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PROPAGATION: Sep 13-16, High Normal; Sep 17-21, Low Normal; Sep 22, High/Low Normal; Sep 23, 24, High Normal; Sep 25, Low/Below Normal; Sep 26, Low Normal. TNX N4XX, KH6EZF.

WONG WINS CHINA PERMISSION

China's great wall of radio silence may be broken next month - Tom Wong, VE7BC, says he has permission to operate SSB from BY1PK during a scheduled October business trip to Beijing. Amateur radio contacts with BY1PK, the country's only station, have been very few and far between since the historic re-opening of the hambands to the Chinese last March.

Wong's operating permission appears to be for SSB only, which fits the pattern begun at BY1PK. The resident operators have stuck to CW because none of them are fluent in English, amateur radio's international language. Party paranoia probably precludes the Chinese allowing their first-ever foreign operator to work CW (which could be difficult for the authorities to monitor).

A recent article in a west coast paper describes China's fledgling television programming (which is, incidentally, of higher quality than in the U.S. because it uses 625 lines instead of 525), and two programs aired to the entire nation are a basic electricity course and a "Radio Amateur Lesson."

During his October visit, VE7BC will also assist in final set-up of the BY7 station in Shanghai and he will attempt to confirm that all recent "BY1PK" 40 Meter operations have been (as suspected) bootleggers. No exact October dates have been announced yet.

IDXF, NCDXF ON THE ROCKS

An operation from Brazil's Peter and Paul Rocks, mentioned here several weeks ago, has now been officially announced by the International DX Foundation. Although PY1RO operated from The Rocks less than five years ago, growth in DXing's ranks has already brought the DXCC country up to Number 15 in the 1982 TDXB Countries Needed Survey. None of the islands in the group has a resident population and the main island has only the remains of what was once a lighthouse. Landing is treacherous.

Operators for the expedition are K8CW, N4BQW, WA2MOE, PY2BZD, and another Brazilian to be selected later. Hoped-for

starting date is September 20 but could be several days later if problems are encountered. They are taking a sailboat from the coast of Brazil, and will use three rigs (IC701, FT901, and FT101ZD) on 80 to 10 Meters. Little operation is contemplated on 160 and 6 Meters. The callsign will be PY0SP.

The International DX Foundation and the Northern California DX Foundation are each putting up \$2500, mainly to cover the cost of transportation. Both these organizations continue soliciting funds for next year's planned Heard Island operation, also.

Another operator being aided by the N. Cal. DX Foundation is Eric Sjolund, SM0AGD, who most recently has operated FW0AG from Wallis Island. Eric's ICOM transceiver, generator, and other equipment were provided by NCDXF, and he will be using the gear to activate T31 and KH1 next month. Thus far he has provided activity from 3D2DX, C21NI, T30CB, and T2AGD. QSLs to SM3CXS.

SLAH on recently on 20 and 30 Meters is located on Sealand Island in the North Sea off the coast of England. Sealand isn't really an island, but rather just a low spot in the water, and no country presently claims it (England had some floating military installations there during WW 2). ARRL's DXCC looked into the matter several years ago and determined that the spot does not meet the criteria to qualify for a DXCC entity.

Polish amateur Andy, SP2BHZ, who had been assigned to Svalbard Island the past year or so, had been scheduled to leave there for home on August 15. He had not been heard on the radio since June, and it now appears he may have disappeared. The BBC and other news outlets recently reported the defection of "two members of the Polish Polar Expedition" (of which SP2BHZ was a member) "on their departure from Svalbard by helicopter." (continued next page)

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(Poland) SP2BHZ's intended replacement on Svalbard, SP5DED, had been unsuccessful in getting his confiscated transceiver out of the hands of the authorities; he was to have opened up from Svalbard at the end of July but has not been heard. SP2BHZ's QSL manager, SM5DQC, reports that the latest QSL to arrive for a contact with JWØP was June 10. SM5DQC received logs from Andy only through June 2

Those three Polish club stations which had been granted temporary operating permission earlier in the summer have not been heard since their one-month permits expired August 22. The Polish society PZK also reports that the club stations, during their short time back on the air, were not allowed to contact Polish amateurs who had been granted operating permission in the West. These completely legal expatriates included SP5IXI/OE6, DL/SP6IGF, and SP7EKQ/SM7, among others. PZK does report that most of the exiles have chosen to be licensed without having to use their old SP call signs.

