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PROPAGATION: Sep 20, 21, Low Normal; Sep 22, High/Low Normal; Sep 23, 24, High Normal; Sep 25, Low/Below Normal; Sep 26, Low Normal; Sep 27-29, High Normal; Sep 30, Low Normal; Oct 1, Below Normal; Oct 2, Low/Below Normal; Oct 3, Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

SUITLAND ISLAND - A NEW ONE?

Suitland Island, in the North Pacific (43N, 155W), is the site of the "Port Cochran Project," a highly classified military facility. On September 15, new U.S. budget cuts dictated transfer of control from the Pentagon to the Department of the Interior, the return of the army's 267th Chemical Company to their base on Johnston Island, and the reassignment of all other personnel to Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands.

Several hams from the Johnston Island club station (KJ6DO) expected to be part of the transition team at Suitland, and they received permission to operate, probably signing KJ6DO/KH7S. The plan was to operate Sep 18-21 and possibly again in October. Preliminary investigation indicates that Suitland will not meet criteria for a DXCC entity, as the "separate administration" clause in the criteria is no longer used. Suitland will probably count as either Kure or Hawaii.

If you work the station, send QSLs to Amateur Radio Club KJ6DO, 267th Chemical Company, Johnston Atoll, PSC Box 387, APO SF 96305. DO NOT send SASE or other enclosures, as all cards will be answered through appropriate bureaus.

HEARD ISLAND UPDATE. Jim Smith, VK9NS, says on his way back from E. Malaysia recently he stopped in Australia and signed a contract for his boat to Heard Island. He plans to get there on Heard around the first week of January on the Cheynes II. Smith says any interested operators should contact him if they want to join the crew...\$3000 each not including transportation to Australia.

We already reported that VK6NE will operate VK9YE Cocos-Keeling Oct 20-Nov 3. Neil says he'll also be on Christmas Island Nov 3-7, then Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan, but has licenses for none of those yet.

Karl Renz, K4YT, still at 9Q5VT Zaire, will make stops next at 5Z4, 5X5, ET, and perhaps S79, 5R8, and 7P8. Karl is working out of Bangui in the Central African Republic, where neither he nor others presently there

have had any luck getting TL8 licenses. The last American to operate from there was Bill Harrison, TL8WH; Bill is now in Gabon but can't snag a TR8 callsign.

IDXF has announced an operation from Nepal in December, in conjunction with the 38th birthday of King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev. KP2A will sign 9N1A, VU2YOU will sign 9N1YOU, and WB4NFO has been assigned 9N38, to be used for three days during the birthday party. Timeframe is Dec 15-Jan 1.

Tom Gregory, N4NW, newly assigned by the Department of State to Accra Ghana, continues efforts to get licensed. Ghana banned amateur radio at the beginning of 1982 and any 9Gls worked since then have been unauthorized.

Tom hopes to activate 5V7HL for one or both weekends of the CQ WW Contest, and he's been there in Togo to do some work on the 40 and 80 Meter antennas. Ted's (5V7HL) TR4C has been sick, and N4NW will be taking his own radios if he is able to operate. Tom will be able to use his 30L1 linear if he can find some bigger traps for Ted's TH3Jr tribander. Incidentally, N4NW will be in Africa two years, and he is proceeding slowly on licensing in several countries.

CR9M Macao during the All Asia CW Contest a few weeks ago was Michio Ogawa, JAlMIN. Here's the rundown on QSLing recent Macao operations: CR9AK to JAlMIN; CR9AN to Jose Simon, PO BOX 468; CR9BH (OH2BH) to JAlHGY; CR9BK (JAlBK) to JAlHGY, and CR9M to JAlHGY. Congratulations to JAlMIN, who dropped into the FCC's Honolulu office in June and walked out with an Extra class license and NH6X.

FRØFLO's recent Mayotte FHØFLO provided a new one for many on SSB, but requests for CW contacts were ignored...Herik apparently doesn't know the code.

FB8WG has a schedule Mon-Tues-Friday with CEØAE, 14175 at 1600Z.

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LU2CN is busy answering requests for LU3ZY QSLs and many have reported recent receipt. Do not send additional requests...WA2VUY is in touch with LU2CN and will announce when all requests have been taken care of.

QSL HELP: CR6AR (ex) is now ZS6BTN: J. J. Belem, Box 1603, Johannesburg 2000 S.A. Former CR6UE and D2AUE is CT4UE, whose manager is W8CNL. Ex-CR6FW/D2AFW is CT1AFW, manager W8CNL.W5UBW (1518 Lincoln Ave, Alamogordo NM 88310) has 7Q7RM logs 5/21/72 to 2/22/76. When you mail to Zimbabwe, use "Harare" for the capital city instead of Salisbury.

