FRV/FC0FRZ NOW to Sep 9
 Contest ALL Asia CW Aug 28/29
 PY0 P/P Rocks rumored soon; I 155

Mozambique OH2MM/C9 end of Aug; I 152
 Mayotte FH0FLO by FR0FLO Sep 1-10
 Eq Guinea 3C1JA by TR80IT Sep 7-14; I 152,
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W9DXCC Convention Sep 11; I 155
 Chad TT8 by TL8GE end of Sept
 Convention Houston Oct 2/3
 DXPO Maryland Oct 16/17

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