QSLs from the 1980/81 S. Sandwich operation of LU3ZY are still held up. The only legitimate QSL route at this time is (still) LU2CN, although attempts are being made to make other arrangements. It is suggested that no further requests be sent to the LU2CN address until a new announcement is made. LU3ZY operator Carlos, an officer in the Argentine navy, has not been heard from since he was in Buenos Aires on leave in April. Any future operations from the S. Sandwich islands will have to be made by the British, who occupy those islands now.

TI9VVR QSLs for the July 1982 operation are not being accepted for DXCC, pending the outcome of correspondence with TI2VVR about his QSLing practices. No earlier TI9VVR QSLs are affected, and cohort TI9FAG QSLs are allowed for credit. As for YILAS QSLs (via DK2OC), speculation is that none are being sent out because ARRL won't accept them (no documentation). And finally...if you're looking for a Crozet pasteboard, be advised that your editor received a QSL for a May 22 contact on Sept 3.

4S7MX (SMØMX) left Sri Lanka Aug 28, and after two months of travel in the US, Japan, and at home in Sweden, will be assigned to Nairobi Kenya. He'll be setting up there with a 5Z4 call about Oct 30.

All that 9Q5VT activity early in Sept was by Karl Renz, K4YT (QSL W2TK); Karl's next scheduled stops are at Kenya 5Z4 and Uganda 5X5.

One of Australia's Heard Island organizers, VK6NE, will visit VK9NYG on Cocos Oct 10 to Nov 3 and put VK9YE on in the CQ WW Phone Contest the last weekend of Oct. There's been some RFI problem at the station there, which doesn't affect VK9NYG (as a novice

he's only allowed thirty watts) but VK9YE will be running higher power if possible. He also works CW.

Mississippi Coast ARA hamfest at Biloxi Oct 2/3 will feature a DX program Sunday morning at 9 am, with VQ9JB slides, a W4VN film of an early Navassa operation, and the first showing of slides of last July's St Paul Is VELSPI expedition. Actually, it will be a simultaneous first, as the Boxboro MA convention the same weekend will put the show on, too. Expedition members doing the honors will be K1WJ (Boxboro) and W1XX (Miss).

Thirty Finns will go crazy on the Aland Islands starting the end of this month...led by Martti Laine, OH2BH, they are building a contest station with seven 100-foot towers, KLM beams, verticals "in the water," and even an intercomm system to use between the various stations. They'll be active in both phone and CW weekends of the CQ WW Contest, and a shakedown operation is planned for the Scandanavian Activity Contest Sept 25/26. They'd like your reports on how things sound; listen for special call OHØW (Martti says the "W" stands for "winning"). QSLs to OH2BAZ.

England's DX News Sheet reports that VP8AEN, formerly on S. Georgia, will be assigned to Adelaide (Antarctica) in November, joining VP8ANT. Some scientists have returned to S. Georgia but none are thought to be hams.

K4LQ/C6A is said to be on the Bahamas for at least a year and he's interested in low frequency work...ZK1CG, who lost money and gear on a recent trip from his home to N. Cooks, is talking about going back again in a couple of months...N6RJ going to Caymans as ZF2FL again this year, CQ Phone for sure and maybe CW as well.