DF9ZP seeks an address for KZ5FL (Floyd, 1979)...and W8UVZ is looking for leads on ET2US, VQ6LQ, ZC5AL, and 5A2TY.

Greek hams used the J4 prefix to commemorate the European Athletic Championship in Athens, Sep 7-11. SVØAA became J4ØAA, etc.

VK3DHT will operate from Lord Howe Sep 30 to Oct 7, signing AX3DHT/LH. Operation to be 80-10 Meters, mostly SSB, QSLs to B. Johnson, PO Box 304, Ringwood 3134 Victoria Australia.

NAIROBI CONFERENCE: To commemorate the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU, which will be held in Nairobi Kenya Sep 28 to Nov 5, the Radio Society of Kenya (RSK) will operate a special event station Oct 12-Nov 12, signing 5Y4ITU. Other Kenyan amateurs will be switching to the 5Y4 prefix. The first fifty amateurs to work 5Y4ITU will receive philatelic first-day-covers along with their QSLs.

You can get the Kansas DX Association's Buffalo Award for working 25 Kansas stations (including five KDXA members) after Sep 1, 1980. Send an SAE and 1 IRC for a list of members to KDXA, Box 454, Salina KS 67401.

DXPO 82

This convention is Oct 16/17 at the Marriott Hotel, Gaithersburg MD, and you can get additional information from Harry Herman, W3UJ, 11803 Enid Drive, Potomac MD 20854. The formal program begins at noon on Saturday, and confirmed speakers include:

- N4XX - propagation
- N200 - IDXF/Navassa, and Heard Island
- W8LRL - 160 Meters
- W3AZD - ARRL DXCC, with N4MM, K3KA
- K5VT - Africa
- WA2BGE - China
- N3ED - Curacao (P41C multi-multi)
- K4MQG - QSLing
- W1YL - early DXpeditions
- W4WG - exclusive photos of elusive FB8WG
- K5VRX - Crete and the Dodecanese
- W4BPD - Gus Browning

DXCC ANNUAL LISTING: Still time to get your QSLs to Newington by the Sep 30 deadline, and get your best total recorded in the Annual QST "big list." If your total is already 250 or more, you are allowed (once per year) to submit any number of new QSLs instead of having to stick to the usual multiples of QSLs (multiples of ten between 250 and 300, multiples of five above 300).

NEW ENGLAND DXCC DINNER

This annual event takes place this year Oct 23, beginning at 2 pm at the Concord Lodge of Elks, Route 62, Concord Mass. The cost for the afternoon session is two bucks, and a seven-course dinner at 7:30 pm is \$12.95.

Featured speaker is Dick Baldwin, ARRL Vice President, who will report on his visits to China and on the International Amateur Radio Union's activities worldwide. Orville Burg, K5VWV, will present a program on his recent trip to Russia, where he visited a number of hams, including UF6CX, UM8NAP, and UA3LAR.

The afternoon program will be a general discussion of DXCC and DXing topics, with W3AZD of ARRL headquarters, K1MM, K1MEM, and W1DA. The entire event is open to all interested amateurs...get additional information from Roy Gould, K1GSK, PO BOX DX, Stow MA 01775.

STILL ON THE SUBJECT OF CONVENTIONS, we have had for some time a good report on last July's ARRL National Convention in Cedar Rapids. Congratulations to the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club for their excellent organization, handling about 3500 attendees. Wayne Groff, WØRU, made a tutorial presentation on tower construction, and the DXCC forum was hosted by WØSR, W3AZD, and N4MM. K1MM's Cocos Is. show was well-received, as were Bob Hudson, K7LAY's slides of China. Finally, 140 people showed up Saturday morning for the DXers breakfast at (can you believe this?) 7 a.m!

LETTERS

"I've been wanting to get this off my chest for years! '73' is a CW abbreviation which means 'Best Regards.' It is a good all-purpose way of signing off a CW contact. On voice, saying '73' takes four syllables, while saying 'Best regards' only takes three syllables. Then again, who ever uses 'best regards' in casual conversation, anyway?

"Since '73' means 'Best regards,' then it follows that '73's' must mean Best regardses. And the height of folly is to say 'Best 73,' or, heaven forbid, 'Best 73's,' which would mean 'Best best regardses.' Think about it.

"Incidentally, thank you for not using 'Q' signals in TDXB. 'Q' signals are for CW operating, not for speaking or writing."

