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ARRL BULLETIN NR 121 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT DECEMBER 3, 1979 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The final plenary meeting of WARC 79 was completed on the evening of Monday, December 3, and Amateur Radio has fared extremely well. Because of the pressures on the spectrum, it would have been a victory to have maintained the status quo. But we have more than maintained the status quo. There are three new amateur bands, at 10, 18 and 24 MHz. In addition, there have been significant improvements in our UHF status. Preliminary details will be found in the January issue of QST, and the February issue of QST will carry the full story. Our success is because of excellent worldwide amateur preparation prior to the conference and because of the excellent participation at the conference by many, many people. Our deepest gratitude to all of you who gave us your support and encouragement from the beginning to the end AR

We are literally typing this as the press warms up. The above Official Bulletin from ARRL Headquarters pretty much says it all. Three new HF bands may be the most exciting thing to happen to amateur radio since its beginnings over fifty years ago. We started with harmonically-related bands on 80, 40, 20, and 10, so crystals would work on all four (ideally). 15 Meters was added later and that's the way the major HF bands have been structured for most of our amateur lifetimes. If we do indeed get three new bands, the implications are mind boggling. The first important factor in this editor's opinion will be a revitalization of operating for many of us. No longer will five band DXCC be enough; those of us who have it will now struggle for another 300 band-countries to make 7-Band DXCC. Can you imagine. And what about contests? In these sunspot-rich years it is already nigh impossible to decide what band to be on, with three or four of them open simultaneously; good grief. There will be less crowding, especially when the 'spots are down again...no longer will 20 Meters have to bear the brunt of long distance traffic for years at a time. The possibilities are endless.

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The other important effect new HF bands will have on amateur radio is, of course, commercial. Suddenly, radios are out-of-date. The transverter market will blossom. Triband beams will still work but can you imagine the articles on new antennas, upgrading the TH6DXX to six bands, and think of stacking yagis for 7, 10, 14, 18, 21, 24, and 28 MHz all on the same mast! Propagation charts will look like a major league baseball schedule for the next five years.

And how big will these new bands be? Will the entire world get them? How will the U.S. subdivide them, if at all? Will Novices get part of them? Will there be special segments for special interest groups? No one will be able to complain that he held privileges there before. Write and tell us what you think.

KINGMAN REEF/PALMYRA FOLLOWUP... Everything still go for 4 through 9 January, all bands, all modes. Kingman Reef will be WA2FIJ/KH5K, QSL to WA2FIJ. Palmyra Island K6LPL/KH5, QSL to WA6YQW. Kingman team is WA2FIJ, KB5FU and WD5FJL. Palmyra team is WA6YQW, K6LPL and K2HFX. The original members made commitments of about \$2,000 each but that won't be enough, and they are receiving no assistance from any of the DX foundations. They have received some help from individuals but will need more. Help out if you can to the "Kingman-Palmyra DXpedition, c/o WA2FIJ Callbook address. Thanks.

YASME PRESS RELEASE..." Effective 23 November 1979 there has been a reorganization of the YASME Foundation QSL handling personnel. Primary sort of all incoming mail and first response to each operation is being handled by W6BSY with assistance from WB6DOQ. Continuing response to all YASME Foundation DXpeditions, past and present, is being handled by WA6AKK. Mail for all YASME DXpeditions should continue to be sent to the YASME Foundation, Box 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

"The previous team was led by Ferne Hughes and WA6AHF, with assistance on continuing response by K6YK, K6PBT and WA6CPP. They have now concluded their association with the YASME Foundation, and we thank them for their many hours of time and effort."

EI8H The following appeared in ZL2HE's DXing column in *Break-In*, the Official Journal of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Inc...

"EI8H-This station has been one of the biggest sources of QRM to DX for years, and has been silenced. The operator, an aging Patrick, has finally been tricked into being caught for his blatantly stupid action on the bands. His consistent jamming, bugging, and illicit operation has resulted in him losing his EI8H call. It all came about after Patrick bugged so many DX nets with his high power signals. If one had worked in or listened in on any DX net it would be found that sooner or later he would show up. He created chaos by placing a carrier on the net frequency; on many occasions it was associated with music, bells, chiming, or buzz saw noises which completely disrupted the operation. European stations could not work weak Pacific or other DX because of the bedlam. He certainly achieved his goal. On another operation his call would appear with EI8H/A, GT, GJ, HBØ and many other areas. All of which cost DX: dollars, IRCs, and postage for no end result. His operation was also linked with many other bogus calls as well.

"His downfall came about on August 1, when P29JS and several European operators put their plan to the test. They gave advance notice about a special station which was to show up on the P29JS (Jim Smith) net. SM5BBC made arrangements at the European end with the EI Post Office officials to be ready. Tracking stations in South West England, CT2 and SM soon confirmed their suspicions.