PROPAGATION (KH6BZF)

FLUX (1980)	FLUX (1981)	DATE	FLUX (1982)	A (1982)	K (1982)
155	145	8/9	207	20	4
169	177	8/10	204	28	4
179	199	8/11	202	20	4
185	198	8/12	191	20	4
190	203	8/13	181	15	3
192	203	8/14	172	12	3
187	219	8/15	165	5	1
191	219	8/16	158	7	4
200	223	8/17	161	13	4
211	---	8/18	164	16	3
197	---	8/19	156	11	3
189	---	8/20	141	13	3
190	261	8/21	136	17	3
177	259	8/22	136	17	3
170	249	8/23	138	16	4
163	248	8/24	140	22	3
152	249	8/25	155	18	3
151	268	8/26	163	18	4
156	255	8/27	177	10	2
165	270	8/28	178	10	3
175	249	8/29	182	29	5

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

A4XJO 14026 03E 29	FR0GGL/G 14024 13E 5	UJ8JAS 21033 15E 28	5N6DJA 21335 21E 5
A4XHZ 14202 02C 2	FW0AG 28595 00C 29	UM8MDX 14042 01E 28	5T5ZR 7008 06W 22
BV2A 14040 13E 28	GJ3HSW 21023 14E 4	UM8MDX 21045 14E 28	5T5AA 14209 23E 3
CE0AE 21333 00C 2	HL9AZ 14222 13C 28	UM8NAP 7007 00E 1	5W1DQ 14310 04C 3
CE0AE 14296 03C 2	HL9FR 14215 12E 1	VK9ND 14202 13C 30	5W1DQ 14214 11E 3
CO2PY 14027 23E 3	HL4YJ 7086 11C 4	VK9ZA 14265 07C 3	5W1DZ 21025 02E 4
CR9M 14044 11E 29	HZ1AB 14221 03C 2	VP5WJR 7079 02E 6	5Z4CX 21306 18C 1
CT2KTR 14025 23C 7	H44SH 14231 13C 4	VQ9CI 21355 16C 2	5Z4CX 21309 21C 1
K4LQ/	JT1AO 7010 14W 20	VS5HG 14208 14C 28	5Z4CM 14212 14E 2
C6A 14024 23E 29	G4OBH/	VS5DX 14201 10E 3	7X2LS 21261 23E 28
N0ZO/	JW 14201 01C 1	VS6CT 14202 12C 2	8R1RBF 21296 03C 2
DU2 21019 02C 2	JW5NM 14029 18W 2	VU2HI 14202 13C 1	9J2BO 14025 23E 29
D44BC 14222 23C 28	J8NBK 14027 01E 4	VU2HI 14210 13C 2	9J2BO 14210 13C 1
D44BC 14207 04E 5	KX6OA 14310 04C 3	V2AU 14005 23E 3	9M6EW 14208 14C 28
EA6DI 14012 22E 3	W6IAE/	YB9VA 14203 13C 30	9Q5VT 21320 21C 1
EA8DPD 21292 19C 1	KH0 7003 12W 3	YB2ACR 14222 13C 30	9Q5TQ 21302 17C 2
EA8AFB 21022 23C 7	OD5LX 14026 23W 3	YJ8RG 28504 23E 28	9Q5VT 21286 18C 2
EA9IE 14210 20C 30	S1AH 14022 22E 2	OE1EHB/	9Q5VT 14214 22E 5
EA9KN 21295 22C 1	S79PD 14201 11E 3	YK 14271 02E 28	9Q5VT 21310 22E 5
EA9KN 14017 01E 1	S79MC 14202 11E 3	YK1AO 14241 14C 4	9X5PP 21292 18C 1
EL7E 21345 00C 3	TF3SV 14025 23C 7	ZD7AL 14205 22E 5	
EP2TY 21301 18C 1	YL8ER 21026 20E 3	ZK1CG 14310 04C 3	
FB8WG 14333 13C 29	TN8AJ 21333 21C 28	ZL4PO/C 7018 07E 4	
FC9UC 14204 20C 30	TN8AJ 21332 23C 31	ZP5MJO 14211 03E 6	
FC9UC 14204 20E 1	TN8AJ 14206 21E 5	Z21GN 28529 17C 2	
FK8KAB 28514 01E 29	TR8IG 21035 11C 2	Z21FN 14040 12C 2	
FK8CE 14005 05W 2	F6FIC/	Z21DF 28681 17C 2	
FK0AF 14024 13C 2	TZ 21275 19E 28	3B8DB 14218 12C 30	
FK0AF 14021 11W 3	T2AGD 7004 14W 21	3B8FL 14209 13C 30	
FK0AF 21025 03C 3	T32AF 14012 04W 2	3B8FG 14025 12C 2	
FK0CE 14015 11C 3	UD6DLL 14023 04W 2	3B8FE 14244 03C 2	
FK0CE 21021 04C 3	UF6FDR 14011 18W 2	3D2ER 14265 06C 3	
FK0CE 14024 12C 4	UK0YAA 14029 11E 1	4S7RM 14011 12E 29	
FM7BZ 14020 11C 2	(Zone 23)	4S7EA 14210 12C 2	
FM7WD 14002 23C 7	UL7CBM 14041 02E 3	4S7EA 14205 12C 3	
FO8FW 14021 06W 2	UL7PAC 14032 02E 4	4U1UN 14212 12C 29	
FO8DF 7007 11C 2	UH8DC 14027 02E 28	5B4LY 14024 03E 29	
FO8DF 7007 10E 3	UH8DC 21011 14E 28	5H3DM 21292 18C 1	
FR7BP 14020 03E 29	UI8BI 14002 01E 28	5H3DM 21300 20C 2	
FR0GGL/G 14021 13E 4	UI8OAA 14037 01E 28	4X4MS/	
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Jim Smith, VK9NS, has been collecting funds for a Heard Island expedition for almost two years now, and he's still talking about an operation in January, 1983. He claims to have a license for Heard and "permission in principle" to visit Heard, to use existing facilities on the island, and for his wife to go along (that's Kirsti, VK9NL).