--- Percival P. Persnickety,

PhD., Pronunciation, Princeton

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

AP2HA 7001 14W 9
A92CE 14002 01E 12
BV2B 14219 12C 15
A35EB 14325 08C 9
CT2QN 14017 00E 8
N1XZ/
CT2 3779 03E 9
C21NI 14217 04C 10
C30OH 14013 23E 9
C30OH 21018 19C 9
C6ANU 14205 02C 9
C6AEY 21251 23C 13
OH3EB/
C9 14025 21E 6
DU9GI 21311 16C 10
G6ZY/
EA6 21029 15E 11
G6ZY/
EA6 14029 02E 12
ED6MDX 28530 18C 12
EA8BF 14024 03E 9
EL2AM 28529 22C 8
FB8WG 14332 13C 9
FB8WG 14332 13C 10
FC0GAG 21278 19C 10
FG7AM 7007 03W 11
FK8DZ 14016 07C 6
FK0AF 7004 13C 6
FK0AF 7006 11E 10
FK0AD 14022 06E 10
FK8DP 14032 06W 10
FK0AK 7006 12C 10
FK0AF 7006 11W 10
FK8DP 14021 12C 10
FK8DD 7005 12W 10
FM7WD 14006 00E 11
FO8AZ 21025 02W 10
FO8DF 14012 07E 10
FP8HL 7004 01E 11
FP8DF 28566 12E 12
FR0GGL/G 7080 14W 6
FR0GGL/G 21027 18C 7
FR0GGL/G 21029 17C 8
FR0GGL/G 21031 22C 8
FR0GGL/G 21030 18C 11
FY7YE 14048 11C 11
GD4BEG 14024 03E 11
GJ4ODX 14023 01E 12
GU5EOZ 21278 15C 9
GW3AX 7001 05W 11
HC4WA 14018 00E 8
HH2VP 7003 05W 6
HH2VP 3503 07C 6
HH2VP 7005 11C 8
HH2VP 21012 22C 9
HL9FR 21027 23E 10
HL2HN 21040 03W 11
HL9AZ 14221 12E 12
HSLAMM 14201 12C 10
HZ1AB 7028 14W 8
HZ1AB 7016 23E 8
HZ1AB 14225 04C 10
HZ1AB 14032 12E 12
IR0OMH 14009 00E 10
IS0ARP 14034 06W 11
JH1HVF/
JD1 7001 13W 11
JW5VAA 21015 12E 12
JY3ZH 14251 04C 10
J3AH 14332 13C 9

J41MO 28542 14E 10
(Greece)
J41LS 28591 14E 10
J40AN 21280 21C 10
J41NA 14025 22E 11
J40AA 14032 02E 12
J5HTL 21345 01C 11
KG6RT 7004 10W 11
KX6OD 14300 07C 6
LX1DA 21355 18C 10
LX1BI 21269 22C 10
MLC 21027 19C 9
OA4AWD 14021 03E 10
OD5LX 14029 03E 11
OD5LX 14028 03E 12
OH0BH 7098 04E 11
OX3AX 14023 23E 10
PJ9EE 21311 22C 8
PJ7RO 21312 22C 8
PZ1BU 21297 22C 9
S79WHW 14255 04C 10
S79MC 14225 04C 11
S79WHW 14204 12C 13
TA1MES 14031 03E 11
TF2SV 14025 23C 7
TF3SA 14015 21E 9
TL8ER 21024 22C 9
TL8GE 14220 04E 9
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TL8GE 14220 03C 10
TL8ER 21025 21E 11
TR8JD 21319 22E 10
TU2JL 14220 03C 10
T32AF 14016 06C 6
T32AB 14218 13C 11
UO5OWN 7004 03E 12
UD6AI 14014 00E 11
UF6FK 14229 04C 10
UL7PBE 7002 00E 10
UI8ACP 14037 15W 11
UM8MDE 14018 12E 10
VK2AGT 14210 06C 6
(Lord Howe)
VK9ND 14332 12C 9
VK9ND 14201 13C 9
VK9NB 14220 09E 10
VK9XW 7079 14W 7
VK9ZA 14215 12C 10
VO2CP 14001 00E 11
VP2MM 14025 21C 8
VP2MED 14209 06C 9
VP5WJR 28604 15C 9
VP8AEF 14297 03C 9
VP9IH 14313 10C 10
VQ9CI 14212 10E 11
VS6BQ 7005 14W 10
VU9AJ 21018 12E 11
V2AU 7004 11E 7
V2AU 14012 11C 9
V3TV 28515 18C 12
XP1AB 14305 23E 9
XP1AB 14204 00C 10
XT2BG 21015 22C 10
XT2AW 28532 18E 11
YB5AES 7007 13W 11
YS1LSR 28575 15C 9
ZC4BI 14030 03E 12
ZC4BI 21032 18C 12
ZD7AL 21272 21C 8
ZD7AL 14203 00C 10