"Patrick duly came on as they expected and the Post Office officials swooped in, catching him red handed. His license was cancelled, but they could not confiscate his station. If he were to operate again without a license the officials (cont'd)

could then take all his station away.

"The person largely responsible for the closing down of EI8H has been SM5BBC, who has brought diplomatic pressure to bear on the EI Post Office to do something about the mess being created by the action of EI8H. SM5BBC is to be commended for his action which has nearly made him bankrupt. Financial remuneration is recommended to ZLs; if you can spare a dollar or IRCs, I suggest you send it; it will give confidence to those who are prepared to fight for the clearing of our DX bands of unwarranted, selfish operators who mean to cause hardship to Amateur Radio."

50 MHZ DESK... We got a local 6 Meter reporter the other day, and his first report came in today. Now all we need is a midwest and west coast source. Anyhow, our man in East Hartford took time from working states number 45 and 46 on two meters to give the following: On Nov. 24, VE1ASJ worked ZL1AUM and ZL1AVZ, after which K1TOL got into New Zealand. KX6PF was in on Nov. 15 and 16, working many of the East Coast Deserving; KG6DX came on the same days and worked a few on the Atlantic coast. On from Europe are EI2W, ZB2BO and maybe another EI station. Our reporter (and others) worked GM2QA who may be in Scotland but isn't supposed to transmit! VE8BY worked all over the States on Nov. 18, and WB6NMT operated from XE2BC on Nov. 24, working scads of US stations and Canadians.

BRIEF NOTES... National Capitol DX Association Christmas Dinner and meeting is Dec. 9 at 4 pm at the Tyson's Corner Ramada Inn, Tyson's Corner VA, Rtes. 495 and 7; The PVRC Christmas Dinner is Dec. 12 at 6 pm at the Black Angus Rest., Falls Church, on Rte. 50; contact N4MM or W3XE for details... CQ has reinstated part of the 5Band WAZ, more info to follow... December 73 has details of an "International 160 Meter Phone Contest"... The group of W8 people mentioned for the CQ Contest from VP2A are going there for the ARRL Phone Contest... Navigator for a British aircraft making daily flights to Kampuchea (Cambodia) is G3TSO, but no change for operation as an XU... P29JS has been to C21, then T3, back to H44, then home for Christmas, then to VK9Y and VK9X in early 1980; after that, "Wait and see"... some say send 3C0AB QSLs to EA8CR rather than EA4LH as previously announced; no answer here on our letter to EA4LH... from March through September OK3TAB/D2A made 18,000 QSOs, according to his manager OK3ALE... How is it that ON4LS can use the callsign 604LS aboard ship but cannot get permission to operate from the shore?... JW7FD and JW9WT will be active again soon from Svalbaard... The LUs who are going (went) to Tierra del Fuego were told it would not count as a "new" one... input to ARRL DX Advisory Committee slow these days... 5B4HF coming on 160 Meters in January to help those who have trouble hearing JA stations for Asia confirmations on Top Band; Loran's the problem east of the Rockies... *Wall Street Journal* said last week, re. WARC, "The potentially explosive issues of shortwave broadcasting and satellite communications... were essentially postponed until 1983 or '84... a great deal of political and diplomatic infighting can be expected; US proposing increased use of SSB for SW broadcasts... US experts agree with Third World countries that transition to SSB should be stretched over 15 years"... Re. ARRL 1980 DX Contest (not Competition), you can donate a \$35 plaque to be won by a fellow contester and deduct it from your taxes as a contribution to a non-profit organization!... N4HX/TT8 has a sked with his manager, ON5NT, every Saturday at 1800 on 21360... VE1AI very active /1 from Sable Is, mostly CW... KG6SW, Len Kaufer, has used that call from the Marianas since 1971, but will be switching to KH0AC on New Year's Day; Rod Linkous, W7OM, and his wife Donna, have mailed 30,000 KG6SW cards in the past nine years. A new manager is taking over with the new KH0AC call: Jon Zabel, K7ZA, 20711 - 231st Ave. SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038... K5BDX is manager for 3B8DB and VP2MFL...

SEND NEWS AND REPORTS TO THE DX BULLETIN PLEASE... THANK YOU!

CALENDAR

Cent. African Rep.	TL operation 7-14 Dec. p. 1, issue 15-10,15,20 SSB only
VA Dinner	Nat. Cap. DXA, Dec. 9, Tyson's Corner, VA
ARRL Contest	10 Meters, 8-9 Dec.
VA Dinner	PVRC, Dec. 12, Falls Church, VA
Congo Republic	TN operation 14 Dec., p. 1, issue 15-10,15,20 SSB only
Monaco	3A2CX still on starting 23 Dec., esp. CW
Palmyra and Kingman	Starting 4 January 1980, all bands
Juan Fernandez	8-9 January, 1980, p. 1, issue 15
Cocos and Christmas	VK9Y and VK9X by P29JS, early 1980
New Decade	Starts 1 January 1980

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