It is not known just how much money has been funnelled Smith's way, and he has not been receptive to turn the money over to the Australians who have been planning a Heard trip for February. Smith has promised all

along to return all donations if the expedition does not take place. With the Australians (and IDXF/NCDXF) still short of their financial goal many are feeling some sort of truce may be needed.

Incidentally, the Australian group has begun seeking permission for stops at FB8X and FB8Z either going to or coming from Heard.

CALENDAR

Sable VE1AWS ends soon; 20 CW only
 Crozet 14332 after 1100Z, FB8WG
 Mali F6FIC/TZ for six months; Saturday lists 2127Z, 1700Z and freestyle weekdays

ZL1AMO At 3D2RW now, then VR6RW; I 157
 SMØAGD At FWØAG now, then KH8, ZM7, 5W1; KH1 and T31 in Oct

Iraq Only YI1BGD and YI4SC count for DXCC
 K4YT At 9Q5VT now, then 5Z4 and 5X5

Tokelau ZM7JT by ZL2BJU Sep 12-29; SSB only
 10 MHz In the U.S. soon; I 155, 157
 Peter/Paul PYØSP starts about Sep 23; I 158
 Cayman ZF2CZ, DZ Sep 17-26; I 157
 Jersay GJ3GJ by G3GWT Sep 20, two weeks

Bermuda K1EFI/VP9 Sep 23-Oct 4
 Aland Is OHØW begins Sep 25; I 158
 Chad TT8 by TL8GE possible end of Sept
 Hamfest Biloxi MS Oct 2/3; I 158
 Convention Boxboro MA Oct 2/3; I 158
 Comvention Houston Oct 2/3; I 156

Kenya 5Z4 becomes 5Y4 in Oct
 China BY1PK SSB by VE7BC in Oct; I 158
 Pacific Fijis, New Caledonia, mid-Oct by W6DQH, WA6GUA, WA2BGE

Congo TN8AJ on now, again in Oct; 15 SSB
 DXPO 82 Maryland Oct 16/17; details later
 Heard Is January/February 1983 by somebody
 Contest Special IARU sponsored by PVRC; details later

DEADLINE September 30 for DXCC endorsements to make Annual Listing in QST

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