ZD9BV 21335 18C 11
ZF2GD 14029 23E 11
ZK2BGD 21025 01W 11
ZL4OY/A 14213 08E 10
ZP5MJO 14209 02C 9
Z21DF 28689 17C 10
3B8FK 14026 12C 10
3B8CF 14025 12C 10
3B9DO 14022 03E 11
4K1H 14022 05W 9
4K1H 14022 06E 9
4K0A 14213 12C 10
4K1D 7006 03E 11
4U1ITU 28536 16C 10
4S7EA 14215 11E 13
5B4LY 14019 03E 11
5B4LY 14019 04E 12
5H3BH 14217 14E 11
4X4MS/
5N9 21295 22C 10
5N6SKD 28593 16C 10
5W1EJ 14229 04C 10
5Z4CX 21365 17C 8
5Z4CS 14017 22C 10
5Z4DD 21373 17C 10
6W8DY 14203 08E 10
6W8DS 28590 14C 11
6W8DS 21290 23C 13
DK6FZ/
6Y5 21291 17C 10
7Q7LW 21288 18C 9
KA3BUJ/
8R1 21025 03W 11
8Q7AZ 14202 12C 15
9J2JN 28730 16C 10
9J2BO 14027 14W 11
9Q5VT 14020 00C 7
9Q5VT 21308 21C 8
9Q5VT 21023 23C 9
9Q5VT 21023 00C 10
9Y4SR 14280 11C 11

ABOUT VISITING TDXB

We get quite a few in-person guests here, at least in part because Vernon is only about 25 minutes from Newington. We are always glad to meet you and hope the feeling is mutual.

It is wise to phone or write ahead, as TDXB does not keep "normal" office hours. We would hate for you to arrive and not find anyone home. We would not be surprised to learn that that has already happened a few times.

TDXB EQUIPMENT "REVIEWS"

The pressure is on us to write more of these. In the past year we have commented on the TR-7, OMNI-D, Astro 102BXA, TS-830, Collins S-Line and Collins KWM-380.

Presently we are using a borrowed Yaesu FT101ZD, anticipating an FT-1 and/or TS930 in the future. The '101 Zapped Diodes in the power supply the first week we had it, when both 6146 tubes shorted out. The read-out never has worked with any regularity. Admittedly, ours is an early model, with no mods. One of the locals has a later edition with a couple hundred bucks of mods in it, which may help.

We don't even have a CW filter, either, but our Bencher XZ-2 makes code work possible.

The 101ZD is the first Yaesu we have had "long-term" experience with, and it has not changed our opinion of the company's products one iota. Maybe the FT-1 will!

Please mail reports to reach Vernon by Wednesday, or phone reports to:

203-871-7699

until Wed. morning.

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Next issue: the monthly QSL list, and a run-down of planned expeditions for the CQ WW Phone Contest (Oct 30/31).

CALENDAR

Mozambique OH3EB/C9 active 15 SSB; no DXCC credit
 Kure AH3AC/KH7 Sep 24-26
 Crozet FB8WG 14332 at 11Z several days a week
 Mali F6FIC/TZ still active, mostly 15 SSB

Fijis 3D2RW by ZL1AMO now to Oct 10
 SMØAGD 5W1 now then either KH8 or ZM7; I 157
 K4YT 5Z4 and 5X5 after 9Q5VT; I 159
 Tokelau ZM7JT by ZL2BJU now to Sep 29
 10 MHz US permission soon: I 155, 157

P/P Rocks PYØSP starts about Sep 23; I 158
 Caymans ZF2s CZ, DZ Sep 17-26; I 157
 Jersey GJ3GJ by G3GWT Sep 20 for two weeks
 Bermuda K1EFI/VP9 Sep 23-Oct 4
 Aland Is OHØW begins Sep 25; I 158

Chad TT8LM by TL8GE probably in Oct
 Lord Howe AX3DHT/LH Sep 30-Oct 7; I 159
 Hamfest Biloxi MS Oct 2/3; I 158
 Convention Houston TX Oct 2/3
 Convention ARRL New England, Mass, Oct 2/3

Kenya 5Y4ITU and others in Oct; I 159
 China VE7BC has BY1PK permission for Oct;
 I 158

Pacific Fijis, New Caledonia, mid-Oct, W6DQH,
 WA2BGE, WA6GUA

Congo TN8AJ finished, maybe again in Oct
 DXPO 82 Oct 16/17, MD; I 159
 E Malaysia Possible by W9GW Nov 7-13
 W Carolines KC6YA by W9GW Nov 14-20; CW only
 Nepal 9N38 by KP2A group, Dec; I 159

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 Contest Special IARU worldwide Jan 15; details
 in QST and CQ

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